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## Teenage rafters rescued by NCSO deputies



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Three teenagers were rescued by Nassau County Sheriff's Office deputies after strong winds drove their inflatable raft far from Amelia Island's shore on Wednesday afternoon.

Deputies Ken Clements and Garth Holton of the Special Operations Marine, Dive & Agricultural Unit intercepted the raft when it was about a half-mile out from the Burney Park Beach Access. Clements said Thursday that NCSO got the call at approximately 1:15 p.m.

The teens were evaluated at the scene by firefighters from Fernandina Beach Fire Rescue and "they were fine."

According to an email from Sheriff Bill Leeper, "Three juveniles (13-year-old male, 15-year-old male and 15-year-old female) were floating on the raft and were caught by the 15-20 mph west wind and blown off shore. A bystander and a life-guard paddled out to them on a paddleboard. Both reached them approximately 500 yards off shore. Due to the strong wind, they were unable to paddle back in with the juveniles. The Nassau County Sheriff's Office Marine Unit arrived as they were approximately 800-1,000 yards off shore. NCSO deputies placed all of the subjects in their boat and took them back to the beach where lifeguards assisted them the rest of the way - approximately 25-30 yards."

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SOURCE: NASSAU COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

## St. Marys channel dredging done, but sand placement stopped short

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According to a news release posted Tuesday by the office of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - Jacksonville District, the dredging of the St. Marys River entrance and parts of the inner channel for submarines going to U.S. Naval Station Kings Bay and ships bound for the Port of Fernandina wrapped up March 31, but due to restrictions on dredging and placing sand for beach renourishment during the state's sea turtle nesting season, the sand that was supposed to be piped and spread on the beach all the way from New York Avenue to Sadler Road in Fernandina Beach stopped short. The contractor will return to finish it in the fall.

During the project, several endangered and threatened species were reported as accidentally killed or "taken": An Atlantic sturgeon, a Kemp's ridley sea turtle, and two loggerhead sea turtles. A third loggerhead sea turtle was critically injured and died later.

The dredging operation is required

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SOURCE: NOAA

"Adult Kemp's ridleys are considered the smallest marine turtle in the world," according to NOAA. Kemp's ridley sea turtles are listed as endangered under the Endangered Species Act. The St. Marys inlet dredging operation conducted for the U.S. Navy and managed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers accidentally killed one of the turtles. Three protected loggerhead turtles were also reported to have died as a result of the dredging, as well as an Atlantic sturgeon, a species in danger of extinction.

## Man arrested for cruelty to animals

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A man living at the Nassau Club apartments who had been notified he could not keep certain animals in his residence and was being assessed a fine was arrested on Wednesday after he allegedly tried to kill the animals by crushing them.

Phu Trieu Tran, 45, was charged with four counts of felony cruelty to animals after being arrested for allegedly putting seven pets in a trash compactor at the apartment complex on Woodbridge Parkway and pushing the button. Three pets survived.

According to a report from the Nassau County Sheriff's Office, Tran "had placed animals, still in their cages, into the trash compactor." A concerned citizen called 911.

"Nassau County Animal Services arrived on the scene and removed 3 deceased birds, 1 guinea pig deceased, 1 bird and 2 rabbits alive." The surviving animals were taken to a veterinarian "to be treated and released under



Tran

the care of Nassau County Animal Services."

Tran made his first appearance before Judge Robert M. Foster on Thursday. He was assigned a defense attorney from the Public Defender's Office.

He is being held in the Nassau County Jail on a \$60,008 bond.

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## 'Collapsing' landmark discussed by commission

### Power over lot combining is transferred

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A landmark of Fernandina Beach's downtown Historic District is falling down, and the City Commission wants to stop the deterioration.

At the April 3 meeting of the commission, Commissioner Chip Ross said that the Standard Marine building at 101 N. Second St. is a "jewel" of the district but that its owner, Richard Goodsell, "is allowing it to be demolished by neglect."

The building has broken windows and a non-functioning gutter system that is allowing water to collect at the building's foundation, according to Ross.

"If the owner is unable or unwilling to stabilize the building to prevent demolition by neglect, I am interested in what other action the City Commission is willing to take to save this build-

ing," Ross said. "This building has the potential of collapsing on our watch."

The city's Code Enforcement Department has spoken with Goodsell, who seems willing to make the necessary repairs to bring the building up to code, City Attorney Tammi Bach said, while noting that those repairs have not begun.

Bach said Goodsell has until the May 3 meeting of the Code Enforcement & Appeals Board to make satisfactory progress on the repairs.

"The board will review evidence, which could be pictures and testimony from the (code enforcement) officer and the owner," she said. "The board will decide whether it is demolition by neglect and whether there should be fines assessed."

"Fines are fine, but it doesn't save the building," Ross said.

Ross explained he would like to have the city obtain an appraisal on the building and consider

using a public-private partnership to buy it "or take other means to gain control of the building to stabilize it so this building is not demolished by neglect."

Mayor Johnny Miller said buying the building would cost more than seizing it due to unpaid enforcement fines.

"I think the system we have in place now, where you collect the fines, and if they don't improve, then more fines and more fines, and then we build up interest, and then we just take it over that way, versus just buying a building that needs a lot of work," Miller said.

The commission agreed to take a "wait and see" stance regarding the matter in hopes the owner will begin repairs before the May meeting of the Code Enforcement & Appeals Board.

The commission, on third reading, approved a change to the Land Development Code that will prohibit the granting of variances for filling of wetlands or any building over 35 feet within 800 feet of the ocean and transferred the consideration of variances for lot combinations from the Board of

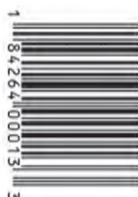
Adjustments to the City Commission.

The commission also discussed the city's waterfront at the Tuesday meeting and what the next steps toward its development will be. During that discussion, Ross talked about some properties on the waterfront, including the Atlantic Seafood building and Brett's Waterway Café as well as the seawall along Parking Lot B.

Commissioners agreed engineering studies are needed for the seawall as well as the railroad tracks to determine what part they would play in waterfront redevelopment. They also said they want an appraisal of the O'Steen-Simmons property - owned two-thirds by O'Steen Company LLC and one-third by Richard and Pamela Simmons. That property lies between the north end of the Fernandina Harbor Marina and the property at 101 N. Front St. that the city purchased for \$685,000 in 2016.

According to previous News-Leader reports,

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**LOOKING BACK 50 YEARS**

The Ocean Highway and Port Authority agreed to act as a sponsor for a proposed fishing pier, restaurant and tackle shop to be built along the jetties at Fort Clinch State Park.

April 11, 1968

# WEEKLY UPDATE

## FDOT Lane Closures

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) now posts its weekly lane closure report online at [www.NFLRoads.com/TrafficReport](http://www.NFLRoads.com/TrafficReport).

With major work underway on A1A and other projects in Nassau County you can stay up-to-date on which roads will have lane closures. Commuters traveling into Duval County can also get the latest on Jacksonville lane closures. The report is updated every Friday.

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.

## Government Day charity softball

The 5th annual Nassau County Government Day charity softball game will be held Saturday, April 14, at 11 a.m. at the Yulee Sports Complex, located at 86142 Goodbread Road in Yulee. Admission is \$5 per person; children 12 and under are free. A free Kids Zone with a bounce house, jumbo slide and other games and activities will be available. Government officials will participate in a dunking booth and emergency vehicles will be onsite for children and adults to explore. Proceeds from the event benefit the United Way, Katie Ride & Walk, JDRF, and the James S. Page Scholarship Fund.

## Smoke by the Road fundraiser

The Nassau Women of the Moose Chapter 2355 will hold a cancer awareness fundraiser called Smoke by the Road, which will feature ribs, baked beans and coleslaw, on April 14 beginning at noon and continuing until meals are sold out.

## Curious about Tai Chi?

Attend a free introductory class at the Community Yoga + Wellness Center, located at 210 Beech St. in Fernandina Beach, from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. on April 17 and 24. No obligation. Wear comfortable clothing.

## Diabetes support group meetings

A diabetes support group for those with Type 1 or 2 diabetes meets every Thursday at 11 a.m. on the second floor of the MCCI building located at 449621 U.S. 301 in Callahan. Varying topics are presented with informal support and discussion. A registered dietitian and a mental health counselor will facilitate some sessions. On April 19 and May 18, participants will prepare a healthy meal to take home and cook. On April 26 and May 25, participants we will go to Aldi's supermarket and to Beaver Street Farmers Market in Jacksonville. For more information and to register, contact Melanie Hadden at 507-2692. There is no cost to attend.

## 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 [onebloodonor.org](http://onebloodonor.org) and use sponsor code 34851. Walk-ins always welcome.

## 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

# National Library Week begins Monday

This week, the Fernandina Beach Branch Library joins libraries nationwide in celebrating the many ways libraries lead their communities through the transformative services, programs and expertise they offer, according to a news release.

April 8-14 is National Library Week, an annual celebration of the life-changing work of libraries, librarians and library workers. Libraries aren't just places to borrow books or study. They're also creative and engaging community centers where people can collaborate using new technologies and develop their skills and passions.

"Libraries of all types have

long been evolving to meet the needs of the communities they serve. Diverse groups including elected officials, small business owners and students depend upon libraries and the resources they offer. Resources like e-books and technology classes, materials for English-language learners and programs for job seekers are just a few ways libraries and librarians are transforming to lead their communities. Community members can also develop their own leadership skills at the library, with endless opportunity to build skills and confidence through resources and programming," the release states.

"The library helps lead our community by advocating for widespread access to crucial services and lifelong learning. Libraries level the playing field for people of any age who seek information and access to technologies to improve their quality of life," the release says.

The Friends of the Library will also hold its Spring Book Sale on Friday, April 13, from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday, April 14, from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Peck Center.

Members of the Friends of the Library will have a special preview night on Thursday, April 12, from 5 to 7 p.m. You can join or renew your membership at the door.



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.

## Are you looking to help?

The Nassau Volunteer Center has a new service for volunteers. Go to [volunteernassau.org](http://volunteernassau.org) and click on "Volunteer" or "Get Connected." This simple to use free tool allows you to tell agencies what skills and interests you have while allowing the agencies to find suitable volunteers. This one stop registers you for dozens of agencies in Nassau County. For more information, call the Nassau County Volunteer Center at 261-2771.

## District opens satellite offices

Do you ever have the need to visit the Nassau County School District administration office located at 1201 Atlantic Avenue in Fernandina Beach? Do you find yourself driving 20 plus miles to get there? Is it a trip that takes you more than an hour these days? The Nassau County School District now has two satellite offices. The westside location is at 45021 Third Ave. in Callahan and the Yulee location is at 86207 Felmore Road in Yulee. The offices will provide a place for parent meetings, employee meetings, staff meetings, and support. If you have questions or would like to schedule a meeting at one of the locations, call 491-9900.

## 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 [aspotbellypig@gmail.com](mailto:aspotbellypig@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).

## Volunteers to help file taxes

VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) provides free electronic (E-File) and paper income tax filing assistance for low-to moderate-income tax filers. VITA has been assisting filers in Nassau County for over 10 years, and VITA volunteers are tested and certified by the Internal Revenue Service.

This free service is provided by the IRS, the RealSense Prosperity Campaign (a United Way Initiative), and in partnership with the Nassau County Public Library and the Fernandina Beach City Parks and Recreation Department. Tax filing assistance will continue through April 17. Tax filers who elect to have their returns E-Filed and are due a refund can expect their refund within two to three weeks with direct deposit.

The IRS requires photo identification and original Social Security cards for everyone on the return in order for VITA volunteers to do your taxes. Bring your photo id, Social Security card, your 2016 tax return and all 2017 tax documents such as W-2s, 1099s, and SSA-1099s and 1095 A, B or C forms. If in doubt, bring the document. Pay stubs or other year-end documents are not acceptable documentation.

While walk-ins are welcome, taxpayers with

appointments will take priority.

