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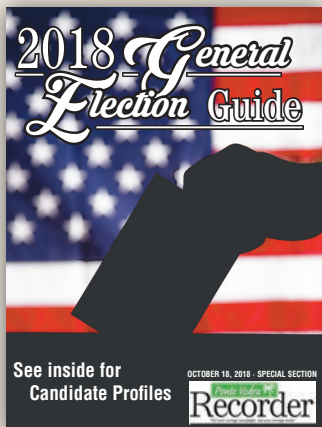
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A First Coast Fall

With falling temperatures, football and family fun at the pumpkin patch, fall is in the air on the First Coast. Pictured here is a group of pumpkins for sale at First United Methodist Church in St. Augustine.

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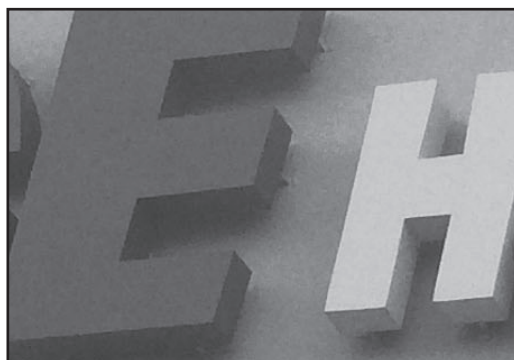


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CAT OF THE WEEK

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DOG OF THE WEEK

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Palm Valley Community Association hosts special meeting to address traffic on Roscoe Boulevard and throughout Ponte Vedra

By Benjamin Naim

The Palm Valley Community Association held a special meeting on Monday, Oct. 8 at the Palm Valley Community Center to discuss traffic conditions on Roscoe Boulevard and the Ponte Vedra/Palm Valley area in general.

The meeting was attended by local residents, incoming County Commissioner Jeremiah Blocker and Lt. Chris Wensil of the St. Johns County Sheriff's Office.

Roscoe Boulevard resident Greg Leonard, a member of the Citizens Traffic Task Force (CTTF), opened the meeting by analyzing traffic counts in the area and explaining the numbers to concerned citizens. He said alleviating the community's traffic problems will be a difficult task for local officials and residents alike.

"Each year the county does daily traffic counts along stretches of road through our community," he said. "That information is available to the public. We have been building a grid of how those daily counts have been changing."

Regarding Roscoe Boulevard, Leonard



Photo by Benjamin Naim

Roscoe Boulevard resident Greg Leonard, a member of the Citizens Traffic Task Force (CTTF), discusses traffic at a special meeting hosted by the Palm Valley Community Association at the Palm Valley Community Center on Oct. 8.

said there has been a 50 percent increase in traffic since 2018.

"The only reason Roscoe really grew is because people were using Roscoe as a way to get around a cut through to avoid

Palm Valley Road to avoid A1A," Leonard asserted. "I can't imagine there's a single person in this room that hasn't come up with a creative get around to move around our larger community."

According to a document Leonard shared at the meeting, traffic numbers along a section of Palm Valley Road from the Palm Valley Bridge going eastbound have skyrocketed over the last eight years.

"In 2010 we had 13,240 trips a day along that road," Leonard revealed. "That number is now almost 23,000 on that stretch going one day — that's a 74 percent increase."

Following Leonard's analysis of the latest traffic data, various residents shared their concerns at the meeting and offered possible solutions — from tolls to roundabouts.

Sharon Grant, an Odom's Mill resident, said the blossoming of Ponte Vedra has made it more difficult to drive her son to school.

"I sit at the entrance and exit to my neighborhood for seven minutes in the morning waiting to get out onto Palm Valley," she said. "I have gone out across the bridge to take my son at rush hour to a doctor's appointment over on Old St. Augustine Road; the traffic on Nocatee

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NOCATEE HAPPENINGS

PARC Group president/CEO addresses growth of Nocatee at local Rotary Club

By Jon Blauvelt

In 2009, The PARC Group was happy to report that Nocatee's builders had sold 68 homes during the year. Nine years later, the business is selling that number of homes in Nocatee in about three weeks, with an average of 1,000 homes sold per year over the last four years.

"There's been a pretty radical change," The PARC Group President and CEO Rick Ray said to the Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach last Thursday, Oct. 11. "We're busier now than we really have been since we started."

Addressing the local Rotary Club at its weekly meeting at Marsh Landing Country Club, Ray discussed the growth of Nocatee, its residents and its impact on St. Johns County as the club's keynote speaker.

In addition to highlighting the dramatic rise in home sales, Ray noted the growth in communities and builders in Nocatee.

In 2009, he said Nocatee was home to seven communities offered by 11 different builders. The PARC Group, he said, was opening communities that met the current market demand during the recession, including Greenleaf Village with homes starting at \$175,000. Another community, Ray noted, was for the cost-conscious buyers with homes starting at \$150,000.

Now, Nocatee has 30 communities featuring 20 different builders, and the average selling price for a home is \$465,000. Ray said the community is approaching the 7,000 mark of new home sales, which is a little more than 60 percent of total build-out, and has surpassed a population of 20,000. Almost 70 percent of the land, he added, is sold and in some stage of active development.

In addition to rooftops, Ray said the business community is growing in Nocatee, as seen with the development of the Nocatee Town Center and nearby restau-



Photo by Jon Blauvelt

The PARC Group President and CEO Rick Ray addresses the Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach on Thursday, Oct. 11 at Marsh Landing Country Club.

rants, office space and medical facilities. He noted that The PARC Group is planning to make a number of announcements in the near future regarding expanded medical services, too.

Nocatee lifestyle

Ray attributed the growth to the Nocatee lifestyle and brand. He said a recent survey revealed the No. 1 reason people are choosing to live in Nocatee is the lifestyle, compared to in the past when people chose

the community for its proximity to beaches and top-rated schools.

"I would love to think we can create that as developers but we can't," Ray said about the Nocatee lifestyle. "We've been very fortunate. A lot of it is just the people who have moved into Nocatee have created that lifestyle. We can create events, activities and build things, but they're able to breathe life into that for us."

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Jarrett Dreicer, vice president of operations for Baptist Health; Sarah Smith, gift officer at Mayo Clinic; Ebony and Rashean Mathis, a former Jacksonville Jaguar; Nancy Morrison, Cocktail Party chair; and Jason Simpson, director of development for Baptist Medical Center Beaches, gather at the Pink Ribbon Cocktail Party on Oct. 11 at the Mathis residence in Marsh Landing Country Club.

Photos by Jon Blauvelt



Area residents raise money for fight against breast cancer at Pink Ribbon Cocktail Party

The annual Pink Ribbon Cocktail Party was held last Thursday, Oct. 11 at the residence of former Jacksonville Jaguar Rashean Mathis and his wife Ebony in Marsh Landing Country Club.

Attendees of the event enjoyed participating in a silent auction featuring pieces from local artists, thanks to the help and coordination of Village Arts. The auction also included experiences such as a resort vacation getaway in the Dominican Republic, a gourmet dinner for 12, jewelry from David Yurman and Mazza Jewelry, a box suite for a Jumbo Shrimp outing and more. In addition, the event featured live music, hors d'oeuvres and drinks.

On Thursday, Nov. 8, one of Pink Ribbon's original sponsors, Underwood Jewelers in Ponte Vedra Beach, will host the annual check presentation at a David Yurman trunk show where the nonprofit will present the 2018 check to its beneficiaries, Baptist Medical Center Beaches and Mayo Clinic-Jacksonville. Pink Ribbon hopes to raise at least \$300,000 this year. Funds raised are used to support breast cancer research and related patient services.

For more information, visit pinkribbonjax.org.



ABOVE: Art from local artists is auctioned off at the event.



LEFT: Nancy Morrison and Rashean Mathis address the crowd at the party.

Cyclists take part in two-day ride to support fight against MS

Approximately 1,100 cyclists participated in the 32nd annual Bike MS: PGA TOUR Cycle to the Shore this past weekend to raise money to support people affected by multiple sclerosis (MS).

Held Oct. 13-14, the two-day ride from TPC Sawgrass in Ponte Vedra Beach to the Daytona Beach Boardwalk has raised \$853,302.03 so far. The event's goal is a bit north of \$1 million.

Local team Big Bananas is currently the leading fundraising bike team in the Bike MS Southeast Region at \$143,387.81



Photo by Donna McAfee

Cyclists from the Big Bananas team participate in the 32nd annual Bike MS: PGA Tour Cycle to the Shore Oct. 13-14 from Ponte Vedra Beach to Daytona Beach.

Bike MS: PGA TOUR Cycle to the Shore is one of nearly 80 rides across the country hosted by the National

Multiple Sclerosis Society. This year, more than 80,000 people are expected to participate in Bike MS nationwide.

Nocatee

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Ray noted that the community's amenities, such as the Splash Water Park, Spray Park and other wow factors, play a big part in creating that lifestyle.

Nocatee residents

Ray provided several fascinating statistics concerning the residents of Nocatee.

Perhaps the most noteworthy is that about 68 percent of the community's residents are coming from somewhere outside of Jacksonville's five-county area. They're coming from elsewhere in Florida but also from all over the world, Ray said. Of those moving to Nocatee from the Jacksonville area, Ray noted that one-third are coming from the Beaches, with most coming from Ponte Vedra Beach to either downsize or build a new home.

In addition, Ray said about half of Nocatee's new residents are products of a job transfer or relocation. Surprisingly, 38 percent of the community's residents are retired, he said, and 20 percent work from home. Also on an employment note, Ray said 6 percent of Nocatee residents work at the Beaches.

The median age in Nocatee is 40, Ray said, and the median age of just adults is 50.

Impact on St. Johns County

Ray said the community's new home property value is approaching a combined \$3 billion, which he noted is a significant property tax base that's been brought into the county on land that was not too long ago agricultural.

In addition, he said St. Johns County has collected more than \$70 million in impact fees from Nocatee residents. On top of that, Nocatee residents, Ray explained, pay an assessment every year to pay for their road system, which was built by funds being repaid by the residents. The Nocatee Parkway alone, Ray said, cost \$160 million, and the community's internal collector roads are worth \$100 million combined.

The community now has three schools, including Ponte Vedra High School, which Ray said mostly benefits Ponte Vedra Beach students, and Valley Ridge Academy and Palm Valley Academy.

Ray added that Nocatee has over 300 acres of parks, half of which is for the benefit of nonresidents. He also said The PARC Group is continuing its commitment to preserve two-thirds of the land in the community.

Future of Nocatee

If Nocatee were to maintain its current growth rate, Ray said it would take another four or five years to reach the end of development. He noted, however, that their pace may be slowed, especially if a future market correction takes place.

"We're very cautious as we're looking at 2019," he said. "All we can do is take all the data from all the experts ... and try to make our own determinations for when this market is going to slow down, or if we're going to see some kind of correction."

Overall, however, Ray said The PARC Group is seeing home values held up at very substantial prices in addition to a resale market that he said is strong.

"We're very optimistic about the future," he said.

A Ponte Vedra Beach native and resident, Tammy Barr is the founder of LASH on Beach Boulevard in Jacksonville Beach. LASH is a high-end studio specializing in the application of eyelash extensions, full service facials, brow services (microblading and waxing) and permanent makeup, and a boutique filled with unique merchandise and skin care products.

Tammy Barr

Can you please briefly tell us about your background?

I've had a very successful career in hospitality. Working with the Ritz-Carlton really shaped my understanding of true hospitality and what it takes to deliver that level of service consistently.

How did your LASH business start?

I wanted to build a place where customers could get quality lash and other beauty services and ultimately feel like they mattered. Knowing how eager the Beaches community is to support one of their own was a huge factor in opening LASH. I found a great partner, Amir Sabet, who I collaborated with in making it all happen. It took about nine months to find our location and complete the build-out. We started with a concrete vision and a concrete floor, and we've built LASH to be a place that I want every woman in Jacksonville to experience and fall in love with.

What distinguishes your studio from others?

The LASH service experience. The important part for me is creating an experience that makes customers want to come back again and again. Delivering that experience requires the right caliber of talent, so I created a very specific hiring and training protocol. Our mission is to deliver five-star experiences with every customer in every service.

What's your favorite part about your job?

I love building personal connections and helping women feel good about themselves. There is a comfort in our studio that makes connecting with new people so easy. We encourage our customers to connect with each other. I love when I walk through the lash parlor and hear this terrific hum of voices, chatting, laughing and connecting.

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

I love the beach vibe. From Atlantic Beach to St. Augustine Beach, there is this communal culture that permeates through everything that goes on here. Wherever you go, there is a sense of connection. Regardless of age, income or gender, there is a beach communal culture that connects us all. My heart is at the beach.

What do you like to do in your free time?

Turn my phone off ... just kidding! I am a huge Jaguars fan, so I love to watch the games with my husband at home. The best times ever are visiting my daughters in Gainesville and Tallahassee — yup, a house divided — and cooking when I find the time.

