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'Compromise' ordinance on beach parking passes

JULIA ROBERTS
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At its April 17 meeting, the Fernandina Beach City Commission unanimously approved an ordinance that was called a compromise over parking on the beach. The ordinance also included language governing numerous other issues at the beach and required minor changes before it was passed on its third and final reading.

The beach parking issue came up after a sign that marked an area that already allowed for beach parking was moved following Hurricane Irma from its previous spot 300 feet south of the Sadler Road beach access to 600 feet south of the access. The post had actually been in the wrong place before the

storm, according to city officials. Before replacing the post, they checked their records and their measurements, and then put the post up further south where it technically belonged.

At its first meeting in March, the City Commission heard the first reading of an ordinance meant to be a compromise on the issue. Under the ordinance, the city will maintain a total of 600 feet of beach parking area by allowing 375 feet of parking to the south of the beach access and 225 feet of parking to the north.

The ordinance calls for a 25-foot buffer to help preserve the adjacent dunes and to allow emergency vehicles access to the beach.

The ordinance also governs a wide range of activities on the beach including the launching of watercraft, fires

on the beach, access for emergency responders and other issues.

Before passing the ordinance, discussion took place regarding some specific issues addressed in its language.

Commissioner Phil Chapman said he had a problem with the part of the ordinance that governs inflatable rafts and floats. The ordinance requires that those floatation devices "be equipped with safety ropes which shall extend around the perimeter of the floatation device ... in a manner as to be securely grasped by swimmers." Chapman said locally sold floats often do not have a rope around them, and he feels it is cumbersome to require them to do so.

Fire Chief Ty Silcox, whose depart-

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'If somebody's eating dinner and it gets dark, they have to come move their car because they are violating an ordinance. If somebody has too much to drink and decides to do the right thing and leave their car down there ... our law enforcement sees an abandoned car (and) they may think it's a swimmer that's lost. Cars left at the beach overnight have started searches.'



FERNANDINA BEACH MAYOR JOHNNY MILLER

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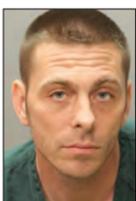
NCSO nabs Jax robbery suspect

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The Nassau County Sheriff's Office stopped a man in Yulee on Tuesday who is suspected of robbing a Jacksonville credit union. Shawn Urian Elder, 38, was later arrested by the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office on a charge of strong-armed robbery for a heist that took place on Saturday at the Community First Credit Union on Merrill Road.

According to a news release from Sheriff Bill Leeper, "The bank teller said a man wearing a black shirt, dark shorts, construction vest, sunglasses and a white baseball cap walked into the credit union just before 1:45 p.m. Saturday, then gave her ... a handwritten note demanding cash," Leeper wrote in the release. "The teller gave him about \$75 and he fled. Surveillance photos were posted of the man the next day, and First Coast Crime Stoppers received tips identifying him as Elders and saying he worked for a day labor company."

"Investigators showed the surveillance photos at the day labor office



Elder

Tuesday morning to a manager who confirmed it was Elder. A supervisor at the Imeson Way site where Elder was scheduled to work also identified him through the photos and the baseball cap he wore.

"When taken into custody by the Nassau County Sheriff's Office, he was wearing the same shorts and tennis shoes as seen on the person in the bank surveillance photos."

Deputies grabbed Elder after conducting a traffic stop in Yulee.

"Once the vehicle was stopped, a rear passenger (Elder) jumped out and ran into the woods," Leeper wrote. "NCSO tracked the suspect with their K-9 and eventually located him on I-95 south of State Road 200. Once the suspect was in custody he complained of chest pains so he was transported to UF Health in Jacksonville where he was arrested (by JSO)."

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HUMMINGBIRDS 101 IN MAY



UF/IFAS NASSAU EXTENSION SERVICE/SPECIAL

The UF/IFAS Nassau Extension Service recently announced its education programs for May and among them is a Landscape Matters class with Master Gardener Karl Shaffer, who will discuss hummingbirds and how to attract them to your yard. For information about this and all the classes being offered by the Extension Service, see 3B.

The future of right whales is in critical condition

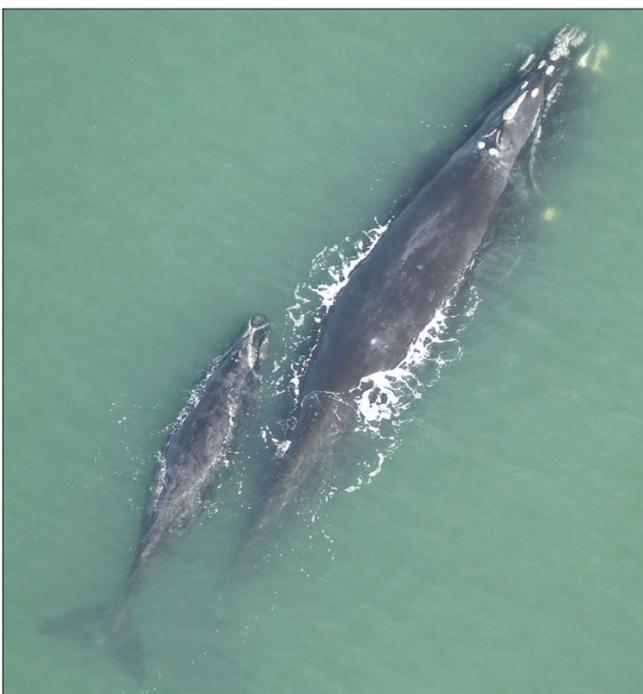
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In January, a dead humpback whale washed ashore near Beach Access 40 on Amelia Island. A necropsy determined the cause of death was a vessel strike. The whale had been hit in the back and head, according to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. "This very whale had been observed alive, in apparent good condition just eight days prior by the FWC aerial survey team and nine days prior by the Georgia DNR team," according to the FWC.

Another endangered species of whale frequently seen off the coast of Amelia Island is the right whale, so named "by whalers who identified them as the 'right' whale to kill on a hunt," according to the National Geographic Society, which identifies them as "the rarest of all the large whales."

Worldwide, there may be just 458 right whales left in existence.

Right whales came very close to extinction over the last three centuries after being killed for their blubber, baleen, and oil, and have had international protection since 1949. However,



SOURCE: FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION
North Atlantic right whales.

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Woman killed and husband injured in motorcycle accident

AMANDA REAM
Community Newspapers Inc.

A Callahan woman died after a motorcycle crash Sunday morning.

Shannon Marie Bollinger, 29, was her husband's passenger on a 2007 Harley Davidson as they rode along State Road 200 near Gressman Dairy Road shortly after 1 a.m. According to a press release from the Florida Highway Patrol, she was not wearing a helmet.

Curtis Alan Bollinger, 47, was west-bound in the left lane when he lost control of the bike. It traveled off the roadway to the left onto the median, overturning and coming to a rest in the left turning lane, facing east.

The Bollingers separated from the motorcycle and were lying in the left travel lane of S.R.200. A short time later, a white 2015 Hyundai Elantra driven by Brandon Charles Graham, 19, of Callahan drove into the scene and struck Shannon Bollinger and debris from the accident. She died from her injuries and leaves behind four sons and one daughter. The oldest is in the fifth grade and twin sons are in kindergarten.

Graham and his passenger, Rainey

Lynn Rowe, 18, of Hilliard, were not injured. They were not intoxicated, according to the report. Toxicology reports are pending for the Bollingers.

Curtis Bollinger, who wore a helmet, was in serious condition at UF Health Jacksonville as of Monday morning. This was his second motorcycle accident in a little over a year. He was hit by a truck Dec. 23, 2016 at U.S. 17 and Pages Dairy Road. The Navy veteran and Nassau County firefighter suffered a brain injury, facial fractures and numerous broken bones at the time.

Charges are pending in Sunday's crash.

Several fundraisers are in the works to assist the Bollinger children. A donation account is available at VyStar Credit Union. The account number is 7507279975 and the routing number is 263079276.

Bollinger's children are active in local sports activities. Because of this, the Callahan Soccer Club and Callahan Little League have joined forces to assist the family. They are selling 50/50 raffle tickets at the fields Saturday, with

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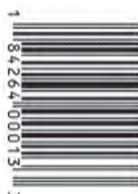
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LOOKING BACK 50 YEARS

The City Commission recognized Fernandina Beach resident James Carter, who rescued two swimmers using his horse over Easter weekend.

April 25, 1968



WEEKLY UPDATE

Prom dress drive at YHS

Yulee High School's Teens For Change Club is conducting a prom dress drive. The group asks that you donate your gently worn prom dresses for a good cause. The dresses collected from the drive will be provided to girls in the Families in Transition program who do not have the funds to buy a dress on their own. Participants who donate to this cause will be given a raffle ticket that will enter them for a chance to win a free service certificate from a local business (drawing on May 4). To donate a dress, contact Marian Finely at 225-8641, ext. 5692, or Nassau Alcohol Crime Drug Abatement Coalition at 277-3699.

AIGS anniversary seminar Saturday

The Amelia Island Genealogical Society will hold its 25th Anniversary Genealogy Seminar featuring George G. Morgan between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Saturday at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, located at 2800 S. 14th St. in Fernandina Beach. Sign-in will begin at 8:30 a.m. Topics will include "Principles for Effective Evidence Analysis," "Dissect Obituaries for New Clues," and "Sidestep Genealogy." The cost is \$30 for AIGS members and \$35 for non-members. Registration forms are available at Nassau County public libraries and online at aigenoc.org. Morgan is president of Aha! Seminars Inc., an internationally recognized genealogy expert and the award-winning author of hundreds of articles for magazines, journals, newsletters, genealogical publication and online sites. His 12th book, the fourth edition How to Do Everything: Genealogy, was released in January 2015. Morgan is co-host with Drew Smith of the longest running genealogical podcast, "The Genealogy Guys Podcast."

Cleanup volunteers needed

The Sierra Club is partnering with White Oak Plantation and the St. Marys Riverkeeper for a waterway cleanup from 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday. Participants should meet at the Dee Dee Bartels boat ramp, located at the end of North 14th Street in Fernandina Beach. Your bags of trash will earn you a wristband from the site captain for a free lunch at White Oak. Reservations are required; contact Chuck Oliva at 347-495-7771. Space is limited to 20. No pets allowed.

Road clean-up needs volunteers

Wild Amelia is sponsoring a road clean-up for Sunday along A1A (South Fletcher Avenue) in Fernandina Beach. Anyone interested in a brisk morning walk while picking up litter on a 3.5-mile stretch of South Fletcher Avenue should meet in the Peter's Point parking lot at 8 a.m. It will take approximately 1 to 2 hours to complete the task, depending on the number of volunteers participating. Disposable gloves, orange safety vests and litter bags will be provided. You may want to bring medium weight garden gloves, a hat, sunglasses, water and closed-toed shoes. It is a requirement that everyone who participates in the event view the Safety Video on the following website: dot.state.fl.us. Follow the site to Offices > Maintenance > Adopt-A-Highway > Safety Video. For more information, email stevecowart52@gmail.com.

VVA scholarship winners

The Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 1088, will hold its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. Monday, April 23, at the Ark of Nassau, located at 86051 Hamilton St. in Yulee. Election of officers and board members will be the meeting's main topic as well as the recognition of the winners of the 2018 VVA Chapter 1088 Scholarship Fund Awards. A social hour will begin at 6 p.m. with refreshments. Guests and new members are welcome. For information, call 432-7006.

Democratic Club meets April 23

The next monthly Democratic Club of Amelia Island dinner will be Tuesday, April 23. Dinner is at the Fernandina Beach Golf Club, 2800 Bill Melton Road, in Fernandina Beach. Doors will open at 6 p.m. with dinner served at 6:30 p.m. A cash bar is available throughout the evening. The speaker will be Lisa Peth, community engagement specialist for District 5 of the Florida Democratic Party. RSVP by Friday, April 20. Send a check for \$20 per person, payable to DCAI, to DCAI, P.O. Box 16022, Fernandina Beach, FL 32035, or email dcai.secretary@nassaudems.org and pay with cash

or check the night of the dinner.

Intro to NAMI at FSS breakfast series

Family Support Services of North Florida will present "Introduction to NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness)" at its next Breakfast Learning Series, planned for Tuesday, April 24, from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Identified as the nation's largest grassroots mental health organization, NAMI focuses on bettering the lives of the millions of American affected by mental illness. Hundreds of local affiliates, state organizations and volunteers work at the community level to raise awareness, provide support and education to those in need and the general public. Topics to be covered include NAMI signature programs and programs available in Nassau County. The guest speaker will be Traci Fuglestad, president of NAMI Nassau County. The event includes a continental breakfast for participants. The FSS office is at 96016 Lofton Square Court in Yulee.

Passport processing at library

The Fernandina Beach Branch Library will celebrate National Passport Awareness Day with extended hours from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, April 28, for passport application processing, according to a news release. Appointments are strongly encouraged, but walk-ins are welcome. Staff will be available to process first-time applications and renewals of passports issued at least 15 years ago for adults. However, staff will be able to process both first-time applications and all renewals for minors. Name changes and lost or stolen passports can also be handled at the library. You will need to bring the following items:

- Evidence of your identification such as your Florida driver's license;
- Evidence of your citizenship, typically your birth certificate, which must be the original or a certified copy; and
- Two checks for payment for payment of a passport fee to the U.S. Department of State and a \$35 facility fee to the library for processing the application. Library staff will also be able to take the necessary photographs for an additional \$10.

All the necessary forms are available at the library, so be sure to visit prior to April 28. For additional information, check the library's website at nassaureads.com or visit travel.state.gov. Call 530-6500 and select "2" for appointments or email libraryinfo@nassaucountyfl.com. Refreshments will be provided by Friends of the Fernandina Beach Branch Library.

