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Judge Foster to step down

Judge Robert M. Foster of the Fourth Judicial Circuit Court is leaving the bench and nominations for his replacement will be considered by Gov. Rick Scott, according to a news release issued Tuesday. A special nominating commission has been appointed to accept judicial applications for the vacancy on the Fourth Judicial Circuit Bench.

"Governor Rick Scott has asked the Fourth Judicial Circuit Nominating Commission to provide him with nominees for this vacancy," according to the release.

No official date for Foster's departure was specified.

Applications for the vacancy must be received before 5 p.m. on May 23 at the following location:

4th Judicial Circuit Nominating Commission
Attn: Patrick J. Kilbane, Chairman
1540 The Greens Way
Jacksonville Beach, FL 32250

Applications are available from the Florida Bar's website, www.floridabar.org, or the Office of the Governor at www.flgov.com.

All applicants must meet the qualifications for circuit court judges outlined in Article V, Section 8 of the Florida Constitution, according to the release.

In addition to the original application, applicants must e-mail a PDF version of the application to pkilbane@ullman-nbrown.com with personal information not subject to public disclosure redacted as permitted by Section 119.071 of the Florida Statutes. A recent photograph should be attached to the original application.

If an applicant is nominated, all materials attached to the original application will be submitted to Governor Scott's office.



Shrimp and pirates, pirates and shrimp!

PEG DAVIS
News-Leader

Fernandina Beach kicked off its annual celebration of all things to do with wild-caught shrimp, shrimping, and arrgh – pirates – on Thursday evening with the traditional Pirate Parade through the downtown area. The parade was followed by a free Sounds on Centre concert at Second and Centre streets featuring "Amelia Island's premier party band," the Decades Band.

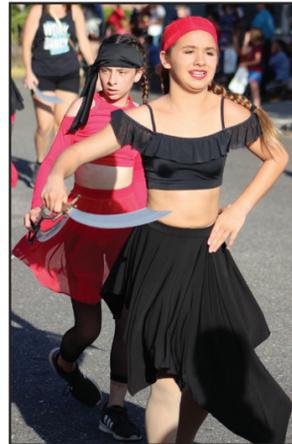
A reminder to local businesses, residents and visitors: Parking restrictions for the 55th

annual Isle of Eight Flags Shrimp Festival will be in effect on certain downtown streets and public parking lots starting at 1 p.m. today.

According to a flyer distributed by the Shrimp Festival Committee, the Shrimp Festival area encompasses the following public-rights-of-way: the whole length of Centre Street to the waterfront, and side streets one block north of Centre Street to Alachua Street and one block south of Centre Street to Ash Street including all public parking lots. Vehicles not moved out of that area by 1 p.m. today can be towed.

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For an electronic copy of the 55th annual Isle of Eight Flags Shrimp Festival *Essentials* magazine, go to fbnewsleader.com and scroll down to the "Free Publications" section. The magazine includes information on the festival's hours, parking, shuttles, rules and regulations, entertainment schedules, contests, artist and vendor locations, and much more.



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Baptist Health plans 25-acre complex in Yulee

JOHN SCHAFFNER
For the News-Leader

Baptist Health has announced it intends to develop an almost 25-acre medical and wellness complex in Yulee – directly across State Route 200/A1A from the planned Wildlight development – "to continue to serve the needs of the rapidly growing community."

"We are building a medical and wellness complex offering a range of outpatient services," said Baptist Health spokeswoman Cindy Hamilton. She said plans are in the early stages and the development timeframe is not being released at this time.

Baptist Health already has the 62-bed Baptist Medical Center Nassau community hospital in Fernandina Beach, which opened in 1994 and was recently expanded with a state-of-the-art surgical wing. Baptist Health operates 55 primary care centers that it says allows for more access and "to ensure we grow with the communities we serve."

Wildlight, which is being developed by Rayonier Inc. subsidiary Raydient Places + Properties, is approved for 7 million square feet of office, commercial, medical, industrial and residential uses and is projected to include 3,200 residential units, which makes it a primary growth center for Nassau County.

"I think it is awesome," Nassau County Economic Development Board Executive Director Laura DiBella told the *News-Leader*. "When healthcare decides to plant its roots in an area, it

shows a confidence in the community."

DiBella, a former healthcare real estate specialist, said healthcare follows the same metrics as retail does – all driven by growth and being ahead of the game. "If healthcare wants to be in your area, you know you are doing well. They do not take those decisions lightly," she stated. "From an economic development standpoint, we need these entities. It is a positive all around."

Although DiBella said she is not privy to Baptist Health's specific plans for the complex, she projected it is likely to include a mix of office and specialty care operations. "Specialty care based on seeing the local needs and demands. Urgent care medical is turning very hybrid," DiBella explained, "decentralizing the nucleus of the operations."

More specialty services could reduce trips to Jacksonville for local residents.

Jacksonville-based Baptist Health expects to buy the Yulee property within 30 days. The property fronts S.R. 200/A1A as well as Harper Chapel Road. The property is owned by Jacksonville-based Chase Properties Inc., and has an official address of 76375 Harper Chapel Road. The legal description of the lot is "PT Heirs E Waterman Mill Grant."

The property is classified as Commercial (vacant commercial). The lot is 1,130,818 square feet and the land value assessment is recorded at \$940,889. The property last changed hands in 2016 for \$1,100,000.

The St. Johns River Water Management District has given notice



NASSAU COUNTY PROPERTY APPRAISER'S OFFICE/SPECIAL

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that it intends to grant a permit for the project for Baptist Health Properties Inc. A mass-grading plan filed with the application shows an internal roadway

system for the project, comprising several lots. England-Thims & Miller Inc. is the project civil engineer.

The SJRWDC plans specify that the project includes the installation of limited underground utilities, clearing, mass grading and a storm water management facility.



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LOOKING BACK 50 YEARS

Organizers were gearing up to kick off the annual "Fiesta of Eight Flags" on May 4-5 in Fernandina Beach's downtown area, including the fifth annual Shrimp Boat Races and Blessing of the Fleet. May 2, 1968

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WEEKLY UPDATE

Author at Story and Song today

Noted author Bren McClain will be at Story and Song Bookstore Bistro doing readings and signings of her debut novel, *One Good Mama Bone*, today at 3 p.m. Set in early 1950s rural South Carolina, the story chronicles Sarah Creamer's quest to find her "mama bone" when a child who's not her own, but the product of an affair between her husband and her best friend and neighbor, is thrust into her care. "Bren's writing is sophisticated, lyrical and a piercing examination of the hard reality of rural Southern poverty. She creates, out of the time and place of the story, a character as authentic as the flesh and blood characters in it," said local writer Joe Palmer. "The literary and reading community here is blessed to have a true artist like Bren McClain come share her passion with us." Story and Song Bookstore Bistro is located at 1430 Park Ave, Fernandina Beach. Phone (904) 601-2118.

Clay Times open during festival

Clay Times Artists will be open Shrimp Festival weekend at 112 S. Third St. in Fernandina Beach. Look for the tent!

Admiral presenting at MOAA meeting

Retired U.S. Navy Rear Admiral Frank Gallo will present "The Evolution of Air Transportation" at the May luncheon meeting of the Nassau County Florida chapter of the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA). Gallo is a retired Naval aviator and served as a volunteer at the Air and Space Museum in Washington, D.C. for many years. His presentation promises to be particularly interesting to aviation enthusiasts. The meeting will be at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, May 8, at the Fernandina Beach Golf Club. A light lunch will be served for \$10. To attend, RSVP to Paul Borton at 491-1814 by 5 p.m. Sunday, May 5. The MOAA Nassau County Florida chapter welcomes all active, retired and former officers and their spouses; for more information, please visit ncflmoaa.org or come to the May meeting.

FRWN welcoming Cord Byrd

The next meeting of the Federated Republican Women of Nassau is scheduled for May 11, when state Rep. Cord Byrd will speak. The winner of the organization's 2018 scholarship award will also be announced at the meeting. The meeting will be at the Fernandina Beach Golf Club beginning at 11:30 a.m. Reserve your place for lunch and the meeting by calling 491-5544 or emailing frwnassau@gmail.com. Reservations are \$15. All registered Republican women and men are invited to attend meetings and join as members or associate members in the later case.

Upcoming Healthier Nassau forums

The Partnership for a Healthier Nassau will hold two separate Forces of Change community forums:

- May 15 from 3 to 4 p.m. at Amelia Island-Fernandina Beach-Yulee Chamber of Commerce, 961687 Gateway Blvd., Suite 101G, Fernandina Beach; and
- May 17 from 12:30 to 2 p.m. at the Pig Restaurant, 450102 FL-200, Callahan.

The Partnership for a Healthier Nassau facilitates Nassau County's three-year Community Health Improvement Plan. The CHIP is a countywide plan for community health systems partners and resource providers that aims to improve the health and wellbeing of its residents. The forum will brainstorm on trends, events and factors affecting the health and quality of life in Nassau County to create the Community Health Improvement Plan for 2019-2021. For more information, call Mary von Mohr at 557-9133.

Diabetes support group meetings

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

NA Beach Bash! May 18-20

The Fernandina Beach Group of Narcotics Anonymous will hold Beach Bash! May 18-20 at Burney Park beach on Amelia Island. The schedule is as follows:

- Friday, May 18, 5 to 9 p.m. – music and fish fry at 5 pm.; shrimp and crab boil at 8 p.m.; speaker and meeting.
 - Saturday, May 19, 12 to 9 p.m. – cookout, volleyball, speaker and meeting at 3 p.m.; horse shoes, bonfire, speaker and meeting at 8 p.m.
 - Sunday, May 20, noon – meeting.
- For more information, call 759-0240.

Threads of Love needs volunteers

Join the Threads of Love Northeast Florida Chapter for a charity sew-in supporting UF Health Jacksonville on May 19. UF



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Two years have passed since our darling husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend, **Ernest Lee Coes**, fell asleep in death.

Although it has been 2 years since you Earnest, drifted to sleep in death, it seems to us as if you died only yesterday, because your death is so fresh in our hearts.

We miss you oh so much. And we love you so much. We miss all of your precious ways, and all the joy that you brought to our lives.

A big void is in our hearts and nothing can ever fill that void. Jehovah God and Jesus Christ gives us the strength to carry on.

But truthfully, it is not easy, but try we must. We take Jehovah God at his word, which is all truth. We look forward to his promise at Revelations 21:4 which says, And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; And there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither pain for the former things are passed away.

Earnest, we are looking with great expectation of seeing you in the resurrection. We will welcome you with open arms, so rest on love Earnest. You are loved and deeply missed.

The Family of the late Earnest Lee Coes

2018 Shrimp Festival street closure dates and times

Because of the large number of arts and crafts dealers, antique vendors, food booths and sponsors, there will be a major change in the time for closing the streets in Fernandina Beach's downtown area.

Beginning at 1 p.m. today, Centre Street from Eighth Street to Front Street will be closed to all traffic except Shrimp Festival participants. Also closed will be the northern and southern portions of Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, and Seventh streets between Alachua Street and Ash Street.

All vehicles must be removed from the Festival area by 2 p.m. From 2 to 6 p.m., Shrimp Festival participants will be setting up their areas for Saturday and Sunday's events.

All vehicles and trailers must be removed by 6 p.m. today. With the anticipation of large crowds for the opening night of the Festival, the safety of pedestrians is of utmost importance so only pedestrian traffic will be allowed on

Centre Street after 6 p.m. Friday.

Today, 1 p.m.

Centre Street as well as the side streets one block north and south of Centre Street will be closed for Shrimp Festival vendor setup. North and South Eighth Street as well as Atlantic Avenue (A1A) eastbound will remain open. The traffic on South Eighth Street and Atlantic Avenue will remain heavy through the afternoon and possibly until about 10 p.m.

Saturday, May 5, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The S.R. 200/A1A corridor could become extremely heavy at times due to the construction. North Eighth Street at Centre Street will be closed to thru traffic that morning and throughout the day. Heavy pedestrian traffic will be crossing many of the roadways on South Eighth Street and Atlantic Avenue.

Sunday, May 6, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The S.R. 200/A1A corridor could become extremely heavy at times. North Eighth Street at Centre Street will be

closed to thru traffic that morning and throughout the day. Heavy pedestrian traffic will be crossing many of the roadways on South Eighth Street and Atlantic Avenue until after 6 p.m. Official closing time of the Festival is 5 p.m. North Eighth Street usually opens back up at 6 or 7 p.m. Sunday.

Downtown sidewalk sales

Many downtown Fernandina Beach businesses will hold sidewalk sales today. For information on the sales, visit the Fernandina Beach Main Street page on Facebook.

Fernandina Library hours

The Fernandina Beach Branch Library will be closed today and Saturday due to the Shrimp Festival. The library branches in Bryceville, Callahan, Hilliard and Yulee will observe their regular operating hours. For more information, visit the Library's website at nassaureads.com.

Health handles high-risk pregnancy's and has approximately 80 infant deaths per year. This event is open to the community. Participants will be sewing bereavement gowns and blankets. If you machine or hand sew, iron, or can pin and cut, the event can use your skills! The Threads of Love project will be held at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 2800 S. 14th St., Fernandina Beach, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Contact Jane Harbour at 615-804-2377 or jadairharbour@gmail.com for details of what to bring with you.

Reagan Day BBQ in Callahan

The Westside Republican Club will hold its 4th annual Reagan Day BBQ on June 2 from 12 to 3 p.m. with Congressman and Florida gubernatorial candidate Ron DeSantis as keynote speaker in the multipurpose building at the Northeast Florida Fair Grounds, located at 543378 U.S. 1 in Callahan. Enjoy an afternoon of fellowship, barbecue fare, door prizes and blugrass music with fellow Republicans and candidates for local, state and federal office in Nassau County. Individual tickets are \$15 and a table of 8 may be purchased for \$120. To purchase tickets, visit eventbrite.com/e/4th-annual-reagan-day-barbecue-tickets-45205967265.

Stained glass, mosaic classes

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

Healing Hearts meets twice a month

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

Are you looking to help?

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

District opens satellite offices

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

Project documenting POWs

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

Gun courses

Gary W. Belson Associates holds basic with defensive tactics courses, concealed-weapon license courses and close-quarter defensive tactics courses. For information and more class dates,

DEATH NOTICE

Dorothy A. Morelli, 83, of Fernandina Beach, Fla., passed away on Wednesday, May 2, 2018.

Oxley-Heard Funeral Directors

FOR THE RECORD

In the Wednesday, May 2 edition, the story on page 1A about the Surf's Up Café and the renovations to the Surf Restaurant & Bar misidentified the company that created the special surfboard table in the café. That table was refurbished, hand-painted and glazed by FASTSIGNS in Fernandina Beach.

The News-Leader strives for accuracy. We will promptly correct all factual errors. Please notify the editor of errors at pegdavis@fbnewsleader.com or call (904) 261-3696.



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contact Gary Belson at 491-8358 or 476-2037, or gbelson@bell-south.net, or visit www.thebelsongroup.com.

Take Off Pounds Sensibly

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

Overeaters Anonymous

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

Volunteering for NHS

NHS Second Chance Resale Store and its new sister clothing store, NHS Second Chance Closet, are looking to grow their team of volunteers. Both stores have volunteer openings in all areas. If you have a few hours a week to spare and enjoy meeting and working with other animal lovers in a fun atmosphere, pick up a volunteer application at Second Chance, located in the Eight Flags Shopping Center on South 14th Street or go online to Nassauhumanesociety.com and click on Volunteer. For information, call 321-0022.

Be a zookeeper

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

Energy bill assistance

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

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

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

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

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

LIHEAP is provided through the Northeast Florida Community Action Agency, Inc. located at 1303 Jasmine St. in Fernandina Beach.

Gun classes for everyone

Pistol and revolver gun classes for beginners to advanced shooters are given by NRA-certified instructor and retired state and federal law enforcement officer Frank P. Covie and held at the convenience of each person starting any weekday except Wednesday. Both basic and personal protection classes are available and including classroom, range shooting and no-cost use of a .22 pistol and rifle including ammo. Contact 277-4144, 603-491-7017, or fpc99@comcast.net for complete info.

