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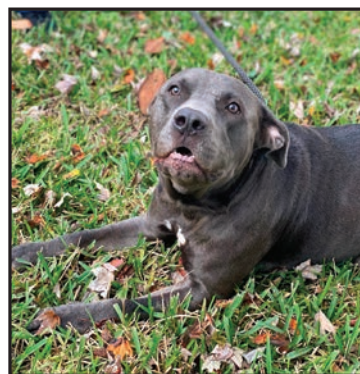
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## BRIEFS

### 2021 St. Johns Reads community-wide reading project features 'The Library Book'

The St. Johns County Public Library System announced Susan Orlean's novel, "The Library Book," as the featured book for the 2021 St. Johns Reads community-wide reading project. A variety of virtual events focusing on the book will be featured throughout the month of January, including food and art programs, interviews and tours.

"The Library Book" is the story of the 1986 Los Angeles Library fire, which shut down the L.A. Central Library for nearly seven years. This event would have made national headlines if it had not happened the same week as the Chernobyl nuclear disaster in Ukraine. Typical of Orlean's other works, "The Library Book" is populated with interesting real-life characters and intrigue, as she details the investigation into the cause of the fire, the recovery process, and the building restoration. To read "The

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## PUZZLE SOLUTIONS

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Library Book” and to learn more about St. Johns Reads events, contact your local library or go to [www.sjcpls.org](http://www.sjcpls.org).

### 2nd annual St. Johns Reads Library 5K in Nocatee set for Jan. 30

The second annual St. Johns Reads 5K event in Nocatee, “Lace Up for Libraries,” will be held at 8 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 30. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library of St. Johns County, through a partnership with Vystar Credit Union and the Community of Nocatee, “Lace Up for Libraries” will help raise funds for programming and author visits for future

St. Johns Reads events. Register for the 5K by going to [www.laceupforlibraries5k.itsyourrace.com/event.aspx?id=12794](http://www.laceupforlibraries5k.itsyourrace.com/event.aspx?id=12794).

### County conducting survey regarding proposed Shore Drive recreational trail

St. Johns County Parks and Recreation is hosting a survey through Jan. 4, regarding a potential recreational trail for pedestrians and bicycles along Shore Drive in the St. Augustine South neighborhood. The purpose of this survey is to determine public interest in constructing a paved asphalt trail along three miles of Shore Drive, from Doug Crane Boat Ramp to the boardwalk at Lobelia Road. To fill out a survey, go to [www.surveymonkey.com/r/ZJ6CHB6](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ZJ6CHB6). For more information, email [dbataille@sjcfl.us](mailto:dbataille@sjcfl.us) or call (904) 209-0333.

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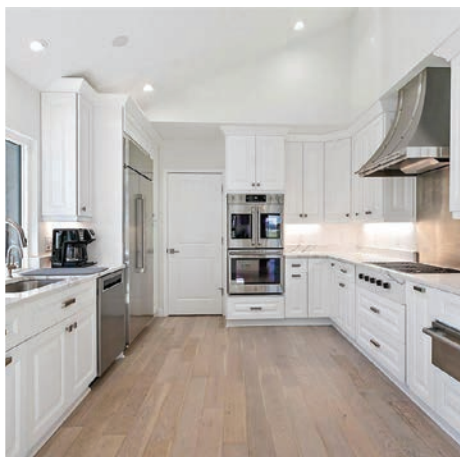
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# 'Tees' the season: Local youth golf nonprofit surprised by THE PLAYERS' Red Coats with a \$10,000 donation

On Saturday, Dec. 12, golf practice for the dozens of Moore-Myers Children's Fund youth who show up each week at Brentwood Golf Course to hone their skills was unlike any other. Members of THE PLAYERS' volunteer leadership team, the Red Coats, made a surprise visit, presenting the Moore-Myers Children's Fund with a check for \$10,000.

These funds will be utilized to purchase equipment the nonprofit organization advised was needed to support their program, as well as the golf programs they adopted at William M. Raines High School.

Moore-Myers Children's Fund was founded in 2014 to support Jacksonville youth in underserved communities through golf instruction

and mentorship. Under the leadership of founders Dr. Justine Redding and Richard Blackston, a husband and wife duo, Moore-Myers provides services that help undergird participants' skills, exceptional character and total wellness, ultimately helping children develop a road map to success, stay physically and mentally active and obtain college scholarship opportunities.

The Moore-Myers Children's Fund currently serves over 100 Jacksonville youth and is based out of Brentwood Golf Course, just outside of downtown Jacksonville. They receive weekly golf instruction, mentorship and financial support covering equipment fees and membership dues to First Tee-North Florida.



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Moore-Myers Children's Fund founders Dr. Justine Redding and Richard Blackston accept a check from THE PLAYERS 2020 Chairman Andy Carroll.

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## Local Rotary uses video technology to connect with 1st female Rotary club president, other distinguished speakers

There is no questioning the adverse impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, but for the Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach, there is a silver lining. The increased use of video conferencing technology is enabling the club to hear from distinguished speakers beyond Northeast Florida, such as Dr. Sylvia Whitlock.

Based in California, Whitlock recently spoke to the Ponte Vedra Beach Rotary via Zoom and discussed her trailblazing path to become the first female president of a Rotary club in 1987.

"Dr. Whitlock is revered in the Rotary world and in American history, and we were honored to have her join us," said Sam Hall, president of the Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach. "Her story of courage and perseverance inspired our club, as it has inspired so many for decades."

Whitlock started her Rotary journey in the early 1980s when she was invited to join the Rotary Club of Duarte in Los Angeles County, California. She was an elementary school principal in Duarte and one of a few women in the community invited to the club at the time. Rotary International did not then admit women as members, however, so the club ultimately lost its charter as a result of its inclusionary actions.

After losing its charter, the club renamed itself the Ex-Rotary Club of Duarte and continued to meet and serve its community independent of Rotary for several years. In what became a long, tumultuous fight, the club took its case to court and became known as the "mouse that roared." After back-and-forth legal challenges at the state and federal levels, the U.S. Supreme Court

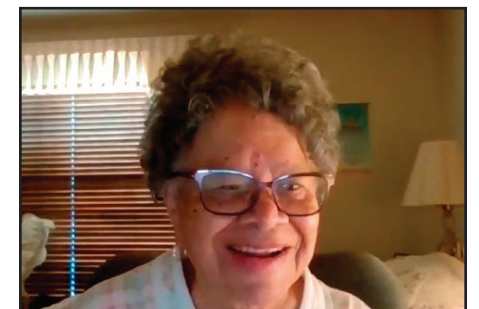


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Dr. Sylvia Whitlock speaks to members of the Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach during a recent Zoom discussion with the group.

ruled in the Duarte club's favor in 1987. Women could officially become Rotarians, which allowed Whitlock to become the first female president of a Rotary club.

"It was fascinating to hear Dr. Whitlock tell this story," said Bruce Barber, a long-time Rotarian and past president of the Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach. "I met her at a Rotary International convention in Atlanta a few years back, and I was humbled then that she asked me to dance after winning an award. A few years later, our entire club was humbled to host her and hear about this important piece of Rotary and American history."

In addition to Whitlock, the Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach has utilized Zoom in 2020 to host Rotary International's Immediate Past President Mark Maloney, Florida Chief Financial Officer Jimmy Patronis, and a number of international partners supporting the club's service project in Guatemala, among others.

