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SCHOOL STARTS MONDAY!

Hannah Ramsey, Madison Girard and Leilah Stehl put litter in its place. The Landrum Middle School cheerleaders kicked off its community service projects with a beach clean-up Friday, July 26. A little rain could not stop the ladies who teamed up with Clean Your 904 to help keep our beaches beautiful. Great job, ladies, in continuing to have a positive impact on the community.
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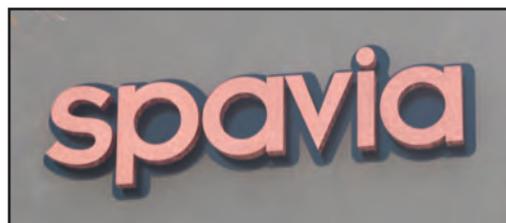


Do you know what this is?

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.

Three readers correctly identified last week's photo as the sign for Spavia. The winner by random draw was **Kathleen Slater-Ryan**. Congratulations, Kathleen — you may pick up your prize at the Recorder office during normal business hours.



ADOPT A PET

CAT OF THE WEEK

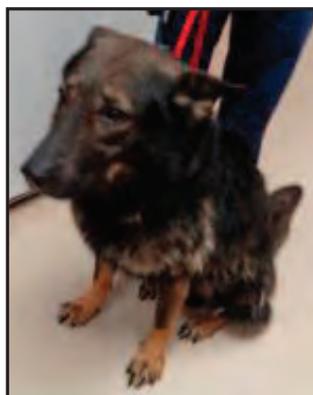
Elsa was reluctantly released by her owner due to unfortunate circumstances. She is a 1-year-old female domestic shorthair with a unique look of tabby and a splash of calico. She is very playful, sweet and gentle. This petite little girl will hug you back when you love on her and will cuddle as long as you let her. Come see Elsa today at the Pet Center. #45934



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St. Johns County Pet Center

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.**



DOG OF THE WEEK

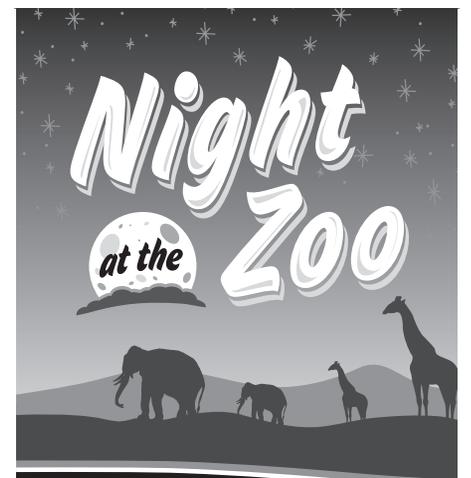
Scout was picked up as a stray. He is a neutered, 7-year-old German Shepherd and is housetrained. He loves to play in the kiddie pool, go for walks and to be brushed. This handsome boy would be a great companion and family addition to a household with older children. Come see Scout today at the Pet Center. #50756

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Solutions correspond to last week's puzzles.



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4 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms \$1,190,000



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Private gated 1.78-acre estate, known as Turtle Hall, exemplifies luxury oceanfront living. With 165 ft of ocean frontage this custom-built estate showcases museum-quality features and craftsmanship throughout this 11,000 sqft home.

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Sophisticated single story home in Queen's Harbour Yacht and Country Club features a large half acre lot with beautiful private marsh views. Enjoy the beautiful Florida weather on the homes expansive covered patio with screened-in pool/spa and summer kitchen.

4 bedrooms, 3 baths \$730,000



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 Refreshments at **6:00 p.m.** | Presentation & Discussion on Reverse Mortgages at **6:30 p.m.**
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Cheers to 50 Years!

Peace, Love and the Ponte Vedra Recorder

Ringo Starr's mantra, "peace and love," is as relevant today as it was in 1969. It's rare to see anyone on the front of the Ponte Vedra Recorder who isn't a local. But Ringo made the cover of the Friday, June 29, 2012 edition because he performed at the St. Augustine Amphitheatre.

The first issue of the Ponte Vedra Recorder published Nov. 7, 1969. To celebrate the wit, wisdom and history of the Recorder's readership, newspaper staff is eager to learn about and share your clippings from past issues. So, look in the attic or in those boxes tucked away at the back of the closet to find past issues of the paper. Maybe you have a scrapbook with clippings of family weddings, births or graduations. Was a friend or family member honored for playing sports, volunteering or engaging in politics? Whatever the subject, if you have pages from or complete issues of past Ponte Vedra Recorders, contact the staff at pvrecorder@opcfla.com. You can scan take pictures of pages or clippings and send them in. Or, stop by the office and we'll capture the images for you.



Ponte Vedra Coalition meeting hosts Outpost Q&A session and welcomes new director of Parks and Recreation

By Amber Lake

The Ponte Vedra Beach Coalition hosted two representatives of GATE Petroleum to answer community questions on behalf of the Outpost development on Monday, July 29. Afterward, the Coalition welcomed Doug Bataille as new Director of St. Johns County Parks and Recreation.

The Q & A session comes two weeks before the Aug. 15 meeting with the Planning and Zoning Agency to portions of the Outpost uplands to be changed from Conservation to Residential A.

The proposed development site for Vista Tranquila is located at the end of Neck Road and is approximately 100 acres within the Guana Tolomato Matanzas National Estuarine Research Reserve. Attendees of the meeting were concerned about possible traffic increases, pedestrian safety and damage to the surrounding wetlands. Ellen Avery-Smith, an attorney representing GATE Petroleum from Rogers Towers, and Kim Allerton, an environmental



Doug Bataille

scientist associated with Environmental Resource Solutions, responded to community concerns.

Regarding the upcoming PZA hearing, Avery-Smith said multiple environmental agencies have reviewed the property, including scientists under the county's jurisdiction.

"The county has independent environmental staff that are professional environmental scientists who have verified that there are no significant habitats on the property," said Avery-Smith.

According to a recent statement by environmental division manager Jan Brewer, although it is factual that the habitats outlined in the County Comprehensive Plan Policy provisions of imperiled habitats provided by Florida Natural Areas Inventory were verified to not be on the property

friendships through social activities. With more than 200 members, Newcomers Alumnae welcomes new members who live in Ponte Vedra Beach, Jacksonville Beach, Neptune Beach, Atlantic Beach, Nocatee, Jacksonville and St. Augustine. The group meets for lunch on first Wednesdays from September to June and meetings usually feature a speaker or special program at each luncheon. The next luncheon meeting is from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sept. 4 at Marsh Landing Country Club in Ponte Vedra Beach. For more information, email brookemeister@msn.com.

Regional Resiliency Survey: What are your priorities?

The Northeast Florida Regional Council launched the survey to engage the public on issues related to resilience planning. Resilience is the ability to prepare and plan for, absorb, recover from and more successfully adapt to adversity. This brief survey focuses on the context of hurricanes, storms and flooding. This is your opportunity to provide valuable input about what is most important to you. Residents are invited to complete the survey and share with others online at bit.ly/19resilience.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Public hearings scheduled regarding The Outpost

Now is the time to rally together, speak your mind and save The Outpost, a 30-year protected conservation land of 100 acres.

Now is the time to let your voice be heard in emails to county officials. Now is the time to attend the two public hearings on Aug. 15 and Sept. 17. Your attendance is key to the outcome of the hearings. The hearings will take place in the St. Johns County Auditorium County Administration Building, 500 San Sebastian View in St. Augustine. The Aug. 15 hearing begins at 1:30 p.m.

Ponte Vedra Corporation, a subsidiary of Gate Petroleum, wants to change the conservation land to residential and build 66 homes on 1-acre properties over a 10-year period.

This land is a wildlife treasure that borders Guana Lake for one mile and is almost entirely surrounded by the Guana Tolomato Matanzas Estuarine Research Reserve (GTMNERR), the only national estuarine research reserve on the east coast of Florida. Development would cause 74 upland acres of the Outpost to be decimated, including the closed canopy hammock that is rare on Florida's coastline. The fertilizer and pesticide run-off will have a negative impact on the water quality of Guana Lake.

The 10-year construction project will most certainly have devastating consequences for migratory and native birds as well as the wildlife. Over a dozen protected animal species are known to exist in the vicinity of the Outpost.

Wild Florida is diminishing day by day. Now is the time for nature-lovers, birders, hikers, kayakers and anglers to join forces and save The Outpost. Now is the time to gather family and friends and get the word out: It's now or never. Save Guana Now is a nonprofit organization. Visit the website for details on sending emails and attending hearings.

Time flies by faster than the wings of hummingbirds. Please, rise to the occasion and attend these meetings. Join together with those of us who want to Save Guana Now and ensure that this exquisite conservation land, Guana Lake and the GTMNERR will be here for generations to come. Maybe forever!

Allison B. Marshak

Ponte Vedra

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BRIEFS

Zoning Commission to consider hearing for Vista Tranquila

On August 15, the St. Johns County Planning and Zoning Commission is scheduled to consider the transmittal hearing for Vista Tranquila, the development proposed by the Ponte Vedra Corporation at the Outpost. This is a request for a Comprehensive Plan Amendment to amend the county's Future Land Use Map from Conservation to both Residential-A and Conservation. The PVC has submitted a companion PUD application that will be heard concurrently at adoption hearings for this amendment. After the meeting, the Planning and Zoning Agency will make recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners on Comprehensive Plan Amendment requests.

Newcomers Alumnae group seeks new members

Newcomers Alumnae group was formed in March 1998 to give graduates of newcomer groups an opportunity to continue growing in the community and to foster

Letters policy

The Ponte Vedra Recorder welcomes letters to the editor for possible publication. The guidelines for submitting letters follow:

- The maximum word count for a standard letter is 300 words.

- Letters from local residents about local issues will have the highest priority.

- Submissions with higher than recommended word counts will be edited or returned to the writer at the Recorder's discretion.

- Letters that attack other writers will not be considered, but writers may mention other letters.

- Submissions will be verified when received, but verification does not guarantee publication.

- The Recorder will consider one letter per writer per month to encourage a diversity of viewpoints.

- Letters are published at the sole discretion of the Recorder.

Email letters to chris@opcfla.com and type "Letter to Editor" in the subject line.



Turtle Washback Volunteers patrolled area beaches in 2018.

Volunteers needed for St. Johns County Sea Turtle and Beach Steward program

St. Johns County is seeking volunteers to survey wrack lines to recover stranded washback sea turtles and conduct beach cleanups from August through November. Volunteers will be scheduled for bi-weekly beach cleanups, and will remain on call to survey wrack lines when needed. All volunteers assisting the Beach Steward Sea Turtle Washback Program must follow the steps as outlined in the volunteer webpage at www.sjcf.us/HCP/VolunteerWashback.aspx. This page includes required training information and a County volunteer application. Volunteers must also pass a background check, possess a valid Florida driver license, complete the online orientation session, and attend one mandatory survey training that is conducted on the beach. Trainings are scheduled for the following dates and locations, and pre-registration is not required:

- Aug. 17, 8 to 9 a.m. at Butler Beachfront Park, 5860 A1A South.

- Aug. 19, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at South Ponte Vedra Recreation Area, 2993 S. Ponte Vedra Blvd.

