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## Record-breaking tourism in 2017

CINDY JACKSON  
News Leader

Amy Lacroix, director of marketing for the Amelia Island Tourist Development Council, shared some impressive statistics on the state of tourism in Nassau County at the March 26 meeting of the Nassau County Board of County Commissioners. She also said the AITDC would be expanding its geographic outreach, noting, "The farther away, the longer they stay."

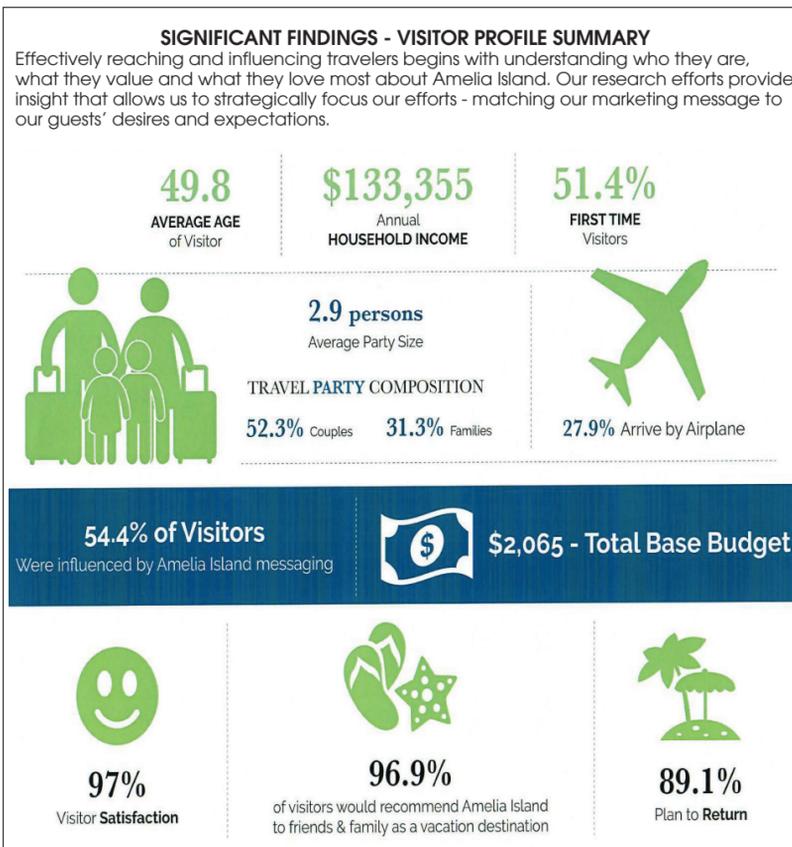
In addition to reporting on the record-breaking numbers from 2017, the AITDC aired a few of the award-winning videos that are partially responsible for attracting more tourists to the island and surrounding area. The theme of its latest campaign is "Island Enchantment, Ever So Slightly Special." Gil Langley, the AITDC's managing director and president and CEO of the Amelia Island Convention and Visitors Bureau, also participated in the presentation.

Over \$138 million in taxable room sales was achieved in 2017 and overnight guests spent a record \$485 million in the area, according to the AITDC. The organization's report states that, "while visitors make memories, our local businesses make money." Other benchmarks include a total economic impact of \$638 million, a tourism payroll totaling nearly \$121 million from jobs in Nassau County with those jobs representing approximately 24 percent of total county employment, and tourism-related business generating 38 percent of total sales tax collected in the county.

Ask what the demographics are for visitors to Nassau County, and the AITDC can answer that too. The average age of a visitor is 49.8 years, and the average party size is 2.9 persons while the average annual household income is over \$133,000.

Created by the county commissioners in 1988, the AITDC "oversees the development and marketing of Amelia Island as a world-class tourism destination." Funded by a 4-percent "bed tax" on local short-term accommodations, 75 percent of the AITDC's revenues go to advertising and promotion. In 2017 the AITDC also spent over \$1.5 million for beach-related cleaning and cleanup efforts, collected over 500,000 pounds of debris, and inaugurated the Sea Sculptures program to raise awareness of the county's "Leave No Trace" ordinance to help protect the island's 13 miles of beach.

For more information about the AITDC, visit [ameliaisland.com](http://ameliaisland.com).  
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Amy Lacroix and Gil Langley of the Amelia Island Tourist Development Council presented these statistics among others that show a record-breaking year for tourism in Nassau County in 2017. The report was made to the Nassau County Board of County Commissioners at a March 26 meeting.

## Drunk driving mother sentenced

A Fernandina Beach woman involved in a fatal crash in October 2016 that killed two of her sons and injured six other children, including her daughter, received a sentence of 30 years in prison on Thursday.

Tonya Naomi Capallia-Eason, 34, pleaded guilty on Feb. 1 to two counts of DUI manslaughter and three counts of DUI serious bodily injury, according to the docket of Circuit Court Judge Robert M. Foster. The prosecution agreed to consider a sentence cap of 30 years and a minimum of 10 years in Florida State Prison. There was a pre-sentencing investigation, according to the court's records.

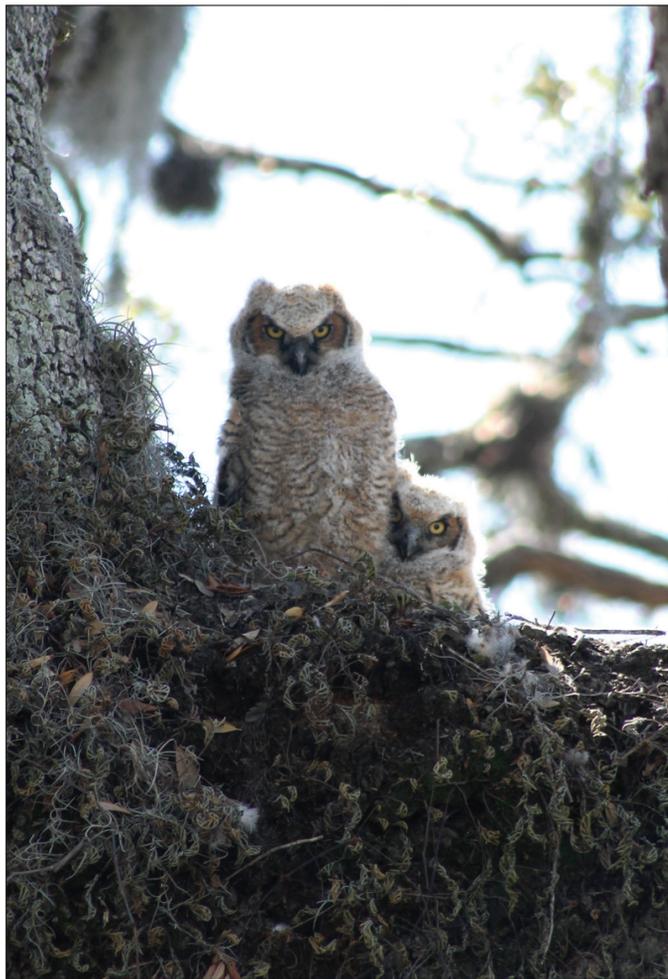


Capallia-Eason

Capallia-Eason was under the influence of alcohol when she got behind the wheel of an SUV the night of Oct. 22, 2016, after a Halloween

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## WHOOO YOU LOOKING AT?



MARLENE KOZAK/SPECIAL

While their parents are away foraging for food, two young owlets are seen watching the comings and goings of the area around their nest in a local oak tree. The tree has been a home to many young owls for several years. Amelia Island resident Marlene Kozak recently captured the pair in a series of photos that can be seen on page 3B.

## Yulee senior Riley receives \$10,000 college scholarship

JULIA ROBERTS  
News Leader

Yulee High School senior Jaya Riley has been awarded a \$10,000 Horatio Alger Association scholarship and plans to use it to pursue a psychology career.

"The association bears the name of the renowned author Horatio Alger Jr., whose tales of overcoming adversity through unyielding perseverance and basic moral principles captivated the public in the late 19th century," according to the association's website. "State scholarships are awarded to eligible students in all 50 states and the District of Columbia."

According to the website, the association's founder, Dr. Kenneth Beebe, in association with Dr. Norman Vincent Peale, "hoped to inspire individual Americans to reach their highest potential, thereby strengthening American society as a whole. They created the Association to recognize men and women of outstanding achievement as a way to remind Americans of the limitless possibilities that exist through the free-enterprise system."

"The program specifically assists high school students who have faced and overcome great obstacles in their young lives. The scholarships are funded by Horatio Alger Association members who, like the scholars, have experienced challenges but ultimately overcame them to become successful business and civic leaders," according to the association. "To be eligible to apply for a Horatio Alger State Scholarship, applicants must exhibit a strong commitment to pursue and complete a bachelor's degree, dem-



SUBMITTED

Jaya Riley has participated in sports including soccer, cross country, and track and field, and is a member of several clubs at Yulee High School. The Horatio Alger Association scholarships "are funded by members who, like the scholars, have experienced challenges but ultimately overcame them to become successful business and civic leaders," according to the association.

onstrate critical financial need, be involved in co-curricular and community service activities, display integrity and perseverance in overcoming adversity and maintain a minimum grade point average of 2.0."

Riley wrote an essay about a member of the Horatio Alger Association, poet Maya Angelou.

Scholarships were given to 615 students nationally, twenty in Florida. Riley was the only recipient from Nassau County.

Riley said she has not finalized

plans for college because she is waiting for a decision from Dartmouth College in Hanover, N.H. Her second choice for a school is Florida State.

She said she had plans to become a doctor, but that in her freshman year she changed her direction to psychology.

"I took a psychology 101 class and fell in love with it," Riley said. "I knew right then I wanted to go into that field."

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- THOUSANDS of Eggs
- Free Food
- Bounce Houses
- Face Painting

**Community Easter Celebration**  
**This Saturday, March 31st**  
**10AM - 1PM • North 6th St.**



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**LOOKING BACK 50 YEARS**

Though a crowded field of 34 candidates qualified to run for 26 elected posts, including sheriff, tax assessor and the Board of Public Instruction, seven Nassau County offices remained without any candidates.  
March 28, 1968

## OBITUARIES

### Cecil Lavone Brown

Cecil Lavone Brown, of Fernandina Beach, Fla., passed March 15, 2018.



She was a member of First Missionary Baptist Church of Fernandina Beach.

Ms. Brown is survived by a devoted family that includes a son, Andre B. Brown; granddaughter, Andrea Brown; sisters, Carolyn Hooper, Beverly Ann Hooper, and Prudence Raysor; brothers, Seibert Hooper,

James Hooper, Melvin Hooper, and Jackie Hooper; a devoted nephew, Rev. Jackie Hooper; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Ms. Brown may be viewed between 5 and 7 p.m. Friday, March 30, 2018 at First Missionary Baptist Church, located at 22 S. Ninth St. in Fernandina Beach.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 31, 2018 at her church, and interment will be in Bosque Bello Cemetery.

*Carthage Chapel Funeral Home*

### Frank Gramling

Frank Gramling, 71, passed away March 27, 2018 at Community Hospice after a valiant battle with Parkinson's disease.



Frank was born in Miami Beach, Fla., and attended Culver Military Academy and the University of Florida. After serving in the Coast Guard as a lieutenant commander, Frank completed his law degree at Cumberland School of Law in Birmingham, Ala. He was a founding member of Fertig & Gramling in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. While living in South Florida, Frank maintained a very busy schedule of community involvement. Frank was a member of Blue Key, the 100 Club of Fort Lauderdale, and The Committee of One Hundred of Miami Beach, and served as president of Sigma Nu and the Gold Coast Jazz

Society. Frank's passions included scuba diving, marathons, and traveling.

Frank and the love of his life, KC Jackson, moved here in 2010 to be near old friends and the beautiful ocean. They found many loving neighbors, and wonderful medical professionals and doctors. They are very thankful for local trades people who made their house a home and their yard a garden. Frank's sense of playfulness and good humor will be remembered fondly by all who knew him.

Friends and well-wishers may contribute in Frank's memory to the Michael J. Fox Parkinson's Foundation at Grand Central Station, P.O. Box 4777, New York, NY 10163-4777.

To sign Mr. Gramling's online register book and leave condolences, please visit the Green Pine website at [www.greenpinefuneral.com](http://www.greenpinefuneral.com).

*Green Pine Funeral Home, Cremations & Cemetery*

### Gladys R. Middleton

Mother Gladys R. Middleton, 95, a pioneer resident of Yulee, Fla., transitioned from this Earthly Home to her Heavenly Home on March 22, 2018 with her family surrounding her.

She attended the public schools of Nassau County and was employed at St. Vincent Hospital as a caregiver and ministered to others including her family. At an early age, she joined Elm Street Church of God under the Christian leadership of Bishop Wallace Sibley. Later in life, she joined The Chester Church of God, where she was one of seven founders and served faithfully until her health failed.

She leaves to cherish her memories her children, Calvin T. Kellogg (Barbara), Japannah J. Kellogg (Maxine), Rev. Simon Middleton (Dorenda), Gloria Roberts (Kenneth), Mary A. McKellum (Lester), S. Gail Grant (Randolph) and Lanarva Morris;



siblings, Jerome Richo (Jeanette), Hattie Joseph, Mary E. Thompson (George) and Geraldine Walker; sisters-in-law, Hazel Richo, Delores Richo and Dorothy Richo; 101 grandchildren; 144 great-grandchildren; 20 great-great-grandchildren; one great-great-great-grandchild; two godchildren; and a host of other nieces, nephews, other relatives and sorrowing friends.

Visitation for family and friends will be held at Chester Church of God, located at 96984 Blackrock Road in Yulee, between 6 and 8 p.m. Friday, March 30, 2018, with funeral services being held at noon Saturday, March 31, 2018, at River of Praise Worship Center, located at 83410 Saint Mark Drive in Yulee.

*Cooper Funeral Home*

## DEATH NOTICES

**Emilie M. Baker**, 73, passed away March 27, 2018. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 31, 2018, in the Stephens Chapel at Green Pine Funeral Home. Interment will follow in Green Pine Cemetery. The family will receive friends between 6 and 8 p.m. Friday, March 30, 2018, at the funeral home.

*Green Pine Funeral Home, Cremations & Cemetery*

**Elizabeth J. Chambers**, 54, of Fernandina Beach, Fla., passed away Tuesday, March 27, 2018.

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### Baptist Auxiliary fundraiser

The Baptist Medical Center Nassau Auxiliary will conduct a \$5 fundraiser between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. today in the Board Room off the Main Lobby of the hospital, located at 1250 S. 18th St. in Fernandina Beach. Items for sale will include an extensive line of jewelry and accessories — all priced at \$5 each. All of the profit will go to support Baptist Medical Center Nassau.

### Blood drive at American Legion

The American Legion Post 54 is sponsoring a blood drive from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. All donors will receive a free OneBlood T-shirt and a wellness checkup. American Legion Post 54 is located at 626 S. Third St. in Fernandina Beach. There is a great need for donated blood this time of year. Donating one pint can help save three lives. Call 261-7900 with any questions.

### Seniors safety driving course

A state AARP-sponsored Safety Driving Course will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 31 at the Council on Aging building across from Baptist Medical Center Nassau. To sign up and participate in this refresher course, which will update drivers on current state driving rules and information for a continued responsible senior, call the COA at 261-0701. The course is offered for only \$15 for AARP members and \$20 for non-members.

### Hearing loss group meeting

The next meeting of the Hearing Loss Support Group of Nassau County is Tuesday, April 3, from 1-3 p.m. at Baptist Medical Center Nassau. Please check with the front desk for the location. Stan Houston from Connect Hearing, a licensed hearing instruments specialist as well as a member of the Florida Society of Hearing Healthcare Professionals, will be the presenter. In addition, each support group meeting offers members an opportunity to share experiences with hearing loss as well as how they deal with the impact on their lives. The group is also seeking a social worker to serve as a facilitator. If you would like more information, contact Ruth Kaiser at [hlsnassau@gmail.com](mailto:hlsnassau@gmail.com). The Hearing Loss Support Group meets monthly on the first Tuesday from 1-3 p.m. The next meeting will be May 1, when the Fernandina Beach Fire Department will present a program on hurricane preparedness.

### 'Resilience' film at Wildlight

Florida Department of Health Nassau will host a viewing of the film *Resilience: The Biology of Stress & the Science of Hope* at 4 p.m. Thursday, April 5, in the cafeteria at Wildlight Elementary School, located at 550 Curiosity Ave. in Yulee. The documentary is about adverse childhood events and their impact on health. "The child may not remember but the body remembers." Light refreshments and information on local resources will be available at the free event. The public is invited. For more information, call 875-6100.

### 'Quit Your Way' for smokers

Northeast Florida AHEC will sponsor a "Quit Your Way" class to help participants stop smoking on April 11 at the Barnabas Center. This is a free one-time, two-hour class that includes a free workbook and materials that can help double participant's chances of success. Free nicotine replacement patches, gum and lozenges will also be available (if medically appropriate for those 18 and older). To register, call 482-0189.

### Mental Health First Aid classes

Starting Point Behavioral Healthcare has scheduled Adult Mental Health First Aid Classes for April 13 from 8:30 a.m.

to 5 p.m. The class is free and open to the public, but registration is required. The 8-hour class will take place in the Fernandina Beach Police Department's Community Room.

The Mental Health First Aid program teaches participants a five-step action plan to assess a situation, select and implement interventions and secure appropriate care for the person who is experiencing a mental health or addictions challenge or is in crisis. Studies have proven the CPR-like program is effective in improving knowledge of mental disorders, reducing stigma and increasing the amount of help provided to others. Starting Point staff member Katrina Robinson-Wheeler is certified by the National Council to provide the Mental Health First Aid program.

Since Starting Point began offering the program in 2014, more than 1,500 Northeast Florida residents have received the training. The training is provided at no charge with funding from Baptist Health and Lutheran Services Florida. Mental Health First Aid training classes are offered via open community classes or scheduled individually for groups and organizations. For information or to register for a class, visit [mhfanassau.com](http://mhfanassau.com) or call Starting Point at 225-8280.