Volunteers will be available in the Atlantic Recreation Center's auditorium, 2500 Atlantic Ave. in Fernandina Beach, from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays and from 3:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays through April 17. Call 530-6500 between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday and select the option for your local branch library to make an appointment. Volunteers will be available at Career Source, 96042 Lofton Square Court in Yulee (Winn Dixie shopping center), from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays through April 12. Call 432-0009, ext. 2660 to make an appointment.

## 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.

## 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.

## Cancer survivors yoga class

Community Yoga + Wellness hosts a free cancer survivors yoga class from 1 to 2 p.m. every Saturday at its studio, located at 210 Beech St. in Fernandina Beach.

Taught by certified yoga therapists and sponsored by the Christina Phipps Foundation, the class offers safe and supportive healing. Class size is limited to six so register online at [yoga-amelia.com](http://yoga-amelia.com) or call 613-6345 for more information.

## Volunteering for NHS

NHS Second Chance Resale Store and its new sister clothing store, NHS Second Chance Closet, are looking to grow their team of volunteers. Both stores have volunteer openings in all areas.

If you have a few hours a week to spare and enjoy meeting and working with other animal lovers in a fun atmosphere, pick up a volunteer application at Second Chance, located in the Eight Flags Shopping Center on South 14th Street or go online to [Nassauhumanesociety.com](http://Nassauhumanesociety.com) and click on Volunteer. For information, call 321-0022.

## Be a zookeeper

Amelia Residents in Action for the Symphony sponsors a program each January and February that visits all fourth grade classes in Nassau County with 40 orchestral instruments. The goal of the program is to acquaint students with how to properly hold and play each instrument. To be able to reach all Nassau County students, ARIAS needs volunteer "zookeepers." No experience is required. For more information or to volunteer, contact Susan Kosciulek at 548-0227 or Barbara Zacheis at 321-5639.

## Energy bill assistance

Nassau County residents are entitled to receive a winter home energy payment of up to \$475 toward their electric or gas bill through the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program. Residents may also be eligible to receive a one-time winter crisis payment up to \$600. Eligibility is based on household income and family size.

To schedule an appointment, call 261-0801 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Fridays only. Do not leave a message. LIHEAP is provided through the Northeast Florida Community Action Agency, Inc. located at 1303 Jasmine St. in Fernandina Beach.

## Gun classes for everyone

Pistol and revolver gun classes for beginners and better by NRA-certified instructor and retired state and federal law enforcement offi-

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## DEATH NOTICES

**Raymond Wayne Cook**, of Hawthorne, Fla. and formerly of Yulee, Fla., passed away at his residence April 4, 2018. Funeral Arrangements are incomplete.

*Green Pine Funeral Home, Cremations & Cemetery*

**Kenneth L. Drury**, 80, of Jacksonville, Fla., passed away Tuesday April 3, 2018.

*Oxley-Heard Funeral Directors*

**Mary Ellen Madden**, 64, of Fernandina Beach, Fla., passed away Thursday, April 5, 2018.

*Oxley-Heard Funeral Directors*

**William Pratt**, 101, of Fernandina Beach, Fla., passed away Tuesday April 3, 2018. Services will be announced.

*Oxley-Heard Funeral Directors*

**Oliver C. Rowe**, 78, of Fernandina Beach, Fla., passed away Tuesday April 3, 2018.

*Oxley-Heard Funeral Directors*

**Mr. Donald Shafer**, 88, of Fernandina Beach, Fla., passed away Wednesday, April 4, 2018.

*Oxley-Heard Funeral Directors*

**Ruby Lee Thompson**, 98, of Fernandina Beach, Fla., passed away April 3, 2018. Graveside funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, April 6, 2018 at Green Pine Cemetery.

*Green Pine Funeral Home, Cremations & Cemetery*

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a feasibility study by Applied Technology & Management showed that the city will require an Environmental Resources Permit and a lease for submerged lands held in public trust by the state of Florida, if new docks are to be extended over the water at 101 N. Front St.

Bach said in 2016 that the legal issues regarding the use of the O'Steen-Simmons property were not clear enough to satisfy her, noting that she and City Manager Dale Martin had met with Simmons and his partners, and "they are committed to working with the city to make this project work."

According to the ATM study, "the city has been in discussion with Mr. Simmons, the owner of the intervening parcel, and it appears some accommodation can be reached to give the city the interest required to obtain the lease from the state, but there is still some uncertainty until agreements are reached and legal documents finalized ..."

"Obviously, there will be some consideration that we'll have to give Mr. Simmons and his partners," Bach said in 2016.

The recently adopted state budget for 2018-19 allocates \$450,000 to the city for drainage repairs in order to develop the waterfront, but that money will not be available until the beginning of the state's fiscal year in July. Martin said the city has \$125,000 in its current budget set aside for repairs to Parking Lot B, which is part of the waterfront. He said he could bring to the commission a budget amendment that would allow that \$125,000 to be used to obtain the engineering studies and appraisal so the commission would not have to wait until July to move forward with the project. The commissioners agreed to allow Martin to do so.

Phil Scanlan, who heads the Friends of Amelia Island Trail, spoke to the commission about a water taxi between Fernandina Beach and St. Marys, Ga. He said both cities passed a resolution supporting

it, and he is working to find funding sources for the project.

He said the mayors of both cities met and agreed to work toward launching the service in spring of 2019. He said the cities have agreed to contribute two years of free dock fees and website marketing to the project. Scanlan asked for \$10,000 for two years from each city for startup costs. The commission did not discuss his request.

- In other business, the City Commission:
- Proclaimed April 21 as "Katie Ride and Walk for Life Day" to bring awareness to organ donation;
  - Approved a purchase not to exceed \$75,000 of a motor grader;
  - Approved the installation of two pieces of art at Egans Creek Park;
  - Approved hiring Advanced Disposal to provide cleanup services after the Shrimp Festival for \$36,803;
  - Agreed to name the auditorium at the Martin Luther King Jr. Recreation Center after Patricia Thompson;
  - Approved an \$80,000 settlement in a lawsuit over a vehicle accident brought against the city by Jonathan Andree;
  - Approved an interlocal agreement with Nassau County for maintenance of the trail on Simmons Road;
  - Approved an easement to allow FPU to install an underground power line at the Fernandina Beach Municipal Airport;
  - Approved \$33,810 in repairs to the ceiling of the city's golf club, with Cole Builders performing those repairs;
  - Approved, on third reading, an ordinance that allows overnight parking of recreational vehicles in tandem with a special event and with a permit from the city;
  - Appointed Mike Lednovich to the Board of Adjustment; and
  - Scheduled a workshop to discuss the goals of the commission for 4 p.m. April 24 at City Hall.

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The Standard Marine Supply building located on the corner of Alachua and North Second streets is in disrepair, and Fernandina Beach officials discussed its "demolition by neglect." The owner of the building has agreed to repair neglected structure.

**DREDGING**

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to have environmental monitors in place in an attempt to avoid harm to federally protected marine life, but is allowed to kill a limited number of threatened or endangered species as part of the federal permit.

According to an email sent from Vice Mayor Len Kreger on March 15, "At the start of the renourishment project a trawler is operated in front of the dredge at a safe distance with a goal of scaring away the endangered species. There are 'take' threshold indicators (and) when reached, the operation becomes 'Catch and relocate.' We reached the threshold last weekend."

"Beach placement started near New York Avenue and ended around Jasmine Street. Due to the environmental turtle window, which only allows hopper dredging at certain times of the year, contractors were unable to complete full sand placement. ... Dutra Group will return November 1 to complete the remainder of the beach placement portion of the project," according to the news release.

Asked about the USACE's plan to come back later, Mary Duffy with Amelia Island Sea Turtle Watch said Thursday that she "always disliked beach renourishment projects that occur in the summertime because it is so disruptive to our program and to the nesting, so that's an OK plan to me. ... As long as they get everything out of the sand and off the beach by April 15, I'll be happy."

Duffy added that her organization is gearing up for the sea turtle nesting season, and that the beach patrol will be out in the early mornings beginning on May 1.

Duffy confirmed that the documentation provided by the spotters on the dredges helps later in policy making and decision making for future projects.

"It's sad that they took a Kemp's, because the Kemp's are so rare - they really are endangered," said Duffy.

According to NOAA Fisheries, Kemp's ridley sea turtles "primarily occupy 'neritic' habitats. Neritic zones typically



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contain muddy or sandy bottoms where prey can be found." The Kemp's turtles are "endangered throughout its range." NOAA Fisheries also says, "The Atlantic sturgeon is in danger of extinction throughout all or a significant portion of its range." The loggerhead sea turtle is listed as threatened in the South Atlantic region that includes the east coast of Florida.

On Feb. 11, according to a report from an environmental monitor with the dredge, "(A) sturgeon was found in the cage and identified as an Atlantic Sturgeon. The body was partially intact, missing from the pelvic fin to the caudal fin. There was no smell of decomposition and when I made a cut the meat was fresh and red."

On Feb. 27, "(In) Load 105, (a) Kemp's Ridley was taken fresh dead. Found in port side forward cage. Anterior right half of carapace was crushed. Turtle was also missing right fore flipper."

On March 3, "(A loggerhead) turtle was found in port forward cage. The turtle was identified as a loggerhead. Hind flippers were detached from the specimen (one found). Both fore flippers were still intact. However, the carapace and plastron were broken/missing."

On March 9, a loggerhead turtle was killed. The official report states it was "fresh dead - all of the internal organs that remained were red in color and there was no decomposition smell. Some barnacles could be seen on what was left of its carapace."

Also on March 9, "(A) turtle was found alive. (The) local stranding network is being notified and will be removed from the dredge in the morning. The turtle had approximately half of its carapace scattered with barnacles and had two on its head (dorsal side) as well. The carapace had a slight crack on and slightly behind the

nucal scute - some blood droplets were visible. ... This turtle died in rehabilitation on Saturday the 10th of March."

The full reports can be found here: <http://dqm.usace.army.mil/odess/#/projectDetails/54966>.

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# Shopping online or in person?

My three key people recently attended the National Automobile Dealers Association convention in Las Vegas. The relationship of the internet and car-buying have been a hot topic since the turn of the millennium. They reported the increased focus on online car buying programs.

Vendors of all sorts want to encourage you to buy their system to sell vehicles online. They suggest that buyers will start the process and transition to a dealership visit to actually buy a vehicle. They view that as a benefit, leading one to question their beliefs.

The internet and vehicle buying/servicing is not a one-size-fits-all equation. It is a given that a vast majority of consumers utilize information from online sources as an aid to car buying. An informed consumer makes for a better customer, most all companies would agree.

Age plays a big factor in online reliance. You can almost



## KEFFER'S CORNER

Rick Keffer

plished ahead of time, for those of any age.

What do I see as the beneficial tools for car shoppers? A few examples:

1. Manufacturer web sites. These vehicle-make sites are a great shopping tool. You can build a vehicle that will update the vehicle's exterior color, wheels, interior, and accessories. You get to look at a hypothetical vehicle. They offer pricing and a link to a

dealer, if you desire.

2. Dealer web sites. Most American buyers – when they get ready – do not want to wait to order a car, unlike in Europe, where ordering is almost the exclusive means of new vehicle purchasing. That means what is in stock and immediately available is all-important. Dealers list their inventories online. Most all have a new and used car tab. Many buyers arrive with a particular vehicle pre-selected. Some sites offer credit applications, which may or may not be a good idea depending on price, trade-in, down payment, and ability to properly provide the requested data.

3. Third party sites. This is a broad brush. Everyone and their brother wants to attach themselves, and extract fees, from car dealers. There is certainly good information to be gained from them. If you are buying a car from a private individual that is out of warranty, you may want to run a CarFax to make sure there is

no bad history. You can make a close approximation of the cost of a car from some sites. You can use these tools in relation to your comfort level.

