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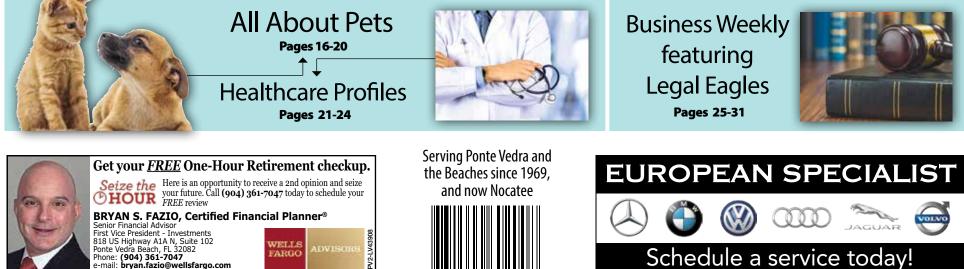
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THE NEXT CHAPTER OF WGRASS COUNTRY CLUB



A rendering displays the vision for the new members' clubhouse at Sawgrass Country Club, which is projected to be completed in late fall 2020. For more information about the club's plans, read page 4.





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Four readers correctly identified last

week's photo as the Cutter & Cutter

Congratulations, Jamille — you may

drawing was Jamille Sergent.

during normal business hours.

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Fine Art sign. The winner of the random

pick up your prize at the Recorder office

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

CUTTER FINE ART

DOG OF THE WEEK

Articus, and I am a 2-year-old dog 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

to win, participants are only eligible to win a ticket prize pack once every four months.

PUZZLE SOLUTIONS



Solutions correspond to last week's puzzles

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unknown at this time. Come visit them today!

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.

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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.

who was brought

My name is







Stunning Classic with Beach Access Marshside, Off Ponte Vedra Blvd

Picturesque home in a charming neighborhood off Ponte Vedra Blvd. Large kitchen with granite countertops and island plumed for gas. Also features a downstairs master, study & game room. Access available to the Old Ponte Vedra Condos amenities. This home is the perfect backdrop for all of life's memories. **3 bedrooms & 2.5 bathrooms \$725,000**



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Cabana Beach Club, this second-story condo gives elevated views of the beach while maintaining the unit's privacy and security. Includes a large covered balcony and ground floor storage.

3 bedrooms & 3 bathrooms \$1,625,000



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Sawgrass Country Club plans for next chapter with new and expanded members' clubhouse

By Jon Blauvelt

As part of its Phase III Master Facility Plan, Sawgrass Country Club is planning to build a new and expanded members' clubhouse that is projected to be completed in late fall 2020.

Construction on the clubhouse is expected to begin in the first quarter of 2019. The new two-story building will total approximately 32,000 to 33,000 square feet, which is up to 8,000 square feet larger than the current clubhouse.

"We're trying to ... bring it up to par with the other amenities we have at Sawgrass while not competing with them," said C.W. Cook, general manager and chief operating officer of Sawgrass Country Club. "The new clubhouse is meant to be complimentary with what we're doing at our Beach Club."

Plans for the new clubhouse include a larger pub and bar area, which will be separate from the banquet rooms; a family activities center; and larger men's and women's locker rooms, among other amenities. The new clubhouse, Cook noted, will also feature multi-purpose space so the club can host more banquets and events, as well as a few dining outlets. In addition, a covered veranda will be included for people to drive their golf carts to the building. Cook said the new clubhouse will be in the same general area as the current building, but its orientation will be slightly shifted to take advantage of the area's water and golf course vistas.

In addition to the new clubhouse, Cook noted the club's Phase III Master Facility Plan includes constructing an ancillary building for golf maintenance, as well as expanding the parking at the club's tennis and fitness center and relocating the practice/putting green. Work began on the parking and practice/putting green last week. The parking project is expected to be completed in early fall 2018, and the practice/putting green will be complete in the beginning of 2019. The ancillary building will be constructed before the new clubhouse. The project also includes renovations of the golf course's west bunker, which are expected to be complete by Aug. 14.

In total, Cook said the club's Phase III Master Facility Plan is estimated to cost just short of \$25 million. Auld & White, the company that built the club's current clubhouse, is the general contractor for the project, and Peacock + Lewis is the architect. The club is currently working with St. Johns County on permitting and other logistics.

Janet Collins, the club's director of membership services, said the club will continue to operate out of its current clubhouse while the construction takes place. The current clubhouse's Grill Room will



A rendering displays the vision for the front of the new members' clubhouse at Sawgrass Country Club, which is expected to be completed by late fall 2020.

be torn down during the construction, but everything else will remain until the new building is complete, ensuring operations and membership experience aren't impacted. Once the new clubhouse is built, the old clubhouse will be torn down in entirety. Collins also noted the project received an

80 percent approval rate from its members.

"Many people are not aware that Sawgrass Country Club is member-owned, a nonprofit organization that operates for the benefit of the members," Collins said in an email to the Recorder. "We base our success on member satisfaction, not the bottom line."

Collins additionally said the Phase III Master Facility Plan is part of a larger project for the club. Since 2013, Collins said Sawgrass Country Club has spent about \$13 million on upgrading its facilities, including the new fitness center, heated lap pool, renovated golf course and renovated Beach Club. Due in part to these investments, she noted the club has a waitlist for some categories of membership.

"All of this is to keep elevating the club facilities to improve the member experience," Collins said. "We want to keep raising the level of our facilities and really be the club of choice in this area."

The Sawgrass Country Club operates separately from the Sawgrass Homeowners' Association. Residency inside the community is not required for membership. For more information, visit www.sawgrasscountryclub.com. For color versions of the renderings, visit pontevedrarecorder.com.



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Ponte Vedra voters polled at Politics in St. Johns event

By Samantha Logue

With the primary election set to take place next month on Aug. 28, Ponte Vedra voters packed into the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall Monday night for the Politics in St. Johns Ponte Vedra event hosted by the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce.

Sponsored by Advanced Disposal, Ameris Bank, Rogers Towers, VTrips and the Ponte Vedra Recorder, the free event offered voters the opportunity to engage both local and state-level political candidates individually regarding the key issues impacting St. Johns County.

"It was really a nice turnout," said Vicky Oakes, St. Johns County supervisor of elections. "It was really nice to see a lot of the candidates came, and it was the perfect opportunity for voters to meet and be able to speak one-on-one with candidates, a lot of which are going to be on the ballot in the primary in August."

Among those candidates were District 4 County Commission contenders Erika Alba, Jeremiah Blocker, Nicholas "Mike" Dudynskay and Dick Williams; as well as District 4 School Board candidates Kelly Barrera, Denver Cook and Dr. Abigail Levrini.

The main highlight of the event was a straw poll conducted by Oakes' office, which allowed registered attendees to vote for their preferred candidates. The results, listed right, were announced at the end of the event.

As for the upcoming primary, Oakes noted the deadline to register to vote is coming up fast on July 30, and the same deadline applies for those seeking to change their party affiliation, but she had good news for those who have yet to do either.

"On Oct. 1, 2017, Florida went online with voter registration, so you can actually register to vote online," she advised. "The easiest way, instead of having to go somewhere to make changes to your party affiliation, is to just do it right online.

"And we already have our sample ballots available on our website," Oakes added. "Those will be going in the mail the week of Aug. 5, but if people want to see what's on their ballot, they can go to our website, www.votesjc.com."

On Aug.1, the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce will host another Politics in St. Johns event for St. Augustine residents from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Solomon Calhoun Center at 1300 Duval St. Those interested in attending that event can visit www.sjcchamber.com for additional information.

Visit registertovoteflorida.gov to register to vote.





ABOVE: District 4 County Commission candidate Erika Alba poses with Jayne Evans at her table.

LEFT: District 4 School Board hopeful Dr. Abigail Levrini shares her platform with a voter at the Politics in St. Johns event July 16 at the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall.



District 4 County Commission candidate Dick Williams (second from right) gathers with Victoria Corlazzoli (from left), Kitty Switkes, Lisa Cook, Linda Williams and Savannah Sizer.



Florida Congressional District 4 Candidate Ges Selmont (right) mans a table with supporter Jacalyn Crecelius.





ABOVE: Denver Cook, a District 4 School Board contender, discusses the issues with a voter.

LEFT: District 4 School Board Member Kelly Barrera gathers with Mary Marx and Regina Sanders.

Photos by Samantha Logue

STRAW POLL RESULTS

United States Senator

119 --- Rick Scott (R) 115 --- Bill Nelson (D)

United States Representative

District 4 130 — John H. Rutherford (R) 96 — George "Ges" Selmont (D)

Governor

- 64 Ron DeSantis (R)
- 13 Bruce Nathan (R)
- 44 Adam H. Putnam (R) 48 — Andrew Gillum (D)
- 24 Gwen Graham (D)
- 16 Jeff Greene (D)
- 18 Philip Levine (D)

Attorney General

- 98 Ashley Moody (R)
- 24 Frank White (R)
- 59 Sean Shaw (D)
- 25 Ryan Torrens (D)

Chief Financial Officer

- 97 Jimmy Patronis (R)
- 99 Jeremy Ring (D)

Commissioner of Agriculture

- 31 Matt Caldwell (R)
- 37 Denise Grimsley (R)
- 21 Mike McCalister (R)
- 18 Baxter Troutman (R)
- 76 Nicole "Nikki" Fried (D) 9 — Jeffery Duane Porter (D)
- 5 Roy David Walker (D)

State Representative District 17

130 — Cyndi Stevenson (R) 93 — Jaime D. Perkins (D)

County Commissioner District 4

- 40 Erika Alba (R)
- 42 Jeremiah Blocker (R)
- 8 Nicholas "Mike" Dudynskay (R)
- 74 Dick Williams (R)
- 55 John C. "Jack" Gorman (No Party Affiliation)

Circuit Judge – 7th Circuit – Group 15

45 — Linda L. Gaustad 83 — Sebrina L. Slack 49 — Ryan Will

School Board Member District 4

- 123 Kelly Barrera
- 20 Denver Cook
- 71 Abigail Levrini

Anastasia Mosquito Control District Seat 2

- 64 Karen Cornwell
- 71 Jeanne Moeller
- 25 Merrill Paul Roland

Anastasia Mosquito Control District

- Seat 4 78 — Trish Becker
- 26 Catherine Brandhorst
- 60 Peter Miele

St. Johns County Airport Authority Group 2

93 — Justin Mirgeaux 80 — Victor Raymos

St. Johns County Airport Authority Group 3 104 — Bruce Maguire 64 — Carl Youman Brian Anderson is the owner of Fluffy Cuts in Jacksonville Beach and the new president of the Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach Sunset, which meets on Tuesday nights.

Brian Anderson

What's your background?

I grew up in Massachusetts and then Ohio outside of Cleveland. I went to college at University of Toledo, and then I transferred to Wittenborg University where I graduated. I moved to Jacksonville in the mid-1980s, and at the beginning of my career, I had three jobs, working weekends at Daniel Memorial, weekday mornings for a construction company and nights selling suits. I met my wife, Julie, while selling suits, and we've been married 32 years. During our early years of marriage, we were involved in taking in foster kids. We also adopted our son, Ian. We moved to Central Florida and were drawn back to Northeast Florida. Shortly after, Julie was in a terrible accident when she got hit by a car while riding her bike. While she was rehabbing, I never thought she would work again, and I was teaching at the time. Teaching wages were not great, and I couldn't see myself putting my son through college with my own income. So, my niece talked me into becoming owner of a pet grooming business, which is now famously known as "Fluffy Cuts for Fluffy Butts." We're also currently in the process of building a house in Nocatee. In addition, I'm an ambassador at the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce.

Can you please tell us more about Fluffy Cuts?

I've been the marketer, and my niece has been the groomer. We've built a great business. We're hoping to be awarded "best of" by many publications that do voting. We're extremely popular in South Jacksonville Beach and Ponte Vedra. We emphasize quality.

What are your goals as president of the Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach Sunset?

I'm honored to be appointed president of this club. It's a great group. My goal is to maintain the family, welcoming atmosphere that it is, making it easy for people to join, make up meetings and come together. I'm planning a dog show that will serve as a fundraiser. I'm hoping to have it benefit K9s for Warriors and take place around Halloween. In addition, I want to continue the great things that have been set by presidents before me, the fun things that make our club unique.

What makes Rotary so special to you?

As a kid, I had an experience of going to a Rotary Club meeting with my dad who said the prayer before the dinner. The speaker at the meeting was Buzz Aldrin. That moment stuck with me, and it motivated me to be involved in Rotary in my future life. I wanted to be part of a group that's out to help the community and the world. I discovered much more about Rotary once I became more active. I recommend many people get involved in community groups like that because it makes our community a better place.