### Sierra Club meeting on whales

The Nassau County Sierra Club will host Barb Zoodsma, a biologist from the NOAA Fisheries who will discuss recent developments with the North Atlantic right whale, at 7 p.m. April 13 at the Fernandina Beach Branch Library. The 2017 right whale season marked the first year that no calves were detected since records have been kept in their only known calving area in the coastal waters off Georgia and Northeast Florida. On average, 18 calves are born annually. Zoodsma will discuss what she calls a "defining moment" for this endangered population of whales. The Library is located at 25 N. Fourth St. in Fernandina Beach. The meeting is free and open to the public; however, seating may be limited.

### Caregivers meeting in April

The Caregiver Support Group of Nassau County meets the third Thursday of each month at Nassau County Council on Aging, located at 1367 S. 18th St. in Fernandina Beach (across from Baptist Medical Center Nassau).

On April 19, the group will meet from 2:30 and 4:30 p.m. All caregivers are welcome; however, this meeting is not suited for loved ones to attend. The overall goal of our group is to offer support and education to caregivers.

For more information, call Debra Dombkowski, LPN, CDP, at 261-0701, ext. 113.

### St. Francis blood drive in April

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Mission at 86000 St. Francis Way in Yulee will be holding a blood drive Sunday, April 29, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. All donors will receive a free OneBlood T-shirt and a wellness checkup including blood pressure, temperature, iron count, pulse and cholesterol screening. Sign up online at [oneblooddonor.org](http://oneblooddonor.org) and use sponsor code 34851. Walk-ins always welcome.

### 'Anxiety and Stress' workshop

Licensed Clinical Worker Marsha J. Reynolds will be teaching a class on anxiety and stress on Saturday, April 7, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. "Anxiety and Stress: The Journey of Roots and Remedies" is about discovering your ability to build an eclectic toolbox to address anxiety and stress in our sometimes hectic environment.

Reynolds will teach how to decrease anxiety and stress as you move through the journey of life, using a person-centered approach with a focus on discov-

ering solutions together. Reynolds has experience in many areas of social work and has worn many hats in her career. The three-hour class is \$75 and includes snacks and drinks. It will take place at 905 S. Eighth St. and space will be limited. Sign ups and payment due are due by Wednesday, April 4. Call 310-6951 to sign up.

### Help understanding Medicare

The UF/IFAS, Nassau County Extension Service is offering weekly individual consultations regarding Medicare at the Barnabas Center, located at 1303 Jasmine St. in Fernandina Beach. If you will be new to Medicare, have questions about Medicare or want to know if you qualify to save money on your Medicare drug costs, Medicare monthly premium, deductibles and copays, then call 530-6359 to schedule a private appointment. Appointments are being scheduled for Friday, April 6, 13 and 20, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Extension information and services are available to all individuals regardless of race, color, sex or national origin.

### City, county recycling events

Both Nassau County and the city of Fernandina Beach will hold recycling events for residents on April 28. The city will also conduct a food drive as part of its efforts.

City residents will be able to bring the following items to the Maintenance and Utilities Complex at 1017 S. Fifth St. between 7 a.m. and 3 p.m.: glass and plastic bottles, propane tanks, steel and aluminum cans, paper and cardboard, metal, electronics, appliances, oil, filters, tires, hazardous chemicals, fluorescent bulbs, paint, batteries, and non-prescription medications. Non-perishable food items will be accepted for donation to the Barnabas Center's Food Pantry. Paper shredding will also be available.

Nassau County residents will be able to bring pesticides, paint thinners, radiator fluid, used oil and lubricants, oil filters, pool chemicals, solvents, insecticides, gasoline and fuels, fluorescent lamps, electronics, computers, TVs, paints, batteries, fertilizers, household cleaners, corrosives, propane tanks, medications, aerosol cans and used cooking oil to the Home Depot parking lot at 463785 S.R. 200/A1A in Yulee from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Collection at both locations is free of charge for residents.

### Project documenting POWs

A documentary film maker has put out a call for Vietnam-era POWs. Thuy Diem, whose father was in the South Vietnamese Army, is producing *The Unforgotten*. Her father was captured and escaped during the war before finally coming to the United States. Veterans who would like to share their wartime POW experience can contact Diem at [aspotbelpig@gmail.com](mailto:aspotbelpig@gmail.com).

### Gun courses

Gary W. Belson Associates holds basic with defensive tactics courses, concealed-weapon license courses and close-quarter defensive tactics courses. For information and more class dates, contact Gary Belson at 491-8358 or 476-2037, or [gbelson@bellsouth.net](mailto:gbelson@bellsouth.net), or visit [www.thebelsongroup.com](http://www.thebelsongroup.com).

### Overeaters Anonymous

Overeaters Anonymous meets in the parlor at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 801 Atlantic Ave., Fernandina Beach, at 1 p.m. Thursdays. There is also a meeting at the Alachua Club, 32 N. Third St. at 6 p.m. Mondays. For more information, contact Lorrie at 343-4771.

### Take Off Pounds Sensibly

The TOPS weight loss group meets at 3:45 p.m. Thursdays in the county building located at 86026 Pages Dairy Road in Yulee.

## SCHOLARSHIPS

### Fernandina Pirates Club

The Fernandina Pirates Club is calling for entries for its scholarship essay contest that is open to all Nassau County high school seniors. The gnarly scallywags offer two separate awards. One winner will be given some extra booty for college, and the other winner is chosen from the pool of students who have chosen to serve in our United States Armed Forces.

All contestants must submit a 750-word essay to the Pirates Club by Monday, April 16. The subject is to be about pirates or pirating — past, present or future — complete with proper citations and references. Eligible students may attend high school at home, in a public or private school, or in another county but must be a full-time resident of Nassau County.

The award for the college-bound student is a check for up to \$1,500 made payable to the winner's chosen school upon acceptance and must be applied toward tuition and books. The winning entry for the student entering military service will receive a check for \$500 upon completion of basic training. Proof of completion is required.

The winners must be available to join the Pirates on Sunday, May 6, on the Waterfront Stage during the Isle of Eight Flags Shrimp Festival for a formal announcement, public relations photos and of course to grab the booty!

Submissions should be mailed to Fernandina Pirates Club, Inc., P.O. Box 17243, Fernandina Beach, FL 32035.

### The Bethesda Auxiliary

A total of \$30,000 is available for individuals who plan to enhance the lives of

people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

The Bethesda Auxiliary, in partnership with Bethesda Lutheran Communities, is offering \$30,000 in student scholarships for the 2018-19 school year. The scholarships are for undergraduate- or graduate-level Lutherans, including seminarians.

"We're excited to support youth who hope to put their talents and energy toward enhancing the lives of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities," said Karen Carter, president of the Bethesda Auxiliary, in a news release. "Recognizing the achievements of students who have a shared interest in supporting our mission elevates us all. It's gratifying to support these students in such a direct way."

The deadline to apply is May 18, with results to be announced this summer. To download an application, visit [bethesda-lutherancommunities.org/get-involved/scholarships](http://bethesda-lutherancommunities.org/get-involved/scholarships).

Seminarian students: Five \$3,000 scholarships will be awarded to a Lutheran seminarian displaying interest in service to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities in a congregational setting. The scholarship application is open to all eligible seminarian students.

Criteria for seminarian students includes:

- Be an active, communicant member of a Lutheran congregation.
- Be a current college senior, accepted to begin seminary studies in the fall, or currently be classified as a first-year or second-year student at any seminary affiliated with the WELS, LCMS, ELCA, LCMC, ELS or NALC. Students going on

to their internship/vicarage year do not qualify.

- Have a commitment to inclusion of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities within the local parish.

College and university students: Five \$3,000 scholarships will be awarded to Lutheran students pursuing undergraduate degrees in any academic area that will prepare them to serve and support people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Criteria for college and university students includes:

- Be an active, communicant member of a Lutheran congregation.
- Be classified as a freshman, sophomore or junior at an accredited college or university.
- Have a minimum overall GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.
- Have a career objective in the field of intellectual and developmental disabilities.

The Bethesda Auxiliary is a nationwide organization that reaches forward in faith, word and deed by sharing the love of Jesus with people who have developmental disabilities in partnership with Bethesda.

### Nassau County Gator Club

The University of Florida Nassau County Gator Club is accepting applications from graduating seniors living in Nassau County who will be enrolling at the University of Florida in 2018.

The club will award up to five \$500 scholarships. Application forms are available at local high school guidance offices or by emailing [gatorsnassau@gmail.com](mailto:gatorsnassau@gmail.com). The deadline for submission is March 30.

# FSU completes audit of mental health contract

MICHAEL MILLER  
News-Leader



Drew

An audit conducted for Florida State University shows that a \$1 million mental health screening program funded by the state, administered by the FSU College of Medicine, and headed by Fernandina Beach-based Florida Psychological Associates lacked adequate planning and did not produce any statistically meaningful results.

The project's goal was to screen school children in Nassau, Duval, and Clay counties and adults facing criminal charges in the 4th Judicial Circuit Court. The program was conducted under a contract between the College of Medicine and FPA.

The "Audit of the Contract Between the University College of Medicine and Florida Psychological Associates" was performed by the FSU Office of Inspector General Services and dated March 9, 2018.

"We concluded that screenings measured by the number of letters sent to parents of schoolchildren requesting permission to screen their children (fell) significantly short of earning amounts paid and the accomplishment of program intent," according to the report by Chief Audit Officer Sam McCall.

"Our review of correspondence between the (College of Medicine) and FPA showed that both parties worked diligently in an effort to implement the program. However, as noted above, there was a lack of clarity on what was being procured, what was actually done to support invoices received, and how accountability would be demonstrated," wrote McCall.

According to a section about why administering the contract was difficult, "The contract was not clear as to whether the screening deliverable was based on attempted screenings or administered screenings."

The College of Medicine stopped making payments to FPA at the end of March 2017.

FSU and FPA terminated their contract in July 2017.

Browning Brooks, FSU's assistant vice president of university communications, responded to a *News-Leader* request for comment by saying, "At the request of the Speaker of the House of Representatives, FSU returned \$310,000 for this project to the state of Florida. The university has no further comment regarding it."

Requests for comments sent to FPA owner and CEO Catherine Drew went unanswered by press time.

A section in the report where the FSU College of Medicine responded to the audit's findings states in part that the school "had \$1 million in unrequested legislative funds directed to us and received on July 1, 2016. This was not expected or planned for, and we had no relationship with FPA prior to this time. In spite of that, we entered into an agreement with FPA with expectations, negotiated benchmarks, and proposed outcomes to be reached. The College of Medicine made a good faith effort to administer the funds appropriately throughout the agreement. As noted in the report, the complexity of the steps in procuring contracts, recruiting study subjects across multiple counties and school districts, requesting multiple (institutional review board) approvals, and recruiting staff to fulfill the requirements in a timely fashion proved insurmountable."

A section where FPA responded to the auditor's findings states in part: "Not only did we face delays in gaining approval from the FSU institutional review board, we also faced unanticipated barriers regarding screening in local schools including overcoming the strong

negative stigma associated with mental illness. At times those challenges required that we change some aspects of our anticipated study design in an attempt to ensure that we were able to obtain the information needed for quality research and to ensure a good return on investment for the state. ... When concerns were raised regarding FPA not meeting deliverables associated with this project, FPA repeatedly offered to extend the timeline of the project with no additional costs. In fact, we continued to administer screeners in schools and in the justice system after the funding was cut short. ... We sincerely appreciated the opportunity to work with FSU to gather more information in this area, communicate findings to the scientific community, and to serve so many in our community with unmet mental health needs."

To help launch the FPA project, state Sen. Aaron Bean, R-Fernandina Beach, submitted a "local funding request" in the amount of \$692,774 in early 2016 during the legislature's budgeting season, but the request did not survive the appropriations process. Instead, \$1 million was allocated to the research budget of FSU's College of Medicine just days before the state budget was finalized and sent to Gov. Rick Scott.

The report does not explain how the appropriation ended up in the College of Medicine's budget, saying only "on February 29, 2016, (College of Medicine) management was made aware that \$1 million dollars was allocated to them for Mental Health Early Screening." The appropriation came without instructions, legislative intent or guidance and simply identified the money was to be distributed to FPA for a mental health-screening program, according to the audit report.

FPA hired lobbyists at roughly the same time the \$1 million appeared in FSU's budget, and Drew attributed this expenditure

to the insertion of the money in the College of Medicine's budget.

"I am very grateful for the opportunity and for Senator Bean's willingness to step up and tackle challenging areas, that he allowed me to submit a request through the Senate," Drew told the *News-Leader* in 2017. "My understanding is that it was killed in a House subcommittee meeting. When it was killed, smart people around me advised that I reach out to a lobbyist."

FPA's original proposal for the program in the spring of 2016 said it "estimated 12,500 screenings would be administered in Nassau, Clay and Duval schools and in the judicial system in the 4th Judicial Circuit."

The audit places the initial screenings estimate at 12,300. That number was broken down into 7,500 screenings of students distributed evenly across the three counties despite their disparate populations and 4,800 screenings of adults entering the 4th Judicial Circuit Court system.

The audit report makes the point several times that Drew expressed that the company's estimates were for actual screenings of students plus individuals facing criminal court proceedings.

McCall included a response he said Drew sent to the Senate Education Committee in January 2017: "Throughout the FY 2016-17 fiscal year it is estimated that the project will screen 7,100 children in the school systems, and adults within the court system of Nassau, Duval, and Clay counties. The specific measure and data source for this output data is the number of screeners administered."

As FSU negotiated the contract with FPA in May and June 2016, FPA lowered its screenings estimate to 7,100 and changed language in the contract

to say the estimate represented "attempted screenings" and not actual screenings.

FPA expected to begin those screenings in September 2016, but difficulties in obtaining approval from FSU's College of Medicine to use human subjects delayed the screening program until Oct. 13, 2016.

FPA began screening in Nassau County schools in November 2016. Screenings in Duval and Clay counties never occurred, according to the report. The auditor said that, to his knowledge, the College of Medicine had not received documentation that school or court personnel in Clay or Duval counties had been "engaged" in August to October 2016 about the potential of screening children and adults there. "We are aware of e-mails dated February and March 2017, when FPA contacted schools in Clay and Duval counties to discuss the desire to screen schoolchildren in those schools," according to McCall's report.

Despite the delays, Drew asserted in January 2017 that her company was still on track to administer 4,500 screenings in the schools by the end of June 2017.

The report also notes that FPA's attorney sent a letter to House Speaker Richard Corcoran saying that the company had not only met its budgeted screening objectives, it had exceeded them by a factor of two.

"In April 2017, FPA's attorney stated in a letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives that the screening deliverable was the number of letters sent to parents requesting permission to administer screenings to their children (8,363 letters were sent to parents of school children in Nassau County only). "Previously in January 2017, the FPA CEO stated in a letter to the

Senate Education Appropriations Committee that the specific measure and data source for program output was the number of screeners administered. The CEO's statement is contrary to the attorney's assertion," according to the FSU auditor.

"The (College of Medicine) stopped making payments to FPA at the end of March 2017 because of the low number of screenings administered and given that, startup activities should have been complete at that time."

Permission from the FSU College of Medicine to screen individuals in the 4th Judicial Circuit Court did not come until April 2017 because of problems with the number of applications needed to work with human subjects and absences of key individuals on the university committee that reviews and approves research.

"Subsequently, in July 2017, the (College of Medicine) and FPA signed a consent agreement to mutually terminate the contract. We concluded the (College of Medicine's) actions to cease making monthly payments and the agreement to terminate the contract were appropriate," according to the report.

"FPA financial records submitted to the Speaker of the House of Representatives in April 2017 showed that, of the \$590,192 the (College of Medicine) had paid, FPA had recorded expenses to the project of \$420,603."

FSU returned to the state's coffers \$210,000 it had not paid out to FPA as well as an additional \$100,000 that represented one-half of a fee FSU collected from the \$1 million to administer the program.

The complete FSU audit report can be found at <http://bit.ly/2E4LvmI>.

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## JAIL *Continued from 1A*

party. Tests after the accident showed her blood-alcohol level was almost twice the legal limit.

Capallia-Eason was traveling with eight children as passengers in the SUV.

While driving northbound on Lonnie Crews Road, she failed to negotiate a right-hand curve and struck a utility pole before the vehicle overturned on Lina Road. The vehicle came to a final rest on its roof at the shoulder of Lina Road, according to the Florida Highway Patrol report.

Capallia-Eason's sons, Nicholai Capallia and Nehemiah Capallia-Bird, were killed and six of the children were injured

in the crash, including daughter Nina Capallia.

A GoFundMe account was created to assist the father of the two boys who died, Andrew Bird. Bird lives in Michigan with daughter Nina.

The GoFundMe account was created by Jason Wolford on behalf of Bird and his wife, Sara, to help cover travel costs, costs for the continued care of Nina, and burial costs for the two boys, according to the GoFundMe page.

## RILEY *Continued from 1A*

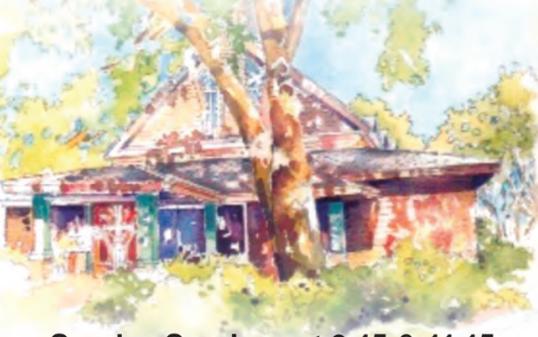
Riley has participated in several sports, including soccer, cross country, and track and field, but in her senior year she concentrated her energies on her studies and several clubs, including the Black Student Union, Teens for Change, High-Q, the Gay-Straight Alliance, and Hornet Buddies, which works to build a bridge between special needs students and the rest of the student population.

In addition to the Horatio Alger scholarship, Riley also received a scholarship from Take Stock in Children.

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# Omni to hold job fair April 10

Omni Amelia Island Plantation Resort will host a job fair focused on food, beverage and culinary positions open across the resort's 10 culinary outlets, catering and banquets facilities on Tuesday, April 10 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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To view a full list of available positions, visit [OmniHotels.com/Careers](http://OmniHotels.com/Careers). To find out more about the job fair, call 277-5162.