Lions Club bingo

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

ACBL duplicate bridge

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

FDOT Lane Closures

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

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



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Islands Club Amelia subdivision re-plat approved

Attorney for owner pledges protection for 'turtles' as well as conservation easement

JULIA ROBERTS
News-Leader

An attorney representing the owner of a property slated for a high-end subdivision on the north end of Amelia Island told Fernandina Beach city commissioners Tuesday night that the developer will take into consideration the large population of state-protected gopher tortoises on the property, and a 20-foot wide conservation easement is intended for a huge secondary dune system on the west side of the property abutting Fort Clinch State Park.

Islands Club Amelia will be built west of Tarpon Avenue between West Second and West Third streets.

At its May 1 meeting, the City Commission voted to approve a re-plat of the development, a five-acre area that was originally platted 37 years ago. It was not completed for economic reasons after just 13 modest home sites were developed.

The current owner of the property asked city commissioners to approve a re-plat of the site to develop the remaining 27 home sites as well as common amenities.

Islands Club Amelia LLC is owned by John Proctor, who was represented by attorney Armond Jeffrey Tomassetti at the commission meeting.

When the request for the re-plat went before the city's Planning Advisory Board earlier this year, City Hall was filled with residents concerned about the gopher tortoises living on the sandy, scrub-filled upland. According to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, despite the afforded protection of being listed as a threatened species with potentially severe penalties for intentionally killing or injuring them, gopher tortoise populations throughout the state have continued to decline.

Other concerns included whether development would destroy the huge secondary dune system on the west side of

the site, anchored by a complex system of large live oak trees. Dune systems, including the vegetation that maintains them, and threatened species are to be protected, according to the city's Land Development Code.

The property is considered an Environmentally Sensitive Land according to the city's LDC because it is both the "habitat of federally or state-listed threatened or endangered species" and an "undisturbed property within 150 feet" of Fort Clinch State Park. Developers of such lands are required to adhere to a list of extremely specific restrictions.

The PAB approved the re-plat, sending the request to the City Commission for a final decision.

Tomassetti said the re-plat would reconfigure 27 lots in order to arrange them to be more accessible to amenities. He said no lots would be added and the density of the development would not increase. In addition, the lots that border Fort Clinch will be configured to allow for a 20-foot conservation easement along that border, Tomassetti said.

"It's going to be real in the sense that we have to select both a state-approved and a federal-approved nonprofit organization with enforcement teeth to monitor and enforce (the conservation easement)," Tomassetti said. "It is a 100-percent non-disturbed area, so, even if a tree limb falls from the sky or a nearby tree, or leaves accrue, whatever natural condition is back there will be left undisturbed." He said the easement would be enforced by "toothy" fines in homeowners' association documents.

In addition to the 20-foot conservation easement, there will be an additional 10 feet of space where houses cannot be built, Tomassetti explained.

"There will be another 10 feet that will be like a rear yard that you can use to get around the back of your house, maybe have an outdoor grill or something like that, then the building footprint," he said. "The maximum

the building footprint can be is 30 feet from that lot line."

Tomassetti also referred to the wildlife habitat that will be substantially affected by the construction, but then erred in identifying the primary species living on the property.

"The primary wildlife that we're concerned about – very, very concerned about – are the turtles. There are approximately 30 turtles that live there," Tomassetti said.

"You're talking about the gopher tortoises?" Mayor Johnny Miller asked.

"Yes, turtles," Tomassetti said.

"Tortoises," Miller said, correcting the attorney on which species actually lives on the property.

"We won't go there," Tomassetti said, adding that the reptiles are "very cute."

"They're very territorial so you can't just shoo them off, and the state of Florida doesn't allow that anyway," Tomassetti said. "We have to have a bona fide, hired, state-approved group do a relocation of the tortoises. They cannot be just put nearby, or they'll just return, so they are going to be safely relocated."

Some homeowners whose houses were built when the subdivision was originally platted said developers have already disturbed the gopher tortoises.

Carol Kerr lives in a home that will be next to the new homes being built. She said she "knows the tortoises quite well" and called authorities when some equipment recently bored for soil samples.

"This past week I made a call to code enforcement and to Fish and Wildlife because there was a company there, pounding the ground," Kerr said. "We thought we were having a minor earthquake. It woke us up at 7:30 in the morning. It had to be very upsetting for the tortoises. It was upsetting to us. We weren't terrified because we figured out what it is, but the tortoises are still there."

Kerr said she contacted



PEG DAVIS/NEWS-LEADER

A gopher tortoise walks along the edge of West Third Street on the north side of a five-acre property slated for development on the north end of Fernandina Beach. The large population of gopher tortoises that call the site home will be relocated, according to attorney Armond Jeffrey Tomassetti, representing the owner of the property.

the city's Code Enforcement Department, which referred her to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, which then told her to contact law enforcement.

City Planner Kelly Gibson said that FWC should be contacted in the event of a disturbance of the tortoises and that the city's Community Development Department should be called if residents observe any unpermitted activities.

Tomassetti said no further soil samples would be taken.

Commissioner Phil Chapman asked Tomassetti if the subdivision would be a gated community. The attorney said there is a "90-percent chance it will be gated because it's private."

He added that the homes would be on the upper end of the price range.

"I would say that you might expect to pay over a half-million dollars for some of the better homes in this subdivision," he said.

The homes could be built up to 45 feet high, Tomassetti said, as they are not within the Coastal Upland Protection Zone,

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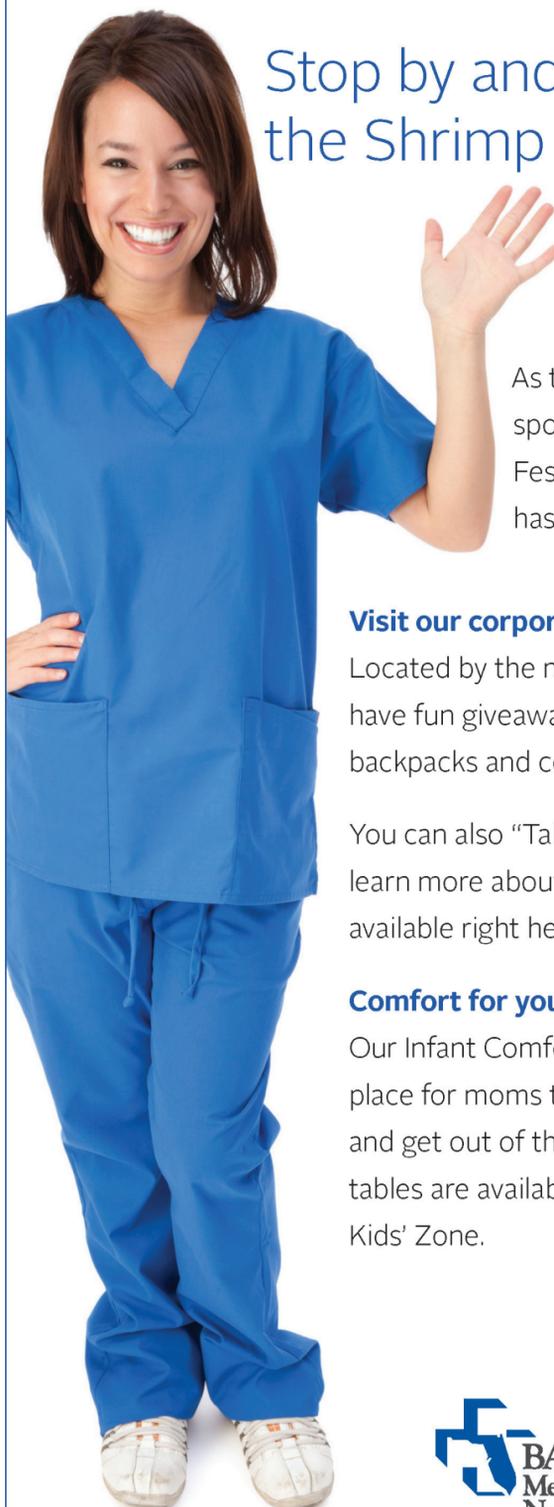
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The status of the iconic Cadillac

When we think iconic, the Mustang ('64), Corvette ('53), and VW Beetle ('49) come to mind. Examples of vehicles with staying power.

What a brand history Cadillac has had since 1902. I learned it was a Henry Ford offshoot. The first Cadillac was an open air, two-seat, one-cylinder, 10-horsepower derivative of the 1903 Ford Model A.

At the 1903 New York Auto Show, Cadillac received 2,000 solid orders and was off and rolling. The storied brand is now struggling for relevance.

Cadillac, post World War II, was the symbol of success for American families. Celebrities, like Elvis, could not get enough of the Cadillac mystique. It was a rite of passage for movers and shakers to buy

their first Cadillac. If you drove a new Cadillac, you were "somebody."

Many safety and technology advances were born on new Cadillacs. Their mantra from day one was "precision engineering." Cadillac had the first steel hardtop, fins, an automatic air conditioning system in 1962, and many electronic firsts. They were the standard in innovation.

The 1960s were the peak of Cadillac sales. As an example, in 1966, they sold 192,000 units. The DeVille models (coupe and sedan) accounted for 142,190 of those.

In the 1970s, the oil embargo and Uncle Sam were to reshape the classic car company. In the decades to follow, the cars were reengineered, with front wheel drive and product miscues like the Cimarron on a Chevy Cavalier platform. Mercedes, Lexus, and BMW are now all approximately double Cadillac sales.

GM just put a new executive in place at Cadillac, the sixth in the last decade. If I were in his shoes, what would be some solutions?

1. Commit to an all-wheel drive lineup. It is very popular with

Mercedes 4MATIC models and BMW X models. It would be a big selling point, particularly in the snow-belt.

2. Market to the 50-80-plus year olds. A 32-year-old lawyer is not going to buy a Cadillac, despite any commercials showing young drivers.

3. Fixed-cost ownership and attractive 2- or 3-year leases. One-pay options for those who are payment-averse. Older buyers will relate to fixed pricing. (Include maintenance like BMW.)

4. Make the taillights and headlights more understated. The Escalade taillight is a 3-foot lightning bolt – sorry, owners. LED headlights are popular but Cadillac's are overkill.

5. Include loaner cars. I find the older the buyer, the more precious the time.

6. Cadillac needs more SUVs – fast. The XTS (14,845) and Escalade (8,111) represent 22,956 of 36,727 Cadillac sales in the first quarter of 2018 sales.

7. Research Chinese buyers. Cadillac is red hot in China. Sales from 2015 to 2016 rose from 79,779 to 116,406. At the same time, U.S. sales slipped from 175,267 to 170,006.

8. Partner with the dealer body to make owning a Cadillac "special," one of my favorite words/concepts.

Globally, which is the name of the game, Cadillac is on track for a record in 2018. China and the U.S. make up the majority of that total. The Chinese are buying everything high-end they can get their hands on, from clothes to cars. Does that mean a Cadillac is an elite product in China and in demand? Apparently.

GM needs to fight for Cadillac as hard as it would for Corvette. Do not let the flame die out. Pontiac, Oldsmobile, and Saturn are history. Losing the Cadillac brand fight in America should not be an option.

Looks like great weather for our Shrimp Fest! Enjoy and have a good week.

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

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Capt. Scott Stewart said the southern basin of the marina was last dredged in 2014, when 8,500 cubic yards of material was removed. He said business owners who operate out of the marina, as well as boaters and fisherman, cannot use the marina during low tide.

Business owners plead for 'silt relief' at marina

JULIA ROBERTS
News-Leader

An issue with the Fernandina Harbor Marina was once again front and center at the May 1 City Commission meeting – business owners stuck in the mud.

Captains Scott Stewart, owner of Amelia Island Charters, and Allen Elefterion, owner of Backwater Cat Adventure, both have businesses that operate out of the marina. They asked commissioners for "immediate relief" of the silting problem in the marina's southern basin.

"We're 15-plus businesses on the southern part of the marina being affected every day – an hour and a half to two hours at low tide where we have to shut our business down," Stewart said. "I guarantee you, if there were 15 businesses on Centre Street that had to shut down during the middle of their operating hours for an hour and a half or two hours, somebody would be raising Cain."

Stewart said that in the past the city dredged the marina every two years but that the marina has not been dredged in four years, resulting in a buildup that causes some boats to be left "in the mud" at low tide.

"It's also becoming a safety issue," he said. "Sea Tow (a company that assists stranded boaters and has boats based in the marina) cannot get out at low tide. They cannot go out to assist a vessel in distress – currently, right now, three hours a day."

Commissioners explained that dredging and any other plans for the southern marina are dependent on the city's plans to reorient the docks.

"We are still doing the math. Is it better to turn them right now or dredge and then turn?" Mayor Johnny Miller explained. "To turn them and put them in the right direction, we're looking at what's more costly."

Elefterion said business owners understand that there is a long-term plan for the docks but that the condition of the marina is affecting their business so dredging needs to be done immediately.

"I know that there's a great long-range plan," Elefterion said. "We're seeking immediate relief down there. I am shut down three hours a day. It's costing me lots of dollars because that silt and mud gets into my engines. I have 15 boats down there, 15 motors sucking up that silt. There are seven of them getting repaired. It's going to put

me out of business. A lot of those boats that are paying dockage are sitting on mud at low tide, including my boats. I'm on a floating dock, but my floating dock is on mud at low tide. I am asking – begging. I know there's some immediate money out there. I know there's a long-range plan, but we're seeking immediate relief. I can't say that word enough."

Another factor affecting maintenance at the marina is the planned repair of the southern attenuator dock, damaged nearly two years ago during Hurricane Matthew. That work is slated to begin later this year.

Stewart believes those repairs will be impeded by the buildup of silt.

"By August, there won't be enough water to get a barge around the southern end to work on the attenuator dock on the inside," Stewart said. "Hopefully you are planning on working on it from the western side. That should be added to your cost."

City Manager Dale Martin said that the city has been awarded a grant for roughly \$300,000 by the Florida Inland Navigational District but that the money requires matching funds from the city to be used. He said the matching funds

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City staff recognition

As we are now well into the second half of the city's current fiscal year and planning for the next fiscal year, let me take a brief moment to share information about a few city employee aspects.



CITY NOTES

Dale Martin

served the sheriff's department for many years. Ms. Jacobs has brought an increased enthusiasm and passion for procuring grants for the city. She daily pokes city staff about funding

opportunities from regional, state, and federal sources.

While preparing and obtaining grants is difficult enough, an overlooked component of grants is the subsequent reporting requirements associated with successful grant awards. Ms. Jacobs has done a marvelous job of reviewing and reporting the status of grant awards. It was through her efforts that the city was able to utilize funding originally awarded to the city approximately 30 years ago for a recent project! She has been an exceptional professional addition to the city staff.

Mr. Nathan Coyle, the city's airport manager, also recently passed his six-month anniversary. Mr. Coyle and his family came to the city from Idaho. His successful hiring demonstrates the uncanny role of luck in getting good people. Following the release of the previous airport manager, the city again solicited applications through the same recognized professional sources. For whatever reason, the total quality of the pool of applicants for this second round overwhelmingly surpassed the first round. As was the case with Ms. Jacobs, Mr. Coyle was a steal.

With his impeccable and professional Air Force background (air traffic control in both Iraq and Afghanistan as well as several other stateside duty stations), Mr. Coyle brings an unprecedented level of aviation experience to the city's airport. He has developed strong relationships with the airport tenants, successfully managed the

recent transition between fixed-base operators, and oversees the construction of the terminal building (see comments above related to social media).

Mr. Coyle has a strong vision for the current operations, the future development and, most importantly, the unerring safety of the airport. He recognizes that the airport can serve as a key asset not only to the city, but also to the entire region. With Mr. Coyle at the airport and Mr. Steve Murphy at the city's golf course (recently nominated for Billy Casper Golf's General Manager of the Year), I unhesitatingly tell everyone that I have no management concerns south of Sadler Road.

