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Report: Brett's building is safe, but needs repairs

JULIA ROBERTS
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A third, independent engineering study of the supporting structure underneath Brett's Waterway Café has concluded that the deterioration of the restaurant's foundation is repairable, but those repairs will be expensive. The building holding the waterfront restaurant is "safe for continued occupation at this time," in the opinion of engineering firm Pi-Tech, Inc.

The City of Fernandina Beach ordered the study after two previous ones, by RGM Engineering and Baker Klein, offered "contradictory opinions and conclusions" as to the integrity of the pier-based structure beneath the building, the site of the old octagon-shaped state of Florida Marine Welcome Station. The welcome station was demolished in the 1980s and the current building was "built on the existing substructure."

The building, situated in the center of the Fernandina Harbor Marina, is owned by the city and leased to Bryan Simpson's Centre Street Restaurant Group, which subleases it to Brett Carter and Robert Fisher, owners of the restaurant.

Last December, City Manager Dale Martin said the city has previously received two engineering reports on

the foundation underneath Brett's. One performed by Baker Klein in August 2015 documented concern regarding the structural integrity of the foundation, while the latter report by RGM Engineering, made after Hurricane Matthew in September 2015, said that the foundation is safe, Martin said.

The RGM report was based on evaluations made between 2012 and 2015.

The Baker Klein report says that the restaurant's foundation has reached the end of its life and needs to be replaced. The report by RGM Engineering says that previous repairs to the foundation are performing satisfactorily and that remaining deterioration could be repaired.

The most recent report from Pi-Tech used information from the previous reports as well as a "full independent visual survey and condition assessment of the subject structure." The city received the \$8,500 report in April.

The Pi-Tech engineering study agreed with RGM. It explained that the lowest level of the structure under the restaurant, installed in 1962 when the structure was first built, "do(es) not provide any significant structural contribution to the superstructure," which comprises the floor, walls and roof. That



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The foundation under Brett's Waterway Café has been deemed safe by a third engineering study, after two previous studies came to conflicting conclusions.

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Plantation group fights pernicious Virginia creeper

CINDY JACKSON
News-Leader

Amelia Island has some spectacular plant life, which is one of the things that makes it special, but some of the plants that love it here may not be loved in return, especially if they are growing in the "wrong" place. One of the major headaches for property owners here on Amelia Island can be the Virginia creeper vine, which many people admire for its ability to cover fences, walls, and trellises with brilliant autumn leaves.

A quick Google search brings up a nursery advertising "Red Wall" Virginia creeper for sale, touting it as growing "super-fast and healthy in almost any soil and any garden condition. ... It will quickly cover an area 30 feet tall and 10 feet wide. ... You'll want to choose your location wisely. Red Wall can engulf a house or a tree before you know it and can be a challenge to remove!" There is the issue: It grows and spreads easily, widely, and destructively.

As spelled out on a fact sheet, "In order to protect the entire ecosystem, the vines need to be managed in a way that protects the (tree) canopy without destroying the vine's root system."

Without management through pruning, the rampant vines can kill any healthy tree that hosts it, and "crowd and choke other plants," according to a United States Department of Agriculture plant guide. "Once established, it can be very difficult to remove."

It's a tricky situation, to say the least.

Many island residents battle the familiar vine in their backyards, but a 3.5-mile stretch each way along A1A (seven miles total) around the Amelia Island Plantation is perhaps one of the best examples of the species "going wild" and in so doing, threatening everything around it.

Virginia creeper vines love the sun. When a wide swath of land was cleared in that area, it gave the vines just what they needed to go into super growth



BOB SCHMONSEES/SPECIAL

The work by the Amelia Island Plantation Foundation to remove the invasive Virginia creeper vines along the right-of-way abutting the Amelia Island Plantation began in April.

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FOOD DRIVE SATURDAY

The National Association of Letter Carriers is conducting its annual food drive this Saturday, May 12. They ask that local residents "fill a bag and help feed families."



Please bag non-perishable boxed foods like pasta, cereal, oatmeal, canola oil, and peanut butter, and canned foods like beans, fruit, vegetables, soup, tuna, meat, and sauces. Please avoid glass containers. Place the bag near your mailbox by Saturday morning so your letter carrier can deliver it to a local food bank or pantry. Go to stampouthungerfooddrive.us for more information.

Ferry gets grant

The Jacksonville Transportation Authority has been awarded a \$3,356,900 Passenger Ferry Grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Transit Administration, according to a news release. The funds will be used to make improvements to the St. Johns River Ferry, including providing critical elements related to public safety and state of good repair for the ferry slips, the vessel, and the ferry terminal.

"We have made a lot of improvements since JTA assumed ownership and operations of the ferry on March 31, 2016," said JTA Chief Executive Officer Nathaniel P. Ford Sr. in the release. "Ridership continues to grow, and improvements to the ferry's infrastructure will continue thanks to grant awards that the JTA has received from the FTA. With this recent award, the JTA will continue to strengthen the ferry's infrastructure, and give our riders a safe and reliable service."



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LOOKING BACK 50 YEARS

The Ocean Highway and Port Authority took the first step in floating a \$42 million bond to build facilities next to the Container Corporation of America Fernandina Beach mill.

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WEEKLY UPDATE

Hearing group volunteer needed

Can you help people adapt to a hearing-impaired world? Nassau County Volunteer Center is looking for a hearing loss support group facilitator. This unique individual will schedule meetings and speakers, update social media, and participate in traditional marketing techniques. This person would have a social work, facilitation, hearing or audiology background. If you fit the bill, go to volunteernassau.org and volunteer.

FRWN welcoming Cord Byrd

The next meeting of the Federated Republican Women of Nassau is scheduled for today, when state Rep. Cord Byrd will speak and the winner of the organization's 2018 scholarship award will be announced. The meeting will be at the Fernandina Beach Golf Club and begin 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.

Unbiased help with Medicare

The UF/IFAS Nassau County Extension Service is offering weekly individual consultations at the Barnabas Center, located at 1303 Jasmine St. in Fernandina Beach, for Medicare beneficiaries. If you will be new to Medicare, have questions about Medicare or want to know if you qualify to save money on your Medicare drug costs, Medicare monthly premium, deductibles and copays, call Meg McAlpine at 530-6359 to schedule your private appointment. Appointments are being scheduled on Fridays, beginning today and continuing through June 22, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Extension information and services are available to all individuals regardless of race, color, sex or national origin.

Managing anxiety and stress

Therapeutic Solutions of Amelia will present "Anxiety and Stress: The Journey of Roots and Remedies," a program about discovering your ability to build an eclectic toolbox to address anxiety and stress in a sometimes hectic environment, at 10 a.m. Saturday at 905 S. Eighth St. in Fernandina Beach. The cost is \$60 for two hours and includes light snacks and beverages. Previous participants can attend for half-off. As a team participants will learn how to decrease anxiety and stress moving through the journey of life, using a person-centered approach with a focus on discovering solutions together. Workshop facilitator Marsha J. Reynolds is a licensed clinical social worker and has experience in many areas of social work, life experiences and worn many hats in her career. She is an embedded behavioral health consultant for the Department of the Navy. For more information, call 310-6951.

Pink Ribbon Ladies meeting May 14

The Pink Ribbon Ladies, a Nassau County support group for survivors of breast and other female cancers, will meet at 6 p.m. May 14 at the Ackerman Cancer Center, located in Suite 103 at 1340 S. 18th St. in Fernandina Beach. Ackerman Cancer Center's Dr. Ryan Perkins, a board-certified radiation oncologist, will speak with the group about managing side effects

post-treatment, including lymphedema, neuropathy, and fatigue. The Pink Ribbon Ladies offers support and education for women with breast, ovarian, cervical, and other female cancers in Nassau County. For more information, contact Anne Showalter at 321-5465 or Isobel Lyle at 321-2057.

School Board candidates at meeting

The Westside Democratic Club will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 15, at the Mickler Street county building in Callahan. Guest speakers will be Nassau County School Board candidates Lissa Braddock and Robin Lentz. Dinner and a brief business meeting will follow their presentations. The meeting is open to the public.

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 information, call Mary at 557-9133.

Caregivers meeting May 17

Caregivers are invited to attend an on-going support group scheduled to meet from 2:30 to 4 p.m. Thursday, May 17, for a support session and from 4 to 4:30 p.m. for a program with Lisa Fetts, professional liaison for Haven Hospice. She will speak about advanced directives and the specifics of the offerings at Haven Hospice. The meeting will be held at Nassau County Council on Aging, located at 1367 S. 18th St. in Fernandina Beach (across from Baptist Medical Center Nassau). It is free and open to the public. NCCOA's Caregivers Support Group meets the third Thursday of each month. The overall goal of the group is to offer support and education for caregivers. For information, call Debra Dombkowski, LPN, CDP, at 261-0701, ext. 113.

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. 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

FDOT Lane Closures

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) now posts its weekly lane closure report online at www.FLRoads.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.

schedule is as follows:

- Friday, May 18, 5 to 9 p.m. – music and fish fry at 5 p.m.; 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

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

Breakfast series to focus on fathers

The next meeting in Family Support Services of North Florida's Breakfast Learning Series will focus on "The Importance of Fatherhood" from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, May 22, at the agency's office at 96016 Lofton Square Court in Yulee. Jack Johnson, program director of P.R.I.D.E., will be the guest speaker. According to FSS, "studies indicate that children with actively involved mothers and fathers are less likely to drop out of school, become pregnant or get involved in illegal activity. The goal of P.R.I.D.E. is to show the significance of the paternal relationship and to improve the father-child bond." A continental breakfast beginning at 8:30 a.m. will be available. For more information or to register, call 255-5347 or email fss.bls.nassau@fssnf.org.

Rotary Club blood drive May 23

The Rotary Club of Fernandina Beach, in cooperation with OneBlood, will host its third blood drive for 2018 on Wednesday, May 23. With the approach of summer vacations and time off, it's always challenging to recruit donors, but the need for blood is constant. Each simple gift helps up to three people in need in our community. The mobile donation unit will be parked in front of the Florida House Conference Center, directly across South Fourth Street from Espana Restaurant, from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. May 23. After donating, join the Rotary Club for lunch in the Conference Center. To reserve a slot that's convenient for you, call John Howard at 738-0310.

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.

Sexual assault support group

A free support group for survivors of sexual assault meets the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at Family Support Services in Yulee. For more information, contact Lori Armstrong at 716-5390 or larmstrong@womenscenterofjax.org.

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

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OBITUARIES

Nella Faye Kirkland Boyett

Nella Faye Kirkland Boyett, 91, of Fernandina Beach, Fla., passed away peacefully Saturday, May 5, 2018, in the loving care of Community Hospice & Palliative Care's Warner Center for Caring in Fernandina Beach, Fla.



A native of Waycross, Ga., she was the daughter of Repperd and Mamie Kirkland. Following the loss of her father at age 10, Nella helped her mother raise herself as well as her two sisters and two younger brothers. Though life was difficult, the family of five endured, and in so doing, such experience bonded them together as lifelong friends.

Following her graduation from high school, and upon his return from World War II, Nella married her wartime sweetheart, Milford, at The First Church of the Nazarene in Waycross. After three children and having lived several years in Jacksonville, Fla., Milford and Nella in the early 1950s relocated to Fernandina, a sleepy little fishing village and mill town, which they so came to love. There they begin to build a life.

Mom and Dad were followed to Fernandina by Milford's brothers and sisters-in-law, Winston and Iris and Willis (Pap) and Betty. For many years the three families lived next door to one another. The men all began careers with the Container Corporation of America, while the moms performed the myriad of familial duties necessary to nurture and care for the 13 cousins to follow, all of whom grew up with enduring memories of the love and many kindnesses shown them by their

aunts and uncles who comprised their one large extended family.

Though her responsibilities were many, and her time and resources limited, Nella was always ready to help others in need. More than once, she took the children of others into her home and cared for them for extended periods, bittersweetly returning them when the time of crisis for the family in need had passed.

Nella shared Milford's love of travel and exploration. Together they treated their children to numerous escapades of discovery over most of the lower 48 states, as well as many of the provinces of Canada. In so doing, they instilled within their children a passion for travel and adventure. Mother and father continued their passion for travel well into their 80s, continuing in their motor home their adventures across America.