Prescription Drug Takeback planned

The Nassau County Sheriff's Office and the Fernandina Beach Police Department will participate in a North Florida Prescription Drug Takeback event Saturday, April 28, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Residents can bring unused controlled substance medications (scheduled drugs), non-controlled substance prescription medications, over-the-counter medications, medication samples and vitamins for disposal to both the Sheriff's Office at 76001 Bobby Moore Circle in Yulee or the FBPD at 1525 Lime St. in Fernandina Beach. Neither location is accepting sharps such as needles, syringes or lancets, mercury or cadmium products like thermometers or batteries, medical waste such as IV bags, used bandages, gowns or bio-hazardous items, aerosol cans, chemicals or disinfectants like hydrogen peroxide, personal care products such as non-medicated shampoo, inhalers, syrups, ointments, creams or lotions.

St. Francis blood drive April 29

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

City, county recycling events

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

City residents will be able to bring the following items to the Maintenance and Utilities Complex at 1017 S. Fifth St. between 7 a.m. and 3 p.m.: glass and plastic bottles, propane tanks, steel and aluminum cans, paper and cardboard, metal, electronics, appliances,

oil, filters, tires, hazardous chemicals, fluorescent bulbs, paint, batteries, and non-prescription medications. Non-perishable food items will be accepted for donation to the Barnabas Center's Food Pantry. Paper shredding will 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.

Community Conversation on autism

On Monday, April 30, Starting Point Behavioral Healthcare will host the first of its new Community Conversation Series, "Autism: A Community Conversation." The event will be held at the Peck Center in Fernandina Beach from 5:30 to 7 p.m. It is free and open to the public, but registration is required.

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 May 4, 11, 18 and 25 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.

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 May 18, participants will prepare a healthy meal to take home and cook. On April 26 and May 25, participants 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.

Stained glass, mosaic classes

Local artist Susie Sax will conduct classes for beginners interested in stained glass or mosaic building every Friday night from 6 to 8 p.m. at Clay Times Art Center, located at 112 S. Third St. in Fernandina Beach. Cost is \$45. Call 316-4888 to reserve a space.

Healing Hearts meets twice a month

Healing Hearts is a local support group for those who have lost a spouse. The group meets twice a month on the second Monday at 11:30 a.m. for lunch at the Marina Restaurant and again on the fourth Monday at 6 p.m. for dinner at the Marina Restaurant. For more information, contact Mary Mercer at 415-1881 or Joni Reid at 556-6767.

Are you looking to help?

The Nassau Volunteer Center has a new service for volunteers. Go to volunteer-nassau.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 information, call 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, 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.

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, or visit www.thebelsongroup.com.

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 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 Nassauhumesociety.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.

Effective immediately, the Northeast Florida Community Action Agency Inc. has changed to an automated appointment scheduling system for individuals seeking assistance with paying utility bills. All NFCAA's offices located in Baker, Clay, Duval, Flagler, Nassau, Putnam, and St. Johns Counties will participate in the new appointment scheduling system.

The new system is user friendly with the capability to direct overflow calls and other inquiries to a call center. All customer data entered through the system will be securely maintained.

- Customers will call the following toll free number – 844-625-8776.
- Appointments can be scheduled through an interactive voice response (IVR) system or through operators.
- Appointments can be scheduled up to 14 calendar days in advance.
- A live operator will be available for customers who require assistance between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. Eastern.
- Language accommodations will also be available.
- Detailed appointment management with improved customer service and

It is important to note that NFCAA will continue to conduct outreach, accept referrals from partners and prioritize services for the elderly, disabled, and households with children ages five and under.

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 officer Frank P. Covie are held the first and last Fridays of the month (each class lasts two and one-half days). Choices are Friday-Saturday, Friday-Sunday and Friday-Monday. Program includes classroom, range and free .22 caliber shooting and ammunition. Contact 277-4144 for information and to sign up.

FOR THE RECORD

State Rep. Cord Byrd received a score of "B" on the Sunshine Scorecard from the Florida Society of News Editors. The April 18 edition of the *News-Leader* posted the wrong grade.

The team representing the city of Fernandina Beach won the Winner's Trophy for raising the most money in total at the annual Arc Nassau Celebrity Luncheon held in March. The team representing the County Commissioners including Judge Robert Foster won the Winner's Trophy for raising the most money in tips at the event.

The News-Leader did not correctly identify both winners in a photo caption that appeared in the April 13 edition. The News-Leader strives for accuracy. We will promptly correct all factual errors. Please notify the editor of errors at pegdavis@fbnewsleader.com or call (904) 261-3696.



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Johnson, Paul Johnson (Carol) and Thomas Johnson; grandchildren, Brianna Johnson and Reagan Jeffers; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, April 20, 2018 in the chapel of Cedar Bay Funeral Home, located at 405 New Berlin Road in Jacksonville, with Rev. Ken Barney officiating. The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, April 19, 2018.

Cedar Bay Funeral Home

DEATH NOTICE

Robert W. Henry Sr., 66, of Yulee, Fla., passed away Wednesday, April 18, 2017.

Oxley-Heard Funeral Directors

CELEBRATE



Earth Day

April 22

What is Earth Day?

The first Earth Day was started in the United States as a grassroots effort in 1970, 48 years ago. Earth Day is now an annual global event on April 22 each year. The original focus was on educating the public about the environment and what can be done to minimize the harm done to the environment.

How you can celebrate Earth Day...

- ☼ Pick up litter.
- ☼ Start a compost pile.
- ☼ Recycle or set up a recycle station at home.
- ☼ Turn off the water when brushing your teeth.
- ☼ Switch to online bill paying.
- ☼ Turn down the temperature on your hot water heater.
- ☼ Install energy efficient lights.
- ☼ Plant a tree or shrub.
- ☼ Make a bird feeder
- ☼ Start a garden.

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Paul Revere warned colonial Americans, "The British are coming." This notice is about Chinese automakers' desire to enter the U.S. market. Like the Europeans, Japanese, and Koreans, China wants to enter the market in our country.

At the recent National Automobile Dealers



KEFFER'S CORNER

Rick Keffer

Association national convention, a Chinese automaker had a presence. The company is GAC Motor, a state-owned Chinese carmaker with global desires. They have a model called GS8, a mid-sized crossover that also displayed at the Detroit Auto Show earlier in 2018.

Several hundred U.S. dealers met with GAC about franchise locations. GAC is targeting late 2019 to clear the runway for coming here.

Doubters say the company's car offers nothing special, and trade barriers may or may not be a problem. China is softening its stance on domestic automotive competitors around the world. I believe they will enter our market sooner, rather than later.

The Japanese had significant support from their government, and a state-owned carmaker could be able to push into our market with some Chinese government subsidy.

Dealers who shunned the

Japanese and Korean makers in the past are now more receptive to investing in possibilities.

China-made Volvos and Buicks are here, with some of Ford's next generation Focus to come from China. We are in a full-on world market. Someone has to fight for equitable trade terms globally. That's vague on purpose.

A Chinese maker worth following is Geely. They bought Volvo from Ford on Oct. 28, 2009 and are doing well with it. Geely started as a refrigerator maker in 1986 with money borrowed from family.

Geely made motorcycles in the 90s, a small van in 1998, and received "state approval" to manufacture automobiles.

Geely has sold 386,296 vehicles as of March 2018 YTD. That is a 39-percent increase. They are much more of an entity than GAC, and may show up here in the future. Remember the name.

With our domestic car market plateauing, new manufacturers will need to take sales from the current players to carve out a niche. Competition is great in a level playing field. Seldom is the field completely level, but good products backed by good companies and people will prevail.

Next Wednesday is Administrative Professionals' Day. I believe that to be a PC term for secretaries' day. Only in America. 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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JULIA ROBERTS/NEWS-LEADER

A new Automated Weather Observing System will be incorporated into the new terminal at the Fernandina Beach Municipal Airport. Construction of the building is scheduled to be completed in June, with the new weather system slated to be installed in November.

New weather system slated for Fernandina's municipal airport

JULIA ROBERTS
News-Leader

The city of Fernandina Beach agreed to move money intended for hangar repairs at its municipal airport in order to buy a replacement for an existing Automated Weather Observing System that airport authorities say is almost 20 years old and in need of repair.

Airport Manager Nathan Coyle gave a presentation on the airport's AWOS system to the City Commission at its April 17 meeting.

Coyle explained the system is located at the center of the airport and has sensors that feed weather data to a central processor that calculates an observation. It then broadcasts

that observation approximately every 20 minutes via a VHF frequency, a phone line (which can be accessed by the public) or a data connection.

Coyle said the age of the AWOS means there are difficulties repairing it.

"In aviation, weather is absolutely critical so it's important we have a functioning, certified AWOS," Coyle said.

Users of the AWOS include pilots, meteorologists, and the general public.

Project costs include money for the repainting and testing the power line and \$30,000 to Passero Associates, the city's airport engineering firm, for bid, design and support services. Coyle said the total projected cost to replace the system is \$165,000, with \$135,000 coming from FAA funding,

matched with \$30,000 from the city's airport fund.

Coyle told the commissioners that the AWOS system has suffered some damage but has been repairable. However, it would cost \$12,500 to keep the system up-to-date as well as get it installed in the airport's new terminal.

"That's part of the reason we moved forward with discussing this proposal," Coyle said. "If these repairs are starting to increase, at some point the maintenance will go beyond our match for replacing the system with an FAA grant."

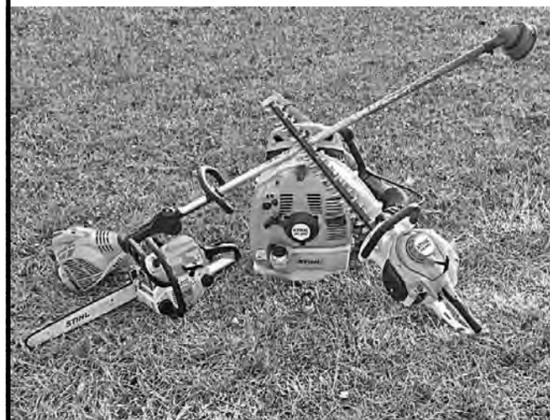
Coyle said there are different AWOS systems available, including basic ones that

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Changing the state of Florida's constitution

Every 20 years, the state of Florida convenes a Constitution Revision Commission. This Commission offers one of five methods by which to amend the state constitution. The other four procedures are state legislative proposals, citizens' initiatives, a call for a constitutional convention, and the Taxation and Budget Reform Commission, a 25-member Commission (appointed by the governor, the speaker of the state House, and the president of the state Senate).

The Constitution Revision Commission has 37 members: the governor appoints 15 members; the president of the Senate, nine; the speaker of the House, nine; and chief justice of the state Supreme Court, three. The final member is the attorney general.

After the CRC is formed, the group (or smaller sub-committees) typically tours the state to put "their ear to the ground" and hear what the people desire from state government. While public proposals are accepted, to be formally considered, a public proposal must be endorsed by a sitting member of the CRC and then secure 10 votes from the whole CRC. Commissioners can also offer their own proposals. The deadline to submit a proposal was last October. Public proposals did not fare well (nor do they usually):



CITY NOTES

Dale Martin

Approximately 2,000 public proposals were submitted; only six were formally considered. After proposals are accepted, the CRC conducts a series of public hearings to determine what proposals to formally place on the statewide ballot. Once on the ballot, a proposal requires a minimum of 60-percent voter approval in order to be incorporated into the state constitution. The CRC recently completed the formal review process: 103 proposals were formally considered, with eight being successfully passed to be included on November's ballot. Interestingly (and with much consternation), six of the proposals are actually "dual" proposals, linking seemingly unrelated issues into one ballot question.

The six dual proposals include the following (general summaries):

- 6001 (actually a "triple play") – victims' rights, judges' retirement ages, and court rules.
- 6002 – public university fees and death benefits for first responders and military members

who perish while performing official duties.

- 6003 – school board term limits and legislative authority to certify charter schools.
- 6004 – oil drilling ban and indoor vaping ban.
- 6005 – state government organization and county constitutional offices.
- 6006 – removal of discriminatory constitutional language and removal of language tied to previously deleted provisions related to high-speed rail.

Then there are two more straightforward proposals: 6007 (ethics reforms) and 6012 (greyhound racing ban).

Now, those eight proposals are added to the ballot that will already include a lengthy series of candidates for federal, state, county, and local offices.

The ballot gets even longer because another five legislative amendments to the constitution are on the ballot: an increased homestead exemption, making permanent a cap on non-homestead parcel assessments, requiring voter approval for casino gambling, the restoration of voting rights for felons, and a two-thirds requirement for the legislature to impose or increase taxes or fees.

Voting at the polling place will require early education about the dizzying number of proposed

amendments and patience to actually complete your ballot. I recommend that you make use of by-mail voting or early voting. For more information related to those alternatives to Election Day voting, please visit the Nassau County Supervisor of Elections web site at votennassau.com.

In my opinion, state constitutions should be treated with more reverence than a government version of the People's Choice Awards for hot political topics. The ballot process allows state officials to hide behind the cry of "it's what the people wanted!" instead of putting themselves on the record for an issue. Most of the proposed amendments to the constitution would be more appropriately handled through the legislative process. And, as a government official myself, it continues to be frustrating when it is, in many cases, governmental actions by governmental officials that continues to erode the level of confidence in government at all levels.

I hope that you take the opportunity to review every proposed amendment so that you are a well-informed voter. And I expect that you'll need the Wisdom of Solomon and patience of Job this November. Thanks, Tallahassee.

Dale Martin is the city manager of Fernandina Beach.

STEM2 HUB RECEIVES STATE MONEY



On behalf of the state of Florida, State Senator Aaron Bean, right, R-Fernandina Beach, presents a \$975,000 check on April 9 to Kathleen Schofield, executive director of STEM2 Hub; Gary Chartrand, chair of STEM2 Hub Corporate Board; and, aspiring Northeast Florida STEM students, according to a news release. STEM stands for science, technology, engineering and mathematics, and it includes some of the fastest-growing, most in-demand career fields in today's workforce. The money will increase the availability of STEM-related educational programs in Northeast Florida's schools.