In addition, my Rotary family has been there for me when I was living in a condo that burnt down. They were the first ones at my door helping me move my stuff out. They were also the first ones who rallied together to start trying to find safe passageways through Ponte Vedra so people like Julie don't experience



Photo by Jon Blauvel

horrible accidents while navigating through our streets. This has led to the formation of the PV Greenway Alliance Incorporated, a nonprofit I'm heavily involved with that advocates to designate and develop a nature-based greenway trail through Ponte Vedra/Palm Valley. It's a special group in my life.

What do you enjoy most about Ponte Vedra?

Ponte Vedra has been great to me. The community is a lot smaller than people realize. Everyone is looking out for everyone. I've loved meeting people here and forming lasting relationships.

Edited by Jon Blauvelt

Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach makes donations to community organizations

The Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach continued its charitable donations to the community at its meeting last week, presenting \$3,000 checks to the Beaches Council on Aging Dial-a-Ride program, Mission House and the Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach.

The Dial-a-Ride program promotes healthy and social engagement of homebound senior and disabled persons living in the Beaches community by providing personal and affordable transportation.

A Jacksonville Beach-based nonprofit dedicated to aiding the homeless members of the Beaches community, Mission House provides food, clothing, medical care and support services, with an ultimate goal of self-sufficiency.

The Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach is a nonprofit organization with a mission of bringing the arts into the life of the community through exhibitions of local, regional and national artists in a variety of media; exciting events for the community; and quality arts classes, lectures and workshops.



Past Rotary Club President Michael Bruce (left) and current President Mark Farrell (right) present Beaches Council on Aging Executive Director Gary Tiller with a donation of \$3,000 for the Dial-a-Ride program.

In addition to these organizations, the Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach has made recent donations to the Beaches Habitat for Humanity, the Monique Burr Foundation, the St. Johns County Council on Aging and Beaches Emergency Assistance Ministry (BEAM), among others.

For photos of the Mission House and Cultural Center donations, go to www.pontevedrarecorder.com.

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Thursday, July 19

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years, is coming to the Cummer Museum of

Arts & Gardens July 19. The lecture will begin

session and book signing. For more informa-

or email asesnick@cummermuseum.org.

Grief Support Group

tion, contact Amber Sesnick at (904) 899-6034

A Grief Support Group will meet on the third

Thursday of each month at St. Paul's Catholic

Church in Room 102 of the Family Life Center.

The group is aimed at men and women who

are grieving the death of a family member or

friend. The next meeting will take place July 19

at 7 p.m. St. Paul's Catholic Church is located at

578 1st Ave. N. in Jacksonville Beach. For more

Join moviegoers on the third Thursday of each month at River House, located at 179 Marine

St. in St. Augustine, for dinner and a movie at 4

p.m. The cost to attend is \$15 for River House

members and \$20 for non-members. In addi-

tion to dinner, guests will receive a soft drink

and popcorn. Beer and wine will be available

The Beaches Museum will host Rob Emahiser

the Volunteer Life Saving Corp of Jacksonville

Beach and covers the history of the lifeguards.

Beach Lifeguard Station and is free to Museum

non-members. Visit www.BeachesMuseum.org

members with a suggested \$5 donation for

or call (904) 241-5657 for more information.

The Lifequard Station is located at 2 Ocean

Recreation Advisory Board meeting

located at 500 San Sebastian View. For more

information on the agenda, visit the county

The Recreation Advisory Board will meet July 19

at 3 p.m. in the County Administration Building,

Front N. in Jacksonville Beach.

website at www.sicfl.us.

This event will be held at the Jacksonville

July 19 at 6 p.m. as he shares information about

at an additional cost. Call (904) 209-3655 to

Boardwalk Talk: Rob Emahiser

information, call (904) 553-8933.

Dinner and a movie

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at 6:30 p.m, followed by a question and answer

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purchase tickets. The World Golf Hall of Fame

First Coast Newcomers Club meeting

The First Coast Newcomers Club Of Northeast

Florida will meet July 20 for board games and

lunch in St. Augustine at 1 p.m. This event is

limited to 10 people. Contact (904) 829-0643

Omni Amelia Island Plantation Resort is offering

tennis camp Monday through Friday from 9

a.m. to 3 p.m. Kids ages 5 to 14 will have the

opportunity to work with professional coaches.

For pricing information or to reserve a spot, call

(904) 432-1485. Omni Amelia Island Plantation

Resort is located at 39 Beach Lagoon Road in

'Cave of Swimmers' at Nighthawks

"Cave of Swimmers" will perform at Night-

hawks July 20 from 8 to 11 p.m. The band will

bringing their unique blend of 80s thrash and

doom, with a touch of their signature latin flair.

Nighthawks is located at 2952 Roosevelt Blvd.

in Jacksonville. For more information, call

for venue information and to make a

Omni Amelia Island 2018 tennis

'Pandas 3D' at IMAX Theater at

World Golf Hall of Fame

to 9 p.m. at The Courtyard, located at 200 1st St.

Friday, July 20 Saturday, July 21

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, handmade arts and crafts and more. The St. Augustine Amphitheatre Farmers Market is located at 1340 A1A S. in St. Augustine.

Art for Tots: The Art You Wear

This class, which is for children 24 to 36 months and an accompanying adult, will look at the colors, textures, and movement of the clothing depicted in paintings. It will be held July 21 from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. In the studio, children will create life-sized versions of themselves to clothe in their own unique style. Art for Tots is funded through the generosity of the Chartrand Family Foundation. For more information, email education@cummermuseum.org or call (904) 355-0630. The Cummer Museum is located at 829 Riverside Ave. in Jacksonville.

Society of Mixed Media Artists meeting

The Society of Mixed Media Artists will meet July 21 at 10:30 a.m. at the Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach. The meeting will feature two local artists, Wendy Sullivan and Carole Foster, who will host a program demonstrating the various uses of resins in artwork. The Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach is located at 50 Executive Way.

New parents class

Breastfeeding 101, Baby Care Basics and Happiest Baby on the Block have been combined into one class to help new parents with the basics of caring for a newborn. Topics will include: feeding cues, proper latch and position, basics of infant care, when to call the doctor and steps to calming a baby. This event will take place July 21. For more information, call (904) 202-2229. The Y Healthy Living Center Ponte Vedra is located at 170 Landrum Lane.

Sunday, July 22

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.

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.

Guided bird walk

Meet the birds at Anastasia State Park on this guided bird walk, which is open to all birding levels, July 22 from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. Participants will observe a diverse variety of shore birds, marsh birds and hammock birds. Additionally, visitors will walk the beach, boardwalks, nature trails and other areas. Binoculars, water and comfortable walking shoes are recommended. Meet at the Island Beach Shop & Grill pavilion located at the end of the main park drive. This event is weather permitting and subject to cancellation. Anastasia State Park is located at 300 Anastasia Park Road in St. Augustine.

'Flipper' at Corazon Cinema and Cafe

"Flipper" will be screened at the Corazon Cinema and Cafe July 22 at 12:30 p.m. and 6 p.m. This film is about Sandy Ricks being sent by his mother to Coral Key, a rustic island in the Florida Keys, to spend the summer with his uncle Porter Ricks. Sandy dislikes everything about his new environment until a new friend comes into his life, a dolphin named Flipper. The Corazon Cinema and Cafe is located at 36 Granada St. in St. Augustine.



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Monday, July 23

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Gypsy Skirt Dancing class

Join the Council on Aging for its signature Gypsy Skirt Dancing class at the River House on Mondays from 10 to 11 a.m. The class features props such as fans, umbrellas and more. Loaner skirts will be available. Each session costs \$4 for River House members and \$5 for non-members. Call (904) 209-3655 to make a reservation. The River house is located at 179 Marine St. in St. Augustine.

'Quilt Extravaganza' exhibition

This exhibition, entitled "Quilt Extravaganza," is located at The Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach. It features work by Jacque Huber. The Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach is located at 50 Executive Way. Admission to the museum is free and the center is open Monday to Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, visit www.ccpvb.org.

Christmas in July Toy and Donation Drive

Staff and volunteers with Wolfson Children's Hospital and Baptist Health will collect new, unwrapped toys, art supplies and financial donations to purchase toys for kids with special needs through July 25. Items can be dropped off at the Baptist Health/OneCall building at 841 Prudential Drive in Jacksonville, or at any Jersey Mike's Subs store. To give a gift online or make a donation, visit www.ChristmasJuly.com. For more information, email katie.mcpherson@ bmcjax.com or call (315) 789-5303.

Tuesday, July 24

Prenatal Yoga

Join the Y Healthy Living Center, located at 170 Landrum Lane in Ponte Vedra Beach, for a prenatal yoga session July 24 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.

First Coast Card Club meeting

The First Coast Card Club will meet at the Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library July 24 at 1 p.m. For more information, call (904) 829-0643. The Ponte Vedra Library is located at 101 Library Blvd.

Shark Week at the St. Augustine Aquarium

The St. Augustine Aquarium will host Shark Week from July 22-29 featuring guest speakers, crafts for youth and more. General admission into the aquarium for adults is \$8. The aquarium is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Visit www. saaquarium.com for more information. The St. Augustine Aquarium is located at 2045 S.R. 16.

Tapas Tuesday

The Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens presents Tapas Tuesday at the Cummer Cafe every Tuesday from 5 to 7:30 p.m. View the sunset on the Cummer Cafe patio while listening to local musicians and enjoying beer, wine or artfullyinspired tapas for sale at the Cafe. Reserve your table by calling (904) 899-6022. For more information, visit www.cummermuseum.org. The museum is located at 829 Riverside Ave.

PTSD discussion

The impact of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder will be explored at Lifetree Café at the Mandarin Senior Center July 24 at 3:30 p.m. The program, titled "Wounded Warriors: When War Comes Home," features an interview with a military veteran who battled PTSD after returning home from the Iraq War. The Mandarin Senior Center is located at 3848 Hartley Road. For more information, contact lifetreecafe. hopejax@gmail.com or call (904) 731-0731.

Wednesday, July 25

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.

Wednesday Market at St. Augustine Beach

The St. Augustine Beach Wednesday Market offers oceanfront shopping at the St. Johns County Pier Park every Wednesday starting at 8 a.m. Approximately 60 to 80 vendors can be found at the market selling locally grown produce, baked goods, prepared foods, arts, crafts and more. Visit www.sabca.org for more information.

Music by the Sea concert

This free weekly concert series at the St. Johns County Pier features a wide variety of musical genres. On July 25, Billy Buchanan will perform from 7 to 9 p.m. Visitors are encouraged to bring a beach chair or blanket along with a favorite beverage. This event will take place at 350 A1A Beach Blvd. in St. Augustine Beach.

Let's Talk Turtle

Join Anastasia State Park July 25 from 10 to 11 a.m. for Let's Talk Turtle, a program on how to identify turtle nests, hatching, the dangers turtles encounter in the oceans and more. This event will take place at the Sea Turtle Pavilion near the Island Beach Grill. Anastasia State Park is located at 300 Anastasia Park Road in St. Augustine. For more information, visit www.floridastateparks.org/park/anastasia.

Teen gaming club

Teens ages 13 to 18 are invited to join the Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library for a gaming club event July 25 from 5 to 7 p.m. This event will feature "E" and "T"- rated videogames on Nintendo Switch, Nintendo Classic, Super Nintendo Classic, Wii U and Playstation 3 systems. Snacks will be served. The Ponte Vedra Library is located at 101 Library Blvd.

Thursday, July 26

Figure-drawing class with William McMahan

Local artist William McMahan will host a figure drawing class with a live model July 26 from 6 to 8 p.m. This workshop is designed to benefit people with little drawing experience, as well as experienced draftspersons. All needed materials will be provided. For more information, call (904) 899-6023. Admission costs \$30 for museum members and \$40 for non-members; registration is required. This event is for adults only. The Cummer Museum is located at 829 Riverside Ave. in Jacksonville.

Women in the Bible

Learn about key women in the Old and New Testaments at this July Bible study series at Lord of Life Lutheran Church. This weekly, onehour discussion led by Pastor Hinkley or guest leaders, will take place Thursdays from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Following a brief presentation, guests will participate in a lively discussion on various women in the Bible and refreshments will be served. Lord of Life Lutheran Church is located at 276 N. Roscoe Blvd. in Ponte Vedra Beach. For more information, visit www.lordoflifepvb.org.

