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RIVERA VISITS PONTE VEDRA BEACH

Ponte Vedra Beach residents Janet and Dale Westling hosted journalist Geraldo Rivera (center) at their home in Sawgrass Country Club this past weekend for a private signing of Rivera's latest book, "The Geraldo Show: A Memoir." Also pictured are Allison Ferebee and Chris Ferebee. Read page 8 for more.

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WHAT'S THIS?



Do you know what this is?

Email your answer to jonb@opcfla.com by **Monday at 5 p.m.** All correct entries will be entered into a random drawing to win tickets for two adults and two children to the Jacksonville Zoo. In order to allow as many families as possible to win, participants are only eligible to win a ticket prize pack once every four months.

No readers correctly identified last week's photo. As a result, we're giving you another chance to guess. Good luck!

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CTTF member provides traffic updates at Rotary meeting

By Jon Blauvelt

Greg Leonard, a member of the Citizens Traffic Task Force (CTTF), told members of the Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach last week that intersection improvements for the Ponte Vedra Beach/Palm Valley area will be considered for the 2022-2026 St. Johns County budgeting cycle.

"Improvements can happen faster if roadway money becomes available from other sources," said Leonard at the May 31 meeting held at Marsh Landing Country Club. "As the CTTF Board, we've developed our ask document. We're asking to get intersection improvements made ASAP. We want to get something done. This wasn't just an exercise."

Leonard served as the Club's speaker and discussed the CTTF's origin, efforts over the past four years and next steps. He said the organization provided the county with a prioritized list of road improvements in March 2018. Those improvements were based upon the recommendations of the North Florida Transportation Planning Organization (NFTPO) traffic study presented to the public in April 2017 and the results of community surveys distributed in fall 2017.

Overall, the survey results reflected support of intersection improvements and disapproval of the widening of A1A. Estimated to cost approximately \$3.4 million, the specific intersection improvements include engineering efforts at Mickler Road at A1A, PGA Tour Boulevard, Sawgrass Village Drive, Solana Road, Dolphin Boulevard, Palm Valley Road at Roscoe Boulevard and Mickler Road at Palm Valley Road.

Leonard said the CTTF shared the survey results with St. Johns County and NFTPO officials in December 2017 and January 2018, respectively. In turn, both the county and NFTPO provided information on current roadway and commercial projects that they said should have positive effects on traffic through Ponte Vedra Beach.

These projects include the completion of State Road 9B and I-95 to Race Track Road in 2018; the widening of I-295 and the addition of express lanes in 2018; and retail



Photo by Jon Blauvelt

CTTF member Greg Leonard addresses the Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach at Marsh Landing Country Club on May 31.

and residential development planned near the intersection of Race Track Road and State Road 9B, as well as between U.S. Route 1 and I-95 along County Road 210. According to Leonard, this development should attract westbound traffic and reduce the number of cars coming eastbound from Nocatee and through Ponte Vedra Beach.

Based on additional conversations with government officials and NFTPO representatives, Leonard said a new roadway corridor west of the Intracoastal Waterway connecting Nocatee Parkway with J. Turner Butler Boulevard is not under consideration or part of the long-term plan through 2040.

The CTTF sent a communication to its distribution list

in April 2018 that outlined the reasons why. First, environmental permitting and construction would make the roadway very expensive to implement, with an estimated cost of several hundred million dollars. Second, if a significant investment is requested to improve traffic flow, Leonard said officials with the county and state would likely weigh the relatively lower cost to widen A1A (\$32.6 million) against the much higher cost of a new corridor, and choose the lower cost option.

In addition, Leonard said the buildout plan for Nocatee puts substantial residential infrastructure directly in the path of the likely route of the corridor. Perhaps most importantly, Leonard said the land needed for the road is not currently available for purchase. In a separate conversation with the Recorder, fellow CTTF member Jim Sabo said the property currently belongs to the Davis family.

"Assuming the Davis family has no interest in relinquishing their property, then you'd have to have eminent domain, and then you'd have to have politicians that would be willing to do that," said Sabo. "And because that property is mostly in Duval County, you'd have to have their support, and the odds of getting Duval County to support a project that really relieves the traffic in St. Johns County is another complication."

Sabo also said such a corridor was never included in the original traffic study.

"The study that we presented to the public and has been publicized never included any discussion of another north-south corridor, because it wasn't even studied," said Sabo. "We didn't have the money to make that part of the study and there was lots of resistance to it. We went to everybody involved and they basically said, 'We have no interest in even discussing it.'"

Moving forward, Leonard told the Rotary Club that the CTTF is now working to schedule a meeting with the legislative delegation of Rep. Cyndi Stevenson, Rep. Paul Renner and Sen. Travis Hutson to discuss needs and effective ways to track the funding process. In addition, he said the CTTF is looking for key influencers who can get access to funds to expedite the intersection improvements.

PONTE VEDRA BEACH RESIDENTS HOST SELMONT FOR 'MEET THE CANDIDATE' FORUM



Photo provided by Ed Warren

Democratic U.S. Congressional Candidate for FI-04 Ges Selmont (left) stands alongside Dan Hodes and Barbara Haugen, who held a "Meet the Candidate" forum at their home in Ponte Vedra Beach on Friday, June 1.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Preliminary budget workshops for 2019 proved once again that one of the fastest growing counties in the country can't grow its way out of its economic woes.

As a resident of one of the lowest taxed counties in the state, it concerns me to constantly hear about having to do without services just because the county doesn't have the necessary funding. These services include the essential ones that the county is required to provide for our public safety, health and welfare. We should all be very concerned that our fire rescue, public works and pavement management departments are all stretched too thin. Capital infrastructure needs and deferred maintenance both have reached critical mass. Deferment means it will cost us much more to replace rather than repair. Adjusted impact fees will be effective July 2, 2018. At the same time, there is now talk of charging usage fees for library services, parks and recreation, beach parking and boat ramps.

Our county administrator and staff could not run a tighter ship. They have managed St. Johns County through a

major recession, two damaging hurricanes and state-initiated tax reform and they have done so on relatively flat budgets.

We have the ability to create a new 34-million-dollar revenue source. It would involve the millions of tourists that visit our county annually and use all of our services and roadways. However, we also have three commissioners who don't want to raise any taxes (fees maybe). Why won't they let the citizens decide if they want a 1-cent sales tax increase? It is our money and our quality of life.

Tell Commissioners Johns, Smith and Waldron...

We NEED beach nourishment; we MUST have funding.

We NEED a guard at all schools; we MUST have funding.

We NEED sidewalks and parks; we MUST have funding.

This is an election year; educate yourself on the candidates. Get involved with your local community groups. Make sure you vote!

Victoria Corlazzoli, Ponte Vedra Beach

JaxTHRIVE offers warm welcome to First Coast's refugee students

PVHS students created nonprofit to help children acclimate to new country, schools — and to have fun

By Paris Moulden

Two Ponte Vedra High School students are trying to help fill the void left by recent cuts to refugee resettlement funding and programs throughout Northeast Florida and the United States.

Chase Magnano, a rising junior, and Grace Freedman, a rising senior, created JaxTHRIVE, which aims to “provide a nurturing environment where tutoring, life skills mentoring and friendship help them advance in the classroom and flourish in our community.”

The pair became interested in creating the nonprofit after volunteering with World Relief last summer.

“We heard they were losing funding, so following that, we thought the next step would be to do this,” said Magnano about coming up with JaxTHRIVE.

Through Magnano and Freedman’s dedication and drive, JaxTHRIVE boasted 118 volunteers from eight high schools (Bolles, Episcopal, Stanton, Creekside, Oakleaf, Fletcher, Greenwood and Ponte Vedra), Landrum Middle School, Jacksonville Country Day and the University of North Florida during its first year. The volunteers worked with refugee children, from ages 6-18, to help them adjust to life in their new country, and to build friendships along the way.

The PVHS students started spreading the message about the organization to friends at their school and word of mouth spread to other schools. Every Saturday since November, volunteers have been working on a rotating basis to help the young refugees work on their vocabulary, reading and math skills, as well as give them the opportunity to engage in activities with fellow students. JaxTHRIVE held a graduation party for its first group of students May 19.

Many of the refugee children in the program are from Africa and the Middle East, specifically Syria and the Democratic Republic of Congo, and a few are from Iran and Afghanistan, said Magnano. But more importantly, is that they are made to feel welcome and set up to succeed, he said.

Jacksonville has become a hub for refugees, boasting one of the largest refugee populations in the U.S. Specifically, the city is home to the fifth-largest Syrian American population in the



ABOVE: Grace Freedman poses with refugee students who are part of the JaxTHRIVE program.

LEFT: Chase Magnano poses with a refugee student who is a member of the JaxTHRIVE program.

Photos courtesy of JaxTHRIVE

country, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. Magnano’s mother Elizabeth Paul said the number of refugees in the area and the funding cuts have made JaxTHRIVE’s mission increasingly vital.

“There’s a huge need in this area and there are a lot of children who are eager to learn,” said Freedman.

The students are also able to develop relationships with other kids who may come from different places but share similar experiences. Freedman said two young girls who met through the program — one from Syria and one from the Democratic Republic of Congo — have now become best friends.

“I think it really changes the way they look at the world,” said Magnano. “Especially seeing them in the beginning, when they would come in and were shy and you really needed to coax them to participate, to the end where they’ve got these relationships that they’ve made. I think that translates over to their school, and they’re not going to be afraid to reach out and make new friends.”

Freedman said the bonding and shared experiences wasn’t just for the students, though.

“With the kids, and even with the volunteers, we found so many com-

monalities between us,” she said. “And even though we may have been separated geographically in the past, and they’ve been put through extraordinary circumstances, we find so much common ground between us and we really build these amazing relationships. We just want to emphasize the common humanity in everyone.”

But like other nonprofits, JaxTHRIVE is dependent on donations and community support to keep it afloat, and after a successful initial campaign, Magnano and Freedman hope to grow their outreach and help even more refugee children in the future.

“Last year was a really amazing year for us, and we would like to see that again this year,” said Freedman. “We would like to see other THRIVES in different communities, not just Jacksonville, but other areas in Northeast Florida, and even other cities in other states.”

JaxTHRIVE also boasts a store with donated items such as clothing, books and toys, and students can earn stamps based on academic progress and achievements to cash in for products at the store. The organization also uses



Photo courtesy of Scott LaRochelle

Outgoing Cadet Battalion Commander Aberlyn Short and incoming Battalion Commander Erin Sass receive the Most Outstanding Unit in Area-12 trophy during Nease NJROTC Awards Night.

Nease NJROTC named No. 1 program in Area-12

For the sixth time in seven years, Nease was named the No. 1 Navy JROTC program in Area-12 — a region that encompasses 60 schools covering North Florida and the state of Georgia.