As part of Ms. Robin Marley's tasks for the current year, I asked that she informally survey senior staff to get an idea of when those staff members were considering retirement. Given the tenure of some of the staff, it was not surprising to learn that nearly half of the senior staff will be retiring in approximately three years. It will be critical to have professionals such as Ms. Hamburg, Ms. Jacobs, and Mr. Coyle assume those management roles.

All in all, I believe the city staff is the most professional and most passionate staff that I have had the opportunity with which to work - from top to bottom. It is through their efforts, not necessarily mine, that the city performs its routine tasks that contribute to and enhance our quality of life. Kudos to the city staff.

Enjoy this year's Shrimp Fest!

Dale Martin is the city manager for Fernandina Beach.



RE-PLAT *Continued from 3A*

which is an area extending 1,000 feet landward from the Coastal Construction Control Line. The CUPZ limits the height of construction to 35 feet.

In the end, the commissioners gave a unanimous if somewhat reluctant approval for the re-plat.

"Under our current Land Development Code, what they are doing is perfectly legal. It's going to happen," Commissioner Chip Ross said. "What they are proposing is a better solution than the previous solution, which they can and do have the right to do, given to them many, many years ago. The whole thing sort of saddens me because ... we talk about Wild Amelia and this is one more example of our wildness and our environment disappearing.

I will vote for this because the alternative is worse."

"Be real careful to make sure that you handle the gopher tortoises - an imperiled species - in a proper manner," Vice Mayor Len Kreger said. "Otherwise, it's going to be a firestorm."

Miller used the opportunity to talk about a goal of the city to create a conservation fund that would be used to buy property to keep it out of the hands of developers.

"The only way to truly protect these areas is for us to buy them and put them into conservation," Miller said. "I don't want to put anything on the public, but, when you see that these things can happen in your backyard, organize. Either grab a clipboard yourself or back somebody who supports a fund that we spend our money on. This is a gopher tortoise habitat,

and they are doing exactly what they should be doing on that property, but it's going to get developed if we don't put it in conservation. We've identified some areas on the island that we could do this on (and) this would be one of them."

Commissioner Phil Chapman called upon the developer to adhere to guidelines set up for design of the development and to respect the environment. "I hope you follow through on your promises," he said.

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Is the solution to beach trash removing the cans?



Walter Hnyda said he walks Peters Point daily and picks up one to two bags each day. He said residue from fires and horse droppings are also common, along with evidence of alcohol being consumed on the beach, which is prohibited. Nassau County Sheriff Bill Leeper told the *News-Leader* in an email that deputies do patrol the beaches but "can't be everywhere all the time."

SUBMITTED

JULIA ROBERTS
News-Leader

Thousands of visitors, along with local residents, come to Amelia Island for the miles of "unspoiled" beaches, but increasingly those beaches are becoming spoiled – by the trash left there by those visiting.

Despite efforts by both Nassau County and the city of Fernandina Beach, trash on the beach is a problem, county and city officials say.

In a City Commission workshop held to set goals for the upcoming fiscal year, commissioners discussed the issue of so much trash on the beach, including at least one solution that seems counterintuitive: fewer trash receptacles. However, the contractor responsible for picking up trash on the beach says he wants to put more cans on the beach, not fewer.

At the commission's May 1 meeting, Vice Mayor Len Kreger said that the problem has more to do with overflowing trash cans than garbage being left on the beach.

"We have a serious problem with trash on our beach," Kreger said. "Not necessarily on the beach as much as at the trash containers. Even at noon ... those trash cans are full and overflowing."

Commissioners said they want to encourage beach goers to adopt a "pack it in, pack it out" habit, as required by many national parks and other coastal communities.

Some communities remove the trashcans altogether to "encourage" the policy.

Lea King-Badnya is the executive director of Keep Golden Isles Beautiful, which works to keep the beaches of St. Simon Island and Glynn County, Ga. clean. She said the county's beaches used to have trashcans that the Glynn County Parks and Recreation Department emptied twice a day, but the trash was still overflowing.

"We tried adding more cans but that just meant that we had more cans overflowing," King-Badnya told the *News-Leader*.

She said she visited communities in Martin and St. Johns counties where there was no trash on the beach – and no trash cans. She brought the idea to the Glynn County commission, which was skeptical but got on board. The result was removing trash cans from the beach and, instead, having "trash corrals," which are fenced areas divided into three sections – one for trash, one for recycling and one for tents, beach chairs and other debris.

King-Badnya called the move "an overwhelming success." She said Parks and Rec employees can empty the trash corral as many times per day as needed and the beaches are cleaner. Emptying the trash used to take



KEEP GOLDEN ISLES BEAUTIFUL/SPECIAL

Glynn County, Ga. has joined many communities and national parks in its efforts to curb littering by removing trash cans from the beach.

two hours and now takes 15 minutes, according to King-Badnya.

"We gave plenty of notice with signs and notices before spring break of 2017," King-Badnya said. "A lot of beach goers were already familiar with the policy as it is best practices for many coastal communities all over the country."

She said removing the cans has even increased the rate of recycling because trash doesn't get mixed in with recyclable materials.

Fernandina Beach city commissioners said at a recent goals workshop that they would be studying communities where trash cans were removed and discussed areas in the city to experiment on. "I would say some of the areas on the north end where it's almost regulars or locals," Kreger said.

City Manager Dale Martin said bids are out for building some beach walkovers on the south side of the city and suggested that area may be a good point to begin the initiative.

"I think it would be worth at least doing an experiment of moving the cans and posting signs (that say) 'take your trash home.' I can see how that might work," Commissioner Roy Smith said.

Rollins Snelling, whose company is contracted to pick up trash from city and county beaches, told the *News-Leader* his company picks up trash seven days a week and cleans the restrooms along 12 miles of beach. He said the company currently has 180 55-gallon drums that collect 2,000 pounds of trash daily.

He said there has been an increase in visitors to Amelia Island beaches, resulting in more trash – not only at or near trash cans but also left on the beach.

"If you put a pizza box, or a broken boogie board or a chair into a garbage can, you have effectively filled it or made it look like it is filled," Snelling said. "They can put those things next to the can and we will get them."

Snelling said that every morn-

ing his company picks up trash on the beach that includes diapers, beer bottles and cans, and fast food containers. At night, they pick up tents and other debris that is prohibited from being left on the beach overnight by the local Leave No Trace ordinances.

He said that his company does all it can to keep the cans empty "but you can't babysit trash cans. They fill up. It's what they do. You can go all the way to the end of the beach (emptying cans) and they are filled up when you come back up."

Snelling believes one solution to the problem is stiffer fines – up to \$500 – for littering and increased enforcement. "There is a certain element who think it is okay to throw trash on the beach," Snelling said.

Snelling said he has asked the county for additional cans as well as an additional "sweep" or daily emptying of cans. If approved, there would be additional cans on city beaches as well, Snelling said, because the same contract governs both entities.

"We patrol the beach when we can and respond to complaints as well," Nassau County Sheriff Bill Leeper said in an email in response to questions about the problem of trash. "We don't have enough officers to have full-time beach patrol year round and our calls for service in other areas are increasing as well. When we see prohibited behavior we take the necessary enforcement action."

Leeper included records in his email of 14 citations, 34 summonses, 14 written and 83 verbal warnings issued on county beaches so far this year.

As for the idea of fewer trashcans, Snelling said he does not think residents or city leaders would be pleased with the results.

"If you took a walk on the beach July 5 after they tried it ... well, you could take a look," Snelling said. "I think it would be great if it worked, but I don't think you'd like the way the beach looks."

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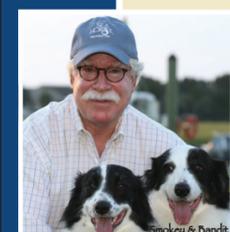
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Notice of Meeting Amelia Concourse Community Development District

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Amelia Concourse Community Development District will be held on **Tuesday, May 15, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. at the Amelia Concourse Amenity Center, 85200 Amaryllis Court, Fernandina Beach, Florida 32034.** The meeting is open to the public and will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Florida Law for Community Development Districts. A copy of the agenda for this meeting may be obtained from the District Manager, 475 West Town Place, Suite 114, St. Augustine, Florida 32092 (and phone (904) 940-5850). This meeting may be continued to a date, time, and place to be specified on the record at the meeting. There may be occasions when one or more Supervisors will participate by telephone.

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David deNagy
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Railroad Days success

On behalf of the West Nassau Historical Society, we would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for making our 2018 Railroad Day Festival such a huge success. Although the weather for the most part was overcast with an intermittent drizzle, we still had a good turnout, especially among the young parents with their children. They are our future caretakers of our past and one day our history will be in their hands.

The West Nassau Historical Society is a volunteer-driven nonprofit that relies heavily on Railroad Day and other events to fulfill our two main goals of highlighting our county's rich history and maintaining the historic Callahan Train Depot. Funds raised during Railroad Day helps us meet these goals. We are extremely grateful to area businesses, groups, and citizens who helped us put on our 13th annual celebration, but we need more members and volunteers to succeed so we hope others will see the importance of preserving our history and join our group.

First, special thanks go to Mayor Rau, Council President Bass, and the Town of Callahan for their tremendous help and support. We would also like to thank this year's supporters: Rayonier, CSX, Rayonier Advanced Materials, WestRock, West Fraser, Rusty Acres, Commissioner George Spicer, Vystar, Brandies Ace, Hagan Ace, FPL, Callahan Subway, Randallsmithmusic.com, Southeastern Bank, Callahan Timber, Nassau County Record, Ashley Plumbing, Callahan Walgreens, Keffer DCJ, Westside Journal, Nassau Printing, Raymond Historical Productions, AA Bottled Gas, BSCM/Callahan Recycling, Advanced Disposal, DJ Odds

and Ends, Hendricks Septic, Gore's Nursery, SCV Camp 745, First Coast Impressions, Junior's Seafood, RPM Wood Products, Lighthouse WECC FM 89.2, Jan and Lynne Johannes, Paul Clark Ford, and the Greater Nassau Chamber of Commerce. A special thank you goes to the car show participants and to Callahan Cruisers, AB&B Auto Parts, and Cochrane's Collision for hosting another exciting RRDay classic car show.

Thanks go to Jerry Peterson, our entertainment director, and to the musical performers who gave their time and talents to entertain the crowd. Special thanks to Joel Pace for bringing his popular hands-on musical instruments to the kids' area and to thanks all of the food and craft vendors and exhibitors who displayed their wares, model trains, quilts, tractors, antique machines, and climbing wall.

Lastly, we would like to thank each and every member of the West Nassau Historical Society who went above and beyond what was asked of them to ensure that we put on a safe and enjoyable event. You all continue to show that by working together toward a common goal, all things are possible.

The Historical Society is always looking for new members to join us in planning future tours, exhibits, and projects. We meet on the fourth Thursday of each month at 6:30 PM inside the historic Callahan Train Depot.

Please join us as we continue to preserve our history for future generations to enjoy.

John Hendricks and Emily Baumgartner
2018 Railroad Days Festival Co-chairs
West Nassau Historical Society

East side, west side

The east side and west side of Nassau County are as much alike as an oyster and a clam. Part of a similar (mollusk) family, but with different tastes and textures and likes. While one side possesses a pearl of advantages – dynamic Amelia Island – the west side is true country, open spaces and a common pleasure it is that way.

The east side has adopted a high-end tourism focus, with swanky resorts and amenities. Amelia Island has glitzy hotels and restaurants like Salt and Bob's Steak & Chophouse; the most popular restaurant on the west side is Callahan Barbecue (but don't underestimate it).

And the west side feels it always gets the short end of the bargain, especially from county officials (although 70 percent of property-tax revenues come from Amelia Island). Too many unpaved roads in Callahan and Hilliard and Bryceville. An inferior infrastructure there. A lack of attention after devastating storms; debris still litters the west side roadways since Hurricane Irma.

Now some west side businesses are reportedly concerned about the merger of the Greater Nassau County Chamber of Commerce with the larger Amelia Island-Fernandina Beach-Yulee Chamber. They hope that the west side still receives attention, maintaining its identity as the business base.

Unlike the east side, the west side can become an industrial and commercial powerhouse. There are already plenty of successful businesses, like in agriculture and farming. And there is lots of land for development (i.e. Crawford Diamond Industrial Park).

Ken Bass, the president of the Callahan Town Council, describes the differences this way: "The east side



STEVE'S MARKET PLACE

Steve Nicklas

and the west side – it's like being in another country."

In between lies the "town" of Yulee. It is becoming the bridge, connecting the polar-opposite sides together. The product could be a delectable sandwich that will satisfy the appetite for residents, tourists and businesses alike.

Both sides can work together and make this county an even greater place. Bridging the divide is not a bad thing – it can become a very good thing. The united Nassau County Chamber of Commerce can lead this unification from its impartial, pro-business vantage point.

Each side can still maintain its character. The historic charm of Fernandina Beach. The posh resorts on unincorporated Amelia Island. The dense retail/residential emphasis of Yulee, and the rural flavor of the west side. Something for everyone. Maybe that can become our county slogan.

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The art of American cursing

Get this: the average American can't get through the day without cursing.

So is the finding of a recent 9Round Kickbox Fitness survey, as reported in the *New York Post*.

Why are Americans cursing so much? One reason is stress.

Fifty-six percent of survey respondents say financial worries are their biggest source of stress. A lack of sleep (36 percent), health concerns (35 percent), work (30 percent), the environment (9 percent) and our \$20 trillion deficit (4 percent) are other sources of stress.

The survey didn't explore politics, but the names "Trump" and "Pelosi" are generating an explosion of salty-tongued originality across our great land.

Whatever the source of our stress, cursing DOES relieve it.

A 2011 Keele University study, reports *Forbes*, found that yelling out curse words increases pain and stress tolerance.

Volunteers were asked to hold their hands in freezing-cold water twice. The first time, they shouted curse words. The second time they used inoffensive phrases. Each volunteer was able to keep his or her hands in the cold water longer while cursing.

"The researchers found that the enraged yelling raised the heart rate, which, they hypothesize, means that the yelling triggered a fight-or-flight response, 'downplaying feebleness in favor of a more pain-tolerant machismo.'"

That's one reason why, concluded the researchers, that "swearing has been around for centuries and is an almost universal human linguistic phenomenon."

Cursing has certainly improved my capacity to deal with stress. I studied cussing under the tutelage of my father, now 85, a maestro in the art form. He perfected his skills while attempting plumbing repairs in our home.

Over the years, cursing has helped me ease the pain of financial setbacks, a broken heart and unpleasant co-workers. On a daily basis, it helps me cope with people who write checks in front of me at the grocery store and moronic drivers who drive too slowly in the passing lane.

But the question is, why are so many Americans cursing these days?

Some argue that it reflects a breakdown in manners and civility and a growing coarseness in our culture. San Diego State University psychologist Jean M. Twenge offers a more intriguing theory.

According to the *National Post*, Twenge conducted a 2017 study that explored how the use of the "seven dirty words" featured in comedian George Carlin's 1972 monologue, "Seven Words You Can Never Say on Television," changed in literature between 1950 and 2008.

Twenge found that the rise in profanity was dramatic – she measured a 28-fold increase between 2005 and 2008. She said the increase can be blamed on growing individualism, which is "a cultural system that emphasizes the self more and social rules less."

Twenge says that "as social rules fell by the wayside, and people were told to express themselves, swearing became more common."

That makes perfect sense to me.

Whereas younger generations are being taught to freely express their innermost feelings and frustrations using words that were once considered taboo, prior generations were taught the opposite.

When I was a kid in the '70s, we knew we were pushing the line if we used words such as "son of a gun," "gadzoos" and "h-e-double-hockey-sticks."

If we got caught using real curse words, we'd be enjoying a bar of Dove soap for supper.

In any event, now that cursing is no longer considered taboo, I see one big problem.

