Scholarship fund to help sister keep her promise

HEATHER A. PERRY/NEWS-LEADER

Jade Burking holds a picture of her sister Nicole Beside a lemon tree the family planted after her accident.

It was early morning. Nicole Beside had gotten up to start her day. She had just turned 18 and was about to become a student at Florida State University.

"She was so excited," said her sister Jade. "She was going to be living on her own, doing what she loved."

But that morning, Nicole was hit by a car and her life was forever changed.

"She had just left the house to go to work," said her mother. "We never thought she would leave us so soon."

Jade said her sister was always close to her, and she didn't want to lose her. "She was like my best friend," she said. "I miss her every day."

The family has set up a scholarship fund to help with Nicole's medical bills and to keep her memory alive. "We want to make sure that she's not forgotten," said Jade.

Nicole's friends and family have also been working hard to raise money for the scholarship. "We want to help her family out," said one friend. "She was always there for us, and now it's our turn to help her."

The family is hoping to raise $50,000 to cover Nicole's medical bills and to help with her recovery. "We want to give her the best possible care," said her father. "She deserves nothing less."

If you'd like to donate to the scholarship fund, you can visit the family's website or call them directly. "It means so much to us," said Jade. "We're so grateful for all of the support we've received."

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Path Forward by train?

MARY MAGUIRE

Protesters have been circulating a petition calling for a train service between Jacksonville and Nassau County.

"We need a train to make our commute easier," said one protester. "It would be so much faster than driving."

The current bus service between the two counties is slow and unreliable, according to protesters. "We're tired of waiting hours for the bus," said another protester. "We need a train service now."

The Nassau County Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) recently announced a study to assess the feasibility of a train service between the two counties. "We want to see what the best option is," said a TPO official.

If the study shows that a train service is feasible, the next step would be to develop a business plan and to seek funding from local and state agencies.

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YMCA disputes firing scenario

SARA MERRILL

A YMCA worker has been fired after a complaint from a child. "We had no choice but to terminate her," said the YMCA's executive director.

The child's family has filed a complaint with the Florida Department of Children and Family Services. "We want justice for our child," said the child's mother.

The YMCA has defended its decision, saying it was necessary to protect the child and others from harm.

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County OKs first tax hike in 7 years

MARY MAGUIRE

Nassau County commissioners have approved a tax increase to help cover the county's operating expenses.

"We need the money to keep our services running," said one commissioner. "It's the only way to stay on top of our responsibilities."

The tax increase is expected to raise $2 million, which will be used to cover the county's budget shortfall. "We have no choice but to raise taxes," said another commissioner.

Residents have mixed reactions to the tax increase. Some say it's necessary, while others say it's unfair. "We're already paying too much," said one resident. "We can't afford another tax increase."

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AUTUMN SCENE

Greenway between Jasmine and Atlantic. Cool temperatures and fewer mosquitoes make this a perfect time to walk the Greenway.

Take a walk this fall past the morning glories in Egans Creek Greenway as local photographer Ted Griffin did. Outdoor lovers, you might not recognize this unusual island view, but it's on the Greenway between Jasmine and Atlantic. Cool temperatures and fewer mosquitoes make this a perfect time to walk the Greenway.
William R. Bailey Sr.

Mr. William “B.B.” Bailey Sr., age 73, husband of Sally, sister of Minnie, Bill Jr. and Joe, brother of Nettie, Jim, Sam, Bob, Big Bill, Jack, and E. Casey. He was a resident of the Warner Center at Cooper City Medical Care Facility. The family will receive friends on Saturday, May 28, 2006 from 3:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at the Wynn Westfall, Senior Pastor, and the Reverend Dr. Doug Gappmayer, who will preside. Burial service will follow at the Cooper City Cemetery. William R. Bailey Sr., will lie in state at the Cooper City Cemetery.

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The YMCA of Florida's First Coast issued the following statement Thursday in response to the arrest of Nicholas Clark and his employment at the Yulee YMCA:

"The YMCA of Florida's First Coast takes the safety and welfare of our members very seriously. We provide a comprehensive system of training and certification to ensure our employees are qualified to fulfill their roles. This includes background screening, criminal history checks, and职业道德 training.

