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With the Fourth of July coming up next week, the Recorder has compiled a list of First Coast events to consider in celebration of the holiday. **Check it out on page 31 at the beginning of our Shift into Summer section.**

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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.

Two readers correctly identified last week's photo as the AAW Wines & Liquor sign. The winner of the random drawing was **Hank Dettlaff**. Congratulations, Hank — you may pick up your prize at the Recorder of-fice during normal business hours.



ADOPT A PET

CAT(S) OF THE WEEK

Several stray kittens are now at the St. Johns County Pet Center looking for new homes. As they are strays, some traits are unknown at this time. Come visit them today!



DOG OF THE WEEK

My name is Articus, and I am a 2-year-old dog who was brought to the pet center as a stray. There may be some traits that are unknown at this time. Come visit me today here at the pet center! #43496



Any new pet being introduced to a new home will need time to adjust to its new environment. Please reinforce house training and behavioral training, and be mindful of interacting with other pets.

St. Johns County Pet Center

Cat adoptions at the St. Johns County Pet Center are \$30 for males and \$40 for females. Dog adoptions are \$45 for males and \$60 for females. Adoption fees include microchipping, neutering/spaying, rabies vaccinations and shots. The pet center is located at 130 N. Stratton Road off U.S. 1 between County Road 210 and International Golf Parkway. Business hours are Tuesday through Friday 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The center is closed to the public on Sunday. On Monday, the office is open by appointment only to claim a lost pet. For more information, please call the **St. Johns County Pet Center** at (904) 209-6190.

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Most Desired Oceanfront Location in NE Florida
 Las Mirandas / Oceanfront Condo
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Watch the series on the Ponte Vedra Recorder website at www.pontevedrarecorder.com.

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DeSantis rallies support for gubernatorial bid in Ponte Vedra Beach

By Samantha Logue

Congressman Ron DeSantis (R-FL) took some time away from “the swamp” Saturday, June 23 to garner support at home for his gubernatorial campaign. With multiple meet-and-greet events scheduled throughout the day, the Palm Coast resident chose to make his first stop in Ponte Vedra Beach at the Sawgrass Marriott Golf Resort & Spa.

Joining DeSantis on the campaign trail Saturday was Rep. Matt Gaetz (R-FL), a congressional freshman who helped to fire up the crowd, stating, “We’ve got enough folks in Congress and enough folks in politics who sit on the sidelines, who sit on the back row. ... Ron DeSantis is the type of man who leads from the front, and that is exactly the type of governor we need in the great state of Florida.”

Contrasting DeSantis against his Republican primary opponent, Adam Putnam, Gaetz added, “I’ve seen more leadership from Ron DeSantis in 17 months than I ever saw from Adam Putnam in six whole years.”

Putnam, who is currently Florida’s Commissioner of Agriculture, previously represented Florida’s 12th District in Congress and earlier served as a member of the Florida House of Representatives.

DeSantis, however, characterized Putnam as an “establishment” candidate, whom he contended could not be the leader that Florida needs.

“Whoever wins will get the title ‘governor,’ there’s no doubt about that,” DeSantis said. “But, we need someone who, yes, will have the title of governor, but will be a leader as governor. And I’ll be that guy.”

Praising current Gov. Rick Scott for his leadership during his two terms, DeSantis said that, if elected, he intended to continue Scott’s conservative agenda by keeping taxes low, nominating conservative constitutionalists to Florida’s Supreme Court and supporting the president’s immigration policies.

Also highlighting education as a major issue, DeSantis denounced the institution of Common Core in Florida’s school system and expressed his support for prioritizing vocational training. Additionally, he stressed the importance of teaching students the core values America was founded upon.

“Ronald Reagan pointed out (that) freedom is only one generation away from extinction — it’s not passed along in the bloodstream,” he said. “We, as adults and as voters and as Republicans, we have an obligation to make sure that the



Photo by Samantha Logue

Congressman and Florida Gubernatorial Candidate Ron DeSantis (R-FL) addresses attendees of his campaign event in Ponte Vedra Beach June 23 alongside his wife, Casey, and two daughters.

next generation understands those values and is going to be willing to defend those values, as well.”

DeSantis’ visit to Ponte Vedra Beach came a day after he received a glowing endorsement from President Donald Trump via Twitter.

“Congressman Ron DeSantis, a top student at Yale and Harvard Law School, is running for governor of the great state of Florida,” Trump tweeted on June 22. “Ron is strong on borders, tough on crime and big on cutting taxes — loves our military and our vets. He will be a great governor and has my full endorsement!”

Not the first time Trump has publicly supported DeSantis, the president previ-

ously tweeted on Dec. 22 that the congressman was a “brilliant young leader,” and that he would “make a great governor of Florida.”

In addition to DeSantis, Putnam and other Republican challengers, there are several Democrats vying to be Florida’s next governor, including Tallahassee Mayor Andrew Gillum, former Congresswoman Gwen Graham, businessman Chris King and former Miami Beach Mayor Philip Levine.

FOX News will host a televised gubernatorial primary debate for the Republican candidates at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 28 in Orlando.

The primary election is set for Aug. 28.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

As your school board representative, the last four years have seen a lot of change and growth in our very dynamic county. In that time, school safety and security have always been a top priority. I have participated in several key safety and wellness initiatives including securing traffic light and intersection improvements on U.S. 1 and Ray Road for the Nease High School community; creation of a school safety zone for Valley Ridge Academy; and the inaugural Health, Safety and Wellness Fair at Ponte Vedra High School, as well as additional improvements at other schools.

In St Johns County, we are ahead of the curve on many security and mental health improvements.

Over the last two years, we have:

- Outfitted all schools and buses with 800mhz radios, which allows for instant communication with law enforcement and emergency responders.

- Spent over \$1.3 million on fencing, cameras and additional security improvements.

- Trained all principals and assistant principals on Active Shooter Training this past February.

- Outfitted buses with GPS so that they can be tracked and monitored.

- Conducted several school and district active shooter drills with the St. Johns County Sheriff’s Office (SJSO).

- Expanded our partnership with Children’s Home Society for Communities in Schools.

- Increased focus on social and emotional learning through professional development for teachers and administrators.

- Strengthened partnerships with the 10 mental health agencies providing support to students districtwide.

After the tragedy at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, the following actions have taken place at the school district:

- Superintendent Forson served on the governor’s Safety and Security Roundtable and held his own student focus group to address safety and security.

- We collected security input at School Advisory Council meetings across the district.

- Teachers, principals, district leadership and community and school stakeholders participated in facilitated discussions on safety and security.

- We collected feedback from parents and community members.

- We held town hall roundtable discussions at Nease High School and Gamble Rogers Middle School.

- We participated in ongoing Joint School Safety Workgroups with SJSO encompassing policy and procedure/drills, school safety and security, training, communications and legislative actions.

We have been proactive, responsible and deliberate to ensure an increase in our safety and security procedures and prevention protocols to provide the best, most efficient and effective plan going forward.

Over the last several months, we have moved toward a plan that my fellow school board members and I have been able to reach consensus on.

Prevention is a key component to keeping our schools safe. We are adding six additional mental health counselors, two school psychologists and three social workers to expand the staff we currently have in place who provide mental health support. This will not only allow us to work with students within the school environment, but also better connect them to resources throughout the community.

The Florida Legislature has allocated \$1.4 million for law enforcement personnel at our schools. With this funding, we intend to provide for the salary and

benefits of an additional 16 SJSO school resource officers. We have requested that our County Commission provide one-time funding for capital equipment for these additional 16 officers.

With limited ability to provide school resource officers from SJSO, we have developed a hybrid solution for armed security personnel in our schools. We will dedicate the additional funding needed to procure outside security firms to supplement our need for armed security during the school day.

These accomplishments are a reflection of the great work of our students, teachers, parents, principals, district administration and community leaders; all have come together to work for the best interest of our children, highlighting one of the major strengths of our community to keep our children safe.

Rest assured that our school board and district leaders are dedicated to implementing safety and security measures that are in the best interest of our students, teachers and schools. We continue the ongoing process to assess every aspect of the organization and make it the very best possible.

Kelly Barrera

St. Johns County School Board, District 4

Report says local property values may be threatened by flooding

By Samantha Logue

As Ponte Vedra Beach continues to recover from the erosive impacts of recent hurricanes, a new report released June 18 is projecting even more tough times ahead for coastal property owners due to chronic flooding.

Released by the Union of Concerned Scientists (UCS), the report combined property data from real estate company Zillow with the findings of a peer-reviewed study that was published in 2017 in *Elementa: Science of the Anthropocene*. Attributing the chronic flooding (occurring about twice a month) to an anticipated rise in sea levels, the report details the impacts coastal states may experience by the years 2045 and 2100, excluding potential impacts from major storms.

Singling out Florida as the most at-risk coastal state in the contiguous U.S., researchers anticipate an average of about 1.8 feet of sea level rise for Florida by 2045 and 6.4 feet by 2100. According to the report, about \$26 billion-worth of the state's residential properties are currently at-risk to experience chronic flooding by 2045, and \$351 billion-worth are projected to be impacted by the end of the century. In total, about 1 million Florida homes are expected to be impacted.

Locally, homes in Ponte Vedra Beach were found to be the most in danger of chronic flooding. An interactive map available on the UCS website shows that by 2045, a total of 991 homes in the area (32082) could be at-risk, with a collective worth of \$514,947,817 and contributing \$6,333,813 to the local property tax base. Compared to neighboring Jacksonville Beach, in which only 471 homes valued at \$104,655,704 may be at-risk, the numbers are staggering.

"Not all affected communities will

share the same experience," said Erika Spanger-Siegfried, senior analyst in the Climate and Energy Program at UCS and report co-author. "Some may see sharp adjustments to their housing market in the not-too-distant future; some could see a slow, steady decline in home values; and others could potentially invest in protective measures to keep impacts at bay for a few more decades. In any case, by knowing how much time they have before a significant number of properties will be regularly flooded, communities can start planning and implementing responses now, while they still have a range of options from which to choose."

When it comes to those responses, however, the report goes so far as to describe exactly what UCS believes they should entail, in what would seem to be an effort to influence public policy. For instance, asserting that the federal government "must play a lead role in communicating risks to the public and incorporating those risks into its own policies and actions," the report goes on to list several state and federal policies that the organization believes should be "improved."

Further, with a stated mission to "initiate a critical and continuing examination of governmental policy" regarding science and technology, this most recent report is not the first time UCS has veered toward the political. On its website, www.ucsusa.org, the organization does not shy away from voicing its positions on various political issues – not all of which are grounded in science – and states that science is "under attack from the Trump administration and Congress."

Politics aside, however, with the already known issue of beach erosion and now this new report of potential chronic flooding, St. Johns County may not need to worry about its population growth much longer.