As more people cuss freely, curse words will lose their shock value and their capacity to relieve our stress.

The h-e-double-hockey-sticks with that!

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WEDDING

Hall-Beckham

Danielle Nichole Hall of Starke, Fla. and Brennan David Beckham of Fernandina Beach, Fla. were married at 3 p.m. March 17, 2018 in Reynolds Chapel at Camp Blanding Training Center in Starke with Rev. David H. Beckham, the groom's grandfather, officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Richard and Lori Hall of Starke and granddaughter of Rodney and Janic Hall of Starke, Marjorie Gillam of Starke and the late Jerry Gillam.

The groom is the son of Joel and Melanie Beckham of Fernandina Beach and grandson of Brian and Suellen Rampacek of Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla., David and Ginny Beckham of Beverly Hills, Fla., and the late Mary Beckham.

The chapel was beautifully decorated with lace and pale pink and white hydrangeas accented by petal pink roses. An abundance of candles were lit all throughout the chapel as well as a full candelabrum decorated with flowers and lace behind the wedding party on alter.

The bride's father escorted her to "Love Me Tender" by Nora Jones. "Once Upon a Dream" by Yvonne and Peter Holland from *Sleeping Beauty* was played during the recessional.

The bride wore an elegant French ivory strapless A-line full-length gown with a full train. Her lace dress was beautifully accented with a corset tied back. Her veil was a family heirloom, handmade and worn previously by her sister, Tiffany. The white cathedral-length veil was trimmed in scalloped lace that accentuated the dress hem perfectly and was held by a silver antique comb. She carried a gorgeous bouquet of hydrangeas with petal pink roses and baby's breath. The stems were wrapped in Irish lace, and she carried an Irish lace handkerchief that belonged to the groom's great-grandmother, Julia Brennan Rampacek.

Pinned to it were mementos to honor each of the bride and groom's grandparents.

The matrons of honor were Romanita Mobley of Palm



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Hall-Beckham

Coast, Fla. and Amber Romanio of Starke. The bridesmaids were Stephanie Reed (bride's sister) of Starke, Tiffany Rhoden (bride's sister) of Starke, Kirstin Riddick of Starke, and Brittany Namwises of Macclenny, Fla. The bride's attendants all wore full-length chiffon gowns with empire waists. Each dress was in one of three colors: steel blue, dusty rose and dusk lavender. The matrons of honor both wore dusk lavender. The attendants each carried a bouquet of white hydrangeas with a touch of pink and blue color and the stems wrapped in an Irish linen handkerchief.

The flower girl, Sofia Mobley, was adorable in a matching chiffon pink dress and is the daughter of Romanita and Rodney Mobley.

The best men were Nicolas Dickinson of Port St. Joe, Fla. and Noah Beckham, the groom's brother, of Fernandina Beach. The groomsmen were Drew Bowman of Fernandina

Beach, Preston Rhoden of Starke, Christian Thornton of Fernandina Beach, and Michael Lee of Yulee, Fla.

The groom wore a light gray tuxedo with a steel blue tie and grey vest. The groomsmen all wore the same tuxedo with a tie and vest in steel blue or dusty rose. Additionally, he and his groomsmen all wore green socks with white shamrocks because it was also St. Patrick's Day.

Curtis Reed, the bride's nephew, and Brayden Riddick each carried signs announcing the bride would soon follow. Curtis is the son of Robby and Stephanie Reed and Brayden is the son of Kirsten and Clayton Riddick. Rodney Mobley served as usher.

Dining and dancing followed in a reception at the Officer's Club in the Camp Blanding Joint Training Center. The song of the couple's first dance was "Running Home to You" by Grant Gustin. The wedding cake was a four-layered cake with cascading hydrangeas and butter cream icing. The flavors were strawberry and vanilla. The cake was made by Marty Rhoden, a very close family friend.

Joel and Melanie Beckham, parents of the groom, hosted a rehearsal dinner Friday, March 16, 2018, Hampton, Fla. The groom's cake was served at the rehearsal dinner. It was a two-layer chocolate cake with chocolate cream icing. It was topped with chocolate-covered strawberries, two of which were decorated to look like a bride and groom. The cake was also made by Marty Rhoden.

The bride is a 2008 graduate of Grace Christian in Florahome, Fla. and graduated in 2014 from Florida Gateway College in Lake City, Fla. She works for Century Ambulance Services, Inc.

The groom is a 2012 graduate of Fernandina Beach High School in Fernandina Beach and graduated from Floridate State Fire College in 2014-15. He also works for Century Ambulance Services, Inc.

The couple spent their honeymoon in Gatlinburg, Tenn. and will like in Starke.

'What will you do?'

God delivereth and rescueth, and He worketh signs and wonders in heaven and in Earth.

At times we want God to rescue us from certain pits and He doesn't. He wants us to learn that His grace is sufficient in the pit, and He gives us peace in the very presence of enemy forces. God wants His children to recognize His presence with them when they are scraping the bottom of the barrel and everything around them spells destruction and defeat. The question is never "what will God do when it appears that our number is up?" The question is "what will we do?"

We may not be able to



NOW AND THEN

Maybelle Kirkland

escape the pit, but in the midst of it we can believe in our God.

We may not be able to conquer the lions in our lives, but then we don't have to. Our job is to be innocent and

continually serve our God. We may not be able to stop legislation from being enacted against us, but we can still kneel in prayer and thanksgiving before our God.

Let's stop exhausting ourselves by fighting the enemy and conditions around us. They are too many. Enter into His rest, worship Him and be innocent of all charges hurled at us by those jealous, insecure, and scared because of our position with God and man. We don't need to be rescued from the enemy because Jesus has already rescued us from their power. Just continue to trust and believe in, and never doubt, Him.

Birthday wishes to Shawn Wingard, Tylinda Sharper, Keegan Brennan, Velvet Holland-Brown, Jerrick Jones and Minnie Johnson. Hope to see you all at the Shrimp Festival this week.

SOUTHSIDE ELEMENTARY TOP READERS



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These students from Southside Elementary recently received the most Accelerated Reader points in their grade level during the third nine weeks of school. They were invited to a special luncheon to celebrate their accomplishment. Pictured from left are, first row, Oliver Kimball, Kyleigh Land, Grady Harrell, Nikita Geter, and Leia Andersen; second row, Lulu Hicks, Sara Drawdy, Lexi Hopson, Chance McDonald, and Ryan Broughton; third row, John William Martin, Avery Lentz, Olivia Whitehead, Yesenia Diaz-Garcia, and Nolan Thelen; and fourth row, Principal Marlena Palmer and Media Specialist Kim Hicks.

District opens satellite offices

Do you ever have the need to visit the Nassau County School District administration office located at 1201 Atlantic Avenue in Fernandina Beach? Do you find yourself driving 20 plus miles to get there? Is it a trip that takes you more than an hour these days?

The Nassau County School District now has

two satellite offices. The westside location is at 45021 Third Ave. in Callahan and the Yulee location is at 86207 Felmore Road in Yulee. The offices will provide a place for parent meetings, employee meetings, staff meetings, and support. If you have questions or would like to schedule a meeting, call 491-9900.

Notice of Meeting
Amelia Walk
Community Development District

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Amelia Walk Community Development District will be held on **Tuesday, May 15, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. at the Amelia Walk Amenity Center, 85287 Majestic Walk Circle, Fernandina Beach, Florida 32034.** The meeting is open to the public and will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Florida Law for Community Development Districts. A copy of the agenda for this meeting may be obtained from the District Manager, 475 West Town Place, Suite 114, St. Augustine, Florida 32092 (and phone (904) 940-5850). This meeting may be continued to a date, time, and place to be specified on the record at the meeting. There may be occasions when one or more Supervisors will participate by telephone.

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David deNagy
District Manager

His Life
for Mine

My father was a firefighter for years and he loved every minute of it. I asked him why he loved it so much. He replied, "There's nothing like hearing someone say thank you for saving their life and being able to say 'you're welcome.'" I couldn't help but think this must be what Jesus feels when we are truly grateful for His sacrifice. Take time to show your gratitude.

Weekly Bible Trivia

What happened to the army of Pharaoh?
(answer found in this week's scripture reading)

Sunday Exodus 14:1-5
Monday Exodus 14:6-10
Tuesday Exodus 14:11-13
Wed. Exodus 14:14-18
Thurs. Exodus 14:19-21
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HAMRICK BECOMES EAGLE SCOUT



Yulee High School senior Joshua Hamrick of Boy Scout Troop 152, which is chartered by the Yulee Lions Club, earned the rank of Eagle Scout in March. His project included the restoration and preservation project at Fort Clinch that included 169 service hours. He has earned 80 merit badges and has been an active member in the Order of the Arrow, an honor society within the Boy Scouts. In addition, he's active in his church and participated in the National Jamboree at the Summit in West Virginia in 2013. Hamrick plans to pursue a career in engine maintenance.

SUBMITTED

City educates citizens on flood management

The city of Fernandina Beach has obtained a flood simulation model in an effort to further educate the community on flood dangers and prevention methods, according to a news release.

"Right now, we are scheduling presentations in local fifth grade classrooms, but our goal is to reach even more citizens", Angie Lester, administrative coordinator in the city's Building Department, said in the release. She plans to set up a booth at the Fernandina Beach Market Place farmers market in May and will also be manning a booth at this weekend's Isle of Eight Flags Shrimp Festival. Each of these activities garners the city points in the National Flood Insurance Program Community Rating System, a voluntary incentive program that recognizes and encourages community floodplain management activities. A high rating results in discounted flood insurance premium rates for citizens.

The city previously borrowed a similar device from the Florida Floodplain Manager's Association that was shared with students at the city's Atlantic Recreation Center and fifth grade students at Yulee Elementary School. Thanks to the educational program Lester created, "Traveling Floodplain," she, along with representatives from Nassau County, was asked to present at the recent statewide FFMA conference. Lester was also awarded a scholarship from the FFMA for the National Association of Floodplain Managers' conference in Phoenix, Ariz., which



CITY OF FERNANDINA BEACH/SPECIAL
Angie Lester received a scholarship from the Florida Floodplain Managers Association for the National Association of Floodplain Managers' Conference in Phoenix, Ariz. in recognition of "Traveling Floodplain," an education program she created. She appears with Del Schwalls, president of FFMA.

has been recognized as the most important floodplain conference in the United States.

"I am excited to take a course on Elevation Certificates and natural ways to earn more CRS credits", noted Lester.

For additional information or questions regarding floodplain management and relevant educational tools, contact Building Official/Floodplain Manager Tony Perez-Guerra at tperez@fbfl.org or 310-3139.



CITY OF FERNANDINA BEACH/SPECIAL
Lester and City Planner Jacob Platt presented Lester's "Traveling Floodplain" program at the Atlantic Recreation Center last year.

City employee becomes Certified Floodplain Manager

Fernandina Beach Stormwater Manager Andre Desilet recently completed the process and examination to become an Association of State Floodplain Managers, Inc. certified floodplain manager, according to a news release.

The CFM exam is a three-hour, 120 multiple-choice question, closed book test. Exam topics include floodplain mapping, flood insurance, and natural solutions. Prior to the test, Desilet participated in two days of lectures presented by Del Schwalls, chairman of the Florida Floodplain Manager's Association. These classes, titled "Fundamentals



Desilet

of Floodplain Management" and "Determining the Base of Flood Elevation," were not comprehensive.

Desilet studied many nights to pass the exam, which has a pass/fail rate of about 50 percent, according to the exam's proctor.

"The knowledge I gained from preparing for this certification provides tools to better

prioritize drainage projects and evaluate improvements," Desilet said. "Additionally, I learned a lot of information regarding funding opportunities, cost sharing, and mitigation grants. I'll now be more effective in applying for grants."

City Planner Jake Platt and Building Official Tony Perez-Guerra are also certified floodplain managers. Perez-Guerra acts as the city floodplain administrator.

More information regarding ASFPM and its CFM certification program can be found at floods.org.

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were not budgeted for the 2017-18 fiscal year.

"I don't believe we have any money included in this year's budget for dredging because the plan was we would fix the southern attenuator (and) then we would remove the southern docks as part of this fiscal year," Martin said. "Then, at the start of the next fiscal year we would match the FIND money and do the dredging while the southern docks were pulled, and then restore the southern docks. It's not included in this year's budget so we would need to use our reserve money. This does not come out of the capital fund. It comes out of the general fund because dredging is not a capital expense."

"Do we want to review that decision?" Vice Mayor Len Kreger asked. "Is there a capability to do that with the resources out there?"

The commission instructed Martin to "crunch the numbers," determine the costs and logistics involved in dredging the south basin and bring the information back to the commissioners at a future meeting.

"It all comes down to money," Martin said.

Local resident Paul Lore also spoke about the marina. He told the commission that he has

started a grassroots effort to support efforts to restore the marina - Citizens for the Restoration of Fernandina Harbor Marina.

"We want to help focus leadership, express desires and educate the public about the city marina," Lore said. "This is the First Coast, and we should have a first class marina. A harbor is such a central gathering place. It could be the heartbeat of the city."

The city is robust with maritime and shrimping history, Lore said, and the marina should be the centerpiece of the island.

"I think the marina needs to be a priority," he said.

Lore said the group has 16 members so far. Commission members thanked him for his involvement.

In other business, the commission:

- Proclaimed May 4-6 as the 55th Annual Isle of Eight Flags Shrimp Festival;
- Proclaimed May as National Bike Month;
- Proclaimed May as Mental Health First Aid Month;
- Proclaimed May 1 through Oct. 31 as sea turtle nesting season;
- Approved an amendment with the Florida Department of Transportation for the maintenance of traffic signals in city limits;
- Declared some vehicles as

surplus and authorized auctioning them;

- Approved an election agreement between the city and the Nassau County Supervisor of Elections;

- Approved extension of water services to and annexation of property on TJ Courson Road;

- Awarded a \$80,360 contract to Live Oak Management for construction of special event driveways for the golf course and airport;

- Approved a proposal from Insituform Technologies to perform storm sewer line repair in an amount not to exceed \$60,000 as a piggyback agreement with the city of Daytona Beach;

- Entered into an agreement with IMS Infrastructure Management Services to examine, analyze and prioritize city road needs; the city manager will negotiate a contract with the firm;
- Discussed a city manager goal review and assessment;
- Heard an update on HB 631, which affects beach access and private property owner rights, from City Attorney Tammi Bach; and

- Approved a preliminary plat for Amelia Bluff subdivision, creating 30 home sites. The development will be between on Citrona Drive.
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STATE-BOUND HORNETS



SPECIAL PHOTOS

Yulee High School will be represented in the 2A state track meet by Malik Brown, Sydney Lake and Darion Dixon. Brown and Lake both qualified in the discus, and Dixon will compete in the 300-meter hurdles. The state meet is today and Saturday at the University of North Florida. Fernandina Beach's Walker Bean and John Sorensen also qualified.

