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NOTES TO READERS

Don't miss an issue: In case social distancing requirements get more strict, we will email you your paper. Send your email address to don@opcfla.com.

Weekly newsletter: The Recorder offers a weekly newsletter every Monday that outlines some of the top stories of the week, as well as providing access to our E-Edition and Entertainment EXTRA! To get the newsletter emailed for free, email don@opcfla.com. We'll add you to the list.

What's This?: Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, The Recorder is suspending the "Do you know what this is?" contest until further notice.

BRIEFS

Flagler Hospital COVID-19 testing site closed Nov. 27

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, the Flagler Hospital COVID-19 testing site will be closed on Friday, Nov. 27. The site will re-open for free COVID-19 testing on Monday, Nov. 30.

Testing is available from 7 to 11 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays for all ages, and patients do not need to exhibit symptoms, possess a doctor's note or make an appointment. A parent or guardian must be present for children under 18 to be tested. While insurance cards are not necessary, a photo ID is required.

The testing site is being funded through the CARES Act. Patients are encouraged to pre-register on the Flagler Health+ Anywhere app and can then virtually "get in line" for the drive-through test. For more information, call (904) 824- 5550.

St. Johns County Public Library hosts St. Johns CARES, Inc. Giving Trees

The St. Johns County Public Library is hosting St. Johns CARES, Inc. Giving Trees at four branch library locations through Dec. 9.

Each Giving Tree contains wish ornaments that are submitted by local nonprofit organizations serving veterans, senior citizens, children, the homeless and animals. Collection boxes and Giving Trees are located at the Anastasia Island Branch, Bartram Trail Branch, Ponte Vedra Beach Branch and Southeast Branch libraries. Donations will be collected, sorted and boxed for the nonprofit organizations by St. Johns CARES, Inc. Monetary donations are accepted and will be used to purchase unfulfilled wishes and needs. St. Johns CARES, Inc. is a nonprofit organization established in 2007 that is committed to assisting local charities in St. Johns County. To learn more about St. Johns CARES, Inc., or to make a monetary donation, go to www. stjohnscares.org. For more information about this partnership, go to www.sjcpls.org or call your local branch library.

St. Johns County Vilano Beach Oceanfront Park public survey

St. Johns County Parks and Recreation, in partnership with Flagler College, is encouraging residents and visitors to participate in a survey regarding Vilano Beach Oceanfront Park.

Available through Dec. 2, the survey will be used to determine key site improvements for the park by asking how it is currently utilized and what residents and visitors would like to see in the future.

To participate in the survey, go to qfreeaccountssjc1.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/ SV_5yVN1z0PIR84uJn. For more information, call (904) 209-0335.

SJC Parks and Recreation hosts phone calls from Santa

St. Johns County Parks and Recreation is hosting Phone Calls from Santa this holiday season for children 8 years old or younger. Santa will make his phone calls between 6 and 7:30 p.m. nightly from Dec. 8 through Dec. 10. Parents must register children by Dec. 4 through the website at secure.rec1.com/FL/stjohns-county-fl/catalog and select a date under the special events tab. For more information or registration assistance, call (904) 209-0379 or email abrown@sjcfl.us.

PUZZLE SOLUTIONS



Solutions correspond to last week's puzzles



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COMMUNITY NEWS 3

Legislative delegation to meet Dec. 18

A meeting of the St. Johns County Legislative Delegation will be held from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Dec. 18 at the St. Johns County Commission Chamber Auditorium, 500 San Sebastian View, St. Augustine.

The proceedings will be available on

GTV to watch live. Anyone wanting to participate in the meeting during the public comment section must contact Stevenson's office.

To be placed on the meeting agenda contact Stevenson's district office staff at 904-823-2300 before Dec. 14. Those who



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• ST. AUGUSTINE • ART ASSOCIATION 22 Marine Street • St. Augustine, FL 32084 (904) 824-2310 • www.staaa.org would like to provide materials or handouts to delegation members may mail or hand-deliver them to Stevenson's district office, 309 Kingsley Lake Drive Suite 902, St. Augustine, FL 32092. These materials may also be emailed to legislative aide Frank DiMarco at Frank.DiMarco@ myfloridahouse.gov. All handouts or materials must be received by noon on Dec. 14.

Discussion of issues regarding local legislation for the 2021 legislative session

will be held at this meeting. St. Johns County Delegation meetings are open to the public.

Those needing special accommodations to participate in the meeting, including agendas, interpreters or assisted listening devices, should contact Stevenson's District Office staff before Dec. 14. Compliance with CDC guidelines, including social distancing and mask wearing, is required for the health and safety of all those in attendance.



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Community Hospice & Palliative Care plans annual service of remembrance

The annual Tree of Life and Candlelight Service of Remembrance will honor the memory of loved ones from 5:45 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 3. This will be a program of music, verse and reflection.

Due to the impact of COVID-19, a virtual experience has been planned for the event. As part of the program, names and photos of loved ones will be featured before and after the virtual service.

The Hadlow and Chapman campuses will be illuminated with lights representing each patient served by Community Hospice since 1979 and all Community Hospice & Palliative Care offices will have evergreen trees decorated in white ribbons personalized with the names of loved ones.

The public can participate in this event by attending virtually, mailing or emailing a photo of a loved one to be included in the presentation, or by purchasing a ribbon or gift that will commemorate loved ones. These purchases help to support quality, compassionate care of the 1,600 individuals being helped each day.

For more information, call (904) 886-3883 or go to TOL.CommunityHospice.com to register.



Photo provided by Community Hospice & Palliative Care Community Hospice & Palliative Care's annual Tree of Life and Candlelight Service of Remembrance will honor the memory of loved ones who have passed away.

Gathered at the "Thanks In Giving" event are, from left, John Bayer, Realtor; Jill Moore, U.S. Bank; Nancy Hammond, Realtor: Jake Bestic, **Realtor: Tiffany** Williams, Pillar to Post Home Inspections; and Carole Bayer, Realtor and **Beaches CBV Cares** 2020-22 Chair. Photo provided by

Coldwell Banker Vanguard Realty



Real estate professionals support area's homeless

A "Thanks In Giving" warm clothing collection for the homeless came just in time as temperatures drop in the area. The successful effort was conducted Thursday, Nov. 19, by Realtors and associates of Coldwell Banker Vanguard Realty at Ponte Vedra Beach.