Nella was predeceased by her eldest daughter, Shirley Lynn Boyett; sisters, Lataine Smith and Norma Jean Minchew; brother, Howard Kirkland; and husband of 72 years, Milford.

Mother leaves behind her eldest daughter's son, Seth Adam Boyett (Michelle) of Atlanta, Ga.; daughter Dee B. Stoudemire (Richard) of Jacksonville; son, Repperd Milford Boyett (Kathy) of Yulee, Fla.; son, Herbert F. Boyett of Jacksonville; her daughter-in-law of 35 years, Mary Gwen Boyett of Hilton Head Island, S.C.; granddaughter, Jane M. Stoudemire of Charleston, S.C.; and great-grandsons Kyle and Sean Boyett of Atlanta. Nella also leaves behind her remaining sibling, Dalton Kirkland of West Virginia, and her lifelong friend and sister-in-law, Betty Boyett of Fernandina.

The family wishes to thank those extended fam-

ily members and friends who lovingly made themselves available to help "Aunt Nella" and "Uncle Milford" over the past several years. We especially appreciate all your love and support over the past year, as Mom departed just two days shy of Dad's passing last year.

The family will receive friends from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday, May 12, 2018, within the Burgess Chapel of Oxley-Heard, with services following immediately at 11:30 a.m., with the Rev. Rick Lee officiating. Nella will be laid to rest next to Shirley and Milford at Bosque Bello Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions be made to Community Hospice & Palliative Care's Warner Center for Caring in Fernandina Beach, Fla., 4266 Sunbeam Road, Jacksonville, FL 32257, or online at support.communityhospice.com.

Please share your memories and condolences at www.oxleyheard.com.

Oxley-Heard Funeral Directors

Nancy K. Duncan

Nancy K. Duncan, 76, of Fernandina Beach, Fla., passed away Tuesday, May 8, 2017 at Community Hospice & Palliative Care's Warner Center for Caring in Fernandina Beach, Fla.

Born in Columbus, Ohio, she was a daughter of the late Theodore and Ledra Berry Rausch. She and her husband, Ervin, had lived in Fernandina Beach for 30 years.

She worked at Walmart for many years and retired from there. She made many friends and acquaintances while there. Her jovial nature will be remembered as a big part of who she was. After retirement she enjoyed spending time with family and friends.

In addition to her husband, Ervin, her surviving family includes two daughters, Heidi Brown and Holly Edenfield; a son, Mit Duncan; a sister, Judy Breckenridge; seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

There will be no local services. Her family will gather later in May to celebrate and remember her life in the mountains of north Georgia.

Please share your memories and condolences at www.oxleyheard.com.

Oxley-Heard Funeral Directors

Alberta Faye Tinsley Estes Leslie

Alberta Faye Tinsley Estes Leslie passed away peacefully at Community Hospice & Palliative Care's Warner Center for Caring in Fernandina Beach, Fla. on Tuesday, May 8, 2018.



Faye basically grew up and lived her whole life in Nassau County. She learned responsibility early in life as her mother died when she was only 14, and she became a mother to her younger sister, Joyce.

Faye was a police dispatcher with the Nassau County Sheriff's Department and the city of Fernandina Beach Police Department for over 20 years. She was a dedicated dispatcher who will always be remembered not only as a great friend but a mama to the officers who wouldn't hesitate to scold them when she felt they needed it. She was known for her honesty, feistiness and willingness to listen and give advice. She told it like it was – and was respected for that.

Faye loved the outdoors and was an avid bird-watcher. She never met a stranger and loved to talk and laugh with anyone. She dearly loved her family and no matter what was going on, they knew she would always be there for them. And her family included her beloved little dog, Checkers.

Faye's mother and father preceded her in death, as well as her grandson, Christopher McKendree, who was 35 when he passed away.

Faye is survived by her husband, Homer Leslie, of 15 years. She is also survived by her daughter, Linda (Lynn) Strickland (John Dale); her sister, Brenda Joyce Maryea; her twin brother, Albert Ray Tinsley (Jo); her stepdaughter, Pat Leslie (BJ); and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

A memorial celebration of Faye's life will be held Friday, May 18, 2018 at 4 p.m. at Community Baptist Church, located at 85326 Winona Bayview Road in Yulee, Fla.

In lieu of flowers, contributions to Make A Wish Foundation or to your favorite charity in Faye's memory would be appreciated.

DEATH NOTICES

Mr. Adam Vorrasso, 94, of Fernandina Beach, Fla., passed away on Wednesday, May 9, 2018.

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structure was constructed on a newer layer of precast double tees that were not directly on the original perimeter pile caps, which, Pi-Tech said, the Baker Klein evaluation did not consider.

"While the lower layer of precast double tees is in very poor condition – at least one panel has failed as of our most recent site visit, and will likely fall into the river soon – the newer upper layers of panels appear to be in sound condition, having been protected by the lower tees," Pi-Tech said.

Repairs to the structure done in 2006 and 2013 are performing as expected, the report said, but are starting to crack, and will eventually require supplemental repairs.

"It is our overall opinion that

the deterioration evident in the concrete substructure is extensive, but repairable," the report said. "We should note, however, that the repair methods available to address these deficiencies are relatively expensive, and will not result in a permanent solution."

Pi-Tech recommended those repairs be made within 10 to 12 years.

"The city and other related partners will need to determine whether the continued cost of regular inspections and repairs to the aging structure will be outweighed by the cost and advantages of new construction," the report said.

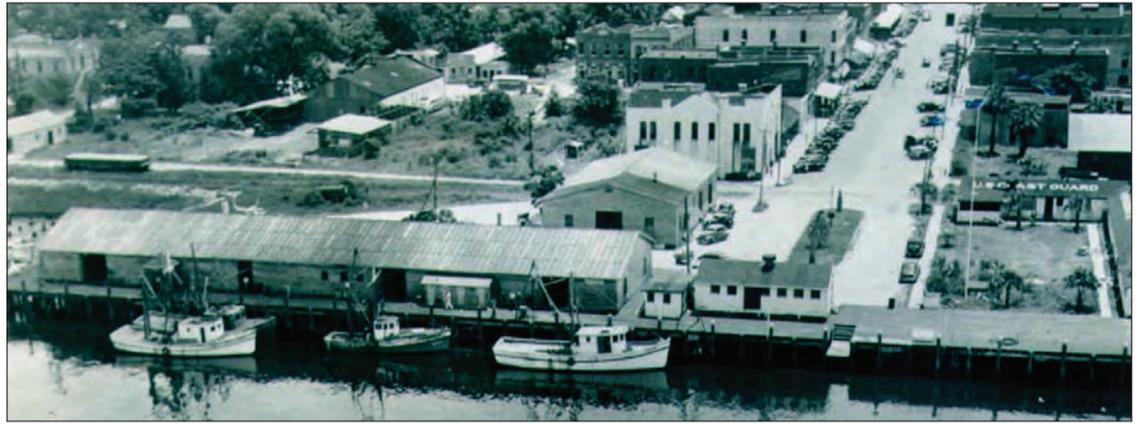
Martin said the city is reviewing the report in order to determine appropriate actions. The matter is not on the agenda for the May 15 meeting of the City Commission.

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Dignitaries from all over the state of Florida and a large crowd of local residents attended the official opening of the state of Florida Marine Welcome Station in January 1963. Below is the waterfront when the shrimping and boat building industries were the main businesses along the waterfront. The U.S. Coast Guard also had an office located on the property.

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CREEPER *Continued from 1A*

mode – lots and lots of direct sunlight.

Besides being pernicious, Virginia creeper berries are also "highly toxic to humans and may be fatal if eaten. Its sap can also cause skin irritation in some people," according to the USDA plant guide.

Enter Bob Schmonsees, a member of the Amelia Island Plantation Foundation. Schmonsees and his wife were surveying the state for a possible retirement home 10 years ago and nothing appealed to them – until they drove onto Amelia Island from Heckscher Drive. Upon seeing the gorgeous tree canopy along A1A, his wife proclaimed, "this is it."

The Amelia Island Plantation is an organization separate and distinct from the Amelia Island Plantation Owners Association. The AIPOA is responsible for all things within the boundaries of the upscale community. The AIPF is responsible for all things outside the traditional boundaries, including the private property along that stretch of A1A, the road that divides the community between the oceanfront and marsh front owners.

Technically, the right-of-way along A1A leading out to Heckscher Drive is the property of the state of Florida. According to FDOT spokeswoman Odette Struys, their roadside maintenance budget is primarily for "removing vegetation based on safety concerns to motorists and pedestri-

ans," but Schmonsees sees the boundary land as something that needs to be "preserved, protected and promoted," so his group decided to act now before the growing problem of the vines got even further out of hand. In just a few short weeks Schmonsees raised the \$25,000 to \$35,000 needed for a multi-year mitigation project. It took much longer to get the necessary permits from the state.

"We have a foundation here that needs protecting. We span from the marsh to the ocean," said Schmonsees.

The work began in April. Managed by Martex, under the supervision of arborist Jon Korman, the first phase involved cutting the vines at the base of the trees and six feet above. To simply pull out the vine at the root would damage the soil and the roots of the trees that provide strength during high winds. It can take up to 1.5 years for the vines to wither and die enough for a mere mortal to pull them down. If they can't be pulled down, a bucket truck is needed.

In surveying the damage done by the vines, about a half-dozen trees were identified as being in distress. Consequently, they may need to be sacrificed. Schmonsees points out that the AIPF project is not just about removing the invading and destructive Virginia Creeper from the trees and understory, but also about allowing "the good stuff to thrive."

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BOB SCHMONSEES/SPECIAL

Managed by Martex, under the supervision of arborist Jon Korman, the first phase of removing the huge swath of Virginia creeper along A1A involved cutting the vines at the base of the trees and six feet above.



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Pogo's Kitchen is ready for its debut on May 15

CINDY JACKSON
News-Leader

It's been two years in the making, but the south end of Amelia Island is scheduled to have a brand new restaurant at which to wine and dine on Tuesday, May 15. Brought to you by the owners of Amelia Island Tavern, Pogo's Kitchen defines itself as both "refined dining" and "handmade southern cuisine."

General Manager Chris Woodward has returned to Amelia Island for the gig, having worked at Brett's Waterway Café and Plae when he was just "cutting his teeth" in the hospitality industry. Born in Selma, Ala., Woodward has long since honed his skills as a sommelier, having worked with Southern Glazers Wine and Spirits. He is responsible for Pogo's impressive wine wall and a signature drink, soon to be unveiled, which will be known as the "Ultimate Martini."

Woodward describes the menu offerings as "much like one might find in Charleston, North Carolina." When asked about the décor, he describes it as one invoking "texture and warmth." Earthy tones of browns and grays are punctuated by black and white photographs, all featuring images from the Great Okefenokee Swamp.

Alan Heckman is the executive chef at Pogo's Kitchen. Taking on the role of head chef is not something Heckman finds at all daunting and instead says that one is "only as good as their last service."

Heckman's father was a Navy man from Kings Bay and as a result, the son traveled the world and developed a taste and appreciation for all cuisines and spices. "I've been all over, lived all over, worked all over, and have done the whole gamut from casual buffets to fine dining," Heckman said. A gradu-



Pogo's, a new restaurant located at 1408 Lewis St. on the south end of Amelia Island, will host its grand opening May 15. Pogo's will be open for lunch and dinner Tuesday through Saturday and will offer a special brunch on Sunday. The team at Pogo's includes; back row, left to right: Chris Woodward, general manager; Alan Heckman, executive chef; Anthony D'Emedio, sous chef; Ed Howell, chief operating officer; front row, left to right: Carol Prescott, front of the house manager; Emily Hall, marketing and events manager; and Danielle Fuelestad, front of the house manager.



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ate of the Culinary Institute of America in New York City, Heckman brought his right-hand man with him from Philadelphia, Anthony D'Emedio, who will serve as sous chef.

Heckman's challenge in developing the menu has been to "elevate comfort food," and he is trying to source all food items locally. He said that while attending a birthday party with his young daughter, he met a gentleman who raises beef in Georgia.

The menu, affectionately described by top staff as "handmade southern cuisine," has been in the making for months. It features traditional southern favorites including boiled peanuts, but this time the peanuts

are a part of a secret ingredient in a unique "hummus" recipe. There are also lobster hush puppies, blackened catfish, grilled sun shrimp and roasted baby beets.