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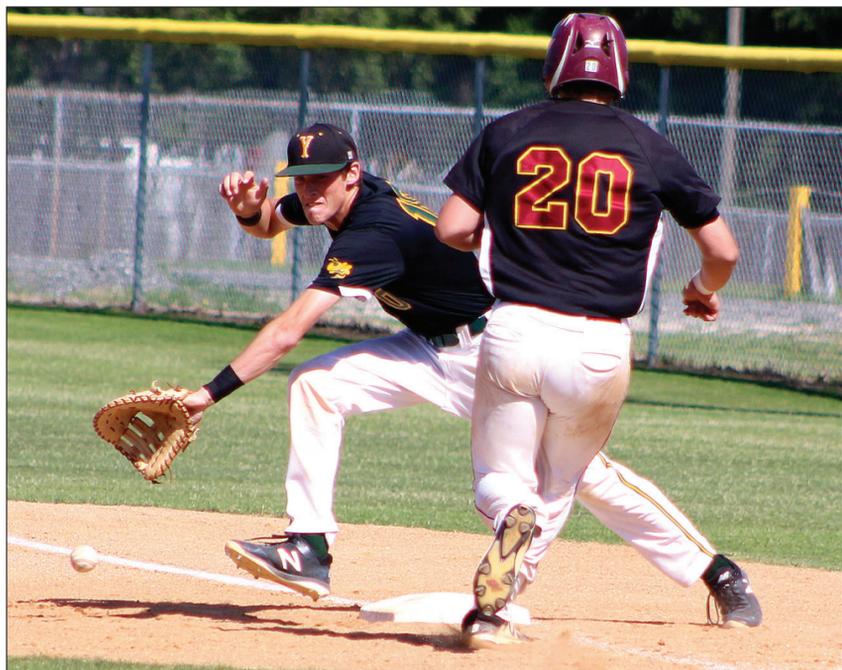


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Fernandina Beach High School is hosting the District 4-5A baseball tournament this week, and semifinal matches were held Tuesday, eliminating all but the finalists. Yulee, the top seed, beat West Nassau Tuesday and Bishop Kenny defeated the hosts to advance to Thursday's title game. Nick Love, above left, picked up his eighth win of the season in Yulee's 12-2 win over West Nassau in the opening game Tuesday. Josh Bedell had two hits and a pair of RBIs, and Braxton Wall, above right, added two hits. "We hit it well but just right at guys early, and then they started finding some holes," said Fred Matricardi, first-year head coach at Yulee High School. "Give West Nassau credit. They were ready to play. It was 1-1 in the fourth, and we scored nine to put the game away. I'm proud of our guys. Nineteen wins is a school record, and we are playing for a district championship. We've talked about being in this position since September. Our kids have bought in and now we play a very good Bishop Kenny team on Thursday. Our kids should be loose and just go play. We're in the playoffs next week so let's go let everything hang out (Thursday)." In the night cap Tuesday, Bishop Kenny ousted No. 2 seed FBHS 11-2.



Aidan Sweatt scores the Pirates' second and final run Tuesday night, above left. A Bishop Kenny runner scrambles back to first base, above right.



A Warrior heads to first base, manned by Yulee first baseman Avery Love, above left. Tripp Vonnoh, right, was on the mound for the Pirates Tuesday.

SPORTS SHORTS

Pirate summer camps

The Fernandina Beach High School boys basketball coach Matt Schreiber will host two camps this summer, a basketball camp from 9 a.m. to noon June 4-7 and an all-sports camp from 9 a.m. to noon June 11-14 at the FBHS gym.

The all-sports camp includes badminton, basketball, kickball, ping pong, volleyball and soccer.

The camp is open to boys and girls entering third through ninth grades next school year. Camp objectives include improving skill level, enhancing knowledge of rules and strategies and teaching the importance of good sportsmanship.

Fee is \$100. Register the first day of camp. For information, contact Schreiber at 635-2612.

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 May 19 and June 9. Registration starts at 7:45 a.m. Fee is \$10.

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

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

Soccer tryouts

Amelia Island Youth Soccer is holding travel team tryouts. Register by today. Tryouts are from 6-7:30 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 players and licensed coaches should email diradvcomp@aivsoccer.com. To register, visit www.aivsoccer.com.

Joggin' for Frogmen 5K

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

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

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

Go to www.jogginforfrogmen.com/ameliailandfl for information and to register. Early registrations indicate even more runners will participate in 2018.

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

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.

Youth lacrosse

Amelia Island Nassau County Youth Lacrosse is a developmental youth lacrosse program for youths ages 8-12. Registration is now open for

the spring season. There are teaching clinics throughout the year. No prior experience or knowledge of the sport is required.

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

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

Boules Club

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

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

NSFA meets

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

The Nassau Sport Fishing Association, founded in 1983, is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization created to develop and promote saltwater fishing in the Nassau County area while adhering to state, federal and local regulations, to encourage compliance with rules of water safety by club members and the general public, and to promote youth-related community and other civic-minded activities.

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

Monster Jam

Tickets for the all-new Monster Jam Triple Threat Series are 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.

Purchase tickets at www.MonsterJam.com.

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.ameliailandcycling.com, www.ameliailandtrail.org or www.nfbc.us for information.

Bowling leagues

Senior league bowling is offered at 9:30 a.m. Wednesdays at the bowling alley off U.S. 17 in Yulee. The group also meets for Christian league at 6 p.m. Thursdays.

Auxiliary meets

U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, Amelia Island Flotilla 14-1 meets the first Thursday in the Amelia Island Lighthouse Cottage, located on O'Hagan Lane on Lighthouse Circle. Call 261-1889 for information.

To submit an item for this column, contact Beth Jones at 261-3696 or email information to bjones@fbnewsleader.com.

CONGRATULATIONS, LADY PIRATES!



JULIA ROBERTS/NEWS-LEADER

The Nassau County School Board recognized the Fernandina Beach High School girls basketball team May 31 at its meeting for the Lady Pirates' successful 2017-18 campaign and advancing to the Final Four. Pictured, from left, are assistant principal Chris Webber, head coach Jacob Nantz, interim principal Dr. John Mazzella, Lady Pirates Riley Webber, Yoleimy Diaz, Alexis Schulz, Kaylan Mitchell, Zada Freeman, Erica Foote, Hannah Chestnut and Sydne Caddy and athletic director Mary Walker.

GOOD PROBLEM



The Good Problem fishing team out of Fernandina Beach placed first and third in the kingfish division of the Rock the Dock Fishing Tournament in Panama over the weekend. Captained by James Powell, the team includes, from left, James Powell, Bubba McKendree and Bradley Ecklof, pictured with the winning fish of 50.75 pounds. The third-place fish weighed 33.2 pounds. Not pictured: Leslie Brinkley.

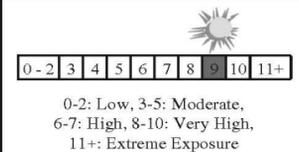
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The News Leader Weather Summary

Fernandina Beach's Seven Day Forecast

Day	Icon	Temp
Friday	Sunny	81 / 65
Saturday	Sunny	82 / 69
Sunday	Partly Cloudy	80 / 71
Monday	Isolated T-storms	78 / 67
Tuesday	Partly Cloudy	77 / 66
Wednesday	Few Showers	74 / 63
Thursday	Partly Cloudy	77 / 66

Local UV Index



Weather Trivia

What are the two standard types of weather satellites?

Answer: Geostationary and polar orbiting.

Weather History

May 4, 1977 - A tornado 500 yards in width struck Pleasant Hill, Mo. severely damaging the high school and grade school. Only minor injuries were reported among the more than 1,000 teachers and students, due to excellent warnings and prior tornado drills.

Peak Fishing/Hunting Times This Week

Day	AM	PM
Fri	3:51-5:51	4:15-6:15
Sat	4:39-6:39	5:04-7:04
Sun	5:27-7:27	5:51-7:51
Mon	6:14-8:14	6:38-8:38

Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonsset
Fri	6:39 a.m.	8:06 p.m.	Prev Day	10:10 a.m.
Sat	6:38 a.m.	8:06 p.m.	12:21 a.m.	10:58 a.m.
Sun	6:37 a.m.	8:07 p.m.	1:07 a.m.	11:49 a.m.
Mon	6:36 a.m.	8:08 p.m.	1:50 a.m.	12:42 p.m.
Tue	6:36 a.m.	8:08 p.m.	2:29 a.m.	1:36 p.m.
Wed	6:35 a.m.	8:09 p.m.	3:07 a.m.	2:30 p.m.
Thu	6:34 a.m.	8:10 p.m.	3:42 a.m.	3:26 p.m.

Last Week's Almanac & Growing Degree Days

Date	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Farmer's Growing Degree Days
4/25	81	63	82/58	0.00"	22
4/26	75	58	82/58	0.00"	16
4/27	83	65	82/59	0.00"	24
4/28	77	60	82/59	0.00"	18
4/29	78	61	82/59	0.00"	
4/30	73	65	83/60	0.00"	
5/1	77	58	83/59	0.00"	

Tides This Week

Fernandina Beach				St. Mary's Entrance			
Date	High	Low	Time	Date	High	Low	Time
Fri	12:22 am	6:29 am	12:39 pm	Fri	12:03 pm	6:26 am	None
Sat	1:03 am	7:14 am	1:22 pm	Sat	12:27 am	7:11 am	12:46 pm
Sun	1:46 am	8:02 am	2:07 pm	Sun	1:10 am	7:59 am	1:31 pm
Mon	2:32 am	8:53 am	2:57 pm	Mon	1:56 am	8:50 am	2:21 pm
Tue	3:24 am	9:44 am	3:52 pm	Tue	2:48 am	9:41 am	3:16 pm
Wed	4:19 am	10:34 am	4:49 pm	Wed	3:43 am	10:31 am	4:13 pm
Thu	5:16 am	11:23 am	5:45 pm	Thu	4:40 am	11:20 am	5:09 pm

StarWatch By Gary Becker - It's Leo Time

My Tuesday/Thursday class had an exceptionally clear evening on April 10; however, temperatures went below freezing before the end of the event. One of the star patterns that was especially noticeable was Leo the Lion, high in the south as soon as it got dark. To the Egyptians 4000 years ago, Leo served a practical purpose to everyone who lived along the Nile. When Leo was in conjunction with the sun, it was the "Time of the Lions," when the sun shone more directly on Egypt, heating the air and baking the ground, compelling the lions that lived in the neighboring hills to seek the refreshing waters of Egypt's lifeblood for relief. The Egyptians even had a reason for why it became so hot during that time of the year. The sun combined its powers with Leo's brightest star, Regulus, and the other prominent luminaries of the king of the beasts to produce the summer heat that drove the lions crazy with thirst. At the time of the construction of the Great Pyramid, 2560 BC, the sun actually occulted Regulus on July 12 (Gregorian Calendar) so that the lion was in close proximity to the sun from mid-June through mid-August. Today, the sun passes below Regulus, but it is close to Leo's alpha star from late July through late September. Why the change? Our calendar system is based upon the tropical year which results from the time interval between two successive crossings of the vernal equinox (first moment of spring) by the sun and not a full revolution of Earth around Sol which is about 20 minutes longer. The westward motion of the vernal equinox transpires because the Earth's axis wobbles in a nearly 26,000-year cycle called the precession of the equinoxes. By using the tropical year instead of the exact orbital period of Earth, holidays stay in sync with the seasons. Christmas will always remain in step with early winter, but the stars of Christmas will slowly change to become the stars we observe in early summer. That will take about 12,000 years. Check out Leo the Lion by first finding the Big Dipper high in the NE right after dark. Then take the Dipper's two Pointer Stars, Dubhe and Merak, and instead of using them to find the North Star by traveling left, move to the right in a straight line across the sky until you see a backwards question mark. That is the head and part of the body of Leo. Bright Regulus will be the "dot" at the bottom of the backwards question mark. To the left of the question mark, three stars form a distinctive triangle which becomes the hindquarters of the lion. Putting it all together gives one the impression that the lion really represents the Egyptian sphinx. Check it out! I'm not lying about the Lion or the sphinx. It's really cool to see! www.astronomy.org



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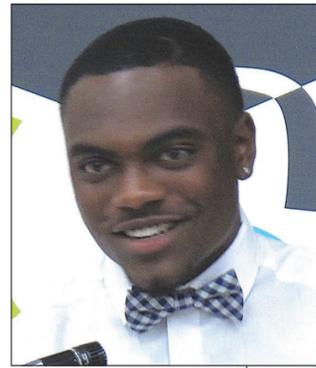
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On May 1 at Wildlight Elementary School in Yulee, Take Stock in Children Nassau celebrated 27 graduates from four county high schools who earned college scholarships through the organization's program. Students who might otherwise have been unable to attain their dreams of attending college were selected for participation in TSIC while still in middle school and agreed to meet rigorous standards toward earning scholarships. The program, now in its 20th year, pairs volunteer mentors from the community with each student. One hundred percent of TSIC students have gone on to college and 93 percent have earned college degrees. The event also recognized 22 new middle school inductees into the program. Culinary students under the direction of Chef Castleberry from Florida State College at Jacksonville provided catering for the event, including the celebratory cake.



"Don't follow the crowd. Once you set your goals of who you want to be, don't let anything stop you."

BEATRICE DAVIS, YULEE HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE



2018 FBHS graduate Jordan Parker was among TSIC seniors chosen to give words of encouragement to new inductees into the program. Parker also earned a football scholarship and will be attending the University of West Florida in Pensacola this fall.

Longtime TSIC mentor Patsy Page received recognition for her mentorship of four students over the past 12 years.



"This is the greatest opportunity you will get. Don't take it lightly."

AMANDA WHITE, HILLIARD MIDDLE-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

TSIC Executive Director Dr. Andrea Cummings presided over the May 1 celebration of 2018 high school graduates and new inductees into Take Stock in Children. The 2018 graduating seniors, their school of higher education, and their mentors are:

Student	School	Mentor
William Alvarez	UNF	Michael Mazuryk
Olivia Arenburgh	Valencia College	Patsy Page
Thainique Bailey	UNF	Mary Alice Southwick
John Brooker	FSCJ	Brad Reese
Davis Brown	TCC	Bill Moser
Beatrice Davis	FSU	Patsy Martin
Javier Fonseca Diaz	FSCJ	Brian Syme
Gabriel Grego	FSCJ	Tom Oden
Joshua Hamrick	JTI	Gregory Caldwell
Jacob Hetzel	FSCJ	Ed O'Rourke
Kristin Kirkus	FSCJ	Kimberly Syme
Savanna McDonald	FSCJ	Phyllis Sipes
Jordan Parker	UNF	Jamie Deonas
Alexis Peoples	Flagler College	Joyce Finley
Marvin Portillo	UF	Jay Kayne
Jaya Riley	FSU	Patricia Hayden
Andrea Rodriguez	FSCJ	Sandra Taylor
Chyna Romydy	Emmanuel College	Gail Cook
Kyndle Schneider	FSU	Georgia Murray
Lillian Shank	FSCJ	Cindee Rowe
Anthony Thomas	FSCJ	Danny Rivera
Emily Wate	UNF	Phyllis Holmes
Charles Wate III	FSCJ	Wade Williams
Halie Wheat	UNF	Shelley Hirsch
Jhania Williams	UNF	Thea Seagraves
Amanda Wilhite	FSU	Barbara Leech
Brittany Wright	FSCJ	Cynthia Holler

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FBHS holds annual senior awards ceremony

MICHAEL MILLER
News-Leader

Fernandina Beach High School recently held its senior awards ceremony to recognize students not only for scholastic achievement but also for excellence in the arts, for the ability to balance athletics and academics, for dedication to military and community service, and for student leadership.

This year's class was offered more than \$3 million in awards and scholarships, not including assistance from the Florida Bright Futures program, the value of which varies from student to

student.

While a listing of all students who received awards and scholarship offers follows, one recipient warrants special mention.

FBHS senior Josie Kilburn was recognized as a National Merit Scholarship finalist. She also won the Ted Steger Memorial Physics award and was named the top Senior Math/Science Student. In addition, she was recognized as an Advanced Placement Scholar of Distinction and is eligible for a Florida Bright Futures scholarship. FBHS faculty named her the female Best All Around Student.

Dozens of scholarship awards were presented to selected students by community organizations and individuals. The amount of these awards ranged from \$500 to more than \$5,000 per recipient. One student had the distinction of receiving more than five community awards.

Abby Hamilton was recipient of awards from FBHS Business Partners, Rotary Club, Federated Republican Women's Club of Nassau, GFWC Woman's Club of Fernandina Beach, Nassau County Gator Club, and the John Vrabec Shadow Foundation. She was also recognized as an Advanced

Placement Scholar with Distinction and presented with the Pirate Principal's Award for Excellence. She is eligible for a Florida Bright Futures tuition scholarship.

Other multiple community award winners were James Baker (4), Gabrielle Gibb (3), Samantha Maltagliati (3), Martin Tolxdorf (3), Walker Bean (2), and Lauren Walker (2).