For more information on the Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach, go to [www.pvbrotary.org](http://www.pvbrotary.org).

# 'Music in the Museum' a success for Lightner, St. Augustine Orchestra

By Shaun Ryan



The St. Augustine Orchestra's string ensemble performs in the old swimming pool area of the Lightner during "Music in the Museum."

The Lightner Museum was alive with the sounds of the season Friday and Saturday, Dec. 11-12, when the St. Augustine Orchestra performed holiday favorites for visitors during "Music in the Museum: Holiday Nights at the Lightner."

Visitors had an opportunity to enjoy the music while touring the iconic St. Augustine institution, shopping for unique holiday gifts and sampling wine out on the terrace.

"We've never done something like this before," said Angela de Gregory, the museum's volunteer coordinator and events manager. "Typically, the orchestra plays in a very traditional setting where you have chairs lined-up theater-style."

But concerns about COVID-19 have made that impossible.

"They still wanted to play, and we still wanted them here," de Gregory continued. "But we had to come up with a solution where they could do it safely."

By having the orchestra perform in different ensembles at different places throughout the Lightner, social distancing could be maintained. In addition, having the entire museum open for guests gave them space to spread out. Masks were required.

The idea proved a success. The ticketed event was sold out both evenings, with 175 guests each night.

The orchestra's brass ensemble performed in the grand lobby, the string ensemble performed in the former pool area and the woodwind ensemble performed in one of the gallery spaces. Performance times were staggered so that visitors could attend each.

For some, the event represented the first time since the museum reopened in May that they could see the changes made last spring. During a two-month closure necessitated by COVID-19, the entire first floor was repainted and re-floored, new restrooms were constructed and a lot of plumbing and electrical work was done.

Rota, the taxidermied lion once owned by Winston Churchill was spruced up. A new, 188-square-foot mural by Jacksonville artist Joshua Cooper decorated a wall in one of the display areas. And the new gift shop was decked out in holiday style.

Guests had an opportunity to see the museum's newest exhibit, "Illuminate: Lightner Museum's Stained Glass Rediscovered," which features 12 newly restored stained-glass windows and a



The Lightner gift shop proved to be a homey place to visit during the event.



Joshua Cooper's new mural occupies one wall in the Lightner Museum. The three figures represent the muses in the style of the early 20th century's Gibson Girls.



A Christmas tree occupies one corner of the Lightner's second story.

Photos by Shaun Ryan

*Lori Jean Adams is a Ponte Vedra Beach resident, who wears at least three hats and believes in supporting community organizations.*

## Lori Adams

### Tell us about your background and where you are from.

I grew up in the beautiful Thousand Islands area of Upstate New York near the Canadian border. In March 2000 I had an opportunity that turned into a one-way ticket from Syracuse to Jacksonville when I transferred from Smith Barney in Watertown, N.Y., to Smith Barney in Ponte Vedra. I left Smith Barney in 2010 when they merged with Morgan Stanley.

### Tell us about the different hats you wear.

Anyone who knows me knows I like to keep busy. I'm currently the operations manager at Harbor View Advisors, a private owned investment banking and consulting firm in Ponte Vedra. I'm proud to be a team member of Harbor View. Our firm has won "Best Place to Work" in Jacksonville a few times! I have worked part time at TPC Sawgrass in the golf shop as a sales associate since 2000 and I am an independent fashion stylist representing a well-known brand. It's a direct sales company headquartered in California in which I feel I offer direct service to my clientele.

### How do you juggle all those jobs?

It is easy. When you are busy, you learn how to manage your time better. It's as simple as that.

### What got you interested in fashion?

At a very young age, fashion became my passion when I would save a portion of my allowance and treat myself to some fashionable clothing. I tell my clientele, "When you look good, you feel good and you do good!"

### Speaking of doing good, shed some light on that.

I've been active in the Ponte Vedra Chamber of Commerce for several years as an ambassador, a board member, and recently returned to an ambassador role. I've been a member of the Ponte Vedra Women's Civic Alliance Association since 2011. In addition, I've supported local charities very near and dear to my heart such as Chemo Noir, Rethreaded, The Donna Foundation, The New School (Dewitt, New York) and K-9s for Warriors.

### In your free time what do you like to do?

I love to play golf, especially with my husband, Jeff, who, by the way, I met on the practice facility at TPC Sawgrass in 2000. We were married



Photo provided by Lori Adams

in 2002. We enjoy hanging out at home with our two cats, Buster and Mister. They are brothers who we adopted three years ago from Katz 4 Keeps, a rescue shelter that no longer exists. I have a love for horses and horse racing, enjoy

reading and connecting with family and friends. I like to wine and dine, too! I look forward to travelling again, especially to my hometown area of Watertown and Sackets Harbor, New York, near the St. Lawrence River.

### Do you have a favorite quote?

I've always admired Audrey Hepburn and the following quote of hers strikes a chord with me. It goes like this. "Nothing is impossible. The word itself, says I'm possible!"

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Nancy Scott (from left), Beverly Rapaport and Jeanne Stevens attend the Newcomers Alumnae annual holiday luncheon Dec. 2 at Marsh Landing Country Club.

## Newcomers Alumnae group holds annual holiday luncheon

Christmas and all the trappings came early for the Newcomers Alumnae group this year. On Dec. 2, Newcomers Alumnae held their annual Christmas/Holiday luncheon at Marsh Landing Country Club in Ponte Vedra Beach.

Before lunch, member Katie McGuigan read, "How Murray Saved Christmas" by Mike Reiss, a hilarious Emmy-nominated Christmas story from the writer and producer of "The Simpsons."

Newcomers Alumnae members then feasted on a holiday lunch of tomato bisque, chicken or grouper, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, rolls, and cheesecake with cherry sauce. The lunch was topped off with a prosecco toast to ring in the holidays.

After lunch, member Dede LeClaire hosted a trivia game, which covered

popular Christmas songs, movies and traditions. Each table was a team. The first three tables to win for first, second and third place were awarded gifts from Peterbrooke Chocolatier. Many beautifully-wrapped giveaways were also handed out from Chico's, Costco, Trader Joe's, Hobby Lobby, Dollar Store, Mary Kay Cosmetics plus four free sessions at Gray Wolf Therapeutics of Ponte Vedra Beach.

Newcomers Alumnae will hold a Happy Hour at Pusser's Caribbean Bar & Grille from 5-7 p.m. Dec. 17. On Jan. 6, Dr. Melanie Williams will be the guest speaker at the monthly luncheon from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at Marsh Landing Country Club. Williams is the principal for the new charter school Cornerstone Academy on Saint Johns Bluff Road in Jacksonville.

Board president Maria Woodford closed the holiday luncheon thought-provoking words.

"Regardless of where our guiding star may lead us, and whether we will be able to share a glass of cheer at this Christmas holiday event in person or not, we remain united as a club and look forward to the day our ship reaches the shores of our home port," she said.

For more information on Newcomers Alumnae, go to [newcomersalumnae.wildapricot.org](http://newcomersalumnae.wildapricot.org).