In addition to frequent specials, other menu dishes will include seared snapper, a low country boil, fried chicken with a sweet-chili glaze, mojo roasted quail, a roasted tomato grilled cheese with red onion, goat cheese and pesto, and char-grilled octopus.

The restaurant will be open six days a week for lunch and dinner and Sunday will be dedicated to a southern-style brunch. The dining rooms can seat up to 90 individuals. In addition, there is a special meet-

ing room for private gatherings that will also be suitable for corporate training.

Woodward is anxious to raise the bar for hospitality employees in and around the region. At Pogo's the training has been intense. Heckman's goal is for the restaurant to become the industry standard, the "best and the brightest."

When asked about the greatest challenge facing a general manager of a restaurant, Woodward says it is playing the role of the "peacemaker" between the front and back of house staff. One perk that should help keep the peace and help keep staff is offering free meals to his workers everyday. Woodward recognizes that for

some employees, hospitality work is their second job or one built around hectic family schedules and obligations. Consequently, many staffers don't take the time to eat. At Pogo's, a free "family meal" will be offered each day, providing a great opportunity not just for food but for fellowship. This practice, while an added expense, helps to create an "esprit de corps," he said.

When asked about the owners, Dr. Robert and Wendy Hogan, who also own Amelia Tavern, Emily Hall, Pogo's marketing and events manager, said, "They are a lovely couple ... kind beyond words, compassionate and caring about the community."

And what about the name? Many of a certain age are familiar with a long-running cartoon strip by artist Walt Kelly that starred a humble possum named Pogo, who lived in the Okefenokee Swamp. This amiable character was smart, witty and funny, and was able to tackle tough issues in an unassuming and lovable way. The strip ran for many years, and its cast of characters endeared themselves to the Hogans and millions of other Americans. The setting for the strip was simply southern, but with a twist, just like the restaurant.

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and Forensic Services Public Information Officer Lance Tompkins.

A pool pump overheated and caused a fire to spread to a Callahan home Monday afternoon. The homeowners were not in the residence at 55140 Yellow Jacket Dr. when the fire erupted in Spring Lake Estates around 3 p.m.

The Nassau County Property Appraiser's Office lists Phillip and Linda Gaston as the homeowners. The 3,000 square-foot home, built in 2003, had four bedrooms and two bathrooms. It was purchased for \$280,000 in August 2016.

A Rottweiler dog was rescued from the burning home and was in good condition Monday, according to Nassau County Fire Rescue Local 3101's Facebook page.

A state fire marshal was called in to investigate the fire's cause.

"The fire was nothing suspicious," according to the State Division of Investigative

"The fire originated from the pool pump area and from there, the fire spread up into the attic," he said Tuesday morning. "The structure is listed as a total loss due to the extent of the damages."

Property damages including the home's contents and pool were approximately \$350,000, Tompkins said.

Nassau County Fire Rescue emergency responders from stations 30, 40, 50, 60 and 90 arrived on scene to battle the fire that soared from the attic and into the trees. Volunteers from fire stations 3, 4 and 5 were also on scene. The Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department arrived to provide mutual aid.

Nassau County sheriff's deputies directed traffic through neighborhood streets.

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COURTESY NASSAU COUNTY FIRE RESCUE LOCAL 3101

Left, flames consume a Callahan home Monday afternoon. A Rottweiler, above, was trapped inside, but firefighters worked to rescue it and said it was in stable condition.

Gator causes wreck killing three Monday

AMANDA REAM
Community Newspapers, Inc.

An alligator crossing the interstate led to the deaths of a Callahan woman and her two children Monday morning.

According to a news release from the Orangeburg County Coroner's Office in South Carolina, Amber Stanley, 24, Jack Stanley, 4, and Autumn Stanley, 2, died of thermal injuries after their vehicle caught fire.

The *Times and Democrat* in Orangeburg contacted the *Nassau County Record* Monday evening. According to their staff report, Amber Stanley was driving a 2011 Kia Soul north at mile marker 86 on I-95 near Holly Hill, S.C. when an alligator crossed the road. Stanley struck it, then the vehicle ran off the left side of the road, into the median. It struck a tree and caught fire. The Stanleys perished in the flames. The accident occurred just after 12:45 a.m.

The children's father and Stanley's husband, Josh, was not involved in the accident.

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COMMUNITY

Barnabas, letter carriers partner for food drive

The National Association of Letter Carriers will collect food donations Saturday in order to provide assistance to the millions of Americans who are struggling with hunger, according to a news release.

Celebrating its 26th anniversary this year, the Stamp Out Hunger food drive, held on the second Saturday in May, is the nation's largest single-day food drive, having collected more than one billion pounds of food since its inception as a national food drive in 1993.

The nation's 180,000 postal letter carriers will collect food donations left at the mailboxes

of generous Americans in more than 10,000 communities and deliver them to food banks and other hunger relief organizations.

The need for donations has increased from previous years. The timing of this food drive is crucial as the Barnabas Food Pantry supplies were very low after the holiday season and the beginning of the year.

Residents are encouraged to leave a sturdy bag containing non-perishable food items at or in their mailbox early on Saturday. Letter carriers will collect the donations as they deliver the mail.

A few food items that are always needed include canned soup, canned fruits and vegetables, cereal, pasta, rice, 100-percent juice, peanut butter, pasta or spaghetti sauce, canned or dry beans, macaroni and cheese, and canned protein such as tuna, chicken or turkey.

The need for food assistance continues to exist throughout Nassau County. Over 13 percent, or almost 10,000 residents, are rarely sure how they'll get enough to eat in the next few days, according to the release, and over 3,000 of them are children. Each month, Barnabas distributes food to over 600

households in need through the food pantry. Without such help, these families often go hungry.

Barnabas Center operates the largest food pantry in east Nassau County, providing emergency food to individuals and families who often do not know where their next meal is coming from. Through generous donations, the organization has been able to expand its programs to include fresh and frozen foods, nutritional education, and a teaching kitchen.

For more information about Barnabas' Food Pantry programs, visit BarnabasNassau.org.

Market has gift ideas for Mother's Day

JUDIE MACKIE
For the News-Leader

Kombucha is coming to the Fernandina Beach Market Place farmers market on Saturday. Brought to you by Moonbooch, they brew with wild, native Yopaun tea and work with local farms and purveyors to ensure the freshest ingredients in their tasty selection of kombucha. They also reduce waste with their reusable glass program.

One of the market's newest vendors, Fulford Gardens, is thriving on Saturday mornings with their reusable food wrap. Perfect as a gift for Mother's Day, these cotton fabrics are infused with beeswax, pine rosin, and jojoba oil. They are ideal for wrapping cheese, bread, a sandwich, or a leftover half of a lime. Simply wrap the food and the warmth of your hands will conform the wrap to the desired shape. Washable and reusable, you can now keep foods fresh and help save the environment. Mention this article for a "market special."

Great Harvest Bread Company is bringing its adorable Bear Bread for Mother's Day. Get there early to get your own because they will sell out early. Other great gift ideas are available at Scents Amelia's soy candles, Jaxma Orchids' potted orchids, and colorful flower baskets from Sevenblooms Nursery.



JUDIE MACKIE/FOR THE NEWS-LEADER
Great Harvest Bread Company will be selling its Bear Bread for Mother's Day at Saturday's farmers market.

There will also be nearly 30 vendors of arts and crafts, located adjacent to the farmers market, where you will surely find that perfect gift.

The farmers market is located in downtown Fernandina Beach, on North Seventh Street, between Alachua and Centre streets. The markets are open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., and your well-behaved, leashed pets are welcome.

For more information, visit FernandinaBeachMarketPlace.com.

SCOUT LEADER RECEIVES SILVER BEAVER AWARD

Scout Master William Anno of Boy Scout Troop 152 in Yulee, of the North Florida Council, was recently awarded the Silver Beaver Award, which is the council-level distinguished service award of the Boy Scouts of America. Upon nomination by the local Scout council and with the approval of the National Court of Honor, recipients of this award must be a registered adult leader who has made an impact on the lives of youth through service given to the council. The Silver Beaver is an award given to those who implement the Scouting program and perform community service through hard work, self-sacrifice, dedication, and many years of service. It is given to those who do not seek it and are nominated without their notification. Anno has been an active Scout leader and merit badge counselor since 2004 and a founding member of Troop 152. He served the last five years as the Baden-Powell district commissioner and has served on summer camp staff as well as security staff for the Boy Scout National Jamboree.



SUBMITTED

FBCA appoints principal

Fernandina Beach Christian Academy has named Dr. John Ackermann as its new principal. Ackermann brings over 35 years of expertise and experience as a teacher and administrator in middle-level education, according to FBCA.

His history includes STEM education, and he is known as an instructional leader and an advocate for students.

Ackermann and his wife, Betsy, recently relocated to the greater Amelia Island area from Pennsylvania. They are members of the First Presbyterian Church in Fernandina Beach.

The Fernandina Beach Christian Academy also recently announced that it is adding eighth grade, beginning in the fall.

FBCA is a community Christian school located on the campus of First Baptist Church at 1600 S. Eighth St. in Fernandina Beach.



Ackerman



SUBMITTED

Nassau County 4-H members recently participated in a district competition and brought home a number of ribbons.

4-H members compete at district competition

Last month, Nassau County 4-H members participated in the District Events competition. This competition is held each year and includes public speaking, demonstrations and share-the-fun divisions. 4-H members must qualify at the county level in order to move on and compete at this event alongside youth from Duval, Clay, St. Johns, Flagler and Putnam counties. This year Nassau County sent eight youth to compete at the event held at Buddy Taylor Middle School in Flagler County.

Three youth – Eli Hatton, Lillian Peebles and Katie Gates – competed in the public

speaking competition. Hatton and Peebles competed in the junior division, where the former taught the audience how to "Save Your Brain" by wearing a helmet when riding horses and the latter shared her experience with the Youth Emergency Team and "What You Can Do." Both received red ribbons. Gates competed in the senior division and taught about the "Benefits of Barley" when finishing a cow before a show. She received a blue ribbon for her speech.

Five Nassau County youth participated in the demonstration and illustrated talk competition, teaching audiences

about their topics using either props or slideshow presentations. Allie Mizell and Jackson Norstrem competed in the junior division. Mizell demonstrated how to turn grocery store flowers into bouquets and Norstrem showed the audience how to saddle your horse. Mizell received a blue ribbon and Norstrem received a red ribbon. In the intermediate division, Reagan Nelson taught about embryology, Charlie Norstrem explained how to change the shocks on your car, and Emma Norstrem shared about famous horses through history. All three received blue ribbons for their presentations.

New executive director takes the helm at local Boys & Girls Clubs

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Nassau County Foundation has named Chris Martin as its new executive director to lead community outreach and fundraising for the organization, according to a news release.

Martin will be working closely with Jamie Thompson, area director, who is responsible for club operations and programming. The foundation provides funding for the operations of two local clubs.

"We are delighted to have Chris lead our community outreach and expand our fundraising capabilities to meet the needs of our growing community," Clara Miller, president of the Nassau County Foundation board, said in the release. "As a seasoned Boys & Girls Clubs senior executive, Chris brings the experience needed to expand and strengthen our community ties, while growing the fundraising base needed to provide a top-quality Club experience for 500 youngsters of Nassau County."

A native of Charleston, S.C. and a graduate of Charleston Southern University, Martin credits the work he has done with Boys & Girls Clubs as "the organization that got my life on the right path."

He has spent the last 18 years working for Boys & Girls Clubs, most recently serving as president and CEO of Boys & Girls Clubs of Acadiana in Louisiana for 9 years. He also served as president and CEO



Martin

of Boys & Girls Clubs of the Middle Georgia Region and unit director for three years for Boys & Girls Clubs in Columbus, Ga. He is married to Jan Reese Martin and they have three children.

"I look forward to working with the Foundation's board to increase community support for our vital programming," said Martin in the release. "This organization has played a critical role in helping young people in the area pursue positive futures. I'm excited about expanding our reach, and to becoming involved in the local community both professionally and as a volunteer."