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<p>Art for Tots: Mythical Beasts This Art for Tots class on Oct. 18 from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. will look at ancient green pottery in the Schultz Gallery of the Cummer Museum and will discuss the designs and mythical creatures depicted. In the studio, children will reimagine their own creatures. Art for Tots is funded through the generosity of the Chartrand Family Foundation. Entry is through Art Connection and class sizes are limited. For more information, email education@cummermuseum.org or call (904) 355-0630.</p> <p>Grief support group A grief support group will meet Oct. 18 at 7 p.m. at St. Paul's Catholic Church in Room 102 of the Family Life Center, located at 578 1st Ave. N. in Jacksonville Beach. The group is for men and women grieving the death of a family member or friend. For more information, call Kathy at (904) 553-8933 or Catherine at (904) 247-0665.</p> <p>The Fabulous Thunderbirds featuring Kim Wilson For over 30 years, The Fabulous Thunderbirds have been the quintessential American band and they're coming to the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall Oct. 18 at 8 p.m. (gates open at 7 p.m.). For more information about the band, visit their website at www.fabulous thunderbirds.com. To purchase tickets, call the box office at (904) 209-0399 or visit www.pvconcerthall.com.</p> <p>Chapel Concert: Heather Gillis Band The Beaches Museum and Lazzara Family Foundation will host the Heather Gillis Band at the historic Beaches Museum Chapel Oct. 18 at 7 p.m. Check-in and refreshments start at 6 p.m. For videos and more information on this performer, visit www.intrepidartists.com/artists/heather-gillis.</p> <p>Victory Through Unity The Republican Party of Duval County will host a Victory Through Unity event Oct. 18 with Judge Jeanine Pirro at Jacksonville Veterans Memorial Arena, located at 300 A. Philip Randolph Blvd. The general reception starts at 5:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Cannon Firing Demonstration at Castillo de San Marcos National Parks Service volunteers and personnel demonstrate a cannon firing at the Castillo de San Marcos museum / monument every Friday, Saturday and Sunday at 10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. Rangers and volunteers demonstrate the weapons and relate the experiences of the colonial Spanish soldier of 1740s St. Augustine. Firing times are subject to change depending on weather conditions and staff availability. Castillo de San Marcos is located at 1 S. Castillo Drive in St. Augustine.</p> <p>Evening of Entertainment Camden Behavioral Wellness will host its Evening of Entertainment Oct. 19 at 7 p.m. at Laurel Island Links and Bogey's Bar & Grill. Comedienne Carrie Gay will be headlining the event with her stand-up comedy routine. For more information, call (912) 552-7435 or email familymatter@tds.net.</p> <p>Halloween Happenings Bring the family Oct. 19 for a complimentary Sawgrass Marriott Halloween Bash from 6 to 8 p.m. at Sawgrass Marriott Golf Resort & Spa, located at 1000 PGA Tour Blvd. in Ponte Vedra Beach. Join the ghouls and goblins in the haunted maze, partake in Halloween-themed crafts, trick-or-treat around the resort and enjoy seasonal bites from the culinary team. Costumes are strongly encouraged.</p> <p>St. Augustine Independent Restaurant Association Restaurant Week St. Augustine Independent Restaurant Association (SAiRA) is hosting a celebration of the local dining experience through Oct. 21. Foodies can take a tour of local cuisine from more than 12 independently owned SAiRA member restaurants located throughout St. Augustine. Chefs from each restaurant will prepare special, adventurous and delicious lunch and dinner menu experiences for participants. Visit www.staugustinerestaurants.com/restaurant-week for start times and more information.</p>	<p>LASH open house LASH will host an open house Oct. 15-20. Customers are invited for treatment and "Happy Hours," which will offer free brow waxing and treats. A raffle will benefit breast cancer awareness. For more information, call (904) 758-1072. This event will take place at 1500 Beach Blvd. #114 in Jacksonville.</p> <p>Archaeology fair The Archaeological Institute of America—Jacksonville Society and the Beaches Museum and History Park will present a public archaeology fair and lecture Oct. 20 at 381 Beach Blvd. in Jacksonville Beach from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The park will offer displays and demonstrations relating to archaeology, along with activities for children and a simulated archaeology dig, pottery and rope making. Archaeologist Dr. Keith Ashley from the University of North Florida will provide identification of local artifacts.</p> <p>Halloween Express Kids of all ages are invited aboard the Halloween Express, running Oct. 20 and 27 in St. Marys, Georgia. As passengers ride the rails through woodlands and marshlands on the way to the Monster Ball, Halloween entertainment will abound. The Express departs from Theatre by the Trax, located at 1000 Osborne Street in St. Marys, at 10 a.m., noon, 2 p.m., and 4 p.m. Visit www.stmarysrailroad.com or call (912) 200-5235 for more information or to purchase tickets.</p> <p>Family Fun Days Lord of Life Lutheran Church in Ponte Vedra Beach now has a pumpkin patch and will also hold a Family Fun Days weekend Oct. 20-21 featuring wagon rides, a bounce house, arts and crafts and more. The pumpkin patch is open Monday to Friday 2 p.m. to dusk, Saturdays from 9 a.m. to dusk and Sundays from 11 a.m. to dusk at 276 Roscoe Blvd. N. in Ponte Vedra Beach. For more information, visit www.lordoflifePVB.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>Volunteers needed at St. Johns County Council on Aging Volunteers are needed at THE PLAYERS Community Senior Center to help set up, serve and clean up for holiday parties. Volunteers are also needed for administrative duties at COA Transportation and the Veterans Recognition Program. For more information, call (904) 209-3686 or email aleach@stjohnscoa.com.</p> <p>Palms Presbyterian Church Blessing of the Animals Palms Presbyterian Church will host its second-annual Blessing of the Animals service Oct. 21 at 5 p.m. outside in the Palms' Oasis Garden. All types of pets are welcome. All dogs must be on a leash and all cats must be in a carrier to ensure a welcoming and inclusive environment. For more information about the church, call (904) 246-6427 or visit www.palmschurch.org.</p> <p>A Florida for All Americans The general public is invited for a celebration entitled Florida for All Americans Oct. 21 from 3 to 6 p.m. To be held at The Salem Centre at 7235 Bonneval Road in Jacksonville, the event will feature notable speakers from across the country to intrigue, inspire and encourage. For more information, email floridaforallamericans@yahoo.com.</p> <p>Vernon's Sunday Brunch Vernon's Sunday Brunch, taking place Oct. 21 at Sawgrass Marriott Golf Resort & Spa at 1000 PGA Tour Blvd., will be served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Reservations can be made directly at (904) 280-3405. The Hotel Transylvania-themed menu includes Carved Tomahawk Ribeye, Seafood Boil Cauldron, Fried Lollipop Chicken, Braised Pork Shanks with creamy polenta and more. 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<p>MOSH Mondays The Museum of Science and History's MOSH Mondays feature discounts including buy-one-get-one-half-off admission for adults, 10 percent off MOSH-branded items in the museum shop, 10 percent off memberships when signing up in-person and 10 percent off birthday packages when signing up in-person. MOSH Mondays also feature rotating weekly programs. MOSH is located at 1025 Museum Circle in Jacksonville. Visit www.themosh.org for more information.</p> <p>Suddenly Single The next Suddenly Single event will feature Jennifer Bost Thomas Oct. 22 from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. at the Ponte Vedra Recorder office. Thomas will discuss the importance of having a proper will and trust in place after a life changing event such as death or divorce. She will also reveal why these documents are a must-have.</p> <p>'First Man' "First Man" is a look at the life of astronaut Neil Armstrong and the legendary space mission that led him to become the first man to walk on the moon on July 20, 1969. This film is showing at the IMAX Theater at World Golf Hall of Fame. Visit www.worldgolfimax.com for showtimes and to purchase tickets.</p> <p>An introduction to meditation This class will explore different types of meditation, visualization, guided, japa, chanting, breath counting and mindfulness. Participants will learn how to create their own meditative spaces at home, proper prostural alignment and more. There is no cost to attend. This event will be held at 10 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. Oct. 22 at the Y Healthy Living Center at 170 Landrum Lane in Ponte Vedra Beach.</p> <p>Pumpkin Patch 2018 Stop by Rype and Read's Downtown Farm Market Oct. 22 to pick a pumpkin from one of the many found in the pumpkin patch, located at 115 La Quinta Place in St. Augustine.</p>	<p>Free diabetes empowerment program Bethune Cookman University in Hastings will host a free diabetes empowerment program Tuesdays from Oct. 23 to Nov. 27 from 10 a.m. to noon. Contact Northeast Florida AHEC at (877) 784-8486 to pre-register or for additional information.</p> <p>Prenatal yoga Prenatal and postnatal yoga is designed to help women cope with the changing needs of their body before and after pregnancy and birth. The public is invited Oct. 23 at 6 p.m. to share individual experiences with other women and gain empowerment through yoga, meditation and guided visualization. This approach is gentle and safe for women in all stages of pregnancy, and once recovered from birth, but prior approval from a healthcare provider is advised. This event will take place at the Y Healthy Living Center, located at 170 Landrum Lane in Ponte Vedra Beach.</p> <p>St. Marys Little Theatre auditions St. Marys Little Theatre is holding auditions for its special Christmas show "The Littlest Angel" Oct. 23 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Theatre by the Trax in St. Marys, Georgia. Roles that need to be cast include the littlest angel (boy or girl ages 6 to 9), several lead adult angels and the choir for people of all ages. Actors should be prepared to read from a script and sing a song of their choice. For more information, email Barbara@stmarysmagazine.com or call (912) 729-1103.</p> <p>Destroy Domestic Violence Florida Women's Law Group will host Destroy Domestic Violence Oct. 23 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. The main speaker will be Lakesha Burton, chief with JSO. Title Boxing will be providing self-defense instruction; attendees should wear workout attire. Furthermore, Frenchy's Day Spa will offer hand treatments and chair massages. Florida Women's Law Group is located at 4312 Pablo Professional Court in Jacksonville. For more information, visit www.Floridawomenslawgroup.com.</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>Yoga at the church Grab a mat and enjoy a weekly yoga session at St. Paul's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church each Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. All ages and skill levels are welcome. St. Paul's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church is located at 465 11th Ave. N. in Jacksonville. Call (904) 249-4091 Ext. 103 for more information.</p> <p>Savvy Job Hunters Ministry The Savvy Job Hunters Ministry will host an October workshop Oct. 24 from 9 a.m. to noon (sign-in begins at 8:45 a.m.) at the Parish Center Conference Room second floor at Christ Episcopal Church, located at 400 San Juan Drive in Ponte Vedra Beach. Register for the workshop by emailing Pam Ottesen at pottesen66@gmail.com. Dr. Priscilla Berry of the University of North Florida will be the speaker.</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>Family Bedtime Storytime class The Ponte Vedra Library will host a Family Bedtime Storytime class Oct. 24 from 6 to 6:30 p.m. Join Ms. Anne and Ms. Kimberley for dancing, stories and a fun bedtime song. Participants are encouraged to wear PJs. The Ponte Vedra Library is located at 101 Library Blvd. 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 Oct. 25 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>Florida Agricultural Museum farmers market This farmers market takes place each Thursday from 8 a.m. to noon. The market is located at the Florida Agricultural Museum at 7900 Old Kings Road N. in Palm Coast. Visitors are welcome to enjoy farm animals, local honey, flear market items, fruits, vegetables and local artisans.</p> <p>The Simon & Garfunkel Story Using huge projection photos and original film footage, the Simon & Garfunkel Story features a full live band performing all the hits including "Mrs Robinson," "Cecilia," "Bridge Over Troubled Water," "Homeward Bound" and more. This event is set for Oct. 25 at 7:30 p.m. at the Times Union Center for the Performing Arts in Jacksonville.</p> <p>Spiritual Awakening This event, entitled Spiritual Awakening, will help participants understand themselves as a spiritual being and use their energy in a way that is healing and uplifting. This event will take place Oct. 25 at the Anastasia Island Branch Library, located at 124 Seagrove Main St. in St. Augustine.</p> <p>Free calendar listings for community groups and nonprofit organizations are published at our discretion on a space-available basis. 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Jennifer Bost Thomas, an attorney at Thomas Estate Law PLLC, will speak about why these documents are so crucial

for all individuals. Other topics of discussion will include special needs and estate planning.

The event will be held from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. at the Ponte Vedra Recorder offices located at 1102 A1A N., Unit 108, in Ponte Vedra Beach. Register today by calling Trudy Toche, Suddenly Single program coordinator, at (973) 819-6581.

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Judy Dunnigan

Judy Marie Dunnigan, 62, died Oct. 10, 2018, in Jacksonville, Florida. She was born Sept. 8, 1956, in Little Rock, Arkansas, grew up in Slovak, Arkansas and resided in Florida the past 28 years.

Judy always lived a life serving others. She was a devoted volunteer at her children's schools, served in homeless shelters and soup kitchens on a regular basis and lovingly cared for her parents in their time of need.

Judy began teaching at Little Stars Preschool in 1998 and later transitioned to a teacher's aide at Palmer Catholic Academy working with elementary age students. Judy retired from teaching in 2016 to care for her parents full-time.

Judy is known for her joyful spirit, beautiful smile and selfless, kind heart. She was an inspiration and dearly admired by all who knew her. She fought and beat breast cancer in 2014. Judy courageously battled a Glioblastoma brain tumor the last 16 months of her life.

Judy is survived by her best friend and loving husband of 41 years, J.D.; son, Matt (Pam) Johnston; daughters Holly (Kyle) Wehner and Heather (Shawn) Sandler; grandchildren Drew, Mal-



Judy Dunnigan

lory, Ella, Megan, Lindsey, Claire, Brianna, Addison, Micah, Baylor, Sadie and Mya; brothers Frank Bednar and William Bednar; and mother, June Bednar. She was predeceased by her father, Frank Bednar Jr.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to one of the following two organizations: Preston Robert Tisch Brain Tumor Center, Attn.: Dr. Henry S. Friedman, Duke Medical Center, Box 3624, Trent Drive, Durham, NC 27710 or Carolina Breast Friends, 1607 East Morehead St., Charlotte, NC 29207; with "in honor of Judy Dunnigan" in the memo.

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Dr. Camarda's Weekly Wealth Nugget FINANCIAL ADVISOR BASICS

Financial advice is one of the most mystifying services consumers purchase. In a field which has evolved to become as complex as medicine, it remains very difficult to tell the difference between highly trained, ethical and effective advisors, and charming salespeople who may or may not be able to effectively grow and protect your family's wealth. Hopefully, this short article will help to clear the mystery and share some easy guidelines to ease your decision, and help determine which advisor can best suit your needs, and whether your existing advisor makes the grade, or if you should consider replacing them. We believe there are eight critical factors, which we call the 8 Keys to a Great Advisor. They are:

- Do they put you – or themselves – first?
- How expert? Are they highly trained and educated in wealth planning?
- Are they tax savvy to conserve your wealth?
- Is compensation clear and fair?
- Getting advice & planning or just products?
- How severe and obvious are conflicts of interest?
- Is there regulatory disciplinary history?
- Any third party recognition of excellence?

All can be critical to getting excellent advice. The Big Mistakes, of course, are using an advisor who is deficient in one or more of them, since the absence of even one of these factors can lead to financial underperformance or even disaster.

It is important to mention that the term advisor – which used to have a stricter meaning and was reserved for professionals who had a legal duty to put clients' interests first – has been transformed into more of a marketing term, now applied to what we used to call stockbrokers, insurance salespeople, and others in sometimes misleading ways, even using commercials which seem to imply they must put your interests first, but actually say no such thing.

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Jon Blauvelt
Editor

Each year, the Ponte Vedra Recorder submits entries of its best editorial and advertising work to the Florida Media Association's Awards of Excellence in

Stuart, Florida. I'm happy to report that this year the Recorder took home 22 awards from the competition, which was the highest number of awards given to a media outlet there.

The Recorder's 22 awards included nine first-place plaques and a Judge's Choice award, as well as six second-place honors and six third-place honors.