Nease earned the title as Most Outstanding Unit during an announcement by Commander Rustie Hibbard, NJROTC Area-12 manager, in May. The award is based on the total achievement of the program, which includes academic performance, community outreach, campus leadership, overall physical fitness and competition results.

“We (seniors) came into JROTC as the No. 1 program back in 2014,” said outgoing cadet Battalion Commander Aberlyn Short. “And our goal was to leave on top. Mission accomplished.”

Over the last year, Nease has earned first place at the Ed White Drill Meet, Mandarin Drill Meet, Terry Parker Drill Meet, Area-12 Drill Championships, Middleburg Pentathlon and Lee Ultimate Challenge. In addition, seven graduating seniors received service academy appointments or ROTC Scholarships, and the group completed nearly 5,000 hours of community service.

“We’re a cadet-run unit — and these cadets like to stay active,” said Gunnery Sergeant Duane Hanson, one of the three naval science instructors.

Nease was the No. 1 program in Area-12 from 2012-2016 and finished second in 2017 to North Cobb High School near Atlanta.

“This achievement is the result of a total Nease family effort put forth by disciplined and hard-working cadets, engaged parents and a supportive school administration,” said Captain Scott LaRochelle, senior naval science instructor.

Brian Harrington is the Northeast District commander for the St. Johns County Sheriff's Office.

Commander Brian Harrington

Can you please tell us about your background?

My father retired from the New York State Police, and we came down here and traveled with my grandparents, who relocated down to Florida. I went to Sandalwood High School up in Jacksonville. I got hired here with the sheriff's office in the 1990s, and I moved my family over to St. Johns County. It's been home ever since.

I've worked most of my career in the Ponte Vedra area. I've worked in several different areas in the sheriff's office, but this has basically been home. I've met a lot of people over the years, and it's been very rewarding to work up here.

Being a commander is being appointed to the sheriff's executive staff. When I was originally given the appointment, I was the commander down in the Southeast portion. I was also previously the commander over Central, which encompasses most of Central Investigations. Most of my career has been up here in Ponte Vedra as a deputy, a district sergeant, patrol sergeant and lieutenant.

What are your primary roles and responsibilities as Northeast District commander?

I basically oversee all operations for the Northeast District. I have two lieutenants who work for me, four patrol shifts, several youth resource deputies, three district detectives and a district sergeant.

What do you enjoy most about your job?

I really enjoy the people in the area. It's a pleasure to come to work and have the times and experiences that I do with the various community members.

What are your greatest challenges?

Right now, it's probably the property crimes we deal with on a constant basis. Crime has definitely gone down as a whole. But we deal locally a lot with the property crimes in the area. It's something we try to keep a constant eye on. The second most time-consuming thing that we work on quite a bit is the traffic issues that we try to give as much attention to as possible with the manpower we have allocated.

What do you like to do in your free time?

I try to dedicate all my free time to my family because the job is so taxing and encompassing. I really try to plan most of my activities and everything that we do together with my family.

What do you enjoy most about working and living in this area?

I definitely like the environment here. I think we have a good, warm community base. There's so much involvement that people don't see behind the scenes. There are events with people really trying to benefit the community and help, from THE PLAYERS to the DONNA. That goes unnoticed a lot of times, but it's very, very rewarding to be around that here. I'm pleased that I've played a small part in it.



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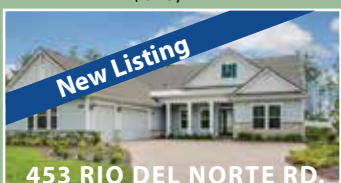
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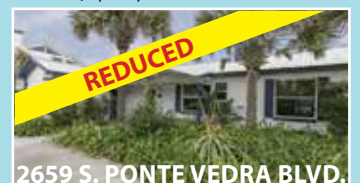
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Geraldo Rivera makes appearance in Ponte Vedra Beach for private signing of new book

RIGHT: Longtime journalist Geraldo Rivera signs copies of his new book, "The Geraldo Show: A Memoir," at a private event hosted by Janet and Dale Westling at their house in Sawgrass Country Club on June 2.

BELOW: Michael Rutherford, Rivera and Rep. John Rutherford

Photos by Susan Griffin



By Jon Blauvelt

Longtime journalist Geraldo Rivera visited Ponte Vedra Beach this past weekend when residents Janet and Dale Westling hosted the reporter, talk show host and author for a private signing of his new book, "The Geraldo Show: A Memoir."

Held on Saturday, June 2 at the Westlings' house in Sawgrass Country Club, the event allowed guests the opportunity to receive signed copies of the memoir, take photos with Rivera, enjoy a homecooked meal and engage with the journalist about his career and life. According to Janet Westling, 55 guests were invited, and 280 copies of the book were sold, eclipsing a goal of 250. The event was the first signing in a private home for Rivera, who stayed overnight at the Sawgrass Marriott Golf Resort & Spa.

"People were surprised," said Westling. "They came in with a preconceived notion of who Geraldo Rivera was, and they left amazed and in awe of what he had to say."

During an hour-long discussion af-

ter the book signing, Rivera presented a retrospect of his near 50-year career, speaking about his early days and the turning points of his life. One such crossroads, Westling noted, was 9/11, which motivated Rivera to cover the wars in the Middle East and help in finding Osama bin Laden. In addition, the journalist discussed a defining moment from earlier in his career when he completed an expose on the Willowbrook State School in Staten Island. The institution for children with special needs featured deplorable conditions, inspiring Rivera to cover the story and ultimately start a foundation that established group homes for such kids.

"He's led a life that has gone in so many different directions," said Westling. "He seemed a man very content with what he's done, what he's accomplished and where he's going."

On June 3, a day after Rivera's Ponte Vedra Beach visit, the journalist tweeted that his mother had died at her home in Siesta Key. She was just shy of her 99th birthday.



Rivera and Congressional candidate Michael Waltz

Orangetheory Fitness Charity Burn events raise nearly \$10,000 for Volunteers in Medicine

Between April 24 and May 2, nearly 200 Orangetheory Fitness members and Volunteers in Medicine volunteers and donors participated in a series of "Charity Burn" events throughout Northeast Florida. The collaborative fundraising initiative was spearheaded by Leslie Gordon, Volunteers in Medicine's April "Woman With Heart."

"I don't believe I ever imagined that through this amazing collaborative effort, we would end up raising nearly \$10,000," said Gordon. "I am so grateful to the more than 200 members, volunteers and several of my fellow Women With Heart honorees for turning out to raise awareness and dollars that will provide the clinic's patients with prescription eyeglasses, mammograms, wellness exams, nutrition and mental health counseling and so much more."

Held in seven locations on seven different days, the events' participants walked, ran and rowed, burning more than 70,000 calories and earning nearly 3,000 "splat" points, which are earned every minute a participant keeps his/her heart rate at 84 percent or higher. One of the ways in which funds were raised included dollar-for-splat-point match challenges.

"I can't thank Orangetheory Fitness own-

ers Rick and Donna Fenchel and George and Leslie Baccash enough for their support and generosity," Gordon continued. "It is no wonder that Orangetheory Fitness is the incredible success it is. Their leadership serves as a model for others to emulate and provides members with the motivation and desire to join them in their charitable efforts. Talk about the definition of a truly successful public/private partnership."

Women With Heart are an exclusive and select group of Northeast Florida women recognized annually by Volunteers in Medicine for their leadership, philanthropy and service to the community at the organization's signature fundraising luncheon.

"On behalf of the patients, volunteers, staff and board of directors at Volunteers in Medicine, I want to extend a very heartfelt thank you to Leslie Gordon and Orangetheory Fitness for selecting us as a beneficiary of their charitable giving," said Mary Pat Corrigan, chief executive officer for Volunteers in Medicine. "This money will go a long way in supporting our mission of providing free medical services and programs to our vulnerable working, uninsured families and individuals."



ABOVE: Volunteers in Medicine CEO Mary Pat Corrigan (far left) and 2018 April Woman With Heart Leslie Gordon (far right) are presented with a donation from Orangetheory Fitness owners (from center left) Donna and Rick Fenchel and Leslie and George Baccash.



LEFT: 2017 Women With Heart honoree Aimee Boggs (from left); 2018 honorees Shelley Morgan, Leslie Gordon and Dany Atkinson; and Volunteers in Medicine CEO Mary Pat Corrigan attend one of the Orangetheory Fitness Charity Burn events.

Photos courtesy of Volunteers in Medicine



ABOVE: Beachgoers learn about sea turtles at the Ponte Vedra Family YMCA's June 2 event at Mickler's Landing.



RIGHT: Jason Schott stands proudly next to his sandcastle, which was awarded first place at the YMCA's Sandcastle Showdown.



ABOVE: Participants enjoy building their sandcastle.

Ponte Vedra YMCA holds first-ever Sandcastle Showdown at Mickler's Beach

By Jon Blauvelt

The Ponte Vedra Family YMCA hosted its first-ever Sandcastle Showdown this past weekend at Mickler's Landing Beach.

Held on Saturday, June 2, the event allowed kids and families the opportunity to have some fun in the sand, while also learning about the Y's Safety Around Water Initiative. Winners of the showdown were Jason Schott in first place, Ruby Noland in second place and Laura and Kate

Bergeron in third place. All proceeds supported Safety Around Water, which consists of a six-week course that teaches fundamental water safety skills to kids. The course costs \$60 per child.

The event also included education on sun safety, with a representative from Baptist Healthy Living Center giving out sunglasses and sunscreen. In addition, a representative from the Mickler's Landing Sea Turtle Patrol attended to discuss sea turtles, and attendees enjoyed a shark tooth contest.



LEFT: Ponte Vedra Family YMCA Executive Director Jennifer Ryan, Baptist Health Wellness Coach Jean Newell and Williams Family YMCA Membership Director Jordan O'Neal

Photos by Jon Blauvelt

Chemo Noir to host 1-mile race and wine tasting event June 16 to raise funds for cancer patients

By Benjamin Naim

Chemo Noir, a local nonprofit organization that provides financial support for cancer patients undergoing treatment, will host a 1-mile race and wine tasting fundraiser at the Jacksonville Beach Pier on Saturday, June 16 at 4 p.m. The event will help the nonprofit raise funds to achieve its philanthropic mission.

Following the 1-mile race, participants will enjoy a wine tasting event at Casa Marina — presented by Coastal Wine Market — featuring Chemo Noir merchandise, raffles and more.

"I didn't want to just do a wine tasting," said Chemo Noir founder and chairwoman Katrin Casey, who is also a Nease graduate. "This one is special because it's positioned like an adult fun run. It's an opportunity to come out and you can walk or run and try to win (the race)."

Male and female race winners will receive a branded crystal wine craft as a trophy, said Casey, and every participant will receive a customized hat and a race bag for taking part in the race.

The Chemo Noir founder added that she's expecting upwards of 800 to 1,000

people to attend the event, which is one of Chemo Noir's biggest fundraisers.