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WHALES *Continued from 1A*

after several years of cautious optimism about the number of whales being born along the Atlantic coast, scientists studying the whales are now gravely concerned about the real possibility of their extinction: 2017 marked the first year that no new calves were detected. Thus far in 2018, the number of calves remains at zero.

Barbara J. Zoodsma, a biologist from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, spoke about the whales on April 13 at the Fernandina Beach Branch Library. Zoodsma noted that the population worldwide began its nosedive in 2010.

Being hit by ships as well as entanglements in fishing line are big problems for the whales. But fishing lines in these cases, Zoodsma pointed out, aren't really "lines" at all, but heavy ropes. She passed around a sample during her presentation.

The scientist said she typically shows pictures of healthy right whales breaching or diving, a sight familiar on postcards and T-shirts, but posited that perhaps if she were to show some of the gruesome photos with which she is all too familiar, of deep cuts made through flesh after sometimes years of being unable to free themselves from ropes, or others with the whales mouths "sewn" shut because they became entangled in fishing net links, that maybe the proverbial "tide could be turned" with some life-saving adjustments made for the benefit of the marine environment.

Another factor endangering the survival of the species is a lack of food. Zoodsma said female right whales "are dying from starvation." The New England coast was once the main feeding ground for pregnant whales preparing for their birthing cycle off the coasts of Georgia and Florida, but the former area is now polluted with the dangerous fishing ropes.

Dr. Mark Baumgartner, a biologist from the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute speaking on "The Plight of the Right Whale" in January, agrees: The "right whale food source is dwindling." Copepods are a "major food organisms for small fish such as the dragonet, banded killifish, whales, seabirds, Alaska pollock, and other crustaceans such as krill in the ocean and in fresh water," according to Wikipedia. The female whale needs to consume a copious amount of copepods before giving birth since she typically will lose

25 percent of her body weight during the nursing period.

"We've found that when there's a period of years and prey is low and less available for the right whale, they reproduce slower," said Erin Meyer-Gubrod, a post-doctoral scholar in marine phenology at the University of California in Santa Barbara, Calif.

Consequently, studies show that the whales are going further north for food these days – to Canada. But what awaits them there is a large population of fishermen who make their living from catching snow crabs. Those operations are one of the commercial uses of the lines that are injuring whales, but the livelihood of commercial fishermen must also be taken into consideration by the Canadian government. Eighty-one percent of the snow crabs caught are consumed in the U.S.

Zoodsma stated that right whales are not reproducing until they are at least 10 years old and it takes another eight years before they are ready to produce again. Yet females are dying earlier in their life cycles than ever before, often in their 30s.

"I think female right whales are so physically stressed (and) taxed that they're extremely challenged to get pregnant (and) successfully carry a calf," Zoodsma said in an email to the

News-Leader after her talk.

A member of Zoodsma's audience asked if the dredging off our coasts was a danger to the right whales. Zoodsma responded that the actual dredging is not, but the vessels that take part in the dredging process and the speeds they reach when getting to or leaving the dredge site could be a concern.

The crowd attending Zoodsma's presentation was not only engaged, but in search of answers.

Suggestions included something that might seem as far-fetched as giving female whales "energy bars" or perhaps humans should be "eating more chicken" to cut down on the amount of fish consumed. Another suggestion offered was support for a festival or some public event that could bring more attention to the plight of the right whale. Fernandina Beach Mayor Johnny Miller, who was in attendance, seemed to like the idea.

"We know entanglements and vessel collisions are the greatest known threats to right whales. Vertical lines with high breaking strength (> 1,700 lbs) appear to be of particular risk to right whales," added Zoodsma in her email. "The question is: what can we, as a citizenry do to ameliorate those threats? I think the answer necessarily requires creativity and will."

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Notice of Meeting Heron Isles

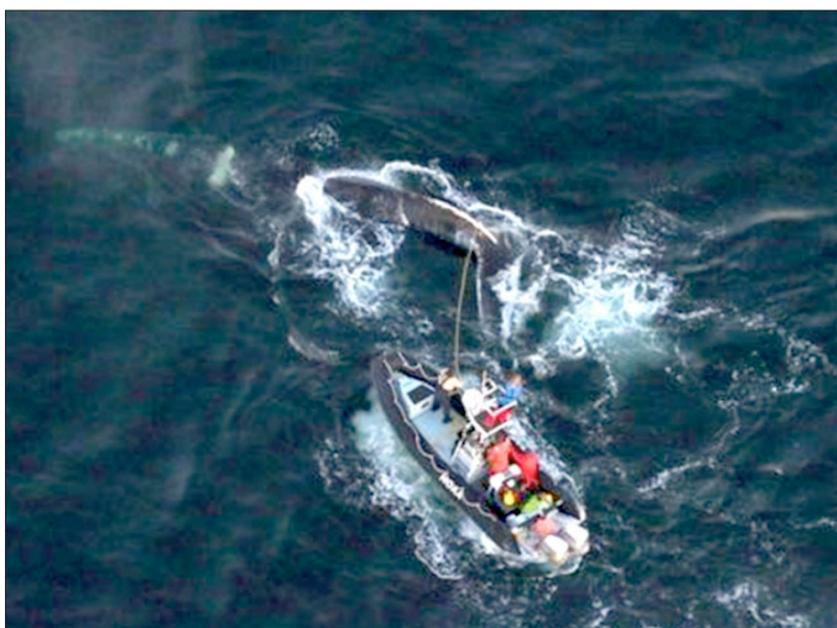
Community Development District

An Audit Committee meeting of the Heron Isles Community Development District will be held on Thursday, May 3, 2018 at 10:30 a.m. at the offices of Compass Group, Inc., 961687 Gateway Boulevard, Suite 201M, Amelia Island, Florida 32034. Immediately following the adjournment of the Audit Committee meeting will be the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors. The meetings are open to the public and will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Florida Law for Community Development Districts. A copy of the agenda for this meeting may be obtained from Heron Isles CDD, 475 West Town Place, Suite 114, St. Augustine, Florida 32092 (and phone (904) 940-5850). This meeting may be continued to a date, time, and place to be specified on the record at the meeting. There may be occasions when one or more Supervisors will participate by telephone.

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David deNagy
District Manager



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In an at-sea rescue in January 2017, an endangered North Atlantic right whale known as "Ruffian" was relieved of rope and fishing gear that was wrapped around the animal. The rescue was a collaborative effort that included the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and the Georgia Department of Natural Resources. The rescue took place about 20-30 miles offshore near the Florida-Georgia state line.



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give wind speed, temperature, altimeter density and altitude, and more advanced systems that provide precipitation type and thunderstorm data. The latter type is the one appropriate for the Fernandina Beach Municipal Airport, Coyle said, and is the type currently in service at the airport.

The current system was installed in 2001, the airport manager said, and has been at the mercy of the elements since then.

"They age over time, so you will start to see some maintenance issues with the system," he said. "The airport already recognized it would be wise for us to replace that system using FAA and or FDOT funds."

"One of the challenges with repairing the AWOS is, since it is nearing 20 years old, most of the components (such as) the sensors, when we replaced parts that failed on those, they're not compatible transitioning to a new system," Coyle explained. "So, I can't buy another motherboard on this system and spend \$5,000 and know that, in four or five years, I can transfer it over to the new system. So, it makes sense to have a discussion about maximizing the benefit and minimizing the liability issue."

Coyle said that, in order to confirm that the project is feasible, he conferred with DBT Transportation, the company that currently maintains the system.

He said DBT bought Vaisala Inc., the company that installed the current system. He said Vaisala gave him a quote for replacing some components in order to see if the grant funding would cover the cost of the upgrades. Coyle said that quote was \$114,015. Coyle said there was other maintenance to the AWOS that could be performed. "We think it would be prudent, while the sensors are off the system, that we repaint the tower to protect it," he said.

Coyle said he reached out to

the FAA regarding financing for the project.

"We went back to the FAA and asked if we could slide that project forward, given the maintenance issues we've had, the damages we've incurred the previous year," he said. "The FAA concurred and offered use of non-primary entitlement, which are grant funds, in the amount of \$150,000 to the airport to replace the AWOS. It's a 10-percent match on that grant."

He said there is \$150,000 in the airport fund earmarked for repairs to a hangar. He said that the hangar project has been moved to the 2018-19 fiscal year, and so those funds are currently available to use for the AWOS project.

Plans for the AWOS call for design plans to be completed in May and bid requests to go out at that time. The grant from the FAA is expected in July or August, with construction to start at that time, with an estimated completion date of November.

Chuck Colcord, chairman of the Airport Advisory Commission, said the AAC "heartily approves" the plan.

"This is a vital safety aspect of the airport. For what the city's going to pay for the matching cost ... we think this is a good idea."

Vice Mayor Len Kreger, the City Commission's liaison to the AAC, also supported the plan.

The City Commission approved the budget amendment unanimously.

Coyle also broke down the timeline of the process for selecting an engineering consultant for the airport. Passero is the city's current consultant, but the city will issue a Request For Qualifications when the new terminal at the airport is completed, Coyle said. That request will be issued July 1. A committee will review proposals and interview applicants prior to recommending a firm for approval by the City Commission by Oct. 1.

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New beach property law is a 'good thing' for lawyers

County Attorney Mike Mullin weighs in on HB 631

CINDY JACKSON
News-Leader

Planning and budgeting for Nassau County were major themes of the meeting of the Board of County Commissioners on April 18. HB 631, a new Florida law relating to private property rights versus public access to beaches in the state, was also a major item of discussion.

County Attorney Mike Mullin gave commissioners a presentation on the case history of the bill, explaining terms such as customary use, littoral rights, *ultra vires* (which "describes actions taken by government bodies or corporations that exceed the scope of power given to them by laws," as defined by Cornell Law School) and the erosion control line or ECL. Afterward, he stated: "It's a good thing if you are a lawyer."

Lowell Hall, president of the Citizens for the Preservation of Public Beaches, an organization that was established in the 1970s, rose to speak against the new law, saying it is "nothing more than a land grab." Commissioner Steve Kelley expressed his discontent over the new law by saying that it "feels like we are losing home rule. ... Somebody else is deciding what goes on in Nassau County."

A motion was made and agreed to unanimously to hold a special meeting to discuss whether or not a county ordinance related to HB 631 is needed. That meeting will take place on April 26.

The commissioners also voted 5-0 to appoint Mullin as interim county manager should a replacement not be found for current manager Shanea Jones before her departure on July 2. During this discussion, Commissioner Pat Edwards noted that he had been approached by a number of staffers in this regard and thought that such an announcement was needed to maintain continuity and consistency. He also expressed his fear that in this upbeat economy, the county may lose some of "the most talented people in our government." He



CINDY JACKSON/NEWS-LEADER

Lowell Hall, president of the Citizens for the Preservation of Public Beaches, established in the 1970s, spoke against the new beach law, HB 631, saying he sees it as "nothing more than a land grab."

said he, and the other commissioners, do not want that to happen. Jones added that the county is already facing recruiting challenges in a number of its professional positions.

The commissioners voted unanimously for Mary Pitcher, currently with Pineland Bank, to join the Nassau County Affordable Housing Advisory Committee.

At the close of the meeting, a discussion of planning and the budget ensued.

Taco Pope, director of Planning and Economic Opportunity, presented commissioners with a written document titled "2018 Nassau County, FL Growth Trends Report." The report can be found in its entirety on the county's website at nassaucountyfl.com/DocumentCenter/View/15391.

Contained in the report is an outline of the "12 Tools" Pope believes the county has that will ensure "development and fiscal sustainability" go hand in hand.

The tools outlined, some of

which are already underway, include a fiscal analysis to assess development plans that will be completed by a third party, the Western Nassau Visioning Plan, the S.R. 200/A1A Corridor Design Plan, a recreation plan, an affordable housing needs assessment, a mobility plan, a development review fee study (to be completed in the next 60 days), an ENCPA civic facilities study, a capital maintenance and planning program, a multi-year staffing plan, a fleet replacement program and a goal of having a structurally balanced budget.

Justin Stankiewicz, assistant county manager and director of the Office of Management and Budget, followed Pope and also underscored the need for both a healthy and sustainable budget. Stankiewicz underlined that the county's departments and commissioners need to determine priorities and establish the direction that should be taken.

Stankiewicz invited Clerk of the Circuit Court John Crawford to speak to the commissioners.

Crawford stated that there "isn't a problem that can't be solved" and that his department is committed to being "accountable, transparent and honest in every way."

Stankiewicz said the departmental budgets are due April 20.

The next meeting on the growing needs of the county and the search for more money will take place May 16 when items such as a millage rate increase for the general fund, a millage rate for the county transportation fund, a millage rate for the municipal service fund and the potential for taking on long-term debt for capital improvement projects are expected to be discussed in detail.

A special meeting is also scheduled for May 14 at 6 p.m. with representatives from Rayonier's Raydient Property + Places. Another key meeting is set for June 11 at 6 p.m., when a public hearing is scheduled to discuss a proposed new animal control ordinance that could limit unattended tethering.



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This week over 900 fifth graders throughout Nassau County graduate from the D.A.R.E. Program (Drug Abuse Resistance Education). As a veteran teacher of 30+ years, I would like to thank Sheriff Bill Leeper and Officer Lisa McCumber for the excellent program they provide for our fifth graders.

The D.A.R.E. program lays the foundation for teaching good decision making skills to help students lead safe and healthy lives. The course's ten lessons begin with basic responsibility and decision-making and build on each other allowing students to develop their own responses to real life situations. Because drug addiction effects so many in our current society and safety concerns within our schools is at an all time high, the DARE program is extremely important to keep within our schools. It would be very beneficial to our students if the program continued with reinforcement at the middle school and high school levels. Not only does the course address drugs and alcohol, it builds strong character

and responsible decision making.

The DARE program certainly fulfills our Nassau County Schools mission statement to "develop each student as an inspired life long learner and problem solver with the strength of character to serve as a productive member of society." Thank you, Sheriff Leeper, Officer McCumber, and the citizens of Nassau County for the wonderful program we provide for our students! It is a wise investment in our county's future.