I'm very proud of our small but mighty team and the work that they produce week in and week out. We do not take our responsibility to our readers and advertisers lightly, and I believe that is evident in the quality of this award-winning work. Thank YOU for your continued support of the Recorder and local journalism. Without you, this recognition wouldn't be possible.

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- Self Promotion in Paper
- Dining & Entertainment Advertising Full Color/Process (1/2 Page or More)
- Dining & Entertainment Advertising Full Color/Process (Less than 1/2 page)
- Best Community Newspaper Cover Design
- Best Special Section Cover Design (Newsprint)
- Best Special Section Cover Design (Glossy)

The Recorder received six second-place honors in the following categories:

- Retail Advertising Full Color/Process (1/2 Page or More)
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The Recorder also won a Judge's Choice award for self promotion in the paper.



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Phillip Burnaman

Phillip Ross Burnaman, 83, of Ponte Vedra Beach, died Oct. 7, 2018. Arrangements by Quinn-Shalz, A Family Funeral Home & Cremation Centre.

Sally Holland

Sally Anne Holland, 87, of Jacksonville, died Oct. 4, 2018. Arrangements by Quinn-Shalz, A Family Funeral Home & Cremation Centre.

Mary Hulihan

Mary Ann Hulihan, 81, of Neptune Beach, died Oct. 5, 2018. Arrangements by Quinn-Shalz, A Family Funeral Home & Cremation Centre.

Candace Mingo

Candace Rae Mingo, 68, of Atlantic Beach, died Oct. 5, 2018. Arrangements by Quinn-Shalz, A Family Funeral Home & Cremation Centre.

Roy Mulhall

Roy Edward Mulhall, 77, of Ponte Vedra Beach, died Oct. 7, 2018. Arrangements by Quinn-Shalz, A Family Funeral Home & Cremation Centre.

Roscoe

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Parkway headed toward the bridge was backed up 5 miles and it is every time I go."

Grant suggested putting in traffic circles on Palm Valley Road to lighten traffic at all the entrances to large neighborhoods.

"If we had small circles that just allowed people to flow out onto the road but slow the people on Palm Valley down a little bit, we may be able to keep the traffic moving a little bit more," she said. "It's just a thought."

Joe Gallagher, a Roscoe Boulevard resident, said people are driving too fast on Roscoe and illegally passing school buses — leading to dangerous driving conditions that could put his daughter at risk.

"My biggest concern is my daughter," he said. "Last year, we called the county and we had a police officer go (to Palm Valley Bridge) and he had somebody pulled over for passing that school bus. That's my concern."

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ABOUT THIS GUIDE

This guide was produced by the staff at the Ponte Vedra Recorder to prepare area voters for the general election on Tuesday, Nov. 6.

A significant portion of the information in the guide was submitted by the candidates. For candidates the Recorder was unable to get in touch with, background information was obtained from campaign websites. Information pertaining to the election was also provided by the St. Johns County Supervisor of Elections.

Also in this guide, readers will see stories by the Recorder and contributors, as well as photos taken by staff at recent political events.

PRECINCT LOCATIONS IN THE AREA

■ **401:** Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library, 101 Library Blvd., Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082

This is also an early voting site that transitions into a precinct come election day.

■ **402:** Our Lady Star of the Sea Church, 545 A1A North, Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082

■ **403:** Ponte Vedra Presbyterian Church, 4510 Palm Valley Road, Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082

■ **404:** Christ Episcopal Church, 400 San Juan Drive, Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082

■ ***405:** Ponte Vedra Concert Hall, 1050 A1A North, Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082

Residents north of the Nocatee Parkway and in Sawmill Lakes previously voted at Ponte Vedra Presbyterian Church.

■ **406:** St. Francis in the Field, 895 Palm Valley Road, Ponte Vedra, FL 32081

■ **407:** Ponte Vedra Concert Hall, 1050 A1A North, Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082

■ **408:** The Palencia Club, 600 Palencia Club Drive, St. Augustine, FL 32095

Note: Precincts denoted with an * indicate a change in the polling location.

On election day, voters are required to vote at their assigned polling place based on their address. To find your polling place, visit the St. Johns County Supervisor of Elections website at www.votesjc.com and click "My Voter Status" in the "Quick Links" section of the homepage.

EARLY VOTING

Early voting starts Oct. 24 in St. Johns County.

Early voting dates are Oct. 24 to Nov. 3 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily at all locations. This election is open to all registered voters in St. Johns County.

There are seven early voting locations throughout St. Johns County. Voters may cast their ballot at any of the locations, regardless of where they reside.

■ Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library, 101 Library Blvd., Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082

■ Supervisor of Elections Office, 4455 Ave. A, Suite 101, St. Augustine FL 32095

■ Southeast Branch Library, 6670 U.S. 1 South, St. Augustine, FL 32086

■ St. Augustine Beach City Hall, 2200 A1A South, St. Augustine, FL 32080

■ St. Johns Golf & Country Club, 205 St. Johns Golf Drive, St. Augustine, FL 32092

■ Jullington Creek Annex (Conference Room), 725 Flora Branch Blvd., St. Johns, FL 32259

■ W.E. Harris Community Center, 400 E. Harris Street, Hastings, FL 32145

Remember to take your current and valid photo and signature ID with you when you vote. If you do not have proper ID, you must vote a provisional ballot.

For more elections information, call (904) 823-2238 or visit www.votesjc.com.

Ponte Vedra resident challenging Rutherford for Florida's 4th Congressional District

By Jon Blauvelt

As the Nov. 6 general election approaches, one race of local interest is the seat for Florida's 4th Congressional District, which represents Nassau County and portions of St. Johns and Duval counties. Currently held by Congressman John Rutherford and historically a seat with a Republican stranglehold, the Democratic candidate in the race is a nearly 10-year resident of Ponte Vedra who firmly believes he has a chance in flipping the district from red to blue.

"This is not a long shot," Ges Selmont told the Recorder. "The data shows that we are right on John's heels."

Selmont is referring to two straw polls that took place in July and August as part of the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce's Politics in St. Johns events. Administered by the St. Johns County Supervisor of Elections office, the straw polls resulted in Rutherford receiving a combined 283 votes, and Selmont receiving 243.

History, however, is not on Selmont's side, as Republicans have won the seat in lopsided fashion, especially in recent years. In 2016, Rutherford defeated his Democratic opponent, David Bruderly by nearly 175,000 votes, and in 2014, former Rep. Ander Crenshaw, a Republican who served the district from 2001 to 2016, defeated Independent opponents by more than 142,000 votes. Not to mention, Rutherford has name recognition as the former sheriff of Duval County and incumbent.

Selmont, however, believes the district is changing.

"This is not a red area; it's a purple area," he said. "There are tons of northern migration into the First Coast and in just the last two years, the population has changed. That's a good thing. Our elected officials should reflect the population."

As to be expected, the candidates in this race have differing priorities and opinions on issues of local and national interest. The Recorder asked the candidates to weigh in on their priorities and strategies to address the district's fledgling beaches, gun control and school safety.

Priorities and issues

An attorney, entrepreneur and most recently a special advisor to the president of Edward Waters College in Jacksonville, Selmont's No. 1 priority is to be a congressman for the Beaches, noting that the 4th district is mostly coastal.

With that population in mind, Selmont plans to protect what he said is most important to the people of the Beaches, including the region's beauty, low taxes and environment. A significant priority, he said, would be to work on infrastructure for the First Coast.

On the other hand, Rutherford told the Recorder via email he would continue building on efforts to grow the economy, create jobs and increase wages to rebuild the military, serve veterans, secure borders, enforce immigration laws, reduce the cost of healthcare and improve infrastructure.

"I will continue to tirelessly advocate for the people of Northeast Florida and work with our state and local officials to keep our communities thriving," Rutherford said.

As for how to build back and maintain the beaches, Selmont said Congress must help in not only replenishing the beaches but also replenishing access. He also said Congress cannot expect local government to address climate change, so he would help in securing funding for resiliency of septic tanks, raising roadways, making bridges more resilient,

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GENERAL ELECTION CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

A total of 12 state constitutional amendments are scheduled to appear on the Nov. 6 general election ballot. The amendments, as provided by the St. Johns County Supervisor of Elections, will appear as follows:

1. Increased Homestead Property Tax Exemption — Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to increase the homestead exemption by exempting the assessed valuation of homestead property greater than \$100,000 and up to \$125,000 for all levies other than school district levies. The amendment shall take effect Jan. 1, 2019.

2. Limitations on property tax assessments — Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to permanently retain provisions currently in effect, which limit property tax assessment increases on specified non-homestead real property, except for school district taxes, to 10 percent each year. If approved, the amendment removes the scheduled repeal of such provisions in 2019 and shall take effect Jan. 1, 2019.

3. Voter Control of Gambling in Florida — This amendment ensures that Florida voters shall have the exclusive right to decide whether to authorize casino gambling by requiring that in order for casino gambling to be authorized under Florida law, it must be approved by Florida voters pursuant to Article XI, Section 3 of the Florida Constitution. Affects articles X and XI. Defines casino gambling and clarifies that this amendment does not conflict with federal law regarding state/tribal compacts. The amendment's impact on state and local government revenues and costs, if any, cannot be determined at this time because of its unknown effect on gambling operations that have not been approved by voters through a constitutional amendment proposed by a citizens' initiative petition process.

4. Voting Restoration Amendment — This amendment restores the voting rights of Floridians with felony convictions after they complete all terms of their sentence including parole or probation. The amendment would not apply to those convicted of murder or sexual offenses, who would continue to be permanently barred from voting unless the governor and cabinet vote to restore their voting rights on a case by case basis. The precise effect of this amendment on state and local

government costs cannot be determined, but the operation of current voter registration laws, combined with an increased number of felons registering to vote, will produce higher overall costs relative to the processes in place today. The impact, if any, on state and local government revenues cannot be determined. The fiscal impact of any future legislation that implements a different process cannot be reasonably determined.

5. Supermajority Vote Required to Impose, Authorize or Raise State Taxes or Fees — Prohibits the legislature from imposing, authorizing or raising a state tax or fee except through legislation approved by a two-thirds vote of each house of the legislature in a bill containing no other subject. This proposal does not authorize a state tax or fee otherwise prohibited by the Constitution and does not apply to fees or taxes imposed or authorized to be imposed by a county, municipality, school board or special district.

6. Rights of Crime Victims; Judges — Creates constitutional rights for victims of crime; requires courts to facilitate victims' rights; authorizes victims to enforce their rights throughout criminal and juvenile justice processes. Requires judges and hearing officers to independently interpret statutes and rules rather than deferring to government agency's interpretation. Raises mandatory retirement age of state judges from 70 to 75 years; deletes authorization for judges to complete term if one-half of term has been served by retirement age.

7. First Responder and Military Member Survivor Benefits; Public Colleges and Universities — Creates mandatory payment of education and compensation benefits to qualifying survivors of certain first responders and military members who die performing official duties. Requires supermajority votes by university trustees and state university system board of governors to raise or impose all legislatively authorized fees if law requires approval by those bodies. Establishes existing state college system as constitutional entity; provides governance structure.

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FIFTH DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL



ERIC EISNAUGLE

Note: Voters will be asked if Judge Eric J. Eisnaugle should be retained for office.

Judge Eric J. Eisnaugle was appointed to the court in 2017 by Gov. Rick Scott to fill a vacancy created by the elevation of now Justice C. Alan Lawson. Eisnaugle is a Florida native who is married with four children.

Prior to joining the court, Eisnaugle served in the Florida House of Representatives from 2008 through 2012, and

again from 2014 until his appointment. While in the Florida House, he served as chairman of the Civil Justice Subcommittee and as vice chairman of the Rules and Calendar Committee. He also served as a member of numerous other committees including the Judiciary Committee and the Judicial Appropriations Subcommittee.

While in private practice, Eisnaugle received an AV Pre-eminent rating on Martindale Hubbell and litigated a wide variety of commercial matters in Florida's trial courts. In his appellate practice, he handled commercial and liability cases before Florida's appellate courts. He also served as a

volunteer guardian ad litem representing children in Orange County, and received the Orange County Legal Aid Society's New Attorney Award of Excellence in 2010.

Eisnaugle graduated from Vanderbilt University Law School in 2003 with honors as a member of the Order of the Coif. During law school, he served on the board of the Journal of Transnational Law and as a member of Vanderbilt's National Moot Court Team. Eisnaugle graduated summa cum laude from Florida Southern College in 2000 where he majored in business administration and economics.

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expanding drainage systems and more.

Rutherford has supported significant federal funding for beach renourishment and shore protection efforts in Northeast Florida during his first term. He noted that he helped in securing more than \$36 million for the Vilano Beach renourishment project and pledged to continue working with leaders to maintain and protect area beaches.

On the topic of gun control, Selmont believes an assault weapons ban should be implemented. On a similar note concerning school safety, he said schools need to be hardened and built with the understanding that they're targets.

Rutherford is a strong supporter of a citizen's constitutional right to bear arms. He said he supports and has voted to strengthen the National Instant Background Check System (NICS) and believes in eliminating the root causes of violence by strengthening the mental healthcare system. Rutherford also supports red flag laws that allow one to petition for a gun-violence risk protection order that takes firearms from people deemed to be a risk to harm themselves or others, while also providing those people with due process rights.

On school safety, Rutherford authored the STOP School Violence Act with Rep. Ted Deutch, which focuses on prevention by investing in early intervention, violence prevention and training for teachers, students and administrators to help them identify red flags and what to do when they arise. The legislation also strengthens mental health networks and encourages Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design.

"While I am pleased by the successes we have had, there is much more work to do to continue our progress in these and other areas," Rutherford said. "We owe it to the American people to continue working to create more opportunities for our citizens and uphold their constitutional rights."

Selmont, on the other hand, believes a change is in order and said there is "pent up demand" for Democratic representation in the area.

"The biggest thing I've heard is, 'I don't like my government anymore,'" Selmont said. "There are so many people asking me to be civil, to be positive, to not attack the other side ... that's the No. 1 thing I'm hearing, to be better."

For more information on the race for Florida's 4th Congressional District, which also features two Independent candidates, flip to page 22.

