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## It's time to get ready for the Shrimp Festival



The Jet Stream is fully decked out in a shrimp theme and infested with partying pirates in the Decorated Boat Contest held during a previous Isle of Eight Flags Shrimp Festival.

*You can barbecue it, boil it, broil it, bake it, saute it. There's uh, shrimp-kabobs, shrimp creole, shrimp gumbo. Pan-fried, deep-fried, stir-fried. There's pineapple shrimp, lemon shrimp, coconut shrimp, pepper shrimp, shrimp soup, shrimp stew, shrimp salad, shrimp and potatoes, shrimp burger, shrimp sandwich.*

**FORREST GUMP**

CINDY JACKSON  
*News-Leader*

Who doesn't know that familiar quote from the movie *Forrest Gump*? But don't forget about the ever-popular shrimp pie! One can find all that, and more, during the first weekend in May here in Fernandina Beach.

The downtown's streets, businesses, and residents are just days away from the crowds that will gather for the 55th annual Isle of Eight Flags Shrimp Festival on May 4-6, one of the longest-running and well-known special events in the state of Florida.

Gil Langley, CEO of the Amelia Island Convention and Visitors Bureau, said, "Amelia Island has a robust calendar of events that showcase our destination and the Shrimp Festival is a cornerstone of that. With its longstanding

community tradition, the festival celebrates Fernandina's shrimping heritage and commitment to local seafood, attracting visitors from far and wide."

What originated in 1964 as a featured event for the island's "Fiesta of 8 Flags" – a shrimp boat race along the Amelia River – morphed into a major, regional festival celebrating the fruits of the labor of local shrimp boat owners and crews, with booths at the riverfront, along Centre Street, and on the side streets. Those booths, run by nonprofit organizations, will be selling almost every dish imaginable that can contain shrimp.

These days, not only does the festival pay tribute to the birth of the modern shrimping industry in Fernandina Beach, but it is also a celebration of the arts. More than 450 artists and crafts-

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## Free fishing clinic for children May 12

### Pre-registration is required

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Fort Clinch State Park is partnering with Fish Florida, The Friends of Fort Clinch, Inc., The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, local businesses and volunteers to conduct a Kids' Fishing Clinic on Saturday, May 12, to teach lessons on knot tying, fishing ethics, tackle, habitat, casting and more.

The clinic is open to children ages 5-15 and will be at the Atlantic Beach access and jetty parking area of Fort Clinch, located at 2601 Atlantic Ave. in Fernandina Beach, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Park entrance fees will be waived for all participants attending the event.

The first 240 participants to register online will take home a free rod and reel combo provided by Fish Florida through its sailfish license plate funding. A free hot dog lunch will be provided to all participants, including family members who may attend for a day of saltwater fishing.

Online pre-registration is required and can be completed at [tinyurl.com/KidsFishingClinic2018](http://tinyurl.com/KidsFishingClinic2018). For additional information, contact Fort Clinch State Park at 277-7274.

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

For more information about Florida State Parks, visit [floridastateparks.org/](http://floridastateparks.org/) fortclinch.

## Parking at Shrimp Festival

JULIA ROBERTS AND PEG DAVIS  
*News-Leader*

Although the city of Fernandina Beach recently revised a law to allow overnight parking of recreational vehicles, campers, and trailers on designated city property in conjunction with approved "special events," only the holders of a special events permit from the city can take advantage of it; it is still prohibited for everyone else.

The revised ordinance took effect on April 3.

Mary Hamburg, the city's public information officer who oversees the city's special events and chairs its Special Events Committee, told the *News-Leader* that the city's revised ordinance means that the Shrimp Festival Committee can issue overnight RV parking permits since it has a franchise agreement with the city.

"Shrimp festival authority. Within the public streets, sidewalks, parking and property of the city and for the annual shrimp festival only, the shrimp



festival committee is granted authority to issue appropriate permits, to set appropriate fees and to assign appropriate display and vendor spaces in accordance with the procedures and schedules as established by said committee," reads Chapter 14-1 (e) of the city's municipal code.

A posting on Facebook and on the website of the Fernandina Beach Babe Ruth League is advertising spaces for overnight parking for RVs in a public area at Central Park next to the ball fields "for three nights for \$75" during the 55th annual Isle of Eight Flags Shrimp Festival from May 4-6. The posting says the spaces are provided by the city of Fernandina Beach and the league and indicates the spaces are for "dry camping," meaning that no utilities are provided.

The camping is being allowed under the special events permit held by the Isle of Eight Flags Shrimp Festival Committee.

Harry Harrison, chairman of the Shrimp Festival Committee, said the committee gave that permit to the Babe Ruth League, which it can use to rent spaces to anyone attending the festival.

"We don't get involved with the league," Harrison told the *News-Leader*, explaining that the committee only

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## YMCA's plan to sell land is rejected by city

JULIA ROBERTS  
*News-Leader*

First Coast YMCA, with a local facility situated on the eastern edge of the Amelia Park subdivision, has a vacant piece of property there it would like to sell to developers so it can use the proceeds for improvements, but that plan did not get any traction during a recent City Commission meeting.

At the April 17 meeting of the City Commission, the YMCA requested the city's Land Development Code be changed so 4.42 acres that the organization owns on Lake Park Drive can be used for 16 additional housing sites.

Original covenants for Amelia Park call for some of the property to be available for recreational use by the residents of Amelia Park as well as the surrounding community.

"Developers promise certain things to the community," Commissioner Chip Ross said. "They come back later and those things don't happen. Originally,

when this (deed restriction) was agreed to by the city, what was part of that was an open space area. ... I believe that when something is committed to open space, committed to recreation, that that is what it should be going to, in perpetuity, as was put in your original agreement when you sold it to the YMCA."

The developers who want to buy the property, Joel Embry and Michael Antonopoulos, originally developed Amelia Park in 1998. Embry said that, since that time, the development has evolved, with each phase improving from the last. He said the latest request represents that evolution.

"There have been several amendments that have changed it – the evolution of demand market conditions, the existing residents, etc.," Embry said of the development. "It's not the neighborhood it was when we started, and it's not going to be the neighborhood tomorrow that it is today. That was the value of

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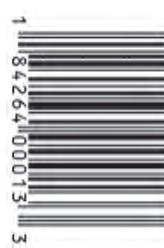
The YMCA property noted at the bottom of this map will not hold additional houses. The City Commission did not approve a zoning change which would allow developers of Amelia Park to change the conditions of an agreement which would allow green space to be converted to home sites.

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### LOOKING BACK 25 YEARS

Nassau County continued incurring a daily fine of \$5,200 per day since Dec. 18 for not closing the West Nassau landfill as ordered by the state.

April 21, 1993

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## OBITUARIES

### James Michael Adams

Jim Adams (or depending on how and when you knew him – James, Jimmy or Dad) died April 21, 2018 after an extended illness.

Jim led a life of service to those in need. Born February 5, 1953, he was raised in the Riverside area of Jacksonville and was a proud fifth generation Floridian. He attended Fishweir Elementary and graduated from Robert E. Lee High School in 1972. Jim later earned degrees in criminal justice from Florida State University and nonprofit management from the University of North Florida.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents, Dorothy Slappey and Conway Adams, as well as his brother, Stephen, and son, Timothy. Jim was twice widowed: His first wife Susan Nelson Adams passed away in 1982 and his second wife, Donna Ann Harris, in 2008.

He is survived by his children, Joel, Ashley and Aaron; his grandchildren, Tegan and Piper; his sister, Joan; and his brother, John, as well as many nephews, nieces, cousins and even more friends. Equally important to his family are those whose lives were touched and changed by Jim's lifelong career helping others through his work in social services and public policy. He is survived by this extended network of reunited, protected and new families. Beginning in the 1970s, Jim's profession was ensuring better and safer lives for runaways, abused children, veterans and those in need.

As the former CEO of Family Support Services of North Florida, Jim was instrumental, with others like Justice David Gooding, in the creation of hundreds of "forever families" through such initiatives as the Heart Gallery.

Jim served the citizens of Northeast Florida through his work in the political process and public policy, spending his time focused on his motto "help just one person each day." Throughout his career, Jim served in the following posts:

- Legislative aide to state Representative Janet Adkins from 2013 to 2016;
- Congressional aide to Congressman Ander Crenshaw in 2016;
- Congressional aide to Congressman Ted Yoho from 2017 to 2018;
- Chairman of the Nassau County Republican Party from 2002 to 2003;
- Republican State Committeeman for Nassau County from 2016 to 2018; and
- Member of the Nassau County School Board for 16 years.

Jim was an avid adventurer who deeply enjoyed a life of travel. These adventures shaped him and took him to every corner of the world. They were often the topic of many conversations with his friends and family. He is now on one last adventure that will reunite him with those loved ones who have preceded him.



### City Scoop

The Parks and Recreation Department has several summer programs available!

- Aqua Adventure Camp (Ages 10-15)
- Camp Amelia (Grades K-5)
- Group and Individual Swim Lessons (All ages)
- Junior Lifeguard Exploration (Ages 9-13)
- Junior Lifeguard Beach (Ages 10-15)
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Christian and a member and deacon at First Baptist Church Callahan.

He was preceded in death by his father, Harville Marsh; mother, Eunice Smith Marsh; brother, George Marsh; sister, Betty Shuman; and granddaughter, Amanda Marsh Caron.

Craig is survived by his wife of 67 years, Sue Bailey Burks Marsh; sons, Barry of Callahan and Ed (Sharon) of Griffin, Ga.; grandchildren, Michelle Marsh Adams, Justin Marsh, and Caroline Marsh; great-grandchildren, Destini Brock, Faith Hanscom, Taylee Marsh, and Storm Adams; great-great-granddaughter, Harlee Brock; sister, Peggy Weatherford of Twin City, Ga.

A viewing was held from 5 to 7 p.m. Sunday, April 22, 2018 in the Nassau Funeral Home Chapel. A funeral service was held at First Baptist Church Callahan at 11 a.m. Monday, April 23, 2018 with Pastor Lynn Hyatt officiating. Interment followed in Jones Cemetery.

Condolences may be expressed by signing the guest book at [www.nassaufh.com](http://www.nassaufh.com).

*Nassau Funeral Home*

### Olin Clifton Lancaster Jr.

Olin Clifton Lancaster Jr. passed away Tuesday, April 17, 2018 at the age of 86.

Olin was born on March 4, 1932 in Dallas, Texas. He graduated high school in Dallas and earned a BBA from the University of Texas in Austin, Texas. Olin served five years in the U.S. Navy. He married Sally in 1961 after a "love-at-first-sight" storybook romance. Olin's

most gratifying professional accomplishment was his dedication to the Frontiers of Flight Museum in Dallas. Olin and Sally lived on Amelia Island, Fla. for nine years of their retirement, returning to Dallas in 2009 to be near family. Olin's greatest legacy will be one of love and friendship.

He is survived by his loving wife of 57 years, Sally Rhodus Lancaster; three children, Olin Lancaster III and wife Pamela of Wilton, Conn., George Lancaster of Houston, Texas, and Julie Lancaster Morris and husband Grinnell of Los Angeles, Calif.; two grandsons, Olin Clifton Lancaster IV and Christopher Andrew Lancaster of Wilton; his sister, Jerry Lancaster Wall and husband Robert B. Wall of Houston; his brother-in-law, G. Tomas Rhodus and wife Deborah; his sister-in-law, Evy Kay Rhodus Washburne and husband Dick of Dallas; and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial was held in Dallas on Friday, April 20, 2018.

### Craig Marsh

Craig Marsh of Callahan, Fla. died April 18, 2018 at the age of 89.

Craig was born in Portal, Ga. on January 11, 1929 as the youngest of four children. Upon graduation from Georgia Teachers College, now Georgia Southern University, in 1950, he and his wife, Sue, taught school in Brooklet, Ga. for two years. In 1952, he moved to Callahan to own and operate a Gulf service station for 17 years. He returned to education after earning a master's degree from the University of Florida, serving as an administrator and then as a four-term superintendent of schools for Nassau County. He retired in 1993 to devote more time to his family and pursue his lifelong love of hunting. Craig was a

Patti's transition into Heaven was preceded by her parents, R. E. "Buddy" Durham and Catherine Delia Durham, and her brothers, Michael W. Durham and Robert "Bobby" Durham.

She is survived by her husband of 35 years, Brent Mayo of Fernandina Beach; her sons, Justin Mayo and his wife, Kimberly "Kimmie," of Smyrna, Ga., and Sgt. Joshua Mayo, U.S. Air Force. In addition, she is survived by her brother, David L. Durham and his wife, Charla; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Gene and Carolyn Mayo; sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Peggy and Shannon Jantz, all of DeRidder. She is also survived by many loving aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and a long list of other loving family members and family friends.

Family gathered to honor and celebrate Patti's life from 4 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 24, 2018 at Oxley-Heard Funeral Home in Fernandina Beach. Her visitation will resume from 5 to 9 p.m. Thursday, April 26, 2018 at Myers-Colonial Funeral Home in DeRidder with a rosary service beginning at 7 p.m. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, April 27, 2018 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in DeRidder. Burial will follow at the Beauregard Memorial Cemetery in DeRidder.

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

*Oxley-Heard Funeral Directors*

### Donald Carl McFadyen

Donald Carl McFadyen died peacefully in Fernandina Beach, Fla. on April 20, 2018 at the age of 80.

Don was born and raised in Chicago, Ill. He married the love of his life, Karen Hoeglund, in 1959. He was educated at Bowling Green State University. While in Ohio, Don served as a state highway patrolman and a high school teacher. Karen and Don's three children were born during their years in Ohio. The couple moved in 1966 to Gainesville, Fla., where Don continued his education and teaching career and raised his family. In the early '80s, he and his wife became business owners of a small trout fishing resort on the White River in Cotter, Ark. After selling their business, the couple retired to Fernandina Beach in 1992. Don sought ways to

and experience all that she could, she gave of herself and to others in need on many occasions. She knew no stranger. It made no difference who you were, what color you were or the life you lived. Those things did not matter to her. She saw it as an opportunity to share God's love for them and whatever gift of generosity she could give them. All her accomplishments in life were based on the foundation she and our dad had in their relationship with God. John 3:16

She will be remembered as a loving, kind and giving person, always ready to share her irresistible smile and humor. Our memories of you are never forgotten but lived through them. We love you, mama (meme). God blessed us with a beautiful and loving mother.