Children under the age of 18 are welcome to volunteer, but they must be accompanied by an adult or guardian. For more



Volunteers are needed to survey wrack lines to recover stranded washback sea turtles like this one.

information, visit the St. Johns County Sea Turtle and Beach Steward Volunteer webpage at www.sjcf.us/HCP/VolunteerWashback.aspx, or call (904) 209-3740. All trainings are subject to cancellation in case of weather events. Check the webpage for cancellation updates.

Local church to hold annual paper-shredding event

Local Ponte Vedra Beach church, Lord of Life Lutheran Church, will host its second annual shredding fundraiser in the parking lot of the church located at 276 Roscoe Blvd North. Residents can get a head start on fall cleaning by tossing out old, sensitive papers at a community paper shredding event from 9 a.m. to noon, Aug. 17.

Award-winning secure destruction company Iron Mountain will be on site with a truck. Residents simply drive in and get help from church members unloading their papers into a bin. Then they can watch the bin move up to be dumped inside the truck and see the shredding in action on a small computer monitor on the side of the truck. Done!

“We held our first event last November and everyone who came that day commented on how useful this was and much needed,” Cindy Tanton, church council president, said. “We had a steady stream of cars coming in and people got a kick out of seeing the computer monitor to know that their papers were securely shredded.”

With the threat of identity theft growing, paper shredding events are one way to get rid of important papers securely.



Lord of Life Lutheran Church, will host its second annual shredding fundraiser in the parking lot of the church from 9 a.m. to noon, Aug. 17.

Suggested for shredding are outdated tax records, medical statements, utility bills, credit card statements, old passports and employment records. According to the public policy think tank Privacy and American Business, 1 in 5 Americans identify themselves as a victim of identity theft.

The church is asking for a \$25 dona-

tion for this service per car/persons dropping off paper. The funds raised will go towards the church Building Campaign Fund and a local charity. The church has received its approvals locally to move forward with building a new sanctuary and the next step will be to survey the intended spot once more and then start on pouring the concrete foundation.

Coalition

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— Avery-Smith’s statement is broadly defined. “So, the County the term ‘Significant Natural Communities Habitat’ has a very narrow, specific definition and one not to be interpreted to mean the property being reviewed has no viable or significant attributes,” Brewer said.

The inventory includes six habits; beach dunes, coastal grasslands/ coastal strand, xeric hammock, maritime hammock, sandhill and scrub. The majority habitat found on the property was “mesic hammock.”

A few residents brought up possible traffic problems including concern that the area already suffers from congestion and the added homes could cause extra crowding. In addition, some residents felt Neck Road to be hazardous for pedestrians because area doesn’t have sidewalks and thought there was a fire risk due to the congestion and surrounding vegetation.

In response, GATE said they were looking to improve traffic conditions with the help of their traffic engineer. The proposal would be to add left turn lanes going westbound on Micklers Road and another turn lane improvement eastbound. Avery-Smith also suggested that some residents weren’t in agreement for a sidewalk, preventing one being built. Concerning fire risks and emergency access, Avery-Smith said Vista Tranquila will be up to code.

“This PUD for fire protection is within its terms,” said Avery-Smith. “All of these homes have to be built for specific codes to withstand fire. They also have to keep the vegetation trimmed within their yards and not the upland buffers which have been provided, those are going to remain in their natural state.”

Along with the Q & A session, the Coalition meeting also hosted guest speaker Doug Bataille, the recently appointed director of St. Johns County Parks and Recreation. Bataille was previously the director at Knox County Parks and Recreation in Tennessee. He spoke to the audience about a few of his plans for the department and answered questions. Bataille said maintenance, long-term goals and new modes of funding for parks were objectives he was working toward.

“One thing I noticed was a lot of our ball parks were really, really nice, kept at a really high level,” Bataille said. “Some of the beach access points and boat access points, not so much. That is part of our restructuring and maintenance (to) put more resources toward those facilities so it will help them level up a bit.”

Bataille has freed up some services Parks and Recreation has previously provided, like “taking care of right of ways,” which he now contracts out. “It’s allowed us to focus on our efforts a little more on the parks side of things,” he said.

In addition, he developed a “five-year plan” which he hopes will prioritize a few projects when funding becomes available.

Lastly, Bataille said he is working toward creating a “park foundation” which will help subsidize the department’s budget with donations.

“In Knox county in 10 years we were able to raise \$6 million for the system,” Bataille said. “A lot of time folks with resources like helping out the community. The foundation is a vehicle that they can donate to and have the insurance to have third-party oversight.”

Brett Simon, a founder of K9s For Warriors, currently serves as the organization's president. When he's not working with canines, he might be found on the golf course or out fishing. He caught the love of his life in Ponte Vedra and has called Florida home ever since.

Brett Simon

What can you share about your background?

I was born and raised in Cincinnati, Ohio. I am a graduate of Purcell Marian High School where I played on the football team, wrestling team and golf team. Cincinnati will always be home to me, but I hate snow and traded snow for the Florida sun.

Where did you work in law enforcement?

I was a police officer in the City of Milford, Ohio and Miami Township, Ohio for nearly 14 years.

Did you request the K9 unit or were you assigned that duty?

I requested to be on the K9 unit. It took a few years, but I finally made it and worked three different dogs over a 10-year period.

How do you spot a puppy that may be suited for working and then how do you determine the best "job" for the dog?

Finding the right dog for the right job takes a lot of ability to read the dog's body language. If you know what cues to look for, dogs show their temperament. When we are out looking for a dog for a veteran at a shelter or rescue, we spend time evaluating each one. I am looking for a dog that wants to engage with a person and shows confident behavior — not being shy or hanging back — one that's not reluctant to come meet me. I am also looking for a dog that has a medium play drive, wanting to play catch or fetch, but not bouncing off the walls. While playing with toys, I watch for possessive behavior, whether it's trying to tear up the toy or if the dog is afraid of running on different types of floors or surfaces. You can learn so much just observing a dog and determining what the dog is communicating. It just takes time and experience to know what the dog is trying to tell you.

How does a human learn to be a dog trainer?

There are several national dog training academies in the U.S. to learn how to become a trainer. The training programs vary from just learning to teach obedience all the way to becoming what some call a master trainer — learning to work with service dogs, law enforcement or search and rescue. It is up to the individual how far to take the training. There is always on-the-job training, and there are a several



great trainers in our area. Some will take on an apprentice and teach individually. There are hundreds of books and videos to learn from as well, but nothing beats getting as much experience as possible. The more dogs you work with, the more knowledge you gain.

Tell us about your time at K9s For Warriors.

Through my career from founding K9s For Warriors to today there have been so many amazing moments. It never gets old watching a veteran getting paired with a dog or seeing a family back together again with the assistance of a service dog that we trained. I wish I could pick just one to share but that would not be fair. The starting of K9s For Warriors, to me, was one of the most poignant and memorable moments in

my life. How much better does it get when you are saving two lives, the life of a veteran and the life of a rescue/shelter dog.

What brought you to Florida?

My mom had moved to Ponte Vedra in 1988 from Cincinnati, Ohio. I would visit often and loved the area. When I returned from Iraq at the end of 2005, our travel plans got mixed up and instead of being flown to the D.C. area on our way back, we landed at Hunter Army Airfield in Savannah, Georgia. We were all quite shocked to say the least, and they told us it was going to take a few days for the Army to set up new travel plans.

I called my mom and told her I was going to rent a car and drive down to see her. While I was visiting her, I met my future wife. After meeting her and

then getting out-processed, I packed up everything I had in Ohio and moved to Ponte Vedra to be with her.

What is your favorite part of living in Ponte Vedra?

Ponte Vedra is just a beautiful area. There is so much to do from going to our beautiful beaches, golfing, fishing and great variety of dining. There is something for everyone.

What do you like to do in your free time?

I enjoy golf and fishing, bike riding and spending time with my family.

What is your hidden talent?

Grilling. I love to grill everything and create recipes and seasonings.



Recorder file photo

Silent auction items are on display during last year's BEAM of Light Beach Ball.

Annual 'BEAM of Light' Beach Ball to be held at TPC Sawgrass Clubhouse

It's time to break in those new dance shoes. The Beaches Emergency Assistance Ministry is back and hosting its annual "BEAM of Light" Beach Ball on Saturday, Aug 24.

From 7 to 11 p.m. at the TPC Sawgrass Clubhouse, guests will be able to enjoy heavy hors d'oeuvres, auctions, live music by the RadioLove Band, dancing and to help get the dancing going, an open bar filled with liquid courage.

Funds raised at the ball will go straight to BEAM "to provide emergency assistance and a path to economic stability," according to its website.

Bright and colorful cocktail attire is

encouraged. The ball's theme is inspired by designer, Emilio Pucci, and his abstract, bold and colorful fashion. According to the BEAM website, Pucci's style is described as "resort clothing that embodies the beach's natural beauty and refreshingly bright colors... Think retro Lily Pulitzer..."

Tickets to attend cost \$150 for general admission and \$100 to young professionals ages 35 and under. To purchase tickets or for more information, visit www.JaxBeam.org/ball.

The TPC Sawgrass Clubhouse is located at 110 Championship Way in Ponte Vedra Beach.

Angelwood Gala to focus on soaring possibilities

The Angelwood Gala: Soaring Possibilities will take place Saturday, Aug. 24 at the Sawgrass Marriott in Ponte Vedra Beach to benefit local charity, Angelwood.

The evening begins with a cocktail hour at 6 p.m. followed by dinner and a program in the Champions Ballroom. The black-tie-optional affair features dancing and silent and live auctions. Underwood's Jewelers has donated an Ippolita Lollitini Waterfall necklace for a raffle. The winning ticket will be drawn at the Gala.

Angelwood is a nonprofit that serves

children, adults, seniors and families living intellectual and developmental differences such as Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Down syndrome, and Spina Bifida. Over the years Angelwood's services have developed in response to community needs. Angelwood provides support to over 300 individuals and their families in residential group homes, supported employment, adult day training programs, and holiday and summer day camps.

For more information or to register, visit www.angelwoodjax.org.

Nemours Children's Hospital hosts An Evening of Promise

The seventh annual An Evening of Promise gala will be hosted at the Ponte Vedra Inn & Club at 7 p.m. Aug. 23. The gala raises funds to benefit the Nemours Children's Special Care in Jacksonville, which provides life-changing care for newborns and children to age 18 with complex conditions.

The gala features cocktails, dinner, live music and a silent auction. In addition, this year Diamonds Direct is hosting a Jewelry Pull with a chance to win jewelry that is valued at more than \$2,000.

Tickets are \$100 to \$200 a person, with sponsorship tickets available. To

purchase tickets for the event, visit secure.qgiv.com/event/jaxeveningofpromise.

For questions regarding An Evening of Promise, contact Kacie Smyth, development coordinator for Nemours Fund for Children's Health at (904) 697-4415 or kacie.smyth@nemours.org.