An abundance of coats, scarves, hats, winter clothing and blankets was collected for Mission House, which serves the homeless of the Beaches area. In addition, \$250 was raised during the event and will be given to Mission House to assist in its ongoing efforts. Mission House provides two meals daily to the homeless at its Jacksonville Beach location, as well as clothing, a place to

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"Being able to attend DA was extremely important to my development as a musician and person. That place changed my life. It wasn't just highlevel instruction from world class teachers. It was the environment filled with extremely bright and talented students. That energy was contagious and motivating. Thank you DA. Now, I'm a successful artist, creating moments through music with a range of creatives around the world." – Jamison Ross



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PET RESORT COLLECTING DONATIONS FOR HOLIDAY PET FOOD DRIVE

Sawgrass Pet Resort is accepting donations for a holiday pet food drive, Replenish the Pantries, benefitting local food pantries. Unopened dog and cat food will be accepted at the drop-off (no glass). The donation drive is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra **Beach Sunset and the** United Way of St. Johns County. The drive ends Dec. 5. Sawgrass Pet Resort is located at 8050 **Sawgrass Village Circle** in Ponte Vedra Beach. For more information, go to www.sawgrass petresort.com. Photo provided by



"Together we can make a difference." Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach

Sunset & the United Way of St Johns County (unopened dry or wet pet food, no glass items please)



Sawgrass Pet Resort

Homeless

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shower, medical attention and counseling.

For more information on how to assist Mission House and the homeless in the area, go to www.missionhousejax.org. CBV Cares, which held the event, is a Florida-based nonprofit organization founded and funded by Coldwell Banker Vanguard Realty agents and associates. It provides support and funding to deserving area organizations.

For further information on the event, contact CBV Cares Program Chair Carole Bayer at (904) 860-5000.

HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

THANKSGIVING AT SAWGRASS MARRIOTT

For those looking to go out and celebrate Thanksgiving this year, Sawgrass Marriott Golf Resort & Spa is providing two options — a more traditional meal at Vernon's First Coast Kitchen & Bar and a casual dinner at Alice & Pete's Pub.

At Vernon's, guests can expect a fivecourse dinner, served family-style for each individual reservation (\$65 for adults and children over 12; \$40 for children ages 4-12), featuring both traditional and contemporary takes on Thanksgiving favorites. There will be two seatings — one at noon and one at 3 p.m. — and reservations are required.

The Thanksgiving menu at Vernon's includes: **First course:** Antipasto platter manchego, aged cheddar, gouda, parma prosciutto, finocchiona, coppa picante, pickled vegetables, datil peach marmalade, marinated olives

Second course: (1) Bee Hill Garden Harvest salad spinach, winter greens, shaved radish, roasted tomato, pickled onion, parmesan croutons, crumbled feta, apple cider vinaigrette; (2) Citrus crab claw and shrimp Boil datil remoulade, hot sauce, drawn butter,

Third course: Butternut squash bisque with nutmeg crema (individually plated)

Fourth course: (1) Sawgrass honeyglazed turkey, sourdough herb stuffing, black pepper gravy, cranberry chutney; (2) Sliced prime rib pinot au jus, horseradish crema; (3) Fisherman's Dock grouper with citrus butter; (4) Pumpkin ravioli with sage brown butter, walnut crunch. Sides include charred root vegetables; sour cream plus sea salt mashed potatoes; maple bourbon smashed sweet potatoes

Fifth course: Sawgrass sweet treats board For those looking to watch the games while enjoying one of the most anticipated meals of the year, Alice & Pete's will be offering a bottomless plate for \$32, which will include Sawgrass honey-glazed turkey with sourdough herb stuffing, black pepper gravy and cranberry chutney; charred root vegetables; sour cream and sea salt mashed potatoes; and Sawgrass sweet treats.

Reservations for Vernon's can be made by calling (904) 280-7001 (dinner prices for Vernon's and Alice & Pete's do not include taxes and gratuities).

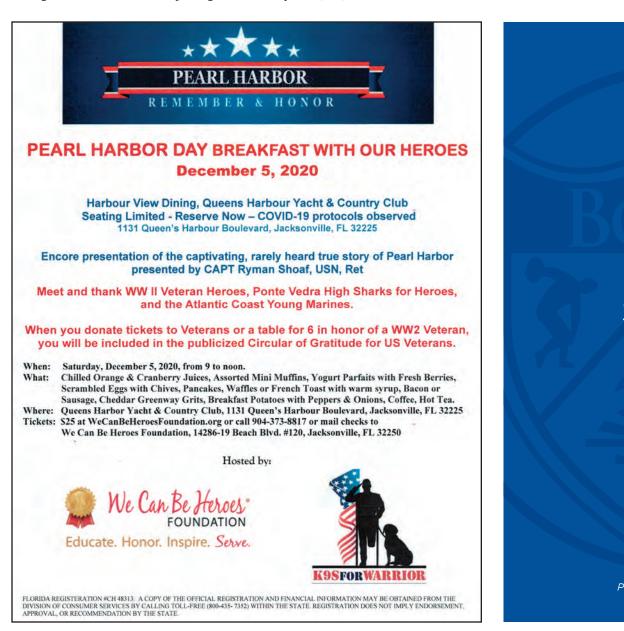
Sawgrass Marriott continues to follow social distancing guidelines and has implemented its own safety procedures.

'TIS THE SEASON FOR FREE HOLIDAY GIFT WRAPPING

Multiple Sclerosis Society volunteers are returning to The Beaches for the seventh year in a row to offer free holiday gift wrapping.

Located outside sponsoring businesses Gretchen's Hallmark and Five Below in the South Beach Regional Mall, MS volunteers will wrap packages purchased from all local stores and online services. Donations to the Society help provide programs and services for the thousands of North Floridians impacted by the disease.

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ALL THINGS POSSIBLE
Pre-K through Grade 12, Day & Boarding School

BOLLES

Karsten Jacobson is a financial advisor and U.S. Navy veteran. He lives in Ponte Vedra Beach with his wife, four children and three pets.

As told to Holly Tishfield

Can you please briefly tell us about your background?

I grew up and lived in Springfield, Missouri, until I left to enlist in the U.S. Navy. I was stationed at NAS Jacksonville as a flight engineer on P3 Orion Aircraft. Once my enlistment was over, I attended the University of North Florida, where I met my wife. I graduated with a double major in finance and financial services. I always knew I wanted to be a financial advisor before I joined the military, and I made sure that I could accomplish that goal. I have been in the industry for five years now, and recently affiliated with Raymond James. My wife and I have four kids, two girls and two boys, who are 14, 13, 12 and 2¹/₂.