Lori Rose, Third Grade Teacher
Emma Love Hardee

Remembering a great lady

This is my personal memory of my experience that happened several years ago in Milwaukee.

One day, a very long time ago, Barbara Bush was campaigning for her husband, George, for President of the United States, in the city of Milwaukee.

In my travels (making sales calls) in the downtown area, as I was walking through the large downtown shopping center and office building on Wisconsin Avenue, I noticed a group of people walking toward me.

As they got closer, I noticed a small, grey-haired, attractive lady. I came closer, I realized who it was. As she was walking past me, I held out my hand for her to shake, and surprise to me, she responded by shaking my extended hand and I wished her good luck. She was surrounded by security and her staff.

As it turned out, she became one of the great First Ladies of our country. She will be missed.

This is a true story.

John P. Megna
Fernandina Beach

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VIEWPOINT / PETER ROFF

What's next for Paul Ryan?

House Speaker Paul Ryan didn't quite yell "abandon ship" Wednesday when he announced he would not be seeking re-election, but he came close. His departure, which won't come until January of next year, is too little, too late to save the Republican majority in the U.S. House of Representatives.

In making his announcement, reminding us all he did not want the job but rather took it out of a sense of obligation, he said he'd accomplished what he wanted to do. Yes, the Congress passed tax reform and the president signed it, but he's little else to show for his three years in charge.

Perhaps he should have listened to his gut when it told him to remain chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means — a job, frankly, for which he was much better suited. He's a policy wonk who can decipher a spreadsheet with the best of them but he's also a creature of Washington which makes him the wrong man at this moment in history.

Ryan never seemed to grasp that the people who voted for Donald Trump did so out of a desire to see Washington stood on its head. Temperamentally he was a much better fit for the likes of Mitt Romney, who chose him as his running mate in 2012 and the other members of the Washington establishment than he is for the people who have joined the crusade to save the city by, if necessary, first burning it to the ground.

Whatever gifts he may have for policy matters and for fundraising, which he did prodigiously, Ryan's ear for politics was made of tin. His leadership was less than inspiring when the ideas involved were outside his wheelhouse.

His final accomplishment, if you can call it that, was a bunker buster of an



Roff

omnibus bill that blew the hard-won spending caps established by Obama and his immediate predecessor as speaker, Ohio's John Boehner, into the next universe. There's simply no excuse for a Republican-controlled Congress, even one with a majority as precarious as it now is in the U.S. Senate, to have passed a bill as reckless as what Ryan and Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell sent to the president. Better a weeks' long government shut down than that monstrosity.

It's possible Ryan can redeem himself from that particular sin by getting behind a movement that's begun to have President Trump send to Congress a proposal to undo some of the new spending just approved. If he did, it would provide a much-needed shot in the arm to voters concerned about tax and spend issues who are now in a funk over the omnibus and are having trouble remembering why having Ryan as speaker is preferable to California's Nancy Pelosi.

Announcing his decision is now a remarkably un-glorious even selfish move. He's waved the white flag, getting out while the getting's good no matter what happens in the next election. He may want it to appear he's still engaged but he's made it clear it's every man and woman for themselves come November. That's not leadership.

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VIEWPOINT / BLAIR BESS

Wishy-washy White House

From the moment he took office, President Trump has repeatedly experienced buyer's remorse.

In the last week, the president has undermined a key member of his administration and reversed course on his own foreign and economic policies. This should come as no surprise. It's standard operating procedure for the Trump White House. President Trump promised to "Make America Great Again" and to put America first. By acting in a wishy-washy manner, he demonstrates he is incapable of doing either.

On the campaign trail, the president promised he would be tough with our adversaries. That he would pull out of NAFTA and the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP). That he would punish those he believed were treating the U.S. unfairly. He did so by slapping tariffs on international trade partners, including some of our closest allies.

When it was explained to President Trump — repeatedly — that tariffs might provoke a trade war, he walked things back by carving out exemptions — allegedly temporary — for fellow NAFTA members Canada and Mexico. He's now considering trade "exceptions" for Australia, Japan, South Korea, Brazil, and the European Union are seeking similar treatment. The president is thinking about it.

Days after taking office, the president signed an executive order withdrawing the U.S. from the TPP. After doing so, China launched a full-court press in hopes of becoming the dominant trade force throughout the Pacific Rim. The result could be a weakened American economy and a diminished role in international trade.

Someone must have schooled the president on this. Last week, he took steps toward tearing up one of his signature economic policies, and reconsider whether withdrawing from the TPP would be as advantageous — or intelligent — a choice as he'd originally believed. Until he decided he wasn't sure.

The president now says he wants to "renegotiate" the TPP. Hard to do when it's an agreement you're not a party to. No matter. Late this past Tuesday, the president changed his mind yet again, saying he doesn't think the TPP represents a good deal for the U.S. Well, which is it, Mr. President?

Should the tax plan he so strongly supported begin to falter and the deficit skyrocket, he will likely disown that as well.

What's next? Will he soon repudiate EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt, acknowledge that climate change is a reality, and renounce his withdrawal from the Paris climate accord?



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When it comes to foreign policy, the president doesn't fare any better.

The Washington Post has reported that, after expelling 60 Russian diplomats in response to the Russian government's attempts to poison one of its former spies who was quietly residing in England, he exploded in anger. While being briefed, he was apparently "distracted" and didn't realize how large the number would be or what exactly he was ordering.

Anything related to Russia or Vladimir Putin is subject to presidential flip-flopping. After dumping hundreds of millions of dollars of ordnance on Syria last week, President Trump announced that he was also imposing new sanctions on Syria's benefactor, Russia. Nikki Haley, the U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, said as much last Sunday morning on CBS's *Face The Nation*.

Though Haley apparently made her announcement after consulting with the White House, the president, by proxy, hung her out to dry, denying further sanctions were on the horizon. His economic adviser Larry Kudlow — no expert on foreign policy — later told Fox News that "there might have been some momentary confusion about that." Haley, who is no shrinking violet, had none of it, stating, "With all due respect, I don't get confused."

Unfortunately, the president of the United States does. Frequently.

The issue at hand is not one of policy. It is one of erratic behavior; of competence and determination. About the president taking a position and sticking to it rather than Nambly-pamby around and walk it back.

President Trump, given to hyperbole, has talked about the "big button" that sits on his desk. Here's the thing. Once you push the "big button" and nuclear warheads are halfway to their destination, it's a little too late to reconsider your decision and call your missiles home. Because they ain't comin' back. No matter how "smart" they may be.

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COMMUNITY

God is always with us

Our enemies do not gloat over us for, though we fall, we will rise again. Though we sit in darkness, the Lord himself will be our light.

We sometimes have found ourselves feeling as though God has gone on vacation or that there is a steel plate above our heads, or worse, wondering if in fact we are really saved. This can occur for various reasons. Sometimes it may be due to our disobedience to the voice of the Lord. Occasionally, it is because our appetites and desires are out of control. It even could happen because maybe we are so into the perfect will of God that persecution has come for our righteousness. We are the only one that can judge the reason.

Regardless if we stumble and fall, God can and will make us stand. In a moment of weakness, we may miss the mark. But if we ask for forgiveness and turn from the stumbling block to serve the Lord God with a sincere heart, we will rise again.

Though everything around us appears to be dark and our path seems obscured, our father God is still our light and no demon in hell can prevent that. We simply have to believe by



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second, that do not validate our completeness in Christ. This is not giving us a license to sin. This is a word to assure us that in Christ our misery can be turned to hope.

God has promised to be with us through floods, fire and valleys of the shadow of death. We do not have to fear that the overflow of water or scorching flame will consume us. We will bring the blind by a way they did not know; we will lead them in paths they have not known. We will make darkness light before them and crooked places straight. These things we can do for them and not forsake them, said the spirit of Grace (Isaiah 42:16).

Therefore, let us not sweat

faith that all is well and refuse to believe the devil's lies that we're not worth or that our relationship with the Lord is over. We should not entertain any words, not even for a split

it. After all, we are talking about the promises and ability of our almighty father God.

The families of the late Mother Gladys Middleton, Mother Luvenia Green, Brother Steve Baker Jr., Mother Eleanor Simmons, Brother Patrick Preliu, Brother Charles White, and Sister Betty G. Williams thank each of you for all acts of kindness shown to them during their hours of bereavement, and special thanks to the Class of 1959 - Neil Frink, Al and Jane Reshard, Herman Walter, Ralph Hill, Mary Brown, Alice Saulsbury, Barbara Logan, George Raysor, and Maybelle Brown - for their love and support for Betty Gilbert Williams. May God continue to bless each of you.

Birthday wishes to Seatreya McLaurin, Joshua Jones, Alexander Way, James and John Johnson, Jybron Coleman, Rodrick Bacon, Virginia Loyd, Tarris Jones, Alexus Blue, Leon Baker, Nathalie Jackson, Jala Flagler, Destane Karim, Victor K. Smith, and Pastor D. K. Bolden. Lots of love and belated birthday to Mother Luverta Baker.

The Calendar Tea was won this year by Pastor Bolden and the month of April Bragging Rights.

COMMUNITY SCRAPBOOK



Studying the stars

Students from Amelia Island Montessori School recently traveled to Yulee-based Science First to visit STARLAB, an inflatable planetarium, as part of the school's astronomy program. Students also studied the solar eclipse in August last year.

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JORDI PRESENTS AT GARDEN WALK

UF/IFAS Nassau Extension Director Becky Jordi was a featured presenter at the recent Cummer Amelia Garden Walk. She shared information about plants that grow well in local gardens and are good "water stewards" that don't need a lot of water once established. Here, she discussed the characteristics of a shrimp plant, so-named because its flowers look like a shrimp.



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FARMERS MARKET

JUDIE MACKIE
For the News-Leader

We have two new vendors premiering at the Fernandina Beach Market Place farmers market this week. Join us as we welcome Beeswax Food Wraps and Tea Nation's organic tea blends to Florida's friendliest farmers market.

Beeswax Food Wraps are reusable cotton fabrics infused with beeswax and natural oils that take the place of most plastic wrappings. By conforming to the desired shape simply by using the warmth of your hands, this is sure to be a foodie's favorite in the farmers market.

Tea Nation is serving up handcrafted organic tea blends geared toward healing. Choose from one of their original blends or work with them to custom blend your own.

Returning this week are Steephill's Vermont Maple Syrup and Pat Cook, the Muffin Lady. Mrs. Cook bakes delicious homemade chocolate, blueberry, and apple muffins. Olive My Pickle has their hummus back in stock. Cilantro lemon, jalapeno lemon, and traditional flavors are available. Lady Bug's homemade jams are introducing a new flavor - chocolate cherry hazelnut - and it is amazing! Be sure to stop by for a free sample.

As the weather gets warmer, our seasonal produce will be changing to. Look for fresh cut sunflowers at the Cabbage Creek Farm booth, as well as beets, Brussel sprouts, and radishes. Broccoli and cauliflower are still in season, as are



JUDIE MACKIE/FOR THE NEWS-LEADER

King's Kountry Produce will have strawberries on hand Saturday that it grows on its farm in Starke, Fla.

cabbage and potatoes. King's Kountry Produce is still growing their amazing strawberries at their farm in Starke, Fla., and Bacon's Select Produce has seedless cucumbers and large kale back in production.

The Fernandina Beach Market Place farmers market is open every Saturday of the year from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.; however, the farmers market will not be open on May 5 due to the Isle of Eight Flags Shrimp Festival, which is always held the first weekend in May.

The market is located on North Seventh Street, between Alachua and Centre Streets, and your well-behaved leashed pets are welcome.

Riverkeeper presents at Amelia Island Sailing Club

The Amelia Island Sailing Club recently held its April meeting at the Kraft Athletic Club with St. Johns Riverkeeper Lisa Rowe Rinaman providing a presentation about the efforts of her volunteer organization to protect the waters of the St. Johns River and its tributaries. Her presentation covered pollution, dredging, drinking water, algae blooms, flooding, fish stocks, shoreline erosion, boating and recreation. Several members of AISC are members of the St. Marys Riverkeeper organization and serve as water sample collectors. Members volunteer their time and boats to collect water samples from a number of local rivers. Samples are then sent to a lab to check for contaminants. For more information about AISC, contact Tom Maguire at 703-298-1714.

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Ladies who lunch

The Princess Amelia Chapter of the Colonial Dames of the XVII Century took a break from their community service work and gathered recently for an early celebration of spring. Seated left to right at the Down Under Restaurant are Sarah Shumrak, Ann Fontaine, Rumsey Young, Peggy Snyder, Judy Bouchard, Lisa Bauer, Barrie Hooley, Sherry Harrell, Cara Curtin, Georgia Murray, Susan Kosciulek, Jean Mann, Joanne Templeton, and Jane Collins. Colonial Dames XVII Century is a national lineage-based organization of women with documented ancestors living in the country before 1701. Its primary mission is the preservation of historic sites and records, promotion of heraldry and coats of arms, support of charitable projects, and the education of the nation's children.

GOD vs. SATAN

The score was 0 to 0, bottom of the 9th. Love was at bat. Love swung and hit a single because Love never fails. Next was Faith, who also hit a single because Faith works with Love. The next batter up was Godly Wisdom. Satan wound up and threw the first pitch; Godly Wisdom looked it over and let it pass...ball one. Three more pitches and Godly Wisdom walked, because Godly Wisdom never swings at Satan's throws. The bases were loaded. Grace stepped up to the plate. To the shock of everyone, Grace hit the ball harder than anyone had ever seen. It went right through Satan's glove and continued over the fence for a home run! God's team won!

Love, Faith, and Godly Wisdom will get you on base, but only God's Grace can bring you home. His Grace is the one thing Satan can not stop.