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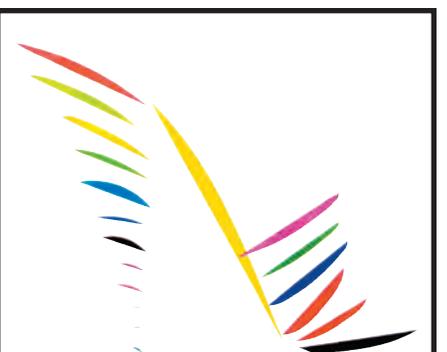
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OBITUARIES

Jean Bancroft Fairley

Jean Bancroft Fairley, of Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida, died on July 11, 2019, at the Warner Center for Caring in Fernandina Beach, Florida, at the age of 97. Jean was born February 24, 1922, in Schenectady, New York, to Samuel D. Ashley and Bernice W. Ashley.

Jean is survived by son, Robert B. Fairley (Paula), of Ponte Vedra, Florida; daughter, Janet L. Turner (Spence), of Fernandina Beach, Florida; grandsons, Scott Reing-Hurley (Niccole), of Columbus, Ohio, Jeffrey Hurley (Drea) of Mill Valley, California; granddaughter, Allison Fairley Vartabedian (Damon), of Wycoff, New Jersey; great grandchildren, Benjamin, Sophia and Elliot Reing-Hurley, and Sylvia, Dylan, and Chase Vartabedian; sister, Ann Sanderson (Ted), of Appleton, Wisconsin. She is predeceased by her husband, Richard (Dick) K. Fairley, and sister, Barbara Gillette.

Jean graduated from Syracuse University in 1944, where she was a member of the Kappa Alpha Theta sorority. Upon graduation, she returned to Schenectady and worked for General Electric in the personnel recruiting office. Jean married her husband, Dick, on September 22, 1945. She was a stay-at-home mother while assisting her parents with the family business, Uncle Sam's Candies and Ice Cream.

In the early 50's, Jean and Dick pur-

chased a summer home on Sacandaga Reservoir in the New York Adirondacks. Jean was an active mother during those glorious summers, hiking, swimming, boating and waterskiing with family and friends.

In 1962, the family moved to Charlotte, North Carolina. Jean was an active volunteer in many non-profits, including Girl Scouting and the alumnae chapter of her sorority. In 1964, they moved to Deerfield, Illinois, where Jean served on the Girl Scout Board of Directors and chaired the Riverwoods Art Show. In conjunction with Dick's career promotion, Jean and Dick moved to Chappaqua, New York, in 1968.

In 1970, they retired to Ponte Vedra Beach and joined the Ponte Vedra Inn and Club. Jean began golfing and served as president of the Women's Golf Association. She hit that "revered" hole in one on the Ocean Course. Jean was an active member of Palms Presbyterian Church and delivered Meals on Wheels to Jacksonville Beach.

After she was widowed in 1999, Jean moved to Vicar's Landing, where for many years, she was responsible for staffing the gift shop, which provides scholarship funds for employees. She was always ready for a bridge game and faithfully did the daily crossword puzzle "to keep my mind sharp." She was a friendly, outgoing person who never met a stranger. Her welcoming persona made many newcomers at Vicar's feel at home. She will be missed by all who knew and loved her.

A Memorial Service for family and friends was held at Vicar's Landing in Ponte Vedra Beach on July 20.

Memorial Contributions may be made to the Vicar's Landing Scholarship Fund, Community Hospice and Palliative Care Warner Center, or Palms Presbyterian Church.

Thomas J. Faulds

Thomas J. Faulds died on Sunday, August 4, 2019, at the age of 86.

He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Jean Dixon Faulds; daughters, Patty Raines and husband, Allen, Kathy Perdue and husband, Joe, Suzie Monteith and husband, Greg, Beth Senev and husband, Rick; and son, John Faulds, and wife, Mary. He is also



Thomas J. Faulds

survived by thirteen grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren.

Family will gather for a private celebration of life at a later date.

Maureen Muldoon

Maureen Muldoon, 78, died July 27, 2019. She was born in Brooklyn, New York, on January 4, 1941, and often referred to herself as "a girl from Brooklyn".

She is survived by her loving husband of 57 years, Don; daughters, Gerianne Gilligan, Mary-Kate (David) Pike and Nancy (Robert) Hostler; grandchildren, Ben, Aidan, Audrey, Herron, Maggie, Maureen, Abby and Teddy. She was predeceased by son, John.

The girl from Brooklyn moved to Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, Bridgewater, New Jersey, Simsbury, Connecticut, Mahwah, New Jersey and Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida, full time in 1998. She was a member



Maureen Muldoon

of the Sawgrass Country Club, where she was an active tennis player and a member of the Sawgrass Singers. The SenioRITA tennis tournament was a passion of hers and she served as a volunteer for many years. She also enjoyed spending time with her children and grandchildren and visiting them in San Clemente, California, Arlington, Virginia, and Westfield, New Jersey.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m. on Monday, August 12, in St. Paul's Catholic Church in Jacksonville Beach.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to Community Hospice and Palliative Care at 4266 Sunbeam Road, Jacksonville, FLA, 32257. Please visit the online Tribute at www.quinn-shalz.com. Arrangements by Quinn-Shalz Family Funeral Home.



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Constance Phyllis Wolschlag (Penny-Campbell)

With much sadness the family announces the passing of Constance Phyllis Wolschlag in Ponte Vedra, Florida, on July 29, 2019. Connie was born in Sydney, Nova Scotia, on September 24, 1932, to the late Gordon C. and Mary A. Penny.

Connie's working career took her from Sydney to Montreal, where she met and married Ian B. Campbell. Connie and Ian spent their 25 years together between Montreal, Ottawa and Florida. Upon Ian's death, she took up permanent residence in Ponte Vedra, Florida, where she, an avid tennis player, continued to play until recently when her health began to decline. In her later life, she was married to Richard Wolschlag until his passing in 2006.

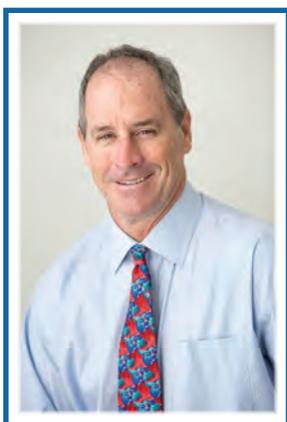
Connie is survived by siblings; Eileen (late Roderick) MacNeil, Sydney, Nova Scotia; Ada (late Murray) MacIntosh,

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NOCATEE HAPPENINGS

NOCToberfest to feature live music, food and fun

Festival scheduled for Oct. 26-27 in Nocatee; Sister Hazel to perform

Nocatee recently announced NOCToberfest, a two-day music festival presented by Woolsey Concert Group on Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 26 and 27.

NOCToberfest will feature concerts throughout both days, highlighting headliner Sister Hazel on Saturday evening. The festival will also feature several beer tents with a wide selection of German beer. Plus, there will be food trucks, various live bands, festival activities, 40 shopping and activity vendors, a kids' zone with inflatables, bounce houses, rock climbing walls and a 110-foot Ferris wheel.

For a limited time, Nocatee residents can purchase tickets for \$20 per person. Ticket prices will increase to \$30 per person after Aug. 19. Admission includes access to the festival for both Saturday and Sunday. Adults 21 and older will also receive a commemorative German Beer Stein.

Look for the complete concert line-up in an upcoming issue. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit www.noctoberfest.org.



ABOVE: The band Sister Hazel will be the headline act on Oct. 26 at NOCToberfest.

LEFT: The inaugural NOCToberfest Corn-hole Tournament will take place on Oct. 27.

Photos courtesy of www.noctoberfest.org

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Sydney, Nova Scotia; Charles (Joan) Penny, Ontario; Debra (Jerry) Verwey, Victoria, British Columbia; Christina (Michael) Torontow, Victoria, British Co-

lumbia; stepson, Ross (Sarena) Campbell, Toronto, Ontario.

She was predeceased by her parents, husbands, Ian B. Campbell and Richard Wolschlag, stepson Blair Campbell, and by long-time good friend Murle Harrison.

Inurnment will be at a later date in Ottawa. Visit the online Tribute at www.

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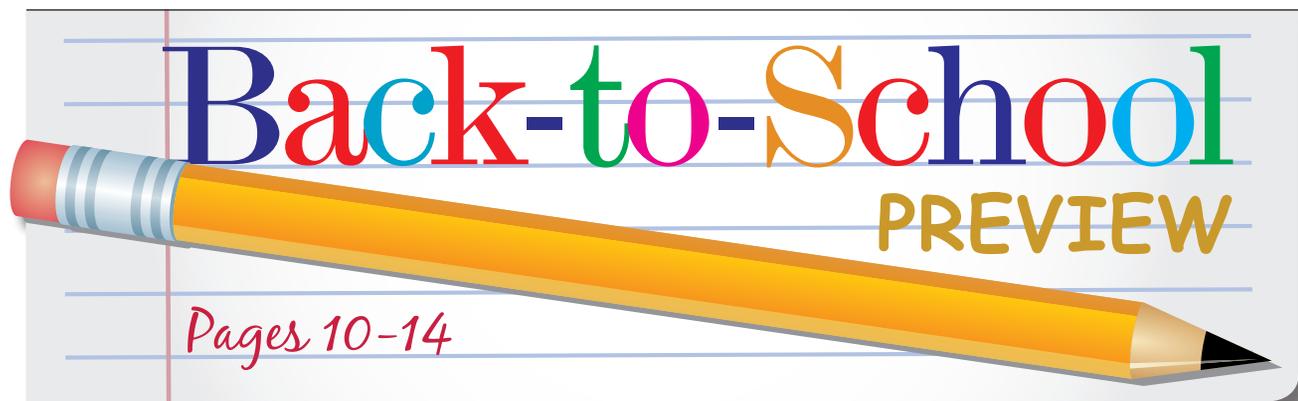


Photo by Amber Lake

Chase Magnano and Catherine Culliton recently came back from their trip to the Washington D.C. leadership summit, part of the Bank of America's Student Leaders program they were granted.

Local high school students accepted into national leadership program for their community efforts

By Amber Lake

What is it to be community-minded? Picking up trash and attending community forums to be better informed about local issues are ways residents can contribute to making neighborhoods thrive. These not-so-small acts represent the physical manifestations of what community-mindedness is. Learning to see the world around you as an extension of yourself and to feel responsible for it — that's what it is to be community-minded.

While some feel at home inside fences, others see their home in a much broader sense.

Local students Chase Magnano and Catherine Culliton want to make their broader home a better place. Recently, they were selected to participate in Bank of America's Student Leaders program for their success with community leadership in St. Johns County. The program sponsors them in an eight-week internship and leadership summit in Washington, D.C. to meet members of Congress, fellow student leaders and learn about diversity and nonprofit work.

Both students were selected because of their work founding civic programs. Magnano started the nonprofit, JaxTHRIVE in 2017, which helps empower refu-

gee students, and Culliton founded Club ARC, which promotes acceptance of individuals with intellectual disabilities.

Magnano was inspired after volunteering with World Relief Jacksonville. After he found out the organization was closing from lack of funding, he set out to make his own peer-facilitated organization to help refugee students with English, math and cultural integration. In a little over a year, he raised \$50,000 through grants and donations.