These third party sites can be helpful, but they don't sell cars. It is highly advisable to drive a vehicle, even brand new ones, before you buy. How many of us will spend \$100 on a clothing item without trying it on? Why would we spend \$18,000 for a used car or \$35,000 for a new car without driving and experiencing the vehicle? Do your homework and come to a dealer to buy a vehicle.

I appreciate all the feedback on the Singapore column. The most I have received from a story in some time. Enjoy the beauty of spring in Nassau County. Have a good week.

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

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# City's impasse with USACE could be solved

JULIA ROBERTS  
News-Leader

After almost two years of waiting, repairs to portions of the Fernandina Harbor Marina may begin within the next two months, and expansion of the northern section of the marina could be possible, thanks to new cooperation between local and federal officials.

"There is a way forward that I think solves the problem and will allow us to build the attenuator and go forward to the north if we wish to," City Commissioner Chip Ross said at the April 3 meeting of the City Commission.

The marina has not been operating at its peak since it was severely damaged by Hurricane Matthew in 2016. Efforts to repair the marina's southern attenuator dock – the dock closest to the river – were stymied by the lack of a permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Although the attenuator had been serving the marina for decades, the USACE has wanted the federal navigation channel near the marina moved west before issuing a permit to repair the attenuator at its present location. The cost of moving the channel was estimated to be in the tens of millions due to the need for dredging.

Corps guidelines require that the attenuator be located 100 feet from the channel, Ross explained at the meeting, and the current attenuator is at 70 feet.

The city also wants to expand the northern section of the marina, which would require moving

the channel west to achieve the desired 100 foot distance between the channel and the dock.

"The reason the Corps will not, even though it was there for years, allow us to put the attenuator there is the guidance for setbacks," Ross explained. "It says, 'In the event that a previously authorized currently serviceable structure is destroyed by an act of nature... a new application will be required, which will be reviewed pursuant to the setback guidance which requires 100 feet off the channel. At the time of the request, it is possible that any authorized reconstruction will not be the same size or design of the original structure.' So under the guidance, they felt they did not have to allow us to do this."

Ross said he met with Lynn Williams, a local resident and commissioner with the Florida Inland Navigational District, Tim Murphy, deputy executive district engineer with USACE, and local attorney Buddy Jacobs, a lobbyist for the city, and a possible solution was worked out in the form of what Ross called a variance from the requirements regarding the channel.

"They proposed that you can get what is essentially a variance," Ross said. "They have a similar process, what is called a 408 permitting process of the USACE. They are willing to grant a variance to that 100 feet setback. They are willing to allow us to build where it is under this."

According to the USACE website, the Corps has built

many "... projects, many embedded within communities, over time there may be a need for others outside of USACE to alter or occupy these projects and their associated lands. Section 408 provides that USACE may grant permission for another party to alter a Civil Works project upon a determination that the alteration proposed will not be injurious to the public interest and will not impair the usefulness of the Civil Works project."

Williams spoke to the commission and explained that section 408 allowed the Charleston port to build a 1,050-foot-long mega yacht dock 14 feet off the federal channel.

Ross said the next step in the process is to have Applied Technology & Management, the firm that the city hired to perform the attenuator repairs, write a letter to the USACE to ask for a section 408 variance for the permit to repair the southern attenuator.

He said there is no fee charged for reviewing the permit application and that officials have told him the timeframe for approval is six to eight weeks.

"Murphy said the time is now to go for a 408 permit for this northern part," Ross said, specifying that Corps officials said they wanted to get a letter regarding the matter within a matter of days.

The commission agreed to have Dale Martin coordinate with ATM to send a letter to the Corps, asking that section 408 be applied to the permit.

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JULIA ROBERTS/NEWS-LEADER

The city's plans to for an extensive repair of the Fernandina Harbor Marina may move forward thanks to a tentative agreement worked out with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and city officials. The southern attenuator dock, shown here in a file photo, was severely damaged during Hurricane Matthew in 2016.

## What is most important?

In January, the City Commission gathered to discuss and determine goals at its annual visioning session. The meeting, conducted at the city golf course, was also attended by department directors, several residents, and local media representatives.

The day began with a completely blank slate. City commissioners were encouraged to offer any topic of interest for discussion, although the discussion would occur only after the list of issues had been completed.

The issues raised were diverse: the marina, downtown density, beach issues (parking, dogs, cleaning), residential density (downtown, Eighth Street), environmental issues (conservation, sustainability, dunes), affordable housing, fire services, noise ordinance, the waterfront (specifically, the Amelia River waterfront), the Main Street program, variances, the railroad, enterprise funds, personnel, the Post Office facility, public communication, accessory dwelling units, flood rating, project management, leadership, Comprehensive Plan, annexation, parking, and sidewalks.

After populating the list of issues, the commissioners were encouraged to discuss their interest and desire for consideration of those issues. Some issues were of a broad interest, generating comments from all commissioners; others were more limited in interest, with fewer supporting comments.

Following the discussions, the commissioners were requested to rank their priorities. The commissioners were provided scorecards with values of 10, 7, 5, 3, and 1 on which to record and rank the issues of their interest and concern. The scores were then tallied to determine the issues of greatest interest.

It was no surprise that the river waterfront and marina secured the most points (30). The downtown waterfront has been a vexing issue for this community for decades. So many different opinions and visions, so many elections and egos have stifled the development of this key community asset.

The next highest scores, which due to their value obviously required more than a single commissioner's "10"



**CITY NOTES**

Dale Martin

tized issues were completed with seven other topics: flood rating, centralized fire station, annexation, sidewalks/lighting, sustainability, personnel, and planning.

What subsequently becomes challenging is building specific objectives related to those 13 goals. The overwhelming priority was the waterfront, but the "waterfront" does not convey the diversity of specific issues or interests as envisioned by five diverse city commissioners. A commissioner may see the "waterfront" as a specifically defined area or function (the parking lots, the marina) whereas another commission may consider the "waterfront" more broadly, stretching further north, east, and south than the water's edge.

The other issues are similarly vague. From discussions with commissioners, "conservation" encompasses a variety of topics: land acquisition and protections, ecotourism, tree ordinances, personnel, funding, wetlands. Different commissioners have different ideas.

And that, for the most part, is a very good thing. We are not a monolithic, homogeneous community. But this "herd of cats" (the city commissioners) that represent approximately 12,000 residents (and even more when you include everyone else that thinks they live within the city limits) has to provide some direction for which resources – time, money, staff – can be appropriately allocated.

City commissioner goals and interests are not necessarily aligned with City Commission goals. Without fail, the individual goals and the collective goals are well intentioned and seek the betterment of the community, but it is simply not possible to have five different sets of goals and priorities. The

ranking, were allocated to project management (21) and conservation (18). The only remaining double-digit scores were density (10), beach parking (10), and leashes (dogs) on the beach (10).

goals need to be further defined and the scope of those goals narrowed to actionable objectives. Not all five need to agree (however, that's always good), but at least three need to determine and direct.

The City Commission will meet to provide this definition at a workshop on April 24 at 4 p.m. at City Hall. The intent is to acknowledge the commission's direction and move forward on those issues that can be immediately addressed with staff and budgetary considerations, or, if resources are constrained, prepare for other issues as part of the impending budget process for next year.

Please share your comments with the city commissioners as part of this critically important process.

*Dale Martin is the city manager of Fernandina Beach.*

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Lee Child met with winners of the AIBF's Countywide Short Story Contest.

During the recently concluded 17th annual, three-day Amelia Island Book Festival's Author Expo, the following 14 students were selected as winners in the Amelia Island Book Festival Countywide Short Story Contest from among more than 150 entries submitted from every middle and high school across the county, according to a news release.

"It's been an overwhelming pleasure to see so many students participate this year," Dr. John Ruis, board president and former Nassau County School District superintendent, said in the release. "We are very grateful to our school advisory committee members – Cynthia Grooms, director of Secondary Education; Robert Hicks, Fernandina Beach High School guidance counselor; Kristi Simpkins, director of Elementary Education; Cynthia McNeill, West Nassau High School media specialist; and all the middle and high school principals and media specialists who help imple-

ment the program within the schools."

"And thanks to our program coordinator, Dr. Cathy DeCou, Short Story Contest Committee chair, and her team comprised of Jim Weinsier, Pam Park and Liz Dunn. We also couldn't have awarded the cash prizes without our sponsors, The David Miller Family and an anonymous donor 'in Loving Memory of Shiela Fountain,'" he added.

DeCou also commented, extending thanks to the extensive list of judges for "their time, talent and patience" in reviewing every entry.

The contest was divided into two segments – middle school entries and high school entries – that were judged separately to level the playing field. There were six high school winners and eight middle school winners. Each of the winning students received a certificate, a cash prize and an Amelia Island Book Festival publication with their stories printed inside. The book printing and creation was

donated by OnlineBinding.com of Jacksonville.

Festival Honorary Chairman Steve Berry, along with Ruis, congratulated the 2018 Book Festival Award winners at a special ceremony during the Author Expo.

All of the award winners also received a special opportunity to meet with world-renowned author Lee Child, creator of the billion-dollar *Jack Reacher* brand. Child shared insights with the students and answered their questions. He emphasized to the young authors, "Be yourself in your writing. Just keep writing and reading. The only way to improve your writing is to read, read and read some more."

In the middle school category the First Place overall award went to Leah Stewart, a Yulee Middle School, seventh grade. Second Place overall winner was Hope Holland, Callahan Middle School, eighth grade. In the special categories, Bridget Peebles, Fernandina Beach Middle School,

seventh grade, took home First Place in the Boys & Girls Club category; Andrea Jones, Fernandina Beach Middle School, seventh grade, took Second Place in the Boys & Girls Club category. The Best Surprise Ending recognition was a tie between Kelly James, Callahan Middle School, eighth grade, and Luke Snapp, Yulee Middle School, sixth grade. Best Suspense honors went to Caroline Pierce, Fernandina Beach Middle School, sixth grade, and Olivia Wycoff, Yulee Middle School, sixth grade.

In the high school segment of the contest, First Prize honors went to Abby Hamilton, Fernandina Beach High School, senior; Second Place went to Gabrielle Gibb, Fernandina Beach, senior. Siara Lockwood, Fernandina Beach High School, senior, took Best Surprise Ending. Hannah Masters, Fernandina Beach High School, senior, won the Most Creative award. Best Suspense was a tie between two freshmen class students from Yulee High School, Keelie Percival and Erin Salvas.

## AIBF announces 2018 award winners

Amelia Island Book Festival Honorary Chairman Steve Berry, along with AIBF Board President Dr. John Ruis, congratulated the 2018 Book Festival Award Winners at a special ceremony during the festival's Author Expo.

The 2018 Stellar Award was presented to Kentrell Martin, author of the *Shelly's Adventure* series of books for children. Growing up with a deaf brother, Martin saw how the world viewed deaf people. He created *Shelly's Adventures* so that he could introduce children and parents to American Sign Language and the deaf culture. Martin views his *Shelly's Adventures*, Inc. as a company that will play a part in helping bridge the gap between the deaf and hearing worlds. He has made many visits to schools all across Florida and Georgia and is now getting out to other parts of the country. Martin has been chosen several times by Nassau County schools as one of its Authors in Schools Literacy Program presenters and the festival gifted his books to our Nassau County students. Also, Martin was a speaker at the recent AIBF's Tween/Teen Scene event. A past recipient of this award himself, Berry said, "This Stellar Award is presented to you, Kentrell Martin, for inspiring children to read and write through your participation in



Kentrell Martin won AIBF's 2018 Stellar Award.



The 2018 Literacy Champion Award went to Sue Nelson.



Jim Weinsier won the Live Oak Award.



The Literary Award for Fiction was presented to author Randall Reneau.



The Literary Award for Non-Fiction was presented to Elizabeth Osta.

the Authors in Schools Literacy Program and Tween/Teen Scene, and for creating valuable stories bringing awareness to the needs of those with disabilities."

