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A WARM WELCOME



Members of the Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach Sunset welcome French Youth Exchange student Joris Louvier (fourth from left) at the Jacksonville International Airport Tuesday, July 31. Louvier will spend 10 months in the U.S. as part of the Rotary Youth Exchange Scholarship Program. He will attend Nease High School and live with the Paxton family during his first semester.

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All correct entries will be entered into a random drawing to win tickets for two adults and two children to the Jacksonville Zoo. In order to allow as many families as possible to win, participants are only eligible to win a ticket prize pack once every four months.

Three readers correctly identified last week's photo as the Metro Diner sign. The winner of the random drawing was **Amanda Winter**. Congratulations, Amanda — you may pick up your prize at the Recorder office during normal business hours.



ADOPT A PET

CAT(S) OF THE WEEK

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



DOG OF THE WEEK

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



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PUZZLE SOLUTIONS

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Solutions correspond to last week's puzzles.



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Las Mirandas / Oceanfront Condo

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Las Mirandas / Oceanfront Condo

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Nease transgender student wins case against St. Johns County School Board

By Benjamin Naim

U.S. District Court Judge Timothy Corrigan ruled on Thursday, July 26 that the St. Johns County School Board can no longer prohibit transgender student Drew Adams from using the boys' restroom at Nease High School.

Adams, who has been living as a boy since 2015, sued the School Board for discrimination in June 2017. In the lawsuit, the Nease senior asked the court to force the School Board to change its policy requiring transgender students to use gender neutral restrooms and allow them to use the restrooms they identify with as their gender.

According to court documents, Corrigan's ruling incorporated an injunction preventing the School Board from enforcing its policy that would prohibit Adams from using the boys' restroom at Nease High School, and a compensatory damages award of \$1,000.

"Drew Adams says he is a boy and has undergone extensive surgery to conform his body to his gender identity," Corrigan said in the decision. "Medical science says he is a boy; the State of Florida says



Photo courtesy of Lambda Legal

Nease student Drew Adams sued the St. Johns County School Board in June 2017.

so and the Florida High School Athletic Association says so ... the evidence is that Drew Adams poses no threat to the privacy or safety of any of his fellow students. When it comes to his use of the bathroom, the law requires that he be treated like any other boy."

Corrigan ultimately ruled that the

School Board's bathroom policy violated Adams' rights under the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment and Title IX of the Education Amendments Act of 1972.

Omar Gonzalez-Pagan, a staff attorney for the LGBT legal advocacy group Lambda Legal, said he was pleased with the conclusion of the year-long case. Gonzalez-Pagan represented Adams in court.

"We are ecstatic," he said. "For one, we are incredibly happy that Drew gets to finish high school now in his senior year being treated as the boy he is in all aspects of his academic life. This is a huge victory for Drew and trans students everywhere."

Adams said he was "overwhelmingly relieved" and "extraordinarily happy" with Corrigan's ruling.

"I'm having trouble coming up with the correct adjective to describe how happy I am," he added.

Adams noted that his friends have reached out to him following the ruling to show their support. The transgender student also said he is ready to move on with his academic career, and the ruling

was a huge burden lifted off his shoulders.

During the trial, Adams' parents noted from a young age that the Nease student rejected stereotypically feminine behaviors and attributes, such as playing with dolls or wearing dresses. As he grew older, Adams began to develop anxiety and depression in response to his body growing as a female. After seeing a mental health professional, his therapist determined that he met the criteria for gender dysphoria and in May 2016, the psychologist supported his request to begin transitioning to a male.

St. Johns County School District Superintendent Tim Forson responded to Corrigan's ruling in a prepared statement obtained by the Recorder.

"We believed our policy was legal and one which struck a balance of the rights of all students," Forson said. "We are disappointed with Judge Corrigan's decision, but respect the legal process and will abide by the final outcome. We are presently studying the judge's decision and will in the near future receive guidance from the School Board which will provide direction on the district's next steps."

Construction along Mickler's Beach leads to federal lawsuit

Ponte Vedra Beach resident alleges FDEP violated Endangered Species Act

By Samantha Logue

As St. Johns County continues its recovery from the impacts of recent hurricanes, many homeowners along the beach have begun taking precautionary measures to protect their property from future storms, including building seawalls — but at what cost? Contending that construction along Mickler's Beach has detrimentally impacted the nesting of endangered sea turtles, Ponte Vedra Beach resident Nancy Condrón intends to address the matter in court by filing a lawsuit against the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP).

"It's essentially a complaint against the FDEP for this administration violating the Endangered Species Act by issuing emergency orders that allow for the construction of seawalls within sea turtle nesting habitat, which is the habitat of an endangered species," said Jane West, Condrón's attorney.

A member of the Mickler's Landing Turtle Patrol for nearly a decade, the care and protection of sea turtles has

become a passion of Condrón's.

"We built a house on the beach and moved in in 2008 and the turtle patrol ladies just ... hooked me in, so I started doing patrol with them in 2009," Condrón said. "I became what we call the volunteer coordinator. I do the schedule and train all the people."

In coordination with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, the turtle patrol monitors the nesting of sea turtles along a 4-mile stretch of Mickler's Beach, collecting data and ensuring the protection of the nests.

"Every nesting beach in Florida is covered by some kind of turtle watch organization — most are volunteers, some are state parks, some communities pay a company to do it for them," Condrón explained. "It's all supervised by the FWC and it's done under the auspices of the Federal Endangered Species Act, because all seven species (of sea turtle) are endangered."

According to the patrol's data, this year's nesting season has yielded a significant decrease in the number of sea turtle nests compared to previous years. Recently sharing some of the statistics with members of the Mickler's Landing Turtle Patrol Facebook group, Condrón revealed that while there were 80 sea

turtle nests on July 22, 2017, and 85 nests on that same day in 2016, there were only 42 nests on that day this year. Further, she noted that in some places, there have been more "false crawls" — a term for when the turtles arrive on the beach and then return to the sea without digging a nest — than there have been nests in 2018.

Why the change? Condrón attributes it to the recent increase in private construction projects along the beach.

"A lot of the stuff that the state has been allowing on our beach — from seawalls placed too far east of the homes to trash bags, to river dirt to ... unnecessarily elaborate walkovers — all these things are considered a 'take' of the nesting habitat of an endangered species," she said. "Every time you put something on the beach, you are taking potential nesting habitat from the sea turtles."

For West, who specializes in environmental law, the protection of endangered species is an issue that she feels particularly passionate about.

"It's been a travesty watching the construction of these seawalls and seeing very clearly that the turtles are attempting to nest and they're hitting construction debris, trying to make their way around what are basically traps,"

West said. "They're trying to navigate — in nocturnal conditions — some very treacherous construction debris, and it's just making it extremely difficult for them."

Although the lawsuit has yet to be filed, a letter of intent to sue was sent to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service on May 8, and Condrón and West intend to move forward with the process shortly.

As for those homeowners looking to protect their property from coastal flooding and erosion, West contends that beach nourishment is the best path forward for all involved.

"The best solution for both the natural environment, as well as the protection of private property, is using dune restoration to protect both," she said. "What this requires is obviously a greater amount of beach for those dune systems to actually thrive, and that requires more beach nourishment in this part of the county. It's all a multistep process, but certainly, the maintenance of a natural dune system is what is going to afford a private property owner the most protection from hurricane and storm events."

Commissioner Johns earns advanced county commissioner designation

The Florida Association of Counties recently recognized St. Johns County Commissioner James K. Johns as an Advanced County Commissioner following his completion of a comprehensive study program.

The program was designed to focus on leadership with an emphasis on the future of

Florida, the importance of protecting home rule and the concept that government closest to the people governs best. The Association also helps counties effectively serve and represent Floridians by strengthening and preserving county home rule through advocacy, education and collaboration.



James K. Johns

St. Johns County to host meeting on CR 210 widening project

St. Johns County is hosting a public meeting Monday, Aug. 13 at Faith Community Church, 3450 County Road 210, to provide residents with information regarding an upcoming County Road 210 widening project from Greenbriar Road to Cimarrone Boulevard.

The project also includes sidewalk and intersection improvements at both Greenbriar Road and Shearwater Parkway. Residents will have an opportunity to ask questions and discuss the project with County staff.

The meeting will take place from 5 to 7 p.m. For more information, call (904) 209-0110.



Chabad at the Beaches co-director Rabbi Nochum Kurinsky rides his bike along A1A. The rabbi recently embarked on a 600-mile journey from Ponte Vedra to Key West one year after suffering a heart attack.

Local rabbi completes 600-mile bike ride along Florida's east coast one year after suffering heart attack

By Benjamin Naim

When doctors told Rabbi Nochum Kurinsky he needed to exercise more to recover from a heart attack, they likely didn't expect him to respond by completing a 600-mile bike ride along the Atlantic coast.

From June 24 to July 1, he did just that, however, completing the journey a year after his heart attack.

Kurinsky, the 36-year-old co-director of Chabad at the Beaches in Ponte Vedra Beach, embarked on the journey to improve his health and promote the importance of exercise. Locals and friends joined him on the journey, which began in Ponte Vedra Beach at 3 a.m. before concluding in Key West one week later.

"We had a really fun group," Kurinsky said. "We were having a great time the whole time. It didn't feel like it was hours on end."

Since his medical episode, Kurinsky has incorporated cycling into his exercise regimen and begun to change his diet to improve his overall health. The



Photos courtesy of Chabad at the Beaches
A father of six and co-director of Chabad at the Beaches along with his wife Leah, Kurinsky has spent the last 15 years serving his community.

rabbi decided to embark on a cycling challenge that would help him spread his "Healthy Body, Healthy Soul" message to Jewish communities and to everyone he encounters along the way.

"Your soul can't practice what it's supposed to without your body," he asserted. "That message is a powerful one. If the ride grows, we can share that with a lot of people."

Kurinsky and his fellow cyclers went through Ormond Beach, Cocoa, Fort Pierce, Delray Beach, Homestead and Plantation Key along their expedition.

"You do somewhere around the range of 100 miles a day," he said. "Sometimes you do more, you go about the first 25 miles, then you take a break, you find somewhere to stop. Towards the end you stop for shorter, quicker breaks. That's just how it ends up happening."

Although Florida's summer months tend to be wet, Kurinsky noted his group didn't encounter inclement weather throughout the trip. In fact, the rabbi said the weather was great and his group faced a light crosswind for most of the journey.

Kurinsky also noted that his excursion remained on A1A as much as possible, which allowed his group to enjoy a view of the beach.

"That was my call," he revealed. "I just really love where we live, I love Ponte Vedra Beach, I love to stay on the beach as much as possible. It adds a little character to the ride."