Culliton's inspiration was closer to home. She founded and currently acts as president of Club ARC at Ponte Vedra High School after seeing how the ARC Village of Jacksonville independent living community benefited her brother, Robbie. Being a regular visitor, she wanted to help her classmates become more accepting and dispel myths associated with those living with intellectual disabilities.

In between their high school responsibilities, both students, aged 17, were able to create real positive change in their community, earning them eligibility in the Bank of America Student Leaders leadership training course.

MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT



Tim Forson
Superintendent of the St. Johns County School District

On behalf of the St. Johns County School District, it is an honor to serve your children and families. With the new school year on the horizon, the St. Johns County School District staff members have worked tirelessly to make our schools a place where your child wants to come each day to be inspired to have good character and a passion for lifelong learning and be educated and caring contributors to the world.

I am humbled by the dedicated and caring teachers, administrators and support staff within our school district. Through their continued efforts, our students are able to achieve high standards in academics, sports and extracurricular activities. Having remarkable students and parents has helped us continue to excel.

Statewide, our students score exceptionally well, earning the top scores in several academic areas. Students in grades three through 10 earned the top scores in the state in reading. In math, students in grades six through eight earned the highest scores. Additionally, our students ranked first in the state on the Algebra I, Civics, Geometry, Biology I and U.S. History End-of-Course exams. Students in grades 5 and 8 earned the top scores in science. Moreover, in 2018, our district graduation rate was 93.3%, which is above the state average of 86.1%. School grades released by the Florida Department of Education over the summer show that we continue to be a high performing district in the state and one of only two that has consistently remained an "A" rated district.

Along with academics as a focus, we will continue to expand our safety initiatives to ensure that we provide a safe, secure and dynamic learning environment for our children. If you have not done so already, I encourage you to download the FortifyFL App. This app allows the user to notify school personnel and law enforcement of any threat, share pictures and videos and optionally submit contact information. We will have local law enforcement and/or armed security personnel at each school site offering increased security coverage. In addition, we will provide ongoing mental health support for our students through specialized training, programs and resources. This year, we will be piloting an evidence-based program, Sources of Strength, at our high schools. SOS is a best practice youth suicide prevention program designed to harness the power of peer social networks to change unhealthy norms and culture, ultimately preventing suicide, bullying and substance abuse. As a district, we are committed to making resources available to students and families who need assistance.

I am so grateful to have the opportunity to serve as superintendent of the St. Johns County School District. I cannot thank you enough as parents and families in our district who help us further exceptional learning and support initiatives that take place within the classrooms and throughout our schools. Your involvement and participation with our students is valuable and I encourage you to remain present in your child's education as I am committed to do the same. I hope you and your children have an outstanding 2019-2020 school year!

Sincerely,
Tim Forson
Superintendent of Schools, St. Johns County

Good computer ergonomics benefit young students

Poorly configured computer workstations can cause long-term harmful physical effects



Dr. Erica Hamer
Guest Columnist

At least 70% of America's 30 million elementary school students use computers, according to a recent New York Times article. As a result of this increased usage, health care professionals are treating more

young patients suffering from the effects of working at computer stations that are either designed for adults or poorly designed for children. Many children are already suffering from repetitive motion injuries such as carpal tunnel syndrome and chronic pain in the hands, back, neck and shoulders.

A recently published study conducted by a team of researchers from Cornell University found that 40% of the elementary school children they studied used computer workstations that put them at postural risk. The remaining 60% scored

in a range indicating "some concern." It was pointed out that there needs to be an emphasis placed on teaching children how to properly use computer workstations. In addition, poor work habits and computer workstations that don't fit a child's body during the developing years can have harmful physical effects that can last a lifetime. Parents need to be just as concerned about their children's interactions with computer workstations as they are with any activities that may affect their children's long-term health.

What can you do?

To reduce the possibility of a child suffering painful and possibly disabling injuries, health care professional have developed some tips.

If children and adults in share the same computer workstation, make certain the workstation can be modified for each child's use.

Position the computer monitor so the top of the screen is at or below the child's

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Local boutique hosts back-to-school party with resident twins for 2nd year

Residents were in it to twin it at the KYDS Children Boutique's Back to School Twins in the Courtyard party on Aug. 1. Many winners of the twins photoshoot made appearances in matching outfits for balloon animals, caricature drawings, prizes and 22% off their purchases.

Owners of the boutique, twins Rachel Crismond and Melody Joy Snelen are in their third year of the store's opening and second for the Twins in the Courtyard party.

"As twin business owners, being a twin is so invaluable to how we work with each other and we know what a special bond it is between twins," Snelen said. "We wanted to celebrate twins and the relationship they have."

The KYDS Boutique is located in the heart of

the Beaches Town Center and offers a collection of unique and upscale children's clothing and toys.

The photoshoot winners were picked from hundreds of submissions from around the area. Twins from infant to teens participated to show off their special bonds. Snelen said she and her sister love bringing the community twins out to meet each other and make going back to school fun for all children in the area.

"We have a permanent built-in best friend, somebody that knows and understands you with unconditional love," Snelen said. "Even on your worst days or best days, someone is in your corner. The goal of the party was to (foster) excitement for kids in the area, while also celebrating our twins, too"



Photo by Amber Lake

The KYDS Children Boutique has held the Back to School and Twins in the Courtyard event the past two years.

FLORIDA NETWORK REALTY HOLDS BACKPACK STUFFING PARTY

Caroline Holder (left) and Madeline Vezain show some of the school supplies used during the Aug. 1 backpack stuffing party at the Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Network Realty Ponte Vedra office. The firm concluded its 20th annual Backpack Challenge Aug. 2.

Photo by Christine Rodenbaugh



DONATE SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR LOCAL FAMILIES

The Palm Valley American Legion Post 233 is currently collecting supplies for local children headed back to school. The Stuff the Post event is looking for cash donations, supplies and filled backpacks which can be dropped off until Aug. 10. School starts Aug. 12 in St. Johns County.

There are supply lists available at local retailers. To deliver items for the Stuff the Post event, go to Auxiliary Unit 233 located at 560 North Wilderness Trail in Ponte Vedra Beach.

Students

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The eight-week internship took place at Woodland Acres Elementary school, where they mentored students after school. The elementary is in the Arlington area where many students come from low-income households.

"Both of us come from strong families that always push us to be the best we can," Culliton said. "We saw that not all these kids were having like the same opportunity. It (was) our job to take a role of a mentoring position and help make a change in their lives. I think we both became very connected with the students — more so than we ever thought."

Culliton and Magnano worked with the students not only on subjects like reading comprehension and math, but also on life skills like advocating to speak on their own behalf or how to give a proper handshake.

Magnano said he learned there were some similarities between his work with underprivileged students and refugees.

"When you're really high energy and being really positive and excited with them, that's a completely 100% critical skill when working with anyone,

but especially refugees," he said. "To bring the same dynamic to these kids really excites them like regardless of how familiar they are with (the subject matter). Hey, we're doing math and it's the summer, but you know, we're gonna have fun doing it and it's going to be a good time."

Culliton said that there wasn't a "huge difference" between working with children with special needs and the students of Woodland Acres. She said that just being able to "connect with people" was universally helpful when being in a mentor role. "They're all kids," she said.

During their visit to D.C., Magnano and Culliton were in their element. Surrounded by hundreds of other community-minded young people, the students made fast friendships that helped them foster their own philanthropic efforts and support their friend's causes.

Magnano and Culliton have come back to Ponte Vedra with renewed passion for JaxTHRIVE and Club ARC. They are Facetimeing their new friends from around the county and visiting prospective colleges. Thanks to the invaluable skills they learned with hands-on community work and training in D.C., they're both excited to take on the world.

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eye level. This can be accomplished by taking the computer off its base or stand, or having the child sit on firm pillows or phone books to reach the desired height.

Make sure the chair at the workstation fits the child correctly. An ergonomic back cushion, pillow or a rolled-up towel can be placed in the small of the child's back for added back support. There should be 2 inches between the front edge of the seat and the back of the knees. The chair should have arm supports so that elbows are resting within a 70- to 135-de-

gree angle to the computer keyboard.

Wrists should be held in a neutral position while typing — not angled up or down. The mousing surface should be close to the keyboard so a child doesn't have to reach or hold the arm away from the body.

The child's knees should be positioned at an approximate 90- to 120-degree angle. To accomplish this angle, feet can be placed on a foot rest, box, stool or similar object.

Reduce eyestrain by making sure there is adequate lighting and that there is no glare on the monitor screen. Use an anti-glare screen if necessary.

Limit each child's time at the computer

and make sure he or she takes periodic stretch breaks during computing time. Stretches can include clenching hands into fists and moving them in 10 circles inward and 10 circles outward; placing hands in a praying position and squeezing them together for 10 seconds and then pointing them downward and squeezing them together for 10 seconds; spreading fingers apart and then closing them one by one; standing and wrapping arms around the body and turning all the way to the left and then all the way to the right.

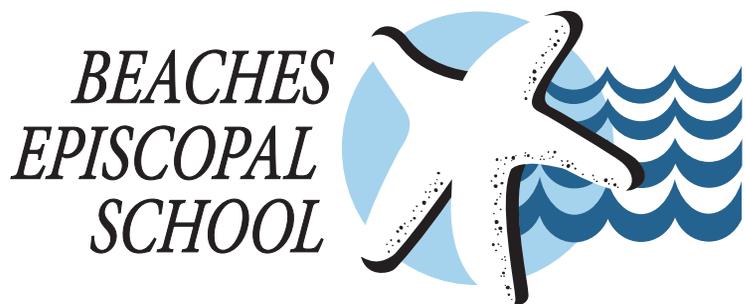
Children's muscles need adequate hydration to function properly and avoid injury. Encourage children to drink four

8-ounce glasses of water a day. Carbonated beverages, juices and other sweet drinks are not a substitute.

Urge the child's school or PTA officials to provide education about correct computer ergonomics and to install ergonomically correct workstations.

If a child continues to complain of pain and strain from sitting at a computer, it is important to seek the advice of a health care professional in order to alleviate pain and help prevent further injury.

Contributed by Dr. Erica Hamer, DC, DIBCN, DIBE, Board Certified Chiropractic Neurologist and owner of Ponte Vedra Wellness Center with offices in Ponte Vedra Beach and Nocatee Town Center.



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Back-to-school sports: Parents' commonly asked questions



Dr. Jeremy Rush
Guest Columnist

Sports medicine surgeon Jeremy Rush, M.D., evens the playing field for your young athlete by answering the most common back-to-school questions he gets from parents.

I'm really worried about concussions. What are the signs and how can I make our son tell us if he thinks he has one? He doesn't want to miss playing time.

"There's a misconception that you have to get knocked-out to have a concussion – that's not the case. Signs of a concussion may include dizziness, headaches, confusion, memory issues, and sensitivity to light and noise. Kids are most honest about what happened to them right after the event occurred – they'll usually say something like they got their 'bell rung.' But kids are kids, and many will say they're OK and want to get back in the game. If an athlete has suffered a concussion, they can't return to playing until they are completely healed and their symptoms are gone, otherwise they are at risk for an additional injury. That's why sideline assessment and recognition of symptoms by coaches and trainers – and as well as parents – is so critical."

Both my sons and now my daughter play soccer. My boys have never gotten hurt. Can I hope the same for my daughter?