## HOMELESS ANIMALS...



# BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

# Rough patch for Tesla and Uber

Tesla, the great mass-market hope for electric vehicles, has seen its stock plunge of late. At 2:11 p.m. Wednesday, Tesla was trading at \$255.06, hitting a 52-week low. The 52-week high was \$389.61. Lack of production of the new Tesla 3, big quarterly losses, and cash drain are causing more detractors.

Musk may have too many oars in the water. SpaceX, founded in 2002, has succeeded in some trials recently, which is great for Musk. There is a fast-growing satellite competition globally, which may produce a need for better rocket economics. There will have to be an economic model for the private rocket market.

Musk's early successes included the co-founding of Zip2, a web software company sold to Compaq in 1999 for \$340 million. Musk then started an online payment company named X.com. It merged with Confinity and became PayPal in 2000. In 2002, eBay bought it for \$1.5 billion.

Tesla was founded in 2003 as an electric vehicle and solar panel company. In 2006, Musk birthed SolarCity, a solar energy services company that recently became a Tesla subsidiary. In 2015, Musk



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co-founded OpenAI, a nonprofit research company promoting friendly artificial intelligence. In July 2016, he co-founded Neuralink, a neuro-technology company focused on brain-computer interfaces. In December 2016, Musk founded The Boring Company, an infrastructure and tunnel boring company. He serves as CEO.

Musk had two big, early successes and has an appetite for being groundbreaking and making money. His February 2018 net worth was \$20.8 billion per *Forbes*, making him the 53rd richest person alive. He makes a lot of people scratch their heads with Tesla, including me. From a pocketbook standpoint, you cannot throw stones.

Uber's autonomous vehicle wreck in Tempe, Ariz. took the life of a pedestrian and will give pause to the testing of autonomous cars in the short term. Uber wants to be the "Amazon of Transportation,"

according to a senior exec I met on our recent trip. They grew 110 percent in 2017, despite a CEO controversy and subsequent replacement. They hope to manage a lower 60-percent growth rate in 2018. They have hired 5,000 people in the last eight months, upping the total to 18,000. These are corporate jobs, not drivers.

Uber's restaurant delivery and freight divisions are booming. They are in a very dynamic stage as a company. Look for them to continue to build as a brand. Uber will have its IPO in 2019.

The tragic death in Arizona will result in a more cautious approach to self-driving vehicles, to all our benefit. Electric vehicles and autonomous cars are here and coming. The question is how many, how soon. Tesla's struggle for economic viability and this autonomous wreck will be setbacks in the short term. We are a resilient country of innovators that will make transportation better in our future.

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

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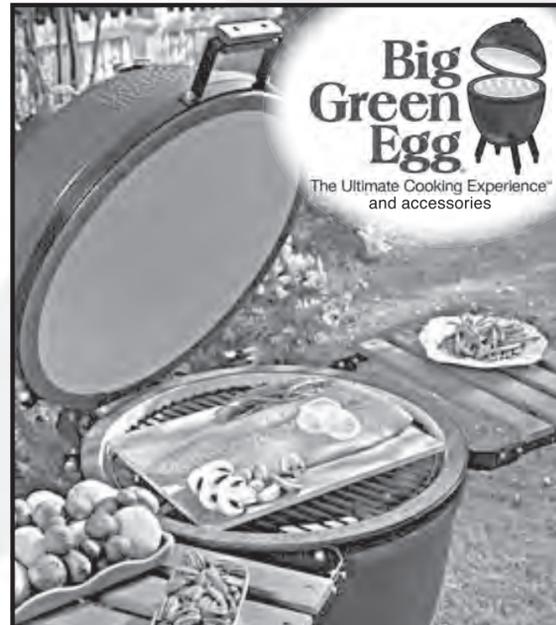
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# The projects that are of interest to citizens

With the recent hesitation of the Army Corps of Engineers to issue the necessary permit to rebuild the marina, a significant amount of effort has been spent in response to the Corps' concerns. All of Florida's federal legislators – Congressman John Rutherford, Sen. Bill Nelson, and Sen. Marco Rubio – have devoted staff resources to support the city's efforts. Direct conversations with those staff have regularly occurred every week this month (the next such discussion was scheduled for Thursday, March 29, with Sen. Rubio's staff). The city commissioners have been actively engaged, as well, lending their political influence to resolve the issue. I expect that with this extensive involvement of so many officials, the issue will be concluded soon and the rebuilding effort can finally commence.

While that issue has drawn time and resources, the business and other projects in the city move forward at a different pace. A meeting of several key agencies took place on Wednesday, March 28, to discuss the ongoing interest and conceptual planning to open the Alachua Street railroad crossing. The agencies represented at the meeting included the Florida Department of Transportation (six attending), Genesee & Wyoming Railroad (three), a signal contractor (two), an engineering firm recommended by both the state and the railroad (two), and the city. In addition to my participation, Commissioner Philip



## CITY NOTES

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us sought to reach some level of understanding regarding the impact of the railroad on Front Street: what are the requirements and regulations for crossing signals, what is the role of pedestrian crossings, how will vehicular traffic and circulation be affected, will the Front Street parking lots be impacted, can additional sidewalks be added to discourage or even restrict pedestrian activity on the railroad?

Throughout our tour, the agency officials shook their heads at some of the pedestrian behaviors. One person, who was part of a tour bus group, ran awkwardly along the railroad bed, talking on a phone. Another person manhandled a baby carriage across the tracks in the middle of a

block. A dog walker crossed the uneven ground at Alachua Street to get to Front Street.

Now observed first-handed (by) railroad and state officials, those officials strongly believe that the safety issues must be addressed. It is a dangerous assumption to argue that mishaps have been infrequent and the slow speeds of the moving trains offer a false sense of security.

My office at City Hall overlooks the crossing at Ash Street. I often witness the last minute – no, last second – dashes across the tracks by pedestrians and around the gates by vehicles to beat the slowly moving, yet nearly impossible to stop, hundreds of tons of unforgiving metal mass. While dining downtown, I've seen people dart between the rail cars of a train that has paused briefly for switching, for the purpose of placing coins on the track. Common sense (as well as the law, by the way) dictates that pedestrians should cross at safely marked and signaled crossings. Ours are woefully substandard, requiring attention irrespective of what transpires at Alachua Street.

The crossing and the improvements will cost hundreds of thousands of dollars. Road and stormwater improvements need to be made along Front Street, whether part of a crossing at Alachua or part of the redevelopment of the waterfront.

Front Street is a broken and failing road. We talk about investing in waterfront and marina improvements, but the road to get to that area

is crumbling. Is the waterfront – encompassing the parking lots, the parks, the marina, the road, Alachua Street, the city-owned failing structure at 101 N. Front St. – the jewel that many contend? If so, let's make an investment in that asset; if not, let's move on. This area has befuddled the community for decades. I believe that with the cooperation exhibited by the various agencies on Wednesday, the opportunity for area improvements has not been greater, and will likely never be replicated.

Smaller projects included in the current budget move forward. The city will rebuild two beach walkovers. A pavement management study will examine every road within the city and provide the framework for an objective long-term financial plan to maintain and improve the roads. Grant funding for a small park located off of Simmons Road is being pursued. Improvements are being made to the water, wastewater, and stormwater systems. Art is being installed at the Egans Creek Park. The beaches are being renourished.

These projects are manageable because of strong and capable staff who tirelessly serve our community. Most of their efforts do not attract attention: The directors and their staffs simply do their jobs and make Fernandina Beach a wonderful place. Pretty soon, we'll start preparing for next year's budget and another list of projects. I look forward to hearing from you about projects that interest you.

## How to make a disaster plan

A key way to cope with a disaster is to have a plan, according to the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Know how to react before, during and after a disaster and know the hazards that could affect where you live, work and go to school. It is important for all Floridians, especially individuals with access and functional needs, to plan ahead.

### Communication

- Your family may not be together when a disaster strikes. Know how to contact one another and reconnect if separated. Establish a meeting place that's familiar to everyone and easy to find.
- Complete your family emergency communication plan online and print it onto wallet-sized cards. Ensure all family members have a copy.
- Install the FEMA mobile app. It provides severe weather alerts from the National Weather Service for up to five selected locations.
- Keep a NOAA Weather Radio tuned to the local emergency station; monitor TV and radio. Follow mobile alerts and warnings about severe weather.

### Evacuation

Evacuation orders can come with little notice. Planning ahead is vital to evacuating quickly and safely.

- Florida Division of Emergency Management's website FloridaDisaster.org has comprehensive information on what to do before, during and after a disaster under Plan and Prepare. Plan how to leave and where to go if advised to evacuate.
- Fill vehicles with gas if an

evacuation seems likely.

- Wear sturdy shoes and clothes.
- Those without cars should plan how to leave.
- Listen to a battery-powered radio and leave when told to do so.
- Leave early to avoid being trapped by severe weather.
- A list of nearby open shelters is on the FEMA mobile app.
- Florida Division of Emergency Management has a list of open shelters by county.
- Inform an out-of-state contact about your evacuation plan.
- Unplug radios, TV and small appliances.
- Secure the home by locking doors and windows.
- Leave a note letting others know the plan for evacuation.
- If the home is damaged, shut off water, gas and electricity.
- Take pets along, but be aware some shelters or hotels only accept service animals.
- Check with neighbors who may need a ride.
- Follow recommended evacuation routes.
- If stranded when driving,

stay in the vehicle, put on flashers, call for help and wait until it arrives.

### Disaster kits

Have disaster supply kits ready at all times in your home, work and vehicles.

- A disaster kit is a collection of basic items needed in the event of an emergency, and can be assembled well in advance.
- Have enough food, water and other necessities, including all medications, in sufficient quantity for each family member to last for at least 72 hours.
- Florida Division of Emergency Management has a list of items to include in disaster kits and [www.Ready.gov](http://www.Ready.gov) has a list of recommended emergency supplies.
- MySafeFlorida.org is another source for suggested items for disaster kits. Include supplies for individuals with disabilities, children, seniors or pets, and protection against the Florida weather. Insect repellent and sunscreen should be in all kits, as well as rainproof gear for everyone.

## USDA seeking partners for environmental restoration projects

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service is seeking assistance to complete restoration work of degraded wetlands, floodplains and forestlands. NRCS is requesting proposals from qualified individuals and organizations to implement restoration activities on eligible easement properties.

Up to \$250 million is available for these restoration projects in all 50 states.

Potential applicants should review the funding opportunity called USDA-NRCS-US-WRP-ACEP- EWPP-HFRP-18-01 at <https://www.grants.gov>, which includes application materials and submission procedures.

Applications must be

# USDA

received by May 18, 5 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time.

"This request streamlines the restoration process and improves customer service while also allowing restoration entities of all sizes to submit proposals," said USDA Under Secretary Bill Northey. "We always are looking for ways to improve our conservation efforts." Restoration activities may include: designing restoration plans, installing conservation practices including structural and vegetative, construction management and inspection. Agreements will be

three years in length.

Restoring wetland, floodplain, or forestland easements provide an abundance of benefits including: improving water quality downstream; protecting nearby towns and other areas from flooding; enhancing and protecting wildlife habitat; and providing outdoor recreational and educational opportunities.

All complete and compliant proposals will be reviewed by an NRCS technical review panel established by the Chief of NRCS. Recommended proposals will be distributed to the applicable NRCS state conservationists for final selection. For more information on wetland, floodplain and forestland easements, visit the NRCS easements page.

### LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT



### INVITATION TO BID

The City of Fernandina Beach will receive sealed competitive responses for requirements for the following until no later than 10:00am, May 3, 2018.

All interested bidders are invited to attend a mandatory pre-bid meeting to be held at the Beach Access 35S, Fernandina Beach, Florida on April 11, 2018 at 10:00am.

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The Auditing entity submitting a proposal must be duly licensed under Chapter 173, Florida Statutes and be qualified to conduct audits in accordance with "Government Auditing Standards," as adopted by the Florida Board of Accountancy. Audits shall be conducted in accordance with Florida Law and particularly Section 218.39, Florida Statutes, and the rules of the Florida Auditor General.

Proposal packages, which include evaluation criteria and instructions to proposers, are available from the District Manager at the address and telephone number listed below.

Proposers must provide seven (7) copies of their proposal to GMS, LLC, District Manager, 475 West Town Place, Suite 114, St. Augustine, Florida 32092 - telephone (904) 940-5850, in an envelope marked on the outside "Auditing Services - Heron Isles Community Development District." Proposals must be received by Tuesday, April 24, 2018, 2:00 p.m., at the office of the District Manager. Please direct all questions regarding this Notice to the District Manager.

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## COMMUNITY

## County holding workshop on proposed tree changes

The Nassau County Planning and Zoning Board will conduct a workshop at 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 3, to discuss the results of the Amelia Island Tree Protection Working Group's fact-finding mission and resulting proposed changes to land development regulations that apply only to the unincorporated areas of Amelia Island, according to a news release.

The group completed its study and drafted an ordinance modifying tree protection standards for the unincorporated areas of the island with the

intent to preserve and enhance the maritime forest which benefits the health, safety and general wellbeing of the inhabitants of Amelia Island, the release states.

Proposed changes to the existing tree protection regulations in the unincorporated areas of Amelia Island include the following:

- All properties, including properties with an existing single family home, will be subject to tree protection standards.
- There will be a permitting process to remove

protected trees for all properties – including for individual homeowners.

- The list of protected trees will be expanded.
- The methodology for calculating tree preservation requirements will be modified.

To view the draft ordinance and provide feedback electronically, visit the Amelia Island Tree Protection webpage at [nassaucountyfl.com/886/Amelia-Island-Tree-Protection](http://nassaucountyfl.com/886/Amelia-Island-Tree-Protection).

The Tuesday workshop will include a presentation from the Amelia Island Tree Protection

Working Group and an open discussion of proposed changes between all interested parties. Anyone interested in the ordinance is encouraged to attend the workshop, review the proposed ordinance, provide comments and ask questions.

The workshop will be held at the James S. Page Governmental Complex, located at 96135 Nassau Place in Yulee.

For more information, contact Kailey Porter at [kporter@nassaucountyfl.com](mailto:kporter@nassaucountyfl.com) or Sue Ann Alliger at [salleger@nassaucountyfl.com](mailto:salleger@nassaucountyfl.com) or call 530-6300.

## Older than dirt

Betty Berkman sent me a hilarious piece by George Carlin, and I am going to plagiarize it for this column – without apologies to either Betty or George. I had chalked him up years ago as yet another foul-mouthed boor who thought he was funny, but his views on how to stay young are not only funny, they are also very true.

One of my favorite tips is for me to throw out non-essential numbers. I have never particularly cared for numbers anyway, so this was easy advice to follow. I have dumped all numbers dealing with my age, weight, height, and blood pressure. Let the medical types worry about them. The absence of these pesky numbers has improved my outlook considerably. Since I no longer monitor my age, I can move and act the age I feel. Some days I feel 35, while other times I am burdened with a higher number.

Keep only cheerful friends, George tells me. We all know at least one person whose sole topic of conversation is his/her personal ailments, as well as everyone else's. Broken bones, debilitating conditions, surgery, complications from surgery, death and dismemberment are discussed with great fervor and at great length. No, thank you. I just smile sweetly and keep walking.

Keep learning. I surprised the young (30-ish) mechanic not too long ago when he began a rather technical explanation of why my Check Engine light kept coming on. He stopped halfway through by saying, "But you're not interested in that." I contradicted him and told him I'd like to learn. We had a lively discussion about sensors that are supposed to tell your engine whether or not it's getting enough oxygen. It was a win-win situation: He got to talk about something that interested him, and I got to exercise my brain.

Enjoy the simple things. I am astounded by the number of people who never notice what's going on around them. A friend confided the other day that he'd spent 30 minutes watching the news about that terrible snowstorm in the Northeast, and had shaken his head at the large number of people who had no electricity as a result of it. He turned off the news and hit the shower. Halfway through, it dawned on him that those people up north weren't going to have a hot, soapy shower that morning, and would thereby miss the pleasure of feeling clean at the start of the day.



CITY SIDEBAR

Cara Curtin

Laugh – often, long, and loud. I know one woman who has no sense of humor. I watch her in amazement. The rest of us crack up over a witty comment, and she just sits

there, patiently waiting until we returned to the (oh, so important!) business at hand. After an afternoon alone with her, I came home and talked to myself in the mirror until I recovered my sunny disposition.

Tears happen. Take the time to grieve, but then move on. I know each person has his/her own private timetable on this one, but George tells me that the only person who's going to be with me all of my life is me. I want to be alive while I'm here.

I like the next bit of George's advice: Surround yourself with what you love. Family, pets, knickknacks, music, hobbies – it doesn't matter. I looked around right after I read this advice and realized with glee that I had already done this! Drives my maid crazy, but everything sitting around reminds me of a trip or a person or a place that I particularly enjoyed.

Cherish your health. If it is good, preserve it. If it is unstable, improve it. If it is beyond what you can improve, get help. The only thing I would add to this last bit is get help and then deal with it. Make the lifestyle changes you have to in order to continue having lunch dates and cheap movies on Tuesday.

Don't take guilt trips. They always lead you down a dead-end road. My own advice is don't have a pity party, either. That will paralyze you. The If Only and the Should'a-Would'a-Could'a games will rot your brain and kill your social life.

Tell the people you love that you love them. Oh, boy. I know that's really hard for some people, but you'll get the love back three times over. Besides, life can change in a heartbeat. Pun intended.

George summed it up with "Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away." There are plenty of those moments right here in Paradise. I intend to live through as many of those moments as I can – how about you?

## Easter weekend at the market

JUDIE MACKIE  
For the News-Leader

Easter weekend often brings family and friends together for spiritual gatherings, Easter egg fun, and large family-style dinners. The Fernandina Beach Market Place farmers market is a great place to select farm fresh, yard eggs. Available at A Natural Springs Dairy and Boatright Family Farms, these eggs are perfect for coloring and for making deviled eggs, egg salad, or a high protein, low calorie snack.

Another fun item available to make your Easter special is the Bunny Bread from Great Harvest Bread Company. This adorable honey bunny bread is made from just five ingredients. Whole wheat flour, yeast, honey, water, and salt are crafted by artisan bakers into the shape of a bunny. It may be too cute to eat!

Oizeo, our Asian tapas vendor, as well as Rose's Unbelievable Egg Rolls will both be back this Saturday.



