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Ponte Vedra resident Kevin Slayden (center) poses with David Anthony (left) and James Sokul on the No. 15 hole during the Jacksonville Amateur Championship last week at Sawgrass Country Club. Slayden aced the hole, one of two holes-in-one he shot at the tournament. For more, go to Page 28.

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WHAT'S THIS?



Do you know what this is?

Email answer to pvrecorder@opcfla.com by Monday at 5 p.m.

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

Thirteen readers correctly identified last week's photo as the sign for Mathnasium. The winner by random draw was **Tom Bailey**. Congratulations, Tom — you may pick up your prize at the Recorder office during normal business hours.



ADOPT A PET

CAT OF THE WEEK

Dove is a spayed 9-month-old female domestic shorthair, who was a stray. This little girl has beautiful eyes, is very lovable, great with kids, but wants to be the only queen of the house, so no other cats. Come see Dove today at the Pet Center. #50435



DOG OF THE WEEK

Kasper is a neutered, 7-year-old lab mix who came to the Pet Center as a stray. He found wandering around the streets. This



lovable guy loves people, playing around, playing ball and is very housetrained. Come see Kasper today at the Pet Center. #50745

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

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

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Solutions correspond to last week's puzzles.



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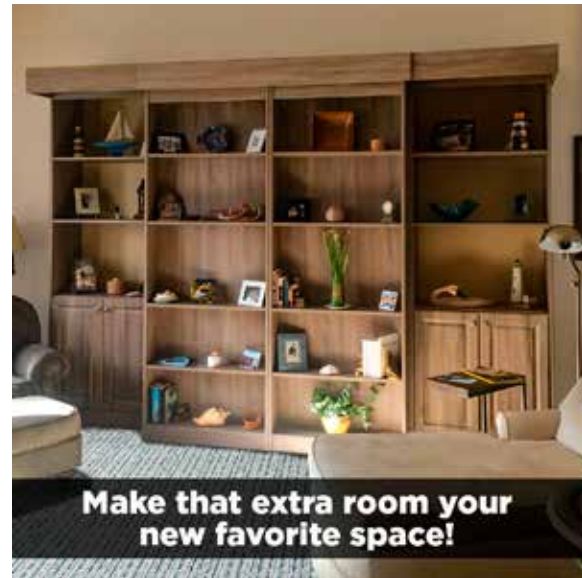


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Cheers to 50 Years!

Bellbottoms, The Beatles, the Ponte Vedra Recorder

The summer of '69 — the stuff song lyrics are made of.

What were milestone events in your life in 1969? Were you born or married in '69? Maybe you started a business or work for a company that opened its doors that year.

The Ponte Vedra Recorder first hit the streets in 1969 and your community paper wants to share its 50th celebration. Send us your stories and photographs sharing memories about 1969. How much was your rent or mortgage payment? What do you remember about Ponte Vedra, Palm Valley or the surrounding area? Did you really swim in the ditch?

Where did you go to school and what was it like? Send us your school pictures. Tell us about your favorite music, fashion, sports or recreation. Where did you hang out and why?

For lifetime residents, what has changed? What changes made living in the area better or worse?

Send your photographs and memories to chris@opcfla.com with "Cheers to 50 years" in the subject line.



COMING NEXT WEEK!

Look for the official list of the first-place winners of the 2019 Best of the Best of Ponte Vedra. The Aug. 8 Recorder will feature a special section to reveal the people and businesses voted the best in nearly 200 categories.



Photo by Chris Rodenbaugh

Panera Bread sent an email to announce the opening of its new store in Ponte Vedra. The email stated in error that the restaurant would open Thursday, July 25 at 6 a.m. and the first 100 customers would receive a free "You Pick Two" menu item for a year.

Local Panera Bread mixes up opening date

MyPanera Rewards members line up on wrong day for free 'You Pick Two' offer

On Wednesday, July 24, the new bakery-café Panera in Ponte Vedra Beach opened for breakfast at 10 a.m. For many residents, however, the opening caught them off-guard and some customers were even irate.

Members of the MyPanera rewards program, received an email offer for a free "You Pick Two for a Year" certificate to first 100 customers of the Ponte Vedra location. But the announcement advertised the opening date of Thursday, July 25 at 6 a.m., the day after the store actually opened for the first time. When a line of customers formed the morning of July 25 to receive the offer, the staff wasn't able to offer them the deal.

"I had gone up there and waited in line for 30 minutes," Ashley Burrell said. "When we got up there to the manager, he basically (said he) gave them out yesterday and he only gave out (free drink) coupons. I have to say, I thought it was wrong that they sent out the email and that they didn't have anything for (us)."

Burrell said that at 6 a.m. on July 25, there were from 80 to

100 people standing in line for the restaurant to open.

In an email Burrell received from corporate customer care, the representative apologized and said he had "four emails in the last hour" about the incident and although he "didn't want to throw the café under the bus," he was "shocked." He advised her to reach out to the location and speak to the general manager but at the time did not offer a certificate of equal value to the one stated in the original email.

Panera recently sent the following statement to the Ponte Vedra Recorder regarding the mix-up.

"We apologize for the misunderstanding that resulted because of a shift in the café's opening date. Our team works hard to maintain our construction timelines, but sometimes the timeline does change due to circumstances out of our control. We know that because of the MyPanera email, customers made plans to come out to the cafe on Thursday to participate in the promotion. On Thursday, we made sure to take contact information of those who were interested so that we could follow up with the original promotion promised."

In addition, they ask for any customers affected by the confusion to reach out to their customer care center at panera.custhelp.com/app/ask.

BRIEFS

District 4 Commissioner office hours at Ponte Vedra Beach Library

District 4 Commissioner Jeremiah Ray Blocker will host office hours from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 2 at the Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library, 101 Library Blvd. Community members are invited to schedule an appointment to meet with Commissioner Blocker and discuss any questions, needs or concerns. Walk-ins are also welcome. To schedule an appointment or for more information, email mlundquist@sjcfl.us or call (904) 209-0563.

Commissioner Blocker to host District 4 community meeting in Ponte Vedra Beach

St. Johns County District 4 Commissioner Jeremiah Ray Blocker will host a Town Hall Meeting at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 7 at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church Cultural Center, 545 A1A North, Ponte Vedra Beach. The meeting will provide District 4 residents with the opportunity to receive information regarding County programs and services, public safety and more. The meeting will also include a question and answer session with Commissioner Blocker, County Administrator Michael Wanchick and other St. Johns County staff members. For more information, call (904) 209-0300.

St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce relocates St. Augustine office

The St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce moved its St. Augustine office to 100 Southpark Blvd, Ste. 405 in the Ameris Bank Building July 25.

The Chamber's primary goal is to prioritize investment in member services while keeping overhead expenses low. An open house in St. Augustine is in the planning stages and the Chamber is remaining in its Ponte Vedra Beach location at 200 Solana Road, Ste. B.

For more information about the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce, visit www.sjchamber.com or call (904) 829-5681.

What to know about the 2019 Back-to-School Sales Tax holiday

Summer is (finally) ending with the St. Johns County district wide orientation rolling up on Aug. 9 and students reporting to class on Aug. 12. This year, don't let the laundry list of back-to-school items send you to the cleaners. Thanks to the 2019 Sales Tax Holiday, parents can buy clothing, footwear, accessories, school supplies and even computers – all sales tax free. The holiday period begins at midnight Friday, Aug. 2 and continues through noon Tuesday, Aug. 6. Smart shoppers know their way around this Florida law when buying on a budget.

During this period no sales tax or local option tax (also known as discretionary sales surtax) will be collected on purchases of items on the list published by the Florida Department of Revenue.

The exempt list includes clothing, footwear and certain accessories selling for \$60 or less per item. No tax is due on the sale or purchase of clothing, wallets or bags. This includes handbags, backpacks,



fanny packs or diaper bags but excludes briefcases, suitcases and garment bags. Watches, jewelry, umbrellas or handkerchiefs are not exempt from taxation.

School supply items must have a price of \$15 or lower to be considered tax exempt. Items such as theme park, entertainment

complex, public lodging establishment or airport tickets are not tax exempt. The state defines "school supplies" as pens, pencils, erasers, crayons, notebooks, paper, legal pads, binders, lunch boxes, markers, folders, poster board, scissors, cellophane tape, glue, rulers, computer disks, staplers,

compasses and calculators.

Examples of what the state defines as taxable supplies are; computer paper, books not otherwise exempt, masking tape or correction tape/fluid/pens.

Computers and certain computer-related accessories may also qualify for the tax-free holiday if they are \$1,000 or less.

Any computers or accessories intended for business use or personal use will not be considered qualifying. Personal computers include cellular telephones, video game consoles, digital media receivers or "any devices not primarily designed to process data." Computers and accessories considered exempt are desktops, laptops, tablets, memory drives, headphones, cables, modems printers, scanners and software.

In addition, the St. Johns Town Center will be open extended hours during the holiday. For more information regarding specific items included with the 2019 Florida Back-to-School Sales Tax Holiday, visit floridarevenue.com/backtoschool.

BEAM collects back-to-school items, prepares for fundraising gala

The Beaches Emergency Assistance Ministry, or BEAM, is gearing up for two major annual events that take place in August.

The 26th annual Back to School with BEAM event will take place at Beach Church from 8 a.m. to noon, Saturday, Aug. 3. During this event, more than 700 students ages pre-school through high school will receive a new backpack and school supplies, new underwear, a voucher for a new pair of shoes and an opportunity to "shop for free" for new and gently used clothing.

BEAM continues to rely on individuals and groups to donate gently used clothing, shoes and new underwear to ensure students have a variety of items to choose from. Donations are being accepted at the 7north BEAM thrift shop, located at 318 7th Avenue, North Jacksonville Beach, FL 32250 in the donation area behind the building. BEAM hopes to have the items needed by July 26th. For a full list of donation drop-off locations or to find out more about how you can attend, volunteer or donate, visit www.jaxbeam.org/back-to-school-with-beam.

In order to support events like Back to School with BEAM and other programs such as BEAM's food assistance, financial assistance, nutrition and single-parent programs, the organization will



Photo courtesy of BEAM

BEAM is asking for donations of new backpacks, new underwear and school supplies for the Back to School with BEAM event.

host its annual fundraising gala event, the BEAM of Light Beach Ball, on Saturday, Aug. 24 at the TPC Sawgrass Clubhouse. The event is presented by Ullmann Brown Wealth Advisors and will include an open bar, heavy hors d'oeuvres, live music by RadioLove Band and auctions. Tickets are available for \$150 each. Young professionals (35 years old and younger) can purchase tickets for \$100.

"BEAM is often a lifeline for families who suddenly find themselves in crisis with nowhere to turn. No one should feel helpless and alone when they are trying to feed and house their children. It is why I am pleased to, again this year, help BEAM raise money so it can continue to support beach communities," said Jennifer Waugh, news anchor at WJXT-TV Channel 4 News.

Waugh will be the Master of Ceremonies for the event and the auctioneer will be Jacquelyn Smith, director of special operations

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Berry & Co. Real Estate Realtors support Back To School With BEAM

For 25 years, Beaches Emergency Assistance Ministry has held "Back to School with BEAM" every August, providing clothes and school supplies to beaches-area children who are challenged financially to get outfitted for the new school year. In these early days, Episcopal student Vance Berry volunteered to help sort clothes for BSWB with his classmate and friend Lance Wolfson, whose mother, Karen, founded the organization. Through her son Vance's involvement, Berry & Co. Real Estate broker Clare Berry learned of the incredible

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Local doctor hosts back-to-school contest; partners with Jaguars star

Dr. Saman Soleymani, CEO/president of Avecina Medical, is rewarding three incoming ninth-grade students with a new iPad and a ride to or from school in an exotic car on the first day of the 2019-2020 school year. One student from each county, Clay, Duval and St. Johns, will be selected

based on merit, final 2018-2019 grades, and school and community involvement.