"Girls are actually at a higher risk of some knee injuries, including ACL tears, than boys. Soccer, basketball, and gymnastics have the highest risk. A lot of it has to do with a woman's physical structure, anatomy and muscle strength. Women also jump and land differently than men and this puts increased strain on the ACL. Warming up is especially important for women athletes. There are also new studies using neuromuscular training techniques that have shown to decrease the injury rate in women."

How can I help prevent injuries to my child?

"Unfortunately, children and teens are more susceptible to injury because they're growing. An adult twists an ankle and they get a sprain. A young athlete twists an ankle and could fracture a growth plate, because that growth plate is weaker than fully-developed bone. So, to help prevent injuries:

- Get a pre-participation or sports physical
- Participate in conditioning programs before playing the actual sport
- Have the correct — and correct fitting — protective gear for the sport
- Warm up before playing

■ Know all the rules to the sport and obey all the rules

My son plays baseball practically year-round. Could he "burnout?" What can I do?

"Burnout is definitely a big issue in youth sports. Kids today have increased pressure to participate at a high level, to specialize in one sport early, and to play year-round, often on multiple teams. This increased emphasis on sports specialization has also led to more overuse injuries. We recommend taking one month off a sport for every three to four months it's played. Make sure your child is getting good nutrition and plenty of sleep. Keeping workouts and practices interesting and fun is also important."

My daughter's in middle school. They want her to just concentrate on basketball. Should she specialize in one sport? Does it matter what age she is?

"Single-sport specialization is becoming more and more common at earlier ages. There's a perception that specialization will lead to greater success at the next level. That's not always the case though. In collegiate sports, a majority of the athletes played more than one sport in high school. At a recent NFL combine – where college players look to impress pro teams – 87 per-

cent of the athletes played multiple sports in high school. There's a lot to be said for being a well-rounded athlete. If there is pressure to specialize – wait as long as possible."

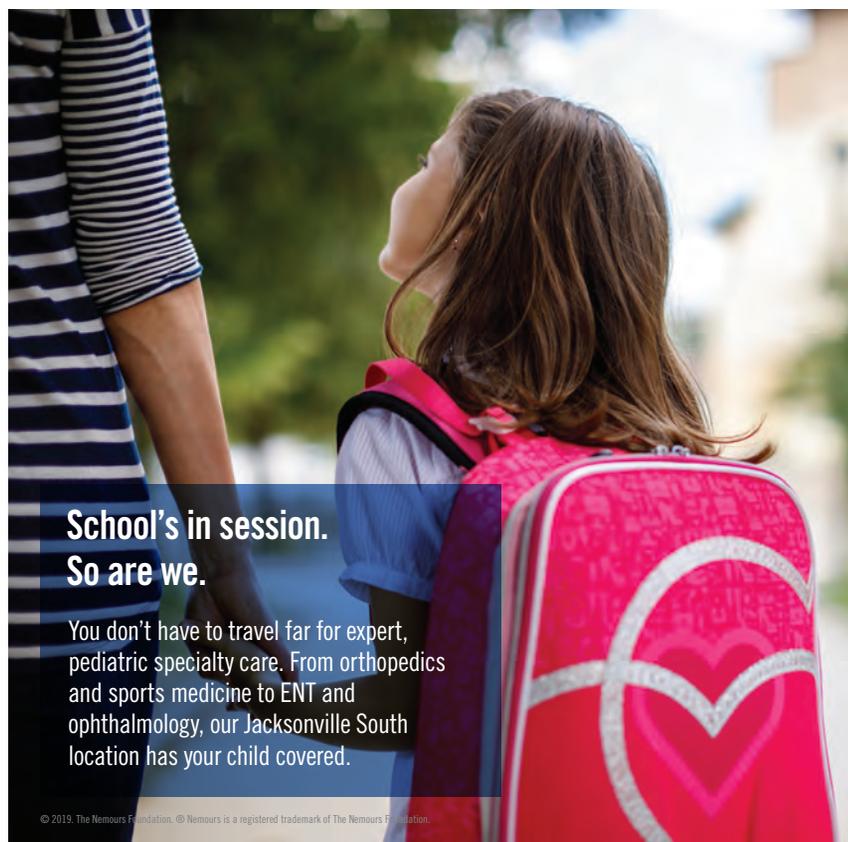
What exactly makes up sports medicine?

"Sports medicine deals with the treatment and prevention of injuries and illnesses that relate to sports and exercise. It ranges from surgeries for things like ACL tears and shoulder injuries to non-operative treatment for concussions, heat illness and eating disorders. The great thing about sports medicine is you have surgeons and non-operative physicians working hand in hand with athletic trainers, physical therapists, and nutritionists to keep athletes healthy and get them back on the field."

What are the benefits in seeing a sports medicine doctor who specializes in pediatrics?

"We know youth sports, we understand how children and teens are developing and growing, and we understand how injuries can affect that development and growth."

More Questions? Dr. Rush practices at Nemours Children's Specialty Care, which has three Northeast Florida locations. To schedule an appointment with Dr. Rush or one of Nemours' other sports medicine experts, call (904) 697-3600.



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FROM THE EDITOR

From its humble beginnings as little more than a local newsletter, the Ponte Vedra Recorder has morphed into a weekly community newspaper serving the Ponte Vedra area. To keep up with the times, the Recorder has changed through the years to engage readers and advertisers alike. Most recently, readers had the chance to nominate and vote for the 2019 Best of the Best Ponte Vedra in the 32081 and 32082 ZIP codes. Launched May 16, the contest is in recognition of the newspaper's 50th anniversary, which will be celebrated in November (#CheersTo50Years)

Just like any other new initiative, the Recorder staff and leadership had no idea what to expect. The response was overwhelming. Nearly 2,500 businesses and individuals were nominated by the May 31 deadline. Then the voting began.

Interest was high and consistent throughout the voting period from June 1 to July 20 with more than 3,500 people casting votes.

After all 45,280 votes were tallied, 189 entrants were victorious in more than 240 categories.

The winners listed in this special section and the thousands more who were nominated reflect the true nature of what makes the area so special. It's the people and businesses working together to elevate the entire community.

To the winners, wear your Best of the Best Ponte Vedra badge with pride,



knowing the title comes from the people who rely on your goods and services. It is a stamp of approval that recognizes your dedication and exceptionalism.

To the voters, thank you for the overwhelming participation. A community only flourishes if individuals take an active role in its growth and prosperity. By actively participating to name the best Ponte Vedra has to offer, voters were empowered to change how residents and visitors view local businesses.

In keeping with the changing landscape of media, the Recorder has increased its digital footprint with more online posts and

a free Monday newsletter delivered to inboxes by request. This is in addition to print products like the First Coast Register and special publications delivered throughout the year.

Thank you for making us a part of your community, for spending part of your day with our products and for trusting and relying on us.

Throughout the year, rely on your Best of the Best Ponte Vedra winners to provide the goods and services at the level you've come to expect. Remind them how much you value their presence in your community.

Best Regards,

Christine Rodenbaugh, Editor



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**Primrose School
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Ponte Vedra**

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The UPS Store – Nocatee

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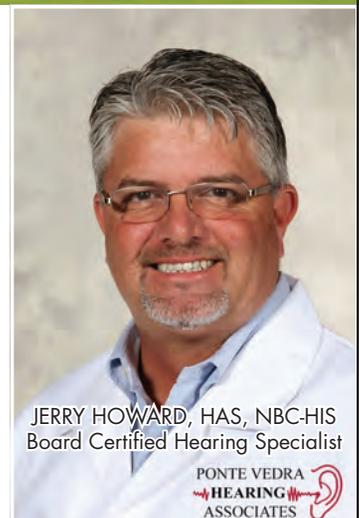
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Anytime Fitness General Manager Scott Sacharski (from left), owners Deanna Yu (holding son Charlie) and Stephanie Boyer pose with the certificate awarding Anytime Fitness the Best New Business.



Dr. Shashidar Galipalli (Dr. G), of Forever Vets Animal Hospital, holds his Best of the Best Certificates. Dr. G was named Best Boss and Forever Vets Animal Hospital was voted the Best Place to Work and the Best Veterinarian Hospital.



Daniel Brauch (from left), Lisa Tromsdorff, Dr. Erika Hamer, owner of Ponte Vedra Wellness Center, Janine Parker and Dr. Casey Means pose with the certificate for being named the Best Locally Owned Business.



Not surprisingly, golf was voted the Best Industry in Ponte Vedra.



REALTOR TAKES 10 AWARDS

Clare Berry of Berry & Co. Real Estate holds one of her 10 certificates for wins in the Best of the Best contest. Berry won best real estate agent and Berry, along with Berry & Co. Real Estate, also took home the award for Best Boutique Real Estate Firm, New Home Specialist, Condominium Real Estate Specialist, Eco-Friendly Realtor, Real Estate Agent, Real Estate Broker, Real Estate Corporation, Golf Course Real Estate Specialist, Relocation Specialist and Waterfront Real Estate Specialist. The 10 wins were the most of the contest for any individual or business.



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“We’re so flattered to be recognized because it’s a testament to the service provided by our amazing team members,” Megan Kennedy, Starling’s vice president of operations, said.

Starling at Nocatee was built in two phases on an expansive, lakefront site directly across from Nocatee’s central amenity center. The first phase, which opened in December 2017, offers assisted living and memory care lifestyles while the second phase, scheduled to open next month, offers independent living.

The campus features an array of amenities designed to be like a first-class resort. Its culinary program offers full-service dining services across multiple venues including formal dining rooms offering tableside service, casual bistros, a full-service bar, private dining rooms, outdoor patio dining and even room service. Residents also enjoy access to a variety of wellness offerings including fitness studios, exercise classes, professionally managed therapy services, salon-and-spas with nail bars and massage rooms and a wade-in, resort-style saltwater pool with scheduled aquasize classes.

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Starling at Nocatee representatives Joe Gonzales (from left), July Blanco-Castro, Mary Dross RN, Sam Albrecht, Mackenzie McIntyre and Patti Schmitt hold up their four certificates for winning four categories, Best Retirement Community, Best Assisted Living, Best Memory Care and Best Senior Care, in the Recorder’s Best of the Best of Ponte Vedra contest.

tion, activities, wellness and care. Starling at Nocatee also boasts an array of outdoor amenities including a yoga lawn, resident gardening areas, pickleball court, putting green, bocce court, walking paths, water features and a playground for visiting grandchildren. Even more, residents enjoy access to all of Nocatee’s amenities not the least of which are Splash Waterpark and Spray Park located directly

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Jody Petronella (from left), Steve and Shaun Laurie and Iris Stellato hold six certificates awarded to Coastal Wine Market, which won for Best American Food, Best Bar, Best Chef (Petronella), Best Happy Hour, Best Wine List and Best Wine Specialty Store.



Laura Howson, owner Mineral City, holds up the certificates Mineral City was awarded for winning Best Interior Design and Best Gift Store.



Representatives of Balanced Physician Care hold their Best of certificates for winning the categories of Best Acupuncture, Best Family Practice and Best Medical Center.



Representatives of The Plantation at Ponte Vedra Beach pose with their certificates for winning the categories of Best Beach Club, Best Country Club, Best Golf Course and Best Tennis Facilities.