The Literacy Champion Award is given annually to a person who has made a significant contribution to literacy in our local community. Although not normally given to someone who is an author, in 2017 this award went to David Baldacci for his help in promoting literacy through the "Wish You Well Foundation," which he formed with his wife, Michelle. This is a highly prestigious award with nominations coming from the AIBF Board of Directors, the Award Committee and past board and Advisory Board members. The final selection is by vote of the board.

The 2018 Literacy Champion

Award was given to Sue Nelson, owner of The Book Loft who has been a partner with the Book Festival in many capacities – including sponsor, onsite bookseller and fundraiser. A local landmark in the city's downtown Historic District, Nelson has made The Book Loft a haven for authors, children and community groups while promoting literacy in every form and fashion. Berry said, "The Literacy Champion award is awarded to you, Sue Nelson, for offering a supportive environment for local authors and promoting events that encourage the joy of reading, writing and lifelong learning among people of all ages."

The Live Oak Award is presented to someone who has been invaluable to the Amelia Island Book Festival in helping it achieve its goals of promot-

ing lifelong learning. Last year, Berry was the recipient of this award for his work with the festival as honorary chairman and for his help over the years. This award is given to someone who has made a significant difference in helping the festival achieve its goals of lifelong learning, especially among students. The 2018 Live Oak Award was presented to Jim Weinsier. In making the presentation, Berry said, "The 2018 Live Oak Award is presented to you, Jim Weinsier, for your positive, 'can do' attitude and unceasing willingness to help in any way needed to execute the goals of the Amelia Island Book Festival – serving as past board director and vice president and currently as a tireless ambassador and volunteer for the Festival."

The Book Island Literary

Awards – fiction and non-fiction – are author awards that were established in the last few years to recognize excellence among emerging authors who are registered to exhibit at the Festival's Expo. The submitted books are judged by an independent group of professionals, comprised of authors, editors, educators and literary critics against a set of specific criteria.

The 2018 Book Island Literary Award for Fiction was presented to author Randall Reneau for his book *The Paloma Crossing*. The 2018 Book Island Literary Award for Non-Fiction was presented to Elizabeth Osta for her book *Saving Faith*. These books were recognized as outstanding works with distinctive voice, compelling story, originality and well-crafted writing, exemplifying the values of reading and promoting literacy.

## FERNANDINA MARKETPLACE

JUDIE MACKIE  
For the News-Leader

The Fernandina Beach Market Place farmers market is open rain or shine. Come explore over 40 tents of seasonal produce, fresh baked breads, local wild-caught shrimp, natural dog treats, soy candles, honey, jams and jellies, pickles, olives, sea salts, dips, ice cream and more.

As our farmers move from winter to springtime you will see a change in the vegetables grown. The warmer weather varieties of beans, onions, tomatoes, peppers, cucumbers and squash are becoming readily available.

Gia's Garden, an organic booth that provides flat breads, nut butters and elixirs, is back this week, as well as the Muffin Lady and her apple, blueberry and chocolate muffins. Jay's Marketplace is also back this week with their jars of chopped olive salad and olive juice, which is perfect for martinis.

Music this week is provided by Jenn Burns. The market is open Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., except for May 5, when the Isle of Eight Flags Shrimp Festival and the Fernandina Pirates Club take over the city for four days of family fun! On April 14, look for the return of the Fernandina Beach Arts Market that is held on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month.



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This chipmunk seems to be oblivious of the danger in front of him and interested only in the food. This cute illustration holds an important message for Christians. At times we may become blinded to the danger that surrounds our situation in our efforts to reach a prize. We can assume that we are all more intelligent than this cute little chipmunk and although temptations may occasionally be overwhelming, God has given us the strength to endure. Looking past the immediate and seeing the long term effects will help us make the healthy and moral decision. God has a wonderful journey for our lives, but to receive His blessings we must hold tightly to His hand and follow His path.

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How did Boaz meet Ruth?  
(answer found in this week's scripture reading)



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## VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

### Gun control

It is amazing to note the level of negative emotion felt by many gun owners at the mere suggestion of new gun ownership regulations! Where do these folks get the idea that anyone is seriously proposing revoking the legal right to own guns? Perhaps they believe the NRA propaganda, which they support with NRA membership and donations.

The Second Amendment to the U.S. Constitution guarantees that gun ownership for citizens in organized militias shall not be infringed. The part about "militias" is rarely, if ever, mentioned by gun owners.

Repeal of the Second Amendment would clear the way for rational regulation of gun ownership with the objective of removing guns from possession by criminals, kids and the mentally disturbed. Without repeal, such regulations will be endlessly challenged in the courts.

There has never been, to my knowledge, a serious proposal to disarm all citizens. It would be worthwhile to limit the types of firearms available to law-abiding citizens. Why does any citizen but a criminal need a semi-automatic weapon that fires as fast as you can pull the trigger? That capability should be reserved for the military and law enforcement officers.

Alan Donaldson  
Amelia Island

### Learning lessons

The high schoolers had their day on the stage advocating against guns while they were protected by police and military with their weapons. This is no different than liberals from all walks of life who advocate banning weapons only to have armed security protecting them 24/7.

It is now time for the students to go back to the classroom and learn about the U.S. Constitution that gives them the right to assemble without the threat of violence and at the same time learn the reason why our forefathers wrote the language of the Second Amendment protecting every citizen of this country with the right to bear arms. I'm not going to state the reason because I feel it is the responsibility of our youth to do the research themselves! In so doing, maybe they will develop an appreciation for the rights granted to the people rather than taking them away!

When they are finished with the first assignment, they should review the language of the First Amendment to develop an understanding of everyone's right of free speech without stifling the rights of others who disagree with their stance on issues. This they have done to their classmates and others who have spoken out for the rights of the Second Amendment to the point of threatening and even enacting violence against those individuals. Shame on them!

Finally, the last lesson is to gain a better understanding of exactly what they are against, if anything, and it can't be guns because many when asked couldn't define an assault rifle if they tried! This lack of knowledge about that being protested points to the disingenuous nature of this entire episode. Was this just a day off from school or a day in the spotlight?

Violence in our schools and anywhere else for that matter is a crime. The problem is that it is not new, and within

a few weeks this latest episode will fade just as in the past. Human nature is to rally for a cause only to fall back into the old ways within a short period of time. Unfortunately, I can almost bank on it happening in this case!

Rodger Woltjer  
Yulee

### Dog chaining

If you tether your dog in your yard, but not in your pickup truck, you might be a resident of Nassau County.

If your child's playpen is larger than your dog's kennel, you might be a resident of Nassau County.

If your dog's playmates are a garden gnome and a bird-bath, you might be a resident of Nassau County.

If county commissioners pass the recent revision of Nassau County's animal ordinance, these won't be jokes, they will be reality.

The most recent revision of the animal ordinance, known as the "Alternate Version" was introduced on March 6. It allows dogs to be transported in open trucks and open trailers without being restrained in any manner. Dog kennels need to be large enough to allow the dog to sit, stand, lie down and make other normal body movements. The Alternate Version states that dogs can be chained (tethered) and unattended all day, all night, all year. Dogs can be chained on vacant land and abandoned property. The chain can be of any length and of any weight. The proposed changes were made in response to input from several public forums held in Callahan and Yulee.

According to the Humane Society of the United States, 100,000 dogs are killed each year while being transported in the back of pickup trucks. Unrestrained dogs in open vehicles are in danger of being thrown from the vehicle where they become a danger to nearby motorists who may lose control of their vehicle as they attempt to avoid them.

In 1997, the U.S. Department of Agriculture stated, "tethering a dog as a means of primary enclosure is not a humane practice that is in the animal's best interests." According to The American Veterinary Medical Association, "Never tether your dog as it can lead to aggressive behavior." According to The Humane Society of the United States, "Tied-up outside, dogs become lonely, bored and anxious, and they can develop aggressive behaviors."

A study performed by The Centers for Disease Control confirmed that tethered dogs are three times more likely to bite people than dogs that are not tethered.

Laws prohibiting unattended dog tethering are spreading across Florida. At present, over 60 percent of Floridians cannot tether their dog and leave it unattended. This includes Duval County and the city of Fernandina Beach.

Nassau County commissioners should heed the recommendations of experts, follow the trend of other Florida counties and move our animal ordinance into the twenty-first century by passing an attended-tethering-only law and requiring that dogs be safely secured when transported in open trucks.

If passed, the Alternate Version will be a giant step backwards for animal welfare and for the safety of the people of Nassau County.

Dr. David Fashingbauer  
Fernandina Beach

## Putting up big numbers

The Amelia Concours d'Elegance car show continues to be a powerful economic engine that drives tourism here.

The popular springtime event is steeped in history. As in historic cars and an impressive historical performance, proving its relevance here.

"Overall, the Concours is by far the largest single event contributing to our economy," says Gil Langley, head of the Amelia Island Tourist Development Council.

"This event generates almost twice the economic impact of the Shrimp Festival — the largest event by attendance."

Despite inclement weather and schedule changes, this year's event on March 8-11 again registered impressive numbers. The total economic impact of the weekend exceeded \$21 million, measured primarily by what visitors spent for lodging, merchandise, activities, etc. This is certainly a big number. In addition, the show attracts wealthy buyers and sellers from all over (the likes of Jay Leno and Jerry Seinfeld in past years), creating a positive awareness of Amelia Island and the surrounding area. You cannot put a number on this. But that number is big.

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Walmart sells low-priced goods from its traditional store in Fernandina Beach and its superstore in Yulee. The stores also provide services, like eye care, beauty, food, etc.

A broad range of healthcare services might be next.

Walmart is reportedly mulling an offer for health insurer Humana, as well as for PillPack to add online and mobile services to its large pharmacy network. These potential acquisitions are attempts by Walmart to combat competitors and modernize healthcare services.

Competitors are indeed swarming. Amazon is looking at expanding into the pharmacy sector, and CVS is attempting to buy Aetna, another major health insurer. Then there is a proposed healthcare partnership between Amazon, Berkshire Hathaway



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says CVS president Larry Merlo.

"When this merger is complete, the combined company will be well-positioned to reshape the consumer healthcare experience," Merlo says, "putting people at the center to ensure they have access to high-quality, more affordable care where they are, when they need it."

The possible Walmart acquisitions could have similar impacts. Walmart already owns one of the largest pharmacies in the U.S., potentially providing a one-stop shop for Humana's 14 million policyholders.

While Aetna shareholders approved the acquisition by CVS, it must now overcome regulatory hurdles. It is difficult to figure how it will be perceived in anti-competitive terms.

If all these mergers and partnerships and acquisitions improve the healthcare market in the U.S., it's all good. Moves to make the healthcare marketplace healthier?

