

OUT AND ABOUT

THIS WEEKEND

Fliturn, a local five-piece indie rock grage band, will perform tonight at Sounds on Centre. Sounds on Centre is a free, family-friendly concert and street dance event that is presented by the Historic Fernandina Business Association as a "thank you" to our community. Concerts are on the first Friday of each month through October.

Sounds on Centre is located at the intersection of Second Street and Centre Street in Historic Downtown Fernandina Beach. Shows are from 6-8 p.m.

August's event will bring Island Vibe to the stage; in September, Beech Street Band will perform; and Amelia Crescendo will close out the season in October.

The acoustic blues duo of Tom Leon and Manew Blue will perform at 7:30 pm tonight, July 1, at Amelia Musical Playhouse. Leon and Blue recently played at AMP in Solomon Johnson's "Songs of a People" and liked the venue so much they decided to come back for an evening of blues.

Leon plays guitar, Blue plays harmonica, and they both sing. They are passionate about the roots of blues music and ardently give it back to us. They are both natives of France and a few years ago decided to settle in north Florida.

Blue won the title of "Florida Harmonica Grand Champion 2013-14." He has played with many Mississippi and Memphis bluesmen and women, including Big Joe Turner, Ms. Nicki, Super Chikan and Mud Morganfield – the eldest son of Muddy Waters. He will be performing some original material as well.

Leon will play acoustic guitar and play and sing blues standards from Muddy Waters, Howlin' Wolf, Robert Johnson, and BB King. He also plays a mean slide guitar!

Tickets are \$10 and are available through www.ameliamusicalplayhouse.com or the box office at 1955 Island Walkway, Fernandina Beach. For information, contact 277-3455.

Union Garrison at Fort Clinch State Park, 2601 Atlantic Ave., Fernandina Beach, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Includes history interpreters with a recreation of life at the fort during the war between the states. Park admission \$6 per vehicle, 2-8 people, \$4 single occupant vehicle, \$2 pedestrians, bicyclists and extra passengers. Fort admission \$2.

For information, contact 277-7274 or visit www.floridastateparks.org/fortclinch.

There will be a fundraiser sale for Wild Amelia Junior

Naturalist program, July 1-31 at Buy-Gones Ladies Resale Boutique (both stores). A portion of the sales during the month of July will be donated to the Wild Amelia Junior Naturalist Program, which strives to educate and inspire youth about our local seashore, maritime forest and saltmarsh areas.

Buy-Gones has two locations: Yulee at A1A and Blackrock Road and 1014 S. Seventh St. at Kelp in Fernandina Beach. Buy-Gones pays cash upfront for ladies, juniors, men's and maternity clothing and small home décor. Call Barb 556-5700 for questions about the sale and Robyn Nemes at 557-1812 for info on Wild Amelia Junior Naturalist program. Some Junior Naturalists artwork will be available for sale too!

Greyfield Inn (Cumberland Island, Ga.) is offering special packages throughout Fourth of July weekend. Guests can pick from two, three or four-night packages, all offering extended stay discounts (rates are inclusive of meals). There will be an array of special activities, including shark tooth hunting, naturalist-lead birding tours, and turtle walks on the pristine beachfront.

On Saturday, July 2, Greyfield will host an outdoor island dinner, followed by s'mores around the campfire.

On Independence Day, Monday, July 4, Greyfield will offer a celebratory three-course meal with wine pairings, followed by dessert on the dock and a Champagne toast aboard the Lucy R. Ferguson ferry to watch fireworks in the Cumberland Island Sound.

Reservations can be made by calling Greyfield's reservation office at 261-6408.

Firecracker 5K 8 a.m. to noon at the Omni Amelia Island Plantation's Racquet Park. Kids fun run at 9 a.m. \$30 adults, \$20 children. For information, visit www.ameliaisland.com/calendar.

NEXT WEEK

Join the Nassau County Sierra Club for a free family-friendly movie at the Fernandina Beach Public library on July 4 at 6:45 p.m. before the fireworks start downtown.

"The Whale" is a documentary film. While not written or edited specifically as a children's film, it is accessible and entertaining for children ages 6 and up.

After becoming separated from his pod, a young orca adopts residents of Vancouver Island's Nootka Sound as his surrogate family.

Luna, whom the press called "the lonely orca," became the subject of contro-



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Beach cleanup planned for July 5

Wild Amelia and Keep Nassau Beautiful invite early morning beach-walkers and concerned residents and visitors to participate in a beach clean-up on Tuesday, July 5, at 6 a.m., meeting at Peters Point. This purpose of this cleanup is to remove fireworks debris from the beach before it washes into the sea at high tide, so participants will need to get out at first light to begin to pick up debris. Volunteers should bring water, if desired.