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St. Johns County Republican Executive Committee unveils new headquarters

By Samantha Logue

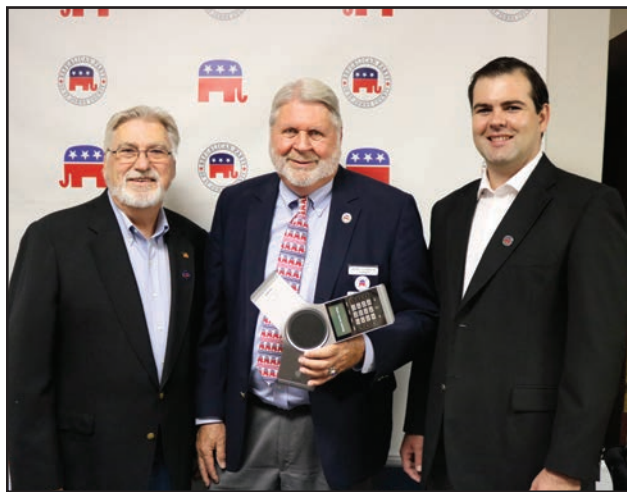
In preparation for the upcoming 2018 midterm election, the St. Johns County Republican Executive Committee held an open house Friday, Oct. 5 to officially unveil its new headquarters at 2155 Old Moultrie Road in St. Augustine.

“We were just extremely fortunate to get 2,800 square feet that’s laid out in a perfect configuration for running a political party,” said Jerry Cameron, chair of the St. Johns County Republican Executive Committee. “We’ve got a phone bank room, a reception area ... and this looks to me more like a state or national headquarters than a REC headquarters.”

St. Johns County Commissioner Jimmy Johns and Florida Rep. Cyndi Stevenson were on site to celebrate the occasion, as was Lt. Col. Michael Waltz, the Republican candidate for Florida’s Congressional District 6 seat, which was recently vacated by Republican gubernatorial candidate Ron DeSantis.

Waltz, a combat decorated Green Beret who led the search for Pvt. Bowe Bergdahl following his desertion, stressed that Republicans should not get complacent going into this year’s election.

“A lot of people think, ‘Oh, it’s Ron DeSantis’ seat. You made it through the primary, Mike. Great job,’ but the Dems are coming after this seat,” he said, highlighting Florida’s status as a key swing state in presidential elections and the tentative nature of the Republicans’ current control of the House of Representatives.



ABOVE: Congressional candidate Michael Waltz speaks at the unveiling of the new St. Johns County Republican Executive Committee Headquarters on Oct. 5.

LEFT: St. Johns County Republican Executive Committee Chair Jerry Cameron (center) celebrates with James Pennington Sr. (from left) and James Pennington Jr.

Photos by Samantha Logue

“I plan to fully support the commander in chief,” he added, “and I’m telling you, if we lose the House, it’s going to be im-

peachment, open borders, abolishing ICE, repealing the tax cuts and going to socialized medicine. That’s Nancy Pelosi’s agenda and I’m not going to let that happen.”

Alluding to the contentious governor’s race between DeSantis and Democrat Andrew Gillum, Waltz also stressed the importance of maintaining Republican control at the state level, stating: “We’ve all seen what Ron is facing with Gillum, a socialist. Straight up, (Gillum) runs to the left of Bernie Sanders, and (DeSantis) has got a fight on his hands and I have a fight on my hands. You all are the ground troops in this fight for our

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St. Johns County State Committeewoman Elizabeth Chatham attends the open house with husband Chris Chatham.

U.S. SENATOR



BILL NELSON Democrat

Sen. Bill Nelson, a Florida native whose family came to the Panhandle in 1829, began his public service career in 1972 with his election to the Florida Legislature. He then served six terms in U.S. Congress representing Orlando and the Space Coast, becoming an early champion of the environment.

In 1994, Nelson was elected to the Florida Cabinet as state treasurer, insurance commissioner and fire marshal. During his six years in the post, he proved to be a common-sense problem solver and strong consumer advocate. Nelson was first elected to the U.S. Senate in November 2000. Since then, he has stood up to insurance companies, Wall Street banks and big oil. Additionally, Nelson has created a blueprint forward for America’s space agency.

Now in his third term, Nelson is continuing to fight for lower taxes, better education, Medicare and Social Security. For more information, visit www.billnelson.senate.gov.

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RICK SCOTT Republican

A Bloomington, Illinois native, Rick Scott is a Republican currently serving as the 45th governor of the state of Florida.

Scott grew up in public housing as his adoptive father, a World War II veteran and truck driver, and his mother, a store clerk, struggled to financially support their family. After marrying his high school sweetheart, Ann, Scott joined the Navy and used the G.I. Bill to go to college and eventually open his first business — a donut shop. He ultimately ran the world’s largest healthcare company with hundreds of thousands of employees from across the world. Scott is a graduate of the University of Missouri, Kansas City, later receiving his law degree from Southern Methodist University’s Dedman School of Law.

Since being elected governor, Scott has championed more than \$10 billion in tax cuts and reduced more than 5,200 regulations. Since 2011, he has helped navigate the state of Florida through several natural disasters including Hurricanes Hermine, Matthew and Irma.

For more information on Scott, visit www.rickscottforflorida.com.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The Florida Constitution, just like the U.S. Constitution, is the “people’s document,” and it is the one part of our state government that we control directly. It is our right to amend or not amend this document as we see fit.

On our current ballot, there are a dozen proposed amendments to our constitution. Each one deals with permanent changes to existing law. It will be up to voters to decide what should pass, or fail, and it is our responsibility to research these amendments before voting.

As a former lawmaker, when proposing bills, it was important that the legislation be germane to a single topic. Unfortunately, many of the proposed amendments deal with multiple issues that cannot be voted on separately. When deciding how to vote, you should ask yourself if you agree with every part of the proposed amendment. If you like only part of it, it may be better not to support the proposal as a whole.

And finally, even if you agree with every

single part of the amendment, you should decide if the proposal should be in the Florida Constitution or should it rather be legislated into Florida Statutes as law.

Once the Florida Constitution is amended, it is extremely difficult to change it back. It is not uncommon for unforeseen consequences to appear years later once the amendments are adopted. Activist judges have also misinterpreted the will of the people even when it seemed clear to voters. To make changes later, it would have to go back through the amendment process and would have to receive a 60 percent approval by voters, which may take years. On the other hand, if laws are made through the legislature and placed in Statute, they can be changed during the next annual or special session.

Regardless of how you vote, make sure that you know all the issues. We should all protect the “people’s document” to reflect our most important needs.

Ronald “Doc” Renuart, Ponte Vedra Beach
Former Member of the Florida House of Representatives

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9. Prohibits Offshore Oil and Gas Drilling; Prohibits Vaping in Enclosed Indoor Workplaces — Prohibits drilling for the exploration or extraction of oil and natural gas beneath all state-owned waters between the mean high water line and the state’s outermost territorial boundaries. Adds use of vapor-generating electronic devices to current prohibition of tobacco smoking in enclosed indoor workplaces with exceptions; permits more restrictive local ordinances.

10. State and Local Government Structure and Operation — Requires legislature to retain department of veterans’ affairs. Ensures election of sheriffs, property appraisers, supervisors of elections, tax collectors and clerks of court in all counties; removes county charters’ ability to abolish, change term, transfer duties or eliminate election of these offices. Changes annual legislative session commencement date in even-numbered years from March to January; removes legislature’s authorization to fix another date. Creates office of domestic security and counterterrorism within department of law enforcement.

11. Property Rights: Removal of Obsolete Provision; Criminal Statutes — Removes

discriminatory language related to real property rights. Removes obsolete language repealed by voters. Deletes provision that amendment of a criminal statute will not affect prosecution or penalties for a crime committed before the amendment; retains current provision allowing prosecution of a crime committed before the repeal of a criminal statute.

12. Lobbying and Abuse of Office by Public Officers — Expands current restrictions on lobbying for compensation by former public officers; creates restrictions on lobbying for compensation by serving public officers; provides exceptions; prohibits certain abuses of public office for personal benefit.

13. Dog Racing — Prohibits gaming or pari-mutuel entities from racing dogs in connection with wagering; eligibility of such entities to conduct other authorized pari-mutuel and gaming activities is not affected; prohibits wagering on outcome of in-state live dog races.

Voters will have a choice to make for each of these amendments. Legal challenges have been made to remove Amendments 7, 9 and 11, however, they remain as of now. No. 8 has been removed and does not appear on the ballot.

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RON DESANTIS

Republican

RUNNING MATE: JEANETTE NUÑEZ

Ron DeSantis is the former U.S. representative for Florida's Sixth District who has been endorsed by President Donald Trump.

While in Congress, DeSantis has led efforts to impose term limits cut taxes, repeal ObamaCare, relocate America's embassy in Israel to Jerusalem, assist veterans suffering from post-traumatic stress, prevent American tax dollars from being sent to Iran, combat radical Islamic terrorism, stop illegal immigration and defund sanctuary cities.

A native Floridian with blue-collar roots, DeSantis worked his way through Yale University, where he graduated with honors and was the captain of the varsity baseball team. He also graduated with honors from Harvard Law School. While at Harvard, DeSantis earned a commission in the U.S. Navy as a JAG officer. During his active-duty service, he supported operations at the terrorist detention center at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and deployed to Iraq as an adviser to a U.S. Navy SEAL commander in support of the SEAL mission in Fallujah, Ramadi, and the rest of Al Anbar province. His military decorations include the Bronze Star medal for meritorious service and the Iraq Campaign Medal. He has also served as a federal and military prosecutor.

DeSantis is married to his wife, Casey, an Emmy Award-winning television host. They have a daughter, Madison, and son, Mason.

For more information, visit rondesantis.com.

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ANDREW GILLUM

Democrat

RUNNING MATE: CHRIS KING

Andrew Gillum was born in Miami where his mother drove a school bus and his father was a construction worker. After being the first in his family to graduate from college, the Miami native went on to become the youngest person in history to be elected to the Tallahassee City Commission, before later becoming mayor. He has in total contributed 15

years of public service.

As mayor, Gillum developed the local economy, fought the gun lobby in court to promote reform and defended the rights of immigrants. Under his leadership, Tallahassee advanced workforce training programs for underrepresented workers as one of only 50 cities in the nation included in President Obama's TechHire program. Gillum also helped lower violent crime in the City by more than 8 percent through increased investments in law enforcement, community policing, re-entry programs and an expansion of social service funding.

Gillum is running for governor to rebuild the state's economy, revitalize public education, protect and expand healthcare access and address the climate change crisis with a clean energy economy.

For more information, visit www.andrewgillum.com.

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KYLE "KC" GIBSON

No party affiliation

RUNNING MATE: ELLEN WILDS

Kyle "KC" Gibson was born in Tallahassee on Dec. 21, 1969, to George and Joan Gibson, two music educators in the Florida school system.

During a class field trip to Florida's Capitol in 1978, Gibson had a chance to meet and speak with the late Gov. Reubin O'Donovan Askew. It was at that moment that Gibson knew he wanted to serve as Florida's governor one day. Several years later, as a student at Florida Atlantic University, Gibson had a chance to take a class taught by the former governor where he shared his childhood encounter some 20 years earlier. Shortly after filing his intent to run, Gibson had yet another chance to speak with Gov. Askew. After graduation, Gibson followed in the footsteps of his parents and served as an educator in Broward and Indian River counties.

In 1998, Kyle answered his call to the ministry in the African Methodist Episcopal Church where he eventually earned the Master of Divinity from Turner Theological Seminary of the Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta. He has served congregations in Georgia and Florida as the senior pastor since 2001.

On Jan. 1, 2000, Gibson married Tamara, his soul mate, at a watch night service. Tamara is a Registered Nurse and shares in Gibson's vision for a healthy Florida.

That vision includes civil rights restoration, job creation for Florida and investing in the future of the state's youth, among other goals. Visit www.kcin2018.com for more information.

From www.kcin2018.com



DARCY G. RICHARDSON

Reform Party

RUNNING MATE: NANCY ARGENZIANO

A 25-year resident of Jacksonville, Darcy G. Richardson believes it's time to end the hyper-partisanship and needless polarization of American politics. He wants to bring a genuine independent voice to Tallahassee that speaks for everyone in the Sunshine State, rich and poor alike.

In addition to having more than 15 years of experience working in the financial services industry, Richardson is the author of more than a dozen books on American history and politics. His work earned an Outstanding Academic Title (OAT) award in 2005 and was highlighted in Newsweek magazine's July 2010 issue.

In addition to managing one of Minnesota Sen. Eugene J. McCarthy's campaigns and serving as a senior advisor in another, Richardson ran for Pennsylvania auditor general in 1980 and for the U.S. Senate eight years later on the Consumer Party ticket.

In 2012, he offered himself as a protest candidate in several Democratic presidential primaries, briefly challenging Wall Street's influence on the Democratic Party and the nation's body politic.

Richardson has appeared as guest on numerous nationally-syndicated radio talk shows, ranging from the progressive "Thom Hartmann Show" to Joseph Farah's conservative "WorldNetDaily Radioactive" program. His writings are included in the collections of the Bill Clinton presidential library at the University of Arkansas, the Gerald R. Ford Library and the new Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library.

Submitted by the candidate



BRUCE STANLEY

No party affiliation

RUNNING MATE: RYAN HOWARD MCJURY

Bruce Stanley is a 16-year resident of Florida who says he has witnessed the side effects of unaffordable property values, the loss of options resulting from overdevelopment and the impact of the economic crisis. Stanley is a self-employed business owner of 11 years; a three-year Miami-Dade Green Party officer, co-chair and secretary; a steering committee member of Miami Climate Alliance; a political advocacy coordinator for ReThink Energy South Florida; and a winner of the Miami New Times' "Best Film Festival of 2016" for producing "Rise up Miami: A 2-Day Radical Film Fest."

The campaign he is most proud of working was to stop the development of a Walmart Supercenter in Midtown Miami, adjacent to the Wynwood Arts district. Stanley helped contribute video content and attended and livestreamed several hearings on the issue at Miami City Hall.

Stanley views the state of Florida as a system and a project. He hopes to make the state sustainable for its existing residents over the long-term. For more information, visit www.brucestanley.com.

From www.brucestanley.com

Note: Ryan Christopher Foley (Lt. Gov. John Tutton Jr.) is a No Party Affiliation candidate running for governor of Florida. He has not responded to the Recorder, and no information could be found about his candidacy online.

ATTORNEY GENERAL



ASHLEY MOODY Republican

Ashley Moody is a fifth-generation Floridian and was born and raised in Plant City, Florida. She attended the University of Florida, where she earned her bachelor's and master's degrees in accounting, and Juris Doctor. She later attended Stetson University College of Law, earning a Master of Laws in international law.