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## GOLF CARTS PARADE DOWN NOCATEE STREETS

Nocatee Residents were making spirits bright at Nocatee's third annual Holiday Golf Cart Parade on Saturday, Dec. 12. More than 300 carts participated in the parade and many residents cheered along the route. After the parade, there was live music by the HelloCelia Duo and Blue Water Bar was open.

Photos by Susan Griffin



### Guana to Ocean Views

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**



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If we are going to expect freezing weather, wrap them or bring them inside until the weather warms up. Petunias, pansies, violas and dusty miller are all flowers that come in a multitude of colors that will dress up your yard in December



*Flower of the Week: Poinsettia*

Photo provided by Kathy Esfahani

and won't mind the "chillier" weather.

If you have an herb garden, this month is the time to plant parsley, fennel, sage, garlic, cilantro, dill and thyme for the upcoming season.

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# HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

Catch the holiday spirit with these events taking place around the First Coast

## DECK THE CHAIRS

**When:** Runs through Jan. 1

**Where:** Seawalk Pavilion and Latham Plaza Starting on Nov. 21 and continuing for six weeks, guests can marvel at all the holiday magnificence decorating the Latham Plaza and Seawalk Pavilion area at Jacksonville Beach. Forty lifeguard chairs will be covered top to bottom in shining decorations during the month of December as a way to promote local business, instill public pride and share cultural diversity through creative expression. The area will also be home to a 30-foot hand-crafted musical tree, the Kids' Creative Space and multiple digital light shows. All month long guests can stroll among the decorated chairs and celebrate the holiday season for free.

## JAX ILLUMINATIONS DRIVE-THROUGH HOLIDAY LIGHT SHOW

**When:** Sunday-Thursday, 6-9:30 p.m., Friday-Saturday, 6-10:30 p.m., through Jan. 2

**Where:** Morocco Shrine Center No need to worry about social distancing at this drive-through light spectacular. Load up your family and friends and cruise through millions of twinkling and sparkling holiday lights at the Morocco Shrine Center, where you can celebrate the holidays from the safety of your vehicle. Jam out to their coordinated holiday music station, or rock out to your own holiday favorites. Either way, guests are in for an illuminated treat. This year the drive-through features a 300-foot tunnel of lights and two mega Christmas trees. Week-day admission is \$20, and on weekends it is \$25. Passenger vans can also enter for \$35.

## HOLIDAY GIFT WRAPPING

**When:** 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays beginning Dec. 12; Friday, Dec. 18, through Wednesday, Dec. 23; 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 24

**Where:** South Beach Regional Mall, Jacksonville Beach 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. 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.

## ZOOLIGHTS

**When:** 6-9 p.m., Dec. 17-20, Dec. 26-31, Jan. 1-3

**Where:** Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens ZOOLights, presented by Community First Credit Union, is set to return in December for its ninth year, transforming Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens into a fantastical holiday light experience. During this event, the animals settle down for their long winter's nap, while the lights take center stage. The season will come alive with twinkling animal replicas, strolling performers, carolers, hot chocolate, s'mores, and adult beverages. A few themed areas will evoke joy and nostalgia for guests of all ages, such as Polar Village, Charles Dickens Village and Toy Land. A kaleidoscope of color and lights will shine on 8-10 foot flamingos, penguins, fish, dolphins and more. Programmed lighting synchronized to holiday music will bring Palm Plaza to life. Children can also visit Santa and Mrs. Claus, while the live "Jingle Box" musical performance will take place on the Great Lawn. Tickets are \$10 for members and \$15 for nonmembers and must be purchased online, in advance at JacksonvilleZoo.org/ZOOLights. Admis-

sion includes unlimited rides on the Wildlife Carousel for children ages 12 and under.

## ART WALK/SHOP AND DINE THE BEACH

**When:** 4-8 p.m., Dec. 19

**Where:** Pope Road to A Street, St. Augustine Take a stroll down A1A Beach Boulevard and visit local artists in various locations including parkettes as well as outside local businesses. In association with the Art studio of St. Augustine Beach, this event will feature artists and artisans with many diverse items to offer from paintings, photography, prints, pottery, sculpture, jewelry and stained glass. Offering many holiday-themed pieces as well as affordable gift items, all handmade and local.

## ART CAMP: IMPRESSIONS OF THE HOLIDAYS

**When:** 9 a.m.-noon, Dec. 28 through Dec. 30.

**Where:** 22 Marine St., St. Augustine The St. Augustine Art Association hosts a three-day winter art camp where students will study the art of 20th Century French artist Marguerite Castaing. They will learn to utilize Impressionist techniques through shading methods, brush strokes and color principles. Students will work in pencils, pen and ink, pastels and paints to create colorful rolling landscapes, seasonal scenes and delicate portraits. Ideal for children ages 6-12. The cost is \$75, which includes supplies. To register, go to [www.staaa.org/artcamp](http://www.staaa.org/artcamp). For questions or assistance, call the St. Augustine Art Association at (904) 824-2310.

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The Lightner Museum gift shop has been decked out for the holidays.

## Lightner

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dragonfly lamp by Tiffany Studios.

Visitors also marveled at the newly repaired, 2,500-pound grandfather clock, which features detailed carvings that describe a fairy tale about Dick Whittington, a mayor of London in the 18th century. Visitors also made a point to stop

by the dazzling American Brilliant Cut Glass exhibit.

In addition, many took the opportunity to wander about the courtyard, which is normally closed after dark.

For those who were unable to attend “Music in the Museum” but who would like to see what’s new — and not so new — the Lightner is open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For further information, go to [lightnermuseum.org](http://lightnermuseum.org).

## OBITUARIES

### Mike Paul Blevins

Mike Paul Blevins, 93, of Ponte Vedra, Florida, died Dec. 4, 2020. Arrangements by Quinn-Shalz Family Funeral Home & Cremation Centre. (904) 249-1100 [www.quinn-shalz.com](http://www.quinn-shalz.com)

### Linda Bracken

Linda Bracken, 78, of Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida, died Dec. 6, 2020. Ponte Vedra Valley Funeral Home, Cremation Center & Cemetery – (904) 285-1130 – [www.pontevedravally.com](http://www.pontevedravally.com)

### Goldie Marie Delaney

Goldie Marie Delaney, 91, of Jacksonville, died Dec. 10, 2020. Arrangements by Quinn-Shalz Family Funeral Home & Cremation Centre. [www.quinn-shalz.com](http://www.quinn-shalz.com) (904) 249-1100

### John Green

John Green, 76, of Jacksonville Beach, Florida, died Dec. 9, 2020. Ponte Vedra Valley Funeral Home, Cremation Center & Cemetery – (904) 285-1130 – [www.pontevedravally.com](http://www.pontevedravally.com)

### Christine “Chris” Koslowski

Christine “Chris” Koslowski, 42, of Jacksonville, Florida, died Dec. 6, 2020. Ponte Vedra Valley Funeral Home, Cremation Center & Cemetery – (904) 285-1130 – [www.pontevedravally.com](http://www.pontevedravally.com)

### Joe Curtis Pelley

Joe Curtis Pelley, 84, of Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida, died Dec. 5, 2020. Arrangements by Quinn-Shalz Family Funeral Home & Cremation Centre. (904) 249-1100 [www.quinn-shalz.com](http://www.quinn-shalz.com)

### Frances Rothenberg

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## LAST-MINUTE HOLIDAY GIFT GUIDE

Compiled by Holly Tishfield

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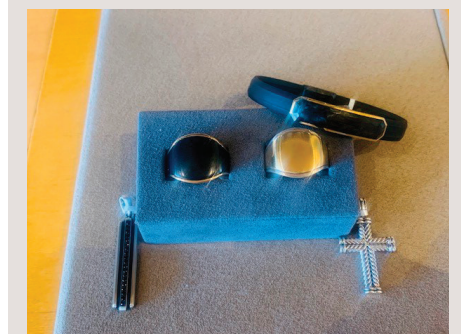
### COASTAL WINE MARKET

For an experience like no other, head to the Coastal Wine Market. At this wine bar, guests can enjoy a sampling of wines and beers, while also choosing from a selection of small appetizers and bites such as charcuterie and/or paninis.