Jalen Ramsey, star cornerback for the Jacksonville Jaguars, is partnering with Dr. Soleymani. As part of the contest, Ramsey is providing a pair of pre-season tickets as well as a personal meet-and-greet with him

(and possibly other Jaguars athletes) to each of the three winners.

"I am a huge proponent of rewarding kids that focus on education and help their communities in some way," Dr. Soleymani said.

Soleymani said he knows how difficult transitioning from middle school to high

school can be, so he wants to make it a little easier by giving these students a memorable experience to start high school with success and confidence.

The contest ends Aug. 2, and the three winners will be notified Aug. 5. To submit an entry, visit avecina.com/contest.

Tom Verri, a Bronx native, put on a uniform to serve his neighborhood, his city and his country. The family man has a skill set that includes law enforcement, teaching, acting and singing. By far, his favorite role is being a husband and father.

Tom Verri

What can you share about your background?

I live in St. Johns County with my wife, Patty, and three daughters, Brittany, 23; Sammie, 21; and Melissa, 18. I was born the youngest of seven children to a large Italian family in the Arthur Avenue section of The Bronx, New York. Mom was an operator for New York Telephone Company. Dad was a bricklayer and concrete mason. From an early age my parents instilled the values of hard work and how to pursue goals. As an 8-year-old, I spent the summer going to work with my dad. Even though I could barely move the rake, he taught me how to level concrete. I remember when I used to shake his hand it felt like I was holding a brick. He was very strong and worked very hard. Dad once saved a coworker from suffocating in a pile of collapsing sand by throwing planks across the pile and reaching in to grab him. He was fearless. I lost him that fall when he passed away suddenly, but he inspired me to never be afraid, to care about others and to put my all into my work. I never lost that drive. After graduating from Christopher Columbus High School in The Bronx, I attended S.U.N.Y. in Rockland County where I studied Emergency Medical Services.

When did you decide to pursue law enforcement?

When I was 12, we moved to the Pelham Parkway section of The Bronx. I became curious about The Pelham Parkway Block Association, which had an office located on the ground floor of our building. Its volunteers worked closely with the local NYPD Police Precinct and patrolled the community in their own vehicles equipped with magnetic "Neighborhood Patrol" decals, radios and flashlights. I respected how they gave their time to go out and keep the community safe. I started volunteering when I turned 13, mostly answering the phones, running errands and attending the meetings. At age 16, I was authorized to start going out on patrol with the adult volunteers. One night, a male suspect stole a woman's purse and ran. Since I was just a block away, I was able to chase after the guy long enough to get a good description. When the responding NYPD units arrived, they caught him a few blocks over and recovered the woman's purse and all her money. Later, one of the Sergeants came back to see who gave such an accurate description. He said to me, "Kid, with eyes and a memory like that you should be one of us." Well, that just stuck. At age 18, I joined the NYPD reserve and then at 21 became a full-time police officer. I was fortunate to learn at such an early age the importance of police and community relations. So, in a way, law enforcement found me.

What is an International Police Officer and where did you serve?

International Police Officers are mentors to police in foreign countries, teaching them American-style policing techniques. In Iraq, as part of the International Narcotics and Law Enforcement branch of the U.S. Department of State, I was a Bureau Chief in command of about 700 American police officers. My mission was to coordinate training under a program developed by General Petraeus called CPATT, or Civilian Police Assistance Training Team, Multi-National Security Transition Command-Iraq.

How did you land acting gigs?

Oh wow, the acting. Well, that is kind of a funny evolution. An FDNY friend of mine called one day and told me that a TV show called "Third Watch" was always filming near his firehouse in Brooklyn. One of the casting crew asked him to let cops with uniforms know they were seeking extras. Just for fun I went down there and they talked to me for a while, took a Polaroid, and asked if I wanted to be on "Law and Order." I did it and that began a year of driving into N.Y.C. in the early morning hours to work both "Law and Order" and "Third Watch" as a cop extra.

How did you choose Northeast Florida for your current home?

We wanted to go to Florida, but we wanted to be in a place that had some change of season, was near water and wasn't too crowded. We love St. Johns County because it has all of that plus the added bonus of having access to St. Augustine. To me, St. Johns County is heaven on Earth!

What are you doing now?

After 23 years, I retired from law enforcement in New York, but within a few years I returned and worked as a police officer for D.C. Metro P.D. I have never been one to sit idle and I really missed the job. So, I was back at it for a while, but now I am home again. I have been a Licensed Private Investigator in Florida since 2011. Currently, I am running my own private investigations company, Thomas P. Verri and Associates in St. Johns County. I am in the development stages of my own training school, Silent Warrior Concepts, where I will teach the concealed carry class along with personal firearms training for people seeking to advance their skill level. Teaching has always been a passion of mine. I believe we have an obligation to give back to the up and coming generation.



ABOVE: Tom Verri (right), who landed a recurring role on "Law and Order," shares a scene with Christopher Meloni.

LEFT: Tom Verri, right, speaks to officers through an interpreter while working as an International Police Officer in Iraq.

Photos courtesy of Tom Verri

What do you like to do in your free time?

Free time? What's that? It is important to have balance. I really enjoy staying fit, so I take hour-long treks on my mountain bike several times a week, and our four dogs keep me busy. I am a Harley rider so I try and take trips on it as time allows. Sundays we have a sit-down dinner and talk about how everyone's week went. I have always felt that family bonding time is so important. IWE all gathered at my mom's house in the early years, so now I do it. Also, I'm a man of faith and I spend a lot of time in prayer and reflection. I have God to thank for all the blessings and success in my life and the many times He has brought me through dangerous situations.

How did you meet your wife?

Patty and I met while I was a police officer. I stopped her for turning on a red arrow. To this day she argues it was yellow! When I walked up to the car, I recognized her because she worked for a local business. She had no marks on her license so I gave her a verbal warning. We knew each other as friends for four years before we had even one date! When a mutual friend passed away in an accident we started talking more and spending more time together. One day, while she was talking to me I just looked at her and I knew she was going to be the one. We both wanted the same things. She is an excellent wife and mother. We have lasted this long because we communicate. Sure, we have had our ups and downs. Who hasn't? My mom used to say, "Never go to bed angry; always talk it out." Good advice! She is an excellent cook too, although I argue my Sunday gravy is better than hers. But, don't tell her I said that!

The forgotten Rolling Stones show

By Scott Grant

Special to the Recorder

The Rolling Stones recently returned to Jacksonville to rave reviews. The legendary band electrified the crowd at TIAA Bank Stadium and one of the pithier and most repeated comments was that frontman, Mick Jagger, “still moved like Jagger.”

This was not the Stones’ first trip to Jacksonville. Many remembered they had played the Gator Bowl twice, once in 1975 and then again in 1989. Several local news sources reported this was the band’s third trip to Jax, but that is wrong. It was actually the Stones’ fourth appearance in Jax. Almost everyone forgets the Rolling Stones first performed locally on May 8, 1965, less than nine months after the Beatles came to town.

The 1975 show is well remembered and with good reason. The band was at the height of its popularity. They also stayed for several days at Joseph Adeb’s Sea Turtle Inn. Many beach locals remember seeing them either at the Sea Turtle or at Pete’s Bar. Hemingway drank there, so did Jagger. Ronnie Wood had just joined the band and Billy Preston, sometimes called the fifth Beatle, was also part of the act. Opening acts included the J. Geils Band and the Eagles.

Many people will say that 1975 marked the Rolling Stones’ first appearance in Jacksonville. The 1965 performance is the forgotten show. Apparently, neither the Times-Union nor the Jacksonville Journal saw the show as newsworthy — neither covered the event. When they played the old Florida Coliseum, Mick Jagger was just 21 years old.

The Stones had appeared on the Ed Sullivan Show less than a week earlier



ABOVE: The Rolling Stones perform at TIAA Bank Field on July 19. The performance wasn’t the legendary band’s first — or third — trip to Jacksonville.

LEFT: Scott Grant and his wife Sharon attend the Rolling Stones concert.

Photos courtesy of Scott Grant

and had the No. 4 song in the U.S., “The Last Time.” Some remember the Beach Boys were the opening act. That makes sense, the Beach Boys and the Righteous Brothers had opened for the Stones the day before in Birmingham. Both shows were promoted by Don Brennan and his radio stations which included WAPE in Jack-

sonville. The Stones may have played only one original tune, the aforementioned “The Last Time.” Jacksonville.com reports that they also played “(I can’t get no) Satisfaction,” but that seems unlikely as Stones legend says that Mick Jagger had first written the lyrics to that song two days earlier in Clearwater. The Stones would first

record “Satisfaction” two days after the Jacksonville show on May 10 in Chicago. It is intriguing to think that if they did play the song, it would have been the first time it was ever performed.

The coolest thing about the ’65 show may have been who was there. A young, 17-year-old Ronnie Van Zant was in the audience. Legend has it that the Robert E. Lee High Schooler decided then and there he wanted to become a rock star. He succeeded. The band he formed went through several iterations before finally settling on the name Lynyrd Skynyrd in 1969. That name was a play on the name of Van Zant’s high school gym teacher Leonard Skinner.

Local musician, Rick Doeschler, remembers attending the 1965 Rolling Stones concert with Van Zant. Nine months earlier he had seen The Beatles at the Gator Bowl with his parents. He thought his parents liked that show, but on the way out, his dad ran into some friends and announced that he “needed an aspirin.” But this show would be a different experience altogether.

Ronnie drove and the two showed up in a 1963 red convertible Mustang. There is a popular meme circulating on the internet that says “you may be cool, but...” I would submit a new version for approval: “You may be cool, but you’ll never be riding to the Stones in a red 1963 Mustang with Ronnie Van Zant cool.”

Doeschler remembers the event as inspiring but did not place unusual significance on it at the time.

“It was just two guys going to see the Stones,” Doeschler said.

Scott A. Grant is president of Standfast Asset Management in Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida. He is known for writing and speaking about local history. For booking information, call (904) 285-2130.

Legislative session funds initial A1A intersection improvements

Five years into the journey of building community and government support for roadway improvements in Ponte Vedra Beach, the Board of the Citizen’s Traffic Task Force announced approval of the first round of funding for intersection improvements along A1A. Thanks to the strong support from both the Northeast Florida Legislative Delegation and St. Johns County leadership, the final state budget for 2019-2020 includes \$500,000 earmarked for Florida A1A corridor intersection improvements in Ponte Vedra Beach. The CTTF Board sees these funds as a critical first step in what they define as “Phase 1 Improvements.”

Since 2014, the CTTF Board has collaborated with local and state government officials to study and develop fiscally prudent roadway improvement recom-

mendations that would help address significant traffic congestion in Ponte Vedra Beach. Working together with St. Johns County and the North Florida Transportation Planning Organization, the CTTF in 2016 and 2017 facilitated funding for two major traffic studies that together identified the intersection improvements that would have the most positive impact on traffic flow into and through the community.

The roads intersecting at A1A are Solana Road, PGA Tour Boulevard, Sawgrass Village Drive, Mickler Road, Marsh Landing Pkwy., Ponte Vedra Lakes Blvd. and Dolphin Cove Boulevard.

The two Ponte Vedra Beach Traffic Studies estimated that the total cost of all intersection improvements would be \$5.2 million.



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Berry & Co. Real Estate Realtors Clare Berry, Carol Burns and Lauren Spiller Daraskevich display some of the donations they’ve gathered at the Berry & Co. Real Estate office for Back to School with BEAM.

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service BEAM provides to the community, and personally and professionally dedicated herself and her company to supporting Karen Wolfson’s Back to School with BEAM program.

Through the years, it has grown to serve around 1,000 students. During this event, in addition to selecting new backpacks and school supplies, the children will shop for new and gently-used clothes.

“We are so grateful to our customers, friends, and social and professional group members who dropped their donations by our office, helping to fill the hall with clothing for these children,” said Berry. “Their generosity will make a difference in many lives.”