She began her legal career with Holland & Knight, where she practiced commercial litigation. While at Holland & Knight, she was named one of Tampa Bay's "40 under 40" distinguished lawyers for her professional and civic contributions. Moody subsequently joined the United States Attorney's Office prosecuting drug, firearm and fraud offenses. While a federal prosecutor, Moody was commended by the DEA for prosecutorial excellence and outstanding initiative in drug law enforcement.

In 2006, at the age of 31, Moody became the youngest judge in Florida when she was elected circuit court judge of the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit in Hillsborough County. Moody served as a circuit court judge for over a decade and, during that time, founded the Attorney Ad Litem program, recruiting volunteer attorneys to stand in the place of parents who did not appear in court with their children, and developed a mentoring program for at-risk children within the juvenile delinquency system.

Moody also served as an adjunct professor at Stetson University College of Law during her time on the bench. In 2015, Moody was awarded the Florida Supreme Court's Distinguished Judicial Service Award for her significant contributions to pro bono legal service.

Moody lives with her husband, Justin, a federal law enforcement agent, in Tampa, Florida with their two sons, Brandon and Connor. For more information, visit www.electashleymoody.com.

Submitted by the candidate



SEAN SHAW Democrat

Raised in North Florida, Rep. Sean Shaw was taught the importance of public service from a young age by his father, Leander Shaw, the first African-American chief justice of the Florida Supreme Court. During law school at the University of Florida Levin College of Law, Shaw clerked for a United States District Court judge focusing on constitutional law and the protection of civil rights.

After law school, Shaw worked in private

practice representing workers, families and small businesses during some of their most trying times. As Florida's Insurance Consumer Advocate, Shaw was an insurance industry watchdog protecting consumers against abuses from insurers. He led the process of negotiating lower rates for homeowners, pushed for faster response times from insurers after emergencies and ensured rates were fair and justified.

He currently represents State House District 61 in Tampa, where he has fought for more funding for public education, for criminal justice reforms and for common sense gun safety legislation to make communities safer.

For more information, visit seanshaw.com.

Submitted by the candidate

JEFFREY MARC SISKIND No party affiliation

Jeffrey Marc Siskind graduated from Harvard University with a bachelor's degree in 1982 and a master's degree in 1983. He has served as an attorney with Siskind Legal since 1997 and has been a Florida resident since 2001.

Siskind believes electing a non-partisan candidate to serve as Florida's attorney general will lead to decision-making unfettered by party politics. Siskind defines the attorney general position as the people's ultimate lawyer, paid for by tax dollars and charged with supporting law enforcement and public servants, protecting victim and consumer rights, senior citizens and the



environment, prosecuting hate crimes, bad corporate behavior, corruption and fraud, while helping improve the function of other state agencies. He believes in the woman's right to choose and the rights of the LGBT community.

Siskind also believes attorney generals should constantly strive to improve the system by closely coordinating with practicing attorneys, bar associations and other civic organizations. For more information, visit www.votesiskindag.com.

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CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER



JIMMY PATRONIS Republican

Florida Chief Financial Officer Jimmy Patronis is a fourth-generation Floridian, born and raised in Panama City. He and wife Katie are proud parents to two sons, Theo (10) and Johnny (7). Patronis is a partner in Capt. Anderson's, his family's historic seafood restaurant in Panama City Beach, which has served generations of locals and Florida visitors.

Patronis' public service career began with internships in the Florida Senate and the United Kingdom's House of Commons. Following his college graduation, Patronis was appointed to the Florida Elections Commission and he was later re-appointed by Gov. Jeb Bush. Patronis represented Northwest Florida for eight years in the Florida House of Representatives. He was appointed to serve on Florida's Public Service Commission, as well as the Constitution Revision Commission, which meets once every 20 years to propose changes to the state constitution.

While serving the community, Patronis has chaired the Greater Panama City Beach Chamber of Commerce's Economic Development Council, served on the board of the Bay County Economic Development Alliance, the Salvation Army Advisory Board, the Bay County Chapter of the Florida Restaurant and Lodging Association and as national president for the Florida Vocational Industrial Clubs of America. He is a former trustee of the Gulf Coast Medical Center and former director of the Bay Medical Center's Foundation and Gulf Coast Community College Foundation Board. Patronis was instrumental in the establishment of the Northwest Florida Beaches International Airport in Panama City, which serves nearly 1 million passengers per year.

Patronis earned his associate degree in restaurant management from Gulf Coast Community College and a bachelor's degree in political science from the Florida State University. For more information, visit www.joinjimmy.com.

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JEREMY RING Democrat

In 1996, when he was 25 years old, Jeremy Ring opened the first East Coast office of the internet company Yahoo out of his apartment in New York City.

Over the course of the next five years, he worked with his friends to build Yahoo from a small start-up into a multi-billion-dollar venture. Their goal was to change the world by modernizing the way people accessed information. In the process, Yahoo created thousands of jobs and gave

birth to an entirely new sector of the American economy anchored in innovation and technology.

When he moved to Florida to raise his family, Ring brought this vision and experience along with him. After being elected to the Florida Senate in 2006, he worked over the course of the next 10 years to craft bipartisan legislation aimed at planting the seeds of an innovation ecosystem in the Sunshine State. Ring started by securing investment capital for the ideas developed within Florida's public university system. He then ensured that these ideas were given the opportunity to grow into marketable products and technologies by creating pathways for commercialization and establishing funds for later-stage investment.

As a direct result of the programs Jeremy worked to design and then promote among his colleagues in the legislature, more than 60 tech start-ups based in Florida have made their way from our state's "innovation incubators" to the broader market. Among Ring's proudest achievements as a public servant has been the establishment and expansion of The Florida Growth Fund, which invests in homegrown Florida companies. The fund has allowed small businesses across the state — and Florida's economy as a whole — to expand, diversify and mature. It currently has over \$750 million of capital under management.

Ring wants to continue this mission through continued investment and smart leadership.

Submitted by the candidate



Photo by Samantha Logue

Florida Rep. Cyndi Stevenson encourages Republican attendees to get out and vote during the unveiling of the new St. Johns County Republican Executive Committee Headquarters on Oct. 5.

Headquarters

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country, and I couldn't be more honored to be on your team."

Stevenson, who is running for re-election to State House District 17, agreed with Waltz that Republican complacency in November could mean disaster for both Florida and the country.

"We need the cabinet, we need the governor and we need Mike Waltz in our Congress," she said. "We can't afford to lose DeSantis as our governor and lose an ally for Trump in Washington. (Democrats) are specifically targeting Republican state legislatures for this very reason. ... We're seeing growth like we've never seen before, but we should not take it for granted because we're comfortable."

Rutherford campaigns at fundraiser in Ponte Vedra Beach

Regardless of one's political persuasion, the midterm elections are drawing significant attention, as evidenced at a recent fundraiser for Congressman John Rutherford (R-FL) hosted by Dale and Janet Westling with Andy and Toni Crawford in Sawgrass Country Club.

Approximately 60 people attended the Sept. 24 event to hear from Rutherford, who is running for his second term as representative of Florida's 4th Congressional District after serving as the sheriff of Duval County for 12 years.

Though admitting stark contrasts

between the Democrats and Republicans, Rutherford insisted there remain opportunities to work across the aisle. Doing so is how he said he managed to pass three bills in less than two years. Most notable, he said, is the STOP School Violence Act for which he was recognized by the Security Industry Association as the 2018 Legislator of the Year.

During his first term, Rutherford initially served on the Homeland Security and Veteran Affairs committees. He now sits on the Appropriations and Judiciary committees.

Submitted by Francesca Rutherford



ABOVE: St. Johns County Sheriff's Office Undersheriff Matt Cline (from left), Dale Westling, Janet Westling, Congressman John Rutherford and 7th Judicial Circuit State Attorney R.J. Larizza gather at a fundraiser for Rutherford on Sept. 24 at the Westling residence in Sawgrass Country Club.

LEFT: Rutherford addresses attendees at the event.

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COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE



MATT CALDWELL Republican

Matt Caldwell is a seventh-generation Florida native whose family has a long history of being farmers, small business owners, ministers and doctors.

He was born in Gainesville but grew up in Lee County where he eventually met his wife, Yvonne. They live in North Fort Myers, where Yvonne serves as a teacher and they raise their daughter, Ava.

After attending local schools in Lee County, Caldwell received his associate degree from Edison College and his Bachelor of Arts in history from Florida Gulf Coast University.

He then began his career as a real estate appraiser with Maxwell, Hendry & Simmons in Fort Myers. He has attained the highest state certification in his field and is qualified as an expert witness in multiple states and federal court.

Caldwell's desire to serve his community took him to Tallahassee when he was first elected to the Florida House in 2010. He currently chairs the Government Accountability Committee, which oversees subcommittees regarding natural resources and public lands, transportation and infrastructure, local, federal and military issues, and oversight of government operations, such as pensions & elections.

For more information on Caldwell, visit votecaldwell.org.

From votecaldwell.org



NICOLE 'NIKKI' FRIED Democrat

Nicole "Nikki" Fried was born and raised in South Florida and graduated from the University of Florida with a bachelor's degree, master's

degree and a law degree. At UF, she served as student body president, the first woman to hold the position in nearly two decades prior.

Fried worked for the Alachua County Public Defender's office after law school, where she

was the head of the Felony Division. In private practice, Fried defended homeowners against foreclosure during the 2007-2008 housing crisis, fighting big banks to keep families from evictions.

As an advocate, Fried has fought for access to medical marijuana, Broward County Public Schools and funding for foster children with special needs.

Fried lives in Fort Lauderdale.

Visit nikkifried.com for more information on Fried.

Submitted by the candidate

SUPREME COURT JUSTICE



ALAN LAWSON

Note: Voters will be asked if Justice Alan Lawson of the Supreme Court of Florida should be retained in office.

Justice Alan Lawson has served in the Supreme Court of Florida since 2016; as chief judge in the Fifth District Court of Appeal from 2006 to 2016; as a judge in the Ninth Judicial Circuit from 2002 to 2005; as assistant county attorney in Orange County from 1997 to 2001; as general counsel for Verses Wear, Inc. in 1996; and as associate and partner of Steel Hector & Davis in Miami and Tallahassee from 1987 to 1995.


He currently serves on the Budget Oversight Committee, Trial Court Budget Commission; Standing Committee on Fairness & Diversity; Code & Rules of Evidence Committee; Probate Rules Committee; and Space Planning Committee. His past bar and extrajudicial offices and activities include serving as chair of the Florida District Court of Appeal Budget Commission from 2013 to 2016 and a member of the Appellate Court Technology Committee from 2008 to 2016, among several others.

Lawson holds degrees with highest honors from Florida State University, Clemson University and Tallahassee Community College. He has received a Martindale-Hubbell "A.V." attorney rating, a Florida Council on Crime and Delinquency Outstanding Jurist Award in 2005, a University Graduate Award and Fellowship from Florida State University, Book Awards in Evidence and Legal History from Florida State University and a Hartzog Award and Scholarship from Clemson University.


Lawson has participated in a number of civic activities, including his role as volunteer and board member at House of Hope. He has also served as a member of the Orthodox Church of St. Stephen and the First Presbyterian Church of Orlando.

A Lakeland native, Lawson was born in 1961. He and wife Julie have two children.

Submitted by the candidate



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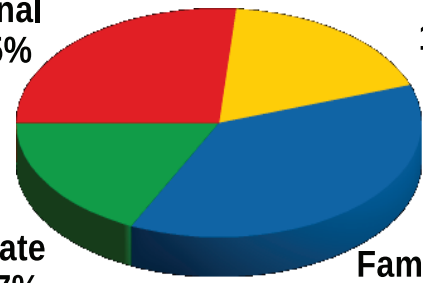
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STATE REPRESENTATIVE (DISTRICT 17)



JAIME D. PERKINS

No party affiliation

Jaime D. Perkins was born and raised in St. Augustine and graduated from St. Augustine High School. She is the mother of one son, 13-year-old Micah, who is an honor student in the St. Johns County Public School System.

As a local business owner, Perkins is the senior consultant at her project management agency, JDP & Associates, where she provides professional services to businesses within the public and private sector. Perkins has a master's degree in public administration from the University of Phoenix, Jacksonville and worked many years in the retail and mortgage banking industry.

In the community, Perkins has served as the infrastructure chairperson on the West Augustine CRA, public relations coordinator for West Augustine Youth Development and public relations chairperson for People Helping People Community, INC.

Submitted by the candidate



CYNDI STEVENSON

Republican

Cyndi Stevenson is a Florida native and more than 30-year resident of Northeast Florida. She is a graduate of Stetson University and a CPA. She was elected in April 2015 as state

representative for Florida House District 17. In her session as a state representative, she voted to reduce state taxes by over \$400 million and passed legislation to prevent children from abuse and neglect, prevent insurance fraud and reduce regulatory burdens on small businesses.

She secured funding to help rebuild beaches from the impacts of Hurricanes Matthew and Irma and defended schools from an influx of students from other counties with an amendment to the School

Choice Bill. To improve public safety, she supported a three-day waiting period for all gun purchases and raising the legal age to purchase guns to 21 with exceptions for military and law enforcement. She supported funding for additional mental health services for youth and increased funding for school security improvements, such as safety glass and security cameras.

Stevenson is an advocate for Florida's historic and natural resources and keeps a sharp focus on the needs of her rapidly growing district. That includes protecting the top ranked school district, funding for water projects and road improvements such as the 9B extension. She enjoys boating, bicycling and time at the beach with her husband Henry. Their sons, Paul and Wes, graduated from Nease High School and the University of Florida. Visit www.Vote4Cyndi.com for more information.

Submitted by the candidate

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE (DISTRICT 4)



JOCELINE BERRIOS

No party affiliation

Joceline Berrios is an independent, no party affiliation candidate who has served in the U.S. military and as a public school teacher. Berrios is dedicated to fighting for affordable health care and medications, affordable housing, a higher minimum wage, increased military pay and Social Security benefits. Berrios also believes public schools need more funding, higher teacher pay and increased safety. The congressional candidate supports Net Neutrality with a free and open internet, and will fight for single payer Medicare for all healthcare and lower cost medications. Berrios wants to protect women's health with the same restrictions as men's health. She is for DACA, the ERA and treating immigrants humanely by keeping families together. Berrios believes in checks and balances on power and protecting civil and voting rights. For more information, visit www.berrios4congress.com.

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JASON MICHAEL BULGER

No party affiliation

Jason Michael Bulger is a 31-year-old full-time husband and father. He and his wife were married on July 4, 2015 and have two children, Barbara, 2, and Philip, 1. Before meeting his wife and becoming a full-time family man, Bulger spent six years in the

United States Army serving as an information systems specialist in Korea and Afghanistan. After leaving the Army in 2013, he attended Daytona State College and earned an Associate of Arts degree in 2015.