What do you enjoy most about your role?

I enjoy working with my clients and helping them, just like I would help any family member. It is really great to know that you have played an important role in their life. Being a financial advisor is what I have always wanted to do, and I don't think I would be doing anything else. I am truly grateful that my passion is my career.

What are some of the challenges that your industry/company is facing?

Some challenges are not knowing where to turn to for advice. There is a lot of information out there in regards to financial planning, and it seems to change on a daily basis. Having someone that you trust to help guide you with those challenges is very important. I believe providing consistent communication and education helps make those challenges less challenging for the everyday person.

What are your primary roles/ responsibilities?

Since 2015, I have been helping investors through the process of pursuing their financial goals so that they can focus on the important things in life. I provide my clients with the information I believe they need to choose the most suitable investment products/ services for their specific financial needs — including financial planning, retirement planning, estate planning, and wealth management.

What do you enjoy most about Ponte Vedra area?

My family and I really love the community. We have lived in Ponte Vedra Beach for almost two years and we are so grateful for everything it has to offer. From the schools to the neighbors, it is all great.



What upcoming event are you most excited for and why?

Tax season. My wife owns Daysi Jacobson Accounting, and that is a very busy time for our household of six people, including our three pets. During that season it is my time to shine at home. While my wife burns the midnight oil, I get to enjoy quality time with the kids. There is always something to get excited about at our house.

What do you like to do in your free time?

I love to take the family out deep sea fishing whenever we have the chance. Recently I have really enjoyed running the Palm Valley Bridge almost every day. Even though it is tough, I always have a smile on my face while I do it.

Photo provided by Karsten Jacobson

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A masterpiece of design and craftsmanship, this custom beach home was thoughtfully designed by Nesting Place Interiors & Heritage Homes and offers a neutral coastal palette with panoramic views of the Ocean & the Guana. **4 bedrooms, 3F/2H bathrooms \$3,600,000**







Atlantic Beach Retreat

This 3-story townhome, 334 2nd Street, is only two blocks away from the ocean as well as the Beaches Town Center. Enjoy the home's rooftop deck or the easily maintained backyard oasis complete with a 6-ft privacy fence, covered patio, and relaxing hot tub. **3 bedrooms, 2F/2H bathrooms \$810,000**



Oceanfront Luxury

Comfort and elegance blend effortlessly in this Anglo-Caribbean inspired oceanfront home with the highest level of detail and quality, the beauty of this home is enhanced by the property's premier location

7 bedrooms, 7F/ 2H bathrooms \$7,500,000

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'Tis the season for new holiday traditions



This holiday season will look and feel very different for all of us. Your traditional ways of celebrating

and reconnecting

Remy Pugh Guest Columnist

with friends and family may not be an option this year

due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. However, this is the ideal opportunity to rethink your favorite holiday traditions in ways that are safe and fun.

Here are a few ideas to assist with your holiday event planning:

Take advantage of the outdoors. Northeast Florida's mild temperatures are perfect for hosting an outdoor gathering this Thanksgiving! While traveling to see your out-of-town friends and family may be out of the question, this is a great way to bring an intimate group of friends or family members together for a special dinner or gathering. Traditionally, Shearwater hosts a large Friendsgiving Potluck for residents to enjoy with their families and neighbors. However, due to the pandemic, we hosted an outside event with food trucks instead. Utilize longer tables to space your guests at least six feet apart. Organize your guests in small groups or by household where they can converse and connect.

Embrace new traditions. If you're finding yourself unable to recreate your usual traditions this holiday season, take some time to think about what really made those traditions special. Tailor

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your new traditions in ways that are safe for you, your friends and family members. Like many of you, Shearwater got a small taste of this for Halloween, and we quickly pivoted to provide a drivethrough haunted house and pumpkin patch grab n' go instead of traditional trick-or-treating. New Thanksgiving traditions could include testing new recipes, personally serving dinner instead of the annual potluck, or visiting local attractions such as St. Augustine's Nights of Lights, instead of going out of town.

Host a Christmas movie night on the lawn. After your Thanksgiving meal, what better way to get in the holiday spirit than watching your favorite Christmas movie in your backyard using a projector? Projectors of all shapes and sizes are available online. Outdoor movies are the perfect way to engage a small group of friends or family! Create individual snack bags and pre-made beverages for your guests to enjoy.

Try a virtual celebration. While it will never be the same as in-person, virtual Thanksgivings are going to be a big hit this year. Technology like Zoom and Microsoft Teams is already second nature for school and work; why not the holidays? Engage with your guests by creating fun games and scavenger hunts to play online.

Give back to the community. Need some extra cheer? Scientists believe that altruistic behavior like charity work releases endorphins in the brain, producing a positive feeling known as the "helper's high." Donate food items or your time to local food banks this holiday season, as many families have been affected by the pandemic this year and are in need of supplies and food this holiday season. Spending the holiday at home with your family is a great time to foster an animal from a local shelter or clean out closets to donate to women or homeless shelters.

Talk to your family about how to adjust your favorite traditions to stay safe and enjoy this extra time at home. Happy Thanksgiving!

Author Remy Pugh is lifestyle director at Shearwater, a master-planned community in northern St. Johns County.



Wrapping will be available Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. starting Dec. 12. The free service will continue Friday, Dec. 18, through Wednesday, Dec. 23, same hours. Christmas Eve wrapping will be available 9 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Shoppers this year may also take advantage of a limited concierge service being offered by volunteers. By dropping off large amounts of gifts, volunteers will wrap overnight and deliver locally within 24 hours.

ST. AUGUSTINE LIGHTHOUSE HOSTS LUMINARY NIGHT REIMAGINED

The St. Augustine Lighthouse & Maritime Museum announced that Luminary Night will take place Dec 1. and Dec. 3. The museum has made some changes to the event to ensure your health and safety while maintaining the spirit of the season. This year, Luminary Night will be a two-part event: A drive-through at the lighthouse parking lot on Dec. 1, and a virtual Facebook event on Dec. 3.