### PALM VALLEY OUTDOORS BAR AND GRILL

To tackle all of your waterfront wants and needs, cruise over to Palm Valley Outdoors Bar and Grill. Choose from a number of live bait options, fishing rods/reels, and performance gear at their shop. Or, rent one of their kayaks or stand-up paddle boards for an afternoon of fun. Before you leave, grab a bite at their waterfront bar and grill and enjoy the view.



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### THE CULTURAL CENTER AT PONTE VEDRA BEACH

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### PINSPIRATION JACKSONVILLE

Embrace your inner artist at this DIY craft studio in Ponte Vedra Beach, where they offer dozens of projects and crafts to choose from. From candle making to guided painting tutorials, from wall decor to glow-in-the-dark splatter rooms -- this studio has a little bit of something for everyone.



### MARCIA'S PLACE

Surprise that special woman in your life with a new outfit or piece of jewelry from Marcia's Place, located in Sawgrass Village. This premiere fashion boutique features clothing inspired by European, Japanese, and American designers. They even carry designer boots from Italy and one-of-a-kind jewelry by Deborah Leonard.



### KUHN FLOWERS AT PONTE VEDRA

Surprise the in-laws or your favorite person with a beautiful arrangement of flowers from Kuhn Flowers, located in Sawgrass Village. This florist shop puts together arrangements and bouquets with the highest quality flowers at the fair prices. Their experienced floral consultants create one-of-a-kind pieces for all clients.

# Scout creates library to inspire those in need

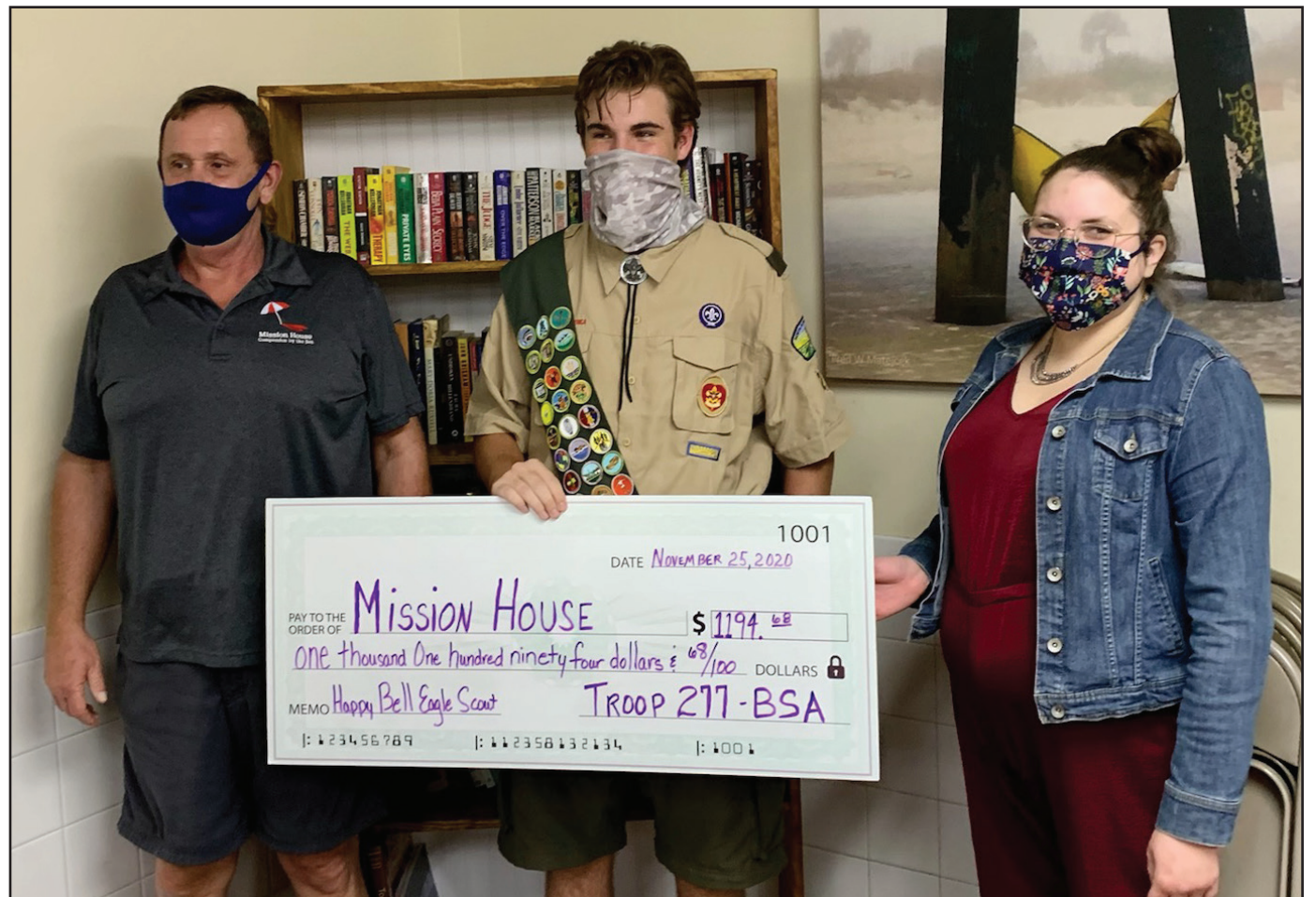
This past Thanksgiving, people served by Mission House in Jacksonville Beach found they had something new to be thankful for: a library of books created for them by a young man from Ponte Vedra Beach.

On the day before the holiday, Happy “Hap” Bell of Boy Scout Troop 277 delivered his Eagle Scout project to the facility. He had been working on it since he was 11 years old and said he hoped his library would inspire people to lift themselves out of a difficult space in their lives.

“For my Eagle Scout project I created a custom-built bookshelf and held a book drive as to craft a library for the nonprofit Mission House of Jacksonville Beach,” Hap explained. “The Mission at Jax Beach empowers individuals affected by homelessness in the Beaches area by providing food, clothing, medical care and support services with an avenue to self-sufficiency. This facility is the only day facility to help meet the needs of the homeless adults at the Beaches through compassion, faith and programs designed to provide assistance at an individual level. Basic needs are addressed through their meal, shower, case management and medical programs.”

Smiling members of the Mission House staff welcomed his book donations, bookshelf and monetary donation.

To learn more about Mission House, go to [www.missionhousejax.org](http://www.missionhousejax.org).



Hap Bell presents Mission House with a check for more than \$1,100.