Bulger is running for the office of representative of the United States for Florida's fourth district because he feels a new path is needed for this district and the country as a whole. He believes the two parties have grown so entrenched and become so effective at winning campaigns that every single seat in the House of Representatives is held by one of the two parties. This utter dominance of the landscape as a whole, he said, has created for elected officials a situation where they are responsible not to their constituents, but to their party. Bulger intends to provide objective values based on representation to the people of the district, free from the demands of party officials and corporate donors.

For more information, visit www.jasonbulgerforcongress.com.

Submitted by the candidate



JOHN RUTHERFORD

Republican

John Rutherford is currently serving his first term in the U.S. House of Representatives and is seeking re-election for his second term. He sits on the House Judiciary Committee,

and the House Appropriations Committee where he serves on three subcommittees: Transportation, Housing and Urban Development; Legislative Branch; and State and Foreign Operations.

Rutherford has lived in Jacksonville since 1958, and attended Florida Junior College and Florida State University where he studied criminology. He is a graduate of the FBI National Academy, 171st Session and the National Executive Institute. He began his career in law enforcement in 1974 as a patrolman in the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO), working his way up through the JSO where he eventually served as director.

In 2003, 2007 and 2011, Rutherford was elected

sheriff of Duval County. For three terms and 12 years, he ran a 3,200-employee office, and due to his leadership, homicide and overall violent crime in Jacksonville dropped to a 40-year low. Using a model of intelligence-led and community-based policing, Rutherford and his team of law enforcement professionals dramatically improved neighborhoods and prevented crime throughout the community. He also made the mental health component of the criminal justice system a priority, reducing the recidivism rates of the mentally ill and facilitating their treatment. Rutherford also served as chair of the Legislative Committee for Florida Sheriff's Association, where he advocated before the legislature for policies that strengthened constitutional rights, supported law enforcement and enhanced public safety across the state.

Rutherford has been happily married to his wife Pat for 45 years. They enjoy their two children and six grandchildren, and they are also members of Assumption Catholic Church in Jacksonville.

For more information, visit rutherford.house.gov.

From rutherford.house.gov



GEORGE "GES" SELMONT

Democrat

George "Ges" Selmont is a Ponte Vedra Beach husband and father with a history of success in law, technology, entertainment, sports and

higher education. He has been married to his wife, Monika (also an attorney), for 17 years. They chose Northeast Florida to raise their two boys, Nate and Luke, and have happily called the First Coast home for almost nine years.

Selmont is a lifelong Democrat who has always had an interest in government and public service. He grew up in Connecticut in a family that taught him to value many things. His father, a Korean War Veteran and union member, taught him values that include honoring veterans and the rights of employees to unionize. While still in college, Ges helped the staff members in his dorm organize into the Service Employees International Union (SEIU).

Over the last 25 years, Selmont has dedicated a great deal of his time to improving the lives of citizens, especially those in underserved communities. In 1998, he served as a White House intern for President Bill Clinton and then later served as special advisor to the president at Edward Waters College in Jacksonville, where at Florida's first historically black college, Selmont secured \$4.5 million in funding to assist the college and surrounding communities.

Prior to relocating to Florida, Selmont was appointed to serve on municipal and state boards as well as commissions, including the Commission for Educational Technology, the Conservation Commission and Historic District Commission. He was instrumental in getting sections of roads declared State Scenic Roads. A committed volunteer throughout his life, he volunteered on presidential campaigns, regularly served weekly meals to the homeless and volunteered for Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS.

For more information, visit selmontforcongress.com.

Submitted by the candidate

COUNTY COMMISSIONER (DISTRICT 4)

JEREMIAH BLOCKER Republican

Jeremiah Blocker was born and raised in Ocala, Florida. He comes from a family of public servants, as all four of his brothers are combat veterans in the U.S. military.

He is a graduate of the University of Florida, where he obtained a degree in history and commissioned as a second lieutenant through the Army ROTC program.

In the military, Blocker served as an Army officer for over 13 years, both on active duty and in the reserves. A veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom, Blocker commanded a military police company in combat operations. Blocker continues his military service in the Air Force Reserves as a judge advocate general officer with the rank of major. Awards Blocker has received include the Bronze Star Medal



and Combat Action Badge.

Blocker graduated from Florida Coastal School of Law. He has also earned graduate degrees in land use and business entrepreneurship.

Before transitioning into private practice, Blocker served as a state prosecutor in both Jacksonville and Palatka, Florida, trying over 30 cases in front of juries ranging from DUIs to violent felony cases. As a prosecutor, he served as the Drug Court liaison for the state of Florida, managing all Drug Court diversion cases.

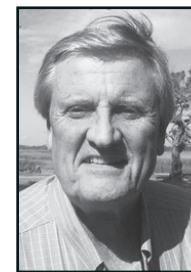
Currently, Blocker is a partner in a small firm where he concentrates his practice in the areas of small business

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JOHN C "JACK" GORMAN No party affiliation

John C "Jack" Gorman is a merchant mariner, U.S.C.G. Licensed Master. He is a "hawsepiper," having obtained his licensure through self-study, finally obtaining the credentials that are awarded a four-year Merchant Marine Academy graduate. He has seen millions of miles at sea, affording much time to reflect on "the way things are."

Captain Gorman was on the St. Johns County Airport Authority Board for eight years — a position with design and development responsibilities. He was elected treasurer for a term. During his tenure, the St. Johns County Airport was taken off the tax rolls of St. Johns County. Also during this period, the Airport received a National Award for Excellence in Environmental Design. To further enhance the Airport's independence from requiring tax revenue



to operate, the board of directors and the airport director initiated commercial airline service flights available to the residents of St. Johns County.

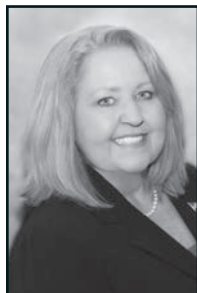
The son of a Navy pilot and an elementary school teacher, Gorman has stated he is acutely aware of the critical necessity of education excellence.

He arrived by vessel in 1972, and finding St. Augustine a wonderful and unique place, has made it home since then. The preservation of the beauty and unique quality of the area has been a lifelong goal. He has proven leadership ability and seeks the county commissioner post to further this goal.

Visit johncjackgorman.com for more information.

Submitted by the candidate

CIRCUIT JUDGE 7TH DISTRICT (GROUP 15)



LINDA L. GAUSTAD

Linda L. Gaustad believes residents deserve a judge with integrity, experience, knowledge and common

sense to make potential life altering decisions. Dedication, hard work, time management, patience, commitment and efficiency are abilities she says she has perfected operating a law practice and practicing law.

Gaustad has worked one-on-one with clients over the years providing individual personalized representation. An advantage of operating a law practice, she said, has been representing individuals and businesses in the community in a wide range of practice areas. For the last 18 years, Gaustad has represented thousands of residents in the community.

Her courtroom experience includes the District Court of Appeals (criminal, civil and family); Circuit Court (criminal felony, juvenile, dependency, civil, probate and family); County Court (criminal misdemeanor, civil and small claim); administrative court (civil and traffic); and Federal Court (bankruptcy, Social Security appeals and immigration).

Gaustad is passionate about the law. She promises to have your full attention, and to be fair and impartial and apply the law to the individual facts of each case.

For more information on Gaustad, visit www.lindaforjudge.org.

Submitted by the candidate



RYAN WILL

For more than a decade, Ryan Will has served the people of his community and worked to improve residents' quality of life. As a senior member of the State Attorney's Office,

Will has successfully prosecuted the most dangerous criminals in society. A lawyer since 2005, Will is responsible for the prosecution of murder cases in the 7th Circuit. He has traveled the community handling hundreds of high profile cases and representing thousands of innocent victims.

According to Will, a depth of legal experience and commitment to the community

distinguish him in this race. These qualities, he said, have earned him support from other attorneys, law enforcement and members the community.

Natives of Volusia County, Will and his wife, Bryn, are invested in the community and committed to its future. Bryn is a kindergarten teacher in the public school system; Will frequently lectures at the police academy, local universities and high schools. He serves on the boards of numerous charities and nonprofit organizations, including Stewart Marchman Act Foundation, Teen Court and Rotary. Will and his wife are raising three young children and are active in youth athletics.

Will takes pride in his community and

fighters to keep neighborhoods safe. In 2013, he established Florida's first Playground to Prevent Neighborhood Sex Predators and used available laws to stop sexual predators from establishing residence. Since then, Will has consulted with citizens and developers to create nearly a dozen other neighborhoods that ensure the protection of our children. Soon, according to Will, the entire area west of I-95 in Daytona Beach will be closed to the relocation efforts of these dangerous criminals.

In addition to his work at the State Attorney's Office, Will has experience in civil, family, probate and juvenile affairs. For more information, visit www.electryanwill.com.

Submitted by the candidate

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KAREN CORNWELL

In a time of high population growth and the close proximity of mosquitos carrying potentially lethal disease, Karen Cornwell believes it is time for Anastasia Mosquito Control to get back to basics.

She has been focused on the basics of running a business since she was a young girl. Her family business at Russ's Chevron on Anastasia Island taught her the importance of listening, communicating clearly with customers and the need to watch every dime to make sure the business thrived. Continuing this family business at Cornwell's Market for twenty years, Cornwell was involved with every facet of operations and being transparent and working together was key to achieving results.

When her family sold the business, Cornwell opened Karen's Condo Cleaning in 2014 and had a successful small business. Her focus on understanding the bottom line and being transparent with the public began very early. Honesty and trust were the bedrock of her education on how to get things done the right way. Public communication and involvement are very important to her.

To be effective as a board, according to Cornwell, a focus on getting back to basics is the only way. When she is on the board,



she said she will not be in Europe or China learning about mosquitos. She will be out in the field and learning about local problems. She will be talking to people in all neighbor-

hoods to make sure the board is responsive to every part of St Johns County.

The Board's operations are sound, but Cornwell believes much more can be done in public outreach, with tighter and more public budget reviews and via better transparency. More could also be done and should be done, she said, to augment spraying with natural methods of mosquito control.

Cornwell is not a politician and only recently gave her first speech. A vote for her is a vote for an enthusiastic and knowledgeable advocate on the board. She will be focused on the mission of killing mosquitos and keeping the community safe from mosquito-borne illnesses.

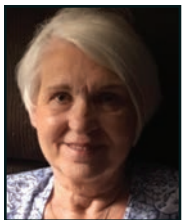
Cornwell was raised in Saint Augustine, graduated from St. Augustine High School and is passionate about both the town and the work of the Anastasia Mosquito Control District.

Submitted by the candidate

JEANNE MOELLER

According to Jeanne Moeller, Mosquito Control is not about politics. It's not Democratic or Republican; it's about the improvement of people's lives, she said. It's a public health issue. It's about protecting residents from mosquito diseases, she continued. According to Moeller, St. Johns County has been free from local borne disease since 2003.

Since 2007, Moeller has advocated for increased public education, safer chemical use and scientific research to both improve day-to-day operations that will continue to achieve the AMCD mission. Her goal is for



every resident to enjoy the outdoors and to be able to watch their children's athletics games without the irritation of biting mosquitoes.

At a time when experience and dedication are the most important attributes, she believes that people yearn for an elected official who is real and willing to speak their mind and to do what they think is right. Moeller said she has been that elected official and would appreciate your vote on or before Nov 6.

Submitted by the candidate

MERRILL PAUL ROLAND

Merrill Paul Roland is listed as a candidate in this race; however, he declined the Recorder's offer to have his bio/headshot displayed in this guide.

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Blocker

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law, title insurance and veteran benefits. His firm has offices in St. Augustine. As a small business owner and a conservative Republican, he believes that fiscally conservative principles are the best way to serve. According to Blocker, this includes limiting the size and scope of government, reducing taxes, creating a business-friendly environment to retain and attract new

businesses and promote job growth and providing the best public safety to protect citizens. Blocker is also a former board member of the Florida Bar Committee on Military Law and is certified in Veterans Benefits Appeals.

Blocker and his wife Lauren have lived in St. Johns County for seven years. They have two young children and worship at St. John Paul II Catholic Church in Nocatee.

For more information on Blocker, visit jeremiahblocker.com.

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ANASTASIA MOSQUITO CONTROL DISTRICT (SEAT 4)



TRISH BECKER

As a mother and pet owner, mosquito safety is of utmost importance to Trish Becker. She pledges to always put the health of St. Johns County residents and the environment first. She is running for the nonpartisan Seat 4 that covers all of St. Johns County.

Becker said she will bring fresh ideas and a dedication to always do what is right for families. She wants children and pets to be able to play outside without getting bit by mosquitoes or breathing in harmful chemicals. She wants to make sure the board can allocate funds to continue preventing outbreaks and research more environmentally friendly ways in doing so. Becker wants to help keep the way of life the

community is accustomed too, one free from viruses like Zika or West Nile.

Becker said she has the board experience, management training and drive to make sure the county has the best district in the state. She has knocked on thousands of doors since January, attended every board meeting since December and is ready to work for you.

Submitted by the candidate



CATHERINE BRANDHORST

Catherine Brandhorst is running for re-election to her third term as commissioner of the Anastasia Mosquito Control District.

Since being elected in 2010, Brandhorst has served as chair of the Finance Committee. According to Brandhorst, it was her insistence on a \$2,000,000 emergency fund that gave the board the ability to provide immediate and aggressive response to Hurricanes Matthew and Irma.

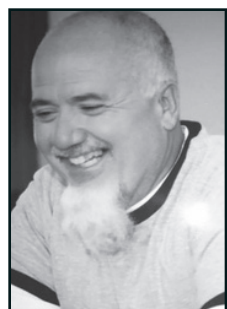
Before she retired, Brandhorst owned two pest control companies over a period of 25 years. Combined with eight years with Anastasia Mosquito Control District, she has a total of 33 years of experience. While in business, Brandhorst held a pest

control operators license, or a PCO, which covers everything a mosquito applicators license does, plus covering all household pets, interior and exterior. Brandhorst provided service to customers in the U.S. and Canada. During her career, she worked with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) in developing the NOP (National Organic Program), which is responsible for the application of pesticides from farm to fork.

Brandhorst is nationally recognized and published. She is a certified HACCP trainer and has taught classes at Anastasia Mosquito Control District. She is responsible for eliminating Fyfanon from the approved chemical list, even though it is still approved by the EPA. She has worked to introduce more environmentally safe chemicals to the inventory and encouraged the research team to look for natural pesticides.