Weekly Bible Trivia
Who was King Ahab's wife?
(answer found in this week's scripture reading)

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19:1-4	19:5-10	19:11-14	19:15-19	19:20-21	20:1-6	20:7-14

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ment heads the Ocean Rescue, said that the rope or tether is designed to keep swimmers from losing their device. Silcox said that lifeguards would probably not take floats without tethers from swimmers, but that the ordinance would enable lifeguards to keep swimmers from going very far out into the ocean with a device without a tether. He recommended keeping the requirement in the ordinance.

Vice Mayor Len Kreger said he believes the ordinance should not contain requirements that would not be enforced. "Let's keep this about saving lives and not enforcing," Kreger said. "If we're going to put it in there, we will expect Ocean Rescue to enforce it."

At the end of discussion, the requirement of a tether was left in the ordinance.

Commissioners did not change, but could adjust in the future, the hours that vehicles would be permitted to park on the beach. The ordinance prohibits

parking on the beach from sunset to 9 a.m. during sea turtle nesting season, which runs from May 1 until Oct. 31. Commissioner Roy Smith suggested limiting parking on the beach to enforce those hours year-round.

"I talked to some officers and asked their opinion on it," Smith said. "They don't think (overnight parking on the beach) is a good idea because of several things - drinking on the beach at night, drugs on the beach at night back there in cars or other activities in cars. I still say it's not a good idea because too many bad things can happen. The other thing is - you get somebody out there at night (and) they can get stuck there. There's no lights out there. Plus, if the tide comes in, they're stuck."

Mayor Johnny Miller said that owners who park on the beach in order to eat at Sliders Seaside Grill, a restaurant that abuts the beach parking area, could also be an issue.

"If somebody's eating dinner and it gets dark, they have to come move their car because

they are violating an ordinance," Miller said. "If somebody has too much to drink and decides to do the right thing and leave their car down there ... our law enforcement sees an abandoned car (and) they may think it's a swimmer that's lost. Cars left at the beach overnight have started searches."

In the end, the commission decided to keep the ordinance as-is regarding hours, with the stipulation that the city manager can examine the issue after turtle nesting season, and perhaps change the hours for beach parking then.

Several citizens spoke at the meeting, some in support of beach parking and some to ask about issues with watercraft and surfing.

Lowell Hall, who heads Citizens for the Preservation of Public Beaches, thanked the commission for its work in coming to the compromise.

Hall spoke to each member of the commission individually, noting what each commissioner, as well as city staff, had done to advance the compromise ordi-

nance. "The Citizens for the Preservation of Public Beaches asks this commission for your continued support in all public beach issues and beach access management plans," Hall said.

In other business, the City Commission:

- Recognized the U.S. Navy and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers as well as the Nassau County Board of County Commissioners and Amelia Island Tourist Development Council for their efforts toward the city's beach renourishment project;

- Proclaimed April 27 as Arbor Day;

- Proclaimed April as Water Conservation Month;

- Approved the purchase of new water meters from Sensus USA Inc. in the amount of \$95,890;

- Renewed a maintenance contract in excess of \$20,000 with Tyler Technology for financial software;

- Did not act on request for a zoning map amendment that would allow for an additional development at Amelia Park due

to lack of a second on the motion to approve;

- Voted 5-0 on first reading to assign a Future Land Use Map category of "Mixed Use" to approximately 2.15 acres located at South Third and Gum streets.

No action was taken on a quasi-judicial hearing on a zoning map amendment related to the same parcel that would change the city's zoning map, as it was removed from the agenda, according to a synopsis of the meeting provided by City Clerk Caroline Best.

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Beach goers can continue the local tradition of parking on the beach at the access at the end of Sadler Road, thanks to an ordinance that was approved on its third reading this week by the City Commission.

JULIA ROBERTS/NEWS-LEADER



Shannon Bollinger leaves behind five children and her husband, Curtis, as well as several other family members and friends.

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proceeds benefiting the Bollinger family.

In addition, a portion of the concession stand profits for both organizations will be donated. Donation buckets will also be

available.

A celebration of Shannon Bollinger's life was held Thursday at Christ Fellowship, 850987 U.S. 17, Yulee. Internment followed in Live Oak Baptist Church Cemetery.

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UPDATE *Continued from 2A*

Lions Club bingo

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.

ACBL duplicate bridge

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

Legion bingo

Bingo is played every Thursday at American Legion Post 54, 626 S. Third St. The public is invited to play in the smoke-free 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. Games have cash prize payouts, and proceeds are donated to help veterans and the community. If you have questions, call 261-7900.

Ghost Tour

Guests on this tour will learn Amelia Island ghost stories while they tiptoe through dark streets and walk in the footsteps of a bygone era. This tour begins at 6 p.m. every Friday and lasts approximately one hour. Meet your guide in the cemetery behind St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 801 Atlantic Ave. Tickets may be purchased at the Amelia Island Museum of History for \$10/adults and \$5/students, or before the tour from the guide with check or cash only.

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Bryce Holwell, left, and Nathan Blumberg, center, teamed up for the doubles district title. Holwell also was a district champion in singles.

Brita Bocian and Emma Smith, the Lady Pirates' No. 2 doubles team, won the district championship.

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SPECIAL

Pirate netters second in district, advance to region

BETH JONES
News-Leader

The Pirates finished second in the district to advance to the regional tournament. The Fernandina Beach High School boys tennis team takes on Bolles at 4 p.m. Tuesday.

"We couldn't be happier or prouder of the entire Pirate tennis team for the way they competed at the district tournament," said Mark Durr, head boys coach at FBHS. "What we saw out there was the culminating efforts and commitments of a lot of people, including the players, their parents and all of those who have worked with these outstanding young people on their tennis games over the span of many years."

Durr, who returned this season to FBHS and to coaching Pirate tennis, said he couldn't remember the last time the team advanced to the regional tournament.

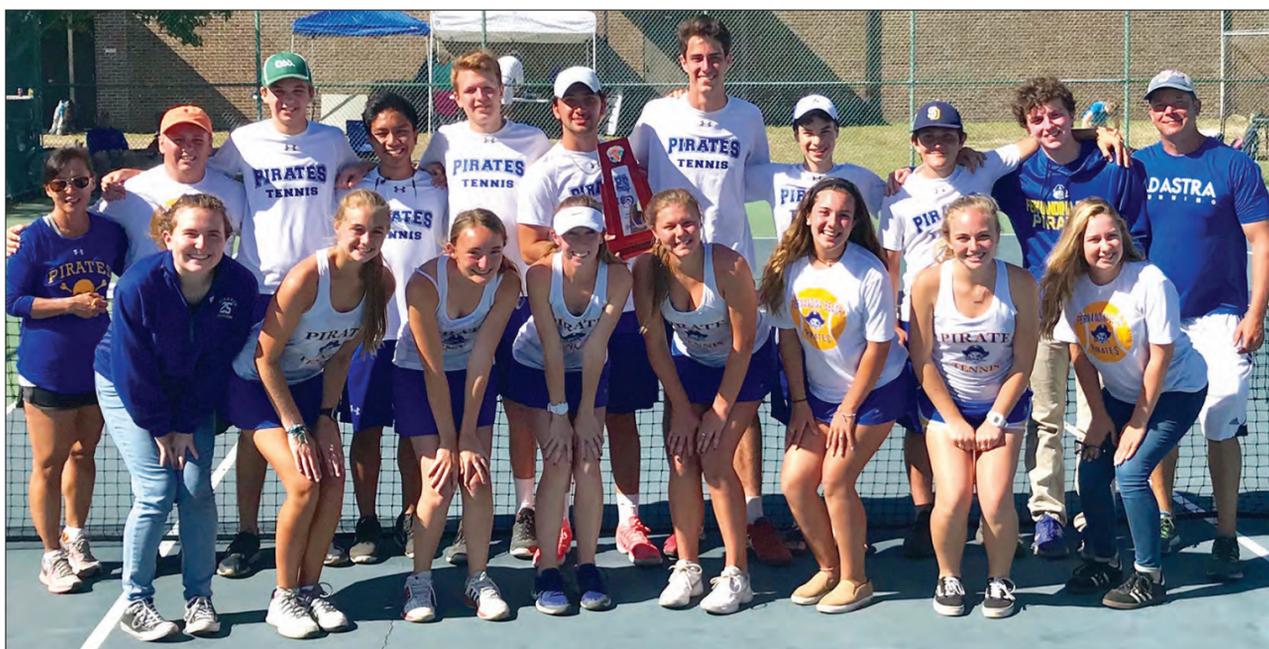
"I knew from day one, that this was a very special group, beginning with their extremely respectful and easygoing dispositions and their commitment to and love of tennis," Mark Durr said. "I can't think of any group of athletes that I have ever been associated with that deserve success more than this group."

"They really prove day in and day out that they are a team and, whether they win or lose, they do it together. They all are elated when one of them succeeds, and they all rally around any member who doesn't. It's team tennis and it's remarkable to be a part of."

Nathan Blumberg, the Pirates' lone senior, lost in the finals to his district nemesis Ronack Venkata of Stanton 6-1, 6-1.

Bryce Holwell, a 6-foot-6 junior, beat Sharma of Stanton 7-3, 3-6, 10-7 in a tie break set to capture the district title in singles.

"Bryce completes the season as undefeated,"



The Fernandina Beach High School boys and girls tennis teams include, front row from left, Ashley Herrera, Brita Bocian, Aspen Boler, Sarah Kelly, Emma Smith, Emelia Simpson, Laura Page and Eloria Doss; back row, Coach Juliana Durr, Joe DeMille, Liam Kiernan, Nathan Pascual, Nick Hower, Nathan Blumberg, Bryce Holwell, Jack Curley, William Herrera, Cole Strain and Coach Mark Durr. Not pictured: Coach Kelsey Johnson.

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Mark Durr said. "Bryce beat all who were brave enough to challenge him this year, including powerhouse programs Ponte Vedra, Stanton, Camden County and Bishop Kenny."

Nick Hower lost to Paxon in the semifinal

round in a third-set tie break.

"Nick is an amazing player and even better young man," Mark Durr said. "He enjoys the experience and has the maturity and sense of self to take away the lessons as they are presented to

him whether they are in a victory or a loss."

Jack Curley, at No. 5, and William Hererra, at No. 4, both lost to Stanton foes in the

TENNIS Continued on 11A

Lady Hornets win eighth in a row in season finale

Yulee, Fernandina Beach in district tourney next week

The Lady Hornets extended their win streak to eight on Tuesday, beating the visiting Paxon Lady Eagles 6-2.

Faith Nevin earned the win; Christa Pritchard got the save, pitching four shutout innings.

Linzie LaFavor hit her fourth home run of the season.

"Valery Healey had two hits and played a flawless third base," said Chris Hicken, head softball coach at Yulee High School.

Before the game, YHS honored its four seniors — Zoe McKendree, who has signed with Florida State College at Jacksonville; McKenzee Flowers, Seminole State; Kayla Bradberry, Sante Fe Community College; and Caliegh Balestra, who is considering an offer from Polk State.

The Lady Hornets ended the regular season 18-7 and will play Ribault in the first round of districts next week at West Nassau.

The Lady Pirates also honored their seniors this week. Fernandina Beach hosted Ed White Monday, the final home game of the season; FBHS beat Ed White 11-1.

After a slow start, things started to look up for the Lady Pirates in their at-bat of the second inning. Grace Adkins walked, and the Lady Commanders put another Lady Pirate on base when Jordyn Foley was hit by a pitch. Sol Burruel hit a single into left-center field; Adkins tried to score but was thrown out on a relay.

Morgan Graham had an RBI single, scoring Foley. The bases were loaded when Maya Hernandez was walked and Daylee Puca was hit by a pitch, scoring Burruel.

The Lady Commanders tried to mount a comeback, loading the bases with one out on the board. But, the visitors were unable to score.

The Lady Pirates extended their lead in the bottom of the third, with a leadoff single to left by Kylie Tate, who was sacrificed over to second by Adkins on a bunt back to the pitcher. Tate scored on a RBI single by Foley, who then scored on a throwing error. Up 4-0, Hernandez hit an RBI single and Puca knocked in two runs with a single to left.

Ed White scored its lone run in the fourth to cut into FBHS's seven-run lead.

After giving up the no-hitter, Shelbea Holland proceeded to shut down the Lady Commanders for the remainder of the game.

Burruel had an RBI single to increase the lead to 8-1. Holland mowed down the Lady Commanders' batters in the top of the fifth inning, striking out all three, recording 102 strikeouts for the season with two games left before district.

Adkins hit the game winning two-RBI single to right center field, ending the game in five innings of play.

The Lady Pirates cap the regular season tonight at Robert E. Lee High. District is next week at West Nassau.



Yulee hosted Paxon Tuesday in the regular season finale. Faith Nevin, far left, got the win. Above, Sidney Hayworth mans second base. Left, catcher Zoe McKendree, one of four seniors this season. at Yulee.

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SPORTS SHORTS

Sheriff's golf tourney

Test your skills against Sheriff Bill Leeper, fellow law enforcement officers and area leaders while helping to raise money to benefit the community. The Nassau County Sheriff's Office and NCSO Charities are sponsoring the fourth annual Sheriff's Golf Tournament on June 22 at the Golf Club at North Hampton, Fernandina Beach.

Registration starts at 7:30 a.m.; and the scramble shotgun start is at 8:30 a.m. The event will be followed with an awards ceremony and a meal. Form a four-person team for \$500. Sponsorships are also available. Contact Larry Boatwright at 548-4027 or lboatwright@nassauso.com.

Joggin' for Frogmen 5K

The third annual Joggin' for Frogmen 5K will be at 8 a.m. May 19 at the Fernandina Beach Golf Club, 2800 Bill Melton Road. The Tadpole Trot for children 2-6 years old will also be at the golf club that morning.

Sponsorships starting at \$100 are available; each sponsorship comes with a free 10x10 booth. Email ameliaislandfl@jogginforfrogmen.com for information.

Both the 5K and the Tadpole Trot are hosted by the Navy SEAL Foundation, and 100 percent of the proceeds go to the foundation; its mission is to provide immediate and continuing support to Special Warfare community, including spouses and children.