JUDIE MACKIE FOR THE NEWS-LEADER

Great Harvest Bread Company will be on-hand at Saturday's farmers market with Bunny Bread.

Look for the return of Jay's Marketplace and their chopped olive salad, and Upstream Seafood will be back at the market with their salmon, scallops, and smoked salmon dip. Join these and another 30 or so vendors presenting seasonal produce, fresh baked breads, blooming baskets, landscaping plants, home made ice cream,

soy candles, orchids, dips, jams, jellies and sauces, local shrimp, fresh fish, beef, pork, and more.

Liam Carrol and Brooks Vanderhoff make up this week's entertainment, known as Chill. Carrol is an 17-year-old student at Douglas Anderson School of the Arts. Living in Fernandina Beach, he has a passion for music and theater

and he intends to pursue a career in movie acting and singing. Vanderhoff moved to the area from California four years ago. He is a 17-year-old junior and plays soccer for Fernandina Beach High School. He has played guitar for about 5 years and occasionally plays for his church worship team. After graduating high school, Vanderhoff plans to attend college and study law.

Representatives from Fort Clinch State Park and the Friends of Fort Clinch will be onsite to provide information about the park and its recreational opportunities exploring Florida's natural and cultural resources. Stop by and learn how to become a Friend of Fort Clinch, adopt a sea turtle nest or attend an educational program at the park.

The farmers market is open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on North Seventh Street between Centre and Alachua streets. The Market Place is open rain or shine, and well behaved, leashed pets are welcomed.

## SUMMER CAMPS

## Girl Scouts

Girl Scouts of Gateway Council has announced 2018 summer camps open to girls of Northeast Florida.

This year, GSGC is offering summer camp experiences at two different locations. Camp Kateri near Gainesville and North Fork in Middleburg will be the selected sites for Girl Scout activities this summer and will offer a variety of session themes that will allow campers to earn Archery, Gardener, Adventurer, STEM and Survival badges.

Camp Kateri will offer multiple resident camps throughout the months of June, July and August. Resident camps are overnight camps for girls of varying ages to practice independence, test their ideas and try new things. At Camp Kateri, campers can participate in activities such as swimming, kayaking, outdoor skills, arts and crafts, canoeing and archery.

The North Fork Leadership Center will host day camps where campers can enjoy the wonders of nature with canoeing and archery. Day campers may also choose the STEM emphasis camp to combine nature with the sciences such as robotics, photography, astronomy and more.

Beyond day camps at North Fork, the North Fork campsite offers girls the option of a two- or three-night stay to test out a traditional camp experience. Girls choosing to try a sampler overnight camp will sleep in a cabin, cook over a fire at night and enjoy customary camp activities including swimming, boating, shooting and making s'mores.

Teens who have completed high school will be able to earn their Counselor in Training designations. With the approval from a Girl Scout camp



director, Counselors in Training have the opportunity to mentor and work with younger girls in a camp and outdoor setting.

For more information about the Girl Scouts of Gateway Council 2018 summer camp offerings and how to register, visit [girlscouts-gatewaycouncil.com](http://girlscouts-gatewaycouncil.com) or contact TriciaRae Stancato at 421-3484.

## Theater

Amelia Community Theatre has announced its slate of 2018 summer camps for children and teens. Registration for all camps begins April 2 and can be completed by going online to [ameliacommunitytheatre.org](http://ameliacommunitytheatre.org), by calling 261-6749 or by visiting the ACT box office April 2 between 2:30 and 5 p.m., April 3 between 12 and 2 p.m. or any Thursday, Friday or Saturday from April 5 to 21 between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

• **One-Week Acting Camp**  
June 4-8, 9 a.m. to noon; ages 7-12; tuition – \$100

Campers will learn theater basics and perform a short play for friends and family on June 8. The camp is held in ACT's Studio Theatre at 209 Cedar St. in Fernandina Beach. Note: 7 year olds must have completed the first grade or equivalent.

King Lear  
William Shakespeare

• **Two-Week Musical Theater Camp**  
June 18-30, 9 a.m. to noon; ages 8-12; tuition – \$200

June 18-30, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.; ages 12-17; tuition – \$230

This camp will present a production of *Mary Poppins Jr.* on ACT's Main Stage at 207 Cedar St. in Fernandina Beach at 7 p.m. June 29 and 1 p.m. June 30. Campers must be available for the performances to sign up for the camp. Notes: 8 year olds must have completed the second grade or equivalent; 12 year olds have the option of registering for either the morning or the all-day session.

• **Two-Week Shakespeare Camp**  
July 2-14, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.; ages 12-18; tuition – \$150

This camp will present performances of *King Lear* at 7 p.m. July 13 and 14 in ACT's Studio Theatre at 209 Cedar St. in Fernandina Beach. Campers must be available for the performances to sign up for the camp.

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## Getting our share

Sen. Aaron Bean made such a haul for Northeast Florida at the state legislative session that he could have used a trailer to bring it all back. Maybe a U-Haul? This year's session proved to be that bountiful for the Fernandina Beach/Nassau County/Jacksonville areas that Bean represents. Bean, who lives in Fernandina Beach, said it was "one of the most productive sessions I have been involved with for Northeast Florida."

The numbers tell the whole story. Like \$50 million for beach renourishment, a bulk of it targeted for Northeast Florida. And another \$25 to \$50 million for revitalizing the St. Johns River watershed, which impacts Nassau County.

Then there is \$450,000 for drainage repairs at the Fernandina Beach waterfront, and funds to help plan the William Burgess Boulevard-Miner Road connector (as an alternate route to State Road 200/A1A in Yulee). This connector will help alleviate some of the congestion there.

Not to overlook \$2 million for improvements to the Port of Fernandina, as well as \$400,000 for a kitchen project at the Council on Aging to encourage sound nutrition. Overall, it was quite a haul.

In addition, Bean sponsored 12 bills at the annual session in Tallahassee. They included the following bills, which passed both chambers:

Pro Bono Attorney Act: This legislation encourages attorneys to do pro bono work for children in the welfare system. Right now, lawyers must pay the court costs out of pocket when representing special-needs children. "With the passage of this bill, we can remove the obstacles and unintended consequences of pro bono work thereby benefiting Florida's most vulnerable children," Bean says.

Excess Credit Hours Act: This



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Steve Nicklas

This will "help thousands of students annually."

The total state budget amounted to \$88 billion. Unlike the federal budget, and many other state budgets, it was balanced and included \$3.3 billion in state reserves. This is a sound financial status for any state.

In addition, the budget included two sales-tax holidays, a permanent reduction in sales taxes on commercial leases, and unprecedented per-student funding for K-through-12 education.

Bean, a senior senator who also served four terms as the state representative here, is quite pleased with the entire haul. Northeast Florida will be better for it, even if we have to haul it ourselves.

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## COMMUNITY THANKS

### Newcomers Club fundraiser a success

The Community Service Committee of the Newcomers Club of Amelia Island wishes to thank all of the many local businesses and newcomer members who gave so generously and eagerly to our annual Give A Heart fundraiser. Through all of their wonderful donations and member raffle ticket sales, we were pleased to donate \$4,010 to Barnabas Hurricane Relief Fund.

After Hurricane Irma, Barnabas helped, and continues to help, 50 fam-

ilies in the county recover from the storm damage, lost housing and wages, and FEMA assistance.

We are truly blessed to live in a community where businesses and citizens are so caring and giving. Thank you all for your generosity.

Wendy Taylor and Cheri Vander Biezen, co-chairs  
Give a Heart Community Service Committee  
Newcomers Club of Amelia Island

### Goodbye

On March 31, McGill Aviation will cease to do business at the Fernandina Beach Municipal Airport. For the last 20 years we have been honored to provide efficient, friendly, honest, and safe aviation ground support to the users of Fernandina's airport. While it was our intention to continue our family operated service, others had a different plan. That is the nature of the beast when operating on a leasehold facility and we are ok with that.

I would like to thank the many people who have touched our lives over the last two decades.

First, everyone who has worked at McGill Aviation. We have had over 240 great members of our team come and go. It has been my privilege to work with every one of them and personally rewarding to see some great aviation careers get started at McGill Aviation.

Many thanks go to the Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 943 for hosting their monthly cookouts and, most rewarding, conducting their Young Eagles events. We loved seeing the families and kids running around the building, and my personal favorite was getting to take kids on their first airplane rides. I will never forget that experience.

I absolutely have to thank the many groups that have used our facilities over the years. Especially the Humane Society. Being such a dog lover, it was a pure joy to be able to help out such a worthwhile organization. I'm sure the volunteers did not love setting up all of the tables for the great sales they used to have in the hangar with no air conditioning, but we were happy to have everyone hanging around and hopefully raising money for their now awesome facilities.

It was a true honor to be included by Ken and Laurie Byrns in getting the Ben Byrns Runway Rally off the ground. We loved supporting this event honoring Ben and seeing the community get to experience a 5K run on the airport and truly run the runways.

There are so many great memories from all of the groups that have visited the airport over the years, these include Leadership Nassau, the Boy Scouts, and the Amelia Island Montessori School, just to name a few. Thank you all for including us in your aviation education.

We have to thank all of the aeronautical users that allowed us to provide them service over the years. Thank you for giving us the opportunity for being nationally recognized for helping coordinate the many large-use special events such as the Super Bowl, the many owner/pilot associations that have visited, and of course, the Concours d'Elegance. It was our privilege to be the first and last interaction with many of these visitors.

Nathan Coyle, the city's most recent and best airport manager, needs thanks. He has brought professional airport management that this facility has never had. It has been a pleasure to work with him. I wish him the best in the incredibly difficult job he has.

Finally, I want to thank my father, John, for allowing me the opportunity to be part of such an amazing community. It was under his direction that I have been able to be part of so many great organizations. Thank you to the Amelia Island-Fernandina Beach-Yulee Chamber of Commerce, the Rotary Club of Fernandina Beach, the Amelia Island Montessori School, Marathon High, and the Trinity Love Hoblit Foundation that have allowed me to be part of your organization and serve in a variety of leadership positions.

Although McGill Aviation will be gone, Tifini and I still plan on being active members of the community with our son and look forward to the next 20 years.

Sean P. McGill, President  
McGill Aviation

### Affordable housing?

The Corps of Engineers issued a permit clearing the way for the construction of the mixed-use development at 14th and Lime. The city must now assure that the developer lives up to his representation to construct "affordable" housing on the property which was a key consideration in community support for the project. The representation was never formalized in documents as a commitment, e.g. deed restriction at the time of the approval by the City Commission.

Early indications are the developer does not intend to develop "affordable" housing on the property. The application for a change in zoning allowing increased density and developing wetlands approved by the Commission indicates the developer will build a "Class A" multifamily development and high-quality building infrastructure including a pool and clubhouse offered at a "market" rent. This is not generally considered affordable housing, which HUD defines as the resident commits no more than 30 percent of their household income to housing including utilities. Households paying more than 30 percent are considered "cost burdened" and may have difficulty affording basic necessities including food, transportation and medical care. The 2016 Median household income in Fernandina Beach according to the US Census Bureau was \$52,448. The average salary for a high school teacher in Nassau County is \$47,190 and police/firefighter salaries are comparable.

To avoid the "misunderstanding" at best or "bait and switch" disagreement currently occurring between the East Nassau Community Planning Area, a.k.a. Wildlight, and the county commissioners, the city must formalize its understanding with the developer of the 14th and Lime project. The city must use any opportunity, e.g. permits, variances, exceptions to the Comprehensive Plan, impact fees, request for services i.e. water and sewer, to formalize into perpetuity a commitment to provide "affordable housing."

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### VIEWPOINT / WAYNE DENNIS / FERNANDINA BEACH

## In defense of HOAs – the facts and truths

I read with interest the article in the Voice of the People in the March 23, 2018, edition of the News-Leader titled "Caveat emptor" regarding homeowner associations (HOAs) in our community and the State of Florida in general. For full disclosure, I have been serving on the board of a local HOA for four years. Believe me when I tell you – it is a thankless job.

My wife and I have lived in the Fernandina Beach/Amelia Island area for 20 years. In those 20 years, we have lived in three communities controlled by an HOA structure both on-island and off-island. Freedom does not excuse anyone from responsibility.

Not one time in those 20 years, in signing either a lease agreement or buying a house in an HOA community, have we ever had a jack-booted, leather trench coat-wearing Gestapo, KGB, NKVD or SSD agent and his snarling, drooling doberman pinscher standing over us with a hot spotlight screaming, "We have ways to make you sign." We chose to live in these communities out of our own free will, and we knew beforehand the HOAs Covenants and Restrictions (C&Rs) and agreed to abide by them.

If the author of the article did not know beforehand of her HOAs requirements, there are only two logical reasons she was not informed. First, she was simply not given a copy by her real estate agent or builder. In either case that is not the fault of the HOA. She needs to take it up with one of those above. There is something called "full disclosure" in contracts, but I won't get into the legality issues.

The second logical reason, if she did receive a copy of the HOA's C&Rs, she simply didn't take time to read them. She titled her article "caveat emptor." This term is used in contracts which means "let the buyer beware" which places the onus on the buyer of performing due diligence before making a purchase, in other words, common sense.

These C&Rs are not fun nor interesting to read, but that doesn't excuse anyone from their "caveat emptor" responsibility regardless if it is or is not written in a contract, especially when making such a large investment in a home particularly in an HOA Deeded Community. I do not know of any HOA that does not have C&Rs available and published.

Secondly, in Florida, we have duly elected representatives who serve in the Florida legislature. This organization of elected citizens passes lengthy legal documents called Florida statutes. Like C&Rs, they are not fun or interesting to read for the general public. HOAs and Condominium Associations (COAs) abide by FS 720 and others. These are the "do's and don'ts" in how to structure and manage either HOAs or COAs. Having lived in three HOA communities, I have never seen where an HOA's C&Rs did not have the foundation of these legal Florida statutes. As a rule, these C&Rs are established by the community developer before ownership of the community is passed to the homeowner's association. In our case, our C&Rs were established in 2000-01. These C&Rs are registered with the county. It normally takes a supermajor-

ity vote by the homeowners to make changes to C&Rs. Any changes made to any HOA's C&Rs also must be registered with the county. These requirements protect the homeowners from any board trying to exercise dictatorial powers or establishing as the author of the article calls a "totalitarian regime," over any HOA through arbitrarily changing C&Rs at their whim. If any board of an HOA or COA overreaches their authority established by their C&Rs and Florida statutes, there can be serious legal consequences. As board members, our main priority is the fiduciary responsibility for our total community, not to some disgruntled homeowner who didn't get their way. We go the extra mile in treating everyone fairly and without prejudice or favoritism. In many HOAs, including ours, there is an appeals process for a homeowner to go to the Board of Directors and dispute an issue of a ruling by the architectural review or modification committee. And the author is wrong: reasonable variances are given under certain circumstances. If the author of the article doesn't like the rules and regulations of her HOA, I suggest she first start with the Florida state legislature or become involved in her community as a contributor.

The author of the article was correct in asking her question, "Why on earth would you buy a house in a development with an HOA?" My question to her is, "Why did you?" There are areas in this community where I choose not to live for various reasons. There are clubs and organizations I don't belong to because I don't like

some of their rules and requirements. There are churches I am not a member of because I don't agree with their beliefs and worship structure. There are people I don't associate with because I don't like the way they conduct themselves. The point is, I am free to choose where I live and with whom I want to associate. If you don't want to live in an HOA-controlled community then, by all means, don't live in one. For that matter, don't move to Florida because it is full of HOAs and COAs.

In our 20 years living in this beautiful coastal area and HOA communities, we have received our fair share of HOA letters regarding our grass, our landscaping, our trees, our mailbox, our dog, our cars and our garbage cans. We have filled out our share of modification request on painting, landscaping, tree removal, fencing, etc. We complied because it was required and it was our accepted responsibility in living in these communities.

Over the years, common decency, common sense, and common courtesy left our society around the same time along with personal responsibility and accountability. If you don't like what your HOA does, either get involved and legally make changes or sell and buy elsewhere where you can do whatever you please. That is your freedom. If you sell and move to a non-HOA-controlled community, I need to give you a warning: The city, the county, the St. Johns Water Management District, the EPA and other government organizations have restrictions as well, so be careful.



## COUNTY TRACK AND FIELD MEET



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Hilliard Middle-Senior High School hosted the Nassau County high school track and field meet Wednesday. The Fernandina Beach High School girls and boys won the event. Top right, Brooke Long takes the 100m title for FBHS; she also won the 200m and 400m for the Pirates. Also pictured is Yulee's McKenzie Griffin. Walker Bean, top left, won the shot put and discus for FBHS. Keenan Perkins of Yulee, above left, competes in the high jump. Above right, Yulee's J.J. Turner and Jawaun Foust and Fernandina's Keaton McDonald compete in the boys 100m. John Sorensen won the boys one-mile and two-mile for FBHS. More photos, 9A.



Josie Kilburn takes the baton from Ana Delfs during a relay event for FBHS, left. Noah Smith of Yulee, center, competes in the long jump. Right, FBHS's Tayger Bille and Yulee's Darrian Dixon in the boys hurdles.



Yulee's Ziona Jones, left, lands in the sand pit during one of her attempts in the triple jump. Right, teammate Shavonne Bellamy competes in the girls hurdles.

# SPORTS SHORTS

## Hoops school

The Journey Church's spring basketball academy is underway. The program is open to boys and girls in grades 5-12.

There are 12 sessions held Mondays and Tuesdays through May 1. The girls academy runs from 6-7:15 p.m., and the boys academy is from 7:30-8:45 p.m. The cost is \$160 or \$20 per day for those unable to attend the entire academy.

The Journey Church is located at 95707 Amelia Concourse. For information, email rainmakerscentral@gmail.com, call (417) 540-0293 or visit www.facebook.com/RainMakersFirstCoast.

## Youth lacrosse

Amelia Island Nassau County Youth Lacrosse is a developmental youth lacrosse program for youths ages 8-12. Registration is now open for the spring season. There are teaching clinics throughout the year. No prior experience or knowledge of the sport is required.

The league is completely volunteer-driven and is looking for adult volunteers, with or without experience.

Register at www.tshq.blue-sombbrero.com/ameliaisland-lax. Email aincyouthlacrosse@gmail.com or contact organizer Fred McFarlin at (252) 229-7033 or 277-6702.