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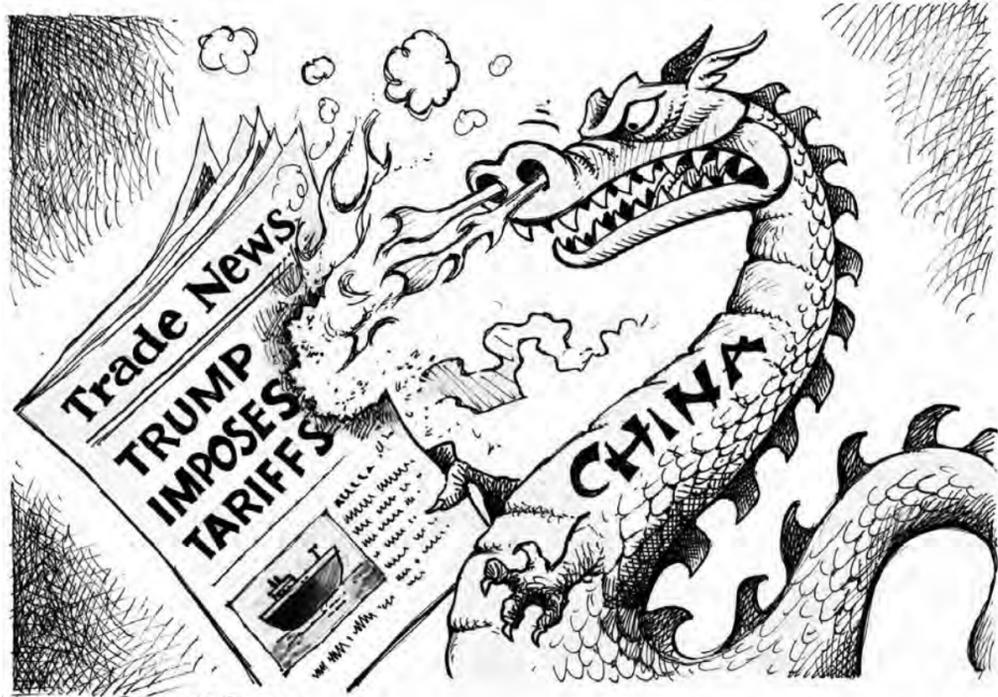
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## Recognizing the dangers of fueling

Most people recognize the need to respect the volatility and explosive potential of gasoline. Warnings are posted on every gas pump. Unfortunately, the alternative hydrocarbon fuel, diesel, is less well understood and less respected. Diesel fueling of vessels, especially large yachts and in particular, fueling with high-speed pumps, presents several serious risks including fierce fires and deadly explosions.

Sinking money into the La Brea mud pit of a marina is disgraceful. Abdicating government's responsibility for the safety of our citizens and firefighters is unconscionable.

Diesel as a hydrocarbon contains pound for pound more energy than gasoline. The flash point of fuel is the lowest temperature

at which it can form an ignitable mixture of fuel vapors and air. The LEL, or lower explosive limit, of diesel is higher (thus safer) than gasoline. But it doesn't take a lot of diesel in an almost empty tank to explode if it comes in contact with an ignition source. If only one percent of the air in a tank contains diesel vapors, an "empty" tank becomes a bomb. At a temperature of 100 degrees Fahrenheit diesel begins to vaporize and the rate increases as temperature rises. Bomb is a powerful word, and I don't use it loosely. When TWA Flight 800 exploded off Long Island, it took 250 lives. The Explosion Dynamics Lab at California Institute of Technology wrote an excellent study of Flight 800. A lengthy investigation by the FBI found no evidence of a terrorist device or missile. The

bomb, which tore the aircraft in two, was a hot, almost empty fuel tank. The NSTB and the FAA began a program to fill "empty" tanks with inert gases to prevent similar disasters. Despite a significant increase in preventative measures, Tankers and Offshore Oil production continues to see horrific explosions.

Fueling a large vessel is a high-risk operation. The quantity is hundreds or thousands of gallons. Tanks are often adjacent to hot engines, and almost always the internal tank temperatures exceed 100 degrees. Neither vessel owners nor passersby have a clue they are so close to a bomb.

The tank vent hose is 5/8" but the fittings reduce this to 1/2". The fills are 1&1/2". High volume fuel increases the tank internal pressure

because the displaced air cannot vent quickly enough. Crews reduce fatigue by holding the handle open and use everything from crushed beer cans to BIC lighters under the handle. Mr. BIC died.

Lt. Tom Guldner, a training officer with FDNY, put it succinctly: "Boat fires should be viewed as bombs." The fueling procedures followed by both the military and merchant mariners exhibit far more stringent controls with good reason. The reckless disregard of the unique dangers of large vessel fueling presents a real danger to the citizens of Fernandina and a potential financial debt from accident litigation. A vocal and subsidized minority prevents the city from turning the mud pit into a park everyone can enjoy.

# AROUND YULEE

## PEOPLE, PLACES, THINGS TO DO



SKINNER BROTHERS REALTY/SPECIAL

The first project at Wildlight for Skinner Brothers Realty of Jacksonville, one of two approved, is a 9,100-square-foot multi-tenant building with a courtyard. It will be on the northeast corner of Wildlight's front entrance.

## Commercial area takes shape at Wildlight

CINDY JACKSON  
News-Leader

The outline of the community at Wildlight is taking shape: Homebuilders D.S. Ware and Dream Finders Homes are on board, Florida Public Utilities is joining Rayonier in locating its corporate headquarters there, the University of Florida is setting up a health and wellness center, and AT&T and Comcast have been selected as technology providers.

The latest addition to the landscape at the new community is Skinner Brothers Realty, "a developer, investor, owner and manager of retail, office and mixed-use properties" according to a news release.

The company will develop the first retail space in Wildlight.

Formed in 1918, this Jacksonville-based and family-owned and operated company was reinvented in 1999 by A. Chester Skinner III, who continues to helm the company. His two sons, Riley and Chet, also work there. Their first project, one of two approved, is a 9,100-square-foot multi-tenant building with a courtyard. It will be on the northeast corner of Wildlight's front entrance.

Raydient Places + Properties, the developer of Wildlight, selected the firm for a number of reasons, including its concept design renderings capturing the "low country architectural character and design," as described in the news release issued by the

Dalton Agency.

During a recent conversation at the StoryCenter located in the heart of Wildlight, Chet Skinner, the vice president of the firm, noted they have been watching Nassau County closely for the last four years.

"The schools are incredible in Nassau County, and when you come here and discover downtown historic Fernandina Beach, which is a true jewel, the area is just primed for who growth," said Skinner, also mentioned the proximity to River City and Jacksonville International Airport as other major selling points.

The Skinner Bros. Realty Company's first investment in Nassau County was 15 lots located in what became Amelia Walk. They can't claim credit for the look of that community as they sold the lots to GreenPointe Homes before actual construction began.

Alejandro Barbero, director of strategic development and communications for Rayonier, said about Skinner Brothers Realty being selected for the first Wildlight commercial project, "Local builders know this market best and they share the same values."

While neither Barbero nor Chet Skinner would announce the names of potential tenants since they said negotiations are still underway, Barbero did say "It is our goal to create a development that is good for the community. We want the development to thrive."



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Cassie McClellan, senior marketing coordinator at Wildlight, and Chet Skinner, vice president of Skinner Brothers Realty, discuss building plans in the Wildlight StoryCenter.

Chet Skinner followed up that comment with his own assessment of Raydient Places + Properties: "They have a commitment to the area. You see it in their vision for Nassau County. You see their com-

mitment and it is easy to jump onboard."

A long-time resident of the Jacksonville area, Chet Skinner went to Sewanee College in Tennessee, where he played basketball. He brings to the

firm his passion for residential and commercial development. His brother, Riley, who was a four-year starting quarterback for Wake Forest, joined the firm 10 years ago, bringing with him his knowledge of the financial

sector. "We look forward to delivering a quality product for future residents, businesses and the local community to enjoy for years to come," said Chet Skinner.

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# SAWGRASS CLASSIC



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Three Women's Golf Association teams from Long Point at the Amelia Island Club participated in the Inaugural Sawgrass Classic March 27 at Sawgrass Country Club. Donna Sweet and Debi Sutton were winners of the fourth flight four-ball stroke play (better ball of the twosome). Carole Cooper-Haims teamed up with Judy Schmonsees, and Carol Newburger and Maureen Nussman joined forces to represent Long Point. Picuted, from left, are Sutton, Schmonsees, Newburger, Cooper-Haims, Nussman and Sweet.

## Engers crowned Queen of Clubs

The Amelia River Women's Golf Association held its monthly Queen of Clubs tournament Monday. Debbie Engers was the winner. She shot a net 66.



Engers

There will be one more opportunity to win the monthly tournament in May in order to be eligible to compete in the Queen of Clubs Shootout later in May.

The non-Queen players competed in a low net tournament. In first place was Melinda McGrath, net 68; Cherie Billings, was second, net 69; Pat Taylor, finished third, net 69; and Susan Kaye, was fourth, net 69.

Second, third and fourth places were determined by a match of scorecards.

### Swingin' with Jazz

The Amelia Island Jazz Festival will combine golf, jazz, fun prizes and lunch for its first ever Swingin' with Jazz Golf Tournament, a scholarship fundraiser May 12 at the Fernandina Beach Municipal Golf Club, 2800 Bill Melton Road.

A 10 a.m. shotgun start is set for the four-person

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scramble event, and the public is invited to participate. Players may enter as a foursome team or will be grouped into teams by the event chairperson, Steve Murphy, at the golf club.

Included in the entry fee will be 18 holes of golf, a cart and range balls, lunch and four chances to win a golf trip to Las Vegas; Kauai, Hawaii; Treetops Resort, Mich.; or French Lick, Ind. An array of additional prizes will be raffled off, and mulligans will also be available for purchase.

Following play, there will be an awards luncheon featuring live jazz in the club's dining area. Several of the festival's longtime popular musicians will be teeing off in the tournament, including J.B. Scott, trumpet, former leader of New Orleans' Dukes of Dixieland; Dave Steinmeyer, trombone, former leader of the Airmen of Note, U.S. Air Force Band; and Lisa Kelly, jazz vocalist in the Jacksonville Jazz Festival Hall of Fame.

Entry fee will be \$80 per person. Hole sponsorships may be purchased for \$100 per hole, and more sponsorship opportunities may be viewed online.

For information or to register, visit [www.ameliainlandjazzfestival.com](http://www.ameliainlandjazzfestival.com), contact the

festival hotline at 504-4772 or call Murphy at 310-3178.

Proceeds from the Swingin' With Jazz tournament will help support the Amelia Island Jazz Festival's scholarship, Jazz for Seniors, and Jazz in the Schools programs.

## SPORTS SHORTS

### Boating safety class

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary is offering a recreational boating safety education program. The course is aimed at the new boater.

Flotilla 14-1 is offering this course at the Amelia Island Lighthouse, O'Hagan Drive, 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. Fee is \$10.

Attend the course and pass the exam to receive a Florida Boater Education card.

To register or for information, contact Harry Tipper at (912) 576-6659 or email [htipper3@comcast.net](mailto:htipper3@comcast.net).

### 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 today. Information, including all necessary application forms, selection criteria and instructions for all submissions, are available at [www.nsfafish.net/page-1774468](http://www.nsfafish.net/page-1774468).

Contact Michael Castner at 491-6309 or [jmc60@comcast.net](mailto:jmc60@comcast.net).

### 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](http://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.

### 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](mailto:rainmakerscentral@gmail.com), call (417) 540-0293 or visit [www.facebook.com/RainMakersFirstCoast](http://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.bluesombrero.com/ameliaislandlax](http://www.tshq.bluesombrero.com/ameliaislandlax). Email [aicynoyouthlacrosse@gmail.com](mailto:aicynoyouthlacrosse@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](http://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.

### 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.

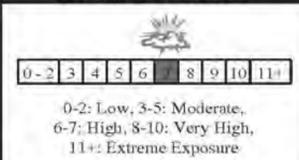
Petanque (pay-tonk) is a cousin of both horseshoes and bocce, the Italian bowling game. The public is always welcome. Call 491-1190.

## 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>
Partly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Few Showers	Scattered T-storms	Few Showers	Sunny	Cloudy
74 / 63	80 / 58	68 / 61	79 / 64	74 / 59	70 / 55	68 / 57

### Local UV Index



### Weather Trivia

What is the coldest recorded temperature in the United States?  
**Answer:** Prospect Creek, Alaska was 80 degrees below zero on Jan. 23, 1971.

### Weather History

**April 6, 1987** - Rain and melting snow caused flooding from New England to Ohio. Flooding in the Merrimack Valley of Massachusetts was the worst in 50 years, causing 42 million dollars in damage.