Bags, gloves and vests will be provided. There is no need to pre-register. Just show up with a willingness to help restore the health of the beach after the fun of the July 4 holiday weekend. So many sticks, plastic caps and other small objects are always left behind on the beaches after the fireworks display. Volunteers should sign in when they

arrive and after a brief gathering for important information (and to receive supplies) and a group photo for newspaper publicity, will be free to walk south or north to pick up debris.

Wild Amelia is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to educate residents and visitors about the wildlife and wild places of Amelia Island. Wild Amelia offers year-round educational programs, including beach and road cleanups – all of which culminate in a three-day nature festival on the third weekend in May.

The 11th annual Wild Amelia Nature Festival will be held from May 19-21, 2017, at venues on and around Amelia Island. For more information about the Junior Naturalist program and the other programs Wild Amelia offers, visit wildamelia.com and Wild Amelia on Facebook.



ROBYN NEMES/SUBMITTED

Wild Amelia and Keep Nassau Beautiful will sponsor a beach clean-up on Tuesday, July 5th, at 6 a.m. at Peter's Point to remove fireworks debris from the beach.

versy in both public and scientific arenas over what should be done with him – whether to catch him, befriend him or force people to stay away from him.

This is not an advocacy film. But it is an amazing story. This film is more mysterious than most and has been described as "a complete emotional experience" because it tries to come to terms with the feelings of a whale.

The film will be shown in the library community room, 25 N. Fourth St. Fernandina Beach, and is open to the public. No booking required, just show up.

Savannah Grand, 1900 Amelia Trace Court, Fernandina Beach, will host a 4th of July celebration and parade at 2 p.m. on Monday, July 4. Light refreshments will be available. Call Brandy at 321-0898 to RSVP. Seating is limited.

Tickets are on sale at Amelia Community Theatre for the comedy "The Complete Works of William Shakespeare." Performances of this fast-paced, physical comedy are at 8 p.m. on July 8, 9, 14 and 15 and at 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. on July 16 at 209 Cedar St. in ACT's Studio 209.

It's the 20th anniversary of this farce that is embraced by lovers or haters of Shakespeare. Tickets are \$15 and are available at www.ameliacommunitytheatre.org or by calling 261-6749.

Amelia Community Theatre will hold auditions for On Golden Pond at 2 p.m. on Saturday, July 9, at 207 Cedar St., Fernandina Beach. The play will be directed by Toni D'Amico and performance dates will be Sept. 29-30, Oct. 1, 6-9 and 13-15.

For the audition, actors will be required to read from the script in a closed audition. Knowledge of the play is helpful but not required. Scripts may be checked out at the box office. Detailed character descriptions are available at <http://www.ameliacommunitytheatre.org>.

If you have a conflict with the audition date or time, contact 261-6749 or actheatre@att.net.

A FWC Hunter Safety Class will be offered July 8 and 9 at Amelia Shotgun Sports. Those who would like to get their Hunter Safety Certificate in order to obtain their Florida Hunting License are welcome to take this course. This Skills Day class is offered in conjunction with the Online Course.

The online Hunter Safety Course and Skills Day cov-

ers the knowledge, skills and attitude needed to be a safe hunter. Students should complete an acceptable online course such as www.beasafehunter.org. Prior to beginning the course online, you should register for the Skills Day course at www.public.myfwc.com/hgm/huntersafety/clsmmap.aspx. Students must attend each date for the full class time to successfully complete the course. Class times are 6-9 p.m. Friday, July 8, and 8-11 a.m. Saturday, July 9. There is no charge for this course, but space is limited.

For directions to Amelia Shotgun Sports, visit www.ameliashotgunsports.com.

For more information, visit www.myfwc.com or call Barbara Martin at 548-9818.

The Book Loft will be participating in the monthly Artrageous Artwalk on July 9 with Poet Mollie Pilling. Mollie will be reading from her book "Journeys" along with some new poems and an essay from her new book of personal narratives based on Amelia Island. The Artwalk happens in downtown Fernandina Beach on the second Saturday of every month from 5-8 p.m..