## Katie Ride

The 14th annual Katie Ride will be April 21, and registration is open for participants and volunteers. Sign up at www.KatieRide.org.

This is a Katie Caples Foundation signature fundraising event, presented by Mayo Clinic. It is a fully supported cycling and walk/run event for all levels with bike routes of 18, 34 and 63 miles; an 8K Walk and Fun Run; off-road course; and a Sprint Triathlon (300-yard pool swim, 18-mile ride and 5K run).

Check-in and registration open at 6 a.m. on the day of the event, which starts and finishes at the Atlantic Avenue Recreation Center in Fernandina Beach.

## Thirsk scholarship

The Nassau Sport Fishing Association will be awarding \$2,000 scholarships to three worthy graduating seniors attending high schools in Nassau County through its Johnny Thirsk Memorial Scholarship program.

This year, three \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded directly to three outstanding graduating high school seniors. This scholarship is a renewable scholarship, paid for two consecutive years for a total of \$2,000 per recipient.

To be eligible for consideration this year, all completed applications, with all required forms and information included, must be postmarked by April 6. Information, including all necessary application forms, selection criteria and instructions for all submissions, are available at www.nsfafish.net/page-1774468.

Contact Michael Castner at 491-6309 or jmc60@comcast.net for information.

## Ride with the Sheriff

The fourth annual Ride with the Sheriff, to benefit The Arc Nassau, will be held April

14, rain or shine, starting and finishing at The Arc Nassau, 86051 Hamilton St. and U.S. 17 in Yulee.

Register for the escorted ride online at www.thearcnassau.org or by phone by calling 225-9355. Pre-registration is \$20 per driver, \$10 per passenger. On-site registration is \$25 per driver, \$15 per passenger. Check-in begins at 8 a.m. Kickstands up at 9:30 a.m.

## Boules Club

The Amelia Island Boules Club holds petanque pickup games on the petanque courts at the south end of the downtown marina Saturdays at 9:30 a.m. and most afternoons on weekdays.

Petanque (pay-tonk) is a cousin of both horseshoes and bocce, the Italian bowling game. The public is always welcome. Call 491-1190 for information.

## NSFA meets

The Nassau Sport Fishing Association holds its monthly business meetings on the second Wednesday of each month. The monthly social get-together is held on the fourth Wednesday of each month. The location for both meetings is Kraft Ten Acres, 961023 Buccaneer Trail, Fernandina Beach. All are welcome to attend.

The Nassau Sport Fishing Association, founded in 1983, is a 501(c)(3) 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 Dennis Burke at (256) 453-4744 or email info@nsfafish.net.

## Sailing club meets

The Amelia Island Sailing Club meets the first Tuesday of the month at the Kraft Athletic Club at Ten Acres, located off Buccaneer Trail. Social hour starts at 6:30 p.m., followed by a potluck dinner, business meeting and guest speaker presentation. Guests are welcome.

The AISC is a great way to meet new friends who share a love of the water and boating. Current boat ownership or sailing skills are not prerequisites to joining. Club activities throughout the year may include day/overnight excursions by water and/or land, sailboat racing, social activities such as tubing, swimming with manatees, picnics and parties; as well as assisting with local conservation and environmental efforts in surrounding waters.

Contact Commodore Tom Maguire at (703) 298-1714.

## Monster Jam

Tickets for the all-new Monster Jam Triple Threat Series will be on sale soon for the Sept. 1 tour stop at the Veterans Memorial Arena in Jacksonville.

Show times are 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. Trucks and drivers have yet to be announced.

Tickets will go on pre-sale to Feld Preferred members at 10 a.m. April 10. The general public on sale will take place at 10 a.m. April 17. Visit www.MonsterJam.com.

# COUNTY TRACK AND FIELD MEET



Yulee's J.C. Simpson, second from left, and Fernandina Beach's Chris Pulwicz compete in the boys 100m Wednesday during the Nassau County high school track and field meet at Hilliard Middle-Senior High School.

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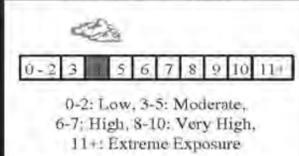
FBHS's Kenzie Branch, far left, and Yulee's Aniya Oree, second from right, compete in the girls 100m.

## The News Leader Weather Summary

### Fernandina Beach's Seven Day Forecast

<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>
Few Showers	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy
75 / 58	71 / 59	75 / 62	77 / 64	75 / 62	80 / 67	81 / 68

### Local UV Index



### Weather Trivia

How many cloud droplets does it take to make a raindrop?  
 Answer: It takes about one million droplets to provide enough water for one raindrop.

### Weather History

**March 30, 1987** - A storm spread heavy snow across the Ohio Valley and lower Great Lakes region. Cleveland received 16 inches of snow in 24 hours, their second highest total of record. Winds gusting to 50 mph created 8-12 foot waves on Lake Huron.

### Peak Fishing/Hunting Times This Week

Peak Times			Peak Times		
Day	AM	PM	Day	AM	PM
Fri	11:32-1:32	11:57-1:57	Tue	2:46-4:46	3:10-5:10
Sat	12:22-2:22	12:46-2:46	Wed	3:34-5:34	3:58-5:58
Sun	1:11-3:11	1:35-3:35	Thu	4:22-6:22	4:46-6:46
Mon	1:58-3:58	2:22-4:22			

www.WhatsOurWeather.com

### Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonsset	
Fri	7:17 a.m.	7:43 p.m.	7:04 p.m.	6:56 a.m.	New 4/15
Sat	7:16 a.m.	7:44 p.m.	8:05 p.m.	7:33 a.m.	
Sun	7:14 a.m.	7:44 p.m.	9:05 p.m.	8:10 a.m.	First 4/22
Mon	7:13 a.m.	7:45 p.m.	10:03 p.m.	8:47 a.m.	
Tue	7:12 a.m.	7:46 p.m.	11:00 p.m.	9:25 a.m.	
Wed	7:11 a.m.	7:46 p.m.	11:55 p.m.	10:04 a.m.	
Thu	7:10 a.m.	7:47 p.m.	Prev Day	10:46 a.m.	

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

Date	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Farmer's Growing Degree Days			
3/21	64	53	75/51	0.00"	Date	Degree Days	Date	Degree Days
3/22	65	43	75/52	0.00"	3/21	8	3/25	17
3/23	60	44	76/52	0.00"	3/22	4	3/26	7
3/24	72	49	76/52	0.00"	3/23	2	3/27	16
3/25	77	57	76/52	0.00"	3/24	10		
3/26	59	56	77/53	0.00"				
3/27	71	61	77/53	0.00"				

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

### Tides This Week

Fernandina Beach				St. Mary's Entrance					
Date	High	Low		Date	High	Low			
Fri	8:52 am	2:22 am	9:17 pm	2:46 pm	Fri	8:16 am	2:19 am	8:41 pm	2:43 pm
Sat	9:40 am	3:13 am	10:05 pm	3:31 pm	Sat	9:04 am	3:10 am	9:29 pm	3:28 pm
Sun	10:25 am	4:00 am	10:50 pm	4:14 pm	Sun	9:49 am	3:57 am	10:14 pm	4:11 pm
Mon	11:08 am	4:46 am	11:32 pm	4:55 pm	Mon	10:32 am	4:43 am	10:56 pm	4:52 pm
Tue	11:49 am	5:30 am	None	5:35 pm	Tue	11:13 am	5:27 am	11:38 pm	5:32 pm
Wed	12:14 am	6:15 am	12:30 pm	6:16 pm	Wed	11:54 am	6:12 am	None	6:13 pm
Thu	12:55 am	7:01 am	1:11 pm	6:59 pm	Thu	12:19 am	6:58 am	12:35 pm	6:56 pm

### StarWatch By Gary Becker - Spring? You Must be Kidding!

Nor'easter number four is blasting away, and we are officially one day into spring. Several storms passed too far from the Lehigh Valley to create much in the way of disruptions; however, this one was just right. The period for snow, however, must come to an end even if the nor'easters decide to carry on, but Dave says we are not done yet. The sun is getting higher in our sky, and the days have lengthened to the point where any snow that falls, particularly on roadways, will not accumulate unless it is at night or the snow rates are excessive like today (March 21). Spring weather is also variable with more than a reasonable number of cloudy, dismal days, but springtime also produces nights that are crystal clear and afford observers some of the best views of the late winter sky. Take March 18 as an example. The moon, Venus, and Mercury were visible low in the west, a must-see event, but conditions had to be nearly perfect because all objects, especially the moon, were very low in the western sky. Sunset occurred under a flawlessly clear atmosphere, and all three objects were visible about 30 minutes after sundown. The silvery, crescent moon was visible with plenty of earthshine, light from the nearly full Earth reflected back to us from the unlit portions of the moon, as it set behind a stand of trees that were nearly flush with the horizon. The Paschal Moon is full on Saturday, March 31, at 8:37 a.m., EDT which sets the stage for Easter the following day, April 1. If you want to get the date of Easter correct about 80 percent of the time, try memorizing that Easter occurs on the first Sunday after the first full moon after the vernal equinox (first day of spring). If you want to get Easter's date correct all of the time, note that Easter occurs on the first Sunday after the 14th day of the Paschal Moon on or after the 21st of March. Easter can happen as early as March 22 and as late as April 25. In 2019, Easter occurs on April 21. If you celebrate, Happy Easter! www.astronomy.org

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## 2018 SCHEDULES

Month	Day	Event	Time			
MARCH	30	FERNANDINA BEACH HIGH SCHOOL Varsity Baseball at Camden County	6:00			
	3	TIFT, Ga.	6:00			
	5	at Atlantic Coast	6:00			
	6	at Episcopal	7:00			
	9	PAXON	6:00			
	12	RAINES	6:00			
	13	at Raines	6:00			
	19	YULEE	6:00			
	20	at Yulee	6:30			
	24	at Fleming Island	5:00			
	30	HILLIARD (seniors)	7:00			
	30-May 3	DISTRICT at FBHS				
APRIL	3	CAMDEN	6:00			
	5	ATLANTIC COAST	6:00			
	6	at Yulee	6:00			
	9	PAXON	4:00			
	12	at Episcopal	6:00			
	MAY	17-13	DISTRICT at FBHS	8:00		
		FERNANDINA BEACH HIGH SCHOOL Junior Varsity Baseball	30	CAMDEN	6:00	
			5	ATLANTIC COAST	6:00	
			6	at Yulee	6:00	
			9	PAXON	4:00	
			12	at Episcopal	6:00	
			FERNANDINA BEACH HIGH SCHOOL Tennis	17-13	DISTRICT at FBHS	8:00
FERNANDINA BEACH HIGH SCHOOL Softball				30	YULEE	6:00
				2	LEE	5:00
				4	FIRST COAST	6:00
				6	at Terry Parker	6:00
				10	BISHOP SNYDER	6:00
	11			JACKSON	6:00	
	12	at St. Johns Country		4:30		
	16	ED WHITE (seniors)		6:00		
	18	at Sandalwood		5:30		
	20	at Lee		5:00		
	23-26	District at West Nassau				
	YULEE HIGH SCHOOL Varsity Baseball	30	at Suwannee	7:00		
2		COOK COUNTY, Ga.	6:00			
3		TIFT COUNTY, Ga.	6:00			
4		ARCHER, Ga.	4:00			
11		at Bishop Kenny*	6:00			
12		BISHOP KENNY*	6:30			
16		at Episcopal	6:30			
19		at Fernandina Beach*	6:00			
20		FERNANDINA BEACH*	6:30			
23		ATLANTIC COAST	6:00			
24		at Bolles	6:30			
May 1-5		District				
YULEE HIGH SCHOOL Junior Varsity Baseball	2	at Atlantic Coast	6:00			
	3	at Creekside	6:00			
	6	FERNANDINA	6:30			
	9	BISHOP KENNY	6:30			
	10	at Bishop Kenny	6:00			
	YULEE HIGH SCHOOL Varsity Softball	30	at Fernandina Beach	6:00		
		6-7	Doc for Life at Ocala			
		12	at Episcopal	6:00		
		13	at Bolles	6:00		
		17	PAXON	6:30		
		23-23	District at West Nassau			
		YULEE HIGH SCHOOL Junior Varsity Softball	6-7	Doc for Life at Ocala		
FERNANDINA BEACH HIGH SCHOOL Track & Field			4	Sprint/field meets at Bolles		
			11	or 12 District		
			25	Region		
			May 4-5	State at UNF		
			YULEE MIDDLE SCHOOL Baseball	30	HILLIARD	6:00
	3			Semifinals at Hilliard	5/7:00	
	5			Finals at Yulee	6:00	
	FERNANDINA BEACH MIDDLE SCHOOL Tennis			2	at Providence	4:00



The overall Guest Day winning team included, from left, Vida Waldon, Rebecca Ott, Mary Ellen Mendes and Pam Vieser, left. Right, heart flight winners included Andrea Alvarado, Barbara Field, Barbara Houlihan and Melonie Murphy, from left.



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## 52 teams brave winds in Wild Card Spring Guest Day

The second annual Wild Card Spring Guest Day was held March 21 at The Amelia Island Club at Long Point. Fifty-two brave women played in 25 mph winds, gusting to 30 mph. Format was best ball on the front nine and a scramble on the back nine.

There were two flights, the diamond flight and the heart flight. Capturing the overall title was the team of Pam Vieser, Mary Ellen Mendes, Rebecca Ott and Vida Waldon.

Winning the diamond flight was the team of Tawnia Weiss, Sally Melalko, Tonya Martin and

Dianne Flynn. The heart flight winning team included Andrea Alvarado, Barbara Field, Barbara Houlihan and Melonie Murphy.

The diamond flight scramble winners were Mary Brannen, LouAnn Pollock, Gracia Drew and Janet Woodward. The heart flight scramble

winning team included Debi Sutton, Julie Hensler, Donna Sweet and Vickie Galpin. The wild card winning team included Sylvia Derrick, Carolyn Rumph, Ann Rogers and Sally Bruce.

The players warmed up and celebrated with drinks and heavy hors d'oeuvres.



First place in the Interclub Tournament went to Sue Lansdell, Sherri Braeger, Nancy Carpenter and Pat Kraus, from left.

## 44 local ladies compete in Interclub Tournament

The Golf Club of Amelia Island Ladies Golf Association hosted its Interclub Tournament on March 22, with ladies from Amelia River, Fernandina Beach and North Hampton golf courses. A field of 44 players enjoyed a continental breakfast, golf and lunch.

The wind made the day interesting, but the ladies managed to get through the marsh holes with only slight damage to their scores.

The scoring was two better balls of the foursome, with first place going to the team of Sue Lansdell, Pat Kraus and Sherri Braeger, with a score of 125. In second place, with a score of 128, were Sue Burke, Debbie Engers, Sharon Sheets-Long and Peggy Kunkel.

Third place was a tie of 130 and card match going to Linda Franks, Kathy Strychowski, Betsy Montgomery and Sue Raskin.



The second-place team included Sharon Sheets-Long, Debbie Engers, Sue Burke and Peggy Kunkel, from left.



In third place was the team of Betsy Montgomery, Sue Raskin, Linda Franks and Kathy Strychowski, from left.

## Hentigan, Babin clinch FBWGA title

Rachael Hentigan and Glenda Babin won the Fernandina Beach Women's Golf Association Member-Member Tournament. They edged out a field of 18 teams with a net score of 123.

There was some great play over this two-day event, but Hentigan and Babin held off the competition and captured the title.

In flight A, first place went to the team of Dino Busey and Michelle Vessey with a net score of 127. There was a tie for second between the teams of Mary Poole and Julie Hensler and Terri Wright and Debbie Engers with a net score of 127.

Flight B first place went to the team of Nancy Imboden and Sue Lopiano with a net score of 128. Second place went to Mary Ansley and Mary Ann Schroeder with a net score of 130.

Flight C first place went to the team of Carol Anderson and Sue Raskin with a score of 128. Second went to Joyce Tonti and Pat Gibbs with a score of 133.



Rachael Hentigan, left, and Glenda Babin teamed up to win the FBWGA Member-Member Tournament.

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PICK-UP BASKETBALL FOR HOME-SCHOOLERS at Peck Gym through April 18. Boys and girls ages 4-18. Wednesdays from 1-3 p.m. Cost is \$2/student per day city residents, \$5 non-city. Contact Weisfeld at 310-3354 or [jweisfeld@fbfl.org](mailto:jweisfeld@fbfl.org).

OPEN ADULT VOLLEYBALL at Peck Gym 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays and Fridays. Informal games on two courts. Teams selected each night. Ages 16 and up (ages 16 and 17 must have parental consent form signed by parents and notarized before participating). Fee are \$2/day city resident, \$5 non-city.

YOUTH TEAM VOLLEYBALL at Peck Gym Tuesdays and Fridays 3-6 p.m. for school and club teams. Players must have adult coach or adult supervision. Call at 24 hours in advance to reserve courts, 310-3353. Fee is \$2/day city resident, \$5 non-city.

OPEN ADULT INDOOR SOCCER at Peck Gym Wednesdays 5:30-8 p.m. Informal team games. Ages 16 and up (ages 16 and 17 must have parental consent form signed by parents and notarized before participating). Fees are \$2 city residents, \$5 non-city residents.

OPEN BASKETBALL at Peck Gym Monday and Thursday 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. (court closes at 5:30 p.m. for adult leagues in winter and summer); Wednesday 11 a.m. to

5:15 p.m.; and Tuesday and Friday 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., based on court availability. Persons under the age of 16 must be accompanied by adults age 18 or older. Photo identification required.

PICKLEBALL at the Central Park multipurpose court 3 p.m. Sunday, beginner and social play; 5 p.m. Sunday, intermediate and advanced play; 4 p.m. Monday, women's open play; 8 a.m. Tuesday, intermediate and advanced play; 10 a.m. Tuesday, beginner and social play; 5 p.m. Wednesday, intermediate and advanced play; 8 a.m. Thursday, men's open play; 8 a.m. Friday, intermediate and advanced play; 10 a.m. Friday, beginner and social play. Email [dcultice@yahoo.com](mailto:dcultice@yahoo.com).