"We built a pretty good following working with 1st Place Sports," she said. "All of our sponsors and community partners helped us push an agenda to help get people involved. Last year in a Nor'easter, we had almost 250 people come out and run it."

Those interested in participating can register at www.1stplacesports.com/races/chemonoir or on Facebook @ Chemonoir.

Founded in 2017, Chemo Noir raises money through wine-centric events to help cancer patients pay their way through treatment. Casey, who has been cancer-free for the last four years, named her organization after a night designated for leisure time with her mother, featuring comfort food and wine.

"Chemo Noir resulted out of my journey with cancer," she said. "I was going through treatment; it's such a surreal experience. When my mom would come over, I'd get a chance to sip on a little wine and I'd call them my 'chemo noir' nights."

After surviving cancer and battling through the arduous road to recovery,

Casey said she realized how expensive medical treatment can be and she wanted to do something about it.

"We've actually been able to write checks to patients battling a rare cancer or who just don't have the funds to get the treatment they need," Casey noted. "We've become a resource for those patients."

For more information on Chemo Noir and the race and tasting event, visit www.chemonoir.com.

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JaxTHRIVE

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donations to help provide other needs, such as school uniforms and supplies. One hundred percent of the donations go to help the students in the program, said Magnano.

“There’s such a large need for what they’re receiving,” he said. “It really changes their lives and drastically improves their chances of success.”

And while JaxTHRIVE was designed to make a positive impact on the lives of refugee children, it’s also made a big impact on the lives of its creators, as well.

“Just every week when you see them and see how far they’ve come, it just puts everything into perspective, and reminds us of why we’re doing it,” said Magnano.

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Refugee children pose with JaxTHRIVE volunteers at the nonprofit's graduation ceremony May 19.

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OBITUARIES

Jane Wendell

Jane Wendell, 85, died May 25, 2018 due to complications from Alzheimer's disease. She was predeceased by all four of her siblings, Ralph, Paul, Bob and Mildred; her parents, Charles and Eva Ireland; her husband, Luther Tarr; and her only child, Susan Smart. Jane is survived by her grandsons, Ryan and Zachary Smart; great grandchildren, Alyssa and Jacob; great niece, Laura Lewis; and several nieces, nephews and friends.

Jane was born in Muncie, Indiana on March 17, 1933, and had her only child in 1951. Left a single mother at age 20, she was an unsurpassed example of a brave, intelligent, independent, "modern" matriarch.

Jane's greatest love was her daughter Susan and you rarely saw them apart if Jane wasn't working. They had a bond and friendship throughout their lives that is seldom seen. When Susan's children were born, Jane took great pride and enjoyment in her role as "Nana." She was an amazing grandmother, friend, and role model for her grandsons.

Jane consistently put herself "on the line" to champion and protect her family and friends. Throughout the 1950s-60s, she worked long hours, made a wonderful home for her daughter, and helped raise other people's children and grandchildren, always sharing whatever she had with others. As so many of her friends and family can attest, having Jane in your corner made all the difference.

While Jane was a powerful force for good, she also knew how to have fun. She bowled, roller-skated, hiked, biked, danced, and could hold her own in a sword fight. She was always up for travel, musicals, concerts, fine dining, and playing hooky to go see "Mamma Mia!"

Jane could do anything she put her mind to. Although she was unable to attend college after graduating high school at 16, she deeply valued learning and education, pursuing new expertise and skills throughout her life. Jane attained the most difficult and rigorous brokerage NASD Series licenses; took community college classes for anything that sparked her interest; and completed her first River Run on her 50th birthday. Jane's intelligence and work-ethic allowed her to rise through the ranks of Merrill Lynch and its predecessors, retiring from Merrill Lynch in 2006, after 54 years.

Jane was an inspiration to those who knew her. She invested her time, advice, and money in other's pursuits to better themselves; always encouraging scholastic and professional achievement and a healthy active lifestyle. Jane left a profound mark on many people fortunate enough to be her family, friends, and colleagues. Her grace, humor, goodwill, and obstinance live on through these people today.

A gathering was held at 6:30 p.m., Friday, June 1 at Quinn-Shalz Funeral Home to share memories of Jane.

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Dean Fazenbaker

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William Jensen

William Gene Jensen, 86, died May 16, 2018. Ponte Vedra Valley Funeral Home, Cremation Center & Cemetery – (904) 285-1130 – www.pontevedravally.com.

WHY I SERVE

KIT CARRYL

In this edition of Why I Serve, the Recorder sat down with Kit Carryl to discuss her time as a riveter and in the military, her most memorable experiences and more. The full version of this feature is available online at www.pontevedrarecorder.com.



What was your job in the military?

In the military, I was a riveter and when I came to the Bronx, New York, I went to the boot camp. We had a lot of regulation drills and so forth but when they figured out where they were going to send me, I went to Norfolk, probably because I had worked at Northwest Airlines in Minnesota. We did a lot of different riveting there and I did quite a little bit of everything on the B24 before I went to the Navy.

Why did you serve?

They really needed people and I was single. I had nothing to really worry about, I needed something interesting to do and I knew that the government needed help. I knew my father had served a year and I knew it was going to be interesting work be-

cause I had answered an ad in Minnesota for riveters, so that's where they started me. I knew I would be needed; I knew that if I was going into the Navy, they'd probably need a riveter.

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ANNIVERSARIES

Sam and Darlene Wilkes



Sam and Darlene Wilkes of Ponte Vedra are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. They were married in St. Augustine on June 15, 1968. They are parents to one daughter, Candy, and have two grandsons, Dylan and Marshall. A trip with family is being planned to celebrate.

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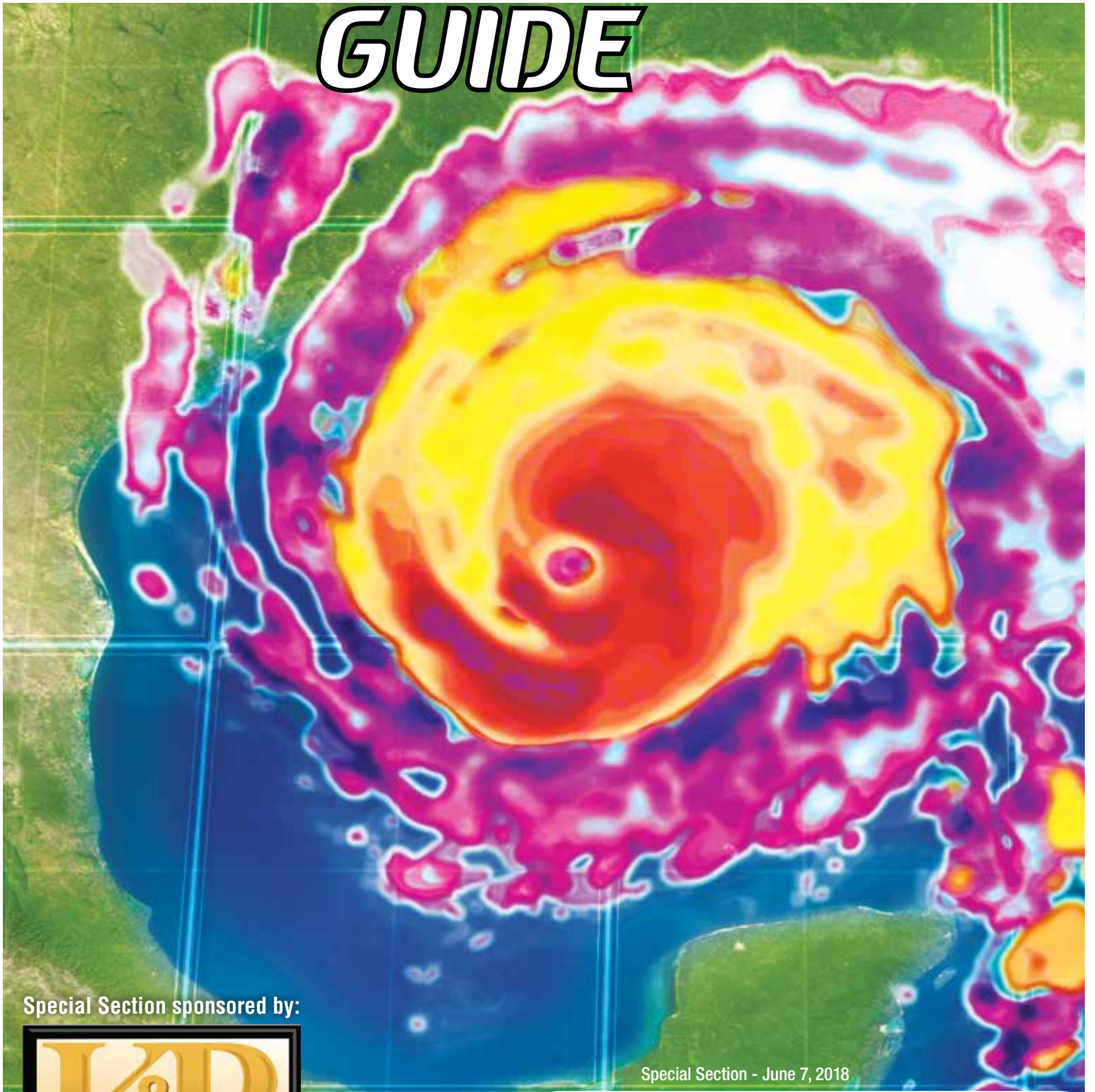
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THE 2018 HURRICANE GUIDE

Over the past two years, St. Johns County residents have been reminded of the vulnerability of the area's coastal community to hurricanes.

With the 2018 Atlantic hurricane season officially beginning on June 1, local families need to know what to do and where to

go should the threat of a hurricane (or any disaster) become real. According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Climate Prediction Center, that threat is very real this year. The agency recently reported that the Atlantic could see above-normal hurricane season with as

many as 10 to 16 named storms possible and potentially up to four becoming major hurricanes.

So, the time is now to start preparing, and the Ponte Vedra Recorder has pulled together a collection of resources to help our readers do exactly that.

HURRICANE CHECKLISTS

One way to be prepared for a storm is by assembling a disaster supply kit.

Once disaster strikes, it is too late to shop or search for supplies. With supplies gathered in advance, families can endure an evacuation or home confinement.