Her husband, Bobby (Bob L.) Luther Young preceded her in death. She leaves behind her sisters, Norma Jean (Lightbody) Landon (Lawton) and Darlene (Lightbody) Donald (Larry), and her children, Robin Young de Boer (Douwe) and Robby Randall Young (Julie). Her grandchildren include Aurel Weinberg (David), Christopher Young (Natasha), Marcus Young, Savannah Young, and Quest Belcher, together with all her great-grandchildren, Madison, Janna, Jadon, alias, Noah, Chloe, Caleb, and Jacob, and all her extended family whom Mom (Meme) loved as her own, and especially her new additions, Lincoln, Stiner and Baxley.

A private memorial was held at Good Samaritan, Dowling Park, Fla., with graveside services held at Concord Primitive Baptist Church in Sparks, Ga. in accord with Boone Funeral Home of Adel, Ga.

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## 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.

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FILE

A young pirate participates in the annual Isle of Eight Flags Shrimp Festival Pirate Parade. The parade this year starts at 6 p.m. on Thursday night, May 3. Immediately following the parade there will be a free Sounds on Centre concert downtown. Decades Band is scheduled to perform.

Elefante, whose hits include “Dust in the Wind” and “Carry On My Wayward Son,” Randall Hall, a former member of Lynyrd Skynyrd, the band famous for “You Got That Right,” “Sweet Home Alabama” and “Freebird,” and Jimmy Hall, currently with Wet Willy and formerly of the Jeff Beck Group.

Affectionately referred to as, “The Party Band of the South”, the ever-popular The Swingin’ Medallions will close out the festival it has had for the past several years with two sets on Sunday, May 6.

There’s a Kids Zone that historically gets rave reviews from children and parents alike as well as an “antiques row show” on Fifth Street that has been growing in popularity among vendors and deal seekers alike.

The mission of the festival is to help area local nonprofits.

To be accepted into the Isle of Eight Flags Shrimp Festival, all food booths must be organized, staffed and run by a Nassau County nonprofit organization. No commercial food vendors are allowed. The nonprofits keep 85 percent of their proceeds. While exact figures are not available, Harry Harrison, chairman of the Shrimp Festival committee, stated, “many groups say the festival is the biggest fundraiser for them.”

The Isle of Eight Flags Shrimp Festival became a 501(c)(6) in 1991. That is in line with what a Chamber of Commerce might be, receiving the same Internal Revenue Service exemption that a business association receives if it is not organized for profit and the net earnings do not benefit private shareholders or individuals. An important part of the 501(c)(6) status of the Shrimp

Fest organization is its obligation to the community.

Harrison is in charge of the Shrimp Festival Committee’s business model. Harrison was first contacted by the Shrimp Festival organizers in 2012, when he was living in Nashville, Tenn. He started as chair of the event’s beverage committee. After two years at that post, he became co-chair of the festival and then elected to serve at the helm in 2016. This will be his third round as the chairman of the Shrimp Festival.

This year, the Shrimp Festival is made up of 45 members and countless other organizations and volunteers. “Our committee members and volunteers are the backbone of the festival,” Harrison is quick to point out.

“No one on the Shrimp Festival gets paid for all their hard work and hours,” Harrison noted.

The festival’s greatest challenge, as Harrison sees it?

“The weather, which we all know no one on Earth can control, but thanks to a hard-working committee, everything else under the sun falls into place.”

*jackson@fbnewsleader.com*

**UPDATE** *Continued from 2A***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](http://oneblooddonor.org) and use sponsor code 34851.

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directly oversees parking spaces in the footprint of the festival.

has led to a change in the time of the closing of streets downtown to traffic.

“Beginning at 1 p.m. Friday, May 4, Centre Street from Eighth Street to Front Street will be closed to all traffic except Shrimp Festival participants. North and South Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth and Seventh streets from Alachua to Ash streets will also be closed.

“All vehicles must be removed from the Festival Area by 2 p.m. From 2 until 6 p.m., participants will be setting up. All vehicles and trailers must be removed from the festival area, Centre Street from Ash to Alachua Street, by 6 p.m. Friday, May 4.”

The restriction on street parking in the festival area includes vehicles owned by downtown residents, according to Festival Chairman Harry Harrison.

Only pedestrian traffic will be allowed on Centre Street after 6 p.m. Friday, May 4, through the end of the festival on Sunday.

The Festival Committee has designated parking at the Fernandina Branch Library parking lot for downtown retail/restaurant owners and employees, first-come, first-served, with a special vehicle identification issued by the Shrimp Festival Committee, according to a flyer. The city’s riverfront parking lots A and B will be closed from 12:01 a.m., Thursday, May 3, until midnight, Sunday, May 6.

One option for those who park outside of the downtown area is a shuttle bus.

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... including all public parking lots.”

“(T)his year, the large number of vendor and sponsor booths

According to flyers distributed by the Shrimp Festival Committee, “The Shrimp Festival Area encompasses all public right-of-ways (sic) within the historic downtown area ... including all public parking lots.”

Be warned: The city’s law prohibits parking on a sidewalk or on a bicycle path. Parking in front of a public or private driveway, within 15 feet of a fire hydrant, within 20 feet of a crosswalk at an intersection, and alongside or adjacent to a curb painted yellow is also prohibited.

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# BUSINESS

## Key considerations when firing someone

While carefully selecting employees can help prevent human resources issues, your small business might still find it has hired a staff member who isn't a good fit.

A number of issues may justify termination of an employee:

- Sub-par performance;
- Disruptive or abusive behavior;
- Repetitive tardiness;
- Excessive or unapproved absences;
- Dishonesty;
- Theft.

In some circumstances, a warning, coaching, or amended responsibilities might correct the problem. Depending on the nature of the issue, however, you may find the best course of action is to part ways. Keeping employees on the payroll when they're not measuring up to expectations could thwart your business's growth, create a stressful working environment, and do permanent damage to your reputation.

In most states, an employee



to the employee? Make sure to have the employee sign that the plan has been communicated. It is always good to review with an attorney prior to the termination."

If you believe you need – and have legal grounds – to fire an employee, document your reasons, all incidents that demonstrate them, and disciplinary measures (if any) prior to the termination. Having this information on record will give the employee an understanding of your decision, and it can help protect you against any claims of discrimination.

Plan to break the difficult news to the employee in a pri-

vate setting with a witness present to observe the conversation. If you have concerns about the employee becoming violent, consider having security personnel nearby.

"In breaking the news to the employee, one should be straight and to the point," suggests Wojtecki. "There should always be a witness to the discussion. Upon termination, the employee should be escorted to their workstation to collect their possessions, and escorted to the exit."

Either during the meeting or in follow-up to it, you are required to inform the employee of eligibility for unemployment

and any applicable optional continuation of benefits (such as health insurance). Also address any entitlement to accrued vacation pay or sick leave, outstanding commissions and bonuses, and not-yet-reimbursed company expenses.

Because of the potential legal ramifications when terminating an employee, make sure you do your research and consider consulting a human resources professional or attorney who can guide you. Also consider reaching out to your local SCORE chapter to talk with a mentor who can offer input, feedback, and guide you to knowledgeable resources within your com-

munity.

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## Fit might be most important



### COACH'S CORNER

Howard Pines

The problem is that very few executives possess all of these traits, and whoever is making the final decision has to decide which traits are most important in their particular situation. And these traits often conflict. For example, highly results-oriented, driven individuals are more comfortable making decisions than being patient and strategic. In addition, the person in charge, like anyone else, needs to feel comfortable with the individual he or she is recruiting.

While recruiting a president for a major confectionary company, we selected a candidate whom I felt was both right for the job and a good fit. The group vice president was ready to make the offer, but she wanted the CEO to sign off on the candidate, as she didn't want to be second-guessed later. The CEO didn't think it was necessary, but I suggested it was too important a hire for him not to at least interview the candidate. So I took the candidate to the CEO's office and he suggested I sit in. I introduced the candidate, and the CEO then spent the next 45 minutes explaining the company, how it operated and what the candidate would need to accomplish to be successful. The candidate never interrupted, and at the end of the interview thanked the CEO for giving him so much information. I was unsure how things went until I got back to my office and listened to my voice mail. The CEO was

thrilled with the candidate, whom he felt would really fit in, as he was obviously very bright, very perceptive, and such a good listener. Interestingly, the CEO turned out to be right, but it was a new experience for me. In fact, a few CEOs we worked with, after some bad experiences, would not go outside to find a candidate. Instead, they settled regarding skills and experience, and promoted someone from within or from their past, someone they knew was loyal and would fit the culture.

One of the problems President Donald Trump had, coming from outside politics, was selecting the best candidates for his cabinet positions. He has probably fired more of his top people in his first year as president than he did in his last 10 years as head of his firm. This should not be surprising in that he has not only taken on a role quite different than anything he did in the past, but most of his hires were based on others' recommendations and likes rather than his own. It will be interesting whether his second round of hires will be a better fit for him since he is now bringing in people he knows and whom he believes are loyal to him. Whether that is best for the country is a more difficult question.

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

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**I**t has been interesting to watch how much turnover there has been during the first year and four months of Donald Trump's presidency. Recruiting for key managerial positions, even in less political situations like business, is always very difficult. The issue, many times, is not capabilities, because the candidates usually possess the necessary experience and skills. Success is sometimes more dependent on an ability to fit the demands of the particular job, the new culture, and the personality and needs of the new boss.

One of our roles in business was to judge executive fit. In this regard, our judgment couldn't be based solely on what we thought would work: It had to be based on what the person doing the hiring needed and the culture of the company the new hire was entering. When we started a recruiting assignment, we had the company take us through the traits the executive must possess to be successful. Not surprisingly, most companies would list very similar traits, especially for high-level executive positions.

In a leader they wanted someone who had a successful track record with similar work experiences. For example, a marketing executive from a large consumer products company possesses very different experiences and skills than a marketing executive from an industrial company. They wanted the leader to be strategic, with strong analytical and conceptual skills – someone able to think outside the box. Someone results-oriented, decisive, with a bottom line, and customer focus. They also wanted the best candidate to be able to motivate the team, build trust, and of course possess emotional intelligence.

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## Amelia Island Tree Protection and Replacement Plan

Public Hearing

The Nassau County Planning and Zoning Board (PZB) will hold a Public Hearing on proposed changes to the Amelia Island tree protection and replacement ordinance.

The proposed changes to the County's land development regulations only apply to the unincorporated area of Amelia Island.

The PZB held a public workshop on April 3, 2018 to solicit community feedback and input on the draft, and directed that the draft be returned for a Public Hearing on May 15, 2018.

Anyone interested in the proposed changes are encouraged to attend the Public Hearing and provide comments on the draft ordinance.

**Who:** Nassau County Planning and Zoning Board

**When:** May 15, 2018 at 6:00 PM

**Why:** Public Hearing on the Amelia Island Tree Protection and Replacement Ordinance

**Where:** James S. Page Governmental Complex,  
96135 Nassau Place. Yulee, FL 32097

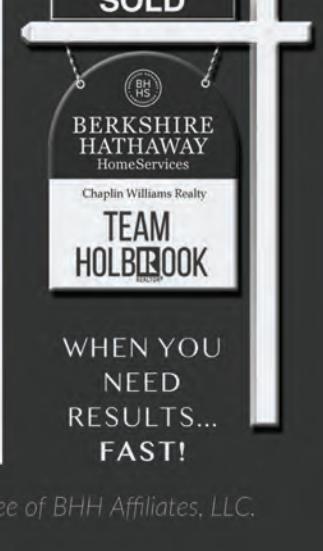
**Stay informed:** Read the proposed ordinance at [www.nassaucountyfl.com/trees](http://www.nassaucountyfl.com/trees).

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# The Nassau County Volunteer Center is closing

JULIA ROBERTS  
News-Leader

At its 33rd annual volunteer awards luncheon, the Nassau County Volunteer Center honored people who worked in their community in the past year and also made an unexpected announcement: it will be closing, with its various projects being taken over by other nonprofits.

Making the announcement after the organization awarded volunteers for their efforts, NCVC board member Kris Meyer said the organization "cannot continue to operate as a separate nonprofit entity over time."

Meyer said the organization determined it needed to change "in order for the services we provide to the community to be sustainable and on a sound financial footing."

Harrison Poole, acting president of the NCVC board, said he has served on the board since 2010 and is proud of what the center's volunteers have contributed to the community.

"It's bittersweet," Poole said. "I am proud of what we have accomplished, but it is very competitive for nonprofits right now."

He gave an example of the Adopt-A-Family program, which helps provide families in need with food during the holiday season.

"Without those volunteers, they might not have had food for Christmas," Poole said. "I'm very

glad that the results of our efforts remain here in Nassau County."

The NCVC recruits volunteers and matches them with organizations where they donate thousands of hours to community nonprofits each year, according to the organization's literature.

The group began in 1985 with 25 volunteers from the First Presbyterian Church of Fernandina Beach, according to the NCVC website, and grew to more than 3,000 volunteers who provided services to 35 nonprofits by 2017.

Several of the center's programs will be taken over by the Barnabas Center, a local nonprofit crisis center. Those programs include the Peanut Butter and Jelly Drive, which provides food security for school-age children, the GOKIDS Drive, which provides schools supplies to low-income students in Nassau County, and the Adopt-A-Family Wishlist Program, which contributes to families in need during the holiday season.

In a statement, the NCVC shared some of the highlights of its services.