Library computer class

Join the Hastings Branch Library July 26 at 10 a.m. for this computer class offering oneon-one assistance with downloadable media, email, the Internet, online applications and basic technology. This event will take place at 6195 S. Main St. in Hastings.

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Coastal Wine Market hosts Honig Vineyard & Winery owner

Coastal Wine Market & Tasting Room hosted another installment of its "Meet The Winemaker" series on July 10 with Michael Honig, owner and winemaker of Honig Vineyard & Winery in Napa County, California.

Honig took event attendees on a tour of



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his sauvignon blancs and cabernet sauvignons, including his Late Harvest sauvignon blanc. The event featured complimentary tastings and allowed patrons to participate in a raffle for one of Honig's bottles of wine. According to the Honig Vineyard & Winery

website, Honig took over his struggling family business at the age of 22 and transformed it into a success. A leader in sustainable farming, he chaired the first California initiative to develop a "Code of Sustainable Winegrowing Practices," a voluntary program establishing statewide guidelines for sustainable farming and winemaking. In 2005, he took part in a pilot program to help train yellow lab puppies to detect vine mealy bugs in the vineyard, thus, lowering the need for pesticides. He resides on the Honig property in Rutherford, with wife Stephanie, daughters Sophia and Lola, sons Sebastian and Santiago, and their dogs Raisin, Hunter and Popeye.



Allen Horne, Mary Luckett, Steve Lourie, Michael Honig and Tony Tirello gather at Coastal Wine Market & Tasting Room's "Meet the Winemaker" event July 10.





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Park Place breaks ground, now leasing

VanTrust Real Estate broke ground in June on a new office park off Nocatee Parkway called Park Place at Nocatee.

Park Place One, a 125,000-square-foot Class A office building within the park, is now leasing. The office park as a whole will include 675,000 square feet of Class A office and build-to-suit opportunities. Park Place will feature park-like plazas between buildings, high visibility signage rights and much more.

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OBITUARIES

Anthony Mondae

Anthony Mondae, 72, died June 10, 2018.

He was born Aug. 31, 1945, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and moved to Ponte Vedra with his young family in 1977. Tony loved Ponte Vedra and spent many happy years across the street from the beach in their home on the Boulevard. His wife of

Anthony Mondae

over 40 years, Joanna, died in October 2014.

Tony was a longtime member of Christ Episcopal Church, and he played a major role in the development of the volunteer fire department in Ponte Vedra Beach. He received a degree in urban planning from Southern Illinois University and started his career as a land planner for Federated Department Stores in Cincinnati, Ohio. Tony joined Reynolds Smith & Hills in Jacksonville in 1977 and worked for 14 years as director of development. In 1991, Tony founded Planvest, Inc., where he was owner and president, serving clients all over the U.S.

As a real estate developer, Tony conducted feasibility studies for Sawgrass, Mayo Clinic and the Orange Park Mall. He served in the Municipal Service District (MSD) in the early 1980s and was MSD president in 1986. He helped found the Ponte Vedra Chamber of Commerce in 1996.

Tony was a devoted father, grandfather and a beloved friend. His presence will be greatly missed. He loved to fish and walk on the beach; was an avid hunter, gardener and photographer; and he enjoyed music and sunsets. He particularly treasured the close group of friends with whom he traveled and shared family events.

Tony is survived by his loving family: daughters, Lara Mondae; and Amber Bozman, husband Chad and son Aiden; stepdaughter, Sara Brazda, husband Christopher and daughter Keane; stepson, Carter Brereton; daughter-in-law, Maria Zorn; and daughters Carly and Hannah. He was predeceased by his wife, Joanna Keane Mondae; stepson, Fredrick Bay Neal; and parents, Carolina and Sigmund Mizerski.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m., Friday, July 20 at Christ Episcopal Church, 400 San Juan Drive, Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082.

Please visit the online tribute at www. quinn-shalz.com. Arrangements by Quinn-Shalz Family Funeral Home.



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Remedios Chandler

Remedios Baguioan Chandler, 70, of Jacksonville, died July 1, 2018. Arrangements by Quinn-Shalz, A Family Funeral Home & Cremation Centre.

James Deming

James E. Deming, 67, of Neptune Beach, died July 4, 2018. Arrangements by Quinn-Shalz Family Funeral Home & Cremation Centre.

Bertha Hambrick

Bertha Marie Hambrick, 94, of Orange Park, died July 11, 2018. Arrangements by Quinn-Shalz Family Funeral Home & Cremation Centre.

Kevin Mason

Kevin Mason, 64, of Jacksonville, died July 9, 2018. Arrangements by Quinn-Shalz, A Family Funeral Home & Cremation Centre.

Ann McNamara

Ann Hensley McNamara, 87, of Atlantic Beach, died July 8, 2018. Arrangements by Quinn-Shalz, A Family Funeral Home & Cremation Centre.

Maxine Schwarzbauer

Maxine Schwarzbauer, 76, of Jacksonville, died July 5, 2018. Arrangements by Quinn-Shalz Family Funeral Home & Cremation Centre.

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William Earl Zinn, 78, of Jacksonville Beach, died July 10, 2018. Arrangements by Quinn-Shalz Family Funeral Home & Cremation Centre.





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Annual Freedom Festival brings Beaches community together

By Samantha Logue

Independence Day may have ended, but for residents of Jacksonville's Beaches communities, the celebration of the American spirit carried on Saturday, July 14 for the annual Beaches Freedom Festival.

Held at the Seawalk Pavilion in Jacksonville Beach, the free event was well attended — sparking the interest of thousands on social media platforms such as Facebook, Instagram and Twitter — and benefited several local veteran organizations, including Warfighters in Arms; Project Hero; 1st Platoon Jacksonville; the Women's Army Corps Veterans' Association, Chapter 56; and Florida 4 Warriors.

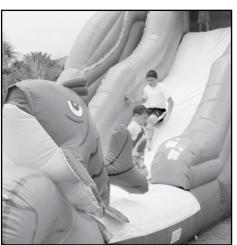
The musical lineup for the event included South Point, Zander, Ramona, The Band Be Easy, The Supervillains and Sidereal, and other forms of entertainment included food trucks, bounce houses, a hot-dog-eating contest, a cornhole tournament and more. Local vendors were also wellrepresented, offering free swag to the visitors who stopped by their tents. "We have a lot of beach stuff that we give away for fun," said Madeline Nguyen, a local Geico agent who attracted a sizable crowd to her tent. "Customers love to come and spin the wheel, and anybody who stops by can get a free popsicle or water."

Nguyen estimated that her team had given away roughly 500 popsicles and bottles of water in addition to prizes such as beach balls, pool floats, hats and cups. Having recently opened a new agency at 10150 Beach Blvd., she added that the Freedom Festival offered her and her staff the perfect opportunity to get involved in their local community.

"Geico is known for its website, but a lot of people like to go into the office and deal in-person, so being local is a big deal," she said. "Most of the relationship-seekers want to come in and talk to us and have a faceto-face conversation, so this event is great exposure for us. It brings us into the community, so people get to know that we're local, we're here to help and, hopefully, we can save some customers money on their insurance."



The 2018 Beaches Freedom Festival was held Saturday, July 14 in Jacksonville Beach.



LEFT: Two boys slide down a water slide in the festival's Kids' Zone.



Photo courtesy of Madeline Nguyen A long line forms in front of Madeline Nguyen's Geico tent.



Attendees of Shearwater's All-American Freedom Fest enjoy pool activities, among other events.



Shearwater hosts All-American Freedom Fest

Shearwater, a master-planned residential community on County Road 210 in St. Augustine, recently hosted its All-American Freedom Fest, a patriotic, picnic-style event featuring hotdogs and hamburgers, kite flying, pool activities, an outdoor movie on the event lawn and an apple pie competition.

LEFT: Families enjoy the inflatable water slides at the All-American Freedom Fest.

WHY I SERVE Featuring Wounded Warrior Project BILL FILIPSIC

On the latest edition of Why I Serve, featuring Wounded Warrior Project, the Recorder sat down with Bill Filipsic to discuss his time in the U.S. Navy, why he joined, his most memorable experiences, what his position entailed and more. A full version of this interview is available online at www.pontevedrarecorder.com.

Which branch of the military did you serve in?

I was in the U.S. Navy for 21-anda-half years as a quartermaster in the submarine service.

When did you serve?

I served from July 1991 to Dec. 31, 2012.

Why did you decide to serve in that branch of the military?

I decided to join the Navy because my whole family was in the Army, and every one of my uncles and father said that if I were to join the army, it wouldn't be a good idea based on their experiences. I have a wide spectrum



of 31 years retired, Vietnam, jungle warfare training and intel in my family. With their vast experience in the Army, they said "go ahead and do something different and join the Navy."

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First Coast YMCA becomes Florida's first armed services YMCA affiliate

The First Coast YMCA is partnering with the Armed Services YMCA to strengthen and support local servicemen and women and their families by creating more accessible opportunities within Jacksonville's military community. This partnership makes the First Coast YMCA the very first Armed Services affiliate in the state and one of only 20 affiliates nationwide.

With 12 branch locations across the five-county region, the First Coast Y is in a unique position to serve as a central support system for Jacksonville's military community. Through this partnership, the First Coast YMCA will provide servicemen and women, and their families, with affordable access to wellness solutions, special membership, free programs in Healthy Living Centers for the entire family and more. The First Coast YMCA also provides special rates for all honorably discharged service veterans.

"The First Coast Y recognizes the unique needs of Jacksonville's large military population, and we want to demonstrate our support for the military community by partnering with the Armed Services YMCA," said Eric K. Mann, YMCA of Florida's First Coast president and CEO. "We are working hard to provide an environment for military personnel and their families where kids can make friends and have a sense of belonging, and families can come together and thrive within our First Coast Y community."

Throughout the year, the First Coast YMCA will also support dependents of active duty personnel through programs that provide a community-based "safe harbor." Operation Hero is a no-cost, specialized after-school program tailored to the unique struggles of military children. The program targets military dependents having a hard time adjusting to military life. Additionally, the Y will coordinate special community events and initiatives benefitting military families.

On July 28, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., the First Coast YMCA is inviting all active duty, guard and reserve military members to the Military Back-To-School Bash at three YMCA locations: Barco-Newton Family YMCA, St. Augustine YMCA and Winston Family YMCA. Activities include a backpack giveaway, health

Seniors celebrate the American spirit with July Fourth festivities

Custom prevails that American patriotism is a feeling best celebrated with music and hamburgers. With that in mind, the seniors at THE PLAYERS Community Senior Center were in high spirits for the center's annual Independence Day party on July 4.

Musician Steve Chapman entertained by performing classic American songs that members sang along to. Between the "Battle Hymn of the Republic" and "Take Me Out to the Ball Game," seniors enjoyed cake and watermelon while donning the United States' national colors of red, white and blue.

Longtime community member Ian Charlton also presented a patriotic-themed lecture entitled, "The American Spirit is Our Greatest Resource," inspiring pride across all attendees.

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screenings, swimming, group exercise demonstrations and more.

"We are very excited about the support the First Coast Y will be providing to the military community in Jacksonville," said William French, vice admiral, USN, (retired), president and CEO, Armed Services YMCA. "We can't think of a better

partner to strengthen our military family through wellness programs, summer camps and events like the Back to School Bash."

For more information about the First Coast YMCA, visit www.firstcoastymca. org. For information about the Armed Services YMCA, visit www.asymca.org.



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lan Charlton inspires with his presentation on the American spirit at the Independence Day party at THE PLAYERS Community Senior Center on July 4.

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Local resident appointed to lead national Federation of Woman's Exchanges

Sixteen years ago, Judy Riggle accepted an invitation to join the Woman's Exchange of St. Augustine. Today, she is the new president of the national Federation of Woman's Exchanges, an organization of 20 not-for-profit exchanges in 12 states.

Riggle, a Woman's Exchange of St. Augustine past president and St. Augustine resident, was elected at the Federation's recent annual meeting hosted by the Dedham Woman's Exchange in Massachusetts.

"I am honored to take on this responsibility as president," Riggle said. "Our Federation's Woman's Exchanges provide a vital source for income for many consignors in our communities."

Federation member-exchanges use their proceeds from sales to assist their communities' charitable purposes, including aid to programs for children, families and the elderly; college scholarships; other educational programs; and immigrant job training.

"We are unique businesses in that we promote the work of consignors, but, as businesses, we help our communities" overall economy," Riggle said.