Here are a few checklists to consider while preparing for this upcoming hurricane season:

ON THE ROAD

- Cash | Credit cards
- Important documents
- Road maps
- Jumper cables
- Tire repair kit
- Flashlight | Batteries
- Battery operated radio
- Fire extinguisher
- Blankets | Sleeping bags
- Pillows
- Toiletries
- Medications
- First aid kit
- Extra baby supplies
- Non-perishable foods
- Drinking water
- Games | Books

AT HOME

- Non-perishable foods
- Drinking water
- First aid kit
- Medications
- Cash | Credit cards
- Flashlight | Batteries
- Battery operated radio
- Manual can opener
- Extra baby supplies
- Games | Books
- Fire extinguisher
- Phone | Non-portable
- Fill tub with water for sanitation
- Porta-Pot | Well water users

AT THE SHELTER

- Three-day supply of water
- Three-day supply of non-perishable foods
- Medications | Specialized supplies
- Diabetic's on Insulin | Small cooler for Insulin
- Toiletries
- Flashlight | Batteries
- Pillows | Blankets
- Sleeping bag | Egg crate mattress
- Cot | Lawn chair
- Important papers | Identification
- Extra Clothing
- Books | Magazines | Cards, etc.
- Caregiver — If you have special needs

ST. JOHNS COUNTY EVACUATION ROUTES

Below is guidance on where St. Johns County residents should evacuate during an emergency situation based on where they live.

St. Johns River / SR-13 north of CR-210: Proceed east along CR-210 or Greenbriar Road to I-95; north along SR-13 into Duval County; or east on Racetrack Road to areas outside the evacuation zone.

St. Johns River / SR-13 north of CR-214: Proceed east along CR-208 or SR-16 to I-95; west along SR-16 across the Shands Bridge; or east on CR-214 to areas outside the evacuation zone.

St. Johns River / SR-13 South of CR-214: Proceed east along SR-207 or SR-206 to I-95; west along SR-207 into Putnam County; or east on CR-214 to areas outside the evacuation zone.

Ponte Vedra Beach/Sawgrass: North on SR-A1A, turn west onto Butler Boulevard and proceed to I-95 or points west. Palm Valley/Nocatee area: Proceed southwest to CR-210 and proceed to I-95 or points west.

On coast halfway between Mickler's Landing and South Ponte Vedra Beach: North of Guana Dam, go north to SR-A1A and proceed west across Palm Valley Bridge on CR-210. South of Guana Dam, go south on SR-A1A and proceed west across Vilano Bridge. Continue west on SR-16 to I-95 or points west.

City of St. Augustine (mainland): North on US-1, turn west onto SR-16 or proceed southwest on SR-207 or south on US-1. Proceed to I-95 or points west.

City of St. Augustine (Davis Shores, Anastasia Island South to St. Augustine Alligator Farm): SR-A1A, proceed west across Bridge of Lions to US-1 North or US-1 South and/or to SR-16 or SR-207 to I-95 or points west.

City of St. Augustine and Anastasia Island north of the St. Augustine Amphitheater: Proceed north on SR-A1A across the Bridge of Lions and then go west. City of St. Augustine and Anastasia Island south of the St. Augustine Amphitheater: Proceed south on SR-A1A, turn west on SR-312, proceed across 312 Bridge to SR-207 and proceed to I-95 or points west.

City of St. Augustine Beach: North to SR-312, proceed across 312 Bridge to SR-207 and proceed to I-95 or points west.

From the intersection of Ocean Trace Road and A1A to Crescent Beach: South on SR-A1A to Crescent Beach, turn west on SR-206, proceed across Crescent Beach Bridge to US-1 and proceed to I-95 or points west.

Crescent Beach to Flagler County Line: North on SR-A1A to Crescent Beach, turn west on SR-206, proceed across Crescent Beach Bridge to US-1 and proceed to I-95 or points west.

*Review the evacuation zone map online at www.sjcemergencymanagement.org.

ST. JOHNS COUNTY SHELTERS

In most cases, evacuation is the best option. But if this is not possible, one of the best ways to get prepared for hurricane season is by locating the evacuation shelters in your area.

PUBLIC EVACUATION SHELTERS

Bartram Trail High School
7399 Longleaf Pine Parkway
St. Johns, FL 32259

Mill Creek Elementary School
3750 International Golf Parkway
St. Augustine, FL 32092

Creskide High School
100 Knights Lane
St. Johns, FL 32259

Osceola Elementary School
1605 Osceola Elementary Road
St. Augustine, FL 32084

Cunningham Creek Elementary
1205 Roberts Road
St. Johns, FL 32259

Otis Mason Elementary School
207 Mason Manatee Way
St. Augustine, FL 32086

Durbin Creek Elementary School
4100 Race Track Road
St. Johns, FL 32259

Pedro Menendez High School
600 SR-206 West
St. Augustine, FL 32086

Fruit Cove Middle School
3180 Race Track Road
St. Johns, FL 32259

Patriot Oaks Academy
475 Longleaf Pine Parkway
St. Johns, FL 32259

Hickory Creek Elementary School
235 Hickory Creek Trail
St. Johns, FL 32259

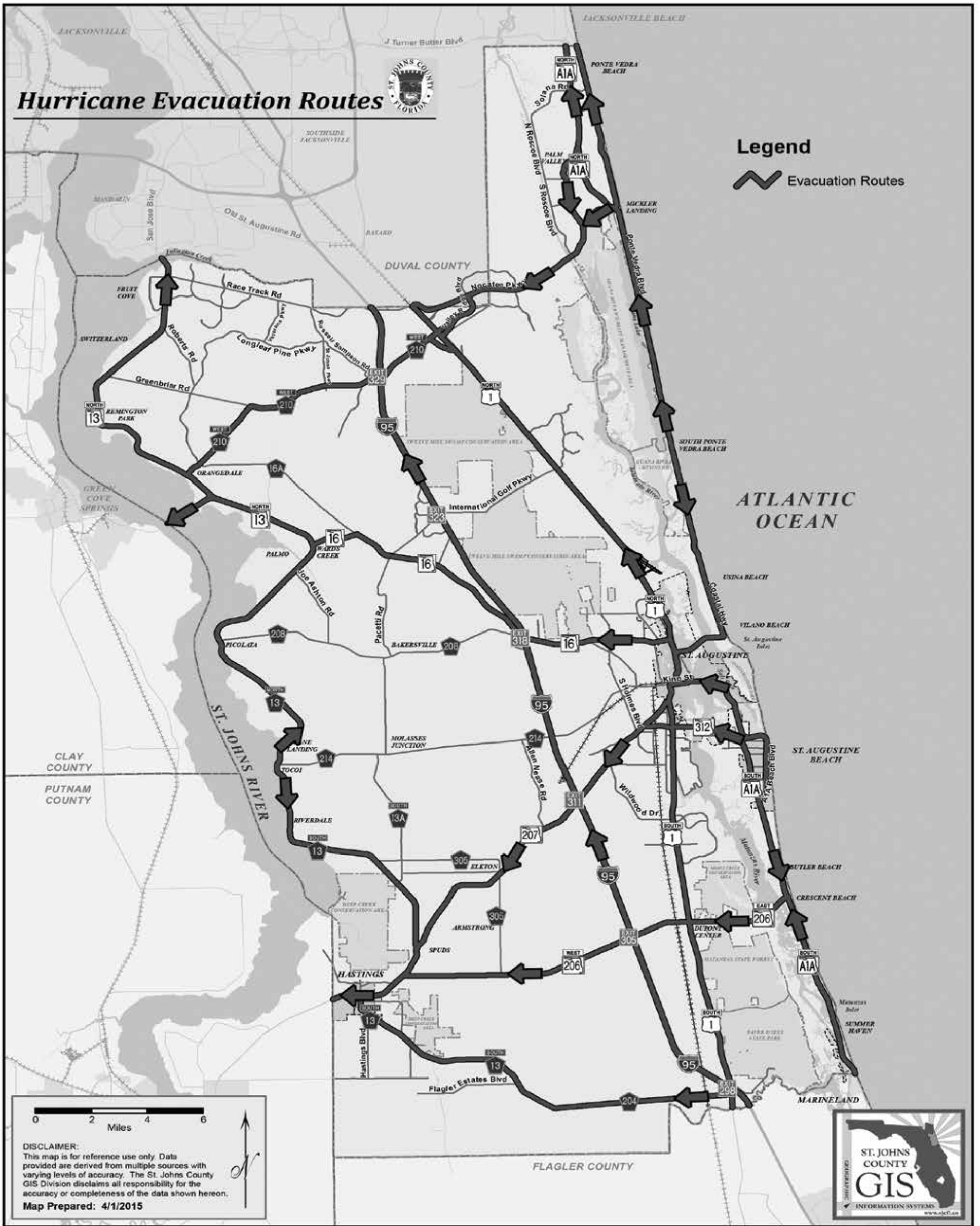
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SPECIAL NEEDS EVACUATION SHELTERS

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245 Meadowlark Lane
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Special Needs shelters are for people with special medical needs that cannot be met in a public shelter. Pre-registration is strongly encouraged for assignment to a special needs shelter, prior to a disaster.



EVACUATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

During an emergency situation, St. Johns County Emergency Management offers evacuation assistance to the following groups of people.

- Someone who requires transportation only to one of the county's general shelters
- Someone who has a special medical need that requires a special medical needs shelter, but does not require transportation assistance

■ Someone who has a special medical need that requires a special medical needs shelter, as well as transportation assistance

Those citizens requiring such assistance should complete an evacuation assistance request form, which can be found online at www.sjcemergencymanagement.org. However, according to the county, registering on the website is not a guarantee that emergency officials will be able to

assist in an emergency.

Once the assistance form has been received, it is reviewed and added to the county's database. Citizens are then notified by mail of registration status and sent information regarding the sheltering process. After registration, the county asks that citizens send any updates on changes to their needs.

St. Johns County does not evacuate residents of nursing homes, convalescent homes, retirement homes, assisted living facilities or other group facilities. Residents should look to the management of their facility for an organized group evacuation. According to the county, un-

der Florida State Statute 252, it is required these facilities have an emergency plan to evacuate their residents to a predetermined location outside the evacuation area.

In addition, the county does not handle special transportation requests or transportation outside of St. Johns County. The Evacuation Assistance Program transports citizens to and from shelters.

Special needs shelters cannot support dialysis, ventilator and tracheostomy patients, as well as those confined to a bed or hospital bed. Hoyer lifts are also not available at special needs shelters.