Go to www.jogginforfrogmen.com/ameliaislandfl for information and to register. There were 158 real time and virtual runners who signed up for the 2017 run, and early registrations indicate even more runners will participate in 2018.

Packet pickup will be from 3:30-6:30 p.m. May 18 at the Fernandina Beach Golf Club.

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.

Katie Ride

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

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

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

Sailing club meets

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

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

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

TENNIS From 10A

finals. Curley lost to David Wang 6-3, 6-4; and Herrera lost to Michael Pu 6-1, 6-2.

"Jack and William are our future and our foundation going forward as ninth and 10th graders," Mark Durr said.

In doubles action, Holwell and Blumberg teamed up to win the No. 1 doubles championship, beating Venkata and Max Zang of Stanton in the semifinal and then overwhelming the Bishop Kenny team in the finals 6-1, 6-1.

The Pirate duo move on to state May 1 in Orlando.

"This team is something to watch, as I've said all year," Mark Durr said. "They never quit, they never are complacent physically or mentally and they are in every match to win and they did."

"These are the perfect examples of leaders for any high school sport. They are the role models for us both on and off the court, and I couldn't be prouder of the two of them and what they have meant to Pirate tennis this season."

Stanton edged the FBHS boys by a mere three points.

The Lady Pirate finished third behind Stanton and Raines.

The No. 2 doubles team of Brita Bocian and Emma Smith won the district championship.

"We just knew that these two had to be paired together all year," Coach Julie Durr. "The way they work together it's just a fit, physically and in spirit."

They defeated Sylven White and Marcia Brown of Raines in the final.

Sarah Kelly was the Lady Pirates' lone singles player in the finals at No. 3; she lost to Ellery Susa of Stanton 7-5, 6-3.

"As one of our seniors, we are so sad to see Sarah leave the program, but we are so thankful for what she has given to the program through the years," Julie Durr said. "Her

legacy will remain with Pirate tennis; she made the program stronger and better. She's off to do bigger and better things and we are very proud of her."

No. 1 singles player Aspen Boler lost to the overall No. 1 seed, Victory Lynch of Stanton.

"But played a great match and gave a much more experienced player a run for her money," Julie Durr said. "This has been Aspen's trademark all year; she has played numerous girls who have committed to college tennis already, and Aspen (a freshman) has competed with every single one of them, winning more than not."

"We are looking forward to watching, supporting and being a part of Aspen's growth as a player over the next three years, as she promises to be keep being the shining star of the program."

Laura Page, at No. 2, had victories in the first two rounds with wins over Terry Parker and Paxon.

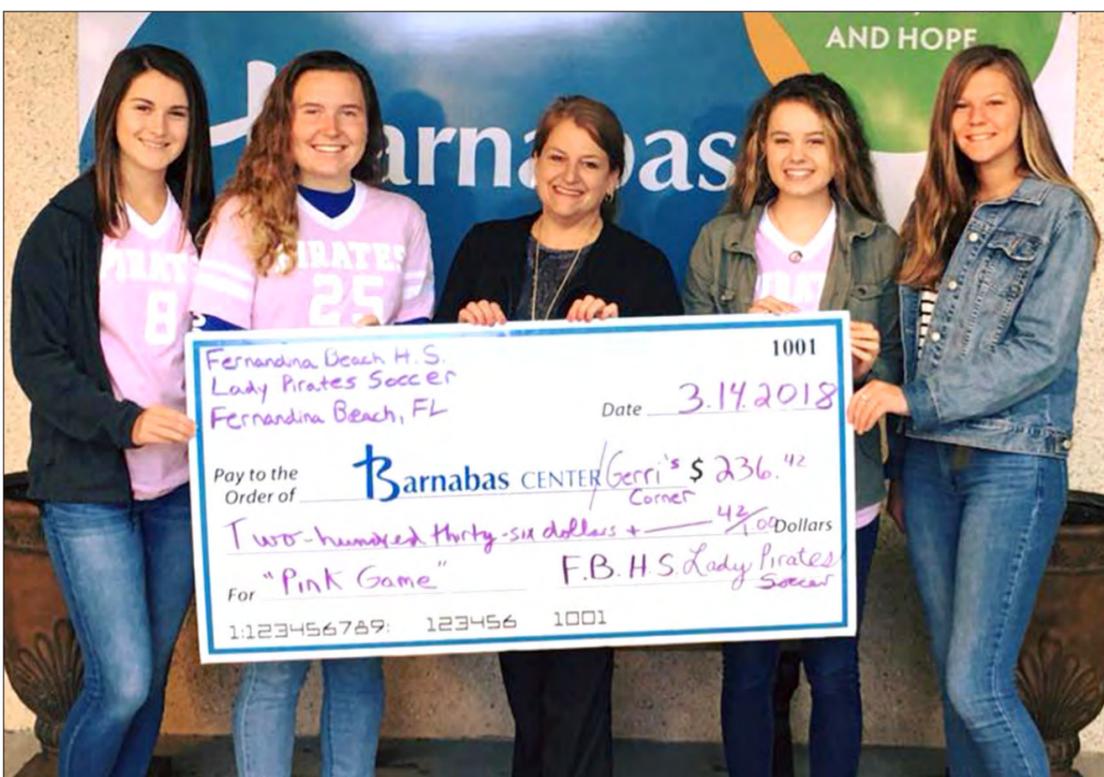
"Laura will be back next year and more than likely will inherit the captain's role, as her grace and attitude are built for the leadership position," Julie Durr said. "She is most definitely a person we want others and the team to emulate."

The FBHS Pirates hosted the district tournament Tuesday and Wednesday.

"This was an awesome tournament because of the help, planning and execution of our committed parents," Julie Durr said. "It's easy to understand where these wonderful young players have come from when you get to know their parents and what those parents have and continue to do for them."

"We couldn't have had such a successful and well-run tournament without those parents, and we want to thank Doug Hayman and his Saturday morning tennis group for donating and installing several tennis nets, which assisted in making our facility look first-class for this tournament."

GIVING BACK



The FBHS girls soccer team donated proceeds from its "Pink Game." Pictured, from left, are Brooke Long, Ashley Herrera, Tania Yount with Barnabas, Katherine Doss and Emma Smith.

Lady Pirates support women kicking cancer

The Fernandina Beach High School girls soccer team presented a check for \$236 to benefit Gerri's Corner at Barnabas. Every year, the FBHS Lady Pirates host a "Pink Game" to raise money to support local women with cancer.

Gerri's Corner is a free resource center that provides support to women with cancer who live in Nassau County. It is a place to receive answers to questions, support group information, and reference materials. Gerri's Corner also provides head covers, wigs, hairpieces, chemo bags

with necessities and comfort pillows.

For more information or to make an appointment for assistance, call 261-7000.

To donate funds to Gerri's Corner at Barnabas, send checks to Barnabas Center, 1303 Jasmine St., Suite 101, Fernandina Beach, FL 32034 or donate online at www.Barnabas.org/give.

For more information on programs at Barnabas, visit www.BarnabasNassau.org.

Barnabas is Nassau County's only comprehensive service center to help neighbors in crisis so they can become healthy, productive citizens.

Through partnerships, the center reaches even more people and maximizes resources. It addresses critical issues facing the community, such as hunger, affordable health care and prevention of homelessness.

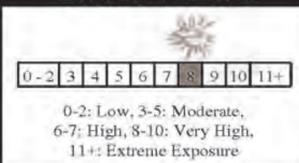
Its mission is to provide assistance to individuals and families in crisis throughout Nassau County. Its vision is to be the primary nonprofit resource in Nassau County, providing assistance to connect individuals and families to services that will help them overcome crisis and achieve self-sufficiency.

The News Leader Weather Summary

Fernandina Beach's Seven Day Forecast

Day	Weather	High / Low
Friday	Mostly Sunny	67 / 58
Saturday	Partly Cloudy	72 / 63
Sunday	Mostly Cloudy	73 / 66
Monday	Few Showers	74 / 65
Tuesday	Few Showers	72 / 67
Wednesday	Mostly Sunny	75 / 66
Thursday	Sunny	77 / 68

Local UV Index



Weather Trivia

What is the greatest amount of rain to fall within 24 hours in the United States?
 Answer: Alvin, Texas holds the record with 43 inches falling in August 1977.

Weather History

April 20, 1989 - The temperature at Las Animas, Colo. soared to 100 degrees to establish a state record for April. Twenty-two cities in the central and southwestern United States reported record high temperatures for the date.

Peak Fishing/Hunting Times This Week

Day	Peak Times		Day	Peak Times	
	AM	PM		AM	PM
Fri	4:19-6:19	4:48-6:48	Tue	8:09-10:09	8:35-10:35
Sat	5:18-7:18	5:48-7:48	Wed	9:01-11:01	9:26-11:26
Sun	6:17-8:17	6:46-8:46	Thu	9:51-11:51	10:16-12:16
Mon	7:14-9:14	7:42-9:42			

www.WhatsOurWeather.com

Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Fri	6:52 a.m.	7:57 p.m.	10:42 a.m.	Next Day
Sat	6:51 a.m.	7:57 p.m.	11:41 a.m.	12:55 a.m.
Sun	6:50 a.m.	7:58 p.m.	12:42 p.m.	1:53 a.m.
Mon	6:49 a.m.	7:58 p.m.	1:46 p.m.	2:45 a.m.
Tue	6:48 a.m.	7:59 p.m.	2:49 p.m.	3:32 a.m.
Wed	6:47 a.m.	8:00 p.m.	3:52 p.m.	4:15 a.m.
Thu	6:46 a.m.	8:00 p.m.	4:53 p.m.	4:54 a.m.

Last Week's Almanac & Growing Degree Days

Date	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Farmer's Growing Degree Days			
4/11	70	50	78/55	0.00"	Date	Degree Days	Date	Degree Days
4/12	73	51	78/55	0.00"	4/11	10	4/15	17
4/13	77	63	79/55	0.00"	4/12	12	4/16	8
4/14	78	65	79/55	0.00"	4/13	20	4/17	11
4/15	76	59	79/56	0.00"	4/14	21		
4/16	68	48	80/56	0.00"				
4/17	76	47	80/56	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	High	Low	Date	High	Low
Fri	12:36 am	6:42 am	1:05 pm	6:51 pm	Fri	12:00 am	6:39 am
Sat	1:30 am	7:40 am	2:01 pm	7:52 pm	Sat	12:54 am	7:37 am
Sun	2:29 am	8:43 am	3:02 pm	8:59 pm	Sun	1:53 am	8:40 am
Mon	3:33 am	9:46 am	4:08 pm	10:06 pm	Mon	2:57 am	9:43 am
Tue	4:40 am	10:48 am	5:16 pm	11:11 pm	Tue	4:04 am	10:45 am
Wed	5:45 am	11:45 am	6:19 pm	None	Wed	5:09 am	11:42 am
Thu	6:45 am	12:13 am	7:17 pm	12:40 pm	Thu	6:09 am	12:10 am

StarWatch By Gary Becker - Robotic Observatory Becoming a Reality

Moravian College Astronomy's buy-in for a 25 percent usage of a new robotic observatory being constructed at the Mars Desert Research Station near Hanksville, Utah is becoming a reality. The bulk of the facility was made possible through a \$50,000 gift to the Mars Society, but funding was insufficient to make the observatory fully robotic or capable of conducting research unless onsite. As a member of the astronomy team of MDRS, I was participating in the planning of this sky watching station, and I had an idea. During late spring of 2014, I was beginning to refurbish the Sky Deck on the rooftop of the Collier Hall of Science. New instrumentation was part of that goal, and a steady flow of money into the MoCo astronomy program was being accumulated through public donations. Enter Boyertown astronomy enthusiast, David Fisherowski, who began gifting quality used telescopes and mounting systems to our astronomy program, and it became obvious to me that Moravian had within its grasp, the ability of promoting a robotic astronomical research facility in one of the darkest regions of the US as well as accomplishing with a small delay, the goals of revamping the Sky Deck. MoCo Astronomy will remit a check to the Mars Society for \$20,000 in the next several weeks to make the MDRS Observatory robotic and research capable. The final piece of the puzzle has been my recent acquaintance with John Higbee, a resident of northern Virginia, who restores older astronomical instrumentation. Our existing cadre of telescopes will not be "junked," but hopefully sold to other enthusiasts who are interested in refurbishment. That should be sufficient to supply the additional capital to spur the modernization of the Sky Deck in a timelier manner. If someone would have told me that this is where we would be when Dave Fisherowski made his first donation to Moravian in early June of 2014, I would have laughed. Not so anymore. A great summer of discovery and observing lies ahead! www.astronomy.org

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2018 SCHEDULES

FERNANDINA BEACH HIGH SCHOOL Softball	April 26 HILLIARD (seniors) 7:00 April 30-May 3 DISTRICT at FBHS
April 20 at Lee 5:00 April 23-26 District at West Nassau	
YULEE HIGH SCHOOL Varsity Softball	April 20 FERNANDINA BEACH* 6:30 April 23 ATLANTIC COAST 6:00 April 24 at Bolles 6:30 May 1-5 District * District
April 17-23 DISTRICT at West Nassau	
FERNANDINA BEACH HIGH SCHOOL Varsity Baseball	FERNANDINA BEACH HIGH SCHOOL Track & Field
April 19 YULEE 6:30 April 20 at Yulee 6:30 April 24 at Fleming Island 5:00	April 25 Region May 4-5 State at UNF

4 district champs, 20 region qualifiers for Yulee track team

Durr, Bille clinch titles for Pirates

BETH JONES
News-Leader

Nassau County was well-represented and fared well in the District 3-2A track and field meet April 12 at Raines High School. The top four in each event qualified for the regional meet Wednesday in Tallahassee.

Yulee High School boasts four district champions and will send 20 to the regional meet next week. The YHS Lady Hornets finished in second place behind the hosts, Fernandina Beach finished third, and West Nassau was fifth of the seven teams.

Lydia Parker is a two-time district champ, winning the 1,600-meter and 3,200m runs. Sydney Lake won the discus and finished fourth in the shot put. Julia Dennis tied as district champ in the pole vault.