The Debt

Sunday
Exodus 40:1-5
Monday
Exodus 40:6-13
Tuesday
Exodus 40:14-18
Wednesday
Exodus 40:19-24
Thursday
Exodus 40:25-30
Friday
Exodus 40:31-34
Saturday
Exodus 40:35-38

Weekly Bible Trivia

What was the Israelites' place of worship called? (answer found in this week's scripture reading)

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When Bradley Walker was 10 yrs. old, he had a bad habit of evaluating everything by its worth in money. He wanted to know the price of everything he saw, and he constantly talked about the money he was going to make in life. One morning when Bradley came down to breakfast, he left on his mother's plate the following note, neatly folded:

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Tax season thanks

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program just completed the 2017 tax year providing free tax assistance to low- and moderate-income taxpayers in Nassau County. There are two VITA sites, the Atlantic Recreation Center in Fernandina Beach and WorkSource Nassau in Yulee, and between the two sites, we processed almost 900 returns and helped well over 1,000 taxpayers. \$750,000 in refunds were returned to Nassau County residents at no cost to the taxpayer.

This long standing United Way Program program is supported locally by the City of Fernandina Beach Recreation Department, Nassau County Public Library System, State of Florida WorkSource program, and over a dozen dedicated volunteers. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all our partners and our volunteers for a great tax season and we look forward to serving the community next year.

Genece Minshew
ARC VITA Site Coordinator

Dog park injury

I was baffled and saddened to read the article in the May 2 News-Leader regarding a Nassau County Dog Park volunteer's suit against a dog owner, presumably seeking money damages, for a leg she broke after getting herself in the mix of dogs running around the Dog Park.

Note: Dog parks have developed in the last several years as a safe space for dogs to run leash-free with other dogs. Many, including Nassau County's, have ponds and other amenities for dogs to frolic leash-free. That's the purpose of a dog park.

So, you adopt a dog, pay money to the Dog Park so that you have a place for your dog to run, leash-free with other dogs. Instinctive pack animals, dogs love running together. Just for the joy of it. It energizes them. It is pure exuberance. It's an

everyday occurrence at the Dog Park. Not only do the dogs love it, but dog owners love to see the dogs running joyfully together. Happy times.

And then after years of doing this at the Dog Park with your dog, you get sued by a Dog Park volunteer who somehow got into the mix of this dog exuberance and ends up with a broken leg. A very unhappy and very unfortunate occurrence, without a doubt. But, the dogs were doing exactly what the Dog Park intended them to do, indeed, invited them to do, run around together off-leash. And for which the dog owner paid the Dog Park a fee. Now you, the dog owner, get sued. By a Dog Park volunteer ... huh?

I was also baffled by the report in the article about a court's finding that the Dog Park's signage was insufficient to be "bad dog" warning signage which that court felt was needed. Huh?

What about dogs running off-leash makes them "bad dogs"? Particularly in an environment created by the Dog Park for that precise purpose. Now if the injury was, say, a dog bite, that's a different story. But that's not the injury here.

Lastly, I note that the article reports that when the volunteer filed suit, the Dog Park and the dog owner were both named defendants (persons from whom the volunteer seeks money damages for her injury). However, recent court documents show that the Dog Park is no longer a party to this suit, for reasons unknown. Just the dog owner is the sole defendant. The dog owner did nothing other than accept the invitation of the Dog Park to bring her dog to run off-leash with other dogs, and paid the Dog Park a fee for that right. Sad.

I thank God he sent a rescue cat my way before I adopted a dog, which I was considering. Otherwise, in addition to being baffled and saddened, I might be worried. Worried about being sued for some injury that might occur at the Dog Park while my dog is simply running off-leash, as so invited by the Dog Park.

Mary Berger
Nassau County

The price of safety

Nassau County school officials passed the first test when they met several weeks ago with local law enforcement over protecting our students from gun violence.

It was an initial step of response. More must be done. The echo will fade from the gunshots in the recent shooting in South Florida, but we cannot ignore it, or forget it.

When two government agencies meet, costs and responsibilities are the paramount issues – as to which one will bear these burdens. Fortunately, both the school district and the sheriff's department have significant tax dollars and resources right now. We have been blessed to be in a wealthy county with valuable assets.

And we are fortunate to live in the most financially sound state in the U.S. So funds are also available for school protection from the \$400 million bill passed by state lawmakers. Local school officials need to tap into these state funds.

There are strings attached to the state funding. However, these are minor conditions. We can comply with them. Outside funds in conjunction with local monies will go a long way.

And the sheriff's department – as well as the Fernandina Beach Police Department – should be willing to lend a hand, both with manpower and money. After all, these agencies are funded by tax dollars to protect us, and this certainly applies to students and teachers and administrators. Especially when they are in a precious school setting.

In their defense, county deputies and city police officers are obviously willing participants. It just comes down to who pays for and provides additional security. Everyone has budget and staffing constraints.

Here is an idea. Let's have sheriff's deputies and city police regularly drive through the parking lots of county/city schools, or stop in the office and ask if anything unusual is happening. They are out patrolling anyway. And they are already doing some of this, in conjunction with school resource officers.

In return, schools can post big signs declaring that the grounds are patrolled by city police or sheriff's



**STEVE'S
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Steve Nicklas

If you are driving your car, don't you notice the speed limit signs? And don't you react when the speed limits are raised or lowered along the way? Of course you do. Signs are everywhere in our lives, and we follow them.

If school shootings continue, more drastic measures might be needed. Like security fences and metal detectors and searches before entering the school grounds. Not much different than an airport.

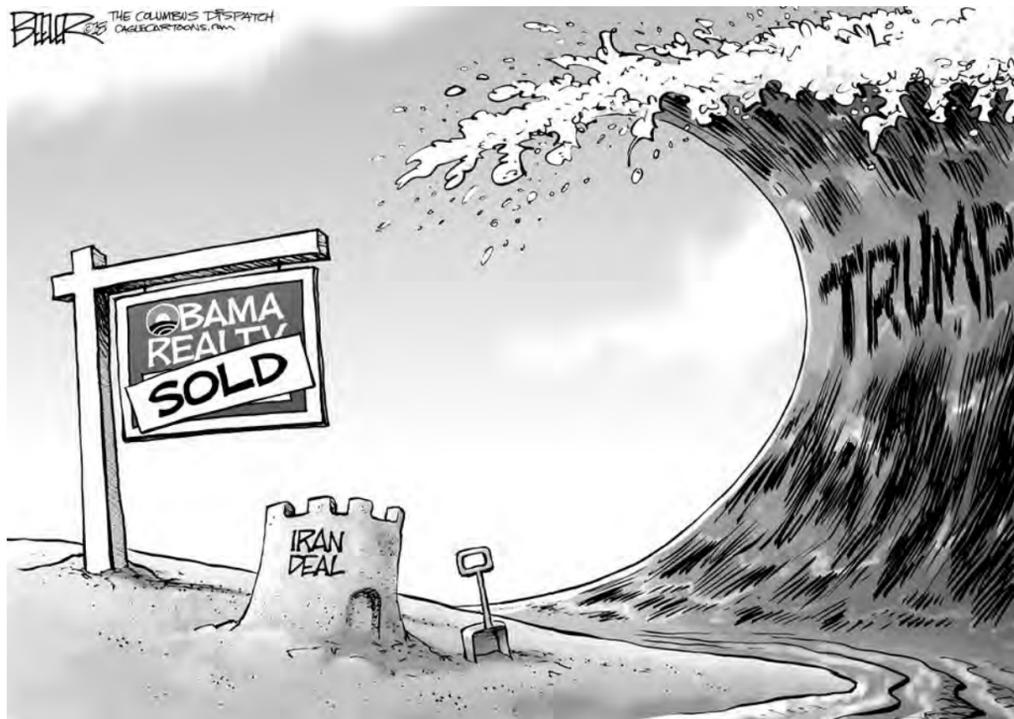
This is unfortunate, but it may get to that (and has already in some inner-city schools). But our county is safe and free of violent crime. We live here because we like it this way.

Why can't we also have more cameras at local schools? Like we have at our houses. Cameras that are monitored by city police and county deputies. Like with signs, cameras will not stop an incident, but they definitely can deter it.

There are other law enforcement measures available, certainly. Having brainstorming sessions like the one recently held between the school superintendent and the sheriff are an ideal way to start the process.

We've passed our initial test with flying colors. We have responded quickly. And there are more steps ahead – before our schools can be as safe as possible.

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VIEWPOINT / COMMISSIONER CHIP ROSS, FERNANDINA BEACH

Ideas on fixing the marina's silting issue

In Northeast Florida and Georgia there are two types of marinas. Those that are being dredged and those that are going to need to be dredged. The question of dredging to maintain a useable marina is not if the marina will need dredging, but how often and how much will be need to be dredged.

Mud currently engulfs the city of Fernandina Beach marina. Two previous decisions primarily caused this predicament. The first decision occurred in the late 1980s. The marina was built with slips and walkways perpendicular to the flow of the river. These barriers to the water flow caused the water to slow and sediment to settle out and accumulate – similar to snow fences causing snow drifts. Although debated for years, no City Commission ever corrected the design error.

Secondly, two years ago, the City Commission decided not to do maintenance dredging after Hurricane Matthew. The destruction of the attenuator (the wave breaker and outer dock) drove the decision. As the water in the marina became shallower, the rate of siltation accelerated. Because no dredging has been done in four years, the marina is now inundated with mud with a limited amount of usable slips.

Five basic options exist to resolve the problem.

1. Sell the marina and let the buyer fix the problem.
2. Do nothing.
3. Dredge the current marina at a cost of approximately \$1 million. The mud will likely reaccumulate in approximately two years.

4. Abandon the southern part of the marina and build new piers to the north.

5. Remove most of the existing docks, dredge, and then reconfigure the southern marina to correct the original design flaw, to decrease the frequency and amount of dredging.

Although advocated by some, I believe options 1 and 2 are unacceptable. The marina is a key component of the economic and recreational hub of the historic downtown. The marina creates a busy waterfront with a lively ambiance delighting thousands of residents and visitors year-round.

Dredging, option 3, without changing the marina design simply repeats the past. The definition of psychosis is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting a different outcome. I do not support this option.

Extending the piers to the north and abandoning the south (option 4) has been advocated in the past. The grant funding for the northern expansion depends on providing transient slips only and would eliminate local use. Additionally, many of the grants that were obtained to build the southern docks were dependent on agreeing to continue the use of the southern marina. Some of those grants would likely need to be repaid. I do not believe this to be a viable option.

I believe the way forward is to:

1. Repair the attenuator dock as is currently planned. This should be finished by the end of the year.
2. Move the current long-term slip holders to the repaired attenuator dock.
3. Remove the current docks that are perpendicular to the flow of water.



FILE PHOTO

(Estimated cost: \$130,000 +/-).

4. Dredge the marina. The amount of mud is estimated at 30,000 cubic yards, which would cost approximately \$1 million.

5. Reconstruct the marina using the 8-foot wide walkways that were removed, to form a 770-foot-long floating pier that would run parallel to the existing attenuator. This design would not substantially block the flow of water and should result in less fre-

quent dredging needs. (Estimated cost: \$650,000 +/-.) This plan has been vetted by ATM, an engineering firm hired by the city to recommend a solution.

The total estimated cost would be approximately \$1.78 million. The Florida Inland Navigational District will likely award the city \$380,000 for dredging. The city would need to contribute \$1,400,000. This money would need to be borrowed and paid back over time.

For years, the City Commission has talked about providing a functional marina. All five current city commissioners have previously promised to "fix" the marina. If followed, option five could be completed by next spring (2019).

This topic has been put on the May 15 City Commission meeting as a discussion item. The time has come to stop talking and fix the marina.

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'U-pick' farms offer the freshest produce



WILLIAMS BLUEBERRY FARM/SPECIAL

The berries are almost ready to pick at Williams Blueberry Farm in Jacksonville, one of many that can be found close to Amelia Island.

JULIA ROBERTS
News-Leader

As spring turns to summer, produce begins to ripen on the vine, with opportunities to spend a day out in the sun, picking a variety of berries and other tasty selections.

Fresh fruit and vegetable lovers who enjoy harvesting their own meals will find several "U-pick" farms within a short drive of Amelia Island.