The 25th annual Back to School with BEAM event will take place from 8 a.m. to noon, Saturday, Aug. 4 at Beach Church in Jacksonville Beach.



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Ponte Vedra Beach Rotary Club presents \$35,000 donation to local nonprofit Vision is Priceless

When officials at local nonprofit Vision is Priceless learned the organization had been selected as the lead beneficiary of the Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach's annual Mineral City Celebration charity benefit, they gratefully expected to receive a modest donation.

What they didn't expect was to receive a phone call inviting them to visit the club to pick up a check for \$35,000.

"That may not seem like a lot of money to some people, but for a small nonprofit like ours, it's huge," Executive Director Jami Bueker told Rotarians July 18 when she and other VIP officials accepted the donation. "This will make such a difference to our work."

Rotary Club President Vickie Cavey explained that Vision is Priceless – which provides access to vision care for the uninsured and underserved – was selected as



Photo courtesy of the Ponte Vedra Beach Rotary Club

Ponte Vedra Beach Rotary Club President Vickie Cavey (left) presents a \$35,000 donation to officials from local nonprofit Vision is Priceless, the lead beneficiary of the club's 2019 Mineral City Celebration charity benefit.

the lead beneficiary of this year's Mineral City Celebration by Deane Beman. The former PGA Tour Commissioner was the recipient of the club's 2019 "Rock of the Community Award" presented each year at the Mineral City Celebration.

"Deane Beman changed the face of Ponte Vedra through the creation of TPC Sawgrass and impacted people around the world through the charitable endeavors of The Players Championship," Cavey said.

"But his heart has always been here in Northeast Florida, and we were so pleased when he selected Vision is Priceless to be this year's lead beneficiary of the Mineral City Celebration."

In addition to Vision is Priceless, Cavey noted, approximately two dozen other local nonprofits will receive donations from the proceeds of the Mineral City Celebration, which is held each spring in Ponte Vedra Beach.

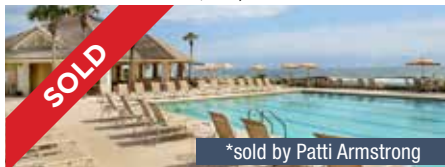
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will come together and make these events a success this year," Lori Richards, executive director of BEAM said.

For event, ticket and sponsorship information, visit www.jaxbeam.org/ball.

For Back to School with BEAM information, call Patsy Garcia at (904) 241-7437 x106 or email patsy@jaxbeam.org. For BEAM of Light Beach Ball information, call Gracie Simendinger at (904) 241-7437, ext. 103 or email gracie@jaxbeam.org.



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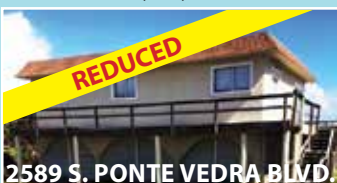
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SenioRITAs at Sawgrass Country Club celebrate 20th anniversary

It's an exciting time for the SenioRITAs at Sawgrass. This year marks the 20th anniversary of their efforts to provide funding for research, education, equipment and patient care programs through the SenioRITAs at Sawgrass Women's Tennis Tournament. Events begin with a kickoff party at Pusser's Restaurant on Oct. 2, followed by a Live & Silent Auction Dinner Party on Oct. 14 at Sawgrass Beach Club, and conclude with the three-day Tennis Tournament Oct. 18–20, at the Sawgrass Tennis Center.

The three-day tennis tournament features nearly 300 women from Florida, Southeast Georgia and several other states. The net proceeds of the 2018 event were \$205,225—a new record and testimony to the commitment and efforts of supporters, contributors, participants and volunteers.

The Women's Doubles Tennis Tournament benefits breast cancer research at Mayo Clinic and patient services at Baptist Medical Center Beaches.

Breast cancer strikes 1 in 8 women and the group wants



Photo courtesy of SenioRITAs

SenioRITAs presented checks to Mayo Clinic totaling more than \$100,000 on Jan. 21. The Women's Doubles Tennis Tournament benefits breast cancer research at Mayo Clinic.

researchers to find a cure. With help, we can fight this terrible disease and make a difference in the community. SenioRITAs is a true community outreach effort. Since the establishment of the RITA (Research Is The Answer) Foundation Charity for breast cancer challenges, a total of \$5,073,579 has been donated to local medical organizations. Because the group is an all-volunteer organization, 100% of the proceeds go to Mayo Clinic and Baptist Medical Center Beaches.

To get involved, attend the events, which are open to the public, or become a sponsor, which allows companies and individuals to be prominently featured at the auction party and at the three-day tournament at Sawgrass Country Club. Donations toward the Memorial Fund will honor family or friends who have been stricken with this devastating disease. For information, visit www.the-rita-foundation.org/senioritas or email founder, Chuck Jantz at chuckjantz@gmail.com.



Photo by Christine Rodenbaugh

The Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens presented a Night of Witchcraft and Wizardry on July 26. The last Night at the Zoo theme is Dancing Through the Decades for guests 21 and older on Aug. 9.

Sun sets on Night at the Zoo

Only the sun was missing during the July 26 Night at the Zoo with a Night of Witchcraft and Wizardry theme. Visitors to the Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens could see the usual lions, jaguars and rhinos plus pose for pictures with Hagrid and other Harry Potter characters.

The gates opened at 6:30 p.m. and the animals were on display until 8:30 p.m. Signs requested everyone to be quiet as they approached the baby zebra exhibit. Three rhinoceroses seemed to appreciate the evening crowd—the youngest walked in shallow water and slung mud with its horn. The lions were active at dusk when the temperature dropped a few degrees.

The season's last Night at the Zoo is for adults 21 and older from 6:30 to 10 p.m., Aug. 9. Dancing Through the Decades will feature music from the '60s to the present at several venues in the park. In the food court, listen to music from the '90s and '00s and sample fare from local food trucks. For country music fans, head to the Bamboo Gardens and dance to hits from all eras. Decade or country attire is encouraged.

Tickets are \$25 and include two drink tickets good for beer, wine, soda or water. All guests must be 21 years or older to attend. For tickets or information, visit bit.ly/2019zoo21.

NOCATEE HAPPENINGS: UPCOMING EVENTS

Food Truck Friday

Friday, Aug. 9, 6 – 9 p.m.

Nocatee Station Field

Some of Jacksonville's favorite food trucks will gather at Nocatee Station Field to serve members of the community local one-of-a-kind, gourmet food and snacks. This event is open to the public and will feature live music by the Aaron Mansfield Duo. Drinks will be available for purchase at the bar, including select craft beers and wines. There will also be a kidzone with bounce house inflatables (weather permitting). Residents are encouraged to bring chairs, blankets and bug spray.



Photo by Susan Griffin

Nocatee Farmers Market: Sounds of Summer

Saturday, Aug. 17, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Nocatee Station Field

The Nocatee Farmers Market celebrates the Sounds of Summer from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Aug. 17th featuring a special free concert for the community by local band, The Band Be Easy. Along with this fun theme, the Farmers Market is open to the public and features more than 70 local vendors selling fresh produce, crafts, jewelry, herbs, unique foods and more. There will also be crafts and bounce houses for the kids to enjoy! The bounce houses and crafts will close 15 minutes before the end time of the market. Bounce Houses are weather permitting. Plus, the bar will be open for beer and wine purchases.

Nease NJROTC cadets blazing separate trails at Coast Guard Academy

Three current and former Nease NJROTC cadets recently crossed paths at the United States Coast Guard Academy in New London, Connecticut, during their individual summer training programs.

Michaela Heinrich, Nease NJROTC class of 2016, is the academy's summer cadet battalion commander directing the intensive eight-week training program for the incoming class of more than 300 new cadets or "swabs" as they are affectionately called in New London.

Erin Sass, Nease NJROTC class of 2019, is undergoing a three-week orientation regimen along with 66 others as part of the Coast Guard Academy Scholars Program. Sass will then depart for one year attending the U.S. Naval Academy Prep School in Newport, Rhode Island, before receiving a direct appointment to the academy the following year.

Teagen Pettit, Nease NJROTC class of



Photo courtesy of Nease NJROTC

Nease current and former NJROTC cadets Erin Sass, Michaela Heinrich and Teagen Pettit connect for a moment during their separate summer training programs at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in New London, Connecticut.

2020, is attending the Coast Guard Academy Introduction Mission one-week summer program where she is fully learning about academy life with hopes of receiving and appointment next year. AIM is regarded as the most realistic of the service academy summer orientation programs.

"I absolutely love it here," Heinrich said. "I hope this is the beginning of a pipeline of Nease NJROTC cadets coming to the (Coast Guard) Academy."

Sass, who turned down an appointment to the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy and a full Navy ROTC Scholarship, echoed Heinrich's words.

"After attending AIM last year, and touring Coast Guard Air Station Savannah

and getting underway aboard the Cutter Sawfish, I can't imagine anything except becoming a Coast Guard officer," Sass said.

Pettit certainly has two mentors to follow.

"Both Michaela and Erin were battalion commanders in NJROTC," Pettit said. "They've proved that putting forth the hard work in high school can payoff down the road. I hope to receive an appointment next year as well."

In addition to the Coast Guard Academy, Nease has NJROTC six graduates currently attending the U.S. Naval Academy (3), U.S. Air Force Academy (2) and U.S. Military Academy at West Point (1).