UPCOMING

Season tickets are on sale at Amelia Community Theatre for the 2016-17 main stage season. The season begins Sept. 29 with the classic "On Golden Pond," followed by the musical "Ebenezer: A Christmas Carol" in December. The comedy "Calendar Girls" is in February, with the contemporary drama "Rabbit Hole" in April. The summer of 2017 includes the farce "The Explorers Club" and the Tony Award winning musical "Avenue Q."

A six-play season ticket is \$110; the five-play season ticket is \$95. Purchase at www.ameliacommunitytheatre.org or call 261-6749. Amelia Community Theatre is located at 207 Cedar St.

Amelia Musical Playhouse will hold auditions for Love/Sick at 10 a.m. on Saturday, July 9. If you cannot attend at this time, contact director Geoffrey King to arrange an alternative date/time. Performance dates are Oct. 13-16. If possible, please try to read the entire work prior to the audition. This will be a somewhat unusual audition given the number of roles and the possibility of single, double, treble or quadruple casting! We shall try a variety of permutations of actors/ages. Rehearsals will begin in late August/early September (date TBA). For information, contact Geoffrey King at [\[gmail.com\]\(mailto:gmail.com\), 583-1119 or 310-6023.](mailto:gdwking@</p>
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Amelia Musical Playhouse will hold auditions for the Rocky Horror Picture Show at 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, July 10. Show dates will be Oct. 20-22 and Oct. 27-29. Auditions should be 18 years of age and older. Auditions will be a one-minute song of your choice and a one-minute monologue, if you want a speaking part, in the style of the character you wish to play. Monologue need not be memorized. Cold readings. Director is Jill Dillingham. For more information, contact dillingham@msn.com.

The annual meeting of the Amelia Community Theatre will be held from 4-6 p.m. on July 10 at the Main Stage Theatre, 207 Cedar St., Fernandina Beach.

"Mrs. Kate" Carpenter, Callahan folksinger, songwriter and storyteller, is now accepting applications for vocalists from Northeast Florida to audition for her 12th CD, I Think I Can! "Mrs. Kate" is seeking children ages 7-11 to sing on this project. Applications will be accepted now through Aug. 6. The auditions will be held on Saturday, Aug. 13. Complete information is available at www.mrskate.com/#lauditions/c1s3p.

Shannon Kelly will be teaching a workshop on Ayurveda. The workshop, "Introduction to Ayurveda," will explore Ayurveda, one of the world's oldest holistic healing systems. The workshop will begin at 7 p.m. on Thursday, July 14, at Nassau Helth Foods, 833 TJ Coursonm Road, Fernandina Beach. Come in to reserve your space.

Wild Amelia is offering a new nature program entitled "The Signs of Nature Part II" for children ages 5-7 on Thursday, July 14, from 10-11 a.m., in partnership with The Book Loft, 214 Centre St. in Fernandina Beach.

In the program, the children will learn the sign language alphabet and some fun nature signs before listening to a book on the seashore. They will be signing certain words as the book is read to them.

The cost of this class is \$5; registration should be paid in cash at The Book Loft to secure a spot in this class.

Wild Amelia is also offering a nature program titled "Alligators" for children ages 5-7 on Thursday, July 28, from 10-11:30 a.m., in partnership with The Book Loft.

In the program, the children will learn how to draw an alligator and will create an

alligator craft while learning all about alligators on Amelia Island through actual photographs taken on the island and an alligator puppet.

The cost of this class is \$10; this cost includes an excellent book about alligators for the children to keep. Registration should be paid in cash at The Book Loft to secure a spot in this class.

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The giving season for Nassau County Toys for Tots will kick off with Christmas in July fundraiser from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, July 16.

Sponsored by the Marine Corps League, Everett P. Pope Det. 1017, the Nassau Toys for Tots is part of an annual event of the National Marine Corps Reserve started in 1947. The Christmas in July fundraiser at The Beach Diner, 2006 S. Eighth St., Fernandina Beach, will feature great food, fun contests, balloons and giveaways for the kids. Donate a new, unwrapped toy for a girl or boy between infancy and age 14.

A portion of your food check will be donated to Nassau County Toys for Tots. All funds and toys donated in Nassau County stay in Nassau County.

Also, since Amelia Island is Santa's summer home, he will be in his beach attire and available for pictures!

To volunteer, donate or learn more, contact 430-7318.

Art and Music Under the Stars will be the theme of the opening of the photo exhibit of the winning images from the 8th annual Wild Amelia Nature Photography Contest at the Fort Clinch Visitor Center on Friday, July 22, from 7-8:45 p.m. The Amelia Ramblers will offer a bluegrass concert on the patio for attendees. Fort entry fees will be waived.

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