Additional students receiving a scholarship award from a community organization were as follows: Amber Sell, Anna Arato, Lilly Basse, Carly Beverly, Katarina Brill, Emily Colson, Dea Dvalishvili, Jenna Edwards, Elijah

Evans, David Gray, Hannah Grinde, Sarah Kelly, Brody Mandelbaum, Demitria Pollard, Savannah Ramsey, John "Tripp" Vonnoh, Masha Yarborough, Max Yarborough.

The Rotary Club awarded six scholarships totaling \$17,000, while the U.S. Constitution Scholarship Foundation awarded one of its five \$5,000 scholarships to an FBHS student.

Eight students received scholarships in the amount of \$17,630 each from Take Stock in Children Nassau: Hogan Alvarez, Thanique Bailey, Matt

AWARDS Continued on 3B



Amelia Community Theatre

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

• One-Week Acting Camp

– June 4-8, 9 a.m. to noon; ages 7-12; tuition – \$100

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

• Two-Week Musical Theater Camp

– June 18-30, 9 a.m. to noon; ages 8-12; tuition – \$200

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

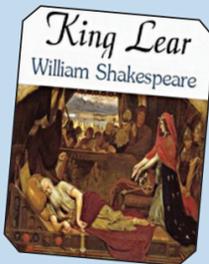
– This camp will present a production of *Mary Poppins Jr.* on ACT's Main Stage at 207 Cedar St. in Fernandina Beach at 7 p.m. June 29 and 1 p.m. June 30.

Campers must be available for the performances to sign up for the camp. Notes: 8 year olds must have completed the second grade or equivalent; 12 year olds have the option of registering for either the morning or the all-day session.

• Two-Week Shakespeare Camp

July 2-14, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.; ages 12-18; tuition – \$150

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



Girl Scouts

Girl Scouts of Gateway Council has announced 2018 summer camps open to girls of Northeast Florida. This year, GSGC is offering summer camp experiences at two different locations. Camp Kateri near Gainesville and North Fork in Middleburg will be the selected sites for Girl Scout activities this summer and will offer a variety of session themes that will allow campers to earn Archery, Gardener, Adventurer, STEM and Survival badges.

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

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

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

Teens who have completed high school will be able to earn their Counselor in Training designations. With the approval from a Girl Scout camp director, Counselors in Training have the opportunity to mentor and work with younger girls in a camp and outdoor setting.

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



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Through outdoor experiences like canoeing, kayaking and sailing, girls can get out of their comfort zones to take healthy risks, try new things and create their own one-of-a-kind experience at Girl Scouts summer camps.

Royal Dance Academy

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



• Sing Your Heart Out

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



• Harry Potter

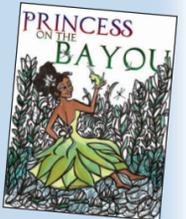
– July 9-13: Students will create magical props, act as Hermione, Ginny, Draco, Dobby and more, join a Hogwarts House and sign and dance to new songs. Live performance is at 2:30 p.m. July 13.

• Princess on the Bayou

– July 16-20: Students will bring Princess Tiana to life along with her friends and their singing frogs, act as Tiana, Charlotte, Juju, Mama Odie, Stella, Evangeline and Prince Naveen, sing songs like "Down in New Orleans" and "Almost There," create costumes and props for cooking, dance and frogs, draw and paint the backdrop and dance to the great sounds of New Orleans. Live performance is at 2:30 p.m. July 20.

• Good Is the New Bad

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



Beginning Guitar

Beginning guitar summer camps for children from 9 to 12 years of age and 13 to 19 years of age are being offered by the Nassau County Adult Education Department this summer. They will run for one hour Monday through Thursday the weeks of June 11, 18 and 25 and the weeks of July 9, 16 and 23. The 9 to 13 year old camps will be at 10 a.m. or 1 p.m. The 13 to 19 year old camps will be at 11 a.m. or 2 p.m. The camps will be held in the Team Center at the Nassau County School District's administration building at 1201 Atlantic Ave. in Fernandina Beach. The class limit for each class is six. Cost is \$40 for instruction and materials. Guitars will be available for use in the class. Students will learn basic chords and well known songs to go with the chords they have learned. Different chords will be taught in each of the weekly sessions so you could mix and match the sessions as well. Call Michelle at 650-823-1767 to register and for more information.

Horse Camp

Ki-lin Stables in Yulee is offering camps for children 5-13 who are interested in horses. The camps are suitable for

beginner to advanced riders and will include daily riding, basic equestrian care, arts and crafts and other horse-related activities. The camp will have three sessions: June 11-15, June 25-29 and July 16-20. The cost of each session is \$250 per participant and runs from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Snacks and drinks will be provided. Care before and after camp hours is an additional \$10 per hour. Sibling discounts and single day prices are also available. A non-refundable deposit of \$125 or tuition paid in full is required at least 14 days before the first day of each camp session. Cash, checks and PayPal are accepted. For information, call 446-8643.

Arts Alive Nassau

Arts Alive Nassau is offering the following summers camps.

• Swashbucklers & Sea Fairies: An arts and crafts camp for students from 9 to 12 that will use artistic and creative talents in a variety of ways while focusing on themes of pirates and mermaids.

– Cost of \$75 includes all supplies;

– Monday to Wednesday from 9 a.m. to noon;

– June 18-20 at New Vision Congregational Church, 96072

Chester Road, Yulee;

– June 25-27 at Story & Song Neighborhood Bookstore Bistro, 1430 Park Ave., Fernandina Beach;

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

– Cost of \$120 includes six sessions

– Monday to Wednesday from 10 a.m. to noon

– July 9-11 and 16-18 at New Vision Congregational Church, 96072 Chester Road, Yulee

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

Boys & Girls Clubs

The Nassau County Boys & Girls Clubs will conduct sum-

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ON & OFF THE ISLAND

'ONE GOOD MAMA BONE'

Noted author Bren McClain will be at Story and Song Bookstore Bistro doing readings and signings of her debut novel, *One Good Mama Bone*, at 3 p.m. today. Set in early 1950s rural South Carolina, the story chronicles Sarah Creamer's quest to find her "mama bone" when a child who's not her own, but the product of an affair between her husband and her best friend and neighbor, is thrust into her



care. Story and Song Bookstore Bistro is located at 1430 Park Ave. in Fernandina Beach. For more information, call 601-2118.

JAX AQUAFEST 2018

MOSH, the City of Jacksonville Environmental Protection Board and the St. Johns Riverkeeper will present Jax AquaFest 2018 on Saturday to help demonstrate the ways Florida residents can reclaim and conserve water for future generations. Activities will include a waterless carnival, river tours from the St. Johns Riverkeeper, guided tours

of the JEA HydroLogic Exhibit and Hixon Native Courtyard, special guest speakers and Invertebrate Encounter at the VyStar Intertidal Touch Tank. The event will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Admission to the MOSH will be free but exclude planetarium shows. For more information, visit www.themosh.org.



OUT AND ABOUT

THIS WEEKEND

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

The Dynamic Les DeMerle Jazz Trio with Bonnie Eisele will Swing Into Spring with performances at Horizons Restaurant, 5472 First Coast Highway on Amelia Island. The group is scheduled to perform 6 to 9 p.m. today and Saturday as well as May 25-26. For reservations, call 321-2430. \$15 music charge.

NEXT WEEK

Ballroom On Amelia offers Two for Tuesday group classes with East Coast Swing at 7 p.m. followed by Foxtrot at 8 p.m. Tuesday classes are \$10 per person or both for \$15. Latin in Motion fitness class are at 7:45 p.m. Wednesdays. A dance workshop is offered from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Thursdays. Wednesday and Thursday classes are \$10 per person. There will be no Friday Night Dance Party in May. Ballroom On Amelia is at 1897 Island Walkway at RAD Studios. Neither a partner nor a reservation is required. For information, call 624-0886 or visit ballroomonamelia.com or the Ballroom on Amelia Facebook page.

The Amelia Island Quilt Guild will hold its monthly meeting Tuesday, May 8, 2018 from 6:30 to 9 p.m. This month's program is "Let's All Applique," featuring four master-level quilters who incorporate appliqué in their work.

Donna Pearce, Andrea Godling, Kathy Charnell and Ellie Boette will demonstrate a specific appliqué technique and allow participants to practice during the program. This hands-on learning opportunity is geared to all levels of fabric art lovers.

Materials to bring are two pieces of contrasting felt at least 6 x 6 square with one piece cut into a simple shape (i.e. heart, tree, circle, oval); four 5 x 5 squares; thread and needle. Optional supplies include small scissors and small hand iron. AIQG meetings are held at the GFWC Woman's Club, located at 201 Jean LaFitte Ave. in Fernandina Beach. For more information, visit aiquilts.com.

Dickie Anderson will offer a presentation highlighting some of the homes found in Amelia Island's unique historic district at 5 p.m. May 9 at Story & Song Neighborhood Bookstore Bistro. Her book, *Great Homes of Fernandina: Architectural Treasures from Amelia Island's Golden Age*, shares stories of the community leaders who built the beautiful Victorian-era homes that have made Fernandina Beach a living museum. Anderson is a docent and volunteer at the Amelia Island Museum of History, writes a weekly column for the *News-Leader* and articles for the *Amelia Islander Magazine*. Her book will be available for purchase at the event. The store is located at 1430 Park Ave. in Fernandina Beach.

Amelia Community Theatre will hold auditions for *An Act of God* at 6:30 p.m. May 9 at 209 Cedar Street. Three men are needed for the cast of this comedy by David Javerbaum, which starred Jim Parsons on Broadway. In the play, God and his wingmen, Michael and Gabriel, revisit the Ten Commandments and answer some of the questions that have plagued mankind since creation. Laura Swaim will direct the ACT production, which is rated R, with performances in July on the studio stage. For more information, call 261-6749 or visit amelia-communitytheatre.org.

The White Oak Conservation Foundation will hold Winos for Rhinos at 5:30 p.m. May 10. The event includes a tour of the organization's new and expanding rhino facilities where you will meet rhinos and their caretakers to learn about the conservation breeding programs at White Oak. During your stops at the different areas, you will receive a refreshing beverage that wine stewards will describe to you while you enjoy hors d'oeuvres from White Oak's culinary staff. The tour will finish at Gilman Hall, where you will enjoy a gourmet dinner and have the opportunity to recount the evening with your new friends. Cost is \$200 per person. Call 225-3396 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday for more details and to make reservations.

The Friends of the Library Book Club will meet Thursday, May 10, at 7 p.m. in the parlor at St. Peter's Episcopal Church to discuss *The Long Way* by Bernard Moitessier. The program is free, and open to the public. Future meeting dates and books to be discussed are June 14, *Never Let Me Go* by Kazuo Ishiguro; July 12, *Caleb's Crossing* by Geraldine Brooks; Aug. 9, *Sing, Unburied, Sing* by Jesmyn Ward; Sept. 13, *Persepolis* by Marjane Satrapi; Oct. 11,

The God of Small Things by Arundhati Roy; Nov. 8, *Being Mortal* by Atul Gawande; Dec. 13, *Daisy Miller* by Henry James; Jan. 10, *A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles; Feb. 14, *The Noise of Time* by Julian Barnes.

UPCOMING

The Amelia Island Genealogical Society will hold its regular monthly meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 15, in the Community Room of the Fernandina Beach Branch Library, located at 25 N. Fourth St. in Fernandina Beach. Melody Porter will present "Census First." The census is a timeline to our ancestors — names, places and other data — but what about reading the rest of the columns and the census taker's notes? Porter has taken the time to do exactly that and will pass on the information. This presentation is great for those new to genealogy as well as intermediate researchers who need to go back and take another look at things they might have missed. All censuses through 1940 will be covered. Porter began her career in banking and mortgage finance, but as business transformed and began using computer software, she became a business analyst and project manager. She is a lover of history and family stories. In her spare time, she has been researching her genealogy for over 30 years. Escaping to Thomasville, Ga., she is pursuing genealogy fulltime as a genealogy and history researcher, lecturer and writer. Porter specializes in Florida, Georgia and Native American research but has a soft spot for French and English history. Proud to be a Native American (both Cherokee and Choctaw), Porter is a voting member of the Western Cherokee Tribe in Oklahoma. She is a graduate of Agnes Scott College in Decatur, Ga. She has attended The Institute of Genealogy & Historical Research at Stamford University in Birmingham, Ala. as well as local, state and national genealogy conferences to stay current on the newest trends. As a DAR member, she is constantly improving her research skills by helping others join DAR. She has had her DNA tested as well as her parents' DNA and enjoys finding new cousins. The public welcome is welcome to attend.

The Amelia Island Museum of History will hold its next 3rd on 3rd Street presentation at 6 p.m. Friday, May 18. Special guest Medardo Monzon will present "The Genealogy of Genes." For centuries, genealogists have based their studies on ancient records and oral affidavits to establish line of descent. Fifty years after the discovery of DNA, the age of genealogical DNA testing was launched, providing us with scientific methods to prove relationships. But how were DNA and genes discovered? What are their lines of descent? This entertaining presentation will focus on describing the thrills, intrigue and espionage associated with the amazing race to solve the puzzle of this remarkable molecule by three competing scientific teams. Monzon will also describe the different types of DNA genetic testing, and will show how his own DNA test results encapsulate the story of human migration. Monzon began his career as an entrepreneur in his native Colombia, moving to the United States in 1981, where he worked for Dow Chemical, Equistar (now Lyondell) and International Paper. He obtained a chemistry degree from the National University of Colombia and a master degree in chemistry from Central Michigan University. He is a graduate of the "Mahler Advanced Management Skills Program" and is certified in neuro-linguistic programming and several personality diagnostics. Monzon is retired and a resident of Amelia Island. His hereditary material shows links to points across the globe: Europe, sub-Saharan Africa, East Asia and the Americas. This program is free for museum members with a suggested donation of \$5 for non-members. Seating is first-come, first-served. For more information, contact Gray at 261-7378, ext. 102, or gray@ameliamuseum.org. Amelia Island Museum of History is located at 233 S. Third St. in Fernandina Beach.

Amelia Community Theatre will present *The Phantom Tollbooth*, a play for young audiences and their families based on the classic novel by Norton Juster, at 7

WINOS FOR RHINOS

The White Oak Conservation Foundation will hold Winos for Rhinos at 5:30 p.m. May 10. The event includes a tour of the organization's new and expanding rhino facilities where you will meet rhinos and their caretakers to learn about the conservation breeding programs at White Oak. During your stops at the different areas, you will receive a refreshing beverage that wine stewards will describe to you while you enjoy hors d'oeuvres from White Oak's culinary staff. The tour will finish at Gilman Hall, where you will enjoy a gourmet dinner and have the opportunity to recount the evening with your new friends. Cost is \$200 per person. Call 225-3396 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday for more details and to make reservations.



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p.m. May 18-19 and 24-26 as well as at 2 p.m. May 20 and 26 in Studio 209, located at 209 Cedar St. in Fernandina Beach. The show is recommended for ages 5 and up; children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$8 for children and students. Call 261-6749 or visit amelia-communitytheatre.org for tickets and information.

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

The Amelia Island Museum of History will hold a Brown Bag Lunch at noon Wednesday, June 6. Special guest Chip Kirkpatrick will deliver a presentation entitled "Metal Detecting: Finding Buried Treasure on Amelia Island." Kirkpatrick will recount the fascinating history of the first metal detector, which was made by Alexander Graham Bell in an attempt to save the life of President James Garfield. He will then discuss metal detecting and tell us about some of his most interesting finds, including a silver medallion found by Kirkpatrick last January, which is believed to be of Scottish origin and may have a compelling connection to local history. Join us as we learn about metal detecting and the artifacts that provide a link between past and present. Kirkpatrick and his wife, Grace, are lifelong residents of Northeast Florida. Retired after 32 years with Bellsouth/AT&T, Kirkpatrick was an avid fisherman until a friend got him interested in metal detecting. He has sold his three boats and most of his fishing gear and now does "dirt fishing." His wife says he still gets as dirty as before but occasionally smells better at the end of the day. An avowed history buff, he despairs that "so much of our history is rusting and rotting away, in the ground beneath our feet." He is dedicated to recovering as much as possible, restoring it and finding places for it in schools, museums and libraries. 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. Amelia Island Museum of History is located at 233 S. 3rd St. in Fernandina Beach.