- According to NCVC, from July 2016 through June 2017, the organization raised over \$12,000 worth of school supplies during the 16th annual GOKIDS School Supply Drive for students in all 16 Nassau County schools. Over the past decade, \$172,000 worth of school supplies have been donated, with 250 volunteers



JULIA ROBERTS/NEWS-LEADER

At its recent annual volunteer awards luncheon, the Nassau County Volunteer Center honored the people recognized as a Volunteer of the Year by each organization or company listed: Front row, Loretta "Rhette" Angus, city of Fernandina Beach; Coleen Bellar, Amelia Island/Nassau County Association of Realtors; and Martha Robinson, Rayonier Advanced Materials. Back row, John Hendricks, Rayonier Inc. and the Greater Nassau Chamber of Commerce; Glenn Higginbotham, town of Hilliard; Geoffrey Clear, city of Fernandina Beach; Larrie Beaudry, WestRock; Ramiro Sequin, Fernandina Beach Optimist Club; and Mark Stafford, WestRock.

working in this year's event.

- In partnership with 12 Nassau County Girl Scout troops, NCVC collected over 600 pounds of peanut butter and jelly during its 18th annual Peanut Butter and Jelly Drive – enough to make more than 2,700 sandwiches. The supplies collected were donated to the Barnabas Center, Head Start Centers of Nassau County, the Nassau County Council on Aging and the Salvation Army Hope House. Over the last 17 years, more than 11,900 pounds of peanut butter and jelly have

been collected by NCVC and donated to food pantries.

- NCVC netted \$26,351 at the 25th annual Taste of Amelia Island, held at the Omni Amelia Island Plantation Resort.

- More than 300 families were served by NCVC's 27th annual Adopt-A-Family Wishlist Program. That included 750 individuals and 45 seniors. Over 2,000 volunteers with 35 donor groups served those families, which included Big Brothers and Big Sisters children and homeless clients of the Salvation Army

Hope House.

- NCVC also partnered with the Lions Club to collect used eyeglasses for the needy in partnership with west Nassau County and Jacksonville churches and agencies to serve the homeless population and those in crisis in

Callahan to find three families housing.

Poole said NCVC hopes to find nonprofits to take over all the programs that have not come under the umbrella of Barnabas.

"We are doing the best we can to make sure those programs live

## YMCA *Continued from 1A*

the Planned Unit Development. If we had not intended for it to be an evolutionary process, we wouldn't have done the PUD."

Representing First Coast YMCA at the meeting, John Dearolf said that the property is an unused asset and that selling it would allow his organization to invest money into its facilities.

"We found that this is an underperforming asset for us, and this gave us an opportunity to monetize that asset," Dearolf said. "Also, 1998 was the last major renovation on our facility. Our Y is growing exponentially. Our island is growing rapidly as well. We've identified that our demographic is changing as well. Half our members are over the age of 55. Over the last five years, we have gained over 1,000 members as a result, thus calling upon us to do some much needed expansion so we can continue to serve the community. This is an opportunity for us to be able to reinvest back into the facility."

Dearolf said the organization had planned to use the property to bring athletic activities to the neighborhood, but, since the city's Parks & Recreation Department has successful programs, the YMCA could not recruit enough young people to support the programs.

"The YMCA's intent was – they wanted to use it as a playing field," Embry said. "They are not abandoning a need that's been demonstrated. They are abandoning an effort that was unsuccessful. The YMCA committed to build some very nice facilities, which they did, and went above what we ever expected, but on the other hand the discovery that the city had so many excellent programs for recreation led the Y to a decision – after several false starts to try to build some programs – that this was not going to happen. The demand for it was not there. That has led to the property being fallow, basically, except for some slight passive uses that occur from time to time, and, unfortunately, some

uses we don't desire going on, on that property today. This has led to the proposal by the YMCA, the applicant, to sell the property and use the proceeds for other uses."

Vice Mayor Len Kreger referred to a comment made by Embry during a meeting he had with Embry in which Embry said the city had enough parks.

Embry said he did not mean to imply that the city had enough parks, but that the Parks & Recreation Department's programs "are answering the recreational needs."

Kreger said he believes the YMCA did not pursue the development of additional recreation opportunities for the entire community.

"It doesn't look like there was any real effort, to me, to develop those or to work with Parks and Rec and see what's going on," Kreger said. "It is rezoning to sell houses. What we're getting now is lots of rezoning, people buying property to build houses. At some point, I'm concerned that that is not in the best interest of the city. The recreational thing is an issue, but that will be the bottom line."

Ross also mentioned a prior meeting in which Embry told him that, if the sale of the property by the YMCA to him and his partner does not go through, development on the property could include things considered "obnoxious" by current residents.

"That's always been a concern of ours," Embry said.

"When we made a commitment to sell the land to the Y, that play field had the potential of being obnoxious to the neighborhood nearby with the involvement of more people, traffic, stands, etc. All that comes with the kind of competitive kind of things that could happen there."

He said the property is "money in the bank" for the YMCA, and that, if the Y is denied the opportunity to sell it for residential use, "they don't have but one other alternative, and that's to figure out how to use this for recreation. The uses, the potential uses, could be much more

intense than we would like to have there."

Ross also referenced another comment Embry made in his opening statement requesting the change to the LDC when he said the property "has homeless folks that have encamped on it in a very consistent manner."

Ross said that in the meeting he had with Embry prior to the City Commission meeting, he had also referred to homeless people on the property.

"I kind of feel like you're saying that your solution to homeless people is to put in expensive housing and I kind of find that – I was offended the other day. I wasn't going to bring it up, until you brought it up," Ross said.

Embry apologized for offending Ross but said that people in the neighborhood had expressed that concern to him and that those residents are his priority.

"(I have) heard complaints from the residents about being afraid of the people who they encounter in the woods," Embry said. "That is what drives my concern, how the neighbors feel about it. I don't mean it in any pejorative way. I don't think we are out of order by thinking that dealing more directly with the homeless and using that land for other purposes other than leaving it fallow and allowing it to continue is a good practice."

"I don't think putting in expensive houses is a good way of dealing with homeless people," Ross said. "They are good people. They live here too."

Some Amelia Park residents spoke, both for and against building more houses. Attorney Teresa Prince said that she represented the Amelia Park Homeowners Association board and that the body gave the zoning change its full support.

Robert Duffy expressed concerns that proceeds of the sale of the property by the YMCA would not go to the Fernandina Beach facility, but rather to Jacksonville YMCAs, and that the current developers would be the ones controlling the development. He said another developer might

build townhouses or condominiums. Duffy added that the open space is seldom used for recreational use, other than dog walking and golfing practice.

While not disapproving of the change, Robert Buckley said, "The development would be less preferable than open space." Buckley said he has tried to speak with the YMCA about the neighborhood buying the property, but the Y did not respond to his inquiries.

Thomas Washburn said he had located on Amelia Island because of the green spaces on the island, and Amelia Park because it is a traditional development. He said he wants "the green space to stay."

After more than an hour of discussion, Commissioner Roy Smith made a motion to approve the request. That motion died for lack of a second.

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## COURT REPORT

The following report was compiled by Pamela Bushnell of the News-Leader from the April 19 court docket of the Circuit Court of Judge Robert M. Foster.

■ Sierra Leanne Adams denied violation of probation for possession of a controlled substance, possession of cocaine, possession of controlled substance paraphernalia and possession of new or legend drugs without a prescription.

■ Michael Lee Brown pleaded guilty to possession of a controlled substance. Adjudication was withheld. He was sentenced to 18 months of drug offender probation to include a drug and alcohol evaluation within 60 days, compliance with treatment recommendations and random urinalysis. He must pay \$518 in court costs, \$100 to the State Attorney's Office and \$150 to the Public Defender's Office.

■ Joshua Aaron Brunke forfeited bond by failure to appear in court to face a charge of habitually driving while his license was suspended. A warrant was issued for his arrest.

■ Casey Lynn Burmeister pleaded guilty to possession of a controlled substance and petit theft. She was adjudicated guilty on the latter charge and sentenced to time served in Nassau County Jail. Adjudication was withheld on the former charge and she was sentenced to 18 months of level one community control. She must submit to random urinalysis and must resume and successfully complete treatment at Starting Point. She must reside with her mother and obey rules including a curfew. She was ordered to pay \$518 in court costs, \$100 to the State Attorney's Office and \$150 to the Public Defender's Office.

■ Lauren Elizabeth Crabtree pleaded not guilty to battery on a person 65 years of age or older and to fraudulent use of a credit card.

■ Whitney Elizabeth Crumley pleaded guilty to two charges of burglary of a structure or conveyance and one charge each of criminal mischief and grand theft. She was adjudicated guilty and sentenced to time served in Nassau County Jail and 24 months of probation. She was ordered to pay restitution of \$1,246.95, \$418 in court costs, \$100 to the State Attorney's Office and \$150 to the Public Defender's Office. Early termination of

probation may be considered upon completion of all terms and conditions.

■ Terri Anne Dubberly pleaded not guilty to two charges of the sale or delivery of heroin.

■ Steven Andrew Foster admitted violation of probation for possession of cocaine, possession of cannabis and driving while his license was suspended or revoked. Probation was revoked and terminated. He must pay \$1,221.43 in outstanding court costs.

■ Michael Andrew Hardy was found competent to proceed with prosecution on two counts of aggravated stalking, one count of burglary, one count of arson in the first degree and repeatedly violating an injunction for protection.

■ Melonie Kay Handl pleaded not guilty to possession of a controlled substance and possession of controlled substance paraphernalia.

■ John David Horton pleaded guilty to carrying a concealed weapon and possession of cocaine. Adjudication was withheld. He waived a pre-trial sentencing investigation. He was sentenced to time served in Nassau County Jail and 40 days of probation. He was ordered to pay \$518 in court costs, \$100 to the State Attorney's Office and a fine of \$1,500 to teen court. He must have all costs and his fine paid in full by May 24 or return to court.

■ Talic Kabine Ibeabuchi denied violation of probation for possession of more than 20 grams of cannabis and possession of drug paraphernalia.

■ Paul Allen Jennings pleaded guilty to introducing contraband into the county jail and possession of cocaine. Adjudication was withheld. He was sentenced to 24 months of drug offender probation to include a drug and alcohol evaluation within 60 days, compliance with treatment recommendations and random urinalysis. He must pay \$1,036 in court costs, \$200 to the State Attorney's Office and \$300 to the Public Defender's Office. Early termination of probation may be considered upon 12 months of full compliance.

■ Mary Melissa Kitler pleaded not guilty to the fraudulent use of a credit card.

■ Tanya Marie Lambert was found competent to proceed with prosecution on charges of aggravated fleeing and eluding police, grand theft of a

motor vehicle, criminal mischief and driving while license suspended or revoked.

■ Tina Michele McCain denied violation of probation for fraudulent use of a credit card.

■ Eric Michael O'Cain pleaded guilty to two charges of grand theft. He was adjudicated guilty and sentenced to time served in Nassau County Jail and two years of probation. He must pay \$1,531.27 in restitution plus \$836 in court costs, \$200 to the State Attorney's Office and \$150 to the Public Defender's Office.

■ Mary Jane Pascal pleaded guilty to a new charge of battery on a person 65 years or older and admitted violation of probation for four counts of fraudulent use of a credit card and one count of depositing a check with intent to defraud. She was adjudicated guilty. Probation was revoked and terminated. She was sentenced to time served in Nassau County Jail and 18 months of probation to include a mental health evaluation and compliance with treatment recommendations. She is to have no victim contact. She must pay outstanding court costs of \$607.55 from her previous conviction and new charges of \$418 in court costs, \$100 to the State Attorney's Office and \$150 to the Public Defender's Office plus surcharges of \$151 and \$201 related to the new offense.

■ Jeremy Lorenzo Robson pleaded guilty to dealing in stolen property and giving false verification of ownership to a pawnbroker. He was adjudicated guilty and sentenced to 72 days in Nassau County Jail with credit for time served and 30 months of probation to include a drug and alcohol evaluation within two weeks of release from Nassau County Jail, compliance with treatment recommendations and random urinalysis. He must attend one AA or NA meeting per week for one year and must maintain employment. He was ordered to pay \$418 in court costs, \$100 to the State Attorney's Office and \$5 in restitution.

■ Joshua Daniel Swing pleaded guilty to the sale, manufacture, or delivery of a controlled substance. He was adjudicated guilty and sentenced to 13 months in Florida State Prison with credit for 388 days to run concurrently with a Duval County sentence he is already serving. The defendant also

faces charges in Georgia. He was ordered to pay \$518 in court costs, \$100 to the State Attorney's Office and \$150 to the Public Defender's Office.

■ Kristopher Andrew Whorton denied violation of probation for fraudulent use of a credit card.

■ Ryan Leslie Willey pleaded guilty to burglary of a structure or conveyance, battery on a law enforcement officer, the sale, delivery or purchase of cannabis, the sale, manufacture or delivery of a controlled substance, possession of a controlled substance paraphernalia. He was adjudicated guilty. He waived a pre-sentencing investigation. He was sentenced to 24 months in Florida State Prison followed by 12 months of level two community probation. Probation must include enrollment in Starting Point within 30 days of prison release and successful completion of the facility's program. He must pay \$418 in court costs, \$100 to the State Attorney's Office and \$150 to the Public Defender's Office plus \$151 and \$201 in surcharges related to the battery offense.

■ Zachary Ruslan Williams pleaded guilty to two charges of burglary of a structure or conveyance and to one charge of criminal mischief. Adjudication was withheld. He was sentenced to 120 days in Nassau County Jail followed by two years of probation. Conditions of probation include a mental health evaluation within 30 days of release from jail and compliance with treatment recommendations as well as a drug and alcohol evaluation within 60 days of release and compliance with treatment recommendations. He must pay \$10,602.34 in restitution, \$418 in court costs and \$100 to the State Attorney's Office.

■ Lisa Michele Young admitted violation of probation for possession of a controlled substance, possession of controlled substance paraphernalia, and possession of less than 20 grams of cannabis. She was adjudicated guilty and sentenced to time served in Nassau County Jail after which probation will be reinstated under the same terms and conditions. She was warned she would face time in Florida State Prison if she violates probation again.