HART RECEIVES 'MAKING A DIFFERENCE' AWARD

Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach Sunset member Janeene Hart (center) receives the "Making a Difference" award from Club President Cyndi King and District 6970 Governor Brent Coates.

Photo by Susan Griffin

Jacksonville volunteers to hand-pack 109,000 lifesaving meals

Jacksonville community members will come together Aug. 17-18 to fight world hunger through a partnership between Ponte Vedra Presbyterian Church and Feed My Starving Children (FMSC), a Christian non-profit dedicated to providing nutritious meals to children worldwide.

A projected 500 volunteers will pack 109,000 meals with their own two hands in just two days. The event will take place at Ponte Vedra Presbyterian Church, which is located at 4510 Palm Valley Road.

Community members can support this MobilePack by making a dona-

tion to cover meal costs or by volunteering to pack food at the event. Donations may be given immediately. Volunteer registration will begin July 1.

Visit give.fmssc.org/jacksonville for more information.

Ponte Vedra Recorder office to close for Fourth of July

The Ponte Vedra Recorder office will be closed Wednesday, July 4 in observance of Independence Day. We will resume normal business hours on Thursday, July 5.

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10 Ways to Save Money When Buying a New Ponte Vedra Home

Ponte Vedra - Although most homes for sale are resales, one out of four homebuyers purchases a new home. Which is better: existing or new? The right answer, of course, is up to you. Both resales and new homes offer advantages. Existing homes are less expensive on average, and are generally closer to, and enjoy the warmth and surroundings of established neighborhoods, often with mature landscaping.

New homes, on the other hand, offer innovative use of space, greater energy efficiency and choices of options and upgrades. Everything is new and modern.

Most people consider both new and existing homes before they decide to purchase. A new, special insider report

entitled "New Homes - 10 Tips to Save You Time and Money" has just been released which identifies 10 invaluable tips to save you time and money when purchasing a brand new home. Also revealed are little-known buyer advantages that most builders may not tell you.

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Joshua Hull is the vice president of VyStar Credit Union's Nocatee Branch.

Joshua Hull

Can you please briefly tell us about your background?

I am a native of Jacksonville, and my family grew up right here on the First Coast. When I was growing up, my grandfather would take me shrimping on the St. Johns River, and I have many fond memories of eating fresh seafood. My great-grandfather was a lighthouse keeper at the lighthouse in St. Augustine. I graduated from Mandarin High School, and I have an associate degree from the University of North Florida and a bachelor's degree in business management from Florida State College at Jacksonville. I am currently married to my wife, Lena Hull, and I am happy to announce that we are celebrating our 10-year wedding anniversary this year.

What's your background with VyStar Credit Union, and what are your primary roles and responsibilities as vice president of the Nocatee branch?

For most of my career at VyStar, I served in member services at a number of our branches in Northeast Florida. In member services, I established accounts for new members, assisted with a variety of products and services and performed consumer, business and mortgage lending. By using the skills I acquired through my experience at VyStar, I was able to successfully transition to a management role, in which I am able to train new employees as well as help existing employees improve their performance.

In my current role, I mainly provide coaching and leadership to the staff at the Nocatee branch. My role is one of support, and my desire is to help my team reach their career goals while helping them grow and flourish in their existing roles. From a business standpoint, one of my primary objectives is to ensure that my branch is successful, provides financial services that benefit our members and supports the growth and development of VyStar in this community.

Can you please tell us about VyStar Credit Union's history serving civil service members?

Originally named Jax Navy Federal Credit Union, VyStar was founded in 1952 by 12 founding members with \$60 to serve civil service members, military employees and their families at the Naval Air Station Jacksonville (NAS Jax). At the time, obtaining financial services — particularly credit — was difficult for working men and women. As a solution, VyStar's founding fathers started a credit union to provide military families access to affordable financial services. VyStar's service to the military and civil service community has remained uninterrupted for over 65 years in support of financial literacy initiatives, such as Military Saves Week and our JROTC Financial Literacy Program, and our branch office located on the NAS Jax base.

What has it been like to play a part in Nocatee's growth?

Nocatee was once the third fastest growing community in America, and it is still growing at a rapid rate. It's been an exciting community to be a part of. We have helped countless individuals and families in this area reduce debt with consolidations, refinance mortgages into better rates, remove private mortgage insurance from their mortgages, open kids' accounts, learn how to save money and improve their credit. These are just a few of the services that we offer and that have helped members of this community. We also continue to support Nocatee's many community initiatives in the area by sponsoring and participating in local events, such as the Apryle Showers 10K, Roscolusa, the Ponte Vedra Auto Show and the Allen D. Nease High School SOUPer Bowl.



Photo by Susan Griffin

What do you like to do in your free time?

Outside of work, I'm a gamer at heart. I like to play "StarCraft II" on PC, and I have an Xbox, a PS4 and a Nintendo Switch. My favorite video game of all time is "Dance Dance Revolution," in which I used to compete on a professional level. I'm also into board gaming and play a trading card game called "Magic: The Gathering," and I certainly love to break out of escape rooms. As you can see, I love to have fun!

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

Being in Ponte Vedra is fantastic because of the close access to the beach, as well as the nature and wildlife that is also here. I enjoy mountain biking with my father; there are some great trails in Ponte Vedra. Nocatee specifically is fun because most of the residents here drive golf carts, and it's enjoyable to see how people decorate and show off their favorite sports teams or interests through their golf carts. You know you're in a fun community when Publix has golf cart parking.

Edited by Jon Blauvelt

WEDDINGS

Anthony-St. Clair

A sunlit oak grove at the St. Augustine Rod and Gun Club was the setting for the ceremony uniting Emily Kate Anthony, of Canonsburg, Pennsylvania (formerly of Ponte Vedra, Florida), and Jacob William St. Clair, of Muse, Pennsylvania, in marriage April 28, 2018. Pastor Sean Yost from Redeemer Church in Ponte Vedra officiated the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Andrea Woodley Anthony, of Ponte Vedra, Florida, and Malcolm Anthony, of Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida. Maternal grandparents are Neil and Sue Woodley, of Estes Park, Colorado. Paternal grandparents are Bobbie Neundorfer, of Neptune Beach, Florida, and the late Harry Malcolm Neundorfer.

The groom is the son of Joe and Cathy St. Clair, of Keen Mountain, Virginia. Maternal grandparents are Lee and Helen Price, of Abingdon, Virginia, and the late William James Buchanan Jr. Paternal grandparents are Jean St. Clair, of Keen Mountain, and the late Edgel St. Clair.

After a honeymoon to Punta Cana in the Dominican Republic, the couple is at home in Muse.



ENGAGEMENTS

Morris-Sexton

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Latshaw Jr., Esq. of Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida, and Mr. Michael W. Morris of Neptune Beach, Florida, announce the engagement of their daughter, Suzanne “Suzmiché” Morris of Gainesville, Florida, to Dr. Michael J. Sexton of Gainesville.

Michael is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Terry L. Sexton of Leetsdale, Pennsylvania. Suzanne holds a Bachelor of Science degree in anthropology from the University of Florida. Michael received a Bachelor of Science and a Master of Science in materials science and engineering from Drexel University, and earned a doctorate degree in materials science and engineering from the University of Florida.

Suzanne is currently employed as an independent licensed massage therapist with Treetop Massage in Gainesville. Michael has assumed an engineering position with Intel Corporation in Portland, Oregon. The couple is relocating to Portland and are in the process of determining wedding dates and venues.



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<p>Yoga for Survivors The Y Healthy Living Center at the Ponte Vedra YMCA will host a Yoga for Survivors class June 28 at 11:30 a.m. Cancer patients, survivors, caregivers and others with range of motion and pain limitations are invited to join in this gentle and safe yoga practice, which is free and open to the public. Call (904) 202-5376 or visit www.baptistjax.com/ymca to reserve a spot. The Ponte Vedra YMCA is located at 170 Landrum Lane.</p> <p>St. Johns County master gardener plant clinic UF/IFAS Extension St. Johns County Master Gardeners will be available to answer plant diagnostic questions June 28 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Home Depot at 1750 U.S. 1 S. in St. Augustine. Visitors are encouraged to stop by with plant samples and pictures.</p> <p>Farm Swap & Music Jam Enjoy music from local musicians while shopping for farm-fresh produce at the Florida Agricultural Museum June 28 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>Taize Eucharist Join St. Paul's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church for a Taize Eucharist event featuring Taize music Thursdays at noon. St. Paul's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church is located at 465 11th Ave. N. in Jacksonville. For more information, call (904) 249-4091 Ext. 103 or visit www.stpaulbythesea.net.</p> <p>500 Years of Maritime Florida "500 Years of Maritime Florida" is a free historical and archaeological speaker series to be held at the St. Augustine Lighthouse & Maritime Museum through March 2019. Dr. Gifford Waters will launch the series June 28 at 7 p.m. with a talk entitled "The Missions of St. Augustine."</p>	<p>Meet the trainers Meet the trainers of Marineland Dolphin Adventure twice every day this month to see them interact with the dolphin family members. The event will take place at 11:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. each day. Marineland Dolphin Adventure is located at 9600 Oceanshore Blvd. in St. Augustine. Visit www.marineland.net for more information.</p> <p>March for Children Women's March Florida Jacksonville Chapter will host a "March for Children" event June 29 at 3:30 p.m. at the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Office, located at 13077 Vevas Drive in Jacksonville. Speakers include Rev. Gundy of Mount Sinai Baptist Church, Pastor Susan Rogers of The Well at Springfield, Joey McKinnon of Faith in Public Life and others. For more information, contact Bonnie Hendrix at (904) 566-1814.</p> <p>Water Exhibition by Eileen Corse This exhibition by Eileen Corse is on display at The Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach through July 7. Admission to the exhibition is free. The center is open Monday to Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, visit www.ccpvb.org. The Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach is located at 50 Executive Way.</p> <p>Social Media Day 2018 Discover the latest tactics, and master social media in 2018 and beyond at Social Media Day 2018, to be held at the University of North Florida June 29 and 30. Attendees will learn about the latest trends on Facebook, YouTube, Instagram, Live video, Facebook ads, influencer marketing and more through expert-led master classes, keynotes and breakout sessions. For more information, email wecanhelpp@jacksonville.com or call (904) 359-4318.</p> <p>Adult Summer Reading: Crafty Women Join the Bartram Trail Branch Library for this reading event June 29 at 10:30 a.m. Participants must be 18 and over and have a valid SJCPHS library card. Call (904) 827-6960 to register. The Bartram Trail Branch Library is located at 60 Davis Pond Blvd. in Fruit Cove.</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>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>Earthquake at the Comedy Zone Earthquake will appear at the Comedy Zone June 30 from 7:30 p.m. to 9:15 p.m. For more information, email info@comedyzone.com or call (904) 292-4242. Earthquake has appeared on "Everybody Hates Chris," "Def Comedy Jam," "One Night Stand" and more. The Comedy Zone is located at 3130 Hartley Road in Jacksonville.</p> <p>Free health screening Esprit de Corps Center for Learning will host a free heart, health and cardiovascular screening June 30 from 8 a.m. to noon. Interested participants from the age of 18 to 70 must be willing to provide medical history, a finger-prick for lipid testing and be able to sign an informed consent form. Participants must take the test prior to eating breakfast. To sign up, call (904) 924-2000 or register at hcmfreescreening.eventbrite.com. Esprit de Corps Center for Learning is located at 9840 Wagner Road in Jacksonville.</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 July 1 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 9505 Oceanshore Blvd. in St. Augustine.</p> <p>Friends to Foes Bowling Tournament The Inaugural Friends to Foes Bowling Tournament will take place July 1 at 10 a.m. at the Batt Family Fun Center. The entry fee is \$200 per team. For more information, visit www.facebook.com/friendstofoes or email FriendsToFoesBowling@gmail.com. The tournament will begin as a doubles event, then the top eight teams will advance and be split into a singles competition using a bracket format. The Batt Family Fun Center is located at 1838 Cassat Ave. in Jacksonville.</p> <p>KPMG Women's PGA Championship Week Visit the World Golf Hall of Fame & Museum during the KPMG Women's PGA Championship week and enjoy learning about Hall of Fame Members who are past champions. The tournament broadcast will be shown throughout the museum during the week. Who will become the next to hoist the Women's PGA Championship trophy? For more information, visit www.worldgolfhalloffame.org. The museum is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Sunday and noon to 6 p.m. on Sunday.</p> <p>Matthew Mayes and John Meyer at Seachasers Matthew Mayes and John Meyer from Jupiter Coyote will appear at Seachasers July 1 from noon to 3 p.m. to play a mixture of Southern Appalachian boogie, bluegrass and funk-rock. Seachasers is located at 831 1st St. N. in Jacksonville Beach.</p>