The Federation was formed in 1934 to bring together independent woman's





Photo provided by Federation of Woman's Exchanges

New Federation of Woman's Exchanges President and Woman's Exchange of St. Augustine Past President Judy Riggle (center) gathers with representatives from other Woman's Exchange organizations from across the country.

exchanges in an annual meeting to share successful merchandising techniques, problem-solving advice, lists of best-seller consignors and ensure that exchanges follow their philanthropic responsibilities.

Riggle's goals for her term are: keeping the Federation fiscally responsible, stabilizing its membership while pursuing new members and expanding communication overall.

"I want to open up the lines of communication between all exchanges so that information sharing is a continuous activity rather than just at the annual meeting," she said. "By hearing new ideas from each exchange, it will help us all be more successful."

Riggle succeeds Laurie Monypeny of the Memphis Woman's Exchange.

"Judy has been a great help to me," Monypeny said. "She kept our Federation membership stable while working to grow the membership. I know she will continue to create more awareness of the Federation and woman's exchanges."

In June, Riggle received approval from

the Woman's Exchange of St. Augustine board to host the Federation's 2020 annual meeting, May 3-5. The local exchange previously hosted the annual meeting in 1992, 2001 and 2009.

"I'm happy that my exchange will be the site of the Federation meeting while I'm Federation president," Riggle said. "Federation members love our historic city and we love to showcase our success. Not only do we manage the beautiful Peña-Peck House, but we also support our consignors, and award scholarships to women in need who are over 30, and just starting or, returning to college."

Riggle's election doesn't surprise her long-time friend, Terri Kamm, also a local exchange member. They met some 20 years ago while serving together on Betty Griffin Center's board. Riggle was president; Kamm was vice president.

"In my opinion, the Federation of Woman's Exchanges could not have made a better choice for president than Judy Riggle," Kamm said. "Outside of her family, her passion always has been helping others, especially women. Judy is a natural leader who does so with fairness, compassion and the desire to see everyone succeed."

Riggle is the second member of the Woman's Exchange of St. Augustine to serve as Federation president and the third elected to the Federation board since 2003. Founded in 1892, the local exchange joined the Federation in 1940.

Riggle was elected to the Federation board in 2015 and re-elected this year to another three-year term. She has been membership development chair.

Riggle's local predecessors on the Federation board, also local exchange past presidents, were Margo Pope and Doris Wiles. Pope was a board member from 2003 to 2009 and president from 2007 to 2009. She has been historian since 2009. Wiles was a board member from 2009 to 2015, vice president from 2009 to 2012 and social media administrator from 2013 to 2018.

Riggle learned of the local exchange from Billie Pruitt, a family friend and a past president. Riggle and her husband Frank had moved here in 1994 from Atlanta where they met.

"But, Billie told me, I could not be a member unless I quit work," Riggle said. Riggle, however, was invited to join the exchange in 2002 and worked her required volunteer hours around her job.

A native of Baker County, Riggle commuted to Jacksonville working a full-time job by day and attending the University of North Florida at night. She graduated summa cum laude with a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration in finance in 1978. A career in healthcare information systems implementations for both HCA and McKesson, and then sales of those systems with McKesson followed. Riggle retired in 2011 from McKesson as senior client executive, corporate accounts. She was with McKesson for more than 30 years.



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Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Network Realty holds 19th annual Backpack Challenge

Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Network Realty is collecting backpacks and school supplies at all area offices through July 31 for its 19th annual Backpack Challenge.

After partnering with community and local charities last year, the company donated more than 1,000 backpacks filled with school supplies for local children. This year, the company has set a goal to exceed last year's contribution and is inviting the community to help.

"Help us prepare children for academic achievement this school year by donating a new backpack filled with pencils, pens, notebooks and more," said Linda Sherrer, Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Network Realty founder, president and CEO. "A new backpack filled with school supplies is a wonderful gift, providing every student with the confidence needed to begin a successful school year."

The Northeast Florida real estate firm is collecting backpacks and supplies for students, kindergarten through grade 12, at the following office locations:

■ Home Office – 4190 Belfort Road, Suite 475, Jacksonville

■ Ponte Vedra/Nocatee – 333 Village

Main St., Suite 670, Ponte Vedra Beach Beaches/Intracoastal West/Southside

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"Words cannot express how much we appreciate the generous support we receive from our team members and community during the Backpack Challenge," said Christy Budnick, Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Network Realty broker/executive vice president. "We know that beginning the school year with a new backpack filled with supplies makes a difference in the lives of children living in our communities, and this effort helps us accomplish that goal."

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The 2018 Art & Antiques Show Chairs Claudia Adams, Marleigh Gulliford, Holland Gibbs and Liza Barnett Emmet

Women's Board of Wolfson Children's Hospital announces 2018 Art & Antiques Show chairs

The 2018 Art & Antiques Show, hosted by The Women's Board of Wolfson Children's Hospital, will be led by show chairs Claudia Adams, Liza Barnett Emmet, Holland Gibbs and Marleigh Gulliford.

This year's Art & Antiques Show features a Lilly Pulitzer-inspired "A Place in the Sun" theme. The event will be held at the Prime F. Osborn III Convention Center in downtown Jacksonville from Nov. 29 to Dec. 2, 2018.

The 2018 Art & Antiques Show welcomes over 40 acclaimed art and antiques dealers from across the country. The black-tie Gala will highlight the elegance of Old Palm Beach and include live music from The Chris Thomas Band. The weekend culminates with the Children's Fashion Show featuring current and former patients of Wolfson Children's Hospital.

For tickets, information or to find out how to become a sponsor of this year's Art & Antiques Show, visit www.womensboardwolfsonchildrenshospital.com, call (904) 202-2886 or email womensboardwch@bmcjax.com.

Beaches area Rotary groups partner for third annual Beaches Health Jam

Organized by local Rotary clubs, the third annual Beaches Health Jam event is taking place Friday, Aug. 3 from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Carver Center in Jacksonville Beach.

Founded in 2016 by the Rotary Club of Jacksonville-Oceanside, the event brings together area health and healthy lifestyle organizations for an afternoon of fun. Other Rotary clubs involved in leading the event include the Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach Sunset, the Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra and the Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach. The University of North Florida and Town Center Rotaract clubs, as well as the Interact Club from Fletcher High School, are also involved.

Other participating organizations include BEAM Mobile Food Distribution, St. Andrews AME Church, Beaches Resource Center, Baptist Medical Center Beaches, Will-Line Dancers for Health, Ponte Vedra YMCA, Tai Chi for Health & Wellness, Shakin' It Up With Shay, AIDS Healthcare Foundation, Keiser University PTA Program, Keiser University, The Salvation Army, Cardio Sumo, Pilates for Buff Bones, Bailey's Health & Fitness, Wahby Financial Group, LLC, Sulzbacher Beaches Clinic, Hope Adult Daycare and Nova Southeastern University.

"Now that we are in our third year, both the participating organizations and the Beaches community look forward to the event" 2018 Event Chair Guzman Castro said. "New this year, the event will be held on Friday afternoon instead of Saturday. Organizers hope this move will lessen conflict with Saturday events, including Back to School with BEAM."

One of the main goals behind creating Beaches Health Jam was to bring the St. Vincent's Mobile Health Unit to the beach.

"Rotary Clubs across our area worked hard to fund the Health Unit, and it is great to see them working together for an event that features it, along with dozens of other great healthrelated organizations," said Michael Phillips, president of the Rotary Club of Jacksonville-Oceanside.

The free event is open to all ages, but several activities will be geared toward getting kids active, including a bouncy obstacle course, a kickball tournament and other games and activities led by the Rotaract and Interact clubs.

For more information, contact Chris Hoffman at hoffmanjaxbch@gmail.com or (904) 476-6153.

BEAM to celebrate 25th anniversary of Back to School event, asks community for clothing donations

The Beaches Emergency Assistance Ministry, or BEAM, is holding its 25th annual Back to School with BEAM event Saturday, Aug. 4 from 8 a.m. to noon at the Beach Church Campus located at 325 7th Ave. North in Jacksonville Beach.

"BEAM's mission is to help families become financially stable," BEAM Executive Director Lori Richards said. "Our role is to channel the amazing generosity in our Beaches communities and the desire so many have to help our neighbors. Back to School is an incredible vehicle for us to come together as a community and help our children have an exciting start to their school year."

BEAM continues to rely on individuals and groups to donate gently used clothing, underwear and shoes. Donations are being accepted at the 7 North BEAM thrift shop at 318 3rd St. at the corner of 7th Ave. North in the donation area behind the building. BEAM hopes to have all the items needed by July 26.

As the event has grown, BEAM has found that it was more efficient to

purchase the backpacks and school supplies in bulk with donations.

Event sponsors include Mary Carter Financial Services and the Deerwood and Ponte Vedra Rotary Clubs, Beach Church, dozens of individuals, civic groups and faith community groups. BEAM will share scholastic books thanks to a partnership with the Beaches Community Fund.

"From the Exchange Club who will come to cook hotdogs, to the Kiwanis Club who organizes the cleanup, to the BEAM volunteers who have come out for years to hang up all the clothes, the people who help put this event together come from across all the beaches communities," Richards said. "It's a very diverse group who want all our kids to have a great start to the school year. It's amazing."

To donate or to volunteer to help set up on Thursday and Friday, or to assist on the day of the event Saturday, sign up at https://www.jaxbeam.org/backto-school-with-beam/ or contact Kathy Maloney at (904) 241-7437 for more information.





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New dog park offering coffee, beer and wine to open in Neptune Beach

By Jon Blauvelt

A dog park is opening in Neptune Beach in early 2019 that will serve patrons Bold Bean coffee, local craft beer and wine on tap.

To be located at 2157 Poinciana Road, BrewHound is estimated to open in January or February 2019, with construction slated to start in August 2018. The business will encompass one acre of space featuring a concession-style bar, a large dog park and a separately fenced small dog park. The space will feature petfriendly artificial turf.

BrewHound was created by Lauren Wyckoff and Jason Underwood, a Beaches couple who grew tired of coming home from work and not having a place to both relax and play with their dogs.

"We would come home from work and want to have a beer and get something to eat, but then your dogs had been inside all day," Wyckoff said. "We thought what if you can have a dog park and still get your coffee, beer or whatever you want, and your dog is playing around."

BrewHound will have monitors on-site, Wyckoff noted, to allow dog owners to enjoy themselves without having to pay full attention to their pets. The monitors will also watch for any aggressive behavior between dogs, and ensure they are protected from the heat.

In addition, the new business will offer prepackaged food, and host events on a consistent basis that incorporate local pet adoption and rescue organizations.

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Pet Paradise Park will be located on the south end zone patio of TIAA Bank Field, located directly above the Fields Auto Group Terrace Suite.

Jaguars, Pet Paradise announce new details on NFL's first in-stadium dog park

The Jacksonville Jaguars and Pet Paradise recently announced that TIAA Bank Field's new dog park, Pet Paradise Park, will welcome approximately 250 dogs throughout the 2018 season.

These pets will belong to winners of the new Pet Paradise Top Dog sweepstakes, Jaguars season ticket members and winners of an auction benefiting the Jacksonville Humane Society.

"Pet Paradise Park, a one-of-a-kind experience for our pet guests and their owners, will raise money and awareness to help pets in need in our community while giving our furry friends a fun place to enjoy Jaguars' football," Pet Paradise CEO Fernando Acosta-Rua said. "We have a long-standing partnership with the Jacksonville Humane Society, and our plan is to raise \$50,000 this season to help homeless pets in Northeast Florida."

Fans and pet owners wishing to treat their dog to a day at the 'Bank can do so in one of the following ways:

• Enter to win the Pet Paradise Top Dog sweepstakes now open online at www.jaguars.com/petparadise. Each week, 10 lucky canine winners will be selected to enter the park, and their families will also win two tickets to the game. Of those 10 winners, the Jaguars will feature one grand prize winner on the videoboards on game day and on the Jaguars' social channels.

■ Visit jaxhumane.org/bid to bid on one of five game day pet packages for every Jaguars home game, which includes two game tickets, one parking pass and access for one dog to Pet Paradise Park. All proceeds will benefit pets waiting for forever homes at the Jacksonville Humane Society.

■ Become a Jaguars season ticket member and get an extra chance to win. All season ticket members can complete the form at www.jaguars.com/petparadise. An additional five season ticket members will be selected each home game to bring their dog to the stadium. Before entering the stadium dog park, all selected dogs must visit a Pet Paradise location to preregister during a free Get-Acquainted Day. At the Get-Acquainted Day, Pet Paradise will ensure winning dogs' vaccinations are current, the dog is compatible with other dogs and suited for play in the stadium dog park. If vaccinations are not current, a Pet Paradise veterinarian can administer needed vaccinations during the dog's visit. Game day walk-ups will not be permitted access to Pet Paradise Park.