Nicholas Clark was hired by the YMCA of Florida's First Coast on May 2012. The arrest of Nicholas Clark on Sept. 11, 2014, for an incident involving a minor, led to the initiation of an internal investigation.

YMCA of Florida's First Coast CEO, Steve Porter, has stated that "The safety and welfare of our members is our top priority, and we take any allegations seriously. We are currently in the process of investigating this matter, and we will provide an update as soon as possible. In the meantime, we have reached out to the authorities in their investigation of Nicholas Clark. Mitko Clark and his employment at the Yulee YMCA:

The YMCA of Florida's First Coast is committed to keeping children safe in our facilities. We have a zero-tolerance policy for any criminal behavior involving children. If any employee is涉嫌 any criminal behavior, they will be immediately terminated from their employment.

Our thoughts and prayers are with any children or families impacted by this situation. We appreciate the swift action taken by law enforcement, and we will continue to cooperate fully with their investigation. We will provide any additional information as soon as possible.
Another lesson in humility

Another lesson in humility.

When we first started out, doing.I suppose we can now realize that all that listening paid off. We knew what we were doing and could offer a fresh look or a new solution to an old problem.

It wasn’t all smooth sail- ing, though. There are things that knocked us back, things that made us stumble and fall. In such a situation, we suppose we now realize how much we learned. Experienced, how much, how much did we learn, how much else could we learn? How much else do we know about how we do things?

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Atwater was charged with using a firearm and aggravated assault in the 540100 block of Kings Avenue on the same day the home invasion occurred and shots were fired. Trantham, also arrested Sept. 16, was charged with home invasion and aggravated assault.

Another lesson in humility.
Women veterans: Our legacy of unsung heroines

In this country, our country’s great military history has been written in the stories of the heroes, the articles, books, movies, and the heroism of our military that we hear about and see every day. This history of our country’s military is not complete unless we include the women who have served in the military, from World War I to World War II and many since then.

It is interesting to know that in 1917, women were not allowed to serve in the military, but that changed on October 16, 1917 when President Wilson signed the Women’s Armed Services Integration Act which permitted women to be drafted into the army. Women served in World War II and included nurses, cooks, typists, clerks, and WAC’s stationed in Vietnam.

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Honor the legacy of the CCC at Fort Clinch

Benjamin Faure
Fort Clinch State Park

The history at Fort Clinch State Park is rich – from the same St. Johns River in 1100 AD through centuries of exploration, war and growth in the present day; and the development of the Florida State Park System. Awareness about the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC), Friends of Fort Clinch State Park, is currently seeking donations and sponsorships to purchase and erect a new sign in honor of the Civilian Conservation Corps Program. About the Civilian Conservation Corps During the period of the Great Depression (1933-1941), the CCC was created for the purpose of providing a quarter million unemployed young men with work, shelter, and training in the conservation, reforestation, and rehabilitation of national resources. CCC projects included building roads, canals, and trails; planting trees; fighting forest fires; conserving watersheds; and protecting and developing state parks and forests. The projects were designed to provide jobs, help the country heal from the Great Depression, and conserve natural resources. The original plan was to provide jobs for 250,000 young men each year, but the program eventually employed 3 million workers. The CCC was dissolved in 1942, but its legacy continues through the development of Florida State Parks and other conservation efforts. Today, the CCC is remembered not only for its role in conservation, but also for its role in providing young men with skills and experiences that helped them succeed in the job market and in life. The CCC's impact on the environment and on the lives of those who participated in its programs is still felt today, and its legacy is a reminder of the importance of conservation and environmental stewardship.
Relax, our travel agent has us covered

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When we travel, we almost always carry a travel agent to assist us in finding the best hotel, restaurant, and activities. They have this information and better access to see the full picture of what we need to know. It just makes sense for us to benefit from their experience.

The best route, transportation method and accommodations for our journey. He procure us on the set way we can go and where he wants us to settle for the night. He orders our steps where the weather, the flow of traffic and where we may find it. He guides us to the best hotel, restaurant, and activities.

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The Fernandina Beach High School volleyball team hosted Yulee Tuesday in the annual "Dig Pink" match to raise proceeds going to breast cancer awareness and research. Both teams were pink, FHHS won in three straight.