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Monday, July 2	Tuesday, July 3	Wednesday, July 4	Thursday, July 5
<p>'Rooms with a View' exhibition Open through July 7, this exhibition at The Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach features paintings from the advanced acrylic students of Ellen Diamond. The center is open Monday to Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, visit www.ccpvb.org. The Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach is located at 50 Executive Way.</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>Hot Potato Comedy Hour Join Rain Dogs every Monday night for Jacksonville's longest-running comedy open mic, the Hot Potato Comedy Hour. Hosted by Chris Buck, this event starts at 9:30 p.m. Rain Dogs is located at 1045 Park St. in Jacksonville.</p> <p>'Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom' at IMAX Theater at World Golf Hall of Fame When the island's dormant volcano begins roaring to life, Owen and Claire mount a campaign to rescue the remaining dinosaurs from this extinction-level event. This film is showing at the IMAX Theater at World Golf Hall of Fame. Visit www.worldgolfimax.com for showtimes and to purchase tickets. The World Golf Hall of Fame IMAX Theater is located at 1 World Golf Place in St. Augustine.</p> <p>Kids Art Lab Join the Southeast Branch library to explore the world of art through a variety of mediums. This Kids Art Lab, taking place July 2 from 2 to 3 p.m., will blend stories and art together through projects designed for preschoolers through middle schoolers. The Southeast Library is located at 6670 U.S. 1 S. in St. Augustine.</p>	<p>Volunteers needed Volunteers are needed at the St. Johns County Council on Aging to support Sunshine Center Adult Day Care activities and to deliver Meals on Wheels deliveries. The center is looking for upbeat volunteers to help with new summer programs. Contact Amy Leach at (904) 209-3686 or email aleach@stjohnscoa.com for more information.</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.cummuseum.org or call (904) 356-6857.</p> <p>Yoga on the beach Each Tuesday morning through September, join yoga fitness instructor Emily Busichio as she leads a free yoga session in St. Augustine Beach at 8 a.m., weather permitting. The yoga sessions take place on the beach at the Ocean Hammock walkover.</p> <p>Tribute to U.S. veterans The Woodwind Quintet will perform a tribute to U.S. veterans July 3 at 2:30 p.m. at The Windsor at San Pablo Assisted Living in Jacksonville. This event is open to the public. The Windsor at San Pablo is located at 4000 San Pablo Parkway.</p> <p>Teen anime event Teens are invited for an anime movie showing on the big screen at the Bartram Trail Branch Library July 3 from 6 to 8 p.m. Refreshments will be provided. The Bartram Trail Branch Library is located at 60 David Pond Blvd. in Fruit Cove.</p> <p>Prenatal Yoga Join the Y Healthy Living Center, located at 170 Landrum Lane in Ponte Vedra Beach, for a prenatal yoga session July 3 at 6 p.m. Prenatal and postnatal yoga provides safe, simple and effective exercises designed to help women cope with the changing needs of their body before and after pregnancy and birth.</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>Independence Day at the Ponte Vedra Inn and Club Spend Independence Day at the Ponte Vedra Inn and Club all day July 4. This event will feature a sandcastle contest at 9:30 a.m., a beach DJ at 11 a.m., face painting at noon, a watermelon free-for-all at 2 p.m., a buffet at 5 p.m. and more. The Ponte Vedra Inn and Club is located at 200 Ponte Vedra Blvd.</p> <p>Fireworks over the St. Johns River Join the city of Jacksonville in celebration of the nation's independence with a fireworks display July 4 at 9:45 p.m. The pyro will be launched from a barge on the St. Johns River between the Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront and DoubleTree by Hilton Jacksonville Riverfront hotels and high above the St. Johns River from the Acosta Bridge. These locations are able to be viewed from both the north and south banks in downtown Jacksonville. Visit www.jaxhappenings.com/Events/Fourth-of-July-Celebration.aspx for more information.</p> <p>Oak Fest III The Colonial Oak Music Park in St. Augustine is pleased to present Oak Fest III, to be held at the park from July 4 through July 7. "Paul Jackson Live" will provide sound and lighting for multiple musicians over the four day event. For further information, contact the Colonial Oak Music Park by phone at (904) 342-2857 or email at Jason@colonialquarter.com.</p> <p>Fireworks over the Matanzas Celebrate the Fourth of July with a concert and fireworks celebration in St. Augustine starting at 6 p.m. A fireworks display will start at 9:30 p.m. Admission is free, and parking is available at the garage. Visit www.citystaug.com/Fireworks/ for more information.</p>	<p>Yoga for Survivors The Y Healthy Living Center at the Ponte Vedra YMCA will host a Yoga for Survivors class July 5 at 11:30 a.m. Cancer patients, survivors, caregivers and others with range of motion and pain limitations are invited to join in this gentle and safe yoga practice, which is free and open to the public. Call (904) 202-5376 or visit www.baptistjax.com/ymca to reserve a spot. The Ponte Vedra YMCA is located at 170 Landrum Lane.</p> <p>Trivia at Atlantic Beach Brewing Join Atlantic Beach Brewing for a Tuesday night trivia show July 5 at 7 p.m. Enjoy craft beer, food, live entertainment, prizes and more. Atlantic Beach Brewing Company is located at 725 Atlantic Blvd. in Atlantic Beach. Visit www.FastJaxTrivia.com for more information.</p> <p>NocaTour Locals are invited for a personal golf cart tour on Nocatee's Greenway Trailway System, Nocatee Community Park, Coastal Oaks and Del Webb. Following the tour, guests will return to the Welcome Center for a walking tour of the acclaimed Splash Water Park and Fitness Club. The Nocatee Welcome Center is located at 245 Nocatee Center Way in Ponte Vedra. Email WelcomeCenter@Nocatee.com">WelcomeCenter@Nocatee.com to register for the tour. This event is weather permitting.</p> <p>Adult Saltwater Fishing Clinic An Adult Saltwater Fishing Clinic will take place July 5 at Washington Oaks Gardens State Park from 9 a.m. to noon. Admission is \$20. Reservations are required and can be made by calling (386) 446-6783. For more information, visit www.washingtonoaks.org. Washington Oaks Gardens State Park is located at 6400 N. Oceanshore Blvd. in Palm Coast.</p>

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Nocatee Happenings

Coastal Wine Market & Tasting Room celebrates 2nd anniversary

By Jon Blauvelt

Coastal Wine Market & Tasting Room in Nocatee celebrated its second anniversary on June 16 with a party featuring wine tastings, giveaways, raffles and more.

Co-owner Steve Lourie called the celebration “pure joy” and attributed the business’ longevity to the support of the community.

“Without a question, (it’s) the great community that we have the fortune of running a small business in that’s Nocatee,” Lourie said. “It was a big plunge (to open the business), and the community has certainly softened the blow. ... I consider myself a big hugger, and I did a lot of hugging that night.”

Lourie said he continues to see new faces at his business every day, which he noted is a testament of Nocatee’s growth. He also said Coastal Wine Market has evolved into the destination he and wife/co-owner Shaun hoped it would become: a place for people



Photo by Susan Griffin

Julian Hardy, Michelle Hawk, Chef Jimmy Coffey, Shirley Mahoney, Dennis Mahoney, Michelle Liddy, Steve Lourie, Shaun Lourie, Allen Horne and Beth Leitter gather at the second anniversary celebration of Coastal Wine Market & Tasting Room on June 16.

to relax, have conversations and learn about wine.

“(It’s) not so much a wine bar but (more) a neighborhood gathering,” Lourie said.

Visit coastalwinemarket.com for more information on Coastal Wine, which is located at 641 Crosswater Parkway in Ponte Vedra.

OBITUARIES

Bernadette Hadaway

Bernadette Hadaway, 68, of Jacksonville, died Saturday, June 9, 2018, at the McGraw Center for Caring. Bernadette was born on Feb. 23, 1950, in Joliet, Illinois, to the late Charles and Margaret Rapp.

Bernadette graduated from the Texas Women’s University. She was employed by JCPenney’s marketing department and later William Sonoma of Dallas. She enjoyed reading, traveling in her Lexus, going to the beach and spending time with friends.



Bernadette Hadaway

She also enjoyed visiting churches and cathedrals. She was a member of the Rosary group and the Dinner In-Newcomers group.

Bernadette was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Kathy.

Bernadette lives in the hearts of her husband, Roger Hadaway; children, Matthew and Lorelle; daughter-in-law, Adrienne; brother, Charles Rapp, and spouse, Jeanne; and a host of extended family and friends.

A Celebration of Bernadette’s life will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, June 30, 2018, at Our Lady Star of the Sea, 545 A1A N., Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082. Refreshments will follow.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to Community Hospice at 4266 Sunbeam Road, Jacksonville, FL 32257 in her honor.

Juliet DeHosson

Juliet DeHosson, 86, of Jacksonville, died June 18, 2018. Arrangements by Quinn-Shalz, A Family Funeral Home & Cremation Centre.