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<p>College Day at Beaches Rock Gym All active students at any college, university or trade school can visit Beaches Rock Gym and show their student IDs at the front desk for free shoe rentals. The special will go on all day from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Aug. 1. For more information, call (904) 222-0707. The Beaches Rock Gym is located at 14 W. Third St. in Atlantic Beach.</p> <p>St. Augustine Moms Blog's final 'Summer Explore' tour at Anastasia Island The St. Augustine Moms Blog's "Summer Explore" tour is at its end with the final beach visit to at 11 a.m. on Aug. 1 at Anastasia Island. The group will meet at the playground and picnic pavilion for playtime, then head to the beach or out to the trails for a nature hike. This is one of St. Augustine Moms Blog's favorite spots due to the multiple activities offered at the island. Entry is \$8 per vehicle. The "Explore" tour is designed to connect moms and families in the St. Augustine community. Anastasia Island is located at 300 Anastasia Park Road in St. Augustine.</p> <p>Healthy school lunches class Join the Jacksonville Health and Wellness Center from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on Aug. 1 as they walk families through healthy lunch ideas to pack for children for this upcoming school year. The class will include samples and recipes to help successfully implement a new way of eating that promotes health, vitality and awareness. Jax Health and Wellness personal fitness professional, Leah Klein, aspires to help coach others on a path to finding their optimal health and wellness. For information or to register for the class, call (904) 886-9804. The Jacksonville Health and Wellness Center is located at 9957 Moorings Dr., Ste #403 in Jacksonville.</p>	<p>First Friday Cosmic concert On the first Friday of every month, the MOSH's (Museum of Science and History) Bryan-Gooding Planetarium presents "total sensory entertainment" as lasers, HD images and digital sound work together to create a Cosmic Concert. On Aug. 2, listen to the summertime sounds of The Beach Boys, with songs like "Kokomo," "Wouldn't It Be Nice," and the classic, "Surfin' U.S.A.," as vibrant colors and lasers go along with the music. Admission is \$5 per show for museum members and \$10 per show for non-members, along with \$1 to receive laser glasses. Arrive 15 minutes early to show chosen and be aware that laser shows and light effects may cause seizures in certain individuals. The MOSH is located at 1025 Museum Circle in Jacksonville.</p> <p>Walk-in deli interviews at Publix at Sawgrass Working in the deli means getting behind-the-scenes access to Publix's famous chicken tenders and "pub subs." Publix at Sawgrass Village is looking for new team members for its deli department and are doing walk-in interviews on Fridays from 1 to 4 p.m. Apply online at http://bit.ly/2Z3Dlpx and stop by for an interview. Visit www.publix.jobs for more information. Publix at Sawgrass Village is located at 220 Front Street, in Ponte Vedra Beach.</p> <p>Job fair at Starling at Nocatee Starling at Nocatee will soon be opening its Senior Independent Living Community in Nocatee. In preparations for the opening, Starling will be holding a job fair from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on August 2 at the Starling at Nocatee Assisted Living and Memory Care Community. With help wanted for all positions, Starling hopes to have over 100 applicants show up and apply, interview and be screened for employment that day. Starling is hiring for positions as concierge, drivers, security, housekeeping, maintenance technicians, cooks, servers, utility, bartenders, hostesses, engagement assistants, caregivers, and medical technicians and more. For more information call Starling at (904) 686-2000. Starling at Nocatee is located at 999 Crosswater Pkwy. in Ponte Vedra.</p>	<p>Shrimp & Suds craft beer festival The Shrimp & Suds Craft Beer Festival is returning to the Baseball Grounds of Jacksonville from 6 to 9 p.m. on Aug. 3. Guests can enjoy unlimited samples of craft beers from companies such as Bold City, Ruby Beach, Wicked Weed, Lagunitas, Tabula Rasa and more. Food, including the shrimp & pulled pork nachos seen on the Travel Channel's "Food Paradise," will be available for purchase. Throughout the festival, guests will be able to shop for Jumbo Shrimp gear in the team store or purchase ticket packages for the upcoming season. Tickets for the Shrimp & Suds Craft Beer Festival are \$40 each. VIP admission is \$50 and includes early access one hour before the gates open for general admission. Legal ID will be required for entry to the event, which is exclusively for guests ages 21 and over. No children, babies or strollers will be allowed to enter the event. For ticket and more information, visit www.jaxshrimp.com. The Baseball Grounds of Jacksonville are located at 301 A. Philip Randolph Blvd. in Jacksonville.</p> <p>Vietnamese Cuisine at JAX Cooking Studio Discover the flavors and techniques of Vietnam's popular dishes such as banh mi, pho and more from 6 to 8:30 p.m. on Aug. 3 at JAX Cooking Studio. Chef Spencer will guide guests through making some of Vietnam's internationally-known dishes including fresh papaya with lime and sweet cream for dessert. Guests can enjoy complimentary wine while they cook and socialize. Cost is \$65. For more information, visit www.JaxCookingStudio.com. JAX Cooking Studio is located at 14035 Beach Blvd. in Jacksonville.</p> <p>Ayla's Acres adoption event On Saturdays, Aylas Acres will host a cats and kittens adoption event from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. This event will be held at St. Augustine's Thriftique. It is suggested that potential adoptees fill out an Adoption Application at www.AylasAcres.org for files and to streamline the adoption process. For more information call Laura at (904) 377-6733. Thriftique is located at 142 King St. in St. Augustine.</p>	<p>Sundays at Surfer the Bar Every Sunday, join Big Fish Power Yoga for a free Music & Flow class at Surfer the Bar. The class is held upstairs at the bar and runs from 10 to 11 a.m. every week. Bring friends and family and enjoy brunch and mimosas downstairs following class. Register under classes on bigfishpoweryoga.com. Surfer the Bar is located at 200 First St. in Jacksonville Beach.</p> <p>Swing Dance Sundays Swing Dance Sundays is a weekly event with free lessons starting at 7 p.m. at The Volstead. Attendees can either bring a partner or join in on their own as they learn and experience all the swingin' steps of this classic, 1920's-style dance. The Volstead is located at 115 West Adams St. in Jacksonville.</p> <p>Monster Jam Monster Jam Triple Threat series brings adrenaline-charged family entertainment to fans across the country. These MonsterJam vehicles and athletes deliver more trucks, racing, free style, donuts, wheelies and most important, more action. Each event tests the versatility of the athletes as they go head-to-head in seven different competitions driving three different vehicles, Monster Jam trucks, Monster Jam Speedsters and Monster Jam ATVs. These athletes battle for points in challenging Racing and Freestyle events that push themselves and their machines to the limit. The point leader will receive an automatic bid to the prestigious Monster Jam World Finals. For tickets, visit Ticketmaster.com. Monster Jam starts at 2 p.m. on Aug. 4 at the Vystar Veterans Arena at 300 A. Philip Randolph Blvd. in Jacksonville.</p> <p>'Yoga and Brews' at Southern Swells Southern Swells Brewing Co. opens its doors early Sunday mornings for a free yoga class at 11 a.m. The brewery is only open to class participants so they can enjoy a relaxing practice and then, sip on a delicious beer to start off a refreshing, relaxing Sunday. Bring a yoga mat, towel and water bottle. Class is limited to the first 40 participants. For more information, email info@southernswells.com. Southern Swells Brewing Co. is located at 1312 Beach Blvd. in Jacksonville Beach.</p>

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<p>Speed Networking at Sneakers Sports Grille Accelerate networking and meeting new businesses at the Jacksonville Speed Networking event on Aug. 5 at Sneakers Sports Grille. Connect one-on-one with 15-25 other business professionals through a series of three-minute mini meetings. Make new contacts, generate referrals, establish new relationships, acquire leads and customers and make new friends. Registration, networking and appetizers will start at 5:30 p.m., with the official event beginning at 6 p.m. The event is \$10 for early, online pre-pay or \$15 to RSVP and pay at the door. Seating is limited and spots can only be guaranteed by online pre-pay or via phone. For more information, contact the event host, Ellen at (941) 915-6234 or visit the EventBrite event page. Sneakers Sports Grille is located at 111 Beach Blvd. in Jacksonville Beach.</p> <p>Trivia at Mellow Mushroom Join Mellow Mushroom Monday evenings at 7 p.m. for trivia with Trivia Nation. This event is free to play and there are prizes for the winners. Mellow Mushroom is located at 1018-2 Third St. N. in Jacksonville Beach.</p> <p>Mario Kart Mondays at Brix Taphouse Get fast and furious at the Brix Taphouse's Mario Kart Mondays from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. Racers must sign up at 10 p.m. Winners will receive bragging rights for the week and a bottle of Stolichnoff vodka. Spectators can enjoy happy hour from 10 to close. Guests must be 21 and older to attend. For more information, call The Brix at (904) 241-4668. The Brix Taphouse is located at 300 Second St. N. in Jacksonville Beach.</p> <p>All Abilities Night at iFLY From 5 to 8 p.m. on Aug. 5, All Abilities Night at iFLY will make the dream of flight a reality for those in the special needs community. Flyers will be assisted by specially-trained flight instructors with accommodations based on participant needs. The program includes a pre-flight training session and all the flight gear needed. Flyers will receive two one-minute flights for \$39.95 and a free video. Everyone in the special needs community can join. iFly is located at 10579 Brightman Blvd. in Jacksonville.</p>	<p>Florida Blue free Tuesdays at The Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens On Tuesday evenings from 4 to 9 p.m., enjoy free admission to the Cummer Museum and its historic art galleries and gardens, thanks to the generous support of Florida Blue. The Cummer Café is also open for Tapas Tuesday, sponsored by Vystar. The Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens is located at 829 Riverside Ave. in Jacksonville.</p> <p>Kids \$1 Tuesdays at Trasca Co. & Eatery Take the family out and save some money on Tuesdays at Trasca & Co Eatery. Children eat for \$1 with the purchase of an adult entrée. The special works for dine-in, take out and deliveries. For more information, call Trasca & Co Eatery at (904) 395-3989. Trasca & Co Eatery is located at 155 Tourside Drive in Ponte Vedra Beach.</p> <p>Bingo Tuesdays at Mellow Mushroom Join Mellow Mushroom every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. for food, drinks, fun, and prizes. Grab some good friends and family, and get ready a groovy time. Stick around after for late-night happy hour specials. Mellow Mushroom is located at 1018-2 Third St. N. in Jacksonville Beach.</p> <p>Beer 101 course at Really Good Beer Stop Jacksonville's craft beer scene is on the rise and has gotten many wanting to learn more about these tasty brews and how they're made. Join Really Good Beer Stop from 6 to 9 p.m. on Aug. 6, for a fun, educational event where the staff will walk guests through how beers are made and what makes them taste so different. Attendance cost is \$10. Guests will receive a beer flight that the group will discuss and a pint of the guest's choice after class has ended. For more information, call Really Good Beer Stop at (904) 372-0910. Really Good Beer Stop is located at 323 10th Ave. N. in Jacksonville Beach.</p>	<p>Let's Talk Turtle Discover the sea turtles of Anastasia State Park from 10 to 11 a.m. on Aug. 7. Learn how to identify turtle nests and hatching, along with the dangers they encounter after leaving the beach and beginning their journey in the ocean. Enjoy this energetic program about these ancient animals who have been on Earth for millions of years. The program will take place at the Anastasia Watersports Classroom and is free with park admission. For more information, email chanell.guillaume@floridadep.gov. Anastasia State park is located at 300 Anastasia Park Road in St. Augustine.</p> <p>First Wednesday Art Walk The First Wednesday Art Walk is a monthly event produced by Downtown Vision, Inc. (DVI), the Business Improvement District, to bring people to the cultural and historical center of the city and showcase Jacksonville's deep and energetic pool of creative talent. Open to visual and performing artists, Art Walk is on the first Wednesday of every month from 5 to 9 p.m., rain or shine in downtown Jacksonville, centering in Hemming Park. Explore Jacksonville's local art, talent and businesses and much more on Aug. 7. For more information, contact Hemming Park at (904) 515-5098. Hemming Park is located at 135 W. Monroe St in Jacksonville.</p> <p>First Coast Card Club playing date The First Coast Card Club will host its playing date at 5 p.m. on Aug. 7, at a World Golf Village restaurant. The event is free to attend with walk-ins and guests welcome. Contact the club organizer at (904) 829-0643 to RSVP, the hotel location or for more information.</p> <p>Books, babies and booze Lola & Pear Publishing is hosting the first ever (that they know of) national children's book tour at Intuition Ale Works from 5 to 6:30 p.m. on Aug. 7. The tour is ideal for parents that would like a beer in peace while their children are being read to. Designate a driver for this rightfully earned event for parents to enjoy. Signed books will also be available for purchase. Intuition Ale Works is located at 720 King St. in Jacksonville.</p>	<p>Batten Down the Hatches: Hurricane Preparedness With hurricane season back in action, it's time to hit the refresh button and be reminded of how to prepare in case a hurricane ends up on the First Coast. Join the Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Aug. 8, to learn more about these fascinating storms and how to be ready long before a hurricane warning is issued. This program is brought guests through a partnership with the Florida Department of Environmental Education. The Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library is located at 101 Library Blvd. in Ponte Vedra Beach.</p> <p>'Facing The Dragon' film screening and Q&A with filmmaker Sedika Mojadidi at MOCA Join filmmaker, Sedika Mojadidi, and UNF Associate Professor of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures, Constanza López, from 7 to p.m. on Aug. 8, for a screening of the film, "Facing the Dragon" followed by a Q&A at the Museum of Contemporary Art in Jacksonville. The film features two unconventional Afghan women, a member of Parliament and a journalist as the international community withdrew from Afghanistan, threatening its fragile democracy. The film was the winner of the 2019 Human Rights Watch Film Festival Nestor Almendros award for Courage in Filmmaking. Tickets are \$5 for MOCA members or \$10 for general admission. For more information, call MOCA at (904) 366-6911. The Museum of Contemporary Art is located at 333 N. Laura St. in Jacksonville.</p> <p>Thirsty Thursdays at Al's Pizza What's a better combination than pizza and beer? Every Thursday from open to close, Al's Pizza serves \$1.50 Yuengling Lager and house wines. Al's Pizza is located at 635 A1A N. in Ponte Vedra Beach.</p> <p>Free calendar listings for community groups and nonprofit organizations are published at our discretion on a space-available basis. Send your event at least 10 days before publication. Submit events to Daniela@opcfla.com or call (904) 686-3939.</p>

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Partnerships enrich library's Nature Detective Workshops

The Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library Nature Detective Workshops for Kids – featuring the pollinator, bats – on Saturday, July 13 at 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. were a hit with 47 kids and their families. Author Marta Magellan wrote the Florida bat book, “Amazing, Misunderstood Bats,” which was used as the basis of the workshops. Magellan was on site to sign the books and each child who attended received a copy thanks to the Friends of the Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library.