OBITUARIES

Thomas Conley

Thomas Martin Conley, 81, of Ponte Vedra Beach, died July 25, 2018. Arrangements by Quinn-Shalz, A Family Funeral Home & Cremation Centre.

David Hollenbeck

David Wesley Hollenbeck, 97, of Ponte Vedra Beach, died July 26, 2018. Arrangements by Quinn-Shalz, A Family Funeral Home & Cremation Centre.

Steven Keever

Steven Harold Keever, 70, of Jacksonville, died July 24, 2018. Arrangements by Quinn-Shalz, A Family Funeral Home & Cremation Centre.

Joanna Lipinski

Joanna E. Lipinski, 88, of Jacksonville, died July 18, 2018. Arrangements by Quinn-Shalz, A Family Funeral Home & Cremation Centre.

Eduardo Marchan

Eduardo "Eddie" Marchan, 80, died July 21, 2018. Ponte Vedra Valley Funeral Home, Cremation Center & Cemetery – (904) 285-1130 – www.pontevedravalley.com

Peter Pappas

Peter S. Pappas, 93, of Ponte Vedra, died July 19, 2018. Arrangements by Quinn-Shalz, A Family Funeral Home & Cremation Centre.

William Potter

William A. Potter Sr., 75, of Jacksonville, died July 26, 2018. Arrangements by Quinn-Shalz, A Family Funeral Home & Cremation Centre.

Bryan Starliper

Bryan Lynn Starliper Jr., 23, died July 13, 2018. Ponte Vedra Valley Funeral Home, Cremation Center & Cemetery – (904) 285-1130 – www.pontevedravalley.com

Ryan Nix was recently appointed to lead the Beaches office of Coldwell Banker Vanguard Realty after serving as director of market development for the Avondale office.

Ryan Nix

Can you please briefly tell us about your background?

My entire career has been highly focused within two industries: marketing/advertising and real estate. After 15 years of helping local business owners and developers with their marketing and advertising, I became very excited about helping my wife and I find our first home. It was difficult for us to find a great agent at that time. I realized that my work ethic and helpful personality were perfect for this industry, and I quickly obtained the necessary licenses and started my business. After working as a realtor for 15 years, management opportunities were presented to me and I have found this to be one of the most rewarding periods in my career.

What are your goals in your new role?

I am very excited to provide support to each realtor and top producing agent in the Ponte Vedra office. Support comes in many forms at Coldwell Banker Vanguard, be it working with an agent to develop his or her business plan, continuing education opportunities, marketing services and career coaching. We all perform at our very best for different reasons, and I thrive on helping agents reach and surpass their goals by helping them take advantage of all we have to offer at Coldwell Banker Vanguard. In addition to my role with current agents, an important part of my position is to attract smart and talented professionals who are looking for the highest level of training, marketing and business support that is only available here at Coldwell Banker Vanguard Realty.

What are some of the trends you're seeing in real estate in the Beaches market?

The Beaches area is the most competitive market in Northeast Florida. Our agents have found that being able to build trust quickly makes a big difference in having success in finding the right home. There are many short-term and long-term investors competing for the same homes as our empty nesters or first-time home buyers. It is HOT, and your agent better be HOT too or you may not get the home you really wanted.

You've lived in the Jacksonville area since 1993. What are the biggest changes you've seen here over the past 25 years?

We've seen tremendous growth and changes to our infrastructure over the past 25 years with the Better Jacksonville Plan in place. The continued revitalization the city is experiencing will continue to have a positive effect year after year. People are moving to Jacksonville from around the country and in the past five years, the influx of new residents from other cities in Florida has been increasingly evident. Realtors who were top producers 25 years ago have begun to "pass the torch," and we are experiencing tremendous growth as a company because our resources and training have empowered our agents to earn more than their fair share of the business created in our vibrant market.



Photo by Jon Blauvelt

What do you enjoy most about living on the First Coast?

As an avid fisherman and conservationist, I am very much at home in Northeast Florida. We have more navigable water than any other city, and access to this wonderful resource makes Jacksonville a great place to live. Our weather is beautiful, and the sense of community is very strong in all parts of Northeast Florida. If you talk to most anyone about where they live in our region, many of them will provide great examples of why. Jacksonville has a great economy, great job opportunities and many fun things to do with friends and family.

What do you like to do in your free time?

First and foremost, I love spending time with my wife and my three boys. As a business owner, it is very important to find a work-life balance and that is always a top priority for me. I love relaxing at Atlantic Beach Country Club with our friends and family. We have raised our children at the beach and whether we are fishing, surfing, bicycling or just relaxing in a chair watching our 3-year-old wear himself out chasing birds, the beaches are one of our favorite activities.

Edited by Jon Blauvelt

To watch a video portion of the interview, visit pontevedrarecorder.com and click One of Us.

IT TAKES A VILLAGE

Ponte Vedra Beach residents, local Rotary Club partner with UNF students to create water distribution system in Guatemalan village

By Jon Blauvelt

More than 700 people in a Guatemalan village now have access to clean water due in large part to the dream of one Ponte Vedra Beach resident, the support of her local Rotary club and the efforts of five female University of North Florida students.

“There was a spider web of all kinds of things bringing this together,” said Rosemary Takacs, the local resident and Rotarian whose vision launched the project. “That’s why it was so amazing, that we actually all connected, and we actually did it.”

A member of the Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach, Takacs was ultimately part of a team that created a new water distribution system in La Esperanza, a rural village in the highlands area of Guatemala. The community previously struggled with water supply and contamination due to a now outdated water system built by the local government in the early 1990s. Residents of the village didn’t have enough water to bathe, and babies were dying because of dehydration.

The problem was real, and the solution devised by Takacs and company was life-changing.

The genesis

The origin of the project traces back seven or eight years ago when Takacs was still working at JEA, where she was a member of the company’s internal audit staff.

A twice returned Peace Corps volunteer who is fluent in Spanish, Takacs was asked by colleagues at JEA to translate and manage the accounting for a few water projects. A site selection team was formed in 2012 to assess various Honduran projects, and Takacs was invited. Over the next three years, she would make five trips to Honduras.

Then, six weeks after retiring from JEA in June 2015, Takacs decided to investigate available Peace Corps opportunities for volunteers who had previously served with the organization. She chose a short-term assignment in Guatemala organizing a goat milk cooperative.

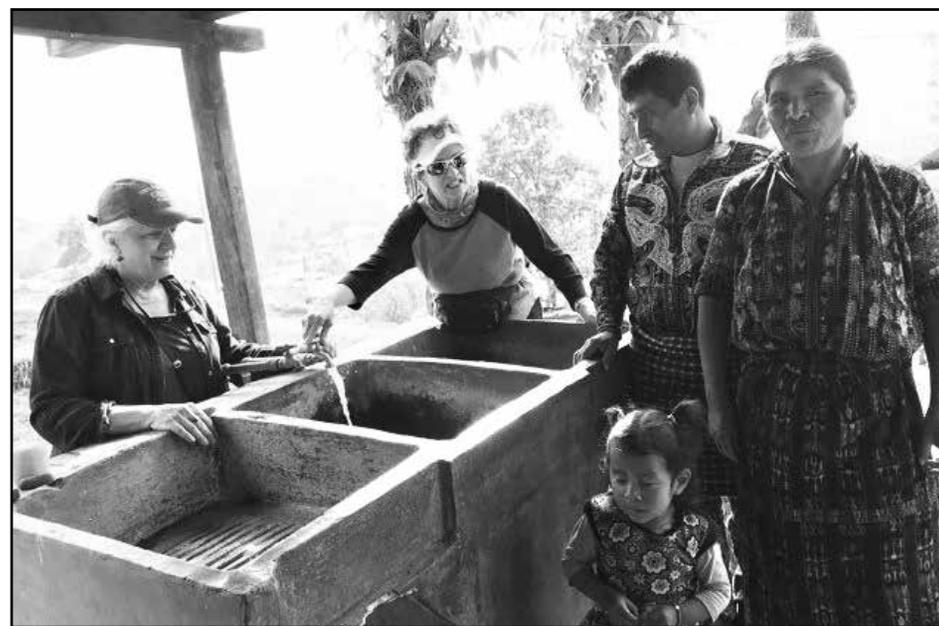
“She developed a passion for that population, a passion for the women who had so little and knew how to survive and take what little they had and put it into care for their family” said Sherry Mahoney, a Ponte Vedra Beach resident and Rotarian who worked with Takacs on the Guatemalan water project. “Her compassion for these people is something we can never take away from her.”

When Takacs returned from her Peace Corps assignment in March 2016, she decided to take a hydraulic engineering class



Photos provided by Rosemary Takacs

A team of Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach members, University of North Florida engineering students and staff and people of the village of La Esperanza in Guatemala stand with a part of the water distribution system they completed in March 2018. Displayed from left to right are: Taylor Broussard, Sherry Mahoney, Amber Slack, Samantha Kovalenko, Piper Austin, Rosemary Takacs, Samuel (last name unknown), Dr. Christopher Brown and Rosemarie Pinto.



Rosemary Takacs and Sherry Mahoney demonstrate the new system for the people of La Esperanza.

at UNF in fall 2016 to understand the finer details of her recent projects. There, she met Dr. Christopher Brown, an associate professor of civil engineering who teaches the university’s senior design course, a year-long capstone project completed by teams of students.

“Rosemary asked about what we were doing in our senior design because she was aware I was teaching that,” Brown said. “She asked if we ever did international projects or worked with the Rotary Club. ... She said we have some contacts in Honduras and Guatemala and we’re interested in doing a water project.”

In previous experiences, Takacs had met the co-director of Agua Para la Salud, a nonprofit in Guatemala that builds water systems and other projects, and the team from Wisconsin Water for the World, a similar U.S.-based nonprofit organization that was looking for a partner on a water project. La Esperanza was ultimately identified as a community in need of such a project.

“This all just started coming together,” Takacs said.

With interest from UNF, Agua Para la Salud and Wisconsin Water for the World, Takacs worked with Mahoney in

spring 2016 to write a grant on behalf of the Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach for support of the project. The club, in addition to Beaches Rotaract and Rotary District 6970, ultimately donated \$33,000 in total, which ended up accounting for about one-third of the project’s total cost. One of Rotary’s worldwide missions is to provide clean water and sanitation to people in need.

“Without the Rotary contribution,” Brown said, “the project probably would not have been successful.”

Wisconsin Water for the World contributed another third of the cost, and the community of La Esperanza contributed the last third to raise the needed \$95,000 to \$100,000 for the project.

Completing the project

The team’s first trip to La Esperanza took place in October 2017, when Takacs, Mahoney and Brown accompanied two of the five female UNF engineering students for a series of site evaluations and meetings with the people of the village.