### Peak Fishing/Hunting Times This Week

Day	Peak Times		Day	Peak Times	
	AM	PM		AM	PM
Fri	5:10-7:10	5:34-7:34	Tue	8:21-10:21	8:45-10:45
Sat	5:58-7:58	6:23-8:23	Wed	9:08-11:08	9:31-11:31
Sun	6:47-8:47	7:10-9:10	Thu	9:54-11:54	10:17-12:17
Mon	7:34-9:34	7:58-9:58			

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### Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonsset
Fri	7:08 a.m.	7:48 p.m.	12:48 a.m.	11:31 a.m.
Sat	7:07 a.m.	7:48 p.m.	1:39 a.m.	12:18 p.m.
Sun	7:06 a.m.	7:49 p.m.	2:27 a.m.	1:07 p.m.
Mon	7:05 a.m.	7:49 p.m.	3:12 a.m.	1:59 p.m.
Tue	7:04 a.m.	7:50 p.m.	3:53 a.m.	2:52 p.m.
Wed	7:02 a.m.	7:51 p.m.	4:32 a.m.	3:47 p.m.
Thu	7:01 a.m.	7:51 p.m.	5:10 a.m.	4:43 p.m.

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

Date	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Farmer's Growing Degree Days			
Date	Degree Days	Date	Degree Days					
3/28	74	54	78/53	0.00"	3/28	14	4/1	16
3/29	76	62	78/53	0.00"	3/29	19	4/2	18
3/30	77	61	78/54	0.00"	3/30	19	4/3	21
3/31	67	58	78/54	0.00"	3/31	12		
4/1	73	60	78/54	0.00"				
4/2	78	59	78/54	0.00"				
4/3	79	63	78/54	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	1:37 am	7:50 am	1:54 pm 7:48 pm	Fri	1:01 am	7:47 am	1:18 pm 7:45 pm
Sat	2:23 am	8:43 am	2:41 pm 8:42 pm	Sat	1:47 am	8:40 am	2:05 pm 8:39 pm
Sun	3:14 am	9:37 am	3:34 pm 9:39 pm	Sun	2:38 am	9:34 am	2:58 pm 9:36 pm
Mon	4:10 am	10:30 am	4:32 pm 10:37 pm	Mon	3:34 am	10:27 am	3:56 pm 10:34 pm
Tue	5:09 am	11:20 am	5:31 pm 11:32 pm	Tue	4:33 am	11:17 am	4:55 pm 11:29 pm
Wed	6:06 am	12:09 pm	6:26 pm None	Wed	5:30 am	12:06 pm	5:50 pm None
Thu	6:57 am	12:25 am	7:16 pm 12:55 pm	Thu	6:21 am	12:22 am	6:40 pm 12:52 pm

### StarWatch By Gary Becker - What a Night!

As conditions have become a "little warmer," it is that time of the semester when my students begin to learn the operation of our computer driven telescopes, as well as to start to make observations through them. Actually, these instruments were produced by the International Astronomical Union (IAU) for the celebration of the 400th anniversary (1609-2009) of Galileo's first observations made through a telescope of his own construction. Galileo did not invent the telescope, nor was he the first to make astronomical observations using a telescope, two big misconceptions that people carry along with them about the Italian physicist and entrepreneur. Galileo was, however, the first to publish his observations in the Sidereus Nuncius (Sidereal Messenger or Starry Messenger) in 1610, and that brought him fame, fortune, and eventually the Inquisition to his doorstep. The night my Monday/Wednesday crew was on the Collier Sky Deck, March 19, was extraordinarily clear and relatively mild. Two days later, we were experiencing nor'easter number four, and the college closed at noon. As the sun set nearly due west, you could turn around and see the Earth's gray shadow distinctly rising in the east. It looked as if there was an imminent storm approaching. Above the gray was a diffuse line of pink, the projection of sunlight, reddened by its passage through Earth's atmosphere (Rayleigh scattering) from the point below the horizon where the sun was setting. About five minutes before sundown, through binoculars I was able to spot Venus, Mercury, and the ultra-thin crescent moon. My students easily caught Venus, as well as the moon about five minutes after sundown, but it took a little more time, perhaps about 15-20 minutes before Mercury revealed itself against the deepening twilight. As it got darker and my students began to use their smartphone flashlights to complete their drawings, I turned one of our smaller, very portable telescopes towards the moon to reveal a better view of earthshine to my students. Earthshine is the light from a nearly full Earth, which appears about 80 times brighter from the moon than the moon appears from Earth, illuminating the part of the moon which is not getting direct sunlight. It looks ghostly to the unaided eye, but through the eyepiece of a telescope gulping in hundreds of times the amount of light that the normal eye sees, my students saw the darker seas (basins) against the brighter highland regions in the earthshine portion of the moon. It was one of the best earthshine views that I have ever witnessed all in one night, ironically all from light polluted center city Bethlehem. [www.astronomy.org](http://www.astronomy.org)

## 2018 SCHEDULES

YULEE HIGH SCHOOL	Varsity Softball	April 6-7	Doc for Life at Ocala	6:00
April 12	at Episcopal	6:00		
April 13	at Bolles	6:00		
April 17	PAXON	6:30		
April 23-23	District at West Nassau			
YULEE HIGH SCHOOL	Junior Varsity Softball	Doc for Life at Ocala	April 6-7	
FERNANDINA BEACH HIGH SCHOOL	Varsity Baseball	April 6	at Episcopal	7:00
April 9	PAXON	6:00		
April 12	RAINES	6:00		
April 13	at Raines	6:00		
April 19	YULEE	6:00		
April 20	at Yulee	6:30		
April 24	at Fleming Island	5:00		
April 26	HILLIARD (seniors)	7:00		
April 30-May 3	DISTRICT at FBHS			
FERNANDINA BEACH HIGH SCHOOL	Junior Varsity Baseball	April 6	at Yulee	6:00
April 9	PAXON	4:00		
April 12	at Episcopal	6:00		
FERNANDINA BEACH HIGH SCHOOL	Softball	April 6	at Terry Parker	6:00
April 10	BISHOP SNYDER	6:00		
April 11	JACKSON	6:00		
April 12	at St. Johns Country	4:30		
April 16	ED WHITE (seniors)	6:00		
April 18	at Sandalwood	5:30		
April 20	at Lee	5:00		
April 23-26	District at West Nassau			
* District				
FERNANDINA BEACH HIGH SCHOOL	Tennis	April 17-13	DISTRICT at FBHS	8:00
YULEE HIGH SCHOOL	Varsity Baseball	April 11	at Bishop Kenny*	6:00
April 12	BISHOP KENNY*	6:30		
April 16	at Episcopal	6:30		
April 19	at Fernandina Beach*	6:00		
April 20	FERNANDINA BEACH*	6:30		
April 23	ATLANTIC COAST	6:00		
April 24	at Bolles	6:30		
* District				
YULEE HIGH SCHOOL	Junior Varsity Baseball	April 6	FERNANDINA	6:30
April 9	BISHOP KENNY	6:30		
April 10	at Bishop Kenny	6:00		
FERNANDINA BEACH HIGH SCHOOL	Track & Field	April 4	Sprint/field meets at Bolles	
April 11 or 12	District			
April 25	Region			
May 4-5	State at UNF			

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## Pirates beat Tift 5-1 to improve to 11-4 on season

### 12-5 Hornets play host to Crusaders Thursday

Tripp Vonnoh went five innings, giving up one unearned run in the Pirates' 5-1 win over Tift Area Academy on Tuesday.

Scotty Rivenbark and Hunter Ramsey pitched one inning apiece, giving up no runs.

Kyle Richardson knocked in a pair of runs with a hit; Brian Morris had a double; and Caleb Goltz went 2-for-3 for the Fernandina Beach High School baseball team, which pushed its record to 11-4.

The Pirates traveled to Atlantic Coast Thursday and head to Episcopal today. They are back home Monday with Paxon and host Raines on Thursday. First pitch is at 6 p.m. for both games.

The Hornets lost 6-2 to Cook County, Ga., on Tuesday.

"Josh Bedell took the loss but threw well," said Fred Matricardi, head baseball coach at Yulee High School.

Bedell had two hits and the plate, and Tyler green added a pair of RBIs.

"We were up early and then didn't finish and had some bad approaches at the plate," Matricardi said. "Give credit to Cook County; they play hard and are a good team."

Tift stopped in Yulee on Wednesday. The



The Pirates hosted Tift Area Academy on Tuesday, and with the win, are 11-4 on the season. Kyle Richardson at shortstop, left, and catcher Jacob Janzen scrambling back to first base, right.

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Hornets beat their guests 8-2. Caleb McCormick (3-0) earned the win on the mound. Braxton Wall had three hits, and Austin LaFavor had a double,

a home run and a pair of RBIs.

"Caleb threw very well," Matricardi said. "Located his fastball and gave us a great start."

The 12-5 Hornets hosted Archer Thursday. They travel to Bishop Kenny on Wednesday and host the BK Crusaders on Thursday.

## NASSAU COUNTY FLAG FOOTBALL



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Fernandina Beach High School hosted Nassau County's girls flag football teams on Tuesday. In the opener, Yulee beat West Nassau 24-19, above, top left and top right. The Hilliard Lady Flashes beat the host Lady Pirates 32-0, left, below and bottom left. FBHS plays West Nassau on Tuesday and Yulee on April 17.





## AMELIA ISLAND CHAMBER MUSIC FESTIVAL

## Concerts will feature jazz, Dixieland and bluegrass

In a departure from its traditional fare of classical music, the Amelia Island Chamber Music Festival will present five concerts beginning April 12 that will feature a diverse array of uniquely American music: jazz, Dixieland and bluegrass, according to a news release.

The April 12 concert will feature a performance of gypsy jazz played by award-winning Dutch violinist Tim Kliphuis and guitarist Alfonso Ponticelli. The duo will highlight the music of violin legend Stéphane Grappelli and gypsy jazz guitarist Django Reinhardt. A classically trained violinist, "Tim Kliphuis is the foremost ambassador for the music of Stéphane Grappelli and for the enduringly distinctive gypsy swing style that Grappelli invented," according to *The Strad* magazine. Alfonso Ponticelli, leader of the Swing Gitan band, has been part of the Chicago jazz scene since the early 1980s and is the founder of the Chicago Gypsy Jazz Festival.

This 7:30 p.m. concert will be held at Walker's Landing at Omni Amelia Island Plantation Resort, located at 11 Beach Lagoon Road on Amelia Island.

A free concert in the park featuring the Hotlanta Dixieland Jazz Band will be held at 11 a.m. April 14 at the Amelia Park Concert Pavilion in Fernandina Beach. Bring your lawn chairs and picnic lunch for a fun-filled concert by one of the South's greatest Dixieland bands.

The Grascals, acclaimed as "the hottest act in bluegrass," will perform April 15-17. The Grascals' cutting-edge bluegrass music has earned the group three Grammy nominations, two Entertainer of the Year awards from the International Bluegrass Music Association and national media attention. The group has made over 150 appearances at the Grand Ole Opry and honors include performing twice for President George W. Bush and at former President Barack Obama's inaugural ball at the Smithsonian.

The Grascals' April 15 performance will start at 5 p.m. at Walker's Landing. The April



The Grascals, left, will perform April 15-17, including a free Family Concert at the Boys & Girls Club's Roberts Learning & Achievement Center. Award-winning Dutch violinist Tim Kliphuis and guitarist Alfonso Ponticelli, below, will perform gypsy jazz at an April 12 concert.

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16 concert is the Festival's free Family Concert that starts at 3 p.m. at the Boys & Girls Club's Roberts Learning & Achievement Center, located at 1175 Lime St. in Fernandina Beach. The Grascals' final performance will be held April 17 at Walker's Landing.

Tickets for these performances and all remaining 2018 concerts are available by visiting [aicmf.com](http://aicmf.com) or by calling 261-1779.

The Amelia Island Chamber Music Festival will continue on April 22 with a performance by the Beth Newdome Fellowship Artists and a concert by pianist Sam Haywood on April 24. The Festival, which runs through April, will offer three 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.