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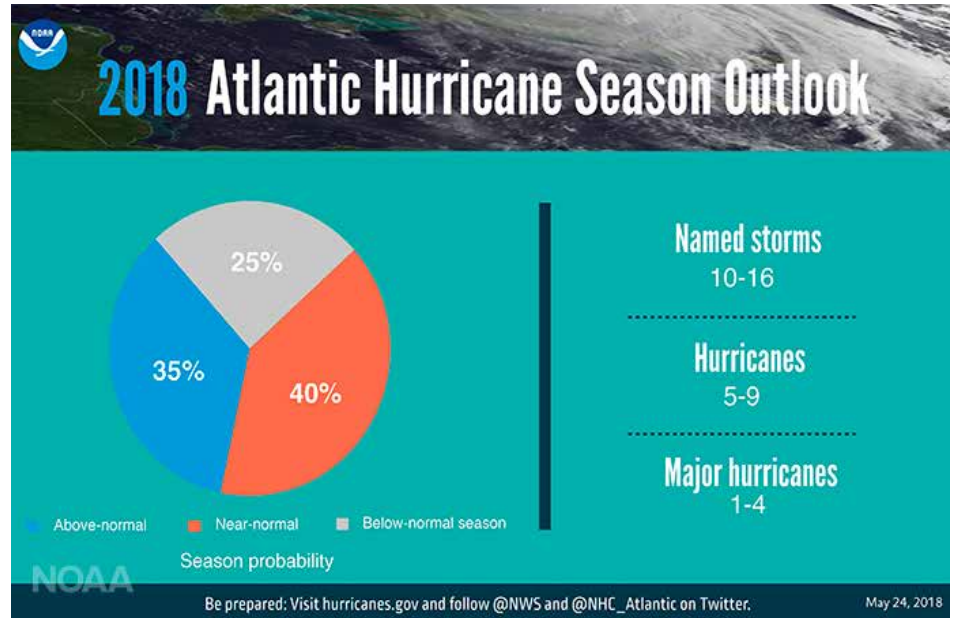


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Important Information

Fill in this information and keep a copy in a safe place, such as your purse or briefcase, your car, your office, and your disaster kit. Be sure to look it over every year and keep it up to date.

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Berkshire Hathaway HSFNR, Brightway Insurance to host open house on insurance coverage

Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Network Realty (HSFNR) is partnering with Brightway Insurance to hold a free, community open house focused on insurance coverage review as part of storm preparations during hurricane season.

“Is Your Insurance Policy Hurricane Proof” will be held on Wednesday, June 13, at Berkshire Hathaway HSFNR’s Murabella office at the Shoppes at Murabella, located at 196 Capulet Drive, near

the intersection of State Road 16 and Pacetti Road/World Golf Village International Parkway. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., and Brightway Insurance agent Monica Kaufenberg will speak at 7 p.m.

“We don’t want our community to get flooded with storm damage bills this hurricane season,” said Ann King, broker/manager of Berkshire Hathaway HSFNR’s St. Augustine Beach and Murabella offices.

The event will discuss how to read and

understand your home insurance policy, and provide expert advice on how to protect your most valuable investment. For more information and to RSVP, visit www.Facebook.com/BHHSFNRMurabellaWGV or call (904) 802-0690.

“Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Network Realty wants to provide you with the necessary knowledge and tools to ensure that you, your family and

friends stay safe this upcoming hurricane season,” said Broker/Executive Vice President Christy Budnick.

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<p>Farm Swap & Music Jam Enjoy music from local musicians while shopping for farm-fresh produce at the Florida Agricultural Museum June 7 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. The event will feature musicians, singers and songwriters of folk, bluegrass, old time, fiddle, country and blues, along with vendors offering fruits, veggies, honeys, jellies, nuts, arts and more. The Farm Swap & Music Jam will take place at 7900 Old Kings Road N. in Palm Coast. Visit www.floridaagmuseum.org for more information.</p> <p>Magic show with Mark Alan Join the Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library for a magic show by Mark Alan June 7 at 2 p.m., with a repeat performance at 4 p.m. This interactive show is geared toward elementary school kids ages 6 to 11. The Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library is located at 101 Library Blvd.</p> <p>Chamber of Commerce Golf Classic Join fellow Chamber members June 7 at the Slammer & Squire championship golf course for the Golf Classic. This event will feature course games such as hole-in-one, closest to the pin and longest drive. Visit www.sjcchamber.com for more information or call (904) 687-2056.</p> <p>Chamber of Commerce networking event This St. Johns County networking event will feature food, drinks, a raffle, door prizes and more June 7 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Admission costs \$15 and includes appetizers and two drink tickets. The event will take place immediately following the Golf Classic at Slammer & Squire, located at 2 World Golf Place in St. Augustine. Visit www.sjcchamber.com for more information.</p> <p>Taize Eucharist During the summer months, St. Paul's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church will offer a Taize Eucharist Thursdays at noon. Guests are invited to join the church for Taize music and fellowship. St. Paul's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church is located at 465 11 Ave. N. in Jacksonville Beach. Call (904) 249-4091 for more information.</p>	<p>Exhibition of Works by Candace Knapp & Ron Vellucci Enjoy this exhibition featuring the art of Candace Knapp and Ron Vellucci in the Main Gallery of the Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach. Knapp presents new paintings inspired by observations of light and shapes in nature, by reflections of water. Vellucci's wall sculptures nicely balance Knapp's paintings with shiny metal and wood.</p> <p>Rachel Slade at The BookMark Award-winning journalist Rachel Slade will appear at The BookMark June 8 at 7 p.m. to talk about and sign copies of her book "Into the Raging Sea: Thirty-three Mariners, One Megastorm, and the Sinking of the El Faro." Slade's book is a nail-biting account of the sinking of the American container ship El Faro, the crew of 33 who perished onboard, and the destructive forces of globalization that put the ship in harm's way. The BookMark is located at 220 1st St. in Neptune Beach. Call (904) 241-9026 for more information.</p> <p>Community Health Fair Virginia College in Jacksonville will host a Community Health Fair June 8 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on campus, located at 5940 Beach Blvd. The event is free and open to the public and will feature refreshments, a variety of health-related checks and activities for all ages. Additionally, the campus will hold a blood drive on site for those interested in and able to give blood. Attendees 18 and older can enter to win a pair of Jabra Elite 65t True Wireless Earbuds in addition to other prizes.</p> <p>'Solo: A Star Wars Story' at IMAX Theater at World Golf Hall of Fame See Han Solo and Chewbacca's adventures before joining the Rebellion, including their early encounters with Lando Calrissian, in this film showing at the IMAX Theater at World Golf Hall of Fame. For more information on show-times and to purchase tickets, visit www.worldgolfimax.com. The World Golf Hall of Fame IMAX Theater is located at 1 World Golf Place in St. Augustine.</p>	<p>Cannon firing demonstration at Castillo de San Marcos National Park Service volunteers and personnel demonstrate a cannon firing at the Castillo de San Marcos museum / monument every Friday, Saturday and Sunday at 10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. Rangers and volunteers demonstrate the weapons and relate the experiences of the colonial Spanish soldier of 1740s St. Augustine. Firing times are subject to change depending on weather conditions and staff availability. Castillo de San Marcos is located at 1 S. Castillo Drive in St. Augustine.</p> <p>Putt N' Crawl The 15th annual Putt N' Crawl will take place June 9 from 1 to 7 p.m. at Jacksonville Beach Bars. The mini-golf event will feature drinks, fun, prizes and more. Fun and crazy outfits are encouraged. For more information, search for the event on Facebook using the keywords: "Putt N' Crawl."</p> <p>Bikes & Brews The Rotary Club of Jacksonville-Oceanside will host its first "Bikes & Brews" event June 9. Inspired by the club's recent efforts to install bike racks around the beach, the Rotary Club will celebrate bike riding, the local micro-brew scene and historic locations around the beaches. In a scavenger hunt-style event, participants will hop on their bikes to follow clues to each location. For more information and to register, visit 904tix.com/events/bikes-brews.</p> <p>St. Augustine Amphitheatre Farmers Market The St. Augustine Amphitheatre Farmers Market will take place every Saturday morning from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The market features more than 100 tents with local produce, flowers, baked goods, handmate arts and crafts and more. The St. Augustine Amphitheatre Farmers Market is located at 1340 A1A S. in St. Augustine.</p>	<p>Sandals, Shorts and Steel Drum Service Every Sunday from 11:30 a.m. to noon, St. Paul's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church invites guests to put on sandals and shorts for a more casual worship service featuring the tropical sound of steel drum music. The church is located at 465 11th Ave. N. in Jacksonville Beach.</p> <p>Salt Air Farmers Market The Salt Air Farmers Market features home-grown produce, creative local art and more. The market will be open June 10 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 9505 Oceanshore Blvd. in St. Augustine.</p> <p>Palms Presbyterian Church Palms Presbyterian Church will host a Music Sunday event June 10 at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. in the sanctuary. This year, The Chancel Choir, The CAMP Choir, cellist Maxwell Remmer, soloists Molly Anderson and Wil Kelly and others will be featured. For more information, call (904) 246-6427. Palms Presbyterian Church is located at 3410 3rd St. S. in Jacksonville.</p> <p>Lecture at Lohman Auditorium To be held June 10 at Lohman Auditorium at Whitney Laboratory, this lecture will share information on Marineland's history, dolphin research, conservation and more. The event starts at 10 a.m. For more information, visit www.marineland.net/home/80th-anniversary.</p> <p>Limelight Theatre performance In a small-town dime store in West Texas, the Disciples of James Dean gather for their 20th reunion. The arrival of a stunning-but-familiar stranger sets off a series of confrontations that smash their delusions and expose bitter disappointments. This show, entitled "'Come Back to the Five & Dime, Jimmy Dean, Jimmy Dean'" will be performed at the Limelight Theatre June 10 at 2 p.m. Tickets cost \$26 for general admission, \$24 for seniors and \$20 for students and military. Visit www.limelight-theatre.org for more information. Limelight Theatre is located at 11 Old Mission Ave. in St. Augustine.</p>