Luminary kits are currently on sale and available for purchase through the museum gift store and the gift store website. Each kit features 10 candles, sand, a spice package courtesy from the Spice & Tea Exchange and holiday and lighthousethemed silhouettes, all in a reusable tote sponsored by Herbie Wiles Insurance. The cost per kit is \$10 plus tax. To order your luminaries online, go to store.staugustinelighthouse.org/Products/10Lu minaryBagsandCandles.aspx?skuid=1001258. The museum is unable to ship luminary kits, so

holiday carolers and the opportunity to pick up pre-purchased luminary kits.
hours. In the spirit of giving, the museum is asking families to "fill the van with cans" by donating

families to enjoy.

canned goods that will be delivered to the St. Francis House Crisis Center. The second event on Dec. 3 will be focused on

online orders need to be picked up Dec. 1.

At 7 p.m. Dec. 1, the museum will host the first ever drive-through event in its parking lot with various festive stations set up along the way for

Each station will be holiday-themed with elves,

spreading the holiday spirit through social media platforms. Families around the community will light their luminaries at 6:30 p.m. to be shared via social media through the hashtag #Luminary2020.

For more information about the Luminary Night events, call Adrienne Gonzalez at (904) 829-0745, ext. 212. Additional information about the event is also available at www.staugustinelighthouse.org.

HOLIDAY NIGHTS AT LIGHTNER

On Dec. 11 and Dec. 12, The Lightner Museum will host the St. Augustine Orchestra for two nights of holiday cheer. Enjoy festive music as the or-chestra performs throughout the museum: In the grand lobby, in the music room and in the historic casino of the former Alcazar Hotel.

While enjoying the music, guests can also shop for unique holiday gifts, tour the museum and enjoy drinks outside on our garden terrace.

The event will be from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. both nights. General admission is \$25 and \$15 for children. Advance tickets are strongly recommended.

For more information or to order tickets, go to lightnermuseum.org/event/music-at-the-muse-um-holiday-nights-at-the-lightner.





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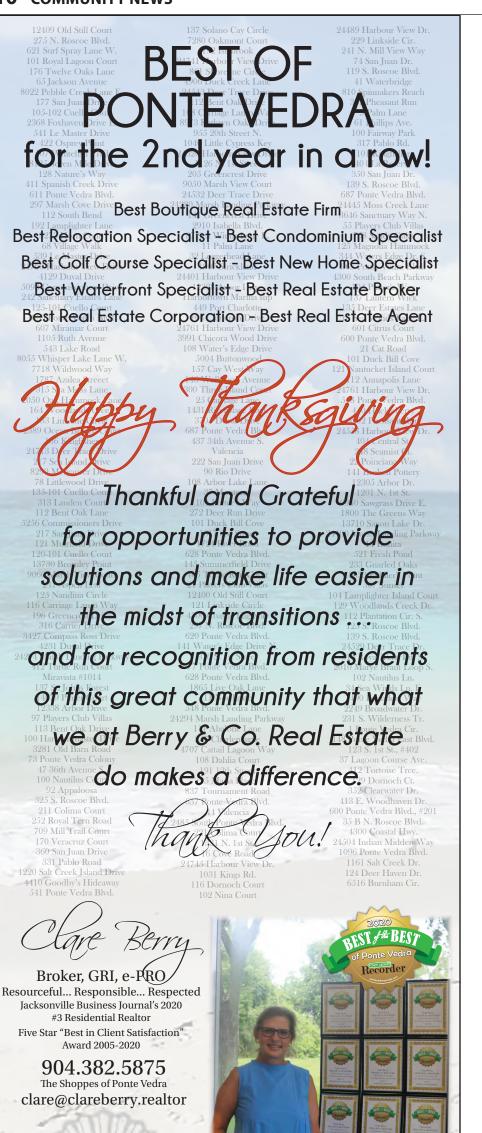
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Linda Ommerborn (far right) gives a donation to RWC members Robin Steinke (from left), Rae Marzocchi and Chervl Doss.

Riverwood Women's Club of DWPV joins Buddy Bus' fight against breast cancer

Although COVID-19 has curtailed many of its traditional meetings, the Riverwood Women's Club of Del Webb Ponte Vedra (DWPV) recently commemorated National Breast Cancer Awareness Month with a drive-by and mail-in fundraiser to help support



Photos provided by Linda Ommerborn Judy Still (from left), RWC vice president, Hope Terrell, RWC secretary, Kathi Reagin, RWC president, Lisa Miller and Marcella Holton (seated).

the First Coast's News Buddy Bus.

Ladies from Canopy Oaks, a neighborhood within DWPV, and the club's board of officers coordinated the endeavor. They even "deputized" a few husbands to build Buddy Bus replicas to draw donors to the donation sites. This two-day October fundraiser attracted donors by car, golf cart, bicycle and foot. All were welcome to free Buddy Check 12 kits filled with vital information about this wide-spread disease that touches so many of families.

Their efforts collected a total of \$5,800 thanks to generous donations from members, fellow residents, families and friends.





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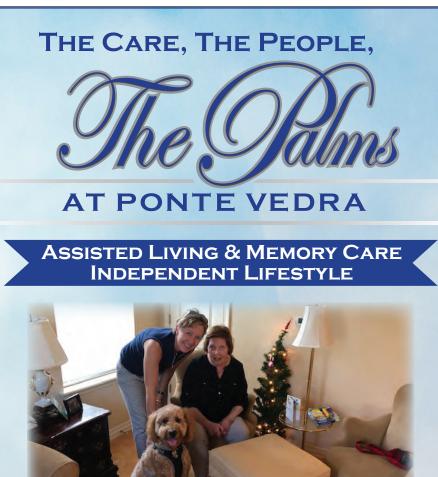
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John C. Slemp, Jr.

John C. Slemp, Jr. passed away peacefully on November 16, 2020 in Jacksonville, FL. He was 90 years old.



Ruth and John Slemp in New York City, a city he always loved, on October 13, 1930 and grew up in the suburbs of Philadelphia. An accomplished student and

John was born to

athlete, he played basketball at the University of North Carolina. After a tour in the military, he returned to UNC and earned a BS in Economics and an MBA.

He then began a lengthy career with IBM where he held positions in sales, marketing, policy, marketing strategy and customer relations. He later held positions at Arthur Anderson and Smith Bucklin.

While living in New Canaan, CT, John was active as a member of the Board of Education, deacon at the Congregational Church and a coach for several town sports teams.