## Churches Host Annual Community Easter Celebration



Memorial United Methodist Church and First Presbyterian Church joined together again to host their annual Community Easter Celebration downtown last Saturday. A record number of families enjoyed bounce houses, face painting, free lunch, games, crafts, and Easter egg hunts with over 11,000 eggs. Because of their close proximity, Memorial United Methodist Church and First Presbyterian Church have been joining together for fellowship and worship events for over 150 years. The churches continue to work together each year to hold this free Easter event, and a similar Fall Festival, for the whole community to enjoy.

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#### SOUNDS ON CENTRE

Sounds On Centre will kick off its 2018 season today at 6 p.m. with a performance by Band on the Run. The event is free and suitable for the entire family. The stage will be set up at the intersection of Second and Centre streets in downtown Fernandina Beach. Band members include Jeff Wade on bass, Bonn Anenas on guitar, David Lanier on drums, and Victor Marini on drums.

Future Sounds On Centre concerts include the Decades Band on May 3, The Bluff 5 Band on June 1, Island Vibe on July 6, flipturn on Aug. 3, Honey Badgers on Sept. 7 and a surprise performance on Oct. 5.

#### LAST OUTPOST OF EMPIRE

Florida Living History at Fort Matanzas National Monument in St. Augustine is presenting "Last Outpost of Empire" on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. "In 1783, the Revolutionary War is almost over - Britain has lost. In the course of the war, troops of the South Carolina Royalists have paid the price of loyalty to King George by los-

ing everything they own. Now, there are troubling rumors that the British government intends to return Florida to the Spanish. For the tiny British garrison at Fort Matanzas - portrayed by Florida Living History volunteers - this news means that they have, once again, been cast adrift by the fortunes of war," a news release for the event states. The Fort is located at 8635 AIA S in St. Augustine. For more information, call (904) 471-0116.



# OUT AND ABOUT

## THIS WEEKEND

**Amelia Community Theatre will present the Tony Award- and Pulitzer Prize-winning drama *Doubt* at 8 p.m. today and Saturday, then April 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.**

**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 today 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. today. 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 American Legion Post 54 will host a shrimp scampi dinner from 5 to 7 p.m. Saturday. The \$10 meal includes a caesar salad and garlic bread. AI will be on keyboards from 7 to 11 p.m.**

**The Dynamic Les DeMerle Jazz Trio with Bonnie Eisele will Swing Into Spring with performances at Horizons Restaurant, 5472 First Coast Highway on Amelia Island. The group is scheduled to perform 6 to 9 p.m. today and Saturday and April 27-28 and May 4-5 and 25-26. For 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.**

**Amelia Musical Playhouse will hold auditions for *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time* at**

1 p.m. Sunday. Show dates will be July 13-14 and 19-21 at 7:30 p.m. with a 2:30 matinee on the July 15. Rehearsal days and times to be agreed following casting. Based on the novel by Mark Haddon, this adaptation by Simon Stephens enjoyed considerable critical and commercial success in both London's West End and on Broadway, garnering numerous awards including the Tony for Best Play in 2015. The story takes place entirely in England so actors should already be able to use a British accent or be able to learn one. This is a physical play with lots of movement and for the ensemble plenty of quick changes. Many of the scenes will require careful choreography of movement (not dancing). The audition will consist of cold readings but those interested are encouraged to study the script prior to auditions. Please be prepared to give details of all conflicts between April 8 and July 21.

## NEXT WEEK

**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.**

**Ballroom On Amelia offers Two for Tuesday group classes with Rumba at 7 p.m. followed by Samba 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 8-10 p.m. April 27; doors will open at 7:45 p.m. Admission is \$10 cash at the door. For information, call 624-0886 or visit [ballroomonamelia.com](http://ballroomonamelia.com) or the Ballroom on Amelia Facebook page.**

**Baptist Medical Center Nassau Auxiliary is featuring a sterling silver and boutique fashion jewelry trunk show with a selection of clothing on Friday, April 13, from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Board Room off the Main Lobby of the hospital, located at 1250 S. 18th St. in Fernandina Beach. All items will be 20 percent off. All of the Auxiliary proceeds support the hospital and the community.**

# Friends of the Library Spring Book Sale

The Friends of the Fernandina Beach Library's annual Spring Book Sale kicks off Thursday, April 12, with a special FOL members-only preview from 5 to 7 p.m. in the auditorium at the Peck Center, 516 S. 10th St.

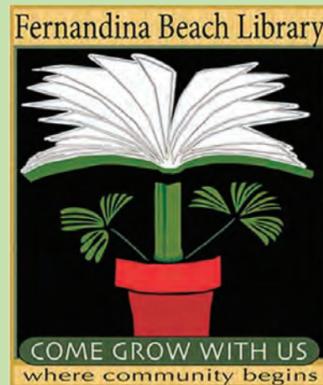
If you are not a member, you are invited to sign up at the door to join other members and get first choice of the thousands of books, CDs, DVDs and more for sale. You can also join online at [FernandinaFOL.org](http://FernandinaFOL.org). Memberships are \$15 for students, \$35 for individuals, \$50 for a couple or \$75 for a family.

The doors will open to the general public on Friday, April 13, from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday, April 14, from

9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Books are organized for easy browsing in dozens of categories, including fiction, biographies, art, history, children's books, sports, cooking, audio books, DVDs, CDs, vinyl and more. Most are priced at \$3 or less.

One hundred percent of the proceeds from the Friends of the Library Spring and Fall Book Sales pay for specialized databases, network access, books, e-books, periodicals, and other materials and technologies that keep the Fernandina Beach Branch Library current.

To join Friends of the Library, to donate or for more information about our organization, visit [FernandinaFOL.org](http://FernandinaFOL.org).



**"Mrs. Kate" Carpenter, a local songwriter, is seeking young actors ages 9-14 to perform in a new stamp out bullying music video.** "Be a Friend." Auditions will be held Saturday, April 14, and Saturday, May 12, with filming in early June. Boys and girls are needed for a variety of roles. Visit [MrsKate.com](http://MrsKate.com)/auditions for more information. Application deadline April 12.

**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.**

**The works of more than a dozen of Amelia Island's talented artisans will be featured at a Spring Arts and Crafts Festival on Saturday, April 14, at the Fernandina Beach Golf Club, located at 2800 Bill Melton Road in Fernandina Beach. Stained glass, fine jewelry, paintings, photography, wood carvings, quilts and fabric art are just a few of the treasures you'll find. The sale of hand-rolled beeswax candles made by the women of P.E.O. Chapter IJ will benefit scholarships for women. P.E.O., a non-profit philanthropic educational organization, has been helping women improve their lives through education for over a century. The Festival will be open to the public from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**

## UPCOMING

**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 call 530-6353.**

**Writers by the Sea will host a presentation of "Clandestine Ops: Writing a Reality-Based Spy Novel" by author T. L. Williams, a veteran Central Intelligence Agency operations officer, at 6 p.m. April 18 at the Amelia Island Museum of History, located at 233 S. Third St. in Fernandina Beach. Williams' 30-year career as a clandestine HUMINT operations officer spanned the world. This is your chance to hear the real story from a real CIA operations officer and learn how the CIA's story can infuse your story with more realistic "spy**

novel" material. Williams' talk will include some of the more common tradecraft tools that real operations officers use, as opposed to the one's portrayed in popular media, and examines some novels that really hit the mark.

**Auto Legends Amelia Cars and Conversation will meet Saturday, April 21, from 9 a.m. to noon at Eight Flags Autosports, located at 925 S. Eighth St. in Fernandina Beach. Open to anyone who enjoys cars. Unique and legendary autos will be on display and owners will be available to answer questions.**

**The West Nassau Historical Society has selected Saturday, April 21, for its signature fundraising Railroad Day Festival.** The all-volunteer nonprofit's 13th annual celebration is an all-day event held in and around the historic 1881 Callahan Train Depot and adjoining 1856 Florida Railroad bed. This year's celebration will include an exhibit of aviation history in Nassau County. Important dates and sites of significance in local air transportation will be on display inside the museum of local history section of the 137-year old wooden train station. The group will also celebrate the 30th anniversary of the late Victorian-style building's renovation. Since the date falls on Earth Day weekend, the group will also celebrate the fabled "hobos" and their green-friendly recycle and reuse skills they used while riding the rails. Unlike years past, there will be no parade through downtown Callahan. The group in honor of politician David Yulee will host a old-fashioned campaign stump where local candidates can briefly speak about their aspirations. The arts and crafts vendors and food vendors will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and the kids' area will include jumpy slide, climbing wall, and Hobo Games. Local live entertainment will perform on the main depot stage from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Callahan Cruisers along with Cochran's Collision Center next door to the depot will host a classic car show from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Various citizens and sponsors will be honored and car show and contest winners announced during the festivities. Antique engines, tractors and trains will be exhibited outside the depot while model train layouts will be on display inside the Depot Annex. This is an outdoor event so please bring your lawn chairs.

**The Fernandina Beach High School Jazz Ensemble will present Swing Into Spring Music and Masquerade from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Saturday, April 21, at the Fernandina Beach Golf Club. This fundraising event will feature a guest performance by the Nassau County Community Jazz Band and include desserts, dancing, a silent auction and more great jazz music from the Fernandina Beach High School Jazz Ensemble and The Rose Quartet. Tickets can be purchased online at [mightymarchingpirates.weebly.com](http://mightymarchingpirates.weebly.com), at Fernandina Beach High School or by calling 753-0299. Prices are \$25 for adults and \$15 for students. All monies raised during the fundraiser benefits the band and music programs at Fernandina Beach High School. Sponsorship and auction opportunities are available. For questions, email [fbhsbandparentboard@gmail.com](mailto:fbhsbandparentboard@gmail.com) or call 753-0299. Fernandina Beach Golf Club is located at 2800 Bill Melton Road.**

**The Fernandina Beach High School Jazz Ensemble will hold All About That Sax, a private fundraising brunch event, from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Sunday, April 22, at Luca's on Centre. The champagne brunch will feature jazz entertainment by Johnnie**

Robinson and Gabe Arnold, along with appearances by The Rose Quartet and surprise guests. Tickets are \$50 and can be purchased online at [mightymarchingpirates.weebly.com](http://mightymarchingpirates.weebly.com), at Fernandina Beach High School or by calling 753-0299. For questions, email [fbhsbandparentboard@gmail.com](mailto:fbhsbandparentboard@gmail.com) or call 753-0299. All monies raised during the fundraiser benefits the band and music programs at Fernandina Beach High School. Lucas on Centre is located at 614 Centre Street in Fernandina Beach.

**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).**

**Amelia Lifelong Learning is hosting a "Basic Spanish for Busy People" class as part of its spring schedule. The classes offer adults the opportunity to explore new subjects in a relaxed and enjoyable atmosphere, with no pressure, no papers, and no tests. Classes are still available at Amelia Island Plantation and at Amelia Community Theatre. The Spanish class will be taught by Berta Arias and is a fast, fun, and affordable way to learn the Spanish you need for travel abroad and for practical use at home. The class will meet Tuesday and Thursday from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Amelia Island Plantation between April 24 and May 24. The class fee is \$50. For full information on classes and to register, visit the ALL website at [amelialearning.com](http://amelialearning.com).**

**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. 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).**

**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).**

**Gerri's Corner of Comfort is open every Tuesday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and every Thursday, 1-4 p.m., Barnabas Center, 1303 Jasmine St., Fernandina Beach. It is a Nonprofit resource center for women with cancer, answers questions in a confidential setting, provides support group information and more. For an appointment call 261-7000.**

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## 'DOUBT: A PARABLE' AT ACT



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The drama *Doubt: A Parable*, winner of both the Pulitzer Prize and the Tony Award for Best Play, is currently on stage at Amelia Community Theatre, located at 207 Cedar St. in Fernandina Beach. The play takes place in 1964 in a Catholic school in the Bronx, where Sister Aloysius, the school's principal, suspects the priest assigned to the school is having an improper relationship with a male student and begins an investigation that turns into a "gripping mystery." The show can be seen at 8 p.m. tonight and tomorrow, April 12-14 and 19-21 as well as at 2 p.m. April 15. Tickets are \$22 for adults and \$10 for students through college and are available at [ameliacommunitytheatre.org](http://ameliacommunitytheatre.org) or calling 261-6749.