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## VIEWPOINT / MICHAEL REAGAN

## Visiting opioid hell

I'm feeling human again, thanks. After three weeks of living in opioid hell – of constantly being sick to my stomach, of throwing up, of having the shakes and feeling depressed and crying – my body and brain are back to normal.

I'm no longer high and messed up on painkillers.

I'm no longer trying to withdraw from them.

And I have a new, up-close-and-personal understanding of the country's opioid epidemic and how easy it is for a 70-something guy like me to become addicted to potent pain pills.

My opioid nightmare started on March 13 when I had my left knee replaced. The surgery went fine, but with knee replacement all the pain comes during recovery.

When I was released from the hospital on March 15 my doctor wrote me a prescription for oxycodone. Fifty pills. Two every four hours at first, then one every 12 hours.

Hello opioid addiction.

For the first 10 days and 30 oxycodones, I was pain-free but a complete mess. I was often nauseous. I threw up now and then.

I tried to do my knee exercises as I sat in my recliner chair and watched The Voice and whatever else was on.

I don't really remember much else from those first 10 days, except for feeling sick and occasionally throwing up, but my wife told me my whole personality changed.

I was angry. I was sad and depressed. The pressure I was putting on my family to take care of me made me start crying.

On Sunday, March 25, my wife took my opioids away, but I took pill No. 30 against her will.

On Monday morning I got up, felt nauseous – and threw up. I threw up every day after that for 10 days, but the third day of my withdrawal was the worst.

I felt like I had been hit by an earthquake. I had the shakes all day.

When I went to have my surgery staples removed, the knee doctor took one look at me and sent me straight to my heart doctor.

The heart doctor took one look at

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## An invitation to join Rotary

"Service Above Self" is the motto of Rotary International, and the guiding principle of Rotarians throughout the globe. Our more than 1.2 million members have united to tackle some of humanity's most difficult problems, challenges that could only be met by hard work, dedication, and a desire to improve the human condition, regardless of who, where, or at what cost.

Rotarians have led the fight in the eradication of polio – with over 2.5 billion children immunized through their efforts. Globally in 2017, we have dedicated over 16 million hours toward the key Rotary principles of promoting peace, fighting disease, providing clean water and sanitation, saving mothers and children, supporting education, and growing local economies.

Locally, the Rotary Club of Fernandina Beach has worked tirelessly to advance awareness and provide relief and solutions to each of these six key causes. Our members also dedicate time, talent, and treasure to other community service groups like the Council on Aging, the Volunteer Center, Boys and Girls Club, St. Marys Riverkeeper, and Micah's Place, just to name a few.

The Rotary Club of Fernandina Beach has also taken the initiative on several global projects, helping to provide clean water and sanitation to several towns in Central and South America, and in

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Indonesia. We have welcomed foreign exchange students to our community from Belgium, South Korea, Croatia, and Bolivia, and are currently hosting a wonderful young man from Finland. We hosted renowned pianist Francesco Attesti, who played an amazing concert at St. Peter's, with all proceeds donated to the McArthur YMCA's child safety around water program. Our "World Polio Day" barbecue, hosted by Amy Petrov and the Patio Place Bistro, helped us raise over \$7,500 for Polio Plus, Rotary's global polio immunization program. Those funds were matched 3-to-1 by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and might be the dollars that end forever a disease that has killed and crippled millions.

However, the two core principles of Rotary that the Fernandina Beach Club has truly embraced are education and growing local economies. The Rotary Club of Fernandina Beach has been in existence for 93 years and chartered the FBHS Interact Club over 50 years ago. That club of 30 students is currently led by teacher Dawn Karpels, who has long been dedicated to instilling and nurturing the next generation of community servants.

This year, we expanded the reach of Rotary "across the bridge" and into Yulee High School, with history teacher George Lavino chartering an Interact club of 35 students. Rotarians are inclined to serve, but we also have a knack for

inspiring others to help out. The Rotary Club of Fernandina Beach has a long history of fundraising to provide scholarship assistance for Nassau County high school graduates, with over \$380,000 awarded over the past 27 years. This year alone, we raised \$36,000 in donations from members and community partners. Upon graduation, we will provide 13 scholarships to students from all four Nassau County high schools in amounts up to \$5,000. These exceptional young men and women are awarded scholarships based upon academic achievement, civic involvement, demonstrable need, and completion of a challenging interview before a panel of community leaders. Part of that interview process included queries about what the student was going to do after college. Many of this year's winners indicated that they were planning on returning to the area, to make Nassau County a better place, bringing their skills home and enriching the local workforce. Better educated, service minded students become the catalyst for growing the local economy.

It is incredibly important to recognize the hard work that both the Amelia Sunrise Club and the Rotary Club of Fernandina Beach contribute to our community. There are over 100 Rotarians between both clubs working every day to make the world a better place. Come join us. Make a difference.

Ron Heymann, President 2017-18  
Rotary Club of Fernandina Beach

## COMMUNITY THANKS

## Thanks to local businesses

Yesterday was the first day since March 15 that I woke up and didn't feel like I was going to be sick. For the last week I haven't thrown up once.

Last night was the first time I thought I could safely go out to dinner and order food. My wife Colleen and I split a dinner.

The worst for me is over and I've learned some lessons the hard way.

I now understand how powerful and dangerous opioids are. And how important it is to have a loving family at home to take care of you when you're taking them or trying to get off them.

During the last few days, I've run into several other guys who had their knees replaced.

What they said made me feel kind of stupid.

One guy said he never touched oxycodone. He took Tylenol 3, which has codeine but is less potent.

When I ran into George Thomas, the retired foreman of my father's ranch, he told me he had had both of his knees replaced.

When I told him I was still recovering from opiates, he said, "I didn't take anything."

OK, well.

I'm not as tough as old George.

I know opioids are valuable weapons against pain, and that before they were over-prescribed to help create the current crisis, they were often under-prescribed.

But if I have to have my other knee replaced, I'm going to take Tylenol 3 and keep the oxycodone in the box.

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to answer questions. Special speakers Becky Jordi, Aimee Underwood, and Candace Bridgewater gave informative "garden chats." Ashlee Davis and her talented students entertained with their violin and cello music. Jean Middleton and Trisha Norton provided a display and answered questions about the Amelia Island Plantation Bluebird Trail. Demonstrating artists at each home included Andrea Mateer, Pam Vieser, David Freilich, Charli Leniston, Lis Krawiecki, Ed Mosher, Holly Gifford, and Kathy Miller. A new feature of our event this year was a Garden Market with vendors selling plants and garden accessories. The vendors were Cummer Museum of Art and Gardens, Ever Blooming, Liberty Landscape and Nursery, Island Flower and Garden, McCrory's Sunny Hill Nursery, Happy Plants and Pots, Coastal Cottage, University of Florida Books, Pink Flamingo, and Love Chic Jewelry. We are very grateful for our community sponsors who supported our event: Key Fitness, Benjamin Diller, DDS, Spray Foam Insulation Technology, Quality Health, Amelia's Fine Jewelry, Mine Hill Trading Company, Artistic Florist, Color It Green, Red Otter, The Plantation Shop, Monkey Barrel, Fern and Dina's, Cafe Karib, Corbin's Automotive, Crawford Jewelers, Gage Tree Care, Cape House Home and Hospitality, Island Flower and Garden, Amelia Island Coffee, Story and Song, Julia Hall Interiors, Harris Teeter, Shoe Visions, Ciao Italian Bistro, Serendipity, Pelindaba Lavender, Art on Centre, Claudia Watts of Coldwell Banker, 2nd Story Gallery and Studios, Bar Zin Bistro and Wine Bar, The Book Loft, Ace Hardware, Nana Terese's Bake Shop, Plantation Art Gallery, Coastal Cottage, New York Nails and Spa, Evelyne Talman, and Amelia Styling Salon. Special thanks go to Brian and Candace Loftus and Tommy and Becky Grimes for their generous contributions. The weather for our day was glorious and showed Amelia Island at its best to all of our guests! Thank you all so much.

The Cummer Amelia Board: Jane Bailey, Jane Brown, Deborah Bunner, Cathy Fetzek, Becky Grimes, Pat Hayden, Diane O'Malley, Pat Panella, Judy Pillans, Jane Quinby, Lynda Rajfer, and Debbie Williams.

## Cummer Amelia Garden Walk

The Board of Cummer Amelia, the Nassau County affinity group that supports the Cummer Museum of Art and Gardens in Jacksonville, would like to thank the many guests, sponsors, and volunteers who made our fourth annual Garden Walk such a big success.

The event allowed us to reach the financial goal we needed to send all third and fourth graders in Nassau County public and private schools to the Museum for a day of art education which supports and enriches their school curriculum. We would especially like to thank Donald Stamets and the staff of the Omni Amelia Island Plantation; Danny Leeper, Peggy Harris, and the staff of Amelia Island Plantation Real Estate; The Amelia Island Plantation Community Association, with special thanks to Alan Barker and his security team. The people who made our event possible were the four generous homeowners who allowed over 300 people to walk through their beautiful yards: Deb and Frank Adams, Janice Bratches, Paula and Bronson Lamb, and Amy and Doug Wilsterman. Adding to the enjoyment of the afternoon were over 50 volunteer docents, parking attendants, and transportation directors. A team of UF/IFAS Nassau County Master Gardeners, including DeeDee McGraw, Dee Hester, Shirley Lohman, Sandy Barron, and Carol Ann Atwood, were on hand at each home



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## VIEWPOINT / JOHN L MICEK / PENNLIVE / THE PATRIOT-NEWS

## No, I don't hate conservatives. I disagree with them.

Not too long ago, an anonymous commenter on one of my columns concluded that I took my stance on a particular issue because I "hate conservatives."

A couple of days later, a progressive friend who wanted to warn me about a hateful twist aimed at a Muslim lobbying day at the Pennsylvania Capitol jokingly observed that she tried to keep her feed "a happy bubble of the like-minded" but this one had slipped through.

These two incidents speak volumes about where we are as a country these days. We're deeply entrenched in our own worldviews, taking comfort among those who agree with us, and peering cautiously over the battlements at those who believe differently from ourselves.

The schism is years in the making. But it feels more pronounced now in a time where bias confirmation is king, and whole communities of the like-minded (on the left and right) are no further than a click away.

An October 2017 Pew poll found fewer Americans, in the time of peak Trump, harbor a mix of conservative and liberal viewpoints than they did during the Bush era in 2004.

Overall, not quite a third of Americans (32 percent) now take a roughly equal number of

conservative and liberal positions. That's down from 38 percent in 2015 and off the cliff from the 49 percent who did in 1994 and 2004, Pew pollsters found.

"Reflecting growing partisan gaps across most of the individual questions in the scale – even those where both parties have shifted in the same direction," Pew pollsters concluded. "Republicans and Democrats are now further apart ideologically than at any point in more than two decades."

I've written at length about the breakdown in our culture when it comes to agreement on the basic facts that underlie our political debates and the corrosive effect that social media has on our shared dialogue.

And now that we know that foreign agents were actively working to inject misinformation into the 2016 campaign, maybe that breakdown is more easily explained – though it's no less unsettling.

Still, in the five-plus years since I made the jump from being a political beat reporter to an opinion columnist and editorial writer, I've been struck by this notion, harbored by some (on the left and right alike) that it's no longer enough to merely disagree with someone; you have to "hate" them as well.

The premise that I hate conservatives is laughable on its face. And though it feels ridiculous to even have to say it aloud, I'll say it anyway: "No, I don't hate conservatives. I disagree with them."

That's because hating someone requires you to actually know them. And I have too many friends from across the spectrum for that ever to be the case.

Yes, my conservative friends and I disagree on matters of policy. And, yes, we debate those policy points vigorously. But we're just as likely to kick back on our bar stools and talk about shared interests in film, music, books, baseball and, oh yeah, our children and families.

One of the great perks of my job as an opinion page editor is that I get to read – and publish – some of the best opinion journalism from all across the political spectrum.

Sometimes, the stances taken by the writers I publish drive me absolutely batty. Sometimes, they make smile or move me. But I always come away having learned something new, my horizons expanded.

Yet, here we are, with some of us claiming that we "hate" people we've never met simply because we disagree on politics, which, as has been observed time and again, isn't for the faint

of heart.

Disagreements about politics have been with us since Pericles.

Still, they can be healthy because the right kind of disagreement results in the kind of compromise that makes for good policy and law. The "my way or the highway" that colors our politics right now isn't the way forward.

The encouraging thing is that potential solution – actual knowledge – lies no further away than the newsstand, your public library, laptop or your mobile phone.

All you have to do is reach out for it and make an honest effort to engage in ideas different from your own.

It's no further away than an earnest conversation with someone who disagrees with you. It requires you to actually listen, but the hard work is worth it.

It's always worth it.

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# Yulee grower provides fresh greens

PAMELA BUSHNELL  
News-Leader

"It all began when we decided to start eating healthier ourselves," said Logan Schaffer.

"Micro-greens are flavor and nutrient dense. We started growing them and adding them to our own diet," added his wife, Darlene. "It started out as his hobby and went from there."

Schaffer established Fresh Greens Micro-Greens as a business operated from his home greenhouse in October 2017. He now supplies 12 local restaurants and just started offering micro-greens directly to consumers in late March at the farmers market in Fernandina Beach.

Favored by chefs since the 1980s, there are now 25 varieties of micro-greens cultivated. Of those grown by Schaffer, customer favorites are peas, sunflowers, and purple radishes. "Those tend to be the big three because they have the most robust flavor," said Schaffer.

He also grows seedlings of cabbage, arugula, broccoli and watercress.

Micro-greens can be used in salads, on sandwiches, as garnishes for soups and other dishes, and in juices and smoothies. "My wife is a gourmet cook," said Schaffer. "She is always finding new ways to use them."

Among incentives to grow and consume micro-greens is that the tiny seedlings tend to be loaded with nutrients. Although content varies with the type of plant, micro-greens overall are estimated to have four to five times the vitamins and other nutrients as leaves of adult plants. Secondly, they can also be loaded with flavor.