• **Vacuna Farms** on Vacuna Road in Kingsland, Ga. currently has blueberries for \$3 per pound for you-pick and \$5 per pound already picked. Later in the season, there will be blackberries available at \$4 per pound, you-pick. The farm will also have zucchini, squash, bean, peas, okra and sweet corn at different times. A visit to the farm's Facebook page will find days and hours of operation, which can also be obtained by calling 904-583-2821.

• **Merck Farms** on Clark's Bluff Road in Kingsland, Ga., has strawberries now, but will have squash, zucchini, cucumbers, tomatoes, eggplant, bell peppers, hot peppers, cantaloupe, watermelon and other crops available later this season.

Regular hours will be set as crops come in. Strawberry plants are being picked clean, so owner Bob Merck asks



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customers to check the farm's Facebook page or call 912-674-0197 to check for hours and availability.

• **Morning Belle Farms** at 762 Pine Drive in Woodbine, Ga. is already open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. They have blueberries and three rows of blackberries. For more information, call 912-222-4801 or visit them on Facebook.

• **The Blueberry Ranch** north of Yulee has seven varieties

of Rabbit Eye blueberries, which grow wild in the foothills of Georgia. The berries are a bit slow to ripen, so the farm will not open until June 8. Its hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday. The farm is located at 852042 U.S. 17, north of S.R. 200/A1A. It is one-half mile past the state weigh station. If you reach I-95, you have gone too far.

For more information, call 904-415-0337 or check the farm's Facebook page.

• **Williams Blueberry Farm** at 2595 Stratton Road in Jacksonville will open Saturday, May 26, with weekend hours from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Wednesdays from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Visitors can call 904-866-2647 to check for availability.

• **Congaree and Penn Farm & Mills** at 11830 Old Kings Road in Jacksonville will open to pickers in June with you-pick blackberries through July, muscadine grapes in August and September and pumpkins in October.

In June, the farm will be open for picking from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Those hours may expand during the season. Guests can also shop in the farm store and enjoy rice bowls prepared by chef Ryan Randolph for \$10. You can contact Congaree and Penn at hello@congreandpenn.com, or call 904-527-1945. They are also on Facebook.

• **Kent's Blueberry Farm** at 14959 Thomas Mill Road East in Jacksonville sets its hours by determining when berries will be ripe. The farm usually opens the third week of May, but it could be June. They will open to pickers by appointment. Call 904-768-3484 for more information.

For more information on you-pick farms, visit pickyourown.org.

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Bill W. Ponder, Ph.D., of Fernandina Beach, was recently honored by the American Chemical Society. From left, Josh Melko, past-chair of the Jacksonville Section of the ACS, Dr. Hannah Malcolm, the current chair, and Ponder.

Chemist honored

Bill W. Ponder, Ph.D., of Fernandina Beach, was recently honored at the American Chemical Society's annual meeting for his 60 years in the field of chemistry.

According to the American Chemical Society, Ponder received his doctorate from Iowa State University. He served three years with the Air Force Research Labs at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Ohio and then joined the faculty at the University of Alabama, where he taught both undergraduate and graduate organic chemistry and directed the research activities of numerous graduate students. While there, Ponder was awarded an Outstanding Scholar Fellowship with the College of Arts and Sciences and was recognized by the Alabama National Alumni Association as an Outstanding Teacher. His tenure at Alabama included chairing the Medical Careers Committee. He retired from Alabama as an emeritus professor after 27 years. Ponder then accepted the position of

professor and department chair at Georgia Southern University.

During his 11-year tenure at Georgia Southern, Ponder was the co-principal investigator on a facilities upgrade grant of \$1 million from the National Science Foundation and was instrumental in overseeing the construction of a new \$25 million chemistry building. He retired from Georgia Southern as emeritus professor and department chair.

Ponder was recently honored by Louisiana Tech with the Outstanding Chemistry Graduate award.

Ponder's American Chemical Society activities include serving as section chair and councilor of the Alabama Section and at Georgia Southern serving as councilor of the Coastal Empire Section.

Ponder has two grown children, Dr. Kenneth Ponder, an internal medicine practitioner in Niceville, Fla. and Dr. Elizabeth P. McGraw, a pediatric radiologist in Jacksonville.

Happy Mother's Day

A good friend had a close family member pass away unexpectedly last weekend. The loss was stunning because of all of the future plans previously being set in motion that are now forever disrupted. Family and friends will never have another chance to visit. In today's environment, both professionally and personally, we often miss those moments.

Lisa's father, Bob, was a great community leader. A former school administrator, he donated money (substantial) and time (more substantial) to acquire a key piece of land to add to a local park in Michigan. He was also an avid baseball fan.

While we were living in Connecticut, we planned an outing to Yankee Stadium (sadly, not the original) to watch his beloved Detroit Tigers tangle with the hated Yankees. A few weeks before the scheduled trip, some health issues arose and the visit to Connecticut and New York didn't happen. The issue wasn't necessarily debilitating, but the thought was, "We'll come later." Bob never returned to Connecticut, passing away the following summer.

Shortly after relocating to Fernandina Beach, my father developed health issues. All of the prognoses were positive – after some routine treatments, his health would be stabilized and he would return to his normal lifestyle (although the ravages of age were otherwise affecting him as well). My parents would visit our wonderful new community after his treatments. "We'll come later."

Five months later I was away at a training conference when I got an early morning call from my mother that Dad had passed away. He never got to see Fernandina Beach. "Later" never came.

We get consumed by life rather than consuming life. Life can end in a slow inexorable otherwise nature journey that can be somewhat managed or it can end with stunning unexpectedness. In either case, "later" will never come.

We likely all have family and friends that complain that we live too far away to visit, so they don't. I also know, however, that we also have family and friends mere miles away that we rarely visit. Distance is an easy crutch.

Modern communication, while instantaneous, has become increasingly impersonal. We "talk" to family and friends through social media and text messages. It is so much simpler. I joke with my daughters that I at least know my "friends" on Facebook; they were friends long before the meaning was usurped. Our family phone plan recorded approximately 7,700 text messages last



CITY NOTES

Dale Martin

month. One of my daughters attributed for nearly 5,500 of those messages, explaining, "Dad, that's how I talk to my friends." I have always contended that the most ordinary symbol that illustrates that we are by nature a trusting species is the simple four-inch wide, fractions-of-an-inch high yellow stripe in the middle of a road. We simply assume that that massive impenetrable barrier will always protect us from oncoming traffic.

Tens of thousands are killed every year in motor vehicle

accidents, many of which are through no fault of the victims. We get in the car to drive to work or to the grocery store or to visit, and something goes wrong. Studies indicate that these "routine" trips are now more dangerous because of distracted driving. Don't take these little drives for granted any more – "later" may never come. Stories with these tragic endings roil our community much too frequently.

Consume life with your family and friends. Several years ago I had an employee whose home life was struggling because of external pressures she felt at work: She was constantly and mercilessly chided, ridiculed, and belittled by several members of the community. The harassment was completely unwarranted and I

couldn't shield her enough. I told her that while I would no doubt be able to find a replacement for her at work, no one could replace her as a wife and mother at home, so I encouraged her to find a different and better work environment.

This is Mother's Day weekend. While Mom should receive the appropriate amount of attention, take the time to reflect on all of your family and friend relationships. Make the time to visit or talk (real talk); schedule those conversations as you would a business meeting to make them happen. The likelihood of convenient gatherings is unlikely – we are consumed by life.

Make "later" happen. Make "later" now. Happy Mother's Day.

Dale Martin is the city manager of Fernandina Beach.

UPDATE *Continued from 2A*

tactics courses. For information and more class dates, contact Gary Belson at 491-8358 or 476-2037, or gbelson@bellsouth.net, or visit www.thebelsongroup.com.

Take Off Pounds Sensibly

The TOPS weight loss group meets at 3:45 p.m. Thursdays in the county building 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 sister clothing store, NHS Second Chance Closet, are looking to grow their team of volunteers 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.

BEACH FACT FINDING COMMITTEE

Based on the passage of HB 631 (Beach Bill), the Board of County Commissioners has formed a Fact Finding Committee consisting of Michael S. Mullin, County Attorney, Shanea Jones, County Manager, and Taco Pope, Director of Planning and Economic Development, to receive testimony and documentary evidence as to the customary and historic beach use, including dry sand areas, in the unincorporated areas of Amelia Island, of the dry sand areas of the beach.

The public is invited to participate and provide testimony and documentary evidence as to the customary beach use.

The Fact Finding Committee will meet in the Commission Chambers, located at the James S. Page Governmental Complex, 96135 Nassau Place, Yulee, Florida on the following dates and times:

May 15, 2018 at 10:30 a.m.
May 17, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.
May 22, 2018 at 3:00 p.m.
May 24, 2018 at 3:00 p.m.

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REGION 1-5A QUARTERFINAL



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The Hornets hosted the Bulldogs Tuesday in a Region 1-5A quarterfinal matchup. The Yulee High School baseball team's 2018 campaign came to an end with a 6-4 extra-inning loss to Bolles, the two-time defending state champs. "We had a chance against a very, very good team," said Fred Matricardi, who steered the Hornets to 20 wins in his first season at Yulee. "We were up 2-0 and had a chance to extend and couldn't execute a few plays. We made a few errors to let them back in it. We competed hard and kept it a 2-2 game. We were right where we wanted to be in the bottom of the seventh. Runner on second and no outs. We just couldn't get the big hit to win it. Nick Love battled on the mound and gave us a chance. David Alexander (above center) had a big two-run double. I'm very proud of my guys. They accomplished a lot in a short period of time. This one hurts because we had the two-time defending state champ on the ropes versus a very good pitcher that is a high draft pick. I feel we let one slip away. But give credit to Bolles. They never quit and battled also. I think their playoff experience was big for them. We gained some valuable experience last night. Our kids executed our game plan. We just didn't finish." Love tags a Bolles runner out at home plate, top left, and on the mound, above left. Yulee was the District 4-5 champion, beating Bishop Kenny in the title game. Christian Sweat, poised to score from third base, top right. Catcher Austin LaFavor chases a Bulldog back to third base, above right.

Six Yulee High School student-athletes college bound

BETH JONES
News-Leader

Six more Yulee High School seniors will be competing in their respective sports on the college level. The six signed national letters of intent on May 2.

Two basketball players signed. Will Ferguson is heading to South Georgia State College, and teammate Sam Jackson will play at Florida State College at Jacksonville.

"On and off the court, they are model student-athletes," YHS boys basketball coach Patrick McKie said. "I wish them the best on the journey. I'm very proud of these guys."

"We're excited to get Will," said Cory Baldwin, men's basketball coach at South Georgia State College. "His upside is through the roof. We think he's big and athletic, has a bright future. Such a good rebounder. A very good student too. That made us real excited."

While Ferguson and Jackson will no longer be teammates, they will meet again, playing twice during the regular season. "We'll play each other twice a year," Jackson said. "It will be pretty weird."

Jackson has been on varsity since his sophomore season. "It's been a long ride," He said. "It's been really interesting. A lots of ups and downs, particularly due to injuries. I'm a different person completely because of it, and it's been a

really great experience."

Haylie Wallace will be swimming at Indian River State College.

"Haylie has been on the team since the ninth grade," YHS swim coach Tamsen Wheat said. "Not long after she arrived in my classroom, I saw her leadership potential and the talent she was bringing to our team."

"She holds four individual team records and is part of the three relays that hold team records. Haylie was our first female swimmer in school history to advance to the regional level when she was just a freshman. She was part of the first girls relay team to advance to the state meet. Haylie has advanced in the state series every year that she has swam."

Her senior season, Wallace placed sixth in the in the 100-yard backstroke, 14th in the 100-yard butterfly and was part of the relay that placed 10th in the 200-yard medley at the state meet in Stuart.

"After all of her hard work and determination, she has committed to swim at Indian River State College. They have a very competitive team," Wheat said.

Yulee baseball has two players moving on to the next level. Brannon Beverly will play baseball and football at Tiffin University, and Christian Sweat will play at Thomas University. "Just had a chance to be around them this year," said



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Six Yulee High School seniors have signed national letters of intent to compete in their respective sports on the next level, including, seated from right, Christian Sweat, Brannon Beverly and Brandon Kline, pictured with their teammates during a signing celebration May 2. More photos, 11A.

first-year baseball coach Fred Matricardi. "Both of them really work hard, buy into what we're doing. I wish them nothing but the best."