Takacs returned in February, and the rest of the team, including all students, returned in March to complete the system. Comprising one of the teams in Brown’s senior design course, the students included Taylor Broussard (team leader), Amber Slack, Samantha Kovalenko, Piper Austin and Rosemarie Pinto.

As explained by Pinto, the project was focused on hooking up drinkable water to each of the village’s households. The spring source was located below the village, which presented the challenge of pumping the water up-hill.

“Essentially there’s a well that’s tapped down into the spring,” said Pinto, who now works for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. “The water from there is pumped up into a spring location and then the water is pumped up to the very top of the community where it is gravity fed into the village through a series of four distribution lines. From those distribution lines, each of them have to go through a pressure relieving tank ... the water goes through those and then into the homes.”

Working alongside the people of the village, the language barrier, as well as lack of resources and time, presented the students with additional challenges, but the group persevered, completing the system at the end of March.

“I was so happy when I heard that pump running,” Takacs said. “People were concerned they were going to have to abandon the village because there was no water. Already, people had started taking jobs in other places.”





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Reservations now open for Woman's Exchange holiday luncheons

Reservations are now open for The Woman's Exchange of St. Augustine's annual "Christmas in October" luncheons, which coincide with holiday shopping at the historic Peña-Peck House at 143 St. George St.

The luncheon fee is \$31.95, sales tax included, plus a \$5 coupon off a \$10 minimum purchase on the day of the luncheon. A luncheon includes an entrée, side dish, bread and dessert, plus coffee or tea and water. A vegetarian option is offered but not vegan or gluten-free. Wine may be brought by patrons. Wine glasses are available on request.

Patrons may make reservations in person, paying with cash, check or credit card at the Woman's Exchange. Phone reservations at (904) 829-5064 may be paid for by credit card when the reservation is made, or by check sent within a week of the reservation (if the check is not received within a week, the reservation will be canceled).

Since 1932, the Woman's Exchange has operated and managed the Peña-

Peck House, circa 1750, on behalf of the City of St. Augustine. Proceeds from shop sales, luncheons and special events, as well as donations for daily tours, go towards scholarships to St. Johns River State College for women over 30 returning to or starting a career; helping consignors sell their hand-crafted items; and upkeep of the Peña-Peck House.

The dates and entrees for the "Christmas in October" luncheons are:

- **Tuesday, Oct. 23** – Roast pork in prosciutto with chutney
- **Friday, Oct. 26** – Pesto-crusted chicken
- **Tuesday, Oct. 30** – Entrée selection to be announced
- **Thursday, Nov. 1** – Chicken with wine and mushrooms
- **Tuesday, Nov. 6** – Pork tenderloin cutlets with lemon sauce
- **Friday, Nov. 9** – Prosciutto-wrapped pork tenderloin
- **Tuesday, Nov. 13** – Baked chicken



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NEASE NJROTC PRESENTS COLORS AT JACKSONVILLE JUMBO SHRIMP GAME



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Nease NJROTC's Color Guard presents the colors before the Jacksonville Jumbo Shrimp played against the Montgomery Biscuits July 24 at the Baseball Grounds of Jacksonville. Cadets Peyton Gustafson, Troy Barber, Heather Jett and Erin Sass participated in the ceremony. Nease was recently recognized as the No. 5 ranked NJROTC program in the nation.

Girl Scouts introduce 30 new badges aimed at powering female leadership in 21st century

Gateway Council to continue to equip girls to create positive changes in modern issues

Girl Scouts of Gateway Council and Girl Scouts of the USA (GSUSA) recently revealed 30 new badges to further enhance the Girl Scout experience available to girls ages 5-18.

The new badges address some of society's most pressing needs, such as cybersecurity, environmental advocacy, mechanical engineering, robotics, computer science, space exploration and more. In a safe all-girl space, Girl Scouts develop important soft skills, including confidence and perseverance, as well as hard skills, setting them up for success and preparing them to take action for a better world.

"We're thrilled to be able to offer our Girl Scouts the opportunity to earn new badges that address very important modern day needs in our communities and beyond," said Mary Anne Jacobs, CEO of Girl Scouts of Gateway Council. "Today's girls are vocal about changes they want to see and it is important that we educate and empower our girls to be future change-makers."

According to the Girl Scout Impact Study, girls who participate in Girl Scouts are more than twice as likely to exhibit community problem-solving skills than girls who don't (57 percent versus 28 percent). Studies also show that 76 percent of women

today wish they had learned more about leadership and had more leadership opportunities while growing up.

With the new programs available at Girl Scouts, girls can now dive deeper into modern day interests, issues and challenges and earn badges in:

■ **Environmental Stewardship:** Girls will learn to respect the outdoors and take action to be good stewards of the environment. These badges are the first to specifically prepare girls to be environmental advocates who address problems, find solutions and protect the natural world.

■ **Cybersecurity:** Girls are introduced to age-appropriate online safety and privacy principles, information on how the internet works and how to spot and investigate cybercrime.

■ **Space Science:** Girls will channel their inner NASA scientist as they learn about objects in space and how astronomers conduct investigations.

■ **Mechanical Engineering:** Girl Scout Juniors in grades 4 and 5 can have hands-on engineering experience by designing paddle-boats, cranes and balloon-powered cars, while learning about buoyancy, potential and kinetic energy, machines and jet propulsion.

■ **Robotics:** Girls will continue to explore the world of science and technology introduced last year through programming, designing and

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Beaches Hebrew School welcomes new students

The Beaches Hebrew School, run by Chabad at the Beaches, is now welcoming new students, and no synagogue membership is necessary to enroll.

Hebrew School students enjoy a hands-on program designed to help them learn about their heritage, and the land of Israel, in a creative and fun atmosphere.

The school takes place in a friendly environment aimed at encouraging students to embrace their Jewish roots. Through Hebrew reading, writing, Jewish history, holidays and more, students will gain an appreciation for the joys, values and tradition of Jewish culture as it is brought to life by dedicated teachers.

"Our school's underlying approach is for

the children to enjoy the time spent at Hebrew School so they are left with positive experiences," said Leah Kurinsky, director of the Beaches Hebrew School, "and associate Judaism with positivity for the rest of their lives."

The program is carefully blended with games, incentives, crafts, dramatics, family celebration and other extracurricular activities.

The Hebrew School, housed at Chabad Center for Jewish Life, will begin Sunday, Aug. 26. Classes are held Sundays from 9:45 to 11:45 a.m. and are offered for children ages 5 to 13. To schedule an appointment to visit the Chabad Hebrew School or to enroll your child, call (904) 543-9301 or email info@chabadbeaches.com. For more information, visit www.chabadbeaches.com.

ST. JOHNS RIVER STATE COLLEGE PRESIDENT ADDRESSES LOCAL ROTARY CLUB



St. Johns River State College President Joe Pickens addresses the Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach last Thursday, July 26 at Marsh Landing Country Club about workforce trends and how local colleges are striving to prepare students for the 21st century workforce.

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An analysis of children with chronic pain conditions



Dr. Erika Hamer
Guest Columnist

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As many health-care professionals know, chronic pain is a widespread but often under-reported health problem with a significant impact on society. In the U.S. alone, the costs of chronic pain can reach \$600 billion annually (healthcare and lost productivity). What has come as a surprise to many medical researchers, however, is the number of children who suffer from chronic pain conditions.

A study conducted by The American Pain Foundation reported up to 30 percent of children and adolescents endure chronic pain, which generally peaks in kids around 14 to 15 years of age.

Various medical associations and institutes have different definitions as to what constitutes chronic pain, but generally it is described as pain that continues well beyond the normal healing stage of acute pain. Chronic pain can be continuous, or it can be episodic. While diseases, such as arthritis, can contribute to the emergence of chronic pain, sometimes the cause can be a complete mystery. The most prevalent pain condition in kids is headache; other pain problems noted are abdominal pain and musculoskeletal pain.

A Canadian medical study reviewed research published in the last 20 years on children and chronic pain, and it revealed the problem is affecting more kids than ever before. The review also indicates girls experience chronic pain more often than boys; however, the reasons for this remain unclear.

The research reviewers noted that social and psychological factors may influence the development of chronic pain, including anxiety, depression, low self-esteem and low socioeconomic status. The research concluded that chronic pain is overwhelmingly prevalent in children and adolescents and that researchers and clinicians should be aware of the problem and the long-term consequences of chronic pain in children.

Chronic pain treatment can be a challenge

Just like adults, children may suffer additional disadvantages because of chronic pain. They are more likely to miss school, avoid or withdraw from extracurricular activities and develop mental health problems. Despite the increasing rate of chronic pain among children, there are several obstacles that make treating kids for this health condition a challenge.

Young children may not have the verbal skills to express their pain. Even when they can, kids may want to avoid seeing a doctor and consequently don't share their pain with parents. Without verbal cues from their children, parents may not notice chronic pain issues as many kids can carry on normally. However, consistent untreated pain in childhood boosts the risk of numerous health problems emerging in adulthood.

Clues for parents

What can a parent do to detect pain problems in his or her child? Keep an eye out for some of these behaviors:

- Changes in appetite
- Changes in sleep patterns
- Weight loss
- Irritability
- Avoiding social activities
- Less physically active
- Fever
- Sweating
- Flushed skin
- Shallow or fast breathing

If your child shows these symptoms, ask about pain and where it is occurring in the body and then consult your pediatrician or other healthcare professional. Treating chronic pain in children can be a challenge because most treatment protocols have been designed for adults. Consulting with a trained medical professional as soon as pain symptoms develop is your best option for resolving the issue before it becomes more significant and impacts the activities your child enjoys most.

Dr. Erika Hamer, DC, DIBCN, DIBE, is a chiropractic neurologist and the owner of Ponte Vedra Wellness Center, offering chiropractic care and related health and wellness services at offices in Ponte Vedra Beach and Nocatee Town Center.

Girl Scouts

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showcasing their robot creations.

■ **College Knowledge:** High-school aged Girl Scouts in grades 11 and 12 will have a badge completely dedicated to college exploration. Girls will learn how to research the admissions process, financial aid and much more in this highly requested program.

"I am so proud that our new programming continues to push girls to be forward-thinking and equips them with the skills they need to make the world a better place," said Jacobs. "We believe in the power of all girls, and we invite them to strengthen their unique abilities by joining Girl Scouts."

To join, volunteer or donate, visit www.girlscouts-gateway.org or contact Tricia Rae Stancato at tstancato@girlscouts-gateway.org or (904) 421-3484.