Michael Dorsch

Michael Paul Dorsch Jr., 96, of Jacksonville, died June 19, 2018. Arrangements by Quinn-Shalz, A Family Funeral Home & Cremation Centre.

James Jernigan

James Waymon Jernigan Jr., 86, of Jacksonville Beach, died June 16, 2018. Arrangements by Quinn-Shalz, A Family Funeral Home & Cremation Centre.



NOCATEE FARMERS MARKET FEATURES ISLAND, POLYNESIAN THEME

Performers from Prince Pele’s Polynesian Revue entertain the crowd at the Nocatee Farmers Market on June 16. The monthly event featured an island theme and included Polynesian dances, costumes, live music, fire dancing and more. The next Nocatee Farmers Market is scheduled for Saturday, July 21 at the Swim Club Green, featuring a “Nifty 50s” theme that will include live oldies music, dance performances, a classic car showcase and more.

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT/CEO

As the temperature rises, so does the excitement around the work being done to enhance the visitor experience here in Ponte Vedra Beach as a destination architect.

Our Product Development Working Group, which is comprised of 15 local tourism stakeholders and under the guidance of the Nichols Tourism Group, has started to identify tourism assets in the Ponte Vedra area to enhance.

Tourism assets that will be considered for enrichment will fall in four areas of focus: passive nature, outdoor recreation, art and heritage and wellness. It is an exciting time as we continue our journey in upgrading the visitor experience here in Ponte Vedra.

As we fulfill our responsibilities as a destination architect, we are also committed to our work in advocacy and are taking advantage of our ability to convene the public by inviting all candidates seeking to represent members of our community to participate in Politics in St. Johns.

For nearly a decade, we have hosted candidate meet and greets so members of our community can enter their voting booths armed with knowledge and confidence, and we are doing so again this year.

This year for the first time since 2010, the ballot for the Ponte Vedra seat on the County Commission will not include Commissioner Jay Morris, who has decided not to run for reelection, and several candidates are vying for that seat.

Do not miss this opportunity to get the answers you seek. Politics in St. Johns in Ponte Vedra is on July 16 and it is free to attend. The event will be hosted at the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. and will feature a straw poll so that you can cast a vote for whomever won your confidence during the evening. (More information about Politics in St. Johns can be found in the article also on this page.) I look forward to seeing you there!



Photo by Susan Griffin

Sam Ruiz (left) has returned to the Chamber of Commerce as the membership and events manager, replacing Debra Bulak (right), who vacated the position in a move toward retirement.

Ruiz returns to Chamber as membership and events manager

A familiar face returned to the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce recently as Sam Ruiz rejoined the organization as the membership and events manager, replacing Debra Bulak, who vacated the position in a move toward retirement.

“She is not retiring,” Chamber President/CEO Isabelle Renault said, “but she wanted to slow her professional obligations, and she knows the level of commitment this position requires. So, she decided to enter a semi-retirement and step away from the Chamber. We are grateful for all of the work that she did and while we will

miss her; I know, (Ruiz) will help us continue to move the Chamber forward.”

Until 2017, Ruiz worked as the sales and marketing manager at the St. Johns County Chamber alongside Bulak for nearly three years. He also served in a similar capacity during the year he worked at the Ormond Beach Chamber of Commerce as the membership director.

“I’m excited to be back working in St. Johns County,” Ruiz said. “This is a great community with great people and a great business climate, and I’m happy to be a part of that again.”



Politics in St. Johns to be held July 16 at Ponte Vedra Concert Hall

On Monday, July 16, candidates for local, state and national public offices will meet with hundreds of residents during the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce’s Politics in St. Johns event at the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall.

Beginning at 5:30 p.m., this free event will feature candidates for state senator, state representative, county commission and candidates seeking election to the U.S. Senate, U.S. House of Representatives, the governor’s office and many others. As part of the event, all attendees will be able to support their favorite candidates by voting in a straw poll managed by Vicky Oakes and the office of the St. Johns County Supervisor of Elections.

“We are so proud to be able to bring these events every two years to the residents of St. Johns County,” said Isabelle Renault, president and CEO of the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce. “This event grows every election year and we want to encourage as many people as we can to join us to meet the candidates that they will be voting for in the upcoming elections.”

According to Bob Porter, the Chamber’s director of public policy, the straw poll results aren’t necessarily reflective of what will happen when the official polls open at the end of August, but they do add excitement to the event and immediate feedback to participating candidates.

“The straw poll is less about who wins and more about encouraging and providing people incentive to be informed,” he said. “I hope to see many people taking advantage of this opportunity that will help them make an informed decision when entering the voting booth.”

On Aug. 1, beginning at 5 p.m., the Chamber will host a Politics in St. Johns Meet the Candidates event in St. Augustine at the Solomon Calhoun Center. The format will mirror the Ponte Vedra event. It will include a meet and greet with the candidates and their representatives and a straw poll.

To find out more about Politics in St. Johns, visit the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce website at www.sjchamber.com and click on the Chamber calendar or call (904) 285-2004. If you are a candidate interested in participating, visit www.sjchamber.com/pisj.

MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR



Toni Boudreaux
 Director PVB Division,
 St. Johns County
 Chamber of Commerce

School's out for summer! This is the time of year that families hit the road for vacations, and there is no better place to visit than Ponte Vedra Beach.

This time of year, we start to see lots of new faces around our favorite restaurants and retail spots, reinforcing the simple fact that our county continues to be ranked No. 1 when considering vacation and leisure activities. To maintain the quality of life that we all continue to enjoy in our little piece of paradise, we must recognize our local businesses and individuals who go the extra mile to strengthen and advocate for the Chamber.

We do our part to spotlight these Chamber businesses with one of our signature events, our Annual Membership Appreciation Awards. The event is always fun, and we take the time to award outstanding members for their

commitment to the Chamber. The awards ceremony this year was a "white party" held at the beautiful Sawgrass Beach Club, where we invited everyone to dress in their brightest whites while enjoying delicious food and cool refreshing beverages.

Please see page 23 for a full list of the award winners.

Don't forget to vote for your choice of candidates for the Chamber's five Council Boards and the Ponte Vedra Beach (PVB) Division Board members by June 30 at 5 p.m. In accordance with our bylaws, service on these boards is open exclusively to members in good standing with the St Johns County Chamber of Commerce. We want your participation in electing our Chamber leadership and appreciate you taking the time to cast your ballot.

Lastly, mark your calendar for the 16th

annual Ponte Vedra Auto Show presented by Fields Auto Group on Sunday, Sept. 9, 2018, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Nocatee Town Center. The Auto Show, which is open and free to spectators, will feature up to 175 classic and new collectors' cars all vying for the show's 30-plus trophies. The Ponte Vedra Auto Show is one of our most anticipated events of the year with over 3,500 attendees annually. Join us as we celebrate Best in Show 70th Anniversary of the Porsche 356, Best in Show 50th Anniversary of the Subaru, Best in Show 40th Anniversary of the Mazda RX-7 and Best in Show 60th Anniversary of the Austin-Healey. Also back by popular demand is a vintage motorcycle display that you don't want to miss! Rev up for what will be a great day of fantastic cars, food trucks and fun. I look forward to seeing you out and about this summer!

"To maintain the quality of life that we all continue to enjoy in our little piece of paradise, we must recognize our local businesses and individuals who go the extra mile to strengthen and advocate for the Chamber."

Toni Boudreaux, Director PVB Division of St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce



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Sawgrass Country Club
\$845,000
 OPEN HOUSE at 8956 Lake Kathryn Dr, Saturday, June 30th, 1-4pm. Well designed, single level 4BR/3.5BA pool home tucked away on lovely, private home site. High ceilings, crown moldings and formal living & dining rooms. Kitchen with double ovens & loads of cabinetry overlooks family from w/FP. Spacious screened lanai & large pool. Newer roof, paved driveway & lovely landscaping make this stately brick home a real stand out. MLS 939360



Atlantic Beach
\$475,000
 OPEN HOUSE at 1844 Tierra Verde Dr, Sunday, July 1st, 1-4pm. Lovingly and meticulously maintained 3BR/2BA home on quiet, friendly cul de sac (once a month block party) just 3 blocks to the ocean and Atlantic Beach CC. Eat-in kitchen opens to spacious deck. Great room with vaulted ceiling & gorgeous stone fireplace. Florida room overlooking pretty yard. All windows replace in 2010. Transferable home warranty & termite bond. MLS 928414



Sawmill Lakes
\$625,000
 OPEN HOUSE at 352 S Mill View Way, Sunday, July 1st, 1-4pm. Gorgeous 4BR/4BR + office pool home with lakeside setting in back and preserve in front. Single level with bonus room floor plan, wood floors, high ceilings & deep moldings. Kitchen w/ ss appliances & granite counters opens to family room with walls of windows to enjoy the water views. Large screened lanai overlooks sparkling pool. Sidewalks to schools, beach & shopping. MLS 934470

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Rory Diamond (from left), Toni Boudreaux, Jen Hendrich, Rob Schlingmann, Gloria Dongara, Lori Adams, Susan Griffin, Nancy Hallett, Lucia Miller and Tim Crosby gather at the PVBD Board of Directors meeting June 12 at Camp K9 in Nocatee.

Photo courtesy of K9s For Warriors staff



PVBD Board of Directors meets at Camp K9 for monthly meeting

On June 12, the Board of Directors for the Ponte Vedra Beach Division (PVBD) of the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce gathered for

its monthly meeting at Camp K9, the Nocatee-based campus for local nonprofit organization K9s for Warriors.

A few days before the board meeting

on June 9, the PVBD Board worked together with the PVBD Ambassadors to provide the nonprofit's warriors with a meal.

Joshua Hull named Ambassador of the Quarter

The St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce recently named Joshua Hull the Ponte Vedra Beach Division (PVBD) Ambassador of the Quarter.

A native of Jacksonville, Hull currently works for VyStar Credit Union as the branch vice president of the Nocatee location and is about to celebrate his 12-year anniversary with the company. Hull holds his NMLS License to discuss mortgages and enjoys helping members with loans of all types, both consumer and business.

Hull is also an active member in the Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra, as well as a member of Christ Church. He holds a bachelor's degree from Florida State College at Jacksonville in business management. In his free time, Hull enjoys his hobby as a gamer of many types, including board games, video games and more.



Joshua Hull

UPCOMING SJC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PVBD EVENTS

JULY EVENTS:

Chamber Before Hours

Date: Wednesday, July 11, 2018

Time: 8 to 9 a.m.

Location: Standfast Asset Management
100 Executive Way Suite 114, Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082
Info: Get to know a local businesses while networking with fellow Chamber members. This event provides a great way to start the work day with a little breakfast and conversation.

Sponsor: Standfast Asset Management

PVB Division Joint Luncheon with Jax Chamber Beaches Division

Date: Thursday, July 12, 2018

Time: 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Location: Sawgrass Beach Club
9797 Summer Place, Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082
Info: The St. Johns County Chamber Ponte Vedra Beach Division joins the JAX Chamber Beaches Division to honor local service members for their commitment to community service over and above their duties as active military personnel.