"These guys are a big part of

our 19 wins we've accumulated this year. Big, good leaders on and off the field for us. We look forward to them going on in their education and playing and hope they stay and finish four

years. That's the goal.

"We want to send them out where they don't come home and they stick it out and get their degree and wherever it takes them."

That makes four college-bound baseball players for Yulee.

Brandon Kline will play foot-

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COLLEGE BOUND



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Yulee High School had six student-athletes sign national letters of intent to compete in their respective sports during a ceremony May 2 at the school. Basketball players Sam Jackson and Will Ferguson and swimmer Haylie Wallace are pictured with their families, above left, and their coaches, below left. Jackson will attend Florida State College at Jacksonville; Ferguson will play at South Georgia State College, and Wallace is heading to Indian River State College. Brandon Kline, Brannon Beverly and Christian Sweat are pictured with their families, above right, and their coaches, below right. Kline will play football at Huntington University, Sweat will play baseball at Thomas University, and Beverly will play both sports at Tiffin University.



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ball at Huntington University. "Brandon was a two-year starter for us at quarterback," football coach Josh Burch said. "He accumulated over half of our offensive production this year, with 750 yards in the air

and 380 yards on the ground. He was a weapon for us. "He was one of four team captains. He was our 2017 coach's award winner. Just a pleasure to coach."

Huntington has been conference champions three straight seasons.

"So, he's going to a great school," Burch said.

"Brannon was also a two-year varsity starter for us at

inside linebacker. For two seasons in a row, he was our leading tackler. His senior year, he accumulated 85 tackles and had

one interception, four tackles for a loss and a forced fumble.

"He was a force to be reckoned with in the middle, and

he was also one of our team captains."

Beverly was Yulee's 2016 defensive most valuable player.

SPORTS SHORTS

Boating safety class

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

Flotilla 14-1 is offering this course at the Amelia Island Lighthouse, O'Hagan Drive, Fernandina Beach, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on 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.

Joggin' for Frogmen 5K

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

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

10x10 booth. Email ameliaislandfl@jogginforfrogmen.com. The event is 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.

Visit www.jogginforfrogmen.com and to register. Packet pickup will be from 3:30-6:30 p.m. May 18 at the Fernandina Beach Golf Club.

Boules Club

The Amelia Island Boules Club holds petanque pickup games on the petanque courts at Central Park, corner of Atlantic Avenue and South 11th Street, Saturdays at 9:30 a.m. and most afternoons on weekdays. Petanque (pay-tonk) is a cousin of both horse-shoes and bocce, the Italian bowling game. The public is always welcome. Call 491-1190 for information.

SUMMER CAMPS

Basketball, all sports

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.

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

YHS volleyball

Yulee High School will host the second annual volleyball camp to teach young, aspiring players to pass, set, hit, block, serve and dig. Players will have the chance to learn the fundamentals with fun, competitive drills designed to introduce volleyball skills and emphasize teamwork.

The camp is open to students in entering fourth through eighth grades; ages will be divided according to

skill level. The camp is from 9 a.m. to noon June 4-6 in the YHS gym.

Cost is \$50. Pre-register by mail. Send mail and payment to YHS Volleyball Camp, 85375 Miner Road, Yulee, FL 32097.

Bring knee pads, water, snack and athletic shoes. For information, email donna.jackson@nassau.k12.fl.us or call 225-8641, ext. 5697.

FBHS cheerleading

Fernandina Beach High School will host a cheer camp June 4-8 in the FBHS Cheer Gym, behind the middle school. The camp is open to ages 3-12. Preschoolers attend from 9-11 a.m., and the cost is \$75. Kindergartners through sixth graders attend from 9 a.m. to noon, and the cost is \$100. Cash only payments will be accepted.

Register the first day, starting at 8:30 a.m.

Campers should wear shorts, shirts, athletic shoes. A water fountain is on-site. Parents are not allowed to stay.

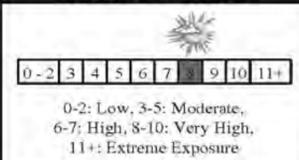
There will be five competitive youth teams next year. Registration will be in July. There are free teams that will compete during the school year. More information will be available at the camp and in future editions of the News-Leader.

The News Leader Weather Summary

Fernandina Beach's Seven Day Forecast

Day	Forecast	High / Low
Friday	Mostly Sunny	88 / 70
Saturday	Mostly Sunny	85 / 71
Sunday	Mostly Sunny	83 / 72
Monday	Few Showers	81 / 71
Tuesday	Few Showers	83 / 73
Wednesday	Scattered Rain	81 / 71
Thursday	Few Showers	87 / 77

Local UV Index



Weather Trivia

How are the hot Santa Ana winds of California formed?

Answer: They form when pressure forces air down slope through the mountains.

Weather History

May 11, 1987 - Early morning thunderstorms produced up to four inches of rain in southern Texas, with flooding reported from Maverick County to Eagle Pass. Evening thunderstorms in northern Illinois produced hail the size of golf balls and wind gusts to 70 mph.

Peak Fishing/Hunting Times This Week

Day	AM	PM	Day	AM	PM
Fri	9:18-11:18	9:41-11:41	Tue	12:12-2:12	12:40-2:40
Sat	10:05-12:05	10:29-12:29	Wed	1:08-3:08	1:38-3:38
Sun	10:53-12:53	---	Thu	2:08-4:08	2:38-4:38
Mon	11:19-1:19	11:45-1:45			

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Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonsset	Phase
New 5/15	Fri 6:33 a.m.	8:10 p.m.	4:17 a.m.	4:23 p.m.	Full 5/29
	Sat 6:33 a.m.	8:11 p.m.	4:53 a.m.	5:23 p.m.	
	Sun 6:32 a.m.	8:12 p.m.	5:29 a.m.	6:24 p.m.	
	Mon 6:31 a.m.	8:12 p.m.	6:08 a.m.	7:28 p.m.	
First 5/21	Tue 6:31 a.m.	8:13 p.m.	6:51 a.m.	8:34 p.m.	Last 6/6
	Wed 6:30 a.m.	8:14 p.m.	7:39 a.m.	9:41 p.m.	
	Thu 6:29 a.m.	8:14 p.m.	8:32 a.m.	10:46 p.m.	

Last Week's Almanac & Growing Degree Days

Date	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Farmer's Growing Degree Days
5/2	78	64	83/60	0.00"	Date Degree Days
5/3	79	69	83/60	0.00"	5/2 21
5/4	79	68	84/60	0.00"	5/3 24
5/5	80	63	84/61	0.00"	5/4 23
5/6	85	69	84/61	0.00"	5/5 21
5/7	82	66	85/61	0.00"	
5/8	77	64	85/61	0.00"	

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

Tides This Week

Fernandina Beach					St. Mary's Entrance				
Date	High	Low	High	Low	Date	High	Low	High	Low
Fri	6:11 am	12:11 pm	6:38 pm	None	Fri	5:35 am	12:08 pm	6:02 pm	None
Sat	7:03 am	12:41 am	7:28 pm	12:58 pm	Sat	6:27 am	12:38 am	6:52 pm	12:55 pm
Sun	7:52 am	1:32 am	8:16 pm	1:44 pm	Sun	7:16 am	1:29 am	7:40 pm	1:41 pm
Mon	8:40 am	2:22 am	9:03 pm	2:31 pm	Mon	8:04 am	2:19 am	8:27 pm	2:28 pm
Tue	9:28 am	3:10 am	9:51 pm	3:16 pm	Tue	8:52 am	3:07 am	9:15 pm	3:13 pm
Wed	10:17 am	3:58 am	10:41 pm	4:03 pm	Wed	9:41 am	3:55 am	10:05 pm	4:00 pm
Thu	11:08 am	4:46 am	11:33 pm	4:51 pm	Thu	10:32 am	4:43 am	10:57 pm	4:48 pm

StarWatch By Gary Becker - Mr. Gorsky: An Urban Myth

"When Apollo Mission Astronaut Neil Armstrong first walked on the moon, he not only gave his famous 'one small step for [a] man, one giant leap for mankind' statement but followed it by several remarks and usual com traffic. Just before he re-entered the Lander, however, he made the enigmatic remark, 'Good luck, Mr. Gorsky.' Many people at NASA thought it was a casual remark concerning some rival Soviet Cosmonaut. However upon checking, there was no Gorsky in either the Russian or American space programs. Over the years many people questioned Armstrong as to what the 'Good luck, Mr. Gorsky' statement meant, but Armstrong always just smiled. On July 5, 1995, in Tampa Bay, FL, while answering questions following a speech, a reporter brought up the 26-year old question to Armstrong. This time, he finally responded. Mr. Gorsky had died and so Neil Armstrong felt he could answer the question. When he was a kid, he was playing baseball with a friend in the backyard. His friend hit a fly ball that landed in the front of his neighbor's bedroom windows. His neighbors were Mr. and Mrs. Gorsky. As he leaned down to pick up the ball, young Armstrong heard Mrs. Gorsky shouting at Mr. Gorsky, '...Sex! You want ...sex? You'll get ...sex when the kid next door walks on the moon!' True story..." The 50th anniversary of humankind's first footsteps onto the moon's surface will be celebrated next year, July 20, 2019, but somehow the Gorsky story still continues. Understand that it is simply an urban legend. It never happened. The full NASA transcript with comments regarding the closeout on the lunar surface can be found at <https://www.hq.nasa.gov/office/pao/History/alsj/a11/a11.closure.html>. At 11:37:32 into the Apollo 11 mission, Armstrong pulled himself up onto the ladder reaching the third step. "Okay?" (11:37:15) was his last comment made from the lunar surface in reference to the placement of a package of memorial items Buzz Aldrin had just dropped onto the moon's surface from the Lunar Module. The full discussion of the origins and spreading of this urban myth can be found in more detail at <http://www.snopes.com/quotes/mrgorsky.asp>. Goodbye, Mr. Gorsky. FADE OUT... www.astronomy.org



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Long Point hosts men's Member-Member Tournament

Long Point at the Amelia Island Club held its annual three-day men's Member-Member tournament May 2-5. Eighty participants played in the match play format, which featured five nine-hole matches over the course of the event.

In the first flight, the winners were William McCarter and Brian Tennyson, with a total of 26 points. The second flight winners were Chris Peters and Bill Kettunen, with a team total of 27 points.

In the third flight, the winners were Bill Filbert and Ralph Karlovec, with a total of 28 points. In the fourth flight, Bob Valick and Jeff Murphy became the winners with a total of 30.5 points.

The fifth flight was captured by Al Salerno and Pete LePorin, with a total of 30 points. Flight six was won by the team of Jack Lord and Frank Barbera, with a total of 27 points. The seventh and final flight was captured by Ross Griffin and Bob Adelman, with a total of 27.5 points.

After the flight winners were determined, all assembled immediately for a five-hole shootout, which featured a Stableford format. Joining each flight winner were the two wild card teams of Rich Barrett and his partner Frank Barbera and partners Steve Ardia and Al Watson.

The shootout had plenty of great golf action as teams were eliminated on a hole-by-hole basis until three teams were left playing the final hole. The final three twosomes played the last hole twice before the team of Barret and Nussman was eliminated.

On the third time playing the hole, Ardia drained a nine-foot putt to deliver the overall title for himself and Watson over runners-up McCarter and Tennyson.

The third-place team for the overall tournament included Nussman and Barrett.

GOLF NEWS

Queen of Clubs

The Amelia River Women's Golf Association held the



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final Queen of Clubs monthly tournament on Monday. Laurie Bruner was the winner, with a net score of 63. She will compete with eight other monthly Queen of Clubs winners in the shootout next week.

In the non-Queen competition, the low net winners were Jean DesBarres, first place, 61; Sharon Badenoch, second, net 62; and Susan Kelly, third, net 65.

Sheriff's golf tourney

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

Registration starts at 7:30 a.m., and the scramble shotgun start is at 8:30 a.m. The event will be followed with an awards ceremony and a meal.

Form a four-person team for \$500. Sponsorships are also available.

Contact Larry Boatwright at 548-4027 or lboatwright@nassauso.com for information.