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<p>Summer education conference RSVP of St. Johns County and the St. Johns County School District will be hosting a summer education conference for volunteers Aug. 2 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. at The Webster School, located at 420 N. Orange St. in St. Augustine. Experts in the areas of mentoring, tutoring and school readiness will be sharing strategies with volunteers who are currently serving and those who are interested in volunteering. For more information and to register, contact Cheryl Freeman at Cheryl.Freeman@stjohns.k12.fl.us or call (904) 547-3952.</p> <p>Family Bingo in Nocatee Bring the kids out for a night of family fun at the new Family Bingo Night in Nocatee, set for Aug. 2 at 6 p.m. This family-friendly event will feature bingo and a variety of other board games. Additionally, the Splash Bar and Rocky's will be open. Email fun@nocatee.com to RSVP. This event will take place at Splash Waterpark, located at 245 Nocatee Center Way in Ponte Vedra Beach.</p> <p>'Is Probate a Dirty Word?' Join the Council on Aging at THE PLAYERS Community Senior Center Aug. 2 at 11 a.m. for a presentation by Megan Wall entitled, "Is Probate a Dirty Word?" For more information, contact Danielle Johnson at (904) 280-3233 or email djohnson@sjohnscoa.com. The PLAYERS Community Senior Center is located at 175 Landrum Lane in Ponte Vedra Beach.</p> <p>S.T.A.N.D. Against Bullying magic show Magician Mark Alan will perform a magic show Aug. 2 at 4 p.m. using comedy, ventriloquism and more. This event will take place at the Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library, located at 101 Library Blvd.</p> <p>Farm Swap & Music Jam Enjoy music from musicians while shopping for produce at the Florida Agricultural Museum Aug. 2 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. The event will feature musicians and vendors offering fruits, veggies, honeys, jellies, nuts, arts and more. The Farm Swap & Music Jam will take place at 7900 Old Kings Road N. in Palm Coast. Visit www.floridaagmuseum.org for more information.</p>	<p>'The Owl and the Pussycat' Visit the Corazon Cinema and Cafe for "The Owl and the Pussycat," the story of aspiring author Felix. Showtimes are Aug. 3 and 4 at 7:30 p.m. and Aug. 5 at 2 p.m. Tickets cost \$25; call (904) 417-5555 or visit www.firstcoastopera.com for more information. The Corazon Cinema and Cafe is located at 36 Granada St. in St. Augustine. All proceeds will benefit the First Coast Opera.</p> <p>'Mission: Impossible - Fallout' at IMAX Theater at World Golf Hall of Fame Ethan Hunt and his IMF team, along with some familiar allies, race against time after a mission gone wrong. This film is showing Aug. 3 at the World Golf Hall of Fame. Visit www.worldgolfimax.com for showtimes and to purchase tickets. The World Golf Hall of Fame IMAX Theater is located at 1 World Golf Place in St. Augustine.</p> <p>First Friday Garden Walk Visit Washington Oaks Gardens State Park on the first Friday of each month for a guided tour of the gardens. Meet in the parking lot at 10 a.m. Visitors are encouraged to wear comfortable shoes. The tour will last approximately one hour; park admission costs \$5 per vehicle for up to eight people, \$4 per vehicle for single occupancy and \$2 per person on bicycle. This event will take place at 6400 N. Oceanshore Blvd. in Palm Coast.</p> <p>William Shakespeare's 'As You Like It' at St. Augustine Amphitheatre The St. Augustine Amphitheatre will host William Shakespeare's "As You Like It" Aug. 3 at 8 p.m. (gates open at 7 p.m.) Tickets cost \$10. "As You Like It" is a fun, family-friendly, 80-minute fast-paced version of Shakespeare's pastoral romp presented by Apex Theatre Studio's The Bard Bus. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit www.staugamphitheatre.com.</p> <p>'Heathers the Musical' at The Limelight Theatre The Limelight Theatre will host Heathers the Musical, a heartfelt and homicidal new comedy based on a classic 1988 film, Aug. 3 at 7:30 p.m. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit www.limelight-theatre.org.</p>	<p>St. Augustine Amphitheatre Farmers Market The St. Augustine Amphitheatre Farmers Market will take place every Saturday morning from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The market features more than 100 tents with local produce, flowers, baked goods, handmade arts and crafts and more. The St. Augustine Amphitheatre Farmers Market is located at 1340 A1A S. in St. Augustine.</p> <p>CPR certification class Jacksonville CPR classes are administered as part of an official training center of the American Heart Association in Jacksonville. This certification covers Adult, Child and Infant Basic Life Support and AED machine usage. The next class will take place Aug. 4 at 6:30 p.m. The class features hands-on-chest compression training, rescue breath training, professional instructors and more. For more information, visit www.cprcertificationjacksonville.com. This event will take place at 4600 Touchton Road in Jacksonville.</p> <p>Digital photography workshop Explore the basics of Adobe Lightroom Classic CC in this one-day workshop Aug. 4. Learn the power of the library module, how to import catalogs and organization, discover the Develop module for editing digital images, learn the basic adjustments possible with editing software, how to work with RAW and JPG files and more. This event will take place Aug. 4 at the University of North Florida's Adam W. Herbert Center, located at 12000 Alumni Drive. Register online at www.campusce.net.</p> <p>'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.</p>	<p>Sandals, Shorts and Steel Drum Service Every Sunday from 11:30 a.m. to noon, St. Paul's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church invites guests to put on sandals and shorts for a more casual worship service featuring the tropical sound of steel drum music. The church is located at 465 11th Ave. N. in Jacksonville Beach.</p> <p>'Urban Spaces, Open Skies' exhibition The newest exhibition at the Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens, entitled "Urban Spaces, Open Skies: 20th-Century American Landscape," will be on display through Feb. 3, 2019. Drawn from the Cummer Museum's extensive collection of works on paper, this presentation will feature more than 30 prints celebrating modern cities and the timeless charms of the country. Visitors can admire how artists have captured the changing landscape of cities like Chicago and New York. For more information, contact Amber Sesnick at (904) 899-6034 or asesnick@cummuseum.org.</p> <p>Steel Pulse at the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall Roots reggae music pioneers Steel Pulse will perform live at the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall Aug. 5 at 8 p.m. (doors open at 7 p.m.) Steel Pulse has explored various styles of music since its inception in 1975, but the UK's Grammy Award-winning reggae band has remained close to its roots through the years. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit www.pvconcerthall.com or call the box office at (904) 209-0399.</p> <p>Corteo at Jacksonville Veterans Memorial Arena Corteo, the latest Cirque du Soleil arena production, will be performed Aug. 5 at 5 p.m. at Jacksonville Veterans Memorial Arena. Corteo brings together the passion of the actor with the grace and power of the acrobat to plunge the audience into a theatrical world of comedy and spontaneity in a mysterious place between heaven and earth. Jacksonville Veterans Memorial Arena is located at 300 A. Philip Randolph Blvd. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit www.cirquedusoleil.com/corteo.</p>

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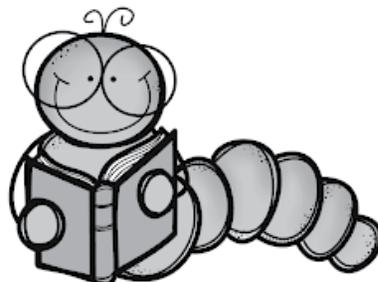
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<p>WWE Monday Night RAW The superstars of RAW will make a pit stop in Jacksonville Aug. 6 at the Jacksonville Veterans Memorial Arena. The show will feature the in-ring television debut of former UFC Champion Ronda Rousey as she takes on Alicia Fox one-on-one. "The Big Dog" Roman Reigns, Olympic gold medalist Kurt Angle, "The Architect" Seth Rollins, Bobby Lashley, Braun Strowman and other top stars are also scheduled to appear. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Visit www.ticketmaster.com for more information and to purchase tickets.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Volunteers needed at Council on Aging Volunteers are needed for administrative duties at Council on Aging Transportation from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. any day from Monday through Friday. Call (904) 209-3686 or email aleach@stjohnscoa.com for more information. Volunteers are also needed to deliver Meals on Wheels, to proofread and edit program content for the Integrative Memory Enhancement Program and for upcoming events in Hastings.</p> <p>Heather Quick at the Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library The CEO of Florida Women's Law Group, Heather Quick will appear at the Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library Aug. 6 at 6 p.m. to discuss the five things all women need to do to protect their legacy and financial future through estate planning. Quick has brought change benefiting women in Jacksonville and the state of Florida throughout her career. She advocates for women through family law and estate planning. The Ponte Vedra Library is located at 101 Library Blvd.</p>	<p>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 artfully-inspired 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.</p> <p>Life Enrichment Day retreat program This program, which is offered Monday through Friday at Arbor Terrace, is designed for those with memory changes who want to remain mentally, physically and socially active, while giving caregivers and loved ones some free time for themselves. For more information, call (904) 417-7354 or email life_enrichment-group@yahoo.com. Arbor Terrace is located at 5125 Palm Valley Road in Ponte Vedra.</p> <p>National Lighthouse Day Celebrate National Lighthouse Day with the St. Augustine Lighthouse & Maritime Museum Aug. 7. Visitors can learn about the history of Florida's first lighthouse and take a behind-the-scenes tour, offered daily on the hour from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Museum hours are 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. seven days per week, with hours changing to 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. after Labor Day. Visit www.staugustinelighthouse.org for more information. The St. Augustine Lighthouse is located at 81 Lighthouse Ave. in St. Augustine.</p> <p>Hebrew reading course Chabad at the Beaches will host a Hebrew reading course called Read it in Hebrew starting Aug. 7 at 7 p.m. Mrs. Dafne Blank will conduct the five-session course. Chabad at the Beaches is located at 521 A1A N. in Ponte Vedra Beach. For more information, call (904) 770-0502 or email dafne@chabadbeaches.com.</p> <p>National Night Out The St. Augustine Beach Police Department will host National Night Out 2018 Aug. 7 from 5 to 8 p.m. at the St. Augustine Beach Pier, located at 350 A1A Blvd. For more information, contact the St. Augustine Beach Police Department at (904) 471-3600.</p>	<p>Toastmasters Club Toastmasters Club #5199 of Ponte Vedra Beach meets every Wednesday at 7:30 a.m. at THE PLAYERS Community Senior Center. These meetings help attendees improve public speaking and gain leadership skills. The senior center is located at 175 Landrum Lane in Ponte Vedra Beach. Email Lucy Reep at lucyreep@gmail.com for additional information.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Music by the Sea concert This free weekly concert series at the St. Johns County Pier features a wide variety of musical genres. On Aug. 8, Kenny Y & Southern Tide 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.</p> <p>Beginners sewing class Join Melissa Garcia for a beginners sewing class at the Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library Aug. 8 at 1 p.m. Participants are encouraged to bring their own sewing machine and kit. Class size is limited. Visit the library reference desk or call (904) 827-6950 to register. The Ponte Vedra Library is located at 101 Library Blvd.</p> <p>The Parts House hiring fair The Parts House will host a hiring fair Aug. 8 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. to fill 20 full-time delivery driver and warehouse team member roles. A free lunch will be provided to every applicant who completes an application and onsite job interview. Drug and background screens will be conducted. Call (904) 731-3034 for more information. The Parts House is located at 10321 Fortune Parkway in Jacksonville.</p>	<p>Scott Grant Nazi U-boat attack presentation Local historian Scott Grant will deliver a presentation Aug. 9 at 11 a.m. on the 1942 Nazi U-boat sinking of the SS Gulf America oil tanker less than 10 miles off the coast of Jacksonville Beach. Grant will recant the story of Captain Reinhard Hardegen, a German submarine commander responsible for sinking 24 merchant ships in World War II. For more information, contact Danielle Johnson at (904) 280-3233 or email djohnson@johnscoa.com. The event will be held at THE PLAYERS Community Senior Center, which is located at 175 Landrum Lane in Ponte Vedra Beach.</p> <p>Yoga for Survivors The Y Healthy Living Center at the Ponte Vedra YMCA will host a Yoga for Survivors class Aug. 9 at 11:30 a.m. Cancer patients, survivors, caregivers and others with range of motion and pain limitations are invited to join in this gentle and safe yoga practice, which is free and open to the public. Call (904) 202-5376 or visit www.baptistjax.com/ymca to reserve a spot. The Ponte Vedra YMCA is located at 170 Landrum Lane.</p> <p>Computer class Enjoy one-on-one assistance with downloadable media, email, the Internet, online applications, and basic technology instruction at this Hastings Branch Library computer class. This event will take place Aug. 9 from 11 a.m. to noon at the Hastings Branch Library, located at 6195 S. Main St. in Hastings.</p> <p>Bookmobile A Bookmobile can be found at the Publix at Johns' Creek Center, located at 2845 County Road 210 W. in St. Johns, Aug. 9 from 12:45 to 2:15 p.m. Visitors are encouraged to check out books, movies, music and more.</p> <p>Free calendar listings for community groups and nonprofit organizations are published at our discretion on a space-available basis. Send your event at least 10 days before publication. Submit events to ben@opcfla.com or call (904) 686-3939.</p>