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# BEAM food bank distributes more than a million pounds of food to local families

The Beaches Emergency Assistance Ministry (BEAM) achieved a significant milestone this year, supplying more than a million pounds of food to local families since January.

The ongoing distribution has earned volunteers and staff praise for their resiliency as they serve the influx of families who have been hit hard by the economic impact of COVID-19.

This year, BEAM has had to overcome local food shortages and shelter-in-place orders impacting its volunteer base and food distribution processes. While adhering to recommendations from the CDC, the state Department of Health and local authorities, the non-profit organization has been working

to ensure that at-risk populations have access to emergency services.

The organization expects the needs of families seeking emergency assistance to continue well into 2021.

“We have seen so many new clients due to COVID-19, including families who have never been in a situation where they now rely on BEAM,” said Lori Richards, BEAM executive director. “Distributing more than one million pounds of food, over 830,000 meals, is an incredible accomplishment for our team, and I am so proud of our volunteers, staff and supporters for responding to our growing local com-

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# STARLING AT NOCATEE RESIDENTS DONATE 18 BICYCLES TO ‘FIREFIGHTERS FOR FAMILIES’



Photo provided by Starling at Nocatee

The residents of Starling at Nocatee Independent Living community donated funds to purchase bicycles to support the “Firefighters for Families” Toy Drive, benefiting St. Johns County families. In total, 18 children will receive a gift on two wheels this year from the generous donations of the Starling residents. Starling resident John Saunders said, “This holiday season is filled with so much chaos with the virus. I wondered what I could do to help kids at Christmas this year? Bicycles was the answer!” Starling at Nocatee offered special thanks to Scott Saunders, who donated his time and truck to transport the new bicycles to Starling.

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## SAFE PET RESCUE HOLDS HOLIDAY ADOPTION EVENT

SAFE Pet Rescue, whose mission is saving adoptable dogs and cats from euthanasia and finding them forever homes, held a holiday pet adoption event Saturday, Dec. 12, in front of the Pet Supermarket on A1A in Ponte Vedra Beach. Several animals found homes, including nine puppies from one litter. For more information on SAFE and its efforts, go to [www.safe-pet-rescue-fl.com](http://www.safe-pet-rescue-fl.com).

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# Charity golf tournament supports Nemours, Tim Tebow Foundation

By Holly Tishfield

At the end of October, First Coast Energy, Shell's wholesale partner, hosted a charity golf tournament at Sea Island. The tournament was in support of both the Nemours Children's Health System and the Tim Tebow Foundation.

The tournament was hosted in honor of Children's Health Month and was just one of the many ways that First Coast Energy (Daily's) is doing their part to improve the lives of local children.

Athlete and philanthropist Tim Tebow was the event's main guest speaker, and he gave a rather heartfelt speech on his foundation's anti-human trafficking initiative.

"It was a fantastic speech," said Max Globber, director of marketing at First Coast Energy. "He challenged attendees to think through their true calling and passion in life and to go all-in to achieve it."

Dr. Moss, CEO and president of the Nemours Foundation, attended the tournament and introduced Katie Musselwhite, a mother who gave a moving speech about her son, Caleb. Musselwhite spoke about how Caleb was diagnosed with neuroblastoma as a baby, but thanks to the help he received through the Nemours Children's Health System, he is now a healthy 4-year-old.

"Our team was touched to hear about her personal experience, and we're so thankful to know Caleb received the help he needed," Globber said.

The beginning goal for the charity golf tournament was to raise \$350,000, which would be divided between both organizations.

Through the golf tournament, banquet, and a live auction, Globber said that First Coast Energy was able to surpass their initial goal and bring in nearly \$455,000. The money was split with a \$350,000 donation to Nemours Children's Health System and a \$105,000 donation to the Tim Tebow Foundation.

"We are thrilled to contribute to both causes and look forward to continuing support," Globber said.

Now through the end of November, First Coast Energy is continuing their work with Nemours Children's Health System by hosting a charitable point-of-sale campaign at their Shell-branded convenience stores throughout Florida and North Carolina.

Customers can donate directly to Nemours by adding a \$1, \$5, \$10, or \$20 donation at the point of sale during any transaction.



ABOVE: Daily's Foundation presented checks of \$350,000 to the Nemours Children's Health System and \$105,000 to the Tim Tebow Foundation during a golf tournament and gala in October.

LEFT: A golfer takes a swing during a charity golf tournament at the Sea Island Golf Resort benefitting Nemours and the Tim Tebow Foundation.

Photos provided by First Coast Energy

## Haven awarded \$40K grant for COVID-19 response

Haven received a \$40,000 grant with the support of The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida's Respond/Adapt/Recover Fund, which offers assistance to local nonprofit organizations experiencing economic hardships related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The fund assists eligible organizations with reimbursement for reopening costs and expenses associated with safely maintaining operations during the pandemic according to health guidelines.

Haven has been safely serving patients and families in its 18-county service area throughout the pandemic.

"We know that agencies were suddenly faced with buying face masks, cleaning supplies, plexiglass panels, Zoom subscriptions, audiovisual equipment and a host of other expenses when COVID-19 threatened our community," said Kathleen Shaw, vice president of programs at foundation. "It's been a double whammy for them since many have had challenges

with fundraising and traditional revenue sources. This fund is an attempt to help them recover at least some of their out-of-pocket costs so that they may continue their good work serving clients."

With this financial support from The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida, Haven will continue to provide high-quality, compassionate hospice care, palliative care, Transitions and bereavement services, and advance-care planning.

"The Community Foundation of Northeast Florida grant funding for N-95 masks, filters and the two Sofia 2 COVID test analyzers could not have come at a better time," said Haven Vice President of Development Sharon Jones. "The masks allow Haven employees in their everyday work to continue to treat COVID patients and their families. This testing machine allows the employees to be tested at their work site and have the test results in less than 15 minutes. These are real blessings."

# Coastal Wine Market donates to juvenile diabetes research

By Holly Tishfield

Diabetes is a condition that affects millions of people worldwide on a daily basis. Type-1 diabetes, sometimes called “juvenile-onset diabetes” is the most rare of the two kinds, accounting for about 5-10% of cases according to the CDC.

One of the leading advocates for Type-1 diabetes research is the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, or JDRF.

JDRF was founded in 1970 by a group of parents determined to find a cure for their children with T1D. Nearly fifty years later, JDRF still works hard to fund research and advocate for government support of new research and therapies. To date they have donated more than \$2 million towards research and made significant advancements in fighting and understanding the disease.

The North Florida division of JDRF is actively involved in hosting a multitude of fundraisers in the North Florida area, and most recently they partnered with local Ponte Vedra wine bar Coastal Wine Market.

Throughout the month of November co-owners of Coastal Wine Market Steve and Shaun Lourie sold tickets for a fundraising raffle. The tickets were \$10 each and bought participants an opportunity to win a new bottle of 2017 Opus One, an exclusive vintage from Napa Valley.

The winner was selected from the raffle by Brooks Biagini, a representative from the JDRF North Florida



Photo by Susan Griffin

Coastal Wine Market & Tasting Room in Nocatee donates \$1,500 to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

chapter. Sales from the raffle allowed Coastal Wine Market to donate \$1,500 towards T1D research and the JDRF nonprofit.