The kick-off event for the One Book, One Community program will be held at 6 p.m. June 7 at Café Karibo. The 2018 One Book, One Community event will feature bestselling author Steve Berry, who will discuss his recent book, *The Bishop's Pawn*. Professor Chris Twigg will serve as the guest moderator for the program. One Book, One Community is a county-wide program that encourages Nassau residents to read and discuss the same book. Various programs dealing with the theme, era and subject of the book will be offered throughout Nassau County. This program is in partnership with the Nassau County Public Library System and the Amelia Island Book Festival and is sponsored by the Fernandina Beach Friends of the Library. This is a plated, ticketed event that costs \$25 per person;

reservations need to be completed by June 4 and should be made early. Seating is limited. Plate choices are chicken dinner or vegetable lasagna. A cash bar will be available. Checks should be made payable to the Fernandina Beach Friends of the Library. For more information, visit the library website at nassaureads.com or call 530-6500.

Worldwide Knit in Public Day will be observed from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Saturday, June 9, at the Fernandina Beach Market. Anyone interested in knitting can learn about the craft as well as how to create world peace through knitting. Knitters are encouraged to bring a chair and their knitting. For more information, contact Barbara Cadwell at (715) 350-1967.

The Fernandina Beach High School Class of 1978 is planning its 40-year reunion. A meet and greet will be held at 5 p.m. Friday, Aug. 30, at Sandbar & Kitchen at Main Beach (no charge). Dinner and dancing will take place 6-10 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 1, at Walker's Landing (\$50 per person). A pre-reunion get-together will be held June 9 on Amelia River Cruises. For questions or more information, contact Johnny at 321-7875, Brenda at 753-0235, or Kim at 415-3243, or visit the FBHS Class of 1978 page on Facebook.

ONGOING

Resin epoxy, dirty pour art classes are being held 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays and Fridays at Clay Times Art Center, located at 112 S. Third St. in Fernandina Beach. All materials are provided for you to create your own 12-by-12-inch piece of art, which can be picked up the next day when it has cured to a glass-like finish. Cost is \$45. To register, contact Julie Delfs at 518-322-7937.

Four six-week adult beginning guitar classes are being offered by the Nassau County Adult Education Department beginning in June. Two classes will be held in the old middle school in Yulee at 850935 U.S. 17 in room 16-01 and will run on Tuesdays from June 12 to July 24 (no class July 3). The first class will run from 5:30 to 6:45 p.m. The second class will run from 6:45 to 8 p.m. The two other classes will be held in Fernandina Beach at the Nassau County School District administration building at 1201 Atlantic Ave. in the Team Center on Thursdays from June 14 to July 26 (no class July 5). The first class will run from 5:30 to 6:45 p.m. The second class will run from 6:45 to 8 p.m. The class limit for all classes is six. The cost for a class is \$80 for instruction and materials. Call Michelle at 650-823-1767 to register or for information.

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

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

ACBL Duplicate Bridge, Peck Center, 516 S. 10th St., Fernandina Beach. Amelia Island Duplicate Bridge Club

hosts the only sanctioned ACBL duplicate bridge games on the island. Monday, 1 p.m.; Wednesday, 9:30 a.m.; Thursday, 1 p.m. For information, contact fredstokes50@gmail.com or (770) 616-7664.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Guests on the Ghost Tour will learn Amelia Island ghost stories while they tiptoe through dark streets and walk in the footsteps of a bygone era as the past comes alive through the storytelling of your guide.

This tour begins at 6 p.m. every Friday. Meet your guide in the cemetery behind St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 801 Atlantic Ave. Tickets may be purchased at the Amelia Island Museum of History for \$10/adults and \$5/students, or before the tour with check or cash only.

Living in Recovery is a support group organized by the Nassau Alcohol Crime Drug Abatement Coalition for anyone who recovering from any type of addiction. The goal of this group is to harbor a safe, confidential environment where one can gain support and skills to be successful in recovery. Meetings are Tuesdays from 6-7:30 p.m. at the Peck Center, 516 S. 10th St., Fernandina Beach. Cost is \$10 per meeting. Call 277-3699 or email supportgroups@nacdac.com for information.

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AMELIA ISLAND VAUGHAN-LATHAM WINS AWARD



In March at the Florida State Conference of the National Society Children of the American Revolution in Orlando, The Amelia Island Vaughan-Latham Society was awarded "Most Outstanding Society in the State of Florida." The award was based upon excellence in programming, individual and group contributions to state projects, and participation in the Amelia Island Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and the Jacksonville Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution community patriotic events such as flag retirements, wreath placements, historic marker dedications, student award ceremonies for Nassau County students, and the Veteran's Day parade. Vaughan-Latham also participated in statewide patriotic events such as the Colonial Nightwatch in St. Augustine and the Reenactment at Mission San Luis de Apalache in Tallahassee. Pictured after receiving the award are, first row from left, Senior State President Virginia Poffenberger; Vaughan-Latham Society Treasurer Landon Alexander, State President Klarissa Putt; second row, Vaughan-Latham Society President Aislin Alexander; third row, Vaughan-Latham Society Senior President JoAnn Burns Welker and Vaughan-Latham Society Senior Curator Andrea Welker Alexander. Right, Amelia Island Vaughan-Latham President Aislin Alexander served as personal page to Senior State President Virginia Poffenberger.



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

AWARDS *Continued from 1B*

Brooker, Davis Brown, Gabe Grego, Jordan Parker, Jhania Williams, and Brittany Wright.

Students with offers of one or more college scholarships from institutions of higher learning include Anna Arato, Amelia Arwood, Lily Basse, Carly Beverly, Jalynn Bottom, Hayden Bowen, Shelby Bradley, Sydne Caddy, Dea Dvalishvili, Michael Evans, Erica Foote, Nathan Foster, Clay Gaines, Courtney Gill, Abby Hamilton, Elizabeth Hoffer, Kendal Hunter, Tucker Hutchinson, Jonathan Maurer, Maddie McClure, Chandler Miklas, Maddie Mott, Jordan Parker, Kyle Richardson, Emma Smith, Eve Thomas, Ava VonDyck, Will Waas, Lauren Walker, Jhania Williams, and Marsha Yarborough.

Two students – Kendal Hunter and Maddie Mott – each had offers totaling more than \$500,000, while Anna Arato, Carly Beverly, Sydne Caddy, Clay Gaines, Abby Hamilton, and Emma Smith each received offers totaling more than \$100,000. Overall, scholarship amounts ranged from \$500 to approximately \$150,000 with a median offer of \$24,000.

Below are students eligible for tuition assistance through the Bright Futures scholarship program.

• Florida Academic Scholars: Steven Badorf, Carly Beverly, Jalynn Botto, Hayden Bowen, Katrice Curls, Mitchell David, Katherine Doss, Jenna Edwards,



Left, Fernandina Beach Police Chief James Hurley and Fire Chief Ty Silcox present Beyond the Badges scholarships to Samantha Maltagliati and Lauren Walker. Right, The Judy Evans Memorial Scholarship went to James Baker.



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Ryan Edwards, Michael Evans, Gabrielle Gibb, Courtney Gill, Abby Hamilton, Ashley Herrera, Maya Hernandez, Josie Kilburn, Samantha Maltagliati, Brian Morris, Maddie Mott, Abi Nork, Austin Owens, Gage Perna, Jakob Pierce, Abbi Ramshaw, Parker Smith, Trey Stafford, Chris Stewart, Eve Thomas, Martin Tolxdorf, and John "Tripp" Vonnoh.

• Florida Medallion Scholars: Ethan Andrews, Anna Arato, Jonathan Baleat, Lily Basse, Walker Bean, Matt Brooker, Tripp Brown, Alyssa Burgan, Emily Colson, Elijah Evans, Griffin Fitzpatrick, Nathan Grimley, Seth Haspel, Elizabeth Hoffer, Savannah Hogue, Kendall Hunter, Sarah Kelly, Jessica Krajewski, Ellese Leblanc,

Olivia Liliskis, Zach Linbom, Hannah Masters, Rebecca McLellan, Maddie McClure, Sebastian Miller, Andie Parker, Kyle Richardson, CJ Rogers, Lexi Schulz, Jonah Schwend, Joey Sullivan, Jeffrey Triola, Ava VonDyck, and Emily Wade.

• Florida Gold Seal Vocational: Thainique Bailey, Stephen Benghe, Gustavo DeAssis, Emily Gelis, Tucker Hutchinson, Joe Lupone, Jonathan Maurer, and Chandler Miklas.

Walker Bean received an Army ROTC scholarship for full tuition.

The following students were recognized by the College Board for exceptional achievement on Advanced Placement Exams. Each student scored in the top

18 percent or above out of 1.4 million students nationwide.

• AP Scholars with Distinction: Katrice Curls, Katherine Doss, Ryan Edwards, Gabrielle Gibb, Abby Hamilton, Josie Kilburn, Maddie Mott, Jakob Pierce, Christopher Steward, and Martin Tolxdorf.

• AP Scholars with Honor: Ethan Andrews, Carly Beverly, Maya Hernandez, Samantha Maltagliati, Gage Perna, Abigail Ramshaw, and John "Tripp" Vonnoh.

• AP Scholars: Anna Arato, Hayden Bowen, Courtney Gill, Ashley Herrera, Elizabeth Hoffer, Brian Morris, Abigail Nork, Andie Parker, Alexis Schulz, Park Smith, and Ava VonDyck.

Lauren Walker won the

Coach Wayne Brenner scholarship while Olivia Liliskis was named Top Wrestler of the senior class.

Health Science/Nursing Assistant awards went to Thainique Bailey, Camile Best, Erica Foote, Emily Gelis, Elizabeth Hoffer, Tucker Hutchinson, Rebecca McClellan, Abigail Nork, Demetria Pollard, Alexis Schulz, Kylie Tate, and Jhania Williams.

Faculty awards recognizing individuals among this year's graduating class for positive character traits were as follows:

- Citizenship: Emma Smith and Sebastian Miller.
- School Spirit: Madeline Windham and Nathan Grimley.
- Leadership: Samantha Maltagliati and Kyle Richardson.

• Best All Around: Josie Kilburn and Walker Bean.

The following students earned straight A's through all four years of high school: Carly Beverly, Katherine Doss, Courtney Gill, Mayahuel Hernandez, Josie Kilburn, Martin Tolxdorf, John "Tripp" Vonnoh.

Principal's Awards of Excellence went to Brett Burnette as president of the senior class and Gray Bean as president of Student Government.

The Pirate Principal's Award for Excellence for a student chosen by the principal and vice principal for trustworthiness, respectfulness, fairness, caring and citizenship went to Abby Hamilton.

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FRIDAY, May 18
Sea Turtle Release
Free event on Main Beach by Georgia Sea Turtle Center. (Based on the availability of a healthy turtle, weather and tides.) No registration.

Sunset River Cruise
Narrated by a Local Naturalist. Heavy Hors D'oeuvres and soft drinks provided. This is a benefit for Wild Amelia.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY, May 18-20
Nature Eco-Tours
www.WildAmelia.org for details and registration.

SATURDAY, May 19
ECO-EXPO!
10 am-3 pm
Atlantic Recreation Center
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30 Eco-Friendly Exhibitors
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Big Silent Auction
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CAMPS *Continued from 1B*

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

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

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Summer camp tuition of \$1,100 is inclusive of all activities, materials, curriculum, food and transportation. For complete information on ages and dates, visit whiteoakwildlife.org.

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Data Busters

The Northeast Florida Community Action Agency is sponsoring "Data Busters," a summer camp that pays 14 to 16 year olds to attend computer classes at the Yulee campus of Florida State College at Jacksonville and receive on-the-job training with local employers.

The camp will run six weeks from June 11 to July 20. Students will attend professional workshops and field trips on Fridays and work 10 hours per week for \$8.25 per hour, paid bi-weekly. Participants will also be given the opportunity to win a table or laptop computer. The Agency will provide for transportation for participants.



Applications are due May 4 and eligibility is based on household income and family size. For information, call 261-0801.

Tennis Camp

Kraft Tennis Partners will host a children's summer tennis camp at the Kraft Athletic Club during the month of June for age groups 4-6, 7-9, and 10-14. Classes will start June 5 and continue for eight sessions held every Tuesday and Thursday from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Pre-registration will be from noon to 3 p.m. June 1 and 9 a.m. to noon June 2 at the Kraft Athletic Club, located at 961023 Buccaneer Trail in Fernandina Beach. Registration will also be available between 3 and 4 p.m. on the first day of camp.

Enrollment is limited. Total cost for all eight sessions is \$25 per child and scholarships provided by club members are available for those in need. Volunteer instructors from the club will teach the basic fundamentals of tennis. All equipment will be provided and each child gets a T-shirt, snacks and water. There will be a final day of tennis play with parents attending plus a picnic.

For information, visit krafttennis.com or call Jerry Kaweck at 415-0217.

Island Art Association

A nonprofit organization that supports the arts in Nassau County, the Island Art Association is offering a children's art camp from July 16-20 in its Art Education Building, adjacent to the Gallery at 18 N. Second St. in Fernandina Beach. The camp is for ages 7 to 14 and will run daily from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. The fee is \$30 for the week and includes art supplies and a daily snack.

The camp will offer a variety of exciting experiences including the opportunity to be taught by experienced working artists and teachers, a visit to the Gallery to view and discuss artwork, and many exciting projects to engage and entertain the students.

Payment is required with enrollment, which may be made at the Gallery beginning April 30.

Genetic Potential Academy

GPA is holding camps for three different age groups at its 474321 East S.R. 200/AIA location in Yulee (next to Woody's Bar-BQ). Only 12 students will be accepted into each class. Pro-rated weeks are available for some of the camps. For more information or to register, call 491-1111 or email info@geneticpotentialacademy.com.