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Coastal Wine Market & Tasting Room in Nocatee hosted Ammunition Wines owner and winemaker Andy Wahl (second from left) at its most recent Meet the Winemaker event July 26. Ammunition is based in Sonoma County, California. For more information, visit www.ammunitionwine.com.

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The Hammock at Twenty Mile hosts Chamber 'After Hours' event

The Hammock at Twenty Mile in Nocatee hosted an "After Hours" event for the Ponte Vedra Beach Division of the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce July 25.

Attendees enjoyed networking, appetizers and drinks, and were encouraged to bring donation supplies for the Investing in Kids (INK!) Tools 4 Schools Supply Drive. Synovus Mortgage Corp. sponsored the event.

The Hammock at Twenty Mile features custom homes by local homebuilder of the HGTV Smart Home, Glenn Layton Homes. The neighborhood consists of nine private homesites, offering coastal, custom homes starting in the mid \$900s and ranging from 3,800 to 7,500 square feet. Visit www.nocatee.com for more information.



ABOVE: Ricki Taylor of event sponsor Synovus Mortgage Corp. addresses attendees.



LEFT: Glenn Layton, Toni Boudreaux, Ricki Taylor and Katrina Watkins gather at the Chamber "After Hours" event July 25 at The Hammock at Twenty Mile.

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Beaches Community Fund awards more than \$315,000 to Beaches-area nonprofits

The Beaches Community Fund — an initiative of The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida — will make grants to a dozen nonprofit organizations this year totaling more than \$315,000, which is more than twice what was granted in 2017.

Formed just four years ago, the Beaches Community Fund has grown to three dozen families who pool their philanthropic dollars to respond to issues affecting many of their neighbors and fellow Beaches residents.

“It is a privilege to work with this group of generous Beaches residents, led by Martha Baker and Tracey Westbrook, to grow the size and expand the scope of their philanthropy at the Beach, particularly in such a short period of time,” noted Joanne E. Cohen, vice president of philanthropic services for The Community Foundation. “Their investments are already improving the lives of many of their fellow Beaches residents.”

In learning about the challenges of those under-served Beaches citizens, the Beaches Community Fund set a high priority for the first three years of grantmaking on transportation, early learning and nonprofit capacity. Grantmaking is not limited to these areas, but they did get special attention in the competitive grantmaking process.

This year’s grants include:

Transportation

- \$25,000 will be granted to Beaches Council on Aging (Dial-A-Ride) to add a second vehicle, allowing Dial-A-Ride to expand service to Mayport and Ponte Vedra, and to include employment-related transportation.

Early learning

- (Up to) \$50,250 will be granted to Kids Hope Alliance for Phase II of an early learning project initiated by the Beaches Community Fund to strengthen early learning at the Beaches, with a special focus on the Mayport Road corridor.

- \$75,000 will be granted to Christ Church Foundation for the Rhoda Martin Head Start Center in Jacksonville Beach.

- \$12,000 will be granted to Read USA for book fairs to promote literacy and an early love of reading for 800 children at the Back to School with BEAM event and 900 students at Mayport Elementary and Finegan Elementary.

Nonprofit capacity building

- \$20,000 will be granted to Non-

profit Center of Northeast Florida to continue the Eleanor Ashby Leadership Series and Emerging Leader Series.

Hunger and nutrition

- \$25,000 will be granted to Beaches Emergency Assistance Ministry (BEAM) for food distribution from the Beaches Community Food Bank via mobile pantries.

Student support and youth development

- \$10,000 will be granted to Beaches Habitat to enhance their afterschool tutoring program.

- \$15,000 will be granted to Communities in Schools for a matching grant to fund a Student Enrichment Program at Mayport Coastal Sciences Middle School to work intensively with the highest-need students who are most at-risk of dropping out.

- \$10,000 will be granted to Girl Scouts of Gateway Council to continue community development troops for more than 110 girls at the Gail Baker Center and Boys & Girls Club.

Health & wellness

- \$20,000 will be granted to We Care to supplement the Beaches Health & Wellness Collaboration with a Community Health Worker for follow-up and home visits.

- \$35,000 will be granted to Women’s Center to support victim advocacy and sexual assault prevention and education at the Beaches.

Homelessness

- \$20,000 will be granted to Mission House for the Rapid Re-Housing program, which provides short-to-medium-term (one to five months) rental assistance and support while clients seek employment, followed by case management for a year to assist clients in navigating roadblocks on their journey to independence.

The Beaches Community Fund grants committee includes the following members: David Loeb, Bill Buckingham, Nancy Chartrand, Helen Short, Ellen Wiss, Rebecca Blaudow, Andy Sharkey, Jan Healy, Tracey Westbrook, Martha Baker, Joanne Cellar, Mary Ellen Darretta and Renate Hixon.

Since the Fund’s first grants were distributed in the Fall of 2015, the Beaches Community Fund has awarded a total of \$673,060. For more information, visit www.jaxcf.org/learn/beaches-community-fund.

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Following the completion of the project, Mahoney said she and Takacs both received gifts from people in the village.

“They knew by the looks of us that we were the people who had made that water project happen,” Mahoney said. “They had known what we had done for their families.”

Pinto called the experience the “most life-changing thing” she has ever done.

“It makes you very humble,” Pinto said. “I know a lot of us are planning on doing another project like that in the future.”

Pinto and the other students ultimately received the Senior Capstone Project Award at UNF for their efforts. Takacs received her Rotary Club’s Service Above Self Award, which she accepted at an emotional ceremony in June.

“It was so moving that the whole club shared this dream with me,” Takacs said. “For years, I’d been talking about stuff like this. They knew this was my dream. Now it was all their dreams.

“I think a lot of people would come back with me,” she added. “They’ve heard the stories from Sherry, the engineers and all these other people. . . . they now relate to this little village on the side of a mountain in Guatemala, and that they would go.”

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THE PALMS AT PONTE VEDRA CELEBRATES RESIDENT'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

On July 20, The Palms at Ponte Vedra celebrated the 100th birthday of resident Bud Baisden (center), a World War II veteran who moved to Florida in 1941 to serve in the Navy. Sitting alongside Baisden is Dan DePascale. The ceremony featured speeches from Chief Troy Washington (left) and Bill Dudley, chairman of the Veterans Council of St. Johns County, among others. Following the ceremony honoring Baisden, guests enjoyed cake and ice cream inside The Palms facility.

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Northeast Florida Press Club holds Summer Mixer

The Northeast Florida Press Club hosted a Summer Mixer July 17 at the TPC Clubhouse in Ponte Vedra Beach.

Founded by Leigh Cort, the Press Club is an alliance of active journalists and multi-media professionals engaged in the production and dissemination of news in print, electronic and live media. The organization cultivates and advances education, networking and ongoing communication for professionals in all segments of the press throughout the North Florida region.

Membership is defined by the press of the region, with members including hyperlocal digital publishers, public media, newspapers, magazines, TV, radio, authors, social media and multimedia news companies. The organization's goal, among others, is to create a solid network of resources, contacts and people looking to gather news that matters. For more information, visit www.nefloridapressclub.com.



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Members of the Northeast Florida Press Club and guests gather at the organization's Summer Mixer July 17 at the TPC Clubhouse in Ponte Vedra Beach.

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Jacksonville Beach-based Adjective & Co. is the recipient of Ad Age's Small Agency of the Year — Southeast Gold award.

Adjective & Co. named Ad Age Small Agency of the Year

Jacksonville Beach-based Adjective & Co. recently continued its winning streak by taking home the Ad Age Small Agency of the Year — Southeast Gold award.

Each year, Ad Age honors independent agencies of 150 employees or less from across the country that are producing innovative and exciting work.

"Winning an award of this caliber from Ad Age is a game-changer for a small agency like ours," said Taylor Harkey, co-founder and executive creative director of Adjective & Co. "It's not easy to start an ad agency in such a rapidly changing industry. Social media has changed everything, and more nimble and forward-thinking agencies like us can adapt quicker than the larger and more traditional agencies. This particular award is such an accomplishment because it encompasses all aspects of the business — creative work, internal culture, client

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National Auto Care acquired by Lovell Minnick Partners

Ponte Vedra Beach-based National Auto Care (NAC) — a provider of automotive protection products — announced this week it will be acquired by private equity firm Lovell Minnick Partners (LMP).