Recently, the Louries’ nephew Maxwell Leuthe was diagnosed with T1D. At just 11 years old, Max was forced to deal with the reality of his new disease. As an aspiring baseball star, Max quickly learned how to work with his disease and not allow it to stop him from missing a single practice.

“He taught himself how to monitor his blood-sugar levels, how to eat differently, and how to self-inject insulin, all while continuing to be the most positive and gentle soul,” said Lourie. “He is a true inspiration and rock star!”

JDRF has more fundraisers planned for the new year, all of which can be found on their website. To learn more about Coastal Wine Market and Maxwell’s story, visit their Facebook page.

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# Clays for a Cause raises \$207K for North Florida charities



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Clays for a Cause sporting clay shoot, held Dec. 10 raised \$207,000 for local charities.

The eighth annual Clays for a Cause sporting clay shoot, presented by St. Johns home builder MasterCraft Builder Group, was held on Thursday, Dec. 10, at Saltwaters Shooting Club in St. Augustine.

It was the largest to date with more than 420 registered participants raising \$207,000 for dozens of North Florida charities, including St. Augustine Youth Services, Seamark Ranch, American Legion Post 194's Kids Safe Zone, Reathreaded, HorsePlay Therapy Center, Alpha-Omega Miracle Home and Port in the Storm.

"Year after year, I'm blown away by the generosity and willingness to serve those in need here at home," said MasterCraft Builder Group CEO and founder Chris Shee. "Clays for a Cause started as a fun, end-of-year activity for my employees and a few trade partners and has turned into a communitywide event focused on community, camaraderie and charity."

Over the past nine years, Clays for a Cause

has raised more than \$640,000 for North Florida charities benefiting a variety of important causes. For example, St. Augustine Youth Services is a local nonprofit that helps shape the future of Florida's at-risk youth by providing coaching, counseling and care in family-style therapeutic group homes and outpatient community services. American Legion Post 194 runs Kids Safe Zone, a program where veterans volunteer their time to help underprivileged and at-risk kids in the community.

"This event is such a blessing," said Derry Green, commander of American Legion Post 194. "Our Kids Safe Zone helps 40 kids in our afterschool program in West Augustine, and we are able to do it for free because of people like Chris. At last year's Clays for a Cause, we were given \$25,000 and then another \$10,000 this year. We will now be able to break ground in January on our American Legion Centennial Park and continue to serve the kids in our afterschool and summer programs."

## Next Science, 3M donate \$300K of wound treatment product locally

Next Science, an innovative medical technology company and leader in treating biofilm-based infections in humans has donated \$300,000 worth of BlastX antimicrobial wound gel to The Save A Leg, Save A Life Foundation in Ponte Vedra.

The donation will support the foundation's mission of reducing lower extremity amputations and improving wound-healing outcomes through evidence-based methodology and community outreach.

"We are determined to reduce lower-leg amputations, leveraging all relationships and resources to make this happen," said foundation Executive Director Dr. Desmond Bell. "It takes a team approach to fulfill our mission, and we are thankful to Next Science for this donation and for the health care practitioners providing superior wound treatment care to our communities' most vulnerable populations."

This gift is part of a \$600,000 donation program with 3M Company, the exclusive distributor of BlastX.

"Next Science is dedicated to helping patients and saving lives with our

ground-breaking technology to treat chronic wounds," said Dustin Haines, chief commercial officer for Next Science. "We are proud to partner with The Save A Leg, Save A Life Foundation and help them provide patients with the superior care they need to enjoy a better quality of life."

The donation is the second that Next Science and 3M have made to organizations that treat patients suffering from chronic wounds.

On Nov. 10, the company donated \$300,000 worth of BlastX to Hampton Ridge Healthcare and Rehabilitation, one of New Jersey's premier centers for skilled nursing and rehabilitative care.

Next Science also set up donation programs to help patients who were unable to receive treatment at wound care clinics that were closed because of COVID-19.

The Save A Leg, Save A Life Foundation was founded in 2015 to address issues pertaining to the ever-increasing diabetic population at local and international levels, including non-healing wounds, peripheral arterial disease and lower extremity amputation.

## BEAM

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community needs."

BEAM acknowledged its food partners for helping to make the distribution possible. These include Mayport Market mobile pantry partners, the Jacksonville USO, St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Finegan Pantry partners, Pablo

Hamlet/Pablo Towers, Mission House and Feeding Northeast Florida among many others, as well as its grocery store partners: Publix Super Markets, Winn-Dixie, Walmart, Target, Sprouts and PVS Studios.

In partnership with Feeding Northeast Florida, the BEAM food bank opened in 2016 and since its inception has worked to meet the demand posed by food insecurity.



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## Baptist HealthPlace at Nocatee brings together health, fitness services

By Shaun Ryan

Area residents who want to stay healthy and fit have a new, convenient resource: Baptist HealthPlace at Nocatee.

The health hub, which opened in November, is designed around the fitness, wellness, medical and therapeutic needs of those living and working in the growing community and surrounding areas.

The two-story, 87,000-square-foot center sits on a 12-acre site west of Nocatee Town Center and the Lakeside neighborhood and faces Nocatee Parkway.

It features a YMCA, Baptist Center for Healthy Living, Baptist Primary Care, Brooks Rehabilitation, Seasons Café and Wolfson Children's Rehabilitation.

In addition, a range of medical specialties for adults and children, as well as on-site imaging and lab services, are expected to open in the spring.

"Baptist HealthPlace at Nocatee was created with the input of people living in this community, and what services they told us would be of value," said Baptist Health President and CEO Brett McClung. "Our on-site wellness coach in the Baptist Center for Healthy Living will offer a concierge approach to assisting people with their health-related questions, directing them to the right resources and linking together services to help save time."

Here's a look at the components:



Photo provided by Baptist Health

Baptist HealthPlace at Nocatee is located at 400 Colonnade Drive, Suite 160.

### BAPTIST CENTER FOR HEALTHY LIVING

This is the place to go for free health screenings, personalized health coaching, guidance and recommendations on using health apps and tools.

There will be classes for new parents, new grandparents, teens interested in doing a baby-sitting service, people wanting to learn CPR and more.

"Talk With a Doc" and "Ask the Expert" programs will address a variety of topics of interest to the community. Currently, those are being done virtually, with guest speakers holding their presentations live on the Baptist

Health Facebook page.

To benefit from these programs and services, a person doesn't have to be a patient of the Baptist health system or a member of the YMCA.

To find out more about these classes and programs, go to [baptistjax.com](http://baptistjax.com). Select "Patients" at the top of the screen and then "Classes & Events" on the next screen. Classes are also announced on [eventbrite.com](http://eventbrite.com) and on the Baptist Health Facebook page.

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Photo by Susan Griffin

New Flagler Health+ Village in Nocatee opens its doors with a holiday celebration/grand opening ceremony.

## Flagler Health+ Village at Nocatee holds celebration

By Holly Tishfield

After many months of planning and anticipation, the new Flagler Health+ Village at Nocatee finally opened its doors to the public last weekend with a cheerful Holiday Spectacular/Grand Opening event.

As a family-friendly and socially-distanced way to celebrate both the holiday season and the new health village, Flagler Health+ invited community members to come to the facilities for a tour, and for an opportunity to show their Christmas spirit.