Swingin' with Jazz

The Amelia Island Jazz Festival will combine golf, jazz,



Steve Ardia and Al Watson celebrate their Member-Member title with the golf staff at The Amelia Island Club.

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

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

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

mulligans will also be available for purchase.

Following play, there will be an awards luncheon featuring live jazz in the club's dining area.

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

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

viewed online.

For information or to register for the event, visit www.ameliainlandjazzfestival.com, contact the festival hotline at 504-4772 or call event chairperson Steve Murphy at 310-3178.

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

Blake Bortles event

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

The event will kick off with

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

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

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

For more information about this event or to purchase tickets and register for the tournament visit www.blakebortlesfoundation.com or contact info@blakebortlesfoundation.com.

RECREATION ROUNDUP

FERNANDINA BEACH PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT RECREATION ROUNDUP

Visit www.fbfll.us for information on any of these programs or activities.

SPORTS/FITNESS

SOCCER MADE IN AMERICA SUMMER SOCCER CAMP from 9 a.m. to noon June 18-22 at Hickory Street Park. Ages 4-17. Nationally-renowned training program with

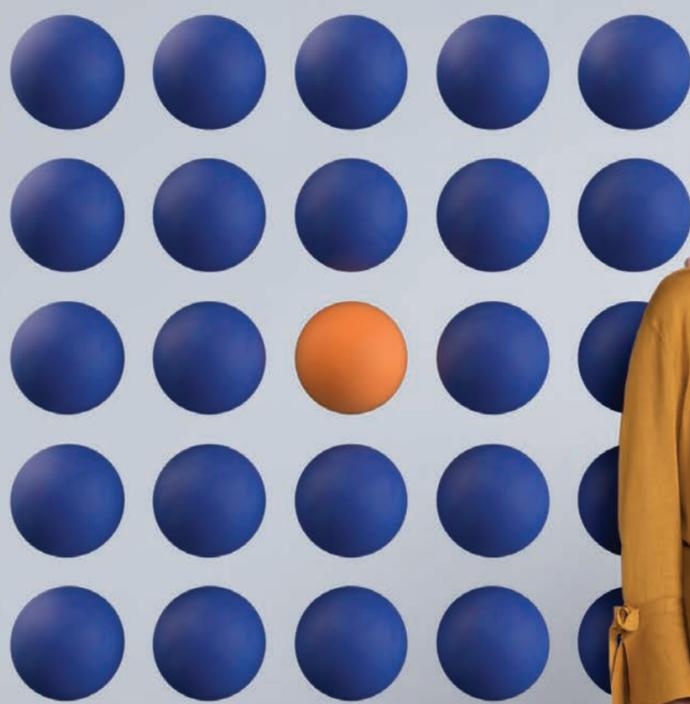
professional coaches. Participants will improve their technical and tactical knowledge of soccer, with emphasis on proper body mechanics. Each player should bring a soccer ball, shin guards and water bottle. Fees are \$160 for the first family member, \$150 second family member. Register at the Atlantic Center.

SUMMER MEN'S BASKETBALL LEAGUE. Register through June 1 at the MLK Jr. Center on Elm Street. Team registration fee of \$350

is due at registration. Twelve-person roster limit per team. Teams must have matching uniform shirts with numbers on backs. Ten-game season per team and tournament. Games on Mondays and Thursdays at Peck Gym. Season begins June 7. For information, contact John Coverdell at 310-3351 or jcoverdell@fbfl.org.

SUMMER CO-ED OPEN SOFTBALL LEAGUE. Register May 14-18 (\$250 team

fee) or May 21-25 (\$275) at Peck Gym. Two-game \$72 refundable forfeit fee due June 1. USA Softball rules. 6/4 male-to-female ratio. ASA-approved bats allowed, all bats must have league-issued decals to be allowed for use. Eight games per team regular season and single elimination tournament. Season begins June 4 at the Ybor Alvarez Softball Fields. Visit www.leaguelineup.com/fbflsoftball or contact Jason Brown at jbrown@fbfl.org or 310-3353.



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2nd Saturday Artrageous ArtWalk

On the second Saturday of each month, galleries and several retail businesses in Fernandina Beach's Historic Downtown host Artrageous Artwalk, a self-guided tour of art produced by local artists. Generally, the hours of the event are 5 to 8 p.m. but may vary from location to location. Residents and visitors to the area can enjoy various types of art and meet a few of the artists at some of the participating galleries and stores. Media used by the artists can vary between photography, pottery, copper, metal, fused, as well as stained glass, watercolors, acrylics, oils, batik and more. The photos here represent some of the art on display this month. Here is some of the artwork that will be on display this weekend.



POLLY BEACH/CLAY TIMES ART CENTER

Clay Times Art Center

Newly opened at 112 S. 3rd St. across from Bright Mornings cafe, Clay Times Art Center is a newcomer to Artwalk and is downtown Fernandina Beach's first full-service clay studio and mixed media arts cooperative, according to a news release. Housed in the former Early Impressions day care center, the more than 4500-square-foot facility boasts two large pottery studios equipped with eight potters' wheels, two slab rollers, an extruder (like a commercial Play-Doh machine), lots of handbuilding moulds and tools, plus three electric kilns, a store featuring clay tools and supplies, and classes/workshops for clay enthusiasts of all ages and skill levels. You can even book paint-your-own pottery parties, fundraisers, and special events.



Clay Times Art Center is also home to a beautiful fine arts gallery featuring 100-percent handmade works, mostly made by the local artists who share studio space at the center. They include Susi Sax, a multimedia artist who also teaches classes in alcohol ink, mosaics, and stained glass; hot glass artist John Mateer; clay artist Robin Bruck-Tanner; Julie Delfs, who teaches dirty pour and epoxy resin classes; jeweler Renee Martin; painter Sue Almand; painter Kendall Porter; and Director Polly Beach, whose full-time job is editor and publisher of *Clay Times* magazine. She founded the center to provide locals and visitors with the opportunity to learn the clay and glass arts that can only be made with specialized, costly equipment.

Clay Times Art Center will be open from 5 to 8 p.m. for Artwalk. To view class listings and learn more, visit claytimes-artcenter.com, call 624-5824, or follow Clay Times Art Center on Facebook and Twitter.



Misty Shrimper

Ned Flemming's works in oil offer a wide variety of subjects, many of which are inspired by Amelia Island. He especially enjoys painting boat scenes. When you see his painting of a boat, you see a painting of mystery and romance. Ned's still lifes, with strong strokes of oil paint, are equally enticing with their use of vivid color.



Dinghy Reflections

NED FLEMMING/2ND STORY GALLERY & STUDIOS

2nd Story Gallery & Studios

For the May Artwalk, 2nd Story Gallery & Studios is featuring two artists who work in oil – Ned Flemming and Ana Companion. Photographer Pam Vieser and acrylic artists Lois Grunder, Craig Impink, Cindy Kurth, Lorraine Kilmer, Ron Chabot, and Jane Reese also have new work on display this month.



ANA COMPANION/2ND STORY GALLERY & STUDIOS
Bird Retreat



Low Tide. Ana Companion is a new addition to 2nd Story Gallery & Studios. Ana's use of oil brings her spectacular beach scenes to life and reflects the beauty of the area. She clearly spends time outside every day and recreates the beauty around her in her paintings.

Glass artists Frances Rodgers and Denise Murphy and jewelry artists Patti Sanderson and Renee Martin complete the list of artists exhibiting their work for the May Artwalk.

Casey Matthews Fine Art

Local abstract artist Casey Matthews will hold an open house and studio tour from 4 to 8 p.m. to present new artwork during Saturday's Artwalk. Casey Matthews Fine Art is located on 813 S. Eighth St. in the Pelican Palms Shopping Center. Regular hours are by appointment. For more information, call 556-1119.



CASEY MATTHEWS/CASEY MATTHEWS FINE ART



AMANDA PEARL/ISLAND ART ASSOCIATION

Island Art Association

Island Art Association at 18 N. Second St. will continue its current Nouveau Show and Sale – themed "People" – through May. Unusual mixed media and portraits are featured from 50 local artists. Artist of the month is Amanda Pearl, who works with acrylics to produce pieces with bright, cheerful colors and soothing themes. For more information about IAA, how to participate in Nouveau Art, classes and workshops, and ways to support the organization's charitable mission, visit islandart.org.



ON & OFF THE ISLAND

CHILDREN'S STORY TIME

Story & Song Neighborhood Bookstore Bistro will hold a children's story time that will also include a craft activity at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at its 1430 Park Ave. location in Fernandina Beach. Story times are offered every Saturday. For more information, visit storyandsongbookstore.com.



ART DEMONSTRATIONS

The Plantation Guild & Gallery will hold a public demonstration by Fernandina Beach artist Sandra Baker Hinton at 7 p.m. May 11, at the Gallery, where her artwork will be on display throughout May. Some of Hinton's work may be seen at saatchiart.com/sandrabakerhinton. Virginia artist Debby Bird will demonstrate her portrait art in oils at 7 p.m. May 31 at the Gallery. Bird's work may be seen at debbybirdart.com. The Plantation Gallery is located in the Omni Spa & Shops. For more information, visit artamelia.com or call 432-1750.

MOTHER'S DAY AT THE ZOO

Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens is calling all momma bears! They're offering free Zoo admission Mother's Day Weekend for all moms. Be sure to check out the second annual Garden and Arts Festival. For more information, visit jacksonvillezoo.org/mothersday.



OUT AND ABOUT

THIS WEEKEND

The American Legion Auxiliary, located at 626 Gum St., will have dinner available from 5 to 7 p.m. Saturday. Shepherd's pie, a salad and roll will be available for an \$8 donation.

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 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 businesses 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 Fernandina Beach Branch Library will screen a free movie for teens from sixth grade to adults at 6 p.m. Thursday, May 17. The selected movie is *Mission Impossible: Rogue*. Refreshments will be provided. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Library. For more information and to see other free programs, visit nas-saureads.com.

Xandu, The Musical will open at 7:30 p.m. May 17 at Amelia Musical Playhouse. Featuring songs by Electric Light Orchestra among others and a cast of roller-skating Greek gods, this parody of 1980s roller disco is directed by Beth Perkins, choreographed by Susie Dodge, and features fabulous sets, a live rock and roll band, and a high-energy cast. The show runs May 17-19 and 24-26 at 7:30 p.m. with at 2:30 p.m. matinee on May 20. Tickets are \$20. Call 277-355 or visit ameliamusicalplayhouse.com.

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@ameliuseum.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 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 ameliacommunitytheatre.org for tickets and information.

Auto Legends Amelia Cars and Conversation will meet from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 19, at Eight Flags Autosports, located at 925 S. Eighth St. in Fernandina Beach. The event is open to anyone who enjoys cars. Unique and legendary autos will be on display and owners will be available to answer questions.

The American Legion Riders steak dinner will be held 5 to 7 p.m. Saturday, May 19. For \$12 you receive a N.Y. strip cooked to order with a baked potato, salad, corn, and a roll. Dinners are open to the public. The Legion is at 626 Gum St. in Fernandina Beach.

UPCOMING

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. May 25-26. For reservations, call 321-2430. \$15 music charge.

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 librar-

BOATING SAFETY COURSE



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.

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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 nas-saureads.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 Friends of the Library Book Club will meet Thursday, June 14, at 7 p.m. in the parlor at St. Peter's Episcopal Church to discuss *Never Let Me Go* by Kazuo Ishiguro. The program is free, and open to the public. Future meeting dates and books to be discussed are 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.

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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/2x2cFBd.

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

Bingo is played every Thursday at American

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Living in Recovery is a support group organized by the Nassau Alcohol Crime Drug Abatement Coalition for anyone who recovering from any type of addiction. The goal of this group is to harbor a safe, confidential environment where one can gain support and skills to be successful in recovery.

Meetings are Tuesdays from 6-7:30 p.m. at the Peck Center, 516 S. 10th St., Fernandina Beach. Cost is \$10 per meeting. Call 277-3699 or email supportgroups@nacdac.com for information.