Sponsor: Fields Auto Group and Jacksonville Icemen

Politics in St Johns

Date: Monday, July 16, 2018

Time: 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Location: Ponte Vedra Concert Hall
1050 A1A N, Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082
Info: Politics in St. Johns is a candidate meet and greet event hosted by the Chamber in both Ponte Vedra Beach and St. Augustine. The events feature candidates running for local, state and federal offices who represent St. Johns County. Each event will also feature a straw poll conducted by the Supervisor of Elections office. Results will be announced during the event.

Chamber After Hours

Date: Wednesday, July 25, 2018

Time: 5:30 to 7 p.m.

Location: The Hammock at Twenty Mile
118 Oak Creek Drive, Ponte Vedra, FL, 32081

Info: Network among Chamber members and guests and enjoy beverages and bites provided by the host. Remember to bring your business cards.

Sponsor: Synovus Mortgage Corp.

AUGUST EVENTS:

Chamber Before Hours

Date: Wednesday, Aug. 8, 2018

Time: 8 to 9 a.m.

Location: The Ponte Vedra Recorder
1102 A1A N Unit 108, Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082

Info: Get to know a local businesses while networking with fellow Chamber members. This event provides a great way to start the work day with a little breakfast and conversation.

Sponsors: The Ponte Vedra Recorder, AAA The Auto Club Group

Chamber at Noon

Date: Wednesday, Aug. 15, 2018

Time: 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Location: Sawgrass Country Club
10034 Golf Club Drive, Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082

Info: Paxton Hare will discuss Facebook advertising.

Sponsor: Fields Auto Group

Chamber After Hours

Date: Wednesday, Aug. 22, 2018

Time: 5:30 to 7 p.m.

Location: The Plantation at Ponte Vedra (Beach Club)
1111 Ponte Vedra Blvd., Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082

Info: Network among Chamber members and guests and enjoy beverages and bites provided by the host. Remember to bring your business cards.

Sponsor: The Plantation at Ponte Vedra

SEPTEMBER EVENTS:

2018 Ponte Vedra Auto Show

Date: Sunday, Sept. 9, 2018

Time: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Location: Nocatee
245 Nocatee Center Way, Ponte Vedra, FL 32081

Website: www.pvautoshow.com

Chamber Before Hours

Date: Wednesday, Sept. 12, 2018

Time: 8 to 9 a.m.

Location: Ponte Vedra Beach Division Office
200 Solana Road, Suite B, Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082

Info: Get to know a local businesses while networking with fellow Chamber members. This event provides a great way to start the work day with a little breakfast and conversation.

Sponsor: Sarah Alexander – Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Network Realty

Chamber at Noon

Date: Wednesday, Sept. 19, 2018

Time: 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Info: TBD

Sponsor: Fields Auto Group

Chamber After Hours

Date: Wednesday, Sept. 26, 2018

Time: 5:30 to 7 p.m.

Location: Ponte Vedra Eye Associates
150 Professional Dr, Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082

Info: Network among Chamber members and guests and enjoy beverages and bites provided by the host. Remember to bring your business cards.

Sponsor: Ponte Vedra Eye Associates

For more information and to register, visit www.sjcchamber.com.

COMING UP ...

The remainder of Connections will look back on Ponte Vedra Beach Division events that have taken place since February.

From “Before Hours” and “After Hours” events to “Chamber at Noon” luncheons, the Recorder will help Chamber members and friends alike reminisce about what has been a busy and exciting last four months.

This section also includes summaries of special Chamber events, including the Politics in St. Johns Legislative Update in March, the two most recent Economic Development Council (EDC) Breakfasts, the PVBD Member Appreciation Awards in May and a handful of ribbon cutting ceremonies. Enjoy the ride!



ABOVE: Starling at Nocatee Executive Director Megan Kennedy addresses the event attendees at the Chamber “After Hours” event on Feb. 28.

RIGHT Gloria Dongara, Toni Boudreaux and Kari Zerrahn pose for a photo at the Chamber “After Hours” event held at Starling at Nocatee.

Photos by Susan Griffin



Starling at Nocatee hosts Chamber ‘After Hours’

Starling at Nocatee hosted an “After Hours” event for the Ponte Vedra Beach Division of the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce on Feb. 28. The event provided attendees the opportunity to network after work and enjoy food and drinks.

Located at 999 Crosswater Parkway in Ponte Vedra, Starling at Nocatee is a senior living community offering concierge living, assisted living and memory care.



Joshua Hull and David Naples

Allstate hosts Chamber ‘Before Hours’

Allstate hosted a “Before Hours” event for the Ponte Vedra Beach Division of the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce on March 7. The event provided local business professionals the chance to network with each other and enjoy breakfast before work.

Allstate is located at 258 Solana Road in Ponte Vedra Beach.



Photos by Susan Griffin

ABOVE: Isabelle Renault and Dr. Erika Hamer

LEFT: Tom DeStella, Larrs Anderson, Toni Boudreaux, Kari Zerrahn, Kathleen Anderson and John Anderson gather at the Chamber “Before Hours” event on March 7 at Allstate.

Commissioner Dean addresses beach renourishment, tourism at Chamber luncheon

District 5 County Commissioner and Commission Chair Henry Dean discussed the importance of beach renourishment and its potential impact on tourism at a St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce Ponte Vedra Beach Division luncheon March 14 at Ruth's Chris Steak House.

At the "Chamber at Noon" event, Dean suggested the county should increase its tourist development tax (also known as the bed tax) by a penny to help fund a renourishment project. Dean's address also included discussion on smart growth and proposed impact fees for business/residential areas.



Photos by Benjamin Naim

ABOVE: Commissioner Henry Dean addresses St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce members at a March 14 luncheon.



RIGHT: Carol Maurer and Ellis McDonald



ABOVE: Henry Dean, Wiam Battah, Toni Boudreaux, Brandon Starks, Isabelle Renault and Bob Porter

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LEFT: Lacey Croy, Steve Dennison and Patti Mena

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Politics in St. Johns is a large political gathering hosted by the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce. It is designed as a fun educational evening aimed at connecting candidates running for office with members of the business community. The event will feature the candidates, candidate informational booths, candidate introductions, and a straw poll vote conducted by St. Johns County Supervisor of Elections Vicky Oakes (with the release of results to the local news media). The event is open to all Chamber members, guests and members of the general public free of charge.

CANDIDATES WISHING TO PARTICIPATE SHOULD VISIT
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 FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

Officials share accomplishments, insight at Chamber breakfast

Safety and security, the economy and hurricane recovery were among the topics discussed by officials at the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce Politics in St. Johns Legislative Update on March 23.

Congressman John Rutherford, state Sen. Travis Hutson, state Rep. Cyndi Stevenson, state Rep. Paul Renner and St. Johns County Commission Chair Henry Dean addressed these issues, and several others, with business leaders from across the county at the event held at the Renaissance in World Golf Village. The update served as an opportunity for attendees to hear from state officials after the Florida Legislature recently adjourned for the year.



ABOVE: Congressman John Rutherford (right) addresses the attendees of the Legislative Update alongside state Sen. Travis Hutson.

RIGHT: Anna DeCerio, Chad Kunde and Samantha Story



ABOVE: County Commissioner Henry Dean, state Rep. Paul Renner, state Rep. Cyndi Stevenson, state Sen. Travis Hutson and Congressman John Rutherford gather after addressing Chamber of Commerce members March 23 at the Renaissance in World Golf Village.

LEFT: Jeremiah Blocker, Lisa McGowan and Gina Mangus

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State Rep. Paul Renner addresses the crowd.



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BBVA Compass Bank celebrates enhanced services with ribbon cutting

BBVA Compass Bank in Ponte Vedra Beach celebrated its recently enhanced services with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on March 21, which was attended by representatives of the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce Ponte Vedra Beach Division.

In addition to the ribbon cutting, attendees of the event enjoyed networking, door prizes, beverages and hors d'oeuvres at a Chamber "After Hours" event. BBVA Compass is located at 155 Corridor Road.



Jonathan Stahle and Brittany Honeycutt



Photos by Susan Griffin

The BBVA Compass team joins representatives from the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce Ponte Vedra Beach Division for a ribbon-cutting ceremony on March 21 to celebrate the bank's recently enhanced services.



ABOVE: Toni Boudreaux, Dr. Casey Means, Marissa Daniels, Ponte Vedra Wellness Owner Dr. Erika Hamer, Jackie Payne, Daniel Brauch and Vickie Meads gather at the Chamber "Before Hours" on April 4.

RIGHT: Dr. Hamer addresses those in attendance of the "Before Hours" event.

Ponte Vedra Wellness Center hosts Chamber 'Before Hours'

Ponte Vedra Wellness Center hosted a "Before Hours" event for the Ponte Vedra Beach Division of the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce on April 4. The event served as an opportunity for attendees to network, enjoy coffee and a healthy breakfast and get a relaxing chair massage before heading to work. Ponte Vedra Wellness Center has locations in Ponte Vedra Beach and Nocatee.



Attendees of the "Before Hours" event enjoy interacting with the staff from Ponte Vedra Wellness Center.



Photos by Susan Griffin

K9s For Warriors manager discusses organization's future, impact at Chamber luncheon

Tim Crosby, the strategic partnerships manager for K9s For Warriors, discussed the organization's future and planned growth at a joint luncheon for members of the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce Ponte Vedra Beach Division and JAX Chamber of Commerce Beaches Division on April 12 at Sawgrass Country Club.

Crosby played a video package featuring a testimony on how the K9s For Warriors program can change the lives of veterans in need. The K9s manager asserted that the organization not only saves lives, but points struggling veterans in the right direction by pairing them with trained canine companions.



ABOVE: Tim Crosby, strategic partnerships manager for K9s For Warriors, discusses the nonprofit at the Chamber joint luncheon April 12 at Sawgrass Country Club.



ABOVE: Cindy Bishop and John Miller



LEFT: Greg Wells, Felicia Cox, Tim Crosby, Isabelle Renault, Garry Redig, Toni Boudreaux, Brian Zehren, Brandon Starks and Christine Wier gather at the Chamber luncheon.



RIGHT: George McCaughan and Caroline Jones

Photos by Benjamin Naim



Florida Women's Law Group celebrates new name, practice areas

Florida Women's Law Group, which was formerly known as the Quick Law Group, launched its new name and practice areas of estate planning and appellate services with a dual ribbon cutting ceremony with the JAX Chamber of Commerce and St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce on April 30.