**FOOTBALL**

YMS Hornets tie Chariton County 14-14

Still unbeaten, the Yulee Middle School football team tied Chariton County Oct. 7 for homecoming.

"They were a very good football team," YMS-Coch Shaun Forbes said. "They were much bigger and heavier than we were.

The YMS Hornets took the opening drive into the end zone for an early touchdown. On the second drive, the ball was fumbled and Chariton County recovered.

"We shut them down in the second and third quarter," Forbes said. "In the fourth quarter our defense created a turnover and we scored.

We marched it down 90 yards and scored in the middle of the fourth quarter."

Crider caught a 34 yard pass from Crosby for the score to keep the score at 14-14.

"We called an onside kick on the next kickoff and recovered the ball," Forbes said. "We drove it down to the end zone and kept running and scored with our win." The teams will play again on Wednesday.

**GOLF TOURNAMENTS**

The fourth annual Starting Point Golf Tournament is Nov. 7 at Amelia National Golf & Country Club beginning with registration at 11 a.m. and capping off with a barbeque and auction. Sponsorships are available. Starting Point provides mental health and substance abuse treatment for adults and children. Foursomes include the tournament, dinner, prize Saturday and hot dog and burger lunch on Oct. 11.

For information on the tournament, contact John Carolyne at john_carolyne@bellsouth.net. For information on the tournament, contact Barbaro at sbarbaro@omnihotels.com or call 277-0545.

For information on the Omni Amelia Island Plantation, call 1-888/461-0800 or visit www.ameliaisland-plantation.com.

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**19th Annual Reggie Hunt Memorial Golf Classic Oct. 24 at Amelia River**

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northeast Florida will host the 19th Annual Reggie Hunt Memorial Golf Classic, Oct. 24, at the Amelia River Golf Club, 64500 Fernandina Beach Blvd. The tournament, which is sponsored by the Nassau County Sheriff’s Office and the Nassau County community, is a fabulous event. Don’t miss this opportunity to support one-to-one relationshiep programs that change lives of children.

Registration is open to the general public. The tournament begins at 10 a.m. with a 9 a.m. shotgun start. A Recognition with Greensboro awardees begins at 6:30 p.m. at the Amelia Beach Club, 8120 Fernandina Beach Blvd.

**About Reggie Hunt**

Hunt was a participant in the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northeast Florida for three years and the Little Brother of the Year in 2007. Hunt was a member of the Neighborhood Youth Critical Prevention Services Program and received community support from Tommy Sea-

**For More Information**

Contact YuleeBasketball@gmail.com. www.YuleeBasketball.org.

**Upward Basketball**

Upward Basketball and Cheerleading registration is now open for kids in kindergarten through eighth grade. Tryouts will be held for one-hour practice and one-hour game each week. Tryouts will be held at 6:30 p.m. on the Fernandina Beach Municipal Airport runways and taxiways. The season is Oct. 7 through March 17. Coaches and volunteers are needed. There are students on our basketball teams who want or need a mentor.

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**ONCE AGAIN! FOR THE NEWS-LEADER JAN COTE-MEROW**
Cruise on Oct. 10

Amelia Island will host its Friday night wine tasting, A themed parade. Including 5K and 10K races, www.coanassau.com. All proceeds encouraged for the runs and around 1 1/2 hours beginning person. The cruise will last complete with various circus acts, Fire Eater girls cheese steak and fries.

The Ritz-Carlton hotels of Omni; White Oak; many nice and business showcase

Putting on behind the scenes, the Jeffersonville International Airport will be host a Newcomers Club on the first Friday of each month. Previous show, the first 25 members who sign in will be able to bid tomorrow. The group will meet the first Friday of each month, As a part of the group, Aviatrix will provide weekly flights to the southeast corner, at 6:40 p.m. and season the airport. The first flight at 10:30 a.m. and have lunch near the airport.

The Nassau County Music Association and Fundraiser will be held at the Barrie Hall of St. Peter's Atlantic Ave. Applepie's will be the exclusive provider of bar food. Enjoy silent and live auction and live auction, the Kailey Capable Foundation and its annual donation education program. For information, log on to www.nassaucountymusic.org.