After retiring, he and his wife moved to Ponte Vedra Beach, FL. While there, they became members of the Sawgrass Country Club. John was an avid golfer and volunteered to serve on the Board of Focus Cummer (now Beaches Cummer). He also served as president of the Lighthouse Bend HOA and president of the Sawgrass Master HOA.

John enjoyed travel with his friends, dining at the Beach Club and spending time at the beach reading while smoking an occasional cigar. He also had a passion for horse racing and once owned a race horse. John will be remembered for his quick wit and sense of humor.

He is survived by his wife, Martine Slemp; his children Cal (Ann), Greg, Jim and Ellen Slemp; his grandchildren Kathryn (Andrew) Douglas, Jennifer (Tim) Gardell, Kevin (Meredith), Jonathan (Sarah) and William (Ryann) Slemp; and great grandchildren Ainsley, Wesley and Emeline.

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Afternoon of French Impressionism planned in St. Augustine

Art and music will be brought together for a special celebration on Dec. 6 at the St. Augustine Art Association. Tickets are on sale now.

The event is being held in conjunction with the association's current exhibit, "La Vie En Bleu: the Life and Art of Marguerite Castaing," which features the work of the early 20th century French artist. The exhibition includes more than 80 drawings, paintings and pastels.

For "Impressionism In Art & Music," the association partnered with the St. Augustine Music Festival to bring the artwork to life with music.

The world-class musicians of the St. Augustine Music Festival Chamber Orchestra are expected to give perfor-

mances of two major Impressionist composers, Claude Debussy's "Sonata for Violin in G Minor" and Maurice Ravel's "String Quartet in F Major."

This fundraising performance will feature Gabriela Peña-Kim and Siyu Zhang on violin, Aaron Lenrian on piano, Jorge A. Peña on viola and Jin Kim on cello.

The roots of Impressionism go back to the early 1860s when painters Frédéric Bazille, Claude Monet, Pierre-Auguste Renoir and Alfred Sisley met. They shared an interest in art that showed the interplay between light and color. Their style, which was named — ironically — by a disapproving art critic, grew in popularity throughout the end of the 19th century and beginning of the 20th.

In the 1890s, Impressionism arrived on the music scene with the work of Debussy and Ravel. The music of this time conveyed moods and emotions through a number of techniques.

The performance will begin at 1 p.m., and tickets can be purchased at staaa.org/impressionism-in-art-music. Cost is \$50. Actual tickets will not be issued; patrons are to bring copies of their confirmation emails to the performance.

Seating is limited, and social distancing regulations will be used. Attendees will need to wear face coverings. Groups of four or less will be assigned seats together. For more information, call the Art Association at (904) 824-2310.

EMMA Concert Association to present Holiday Pops on Dec. 16



Photo provided by EMMA Concert Association

Local nonprofit, EMMA Concert Association, announced the live musical performance of traditional Holiday Pops presented by select members of the Jacksonville Symphony brass ensemble and vocalists on Wednesday, Dec. 16.

Enjoy an evening of traditional holiday tunes, including the "Nutcracker March," "White Christmas," "O Holy Night," "Jingle Bells" and much more.

The EMMA Holiday Pops Concert will be held from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Lewis Auditorium at Flagler College, 14 Granada St. in downtown St. Augustine.

This event is sure to be one that puts you in the holiday spirit, with live musical performances of your favorite holiday classics from vocalists Erica Gabriel and Brandon Michael Nase with Ileana Fernandez on piano.

This will be EMMA Concert Association's only live performance during its 42nd season. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, seating is limited and strict safety protocols will be put in place.

"This year has been full of unprecedented circumstances," said Joanne Everett, president of EMMA board of directors. "We are incredibly grateful for our loyal EMMA supporters and sponsors. Because of everyone's patience, we're able to bring this one very special performance during our 42nd season. We believe everyone could use a bit of holiday cheer, and we are excited to celebrate the holiday season with you in a safe manner."

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The eyes over the mask

By Mary Pentel, M.D. Guest Columnist

The COVID crisis has us looking at people with new eyes. Literally, we are looking at more eyes now than ever since the rest of our face is covered with a mask. We are noticing more wrinkles, more discoloration, more growths.... more tired and old eyes.

What causes under eye circles and wrinkles? Causes of under eye dark circles are multifactorial. Genetics, lack of sleep, lack of hydration, thinning of the skin from photo aging that may cause the vessels under your eyes to be more visible, and loss of fat can create a valley of darkness between your eyes and cheeks. An atopic history like eczema or asthma may also contribute to rubbing at the eyes to cause discoloration and more noticeable lines.

Those seeking treatments can turn to surgery to remove excessive fat and skin. This may be necessary if you have moderately severe festooning, aka "bags under your eyes." Nonsurgical alternatives for the sunken in depression caused by loss of ligament support and fat include injections with fillers. Expectations must be set that this procedure will not give you surgical results but does improve the appearance of your under eye depressions. I recommend that you seek out a qualified provider who has experience in injecting in this high-risk area.

Dark circles can also be a cause of pigmentation and hemosiderin deposition. A good eye cream with the appropriate active ingredients will improve this condition. Lasers can also be utilized to treat pigmentation and wrinkles. Lasers can be used to specifically target pigmentation or blood vessels under your eyes or lasers can be used as a resurfacing tool to get rid of superficial skin and stimulate collagen to improve wrinkles.

Laser skin resurfacing can be divided into ablative resurfacing with an erbium or CO2 laser or non-ablative laser skin resurfacing with a variety of other lasers or devices. Non-ablative lasers and devices have the advantage of minimal downtime but will need multiple sessions. Ablative lasers can also remove unwanted growths.

Periorbital wrinkles and rejuvenation also can be improved with neuromodulators like Botox, Dysport, Xeomin or Jeuveau. These injections will help with frown lines, forehead lines and crow's feet.

Maintenance therapy are always recommended with any procedures to maintain your results and as a preventative measure. A good eye cream is highly recommended. Eye creams should have active ingredients to help with collagen stimulation, decrease puffiness, improve pigmentation and hydration. Occasionally, you may need more than one eye cream if you have more than one concern.

Our eyes are important in how we communicate with each other and the world. It is not surprising that we have seem more inquiries regarding under eye concerns and people seeking procedures for periorbital rejuvenation. We can hide behind our masks but the eyes say it all.