The ladies of Las Adelfas Circle of the Garden Club of St. Augustine taught the kids all about why bats matter, how they help with pollination, and what we can do to help. Every child attendee receives gardening goodies thanks to Southern Horticulture and the Garden Club of St. Augustine including a free plant, Nature Detective notebook, handouts and more. There is also a suggested reading list of books available at the library for kids and families to learn even more about bats, gardening, and taking care of the environment.

The library has partnered with the St. Augustine Garden Club and Southern Horticulture for 11 summers. For the last



LEFT: Cathy Snyder (from left), Marta Magellan, Kathy Marquis, Ginny Pierucci, Karen Brown and Marilyn Smith show off Magellan's new book “Amazing Misunderstood Bats,” and two other bat books – “Bat Citizens” (for kids) and “Bats: An Illustrated Guide to All Species” (for adults).

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two years, author Magellan, has written a book for these workshops. In fact, this year's book included contributions from Youth Services Assistant at the Main Library in St. Augustine, Marcia Daniels, a bat expert.

To learn more about the library system, visit www.sjcpls.org.



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Kids learn about bats in a variety of interactive ways.



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Construction projects alter St. Augustine traffic patterns

May Street, San Marco, West Castillo intersection changes drastically

Ponte Vedra area residents who take A1A south to St. Augustine will experience continuing changes in traffic patterns at San Marco Avenue. Construction to reconfigure and widen the intersection of San Marco Avenue, West San Carlos Avenue and May Street began in 2017, but because of weather delays the projected summer 2019 completion date has been pushed to late 2019. A project to improve drainage will commence when the intersection project is completed.

Traffic patterns changed significantly July 1 with the addition of dedicated right and left turn lanes, and median modifications. Further changes will include synchronized traffic signals, sidewalks, shared bicycle lanes and HAWK (High-intensity Activated crossWalk) pedestrian signals to improve traffic flow and bicyclist and pedestrian safety in the area.

The temporary traffic pattern implemented July 1 will allow the contractor to complete work on May Street. Westbound May Street traffic seeking to travel north on San Marco Avenue will use the right lane and continue north. Westbound May Street traffic seeking to travel southbound San Marco Avenue or to U.S. 1 will use the left lane. Traffic is expected to remain in this



Photo by Christine Rodenbaugh

As drivers approach San Marco Avenue heading west on May Street, the traffic pattern allows vehicles to veer right to go north on San Marco or veer left to go south on San Marco or continue west on San Carlos Avenue toward U.S. 1. This July 23 photo shows the traffic pattern established July 1.

pattern until reconstruction work at May Street has been completed. Additional traffic shifts will be necessary for the contractor to safely complete the remaining work.

An approximate quarter-mile of storm water pipe on May Street from San Marco Avenue to the Hospital Creek Bridge, east of Magnolia Avenue will be replaced during construction.

Beginning July 15, northbound San Marco Avenue traffic north of Dufferin Street will continue to access the south connector to travel east on May Street or

continue northbound utilizing the new slip lane, which ties into San Marco Avenue at the north connector. The northbound San Marco Avenue left turn movement to West San Carlos Avenue will no longer be available.

Removal of this left turn movement is necessary to safely complete signalization work at the intersection. A “No Left Turn” sign will be installed, and new pavement markings will denote the direction of travel for the northbound lane, guiding drivers into the new northbound slip lane.

Northbound drivers may use State Road 16 or another alternate route to access U.S. 1. Electronic message boards will be in place on San Marco Avenue to alert motorists of the planned traffic pattern changes.

Should lane closures be required, they are restricted to between the hours of 9:30 p.m. and 6:30 a.m., Sunday through Thursday. For more information, visit bit.ly/maystreet2019.

Lane shifts anticipated near Visitor Information Center in St. Augustine

Intermittent traffic interruptions caused by construction at the corner of West Castillo Drive and North Ponce de Leon Boulevard may cause minor delays for several months.

Continuing through mid-November, but ending prior to Light-Up! Night on Nov. 23, drivers should expect lane shifts and intermittent closures along W. Castillo Drive to allow for heavy equipment and machinery present for construction at the site of the future San Marco Hotel.

Lane shifts in the westbound lane of W. Castillo will be marked. When necessary, flag workers will be present to direct traffic during periods of equipment maneuvering. Motorists are encouraged to seek alternate routes to avoid increased traffic at this already very congested intersection.

For more information, call the St. Augustine City Manager’s Office at (904) 825-1006.

OBITUARIES

Mary Anna Flittner-Sampson

Mary Anna (Flittner) Sampson died peacefully on July 28, 2019. She was the eighth child and youngest daughter of eleven children born in Evansville, Indiana, on December 9, 1931, to the late Raymond and Florine (Kempf) Flittner.



Mary Anna Flittner-Sampson

Mary Anna attended Academy of the Immaculate Conception (later renamed Marian Heights Academy) in Ferdinand, Indiana, and graduated from Reitz Memorial High School in Evansville. She met her lifelong friend and classmate, Sister Rosemary Huber, at the Academy. They kept in touch over the years as Sister Rosemary traveled throughout Korea, East Timor, Indonesia, the United States and Nepal with the Maryknoll Sisters. Mary Anna loved hearing of her travels promoting healthcare.

Mary Anna married Ernest Aubrey Sampson, Jr. on May 9, 1953, at St. Anthony Catholic Church. Mary Anna celebrated 37 years of marriage with the love of her life until his passing in 1990. Family was the center of her life as she

was proud of the accomplishments of their three children and four grandchildren. Mary Anna was a kind and loving mother and grandmother who always put them first.

While living in Frankfort, Kentucky, she often hosted the Sisters of Charity from Good Shepherd Catholic Church. Her hobbies included reading, pottery and traveling with Ernie while he was President of the National Professional Golfers Association.

Mary Anna is survived by her three children; Marietta Sampson of Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida, Nancy Paul (Gene) of Ponte Vedra Beach, and Ernest Sampson (Kelley) of Louisville, Kentucky; grandchildren, Robert Sampson of West Lafayette, Indiana, Ashley Paul (Graham Barfield) of Los Angeles, California, Lauren Boersma of Ponte Vedra Beach, Matthew Paul of Ponte Vedra Beach; siblings, Arnold (Barbara), Ray, both of Evansville, Indiana, and Norb (Barbara) of Belleair Bluffs, Florida, (the three little boys as she fondly referred to them); two sisters-in-law, Liz (Fuqua) Flittner, of Evansville, and Sue (Kellogg) Flittner of Boca Raton, Florida; and several nieces and nephews.

Mary Anna was preceded in death by her parents, husband, brothers, Kenneth Flittner, Bernie Flittner, Cletus Flittner and Stanley Flittner, Sr.; and sisters, Evelyn Raben, Dolly Remeke and Angie Segers.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m. until 11 a.m. on Saturday, August 3, 2019, at Memorial Park Cemetery Heritage Chapel located at 2200 Mesker Park Drive in Evansville, Indiana.

A graveside service will follow the visitation. A celebration of her life will continue immediately after the service at Biaggi’s Restaurant, located at 6401 East Lloyd Expressway in Evansville.

In lieu of flowers, donations are accepted to the Community Hospice and Palliative Care Foundation, located at 4266 Sunbeam Road in Jacksonville, Florida, or to Mayo Clinic Jacksonville, FL at Department of Development, Mayo Clinic, 200 First Street SW, Rochester, MN 55905.

Condolences may be made online at www.browningfuneral.com.

James McCormick

James McCormick, 81, died July 14, 2019. He was born in Cleveland, Ohio, on January 23, 1938, and grew up in Colorado Springs, Colorado. He graduated from St. Mary’s High School in Colorado Springs and received his B.S. in accounting from Regis University in Denver, Colorado. He moved to the beaches area in 1998.

Jim proudly served the U.S. Navy. He served on the aircraft carrier USS Shangri La out of Mayport Naval base and was in Guantanamo Bay during the Cuban Missile crises. He was a CPA and worked for

what is now Ernest & Young. He also was a corporate accountant for GATX Corporation in Chicago, Illinois. After his move to Florida, he worked and volunteered for The Hubbard House Domestic Violence Shelter. He also volunteered for Friends of Jacksonville Animals (FOJA) as their financial advisor.

Jim is survived by his wife of 37 years, Patricia “Tish” (nee Kalamar); daughters, Kelly (Anthony) Broeg, Shannon (Marlon) Thomas and stepson, Brian Lelko; grandchildren Zachary and Kaitlyn Broeg and Julian and Tyson Thomas. He was predeceased by his parents, Agnes (nee Mortensen) and Michael McCormick.

A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, August 3, 2019 at 11 a.m. in the Chapel of Quinn-Shalz Funeral Home, 3600 Third Street South, Jacksonville Beach, Florida.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hubbard House, P.O. Box 4909, Jacksonville, Florida, 32201 or Friends of Jacksonville Animals 2020 Forest St, Jacksonville, Florida, 32204. Please visit the online Tribute at www.quinn-shalz.com. Arrangements by Quinn-Shalz Family Funeral Home.



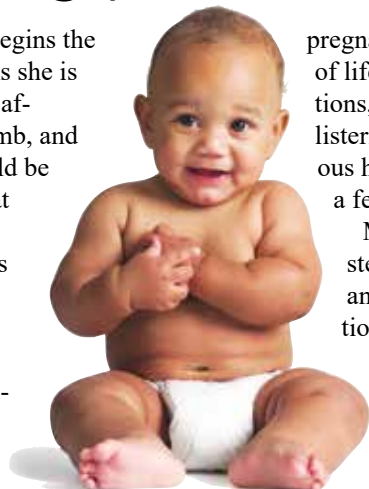
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Preventing prenatal infections

Protecting children begins the moment a mother learns she is pregnant. Illnesses can affect children in the womb, and expecting parents should be aware of conditions that can affect the health of the fetus, also known as prenatal infections.

The organization Group B Strep International says that approximately one in four pregnant women carry GBS, the leading cause of sepsis and meningitis in newborns according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. GBS also can infect babies during



pregnancy and the first few months of life. GBS as well as other conditions, such as cytomegalovirus, listeriosis and Zika virus, are serious health problems that can affect a fetus and expecting mothers.

Mothers can take various steps to protect themselves and their babies from infectious contagions. The American Academy of Pediatrics and the CDC offer these tips to expecting parents.

■ **Wash hands often.**

The single best way to prevent contraction and spread of any illness is through hand-washing. Use

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Financial checklist for expecting parents



Ian Aguilar
Guest Columnist

Whether having a first child or the fifth, adding a new member to the family is always a smart time to make sure your financial house is in order.

My wife and I are in the process of expecting a baby

girl so I'm well acquainted with the list of things that people should be attending to before the hectic environment and sleepless nights that come with a new baby arrive. Here is a list of items to handle before your newborn arrives.

1. Budget adjustments: The average cost of each child ranges from \$10,000 to \$34,000 per year. That can easily shake up a household budget and needs to be accounted for. Use tax-advantaged vehicles to your advantage when possible. Health Savings Accounts can be used to buy items like baby formula while a dependent care Flexible Spending Account can pay for daycare services.

2. Set/adjust your will: It's an expense but well worth it. Setting up a will ensures that everything for the child/children is set on the financial side should something happen. Choose to assign assets and guardians for children so that things go as smoothly as possible in what would surely be a tough time.

3. Tax adjustments: Be sure to claim the child on income taxes. Married couples who file taxes jointly can claim a \$2,000 credit with income under \$400,000. Working parents can use the child care credit for daycare and summer camp expenses for a credit worth up to \$1,050 for one child, or \$2,100 for two kids or more.