The acquisition is subject to receipt of standard regulatory approvals and satisfaction of customary closing conditions. The executive leadership team at NAC will continue its day-to-day management of the company, and it will maintain operations at its current locations in Westerville, Ohio, Ponte Vedra Beach and Miami. Company President and CEO Tony Wanderon is looking forward to the growth and opportunities NAC's partnership with LMP will bring to NAC and its partners.

"LMP has strong experience investing in service-oriented businesses across the finance and insurance value chain that will prove invaluable as NAC builds upon our flexible and customized solutions to support our agency

distributor partners in driving sales and profitability," Wanderon said. "We believe LMP's expertise in identifying and negotiating strategic transactions will add significant value to our acquisition strategy."

While Wanderon and his team are excited about the changes, he noted that NAC enjoyed five years of success under its previous majority investor, Trivest Partners, which acquired NAC in 2012.

NAC is one of the longest operating providers of products such as vehicle service contracts, guaranteed asset protection, limited warranty, tire, wheel and a full suite of ancillary protection products nationwide. Through its independent agents, NAC supports over 2,300 partners that distribute its products. These include automobile dealers, credit unions, financial services companies, recreational dealers and other strategic partners across North America. Additionally, the

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Pivot CPAs named a 'Best Place to Work'

Ponte Vedra Beach-based Pivot CPAs was recently named one of Jacksonville's "Best Places to Work" by the Jacksonville Business Journal.

Pivot was honored as "a company whose benefits, policies and practices are top tier based on the results of a workplace satisfaction survey." The survey was implemented by independent research firm Quantum Workplace. Pivot received 100 percent participation in the survey.

"Our goal is always to recognize how hard our team works, and to provide them not just the tools to get the job done, but to want to come here every day," said firm Tax Partner and Head of Human Resources Wendy Ranson, adding, "that every single person in this company offered their opinion and did so without any urging from senior management speaks volumes."

Pivot was recognized for providing a positive work/life balance, allowing staff the opportunity to work remotely and/or job share and for its compensation and benefits program. During the busiest tax seasons, the company provides lunch for its employees, as well as office visits from massage therapists. Once April's tax season is over, Pivot celebrates by sponsoring and hosting staff and their spouses at the Roscolusa singer-songwriter festival, as well as treating everyone to a day at THE PLAYERS Championship and a Jacksonville Jumbo Shrimp game.

In the fall, as the official CPA firm of the Web.com Tour Championship, Pivot provides several related hospitality opportunities for staff and clients.

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Pivot CPAs Partner (Audit) Scott Heller, Tax Principal Pamela Bomba, Managing Partner Peter Reynolds, Audit Principal Sheryl Tschimpke, (front row) Tax Partner and Head of HR Wendy Ranson and Senior Tax Manager Debra Smith, accept the "Best Places to Work" award from Jacksonville Business Journal.

Lake House Amenity Center under construction at Beacon Lake

Construction on the Lake House Amenity and Fitness Center is underway at Beacon Lake, with completion and grand opening slated for early 2019.

“The community is quickly taking shape, and we are very excited about the growth that is already beginning to occur at Beacon Lake,” said Bruce J. Parker, managing director for BBX Capital Real Estate, Beacon Lake’s master developer. “We are moving full speed ahead here at Beacon Lake. The Lake House is going to be magnificent, and when it’s finished, it will be a tremendous draw for potential homebuyers as well as a wonderful source of recreation and social activities for residents.”

Anchored by a 43-acre paddle-friendly lake and nestled within 358 acres of nature preserve, the new master-planned community in northern St. Johns County offers a lakefront lifestyle and family-friendly amenities. The 8,200-square-foot Lake House Amenity and Fitness Center will be the heart of Beacon Lake and home to the Splash Park, fun pool, junior Olympic swimming pool and lakeside sand beach. The amenity area will allow residents to paddleboard, kayak or canoe, as well as lift weights and practice yoga. In addition, residents can learn how to cook something new in the Culinary Studio and Demonstration Kitchen, which is also available for catered events in the social room. A multipurpose field, dockside Crew



House, dog park, neighborhood park, multipurpose paths for walking, jogging and bicycling and more are also planned for the center.

Located on the south side of County Road 210 between U.S. Route 1 and Interstate 95, Beacon Lake is within the St. Johns County Public School District

As displayed in the rendering, the Lake House Amenity and Fitness Center at Beacon Lake will provide opportunities for indoor and outdoor recreation — and relaxation — for residents of the community.

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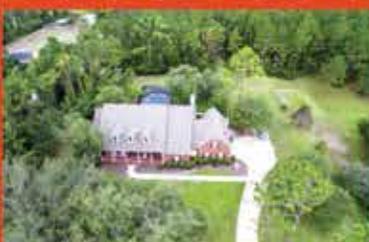
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Chamber hosts Summer Soiree at GTM Research Reserve

The St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce held its joint council Summer Soiree July 19 at the GTM Research Reserve.

The event was hosted by all six Chamber councils, including the Tourism & Hospitality Council, South Beaches Council, North Business Council, Small Business Council, Agricultural and Environmental Council and the Historic St. Augustine Area Council. Attendees enjoyed networking, food and drink.

For more information on the Chamber, visit sjcchamber.com.



ABOVE: Ellen Leroy-Reed, executive director of the Friends of the GTM Research Reserve, addresses attendees of the Summer Soiree.



LEFT: Jackie Smith and Carol Maurer enjoy the Summer Soiree July 19 at the GTM Research Reserve.

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Melissa Rowe and Sam Ruiz gather at the Summer Soiree.

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Local Allstate employees support Friends of GTM Research Reserve's efforts to prevent erosion and support sea life

Nine Ponte Vedra Beach Allstate employees and agency owners recently supported the Friends of the GTM Research Reserve by building gabions — metal cages filled with recycled oyster shells — that will be used to build an artificial shoreline at the Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens.

The program, which is part of Allstate's annual Bring Out the Good Month, encourages Allstate employees to volunteer for, and donate to, the causes they care about most in their local communities.

"We recognize how each of us gives back may be different, but our mission is

the same — to bring out the good," said Shatea Rodman, volunteer project coordinator for Allstate. "Bring Out the Good Month has special meaning for Allstate employees. We proudly take this time to celebrate the good we do every day to help make our communities stronger, safer and more beautiful."

The recycled oyster shells used in the project came from local restaurants and were quarantined for a year before being used to build the gabions. Gabions help reduce erosion and provide the right habitat for fish and other sea life. When used

in the wild, gabions serve as an alternative to sea walls. Allstate volunteers constructed the metal cages and then carefully packed them with the oyster shells.

During the 2018 Bring Out the Good Month in April, Allstate employees completed more than 1,000 volunteer projects and raised more than \$7 million. In 2017, Allstate employees and agency owners donated more than 260,000 volunteer hours through the yearlong Allstate Helping Hands volunteer program and supported more than 8,800 nonprofits through Allstate's annual Giving Campaign.

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The often confusing, 'unrealized gain/loss' column on your brokerage statement



By Harry Pappas

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If you are like many folks, I am afraid that perhaps you are reading your "unrealized gain/loss" information incorrectly from your brokerage account statement.

Far too often, I receive calls or emails from clients asking why

a particular mutual fund they own shows an unrealized loss when the stock market has been doing well. Bewilderingly, many times a mutual fund could be performing well, but it displays an unrealized loss on one's statement. Yep, it is true, and this understandably causes confusion with investors.

The primary reason for the discrepancy is that financial firms reveal the "unrealized gain or loss" for tax purposes. Said differently, when your mutual funds pay out dividends or capital gains, it is a taxable event. Therefore, to make sure that you do not get double taxed, your cost basis (what you paid for the investment) is adjusted upwards to reflect the amount already taxed.

As an example, please spend a moment reviewing the illustration (top right). The last column indicates the client's gain/loss for a particular mutual fund (\$977.96). However, it is paramount that we look directly below this unrealized loss amount to see

Description	% of account	QTY	Adjusted price	Adjusted cost	Current price	Current value	Unrealized gain/loss
ABC Fund							
On Reinvestment							
Acquired 02/05/01 L nc		46.09100	14.68	676.79		594.11	-82.68
Acquired 09/01/04 L nc		153.61000	13.02	2,006.00		1,980.03	-25.97
Reinvestments L m		763.84200	14.02	10,715.49		9,845.93	-869.56
Reinvestments S		12.34300	12.86	158.85		159.10	0.25
Total	6.48	975.88600	\$13.89	\$13,557.13	12.8900	\$12,579.17	-\$977.96
				Client Investment (Excluding Reinvestments)		\$2,682.79	
				Gain/Loss on Client Investment (Including Reinvestments)		\$9,896.38	

L = long term; S = short term; nc = not covered; m = multiple purchases

what the amount invested was in the fund, excluding reinvestments of dividends and capital gains.

Notice that the amount invested is \$2,682.79 and the current value is \$12,579.17. Therefore, the client has a \$9,896.38 profit from his or her original investment! Regrettably, far too many clients look only at the gain/loss number and not the information above. In the end, clients think they have an unrealized loss of \$977.96, while, in fact, they gained \$9,896.38.

In the final analysis, your unrealized gain/loss column of your brokerage statement should not be used as a performance indicator. I strongly encourage you to take a moment and review your most recent statement to see if there is a contradiction as noted in the illustration.

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Five things to think about before retiring



By Michael K. Macke, CFP

Special to the Recorder

Have you ever wondered why at retirement parties the person retiring was given a gold watch? From what I have found, this practice originated with PepsiCo in the

1940s. They would say, “You gave us your time, now we are giving you ours.” Time is our most valuable commodity and making the most of it in retirement requires planning ahead. Here are some things you should take the time to do now so you don’t worry about them once you retire:

1. It’s not just what you’ve saved, it’s what you spend! Figuring out your budget is critical. Start with looking at what your core expenses are. Things like food, clothing, shelter, healthcare and transportation must be accounted for. Then try to look at variable costs such as travel, hobbies and spoiling the grandkids.

2. Define your goals and plans for retirement. “How did I find time to do everything while I was working?” is what I love hearing

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The Wilmington model by Dream Finders Homes, a new home builder at TrailMark



The Trevi model by Lennar Homes, a new home builder at TrailMark

Photos courtesy of Trailmark

TrailMark community adds two new builders

TrailMark recently announced the addition of Dream Finders Homes and Lennar Homes to its family of home builders. Both builders are currently building new model homes, with one decorated model opening this summer.

“As our community continues to grow, our home offerings do as well,” said Mike Taylor, president of GreenPointe Communities’ North Florida region and a Ponte Vedra Beach resident. “We are pleased to welcome these two highly regarded home builders to TrailMark. Our premier community builders offer a wide variety of home designs ranging in size and style to meet the needs and lifestyle of today’s homebuyer.”