Dr. Mary Pentel is a board-certified dermatologist with Southside Dermatology & Laser Cosmetic Center 572 Jacksonville Drive Jacksonville Beach, FL 32250 904-400-7772



Give the gift of health and beauty from local businesses

By Holly Tishfield

With the holidays quickly approaching, many families will be joining their ranks for the first time in months to celebrate safely, whether through Zoom/ Skype calls or in-person get-togethers.

There is nothing better than showing up to a holiday party while both looking and feeling your best. For an integrative approach to health and wellness, try BlueWater Health & Wellness. The business' trained professionals make it their mission to customize experiences for guests to best suit all their wellness needs, with options such as laser hair removal, microneedling, anti-wrinkle treatments and more. Or make a stop at the Ponte Vedra Spa & Inn, which offers a wide variety of spa treatments to have you glowing from the inside out. Similarly, the Sawgrass Marriott Spa can offer just the extra boost of R&R you need to begin all your holiday shopping with specials on eye treatments, paraffin hand treatments and even fitness classes.

Before you head out for the night, make a quick pit stop at the Bellezza Salon & Boutique to receive a beautiful, new hairstyle fit to wow all the in-laws.

However you are celebrating this holiday season, explore these many ways to help accentuate your beauty both inside and out.

Healthy resolutions that are easy to keep

The dawn of a new year is a great time to take stock of the year that just passed and set goals for the next 12 months. Resolutions focused on improving personal health are especially popular, and for good reason. Improving one's overall health can have positive implications for years to come.

Even with the best intentions, resolutions have historically proven hard to keep. Simplifying health-based resolutions can lead to a higher success rate and a healthier you. ■ Walk more. It is easy to get preoccupied with the "10,000 steps per day" mantra that many people follow and that certain fitness trackers promote. Walking 10,000 steps daily, which equates to roughly five miles per day, is a healthy goal, but it may not be realistic for everyone. Take stock of how many steps you currently take each day, and then resolve to walk 2,000 more. As your body acclimates to walking more, add another 2,000 steps, continuing to do so until you reach 10,000 steps. ■ Learn something new about being healthy. Informed health decisions require gaining a greater understanding of your body. Rely on a reputable source such as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to learn more about how to be healthy.

• Spend less time on social media. Staring at your phone or tablet for multiple hours browsing tweets or checking messages might not be the best thing for your physical and mental health. Browsing the internet may take up time that could be better spent engaging in physical activity. According to Dr. Elia Abi-Jaoude, a staff psychiatrist at the Hospital for Sick Children and Toronto Western Hospital, various studies have shown how excessive social media usage can adversely affect relationships, sense of self, sleep, academic performance and emotional well-being.

■ Eat more whole foods. Whole foods, including vegetables, fruits, nuts, seeds, whole grains and fish, contain various



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nutrients the body needs to function at peak capacity. These foods may help reduce the risk of many diseases and help people maintain healthy body weights. Start slowly by introducing a new whole food to your diet each day. A gradual approach is more manageable than going on a drastic diet.

• Avoid sweetened beverages. You are what you eat, but also what you drink. A report published in 2006 in the American Journal of Clinical Nutrition found consumption of sugar-sweetened beverages, particularly carbonated soft drinks, may be a key contributor in the epidemic of overweight and obesity. Skip sweetened beverages (even fruit juices can be unhealthy if consumed in excess) and opt for more water or unsweetened teas.

■ Find a physical activity you like. Rather than resolving to join the gym or signing up for a 5K because it's what everyone is doing, find a physical activity you truly enjoy and aim to do it a few times a week. Maybe it's a sport like tennis or recreational cycling with the family. But if the idea of a gym membership excites you, then by all means sign up.

Avoid restrictive health and wellness resolutions that can be unsustainable. By downsizing expectations and taking small steps en route to your goals, you may be more motivated to stay the course and realize your resolutions.





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MDM celebrates 30th anniversary in Ponte Vedra

By Shaun Ryan

When Steve and Laurie Austin launched MDM Commercial Enterprises in 1990, many of the technologies that would one day make the company one of Ponte Vedra's top success stories had not yet been invented.

But over the past three decades, MDM has adapted to emerging opportunities, diversifying its products and services — all while maintaining its original mission.

MDM supplies commercial-grade televisions, digital signage, HVAC equipment, ice makers, lighting controls, microfridges, mounting solutions, video walls and more for a variety of industries — most notably hospitality and health care.

This year marks MDM's 30th anniversary. Reflecting on the company's history, Steve Austin marveled at how far MDM has come.

"I'm amazed," he said. "I feel blessed. I would never in a million years have guessed that my wife and I would have the company that we have today."

He gives a lot of credit for MDM's success to the company's staff.

"We've been fortunate to surround ourselves with the right people," he said, adding, "Without the people that we've brought on board, we wouldn't be here."

MDM's roots go back to the late 1980s when Austin went to work for a local company that was a distributor for commercial-grade Zenith television sets for hotels and hospitals.

Within a year, the local company decided to exit the business and Austin saw an opportunity.

"I approached the manufacturer and said, 'Hey, if I set up a company, will you sell to me direct?" he recalled.

And MDM was born. In addition to TVs, MDM sold Carrier air-conditioning products and miniature refrigerators to his clientele in the hospitality industry.

In 1999 the South Korean company LG bought out Zenith, which had gone into bankruptcy, and MDM partnered with the new owner.

In 2003, company officials agreed to expand MDM's health care business, which at the time was limited to one salesman selling TVs and speakers to hospitals. MDM hired five sales people, each responsible for a geographic region of the United States.



MDM co-founder Steve Austin stands beside one of the multi-panel digital signs sold by his company.

MDM now had a nationwide presence.

Then, in 2014, MDM created LG Fulfillment, which allowed it to handle and distribute a lot of LG's direct sales to hotels across the United States. Over the next four years, that new company saw a 50% growth annually. Today, MDM's LG Fulfillment handles about 60% of LG's direct sales to the hospitality industry.

Throughout it all, however, MDM has continued to sell air conditioners, mini fridges, ice machines and micro-wave ovens to hotels.

In recent years, MDM has begun supplying hospitals with smart TVs that perform a number of functions in addition to providing patients with entertainment. Most recently, MDM has created Journey PX Connect, a video chat platform that allows patients to interact virtually with family members and medical professionals.

Another new venture is the company's digital signage. Large, brilliant and sharp images can be shown on screens in stadiums and other venues.