4. Student loan payments: Payments on student loans using an income-based repayment, can be adjusted to reflect a new family situation at studentloans.gov or with the loan servicer. This can lower payments by \$660 per year.

5. Saving for college: Open a 529 savings plan to start putting money away for the child's college expenses. The longer savings can grow via invest-

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warm water and soap to wash hands before and after certain activities, such as preparing foods, eating and using the restroom and after coming in contact with surfaces that may be germ-ridden.

■ **Cook meat to proper temperatures.** Use a food thermometer to make sure the internal temperature of meats, poultry and fish are at the recommended levels for safety. Undercooked foods may contain harmful bacteria, such as listeria and E. coli.

■ **Avoid unpasteurized dairy products.** Feta, queso fresco, brie and other soft cheeses should be avoided unless the label specifically mentions pasteurization. Make sure yogurts and milks are pasteurized as well.

■ **Skip raw sprouts.** Listeria may be found on alfalfa, clover, radish, and mung bean sprouts unless they are thoroughly cooked.

■ **Get tested for GBS.** Doctors can swab you to see if you have this type of bacteria. If they learn you do, they will advise you on how to protect the baby during labor.

■ **Stay away from Zika-prone areas.** Avoid travel to areas of the world with known Zika outbreaks. If a spouse or partner has traveled to these areas, exercise extreme caution during sexual intercourse, as the disease can be transmitted this way as well.

■ **Leave cat care to others.** Dirty cat litter may contain a parasite that causes toxoplasmosis. Let someone else clean and tend to the litter box for the duration of your pregnancy.

These are just a few tips to help keep your fetus safe. Expecting parents can discuss other ways with their physicians.



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ment gains, the less will be required out of pocket.

6. Don't lose track of long-term goals: It can be easy to forego savings and in order to have money for current expenses. Automate savings where possible be make sure to keep working toward previously stated goals.

7. Check insurance coverages: When children are born, add them to the health care policy asap or at least within the first 30 days. Many first time-parents will have foregone life insurance to this point, but explore taking out a term policy to cover expenses for loved ones should something happen. For the young and healthy it will be relatively cheap. Beyond health insurance is disability insurance. Serious disability for a healthy 32 year old is actually 6.5 times more likely than death.

There's sure to be ups and downs with a newborn to the family, but knock out all of these steps to rest a little easier knowing that you've taken some sound financial steps that'll allow you to focus on the important things in life.

This article was written by Ian Aguilar CFP, MBA, partner of locally owned financial planning firm Mellen Money Management in Nocatee. For more information, call (904) 580-4696 or email iaguilar@mellen-money.com.

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Firehouse Subs collects bottled water for first responders

8th annual H2O For Heroes water drive scheduled Aug. 3

Firehouse Subs invites guests nationwide to join its effort to hydrate local heroes and communities with the eighth annual H2O For Heroes bottled water collection drive. On Saturday, Aug. 3, Firehouse Subs restaurants will offer one medium sub to each guest who brings in at least one unopened, 24-pack of bottled water. The water benefits local fire and police departments, emergency victims, senior and community centers, to aid those in need of water during the hot summer months when dehydration and other heat-related illnesses are most threatening.

Nearly 30,000 cases of bottled water were donated during last year's collection efforts, and in 2019, Firehouse Subs will be able to double the impact thanks to a new partnership with Dasani water. Dasani will match water collected from Firehouse Subs' guests through H2O For Heroes case-for-case, up to 60,000 cases. Guests may deliver any brand of bottled water Saturday.

As a brand founded by two former firemen 25 years ago and true to its mission, Firehouse Subs hosts the one-day drive to offer lifesaving support and relief to first responders and vulnerable citizens who have an imperative need for protection against extreme heat-related situations.

"Initiatives like H2O For Heroes bring our mission statement to life, and with



Photo courtesy of Firehouse Subs

Dasani committed to matching the water collected from our guests, we have the ability to provide an essential resource to even more first responders and their communities than ever before," Robin Sorensen, Firehouse Subs cofounder said. "As former firefighters, my brother Chris and I are truly proud of the relief this program is able to bring – from hydrating firefighters in the scorching summer heat to keeping K9 officers cool on patrol, this water is a lifesaving tool."

H2O For Heroes began in 2012 by Phoenix-area franchisees Jerry and

Windy Griffin as a local initiative to encourage bottled water donations at a time when wildfires and drastic heat depleted the supplies of several of their local first responder organizations; in 2016, Firehouse Subs expanded the program into a nationwide effort.

To participate in the H2O For Heroes collection drive efforts, visit www.firehousesubs.com or download the Firehouse Rewards app to find the nearest location. There is a limit one medium sub per person, per case of unopened 24-pack bottled water.

We'll see or let it be



Harry Pappas
Columnist

Quick. What public figure repeatedly uses the catchphrase, "We'll see?"

If you guessed President Trump, you are correct. When someone says, "Let

it Be," what immediately comes to mind for many folks? If you thought of the Beatles' 1970 legendary song, you are spot on again.

Now, I am not foolish enough to pen a narrative about politics in general or the President in particular, and I am certainly not going to write about the Beatles...well...not really. What I would like to emphasize is the power in "detachment," which I define as freeing one from overreaction. Please stay with me...I promise to connect the dots. Regrettably, I am often fixated on someone doing something the way I want or I try to control an outcome (attachment) instead of doing what Paul McCartney wrote in his legendary Beatles song, "Let it Be."

I suggest the legendary tune exemplifies the notion of detachment. Paul says that when he finds himself in times of trouble, "Mother Mary" comes to him. Although some folks believe Mary means Mary, mother of Jesus, Paul's mother, who died when he was a young boy, was also named Mary. The truth of the matter is that Paul wrote the song about his mother where he describes her arriving, as if an angel, whispering to him "let it be," in times of trouble. Stated perhaps more clearly, let go, relax, do not worry about your troubles, detach from them and just let it be.

Paul's words of wisdom underscore what the ancient Chinese philosophy of Taoism teaches about how to handle the inevitable highs and lows of life. Akin to "let it be,"

Starling at Nocatee to hold job fair Aug. 2

Starling at Nocatee will soon be opening its Senior Independent Living Community in Nocatee. In preparation for opening, Starling at Nocatee will be holding a job fair Aug. 2 at the Starling at Nocatee Assisted Living and Memory Care Community on Crosswater Parkway.

The company is looking to fill all positions and is aiming to have more than 100 applicants show up and apply, interview and

be screened for employment that day.

The job fair will be 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 999 Crosswater Parkway in Ponte Vedra.

Positions expected to be filled include concierge, drivers, security, housekeeping, maintenance technicians, cooks, servers, utility, bar tenders, hostesses, engagement assistants, LPNs, caregivers and medical technicians.

Financial Focus: Life events can lead you to see a financial advisor



Karsten Jacobson
Columnist

Through the years, people experience many personal and professional milestones. Each of these can be satisfying, but they may also bring challenges – especially financial ones. That’s why it can be a good idea to seek the guidance of a financial professional. Here are some of the key life events commonly encountered, and examples of the help a financial advisor can provide.

New job

When starting a new job, especially if it’s the first “career-type” one, there may be several questions about planning a financial future, including retirement. How much should be contributed to an employer-sponsored retirement plan? What investments should be chosen? When should contributions be increased or when to adjust the investment mix? A financial advisor can recommend an investment strategy that’s appropriate for individual goals, risk tolerance and time horizon.

Marriage

Newlyweds often discover they bring different financial habits to a marriage. For example, one spouse may be more of a saver, while the other is more prone to spending. And this holds true for investment styles – one spouse might be more risk-averse, while the other is more aggressive. A financial advisor can help recommend ways for couples to find some common ground in saving and investment strategies, enabling them to move forward toward mutual goals.

New child

When a child is added to the family, there are a variety of financial issues to consider. Will parents be able to help the child someday go to college? And what might happen to the child, or children, if you were no longer around? A financial advisor can present some college-savings options, such as an education savings plan, as well as ways to protect the family, such as life insurance.

Career change

It’s not uncommon to change jobs several times, and each time there is a change, there are some choices about to make the employer-sponsored retirement plan. Is it best to move it to the new



LEFT: Members and guests stand for the presentation of colors at the July 11 joint Chamber of Commerce meeting to honor military personnel.

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LOWER LEFT: Rear Admiral Gary Mayes

BELOW: Chris Smith and State Rep. Cyndi Stevenson

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Chambers of Commerce partner to honor military personnel

On July 11, the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce – PVB Division and the Jax Chamber Beaches Division honored local service members for their commitment to commu-

nity service over and above their duties as active military personnel. Members and guest met for a luncheon at Sawgrass Beach Club in Ponte Vedra Beach.

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in times of trouble, the Taoist proclaim that we should, like water, flow with life with the understanding that in time things will change from bad to good and vice versa, because that is the nature of all things. Therefore, patience my friends, is a virtue. If we attach ourselves to the outcome of our situations we will likely become depressed during troubled times and crazy happy in good times, which is parallel to taking a continuous and incredibly nauseating emotional roller coaster ride. Let's be better than this. In fact, as it relates to the unpredictability of life, why not be like the farmer in the Chinese parable below who embodies the concept of detachment, letting it be, and flowing like water?

There was a farmer whose horse ran away. That evening the neighbors gathered to commiserate with him since this was such bad luck.

He said, "We'll see."

The next day the horse returned, but brought with it six wild horses, and the neighbors came exclaiming at his good fortune.

He said, "We'll see."

Then, the following day, when his son tried to saddle and ride one of the wild horses, he was thrown and broke his leg. Again, the neighbors came to offer their

sympathy for the misfortune.

He said, "We'll see."

The day after, recruitment officers came to the village to seize young men for the army, but because of the broken leg, the farmer's son was rejected. When the neighbors came in to say how fortunately everything had turned out, he said, "We'll see."

Source: "Tao: The Watercourse Way" by Alan Watts

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This is REAL Trends' seventh year producing the ranking. The list ranks the most productive Realtors by state and metropolitan area based on closed transaction sides and closed volume.

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142	Chuck Shaver	DeLand
175	Russie Weidl	Heathrow
226	Jennifer Solomon	Amelia Island
242	Lori Clark	Port Orange
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209	Elaine Wallace	St. Augustine Beach
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Jax Beach hotel adds sales manager

The Casa Marina Hotel has a new sales manager, Laura Ross, who is selling and supervising corporate meetings and events. Ross understands how the unique, historic 1925 hotel differs from cookie-cutter properties and can help clients plan for association and social events in the penthouse, courtyard, verandah and main ballroom.

"I find hospitality to be an exciting, fast-paced and ever-changing business. Each day at the Casa Marina Hotel is different and I enjoy making someone's day a great one," Ross stated. "Putting others first, proper planning and execution are key to working with clients on their events."

An avid sports fan as well as an athlete and coach, Ross grew up in Syracuse,



Laura Ross

New York and worked in regional golf courses seasonally. The Florida weather brought her south to Orlando to work for a sales and marketing firm. After moving to Jacksonville, she handled recruiting and running the administrative office. The Casa Marina Hotel position combines her skills where she is overseeing each event from beginning to end.

Casa Marina Hotel & Restaurant is located at 691 N. 1st Street in Jacksonville Beach. For information, call (904) 270-0025 or visit www.casamarinahotel.com.



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David Weekley Homes hosts School Supplies Drive to benefit Investing In Kids

David Weekley Homes is investing in a better future one student at a time by hosting its fifth annual School Supplies Drive in cities across the country.

Through Aug. 5, the builder is joining with the local community to collect new school supplies for Investing in Kids. Donations can be dropped off at the Division Office, located at 680 Crosswater Parkway in Ponte Vedra, any David Weekley model home in the Jacksonville area or Bank of England Mortgage, located at 1114 Beach Boulevard in Jacksonville. To view the list of supplies needed, visit bit.ly/19weekley.