Yulee's Mikayla Brown was third in shot put; Shavonne Bellamy was third in the 100m hurdles; Mackenzie Griffin took third in the long jump and second in the high jump; Gracie Hardwick placed third in the high jump; and Ziana Jones was fourth in the high jump and triple jump.

Also qualifying for region are Yulee's 4x400m and 4x800m relay teams, which both placed third. The 4x400m team includes Bellamy, Parker, Griffin and Malia Domingo. The 4x800m team includes Parker, Bellamy, Miriam Lopez and Domingo.

FBHS's Kenzie Branch qualified with a third-place finish in the 100m dash. Teammate Amelie Nichol qualified by placing third in the 1,600m run. Nichol was also second in the 3,200m run. Josie Kilburn placed third in the 3,200m.

Makayla DuBose took third in the triple jump. Katie Slaughter was second in the pole vault. In girls discus,

FBHS had two region qualifiers; Jacqueline Carr was third, and Taylor Alvare finished fourth.

FBHS's 4x100m relay team was third; the 4x400m team was fourth; and the 4x800m team was second.

Yulee's boys also placed second behind host Raines. Ribault finished third, Fernandina was fourth. West Nassau placed sixth among the eight boys teams.

Darion Dixon is also a two-time district champ with wins in the triple jump and 300m hurdles; he also placed second in the 110m hurdles. Malik Brown won the discus title and was fourth in shot put.

Tom Meadows won the pole vault; Buddy Terry was second; and Aston Ricks took third. Gage Padgett was fourth in the pole vault and third in the triple jump. Austin Smith was second in the triple jump. Nick Hermann was third in the 3,200m. Caden Kwaitowski placed fourth in the 3,200m.

The 4x100m relay team of Ronnie Sephestine, Garrett Haliwell, Jhcurry Simpson and Jawan Foust placed fourth; the 4x400m team of Dixon, Sephestine, Sam Thompson and Terrell Jackson placed third; and the 4x800m team was third and included Hermann, Kwaitowski, Noah Smith and Robert Neil.

Fernandina Beach had two district champions. Steven Durr won the boys 3,200m run, and teammate Tayger Bille won the 110m hurdles. John Sorensen was second in the 1,600m run, and teammate Riley Dean was fourth. Sorensen was also second in the 3,200m.

Chase Oliver was fourth in the 110m hurdles to qualify for region. Evan Shuman qualified in the 300m hurdles, finishing fourth. Walker Bean qualified in the discus as district runner-up; he was also second in the shot put. FBHS's boys 4x800m team was fourth to qualify for region.

West Nassau's Edward Smith is a champion in the high jump.



FBHS's Chase Oliver was fourth in the boys 110m hurdles, above left. Above right, in the boys mile, West Nassau's Jakob Brown was third and FBHS's John Sorensen finished second to Baldwin. Below left, Yulee's Darion Dixon and FBHS's Tayger Bille in the 100m hurdles. Below right, FBHS's Maddie Powell and West Nassau's Lydia Bennett. Bottom row from left, FBHS's Jacqueline Carr in the shot put; Yulee's Malik Brown in the shot; and FBHS's Walker Bean in the boys discus throw.



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24 Months	\$20	\$40	\$100	\$200	\$400
30 Months	\$25	\$50	\$125	\$250	\$500
36 Months	\$30	\$60	\$150	\$300	\$600
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Katie Ride taking over Amelia Island on Saturday



MICHAEL MILLER
News Leader

There's still time to register for and participate in tomorrow's Katie Ride.

The 14th annual event that benefits the organ donor education and awareness programs of the Katie Caples Foundation will kick off at 8 a.m. Saturday in Fernandina Beach with participants following routes that will range from 18 to 63 miles and traverse state parks, ecological preserves and approximately 40 miles of coastal views.

This year's goal is to raise \$150,000 to help fund the Foundation's work.

The Katie Ride is a bicycle-touring event catering to cyclists of all abilities. The annual fundraiser features routes of 63, 34, and 18 miles as well as an off-road ride through Fort Clinch. The event was created in 2005 to raise awareness for organ donation and support the Katie Caples Foundation's nationally recognized organ donor education program.

The Katie Walk was introduced in 2009 by popular demand as an alternative to the ride, and the Fun Run was added in 2014. Both the Walk and Fun Run are routed through Egans Creek Greenway and courses over uneven trails and paths.

This year, the event has added a "fun" triathlon for participants interested in a new kind of challenge. It will begin with a 300-yard swim in the Fernandina Beach Atlantic Recreation Center pool, continue with an 18-mile road ride and finish with a 5K run through Egans Creek. This new component of the event is not a traditional triathlon and is not a race that will be chipped or timed. Registration for the triathlon is limited.

Who rides, walks, runs and swims in Katie Ride? From avid cyclists to those who "pull out the beach cruiser a couple of times each year," the ride caters to everyone. If cycling isn't your thing, you can join the increasingly popular Katie Walk, and the Katie Run is a "fun run" and not timed.

Online registration for the event has closed, but you can still sign up as a participant or volunteer by visiting katiecaples.org/events/14th-annual-katie-ride-for-life and clicking the "Launch Event" link on the right. Those interested in donating to the Foundation can also find information at the link above.

David and Susan Caples founded the Katie Caples Foundation in the fall of 1998 after the death of their daughter, Katie, a newly licensed 17-year-old driver who also became an organ donor — a choice that saved the lives of five individuals ranging in age from 9 to 62 and helped several others.

Since 2005 the Foundation has brought its message on the impact of organ donation to more than 150,000 individuals in Northeast Florida and partners with Mayo Clinic, University of Florida, Shands Hospital, driver licensing and tax collectors offices. By 2014, the Foundation's educational programming extended throughout 30 Florida counties, which have seen an increase of 381 percent in organ donor registrations.

The Katie Caples Foundation and David and Susan Caples have received numerous awards for their contributions within the organ donation, transplant and nonprofit communities including the National Donor Memorial Award for Excellence presented by the United Network for Organ Sharing in 2015, the Communicator Award of Distinction for Non-Profit Video Content presented by the Academy of Interactive and Visual Arts in 2015, the E. William Nash Jr. Community Partner of the Year Award presented annually by the YMCA Florida First Coast in 2012, the James S. Wolf, M.D. Courage Award, presented annually by Donate Life America in recognition of significant contribution toward educating the public about the need for organ and tissue donation in 2011, and the President's Volunteer Service Award, awarded as part of an initiative of the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation in Washington, D.C. in 2005.



The 14th annual Katie Ride will kick off Saturday morning in Fernandina Beach, but participants will cover routes up to 63 miles in length that zigzag Amelia Island. The event also includes a walk and Fun Run for those who prefer not to ride. This year, the event has added a non-traditional triathlon that will include a 300-yard swim in the pool at the Fernandina Beach Atlantic Recreation center along with an 18-mile road ride and 5K run through Egans Creek.

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13th annual festival raises funds for West Nassau Historical Society

The West Nassau Historical Society will hold its 13th annual all-day Railroad Day Festival signature fundraiser on Saturday 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.

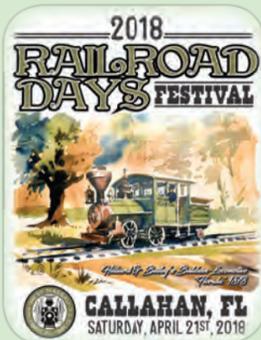
Unlike years past, there will be no parade through downtown Callahan. In honor of politi-

cian David Yulee, the group will host an old-fashioned campaign stump where local candidates can briefly speak about their aspirations.

The arts and crafts vendors and food merchants will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and a kids' area with a jumpy slide, climbing wall, hobo games and much more will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Local live entertainment will perform on the main depot stage from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (see the schedule below).

Callahan Cruisers along with Cochrane'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 bring lawn chairs for your convenience.



Entertainment Schedule

9 a.m. Callahan Middle School Chorus
9:30 a.m. Line Dance Fever from Jesup, Ga.
10 a.m. Dinsmore Bluegrass Jam
11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Gauge Country
11:45 a.m. National Anthem by Buck Lucontro
11:50 a.m. Welcome and sponsor appreciation

12 p.m. Dale Wingo Band
12:45 p.m. Yulee stump, NCR writing contest
1 p.m. Randall Smith and Liz Mobley
1:45 p.m. Yellow Moon
2:30 p.m. Classic Car Show winners
3:20 p.m. Band on the Run
Various Randy Mahatma Brown One Man Band

ON & OFF THE ISLAND

SWING INTO SPRING

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. For complete information, see 2B.



KEEPERS OF THE COAST

Keepers of the Coast, a local sustainable living nonprofit organization, will host its inaugural Full Circle Fest on Sunday from 12 to 6 p.m. in Eddie Vickers Park, located at 399 Riberia Street in downtown St. Augustine.



There will be events throughout the day including speakers highlighting sustainable living ideas. Celebrate Earth Day outdoors with free family fitness yoga at 11 a.m. Bring your own bag and shop for unique, plastic free, eco-conscious gift items. Enjoy culinary presentations by

Rype & Readi and Plant Based Floridian. Food Truck court includes Arepa Life, Pizza Peles, and the Silver Bullet. By bringing a refillable bottle, guests can fill up at the 'Festie Bestie' water station to stay hydrated. Support conservation efforts by visiting the beer tent to purchase cold beer provided by Lagunitas, Dog Rose Brewing, and Old Coast Ales. For more information, visit keepersofthecoast.org.

OUT AND ABOUT

THIS WEEKEND

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. The \$45 cost includes all materials. To register, call Delfs at 518-322-7937. For information about IAA, visit www.islandart.org.

Adapted from Harper Lee's Pulitzer Prize-winning novel by Christopher Sergel, *To Kill A Mockingbird* will have its final shows this weekend at the Amelia Musical Playhouse. *To Kill A Mockingbird* was written amidst the most significant and conflict-ridden social change in the South since the Civil War and Reconstruction. Despite its Depression-era setting, the story was written from the perspective of the 1950s with the tensions and fears induced by a shattering transition in American society. It is a coming of age story as Scout, a young girl in a quiet southern town, experiences dramatic events that will affect the rest of her life, and it is also a moment in the long history of American racism frozen in time. Shows will be at 7:30 p.m. today and Saturday and 2:30 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for students and available online at ameliamusicalplayhouse.com/mockingbird.

Doubt: A Parable, winner of both the Pulitzer Prize and the Tony Award for Best Play, will conclude its run this weekend at Amelia Community Theatre, located at 207 Cedar St. in Fernandina Beach. The play takes place in 1964 at a Catholic school in the Bronx, where the school principal suspects the priest assigned to the school of having an improper relationship with a male student. With no solid evidence and scant details from a young nun who is a teacher at the school, the sister begins her own investigation. Thus begins a gripping mystery written by John Patrick Shanley and set in the midst of a power struggle between the old way of doing things and the new ways, both in the church and society. *Doubt* is sponsored in memory of Char Bachman, a local actor, director, and artist who passed away in 2017. Performances will be at 8 p.m. today and Saturday. Tickets are \$22 for adults and \$10 for students through college and available by going online to ameliacommunitytheatre.org or by calling 261-6749.

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.

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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 michtymarchingpirates.weebly.com, at Fernandina Beach High School or by calling 753-0299. For questions, email 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 at 614 Centre Street in Fernandina Beach.

Bingo enthusiasts will unite for a Baptist Medical Center Nassau Auxiliary fundraiser at American Legion Post 54, 626 S. Third St., Fernandina Beach, on Sunday, April 22. Regular session, which consists of nine games for \$20, begins at 2 p.m. There will be cash prizes, a 50/50, door prize tickets sold 3 for \$5, a silent auction, and drinks and snacks available for purchase. Cash only. ATM available. You must be 18 to be in the hall during play. Doors will open at 1:15 p.m.

Live Ink Theatre will present "Words Matter - Stories to Open Your Heart and Mind" at 4 p.m. Sunday at Story & Song Neighborhood Bookstore Bistro. Master of ceremonies Ron Kurtz and 10 storytellers will share how books and words have changed their lives. Directed



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NEXT WEEK

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.

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.

Returning to Amelia Island after her sold-out 2017 concert, Irish singer and original Celtic Woman Chloë Agnew will perform with Dermot Kiernan at 7 p.m. April 26 and 27 at Amelia Community Theatre, located at 207 Cedar St. in Fernandina Beach. Tickets are \$30 for adults and \$20 for students; a preshow meet and greet opportunity is available at 6:15 p.m. for \$20. Call 261-6749 or visit ameliacommunitytheatre.org for tickets and information.

Ballroom On Amelia offers Latin in Motion fitness class 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 or the Ballroom on Amelia Facebook page.

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. April 27-28 and May 4-5 and 25-26. For reservations, call 321-2430. \$15 music charge.

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 for more information or contact 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.

UPCOMING

The Plantation Guild & Gallery will hold a public reception from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. May 4 to introduce a new show, themed "Nature's Kaleidoscope." Osprey Village will be sponsoring the event and serving light refreshments. The charity will be the Humane Society. The guest artist for May is Fernandina's Sandra Baker Hinton. She will have for sale some of her latest work. Gallery artists will also be present. The Gallery is located in the Omni Spa & Shops, 94 Amelia Village Circle on Amelia Island. For more information, call 432-1750 or visit artamelia.com.

The Friends of the Library Book Club will meet Thursday, May 10, at 7 p.m. in the parlor at St. Peter's Episcopal Church to discuss *The Long Way* by Bernard Moitessier.

The program is free, and open to the public. Future meeting dates and books to be discussed are June 14, *Never Let Me Go* by Kazuo Ishiguro; July 12, *Caleb's Crossing* by Geraldine Brooks; Aug. 9, *Sing, Unburied, Sing* by Jesmyn Ward; Sept. 13, *Persepolis* by Marjane Satrapi; Oct. 11, *The God of Small Things* by Arundhati Roy; Nov. 8, *Being Mortal* by Atul Gawande; Dec. 13, *Daisy Miller* by Henry James; Jan. 10, *A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles; Feb. 14, *The Noise of Time* by Julian Barnes.