TrailMark’s builder team also includes D.R. Horton, Landon Homes, Providence Homes and MasterCraft Builder Group. At TrailMark, Dream Finders Homes and Lennar are offering three- to four-bedroom floor plans, ranging from approximately 1,500 square feet to more than 2,600 square feet and priced from the mid-\$200,000s to the \$300,000s.

TrailMark’s overall builder team offers single-family, one- and two-story traditional-style homes in a conservation area setting. The community has decorated model homes available to tour and several move-in ready showcase homes under construction. Homes are priced from the \$200,000s to the \$500,000s.

From natural oak hammocks to miles of bike and walking trails and winding waterways, TrailMark blends nature with a state-of-the-art amenities center, which includes a resort-style pool, playfields, fitness center and Lakeside Camp House where residents can gather.

TrailMark is located within the St. Johns County School District and zoned for Nease High School, Pacetti Bay Middle School and Picolata Crossing Elementary School, which is adjacent to the community.

TrailMark is located at 805 TrailMark Drive in St. Augustine. For more information, visit www.trailmarkliving.com.



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Brian and Julie Anderson and Kelly Barrera gather at the wine tasting event hosted by Tim’s Wine Market and Sawgrass Events Catering July 13.

Local businesses partner for wine tasting event

Tim’s Wine Market in Ponte Vedra Beach and Sawgrass Events Catering recently teamed up for a Friday wine tasting event.

Hosted by Tim’s Wine Market on July 13, the local business provided a variety of red, white and sparkling wines for guests to sample, while Sawgrass Events provided a charcuterie display, as well as homemade bruschetta

and olive tapenade, creamy hummus and dips.

Located on the corner of Solana Road and A1A, Tim’s Wine Market features over 800 selections and is owned by Emery and Jean Clance. The catering arm of Hilton Garden Inn, Sawgrass Events offers its services for special events that are on-site or off-site, including weddings, birthdays, anniversaries, corporate ceremonies, bar mitzvahs and more.



ABOVE: Tim’s Wine Market Ponte Vedra Beach co-owner Jean Clance offers wine at the tasting event.

LEFT: Anna Washington and Carol Maurer of the Hilton Garden Inn/Sawgrass Events Catering gather at the event.

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from my clients. I think there is a relationship between keeping busy and being happy in retirement. Figure out what you want to do with your time. What do you want to accomplish? Where do you want to go? Who do you want to be with?

Stay physically, mentally and socially active. Don't let boredom creep in.

3. Where is your income coming from? Make sure you are aware of the details of any pensions and social security benefits you expect to receive. Are your income sources reliable and consistent, or are they variable and subject to change or even go away? You retire with an income, but you stay retired by that income rising

over time. Don't forget that inflation can be your worst enemy in retirement! Working with a planner to help make decisions in this area can be time well spent. Pensions usually have several payout options, and sometimes even a buyout option. Filing for Social Security at the wrong time or not considering a spouse could cost you in the long run. Put together an income plan with a financial planner.

4. Make sure your legal documents are in order. Things like trusts and a will help make sure your savings pass to who you want and hopefully minimize or eliminate the impact of probate. You also want to make sure things like your living will and powers of attorney for financial and healthcare matters are up to date as well. Do an audit of beneficiaries on your retirement accounts, insurance policies or anything that you can.

5. Consider "what if" scenarios. Make sure your planner is helping you look at potential problems in the future. Don't let a healthcare crisis, loss of income or unforeseen emergency force you into a financial decision.

Planning starts ahead of time to help make the transition to retirement. Work with a team of trusted advisors who will look at more than just your investments. This is your retirement, and you deserve to enjoy it!

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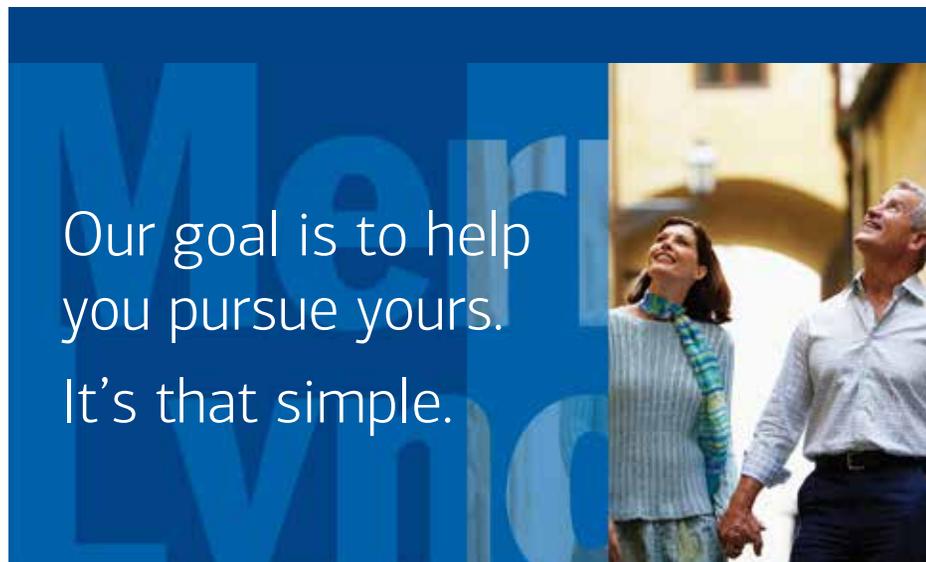
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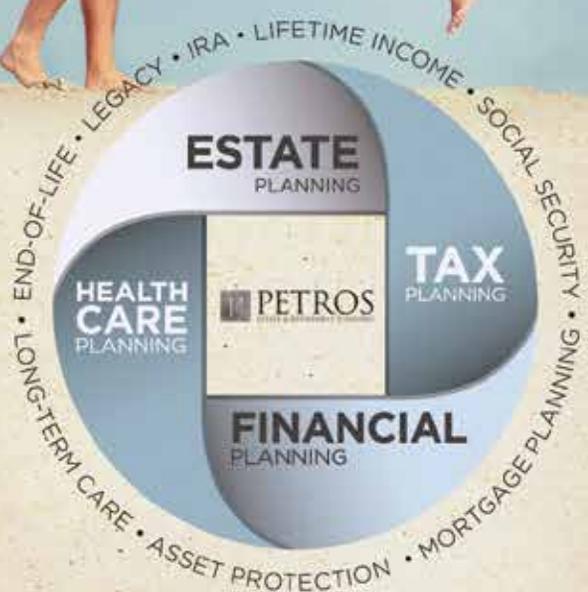




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NAC

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company enhances services that support its distributors with their branding, marketing and sales activities.

“NAC is the premier national market leader in developing innovative products that help protect consumers from a wide range of risks that can arise with vehicle or power sport ownership,” said Trevor Rich, a partner at LMP. “We look forward to partnering with President and CEO Tony Wanderson, who is an accomplished veteran and innovator in the automotive protection industry, and his experienced team at NAC, as our investment positions the company to aggressively pursue acquisitions that complement its strong growth trajectory.”

Houlihan Lokey served as financial advisor to NAC and Trivest, and Sandler O’Neil was advisor to LMP. Madison Capital Funding LLC and NewStar Financial, Inc. are providing debt financing for the transaction. The transaction is expected to close in the third quarter of 2018.

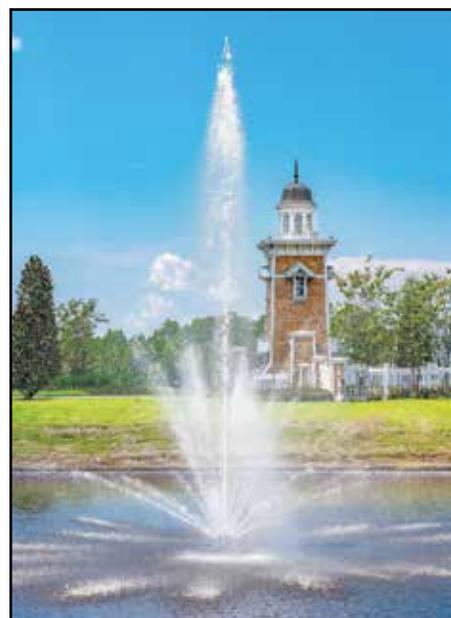


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Beacon Lake is located on the south side of County Road 210 between U.S. Route 1 and Interstate 95 in northern St. Johns County.

Beacon Lake

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Nease High School for the 2018-2019 school year.

More than 115 homes have been sold and families are moving into the community. Beacon Lake has five furnished and decorated model homes showcasing the latest in-home design trends. In Phase 1, Dream Finders Homes and Mattamy Homes are offering home designs ranging in size from 1,600 square feet to more than 3,500 square feet, and priced from the mid-\$200,000s to \$500,000s. Dream Finders is building on 43- and 63-foot-wide homesites and Mattamy Homes is building on 53- and 73-foot-wide homesites.

For more information about Beacon Lake, visit www.BeaconLake.com.

Adjective

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roster and driving actual business results for our clients.”

Ad Age showcased Adjective’s recent work for clients like ICEMULE Coolers and the New York Islanders NHL hockey team. The agency rebranded ICEMULE Coolers, resulting in the company tripling sales in just one year, and a recent digital campaign tripled the New York Islanders’ goal of single-game ticket sales during the 2017-2018 season.

“Working with the Adjective team is the best of both worlds — top-notch creative balanced with meeting business objectives,” said Nick Pizzutello, director of NY Hockey Holdings. “They took an element of our marketing mix — digital and social campaigns — that had been somewhat stagnant and turned it into a creative showpiece and revenue driver. Their

diligence from idea through execution and their creative chops are first class.”

Over the past two years, Adjective has increased year-over-year revenue by 30 percent, grown its team by 50 percent and won a total of 55 industry awards. In the last two months, Inc. Magazine named Adjective one of the top 50 companies to work for in the entire nation for the second year in a row — regardless of size or industry. The agency also took home six coveted Gold National ADDY Awards — the industry’s highest honor — for its branding and design work on New York-based Whalebone Magazine.

“The work and culture we’ve created stacks up against some of advertising’s largest and most innovative agencies,” Adjective Co-founder Autumn Berrang said. “And we’re thrilled that our success on a national scale also helps validate Jacksonville as a thriving creative community, and we couldn’t be prouder to bring this award home.”

Pivot

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Pivot also encourages all staff to be actively involved in nonprofits, and typically supports that commitment financially. Pivot also treats staff to quarterly “Mental Health Days,” where everyone is invited to an outing to relieve stress. Outings in the past have been to TopGolf, bowling and biking on the beach.