David Weekley Homes strives to make a positive impact in the communities in which it builds through its CARE program. This is accomplished by joining together with team members, homeowners, vendors and community partners to volunteer with

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What Ty Cobb can teach us about investing



Scott Grant
Guest Columnist

He was arguably the greatest baseball player of his era and one of the least loved of all time. Opponents thought he was a dirty player who would do anything to win, even if that meant injuring an opponent. His teammates were just glad they did not have to play against him.

He was born in Narrows, Georgia and is remembered in some circles as “The Georgia Peach.” Tyrus Raymond Cobb set almost 100 Major League Baseball records during his career and still holds the record for the highest lifetime batting average of any player — ever. Despite that, Cobb is often remembered more for his temper than his on-field heroics. They say Cobb loved to intimidate opponents by sliding into a base with his feet up and jamming the spikes on his cleats into their lower leg. He once beat and choked a black man who tried to touch him. When the man’s wife attempted to intervene on her husband’s behalf, Cobb choked her too. He was also known for attacking hecklers in the stands. In 1912, in New York, Cobb got suspended for nearly beating a handicapped heckler to

death. The man was missing one hand and three fingers on the other, but he repeatedly called Cobb a racial slur. When Cobb charged into the stands and jumped on top of the man, beating him with his fists, surrounding fans attempted to pull him off with pleas that the man had no hands.

Cobb responded, “I don’t care if he got no feet.”

Cobb made his Major League debut in 1905, less than a month after his mother had shot and killed his father. He was 18 years old. Apparently, Cobb’s father suspected his mother of cheating on him and he snuck past her bedroom window one day intent on catching her in the act. Cobb’s mother said she saw a shadowy figure outside of her bedroom window and was just defending herself. Mrs. Cobb was acquitted in March of the following year. That same year, her son signed his first baseball contract to play for the Detroit Tigers earning \$1,500 per year. He would go on to play for 24 seasons, 22 of those for the Tigers.

Cobb was crafty. He once noticed a throwing peculiarity in an opposing first baseman. He would wait two years to exploit that weakness and score a game-winning run. He crowded the plate against legendary fireballer Walter Johnson forcing him to pitch outside. Johnson, nicknamed

“The Big Train,” threw so hard that it made Cobb flinch, but, according to Cobb, he had a weakness. He was scared he might hurt an opponent, so when Cobb dug in, Johnson got timid and threw outside.

Ty Cobb did not like Babe Ruth. He did not care for the way Ruth played the game.

“Anyone can hit a home run if they try,” the Detroit star sneered. “It’s a brute way to approach the game.”

Ruth received more publicity than Cobb and once commented anyone could hit “those dinky singles.” Not only was Ruth a bigger star, to make matters worse, Ruth was paid significantly more — \$80,000 in 1930, which was big money in those days. When a reporter asked Ruth if he deserved to make more than President Hoover, Ruth responded, “Why not? I had a better year.”

Cobb, who never made more than \$40,000 a year while playing for the Tigers, seethed.

When it came to money, Cobb would have the last laugh. He may not have earned the same salary as Ruth, but he was smarter about how he spent it. Ruth was famous for squandering money on booze, fast women and even faster living.

Early in his career, Cobb began to invest some of his earnings into a fledgling company from his home state of Georgia. Every year, he bought more shares. He

believed in the company and its product. The company prospered and so did Cobb. Of course, the name of that company was Coca-Cola, a name more associated with the state than the “Georgia Peach.” Eventually, Cobb would own more than 40,000 shares of Coca-Cola stock as well as four different bottling plants. He spent his retirement travelling and playing polo. He also liked to hunt and fish, just like any other Georgia boy. His other passion was buying and trading stocks and bonds. In addition to Coca-Cola, he would acquire a big position in General Motors.

Cobb lived to the age of 74, and later in life he mellowed. He praised the arrival of black athletes in the game, helped Joe Dimaggio negotiate his first contract and even acknowledged Babe Ruth as the greatest hitter who ever lived. Like many wealthy Americans he also became a philanthropist. He endowed the Cobb Memorial Hospital in memory of his parents in his hometown of Narrows. It is now part of the Ty Cobb Healthcare System. He also set up the Cobb Educational Fund, which awards Scholarships to needy students in Georgia. He endowed that fund with \$100,000 worth of Coca-Cola stock in 1953. To date, the Ty Cobb Educational

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Local chiropractor Diane Johnson earns certification

Alterman & Johnson Family Chiropractors recently announced Dr. Diane Johnson has been granted certification by the Academy Council of Chiropractic Pediatrics in the International Chiropractic Pediatric Association certification program on July 1. The certification serves to improve care for children and families

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By being certified, Dr. Johnson is recognized for her completion of ICPA's 14 classroom modules taught by leading authorities in family chiropractic and two in-office, practice-based research network projects, which substantiate both practical and evidence-informed clinical competencies.

Dr. Johnson is granted Board Certification from The Council of Chiropractic Pediatrics of the Academy of Chiropractic Family Practice. This certification enables Dr. Johnson to expand her range of care to individuals throughout pregnancy and childhood with excellence and in accordance with evidence-informed practice.

"With the training and support of ICPA, I'm excited to be able to provide better care and have a higher impact on the health and wellness of families in our community," Dr. Johnson said.

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employer's plan, if transfers are allowed? Or, if permitted, should the assets remain in the past employer's plan? Or perhaps the money should be rolled over into an IRA. A financial advisor can help explore these options to determine which one is most appropriate for individual needs.

Death of a spouse

Obviously, the death of a spouse is a huge emotional blow, but it does not have to be a financial one – especially if the couple is prepared by having the correct beneficiary named on retirement accounts and life insurance policies. A financial advisor can help ensure these steps have been taken.

Retirement

Even after retiring, there will be some important investment decisions to make. For one thing, establish a suitable withdrawal strategy so retirement accounts are not depleted too soon. Also, it's necessary to balance the investment mix in a way that provides at least enough growth potential to keep it ahead of inflation. Again, a financial advisor can help in these areas.

No matter where people are on the journey through life, they need to address important financial and investment questions, but they don't have to go it alone – a financial professional can help find the answers individuals need.

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Ponte Vedra Concert Hall sends out Call to Artists

Artists of all ages and media are welcome to participate in a Call to Artists, partnered by the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall and the Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach. The art must display a likeness of the façade of the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall building.

Artwork must be professionally prepared and ready to display by the submission dates. Frames are not required. Artists can submit their work on Thursday, Aug. 22, and Friday, Aug. 23, between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. at the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall. The winner will receive a \$1,000 cash prize with their art permanently hung at the Concert Hall. Winners will be selected by the Friends of the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall Board and St. Johns County Cultural Events Division representatives.

The winner will be announced at an awards party from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 7 at the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall and will exhibit all the art submissions at the contest celebration. The celebration will feature light hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar. Guests attending the party are welcome to vote for their favorite piece for a People's Choice Award that will be announced the following week. The party is free to attend and open to the public. The Ponte Vedra Concert Hall is located at 1050 A1A N. in Ponte Vedra Beach.

For information, call the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall at (904) 209-0399 or visit www.ccpvb.org/events/upcoming-events.

The Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach is hosting an open house Thursday, Aug. 1. This is a free opportunity for current, new and future members and art lovers to learn about the nonprofit arts center's exhibitions, programs and events.

Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach to hold open house

A pianist from Douglas Anderson High School will be performing live music throughout the evening. The event will be from 5:30-7:30 p.m., and exclusive offers and prizes will be available.

It will also be a chance to get a final look at the "Light Refractions" by Anna Miller and the Impressions of the Southeast by the First Coast Plein Air Painters exhibitions, which will be ending this week.

"Light Refractions" is an exhibition of abstract works. The paintings express refractions of light. Refractions come from the observation and perception of color and light patterns found in nature

Plein Air is a practice that goes back for centuries but was truly made into an art form during the French Impressionism movement. The First Coast Plein Air Painters (FCPAP) is a group of enthusiastic and dedicated plein air painters based on the Northeastern Florida's First Coastal line.

The showcase will also mark the official grand opening of The Market, an artisan market within CCPVB that offers unique, handcrafted gifts and goods.



ABOVE: Anna Miller's artwork, including "Garden Series Sunny" will be on display at the Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach during the Aug. 1 open house.



RIGHT: The Market, which will hold its official grand opening Aug. 1, is an exhibition space for small works for art for local and regional artists and artisans. Works are available for purchase. Photos courtesy of The Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach

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Duo Johnnyswim returns to Ponte Vedra Concert Hall Aug. 29



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Soulful husband and wife duo Johnnyswim return to the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall for an intimate acoustic evening Thursday, Aug. 29. Doors open at 7 p.m. and the show begins at 8 p.m. Johnnyswim last performed at the Concert Hall in November 2017.

At the core, husband-and-wife — Abner Ramirez and Amanda Sudano — translate the memories, moments and milestones on life’s journey into spirited, slick and soulful anthems steeped in singer-songwriter tradition, yet amplified by alternative experimentation, rock energy and pop ambition.

In early 2017, Johnnyswim commenced work on ideas for what would become their 2019 third full length, *Moonlight* [Britannia Row Recordings/

BMG]. Amidst a series of professional changes and Amanda’s pregnancy with their second child, they kick-started the next chapter.

The album illuminates the expanse of Johnnyswim’s musical pallet. “Marietta” gallops from a jazz-y intro into theatrical delivery about Abner leaving his hometown. The finale “Same Old Thing” examines the fragility of marriage and frayed bonds as the lyrics tackle divorces among the pair’s friends over listless guitar.

Tickets, \$35 in advance and \$45 day of show, are available for purchase at the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall and The Amp St. Augustine Box Offices and ticketmaster.com.

Lightner After Hours presents Rosé Colored Glasses



Photos by Christine Rodenbaugh

Ashley Rose Conway crafts Strawberry Rose Punch during cocktail classes at the Lightner After Hours: Rose Colored Glasses as observers, reflected in the mirror, listen intently.

Residents and visitors alike enjoyed an early evening of music by talented local musician Ramona, cocktails, light appetizers, and the elegant surroundings of the historic Lightner Museum in St. Augustine on July 25. Several rooms of the museum were open for guests to mingle and enjoy the exhibits. Special guest Ashley Rose Conway of Craft and Cocktails presented a cocktail demonstration, tasting and book signing of “Celebrate Rosé,” an all rosé cocktail and party book. She crafted Strawberry Rosé Punch at cocktail classes throughout the evening.

The Lightner After Hours events are free and open to the public. Tickets were required for the cocktail classes. Guests may enter through the Granada Street entrance across from the Corazon Cinema. For information about Lightner Museum events, visit lightnermuseum.org/events.



Linda Romano, Birdie Arnold and Jan Hill enjoy a glass of wine at the July 25 event.

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Neptune Beach theater fundraiser features Sassy Tappers

The All Beaches Experimental Theatre presents an evening of entertainment and light hors d'oeuvres to raise funds for ABET's 28th season of productions.

The theater celebrates its second season at 544 Atlantic Blvd. in Neptune Beach in Neptune Beach. Performance dates are Saturday, Aug. 10 at 8 p.m. or Sunday Aug. 11 at 2 p.m. The show includes Music and Conversations with Gene Nordan, and features the high-energy Broadway Moments with the Sassy Tappers performing numbers from hit musicals including "Chicago," "A Chorus Line" and "Smokey Joe's Café."

Tickets are \$25 and the house opens 30 minutes before curtain.

For tickets, visit www.abetheatre.com or call (904) 249-7177.



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BEACHES MUSEUM UPCOMING EVENTS



"Water. Life. Art." by Annelies Dykgraaf

The Beaches Museum is featuring the exhibit "Water. Life. Art." by artist Annelies Dykgraaf. Her acrylic paintings and relief prints are inspired by the connections of the people, symbols, textile patterns and mythological motifs of her birth land of Nigeria, West Africa and her homeland of Jacksonville, Florida. Although on different continents, both Nigeria and Florida are located on coastlines of the Atlantic Ocean. In Nigeria, the Niger River allows fertile life to thrive just as the St. Johns River nurtures life in Florida. Along both bodies of water, people derive their culture. The exhibit will be on display through Nov. 11.