Fondness for Thomas Todd of The Rite-Carlton, Amelia Island, inviting him with the Chef Thomas England of Back Bay at the Al Aces Saloon.

Sandy Bottoms at Main Beach, 2910 Atlantic Ave., the Tiki Bar from 7-11 p.m. Listen to LPs played eclectic mix from their personal collection of thousands of records.

The Nassau Community Band is an ensemble of amateur musicians, retired and current music educators, even from high school to college. www.nccba.com features all welcome interested persons to join in rehearsal for free. Call band President 85439 Miner Road. Email info@nassaucommunityband.com, call band President Chuck Beilert at 277-1257 or search “Nassau Community Band” on Facebook.

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Shoes, pain and finding your place

John's gaze was stuck. "Would you believe that his timid nature and John felt foreign culture was hard enough. Add to that his.move was about winter in Washington State—and every morning he grumbled as he pulled on his only pair of his comfort zone. Every morning he needed to be at work, it was his responsibility, but the thought of something happening while he was out of the city was something he didn't want to face. He knew he was not comfortable telling them about the past."

Actually, it was the fragility of speaking in front of people that was over him. He knew that there was more to John's fear than just being without anyone. John had been doing something since he was a child, and the fear had grown on him. The feeling was never more than just being left out. The shoes had been bought secondhand from a friend. Warning: They were not perfect. If winter hadn't demanded it, he would have gone barefoot all his long—alas, what would they have done? Recrimination that shoes are supposed to prevent pain and not cause it was made. He assumed, the next pair the boy bought fit perfectly.

When John's heart, I have to be noted and put him too quickly. The truth is there's a lot that I learn from John. John, ashamed to admit it, I suffered needlessly ever since and I think that most who matched him was the peer. If my eyes were ever to be afraid to let God fit us into our life, it wasn't the right size and he had hoped for something that didn't fit was suicide."

Thankfully, John had enough sense not to let his childhood fears get the upper hand, and he was confident that matched him was the peer. Since.

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Party in Pink for breast cancer awareness

Antypa Fitness will host its second annual Party in Pink on Oct. 11 in support of the Breast Cancer Research Foundation. Participants are asked to wear pink and bring the new or gently used bras that do not fit or have been worn for fewer than 200 cycles. Donations for programs for cancer patients include:

- $8 – Zumba with Alicia, Diana & Deirdre from the 5th Floor, 9-10 a.m.
- $5 – Spin with Heather & Danielle – 10 a.m.
- $5 – Yoga with Jeannine & Brittany – 11 a.m.
- $5 – Boot Camp with Cozy & Cookies – 12 p.m.
- $3 – Belly Dance with Sarah & Fern

Party in Pink will also feature a 90-minute meditation of encouragement tied onto the bears and other items that will be auctioned that day. A Y'Art Sale Oct. 11 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. in the upper market shopping area will feature works from local artists and display have been selected for their aesthetic beauty, originality and newness in the art field. All art is available at www.ameliaislandfl.org or call 904-639-4636. Downstairs in the Amelia Island Jazz Festival, 1417 Sadler Road, there will be a 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. outdoor Birdland Jazz Stage open to the public.

JAZZ Continued from 1B across the country, the Amelia Island Jazz Festival boasts a list of impressive musicians. A leader with both the Albatross Concert and Theatre by the Trax, Buddy Bear drive and collected thousands of toys that now are on display at the Island Art Association Art Boutique at the Islander Shopping Center, 1417 Sadler Road, for the benefit of chemotherapy patients.

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ST. MICHAEL ACADEMY COMMEMORATES CHURCH ANNIVERSARY

On Friday, Sept. 5, in preparation for the 450th anniversary of the founding of St. Augustine, and the beginning of the Catholic Church in the United States, the children of St. Michael Academy welcomed student representatives from St. Joseph Catholic School in Jacksonville. The 29 Catholic schools of Northeast Florida, that are located in the Diocese of St. Augustine, are passing on a mission from school to school, in the order of each school’s founding. St. Michael Academy has a founding date of 1871, and was the third school in Florida established by the Sisters of St. Joseph. The school was originally named St. Joseph Academy.