In 1995, Brandhorst moved to St. Augustine, where her children attended school. She has been an active volunteer, helping raise money for the skate park at Treaty Park, serving as president of the Home Owners Utilities, president of the St. Augustine Little League and president of St. Johns Youth Sports. As president of St. Augustine Little League, she was instrumental in donating 25 acres to St. Johns County to expand its youth sports program. Brandhorst is also a member of Turning Point at Calvary Church.

Submitted by the candidate



PETER M. MIELE

Peter M. Miele has lived in Florida for 50 years and in St. Johns County for 21. He been married to his wife for 47 years and has been blessed with two daughters, five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, all living in St. Johns County.

Miele knows the impact mosquitos have on all residents who live in this climate.

His concern for the impact of mosquitos led him to work for Anastasia Mosquito Control seasonally after his retirement from a more than 30-year career at Publix. From there, his scientific, problem-solving, customer service mind went to work on how the community can safely and better control the mosquito population. He went on to become a certified trainer for the Integrated Mosquito Control Curriculum and a licensed State of Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Public Health applicator.

According to Miele, there is a need for the election of someone who is educated and passionate about effective and timely Mosquito Control for all of St. Johns County. He reminds voters that this position covers all of St. Johns County and is non-partisan.

Miele promises to be dedicated to the community and for solutions to safely reduce the mosquito population in St. Johns County for the health and wellbeing of all of families, so that everyone may better enjoy the outdoors.

For more information, visit www.petermiele.com.

Submitted by the candidate

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ST. JOHNS COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY (GROUP 2)



JUSTIN MIRGEAUX

Justin Mirgeaux has lived in the Ponte Vedra/ Jacksonville area for 10 years. Prior to relocating here, Mirgeaux served as a U.S. Marine. He began his career as an enlisted infantryman, then finishing as an officer and an aviator. Mirgeaux is an Iraq war veteran and is the recipient of multiple Air Medals with

a combat distinguishing device.

Upon leaving the Marines, Mirgeaux joined the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC). The next four years at FDIC, he saw firsthand what the global financial crisis did to banks and homeowners in this area. Mirgeaux was personally involved in nearly two dozen financial institution receivership operations. While at the FDIC, he was personally awarded the Chairman's Excellence Award in 2010 and the James R. McFadyen Award for Bravery, Courage, and Heroism in 2011. Leaving the FDIC in 2013, he joined Deutsche Bank, specializing in finance, credit, risk and data management.

Mirgeaux is married to Susan E. Sharp Mirgeaux, esq., and they have two children who are both enrolled in St. Johns County public schools. Mirgeaux holds a master's degree in business administration from the University of Florida. Learn more at www.justinmirgeaux.com.

Submitted by the candidate



VICTOR J. RAYMOS

Victor J. Raymos is the current member of the Airport Authority, Group 2, and he is running for re-election to that seat. He is a member of the Northeast Florida Regional Airport Master Plan Advisory Committee. He is also a member of the St Augustine Pilots Association.

Raymos is the association executive and CEO for the St Augustine & St Johns County Board of Realtors® and Multiple Listing Service. He has served in the community as the chair of the St Johns County Chamber of Commerce as well as a current member and past chair of the Economic Development Council for the Chamber. He also serves as a member of the Board of Advisors for the Chamber of Commerce.

Raymos currently serves on the St Johns County Housing Finance Authority. He is a member of the Regional Economic Information Network for the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, Jacksonville Branch. He is a veteran of the U.S. Army and a member of the American Legion.

Raymos wants to continue to keep the Airport Authority off the tax roll by maintaining a 0.0000 millage rate. He wants to continue to be a conservative steward of the Airport Authority's finances and physical assets. He wants to be the spokesperson for the users of the airport and the members of the public.

Submitted by the candidate

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ST. JOHNS COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY (GROUP 3)



BRUCE MAGUIRE

Bruce Maguire is a North Florida native whose family has been involved in the timber business, primarily in St. Johns County. Maguire and his wife Virginia have two children, Chris and Sarah.

Maguire received his bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Florida. He served as a St. Johns County commissioner representing Ponte Vedra Beach from 2002 to 2006 (chairman in 2004-2005); a member of the Metropolitan Planning Organization from 2002 to 2006 (vice chairman in 2005-2006); a member of the Northeast Florida Regional Planning Association from 2002 to 2006 (chair of Transportation Committee in 2006); and a member of the Florida 2010-2020 Transportation Planning Commission in 2006.

Maguire, a retired lieutenant colonel and fighter pilot, also served in the Air Force in the United Kingdom, Germany, at the Pentagon and at the Air Force's Air War College.

As for community service, Maguire has served on the Salvation Army Advisory Board since 1995 (chairman from 1996 to 2004). He is a Rotarian and has also worked with Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Legion, Elks, the Navy League, the UF Alumni Association and many other organizations.

As a current Airport Board member, Maguire has two major agendas: to successfully keep the airport off tax rolls and ensure the airport actively supports both the business and residential communities in the county. According to Maguire, general aviation enhancements have improved airport safety and security for private pilots and businesses. Under Maguire's leadership, the board's efforts have elevated airport finances, operational status and community status.

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CARL YOUMAN

Carl Youman, 79, is a retired CSX transportation officer and current entrepreneur with CCRC-Rail Logistics. His primary business is directing rail logistics for Emmert International, shipping extra large, heavy or wide transformers, generators and other large units on railroads in the U.S., Canada and Mexico. The secondary function of

his business is managing a fleet of rail cars designed to carry units weighing up to 1 million pounds.

His community service includes being a member of the Airport Authority and North Florida Transportation Planning Organization (TPO). He has been a member of the board for the Airport Authority for eight years and has continued to improve and expand the airport assets. Most of all, he has maintained his campaign promises from 2008 to 2016.

His goals for his term in office include keeping the Airport off the tax rolls and continuing to be "the taxpayers' representative;" supporting Northrop Grumman; utilizing the airport land holdings to bring in businesses that provide good-paying jobs for residents; supporting Via Airline service and supporting the effort to secure service to a major hub; supporting the private pilots and businesses at the airport; working to be good neighbors with citizens close to the airport; and maintaining his independent position with an outsider viewpoint.

A resident of Ponte Vedra Beach, Youman has been married for 54 years to Connie Shaffer Youman. They have two sons, Alan and Carl; two grandsons, AJ and Zach; and a great-grandson, Matthew.

Submitted by the candidate

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TOLOMATO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (SEAT 4)



CHERYA CAVANAUGH

Cherya Cavanaugh and her family moved to Nocatee eight years ago from California. When the Cavanaughs moved to the community in 2010, the Nocatee vision was just beginning to unfold.

They saw Nocatee's potential not only as an incredible place to raise their son, but an ideal place to build their business and serve their community. She and her husband, Tom, are now award-winning real estate brokers with REMAX in the Nocatee Town Center. She is passionate about serving, and her family is actively involved throughout the community. She launched the Resident Ambassador program at Del Webb Ponte Vedra. She and her family are also proud supporters of K9s For Warriors in Nocatee, and have sponsored dogs that have been trained to assist veterans.

She is active in her son's school, Palm Valley Academy, and was one of the first real estate agents to become Nocatee Certified. According to Cavanaugh, her communication, organization and diligence make her an asset to the Tolomato Community Development District. She is committed to protecting the vision of Nocatee, and will ensure the community maintains the Nocatee lifestyle so many enjoy. Cherya has been endorsed by The PARC Group, developer of Nocatee, for Seat 4.

Submitted by the candidate



TIFFANY DAVIS-BAER

Tiffany Davis-Baer is thrilled about this new opportunity and looking forward to serving the community.

Her background is in human resources (HR). As an HR

business partner, executive coach and strategic thinker, Davis-Baer believes she has the skillset to take complex messages and then simplify them for the masses to understand. She excels in listening to people, synthesizing information and helping organizations and people move forward. She hopes to apply those same skills to this board.

She hopes to bring more transparency to the process of how Tolomato CDD dollars are used and then she intends to involve members of the community, helping them see the big picture, understand why the community has CDD fees and value the contributions that have been made thus far. She believes the current board has done great work, and she wants to partner with fellow board members to help bridge the communication gap between the board and the community.

With over 10 years in human resources, and as a former teacher, Davis-Baer understands what families and specifically what children want and need to excel in a thriving and growing community. She is a servant leader at heart and she believes in building bridges.

Submitted by the candidate

TOLOMATO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (SEAT 5)



RON HOWLAND

Dr. Ronald W. Howland lives with his wife, Marilee, in Del Webb Ponte Vedra. He has lived and practiced dentistry in Ponte Vedra for over 25 years.

Prior to private practice, Howland served in the United States Navy Dental Corps at USMC Recruit Depot and aboard the USS Saratoga CV-60. He gives back through his involvement with Dental Outreach to Third World developing nations every year, and he is involved in the Florida Baptist Children's Home.

In his spare time, he enjoys cycling, traveling and spending time with his family. Howland's desire is to serve the Nocatee Community as the Tolomato Community Development District Seat 5 member by ensuring that the CDD continues to support and protect the Nocatee brand, controlling the operating costs and assessments, and ensuring that the amenities enjoyed by the residents are maintained for future generations.

Howland has been endorsed for Seat 5 by both outgoing CDD board members and by Nocatee's developer, The PARC Group.

Submitted by the candidate



DANIEL J. PASKY

Daniel J. Pasky is running for the Tolomato Community Development District to bring renewed energy to Nocatee and its board of supervisors.

Pasky is a community-driven attorney and strives to help colleagues and clients make their communities a better place to live and do business. He is running for the board of supervisors for three main reasons: to complete the infrastructure and amenities in Nocatee's final development stages, to maintain and preserve the infrastructure and amenities to keep property values high and to maintain Nocatee's brand for the future.

Pasky was born in Birmingham, Alabama. He obtained a bachelor's degree in political science from Auburn University and a law degree from Florida Coastal School of Law. For the past 10 years, he has been a practicing attorney focusing on real estate, corporate defense and financial services law.

Pasky is active as a member of the board of directors for the Greenleaf Lakes Homeowner's Association, Limelight Theatre in St. Augustine and the Cultural Resource Review Board of St. Johns County. He is also a member of Crosswater Community Church in Nocatee.

Since 2015, Pasky has lived in Greenleaf Lakes with his wife, Maureen Meehan Pasky, and their chocolate lab, Sedona.

Submitted by the candidate

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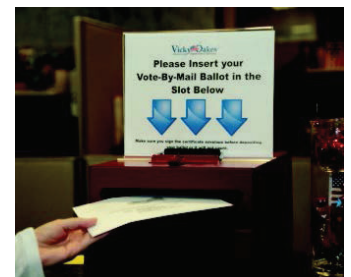
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Pet Paradise opens new Bartram location, hosts VIP party to celebrate

By Benjamin Naim

Pet Paradise, a full-service pet resort providing boarding, daycare, veterinary and grooming services, hosted a VIP party to celebrate its new Bartram location on Tuesday, Sept. 25.

“The nice thing about this location compared to our others is we are offering a ‘Tiny Town’ package for our small pets,” Pet Paradise Vice President of Marketing & Communications Lisa Tarr said. “We’re also offering a full-blown dog park.”

The “Tiny Town” package offers an all-inclusive play and stay area for smaller dogs. Pet Paradise Bartram also features VIP drop off and pick-up services, on-site exams and monthly preventative care packages.

“You can get your shot now if your pet has an expired vaccination,” Tarr noted. “Then, you can get a ‘go home’ bath and then your pet comes back home happy and well taken care of.”



Photo by Benjamin Naim

Dina Beam, the vice president of operations for Pet Paradise, poses for a photo with Kim Albers and her dog Ray at the Sept. 25 VIP party celebrating the opening of the business’ Bartram location.

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Family-friendly Howl-O-Ween Walk to be held Oct. 21

The St. Johns County Parks and Recreation Department will hold a Howl-O-Ween Walk Sunday, Oct. 21 from 2 to 4 p.m. at Treaty Park in St. Augustine.

For a \$20 entry fee, families can bring their dogs to join in a fun run around the park, and each participant will also receive a T-shirt and goody bag. Costumes are encouraged for both dogs and humans, and prizes will be awarded for best pet costume and family costume. Donations of dog supplies will also be collected for the St. Johns County Animal Control Pet Center.

Treaty Park is located at 1595 Wildwood Drive. For more information, contact Stephanie Taylor at (904) 669-6612 or sntaylor@sjcfl.us.

Nocatee Farmers Market to feature petting zoo Oct. 20

The monthly Nocatee Farmers Market is coming up on Saturday, Oct. 20 and will feature a petting zoo, among other attractions.

The Fall Festival-themed event will include live music from The Band Be Easy, a petting zoo, hayrides and life-size scarecrow making. Attendees are encouraged to get to the market early as scarecrow

supplies are limited. Attendees should bring their own adult size button down T-shirt and adult size jeans; the Nocatee team will provide the rest.

Along with this festive theme, the market will include over 70 local vendors offering items such as organic produce, herbs, spices, delicious unique foods, crafts, jewelry and more.

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Spooktacular returning to Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens

The 31st annual Spooktacular at Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens will take place Oct. 18-21 and 26-31.

Children and adults are encouraged to dress up in their favorite family-friendly costumes for a “terrific” time enjoying games, trick-or-treating and optional scare zones for those who dare to join the fun.

Spooktacular welcomes guests to come

and experience the new tricks, treats, frights and delights in the five themed areas throughout the Zoo: Zombies, Wizard of Oz, Classic Monsters, Fall Maze and the Crypt of the Spider King. There will be opportunities to meet characters from “A Nightmare Before Christmas,” “Beetlejuice” and “The Wizard of Oz.” The Great Lawn offers many activities including a hay

maze, bounce house and face painting by zoo keepers.

On Halloween day, the Jacksonville Zoo will host an all new event sponsored by Fun 4 First Coast Kids entitled Mini Monster Mash. This experience will feature music, games and candy for the youngest guests and will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the Great Lawn. Children ages 3 through

12 who attend in costume get free general admission to the Zoo with a paying adult.

Spooktacular opens each night at 6:30 p.m. with ticket sales ending at 9 p.m. and the Zoo closing at 10 p.m. Admission varies by date. Parking is free.