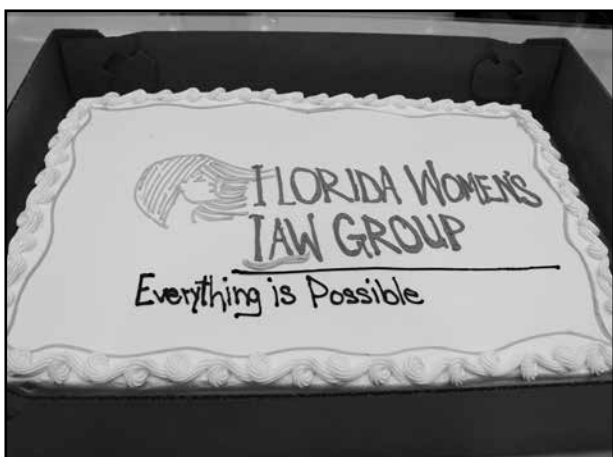
The event included other local businesses such as Julie Ryan Photography and Frenchy's Wellness Spa, which provided chair and hand massages. Florida Women's Law Group works to advocate for women in the legal arena, where often women feel the effects of gender bias. The firm educates women on their rights and the law so they can find the strength to endure the process and live life to the fullest.

Visit thequicklawgroup.com for more information.

ABOVE: Representatives from the JAX Chamber of Commerce and St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce gather with representatives from Florida Women's Law Group to celebrate the firm's new name and practice areas.

RIGHT: A celebratory cake helped attendees enjoy the event.

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Melissa Millon and Lauren Honrath of Frenchy's Wellness Spa



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Isabelle Renault, Victor J. Raymos, Mark Lesswing, Melissa Glasgow, Rob Matthews and Karen Everett gather at the EDC Quarterly Breakfast April 27 at the Renaissance World Golf Village Resort.

EDC Quarterly Breakfast features address on cybersecurity

On April 27 at the Renaissance World Golf Village Resort, the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce hosted an Economic Development Council (EDC) Quarterly Breakfast that focused on cybersecurity.

Mark Lesswing, the chief technology officer and senior vice president of the National Association of Realtors (NAR), served as the keynote speaker, discussing why businesses need to be concerned about data driven cyber viruses as major business threats.

For three years prior to joining NAR, Lesswing was involved in corporate turnarounds. He is a speaker at major trade conferences and is listed in the international Who's Who of Information Technology and the National Register of Who's Who in Executives and Professionals.

The sponsors of this EDC Quarterly Breakfast included the St. Augustine & St. Johns County Board of Realtors, Matthews Design Group, PuroClean and North Avenue Capital.

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Representatives from NuMoon and the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce Ponte Vedra Beach Division celebrate the business' new Chamber membership with a ribbon-cutting ceremony.

NuMoon joins Chamber of Commerce

NuMoon Regenerative Medicine hosted a ribbon cutting ceremony April 27 to celebrate its new membership with the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce Ponte Vedra Beach Division.

Located at 115 Professional Drive in suite 104D in Ponte Vedra Beach, NuMoon is a specialized medical practice that focuses on the natural healing properties of patients' own blood, called platelet rich plasma (PRP), to help promote healing of injured or diseased tissues.

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Chamber holds annual joint 'After Hours' event at THE PLAYERS Championship

Approximately 700 business and community leaders celebrated the start of THE PLAYERS Championship festivities at the Chamber of Commerce's After Hours at THE PLAYERS reception on May 3.

The annual joint event organized by the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce and Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce allowed attendees to network and enjoy food and refreshments from Sawgrass Events, Anthony's Gourmet Catering, III Forks Steakhouse, Mocha Misk'i, Monroe's Smokehouse Bar-B-Q & Catering, Seasons 52 and Peterbrooke Chocolatier.



Diane Motes, Samantha Solan, Sandy Ford and Josh Hull



ABOVE: Kim and Andy Scott and Dick Williams

RIGHT Jennifer Belisario and Cameron Fischer

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ABOVE: Sam Ruiz and Greg Voss

LEFT: Samantha Palmer and Len and Sonya Cutter

Chamber's Ponte Vedra Beach Division presents Membership Appreciation Awards



Photos by Susan Griffin

Toni Boudreaux with award winners John Anderson, Karsten Jacobson, Wendy Ranson, Kathleen Floryan, Gloria Dongara, Arthur Wildblood and Jennifer O'Neal.

The Ponte Vedra Beach Division of the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce held its annual Membership Appreciation Awards May 30 at the Sawgrass Beach Club. The "White Party"-themed event featured the following awards and recipients:

The **Crushing It Award** is given to the member who utilizes his/her membership and has worked to grow his/her business: Jennifer O'Neal with MosquitoNix.

The **Going the Distance Award** is given to the member who has attended numerous events in BOTH the St. Augustine and Ponte Vedra areas: Art Wildblood.

The **Key Contributor Award** is given to the member who has stepped up at the last minute on numerous occasions to assist and promote Chamber events and initiatives: John Anderson, Allstate.

The **Rookie of the Year Award** is given to the member who shows great initiative in promoting and networking his/her business: Karsten Jacobson, Edward Jones.

The **Dedicated Service Award** is given to the member who never says no and can be consistently depended on for sponsorship of Chamber events: Ruth's Chris Steak House.

The **Spotlight Award** is given to the business that is strongly connected to the division's initiatives, events and members: Fields Auto Group.

Our **Board Member of Year** was Gloria Dongara, AAA Insurance Agency. Gloria is the first to lend a hand and help in a variety of situations whether it's out and about or during board meetings.

The **Jeff Jenkins Community Service Award** is given to a member who goes above and beyond in his/her service to the community. The recipient of this award believes in corporate citizenship, not just because it is the right thing to do, but because it positively impacts the performance of their employees, and in the long-term, enhances the economic fabric of our community: PIVOT CPAs.

The **Pat Morgan Outstanding Member Award** is given to the member who goes above and beyond in his/her commitment to expanding and improving the division: Kathleen Floryan.

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.



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Representatives from the Ponte Vedra Family YMCA and St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce Ponte Vedra Beach Division gather during the Chamber "Before Hours" event on May 16 at the YMCA.

Ponte Vedra Family YMCA hosts Chamber 'Before Hours'

The Ponte Vedra Family YMCA hosted a "Before Hours" event for the Ponte Vedra Beach Division of the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce on May 16.

The event served as an opportunity for attendees to network and enjoy breakfast before heading to work.

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Guests at the "After Hours" event at Freedom Boat Club in St. Augustine enjoy a boat ride to end the day.

Freedom Boat Club hosts Chamber 'After Hours' event



Lori Adams and Brittany Honeycutt

Freedom Boat Club hosted an "After Hours" event for the Ponte Vedra Beach Division of the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce on April 18.

Held at the business' Camachee Cove location in St. Augustine, the event allowed guests to take boat rides, network, enjoy snacks and beverages and check out the newly redesigned location.

Freedom Boat Club also has locations at Julington Creek Marina in Jacksonville, and in Jacksonville Beach.



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

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 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.

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

RIGHT: World Golf Hall of Fame Historian Dr. Tony Parker addresses the event attendees.

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Dick Williams and Toni Boudreaux



Felicia Cox and Sandra Ingram

Chamber hosts Golf Classic and Seasonal Blend

The St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce held its annual Golf Classic June 7 at Slammer & Squire Golf Course in St. Augustine.

The Classic featured course games such as hole in one, closest to the pin and longest drive. The team from Ponte Vedra Wellness Center took home first-place honors based on gross results. Pop-A-Lock was recognized as the best dressed golfers in attendance.

Immediately following the Classic, the Chamber hosted its Seasonal Blend networking event, at which attendees enjoyed food and drink, the opportunity to win raffles and door prizes and the Chamber Classic awards presentation.

Sponsors of the events included CenterState, Jack Wilson Family of Dealerships, Bojangles', TIAA Bank and the Ponte Vedra Recorder.



The team from Pop-A-Lock is recognized as best dressed at the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce's Golf Classic and Seasonal Blend on June 7.



Kip Friedman and Cindy Bishop



Sponsors of the event included The Ponte Vedra Recorder and Bojangles' among others.



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Sam Ruiz addresses attendees of the Seasonal Blend.



The team from Ponte Vedra Wellness Center receives first-place honors based on gross results of the Classic.



Lori Adams and Malcom Anthony

RIGHT: Toni Boudreaux, Catherine Tatem, Jennifer Sartiano, Donna Guzzo, Sara Bass and Mary Bonatakis at the Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach Chamber "Before Hours" event on June 6



BELOW: Mark Ryan and Nicole Wolf

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Dave Danzeisen and Brian Anderson

Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach hosts Chamber 'Before Hours'

The Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach hosted a Chamber "Before Hours" event June 6. Attendees of the event enjoyed the opportunity to network and eat breakfast before work.

The Cultural Center is located at 50 Executive Way.



ABOVE: Kheshini Perera and Kari Zerrahn



LEFT: Cultural Center Development Director Jennifer Sartiano addresses attendees of the "Before Hours" event.

Ponte Vedra Beach Division hosts Sandler Training president for 'Chamber at Noon'

The Ponte Vedra Beach Division of the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce hosted Pat McManamon, president of Sandler Training, for the organization's "Chamber at Noon" event on June 13 at the TPC Clubhouse.

McManamon discussed the merits, challenges and purpose of networking while providing tips and techniques to get the most of your time when meeting potential clients.

Sandler Training is a sales management development firm and Jacksonville affiliate of the internationally recognized Sandler Training. For more information, visit www.solutions.sandler.com.

Karen Everett and Toni Boudreaux announce winners of the door prizes.



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Jim Moyers, Jennifer Belisario, Toni Boudreaux, Pat McManamon and Brandon Starks gather at the "Chamber at Noon" event on June 13 at the TPC Clubhouse.



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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 Road, Suite A in Ponte Vedra Beach, celebrated its business opening May 29 with a ribbon cutting ceremony attended by the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce and JAX Chamber.

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.

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Mike Davis, Mary O'Brien, Mark Lamping and Isabelle Renault gather at the EDC Quarterly Breakfast June 22 at the Renaissance World Golf Village Resort.

Chamber hosts Jaguars President/CEO for EDC Quarterly Breakfast

On June 22, the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce hosted Jacksonville Jaguars President and CEO Mark Lamping as the keynote speaker for its EDC Quarterly Breakfast at the Renaissance World Golf Village Resort.

Lamping has led the Jaguars' business operations since joining the team in 2012. An executive in professional sports for over 20 years, Lamping became the Jaguars' first president since the end of the 1996 season. His career highlights include 13 years as a marketing executive with Anheuser-Busch, 14 seasons as president of Major League Baseball's St. Louis Cardinals and four years as CEO of New Meadowlands Stadium Company, where he oversaw the construction and operation of MetLife Stadium.

The New York Giants' 2012 Super Bowl victory enabled Lamping to become one of the few sports executives to have received both a Super Bowl ring and World Series Championship ring. Lamping earned his World Series ring as president of the St. Louis Cardinals following their 2006 championship season.