MDM has also been involved in the community, supplying TVs to the Ronald McDonald House, building houses for Beaches Habitat and supporting the YMCA Ponte Vedra.

Throughout its 30 years, Austin hasn't lost sight of MDM's original mission: serving its customers.

"If somebody calls and they want to buy an \$8 remote control, we'll bend over backwards to get them what they need, and sell them an \$8 remote control," he said. **NOTE: This is an abridged version of the article. Read it in its entirety at pontevedrarecord.com.**

A look at some local Black Friday, Small Business Saturday deals

By Holly Tishfield

With Black Friday and Small Business Saturday falling back to back this year, here is where you can find the best deals from some of your favorite places in the Ponte Vedra and Beaches area.

Sailors Siren Boutique: Dubbed the Beaches "headquarters for local, handmade

goods," this salt and sun inspired boutique is dishing out 20% off all of their candles on Black Friday. You can choose from an assortment such as the Hamptons Candle, the KH Citrus Reef Candle, the KH Ethereal Coast Candle and many more.

Ashes Boutique & Tea Room: Pop into this beautiful boutique and tea room on Small Business Saturday for a deal on teas. For one day only, all Afternoon Teas will be buy-one-get-one free. Author Amy West will be in the store signing copies of her new book titled, "100 Things To Do In Jacksonville Before You Die."

Carla Shoes & Accessories: Starting this week and extending through the weekend, this small shoes and accessories boutique in Sawgrass Village will be hosting its annual Winter Sale, where customers can receive discounts on select merchandise just in time for the holidays.

Cottage By the Sea: In celebration of Black Friday and Small Business Saturday, this home decor and furniture store is hosting a very special discount lottery.



Artwork by Local Artist, Paulo Jimenez Black Friday / Cyber Monday Sale staugustineloveslions.com

Sam Pacetti concert event to celebrate Vilano Beach Small Businesses Nov. 28

Vilano Beach Main Street announced its participation in the 10th annual Small Business Saturday on Nov. 28 to support small businesses in Vilano Beach Florida.

Founded by American Express in 2010, Small Business Saturday is a day to celebrate the small businesses that help support their neighborhoods and is held every year on the Saturday after Thanksgiving. Small Business Saturday has been embraced as part of the holiday shopping tradition as each year shoppers, businesses and public officials come together to Shop Small and show their neighborhood pride.

Understanding the important contributions small businesses make to their communities, Sallie O'Hara recently announced its participation in Small Business Saturday and the Neighborhood Champion program. All day on Nov. 28, the greater Vilano Beach area is encouraged to take part in the Small Business Saturday.

An Evening at Airstream Row featuring Sam Pacetti in concert will round out the day. Gates open at 5:30 p.m. at 190 Airstream Row. Acoustic Anamoly will open at 6 p.m. followed by Sam Pacetti performing from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Drinks will be available. Social distance seating with masks provided, as needed, wil be in effect. Shoppers can stop by during



Sam Pacetti

the day to support local businesses and receive Shop Small giveaways like tote bags, buttons and balloons.

American Express created the Neighborhood Champion program to help rally communities around Small Business Saturday and is working alongside numerous business organizations to support local Small Business Saturday celebrations throughout the country.

There are many reasons to shop local with this year being most critical, said Sallie O'Hara, Neighborood Champion.

"Reports show that 62% of U.S. small business reported that they need to see consumer spending return to pre-COV-ID-19 levels by the end of 2020 in order to stay in business," she said.

Tickets may be purchased online at Eventbrite for the evening concert at www.eventbrite.com/e/evenings-onairstream-row-featuring-sam-pacettitickets-129922903903.

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Customers can pull a ticket that earns them anywhere from 10-50% off any merchandise item in the shop.

A'propos Boutique: At its biggest sale of the year, this colorful clothing boutique offers specialized sales all day on Black Friday. From open until noon, everything in the store will be 40% off. From noon until 3 p.m., everything will be 30%. From 3 p.m. through the rest of the weekend, everything will be 20% off. The discounts include already reduced merchandise, as well. Private appointments are available for those who wish for a personalized experience.

Marcia's Place: Running now through the end of the weekend, Marcia's Place in Sawgrass Village is hosting its 15-25-35 sale. Customers who purchase items from the store can receive 15% off its most expensive item, 25% off the next most expensive and 35% off the next.



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Ponte Vedra boys basketball welcomes back veteran team

By Jim Moyes Special to the Recorder

Optimism reigns supreme for the 2020-21 edition of Ponte Vedra Boys basketball despite concerns of the dreaded COVID pandemic and the lack of practice preparation heading into this week's opener at Stanton Prep. Second-year head coach Kevin Whirity welcomed back his top six players from last year's 10-14 team, but the secondyear head coach had a long wait before he could field a full squad. The five leading scorers from last year's youthful team also played football for the Sharks and have had only a handful of practices before the official start of this season. "Our preseason beginning of the season was far from ideal as we navigated COVID 19 and the end of the football season, but it's all about perspective," Whirity said. "I am so grateful to be able to practice and have our season no matter the restrictions!"

"We are very lucky to have so many returning players," said the energetic PVHS coach. "Another year to develop these guys in our offensive is invaluable."

The Sharks split their pre-season games last week, dropping a close game to Episcopal on Tuesday but then posted a come from behind 47-46 victory over Wolfson two days later.

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The Ponte Vedra High School girls weightlifting team is looking to build on its growing success.

New coach aims to put PVHS girls weightlifting back on map

By Holly Tishfield

This year, Ponte Vedra High School has seen its fair share of new sports teams and exciting seasons. Recently, the addition of the boys volleyball team made waves in the community, and now new coach Mackensie Rush is putting the girls weightlifting team back on the map.

Rush, a first-year special education teacher at PVHS, is the first ever female head coach for the girls weightlifting team. She taught for nine years at a school in New Jersey, and when she moved to North Florida, she took up the position as both teacher and head coach.

Though this is not the introduc-

tory season for the girls weightlifting team, it is certainly the most successful. In previous years the team struggled to maintain barely 10 players, but with Rush as coach, the head-count is now up to 29 enthusiastic students.

Tara McGee, a senior at PVHS and one of six captains on the girls weightlifting team, has noticed big changes in the way the team runs.

"In my freshman and sophomore year it was not really put together. We only had eight girls," she said. "Coming into this year, it has been exciting that we have 29 on the team, so we have really been able to grow it."