Sarah Merklung (from left), Mike Bryant, Melissa Hirneise, Vicki Lynn Marra, John Rutkowski, Ali Walker and Kelli Roberts represent Underwood's Jewelers in Ponte Vedra, which was awarded Best Jeweler and Best Jewelry Store.



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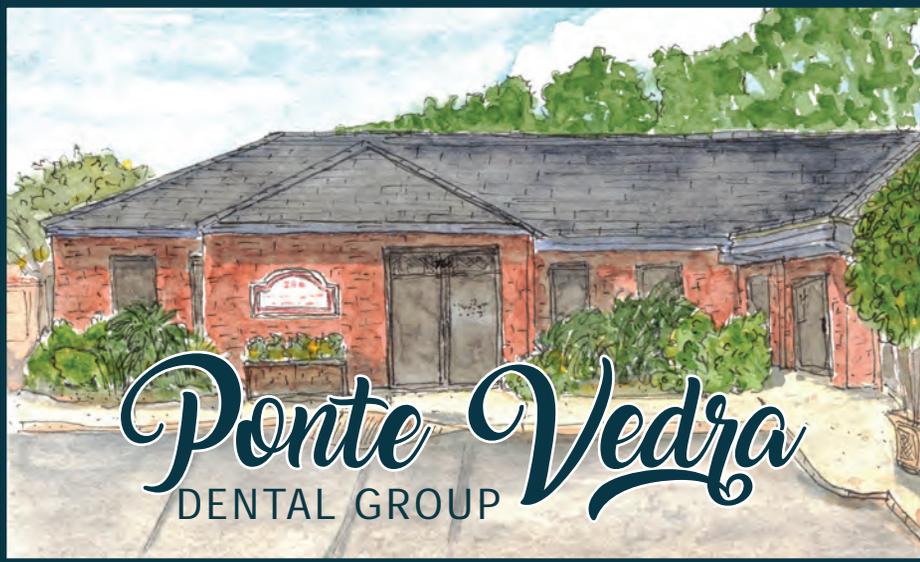
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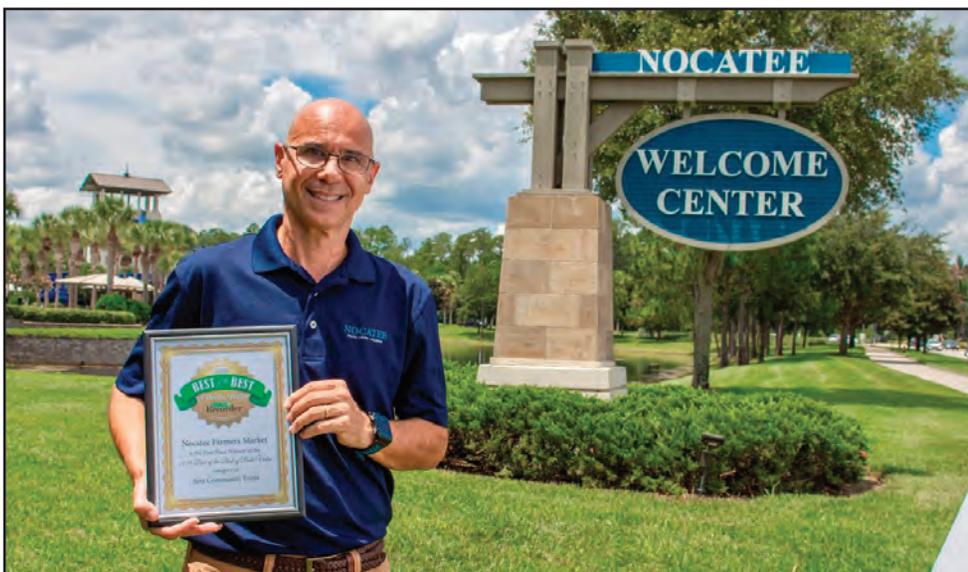
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Brett Simon, president and co-founder of K9s for Warriors, and Elizabeth Reeger, coordinator volunteer, hold the certificates presented to K9s for Warriors, which was recognized as the Best Local Nonprofit and Best Place to Volunteer.



Lee Hovis, Nocatee Operations Manager, holds the certificate for the category of Best Place for Kids to Have Fun, which was awarded to Nocatee Splash Waterpark.



Nocatee Community Manager David Ray holds the certificate for the category of Best Event, which was awarded to the Nocatee Farmers Market.



Vickie Cavey, club president, holds the certificates for the Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach, which won Best Civic Club and its event "Mineral City Celebration presented by Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach" also won.



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Bogey Grille General Manager Julie Cooper holds up the certificates awarded to Bogey Grille, which won the categories of Best Wings and Best Sports Bar.



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Representatives from Trasca & Co Eatery pose with their certificates after the restaurant won in the categories of Best Fast Food and Best Salad.

Stephanie Massey, Head of School at Christ Episcopal Church, holds the certificate for Best School Administrator. The school also won Best Preschool and Best Private School.



The staff of Oceanside Cleaners, Ahmed Mehry (from left), Robin Elmorabeti, Tooran Robaei, Erika Bridges and Suresh Shakya, pose with the certificates awarded for Best Dry Cleaners and Best Alterations.



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Forever Vets Animal Hospital wins multiple categories

Contributed

Dr. Shashidar Galipalli (Dr. G) grew up in India and moved to the United States in 2001 with a passion of practicing high-quality veterinary medicine in an advanced setting. After graduating from the College of Veterinary Medicine in India, he completed the North American Veterinary Licensing Exam in 2002, received his clinical experience at the University of Florida in 2004, and completed his master's degree in Georgia.

After Dr. G's training at the University of Florida in 2004, he joined a small animal practice in Jacksonville, Florida as a veterinarian. He was a lead veterinarian and trained multiple veterinarians to help more pets. With his continued passion and providing the best quality veterinary care, he opened his first practice, Baymeadows Animal Hospital, now known as Forever Vets Animal Hospital at Baymeadows, in April 2012. Today, Dr. G is the proud owner of Forever Vets Animal Hospital with seven locations (and counting) throughout Florida. He strongly believes in quality care for pets and being available to his patients when needed. He also believes in creating the best environment to his employees.



Dr. Shashidar Galipalli and Forever Vets Animal Hospital won three awards in the Recorder's Best of the Best of Ponte Vedra.

He is a member of the American Veterinary Medical Association with special interests in soft tissue and orthopedic surgery as well as emergency medicine. Dr. G is married with two daughters and a son. He enjoys spending time with his family including his dog Brownie, playing tennis and listening to music.

Dr. G is very honored that Forever Vets Animal Hospital has recently won three categories from the Ponte Vedra Recorder's, Best of the Best competition.

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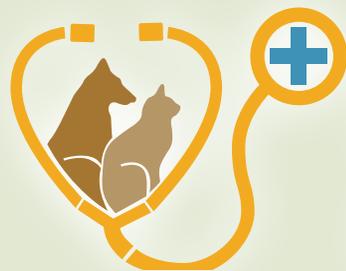
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Powering our future: Focus of Chamber's EDC Breakfast

Eric Silagy, president and CEO, Florida Power & Light Company, to deliver keynote speech Aug. 16

Continuing to consistently deliver electricity that is clean and reliable for a price that is lower than a decade ago is the mission for Eric Silagy, president and CEO, Florida Power & Light Company, and his team.

Eric Silagy will explain how FPL has become a technology company that delivers energy to move Florida forward when he speaks at the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce Economic Development Council Quarterly Breakfast at 8 a.m. Friday, Aug. 16 in Shell Hall inside the World Golf Hall of Fame at the World Golf Village.

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Eric Silagy

Chamber and community," said Isabelle Renault, president and CEO, St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce. "FPL has been a significant corporate citizen when our county was hit with two hurricanes in a row. I appreciate Eric Silagy's willingness to speak to our Chamber members and look forward to his remarks."

To register for the EDC Quarterly Breakfast, visit www.sjcchamber.com and go to the calendar of events. Admission cost is \$40 for St. Johns County Chamber members at an Economic Development Council level of membership and \$65 for non-Economic Development Council members. For non-member registration, call Erin Johnson, sales and marketing manager at (904) 829-5681.



Photo courtesy of St. Augustine Distillery

St. Augustine Distillery CEO Philip McDaniel (left) met with Rep. John Rutherford and other members of Congress during the distilled spirits industry's 10th annual Public Policy Conference July 22-24 in Washington.

Local distillery seeks Spirits Tax Cut Bill Support on Capitol Hill

St. Augustine Distillery meets with Rep. Rutherford to discuss issues impacting small craft distillers

St. Augustine Distillery was one of more than 150 craft distillers from around the country that gathered in Washington, D.C., July 22 through 24 for the distilled spirits industry's 10th annual Public Policy Conference, cohosted by the Distilled Spirits Council of the United States and the American Craft Spirits Association.

The conference featured a series of legislative and regulatory sessions on key federal and state issues impacting the distilling industry. As part of the conference, St. Augustine Distillery CEO Philip McDaniel, together with owners of Winter Park and Marlin & Barrel Distilleries, and a representative of Bacardi Inc., participated in two days of congressional office and state senate visits. Meetings included Congressional Members John Rutherford, Lois Frankel and Donna Shalala along with staff from eight other members to urge support for the Craft Beverage Modernization and Tax Reform Act (H.R. 1175/S. 362). This critical legislation makes permanent a federal excise tax cut on

VISION EXPRESS CELEBRATES 10 YEARS WITH RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY



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Vision Express at the Ponte Veda Pointe Shopping Center celebrated its 10th anniversary with a ribbon cutting July 25. Members of the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce – Ponte Veda Division and guests participated.

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St. Augustine Distillery was one of more than 150 craft distillers from around the country that gathered in Washington, D.C., July 22-24.

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distilled spirits enacted in 2017. Without Congressional approval, the tax cut for distillers will expire Dec. 31.

The group also discussed the harm that retaliatory tariffs on spirits exports are having on American distillers, large and small, and the importance of their distilleries to the economic development of the surrounding community.

“Meeting with the members and their staff was the highlight of the conference,” McDaniel said. “I expressed to them the importance of making the tax cut on distilled spirits permanent. The reduced tax rate has had a major impact on our dis-

tillery enabling us to buy new equipment, hire more staff, offer an employee health plan and buy more local agriculture. It was impactful to share with each member how this bill will continue to help our small distillery grow, as well as the devastating impact on our business if it does not pass.”

Conference speakers included Senator Ron Wyden (D-OR), cosponsor of the Craft Beverage Modernization and Tax Reform Act (S.362); Senator Rob Portman (R-OH); Senator Jon Tester (D-MT); Alcohol Tax and Trade Bureau officials; and Carl Hulse, New York Times chief Washington correspondent.

“This is a historic moment for our industry as more than 150 distillers from 33 states descend on Washington to rally further support for this critical, urgent legislation,” said Margie A.S. Lehrman, CEO, American Craft Spirits Association. “Without permanent and immediate Federal Excise Tax reform, the stability of this vibrant industry, and the industries that surround us – agriculture, tourism and the broader hospitality industry – are bound to be paralyzed.”