Upon arrival at the event, families were

given a "passport" and told to board a miniature train that would take them on a journey. At each stop, families received a stamp in their passport booklet and given information on the new services now offered in Nocatee. The culmination of the train ride ended with a meet and greet with the one and only Santa Claus.

Elsa and Anna, from the Frozen movies, also made an appearance at the event and greeted children with songs and talk of the holidays.

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## BAPTIST PRIMARY CARE

Here, residents will find care for the entire family, serving all ages from newborn to geriatric.

“We’ll be doing primary care in terms of taking care of chronic problems for patients, like high blood pressure, diabetes, depression, anxiety,” said Dr. Casey Bonaquist.

In January, Baptist Primary Care hopes to extend its hours on certain nights and add Saturday hours.

Appointments may be made by calling 904-824-1020 or by going online.

For immediate health care needs, Baptist HealthPlace will provide same-day and next-day appointment availability, virtually or in-person.

In addition, a new HealthPlace On Demand app offers online doctor visits any hour of the day or night, seven days a week. The app, which is powered by Telescope Health, is now available at



Photo provided by Baptist Health

**The “airnasium” is unique to Baptist HealthPlace at Nocatee. With a permeable Sport Court surface, it is ideal for youth sports — such as basketball — and group exercise classes. Because it’s outdoors, it appeals to those who are concerned about indoor exercise during the ongoing pandemic.**

BaptistHealthPlace.com or by downloading Baptist HealthPlace On Demand from Google Play or iPhone App Store

## BROOKS REHABILITATION CENTER

Physical therapy for orthopedic condi-

tions is offered to adolescents and adults. The center has three physical therapists and may soon add a fourth.

“I love the whole HealthPlace,” said center manager Karen MacPherson, who likened it to a “one-stop shop” for health services. “Nocatee needed this building.”

## SEASONS CAFÉ

Visitors will find fresh, convenient food and drink options here for the whole family.

## WOLFSON CHILDREN’S REHABILITATION

Therapies and treatments are offered for children age 2½ to 12 experiencing developmental delays, neurological disorders and more.

This clinic specializes in intensive occupational therapy and physical therapy and rehabilitation services. Sessions are two-to-three hours per day, five days a week for three weeks. Traditional services — including speech therapy — are also being offered.

One benefit of having a facility like this is that it gives area families an alternative to long waiting lists at clinics hundreds of miles away.

“There is not another program like this

in the area at all,” said Suzanne Barje, system manager for Wolfson Children’s Rehabilitation Services. “Our families who seek this out have to travel to go to intensive therapy. So, I think that we’re one of a kind, which is super cool.”

## YMCA AT NOCATEE

Among the highlights here are innovative, app-connected strength and cardio equipment; group exercise, including yoga and indoor cycling; KidZone with enrichment activities; Teen Center; an “airnasium” open air gym; and activities for all ages.

The E Gym is of special interest. Members wear a wristband that signals exercise equipment to adapt specifically to each person’s body.

“It remembers all your information,” said operations director Becky Richmond. “It knows if you have any muscle imbalances. If you’re quad dominant versus hamstring.”

Beginning in January, the Y will promote use of the Myzone app, which monitors heart rate, calories and time exercising and converts the information into Myzone Effort Points.

“You use it as a tool to help reach your goals,” Richmond said.

Other equipment uses the Advagym app, which keeps track of the user’s data, such as sets and reps. For free weights, Advagym provides a library of exercises possible with the equipment.

In the spring, Baptist HealthPlace will expand to offer several additional services. Slated to open are: Baptist Pediatrics, Baptist Behavioral Health (for adults and children), Baptist Heart Health Specialists, Borland Groover (gastrointestinal and liver care), imaging and lab services (screening mammography, X-rays, ultrasounds, bone density scans, bloodwork and more), and OB-GYN services from North Florida OB-GYN, Trogolo Obstetrics and Gynecology and Women’s Physicians of Jacksonville.

For further information, go to [baptist-jax.com/nocatee](http://baptist-jax.com/nocatee).



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Santa Claus greets children from a safe distance to spread Christmas cheer.

## Flagler

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Kookaburra Coffee, a local company from St. Augustine that also runs a store on the Flagler Health+ Village property, gave away free hot chocolate and cookies.

“This was a way that we could introduce ourselves and our community focus to the residents of Nocatee,” said Gina Mangus, vice president of Strategy and Business Development at Flagler Health+.

Over 300 families attended the event on Saturday, where face masks and social distancing was required but the holiday atmosphere was never tainted.

The Flagler Health+ community brought their compassionate care and total wellness plans to Nocatee for a completely new way of looking at healthcare. The Village offers everything from primary care, orthopedics, concierge medicine, and cardiac care to health coaching, a beautifully landscaped park, a coffee shop, a medical spa, and an array of community classes.

They partnered with the St. Augustine Amphitheater to create a Performance Pavilion, where they have plans to bring live concerts/events throughout the new year.

In an attempt to focus on total wellness, the Village will offer an array of health coaching and classes in their community centers for residents to attend. Just a few events happening in upcoming months include kid’s yoga, orthopedic pre-surgery classes, living with cancer support groups, and even a book signing with a local best-selling author.

Flagler Health+ Village is now accepting new appointments at their Nocatee facility. Interested patients can download the Flagler Health Anywhere app on their smartphones or tablets and select appointments with Nocatee physicians, or visit the Flagler Health website.



Children wait in line for a cup of hot chocolate from Kookaburra Coffee.

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# SJC Chamber CEO joins Sapna Foundation's Founding advisory panel



Isabelle Renault



Raghu Misra

Sapna Foundation recently announced its newest addition to its Founding Advisory Panel, Isabelle Renault, president and CEO, St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce.

Renault has worked with individuals and businesses of all kinds that will help inform the work of the Sapna Foundation. With over two decades with the St.

Johns County Chamber of Commerce, Isabelle Renault will bring esteem, hands-on experience, and know how to help launch this new foundation to support businesses connecting with those searching for employment. She joins seven other members of the Advisory Panel as the first woman; the panel members hail from diverse technological

and legal fields.

Founder of Sapna, Raghu Misra, when asked why he considered Renault for the panel said, "Isabelle has been a champion for many in the St. Johns Country area and has a proven tenacity for getting things done and a deep understanding of people".

The Sapna platform uses a new approach to connect displaced workers with organizations needing talent. By looking at the individual holistically and considering their talents, skills, and aspirations Sapna leverages their partner's Wired-2Perform® behavioral science and data analytics platform to share this information with employers seeking candidates. The database can be queried by businesses considering an expansion or relocation to St. Johns County to assess the quality of available workforce.

Prior to her experience with the Chamber, Renault's experience was with the National Employment Agency in France (Pôle Emploi). Her role in the Job Reclassification Unit of the agency was to help recently laid-off employees find a new career path by transferring them out of the declining plastic manufacturing industry to a developing industry. Renault consulted with job seekers enrolled in the program to identify their transferable skills as well as training needed to fill skill gaps.

When asked why she agreed to join the Sapna Advisory Board, Renault said, "Our world is evolving rapidly and requires employees to adapt quickly to the changing employment market. A speedy way to do that is to shift focus from the standard resume to identifying the skill sets, talents and aspirations of workers and match these with employers."

The Sapna Foundation makes it possible to have that pool of talent readily available for employers in our community.