OPEN ROLLER HOCKEY at the Main Beach. Adult skate Tuesdays and Saturdays 6-8 p.m. and family skate Tuesdays from 5-6 p.m. and Saturdays from 9-10 a.m. Call Ray Matz at (215) 852-7038.

AQUATICS POOL LIFEGUARD CERTIFICATION COURSE at the Atlantic Center. Pre-test at Atlantic Pool (participants must be at least 15 years old and pass a swimming pre-test in order to enroll for the full course); call for a date/time before April 1, 904-627-8303. Classroom and skills sessions dates and times (participants must attend all sessions; a portion of the academics will be completed at home online prior to first classroom session): April 5 from 5-8 p.m.; April 6 from 5-9 p.m.; April 7 from 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; and April 8 from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. \$159 city residents, \$199 non-city. Register at the Atlantic Center. Contact Kathy Russell at (904) 627-8303 or [orkrussell@fbfl.org](mailto:orkrussell@fbfl.org).

SPRING HOMESCHOOLERS' SWIM CLINIC at Atlantic Pool Tuesdays and Thursdays through May 17, 11-11:50 a.m. Ages 4 and up. Swimmers must be able to demonstrate endurance by completing 25 yards continuously and unassisted in order to register. \$25/month city residents, \$31 non-

city. Call 310-3350, ext. 1, or email [krussell@fbfl.org](mailto:krussell@fbfl.org).

AQUA 1 and DEEP WATER AEROBICS at Atlantic pool. Aqua 1 (shallow water) classes are Monday-Friday from 10-10:55 a.m. Aqua Gym (combination of shallow and deep water) classes are at the MLK Jr. pool on Elm Street Monday and Wednesday from 4-4:55 p.m. and 5:15-6:10 p.m. Deep Water classes (aqua fitness belts required) are Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 11-11:55 a.m. and Tuesday and Thursday from 9-9:55 a.m. Monthly, one class/day, \$50 city residents, \$63 non-city residents; monthly, two classes/day, \$65 city residents, \$81 non-city; \$5/day for one class, city residents, \$6 non-city; \$10/day for two classes, city resident, \$12 non-city. Aqua Gym monthly fees are \$30 city residents, \$38 non-city.

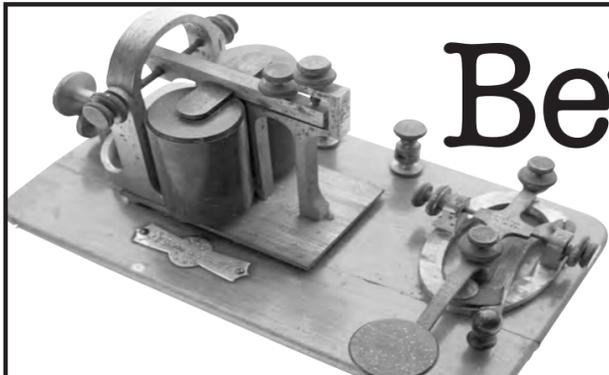
Water Aerobics/Fitness combination passes available (includes use of Atlantic Fitness Room). Inquire at the Atlantic Center.

PRIVATE SWIMMING LESSONS, age 2 to adults, 30-minute single session, \$25 city resident, \$31 non-city; four-pack, \$75 city resident, \$94 non-city. Schedule lessons at the Atlantic Center.

SCUBA CLASSES at Atlantic Pool.

TRY DIVING EXPERIENCE: A one- to two-hour introductory experience that consists of a short classroom session and trying scuba in our pool with a certified scuba diving instructor or divemaster. Ages 8 and up, \$50/person city residents, \$62 non-city; \$80/couple city residents, \$100 non-city; \$150/group city residents (up to six people), \$188 non-city. Scheduled at your convenience.

PADI SCUBA OPEN WATER CERTIFICATION: Private and group instruction available. Standard course: \$275 (additional check-out dive fee). eLearner course: \$205. Participants must provide their own masks, snorkels, fins, booties and weight belts. Ages 10 and up. Information and training schedule for 2017 available at the Atlantic Center.



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## Museum launches spring tour of Cottages and Courtyards



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During the holidays each year, the Amelia Island Museum of History hosts a Holiday Home Tour that takes visitors door-to-door in Fernandina Beach's historic downtown to several Victorian homes decorated for the season by local florists and designers. Now, the Museum is celebrating spring with an inaugural Cottages and Courtyards Tour in April.

Participants will be able to take a self-guided tour to 10 downtown Fernandina Beach properties from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 14. The cottages are all within walking distance of each other and south of Centre Street.

This is a new fundraiser for the Amelia Island Museum of History, with organizers expecting it to become a popular annual event.

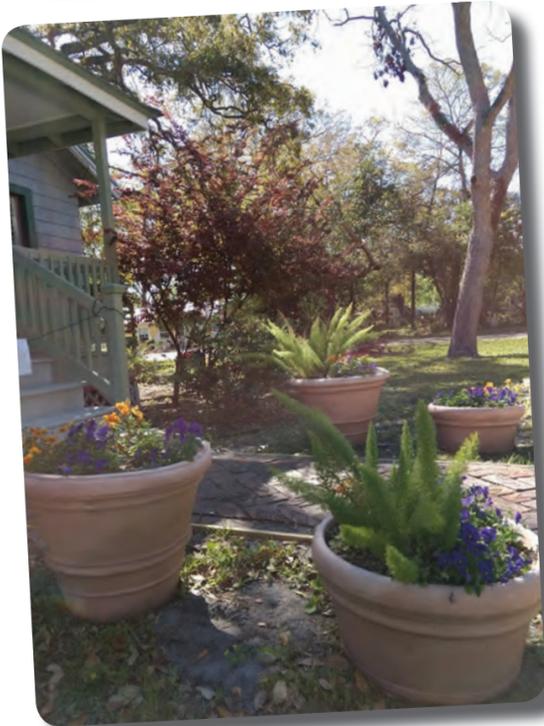
Each of the cottages "are fun, colorful and very different, reflecting the interest and hobbies of the owners. They range in date from the early 1900s to the present day," according to Jennifer Harrison, chairman of the Museum's Board of Trustees.

Tickets are on sale for \$15 at the Museum, located at 233 S. Third St. in Fernandina Beach, and at Peterbrooke's Chocolatier (cash only) next to Publix on Sadler Road, also in Fernandina Beach. Tickets can also be purchased the day of the event at the Museum for \$20. Tickets will not be mailed out and must be picked up at the Museum on the day of the event prior to starting the tour.

The Museum has suggested that the tour is not appropriate for children under 12 and that visitors wear comfortable shoes. No inside photography will be allowed.

Water will be available in a courtyard on South Sixth Street during the tour and participants are welcome to break for lunch at their convenience at any of the downtown restaurants before completing the tour.

For more information, contact the Museum at 261-7378 or [info@ameliamuseum.org](mailto:info@ameliamuseum.org).



## ON & OFF THE ISLAND

### GASLIGHT GALLERY EXHIBIT

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### PETER COTTONTAIL

Children of all ages can enjoy the antics of Peter Cottontail and other characters on a train excursion March 31 in St. Marys, Ga. At 10 a.m., 12, 2 and 4 p.m. the St. Marys Express will take passengers on a journey through picturesque woodlands and marshlands with entertainment along the way. Tickets for the Peter Cottontail Express are \$20 for adults and \$14 for children 12 and under. Children two and under ride free. Tickets can be purchased by visiting [stmarysrailroad.com](http://stmarysrailroad.com) or by calling 912-200-5235. Special group discounts are available for groups of 10 or more by calling 912-729-1103 to get a discount code.



# OUT AND ABOUT

## THIS WEEKEND

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**VFW Post 4351 will host a pork loin dinner** at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, March 31, for a \$10 donation. Dinner includes pork loin, mashed potatoes with gravy and green beans. All money goes to veterans and the community. Karaoke will follow. For more information, call 432-8791.

**The Elk’s annual Easter Egg Hunt** will be held at 3:30 p.m. April 1 at the Oceanfront Lodge and Temple for children ages 1 to 14. For more information, call 432-8156.

**The Island Art Association’s Members Show, themed “Splash of Color,”** is on display until the end of March. Seventy entries featuring a variety of media are on display. The April/May Nouveau Art show is themed “People.” Receiving will be from 9 a.m. to noon April 2. A reception will held during Artrageous Artwalk on April 14. The Gallery is located at 18 N. Second St. in Fernandina Beach. For information, call 261-7020 or visit islandart.org.

## NEXT WEEK

**UF/IFAS Nassau Extension Director and Horticulture Agent Rebecca Jordi will conduct a plant clinic** at 10 a.m. April 2. All county residents are invited to bring plant samples showing landscape problems to the Yulee Extension office on Pages Dairy Road. Problems will be identified and solutions

offered for correction. There is no fee for this service. For more information, call 530-6353. Master Gardeners are on duty 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Fridays at 530-6350 (press “1” for the Yulee office).

**The Amelia Island Museum of History will host a presentation by F. Gary Powers Jr.**, author of Letters from a Soviet Prison: The Personal Journal and Correspondence of CIA U-2 Pilot Gary Powers, at 6 p.m. April 2. For the past 25 years, Powers has lectured on, taught, and researched the Cold War, in particular a May 1, 1960 incident in which his father was shot down while flying a CIA U-2 spy plane over the former Soviet Union. Beginning in 1996, Powers spent 20 years uncovering his dad’s letters to and from family while incarcerated, family photos sent to him in prison, and other correspondence that provides the reader with a unique firsthand account of the U-2 incident, shoot down, imprisonment, and events that led up to his father’s exchange for Soviet Spy Rudolph Abel in 1962. Powers published his book in 2017. This program is open to the public but there is a suggested donation of \$5 at the door. Seating will be first-come, first-served. No advance reservations will be accepted. For more information, contact Gray at 261-7378, ext. 102, or gray@ameliamuseum.org. The Museum is located at 233 S. Third St. in Fernandina Beach.

**Ballroom On Amelia offers Two for Tuesday group classes** with Salsa at 7 p.m. followed by Waltz at 8 p.m. Tuesday classes are \$10 per person or both for \$15. Latin in Motion fitness class are at 7:45 p.m. Wednesdays. A dance workshop is offered from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Thursdays. Wednesday and Thursday classes are \$10 per person. A Friday Night Dance Party will be held from 8 to 10 p.m. March 23. Doors open at 7:45 p.m. Admission is \$10 cash at the door. Ballroom On Amelia is at 1897 Island Walkway at RAD Studios. Neither a partner nor a reservation is required. For information, call 624-0886 or visit ballroomonamelia.com or the Ballroom on Amelia Facebook page.

**The Island Art Association is offering an outdoor sculpture class** with Gwen Quigley and Tony Moretti from 10 a.m. to noon April 3 at its location at 18 N. Second St. in Fernandina Beach. The cost is \$20 for adults and \$10 for children. The class will use local, natural materials and found objects. Using wire and twine and other natural binders together participants will build temporary pieces that will grace the courtyard of the Island Arts Center or your garden. An opportunity

## March Programs

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection’s Talbot Islands State Parks invite visitors to explore the area’s natural environment throughout the month of March. Visitors will have the chance to discover the importance of the wildlife and vegetation that is part of North Florida’s barrier islands. Below are the details of the March program.

### Grand Site Work Day Big Talbot Island State Park Saturday, March 31, at 2 p.m.

Join the Timucuan Parks Foundation and Friends of Talbot Islands State Parks in a morning of outdoor trail work and vegetation clearing to help protect a one-of-a-kind cultural gem, the

## TALBOT ISLAND PARKS

Timucuan Indian Grand Site shell ring on Big Talbot Island State Park. Volunteers will assist in clearing encroaching vegetation using hand trimming tools, treating palmetto stumps and removing debris. These efforts help maintain the site as the park plans to open an interpretive trail for the public to discover this local wonder. Please wear long pants, long sleeves, and sturdy shoes such as hiking boots or rubber rain boots and bring a water bottle, bug spray, and sunscreen. Enjoy a picnic lunch with us provided by the Friends following the trail work. Meet at the Wayside parking area along State Rd. A1A, just north of the Simpson’s Creek bridge, at 9 a.m. Space is limited so please RSVP to Allison.conboy@dep.state.fl.us or 904-251-2811 and contact with any questions.

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The Florida Park Service is dedicated to providing programs that are accessible to all. Persons with special needs that may limit participation or enjoyment of any program should advise the park in advance so assistance with reasonable accommodations can be provided.

For additional information on any of these programs, contact the Talbot Islands Ranger Station at 251-2320. For more information about Florida State Parks, visit [floridastateparks.org/park/Little-Talbot-Island](http://floridastateparks.org/park/Little-Talbot-Island).

The above events will take place at the following locations:

- March 31: Wayside Parking Area, North of Simpson’s Creek bridge, Big Talbot Island State Park, S.R. A1A South, Jacksonville.

for individuals or families to create together. To register, e-mail [crownsnestartists@gmail.com](mailto:crownsnestartists@gmail.com).

**UF/IFAS Nassau Master Gardeners Candace Bridgewater and Karl Shaffer will conduct a class on attracting bluebirds** to your landscape at 10 a.m. April 4 at the Yulee Extension office on Pages Dairy Road. The class will include a short history of the bluebird, its two nesting enemies, how to best protect the bluebird, its ideal habitat, and the best plant and other food sources for the bluebirds. Attendees interested in purchasing a bluebird house must complete a registration form and submit a \$25 fee by 5 p.m. March 23. You can download the form at [blogs.ifas.ufl.edu/nassauco/2017/11/02/bluebirds](http://blogs.ifas.ufl.edu/nassauco/2017/11/02/bluebirds). For more information, call the Nassau Extension office at 530-6353. Master Gardeners are on duty 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Fridays at 530-6350 (press “1” for the Yulee office).

**The Amelia Island Museum of History will hold a Brown Bag Lunch** at noon Wednesday, April 4, with guest speaker D.J. Williams, who will present “Surviving at the South Pole for Science.” In her previous role as an academic physicist, Williams lived and supported research at Amundsen-Scott South Pole Station for 12 months beginning in October 2001. Her experience there as an amateur anesthesiologist led to her current career as an emergency physician. Williams will present an overview of what it was like living at the South Pole Station for a year. She will also cover why anyone would bother going and staying there in the first place. In addition, she will talk about some unique challenges the environment creates and how people adapt. There will be many pictures of ice and people, each doing some rather unexpected things at times. This program is free and open to the public. Seating will be first-come, first-served. For more information, contact Gray at 261-7378, ext. 102, or gray@ameliamuseum.org. The Museum is located at 233 S. Third St. in Fernandina Beach.

**Amelia Lifelong Learning is offering “The Play’s the Thing 3.0,”** taught by Ron Kurtz, as part of its Spring 2018 classes in Nassau County. Participants will read the play *Doubt*, study the stagecraft behind the production, see the play, watch the film, and then compare the two to see how plays and movies differ. This class is a partnership with Amelia Community Theatre. The class will meet at ACT on Thursdays from 3-5 p.m. from April 5 to May 10 (no class on May 3). The class fee is \$40. For full information and to register, visit the ALL website at [amelialearning.com](http://amelialearning.com).

**Amelia Community Theatre will present the Tony Award- and Pulitzer Prize-winning drama *Doubt*** at 8 p.m. April 5-7, 12-14, and 19-21 and at 2 p.m. April 15 at 207 Cedar Street. Tickets are \$22 for adults and \$10 for students through college and are available at 261-6749 and [ameliacommunitytheatre.org](http://ameliacommunitytheatre.org).

**The Island Art Association is offering a floral design class** with Julie Delfs, a designer with 20 years of experience, from 10 a.m. to noon Friday, April 6, or Friday, April 20. The \$45 cost includes all materials. To register, call Delfs at 518-322-7937. For more information about IAA, visit [www.islandart.org](http://www.islandart.org)

**Cummer Amelia’s fourth annual Garden Walk at the Amelia Island Plantation** will take place 1 to 4 p.m. April 6.

The event includes a walking tour of four home gardens with art demonstrations, live music and refreshments. A Garden Market located near the Amelia Island Plantation Shops will be offered from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tickets purchased in advance are \$20 for Cummer Museum members and \$30 for non-members. Tickets purchased the day of the event will be \$40. For information, contact Wendy Mayle at 899-6007 or [wmayle@cummuseum.org](mailto:wmayle@cummuseum.org).

**The Dynamic Les DeMerle Jazz Trio with Bonnie Eisele will Swing Into Spring** with multiple performances at Horizons Restaurant, located at 5472 First Coast Highway on Amelia Island. The group is scheduled to perform 6 to 9 p.m. April 6-7 and 27-28 and May 4-5 and 25-26. For more information and reservations, call 321-2430. A \$15 music charge applies.

**Amelia Community Theatre will hold auditions for William Shakespeare’s *A Midsummer Night’s Dream*** at 4 p.m. April 8 at 207 Cedar Street. A large cast of teens and adults of all ages will be needed. Character descriptions are detailed on the audition page at [ameliacommunitytheatre.org](http://ameliacommunitytheatre.org).

Performances for this popular comedy will be in June on ACT’s Main Stage. To arrange for an alternate audition date or time, contact director Tener Wade at [twade@ameliacommunitytheatre.org](mailto:twade@ameliacommunitytheatre.org) or call 261-6749.

## UPCOMING

**Kristy Woodson Harvey, author of *The Secret to Southern Charm***, the latest novel in her *Peachtree Bluff* series, will appear at an author event on April 9 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at The Book Loft.

The *Peachtree Bluff* series chronicles the journeys of three sisters and their mother – and a secret from their past that has the potential to tear them apart and reshape their very definition of what it means to be a family. *The Secret to Southern Charm* is told in alternative perspectives between middle sister Sloane and her mother as they take their own leaps of faith to chase their biggest dreams and face their biggest fears.

**There will be a Spring Arts and Crafts Festival from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, April 14**, at the Fernandina Beach Golf Club, located at 2800 Bill Melton Road. The show will feature Amelia Island artisans. Offerings for sale will include jewelry, artwork, stained glass, quilts, textiles, photography, wooden creations, beeswax candles and more.