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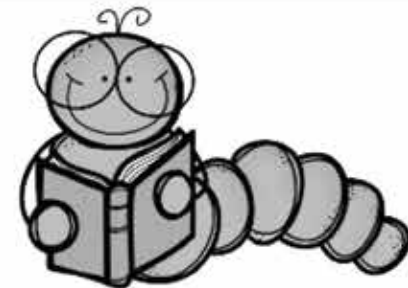
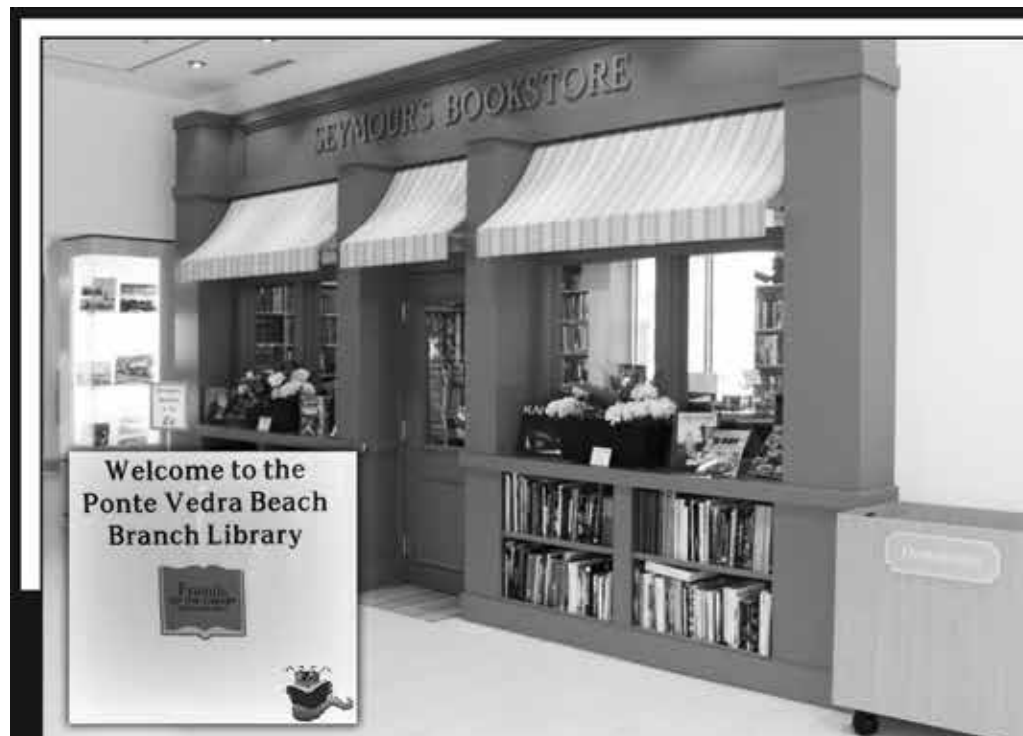
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<p>Florida East Coast: Selections from the Guidi Collection Exhibition This exhibition showcases a selection of works from the Guidi Collection highlighting local artist depictions of the Florida East Coast over the years. The paintings, ranging from the late 1880s until the 1970s, include idealized images of Florida's natural landscape, along with paintings of St. Augustine architecture that still exists today. The museum's hours are Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, visit www.flagler.edu/news-events/crisp-ellert-art-museum.</p> <p>MOSH Mondays The Museum of Science and History's MOSH Mondays feature discounts including buy-one-get-one-half-off admission for adults, 10 percent off MOSH-branded items in the museum shop, 10 percent off memberships when signing up in-person and 10 percent off birthday packages when signing up in-person. MOSH Mondays also feature rotating weekly programs. MOSH is located at 1025 Museum Circle in Jacksonville. Visit www.themosh.org for more information.</p> <p>First Coast Pastel Society exhibition This exhibition at The Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach features a juried member show of works from the First Coast Pastel Society. The Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach is located at 50 Executive Way. For more information, visit www.ccpvb.org or call (904) 280-0614.</p> <p>Caregiver support meetings The St. Johns County Council on Aging will host caregiver support meetings Mondays (except holidays) from noon to 1 p.m. at the Ponte Vedra Memory Care Center at 1048 A1A N. For more information, call Paulette Kozlowski at (904) 209-3674 or email pkozlowski@stjohnscoa.com. The meetings will provide a supportive environment for people who are experiencing similar challenges in which they can share problems, ideas and solutions.</p>	<p>Volunteers needed Volunteers are needed at THE PLAYERS Communiy Senior Center Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the kitchen. The center is looking for upbeat volunteers to help with new spring and summer programs. Contact Amy leach at (904) 209-3686 or email aleach@stjohnscoa.com for more information. The PLAYERS Community Senior Center is located at 175 Landrum Lane in Ponte Vedra.</p> <p>Florida Blue free Tuesday Every Tuesday, enjoy free admission to the Cummer Museum thanks to the support of Florida Blue. The Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens is located at 829 Riverside Ave. in Jacksonville. The Cummer Museum's Tuesday hours are 4 to 9 p.m. No registration is required. For more information, visit www.cummermuseum.org or call (904) 356-6857.</p> <p>Bookmobile Visit Publix at Nocatee Town Center for a Bookmobile Tuesdays from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. The Bookmobile will feature books, movies, music and more. Publix at Nocatee Town Center is located at 120 Marketside Ave. in Ponte Vedra Beach.</p> <p>Yoga on the beach Each Tuesday morning through September, join yoga fitness instructor Emily Busichio as she leads a free yoga session on St. Augustine Beach at 8 a.m., weather permitting. The yoga sessions take place on the beach at the Ocean Hammock Walkover.</p> <p>Paramore at the St. Augustine Amphitheatre The St. Augustine Amphitheatre will host electronic pop-punk band Paramore with special guest Foster The People June 12. Doors open at 4:30 p.m., and the show starts at 6 p.m. Visit www.staugamphitheatre.com for more information. The St. Augustine Amphitheatre is located at 1340 A1A S.</p>	<p>Toastmasters Club Toastmasters Club #5199 of Ponte Vedra Beach meets every Wednesday at 7:30 a.m. at THE PLAYERS Community Senior Center. These meetings help attendees improve public speaking and gain leadership skills. The senior center is located at 175 Landrum Lane in Ponte Vedra Beach. Email Lucy Reep at lucyreep@gmail.com for additional information.</p> <p>Making Do Exhibit at Lincolnville Museum and Cultural Center Learn about the South's rich African-American culture at the Lincoln Museum and Cultural Center, which features a collection of Gullah Geechee artifacts, culture and stories. The exhibit also features Willis Hakeem Jones' collection of treasures discovered in Africa and from coastal Georgia. The museum is open Wednesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.</p> <p>Wednesday Market at St. Augustine Beach The St. Augustine Beach Wednesday Market offers oceanfront shopping at the St. Johns County Pier Park every Wednesday starting at 8 a.m. Approximately 60-80 vendors can be found at the market selling locally grown produce, baked goods, prepared foods, arts, crafts and more. Visit www.sabca.org for more information.</p> <p>Ponte Vedra Democratic Club meeting The Ponte Vedra Democratic Club will host a meeting June 13 at 6:30 p.m. at the Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library. Ges Selmont, who is running for United States Congress, will serve as guest speaker. For more information, visit www.facebook.com/pontevedrademocrats. The Ponte Vedra Library is located at 101 Library Blvd.</p> <p>Table Top Gaming Teens in grades 9 through 12 are invited to have fun with friends with Tabletop Gaming at the Ponte Vedra Library. This event will take place June 13 at 5 p.m. The library is located at 101 Library Blvd.</p>	<p>Baptist Beaches Surgical Pavilion open house Baptist Beaches Surgical Pavilion will host an open house featuring a tour of the new facility June 14 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Interested participants can RSVP at www.beachesopenhouse.eventbrite.com.</p> <p>Matthew Pearl at The BookMark International and New York Times bestselling author of "The Dante Club" Matthew Pearl will appear at The BookMark June 14 to talk about and sign copies of his book at 7 p.m. A New York Times bestseller, "The Dante Club" follows a group of literary geniuses, including poets and Harvard professors Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes, and James Russell Lowell, as they race to solve a series of Dante-inspired killings around Boston in 1865. The BookMark is located at 220 1st St. in Neptune Beach. Call (904) 241-9026 for more information.</p> <p>Empower Yourself: Learn How Not to be Scammed In recognition of World Elder Abuse Awareness Day, ElderSource is hosting a free workshop entitled, "Empower Yourself: Learn How Not to be Scammed" June 14 from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. at the Jacksonville Public Library Beaches Branch, located at 600 3rd St. in Neptune Beach. The workshop will help participants identify and protect themselves from scams.</p> <p>Schooner Freedom Sail Fundraiser Friends of First Coast Opera will host a Schooner Freedom Sail fundraiser June 14 from 2 to 4:15 p.m. All proceeds will go directly to the First Coast Opera. Call (904) 417-5555 for more information. Those interested in attending can purchase tickets by sending a \$40 check to Friends of First Coast Opera, 138 Herons Nest Lane in St. Augustine.</p> <p><small>Free calendar listings for community groups and nonprofit organizations are published at our discretion on a space-available basis. 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Florida to receive \$22.8M from feds for hurricane-damaged public transit

The U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Transit Administration (FTA) recently announced the allocation of \$22.8 million to 15 public transit systems across Florida impacted by Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria.

The funding, according to the office of U.S. Sen. Bill Nelson (D-FL), will help the agencies pay for hurricane response costs, including replacing and repairing damaged equipment and facilities and projects designed to reduce the risk of future storms.



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"This is welcome news for a number of transit systems in Florida," said Nelson. "For months they've had to struggle to find ways to pay for damages caused by last year's devastating hurricanes. Thankfully, they're finally getting some relief."

Among the Florida agencies receiving funding is Jacksonville Transportation Authority with \$734,000.

Congress approved \$330 million for the FTA's Emergency Relief Program in February. In addition to Florida, the FTA also announced transit agency allocations of \$223.5 million for Puerto Rico, \$23.3 million for Texas, \$6.7 million for the U.S. Virgin Islands and \$187,000 for Georgia.



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St. Johns River Water Management District prepared for 2018 hurricane season

With subtropical storm Alberto having already swept through the Florida panhandle and hurricane season arriving on June 1, the St. Johns River Water Management District says it's ready for the upcoming hurricane season.

"A long hurricane season is on the horizon; our dedicated staff is already prepped for the worst Mother Nature may dish out," said St. Johns River Water Management District Executive Director Dr. Ann Shortelle. "As in the past, we will work closely with our local governments to coordinate preparations, assist during a storm and respond after a storm as quickly as conditions allow us to do so safely."

The district operates flood-control structures in the Upper Ocklawaha River Basin — the Apopka-Beauclair Lock and Dam, Apopka Dam, Moss Bluff Dam and the Burrell Dam — to create additional capacity when necessary. Similarly, the Upper St. Johns River Basin Project features gate structures to allow water to flow north, which increases water storage capacity.

The district's staff participates in statewide disaster preparedness training with Florida's emergency officials. The agency has also weathered many hurricanes and tropical storms, assisting local governments and communities in the aftermath of devastating storms, most recently with Hurricane Irma in 2017 and Hurricane Matthew in 2016. A list of local government flooding contacts is available at www.sjrwmd.com/localgovernment/flooding. Visit the district's webpage at www.sjrwmd.com/storm for more hurricane and flooding information.

According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, most initial forecasts project that the number of storms in 2018 will be above average, and several forecasts indicate an above-average likelihood that a major hurricane will make landfall in the Caribbean, the Gulf Coast or the U.S. East Coast.



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Important factors to consider this hurricane season



By Wayne Terry
Owner, PuroClean
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Well, it's that time of year again: time to think about hurricane season.

In 2016, we had the effects of Hurricane Matthew, and in 2017, we had the effects of Hurricane Irma. What will 2018 be like?

The 2018 Atlantic hurricane season started on June 1, 2018 and will end Nov. 30, 2018. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Climate Prediction Center states the Atlantic could see an above-normal hurricane season, with as many as 10 to 16 named storms possible and potentially up to four becoming major hurricanes.

As we start to prepare for the hurricane season, we are all used to getting plenty of water, food, gas, etc. However, are you prepared from an insurance perspective?