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 - \$240 for 8 weeks or 16 sessions
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 - Development of mind and body
 - Build coordination and flexibility and boost athleticism
 - Learn how to move effectively and efficiently
 - Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12:30 to 1:45 p.m.
 - Begins June 5 and ends Aug. 2 (closed week of July 2)
 - \$240 for 8 weeks or 16 sessions
- GPA Fun Camp, ages 6 to 8
 - Develop overall athleticism with fundamentals
 - Enhance coordination, balance and agility
 - Have fun and learn about nutrition (snack included)
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 - Sessions are June 4-7, June 18-21, July 9-12, and July 23-26
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Oyster Bay Drive, Fernandina Beach

Don't miss the one remaining lot on Oyster Bay Drive within the gated community of Oyster Bay Harbour. This beautiful 0.41 acre home site within "The Cove of Oyster Bay" backs up to a lagoon. Oyster Bay has a community pool & tennis courts. The nearby yacht club offers a community dock, boat slips, restaurant, bar, & pool. Seller will consider owner financing. **MLS# 74268 \$99,500**

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96051 Southern Pride Court, Yulee

This affordable 1 acre lot is located in the prestigious community of Blackrock Hammock. This gated 100 acre subdivision is unique with just 45 estate size lots. Select your own builder, build at your convenience, and settle into the comforts of a new home in a quiet, private, and relaxing setting. One of the best lot options due to previous fill, and the lots location making it 100% buildable. No wetlands or uplands. A rare find in the Yulee/Amelia Island/Fernandina Beach area. Community tennis courts and very convenient to A1A, shopping, and restaurants. 10 minutes to the beaches of Amelia Island. **MLS# 78709 \$84,900**

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1043 S. Fletcher Avenue S., Fernandina Beach

Don't miss this unique Amelia Island beach home & great investment opportunity! This home offers a beautiful view of the ocean from the 2nd floor deck, has large bedrooms (master upstairs & 3 bedrooms downstairs), split zone a/c units, tankless gas hot water heater, & gas stove tops. Spacious floor plan, and each floor has a kitchen and a living room. A new roof was installed in the fall of 2015. This property has a short term rental permit, and has excellent rental history of weekly rentals. Ideal property for the buyer looking for a 2nd home near the beach with the potential for excellent rental income. Washer, dryer, and furniture negotiable. Easiest to show between Sat a.m. check out and Sat p.m. check in. Current bookings and deposits can be transferred to the buyer. **MLS# 79592 \$675,000**

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96079 Oyster Bay Drive, Fernandina Beach

Set amidst gorgeous tree canopy in the sought-after Oyster Bay community, this charming one story home has been meticulously maintained and boasts quality construction throughout. This custom home offers a comfortable split floor plan with hardwood floors, crown molding, 8 ft doors, tray ceilings, tankless gas hot water heater, gas fireplace, and an oversized 2 car garage. The kitchen is a chef's dream with custom cabinetry, granite countertops, 5 burner gas cook top, large island with prep sink, & double oven with convection on top. The master suite offers an enormous walk-in closet, jetted tub, spacious vanity, and his and hers sinks. An abundance of natural light fills the bonus room located just off of the master. Oyster Bay offers tennis courts, RV/boat storage, & community pool. Oyster Bay is known for its large lots, beautiful trees, and well-manicured lawns & landscaping. Social membership at the nearby Yacht Club offers a community dock, boat slips, restaurant, & pool. **MLS# 79638 \$529,000**

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96488 Blackrock Road, Yulee

Don't miss this updated waterfront pool home on just an acre, minutes to Amelia Island. A total renovation has turned this home into a charming riverfront cottage with new "everything". This home boasts engineered hardwood floors, tongue & groove ceilings throughout, shiplap and board & batten walls, solid wood doors throughout, elaborate hardwood trim, Bosch appliances including an induction cook top, beautiful quartz counter-tops, subway tiled walls and back-splash in the kitchen areas, gorgeous updated baths with heated penny tiled floors, motion censored lighting, & brick paver porches and walkways. There is an adorable guesthouse on the property that is a single bedroom with sink and wall A/C unit... perfect for guests, an office, or workshop. Private home pool with bug free screened enclosure. Extensive irrigation for the front and backyard, and for the orchard which is home to many different types of fruit trees. New well, water-softener, and aerator. Must see to appreciate! **MLS# 79644 \$799,000**

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96068 High Points Drive, Fernandina Beach

Don't miss this gorgeous custom home in gated High Points. Just 1 year old, this one-story home has much to offer & boasts hardwood floors, 10 ft. ceilings throughout, crown molding throughout the main living areas, coffered ceiling in the dining room, a split floor plan, & a relaxing sitting area with a stacked stone gas fireplace surrounded by gorgeous solid wood shelving. The kitchen features custom cabinetry, granite countertops, stainless steel appliances, and a gas cook top. Enjoy the privacy of this large wooded lot on the screened lanai which overlooks a well manicured 5,000 sq ft fenced backyard. This home also features hardie-lop siding, gas tankless hot water heater, brick pavers in the lanai area, oversized 2 car garage, and a circular brick paver drive. High Points is a quiet community, with just 31 home sites, offering estate size lots for custom homes under gorgeous tree canopy. 10 minutes to the beaches of Amelia Island. **MLS# 80132 \$493,500**

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940134 Old Nassauville Road, Fernandina Beach

Arthur Rutenberg custom home with panoramic views of the marsh and beautiful tidal creek. Called "The Amelia", this home boasts extraordinary finishes and has many upgrades throughout. Upgrades include all GE stainless appliances, double oven with convection on top, Kitchen Craft cabinets with soft touch closure, 3 telescoping slider glass doors onto the Lanai, 8 ft solid wood doors, tray ceilings, 10-12 ft ceilings, wood floors, porcelain tile, custom blinds, crown molding, oversized laundry room, security system, custom landscaping, and brick paver drive. The kitchen offers an oversized island perfect for entertaining. Plenty of storage and room for toys within the 3 car garage. Morning sunrise views overlooking Christopher Creek and the Nassau Sound. 15 minutes to the beaches of Amelia Island and 15 minutes to Centre St, the heart of Fernandina Beach's historic district. **MLS# 79760 \$659,000**

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96100 High Pointe Drive, Fernandina Beach

Lot 28 in gated High Pointe. High Pointe is a beautiful community, with just 31 home sites, offering estate size lots for custom homes with plenty of gorgeous tree canopy. Very private and quiet neighborhood. Extra wide frontage (279') lot is triangular and will allow for circular drive. The neighborhood offers large lots, tons of trees and shade... as the developer did an amazing job keeping the natural beauty of the area in tact. 10 minutes to the beaches of Amelia Island. Nearby Oyster Bay yacht club offers a social membership for restaurant, bar, pool, community dock, and boat slips. **MLS# 79666 \$90,000**

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86103 Montauk Drive, Fernandina Beach

Pride of ownership is apparent throughout this well maintained North Hampton home. This gorgeous home boasts an open floor plan with plenty of natural light, 10 ft. ceilings, security system, large screened in lanai, deck off of the lanai, and a large fenced in backyard that backs up to a preserve. The kitchen offers granite countertops, dual drawer dishwasher, and a Maytag refrigerator. The bonus room upstairs is a 4th bedroom with a full bath, and the office on the first floor could be a 5th bedroom. New A/C with 2 zones. Amenities include a large community pool, tennis and basketball courts, and the award winning Arnold Palmer golf course/club. Enjoy the Lofton Creek Outpost w/ club house and kayak launch. HOA Fee includes Cable TV, Internet, Set System Monitoring. No CDD fees! 10 minutes to the beaches of Amelia Island, 15 minutes to historic downtown Fernandina Beach, and 25 minutes to Jax airport. **MLS# 80133 \$339,000**

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STEVE SCRUGGS/SPECIAL PHOTOS



Scruggs is president of Amelia Island Runners and spent a portion of his six days on location running the equivalent of a half-marathon through glaciers and fjords. He has appeared in another episode of the show that investigated the so-called Fountain of Youth in St. Augustine, also available on demand.

Local geophysicist Steve Scruggs traveled to Greenland last year to help locate a lost Viking city as part of an episode of the Travel Channel's *Expedition Unknown*. The episode can be viewed through the on demand feature of most cable and satellite providers and the Travel Channel app. Scruggs spent six days conducting research on location prior to the actual filming. He lived with a Greenlandic sheep farming family that spoke little to no English, boated around icebergs and fished in the mountain creeks with his hosts for his own dinners.



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All brick 4BR/3BA home on over an acre of waterfront property w/views of Lanceford Creek. Great room w/gas fireplace, and large Florida room, & Tread-Plex deck. Formal DR, kitchen w/granite counters, 5 burner gas range, dbl oven, island w/bar. 1st floor master suite w/screened porch and jacuzzi tub. Split floor w/3 main floor BR's and BA. Bonus room w/full bath flex space upstairs. 2 car garage plus 2 car detached garage and concrete parking pad for boat or RV. No HOA fees. \$798,900 MLS#80237

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PENDING

Custom built home in Oyster Bay Harbour. Main level includes master suite, formal DR, kitchen w/5 burner gas stove w/breakfast nook, butler's pantry. Two en suite 2nd floor BR's, exercise room/nursery, and loft upstairs. Amenities include community center, pool and tennis. \$574,900 MLS#79539

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Custom built Brylen home! Great floor plan, in Oyster Bay Harbour. Heated pool/spa and patio. Kitchen w/gas stove, granite counters and S/S appliances. A separate wing w/2BR w/own baths, study/library. Amenities: community center with pool, tennis, and social activities. \$535,000 MLS#80144

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\$449,000 MLS#78834

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Picturesque setting is the perfect home for family and entertaining. This 4 BR, 3.5 BA home features 20 foot ceilings, plantation shutters, crown molding, gas fireplace, 2 car oversized garage with workshop, 45X40 screened lanai with a 30X14 pool overlooking private backyard. Close proximity to the beach, shopping and Jacksonville airport.

\$589,000 MLS#79782

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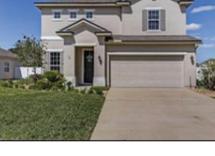




Mediterranean courtyard custom home in The Preserve, located next to a greenbelt that would always allow for the unique privacy this villa offers from its large screened-in lanai. This 4 BR/4 BA home includes upgrades; granite counter, plantation shutters, gas cooktop, custom built-in organizer in the master closet. Guest BR and BA, bonus area on the second level. Community pool. \$595,000 MLS#79950

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RELIGION

National Day of Prayer: A profitable way to spend Thursday evening

The National Day of Prayer will be observed Thursday, May 10, at 7 p.m. at the New Zion Missionary Baptist Church in Fernandina Beach. It's hard to think of a more constructive way to spend an evening.

Intercessory prayer, of course, is always worthwhile, but an event like this also prompts us to consider how, as Christians, we're to think about our country. People will show up Thursday night wearing red, white, and blue and there'll be an American flag on display. The event will have a hard-to-miss Fourth of July feel.

Some wonder if it's appropriate to be openly patriotic. Is it biblical to love your country more than other countries? Is it right, while worshipping God, who is sovereign over all nations, to seek his blessing for ours?

With a biblically informed perspective, it is. We have to acknowledge, of course, that any country, including ours, may have leaders who are immoral. As reasonable people, then, we would never endorse blind patriotism. Nor would we relinquish our Christian responsibility to criticize government leaders when they betray biblical moral standards. That said, there are godly reasons to love our country.

Let's start with Acts 17:26, where the Apostle Paul explains that God "has made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place." Individual nations, we see, are God's idea and are integral to his plan. A key example is found



in Genesis 12:1-3 where God promises Abram (later Abraham), "I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing."

Deeper into the Old Testament, Job, the wealthy landowner who was severely tested, explains that God "makes nations great, and he destroys them; he enlarges nations, and leads them away" (Job 12:23). In other words, nations appear and disappear; they thrive and decline according to God's decree, to serve his purposes.

Theologian Wayne Grudem believes that the existence of independent nations is a blessing from God. Their presence disperses power, he argues, which makes it impossible for a single dictator to grasp worldwide control. Too many times, history has revealed that rulers with unbridled power become greedy for more. In a sin-infested world, we're safer when the presence of one country effectively blunts the power of another. As God's people — who by his providence are also Americans — let's pray for moral leaders and that our country, by its presence, would always restrain evil. That's an appropriate, patriotic prayer.

The Bible also instructs us to obey and honor our civic leaders. The Apostle Peter, for example, instructs Christians to "honor the emperor" (1 Peter 2:17) and to be subject "to every human institution whether it be to the emperor as supreme, or to governors" (1 Peter 2:13-14). If we must

honor someone, we should pray for honorable people. And if we must be subject to governors, let's beg God for wise, stable, and selfless public servants. Such prayer reflects a godly desire for all citizens to live in a good and prosperous country. That, too, is a fitting, patriotic prayer.

According to Grudem, godly patriotism is grounded in other realities. Our identity, for instance, is strongly tied to our citizenship. We're Americans and citizens of Fernandina Beach, and most of us feel some sort of bond to our fellow citizens. In that attachment, we yearn to make our nation and city a blessing — to us, our neighbors, and the rest of the world. Such yearning inspires the best kind of patriotic prayer.

As citizens of the United States, we should be grateful that our government protects our lives, liberty, and property. We should be thankful for the rule of law, free markets, and a common (quite beautiful) language. As we thank God for these blessings, we should also ask him to help us, day-by-day, to fine-tune and perfect our institutions. That's an altogether godly way to pray for our country.

If God created the nations, and if he's made us a part of this one, we should strive to improve its character. We should pass along the values that have caused us to thrive: the notion that all men are equal before God, that we enjoy freedom of religion, are free to assemble and free to speak, and free to pray — openly, at an announced time and place. We're even free to write about it in our city's newspaper.

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King of the Hill to benefit Mission House

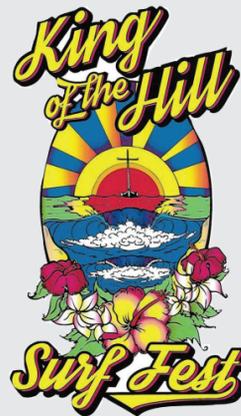
The 5th annual King of the Hill Surf Fest hosted by Neptune Baptist Church will return to Neptune Beach Saturday, May 12, and feature a pro/am surfing contest and surf fishing contest. The Surf Fest will take place between the Cherry and Walnut streets beach accesses. There will be free parking at Neptune Baptist Church, located at 407 Third St.

Neptune Baptist Church is partnering with dozens of local business, nonprofits, and volunteers to bring this event to Neptune Beach. All proceeds will benefit the local charity, Mission House, which provides services to the Beaches homeless community.

"We are excited to bring this family friendly event back for its fifth year," said Tom Bary, pastor of Neptune Baptist Church, "and we are thankful for the support of our community and local business sponsors that have put King of the Hill on the map as the premier surfing festival in Neptune Beach."

Nels Gyland, who directs the surfing portion of the event, said King of the Hill is unique because it attracts more pro-level surfers each year but "continues to offer a great environment for the amateurs and all ages to have a great experience."

The surf fishing contest will run from 7 a.m. to noon.



The surfing contest will run from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Cash prizes and trophies will be awarded to the various division levels and age groups for both the surfing and fishing contests.

There will be a kick-off event at Neptune Baptist Church from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, May 10, featuring food, live music, contests and prizes, and lifetime achievement awards for local personalities in Northeast Florida surfing.

From 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, May 11, the church will host a fishing seminar featuring local fishing legend Larry Finch, along with more food, prizes, and fun.

For registration information, visit neptunebaptist.org/kingofthehill or call 249-2307.

RELIGION NOTES

Hope House worship

Come join us on Tuesday, May 8, as dive in deeper to touch the heart of God. We invite you to come worship the Lord with us through fellowship, digging into the book of Ephesians, discussing and applying the timeless lessons to our lives. Don't miss this opportunity to worship, study and fellowship with other believers every Tuesday at noon. The Salvation Army Hope House is located at 410 S. Ninth St., Fernandina Beach.

National Day of Prayer

Jim Wood, a nationally known speaker and educator, will deliver the keynote address for the

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

Bahá'í of Nassau County

The regular multi-faith inspirational afternoon is on the second Sunday of each month. The next one will be at 3 p.m. Sunday, May 13, at Springer Controls, located at 96072 Chester Road in Yulee.

This will be an open, discussion/conference-style meeting. Bring your own ideas, thoughts, writings, book, etc. All are welcome for a casual couple of hours, hospitality, friends and fellowship. The current Bahá'í month is Glory. The month of Beauty begins April 28. For more information, call 566-5437 or 432-8845.



Wood

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We are in great need of virtually all types of non-perishable food and toilet paper. Most needed are jelly, condensed and ready-to-eat soup, canned meals and meats like beanie-weenies, raviolis, beef stew, spam, tuna, and chicken, dried beans and peas; pasta and spaghetti sauce, mac and cheese, helper meals, ramen noodles, canned fruit and cereal. Donations can be brought to The Salvation Army Hope House, 410 S. Ninth St., Fernandina Beach.

Contemporary service at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

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

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

College-age Bible study

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

Under the Silver Balloon

The Bahá'ís of Nassau County hold prayers and meditations for peace, amity, concord and harmony every Saturday morning from dawn to sunrise on the beach at Seaside Park (east end of Sadler Road). For more information, call 704-0568.

Franklinton meal and Bible study

Franklinton United Methodist Church will serve a meal at 4 p.m. and host a Bible study at 5 p.m. every second Wednesday of the month in its Gabriel Means Fellowship Hall. The dinners and Bible studies will be open to the public. The church is located at 1415 Lewis St. in Fernandina Beach. For more information, call 277-2726 or 261-5354 or email franklintonumc@att.net.

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