ONGOING

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.

Three six-week adult beginning guitar classes are being offered by the Nassau County Adult Education Department. Two classes will be held in the old middle school in Yulee at 850935 U.S. 17 North in room 16-01 and run through May 15. The first class is from 5:30 to 6:45 p.m. The second class is 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 through May 24 from 6:45 to 8 p.m. The limit for all classes is six participants. The cost for a class is \$80. Call Michelle at 650-823-1767 to register.

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.

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.

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 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 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.

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.

Guests on the Ghost Tour will learn Amelia Island ghost stories while they tiptoe through dark streets and walk in the footsteps of a bygone era as the past comes alive through the storytelling of your guide. This tour begins at 6 p.m. every Friday. Meet your guide in the cemetery behind St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 801 Atlantic Ave. Tickets may be purchased at the Amelia Island Museum of History for \$10/adults and \$5/students, or before the tour with check or cash only.

Living in Recovery is a support group organized by the Nassau Alcohol Crime Drug Abatement Coalition for anyone who recovering from any type of addiction.

The goal of this group is to harbor a safe, confidential environment where one can gain support and skills to be successful in recovery. Meetings are Tuesdays from 6-7:30 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 for information.

Overeaters Anonymous meets in the parlor at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 801 Atlantic Ave., Fernandina Beach, at 1 p.m. Thursdays. Contact Ilona at 261-9361.

Submit event announcements/briefs to Calendar Listing c/o News-Leader, 511 Ash St., Fernandina Beach, FL 32034; editor2@fbnewsleader.com; or 261-3696.

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ART CHAT ON TUESDAY



DIANE WITHROW/ISLAND ART ASSOCIATION

Island Art Association will host an Art Chat, open to the public, on Tuesday, April 24, with Diane Withrow, a Fernandina Beach resident of 19 years, who will share her love of painting people. Gathering at 6:30 p.m., the program will begin at 7 p.m. During her travels, Withrow liked drawing people's faces. After painting her seven grandchildren, one at a time over three years, she took on the challenge of painting everyday faces. IAA is located at 18 N. Second St. The chat will take place in the organization's Education Building. For more information, visit the gallery or islandart.org.

SUMMER CAMP

Arts Alive Nassau

Arts Alive Nassau is offering the following summers camps. **Swashbucklers & Sea Fairies:** An arts and crafts camp for students from 9 to 12 that will use artistic and creative talents in a variety of ways while focusing on themes of pirates and mermaids.

- Cost of \$75 includes all supplies;
- Monday to Wednesday from 9 a.m. to noon;
- June 18-20 at New Vision Congregational Church, 96072 Chester Road, Yulee;
- June 25-27 at Story & Song Neighborhood Bookstore Bistro, 1430 Park Ave., Fernandina Beach;

Drums & Rhythm: Les DeMerle, world-renowned drummer and artistic director of the Amelia Island Jazz Festival, is offering this camp, designed to develop rhythm and enhance musical skills in drummers and percussionists as well as students of any instrument. Students will require a drum practice pad and a pair of drumsticks, both of which can be purchased at the first session. For ages 9 and up.

- Cost of \$120 includes six sessions;
- Monday to Wednesday from 10 a.m. to noon;
- July 9-11 and 16-18 at New Vision Congregational Church, 96072 Chester Road, Yulee;

To register for either camp, contact Arts Alive Nassau at 310-9243 or arts.alive.nassau@gmail.com. For more information, go online to artsalivenassau.org.

Boys & Girls Clubs

The Nassau County Boys & Girls Clubs will conduct summer academies at both the Lime Street and Old Nassauville Road clubs from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily beginning June 4 and ending Aug. 6. The camps are open to ages 6 to 18 and cost \$360 each, which includes nine weeks of all-day specialized programs, field trips, swimming athletics, technology and more. Discounts for multiple youths from the same family are available as well as free and reduced lunches. Call 491-9102 to register at the Lime Street club and 261-1075 for the Old Nassauville Road club.

Ms. Shannon

Ms. Shannon's Summer Camps is offering the following classes:

- Pamper Me! Spa
- Mad Scientist
- Shark Tank Inventor
- My Dolly and Me: Best Friends
- My Dolly and Me: Celebrate the Holidays
- Art
- World Explorer

The camps range in price from \$130 to \$155 and are scheduled for June and July. For more information and to register, visit msshannonssummercamps.eventsmart.com or call 904-556-1568.

TECHNOLOGY SERIES



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Friends of the Library will continue its series of computer and mobile device workshops by Deryck Burnett, owner of Megabyte Computer Services, on Saturday. As a follow-up to his last two workshops on installing apps on smartphones, Burnett will introduce and discuss the top five smart phone productivity apps available from noon to 1 p.m. in the Community Room of the Fernandina Beach Branch Library. Friends of the Library offers is offering the presentation free of charge. To register in advance, call 530-6500, ext. 1. For information regarding this event, on joining Friends of the Library, or to donate, visit the Friends of the Library website at www.fernandinaFOL.org.

Extension Service announces classes, sale

The UF/IFAS Nassau Extension Service has announced its May slate of programs.

• Master Gardener Karl Shaffer will conduct a Landscape Matters class on hummingbirds at 10 a.m. May 2. The class will include a discussion about the characteristics of hummingbirds, their role as pollinators, and how to attract hummingbirds to yards. Plants that attract hummingbirds to your landscape will also be reviewed. The lecture is free and open to the public and will be held at the Yulee Extension office on Pages Dairy Road. For questions, contact the Extension office at 530-6353.

• UF/IFAS Nassau Extension Director and Horticulture Agent Rebecca Jordi will conduct a Plant Clinic from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. May 7 and 21. All Nassau County residents may bring plant samples showing landscape problems to the Yulee Extension office on Pages Dairy Road for problems to be identified so solutions can be offered. There is no fee for this service.

• Jordi will conduct a class on palms that grow well in Northeast Florida at 10 a.m. May 17. Topics that will be covered include general biology of palms, cold hardy varieties, planting and fertilization, common palm diseases and nutrient deficiencies, and staking. Jordi will also perform an outdoor demonstration of proper pruning and fruit stalk removal. She is an ISA-certified arborist. The class will take place at the James S. Page Governmental Complex in Yulee, where the UF/IFAS Nassau Palm Demonstration Garden features a collection of palms. This class is open to the public.



UF/IFAS NASSAU EXTENSION SERVICE/SPECIAL

The county Extension Service will hold its annual spring plant sale on Saturday, May 19.

The Extension Service will also conduct its spring plant sale from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 19. The biannual event will have Master Gardener-propagated plants, select trees and shrubs, and "goodies" for your garden.

The sale will take place at the Demonstration Garden at the James S. Page Governmental Complex in Yulee. Jordi will conduct a Plant Clinic during the sale. All

proceeds will benefit the Nassau County horticulture program, providing funding for professional development, demonstration gardens and volunteer educational projects throughout Nassau County.

For information about any of the above classes or the plant sale, call 530-6353. Master Gardeners are on phone duty from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Fridays at 530-6350 (press "1" for the Yulee office).

ARBOR DAY PROCLAMATION



Fernandina Beach has recognized April 27 as Arbor Day and recently presented a proclamation stating such to the Rotary Club of Amelia Island Sunrise, whose members will participate in the planting of three live oaks at 10 a.m. on that day in Central Park.

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RELIGION

Take your Sunday school class to Wild Amelia to get to know God better

Over the past few months, Wild Amelia has offered our community expert lectures about the lives of pelicans, the plight of right whales, the phenomena of urban coyotes, and the impossible-to-imagine details of sea turtle nesting. Earlier this week, the organization began an adult version of its Junior Naturalist Program that explores the seashore, including a study of crabs, the rhythm of our tides, and the essential role of sand dunes.

Every Saturday at 10 a.m. at Fort Clinch, there's a guided nature walk around the Willow Pond trail. The hike meanders through a coastal maritime hammock down to fresh waterpools. Along the way, hikers are told about the native plants and animals and the part each one plays in an intricately designed eco system.

These would be great fieldtrips for Bible study groups and Sunday school classes. Though the programs aren't presented from an overtly Christian perspective, they provide insights into



PRACTICAL THEOLOGY

Richard Doster

Similarly, if you wanted to learn more about Frank Lloyd Wright – his personality and character – you'd have to discover more about the homes he designed: Fallingwater, Kentucky Knob, and Graycliff.

The same is true of God. If you're interested in who he is and what he's like, you must explore the things he's made. As theologian Thomas Dubay

the mind of God, and they reveal something of his character.

Think about it like this: If you wanted to know Rembrandt as a man, you'd have to study his art. You'd have to understand the thinking behind *The Night Watch*, *The Storm on the Sea of Galilee*, and *The Return of the Prodigal Son*.

wrote, "Creation is a book proclaiming the Creator. It is a book of beauty that our intellect reads, but through the passageways of our five senses."

God wants us to ponder this world, and he tells us so repeatedly. In Romans 1:18-21, for instance, we catch a glimpse of God's goal for the beauty and complexity around us. We see that he's revealed himself in creation – in the whales, dunes, and crabs – and it riles him when people take such things for granted.

Marshes, rivers, and maritime forests provide a glimpse of his creative power. It's plain to see. We can all ponder it and contemplate what it means. Those who dismiss it find themselves on the wrong end of God's wrath (Romans 1:18). While those who marvel at the fact that dolphins can hear frequencies far beyond our range and that a heron's wingspan might stretch six feet and that the tides are caused by the gravitational forces of the moon, sun, and rotation of the Earth – they will relish life in the wondrous world

God has made.

Psalms 111:2 tells us, "Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them." The operative word here, says theologian T.M. Moore, is "studied." It has a variety of meanings, he explains, including "read repeatedly, discuss, investigate, and inquire." These nuances help us get a feel for what the psalmist means to convey – that God's works demand our attention. And the more we study them, the more motivated we are to explore further.

We've been created to do this, says Moore, but that doesn't mean it's easy. In Ecclesiastes 1:13, Solomon reports, "I applied my mind to study and to explore by wisdom all that is done under the heavens. What a heavy burden God has laid on mankind!" Solomon had devoted himself to a task that's been given to all of us: To investigate everything that's been created and discern God's purpose and plan for it. And that, Solomon says, can be a "heavy burden." It takes time and it

means we'll have to perfect new skills.

But it's worth the effort. Look at Proverbs 25:2: "It is the glory of God to conceal a thing; but the honor of kings is to search out a matter." So, while this work of examining everything God has made is hard, it's also gratifying. It brings us face-to-face with the glory of God in creation. We discover more of him. We find joy and delight. We're inspired to learn more.

Christians should go to Wild Amelia and take the Fort Clinch Nature Walk and go on the Amelia River Cruises. And we should bring our worldview with us. God expects us to find him in his "general revelation." He's eager for us to bask in his glory – at the beach, along the Eagans Creek Greenway, in the marsh, and in our own backyards.

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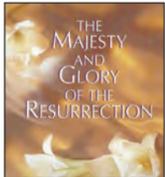
Smiles one toy at a time

The Toymakers of Yulee is hosting a community spring festival 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday 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. 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 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.



Pastor Appreciation Day

The Macedonia A.M.E. Church family has

invited the Fernandina Beach community to help celebrate Pastor Appreciation Day on Sunday at 3 p.m. in honor of its pastor, Rev. Anthony A.C. Daniel, who has become known for his positive spiritual contributions throughout the area as well as his inspiring sermons. Special guest speaker will be Reverend Pearce Ewing, pastor of historic Mt. Zion A.M.E. Church. Macedonia A.M.E. Church is located at the corner of Beech and South Ninth streets.

Hope House worship

Come join Tuesday, April 24, us as dive in deeper to touch the heart of God. Our time together reading and unpacking the Word of God is not only profound but fun! Don't miss this opportunity to worship, study and fellowship with other believers every Tuesday at noon. The Salvation Army Hope House is located at 410 S. Ninth St., Fernandina Beach.

Bahá'í of Nassau County

The regular multi-faith inspirational afternoon is on the second Sunday of each month. The next one will be at 3 p.m. Sunday, May 13, at Springer Controls, located at 96072 Chester Road in Yulee. 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 Glory. The month of Beauty begins April 28. For more information, call 566-5437 or 432-8845.

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When you see an item you need on "two for one" sale, please think of us at The Salvation Army Hope House and pick up two – one for us and one for you! The items we need most this week are peanut butter, jelly, breakfast items like grits, oatmeal, and cereal, condensed and ready-to-eat soup, dried and baked beans, canned meats, veggies and fruit, boxed meals, instant potatoes, macaroni and cheese, ramen noodles, pasta and sauce. We are also in great need of deodorant, razors, shaving cream and quart-sized zip lock bags. Thank you for your generosity! Donations can be brought to The Salvation Army Hope House, 410 S. Ninth St., Fernandina Beach.

Lutheran 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

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Jim Wood, a nationally known speaker and educator, will deliver the keynote address for the 2018 observance of the National Day of Prayer in Nassau County. The local leadership team for the National Day of Prayer has announced that Wood will speak on Thursday, May 10, at 7 p.m. at the New Zion Missionary Baptist Church in Fernandina Beach. New Zion is the venue for the 22nd observance of the National Day of Prayer in our community. The National Day of Prayer theme for this year is Pray for America-Unity. The New Zion Missionary Baptist Church is located in the historic district at 10 S. 10th St. and Atlantic Avenue. There is no admission charge for the National Day of Prayer service and the community is invited to attend. For more information, contact Lennon at allenlennon@comcast.net.

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, unity, 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.

Franklintown meal and Bible study

Franklintown 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 franklintownumc@att.net.

Submit event announcements/briefs to: *Calendar Listing* c/o News-Leader, 511 Ash St., Fernandina Beach, FL 32034; *editor2@fbnews-leader.com*; or 261-3696.

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