**The Amelia Island Museum of History is sponsoring a new event called “Cottages and Courtyards”** from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 14. Participants will visit 10 cottages and courtyards in the downtown Fernandina Beach area south of Centre Street. The cottages may appear small from the street but most have been enlarged and remodeled. Each cottage is uniquely different and has its own special charm that reflects the passion and interests of its owners who have offered to open their homes in order to benefit the museum. The cottages are within walking distance of each other. Tickets are now on sale at the Museum, online at [ameliamuseum.org](http://ameliamuseum.org) and at Peterbrooke Chocolatier near Publix (cash only). Tickets are \$15 in advance or \$20 on the day of the event.

**UF/IFAS Nassau Extension Director and Horticulture Agent Rebecca**

**Jordi will conduct a plant clinic** at 10 a.m. April 16. All county residents are invited to bring plant samples showing landscape problems to the Yulee Extension office on Pages Dairy Road. Problems will be identified and solutions offered for correction. There is no fee for this service.

For more information, call 530-6353. Master Gardeners are on duty 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Fridays at 530-6350 (press “1” for the Yulee office).

**UF/IFAS Nassau Master Gardeners Vicki Martin and Claudia Witcher will conduct a free class on raising honeybees** at 10 a.m. April 18 at the Yulee Extension office on Pages Dairy Road. Homeowners will be taught the basic requirements of providing a good habitat for honeybees, how to maintain a healthy, honey-producing hive, common mistakes to avoid, and how to protect bees. Both Martin and Witcher have their own honeybee hives. For more information, contact the Extension office at 530-6353.

**The Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens**, in collaboration with Cummer Amelia, will present “An Afternoon of Art: Lecture Series” in partnership with the Fernandina Beach Branch Library from 2 to 4 p.m. on April 23. This series of lectures is free to the public, and registration is encouraged. Light refreshments and beverages will be served at no additional charge. For information, contact Amber Sesnick at 899-6034 or [asesnick@cummuseum.org](mailto:asesnick@cummuseum.org).

**The Fernandina Beach High School Foundation will hold a trivia night fundraiser** at 7 p.m. April 27 in the auditorium at the Atlantic Recreation Center. The Foundation funds vital supplies to the high school that Nassau County cannot provide. Visit [FBHSFoundation.org](http://FBHSFoundation.org) for more information or contact [FBHSFoundationtrivia@gmail.com](mailto:FBHSFoundationtrivia@gmail.com).

**The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary is offering a recreational boating safety course aimed at new boaters, including teens.** Flotilla 14-1 will conduct the course at the Amelia Island Lighthouse on O’Hagan Drive in Fernandina Beach, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on April 28, May 19, and June 9. Registration starts at 7:45 a.m. and costs \$10. If you pass an exam, you will receive a Florida Boater Education card.

## ONGOING

**Three six-week adult beginning guitar classes** are being offered by the Nassau County Adult Education Department beginning in April. Two classes will be held in the old middle school in Yulee at 850935 U.S. 17 North in room 16-01 and will run from April 10 to May 15. The first class will run from 5:30 to 6:45 p.m. The second class will run from 6:45 to 8 p.m. The third class will be held in Fernandina Beach in the Team Center of the Nassau County School District administration building at 1201 Atlantic Ave. on Thursdays from April 12 to May 24 (no class on May 3) from 6:45 to 8 p.m. The limit for all classes is six participants. The cost for a class is \$80 for instruction and materials. Call Michelle at 650-823-1767 to register.

**Resin epoxy, dirty pour art classes** are being held 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays and Fridays at Clay Times Art Center, located at 112 S. Third St. in Fernandina Beach. All materials are provided for you to create your own 12-by-12-inch piece of art, which can be picked up the next day when it has cured to a glass-like finish. Cost is \$45. For more information and to

register, contact Julie Delfs at 518-322-7937.

**The Plantation Artists Guild & Gallery show themed, “Hearts & Flowers,”** will be on view through April. A different artist will be on duty each day, and you will be able to view a variety of artwork by local artists. The gallery is open daily and located at 94 Amelia Village Circle in the Omni Spa & Shops. For information, call 432-1750 or go online to [artamelia.com](http://artamelia.com).

**Tickets for the Fernandina Beach High School Prom** scheduled for 7 to 11 p.m. Saturday, April 14, at the Golf Club of Amelia Island, located at 4700 Amelia Island Parkway in Fernandina Beach, are now on sale. Tickets for students and guests are available for \$100. Tickets can be purchased in the FBHS cafeteria during Anchor Hour on Thursdays. Prom contracts must be signed before tickets can be purchased and students must fill out a guest form for a non-FBHS student.

**The Amelia Knitting Club** meets from 3 to 5 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month at the BuyGO store on South Eighth Street.

**Kings Bay RC Modelers**, established in 1989, is located at the intersection of Clark’s Bluff Road and Oakwell Road in Kingsland, Georgia. We are a small Club with excellent facilities, consisting of friendly people passionate about our hobby. We welcome pilots of all levels. To learn more please visit [bit.ly/2xDcFbD](http://bit.ly/2xDcFbD).

**ACBL Duplicate Bridge**, Peck Center, 516 S. 10th St., Fernandina Beach. Amelia Island Duplicate Bridge Club hosts the only sanctioned ACBL duplicate bridge games on the island. Monday, 1 p.m.; Wednesday, 9:30 a.m.; Thursday, 1 p.m. For information, contact [fredstokes50@gmail.com](mailto:fredstokes50@gmail.com) or (770) 616-7664.

**Bingo is played every Thursday** at American Legion Post 54, 626 S. Third St. The public is invited to play in the meeting hall. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., and early bird games begin at 6:05 p.m. Regular session, which consists of nine games for \$20, begins at 6:30 p.m. Cash prizes, and proceeds are donated to help veterans and the community. You must be 18 to be in the hall during play. Call 261-7900.

**Lions Club bingo**, every Thursday and Sunday, Yulee Lions Club Bingo Hall. Doors open at 4 p.m., warm-ups at 5:15 p.m. Early birds play at 5:45 p.m. with the regular program at 6:30 p.m. Participants must be 18 years old; minimum purchase \$15. Information, 708-2591.

**Living With Loss** is a support group organized by the Nassau Alcohol Crime Drug Abatement Coalition for anyone who has lost a loved one and needs a safe place for comfort and support. Meetings are Mondays from 4-5 p.m. at the Peck Center, 516 S. 10th St., Fernandina Beach. Cost is \$10 per meeting. Call 277-3699 or email [supportgroups@nacdac.com](mailto:supportgroups@nacdac.com) for information.

**Contract bridge**, Monday and Thursday, except the first Monday of each month, 12:30-3:30 p.m., Peck Community Center, 516 S. 10th St., Fernandina Beach.

**Dust off your drumsticks**, oil your valves or wet your reed to join the Nassau Community Band! The ensemble meets weekly at 6 p.m. Thursdays in the Yulee Middle School band room, 85439 Miner Road. For more information, visit [www.nassaucommunityband.com](http://www.nassaucommunityband.com).

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I SEE YOU



PHOTOS BY MARLENE KOZAK/SPECIAL

Amelia Island resident Marlene Kozak recently photographed a pair of great horned owlets that are nesting in an oak tree on Amelia Island. Kozak said the owlets parents have made the tree home for many years. Kozak was unsure of the age of the owlets.



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## 'Doubt' opening April 5 at ACT

The acclaimed drama *Doubt: A Parable*, winner of both the Pulitzer Prize and the Tony Award for Best Play, opens April 5 at Amelia Community Theatre, located at 207 Cedar St. in Fernandina Beach, according to a news release.

"This thought-provoking play takes place in a Catholic school in the Bronx in 1964. Sister Aloysius, the school principal, suspects the priest assigned to the school of having an improper relationship with a male student who seems troubled. No solid evidence of wrongdoing exists and details from a young nun who teaches at the school are ambiguous. Sister Aloysius begins her own investigation, questioning the student's mother, and confronting the priest, Father Flynn, who denies the accusations," the release states.

It continues, "Thus begins a gripping mystery, written by John Patrick Shanley, set in

the midst of a power struggle between the old way of doing things and the new ways, both in the church and society. A traditionalist, Sister Aloysius fills her fountain pens with a bottle of ink on her desk. To her, Father Flynn's use of a ballpoint pen is a tangible sign of his undesirable progressive ways. He has the advantage of being able to voice his ideas from the pulpit. Sister Aloysius has only the power of her convictions."

The play is "less about scandal, and more about the nuanced quest of moral certainty," wrote a reviewer for *Variety* when the show premiered on Broadway in 2005. It is "blunt, yet subtle, manipulative, but full of empathy for all sides," stated *Newsday*.

Catherine West, who was last on ACT's stage in the lead role in *Wit*, plays Sister Aloysius. Director Jennifer Webber said in the release, "I am excited to introduce cast members Sam

Cobean, Katie Stanley, and Sara Payne to our audiences as they make their ACT debut as Father Flynn, Sister James, and Mrs. Muller."

*Doubt* is sponsored in memory of Char Bachman, an actor, director, and artist in the Fernandina Beach community who passed away in 2017, the release indicates. This show was one she greatly admired, and there will be a table with remembrances of Bachman in the theater lobby.

In conjunction with the run of this production, ACT has partnered with Amelia Lifelong Learning for a course that studies and compares the play and movie versions of *Doubt*. The movie starred Meryl Streep. The class, taught by Ron Kurtz, will run from April 5 to May 10. To register, visit [amelialearning.com](http://amelialearning.com).

Performances of *Doubt* are at 8 p.m. April 5-7, 12-14, and 19-21 and at 2 p.m. April 15. Tickets are \$22 for adults and \$10 for



LINDA MCCLANE/SPECIAL

The cast of *Doubt*, which opens April 5 at Amelia Community Theatre, includes from left Sam Cobean, Katie Stanley, Sara Payne, and Catherine West.

students through college and are available by visiting [ameliacommunitytheatre.org](http://ameliacommunitytheatre.org) or by calling 261-6749.

An opening night party hosted by the ACT Guild will begin at 7 p.m. April 5 and include complimentary appetizers and

beverages.

ACT box office hours are 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday through Saturday.

## Dover Quartet performing again on April 8



DOVER QUARTET/SPECIAL

The Dover Quartet will give its final performance of the Amelia Island Chamber Music Festival's 2018 season on April 8 at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Fernandina Beach.

The Dover Quartet, which played before a sold-out audience on March 18, will make its final appearance of the Amelia Island Chamber Music Festival's 2018 season on April 8. The Festival's Quartet-in-Residence will perform works of Couperin, Schoenberg and Zemlinsky.

The 3 p.m. performance will be held at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, located at 2600 Atlantic Ave. in Fernandina Beach. Tickets for this concert and the remaining performances of the 2018 season are available by visiting [aicmf.com](http://aicmf.com) or by calling the Festival office at 261-1779.

The Dover Quartet's rise to the top of its field has been "prac-

tically meteoric," according to *Strings* magazine. Catapulted to prominence after sweeping the 2013 Banff International String Quartet Competition, the group has become a major presence on the international scene. *The Washington Post* has written that the quartet's distinctive sound has confirmed the Dover's status as "the very model of a modern young classical ensemble."

The ensemble was named Cleveland Quartet Award winner for 2016-17 and 2017-18 and has been awarded the prestigious Avery Fisher Career Grant and Hunt Family Award, one of the inaugural Lincoln Center Emerging Artist Awards. The Dover also has won top hon-

ors at the Fischhoff Competition and Wigmore Hall International String Quartet Competition.

The Amelia Island Chamber Music Festival will continue on April 12 with a performance by jazz violinist Tim Kliphuis and guitarist Alfonso Ponticelli, followed by a free Dixieland Concert in the Park on April 14 and performances by the renowned Grascals bluegrass band on April 15-17.

The Festival, which runs through April, will offer five more great concerts, one of which is free and open to the public. Complete information and tickets for all of these concerts are available at [aicmf.com](http://aicmf.com). Learn more about the Festival on Facebook.

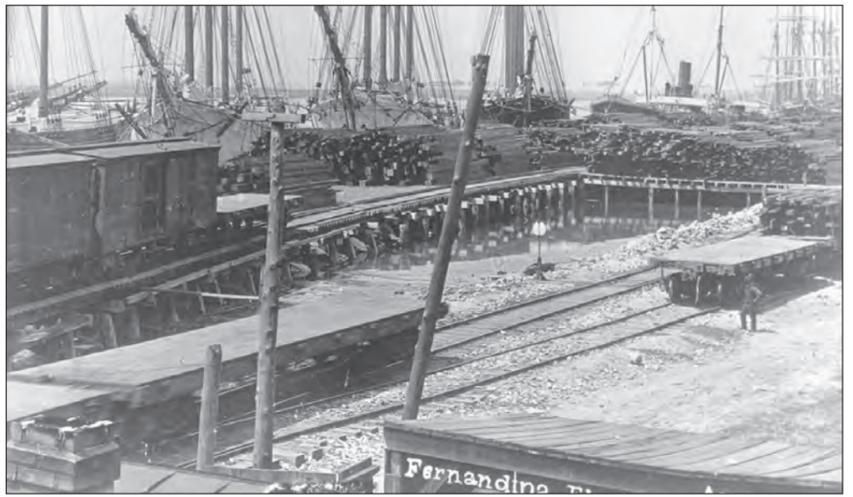
## Clinch Historical Society to host program on Port's 'golden age'

The Duncan Lamont Clinch Historical Society will host Willie Sweatt, who will present "Pilots and the Golden Age of the Port of Fernandina," at 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 9, at the Amelia Island Museum of History, located at 233 S. Third St. in Fernandina Beach, according to a news release.

"Willie Sweatt is a native Fernandian. Born in 1944, when the town was small and undiscovered except by the south Georgia folks who had beach cottages for summer vacations, he enjoyed adventures boating and fishing in Egans Creek basin, the ocean (and) beaches, and the Amelia River. He graduated from Fernandina Beach High School in 1962, went first to the University of Florida, and then to the U.S. Naval Academy. He went Surface Warfare after graduation, getting his first command of an ocean-going salvage ship. In 1979, he left the Navy, got a Merchant Marine license as Chief Mate, and sailed for Military Sealift Command. He got his Unlimited Masters Oceans license.

"Coming back to Fernandina, he piloted for Kings Bay Naval Submarine Base, ran tugs for Sun State Marine, worked with dredge companies, did some towing and salvage work. When Desert Storm was developing, the American merchant marine companies needed mariners, so he went back to sea on super tankers. When his elderly parents needed help, Willie came back home. He towed for Towboat U.S., helped run Amelia River Cruises, and now has a boat dealership in town. Willie loves history and genealogy. He's always happy to swap stories and the old-timers or help newcomers feel at home," the release states.

Sweatt will discuss the bar pilots from the "golden age" of shipping in Fernandina. The release explains, "It was a tight knit group of mariners who had to risk their lives to assist vessels over the bar in dangerous situations. This was a boom period. Fernandina had natural resources that could



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be accessed by water. Our harbor could accommodate shipping vessels that sailed the world's seas, supplying markets in Europe and Central America, principally timber and phosphate. These

were exciting times."

The event is free and open to the public and refreshments will be served. For more information, email [clinchhistoricalsociety@gmail.com](mailto:clinchhistoricalsociety@gmail.com).

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## George G. Morgan to speak at AIGS 25th anniversary seminar

Amelia Island Genealogical Society will feature George G. Morgan as guest speaker at its 25th Anniversary Genealogy Seminar set for Saturday, April 21, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 2800 S. 14th St. in Fernandina Beach, according to a news release.

The seminar had originally been planned for September of last year but was rescheduled due to Hurricane Irma.

Morgan is president of Aha! Seminars, Inc. and an internationally recognized genealogy expert who presents in the U.S., Canada, England, on cruise ships, and in webinars. He is a prolific, award-winning author of hundreds of articles for magazines, journals, newsletters, genealogical publications and online sites internationally.

His 12th book is *How to Do Everything: Genealogy*, the fourth edition of which was released in January 2015. He is a regular writer for the *Association of Professional Genealogists Quarterly*, *Family Tree Magazine*, *Internet Genealogy* and *Your Genealogy Today*.

He has won writing awards from the Association of Professional Genealogists and the International Society of Family History Writers and Editors. Morgan is co-host with Drew Smith of the longest-running genealogical podcast, "The Genealogy Guys Podcast" at [genealogyguys.com](http://genealogyguys.com). The podcasts have been downloaded over 2.5 million times by thousands of listeners around the globe.



Morgan

The three topics presented at the seminar will be:

- "Principles for Effective Evidence Analysis" – This lecture will discuss the principles

of highly effective genealogical evidence analysis and show examples of capturing all the clues to expand and improve your research.

- "Dissecting Obituaries for New Clues" – This session will present a methodology for dissecting an obituary, determining what information is provided or inferred, identifying record types that may be available, where those records are located, and how to access them.

• "Sidestep Genealogy" – This lecture will make you stop and think about what alternative research paths you might use, and point you to new resources you may never have considered.

The seminar will last from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sign-in will begin at 8:30 a.m. The registration fee is \$30 for AIGS members and \$35 for nonmembers. In order to secure your attendance and obtain a copy of the handouts, registration postmarked by April 14 is suggested. Visit the AIGS website at [aigensoc.org](http://aigensoc.org) for more information and a printable registration form.

# RELIGION

## The hope of Easter is the hope of new creation

The resurrection of Jesus Christ, celebrated on Easter Sunday, is the pivotal point in this world's history.

To grasp the magnitude of it, it's important to see that the resurrection wasn't a weird and inexplicable event that took place in the world as it had always been. Rather, says theologian N.T. Wright, it was the introductory event within the world as it had, at that instant of Christ's rising, begun to be. The resurrection of Christ was the commencement of God's promised new creation. And that – new creation, not bet-



**PRACTICAL THEOLOGY**

Richard Doster

In Romans 8:20-22, we see that creation – this world,

ter morals or happier times or more fulfilling lives – is the ultimate, mind-boggling hope of the Christian faith.

Such hope springs from the joyous truth that this new creation anticipates our involvement. In Romans 8:20-22, we see that creation – this world,

fashioned by God at the beginning of time – eagerly awaits our redemption. In these few verses we learn that our planet, including Amelia Island's 13-mile beach, longs for mankind – fully redeemed and once again the perfect image of God – to fully engage; not to selfishly exploit it or passively neglect it, but to care for it, appreciate it as a gift from God, and empower it to be as fruitful, productive, and beautiful as he intended.

The passage reads: "For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope

that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage or corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now."