"The Jaguars pride ourselves on creating a game day experience that is convenient for all family members, and for many that includes pets," said Scott Massey, Jaguars senior vice president of corporate partnerships. "Together with Pet Paradise, the official pet services partner of the Jaguars, we're excited to give new meaning to the term tailgating."

The park will be located on the south end zone patio of TIAA Bank Field, located directly above the Fields Auto Group Terrace Suite. Pet Paradise Park will feature a large artificial turf play area, a boneshaped swimming pool and palm trees. Pet Paradise employees, including a veterinarian, will staff the park at all times. Owners can enjoy the game from their seats or on the south end zone patio near the dog park and pick up their dogs from the park after the game.

"The safety of our pet guests is our No. 1 concern," said Dr. Jaime Pickett, chief veterinary officer at Pet Paradise. "We believe this experience will be fun and safe for most pets. However, if there is concern that crowds and loud noises could negatively impact your pet's wellness in any way, this gameday experience may not be appropriate for your pet. Just like people, some pets might enjoy going to the games, while others might prefer to watch on television at home on the couch."

Pet Paradise Park will open for the first Jaguars preseason game against New Orleans on Aug. 9. For additional information, visit www.jaguars.com/ petparadise.

Forever Vets Animal Hospital to open location in Nocatee

Forever Vets Animal Hospital is opening a location in Nocatee in late 2018.

A full-service veterinary facility with additional Florida locations, the business will be in the Nocatee Town Center, situated behind M Shack and Crosswater Dental on the eastern side of Crosswater Parkway. The animal hospital will be in the same building as Spavia Day Spa.

"We tried almost two years to get in to the Nocatee area as we wanted to be part of this amazing community that is being built," owner Dr. Shashidhar Galipalli said. "We are absolutely excited to be part of Nocatee family, and we are extremely committed to work hard to gain the trust in the community."

Forever Vets Animal Hospital will be open seven days a week and will offer same-day appointments, walk-ins and extended hours. The business will also offer wellness plans to help pet owners provide the preventive care their pets need.

The animal hospital currently serves the Jacksonville, St. Johns, St. Augustine and Orlando markets. For more information, visit forevervets.com.



Photo courtesy of Gerry Burt A Forever Vets Animal Hospital location is opening in the Nocatee Town Center in late 2018 behind M Shack and Crosswater Dental.

Earthwise Pet Supply in Jacksonville Beach under new ownership

Earthwise Pet Supply, a natural nutrition center and wellness spa in Jacksonville Beach, is now under new ownership.

Located in the South Beach Regional Shopping Center, the store provides a holistic approach to pets' overall wellbeing, utilizing preventive care measures to keep them happy and healthy. The new owners plan on integrating themselves into the community and will offer a variety of specialized in-store events and new offerings.

According to Earthwise, its staff has received "extensive training" and is "extremely knowledgeable on the store's pet food, products and animal nutrition." The business will continue to offer in-store pet grooming services for all types of dogs and cats. Earthwise groomers use all-natural products and pay special attention to pets with allergies and skin issues. According to the business' staff, the pet self-wash stations are waist-high and easy on the back.

Located at 3846 3rd St. South in Jacksonville Beach, Earthwise Pet Supply is open Monday to Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sundays from 1 to 5 p.m. For more information, call (904) 372-7822 or visit earthwisepet.com/jacksonville-jaxbeach.



St. Augustine Humane Society volunteer Susan Fichte

St. Augustine Humane Society seeks new volunteers

The St. Augustine Humane Society's Wellness Clinic is seeking dedicated and hardworking volunteers who have a passion for helping animals.

The local organization promotes healthy, responsible, lifelong pet ownership by serving the medical and rehabilitative needs of companion animals in the community. Its programs are designed to strengthen human-pet relationships by reducing the need for pets to enter shelters. The goal of the St. Augustine Humane Society is to encourage the humane treatment of animals, prevent overpopulation and end animal cruelty.

One of the resources offered by the Humane Society is its low-cost Wellness Clinic, which provides care to pets that might not otherwise receive the help they need.

"There are so many people who are experiencing hardships and aren't able to take their pet to a private practice clinic," recovery tech volunteer Sally Solana said. "But they can access the care they need here. It's great that we can help them."

Volunteers play an important role in ensuring the success of the Wellness Clinic. One of the positions, the recovery tech,

allows volunteers to monitor pets during the recovery period immediately after surgery. In the Wellness Clinic, pet advocates assist clients and their pets throughout the process, ensuring pets receive the medical attention they need during their visit.

"I love helping animals, but cannot adopt any more pets," Wellness Clinic volunteer Susan Fichte said. "This position is great because I get to provide individual attention to each animal when they come in, loving on them and caring for them, and they go home to their families at the end of the day."

No medical or veterinary experience is necessary, as on-the-job training is provided to all volunteers.

Currently, the spay/neuter program operates on Tuesdays, and the Wellness Clinic is open Wednesdays and Thursdays. New volunteers are encouraged to start soon, before expansion begins.

Anyone interested in volunteering with the Humane Society should contact Mike Murphy at mmurphy@staughumane.org or call (904) 829-2737 ext. 111. For more information about the St. Augustine Humane Society, visit www.staughumane.org.



New animal hospital to open off Racetrack Road

A new, low-cost small animal facility is opening off Racetrack Road, one mile west of U.S. Route 1, in late August.

Durbin Creek Animal Hospital will offer personalized medicine tailored to the individual needs of pets. The hospital will not offer boarding or grooming initially but can refer patients directly to trusted partners. The hospital is convenient to the neighborhoods of Nocatee, Palm Valley, Bartram Springs and Country Road 210.

Hospital founder Dr. Hugh McClelland grew up locally in Fruit Cove and attended Nease High School, graduating as a National Merit finalist. He first attended Wabash College and later the University of Florida College of Veterinary Medicine, where he earned his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) with honors in 2010. Following internship training in South Florida, McClelland spent seven years as a full time ER vet treating thousands of animal emergencies. He has treated animals experiencing black bear attacks, gunshot wounds, swallowed fishing hooks, ingested drugs and poisonous plants, smoke inhalation and car accidents.

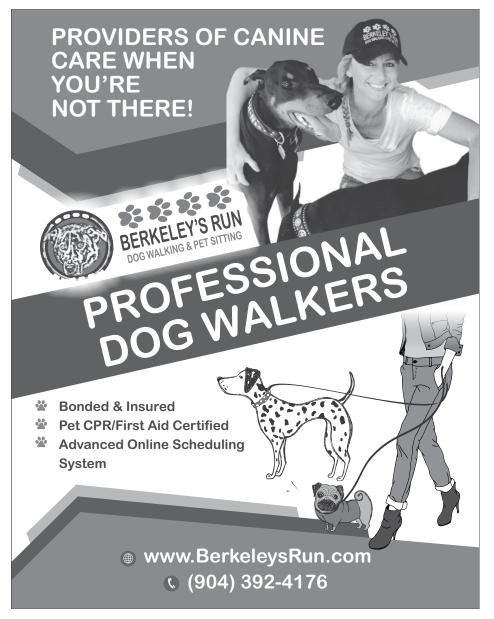
McClelland believes quality, decent and affordable veterinary care should



Photo courtesy of Durbin Creek Animal Hospital Dr. Hugh McClelland, a Nease High School graduate, is opening Durbin Creek Animal Hospital off Racetrack Road in late August.

be available to every animal. For years he has envisioned a small, friendly local clinic where anyone could bring their pets to see the doctor for reliably honest, compassionate and expert veterinary care.

Follow Durbin Creek Animal Hospital on Facebook for upcoming meet the Doc and Facility Tour events, as well as the grand opening celebration.





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Local biopharmaceutical business named fastest-growing private company in region

Espero BioPharma, a biopharmaceutical company based in Ponte Vedra Beach and founded by resident Quang Pham, has been named the fastest-growing private company in Northeast Florida for the second year in a row by the Jacksonville Business Journal.

"We thank our investors, employees and partners for their belief and support and the Jacksonville Business Journal for this special recognition," said Pham, who serves as the company's chairman and CEO. "We are honored, and we congratulate all of the honorees. Our award is like running a fast 5K out of the gate. The companies that appear on this list every year and are growing in volume are the consistent marathoners."

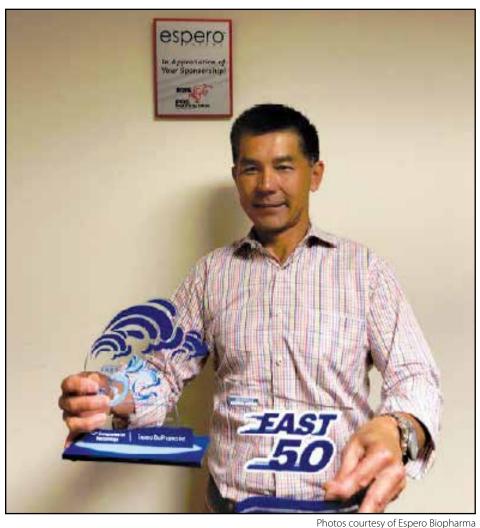
The Jacksonville Business Journal ranking is based on Espero's average annual revenue growth over the past three years. Major industries represented on the list

include supply chain, financial services, health care, technology and legal. Espero focuses on the development and commercialization of drugs to treat cardiovascular disease

The 50 honorees on the list, including Espero, have been in business since 2014 and are headquartered in the seven-county First Coast area. After being nominated, companies have to provide verifiable revenue figures (at least \$1 million) that are analyzed and reviewed by the CPA firm.

The Jacksonville Business Journal has identified annually the fastest 50 growing companies on the First Coast for 27 years with the help of CPA firm GunnChamberlain P.L. This list has tracked companies that have grown during economic expansion and grown during economic challenges.

For more information on Espero, visit www.esperobio.com.



Ponte Vedra Beach resident and Espero Biopharma Chairman, CEO and Founder Quang Pham displays his company's awards from 2017 and 2018 for being named the region's fastest growing private company by the Jacksonville Business Journal.



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Nutritionist Emily Brantley explains the ins and outs of nutrition labels at the "Ask the Expert" event at the Mandarin Y Healthy Living Center in Jacksonville on July 17.

Nutritionist decodes food labels, offers dietary advice at 'Ask the Expert' event

By Benjamin Naim

Nutritionist Emily Brantley led an "Ask the Expert" event detailing the importance of understanding food labels on Tuesday, July 17 at the Mandarin Y Healthy Living Center in Jacksonville.

Brantley began her presentation by explaining that each component of a typical nutrition label is relevant to most diets, and people should read through them all to know what they're eating.

First, the nutritionist warned that glazing over the serving size could hinder those who are trying to watch what they eat. For example, Brantley said if the serving size for a particular snack notes four pieces and someone were to eat 47, the contents of the snack would not reflect what the

nutrition facts label actually says. Brantley then warned against consuming trans fat, a type of unsaturated fat, and asserted that it shouldn't be a regular part of anyone's diet.

"One thing of note when it comes to trans fats is that it doesn't have a percent daily value on labels because we're not supposed to have it," she said. "It doesn't have a daily value because it's not actually recommended for you to include in your daily life. If you wanted to lower your blood cholesterol you could replace saturated fats and trans fats with the monounsaturated and the polyunsaturated fats."

Later, Brantley explained that sodium should be consumed in segments throughout the day, and too much of it could lead to excessive water retention and other health problems.

"For heart health, we always want to make sure that the sodium content per serving is less than 200 milligrams per serving," she said. "Sodium is very easy to get too much at one time. The recommendation for sodium for your heart health is about 2,300 milligrams per day."

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Mandala Family Wellness now open in Ponte Vedra Beach

Mandala Family Wellness has opened its office doors in Palm Valley to families across the First Coast who are seeking activities and services that promote enrichment and overall support of the family.

Dr. Katie Falwell and Dr. Rebecca Penna have brought a team of health and wellness professionals to Ponte Vedra Beach in an effort to help local families find balance in their lives.

"We utilize a variety of techniques to improve and strengthen family relations," the doctors said in a joint statement. "Treatment modalities such as cognitive behavior therapy, systems therapy and solution-focused therapy are used to help families not only to function as a unit, but to cope with a variety of challenges that they face in their daily lives."

Located at 171 Canal Blvd. in Ponte Vedra Beach, Mandala Family Wellness offers a variety of services, including enrichment activities such as extracurricular programs for children, academic tutoring and parent workshops. The clinic also provided maternal and infant wellness services, including support groups, and a range of therapy services, including individual mental health therapy, family therapy and Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) therapy. Additionally, various assessment services — such as psychoeducational testing, autism testing and gifted testing — are also offered.