Just what are micro-greens? Basically they are seedlings of edible vegetable and herb plants harvested after the first leaves begin to show, one to two weeks after germination.

Micro-greens are the stage between a sprout and a baby plant. Baby greens are simply those picked before a plant

reaches maturity. A sprout is a germinated seed harvested after only three to five days of growth consisting mainly of the root stem before leaves have developed.

Micro-greens are favored for consumption over sprouts because the latter are grown in dark, humid environments making them more prone to contamination by bacteria like salmonella and E. coli. The growing of sprouts is, therefore, subject to regulation by the Federal Department of Agriculture.

Micro-greens need no such regulation because they are germinated in soil and grown in air and light. Since micro-greens do not mature long enough to require fertilizers or other chemicals, they are easy to raise organically. "That is really important to me. I use organic soil, non-GMO seeds and filtered water," Schaffer pointed out.

Turning his hobby into a business has complicated life somewhat. The delicate seedlings need daily attention and there is constant turnover in the product. "Once a seedling starts to add more leaves, it tends to become bitter to the taste. ... I just throw them in the compost and start over." He admits he hasn't been free to travel much since getting serious about the business.

Schaffer is aware of large corporate micro-greens operations in California and the northeast where everything is automated in large greenhouses and tons of greens are produced, but he has no interest in that. Since his existing greenhouse received wind damage and he lost plants this spring to a freeze, Schaffer's ambition is to replace the structure with a new one that has an automated water system. He also wants his new greenhouse to be air temperature-controlled.

"I don't make a lot of money at this," he admitted. "It's something to do in retirement, but I do enjoy it."

Originally from South Florida, the Schaffers previ-



Logan and Darlene Schaffer of Fresh Greens Micro-Greens, Yulee, are newcomers to the Fernandina Beach Market Place farmers market. On their first two visits they sold out of radish, sunflower, pea, cabbage, and broccoli micro-greens used to add flavor or eye appeal to salads, sandwiches and other dishes.

The farmers market is held downtown on Saturdays.

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ously ran a KOA campground in Kingsland, Ga., before retiring to Yulee in 2005. "I like it here because it reminds me of how South Florida used to be when I was growing up," said Darlene.  
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Logan Schaffer just started his micro-greens business in October 2017. He now supplies 12 local restaurants and has just begun selling directly to consumers on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month at the market in Fernandina Beach.

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■ Carlotta Larae Hargrave, 46, 861443 Worthington Drive, Yulee, April 19, theft.

■ Steven Marcus Woods, 35, 54603 Armstrong Road, Callahan, April 18, aggravated battery with great bodily harm, resisting arrest without violence and possession of drug paraphernalia with residue.

■ Daniel Louis Cloer, 56, 1963 Oak Drive, Fernandina Beach, April 18, violation of an injunction of protection order and aggravated stalking.

■ Ethan Lyle Walters, 21, 86001 Waylon St., Yulee, April 18, sale of a controlled substance.

■ Christopher Matthew Nelson, 32, 2441 Amelia Road, Fernandina Beach, April 17, burglary of an unoccupied vehicle and theft.

■ Robert Ryan Harris, 31, 2025 Rahanson Drive, Jacksonville, April 15, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, battery on a firefighter and two charges of simple battery.

■ Ashley Breanne Orie, 27, 833 S. 12th St., Fernandina Beach, April 15, leaving the scene of a crash with injury, DUI with property damage and injury, driving with a suspended license and resisting arrest without violence.

■ Tyler Donal Ronan, 18, 304 Baltimore Ave., Waycross, Ga., April 15, tampering with or destroying evidence and possession of less than 20 grams of cannabis.

■ Franklin Eugene Showers, 38, 85233 Eady Lane, Yulee, April 15, felony domestic battery with strangulation, possession of methamphetamine, corruption by threat and resisting arrest without violence simple

assault.

■ Steven Cary Strength, 43, 95525 Douglas Road, Fernandina Beach, April 15, possession of a controlled substance and driving with a suspended or revoked license.

■ Brian Charles Dassinger, 40, 1063 Airport Road, Jacksonville, April 14, felony driving without a license.

■ Brian Paul Davis, 49, 1811 Rogero Road, Jacksonville, April 14, tampering with or destroying evidence, possession of methamphetamine and possession of drug paraphernalia with residue.

■ Robert Allen Wilson, 46, 85223 Alene Road, Yulee, April 14, possession of a controlled substance with intent to sell, possession of a controlled substance and possession of methamphetamine.

■ Ivan Alexander Yakunovich, 31, 940847 Old Nassauville Road, Fernandina Beach, April 14, habitual traffic offender.

■ Jason Michael Sitz, 46, 10960 Beach Blvd., No. 548, Jacksonville, April 13, aggravated stalking in violation of an injunction of protection and obscene and harassing phone calls.

■ Steven Jeffrey Stratton, 46, 36624 Patsy Lane, Callahan, April 14, possession of methamphetamine and possession of drug paraphernalia with residue.

■ Charles Roland Ritch, 46, 542953 U.S. Highway 1, No. 23, Callahan, April 13, two charges of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

■ Ronald Dustin Crawford, 34, 3769 Higginbotham Drive, Hilliard, April 12, theft of a motor vehicle and felony criminal mischief.

■ Gregory Scott Harris, 28, 85272 Miner Road, Yulee, April 12, possession of more than 20 grams of cannabis and possession of drug paraphernalia with residue.

■ Roger Macon Moore, 45, 45116 Ewing Park Road, Callahan, April 12, possession of methamphetamine and driving while his license was suspended or revoked.

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## IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION

File No.: 2016-CP-311

Division:

IN RE: ESTATE OF MINNIE MAE DAMPIER Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Minnie Mae Dampier, deceased, whose date of death was July 23, 2016, is pending in the Circuit Court for Nassau County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 76347 Veterans Way, Yulee, Florida 32097. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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# Spring gardening

It's that time of year again. Time to get out in the garden. Last year, as some of you readers might recall, my spring gardening didn't turn out that well.

Last spring, I finally convinced Bucko to have a fence and gate put in to isolate my veggie garden from the rabbits that, in previous years, ate up all my bean sprouts as soon as they sprouted.

They ate almost everything else too, despite the attempts we made over the years, like installing wire mesh "rabbit proof fencing," which they happily hopped through, and live-trapping and removing some rabbits. Others always came back. Last year, with a wooden fence in place, I was eager to get to work establishing a garden again.

But there was a hitch: I had a dream of a trellis on the fence full of native honeysuckles to form a backdrop for the rest of my butterfly garden. I dutifully yanked out all the other vines that had grown up in the area, a day's worth of work carrying armloads of vines off into the wood in preparation for planting the five new honeysuckle plants. Then disaster struck. Those vines I laboriously removed? Virginia creepers. And, unbeknownst to me then, I had developed an allergy to those plants. The next day, before I even attempted to plant anything, a poison ivy-type rash broke out on my arms, chest, and legs – a horrible itchy, weepy mess that took me to the doctor's office three times before it was resolved. That was it for my gardening last year. Bucko planted the honeysuckle for me, but the back veggie garden, even with the new hopefully rabbit-proof fence, remained unplanted. I just couldn't face the garden again, for weeks.

But it's another year now and a fresh start. This time, Bucko dutifully cleared out the Virginia creeper that had grown back. Out of the five honeysuckles planted last year, at least three survived, and they are now climbing up on the trellis. Great! But alas, it seems that Bucko



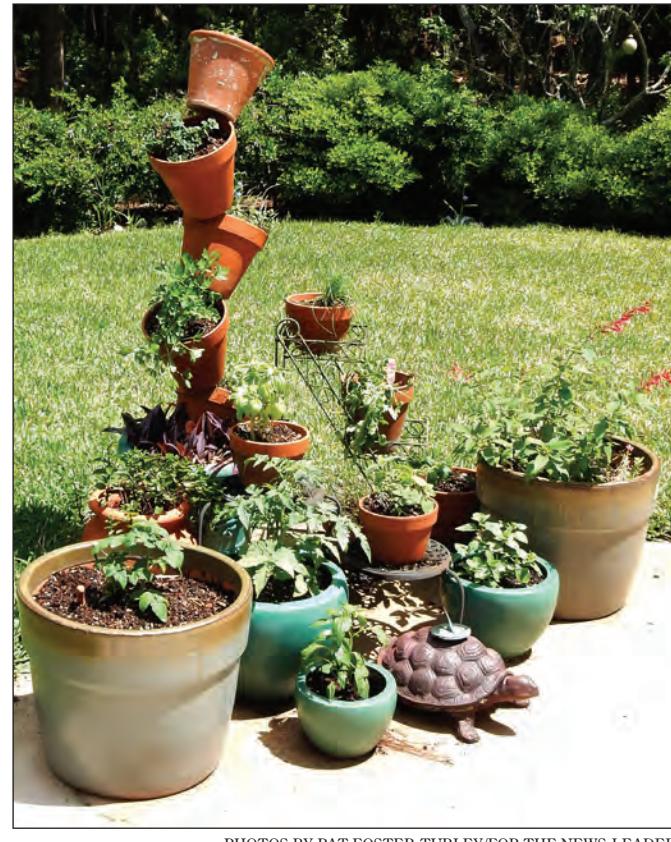
is now a bit allergic to Virginia creeper too. His rash wasn't as bad as mine last year, but still unpleasant.

Now we've both teamed up to get our spring garden in shape at last. We carted bags of amendments for the vegetable beds. I dug it into the soil and planted one whole bed of three different varieties of beans. I planted another bed of basil for my pesto making and lots of zinnias for cut flowers. Fingers crossed now, we are on high alert for rabbits. The beans haven't yet sprouted and time will tell if this new wooden fence does the trick.

Together we pruned the bottlebrush, pineapple guava and Virginia sweetspire shrubs, and I saved some of the cuttings to fill a vase in the house. I spent a few days at various nurseries

collecting more butterfly-attracting plants to replace those in pots that didn't survive through the winter. My butterfly garden is a hybrid of sorts. Instead of battling the "weeds," I let some – like the Spanish needle, the reseeded milkweeds, and some of the spiderwort flowers – live in this area, in and among the pots with better soil and more elaborate plants. It's looking good. I also spent more time repotting all my herbs and arranging a tower of potted vegetables and herbs for a decorative kitchen garden.

Even Bucko this year got into the mood. His favorite gardening tools have always been chainsaws, pruners, and Roundup. Where I see things happily growing, he sees things that need to be managed. But this year marked a big difference for him.



PHOTOS BY PAT FOSTER-TURLEY/FOR THE NEWS-LEADER

Prunings from bottlebrushes and Virginia sweetspire bring the outdoors inside. My kitchen tower garden with tomatoes, peppers, parsley, sage, thyme, oregano, mint and even catnip for Dumela.

He read an article about sunflowers and decided that he, too, would actually plant some seeds. He's never done this before, as far as I know. But now for him, spring is finally a world of hope. He has his packet of seeds planted here and there around the garden, expecting, no doubt, lots of giant sunflowers around our world. Well, here's hoping, Bucko. Each year my own seed planting efforts yield some results, but not nearly as many as the seeds I put into the ground. He's got the sprinklers set to water deeply and often, and we'll see. Stay tuned to hear how things work out for us this year. Wish us luck...

*Pat Foster-Turley is a zoologist on Amelia Island. She welcomes your nature questions and observations.*

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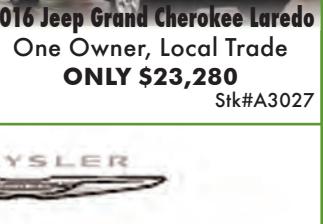
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## HORNETS, PIRATES TOP SEEDS



PHOTOS BY BETH JONES/NEWS-LEADER

The Pirates hosted the Hornets Thursday. Yulee's Tyler Green heads to third base as Pirate pitcher Tripp Vonnoh to looks throw to first base, left. Christian Sweat tags Scotty Rivenbark for an out, right.

## Hornets win 9-1; Pirates avenge with 14-3 victory

BETH JONES  
*News-Leader*

Fernandina Beach and Yulee high schools' baseball teams squared off last week in district action. The FBHS Pirates hosted the Yulee Hornets Thursday; Yulee was the host Friday.

Yulee beat its hosts 9-1 on Thursday. Nick Love threw a complete game one-hitter.

"He did a good job on the mound without his best stuff," YHS Coach Fred Matricardi said. "Offensively, Jensen Peters had a big two-out, two-run single to get us going."

Braxton Wall and Josh Bedell had two-RBI hits to break it open in the eight-run third inning; Austin LaFavor and Tyler Green each drove in a run.

"We didn't play a very good game, but the boys never quit," FBHS Coach Jon Shave said.

"Their pitcher did a great job of pounding the zone with all his pitches, and their defense made all the plays."

The Pirates avenged the loss on Friday, beating the host Hornets 14-3.

"Gabe Mathews came in in relief and completely changed the momentum of the game, and our offense finally got going," Shave said. "We had 13 hits and managed to take advantage of some of their mistakes."

Caleb McCormick took the loss on the mound.

"He had good stuff but walked a few guys, and we made a few errors," Matricardi said. "Give Fernandina credit.



Hornet Josh Bedell at bat, above left. Pirate second baseman Aidan Sweatt tries to turn a double play, above right. Jensen Peters is congratulated by teammates after scoring in the eight-run third inning, below right. Yulee Coach Fred Matricardi and pitcher Nick Love, below left.

They bounced back after a rough game and played well."

Scotty Rivenbark and Aidan Sweatt had a pair of hits apiece; Caleb Goltz had three hits; and Sam Gray had two hits and a home run for the Pirates.

Green had an RBI and Love had an RBI single for Yulee.

Yulee captured the top seed for the district tournament at FBHS next week; the Pirates are the second seed; and Bishop Kenny is seeded third. Play starts Monday, with the championship slated for May 3.