“These distillers delivered a unified message to legislative leaders on Capitol Hill at a critical time,” said Chris Swonger, President and CEO of the Distilled Spirits Council of the United States, the national trade association representing producers of distilled spirits sold in the United States. “The federal tax cut on spirits is set to expire at the end of the year and the negative impacts of the retaliatory tariffs against U.S. spirits products are mounting.”

Distillers who attended the conference also had opportunities to showcase their craft spirits at a “Meet America’s Distillers” reception on Capitol Hill for lawmakers and a “Spirits of America” reception for journalists at the National Press Club.

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ROTARY CLUB OF PONTE VEDRA BEACH RECOGNIZES MEMBERS



ABOVE: Ponte Vedra Beach Rotarian Bill Hill was recognized at the club's July 25 meeting for achieving 40 years of perfect attendance. Hill is a founding member of the Ponte Vedra Beach Rotary Club.

RIGHT: Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach President Vickie Cavey (left) congratulates Stacey Shewey who was named Rotarian of the Month.

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Thursday, Aug. 8	Friday, Aug. 9	Saturday, Aug. 10	Sunday, Aug. 11
<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>Date-night workshops at Burnt Glassworks Come experience the glass studio and make a one-of-a-kind glass heart or stemless wine glasses. Cost is \$50 per couple to create one heart. Each will pick a favorite color, twist them into molten glass and then shape it into a heart with the assistance of a professional glass blower. For \$110, make two stemless glasses. Each will pick a favorite color and help each other blow and shape the cups with the assistance of a professional glass blower. When booking, note that there is no difference between the different lettered benches. Book an appointment now on www.SquareUp.com. For questions email burnt@outlook.com. Burnt Glassworks is located at 5105 Philips Hwy. #201 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>2019 Beaches Health Jam The fourth annual "Beaches Health Jam" is back and will take place from 4 to 7 p.m. on Aug. 9 at the Jax Beach Carver Center. The Jam features a collaboration of area organizations that want to engage beach residents in a positive, health-focused and family-friendly environment. Key partners to date include the Rotaries of Jacksonville Oceanside, Ponte Vedra Sunset and Ponte Vedra Beach, The Carver Center, BEAM, Baptist Medical Center Beaches, St. Vincent's Mobile Health Unit and more. This event is free and open to the public. The Jax Beach Carver Center is located at 777 Fifth Ave. S. in Jacksonville Beach.</p>	<p>Free guitar lessons at George's Music Jax Beach Join this free class for a great beginners course hosted by local guitar player and teacher Jacob Madison. This class is a must for anyone starting out or for those who have been playing and want to take their skills to the next level. Whether it's electric or acoustic guitar bring the guitar of choice or use one from the shop! This session will cover basic chords and playing techniques, tuning & essential tips, learning songs and more. For more information, call (904) 270-2220. George's Music Jax Beach is located at 912 Third St. S. in Jacksonville Beach.</p> <p>Science & history tours on the St. Johns Ahoy Jacksonville! Take a ride through history on the St. Johns River every Saturday with the MOSH and the St. Johns River Taxi. These Science & History River Tours will now be accompanied by a History Host who will guide passengers through the history of Jacksonville and the significance the river has played in the community over time. The boat tour is from 4 to 4:30 p.m. Arrive at 3:45 p.m. Admission is \$15 for adults and \$12 for children. For more information, call the MOSH at (904) 396-MOSH. The MOSH is located at 1025 Museum Circle in Jacksonville.</p> <p>Ayla's Acres adoption event On Saturdays, Aylas Acres hosts cat adoption events from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at St. Augustine's Thriftique. Potential adoptees should fill out an adoption application at www.AylasAcres.org 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>Run for the Beaches 5k race This family beach event benefits beach re-nourishment in the community. Carli Mikell, a lifelong beach resident and active member of Girl Scout Troop 814, chose to host this run as a way of giving back to her community in an effort to gain the highest level of achievement in Girl Scouts, the Gold Award. Visit www.runforthebeaches.com for more information. The run is \$10 and will take place at Ahern St. and Ocean Blvd. in Atlantic Beach.</p>	<p>Pop-up cat cafe The Jacksonville Humane Society invites all to attend the first ever pop-up cat café at their adoption center, sponsored by Community First Credit Union, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Aug. 11, to celebrate International Cat Day. Get up close and "purrsonal" with adoptable felines in the multipurpose room located on the second floor of the Adoption & Education Center. For a \$5 donation, guests can enter the café and receive a complimentary drink from Coffee Perks. Community First Credit Union will also match donations up to \$500. Making a reservation in advance is highly recommended. For more information, call (904)493.4565. The Humane Society is located at 8464 Beach Blvd. in Jacksonville.</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>SHREK The Musical at Players by the Sea Once upon a time, there was a little ogre named Shrek... "Thus begins the tale of an unlikely hero who finds himself on a life-changing journey alongside a wisecracking Donkey and a feisty princess. Enjoy the live musical of this family classic at 2 p.m. on Aug. 11. Tickets are \$28 for general admission or \$25 with a student, senior or military ID. For more information, call Players by the Sea at (904) 249-0289 or visit www.playersbythesea.org. Players by the Sea is located at 106 N. Sixth St. in Jacksonville Beach.</p>

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<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>Speed Networking at Sneakers Sports Grille Accelerate networking and meeting new businesses at the Jacksonville Speed Networking event on Aug. 12 at Sneakers Sports Grille. All single business professionals within their 50s and 60s can go through a series of 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 7:10 p.m., with the official event beginning at 7:30 p.m. Seating is limited and spots can only be guaranteed by reserving a spot. 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>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 Crushed 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>Run Club at Southern Swells Join Jax Beach Runners on Monday nights at Southern Swells Brewing Co. for an evening run starting at 7 p.m. It is a 4.2-mile route, but runners can run as much or as little as they'd like. After the run, hang out and enjoy \$1 off Southern Swells beers for all who ran. For more information about Jax Beach Runners and their events, visit their meetup page at www.meetup.com/Jax-Beach-Runners/. Southern Swells Brewing Co. is located at 1312 Beach Blvd. in Jacksonville Beach.</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>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>First Coast Card Club playing date The First Coast Card Club will host its playing date at 1 p.m. on Aug. 13, at the Main Library. The event is free to attend with walk-ins and guests welcome. Contact the club organizer at (904) 829-0643 to RSVP, or for more information. The Main Library is located at 1960 N. Ponce De Leon Blvd. in St. Augustine.</p> <p>Lilies of the Valley: Widows support group Lilies of the Valley is a monthly support group, offered free of charge, to widows in the St. Johns County community. A luncheon and meeting is held on the second Tuesday of the month from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Ponte Vedra Valley. Contact the offices at (904) 285-1130 for more information. The offices of Lilies of the Valley is located at 4750 Palm Valley Road in Ponte Vedra Beach.</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>A historical look into old Spanish Quarries Experience a new perspective of the Old Spanish Quarries at Anastasia State Park, in relation to the famous Castillo de San Marcos and the survival of Saint Augustine. This informative program on Aug. 14 with a knowledgeable ranger will bring the history of the quarry to life as guests learn about the amazing work that occurred in the Old Spanish Quarries and the architecture that influenced the history of Saint Augustine. The program runs from 9 to 10 a.m. Meet for the program in the quarry parking area by the front entrance gate. This program is free to the public; however, park admission fees apply. Anastasia State Park is located at 300 Anastasia Park Rd. in St. Augustine.</p> <p>After hours wellness workshop: Combatting 'text neck' Free and open to the public, guests can attend this workshop at 5:30 p.m. on Aug. 14 at the Ponte Vedra Wellness Center and learn how texting or using hand-held devices can result in neck pain with potentially serious issues. Ways to avoid this kind of injury such as correct posture and simple exercises will be demonstrated. Reserve a spot by calling (904) 273-2691. The Ponte Vedra Wellness Center is located at 100 Corridor Rd., Ste #220 in Ponte Vedra Beach.</p> <p>Tropicool at Mavi Waterfront Bar & Grille Tropicool duo, Sunny Jim and John Patti, will be performing live at Mavi at 6 p.m. on Aug. 14. Sunny Jim is a singer songwriter who spent more than a decade in the Cayman Islands. His music is inspired by life in the Caribbean. He performs for audiences across the country, and the tropics. Come out and enjoy great food, drinks and authentic tropical music. Mavi is located at 2309 Beach Blvd. in Jacksonville.</p>	<p>Author Maggie Fitzroy at The BookMark Local author, Maggie Fitzroy, will make an appearance at 7 p.m. on Aug. 15 at The BookMark to present her new, historical romance novel, "Beacon Beach. The book marks Fitzroy's fourth novel and second fiction novel. For more information, call The BookMark at (904) 241-9026. The BookMark is located at 220 First St. in Neptune Beach.</p> <p>Lunch & Learn seminar: Managing headaches Board Certified Chiropractic Neurologist, Dr. Erika Hamer will discuss the wide variety of headaches, their causes, ways to treat and how chiropractic care can bring relief at this lunch and learn seminar at 11:30 a.m. on Aug. 15 at Dr. Hamer's office. Lunch will be served first with the seminar starting at noon. The event is free of charge and open to all. To reserve a spot, call (904) 834-2717 by Aug. 14 to reserve a spot. Dr. Hamer's office is located at the Nocatee Town Center at 205 Markside Ave, Ste. #200 in Ponte Vedra.</p> <p>Jacksonville Jaguars vs. Philadelphia Eagles at TIAA Bank Field Football season is back! Join and watch the local Jacksonville Jaguars go up against the 2018 Super Bowl Champs, the Philadelphia Eagles. This will also be the first time Jags starting QB, Nick Foles, goes up against his former team. The game starts at 7 p.m. on Aug. 15 at TIAA Bank Field. For tickets or more information, visit www.jaguars.com/tickets. TIAA Bank Field is located at 1 TIAA Bank Field Dr. in Jacksonville.</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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Priscilla Berry, instructor at the University of North Florida and published author, will present these must-have tools for success: Personal branding, which are guide lines for business dress; tips on interviewing; building business

relations; the development of emotional intelligence; individual feedback on what you may be doing wrong in your job search and more.

Job opportunities, application procedures and company overviews will be presented by Sara Knebel, recruiter, and Richard Morton, director of emergency services, for Baptist Medical Center; and David Dougherty, recruiter, for the U.S. Census Bureau.

Buddy Webster of LEADERS Professional Recruiting will review resumes following the workshop.

Myers-Briggs Type Indicator practitioner Margaret MacNaughton offers free individual MBTI assessments following the workshop. The MBTI helps job seekers recognize their strengths and identify careers that are good matches for their personality type.

To register, email Pam Ottesen at pottesen66@gmail.com.

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Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Network Realty will host a Mega Open House weekend Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 17 and 18.

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Florida Chamber Music Project opens 7th season at Ponte Vedra Concert Hall

The Florida Chamber Music Project recently announced performance dates at the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall. The FCMP will kick off its seventh season on Sunday, Sept. 15 with Johannes Brahms String Quartet Number 3, Opus 67.

Artistic Director Susan Pardue believes the upcoming season will be especially unique because of the pairings of known composers with music that may be new to the audience. “I’m excited about the pairings,” she said. “When I hear music I find intriguing I always check to see if the composer has written a quartet.”