As a neuropsychologist, Penna also works with individuals with neurological conditions such as epilepsy and traumatic brain injury, as well as learning challenges such as dyslexia and ADHD. She provides comprehensive neuropsychological evaluations to determine learning strengths and needs, as well as educational and treatment planning.

Visit www.mandalafamilywellness.com for more information about Mandala Family Wellness.

UNF Recognized as a Top 10'Best College for Nutrition Degree Program'

The University of North Florida was recently recognized as one of the nation's "Best Colleges for Nutrition Degree Programs 2018-19" by schools.com. The university's Nutrition and Dietetics Flagship Program landed in the No. 8 spot out of the 10 best programs in the country.

"Transforming students into competent, ethical and compassionate professionals who value lifelong learning, service to the community and leadership is the passion that drives our program," said Dr. Judith Rodriguez, Nutrition and Dietetics Department chair. "Our faculty is active in national leadership, collaborative community projects and engaging students using cutting-edge approaches to learning."

The schools featured on the Top 10 list represent the best colleges/universities for nutrition degrees in the nation. Schools.com compiled data provided by the National Center for Education Statistics and created an individualized methodology to rank each college.

UNF's Department of Nutrition and Dietetics is unique in offering a Doctorate in Clinical Nutrition program, one of only two such programs in the country.

The department also offers two master's program options, including an online Master of Science in Nutrition and Dietetics Non-Internship program and a MS/Dietetic Internship Clinical Practicum program. An undergraduate bachelor's degree in nutrition and dietetics is also available, along with a professional Individualized Supervised Practice Pathway certificate.

The UNF Nutrition and Dietetics Flagship Program gained national attention last October when former President Bill Clinton visited campus to see the new Center for Nutrition and Food Security. The center serves as a gateway to the university for nonprofit agencies, government programs, professional organizations and industry personnel by exploring solutions to food insecurity and malnutrition. The department also partners with the Food Fighters, Student Powered Hunger Relief club, which meets regularly to collect, package and distribute unused foods to the Northeast Florida AIDS Network.



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First Coast organization offers array of services to address mental health issues

Although some of the negative stigma surrounding mental health has diminished over the past few years, many people are still reluctant to seek help, unsure of where and how to start the process of connecting with mental health services. Local organization Dupont Counseling Group, however, is aiming to solve that issue for the First Coast.

"Whether it's marital counseling, strategies to deal with depression and anxiety, or assistance in coping with grief or illness, we do everything we can to help," said Yougeeta Singh, clinical director of Dupont Counseling Group, a division of Jewish Family & Community Services that provides counseling services to First Coast families of all races, religions and backgrounds.

The group has offered its wide breadth of services to the community for years, but because people tend not to discuss counseling and mental health, many people don't know about their services, Singh said. The organization's counselors include clinical social workers, mental health counselors and marriage and family therapists with more than 75 years of combined experience.



Photo courtesy of Dupont Counseling Group

The Jewish Family & Community Services building at 8540 Baycenter Road in Jacksonville is home to Dupont Counseling Group, which provides counseling services to First Coast families of all races, religions and backgrounds.

Perhaps the most unique offering at Dupont Counseling Group is its in-home counseling program, which allows the public to take advantage of mental health services without leaving their doorstep. "We're hoping this will help increase

access to our programs, particularly for

the elderly and for those living at the beach who don't like to 'cross the ditch,'" said Singh.

In-home therapy can also be especially effective for families seeking counseling for parenting or child behavioral issues. Families often find it easier to implement

Memorial Hospital receives Get With The Guidelines-Stroke Gold Plus Quality Achievement Award

Memorial Hospital has received the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association's Get With The Guidelines-Stroke Gold Plus Quality Achievement Award.

The award recognizes the hospital's commitment to ensuring stroke patients receive the most appropriate treatment according to nationally recognized, research-based guidelines based on the latest scientific evidence.

Memorial Hospital earned the award by meeting specific quality achievement measures for the diagnosis and treatment of stroke patients at a set level for a designated period. These measures include evaluation of the proper use of medications and other stroke treatments aligned with the most up-to-date, evidence-based guidelines with the goal of speeding recovery and reducing death and disability for stroke patients. Before discharge, patients should also receive education on managing their health and get a followup visit scheduled, as well as other care transition interventions.

"Memorial Hospital is dedicated to improving the quality of care for our stroke patients by implementing the American Heart Association's Get With The Guidelines-Stroke initiative," said Nancy Thornton, RN, Memorial Hospital stroke care coordinator. "The tools and resources provided help us track and measure our success in meeting evidenced-based clinical guidelines developed to improve patient outcomes."

Memorial Hospital additionally received the association's Target: StrokeSM Elite Plus Award. To qualify for this recognition, hospitals must meet quality measures developed to reduce the time between the patient's arrival at the hospital and treatment with the clot-buster tissue plasminogen activator, or tPA, the only drug approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to treat ischemic stroke.

According to the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association, stroke is the No. 5 cause of death and a leading cause of adult disability in the United States. On average, someone in the U.S. suffers a stroke every 40 seconds, and nearly 795,000 people suffer a new or recurrent stroke each year.

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Brantley also said that people should analyze the potassium content listed on a nutrition label, especially those with certain ailments.

"If you have cardiac history or if you have kidney disease or failure, you really want to be mindful of the potassium content you have," she said. "Times where we would need more potassium and sodium is after a good sweat session because you end up depleting yourself of the sodium and potassium."

Regarding vitamins, Brantley warned

solutions when those strategies are learned at home where counselors can demonstrate and observe. For those who prefer a more traditional setting for treatment, Dupont Counseling Group recently moved to a new facility at 8540 Baycenter Road in Jacksonville.

Dupont Counseling's fees are competitively priced. As a nonprofit organization, Dupont Counseling Group is also able to offer some financial flexibility for those who need it.

"If someone is struggling financially but still needs help, we offer a sliding scale for payment," Singh said.

As awareness increases and stigma diminishes, the First Coast will likely continue to see an uptick in patients seeking mental health solutions.

"We're on the right track toward making the public recognize the general importance of mental health," Singh said. "Now, we're striving for awareness regarding access to care. We want people to know they have places to go where they can solve these issues long-term."

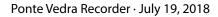
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against relying solely on supplements for vitamin intake because nutrition supplements are not governed by the Food and Drug Administration.

Additionally, the nutritionist contended that people should avoid foods with a long ingredient list on the label, especially if the list features words that aren't easy to pronounce. In such cases, Brantley said the item is likely full of artificial elements, added sugars and harmful preservatives.

Brantley concluded her presentation by urging attendees to always read the nutrition facts on food labels, be aware of false advertising on packages and be mindful about the elements they're putting into their bodies.





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Attending DePaul University in Chicago with focuses in law and psychology, Ms. Evans became a member of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars after maintaining a 4.0 GPA. She quickly obtained her health, life and annuity license as well as a real estate license, as she is also a realtor for Florida Homes Realty and Mortgage. In recognition of her outstanding contributions to the health care industry, she has consistently remained in the Top 30 of Sales in the State of Florida and has been one of the Top Producers in Florida Blue in the Top 100 Agents since 2013. In addition, she has been recognized as a Cambridge Who's Who Woman Entrepreneur and Business Executive of the Year. Looking toward the future, she hopes to experience the continued growth and success of her career.

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Case of teen's murder in Mississippi in 1955 reopened

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Business provide the second se **Chamber luncheon honors service** members, offers insight on armed forces

By Benjamin Naim

The St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce Ponte Vedra Beach Division and JAX Chamber Beaches Division hosted a joint Chamber luncheon event Thursday, July 12 at Sawgrass Beach Club that honored local service members and updated the community on the state of the armed forces.

Yasmine Mays of the Florida Air National Guard, Jayna Garber of the U.S. Coast Guard, Veronica Davis of the U.S. Army, Taverious Lee of the U.S. Navy and Maichelo Bolanos of the U.S. Marine Corps accepted awards in recognition of their service to the community. Each honoree received a special plaque. Florida Air National Guard Brig. Gen. Brian Simpler also discussed the state of his organization, recruitment, readiness and more.

"It's really an honor to be here with all of you at this great event supporting our military," Simpler said. "I'd say all of our services, all components, active duty, national guard, reserves, we're very busy. As a case in point, right now with the Florida National Guard, I've got airmen deployed around the world. We're all over the planet right now."

Simpler noted that the military has



Photo by Benjamin Naim

Florida Air National Guard Brig. Gen. Brian M. Simpler delivers a speech on the state of the armed forces at the joint Chamber luncheon July 12 at Sawgrass Beach Club.

become "much smaller" since his career began. The Air Force consisted of about 1 million people in all components when he was first commissioned, but Simpler said the branch now maintains just over 500,000 members. Simpler added that

the Air Force once featured 130 fighter squadrons (about 20 airplanes and 30 pilots) during Desert Storm in the early 1990s, but now has just 55 squadrons.

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Rock Solid Law adds Erin Sullivan to team

Rock Solid Law recently announced that Erin Sullivan will join its firm as a real estate attorney.



Sullivan has worked closing real estate transactions in the title insurance industry since 2005. She has experience handling high speed, high volume

closings. During her career, Sullivan established one, and helped found another, title insurance closing company, as well as served as counsel for property management companies. She graduated with honors from the University of Wyoming, before coming to Florida for law school.

Outside of the office, Sullivan enjoys spending time with her husband Justin and son Talmer. For more information on Rock Solid Law, which is based in Jacksonville Beach, visit www.rocksolidlaw.com.



Local attorneys named to 2018 Super Lawyers, Legal Elite lists

Several First Coast attorneys have been recognized as Florida's leading lawyers by Super Lawyers and Florida Trend magazine in 2018.

With offices up and down the First Coast, Rogers Towers announced that 11 of the law firm's local attorneys were named to the 2018 Florida Super Lawyers list and an additional six were named to the 2018 Florida Super Lawyers - Rising Stars list. Those on the Super Lawyers list include: A. Graham Allen, Kevin B. Cook, René M. Fix, Fred D. Franklin, Jr., Theodore R. Hainline Jr., Christopher C. Hazelip, Edward McCarthy III, Joseph Clay Meux Jr., G. Kenneth Norrie, Cristine M. Russell and Cheryl L. Worman. Those on the Rising Stars list include: Adam B. Brandon, Gabriel Crafton, Timothy D. Hedrick, Samuel J. Horovitz, Scott J. Kennelly and Scott A. Padgett. Allen, Hazelip, McCarthy and Charles "Trey" Mills, III were also recognized in Florida Trend's Legal Elite issue. Hedrick and Crafton were recognized as Up and Comers by Florida Trend.

Marks Gray, P.A., also based in Jacksonville, had the following lawyers recognized by Super Lawyers: Jeptha F. Barbour (Top 100 Super Lawyer), Edward L. Birk, Crystal T. Broughan, Giselle Carson, William M. Corley, John R. Crawford, Susan S. Erdelyi, Frederick H. Kent, III, Nicholas V. Pulignano, Jr., Gerald W. Weedon and Meagan L. Logan (named to Rising Stars list). Barbour was also named to Florida Trend's Legal Elite listing.

In addition, Wayne Flowers of Lewis, Longman & Walker was recognized as a Super Lawyer, and John Wallace of the same firm was named a Florida Legal Elite Up and Comer.

Super Lawyers is a rating service of outstanding lawyers from more than 70 practice areas who have attained a high degree of peer recognition and professional achievement. The final published list represents no more than 5 percent of the lawyers in the state, and no more

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A greater place to live

By Janet Johnson,



Special to the Recorder " 'Twas down in Mississippi not so long ago, when a young boy from Chicago town stepped through a Southern door.

Esq.

This boy's dreadful tragedy I can still remember well, the color of his skin was black and his name was Emmett Till. Some men they dragged him to a barn and there they beat him up. They said they had a reason, but I can't remember what. They tortured him and did some evil things too evil to repeat.

... This song is just a reminder to remind your fellow man that this kind of thing still lives today in that ghost-robed Ku

Klux Klan. But if all of us folks that thinks alike, if we gave all we could give, we could make this great land of ours a greater place to live."

Those are words to a Bob Dylan song about Emmett Till, a 14-year-old African American boy who was abducted and killed in 1955. While written in 1962, his death still resonates more than 60 years later. And it still remains shrouded in questions; questions that have apparently prompted the Justice Department to re-open the investigation, based on new information it received.