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

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

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SUMMER CAMP



MELIA ISLAND MUSEUM OF HISTORY

A two-week morning camp for children going into grades two through six, Camp Clamshell will highlight 10 different areas of history, art and the environment. The class is designed to involve and excite the inquisitive and resourceful child about Amelia Island, Florida and the world. The camp will run June 18-22 and 25-29. The cost is \$50 per week or \$75 for both weeks. Registration information is available at the Amelia Island Museum of History, located at 233 S. Third St. in Fernandina Beach, and online at ameliamuseum.org/summer-program/.

Sjaggerud will discuss 2018 investments at newcomers luncheon

Former hedge fund manager Steve Sjaggerud will discuss his favorite 2018 investment opportunities as guest speaker at the Men's Newcomers Club luncheon on May 17 at the Fernandina Beach Golf Club on Bill Melton Road in Fernandina Beach. The meeting will begin at 11:30 a.m. with a social half-hour.



Sjaggerud

Sjaggerud co-founded Stansberry Research in 1999 and authors an investment newsletter with a focus on contrarian investment opportunities. He has a Ph.D. in economics from the University of Florida and has lived in Fernandina Beach with his wife and two children for 18 years.

Reservations for the luncheon must be made by email to bwesche6@gmail.com or by phone to 310-9055 by Saturday.

Cost of the luncheon is \$15 when reservations are made in advance. The cost of the luncheon will be \$20 for those without reservations.

The \$15 lunch checks can be mailed to the MNC, P.O. Box 16291, Fernandina Beach, FL 32035 to arrive by May 12. Non-members, attending a meeting for the first time, will be charged \$15, which will be applied to the club's membership fee if the individual joins MNC that day.

Information about the Men's Newcomers Club can be found online at mensnewcomersclub.org.

Two-day course to teach ham radio operation

The Nassau County Amateur Radio Emergency Service (Nassau ARES) will present a two-Saturday course in June on radio theory and practices necessary to become a Technician Class ham radio operator, according to a news release.

The course will be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on June 9 and 16. Immediately following the second class, interested participants will be able to take the Technician Class FCC exam.

There is no cost for the course but a \$29 fee covers a textbook and computer-based training disk, which will be available on the first day of class. In addition, the technician test costs \$15 for materials and requires two forms of ID, one which has a photo and another that confirms the individual's address. Students will only need one form of ID, which could be a driver's license or school ID card.

The course is self-paced and designed to take someone with no electrical or radio theory knowledge through the skills

and information necessary to earn a Technician Class FCC license. The course materials come with a computer program that has all of the test questions with answers and suggestions for remembering the answers.

The course begins with basic radio and electronics theory, goes into ham allocated frequencies and FCC rules and finishes with radio safety. Very little math skill is required, and there are no longer any Morse code requirements for ham radio licenses.

The FCC technicians test itself is 35 multiple-choice questions and requires a 75 percent score to pass. According to the release, Nassau ARES has "had a number of 12 to 15 year olds pass the test on the first try."

No preregistration is required; however, if you want to purchase the book on the first day of class, send your name and phone number to Bud Sinor at hamcourse@ka30gg.com.

The course will be held at the Nassau County Emergency Operations Center, located at 77150 Citizens Circle in Yulee.

Examining 'Florida Exceptionalism'

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'Beach House Reunion' author slated for AIBF reception

In an effort to bring more Book Festival events to Fernandina Beach's historic downtown area, the Amelia Island Book Festival has announced that in partnership with The Book Loft and Art on Centre Gallery a conversation, special reception and book signing with *New York Times* Bestselling Author Mary Alice Monroe will be held from 5:30 to 7 p.m. May 23 to celebrate the release of the author's newest book, *Beach House Reunion*, according to a news release.

The event will be held at the Art on Centre Gallery, located at 503 Centre St. in Fernandina Beach. Tickets for the event are \$50 and include hors d'oeuvres, wine and a copy of the book.

Monroe is the author of more than a dozen novels, including *The Summer Girls*, *The Summer Wind*, *The Summer's End*, *Last Light Over Carolina*, *Time Is a*



River, Sweet Grass, Skyward, The Beach House, Beach House Memories, Swimming Lessons, The Four Seasons, The Book Club, and Beach House for Rent. Her books have received numerous awards and she is recipient of RT Lifetime Achievement Award and the International Book Award for Green Fiction. An active conservationist, she lives in the low country of South Carolina.

"We are thrilled to have Mary Alice return to Amelia Island. Her books are special to Amelia islanders as they often deal with the healing powers of nature – sea tur-

ties, birds and species found here," AIBF President John Ruis said in the release.

"As a downtown cultural business, we are thrilled to be partnering with the Amelia Island Book Festival and The Book Loft to help bring meaningful programs to this area, and we hope that those attending will enjoy not only this wonderful author and support Authors in Schools, but also the vast array of artists that we are fortunate to represent in our gallery," said Debbie Lehman, gallery co-owner.

"We are especially pleased that our friends from the local Amelia Island Sea Turtle Watch will be with us at this fun and thought-provoking event," Book Loft owner Sue Nelson said.

The event benefits the AIBF's Authors in Schools Literacy Program. Tickets are available online at ameliaislandbookfestival.org.

Screening of 'Kedi' to benefit Cats Angels

Community Yoga + Wellness is sponsoring a community screening of *Kedi* – a story about the hundreds of thousands of cats that freely roam the streets of Istanbul, Turkey – at 7:15 p.m. June 2 to benefit Cats Angels and the Community Yoga Scholarship Fund, according to a news release.

Kedi means cat in the Turkish language.

"For thousands of years they've wandered in and out of people's lives, becoming an essential part of the communities that make the city so rich. Claiming no owners, these animals live between two worlds, neither wild nor tame – and they bring joy and purpose to those people they choose to adopt. In Istanbul, cats are the mirrors to the people, allowing them to reflect on their lives in ways nothing else could," the release explains.

Ceyda Torun, who was born in Istanbul and directed the film, said in the release, "In the end, I hope this film makes you feel like you just had a cat snuggle up on your lap unexpectedly, and purr fervently for a good long time, while allowing you to stroke it gently along its back, forcing you, simply because you can't move without letting go of that softness and warmth, to think about things that you may not have given yourself time to think about in the busy life you lead, to discuss them with a group of new friends, friends from Istanbul who tell you what the city is really like."

The screening is free and will take place at 210 Beach St. in Fernandina Beach. A suggested donation of \$5 will be accepted at the door. Donations benefiting Cats Angels will go toward the organization's spay/neuter and TNVR programs.



CEYDA TORUN/SPECIAL

Meet Sari "The Hustler," one of the many cats profiled in *Kedi*, a film about the cats of Istanbul, Turkey that will be screened on June 2. Sari lives at the base of Galata Tower, one of the oldest and best-known landmarks in Istanbul. She's a hustler who begs, steals, forages and gets what she needs – for herself and her new kittens.

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CHOIR PERFORMS BEFORE LEAVING ON MISSION TRIP

The Allegiance Youth Choir will present its spring concert at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, May 20, at Amelia Baptist Church. The community is invited to attend. No admission will be charged; however, a love offering will be received to defray the costs of the choir's tour and mission project to South Florida slated for June 9-15. "Allegiance will be traveling to Broward County, working with the Iglesia Real community by conducting a free Fine Arts Camp for children and families. They will be presenting concerts throughout the area," according to Pam Helton, minister of music at Amelia Baptist Church. Pictured from left are, first row, Skye Dinkins, Madelyn Campbell, Sarah Myers, Victoria Harper, Abigail Gluntz, and Rachel Harper; second row, Daisy Adams, Melinda Harper, Piper Tsairis, Annaleise Gluntz, Bridgett Dinkins, Allie Cunningham, Elisabeth Gluntz, and Samantha Harper; and third row, Drake Ware, Daniel Laster, Noah Laster, and Andrew Harper.

KRISTEN CAMPBELL/SPECIAL

When we get to heaven, we may have to cut back on golf

In his book *Bringing Heaven Down to Earth*, Nathan Bierma explains that, "Midway through the 20th century, the United States created a new kind of heaven: We called it retirement." Until then, he says, people worked as long they could — many on farms — and most Americans died in their own homes. Gradually, work shifted from agriculture to manufacturing, the population migrated from farms to factories, and youth and speed became more valuable than age and wisdom.



PRACTICAL THEOLOGY

Richard Doster

At the same time, there were advances in medicine, technology, and nutrition. People lived longer, and by the 1930s, as the country plunged into the Great Depression, there was an oversupply of older workers. In response, the federal government created Social Security. By paying older workers not to work, the government coaxed them out of the workforce in order to slide younger unemployed workers into it. Thus, retirement was born.

Today, we romanticize "the golden years," especially in places like Fernandina Beach. We can't wait to play golf whenever we want, to travel on a whim, and check adventures off our bucket lists. Retirement, we muse, is a taste of heaven on earth.

But here's the theological problem: There's actually no correlation between heaven and a life of leisure. Consequently, the concept of golden years — of endless golf and non-stop travel — distorts our view of heaven because it perverts our thinking about work. The more we idolize leisure, the more likely we are to view things like work, responsibility, and purpose as a bother; the stuff we have to do for 40 some-odd years in order to reach the promised land of retirement.

Thus, our lives are split in two: the time when we're on the clock and always on deadline, and the time of carefree, deadline-free, stress-free ease. This, Bierma says, is a new perspective. Prior to the early 1900s, nobody viewed life and the world this way. It is "counterintuitive to the way we're created to make culture on earth."

If we're to live with a vibrant, magnetic vision of heaven, we must first have a biblical view of work. We must understand that our work — paid

or unpaid — is the way we create, change, and influence culture, which is the way we prepare and provide a foretaste of life in the world to come.

In 1 Peter 3:15 the Apostle Peter tells us to eagerly and thoroughly defend our hope for eternity. We must first reveal that hope by creating a world where — through business, education, families, and politics — our city thrives. We demonstrate our hope for heaven when we care for the plants, animals, and natural resources as their Creator intended us to. It's our activity — not our leisure — that reveals the hope of heaven. It's by being engaged — not disengaged — that we close the gap between the way things are and the way God intends them to be.

God has made each of us to fill a void, to — as Frederick Buechner put it — find the intersection "where the world's deep hunger and your deep gladness meet." When we live this way — and not for the shallow hope of a leisurely life — we reveal an active faith in the world's redemption. In this grand vision, all kinds of activity are a calling from God. So, let's get past the notion that some vocations — preacher, teacher, or missionary — are higher callings. The fact is, whenever we make culture on Earth in the hope of the new Earth, we respond to God's high calling — the calling he's issued to 99.9 percent of his people.

It's when we exercise creativity, solve problems, cooperate with others, and find satisfaction in what we do that we're engaged in what Bierma calls the "godly processes." This is how we bear God's image. It's how our creative energy becomes tied to God's creative energy. It's how we experience momentum and add vitality to our lives. It's what makes us eager to get about the work God's given us.

One of the great things about Fernandina Beach is the civic spirit of our "retired" population. Citizens in their 60s, 70s, and 80s volunteer at the library, history museum, Boys & Girls Clubs, Hope House, Barnabas, and churches. They're smart and involved. And I suspect they're the driving force that keeps our city beautiful, charming, and environmentally conscious. They may have retired from a job, but they haven't retreated from the Cultural Mandate God gave us. God bless them and add to their number.

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RELIGION NOTES

King of the Hill Surf Fest

The 5th annual King of the Hill Surf Fest hosted by Neptune Baptist Church will return to Neptune Beach Saturday 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.

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.

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

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



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. The theme for the afternoon will be "Keys to Community." 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 Beauty. The month of Grandeur begins May 17. For more information, call 566-5437 or 432-8845.

Hope House worship

Come join us on Tuesday, May 15, as we worship, pray, study the Word of God and encourage each other with our testimonies of the Lord's mighty intervention in 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 at 410 S. Ninth St., Fernandina Beach.

A FEW pantry needs this week

Thank you so much for responding so quickly to our cry for help to fill the Salvation

Army Hope House's Emergency Food pantry in the last 2 weeks. We now know why the Emergency Food Pantry was so bare — with us giving out 325 bags of food in April. You provided just what we needed and even more. Now we have a good base with only a few missing items. If you can help, we now need jelly, grits, boxed helper meals, condensed soup, canned meats, canned fruit, toilet paper and insect repellent. Donations can be brought to The Salvation Army Hope House, 410 S. Ninth St., Fernandina Beach.

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 556-5437.

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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