The Sept. 15 concert features a Brahms String Quartet No. 3, Opus 67. This monumental piece of music, just one of three quartets composed by Brahms, is paired with Arturo Marquez’ Homenaje a Gismoniti. Marquez often uses sounds and styles from his native Mexico in his work.

The Nov. 3 concert is a reunion of sorts for Artistic Director Pardue. Her classmate from North Carolina School of the Arts,



Photo courtesy of the Florida Chamber Music Project

Pegsoon Whang, will be the second cello for Schubert’s String Quartet in C major, Opus 163, D. 956. Whang, a former member of the Jacksonville Symphony has been with the Utah Symphony for the last 15 years.

The Feb. 23 concert will pair Mozart’s String Quartet in d minor, K 421 with Mendelssohn’s String Quartet Opus 44, No. 3. The two pieces have some commonalities.

Interestingly the two composers could not have more different upbringings. Mozart’s family had financial issues and Mendelssohn had a privileged childhood where his parent retained an orchestra so he could practice with them.

The March 15 concert will be a celebration. It’s the 250th birthday of Beethoven and 100 years since women in the U.S. got

the vote. FCMP will be playing Caroline Shaw’s Blueprint. It will be the first piece from a female composer played by the group. Shaw is a New York-based violinist and vocalist who won the Pulitzer Prize for Music in 2013. Also part of this concert is Haydn’s String Quartet in G Major, Opus 76, No. 1 and Beethoven’s String Quartet Opus 18, No. 6.

The end of the season is May 17 featuring Michal Torke’s Corner in Manhattan which highlights the sounds of different corners in Manhattan at different times of the day. The concert closes with Robert Schumann’s String Quartet in A Major, Opus 41, a favorite of FCMP.

“I want our audience to feel the music’s magnetism like the musicians do,” said Pardue. “For us, we can’t live without the music.”

Tickets are \$12.50 for students at the box office, \$25 reserved seating or \$125 for a season pass. For more information, visit www.pvconcerthall.com.

Local community theater fills two new positions

Players By The Sea hired Kanessa Frederick for the box office administrative assistant position and Alexandra Blackwell as marketing and communications manager.

Frederick is a Jacksonville native who discovered a love for the stage at 6 years old when her love of music and the arts blossomed. She has been acting for 13 years and appeared in several plays under the direction of Jacksonville’s Jereme Raikett with Megamind Productions, Toni Diamond-Bingham with Dynamic Duo Productions, and Cedarian Crawford with Cedarian Crawford Presents, among others. Frederick is a passionate pastry chef and owner of Tickled Pink Sweets, a local bakery.

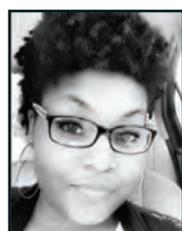
“My love for theatre and my community are a part of what makes me who I am. I am excited to be a part of the Players By The Sea family and I can’t wait to see what life has in store for me. I am

#ProudToBeAPlayer,” Frederick said.

Blackwell graduated from Florida State University in May with a Bachelor of Arts in media and communication studies and a minor in music. During her college career,

she gained marketing, writing, editing and reporting experience from internships with WFSU Public Media, College Magazine, WJCT Public Broadcasting and Alcom Marketing and Advertising. Ever since the eighth grade, she’s been in love with the theatre. Her first role was Dina in School House Rock Jr. From there she went on

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Beaches Museum hires archives and collections manager

The Beaches Museum has hired Karen Lamoree as its new archives and collections manager. Lamoree is responsible for the preservation, organization and accessibility of the Beaches Museum's archival material and special collections.

Lamoree earned a Bachelor of Arts in public administration with minors in economics and history from Clark University and a Master of Science in informa-



Karen Lamoree

tion science from State University of New York, Albany. She has held archivist positions at Brown University and the Wisconsin Historical Society. She has authored numerous articles published in Archival Issues and Rhode Island Jewish Historical Notes.

"We are very excited to bring Karen's experience and expertise to the museum," Executive Director Chris Hoffman said. "We expect that she will not only hit the ground running in the care and protection of our community's history, but also that she will work to expand awareness and access to all that we have to offer."

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to participate in theater at Nease High School, Summer Musical TheatreCamp in St. Augustine, the Northeast Florida Conservatory and the Hawaii Performing Arts Festival.

"I am beyond thrilled to accept a role that combines my skills with my passion. Players By The Sea became my happy place the second I stepped inside. And I am honored to start creating alongside such a talented team," Blackwell said.

Frederick and Alexander will be at the theatre five days a week with extended hours during show runs. They are always looking for volunteers to help with administrative work, set building and other tasks.

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TPC Red Coats kick off 'giving back week' with pizza party for Camp I Am Special

By Daniela Toporek

Camp I am Special is a unique summer camp for children with special needs, offered through Catholic Charities, that is nestled near the St. Johns River. On July 29, the camp received a special visit by the The PLAYERS Championship's Red Coats, who stopped to offer their philanthropic services by helping throw the kids a pizza party to kick off the final week of festivities.

"The Red Coats run the volunteers at The PLAYERS golf tournament," said Blue Coat and volunteer, Matt Welch. "We've got over 2,000 volunteers. Everyone in the Red Coat is either the chairman or was a past chairman. The Blue Coats are the red-coats in training."

Adam Campbell is a newly selected Red Coat and was the 2019 chairman for The PLAYERS.

"We get to kick off our 'giving back week' at Camp I Am Special," Campbell said. "We're only able to do this because of the volunteers that contribute and give their time and effort to over 300 local charities that we support."

With so many memories and fun stories of volunteering with others, Campbell describes the Red Coats program as a volunteer family.

"We expand that family every year," he continued. "It's pretty awesome and is just an enjoyable experience. This was my 20th year volunteering."

Welch said he's volunteered with The PLAYERS for 14 years and has been a Blue Coat for the past three. Although it does feel great to make a difference and give back to the community, particularly Camp I Am Special, Welch believes the unsung heroes are the "Buddies," highschoolers and young adults who spend their summers volunteering and getting to know the campers.

"To me, they're the most awesome part of the group out here," he said, looking around at all the campers playing with their new friends and 'buddies.' "Those guys have a genuine love and care for the campers they get assigned to."

Camp leader and Buddy, Dawson Wakefield, has been volunteering at Camp I Am Special for the past four years. This is his first year as a Leader.

He reminisced on the year before, when he was swimming with a camper, Jacob Smith.

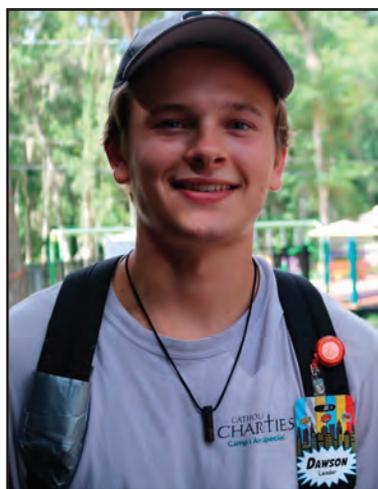


ABOVE: The TPC Red Coats Adam Campbell (from left), Kevin English, Jack Garnett, Lynn Stoner and Damon Olinto, serve some pizza and fun at Camp I Am Special on July 29.

LEFT: Newly selected Red Coat, 2019 chairman, Adam Campbell, offers campers apples for a healthy side.

BELOW: A fellow "Buddy" helps a camper enjoy her pizza at the event.

Photos by Daniela Toporek



ABOVE: Camp "Buddy" and Leader, Dawson Wakefield said although he's looking forward to attending FSU, he'll definitely be back to volunteer at Camp I Am Special again.

RIGHT: Fellow Blue Coat, Matt Welch, stands by the camp pool as he admires the volunteer work from both the TPC and the camp "buddies."



A look at the Jaguars All-25

The Recorder continues looking back at the past 25 years of the National Football League's Jacksonville Jaguars.

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. The Jaguars All-25 is 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. Look for 21-25 in last week's sports section, and for more outstanding Jags in coming weeks.

20 CB Aaron Beasley (1996-01)



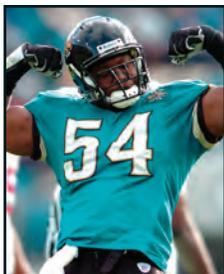
Aaron Beasley

CB Aaron Beasley was the Jags' third-round pick in the 1996 NFL draft. He totaled 278 tackles, 15 interceptions and four defensive touch-

downs in his six seasons with the team. Beasley also led the NFL in interception yards and touchdowns in the 1999 season and is tied for the second-most interceptions in a season in franchise history with six interceptions.

19 LB Mike Peterson (2003-08)

LB Mike Peterson was selected by the Indianapolis Colts in 1999 and joined the Jaguars franchise in 2003. In 2005, he led the team in total tackles (132) and was named



Mike Peterson

a second-team All-Pro selection. Peterson had 837 total tackles in his career with his six seasons as a Jag, making him fourth in all-time franchise history.

18 OL Vince Manuwai (2003-10)

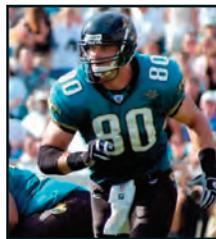


Vince Manuwai

Manuwai was selected by the Jags in the 2003 NFL Draft in the third round and out of his five seasons with the franchise, he only missed one game. Manuwai helped the Jaguars rush for 2,541 yards in 2006 and 2,391 yards in 2007.

17 LB Kyle Brady (1999-06)

Brady was originally drafted in the 1995 NFL Draft by the New York Jets. He played for eight years with the Jaguars and totaled 13 TD while with the franchise. He has a total of 25 TDs, 343 receptions and 3,519 receiving yards throughout his NFL career.



Kyle Brady

16 S Donovin Darius (1998-06)



Donovin Darius

Selected in the 1998 NFL Draft by the Jacksonville Jaguars, Donovin Darius starred in all 116 games in his Jaguar career through 2006. He totaled 858 career tackles, recovered six fumbles and forced seven on the opposing team. Darius also led the team in 2004 with five interceptions.

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More players will be published each week in the Recorder. For more information, visit www.jaguars.com/all25.



Photo by Daniela Toporek

Campers engage in a sing-a-long during Camp I Am Special.

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"We were just having a good time," Wakefield said. "Then, he told me he loved me and gave me a hug. That was the one moment I knew this was what I wanted to do. I immediately signed up for

camp leading and here I am. It's been the best summer I've had."

After a loud and happy sing-a-long and cheerful welcome to the TPC Red Coats, campers trickled inside the superhero-themed cafeteria for pizza and snacks. Like Wakefield said, it seemed like one of the best summer these campers have ever had.

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- *Thornton of "Back to School" fame
- Goddess of victory
- Slang for safe-cracker
- Not Ionic or Corinthian
- Name of God in the Old Testament
- Extinct flightless bird
- Virtuosos
- Sounds like a helicopter
- "The rain in _____ falls mainly in the plain"
- Ending with hard or soft
- *Soon, in Shakespeare class
- Rat during bubonic plague epidemic, e.g.
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- *Drivers Ed "classroom"
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