Representatives of St. Joseph Academy (the original school), St. Peter Claver School (the African American School), and the current St. Michael Academy, presented medals of the saints representing each school. Reegan Graves, a current eighth grader, tied the three medals together with a ribbon, expressed St. Michael Academy.

Top right, members of the St. Michael Academy Chorus and Chamber Music Group, under the direction of Katie Rose, led the music for the celebration. Top left, members of the Little Flower Girls Club present roses to two students dressed as the founding nuns of the school. Below right, Lori Kennedy, who attended St. Michael Academy since the school re-opened in 1998, presented a medal of St. Michael. Middle right, students acted out the re-opening of St. Michael Academy, with Mark Warr, a current student, played in St. Mark Waters.

Middle far right, Reegan Graves of St. Michael Academy and the three medals together and placed them in the Treasure Box, which was held by a student from St. Joseph School in Jacksonville. The Treasure Box was passed on to the Cathedral School in St. Augustine on Sept. 12.

Below right, Lori Kennedy, who attended St. Joseph Academy, presented a medal of St. Joseph. Jackie Wiggons, who attended St. Peter Claver School, presented the medal of St. Peter Claver. Marcella Dula, who has been at St. Michael Academy since the school re-opened in 1998, presented a medal of St. Michael.
Help available for invasive grass

Dale Holley
News Leader

Keep your eyes peeled for cogongrass. It’s an invasive, non-native grass that has been labeled as one of the worst weeds in the United States. This grass will lower the value of your real estate, it is not palatable as a live browse, and will make agricultural practices and recreational use of your land impossible. Cogongrass is non-native because it is not present in the natural ecosystems of Florida. Ignored, a cogongrass infestation can be labeled as one of the worst weeds in the world.

In honor of National Public Lands Day, on Saturday, Oct. 3, Fort Clinch State Park on Amelia Island will host Wild Amelia and Florida Forest Service, Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to host a coogongrass outreach program. As an invasive, the Cogongrass Treatment Cost-Share Program goes to the point of the cost of spraying treatments (non-industrial primarily for two consecutive years). To apply for this program, contact Nassau County Extension Office at (904) 645-7230 or dave.holley@freshfromflorida.com. Deadline is Oct. 3. Contact Nassau County Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

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COASTAL CLEANUPS

Wild Amelia will host its International Coastal Cleanup event at Fort Clinch State Park on Saturday at 9 a.m., as part of the Atlantic Coast Cleanup. The beach will be open to all and volunteers will meet at the picnic parking lot at the park entrance.

High-risk areas for trash on Amelia Island include the beach near the Grand Site at the Yacht Club, Fort Clinch State Park and Fernandina Beach. Amelia invites volunteers with an organizational, church or civic group to pitch in to help collect trash on Amelia’s shoreline.

Everyone is welcome. Volunteers will be provided with garbage bags and gloves, and water will be provided. All volunteers should meet in the parking lot at the picnic parking lot at the park entrance.

For Coastal Cleanup volunteers partnering with Keep Nassau County Beautiful, the Nassau County Girl Scouts will host a fun, family-friendly get together at 10 a.m. to noon at the park, Saturday, Oct. 10. Participants will be provided with needed supplies and refreshments.

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This event is free and open to all ages. Wear sun protection, closed-toed shoes are recommended. Bring sunscreen and water. No reservations are necessary.

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The event will be held from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Ribault Club on Fort Clinch South Carolina State Park. Bring your own lunch and photography equipment, sturdy shoes, sturdy shirts, and bring your camera to watch the sun rise over the historic site. Caicos Island and Continental Gardens are recommended. Visit www.fsfla.org/lakepark and call (904) 251-2230. Visit www.fsfla.org/lakepark.

Plant clinic

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Harvest Day set for Oct. 4

Jacksonville – On Saturday, Oct. 4, Preserve will host Harvest Day, a special event marking the end of the harvest season at Mango Plantation. Harvest Day is a day of activities for the whole family. From Zephaniah Kingsley’s plants and the current crop of ‘Carolina Ruby’ Beets, visitors can explore the plantation and see how they are grown. “We look forward to offering our guests an interesting and educational experience this October.” said Preserve executive director, Dr. David Nelson. “We will be offering a guided tour, cooking classes, a farmers market and more. The event will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Mango, Florida.”

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