## GUSTY WINDS, CHOPPY SEAS



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

The second race of the season for the Amelia Island Sailing Club was held on April 14. Four club member boats competed in the race on a course in the St. Marys River and Cumberland Sound. Capt. Glen Stettler was the skipper aboard *Sea Esta*, a Cape Dory 30 sailboat that was declared winner of the event. Wind and sea conditions provided a challenging afternoon run on the 10-nautical mile course. Left, *Sea Esta* on the left, skippered by Stettler, and *Misty*, on the right skippered by Wilby Whitt, were side by side traveling south in Cumberland Sound at the beginning of the race. Center, two vessels race around a 10-mile course set on the St. Marys River — *Darby*, skippered by Ed Spang, and *Wayward Wind*, skippered by Larry Murphy. Right, the gusty winds and choppy seas provided challenging conditions for the participants. The Amelia Island Sailing Club holds races monthly throughout most of the year. The club also sponsors various other boating and social activities and meets the first Tuesday of each month at the Kraft Athletic Club on Buccaneer Trail. Contact Commodore Tom Maguire at (703) 298-1714 for additional club information.



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Melinda McGrath, Sue Lansdell, Sue Riegler, Janet Woodward and Nancy Carpenter, from left, were winners in the GCAI Club Championship Tournament, above. Right, Marti Cain, Judy Schmonsees, Pam Fox and Claudene Lindberg were the overall gross champions at the Deerwood Women's Golf Association's "The Masters at Deer Chase" April 13 at the Deerwood Country Club. The posted a 152 and also had low net for the flight, but could not win both.



## Riegler 'three peats' as GCAI ladies club champion

The Golf Club of Amelia Island Ladies Golf Association concluded the annual two-round Club Championship Tournament on April 12 followed by lunch and awards.

The overall winner and 2018 Club Champion is Sue Riegler, who had a two-round total of 171 to retain the title. "In the money" for the first flight were winner Sue Lansdell (179) and Melinda McGrath (180); second flight, Janet Woodward (195) and Nancy Carpenter (200).

### Champs at Deerwood

The Long Point at the Amelia Island Club foursome of Marti Cain, Judy Schmonsees, Pam Fox and Claudene Lindberg were the overall gross champions at the Deerwood Women's Golf Association's "The

### GOLF NEWS

Masters at Deer Chase."

The event was held April 13 at Deerwood Country Club in Jacksonville. The format was a four-person scramble scoring two best gross and two best net. The Long Point at the Amelia Island Club team won the overall gross title with a score of 152.

### Swingin' with Jazz

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

A 10 a.m. shotgun start is set for the four-person scramble event, and the public is invited to participate. Players may enter as a foursome team or will be grouped into teams at the golf club.

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

Following play, there will be an awards luncheon featuring live jazz in the club's dining area. Several of the festival's longtime popular musicians will be teeing off in the tournament, including J.B. Scott, trumpet, former leader of New Orleans' Dukes of Dixieland; Dave Steinmeyer, trom-

bone, former leader of the Airmen of Note, U.S. Air Force Band; and Lisa Kelly, jazz vocalist in the Jacksonville Jazz Festival Hall of Fame.

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

For information or to register for the event, visit [www.ameliaisland-jazzfestival.com](http://www.ameliaisland-jazzfestival.com), contact the festival hotline at 504-4772 or call event chairperson Steve Murphy at 310-3178.

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

### Blake Bortles Foundation

The third annual Blake Bortles

Foundation Charity Golf Tournament will return to the World Golf Village for the annual event this June.

The event will kick off with a concert and pairings party held at the Renaissance Resort Hotel Convention Center on June 24. The golf tournament will return to the King & Bear Golf Course on June 25.

The Blake Bortles Foundation Charity Golf Tournament is a two-day event that combines music, golf, local flavors and a first-class good time.

The tournament and concert were created in 2016 as a main fundraising platform for the Blake Bortles Foundation.

For more information about this event or to purchase tickets and register for the tournament visit [www.blakebortlesfoundation.com](http://www.blakebortlesfoundation.com) or contact [info@blakebortlesfoundation.com](mailto:info@blakebortlesfoundation.com).

## SPORTS SHORTS

### Boating safety class

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

Flotilla 14-1 is offering this course at the Amelia Island Lighthouse, O'Hagan Drive, Fernandina Beach, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on April 28, May 19 and June 9. Registration starts at 7:45 a.m. Fee is \$10.

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

To register or for information, contact Harry Tipper at (912) 576-6659 or email [tipper3@comcast.net](mailto:tipper3@comcast.net).

ers and licensed coaches should email [diradvcomp@aiysoccer.com](mailto:diradvcomp@aiysoccer.com).

To register, visit [www.aiysoccer.com](http://www.aiysoccer.com).

### Soccer tryouts

Amelia Island Youth Soccer is holding travel team tryouts. Register by May 4. Tryouts are from 6:30 p.m. May 7 and May 9 for U11-13 and from 6-8 p.m. May 8 and May 10 for U14-19.

Season includes fall league and spring college showcase tournaments. Interested play-

### 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 held that morning.

Sponsorships starting at \$100 are available; each sponsorship comes with a free

10x10 booth. Email [ameliaislandfl@jogginfoforgmen.com](mailto:ameliaislandfl@jogginfoforgmen.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 Welfare community, including spouses and children.

Go to [www.jogginfoforgmen/ameliaislandfl](http://www.jogginfoforgmen/ameliaislandfl) for information and to register. Early registrations indicate even more

runners will participate in 2018. Packet pickup will be from 3:00-6:30 p.m. May 18 at the Fernandina Beach Golf Club.

### Sailing club meets

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

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

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

Purchase tickets at [www.MonsterJam.com](http://www.MonsterJam.com).

### Monster Jam

Tickets for the all-new Monster Jam Triple Threat Series will be on sale soon for the Sept. 1 tour stop at the Veterans Memorial Arena in Jacksonville. Show times are 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Contact President Dennis Burke at (256) 453-4744 or email [info@nsfafish.net](mailto:info@nsfafish.net).

### Walk with Me

The McArthur YMCA offers Walk with Me, a program designed for people to walk with other people. The trail will be Amelia Park. The goal is a 50-minute walk with five minutes of stretching before and after the walk.

The program is held at 8 a.m. Mondays. Meet at the McArthur YMCA, 1951 Citrona Drive. Walkers of all ages and levels are welcome. Call 261-1080 for information.

### Organized bike rides

The North Florida Bicycle Club offers several organized bicycle rides each week at various times and locations on Amelia Island and in Nassau County. Cyclists of all abilities are welcome. Helmets and a bicycle in good working condition are required. Bicycle safety will be emphasized at the start of each ride.

Cyclists typically split into groups, depending on pace and skill level, and there are options to cut the ride short. Anyone who joins the group will not be left behind. Lunch is optional.

Call 261-5160, or visit [www.ameliaislandcycling.com](http://www.ameliaislandcycling.com), [www.ameliaislandtrail.org](http://www.ameliaislandtrail.org) or [www.nfbc.us](http://www.nfbc.us) for information.

### This Week in Pro Golf

The PGA TOUR's only two-man format returns to New Orleans for a second year.

This week, team competition returns to the PGA Tour at the Zurich Classic in New Orleans. Tandems will play best-ball play on Thursday and Saturday, and alternate-shot on Friday and Sunday. Masters champion Patrick Reed tees it up for the first time since slipping his arms into the green jacket, teaming with Patrick Cantlay. U.S. Open champion Brooks Koepka, idled by a wrist injury since the beginning of the year, starts his return at Zurich. Last year, Cameron Smith and Jonas Blixt (pictured below) won the Zurich Classic on the fourth playoff hole.



TV Coverage		
Day	Time	Network
Thursday	2:30pm-6:30pm	GOLF
Friday	2:30pm-6:30pm	GOLF
Saturday	1:00pm-2:45pm	GOLF
Saturday	3:00pm-6:00pm	CBS
Sunday	1:00pm-2:45pm	GOLF
Sunday	3:00pm-6:00pm	CBS

### Pro Golf Trivia

Which golfer is currently leading the PGA Tour in scoring average?

- a) Justin Rose    c) Justin Thomas  
b) Dustin Johnson    d) Jordan Spieth

Answer: b) Dustin Johnson is No. 1 with a scoring average of 69.051.

### PRO GOLF WEEKLY UPDATE

#### Golf News, Tips, Trivia & Stats

##### Top News Stories

###### 19-year-old Joaquin Niemann finishes sixth in PGA Tour debut

Former world number one amateur Joaquin Niemann made a brilliant professional debut when he finished sixth at the Texas Open on Sunday. The 19-year-old from Chile became the first man since Anthony Kim in 2006 to post a top-10 in his pro debut on the PGA Tour. Niemann was the No. 1 amateur in the world for the past 48 weeks before he turned pro and made his debut in Texas last week. He made the cut with rounds of 72 and 70, but he turned it on for the weekend, shooting 67 both days. He closed with three straight birdies, holing an eight-foot putt at the par-five 18th to finish at 12-under 276, five strokes behind winner Andrew Landry. Niemann played in his first major at the 2017 U.S. Open but missed the cut (74-75). He won the Latin America Amateur Championship to gain a spot in the Masters earlier this month, but also missed the cut (76-77).

##### Lessons from the Golf Pro

One of the many problems that can cause the amateur golfer's iron and wood shots to go offline is something not thought about often. Having too hard or too soft of a grip could be a key to not hitting your shots on the correct line. If your grip is too light, when you make the backswing, your wrists may go into a cupped position. This will result in an open clubface from the top of your backswing all the way through impact. The simple solution is to slightly strengthen your grip to let the clubface be more square at impact. If you tend to hook the ball, that means that your clubface is closed at impact and could be closed at the top of your backswing. As a result, you will need to relax your grip a little bit, allowing the club to make a smooth transition from the backswing through impact.

##### Last Week in Pro Golf

###### Andrew Landry won the Texas Open



###### Tournament Results

Player	Score	Earnings
1. Andrew Landry	-17	\$1,116,000
2. Sean O'Hair	-15	\$545,600
2. Trey Mullinax	-15	\$545,600

Andrew Landry won the Valero Texas Open on Sunday for his first PGA Tour victory, pulling away with early birdies and holding on with par saves. Tied for the third-round lead with Zach Johnson, Landry birdied the first three holes and added two more on the 6th and 10th. The 30-year-old Texan bogeyed the 11th, but parred the final seven holes for a 4-under 68 and a two-stroke victory over Trey Mullinax and Sean O'Hair. "Today was a grind especially on the back nine. We'll take it," a relieved Landry said in a greenside interview.

##### FedEx Cup Standings

Through April 22, 2018

###### 1) Justin Thomas

1,769 pts. / 5 top tens

###### 2) Patton Kizzire

1,329 pts. / 4 top tens

###### 3) Bubba Watson

1,281 pts. / 4 top tens

##### FedEx Cup Standings continued...

###### Player

###### Points

###### Top 10s

4) Phil Mickelson	1,248	5
5) Dustin Johnson	1,176	5
6) Patrick Reed	1,161	4
7) Jon Rahm	1,139	3
8) Justin Rose	1,014	4
9) Andrew Landry	1,011	4
10) Tony Finau	1,006	4

##### Member

##### \$18

## OUTDOORS

# Hook a big trout

**L**ate April and the entire month of May offer some of the best sea trout fishing of the year, especially for sea trout weighing over the five-pound mark. Large sea trout are often referred to as "gator trout," and large female sea trout will be preparing to spawn while aggressively feeding on shrimp and baitfish before spawning.

My personal preference in catching big spring sea trout is working a slow sinking or shallow running minnow-type plug where shallow shorelines drop off into a nearby deep channel. One of the better places to hook up to giant spring trout is the Amelia River, where numerous deep channels run close to dock pilings, oysterbars and rough shorelines.

Both the Rayonier and WestRock paper mills offer ideal habitat for catching large specks; a deep channel runs close to rock- and dock-laden shorelines. Speck fishermen position their saltwater skiff just offshore of the shallow water drop while working hard plastic plugs, live shrimp, finger mullet or large bullhead minnows.

Key to catching the sea trout of a lifetime is to work the plug or live bait slowly from the shallow edge of the structure out into the nearby deep channel.

Look for areas where numerous schools of mullet are working the shallow edges of the deep drop. Successfully working suspending hard baits in the chartreuse color pattern from the shallow edge of the creek into the deep channel is a deadly speck fishing tactic.

Live baits include finger mullet or live shrimp barbed to a 1/4-ounce led head jig is also



OUTDOORS

Terry Lacoss just in front of the tail and out through the top of tail.

Live baits are also cast to the shallow edge of the deep creek and worked slowly into the deeper portion of the tidal creek.

Key fishing gear includes a six-and-a-half-foot spinning rod with a light tip action and a medium butt action. The light tip action affords for long casts; also, when fighting a large sea trout, the light rod tip helps hold the hooks in the soft mouth of a large sea trout.

The spinning reel should be filled with 15-pound braided fishing line with a three-foot section of 10-pound fluorocarbon shock leader. I recommend a very light drag so your hooked sea trout will be able to make short runs without the hook or hooks ripping free from their soft mouth.

If you plan on releasing your sea trout, the best method is to use a landing net, wet your hands take a photo and release your big speck. Avoid putting your fingers in the gills of the sea trout.

Current Florida sea trout regulations allow fishermen to keep five sea trout per day measuring at least 15 inches with one of their bag limits measuring 20 inches or more. Visit [www.myfwc.com](http://www.myfwc.com).

a deadly deep creek speck fishing tactic. Live finger mullet are barbed right through the bottom of the mouth and out through the top of the head, while live shrimp are barbed just in front of the tail and out through the top of tail.