Emmett Till was visiting relatives in Mississippi, when he went into a store and encountered a white woman who would later complain that the 14-yearold grabbed her and made crude sexual remarks. He was kidnapped and killed some days later, a crime for which no one has ever been convicted. Two white men confessed to a magazine that they in fact killed Till, after an all-white jury acquitted them. In the meantime, the woman who made the allegations, who is still alive, has acknowledged that her story was not true (in a book by Timothy B. Tyson, "The Blood of Emmett Till"), and has been quoted as saying, "Nothing thatboy did could ever justify what happened to him." One of the men tried was the woman's husband at the time, along with his half-brother.

This isn't the first time the Till case has been re-opened. In 2004, federal prosecutors determined that the statute of limitations had run on any charges they could file in federal court, and a state grand jury failed to return indictments. The new information has not been revealed, but whether it leads to new charges or a conviction for this crime is doubtful. Possible suspects have died, statutes of limitations have likely expired.

Some might ask, then why re-open the case? Even if no one is ever brought to justice for this heinous crime, it is important that Americans know that racially motivated violence, or any hate crime, will not be tolerated. Sen. Doug Jones of Alabama recently introduced legislation that would make the government release information about unsolved civil rights killings. The families that have lived with these questions deserve nothing less.

Deborah Watts, Emmett Till's cousin, wrote in an op-ed for USA Today recently, "Our patience has worn thin. Time is up!

Some might ask, then why re-open the case? Even if no one is ever brought to justice for this heinous crime, it is important that Americans know that racially motivated violence, or any hate crime, will not be tolerated. We have spent many sleepless nights thinking of ways to move justice forward for Emmett. With thousands of questions remaining unanswered and with the blessings of the next of kin in our family, I'd like to share just a few of our questions and concerns with you and urge for your immediate support: Will there ever be justice for Emmett?

... Is Donham (his accuser) above the law? Does she never have to answer for being an accomplice in Emmett's kidnapping and murder? Or be held accountable today for

the appropriate charges?"

At a minimum, Congress could pass anti-lynching legislation in memory of Till, and other victims. Lawmakers have tried numerous times to address lynching on a federal level, and have failed. There is no reason for the Justice for Victims of Lynching Act of 2018 not to be enacted. Lynching should be a federal crime, and this legislation is proposed by Democratic and Republican senators (Kamala Harris, Cory Booker and Tim Scott). It's the least we can do, as a nation, to "make this great land of ours a greater place to live."

Janet Johnson is a criminal defense attorney in Jacksonville who practices in state and federal courts. White collar crimes, including fraud, embezzlement and tax evasion, are among her areas of expertise. She is rated AV Preeminent on attorney rating website Martindale-Hubbell and has been named to the American Institute of Criminal Law Attorneys' Top 10 Best Attorneys list. Johnson is also a legal analyst for CNN and HLN.

Standfast Asset Management hosts Chamber 'Before Hours'

Standfast Asset Management hosted a "Before Hours" event for the Ponte Vedra Beach Division of the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce July 11 at its recently renovated office.

Attendees enjoyed the opportunity to network and eat breakfast before heading to work. Standfast Asset Management is an investment management company located at 100 Executive Way in Suite 208. Visit standfastic.com for more information.



Toni Boudreaux, Scott Grant and Jennifer Price gather at the Chamber "Before Hours" at Standfast Asset Management July 11.

Ruth's Chris **Steak House** hosts Chamber 'After Hours'

Ruth's Chris Steak House in Ponte Vedra Beach hosted a "After Hours" event for the Ponte Vedra Beach Division of the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce on June 27.

Attendees enjoyed networking, hors d'oeuvres and beverages. Ruth's Chris Steak House is located at 814 A1A North Suite 103. For more information, visit www.ruthschris.com/restaurant-locations/ponte-vedra-beach.



Ruth's Chris Steak House general manager Christine Griggs addresses attendees of the Chamber "After Hours" on June 27.





Chris and John Levchuk

Luncheon

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Additionally, the Florida National Guard leader said recruitment on a national scale has become a challenge in the modern era.

"Some of the senior leaders in Washington, when I talked with them, they tell me (recruitment) is the No. 1 threat we're facing," he said. "The number of people in our nation with the propensity to serve and that are qualified to join is a pretty small pool of people."

Simpler asserted, however, that the nationwide challenge regarding military recruitment doesn't apply to the Florida National Guard, as there are several potential members waiting to join, receive training and take advantage of the ensuing benefits.

Our state has an incredible benefits package we offer new recruits," he said. "One of which is a full tuition payment for anybody that joins the National Guard in the state of Florida."



cepts her commemorative plaque and poses with Florida Air National Guard Brigadier **General Brian Simpler at the joint Chamber** luncheon July 12 at Sawgrass Beach Club.

The brigadier general also expounded on the definition of military readiness and revealed that the Florida National Guard is ready to deploy its aircraft anywhere in the world to engage in combat operations.

"Readiness also means being ready



Photos by Benjamin Naim Veronica Davis of the U.S. Army accepts her commemorative plaque and poses with Simpler.

to respond to help our fellow Floridians if we have a natural disaster," he said. "We're certainly ready to do all that and while these things are challenging, there's certainly lots of reasons to be optimistic about our future."

Danger is in the distance

By Harry Pappas



Columnist

We all have experienced the phenomenon of how easy it is to stay in motion once we have started the motion, but if we stop the action, it is extremely difficult to get the action going again. I refer to this as "danger is in the dis-

tance." This concept applies to all aspects of my personal and business life. I know with tremendous certainty that the more time (distance) there is between what I should be doing and what I am not doing, the more difficult that endeavor becomes. Said differently, the longer one waits (distance), the more problematic it becomes to do the correct thing. In the end, it comes down to the pain of discipline or the pain of regret. We have a choice!

Nevertheless, I argue that we should never allow too much distance to come between us and our exercise, our diet, our customer service initiative, our self-improvement reading or whatever is most important to us. Let's never forget that it is never the idea that creates success, it is the action! If we allow distance to grow, there is little doubt that the messenger of misery will pay us a visit.

Therefore, my motto is to never start stopping and never stop starting. Go ahead, read that again ... never start stopping and never stop starting. Think about it. It makes incredible sense. It is my experience that most peeps, including me, that have the passion for accomplishing something, we will find a way. However, if we do not, we will find an excuse. I will allow my friend, Confucius, to provide you with my final arguments on the importance of never stopping: "It doesn't matter how slowly you go as long as you do not stop."

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the government and to advance your defense using his best professional skill honed from 34 years of courtroom advocacy, then call Malcolm Anthony.

Malcolm is your neighbor, living in Ponte Vedra Beach since 1988 and the beaches since 1964. He has been the local "go to" lawyer for Ponte Vedra Beach for over 23 years, since 1994 when he was the first lawyer to establish a Criminal Defense law firm in Ponte Vedra Beach.

Malcolm has served as a prosecutor in both Duval and St. Johns counties. He is a 34 year member of the Florida Bar.

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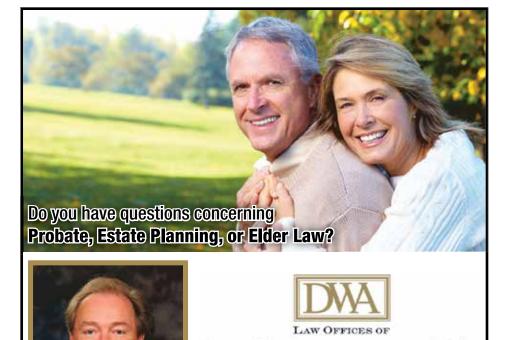
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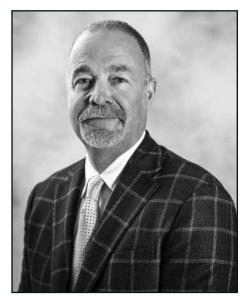
Ponte Vedra business wins top industry honors

National Auto Care (NAC), a finance and insurance company headquartered in Ponte Vedra Beach, has received the 2018 Dealer's Choice Platinum Award for Finance & Insurance (F&I) Product Providers from Auto Dealer Today magazine.

The local company has received a Dealer's Choice Award in the F&I Product Providers category for three straight years, but this is the first year it has received the Platinum level award after receiving the Gold award in 2016 and 2017. The Dealer's Choice Award survey includes 34 categories, and dealers were asked to manually enter their industry partners' company names for each category. Companies are scored on quality of products and services, customer service, value and whether they would recommend the company to another dealer. This marks the 14th year the award survey was conducted.

"National Auto Care's consistent growth and performance in this contest is a true testament to our family of employees as well as the agents and dealers who trust our brand," National Auto Care CEO Tony Wanderon said. "We will continue to work with our agent partners and their dealer clients to create innovative F&I products that meet the changing needs of the automotive customer."

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Tony Wanderon, National Auto Care CEO

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Power Tee installs unit at Naval Station Mayport

Ponte Vedra-based Power Tee recently announced the installation of six of its automated teeing units at Windy Harbor Golf Club, which is situated on Naval Station Mayport.

"I absolutely loved Power Tee from the very first time I saw it and knew that our golfers would too," Windy Harbor golf professional Jon Fine said. "Most importantly, I could see that Power Tee would increase engagement with the range for a lot of people who did not previously use it. Looking forward to building programming around the Power Tee."

Power Tee CEO Martin Wyeth said he was happy to meet with Fine and his colleague — Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) Director for Mayport Lee Bell to discuss bringing the benefits of Power Tee to the naval base.

"We already work closely with three U.S. Air Force golf facilities and are soon to install at our fourth," Wyeth said. "We take huge pride in supporting the servicemen and women of the U.S.A. and benefit from the expertise of ex-servicemen on our own team here at Power Tee.

"Typically, working with government organizations is a slow process, but within a month of meeting with Jon and Lee we had installed the six Power Tee units at their range," Wyeth added. "Their golfers are loving them, and we are particularly happy to have the customer right here on our doorstep."

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Rogers Towers welcomes Austin J. Dragoo

Rogers Towers, P.A. recently announced the addition of Austin J. Dragoo to the Jacksonville office.

Dragoo will work in the real estate department. He focuses his practice in the areas of real estate, banking and finance, corporate, licensing and contract negotiations. Dragoo received his Bachelor of Arts from Ball State University. He earned his Juris Doctor from the Florida Coastal School of Law, summa cum laude.

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Marilyn Hoener poses with "The Thank You Art" artwork created by Ocean Palms Elementary students that was given to Hoener to thank her for 35 years of service with PVPEF.

Marilyn Hoener retires from PVPEF Board after 35 years of service

After 35 years of helping the Ponte Vedra the 2017-2018 school year. Public Education Foundation (PVPEF) enhance the educational experience of Ponte Vedra students, Marilyn Hoener is retiring from the organization's Board of Directors.

From heading up the enrichment committee for the PVPEF — bringing live performing arts and cultural stimulation programs to schools - to serving as president for the organization, Hoener has been a voice for the arts in Ponte Vedra.

"Marilyn has kept the fires burning over the years, always protecting the virtues of enrichment programs here in Ponte Vedra," said Michael Hannon, founding president of the PVPEF. "She enthusiastically championed the cause of better public education while serving our organization for 35 years. Her passion for the task is rare. We have been so very lucky to have her enthusiastic leadership."

On a similar note, Ocean Palms Elementary School art teacher Lauren Rodriguez and principal Tiffany Cantwell recently extended their gratitude to the foundation for loaning framed fine art to the school as part of an arts program for students during

Rodriguez and her students created and framed a piece of art to give to the PVPEF as a thank you gift to hang in their offices. With the permission of Cantwell, the art, titled "The Thank You Art" by PVPEF, was given to Hoener for her hard work over the last 35 years on behalf of PVPEF.

Launched in 1983, the PVPEF has been dedicated to enhancing and enriching the educational experience of public school students in Ponte Vedra.

In addition to providing public school teachers with grants to enhance their classroom instruction, the nonprofit raises funds to enrich student learning through the arts, and support school beautification efforts through artwork, landscaping, sculpture and more. Funding is provided by donations from the public and organizations. In the 2017-2018 school year, the PVPEF awarded six Ponte Vedra public schools \$60,000 for enrichment, teacher mini-grants and facility enhancement.

For more information on PVPEF, the programs offered and how to donate, visit www.pvedfoundation.com.

UNF Seaside Sculpture Park installs two new additions

The UNF Seaside Sculpture Park at Jacksonville Beach welcomed two new sculptures last week — a jumbo shrimp and a jellyfish.