If you own a home, you most likely have a regular homeowner's insurance policy. If a pipe breaks in your home, you are most likely covered for all but your deductible. However, if you have rising water due to a storm, your insurance policy, most likely, will not cover this.

As a result, I highly recommend purchasing a flood policy for your home, whether or not your local government says you are in a flood zone. As the owner of PuroClean Emergency Services, most of the storm floods I have experienced, the building owner said, "This has never happened to me before," or "This has never happened in this neighborhood before." It is important to know that if you have a flood policy, it still might not cover all the costs associated with a flood. However, it will cover a good portion. This is something you should



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discuss with your insurance agent. Flood insurance is very inexpensive, and I would call this a great safety measure.

Other factors to consider

In addition, if your home or business is flooded from a storm, I would not recommend trying to take care of the damage yourself. Call a professional restoration company that works with insurance companies and knows the proper ways to make sure your insurance company is taking good care of you. Do not take a fast payout offer, as it is usually lower than what it would cost to properly restore a property.

Although water losses are assigned a category of 1, 2, 3 and sometimes 4 (not to be mixed up with the category of a hurricane), water coming in from the outside is always at least a 3 or a 4. This is because the water coming in the house from outside could contain pesticides, animal urine, automobile oils and gases and other unknown ingredients. Anything this water touches should be discarded, except for structural items that should be disinfected and dried out as soon as possible.

Another important thing to know is that if FEMA is involved and your flood has been sitting there long enough to cause

mold, FEMA will not cover mold-related activities. It is important to discuss this with your restoration company at the time of inspection, so if there are any additional charges, you know what they are.

Lastly, now is a good time to look at the outside of your property for dead trees. Go outside and look up. If there is a tree with no green on it, you may want to have it checked and removed before the wind puts it on your roof.

Wayne Terry is the owner of PuroClean Emergency Services in Jacksonville. For more information about his restoration company visit www.purocleanofjax.com or call 904-573-3566.

AAA: More Floridians are preparing for hurricane season

Back-to-back active hurricane seasons in 2016 and 2017 seem to have been a wakeup call for Florida residents. According to a recent AAA Consumer Pulse™ survey, 81 percent of residents are making advanced preparations for hurricane season, which is a 23 percent increase from 2016.

Based on AAA findings, if a named storm were to cause an evacuation, the majority of Floridians would heed official warning and leave their homes. However, of those who would evacuate, more than half (62 percent) say they would only leave for a category three hurricane or greater.

"Major hurricanes like Harvey and Irma

seem to be making residents more aware of the dangers of hurricane season and the need to make advanced preparations," said Bobby Futch, vice president of Insurance Claims, AAA – The Auto Club Group. "Storm preparations should include having a storm kit, evacuation plan, and proper insurance coverage, which includes flood insurance."

Here are a few tips from AAA to keep in mind this hurricane season:

■ **Secure your home** – Inspect your home for minor repairs needed to roof, windows, down spouts, etc. Trim trees or bushes that could cause damage to your home in case of high winds.

■ **Make a plan** – One-third of Floridians DO NOT have an emergency plan in place in the event of a natural disaster. Develop a family emergency plan to include ways to contact each other, alternative meeting locations and an out-of-town contact person. Identify a safe room or safest areas in your home. Research your evacuation route. Be sure and include plans for your pets.

■ **Take inventory** – Update your home inventory by walking through your home with a video camera or smart phone. Keep a record of large purchases including the cost of the item, when purchased and model and serial numbers as available.

■ **Stock emergency supplies** – Plan for

a week's worth of non-perishable food and water. Be sure and have flashlights, extra batteries, battery-powered radio, medications, first aid kit, blankets, toiletries, diapers, etc. You may also want to prepare a portable kit and keep in your car should you evacuate.

■ **Protect your property** – Review your homeowner's insurance with your insurance agent to determine if you have adequate protection. Discuss your deductibles. Be aware that flood insurance is not typically covered under your homeowner's policy. Flooding to your automobile is available under the physical damage coverage.

Between two hurricanes: A story of love, loss and My Legacy Lockbox

By Hampton Ryan

Special to the Recorder

There was darkness on the south side of St. Augustine's Historic District during the 2017 Nights of Lights celebration.

The skyline, illuminated with millions of white lights across the Matanzas Bay, went black just south of the Bayfront Marin House. There was a void from there to the St. Francis Barracks. Many of these uninhabitable, privately-owned homes are still being rebuilt following Hurricanes Matthew and Irma. Nestled in a guest house behind one of those darkened homes, however, is Shep Harmon, a man who turned his tragedy and loss into a big idea: My Legacy Lockbox.

Harmon, a Vietnam veteran, worked in the financial services industry almost 40 years before retiring. He and his wife of 49 years purchased an 1880s Victorian home on the St. Augustine Bayfront and made its restoration their retirement project. Over the course of a two-week period in October 2016, many aspects of the life they had built together came crashing down. Hurricane Matthew flooded the bottom floor of their home with 3 feet of polluted water. A week after Matthew hit, Harmon had prostate surgery. Consequently, the job of putting the house back together fell to his



Shep Harmon

wife, Sandie, as his doctor forbid him to go anywhere near their property. Harmon was devastated.

"I was beside myself," he said. "I couldn't do anything to help except paperwork."

As he sat in his rented condo recovering and helpless to do anything to help his wife with the hurricane recovery process, he realized their critical documents were not accessible and that much of what he set up following his retirement was out-of-date. Moreover, should something happen

to him, would his family know how to access this information? Armed with a Wi-Fi connection and a laptop, Harmon chose to focus on what he could do to remedy the problem. He created My Legacy Lockbox.

My Legacy Lockbox is an online digital vault for not only legal documentation (wills, trusts, financial information), but also everything one would want to include to capture his or her story and legacy: memories and accomplishments, family history, heirlooms, photos and the story one wishes to share with future generations. The Lockbox is built upon the highest grade of encryption and is protected by a password that only the owner, and those he or she chooses to share it with, will know.

Less than a year later, Hurricane Irma swept across Northeast Florida and finished the job that Matthew started. The wind damage that accompanied Irma took out the second floor of the Harmons' house.

"It felt different this time," said Harmon. "Sure, there was all the same FEMA paperwork and legalities to take care of in regards to the property, but I realized my Legacy Lockbox had taken a weight off of me and I felt prepared."

Knowing how much My Legacy Lockbox helped put him at ease, Harmon began

talking to friends and family about his "big idea." The response was overwhelming. Enough people expressed interest that he decided to set up Peace of Mind Estate Organization and the www.mylegacylockbox.com website. From there, he began assisting people with putting their own legacies in order. The process takes about three visits. Upon completion, the client puts in his/her own password and Peace of Mind Estate Organization relinquishes all access to the data.

Harmon recently met with the Senior Provider Information Network (S.P.I.N.) and several members asked him to come speak to their organizations and businesses. He also appeared at the Boomers and Seniors Expo and had a similar response.

"Over the last several months, since launching My Legacy Lockbox, I have realized that my fears and concerns are not just my own — that all of us struggle with the legacy we leave behind," said Harmon. "My Legacy Lockbox has the solution all in one place, secure and ready for when it is needed most."

If you would like to learn more about Harmon's My Legacy Lockbox, visit www.mylegacylockbox.com, email info@pomestate.com or call him directly at (904) 429-7273 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.



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FEMA approves \$2.6M to Florida local governments for Matthew recovery

St. Johns County and the City of Jacksonville will each receive a grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to reimburse costs incurred for debris removal following Hurricane Matthew in October 2016. Combined, the grants total more than \$2.6 million.

The St. Johns County grant is for \$1,464,072. The City of Jacksonville grant is for \$1,161,542. Each grant amounts to at least 75 percent of the federal cost share of debris removal. The remainder will come from non-federal sources.

FEMA provides grant funding through its Public Assistance grant program, which reimburses communities for costs incurred in responding to and recovering from a disaster. The state applies for the grant and distributes the funding to eligible applicants, which can include tribes, local governments and certain private, non-profit organizations.

FEMA provided funding for these projects directly to the State of Florida. Following the state's review process and upon receipt of appropriate documentation, the state will distribute the funds on a reimbursable basis.

To date, FEMA has approved more than \$277 million for the state under the Public Assistance grant program because of Matthew.

Additional information about FEMA's Public Assistance grant program can be found at www.fema.gov/public-assistance-local-state-tribal-and-non-profit.

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Chamber's Ponte Vedra Beach Division presents Membership Appreciation Awards

Nine local business leaders were honored last week by the Chamber of Commerce when the organization's Ponte Vedra Beach Division presented its annual Membership Appreciation Awards.

Held Wednesday, May 30 at the Sawgrass Beach Club, the "White Party"-themed event recognized Chamber members for going above and beyond. Kathleen Floryan of Ponte Vedra Club Realty took home the Pat Morgan Outstanding Member Award, while Pivot CPAs received the Jeff Jenkins Community Service Award. Gloria Dongara of AAA Insurance Agency was recognized as Board Member of the Year. Additional awards presented included:

- **Crushing It:** Jennifer Hooper O'Neal, MosquitoNix Jacksonville
- **Going the Distance:** Arthur Wildblood
- **Key Contributor:** Allstate – John Anderson
- **Rookie of the Year:** Karsten Jacobson, Edward Jones
- **Dedicated Service:** Ruth's Chris Steak House
- **The Spotlight Award:** Fields Auto Group

In addition to the awards presentation, guests of the event enjoyed hors d'oeuvres, beverages and live music. Sponsors of the event included Sawgrass Country Club, Jack Wilson, Pivot CPAs, The Morgan Company Promotional Advertising, Clean Getaway Car Wash and Fidelity Bank.



ABOVE: The Ponte Vedra Beach Division (PVBD) of the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce presented its annual Membership Appreciation Awards on May 30 at Sawgrass Beach Club. Pictured are PVBD Director Toni Boudreaux with award winners John Anderson, Key Contributor; Karsten Jacobson, Rookie of the Year; Wendy Ranson, accepting the Jeff Jenkins Community Service Award on behalf of Pivot CPAs; Kathleen Floryan, Pat Morgan Outstanding Member; Gloria Dongara, Board Member of the Year; Arthur Wildblood, Going the Distance; and Jennifer Hooper O'Neal, Crushing It.



LEFT: Attendees of the Membership Appreciation Awards show off their brightest whites at the "White Party"-themed event.

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Ponte Vedra Beach resident joins TD Bank as senior relationship manager in commercial banking

TD Bank has named Ponte Vedra Beach resident Christopher J. Clark as vice president, senior relationship manager in commercial banking.

Based in Jacksonville, Clark will

provide financing, treasury and banking solutions to commercial clients across Northeast Florida. He has developed expertise in commercial and industrial lending, structured finance and commercial

real estate in his 10 years of commercial banking experience.