## 'You Don't Know Me' letter

Story & Song Bookstore will present a staged reading of "You Don't Know Me," a letter written by a woman to a Stanford athlete who sexually assaulted her, at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 7, according to a news release. The event will kick off April as Sexual Assault Awareness month, and a portion of the ticket sales from the reading will go to The Women's Center of Jacksonville Rape Crisis Center Nassau County Division.

The 12-page letter went viral more than a year ago and was read more than 11 million times on numerous websites. Many were deeply affected by "Emily Doe's" letter in which she describes the before, during and after trial events, including the sentencing of Brock Turner, who received a six-month term

in the county jail. The judge in the case was widely criticized for the light punishment.

"'You Don't Know Me' is a staged reading of this young woman's letter - her words come alive through the voices of three actors. Her journey is an emotional one; for one hour there is no resting place," the release states.

According to Diana Herman, who is staging the reading and also directs it, the audience "will hear the author's pain, sadness, anger, frustration, sarcasm, hopes, and ultimately her strength. It is this 'strength' that enables her to transcend her ordeal after being helpless for so long."

Herman states in the release that "it is how this young woman is able to reclaim her

power just with words that compelled her to 'do something' with the letter."

Herman has assembled three different women to read the letter, and the young man who assaulted her will also "testify," according to the release.

Tickets can be purchased in advance for \$10 at Story and Song Bookstore Bistro, located in the Amelia Park neighborhood of Fernandina Beach at 1430 Park Ave.

Trisha Meili, whose book *I Am the Central Park Jogger* recounts her ordeal and its aftermath, as well as her own personal journey to wholeness, will also speak at the event.

For more information, contact Lori Armstrong at [larmstong@womenscenterofjax.org](mailto:larmstong@womenscenterofjax.org) or call 722-3000.

## SUMMER CAMPS

### Royal Dance Academy

Royal Amelia Dance Academy will host several weekly camps this summer. Each camp will be split into three classes by age group - 4-6 years, 7-9 years and 10-12 years. Each class will be limited to 15 students. Classes will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and cost \$140 per week or \$496 for all four weeks. Lunch will not be provided; students should bring their own lunches with water. Each week will conclude with a family theatrical performance at Amelia Musical Playhouse.



### Sing Your Heart Out

July 2-6: Students will act as their favorite characters, like Buster Moon, Rosita and Ash, as they sing and dance to hit songs and will create their own talent show props and animal costumes. Live performance is at 2:30 p.m. July 6.

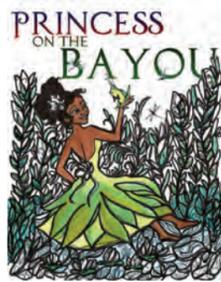


### Harry Potter

July 9-13: Students will create magical props, act as Hermione, Ginny, Draco, Dobby and more, join a Hogwarts House and sign and dance to new songs. Live performance is at 2:30 p.m. July 13.

### Princess on the Bayou

July 16-20: Students will bring Princess Tiana to life along with her friends and their singing frogs, act as Tiana, Charlotte, Juju, Mama Odie, Stella, Evangeline and Prince Naveen, sing songs like "Down in New Orleans" and "Almost There," create costumes and props for cooking, dance and frogs, draw and paint the backdrop



and dance to the great sounds of New Orleans. Live performance is at 2:30 p.m. July 20.

### Good Is the New Bad

July 23-27: Students will act as Evie, Mal, Harry Hook, Jay, Uma and their famous parents, sing the biggest songs from the movie, create their own magical costumes, looks and props, design backdrops for Auradon and the Isle of the Lost and dance. Live performance is at 2:30 p.m. July 27.



### Beginning Guitar

Beginning guitar summer camps for children from 9 to 12 years of age and 13 to 19 years of age are being offered by the Nassau County Adult Education Department this summer. They will run for one hour Monday through Thursday the weeks of June 11, 18 and 25 and the weeks of July 9, 16 and 23. The 9 to 13 year old camps will be at 10 a.m. or 1 p.m. The 13 to 19 year old camps will be at 11 a.m. or 2 p.m.

The camps will be held in the Team Center at the Nassau County School District's administration building at 1201 Atlantic Ave. in Fernandina Beach. The class limit for each class is six.

Cost is \$40 for instruction and materials. Guitars will be available for use in the class. Students will learn basic chords and well known songs to go with the chords they have learned. Different chords will be taught in each of the weekly sessions so you could mix and match the sessions as well.

Call Michelle at 650-823-1767 to register and for more information.

### Horse Camp

Ki-lin Stables in Yulee is offering camps for children 5-13 who are interested in horses. The camps are suitable for beginner to advanced riders and will include daily riding, basic equestrian care, arts and crafts and other horse-related activities.

The camp will have three sessions: June 11-15, June 25-29 and July 16-20. The cost of each session is \$250 per participant and runs from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Snacks and drinks will be provided. Care before and after camp hours is an additional \$10 per hour. Sibling discounts and single day prices are also available.

A non-refundable deposit of \$125 or tuition paid in full is required at least 14 days before the first day of each camp session. Cash, checks and PayPal are accepted. For more information, call 446-8643.

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# We can be certain about truth and still be humble

At some point, most of us have come across a friend who, in response to a claim of Christian truth, tells us, "That may be true for you, but it doesn't work for me." Some even insist that it's impossible to know anything for sure so there's no reason, then, for any of us to be dogmatic about anything.

Such statements sound diplomatic. They come across as open minded and respectful of all viewpoints. In the end, who really knows what's true? For that matter, who knows what's even knowable?

There may be real humility behind such thinking, but nobody lives like that. When it's 40 degrees outside, we don't go to the beach wearing shorts and a T-shirt. We know - with certainty - that's it's cold, and we act wisely.

That kind of logic may work in the physical world, some argue, but the spiritual realm is different - things there are indistinct and intangible. Consequently, it makes sense to humbly adopt the "what's true for



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every one of [his] righteous rules endures forever." And in 2 Timothy 2:15, the Apostle Paul encourages his friend to become "a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth."

At the same time, the Bible plainly states, "One's pride will bring him low, but he who is lowly in spirit will obtain honor" (Proverbs 29:23). In Luke 14:11, Jesus underscored the point,

explaining that, "Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

Christians, especially, should be wary of arrogance. But that's no reason to keep quiet about truth. John Stott, the Anglican theologian and writer, helps us think this through. Stott once said, "The purpose of an open mind is to find something solid on which to shut it." While many balk at such a notion - why would anyone shut their minds on anything? - here's what Stott's getting at: The purpose of an open mind is to discover the truth about ourselves and the world around us.

Chris Hutchinson, a Presbyterian pastor and writer, makes the point that if we're properly humble, we must acknowledge that the truth exists, and that it's worth pursuing. It's wise, of course, to be cautious. It's reasonable to stay skeptical. We need to gather the facts, check them, and double-check them. But ultimately, we must decide. As thoughtful creatures who've

been given the capacity to reason, we need to determine what's true and what's not.

We can be humble and insist that certain religious doctrines are true, Hutchinson says, even when they conflict with other religions. It's not arrogant or proud to simply acknowledge that every religion contradicts others on essential points of doctrine. For example, either God is all-powerful, or he's not. Either Jesus was resurrected from the dead, or he wasn't. These beliefs are either right or they're wrong.

Logically, then, Hutchinson says, it's not arrogant to claim that God reveals himself through just one religion. It might be wrong, but the claim - just because it's a claim - isn't arrogant. What's more, if it's true - if God has spoken, and if people have investigated the claim and become persuaded of it - shouldn't they accept it? In fact, wouldn't it be arrogant not to?

Theologian David Wells writes, "It is not immodest, nor arrogant, to claim that we know the truth, when what

we know is what God has given us to know through his Word." In other words, Christians don't claim to be smarter or more insightful than others. We are, as pastor Steve Brown likes to say, simply "one beggar telling another beggar where he found bread."

In the Easter season, it's good to recall that Christians don't rely on feelings or hunches; they trust the facts of the incarnation, crucifixion, and resurrection of Jesus. They proclaim a salvation that is offered to all regardless of merit. They claim that God became a man who died and rose again for his people. If that's true, says Hutchinson, it's hardly arrogant to state that the man is Jesus of Nazareth, that he was crucified, and that he is the way, the truth, and the life. Really, what could be humbler?

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## RELIGION NOTES

### 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 "Creation Care" 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 more information, call 566-5437 or 432-8845.

### Hope House worship

Come join Tuesday, April 10, us as dive in deeper to touch the heart of God. 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.

### Smiles one toy at a time

The Toymakers of Yulee is hosting a community spring festival 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 21 at Yulee United Methodist Church, located at 86003 Christian Way in Yulee. The day will include a silent auction with local artists' paintings, quilts, tools, gift certificates, bikes, Jaguars items, a derby race for Toymaker vehicles, demonstrations by the Nassau County Sheriff's Office, a crafts sales table, handmade wooden vehicles, food and drinks. Free Toymakers' cars will be available for children to decorate. Proceeds help give handmade wooden toys to children who are sick or in troubled environments.

### Spring musical event

The Chancel Choir will perform Tom Fettke's *The Majesty and Glory of the Resurrection* during the Amelia Plantation Chapel's spring musical event at 10 a.m. Sunday, April 22. This cantata, another of 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. 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

### AMELIA'S GOT TALENT

**The Allegiance Youth Choir at Amelia Baptist Church is holding its annual fundraiser called "Amelia's Got Talent" at 5:30 p.m. today at the church. 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.**

KRISTEN CAMPBELL/SPECIAL

Air from Handel's *Messiah* - "I Know 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.

### Looking to Give?

Thank you for helping The Salvation Army Hope House stock our emergency food pantry month after month. We currently need jelly, canned meats, beans, peas and fruit, boxed meals, condensed soup, cereal, grits, pasta sauce and toilet paper. Thank you for your generosity! Donations can be brought to The Salvation Army Hope House, 410 S. Ninth St., Fernandina Beach.

### Prince of Peace contemporary service

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church is the only Lutheran church in Nassau County and offers two worship services on Sunday mornings. The 9 a.m. service is a traditional liturgical service, while the 10:45 a.m. service is a more casual one. In months that have five Sundays, the final Sunday will have ONE combined service at 10 a.m. followed by a fellowship meal and community service project. Children are welcome and encouraged to be present at all worship services; however, a nursery area is available for children five years old and younger. Children's Sunday School is at 10:15 a.m. Holy communion is offered at all worship services and is open to all baptized believers in Jesus Christ. Lutheranism is Bible-based and utilizes the "Common

Lectionary" of scripture readings. Prince of Peace is located on Amelia Island at 2600 Atlantic Ave., next to the Atlantic Recreational Center and across from the main entrance to Fort Clinch State Park.

### College-age Bible study

Amelia Baptist Church hosts the Bible Study for College Age group at 7 p.m. each Sunday. For information and directions, call Adam Page at 261-9527.

### Under the Silver Balloon

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). For information, call 704-0568.

### Franklinton 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](mailto: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. Discoveries in paleontology, archeology, geology, astronomy, biology, microbiology, physics, astrophysics, and chemistry will be presented and highlighted with colorful video clips. The topics to be discussed in January include the Biblical narrative of creation, the broad theory of evolution, and a comparison of the two. Pastor Doug Sides of Yulee Baptist Church is hosting these lectures because he is burdened that so many Christians are intimidated in their witnessing by the untrue belief that science does not support the Bible. What Pastor Sides wants all Christians to know is that true science harmonizes perfectly with the Bible. Yulee Baptist is located at 85971 N. Harts Road, across from the Yulee Post Office located on S.R. 200/A1A. For directions or more information, call 225-5128 or visit [yuleebaptist.com](http://yuleebaptist.com).

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Bible Study..... 6:30 pm  
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