“Let’s face it, this is not a glamorous industry, and we want our staff to be energized about their jobs and committed to our clients, which means we need to provide an energized work environment and be committed to our staff,” added Ranson. “From January through April and again in October, we barely see the light of day, so we reward everyone with what we always hope is a great way to spend their time.”

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Dean Stolberg, senior vice president of national accounts for Navitas Credit Corp., shakes hands with Martin Wyeth, CEO of Power Tee, symbolizing the recently announced partnership between the two Ponte Vedra-based companies.



Photo courtesy of Power Tee

Power Tee partners with Navitas Credit Corp.

Ponte Vedra Beach-based Power Tee recently announced a funding partnership with another local company, Navitas Credit Corp.

“We met with Dean Stolberg, senior vice president (of) national accounts, earlier this year and we are really excited to be working with Dean and his team at Navitas,” said Martin Wyeth, CEO of Power Tee. “This agreement allows for unhindered growth into clubs and ranges around the U.S.A, meaning golfers can enjoy improved grass and all of the benefits of Power Tee for just \$1 per bucket at driving ranges or \$1 per week at their golf club, with no capital outlay by the range or golf club. Combined with flexible term lengths and seasonal payment plans, we can now cater to any business that wants

to offer its members and patrons a first-class practice experience.”

Power Tee, a designer and producer of automated golf teeing units, installed more than 200 machines around the United States in just four months after launching a campaign with the Golf Channel. According to the company, the recent installations expanded the business’ footprint by more than 50 percent, representing 200 percent in growth. Visit www.powertee.com for more information.

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Art in Public Places exhibit features local artist Harry McCormick

St. Johns County's Art in Public Places program will host "In the Mood," a collection of art by world-renowned local artist Harry McCormick through Sept. 20 at the County Administration Building at 500 San Sebastian View in St. Augustine.

Hosted in partnership with the St. Johns County Cultural Council and local art benefactors, the exhibit will feature McCormick's celebrated bar series, pieces commemorating circus life and a collection of his other work.

Visitors are invited to view the exhibit from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. A reception opening the exhibit took place on July 17 at the Administration Building and included

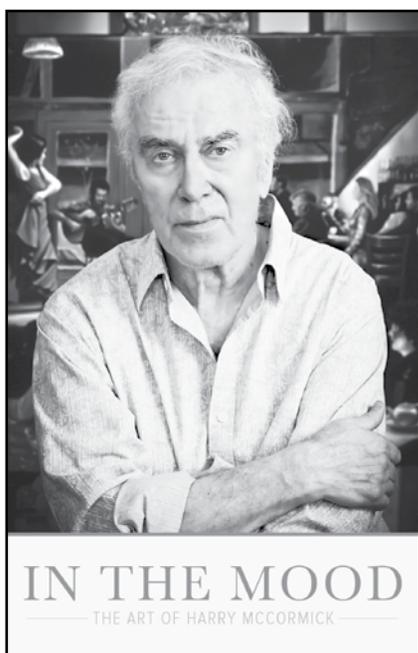


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brief comments by McCormick and County Commission Chair Henry Dean, as well as light refreshments.

Visit www.mccormickstudios.com for more information about Harry McCormick.

St. Augustine Amphitheatre ranked No. 4 worldwide in Pollstar Magazine's 2018 midyear report

Pollstar Magazine recently released its 2018 Midyear Worldwide Ticket Sales Report ranking the top 50 Worldwide Amphitheatre Venues, and the St. Augustine Amphitheatre was ranked No. 4 worldwide and No. 3 in the United States.

With over 75,000 tickets sold between Jan. 1 and June 30 of this year, which is the highest number of tickets sold mid-year, the St. Johns County-owned and -operated amphitheatre received its highest ranking to date.

The ranking also places the St. Augustine Amphitheatre among the world's top amphitheatres including the Hollywood Bowl in Los Angeles, Waldbuhne Berlin in Germany and the Greek Theatre in Berkeley, California.

"This ranking is a testament to the St. Augustine Amphitheatre's stature as a premier venue for live music," said Ryan Murphy, executive director of the St. Augustine Amphitheatre. "The artists that play here know that the Amp is special, the fans know they're experiencing live music in a way that

cannot be replicated anywhere else and our staff pours their heart into each and every event to ensure the best concert experience possible. All of these elements come together to capture that lightning in a bottle."

The mid-year rankings are determined by tickets sold worldwide for concerts taking place Jan. 1 to June 30. During that time, the St. Augustine Amphitheatre hosted performers such as Willie Nelson, Brad Paisley, Little Big Town, The National, Joe Bonamassa, Harry Connick Jr., Paramore, Boy George and Culture Club, Steve Miller Band and more with multiple sold-out events. The second half of the Amphitheatre's season includes appearances by Violent Femmes and Echo & the Bunnymen, three nights of Widespread Panic, the Sing Out Loud Music Festival, Death Cab for Cutie, the Wu-Tang Clan, Vince Gill and more to be announced.

For Pollstar's full mid-year report, go to www.pollstar.com/article/2018-mid-year-special-features-top-tours-ticket-sales-business-analysis-135890.

St. Augustine Amphitheatre to host free showing of 'Andy Irons: Kissed by God' Aug. 11

A free showing of the recently-released film, "Andy Irons: Kissed by God," will take place Aug. 11 at the St. Augustine Amphitheatre. Irons was a three-time world champion Hawaiian surfer who struggled with bipolar disorder and opioid addiction.

Photo courtesy of Sheila Kolesare



Presented by The St. Augustine Film Festival with the Friends of the St. Augustine Amphitheatre, a free showing of the recently-released film, "Andy Irons: Kissed by God," will take place Saturday, Aug. 11 at the St. Augustine Amphitheatre.

Produced by Teton Gravity Research, the film focuses on the untold story of three-time world champion Hawaiian surfer Andy Irons and his struggle with bipolar disorder and opioid addiction.

The event will be the largest showing of the film on the East Coast of the United States, according to its distributors, and a professional surfer and close family friend of

Andy Irons — Patrick "Tupat" Eichstaedt — will make a guest appearance at the event.

"This film is for everyone," Eichstaedt said. "As we all have struggles, this story will lift your spirits and inspire us to all become better versions of ourselves. You will see the rise, fall and what I like to call the resurrection of Andy Irons."

Data from the Florida Department of Health's Bureau of Vital Statistics indicates that Florida has seen a 200 percent increase in the rate of overdose deaths involving opioids, and Gov. Rick Scott has declared it a state emergency.

As awareness of the opioid crisis in the U.S. grows, the film focuses on "a person that lived life to its fullest at the top of his industry, but did so facing insurmountable internal challenges," according to its producers.

Contributions from local businesses moved by the film's message have made it possible for the film to be shown free to the public. Sponsors of the event include Friends of the St. Augustine Amphitheatre, Surf Station, Aqua East Surf Shop, Pit Surf Shop, Funkytown Fitness, The Bailey Group, Christian Surfers, The St. Augustine Recovery Center and The Collector Luxury Inn and Gardens.

Parking for the event is free, and the doors will open at 7 p.m. Performances by two bands, Kelp and Oh Great Sea, will begin at 7:30 p.m., to be followed by the film at 8:30 p.m. A raffle will be held for a custom surfboard by Surf Station and there will be several giveaways. The film is rated R for language.

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Ponte Vedra Beach native Murphy completes backstroke sweep at Nationals

Ponte Vedra Beach native and Bolles School graduate Ryan Murphy added to his already stellar swimming career this past weekend when he wrapped up a sweep of the backstroke at the Phillips 66 National Championship in Irvine, California.

The three-time Olympic gold medalist and University of California swimmer picked up titles in the 100-meter backstroke, 200-meter backstroke and 50-meter backstroke, a race in which he set an American record in the process. Murphy's time of 24.24 seconds eclipsed the previous American record of 24.33 set by Randall Bal in 2008 and ranks as the seventh-fastest 50 backstroke time ever. The event was held July 25-29.

The local star also set the world record in the 100-meter backstroke at the 2016 Rio Olympics.



Photo courtesy of Katy Murphy

Three-time Olympic gold medalist, Ponte Vedra Beach native and Bolles graduate Ryan Murphy won the 100-meter, 200-meter and 50-meter backstrokes at the Phillips 66 National Championship held July 25-29 in Irvine, California.

Special Olympics Florida — Duval County to offer new sports

Special Olympics Florida — Duval County will offer three new sports programs this fall, including gymnastics, unified softball and powerlifting. The organization also plans on growing its fourth sport, unified flag football.

Through new partnerships with TNT Gymnastics on the Southside, First Coast Crossfit in Riverside and the Mandarin Athletic Association, Special Olympics Florida is offering more programs across Jacksonville to reach more athletes with intellectual disabilities and engage more volunteers.

Special Olympics Florida currently offers 15 sports to cover 1,600 participants in Duval, offering them opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in the sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their friends, families and the community.

The organization is seeking new athletes, unified partners, coaches and volunteers willing to join the new sports programs. For more information on registration or practice locations and times, visit www.specialolympics-duval.org or email jessicaray@sofl.org.

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Jaguars accepting nominations for in-game military recognitions

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In-game military honors have been a tradition for the Jaguars since the team's inception. Since 2012 alone, the Jaguars have recognized more than 150 individual veterans, military personnel and first responders with these traditional in-game honors.

New this season, all military recognitions will be located at the all-new Camp Grunt Style, the military-inspired environment open to all fans on the north deck at TIAA Bank Field.

The four in-game recognitions will include:

- Navy Mutual Bell Ringer, which honors an active-duty serviceman or servicewoman who has been recognized for an act of valor or has recently returned from deployment.

- SunPass Hometown Hero, which honors a Jacksonville native who is either currently on deployment with the U.S. military or a local first responder who has performed heroically.

- First Data Veteran-Owned Business of the Game, which recognizes a Jacksonville-area business that is owned by a

veteran of the armed forces.

- Veteran of the Game, which honors a veteran of the armed forces who served with distinction during a United States conflict or war.

All nominations will be reviewed by a small selection committee and winners and their nominators will be notified in advance of the game. Those selected will receive tickets and parking to the event in which they will be recognized.

Fans can visit www.jaguars.com/military to submit a veteran, active duty service personnel, veteran-owned business or first responder to be highlighted live on the video boards during one of the Jaguars' home preseason or regular season games this fall. The application only applies to the 2018 home schedule at TIAA Bank Field.

In partnership with UPS and the Greater Jacksonville Area USO, The Jaguars Foundation provides more than 100 tickets per game to local military families that have a loved one on deployment. The Jaguars also provide more than 1,600 discounted tickets to military veterans and their families for every home game, and the home games regularly feature military flyovers, color guards and musical performances by military bands.

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