Two sculptures, the wave and the skeleton, were removed and the two new ones were installed. UNF sculpture professor Dr. Jenny Hager hopes to find homes within the community for the two deinstalled sculptures and wants to create partnerships in the community to continue to showcase the students' works.

The UNF Seaside Sculpture Park is the only one of its kind on private land in the

area. Student sculptures are on display on a landscaped and designed walk on previously undeveloped property owned by MountainStar, located at 480 First St. South in Jacksonville Beach, across the street from the city's Oceanfront Park. MountainStar Capital and the Lazzara Family Foundation provided a \$50,000 gift in 2016 to UNF to support students and its sculpture program. MountainStar Capital also donated the land's use for the year-long event.

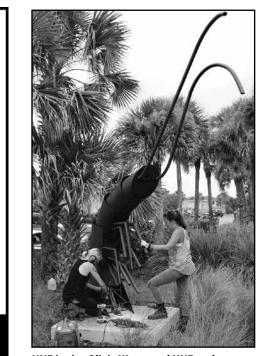
The gift supported the creation of 11 miniature sculptures, which were entered into a contest for the public art installation. Five finalists were chosen by a committee comprised of professional artists, art professors, a Jacksonville Beach City Council member, a member of the Cultural Council of Greater Jacksonville and members of the UNF Student Affairs Community Council (SACC)

The project is a partnership between UNF's Division of Student Affairs and the College of Arts and Sciences, the Lazzara Family Foundation, MountainStar along with assistance from the City of Jacksonville Beach and the Cultural Council of Greater Jacksonville.



Photos by Jennifer Grissom/UNF staff photographer **UNF** Public Relations

UNF sculpture instructor Lance Vickery and UNF junior Jenn Peek install her sculpture "Pop Jellies" at the UNF Seaside Sculpture Park in Jacksonville Beach.



UNF junior Olivia Warro and UNF sculpture professor Dr. Jenny Hager install Warro's "Jumbo Shrimp" sculpture.





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THE PLAYERS surpasses \$100M generated for charity, raises \$9M from 2018 event



ABOVE: THE PLAYERS Championship Executive Director Jared Rice announces the tournament's accomplishments of surpassing \$100 million for charity and raising \$9 million for local nonprofits from the 2018 event on Friday, July 13 at Jacksonville's City Hall.

RIGHT: Kids from the Police Athletic League gather in front of the organization's new van, which was donated by THE PLAYERS Championship. Photos by Benjamin Naim



THE PLAYERS Championship Charity Day proclaimed in celebration

By Benjamin Naim

THE PLAYERS Championship announced last week that the tournament has reached more than \$100 million in total donations — surpassing a 10-year goal of \$50 million generated for local nonprofits — and that the 2018 tournament generated a record-setting \$9 million for local charities.

Executive Director Jared Rice and tournament leadership made the announcement at Jacksonville's City Hall on Friday, July 13, alongside Jacksonville Mayor Lenny Curry, who proclaimed July 13 as THE PLAYERS Championship Charity Day in celebration of the tournament's accomplishments.

"We honor and thank all of those associated with THE PLAYERS Championship by making today's proclamation," Curry said. "This tournament serves as a global showcase for our community to the world. We should all take a minute to reflect on how fortunate our area is to have an entity like THE PLAYERS Championship that has made a significant impact on so many lives throughout Northeast Florida."

Rice received the proclamation and commemorated his organization's achievements.

"Personally, it's inspiring and humbling to be part of an organization that is driven and has a goal and purpose to give back to the community in which we play and compete and live," Rice said. "\$100 million is a tremendous impact, an amazing accomplishment delivered by all of you here today. We couldn't be more thankful for Northeast Florida for coming out and supporting the tournament. We look forward to doing even more together in the future. Mayor, thank you for the proclamation, and we appreciate all the support of Northeast Florida."

Following the speeches, THE PLAY-ERS Championship gifted a 33-passenger van to the Jacksonville Children's Chorus, a handicapped accessible van to Hart Felt Ministries and 15-passenger vans for the Police Athletic League and Jacksonville's School for Autism.

Visit www.theplayers.com for more information on THE PLAYERS Championship.

PGA Tour puts stake in ground for new Global Home site

Commissioners Monahan, Beman and St. Johns County officials participate

Six months after announcing plans for a new global home and pledging a longterm commitment to Northeast Florida, PGA TOUR Commissioner Jay Monahan was joined last week at a private event by former Commissioner Deane Beman, members of the PGA Tour's executive leadership team and St. Johns County commissioners, administrators and staff to officially mark the site.

Located off County Road 210, the new 187,000 square-foot headquarters is expected to be completed by the end of 2020. "Topping out" is expected to take place in the third quarter of 2019. "While we commemorated the site with a simple new sign, the importance of this key milestone cannot be overstated," Monahan said. "Former Commissioner Beman had a vision to bring the TOUR to Northeast Florida in the late 1970s, and I am proud that we will continue to build upon that vision for years to come, right here in St. Johns County, with the construction of this beautiful new facility."

Designed by London-based architectural firm Foster + Partners, the building will house more than 750 employees who currently occupy 17 buildings throughout the area, with the capacity to accommodate several hundred more. According to Foster + Partners, the design embraces new ways of working and collaboration for the PGA Tour, as it responds to changing media landscapes and audiences in the future.



Photo by Chris Condon, PGA Tour

Members of the PGA Tour leadership team, St. Johns County commissioners, administrators and staff officially mark the site of the PGA Tour's new Global Home at a private event last week. Pictured from left to right are Allison Keller, PGA Tour chief administrative officer; Jim Triola, COO, PGA Tour golf course properties; Suzanne Konchan, St. Johns County (SJC) growth management director; Jimmy Johns, SJC commissioner; Ron Price, PGA Tour chief operating officer; Jeb Smith, SJC commissioner; Jay Monahan, PGA Tour commissioner; Deane Beman, former PGA Tour commissioner; Henry Dean, chair, board of SJC commissioners; Michael Wanchick, SJC administrator; Jay Morris, SJC commissioner; Melissa Glasgow; SJC economic development director; Paul Waldron, SJC commissioner; and Patrick McCormack; SJC attorney.



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PONTE VEDRA 8U ALL-STAR BASEBALL TEAM PLAYS WELL IN STATE TOURNEY



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After beating all three teams in its qualifier group in June in Lake City, the Ponte Vedra Boys 8U All-Star Baseball Team (7- and 8-year-olds) recently competed in the State Tournament held in early July in West Palm Beach. The Sharks played their way into the quarterfinals but lost their next match against another Jacksonville team, FCAA Thunder, in a riveting, back-and-forth game. The team includes: Nate Bestic (shortstop), Anderson Brady (second base), Ryan Kolhoff (first base), Evan Sproull (pitcher), Jackson Daughtry and Tanner Burger (third base), Ryne Barkey (catcher), Cole Giurato (left field), Daylen Brown (left center), Tommy Weiss (right center), Jakob Radicioni and Sutton Walling (right field). Nine of this year's players will be returning for the 2019 8U All-Star team.



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CANDIDATES WISHING TO PARTICIPATE SHOULD VISIT www.SJCChamber.com/pisj FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

Ponte Vedra Inn & Club names new head golf pro

By Paris Moulden

Golf pro Stefan D. Brunt is glad to be back in Ponte Vedra, and even more excited to share his love of golf with guests and members at the Ponte Vedra Inn & Club.

"I'm from this area," Brunt said. "I've spent a lot of time here, both my kids were born here, so it's a great opportunity to come back and to work for the Ponte Vedra Inn & Club, with its culture, the history of the facility and their standards."

Brunt, a University of Florida graduate who has worked in the golf industry for 17 years, was recently named the head golf professional at the Ponte Vedra Inn & Club. He will be responsible for the development of creative and engaging member programming, overseeing the day-to-day operations of the golf pro shop and providing private lessons for members and guests.

Prior to coming to the Ponte Vedra Inn & Club, Brunt



Stefan D. Brunt

of events and member instructional programs.

Brunt, who returned to the Ponte Vedra area with his wife Paula and their 7-year-old daughter and 4-year-old son, said the small-town feel of the area mixed with its expansive golf community makes it a perfect fit. He also said he is excited for the opportunity to share his love and

held several positions at Sawgrass Country Club for 10 years, including head professional from 2012-2015. Most recently, Brunt was the director of golf operations at the premier member-owned Mizner Country Club in Delray Beach, where he led a staff of PGA and LPGA Professionals and apprentices who managed a full schedule knowledge of the game with anyone who's interested.

"There's a lot of history in the game of golf and being able to express that and pass that on is one of the great things about our job," he said. "I love the comradery amongst all the professionals, the other individuals I work with on a daily basis. We all love the game and we like to pass that on to anybody we come in contact with."

Brunt is also looking forward to what the future holds for him in the area and at his new position.

"I'm excited to be back in the area and excited to be working with a lot of mentors of mine that have helped me throughout the years," Brunt said. "I'm just happy to see my future progress in an area I'm excited to be in and working for a company that's simply one of the best, really."

For more information on the Ponte Vedra Inn & Club, go to www.pontevedra.com.

57th Jacksonville Amateur Championship to be held July 20-22

The 57th Jacksonville Amateur Championship conducted by Jacksonville Area Golf Association (JAGA) will take place this coming weekend at Jacksonville Golf & Country Club.

To be held July 20-22, the event will feature a full field of 78 contestants, the

majority of whom live in North Florida. Of the 78 registered players, 32 have handicap indexes of 0 or less. Only 14 of the indexes are 3.0 or higher. JAGA directors Jeff Adams and John Milton are serving as the

chairmen of the event.

There are 21 teenagers in the field, with

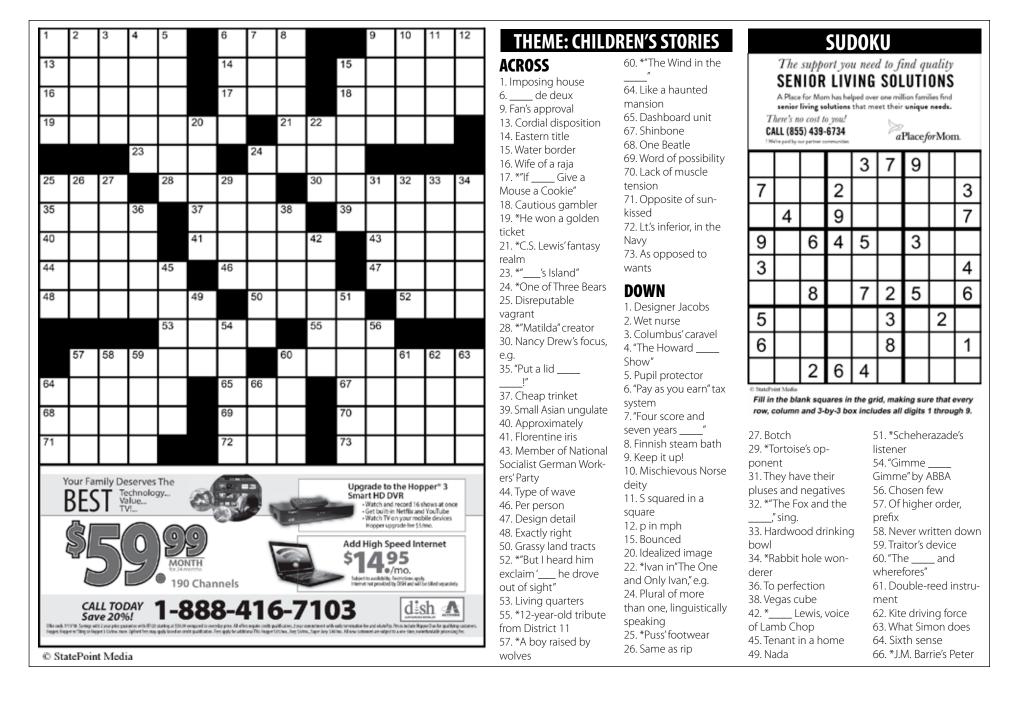
the youngest being a trio of 16-year-olds —Daniel Murphy of Ponte Vedra Beach and Ford Chandler and Rowen Parker, both of Atlantic Beach. The most senior players in the field are David Anthony (63), co-

chairman John Milton (63) of Jacksonville,

Ken Dye (62) of Ponte Vedra Beach and

David Mobley (61) of Jacksonville.

In 2017, U Minn Woon (Jacksonville/St. Johns Golf & Country Club) defeated Jeff Golden (Jacksonville) and Graham Nichols (Jacksonville/Timuquana Country Club) by four shots, posting rounds of 72-70-70—212 (-4) at Jacksonville Golf & Country Club.



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