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Tarr noted that Pet Paradise caters to travelers through its boarding service, and the pet resort posts on social media to give clients peace of mind as they enjoy their vacation. The most unique aspect of Pet Paradise, Tarr asserted, is the overall experience offered for pets at the resort.

“We’ve taken feedback from all our customers,” she said. “So you get those pesky surveys when you’re done with an experience — we actually read them. Everything you see at Bartram is based on customer feedback we’ve collected over the years that we actually took and put into place. That’s what makes us so different.”

Founded in 2002 by Fred Goldsmith, Pet Paradise has over 800 employees and 35 locations throughout the southern



Photo by Benjamin Naim

A playground for pets is offered at the Pet Paradise Bartram location.

region of the United States. In June 2016, the pet resort chain entered into a partnership with Crane Group — a family-owned holding and management company that has majority interest in Pet Paradise.

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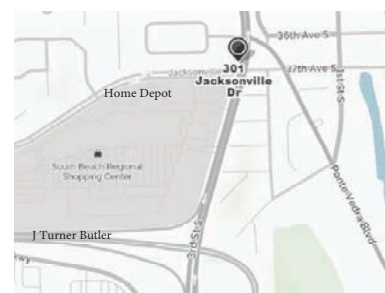


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Ponte Vedra Beach Underwood's hosts fundraiser to support local charities

Underwood Jewelers recently joined with designer brand Lagos to host a cocktail reception Thursday, Oct. 4 in support of several local charities designated by the Ponte Vedra Woman's Club.

The event, held at the Underwood's in Ponte Vedra Beach, kicked off the store's Lagos Trunk Show, which ran through Oct. 6. A portion of the trunk show's sales, in addition to funds raised by raffling off an 18-carat yellow gold Ladies Caviar Lagos bracelet, benefited Saint Augustine Youth Services, the Florida School for the Deaf and Blind, the Beaches Emergency Assistance Ministry, the Betty Griffin Center and Expanding Your Horizons.

"We feel it's very important to give back to our community – to touch the lives of the people that support our business every day," commented John Rutkowski, manager of the Ponte Vedra Beach store.



ABOVE: John Rutkowski, general manager of Underwood Jewelers in Ponte Vedra Beach, and Kate Lagos kick off the Lagos trunk show and fundraiser Oct. 4.



Melissa Varnes gathers with Rod Strader at the event.



LEFT: Ponte Vedra Woman's Club President Ti Haroldson with Rutkowski.

Photos by Susan Griffin

One Ocean Resort recognized in Condé Nast Traveler Readers' Choice Awards

One Ocean Resort & Spa in Atlantic Beach was recently recognized on the 2018 Condé Nast Traveler Readers' Choice Awards list, ranking No. 4 out of 30 hotels on the Top Resorts in Florida list.

Now in its 31st year, the annual Readers' Choice Awards reviews hotels based on product, stellar service, ambiance and wanderlust. One Ocean was one of several properties managed by Remington Hotels to be recognized by Condé Nast Traveler readers, of which more than 429,000 voted to determine the results.

Other Remington hotels to receive accolades included: Hotel Yountville, which ranked No. 22 out of 40 on the list of Top Hotels in Northern California; Lakeway Resort and Spa, which ranked No. 15 out of 20 on the list of Top Resorts in Texas; Le Pavillon Hotel, which ranked No. 9 out of 15 on the list of Top Hotels in New Orleans; Melrose Georgetown Hotel, which ranked No. 8 out of 15 on the list of Top Hotels in Washington, D.C.; and Pier House Resort & Spa, which ranked No. 7 out of 15 on the list of Top Resorts in the Florida Keys.

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Beaches real estate brokerage to host event benefiting Mission House

Coldwell Banker Vanguard Realty and CBV Cares will host a sidewalk sale to support Mission House on Sunday, Nov. 4 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Household items including furniture, clothing, shoes, accessories, artwork, sporting goods and more can be donated by contacting Carole Bayer at (904) 860-5000.

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PONTE VEDRA DEFEATS PARKER

The Ponte Vedra Sharks defeated the Parker Braves, 35-14, last Friday, Oct. 12. Leaders for the Sharks in the win were as follows:

Passing

Jack Murrah was 15 of 22 for 221 yards, three touchdowns and one interception.

Rushing

Campbell Parker had seven carries for 117 yards and two touchdowns; Zach Chattaway had 15 carries for 95 yards.

Receiving

Nick Pirris had six receptions for 138 yards and three touchdowns.

Tackles

Cole McCormick with nine; Tommy Zitiello with seven

Sacks

Garrett Griffin with two; Josiah Haygood and Georgie Sanders with one each

Interceptions

Christian Desanto and Jake Lytle with one each

Fumble recoveries

Trey Glod, Tommy Zitiello (blocked field goal) and Drew McAfee with one fumble recovery each

The Sharks (6-1) will take on Trinity Christian Academy at 7 p.m. on Friday at the Shark Tank.

NEASE ROUTS MIDDLEBURG FOR FIRST WIN OF SEASON



Photo by Jeff Heinemann/theimagecaddy.com

Nease quarterback Preston Stables (12) returned after missing the last five games with an injury to help lead the Panthers to their first win of the season in a 30-13 victory over visiting Middleburg on Friday, Oct. 12. Nease (1-6, 1-1 District 4-6A) will play at district rival St. Augustine at 7 p.m. Friday.

World Golf Hall of Fame announces 2019 inductees

Retief Goosen, Billy Payne, Jan Stephenson, Dennis Walters and the late Peggy Kirk Bell will officially join the ranks of the World Golf Hall of Fame as the Class of 2019.

These five new members will be enshrined at the World Golf Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony on Monday, June 10, 2019 in Pebble Beach the week of the men's U.S. Open Championship. The ceremony will take place at the Sunset Center in Carmel-By-The-Sea, California.

For a look at the inductees and their respective induction categories, go to page 35.

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WORLD GOLF HALL OF FAME 2019 INDUCTEES

Peggy Kirk Bell, United States Lifetime Achievement Category

Margaret Anne "Peggy" Kirk Bell took up golf as a teenager, making a name for herself as an amateur star. She went on to become a charter member of the Ladies Professional Golf Association in 1950 after winning the 1949 Titleholders Championship and participating on the winning 1950 Curtis Cup team. She received the PGA of America's First Lady of Golf Award in 2007 and was an avid supporter of the game as a top 100 golf instructor, becoming the first woman selected into Golf Magazine's World Golf Teachers Hall of Fame.

Retief Goosen, South Africa Male Competitor Category

Known affectionately as "The Goose," Retief Goosen sat within the Official World Golf Ranking's top 10 for more than 250 weeks from 2001 through 2007. His 33 worldwide wins include two U.S. Open Championships in 2001 — the same year he was named European Tour Player of the Year — and 2004. Goosen led the European Tour Order of Merit in 2001 and 2002. He also played in six consecutive Presidents Cups from 2000 to 2011 as part of the International Team.

Billy Payne, United States Lifetime Achievement Category

During his 11 years as Chairman of Augusta National Golf Club from 2006 to 2017, William Porter "Billy" Payne oversaw a number of significant achievements, including the introduction of female members into the club's membership. He originated the Drive, Chip & Putt National Championship with the USGA and PGA of America and established the Asia-Pacific Amateur and Latin America Amateur tournaments, each offering guaranteed Masters' spots to the winners. Named the GWAA's William D. Richardson Award recipient, Payne also received the Olympic Order after serving as president and CEO of the Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games from 1992 to 1996. Continuing his legacy and involvement with the Olympics, Payne was a key figure in the successful return of golf to the 2016 Games.

Jan Stephenson, Australia Female Competitor Category

In her first season on the LPGA Tour in 1974, Jan Stephenson was named LPGA's Rookie of the Year. She went on to lead an impressive career with 20 professional victories, including 16 on the LPGA Tour. She is a three-time Major Champion with wins at the 1981 du Maurier, 1982 LPGA Championship and the 1983 U.S. Women's Open. Her impact on the game extends outside of her play as one of the founders of the

Women's Senior Golf Tour. She is involved with golf course design and has made many charitable contributions, including being an honorary chair of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. Stephenson was also honored with the Order of Australia Medal in 2018 for her contributions to the game of golf.

Dennis Walters, United States Lifetime Achievement Category

Dennis Walters is an elite golfer who was paralyzed from the waist-down at the age of 24 following a golf cart accident. He has since dedicated his career to sharing life lessons and inspiring fans and disabled golfers of all ages through golf clinics and special performances at more than 3,000 worldwide appearances. Former spokesperson and national ambassador for The First Tee, his message is to always continue hoping and dreaming. He is one of only 11 honorary lifetime members of the PGA of America. Walters was also honored with the 1978 Ben Hogan Award and was a 2018 recipient of the USGA's Bob Jones Award.

These five Inductees will bring the total number of World Golf Hall of Fame Members to 160.

"The 2019 Induction Class is one of the most well-rounded groups we've had to date," said Jack Peter, president of the World Golf Hall of Fame. "It is our honor and privilege to welcome Peggy Kirk Bell, Retief Goosen, Billy Payne, Jan Stephenson and Dennis Walters to the World Golf Hall of Fame family. We are excited to begin working with them as we gear up for the Induction Ceremony in Pebble Beach this June."

The Class of 2019 was elected by the Hall of Fame's Selection Commission, which debated a group of 15 finalists. The Inductees each passed the required 75 percent voting threshold — approval by at least 12 of the 16 members.

The Selection Commission was co-chaired by Hall of Fame Members Nancy Lopez, Jack Nicklaus, Gary Player and Annika Sorenstam and included the members of the World Golf Foundation Board of Directors and a mix of institutional and at-large seats.

The finalists were vetted by the Hall of Fame's Selection Sub-Committee. The Sub-Committee vetted every candidate that met the qualifications of the Hall of Fame's four Induction categories.

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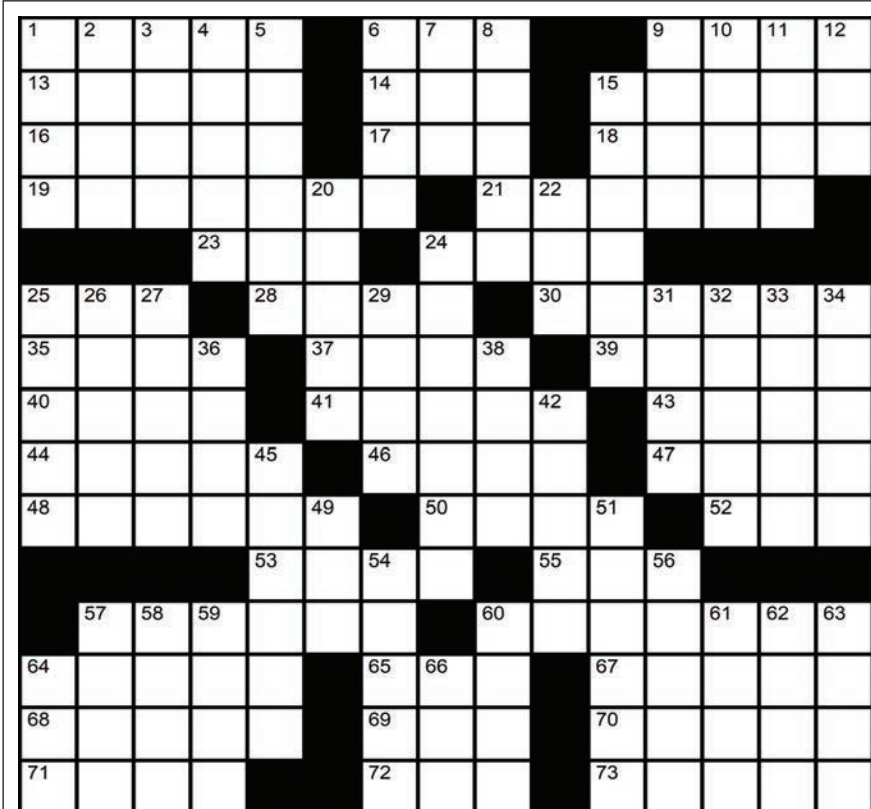
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- 6. To and ____
- 9. Audition tape
- 13. October, e.g.
- 14. Adam's body part
- 15. Mountain climber's spike
- 16. Weasel's aquatic cousin
- 17. Gentry's "____ to Billie Joe" (1967)
- 18. Agitate
- 19. *Stanley Kubrick's "The ____"
- 21. *Ghost or ghoul
- 23. "____ Clear Day You Can See Forever"
- 24. Clothing joint
- 25. *Nighttime radar flyer
- 28. European sea eagle
- 30. Not wholesale
- 35. In the sack
- 37. Popular dieter's foe
- 39. Laundromat setting
- 40. Carrying bag
- 41. Enjoy, as in food
- 43. Parks on a bus
- 44. Made a mistake
- 46. In 1492, it sailed the ocean blue
- 47. Outback birds
- 48. Stadiums
- 50. ____ pit
- 52. Hitherto
- 53. Genuflecting joint
- 55. Feather glue
- 57. *She played Laurie Strode
- 60. *Dead one

DOWN

- 64. Bipolar disorder phase
- 65. Marienbad, e.g.
- 67. Blind alternative
- 68. Give the boot
- 69. Breathing matter
- 70. Famous Bolshevik
- 71. London art museum
- 72. "Owner of a Lonely Heart" band
- 73. Not slouching
- 1. Andy's radio partner
- 2. Sweater eater
- 3. Dead against
- 4. Kind of pad
- 5. Sacred spot
- 6. "Eye of newt, and toe of ____"
- 7. Relieve from
- 8. Falstaffian in body
- 9. Christian of haute-couture
- 10. Evening purse
- 11. Lion's share
- 12. Single
- 15. Kindergartener's textbook
- 20. Drug agents
- 22. "____ for the course"
- 24. Nonprofit's purpose
- 25. "Psycho" motel proprietor
- 26. Terminate, as in mission
- 27. "Four" prefix
- 29. Indian flatbread
- 31. Homemade swing seat
- 32. Societal breakdown of moral standards

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- 33. October edition of "Vogue," e.g.
- 34. Minimum
- 36. Ownership document
- 38. *____-chilling
- 42. Haile Selassie's disciple
- 45. Stalin's order, e.g.
- 49. "Wheel of Fortune" request
- 51. Equestrian's seat

- 54. Op-ed piece
- 56. More raw
- 57. Vena ____
- 58. g or cm
- 59. *"The Vampire Chronicles" author
- 60. *Christine and such
- 61. Weather ____
- 62. Homer's "Iliad"
- 63. Monthly due
- 64. Came together
- 66. Crusty dessert

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