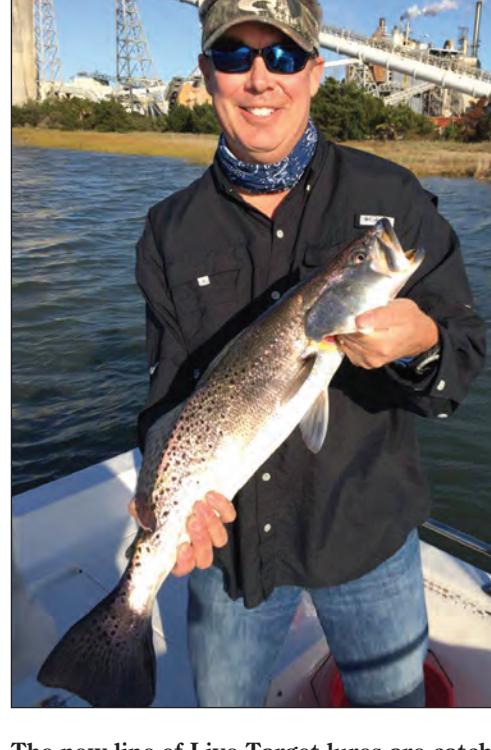
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The new line of Live Target lures are catching big trout like this one T.D. Lacoss is holding, right. He used Live Target's "Glass Minnow Bait Ball" jerk bait. The big trout was soon released after this photo was taken. Top, Bobby Belinda is pictured with a six-pound sea trout she recently caught and released while fishing with large live shrimp under a small float. Left, Craig Crawford caught this big Amelia Island sea trout in the deep-water shoreline at the WestRock paper mill which has proven to be one of the better waters for catching these nice fish.

## NICE CATCH!



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Levi Fox, 5, left, reeled in this speckled trout near downtown Fernandina Beach on Saturday using a curly tail contender grub; he was fishing with his father, Spencer.

Above, Myles Patterson caught this whiting in Fernandina Beach on Sunday.

## FERNANDINA BEACH TIDES

Tides, Sun & Moon: April 25 - May 2, 2018

<b>Wed. 4/25</b>	Moonset 4:15A	High 5:44A 8.15'
Sunrise 6:47A	Low 11:44A 1.79'	
Moonrise 3:52P	High 6:17P 8.08'	
Sunset 8:00P	Low -- P --	
<b>Thurs. 4/26</b>	Moonset 4:54A	Low 12:11A 1.78'
Sunrise 6:47A	High 6:43A 8.15'	
Moonrise 4:53P	Low 12:38P 1.57'	
Sunset 8:00P	High 7:15P 8.42'	
<b>Fri. 4/27</b>	Moonset 5:32A	Low 1:09A 1.57'
Sunrise 6:45A	High 7:36A 8.33'	
Moonrise 5:54P	Low 1:29P 1.36'	
Sunset 8:01P	High 8:06P 8.70'	
<b>Sat. 4/28</b>	Moonset 6:08A	Low 2:02A 1.37'
Sunrise 6:44A	High 8:25A 8.34'	
Moonrise 6:53P	Low 2:16P 1.22'	
Sunset 8:02P	High 8:54P 8.85'	

Tide calculations are for Amelia River, Fernandina Beach. No corrections are necessary.

Sun & Moon events are also calculated for Fernandina Beach, although actual times may vary because of land masses.



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#### SPORTS/FITNESS

**SUMMER MEN'S BASKETBALL LEAGUE.** Register May 1 through June 1 at the MLK Jr. Center on Elm Street. Team registration fee of \$350 is due at registration. Twelve-person roster limit per team. Teams must have matching uniform shirts with numbers on backs. Ten-game season per team and tournament. Games on Mondays and Thursdays at Peck Gym. Season begins June 7. For information, contact John Coverdell at 310-3351 or [jcoverdell@fbfl.org](mailto:jcoverdell@fbfl.org).

**CITY PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT** May 12-13 at the Central Park multi-purpose court. Open to players ages 19 and up. Divisions include men's and women's doubles (May 12) and mixed doubles (May 13). Levels 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5+. Registration fees are \$25/person for first event, \$10 for second event. Registration at the Atlantic Center by April 13. Registration forms available at the Atlantic Center or may be downloaded from [www.fbfl.us](http://www.fbfl.us). Contact tournament director Scott Mikelson at 310-3356 or [smikelson@fbfl.org](mailto:smikelson@fbfl.org).

**PICK-UP BASKETBALL FOR HOMESCHOOLERS** at Peck Gym through April 18. Boys and girls ages 4-18. Wednesdays from 1-3 p.m. Cost is \$2/student per day city residents, \$5 non-city. Contact

Weisfeld at 310-3354 or [jweisfeld@fbfl.org](mailto:jweisfeld@fbfl.org).

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

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

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

**OPEN BASKETBALL** at Peck Gym Monday and Thursday 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. (court closes at 5:30 p.m. for adult leagues in winter and summer); Wednesday 11 a.m. to 5:15 p.m.; and Tuesday and Friday 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., based on court availability. Persons under the age of 16 must be accompanied by adults age 18 or older. Photo identification required.

**PICKLEBALL** at the Central Park multi-purpose court 3 p.m. Sunday, beginner and

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social play; 5 p.m. Sunday, intermediate and advanced play; 4 p.m. Monday, women's open play; 8 a.m. Tuesday, intermediate and advanced play; 10 a.m. Tuesday, beginner and social play; 5 p.m. Wednesday, intermediate and advanced play; 8 a.m. Thursday, men's open play; 8 a.m. Friday, intermediate and advanced play; 10 a.m. Friday, beginner and social play. Email [dcultifice@yahoo.com](mailto:dcultifice@yahoo.com).

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

**MAHARAJ TENNIS** at Central Park courts

- Junior clinics' schedule: Red Ball 1 (Tuesday/Thursday from 2:45-3:30 p.m., ages 4-8), \$56 city residents, \$67.20 non-city. Red Ball 2 (Monday/Wednesday from 3-3:45 p.m., ages 6-10), \$49 city residents, \$58.80 non-city. Orange Ball (Tuesday/Thursday from 3:30-4:30 p.m., ages 8-12), \$72 city residents, \$86.40 non-city. Green Ball (Monday/Wednesday from 3:45-4:45 p.m.), \$63 city residents, \$75.60 non-city. Junior intermediate (Tuesday/Thursday 4:30-6 p.m., ages 11 and up), \$104 city residents, \$124.80 non-city. Junior advanced (Monday/Wednesday 4:45-6:15 p.m., ages 14 and up, high school and USTA tournament players), \$91 city residents, \$109.20 non-city.

- Adult clinics (Tuesday-Thursday):

Women's clinic (3.0-3.5) Tuesdays from 6:15-7:45 p.m. Strokes clinics Wednesdays from 8-9 a.m. (2.5-3.0) and 9-10:30 a.m. (3.0-3.5). Intermediate drills clinics (3.0-3.5) Thursdays from 9-10:30 a.m. Intermediate/advanced drills clinics (3.5-4.0) Thursdays from 6-7:30 p.m. \$10/person/hour for one-hour clinics, \$12 non-city; and \$15/person for 1 1/2-hour clinics, \$18 non-city. Pre-registration required (minimum of three per clinic).

- Private lessons can be scheduled with Head Professional Vishnu Maharaj or an assistant professional, \$60/hour with head professional, \$50/hour with assistant professional. Customized clinics also available.

- Semi-private and group lessons are also available. \$60/hour city residents, \$70 non-city. Call 548-1472 or email [michelemahe@msn.com](mailto:michelemahe@msn.com) to schedule. To register or for information, email [rodgibsontennnis@gmail.com](mailto:rodgibsontennnis@gmail.com) or call 891-6927. Schedule and description of clinics are available at the Atlantic Avenue Recreation Center or at [www.fbf1.us](http://www.fbf1.us).

- Central Park tennis court gate keys can be purchased at the Atlantic Center for a \$5 fee. Keys may be purchased during normal business hours, Monday-Friday from 7 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday from 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

**FITNESS AREAS**

- Weight Room/Cardio Area at Peck Gym. Free weights, selectorized equipment, Star Trac treadmill, Matrix treadmill, Precor ellipticals, Matrix recumbent bike, and Kettler rower. Ages 13 and up (ages 13-15 with adult supervision; ages 16-17 unsupervised but with waiver signed by parent or guardian). Open Monday-Friday from 11 a.m.-7 p.m. (open later during evening programs on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays).

- Atlantic Fitness Room at the Atlantic Center. Precor treadmills, ellipticals, and Adaptive Motion Trainer; Star Trac bikes; Concept 2 rower; Hammer Strength plate loaded fitness equipment; Magnum Fitness Biangular Series machines; and free weights.

Ages 13 and up (ages 13-15 with adult supervision; ages 16-17 unsupervised but with waiver signed by parent or guardian). Open Monday-Friday from 7 a.m.-7 p.m., Saturday from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Daily/monthly fitness area fees: City residents \$3/day; \$25/month; \$75/four months; \$188/12 months. Non-city residents: \$5/day; \$31/month; \$94/4 months; \$235/12 months. Daily fees and passes are valid at both fitness areas. Couples and family rates also available. Fitness/pool combination passes also available for use of Atlantic Fitness Room and Atlantic Pool. Inquire at the Atlantic Center.

**AQUATICS**

**SUMMER GROUP SWIMMING LESSONS**. Register at the Atlantic Center. American Red Cross Levels 1-2 (1-week classes): \$40 city residents, \$50 non-city. Levels 3-4 (two-week classes): \$55 city residents, \$68 non-city. Morning lessons at Atlantic pool on Atlantic Avenue, evening lessons at MLK Jr. pool on Elm Street. Full schedule of lessons available at the Atlantic Center or at [www.fbf1.us](http://www.fbf1.us).

**SUMMER AQUA-ADVENTURE CAMP** from July 2, 3, 5 and 6 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. for three days, one day from 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m. Meet at the Atlantic Center. Planned off-site activities at St. Augustine Aquarium, Jekyll Island Turtle Hospital, Huguenot Park and river tubing adventure. Campers should bring lunch and refillable water bottle every day. Ages 10-15. \$150 city residents, \$187 non-city. Register at the Atlantic Center. Contact Kathy Russell at 627-8303 or [kkrussell@fbf1.org](mailto:kkrussell@fbf1.org).

**JUNIOR LIFEGUARD EXPLORATION** program for ages 9-13 (participants must be able to swim one full length of the pool unassisted and tread water for two minutes). This course explores several lifeguarding environments, including pool, beach, water park and river. Classroom and water sessions; from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. June 18-22 or July 23-27 (meet at the Atlantic Center). \$150 city residents, \$187 non-city. Register at the Atlantic Center in person or call 310-3350, ext. 1. Email Kathy Russell at [kkrussell@fbf1.org](mailto:kkrussell@fbf1.org).

**OCEAN BEACH JUNIOR LIFEGUARD** program for ages 10-15 (participants must be able to swim two full pool lengths proficiently, using front crawl and/or breaststroke, swim 10 yards underwater and tread water for three minutes). This program emphasizes physical fitness and personal safety and explores ocean aquatic safety techniques. It is primarily held at Main Beach and will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. June 11-15, June 25-29 or July 9-13. Meet at the Atlantic Center for transportation to Main Beach. \$150 city residents, \$187 non-city. Register at the Atlantic Center in person or call 310-3350, ext. 1. Email Kathy Russell at [kkrussell@fbf1.org](mailto:kkrussell@fbf1.org).

**AQUA 1 and DEEP WATER AEROBICS** at Atlantic pool. Aqua 1 (shallow water) classes are Monday-Friday from 10-10:55 a.m. Aqua Gym (combination of shallow and deep water) classes are at the MLK Jr. pool on Elm Street Monday and Wednesday from 4:45-5:15 p.m. and 5:15-6:10 p.m. Deep Water classes (aqua fitness belts required) are Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 11:15-11:55 a.m. and Tuesday and Thursday from 9:55 a.m. Monthly, one class/day, \$50 city residents, \$63 non-city residents; monthly, two classes/day, \$65 city residents, \$81 non-city; \$5/day for one class, city residents, \$6 non-city; \$10/day for two classes, city resident, \$12 non-city.



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USA, Great Britain, Canada and Sweden fought for the 2018 Davis Cup title at Kraft Tennis Club on April 8; 34 members participated, with the USA team winning. The USA team included, front row left, Kathy Garland, Deidre Brewster, Sandy Eldridge, Cricket Poston; second row, Mike Giato, Pam Hodges, Richard Restiano, Frances Blane and Scott Stainken.



Canada's team included, front row from left, Tommy Oliver, Suzanne Lythgoe, Amy Wilsterman, Mary Stainken; back row, Bill Miller, Tony Miller, Susan Hitchcock and Kathy Wesche.



Team Sweden included, front row from left, Carol Condit, Bobbi Wages, Mary Pat Campbell, Cherry Gallagher and Dickie Anderson; back row, Jim Rauschenberger, Alan Jones and Dave Weihle.



The Great Britain team included, front row from left, Janett Thomas, Bonnie McBride, Anita Oliver, Barb Rudolph, Tom Hitchcock; back row, Bob Wesche, Barb Edwards, Ric Borum and Tom Wages.

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## Childhood memories of rainy days at the beach

We are spoiled most days. Sunny days are just part of living in Florida. Not all days at the beach are full of sun and bright blue skies. Sometimes rainy days force a change in routine and can offer surprising rewards.

Rainy days at our house are an opportunity to get inside jobs done. So a rain day means we cannot put off a garage clean up. The garage seems to be the place in our house where stuff accumulates the fastest. When clearing things out of the house, where do those things go? The garage. When unloading the car after shopping, where do some of our purchases go? The garage.

Another chore that is often a rainy day project is dog washing. When I get



**FROM THE PORCH**

Dickie Anderson

out the shampoo and lay out towels in the kitchen, Flossie and Kate know what's coming. One at a time they are lifted into the sink for a lathering up and a rinse. Big Guy stands ready with a fluffy towel to dry the squirming dog, then the hairdryer. Surprisingly both girls seem to like the warm air and getting dry fast.

Some rainy days we go to the movies. We search the internet and find a movie we have been

wanting to see and look forward to our movie date and popcorn.

I remember rainy days at the beach when I was growing up. Each summer my family would pack up our old station wagon and travel from Chicago to the isolated coast of North Carolina. We counted on our beach time. We also knew there were sure to be some rainy days, but that was part of the deal.