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Photos provided by Peggy Campbell PVHS girls weightlifting coach Mackensie Rush (left) and student Skyler Sharp

Steelers score 27 unanswered points, Jags lose 9th in a row

By Mike Bonts

Special to the Recorder

The Pittsburgh Steelers scored 27 unanswered points and stayed undefeated (10-0) with a 27-3 NFL victory over the Jaguars at TIAA Bank Stadium.

Jacksonville lost its ninth in a row and fell to 1-9.

The Jaguars took a 3-0 lead on the game's first possession. Jacksonville's nine-play, 52-yard drive in 4:03 was culminated with kicker Chase McLaughlin's 41-yard field goal. He is now 3 for 3 on field goals since signing with the Jaguars. For his career, he is 21 of 26.

"I felt like we came out, we were able to drive the ball. We fell short, we kicked a field goal. I tried to steal a possession with the onside kick. And then suddenly, we hold them, they miss a field goal and then it is kind of a battle after that. We got our hands on three balls in the first half. We got the one pick at the end of the half," said Jacksonville head coach Doug Marrone.

Quarterback Ben Roethlisberger's 20-yard touchdown pass to tight end Eric Ebron with 6:40 left in the fourth quarter provided the final margin. Roethlisberger went 32for-46 passing, for 267 yards, with two touchdowns and an interception, before being relieved late by Mason Rudolph.

In his third career start, Jaguars' QB Jake Luton completed 16 of 37 passes for 151 yards. Through four games, he is 60 of 110 passing for 624 yards and three total TDs, two passing, one rushing.

Jaguars' running back James Robinson turned in a teamleading 94 scrimmage yards to become the first undrafted rookie in NFL history to total 1,000 scrimmage yards through their first 10 career games.

"I think we just need to be able to execute in the red zone or near the red zone. We got down there, and we weren't able to do that," Robinson said. "I just think we've got to be able to finish once we get down there because it hurts us when we don't. We could put our defense in a better situation."

This season, Robinson has 762 rushing yards, 249 receiving yards and 1,011 scrimmage yards. He joins RBs

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Sharks

The Sharks, who were crushed by the host Episcopal team 62-38 last season, lost the nail biter despite their two leading scorers from a year ago, Alex Madson and Luke Pirris not suited up for the contest. Three other Shark regulars from 2019-20, Jack Polian, Rory Mayer and Nathan Bunkosky, had but one practice before last Tuesday's preseason opener.

Pirris did return on Thursday as the Sharks, trailing by as many as 14 points, rallied in the final stanza to nip Wolfson. Madson is currently recovering from his injury and has been able to attend practice and participate, but in a limited capacity. "His full return is unknown as it depends on when he's back to full strength" added Whirity.

In addition to the five football players, and junior JT Kelly returning to the rotation, Whirity has high hopes for a pair of newcomers who have displayed considerable promise in recent workouts.

"We have a lot of talent in our fresh-

men and sophomore classes this year, and [6-foot-3] sophomore Israel Nuhu and [6-foot-5] freshman Ethan Reinheimer are two of the great examples of the talent.

Nuhu came off the bench in the Wolfson contest and filled up the stat sheet by scoring 10 points — that included a thunderous dunk, a multitude of rebounds. four steals and a block shot. Reinheimer led the Sharks in rebounding in the Wolfson contest, despite playing less than half the game as coach Whirity gave all 13 of his players playing time. Bunkosky, yet another sophomore led the Sharks in scoring with 12 points, while Pirris, in limited action, chipped in eight.

When asked how enthused he was for the upcoming season Whirity said, "On a scale of one-to-10, I am an 11 for excitement. I cannot stress enough what an outstanding group of young men I get the privilege to coach every day."

The Sharks opened their season this past Tuesday and will welcome a full week of practice before resuming their schedule with three games the first week of December, beginning on the Dec. 1, with a road game at Flagler Palm Coast.

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The meet on Thursday, Nov. 19, was

the team's second meet of the year and one of another five that they will compete in before the end of the season.

"The girls set personal records each meet, so as a coach that is all I want to see," Rush said. "Having a team win would be awesome, but I encourage the girls to do their personal best."

Through hard work, and practices at least four days a week, the girls weightlifting team has done exactly that.

Rush mentioned that multiple girls

made personal bests at last week's meet, including freshman Skyler Sharp, who won third place in her 101-pound weight class.

"It is nice to see that the girls feel empowered doing it. I feel like they really enjoy being out there," McGee said. "It is very competitive, but you also build each other up."

The remainder of the girls weightlifting season involves five more meets, including one invitational and a districts competition in St. Augustine.

For now, the girls continue practicing and hope to set more personal bests in four weeks with their competition against Fletcher High School.

Jaguars

Fred Taylor (1998) and Leonard Fournette (2017) as the only players in franchise history to total 1,000 scrimmage yards through their first 10 career games.

Pittsburgh wide receiver Diontae Johnson had his second consecutive 100-yard game receiving, with 12 catches for 111 yards. Pittsburgh running back James Conner had 89 yards on 13 carries.

Jacksonville linebacker Joe Schobert made a season-high 13 tackles, marking his third game this season with doubledigit tackles. He had praise for the Jaguars' young secondary.

"I thought they were competing, they were in the right positions the whole time and the other guys just made a few more plays today, and when a couple of those plays are 50-yard passes on the outside, that's an easy way to give up some points," Schobert said. "They were out there competing, even the guys who are out there, the young guys, some of them

are hurt, playing through injuries during the game. You can't be nothing but proud of the effort they put out there.'

In eight career games against the Steelers, he has tallied 62 tackles, six passes defensed, two fumble recoveries and two interceptions. This season, he has a teamleading 84 tackles and one interception.

An interception in the host's end zone on the last play of the first half denied the Steelers a chance to add to their lead. Daniel Thomas got his first career interception against Roethlisberger, returning it 54 vards.

It marked the longest interception return by a Jaguars player since safety Tashaun Gipson returned one for 67 yards in 2017. It was the ninth pick thrown by Roethlisberger in his last three regular season games against Jacksonville

"We did the job," said Steelers' head coach Mike Tomlin. "We checked the boxes. "It wasn't perfect, but nothing's perfect about us except our record."

The Jaguars have three home games remaining. The first is Sunday against the Cleveland Browns (7-3). Kickoff is 1 p.m.

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