Join museum supporters to protect its 1911 train

Visitors and those passing by the Beaches

Museum may notice some activity around the iconic 1911 steam locomotive. Brought to the Pablo Historical Park in 1982, the locomotive was exposed to the harsh effects of the salt air until 1995 when it was refurbished and protected by the glass enclosure building. Since that time, the building has been largely neglected due to the maintenance needs of the historic buildings in the park. Now, thanks to the leadership of the Museum's Board of Directors and the assistance of Councilman Bill Gulliford, the Museum has partnered with the City of Jacksonville to refurbish the building. "The Beaches Museum has become a valued treasure of the Beaches community keeping our history and memories vivid and alive. I am so very proud and honored to be a small part of its community-wide efforts," Gulliford said. Repairs, led by RG White Construction, Romano Brothers Roofing and McIntyre Stucco & Painting, will include a new roof, resetting windows and painting steel beams. Designed to increase the life of and accessibility to the building, the Beaches Museum will match the City's contribution to the project. "The locomotive is a destination for visitors of all ages and the building is very visible from Beach Boulevard," said Chris Hoffman, Executive Director of the Beaches Museum. "We are grateful to all who are making these improvements possible so that the building can better reflect all of the great things we have going on in the Museum and the community." For more information or to contribute to the train enclosure project, visit beachmuseum.org/donate/ or call (904) 241-5657 x113.

Blue Star Museums program ends Sept. 2

The Beaches Museum joined museums nationwide in participating in the tenth summer of Blue Star Museums, a program which provides free admission to our nation's active-duty military personnel and their families.

Additionally, the Beaches Museum will offer a 10% discount on birthday parties for military children, 10% discount for weddings and 10% discount in the Museum store for military families. The 2019 program will end Monday, Sept. 2. Military can find the list of participating museums at the Blue Star Museums website.

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Kevin Slayden
Congratulations to Sawgrass Country Club member, Kevin Slayden on his two hole-in-ones in regulation of the 54th Annual Jacksonville City Amateur Championship!

Thursday, July 25, 2019
Hole #6
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Hole #15
8-iron - 160 yds

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Photo courtesy of JAGA

Kevin Slayden of Ponte Vedra Beach achieved the very rare feat of recording two holes-in-one in the Jacksonville Amateur Championship July 25-27 at Sawgrass Country Club.

A rare double

Ponte Vedra Beach resident Kevin Slayden sinks two aces in one tournament

Recorder Staff

Ponte Vedra Beach resident Kevin Slayden accomplished the highly improbable when he recorded two holes-in-one in the same three-day tournament during the Jacksonville Amateur Championship July 25-27 at Sawgrass Country Club.

Jeff Adams, JAGA VP-Administration, stated in an email to the Recorder, "This is a really big deal...something that is highly, highly improbable."

On Thursday, the 22-year-old struck a 7-iron from 176 yards that disap-

peared into the sixth hole. During Saturday's third round, the magic returned when his 8-iron from 160 yards did the same thing on the 15th hole.

Going into the tournament, Slayden had a hole-in-one in 2007 at the Ponte Vedra Inn & Club Lagoon Course.

After Slayden teed off on No. 6, he said his competitors were highly confident the ball had flown straight into the hole.

"I was very excited when I hit it because the trajectory looked so good," Slayden said. "I could see in the distance — only with blurred vision, though. I did hear it rattle the flag stick and it was quite loud, actually."

When the group got up to the green

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Day 4 of Jaguars training camp shows promise for upcoming season

By Daniela Toporek

Last Sunday marked the end of the first week of training camp for the Jacksonville Jaguars, where the team put a pep in their step for the spectators and showed some promise for the upcoming 2019 season.

Fans gathered along the sidelines of the practice field and watched as the team warmed up, ran drills and practiced their gameplay.

Roar cheerleaders made an appearance to take some photos, defensive end Calais Campbell signaled some good vibes to the crowd while rehydrating from a summer practice and running back Leonard Fournette took a few seconds to stop by the sidelines and say hi to the young generation of Jags fans cheering along the grass.

Quarterback Nick Foles completed multiple passes to wide receiver Dede Westbrook, who has been having an impressive start to the season, catching almost every pass in Sunday's practice.

"I have to watch more to be honest," Jaguars cornerback Jalen Ramsey said about the third-year receiver. "But yeah, I

MORE JAGUARS

Breaking down the Jaguars' All-25 during the team's 25 years of existence, five players at a time. **Page 30**

would say Dede is a really good receiver and he's coming along. Of course, he's going to continue improving year after year."

Although this is only week one of camp, things are also looking bright for Foles, who according to Ramsey, is making some good plays, throws and helping the team become better as a whole.

"I've been impressed with Nick," he said.

Fans are also looking optimistic with the newly signed quarterback. Jacksonville local and long-time fan Chris Griffin hopes for a season just as exciting — or even better — than 2017, when the Jaguars made it to the AFC Championship.

"If Foles can keep the offense consistent and the defense play like it has been, I think they have a good shot at getting rolling like they did in 2017," Griffin said. "I think they'll surprise a lot of people."



ABOVE: Jaguars quarterback Nick Foles warms up as he practices on the field.



LEFT: Running back Leonard Fournette greets fans and kids during training camp July 28.

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Jessie Miller, a seventh grader at Landrum Middle School, competed at the ATA World Expo, Statehouse Convention Center in Little Rock, Arkansas on July 13.

Karate Kid excels at world championship

Jessie Miller, a seventh grader at Landrum Middle School, earned two medals at the ATA World Championship Statehouse Convention Center in Little Rock, Arkansas on July 13. Miller, who is 12 years old, won a second and third place of the events of form and weapons and continued the honor of being ranked in the world's top 10 Taekwondo champions of third degree blackbelts.

She trains at Karate America dojang located in Ponte Vedra Beach owned by Grand Master William Clark and operated by world champions black belt Master Daniel Gimenez and Master Amber Smith, and instructor black belt Justin Escarra.

Miller practices martial arts to be able to compete at the national level and remains a straight A honor roll student. She enjoys drama club, serves at church, has won multiple championships, competed in the European Championship tournament winning four medals, and was featured as one of the "18 under 18" Florida kids on the rise.

At the July 13 event, participants celebrated the 50th anniversary of martial arts beginning in the USA. Flags from 29 countries were displayed where the legacy of leadership of Taekwondo is taught under the guidance of Grand Master Lee. More than 30,000 students compete in tournaments to hone their skills of combat and concentration, and more than 130,000 students train at ATA schools worldwide.

Slayden

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moments later, sure enough it was in.

"It felt awesome to hit the perfect shot in golf again and in such a dramatic fashion as slam-dunking it," Slayden said.

He said the second one on Saturday felt very surreal.

"I knew it was good when I hit it but to do it again. Wow! I couldn't believe it!" Slayden said.

Looking back, he can't believe he had that much precision on both shots. It was even more poignant to accomplish the two shots on his home course.

"I was very blessed at accomplishing this very rare feat," Slayden said.

On Saturday, his playing partners, James Sokul and David Anthony, rounded out the threesome with scores of 2 and 3, respectively.

Slayden finished T8 in the championship at 2-over-par 218. He is a member at the host Sawgrass Country Club and nearby TPC Sawgrass, home of THE PLAYERS.

Jordan Batchelor of Jacksonville carded rounds of 68-69-71--208 (-8) at Sawgrass Country Club to win the 58th edition of the Jacksonville Amateur Championship on Saturday by two strokes over Michael Smith of Ponte Vedra Beach.

Batchelor, whose career as a member of

the University of North Florida golf team ended in May after the NCAA Championship, became the eighth Osprey to claim the Jacksonville Area Golf Association's showcase event. Past champions from the Jacksonville-based school include Batchelor's former teammates, Travis Trace (2014) and Andrew Alligood (2015), plus Steve Carter (2002), Michael Young (2003), Michael O'Neal (2007), Major Forbess (2010) and Sean Dale (2011).

Batchelor and Trace are the only two players to win both the JAGA Amateur and Match Play titles. Batchelor won the Match Play title in 2013, Trace in 2015.

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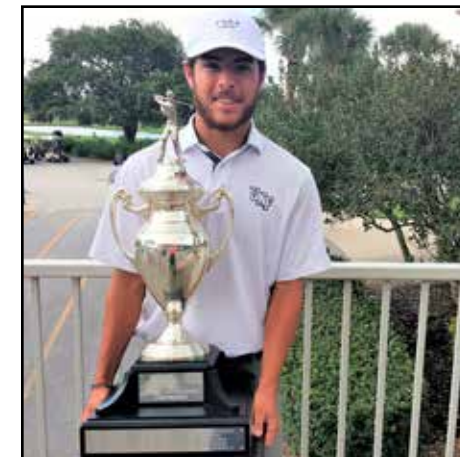


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Jordan Batchelor became the eighth UNF golfer to win the Jacksonville Amateur.

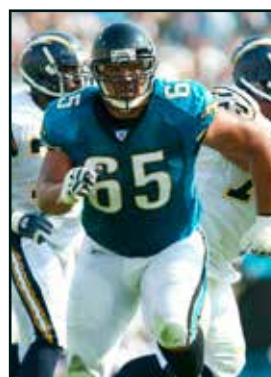
A look at the Jaguars All-25

Looking back at the past 25 years, who would have thought the Jacksonville Jaguars would become such a gritty, proud and iconic staple of Northeast Florida? Win or lose.

The Jags may have their ups and downs, but it's pretty safe to say that without the franchise, Jacksonville wouldn't be the grimy and ruthless, yet optimistic and loyal city it is today. The franchise was born in 1994. In honor of the past 25 years, the Jacksonville Jaguars launched Jaguars All-25, a recognition of the top 25 inactive players in franchise history. Here's a look at five of the players who were honored throughout July, with more to be announced soon. Way to move those chains.

25 OL Chris Naeole (2002-07)

Chris Naeole became the state of Hawaii's highest draft pick at the time when he was selected 10th overall by the New Orleans Saints. He started all 16 games of his first three seasons in Jacksonville and helped former RB, Fred Taylor, rush over 1,000 on each occasion. Over his 11-year career, Naeole started in 150 of the 154 games played with Jacksonville and New Orleans combined.



Chris Naeole

Jaguars history with an 85.8%. Garrard went off to play in the Pro Bowl following his 2009 season.

22 DT Gary Walker (1999-2001)

With 46 out of 47 games played and four consecutive games with a sack in his 2001 season, DT Gary Walker joined players Kevin Hardy and Tony Brackens in being one of the first players to post double-digit sacks in a single season in franchise history.



Gary Walker



Joel Smeenge

24 DE Joel Smeenge (1995-00)

Defensive end, Joel Smeenge, played for the Jaguars from 1995-2000 and accumulated 34 total sacks in his career, making it the second-most number of sacks in franchise history, with Tony Brackens in first. Smeenge made it to the postseason from 1997-1999 and advanced to the AFC Championship in the historical 1999 season.

21 K Josh Scobee (2004-14)

During a time when the Jacksonville Jaguars were just down in the dumps, K Josh Scobee took one of the first steps (or first kick) at leading the Jags out of dark times. The eight-time winner of the AFC Special Teams Player of the Week award is also the Jags all-time leading scorer with 1,022 points in his career. Scobee appeared in 168 total games, the third-most in franchise history and is one of two kickers from the franchise to make 20 consecutive field goals. He registered over 100 points in three of his 11 seasons and indirectly gave fans free Firehouse Subs after the Firehouse franchise announced it would give away free medium subs if Scobee kicked a field goal over 40 yards.



Josh Scobee

23 QB David Garrard (2002-10)

David Garrard landed the role of QB from 2002-2010. Out of his 86 games, Garrard starred in 76 of them and completed 1,496 passes for 16,003 yards and 89 TDs, making it the third-most in franchise history. He also had the highest QB career passer rating in



David Garrard

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