The sponsors of this EDC Quarterly Breakfast included St. Augustine & St. Johns County Board of Realtors, FPL, Matthews Design Group, North Avenue Capital and PuroClean.

SVR Realty celebrates new location with open house and ribbon cutting

Also on June 22, SVR Realty, LLC hosted an open house at its new location at Summer House in Ponte Vedra Beach that included a ribbon-cutting ceremony with the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce.

The event featured food, drinks and live music, and allowed attendees to learn more about SVR Realty's offerings.

Patrick Venzke, the manager of the company's Ponte Vedra Beach office, was the first German national to play in the NFL, spending time with both the Jacksonville Jaguars and Indianapolis Colts.



RIGHT: Cackylack's serves up burgers and more at the SVR Realty open house and ribbon cutting.



BELOW: Robbie Litt provides live entertainment at the event.



ABOVE: Representatives from SVR Realty, LLC and the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce celebrate the company's new Ponte Vedra Beach location at Summer House with a ribbon-cutting ceremony.

LEFT: Jennifer Price and Scott Grant

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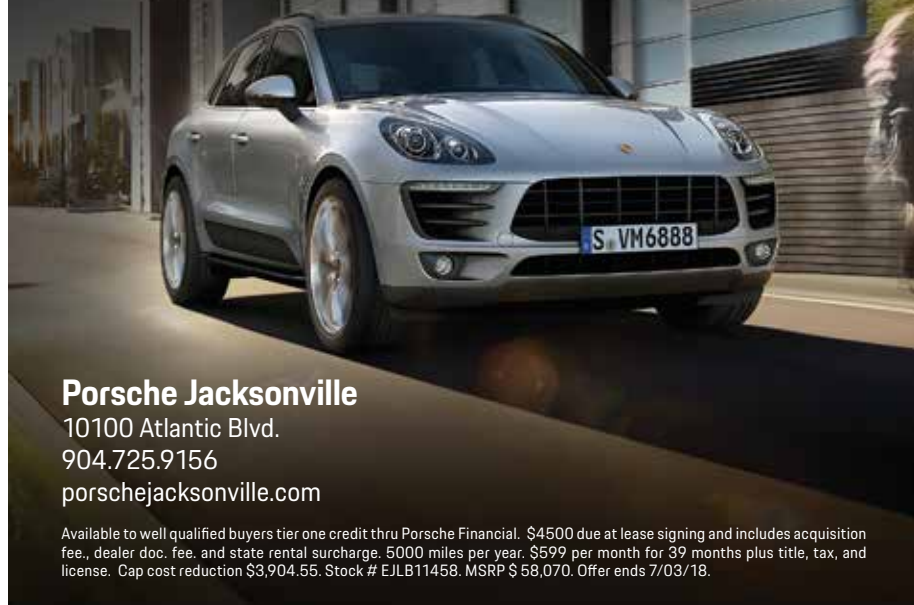
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TUESDAY, JULY 3

Jumbo Shrimp Independence Day Picnic

Bring family and friends down to the Baseball Grounds of Jacksonville from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 3 for an all-you-can-eat picnic as part of the Jacksonville Jumbo Shrimp's Independence Day Celebration. For \$20 a person, Jumbo Shrimp fans can enjoy hamburgers, hot dogs, cole slaw, beans, cookies, tea, lemonade and water, and will also receive a reserved seat for the 7:05 p.m. game. The first 2,000 fans to arrive will receive a free Jumbo Shrimp patriotic cap, and there will also be a hot-dog-eating contest and fireworks following the game. Reservation space is limited. For more information, call (904) 358-2846 or visit www.jaxshrimp.com.



Logo courtesy of the Jumbo Shrimp

WEDNESDAY, JULY 4 – INDEPENDENCE DAY

City of Jacksonville Beach Fourth of July Fireworks

Looking for a laid-back atmosphere in which to celebrate America's birthday? Grab some chairs and head over to Jacksonville Beach to view the city's annual fireworks display at the fishing pier. The show is free to view and will begin at 9 p.m.



Fireworks Over the Matanzas

The City of St. Augustine will begin its annual "Fireworks Over the Matanzas" Independence Day celebration at 6 p.m. with a two-hour big band concert featuring The All Star Orchestra. Bring a chair down to the Plaza de la Constitución to listen and enjoy in comfort before viewing a spectacular, 20-minute fireworks display over Matanzas Bay. Choreographed to a medley of patriotic hits, the fireworks will begin at 9:30 p.m. Due to limited parking, visitors are encouraged to arrive early and utilize the Historic Downtown parking garage. A free shuttle will also be available from 6 p.m. to midnight on Anastasia Island. For additional information, visit www.citystaug.com/fireworks.



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Chemo Noir hosts race and wine tasting fundraiser at Jacksonville Beach Pier

By Benjamin Naim

Chemo Noir, a local nonprofit organization that provides financial support for cancer patients undergoing treatment, hosted a 1-mile race and wine tasting fundraiser at the Jacksonville Beach Pier on Saturday, June 16.

“It was unbelievable,” said Chemo Noir founder, chairwoman, cancer survivor and Nease High School graduate Katrin Casey. “The weather held up, it was a beautiful beach run and a great wine tasting event. There was really good energy overall, and it was really positive for the Chemo Noir organization.”

According to Casey, an anonymous donor submitted a match for every other donation the week prior to the race. The Chemo Noir chairwoman also noted that the fundraiser was a success for her nonprofit, and race participants ran with a purpose.

Additionally, a Chemo Noir recipient who has been undergoing cancer treatment came out to the race, and her son ran in her honor.

“Knowing that she was able to come out and watch the race was pretty huge for me,” Casey said. “To be able to help five to 10 more recipients because of this race and what we’re doing with Chemo Noir this year is incredible. To save one life has been a win so far. Definitely, to see all the people out there supporting what we’re doing was just amazing.”

Laura Land of One Call, a presenting race sponsor, said participants understood and appreciated the Chemo Noir mission statement.

“I thought it was a successful event,” Land said. “It had a really nice turnout. Everyone who was there was really excited to be there.”

One Call, a healthcare network management company and workers’ compensation provider, sent 100 employees to the Chemo Noir race as part of the organization’s corporate charity giving program — One Call Cares.

According to Land, the attending One Call employees enjoyed the wine tasting, the raffle and the overall atmosphere. She added that One Call was honored to be a presenting sponsor for the event.

“We look at which organizations our employees are most interested in and where we feel like the culture of that charitable organization aligns with our values,” said Land, who is One Call’s marketing and communications vice president. “Last year, we had a couple employees who participated in some Chemo Noir events. They fell in love with the cause of Chemo Noir because it gives specifically to the cancer patients themselves to pay their bills, we felt it was a great cause. ... We know right where the money is going so it aligns very well with our charitable program as well as our company values.”

Land added that participating in the



Participants of the Chemo Noir race June 16 in Jacksonville Beach gather at the starting line.



ABOVE: Coastal Wine Market & Tasting Room serves wine at the event.

LEFT: Kelly Whitaker, Katrin Casey and Wanda Peterson

Photos by Susan Griffin

Chemo Noir race was a rewarding experience, and her organization will be working with Chemo Noir in the future.

Furthermore, the One Call Marketing and Communication Vice President explained her connection with Casey.

“I met (Katrin) first,” she revealed. “It was before she had her battle with cancer and so it holds a very near and dear place

to my heart because Kat is a very good colleague, and she’s become a friend.”

Founded in 2017, Chemo Noir raises money through wine-centric events to help cancer patients pay their way through treatment. For more information on the nonprofit, visit www.chemonoir.com.

The Ponte Vedra Recorder was proud to serve as a sponsor of this event.



Rutherford honors Vietnam War veterans

On June 16, Congressman John Rutherford held a pinning ceremony at Beaches Veterans Memorial Park in Atlantic Beach to recognize, thank and honor United States military veterans who served during the Vietnam War.

In total, Rutherford honored 142 veterans, including one former prisoner of war, as well as two others later in the day at Fleet Landing Retirement Community.



Photos courtesy of George Emerson



Bolles students celebrate start of summer with soapy science lesson

Before shifting into summer, students at the Bolles Lower School Ponte Vedra Beach Campus experienced one last science lesson for the school year.

Science teacher Carolyn Houston helped fifth graders, who will be transitioning to the Bolles Middle School Bartram Campus next year, explore the science of surface tension using soapy bubbles. Just like the lower school “graduates,” the bubbles went up, up and away on a beautiful Ponte Vedra Beach afternoon.



Photos courtesy of The Bolles School

HUGS ACROSS THE COUNTY ORGANIZES SUMMER BOOK DRIVE



Local nonprofit organization Hugs Across the County has started a book giveaway and reading buddy program at locations in St. Johns County that serve underrepresented kids. Every week, adult and Ponte Vedra High School student volunteers bring new and nearly new books for kids to keep, and also read with them. The organization has reached kids at Crookshank Elementary School, Webster Elementary School, the Homeless Coalition and the American Legion Kids Safe Zone. Hugs will return each week through July with more books and reading buddies.

Photo courtesy of Brette Reiman

LOCAL KIDS BECOME ‘NATURE DETECTIVES’ THROUGH LIBRARY WORKSHOPS



Photo courtesy of Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library

Nearly 50 kids recently learned all about lizards at the Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library’s “Nature Detective” workshops on Saturday, June 23. Similar workshops took place at other library branches around the county this week.

St. Johns County Public Library System offers free summer reading program

The St. Johns County Public Library System is encouraging youth and adults to participate in the annual free summer reading program, which offers a reading log, educational classes and exciting events focusing on this year’s “Libraries Rock” theme.

From geology to rock and roll, participants will explore all facets of “rock” and can earn prizes throughout the summer as reading logs are completed. Each branch library will host rock-themed events, including a kids’ rock concert, rock clubs and geology classes.

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Phantom Fireworks offers tips to keep pets calm amid Fourth of July fireworks

With the Fourth of July rapidly approaching, Phantom Fireworks is reminding those partaking in the holiday celebration to remember that some pets adversely react to the lights and noise of fireworks.

With a little extra effort, however, pets can be spared the trauma they sometimes experience from fireworks by considering the following:

- Keep pets indoors during fireworks displays.
- Turn on the TV or radio and air

conditioning to help mask the noise of the fireworks. Keep pets in a soothing, dark room with light jazz or classical music playing. The idea is to muffle the fireworks noise with something soothing. Close draperies to help soundproof the residence.

- Walk or exercise the pet prior to the fireworks, so he/she may sleep through the fireworks.

- Be home or have someone at home indoors with the pet to offer encouragement and support.

- Close all windows and doors and block pet doors to prevent escape.
- Try distracting the pet as soon as the fireworks begin by involving the pet in something enjoyable like “fetch.”
- Prepare a safe area where the pet can “burrow in” to feel safe. Play a radio near that area and feed the pet there to help him/her associate the area with other good things.
- Do not take the pet to a fireworks show or let the pet outdoors while fireworks are being used.