When a Nor'easter came in, we would begin to plan our rainy day activities. One favorite activity was a visit to the weather-beaten and weary old beach arcade. You could buy cotton candy and ride the two rides they offered. Sometimes we would bowl with little tiny balls that hit miniature pins at the end of narrow lanes. The amazing thing about this makeshift

bowling alley was that real people reset the pins. Sometimes those real people had to react pretty fast to avoid being hit by an ill-timed ball rolling their way.

Beach houses always have games – old worn out games, but none the less fun to play. We even managed to finish entire Monopoly games. I learned Scrabble from my word-clever grandmother. The grown-ups would play bridge. There were usually jigsaw puzzles that we would lay out on a wobbly legged card table; more often than not it was some dark dreary European landscape. Bookshelves held dog-eared paperback books. The assortments offered were eclectic. Avid readers all, we could always find something to read.

We pressed our noses to the damp screens, hoping the rain would pass and we could once more return to the beach. We knew that a storm would leave all kinds of new treasures for us to find. There is something special about the beach after a storm. The beach has a scrubbed look. Big Guy and I are always eager to get to the beach and see what the ocean has offered up. Our best treasures have been found after storms.

Rainy days are just part of beach living. We have learned to treasure them, but do not want too many and certainly not another hurricane!

To receive her weekly newsletter or get information about her books including her four *From the Porch* books contact Dickie at [dickie.anderson@gmail.com](mailto:dickie.anderson@gmail.com).

### COMMUNITY SCRAPBOOK



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#### FBHS Foundation trivia night

The Fernandina Beach High School Foundation will hold a trivia night fundraiser at 7 p.m. Friday in the auditorium at the Atlantic Recreation Center. For over 30 years, the Fernandina Beach High School Foundation has been helping to bridge the gap to champion academic excellence by funding FBHS supplies such as books, lab equipment, art supplies, and culinary classes that school district cannot afford, according to a news release about the fundraiser. Visit the FBHSFoundation.org for more information or contact [FBHSFoundationtrivia@gmail.com](mailto:FBHSFoundationtrivia@gmail.com).



STEVE COWARD/SPECIAL

#### Earth Day road cleanup

Wild Amelia volunteers conducted an Earth Day road cleanup on Sunday along a three-mile stretch of South Fletcher Avenue. This quarterly effort is part of the Adopt-a-Road program. Pictured from left are Peggy Weeks, Jay Kayne, Barb Rathmell, Rick Scott, Ann Weller, Candis Whitney, Toby Tovar, Anson DeWolf, Susan DeWolf and Linda Levine. Not pictured but participating was Steve Cowart.



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#### Teen musicians to compete at festival

Local musicians Eden Rewa and Anthony Llerandi will compete at the 23rd Gamble Rogers Musical Festival on Saturday, May 5, in St. Augustine. The pair was chosen to participate in the competition after submitting a music video. Winners of the competition will receive prizes that include time in a professional recording studio. Rewa and Llerandi will be performing between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. at Colonial Corner on St. George Street. Viewing of the competition is free and open to the public.



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#### 'Trees' In A Garden

The Amelia Island Montessori School recently installed a serenity garden in partnership with Keep Nassau Beautiful. Over time, artwork and plants will be added to the area, which is already being used for mindfulness activities, music classes, writing, drawing, Earth Day activities, and yoga. Pictured in the "tree pose" from left are Nooretet McClurg, Carlee Sawyers, Cale Carroll, and Naserian McClurg.



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#### National Society DAR honors two

Left, The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution has honored two Fernandina Beach women for their contributions to the community. Amelia Island Chapter Regent Lynn Leisy stands on the far left as Florida State Society DAR American History Co-Chair Pat Bevins presents the NSDAR Women in American History Award to Major Jenette Baker, Nurse Corps, U.S. Army Reserve (retired). Amelia Island Chapter Women in American History Chairperson Linda Davis stands on the far right. Baker served in Desert Storm, and her civilian career as a public health nurse took her to Africa, Asia, and South America, as well as the U.S.

Right, Amelia Island Chapter Regent Lynn Leisy stands beside State DAR American History Co-Chair Pat Bevins as she presents the NSDAR Women in American History Award to Carol R. Carter. The chapter's Service for Veterans Chair Cara Curtin is second from right, and chapter Chair of Women in American History Linda Davis stands far right. Carter directs the American Legion Girl's state program for the district. In her role as ambassador for the Navy SEAL Foundation, she organizes the annual Joggin' for Frogmen 5k on May 19, the Patriot Day Ladies Luncheon on Sept. 11, and the Honoring the Fallen Golf Tournament on Nov. 5.

## IAA ANNOUNCES SHOW WINNERS



The Island Art Association Gallery is featuring its juried Nouveau Art Show and Sale, themed "People," through the end of May. Jeff LeMieux, an associate professor of art at the College of Coastal Georgia, judged the show and said that he "noted the abundance of talent and engaging range of medium, style, and vision." Craig Impink won Best in Show for his acrylic *The Other Woman*.

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Left, First place went to Susan Schraft for her mixed media piece *Scion*. Right, Liz Krawiecki took second place for her ceramic *This Is Us*. Honorable Mentions went to Judith Bouchard, Walter Bridges, Beverly Hansen, Paul Massing, Karen McFayden, Judith Morgan, Nico Ramos, Oliver Rodums, Becky White, and Barb Wylie.



Suzanne Binnie also placed for her watercolor *EMI*. The IAA is a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting the arts in Nassau County. For information on how to support the IAA's educational and philanthropic mission in the community or how to participate in Nouveau Art, visit the gallery or [islandart.org](http://islandart.org).

## COA seeking volunteer instructors

The Nassau County Council on Aging is busy creating new classes, programs and activities for the residents of Nassau County and needs volunteer instructors willing to share their expertise, talent and time to teach students ranging from young adults to seniors.

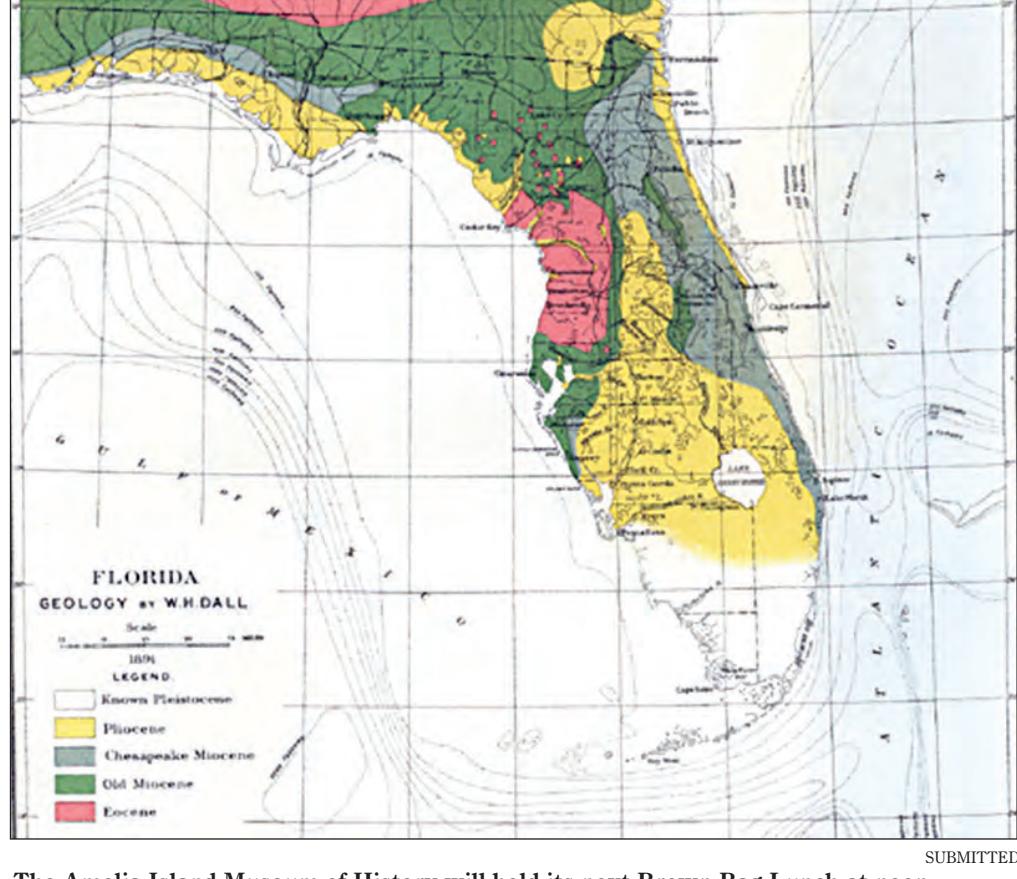
Some of the topics the organization would like to offer include the following:

- Photography;
- Bird watching;
- Gardening;
- Writing;
- Flower arranging;

Cake decorating;  
• Knitting and crocheting;  
• Home organization and decluttering;  
• Financial planning;  
• Time management; and  
• Healthy lifestyle topics such as exercise, nutrition, yoga, meditation, pilates and tai chi.

If you would like to volunteer to teach a class on one of these topics or have suggestions for additional topics, contact NCCOA Membership Director Melody Dawkins at 261-0701 or [mdawkins@nassaucountycoa.org](mailto:mdawkins@nassaucountycoa.org).

## THE IMPACT OF FLORIDA'



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The Amelia Island Museum of History will hold its next Brown Bag Lunch at noon Wednesday, May 2, with special guest Dr. Kent Nielson, who will present "The Impact of Florida (Geologically Speaking)." Florida is perhaps the most distinctively shaped state in the U.S. Yet, the current land above sea level reveals only about half of the actual continental fragment that is Florida. This presentation will describe the full extent of Florida, the origin of that landmass, the pathway followed to unite with North America, and the effect of Florida upon its arrival on the scene. Nielson is a retired professor of geology from the University of Texas at Dallas, a member of the American Geophysical Union, and senior fellow of the Geological Society of America. This program is free and open to the public. Seating is first-come, first-served. For more information, contact Gray at 261-7378, ext. 102, or [gray@ameliamuseum.org](mailto:gray@ameliamuseum.org). The Amelia Island Museum of History is located at 233 S. Third St. in Fernandina Beach.

## CATS ANGELS



We don't know much about Mikie's history, but we do know that he is a very friendly, loving cat who will be your best pal from the moment he meets you. Mikie is an adult cat with short buff and white tabby fur. Some of that fur was missing when he came to Cats Angels, but it's growing back nicely in the short time he has been with us. Mikie has no problems meeting and sharing space with other cats. He has an outgoing and loving personality and is eager to find his forever home. Please stop by Cats Angels Adoption Center to meet Mikie and our other cats that are patiently waiting for their forever homes. They all have been spayed or neutered and micro-chipped and are current on their vaccinations. Our Adoption Center is open 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday or call 321-2267 to

make an appointment to visit. Cats Angels is a volunteer-based organization helping the community since 2001 with low-cost spay and neuter services and TNVR (Trap-Neuter-Vaccinate-Return to Caregiver). We receive no local or federal government funding and operate solely on private donations, fund

raising, grants and sales from our Thrift Store. Your support is appreciated. If you want to know more about how to support or donate to Cats Angels, visit [www.catsangels.com](http://www.catsangels.com) and click on "How To Help" where you will find many ways to lend a hand. Recycle your aluminum and cat food cans at the bins in our parking lot at 709 S. Eighth Street. We graciously accept donations for cat care and resale items at our Thrift Store. Our volunteer application is online or you can call or stop by Cats Angels to sign up. The Thrift Store is open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.

Visit the Spay/Neuter TNVR page on our website or call us at 321-2267 for help with feral and community cats or information on low-cost spay-neuter services.

## PET PROJECTS

### Donations needed

Bring gently used items to donate to Second Chance resale store, 1002 S. 14th St., to benefit the Nassau Humane Society's programs. Free pickup is available by calling 321-0022.

### Cats Angels need help

Cats Angels is in need of volunteers for our Thrift Store and for cat care. If you like working in a retail setting, we have shifts available Monday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and from 2 to 5 p.m. If those hours don't fit in your schedule but you would still like to help let us know. We have two cleaning shifts (morning and evening) every day and the cats are always happy to meet new people. Our volunteer application is available online at our website at [bit.ly/2ijwWGf](http://bit.ly/2ijwWGf) or at the Cats Angels Thrift Store, 709 S. Eighth St. We're open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. For information, call us 321-2267.

### NHS needs volunteers

The Nassau Humane Society is looking to add to its volunteers to assist with various services. Visit [nassauhumane.org](http://nassauhumane.org), email [info@nassauhumane.org](mailto:info@nassauhumane.org) or call 321-1647.



## NASSAU HUMANE SOCIETY



on her shots, and is ready to go home with you. If you're interested in seeing her, please call us at 321-1647 or visit [NassauHumaneSociety.com](http://NassauHumaneSociety.com).

Great news: Our adoption center at 639 Airport Road in Fernandina Beach now is open an hour later on weekdays, so you can come over after work! We're open 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sundays. Starting March 7, Wednesday hours will be from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. You can see pictures and videos of our adoptable pets at our website, [NassauHumaneSociety.com](http://NassauHumaneSociety.com). You can contact us at 321-1647 or [info@nassauhumane.org](mailto:info@nassauhumane.org), and follow us on Facebook.

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**IF YOU HAVE LOST** Your Pet - please check the Nassau Humane Society located at 639 Airport Rd. next to the airport (904)321-1647 and the Nassau County Animal Shelter, 86078 License Rd. in Yulee next to the drivers license building (904)491-7440.

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**PERMIT SPECIALIST** Nassau County has an opening for a Permit Specialist in the Building Department at \$13,438-\$16,783 hourly plus benefits.

Applications will be accepted thru May 2, 2018. Additional information and application can be obtained in the Human Resources Department located at 96135 Nassau Place, Suite 5, Yulee, Florida 32097, Telephone (904) 530-6075 or Fax (904) 321-5797, or at www.nassaucountyfl.com Equal Opportunity Employer. Drug Free Workplace. This position is eligible for Veterans Preference in accordance with applicable laws.

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