Prior to joining TD Bank, Clark worked at Fifth Third Bank in Jacksonville, Orlando and Cincinnati in vari-

ous credit and relationship management roles within its corporate banking group. Clark helped establish the bank's commercial presence in North Florida and most recently served as vice president of middle market banking. He started his work career as a global digital analyst for Sony Music Entertainment.



Christopher J. Clark

Clark is a member of the Risk Management Association (RMA), Association for Corporate Growth (ACG), World Affairs Council and the Morehouse Alumni Association of Jacksonville.

A Jacksonville native, Clark has served on the Advisory Board of Make-A-Wish North Florida and is a long-term volunteer at Junior Achievement, United Way and Daniel Kids in Jacksonville. He is a cum laude graduate in business administration from Morehouse College in Atlanta, and he attended the London School of Economics and Political Science.

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Titanium Yoga owner Ashley Hanna (center) participates in a ribbon cutting ceremony with representatives from the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce on May 29 to celebrate the opening of her business on Solana Road.

Titanium Yoga celebrates opening, Chamber membership with ribbon cutting

Titanium Yoga, a new infrared heat yoga studio located at 111 Solana Rd., Suite A in Ponte Vedra Beach, celebrated its business opening last week with a ribbon cutting ceremony attended by the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce and JAX Chamber.

Held Tuesday, May 29, the event also celebrated the business' new membership in both chambers. Titanium Yoga was founded by Ashley Hanna, who used hot yoga to recover from a near fatal car accident. For more information, visit Titanium Yoga's website at titaniumyoga.com.



Hanna (fourth from right) participates in a ribbon cutting ceremony with representatives from the JAX Chamber.



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Isabelle Rodriguez-Renault, Rob Schlingmann, Dr. Tony Parker, Toni Boudreaux, Brian Zehren and Brittany Wynne gather after the "Chamber at Noon" event on May 23.

Ponte Vedra Beach Division hosts golf historian for 'Chamber at Noon'

The Ponte Vedra Beach Division of the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce hosted World Golf Hall of Fame Historian Dr. Tony Parker for the organization's monthly "Chamber at Noon" event on Wednesday, May 23.

Held at The Plantation at Ponte Vedra Beach, Parker discussed the history of golf and the efforts of the World Golf Hall of Fame. Fields Auto Group served as the sponsor of the event.

Do you know your stepped up basis rule? Say what?



By Harry Pappas

Harry Pappas
Columnist

While some of you may find the following narrative a bit of a yawn, I would argue that it is big. Very big.

Sadly, I have witnessed far too many highly educated, professionally successful but financially illiterate folks who do not understand the incredibly important stepped up basis rule and subsequently paid a dear price for their ignorance. Therefore, I encourage you to read on with great interest.

Your "basis" is usually what you paid for the asset and every investor should know about the stepped-up basis ambiguity, as it is a commonly overlooked tax benefit that can help minimize taxes. Did you know that rules for gifted assets are much different than those of inherited assets? For example, when you inherit (someone dies) noncash assets, the basis gets "stepped up" to the date of death.

Furthermore, let's assume that Harry purchased 500 shares of XYZ stock in 1990 at a cost of \$20 a share. Harry's total investment (minus commission) is \$10,000 (500 x \$20). Currently, XYZ stock has appreciated to \$80 a share. Therefore, Harry's 500 shares are now worth \$40,000 (500 x \$80), and he has an unrealized gain of \$30,000 (\$40,000-\$10,000). If Harry sells the stock at \$80, he will be subject to a capital gains tax on the \$30,000 profit. Assuming a 15 percent tax rate, Harry would owe the IRS \$4,500 in taxes.

Now, let's accept that Harry did not sell XYZ stock because he was tax savvy regarding the stepped up basis rule. Harry wanted his two children to inherit XYZ stocks upon his death, so his kids would be entitled to a stepped up basis on XYZ. In the final analysis, Harry's daughter and son would receive a stepped up basis upon Harry's date of death. Said differently, Tori and Trey would each receive 250 shares of XYZ with a new cost basis of \$80; not the \$20 that their dad originally paid! Yep, if Tori and Trey sell the stock at \$80, they would pay zero in capital gains taxes! Thus, their incredibly smart father discovered a way to save \$4,500 on taxes.

As you can see, the stepped up basis rule offers an enormous advantage. Of course, everyone's situation is different,

Oca Studio supports Mission House with fundraiser

Oca Studio in Ponte Vedra Beach held a fundraiser Wednesday, May 23 in support of Mission House, a Jacksonville Beach-based nonprofit dedicated to aiding the homeless members of the Beaches community.

Hosted by Oca Studio owners Taciana and Marcio Paulino, the fundraiser offered local residents the opportunity to learn more about Mission House and its many outreach initiatives, in addition to providing financial support for the organization through their purchases.

“We sell Baobab Collection candles, along with other fine furnishings and accessories,

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Mission House Executive Director Lori Delgado Anderson (left) stands with Oca Studio owner Taciana Paulino at a May 23 Baobab Collection candle event held in support of Mission House.

FDOT to offer free construction careers prep course

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Roads to Jobs Life Skills for Construction Careers course will be held at the Florida State College at Jacksonville Urban Resource Center, located at 601 West State St., June 11 to 14 from 8:30 a.m. to noon.

The course, which offers training in entry-level construction math, road construction terminology, communication and grammar skills, road construction safety and resume and interview preparation, is designed to help job seekers be better prepared to meet with potential employers in the road construction industry.

“There is a great need for skilled workers in the road and bridge construction industry in Florida, and that workforce gap is a challenge for construction contractors who have jobs to fill,” said Jill Cappadoro, project principal for Quest Corporation of America, Inc. (Quest), which facilitates the course. “The Roads to Jobs course is designed to help job seekers increase their confidence with basic life skills so that they are more prepared for entry-level positions in the industry.”

Candidates who successfully complete the course are added to FDOT’s OnBoard4Jobs Construction Careers database and referred for available positions

with FDOT-registered road construction contractors. Participants must pass a drug and background screening, be 18 years of age and physically capable of performing manual labor. Available positions include general laborer, pipe fitter, concrete worker, carpenter, paving worker, welder and more. Many contractors also offer on-the-job training with no experience required. The Roads to Jobs Life Skills for Construction Careers course is administered by Quest on behalf of FDOT.

For more information or to register for the course, visit www.roadstojobs.com, email roadstojobs@qcausa.com or call (855) 219-4931.

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which is why I recommend that before you make a decision of gifting noncash assets, you speak with your legal or tax and financial advisers to determine the most appropriate planning approach for you. By the way, tax savvy Harry also discovered that when one puts the words “The” and “IRS” together, it spells “THEIRS!” ‘Nuff said!

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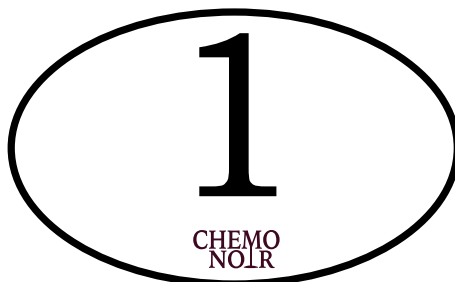
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JAGA Match Play Championship winner David Wicks hoists the trophy on the 17th green of TPC Sawgrass on Sunday, June 3.

Former JU star Wicks captures win in eighth Match Play Championship at TPC Sawgrass

Former Jacksonville University (JU) star David Wicks of Bexhill, England defeated Devin Suri of St. Augustine 2&1 on Sunday, June 3 to claim the eighth Jacksonville Area Golf Association (JAGA) Match Play Championship at TPC Sawgrass.

Other than losing to a Suri birdie on the first hole, the 24-year-old Wicks was never down again after he birdied the second hole to get back to all square. Wicks won Nos. 4, 5, 6 and 9 to take a 4-up lead heading to the back nine. Suri cut Wicks' lead in half with wins on the 14th and 15th holes.

The duo matched birdies on the par-5 16th and pars on the 17th hole, resulting in Suri extending a congratulatory hand

shake to the Englishman.

Wicks, who graduated from JU in 2017 and is currently working toward a Master of Business Administration at the school, played the 17 holes of the championship match in 1 over on the 6,906-yard layout.

In addition to becoming the eighth name engraved on the JAGA Match Play Championship trophy, Wicks was presented with a sterling silver engraved money clip from Underwood Jewelers and a \$500 gift certificate to TPC Sawgrass. He plans to turn pro in September and attempt to qualify for the Web.com Tour.

For Suri, it was a repeat of his runner-up finish in last year's JAGA Match

Play tournament. The 22-year-old, who plays out of Southampton Golf Club and Sawgrass Country Club, fell last year to another golfer with JU roots, rising senior Sam Umland, 1 up.

With semifinalist Matt Kleinrock electing not to play the third- vs. fourth-place match, Duke Butler IV claimed third place, with Kleinrock taking fourth. Defending champion Umland won his first two matches before bowing to Butler, 4&2, in the quarterfinals.

Next on the 2018 JAGA tournament schedule is The Family Championship at WGV-Slammer & Squire on Sunday, June 10. Register at www.jaxareagolf.org, by clicking on the Family Championship link on the 2018 JAGA Schedule.

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- Fully informed
- Got a blue ribbon
- Short version
- Geisha's sash
- City-like
- *"Father's Day" (1997) star
- *Actual day for dad
- Center of activity
- Dried-up
- Joe Louis' punch
- Spiritless
- Eggnog spice
- Tangerine/grapefruit hybrid
- Home to China
- *Mercer Ellington's dad played it
- Old paint hazard
- Canada's favorite tree
- Japanese restaurant staple
- Garment insert
- 2nd word in fairytale
- Outback birds
- Capital of Canada
- Largest volcano in Europe
- "I can ____ clearly now..."
- Affirm with confidence
- Last month

- Rainy season streambeds, in Africa
- *Kirk Douglas' son
- Wrinkle-prone fabric
- Declare
- Blood line
- Medicinal house plants
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- Hipbone-related
- Chowder protein
- Kum Ba ____
- This and desist

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- Pitcher
- Like a doily
- Spam destination?
- Anatomical partition
- Military no-show
- *Ziggy Marley's father
- Liquorice flavor
- Charlie "____" Parker
- Jessica ____ of "Dark Angel"
- June 6, 1944
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- *Most precious gift?
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- One in a gaggle
- It comes to mind
- Loads
- Tedium
- Mark and Shania
- Reverential salutation
- Greek poetry meter
- Bacon piece
- Oar holder
- *Jaden Smith's father
- Dwarf buffalo
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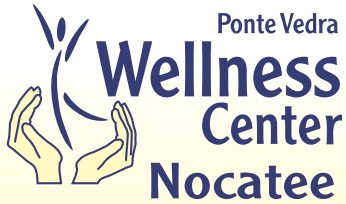
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