Festivities

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Nocatee Festivities

■ The Nocatee community will hold multiple events as part of its annual Fourth of July Celebration, starting with a two-hour Freedom Paddle from 8 to 10 a.m. around the Intracoastal Waterway, hosted by Black Creek Outfitters. Participants will take off from the Nocatee Kayak Launch by the Palm Valley Bridge, and they either can bring their own kayaks and paddleboards, or they can rent them through Black Creek Outfitters.

■ At 11 a.m., the Nocatee Golf Cart Parade will begin, starting at the Swim Club Green. Prizes will be awarded in three categories, so decorate a golf cart and join in the fun before heading over to the Splash Water Park (between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m.) to partake in the many festivities that will be going on there, including live music, food trucks and bounce houses. For more information, call (904) 924-6863.

Fernandina’s Hometown All-American Fourth of July Celebration

Join in Fernandina Beach’s annual Fourth of July celebration starting at 5 p.m. on July 4. With live music, vendors, a kids’ zone and patriotic contests for pie eating, the most patriotic pet and the most patriotic bicycle, partygoers of all ages are sure to enjoy the festivities. The evening’s events will be capped off by a fireworks display at 9 p.m.

Jacksonville’s Fourth of July Celebration

■ The City of Jacksonville’s annual Fourth of July celebration will take place between 5 and 10 p.m. downtown. Throughout the evening, various restaurants will be offering food and drink specials, and Jacksonville Landing will host a free “Red, Hot and Boom!” concert featuring artists Lauv, Jack & Jack and In Real Life.

■ The Riverside Arts Market will also host its annual fireworks viewing party starting at 6 p.m. under the Fuller Warren Bridge, which will include live music, beer, kid-friendly activities and, of course, the City of Jacksonville’s fireworks display, which will be launched from both the Acosta Bridge and a barge on the St. Johns River at 9:45 p.m.

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Bentley to open new dealership in Jacksonville

By Benjamin Naim

Bentley Motors is soon making its Jacksonville debut.

The ultra-luxury car manufacturer announced the opening of a new First Coast dealership at a press conference at the Prime Osborn III Convention Center on Monday, June 18. Jacksonville Mayor Lenny Curry, City Councilman Danny Becton and Bentley officials were on hand for the event, among others.

“We are excited to expand into a vibrant Jacksonville market and bring a new and extraordinary ultra-luxury automotive offering to its residents,” said President and CEO of Brickell Motors Mario Murgado. “It is our priority to ensure our customers have a unique Bentley experience.

In our new dealership, they will enter an exclusive world of unparalleled design, personalized service, automotive passion and unmatched attention to detail.”

Brickell Motors is the dealership group behind Bentley Jacksonville. The new dealership, expected to open in 2019, will be Bentley’s 46th in the United States. According to a press release sent out by the British car brand, the location will be a full-service dealership on Bonneval Road.

“Jacksonville is an ideal expansion location for Bentley,” said Mark Del Rosso, president and CEO of Bentley Motors. “Jacksonville offers a cosmopolitan nature and quality of culture and services that our clients seek. They also seek to do business



Photo by Benjamin Naim

Bentley Motors is planning to open a dealership in Jacksonville in 2019. Displayed in the photo is a Bentley Bentayga sport utility vehicle.

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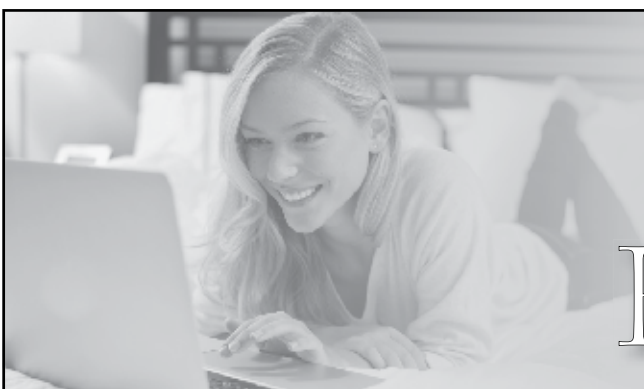
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New York Butcher Shoppe operating out of new location in Ponte Vedra Beach

By Benjamin Naim

Despite rumors that the New York Butcher Shoppe has closed, the local favorite is still open for business at a new location in Ponte Vedra Beach.

The owners moved the establishment to a new address in 2017 after operating near Beach Diner for six years. Staci Manis, co-owner of the Ponte Vedra location with husband Bob, said they moved the shop last year to make it more accessible and visible.

“It’s a better location,” she asserted. “There’s more visibility, and we can be seen from the road.”

Manis emphasized the franchise is still up and running as usual, and those who are confused about the whereabouts of the new location can visit the shop at 240 A1A North in Unit 4, which is in the same plaza as Stellers Gallery and Zoes Kitchen.

“We’re still here,” Manis said. “We’re ‘next door’ as always. For those of you that can’t find us, we’re looking to get back on everyone’s radar.”

Manis said the most difficult aspect of moving was the permit process, inspections, storing equipment and rebuilding.

She explained that the New York Butcher Shoppe carries lamb, pork, chicken, beef, sausages and more, along with pastas and various Italian foods.

“We are a high-end meat shop,” Manis said. “We are all-natural, hormone and antibiotic-free. We have prepared food that are ready to take home and pop in the oven. They’re all made prepared in house.”

The New York Butcher Shoppe is unique, the co-owner said, because of its customer service and quality.



The New York Butcher Shoppe, which is now located at 240 A1A North, Unit 4 in Ponte Vedra Beach after relocating in 2017, offers lamb, pork, chicken, beef, sausages and more.

“Everything we bring in is something we stand behind because we believe it’s good,” she added. “We want our customers to be satisfied; we want them to know they can come here and find good meat or a good meal anytime they need to.”

Manis also noted that the store offers vegetables and other sides in the back.

“Our ingredients we use to make our foods are always in the back, and they’re always available,” she said. “If a customer wants sour cream, we’ll throw a tub of sour cream together. If we can help you avoid another stop, we’re more than happy to. We will sell you vegetables and more, it’s just a matter of people asking us.”

For more information, call the business at (904) 686-1652.



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The interior of a Bentley Bentayga sport utility vehicle, which was on display at the June 18 press conference.

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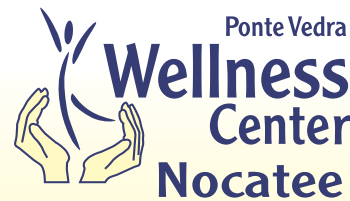
with people like Mario Murgado who value family, neighbors and community. We look forward to traveling the pathways of this new endeavor.”

Curry said he was excited about the dealership’s positive impact on the local economy and the continued growth of the city. Bentley will join other luxury brands such as Maserati, Porsche, Mercedes-Benz, BMW and Lexus in Jacksonville.

“I am delighted to join fellow community and business leaders in welcoming Bentley Motors to Jacksonville,” said Curry. “As mayor, I am committed to supporting the vitality of our city and am very pleased to position Jacksonville alongside Bentley’s prestigious car brand. Bentley’s presence certainly adds momentum to our growing economy.”

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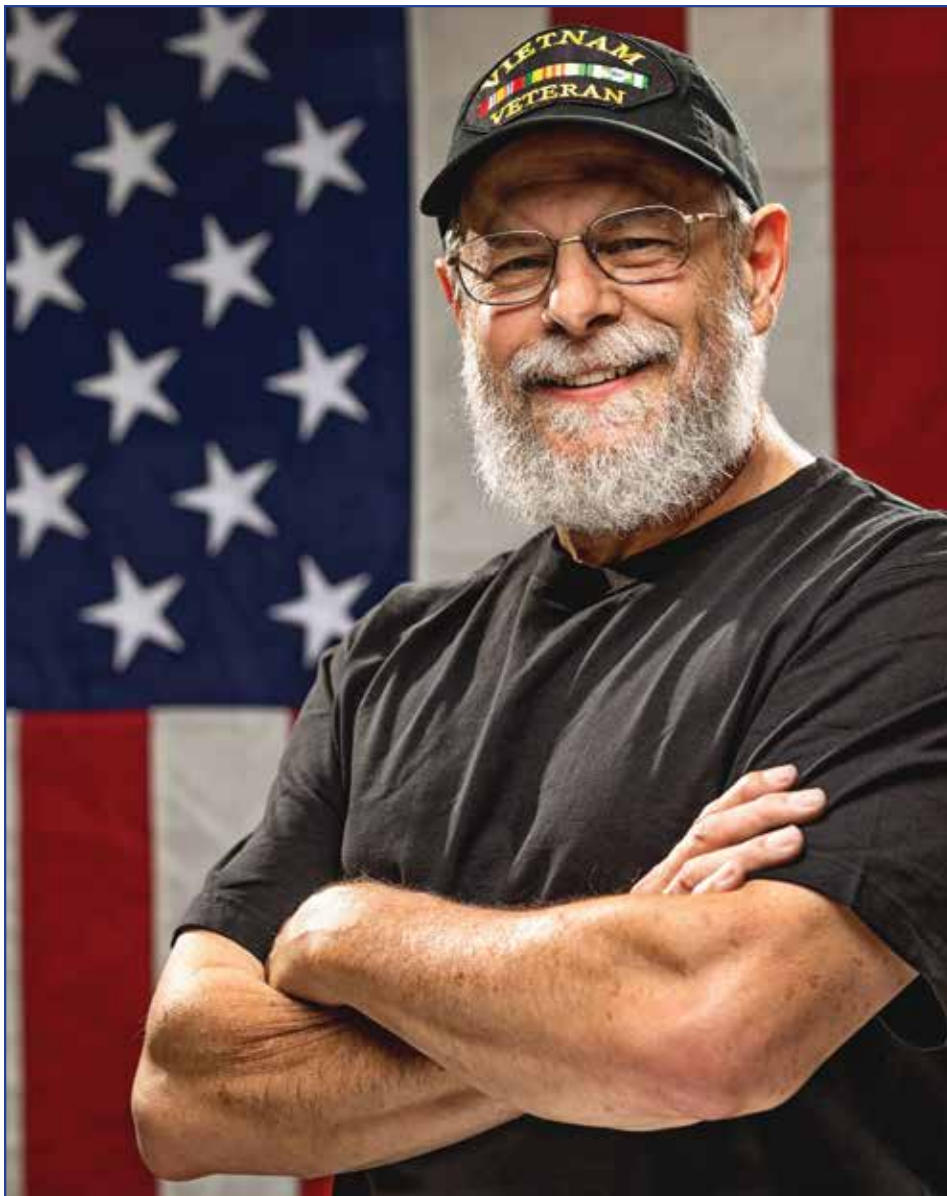
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