For us to take part in God's redemptive plan, it's crucial that we – God's people who live in this post-resurrection era – see that it's because of mankind's Fall that "the creation was subjected to futility." We must grasp the fact that it's because of Adam and Eve's sin, that creation – including Fernandina Beach's maritime forests –

needs to be "set free from its bondage to corruption." We must act on the knowledge that it is because of man's sin that the whole creation, including the downtown waterfront, "has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now."

And we must lay claim to the fact that as a direct result of Christ's resurrection all creation, including every inch of our island, will one day "obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God."

In these verses, Paul again pictures Israel's Exodus from Egypt. But here, Wright points out, he's not drawing parallels

to Jesus or the Church. Instead, he's using the imagery of the Exodus to make a point about the planet. He's telling readers that our physical world, like the children of Israel, is enslaved (verse 21). The whole of creation, Paul says, has been suppressed by mankind's sin and thereby thwarted from flourishing as he intended.

Even so, creation detects that its redemption is nigh. Creation itself, in some mysterious way beyond our knowing, perceives that man and the world were made for one another.

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## Become 'Easter People' – all year long

JOHN SCHERER  
Crisis Intervention Minister

Well, another celebration of the Easter holiday is here and many of us will rejoice in the "Good News" of the stone being rolled away and the tomb being found empty. We will imagine the miracle of our Lord and Savior overcoming death and – the greatest result of all – the "Risen Christ" walking again among His followers and charging them with the mighty task that has come to be known as "the Great Commission." The Day, of all days, that changed the lives of every Believer on the planet, forever and always! The Day, for all of those people who heard Him then and all Believers since who have been commanded to "Go and Make Disciples." What a wonderful day of remembrance and celebration!

But wait a minute – maybe we are being way too self-focused? There are other things we think of too, aren't there? Give it a minute of thought and really search your mind. Besides a gathering or reunion of family, eating great food, celebration, and Easter egg hunts for the kids, aren't there some lingering questions in the back

of your mind left unanswered? "Why is it that many churches are filled to capacity or more crowded during Easter than any other time of the year, except following a national or local disaster?"

"How many of these extra people are there just because of tradition, spouse or family urging, expectation of others in some way, for their children's sake or because it's expected?"

How many people are thought to be "C&E Christians" (Christmas and Easter) – "those" people who only attend church on Easter, dust off the old navy suit and put on a tie? How many of us have been once-a-year people at some point in our lives or maybe still today? What can we do to become "Easter People" all year long and reach out each day of the year to do as Christ commanded – to "Go and make disciples?"

How many of the people who are around us are celebrating the holiday and really don't have a clue about what the Great Commission is all about and have a misguided definition of the truth? How many wish they had a true, sincere and believing guide to help them understand and truly open their

hearts and minds to Christ and be Easter people all year long? What can we, especially as believers, do to change that for sure, and how and when do we start to reach out?

The simple truth is that many people are present during these times for the simple reason that this is or has been a social structure in their lives, was built upon modeling of their parents, families and others. There is the simple significance of participation so that others will think positive of them. They want to spend time with near or far families. They are a part of what our society has established over many years, no matter what their level of belief may be. The reality of these things is a plain, honest fact of life. But if we really believe, we have to step up, see the big picture and truly know that we are dealing with matters of eternity when we say we are saved and decide to follow Christ!

The "other" major truth is that a very high percentage of these "holiday people" have a great number of questions on their minds no matter what they say. We may not be aware of that because we haven't had or taken the opportunity to approach them, speak with

them and try to form productive relationships with them. Many of these men, women and children are reluctant to come forward and admit how they feel or discuss questions about faith and values in their personal lives for many reasons. They may have carried these feelings with them for years. The lack of "leap of faith" may be a byproduct of their childhood, family or married values. Others may also feel that their lives are going along "just fine for now" and believe only in the pleasures and rewards that their earthly life provides.

There are also many that are waiting for someone to "reach out" to them in Christian love, faith and patience. They are waiting for believers to give enough of themselves to "reach just one other person and make a disciple for Christ." It is the Christian duty of all of us to serve and reach out for "His Kingdom." There are so many waiting, wondering and willing for us to meet with them to answer the many questions and get to simply know Him!

If you or someone you know is struggling with questions and answers about Faith, YOU can

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## RELIGION NOTES

### 'Seven Last Words of Christ'

Good Friday on March 30 is the Friday before Easter when we remember the crucifixion of Jesus. The community is invited to worship at Memorial United Methodist Church at 12 p.m. in the Sanctuary. This time of prayer and reflection will include music and meditations on the seven last words of Christ. Please enter and prepare for worship in silence, in reflection of the story.

Memorial is located at 601 Centre St. in downtown Fernandina Beach. Visit [mumconline.com](http://mumconline.com) for more information.

### Holy Week at Holy Trinity

Holy Trinity Anglican Church, located at 1830 Lake Park Drive in Fernandina Beach, has published the following Holy Week and Resurrection Sunday Mass schedule.

- Friday, March 30, 6 p.m., Stations of the Cross
- Saturday, March 31, 6 p.m., Easter Vigil Mass with incense and full ceremonial
- Sunday, April 1, 8 a.m., Mass; 9:15 a.m., Brunch with lamb casserole and mint juleps (no Sunday Bible College); 10:30 a.m., Mass.

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## PALM SUNDAY PROCESSIONAL IN DOWNTOWN



First Presbyterian Church, St. Peter's Episcopal Church, and Memorial United Methodist Church joined together again for a Palm Sunday community processional the Sunday before Easter. Clergy and members from the three churches met at the steps of the Historic Courthouse for prayers, scripture readings, and hymns. The group then processed east on Centre Street toward Atlantic Avenue as they waved palms and were led by a bagpiper. This year, a special donkey that has a cross pattern in the hair on his back joined the group to represent the donkey Jesus rode on Palm Sunday. Memorial member Matthew Scruggs, dressed as Jesus, led the donkey during the prayers and processional.



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

## Chancel Choir preparing spring cantata at Plantation Chapel

The Chancel Choir, under the direction of Don Edwards, has been rehearsing and preparing for the Amelia Plantation Chapel's spring musical event to be presented at a single service at 10 a.m. Sunday, April 22.



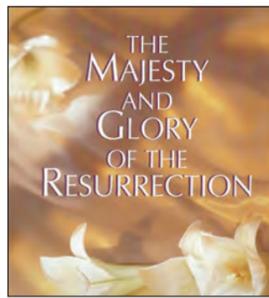
Fettke

This cantata, another of Tom Fettke's masterpieces, celebrates the redeeming, risen, and reigning Lord. His work – *The Majesty and Glory of the Resurrection* – blends the poetry of traditional hymns with sacred classics, from Handel's *Messiah* and the *Hallelujah Chorus* to Beethoven's *The Mount of Olives*. It weaves as well the inspiration of gospel songs and worship and praise choruses.

A gifted composer and conductor, Fettke is no stranger to the local choir which sings

many of his anthems, such as *The Majesty and Glory of Your Name*. A native Californian, he holds a Lifetime Music Credential

in Secondary Music in that state and has served many churches large and small for over 30 years. The cantata the Chancel Choir, along with a full orchestra, will present is a noted classic sung worldwide by thousands of church and school choirs. The orchestra is made up of professional musicians selected by



1st violinist Glenda Newton.

The narration has been written by the Reverend Norm Dalton, who will inject appropriate introductions to the piece's sections. Marilyn Bosworth will sing the Air from Handel's *Messiah* – "I Know



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

The Chancel Choir will perform Tom Fettke's *The Majesty and Glory of the Resurrection* during the Amelia Plantation Chapel's spring musical event on Sunday, April 22.

that My Redeemer Liveth." Contemporary worship choruses, such as *Our God Reigns* and other pieces, will also be

part of this powerful and inspirational cantata. The closing selection will be the memorable *Hallelujah Chorus*.

There will be one combined worship service at 10 a.m. on Sunday, April 22. A nursery will be provided.

### DOSTER *Continued from 5B*

er; that there is, woven into the fabric of the universe, the knowledge that humans – the perfect image of the creator God – were meant to rule the planet wisely; that from the beginning mankind was to tend the Garden, then, progressively, to take new ground – ultimately bringing God's world to its rightful state of life-giving abundance. Instead, because of man's rebellion, the creation has been subjected to futility and decay.

But Easter changed everything. Because of Christ's resurrection, God's people will be redeemed. And one day they too will be resurrected. The creation "waits with eager longing." Our beach, greenway, and marsh are literally standing on tiptoe because somehow, in a realm beyond our five senses, the physical world aches for the day when we and it – together – fully become new creations.

It's been waiting a long time. From the day of mankind's Fall, when thorns and thistles first infested the ground, God's creation has whimpered and sighed as if in the throes of childbirth. For all these years it has longed to emerge from the effects of mankind's Fall; to re-revealed in all its glory.

The day is coming when the resurrected Christ comes again, this time with his resurrected people. And because of Easter, he comes not to destroy the world, not to discard it or to make something altogether new; he comes, as he declares in Revelation 21:5, to "make all (existing) things new."

This is the climax – and the hope – of the Christian story.

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### SCHERER *Continued from 5B*

make a difference in their lives! We all remember the day we were saved, but perhaps we didn't realize then how the Holy Spirit led us down that aisle in church or at that gathering or at that revival to commit ourselves to Him? After we received God's non-returnable gifts of salvation and eternal life, did we lose our way and need to correct our course as we travel down that road of justification towards sanctification?

Easter is not only a time of celebration but of rededication as well! All of us come to a fork in the road of our continuous journey of spiritual learning; one of the paths is worn and wide from so many people choosing it and making the easy choice ... and the other path is narrow and much less traveled! Now is the time to dedicate or rededicate yourself to a have a heart of service for so many!

Wishing each and every one a joyous Easter ... all year long!

### NOTES *Continued from 5B*

#### Easter at Franklinton

The pastor and members of Historic Franklinton United Methodist Church on American Beach will be celebrating Easter with a host of events. The community is invited to attend Holy Week events beginning at 6 p.m. Friday, March 30, for Good Friday service. On Sunday, April 1, at 7:15 a.m. the Church will have an Easter sunrise service at Burney Park on American Beach. Immediately following the sunrise service, a hearty Easter Breakfast will be served at the Franklinton UMC Gabriel Means Fellowship Hall. There will not be a worship service at 10 a.m. at Franklinton. For more information, contact the church at 277-2726.

#### Easter at Journey Church

The Journey Church will host numerous Easter services at both of its campuses. The Fernandina Beach campus, located at 95707 Amelia Concourse, will have services at 7 p.m. March 30 and 31, 9 and 11 a.m. April 1, and 6:30 p.m. April 4. The Callahan campus, located at 450121 Old Dixie Highway, will have a services at 9 and 11 a.m. April 1.

#### Community Easter celebration

First Presbyterian Church and Memorial United Methodist Church are again co-hosting a free annual community Easter celebration from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, March 31, between the two churches on N. Sixth St. in downtown Fernandina Beach. This event for the whole family will have egg hunts, face painting, bounce houses, free lunch, games, and more. Egg hunt times are 10:30 a.m. for 0-2 year olds, 11 a.m. for 3 year olds and pre-k, 11:30 a.m. for kindergarten and first grade, noon for second and third grades, and 12:30 p.m. for fourth and fifth grades. For information, call 261-5769 or visit mumconline.

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#### Yulee UMC Easter schedule

Yulee United Methodist Church at 86003 Christian Way in Yulee will host a "Community Eggstravaganza" from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 31. The event will include an egg hunt, crafts, prizes and snacks. Then, at 11 a.m. Sunday, April 1, the church will present *Broken – A Life-Changing Drama*, directed by Dr. Johnetta Kaleche Howard.

#### Egg hunt, Easter services

Legacy Baptist Church has invited the community to its Easter egg hunt at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 31, to be followed by a hot dog lunch. In addition, the Church will conduct a sunrise service at Goffinsville Park at 7 a.m. Easter morning. The service will be followed by breakfast at the Church at 8 a.m. and an Easter worship presentation at 9:30 a.m. Legacy Baptist is located at 941328 Old Nassauville Road in the Volunteer Fire Department building.

#### Holy Week services at GCC

Grace Community Church at 96038 Lofton Square Court in Yulee has invited the community to attend its Resurrection Sunday service at 10:40 a.m. Sunday, April 1. Join us for a time of worship and celebration as we delve into Isaiah 53.

#### Bishop preaching on Easter

Bishop of the Florida Conference of the United Methodist Church Ken Carter will be preaching at all three worship services on Sunday, April 1, at Memorial United Methodist Church. The community is welcome to celebrate Easter at Memorial at one of three unique worship services. At 8 a.m. in the Sanctuary will be a casual, traditional worship that includes Holy Communion. A contemporary worship with a band will be at 9:30 a.m. in Maxwell Hall. At 11

## AMELIA'S GOT TALENT



KRISTEN CAMPBELL/SPECIAL

The Allegiance Youth Choir at Amelia Baptist Church is holding its annual fundraiser called "Amelia's Got Talent" on Friday, April 6, at the church. The community is invited to attend at 5:30 p.m. The evening will begin with a dinner and silent auction. After dinner, members of Allegiance and their friends will showcase various forms of talent. No advance tickets are required and all donations and proceeds will benefit the Choir's tour and mission project to South Florida later this summer. Members of the 2018 Choir appearing from left are, first row, Skye Dinkins, Madelyn Campbell, Sarah Myers, Victoria Harper, Abigail Gluntz, and Rachel Harper; second row, Daisy Adams, Melinda Harper, Piper Tsairis, Annaleise Gluntz, Bridgett Dinkins, Allie Cunningham, Elisabeth Gluntz, and Samantha Harper; and third row, Drake Ware, Daniel Laster, Noah Laster, and Andrew Harper. For more information, call Sonia Harper at 261-9527.

a.m. will be the formal, traditional worship with a choir in the Sanctuary. Memorial is located at 601 Centre St. in Fernandina Beach. Visit mumconline.com for information.

#### Special Easter Taizé worship

Continue the celebration of Resurrection Sunday by attending a special Taizé worship at 6 p.m. April 1 at Trinity United Methodist Church. Taizé worship, inspired by the Taizé Christian community in France, is a calm, centering worship. Professional pianist Ingrida Barrow will provide special music for this beautiful, Easter worship. Trinity United Methodist Church is located at 715 Ash St. in downtown Fernandina Beach, across from BuyGO.

#### Hope House worship

Come join Tuesday, April 3, us as we celebrate the joy that came that first Easter morning when Jesus came out of that tomb very much alive! Don't miss this opportunity to worship, study and fellowship with other believers every Tuesday at noon. The Salvation Army Hope House is located at 410 S. Ninth St., Fernandina Beach.

#### Bahá'í of Nassau County

The regular multi-faith inspirational afternoon is on the second Sunday of each month. The next one will be at 3 p.m. Sunday, April 8, at Springer Controls, located at 96072 Chester Road in Yulee. The theme will be "Building Vibrant Communities." This will be an open, discussion/conference-style meeting. Bring your own ideas, thoughts, writings, book, etc. All are welcome for a casual couple of hours, hospitality, friends and fellowship. The current Bahá'í month is Splendor. The month of Glory begins April 8. For information, call 566-5437 or 432-8845.

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The Bahá'ís of Nassau County hold prayers and meditations for peace, amity, concord and harmony every Saturday morning from dawn to sunrise on the beach at Seaside Park (east end of Sadler Road).

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#### Meal and Bible study

Franklinton United Methodist Church will serve a meal at 4 p.m. and host a Bible study at 5 p.m. every second Wednesday of the month in its Gabriel Means Fellowship Hall.

The dinners and Bible studies will be open to the public. The church is located at 1415 Lewis St. in Fernandina Beach. For more information, call 277-2726 or 261-5354 or email franklintonumc@att.net.

#### Yulee Baptist lecture series

The Yulee Baptist Church will host a series of lectures about the practice of textbooks in America that teach "bacteria-to-man evolution" as proven scientific fact every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. through April 18. The lectures will focus on specific scientific discoveries that support a Biblical timeline.

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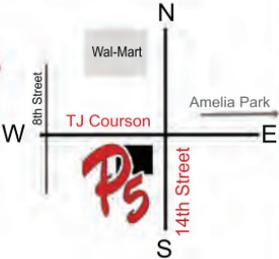
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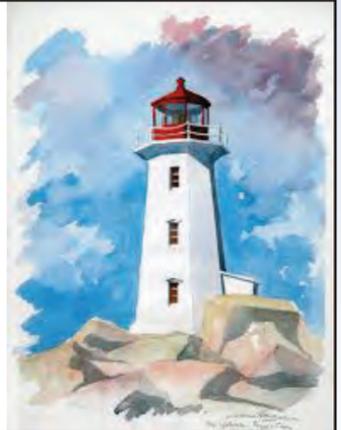
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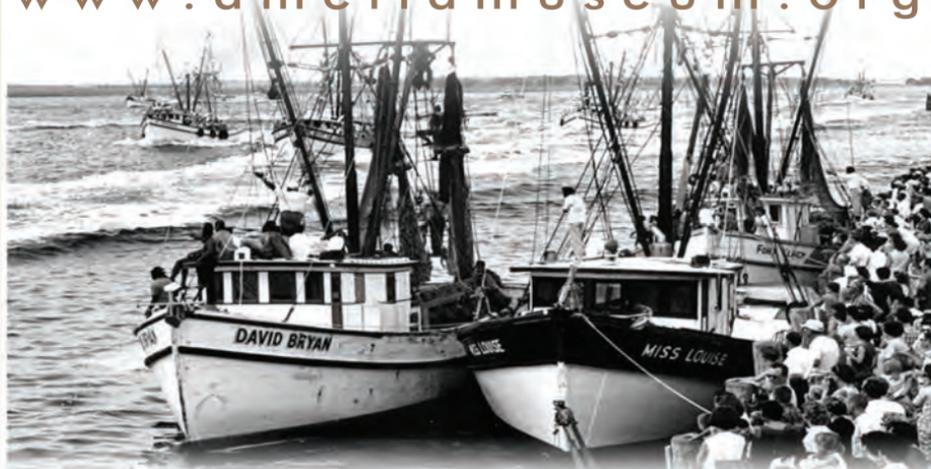
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