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# Cultural Council launches ARTSee & Shop at St. Johns Town Center



**ABOVE:** Lisa Johnson (from left), finance chair of the board, Diana Donovan, executive director to office of president and Jannet Walker-Ford, board chairman.

**RIGHT:** The Cultural Council of Greater Jacksonville holds an ARTSee & Shop at the St. Johns Town Center on Nov. 7.

Photos by Holly Tishfield



**By Holly Tishfield**

The Cultural Council of Greater Jacksonville is responsible for many of the public art displays around Jacksonville and The Beaches, including the new light display on the Water Street parking garage in downtown Jacksonville, but it also assists the North Florida arts and culture scene in many other ways.

Following the belief that everyone benefits from access to arts and culture, the Cultural Council has recently launched its second annual ARTSee & Shop at a gallery located in the St. John's Town Center.

The gallery, which opened to the public on Nov. 7, is home to artwork and installations from over 60 local artists. All artwork inside the gallery is for sale, and 65% of the proceeds go directly back to the artists themselves.

On the walls of the gallery guests will see hundreds of paintings and photography pieces. The gallery showcases dozens of unique installations, such as a collaboration with the University of North Florida's LGBTQ Resource Center. In this particular installation guests have the opportunity to walk into "closets," wherein they will find a mirror and informational brochures plastered to the walls detailing what it means to be a member of the LGBTQ community, and allowing a

moment of self-reflection.

Diana Donovan, Executive Director of the office of the president, was passionate about making art readily available for the public.

"Art needs to be accessible," Donovan said, explaining that the ARTSee & Shop gallery is an entirely unique experience, different from touring a museum or a regular art gallery. Here, the gallery is immersive and the pieces are still available for purchase.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, over 22,644 people in the arts have been displaced, losing roughly \$235 million.

"People do not realize that for artists, this is their livelihood," said Donovan. "It puts food on their tables."

The Council's website dedicates an entire page to resources for displaced artists, helping them find ways to make ends meet in these difficult times. Another way the Council set out to help was by opening the ARTSee & Shop gallery, employing artists to both contribute art pieces and work the store.

At the gallery, masks and social distancing are required while inside, but the Cultural Council of Greater Jacksonville invites guests to visit and explore the multitude of beautiful artworks on display, or participate in one of their many programs/workshops offered at the gallery throughout the month of December.

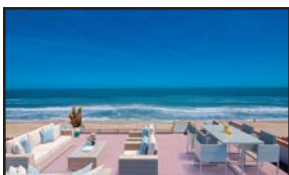
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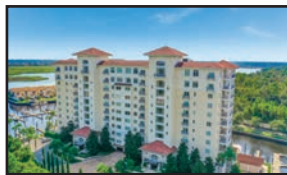
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# Country singer/songwriter Aaron Lewis to perform at St. Augustine Amphitheatre

The St. Augustine Amphitheatre will welcome chart-topping country artist Aaron Lewis with special guest Ira Dean to the stage on Saturday, March 6, 2021.

Throughout his more than two-decade career, whether topping the charts as frontman of hard Rock, or his second act as a No. 1 artist on the country charts as a solo artist, Aaron Lewis has always been painfully honest in his music.

“That’s all I’ve ever done. My songs have always been me wearing my heart on my sleeve, and my emotions on my sleeve, and my misfortunes on my sleeve,

my sins on my sleeve,” Lewis said. “I don’t feel like it would be genuine nor worthy of this crazy ride I’ve been on if it wasn’t.”

He is 100% open, as he has to be, about his stunning new collection, “STATE I’M IN (The Valory Music Co.)”

“The songs I wrote on this record, they were some dark times,” he says. “The state I’m in is not Mississippi, or Texas, or Massachusetts, it’s more about the emotional state I’m in and everything I’ve

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# Lewis

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surprisingly talked about in this interview. I'm always surprised by what comes out of me. I'm always surprised by the overall content of a record. It is a flow of consciousness."

That consciousness led Lewis to the most vulnerable record of his career. In the gorgeously melancholy title track, Lewis sings candidly, "I'm still working my fingers to the phone/When the show is over I sit alone/Where the angels and the devils are my only friends/And I get up in the morning and I do it again."

For Lewis, who remains on the road year-round, new songs are the most excit-

ing way to spice up the live set and, as he puts it, "Hit the refresh button." So, he's been playing several songs off "STATE I'M IN" and has been very excited by the response.

Through that outlet, he has helped many others over the years; something he says makes it all worthwhile.

"It makes it make some sort of sense," he said of every time a fan shares a story of how his music has helped them. "It gives me some sort of peace to know that everything I went through in my childhood, and that I've gone through in my life, had some sort of purpose."

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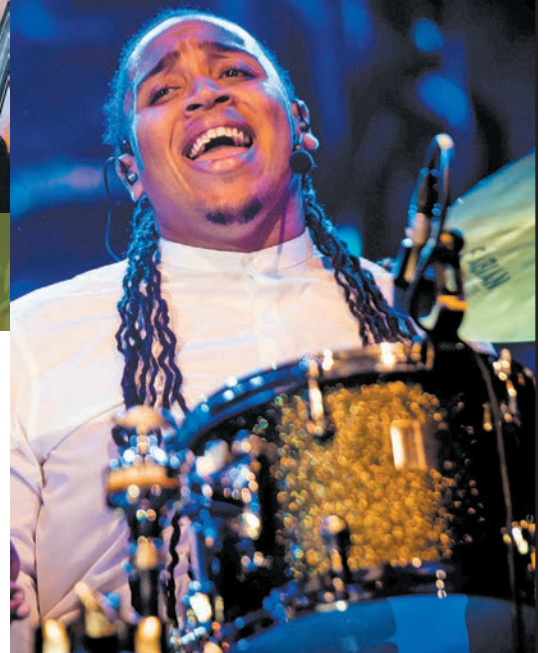
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# Sports



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## PVHS tops rival Nease to remain unbeaten

By **Jim Moyes**

Special to the Recorder

Ponte Vedra kept its early season winning streak alive following a 48-41 victory over arch-rival Nease on Friday, Dec. 11. After defeating Fleming Island (59-46) and St. Augustine St. Joseph (29-21) earlier in the week, the win over Nease marked the second week in a row in which the Sharks won all three of their scheduled games.

With a suffocating defense, and a team loaded with depth, the Sharks head to Creekside High on Thursday, Dec. 17, in an attempt to keep their streak intact. Although Junior Luke Pirris is the only Shark to average in double figures (15.4 ppg.), second-year head coach Kevin Whirity has seen seven of his players score in double figures at one time or another during the early part of the season.

While Pirris once again led Shark scorers with 16 points against Nease, the Sharks got a real spark from a pair of seniors who stepped up to rescue their mates. Jack Polian netted a career-high 14 points, while Rory Mayer added a season-high 10 tallies.

When asked if he was surprised at the play he got from Polian and Mayer, Whirity replied, “surprised, no ... Impressed, Yes.



Photo by Dylan Lane

**Ponte Vedra senior Jack Polian drives to the basket against Nease during last Friday's game.**

Mayer is simply a ‘gamer’ who scored from all depths on the court, distributed, rebounded (nine total), and locked down some great offensive weapons. Polian was our “in the Arena” award recipient for his play and he now has a timeless memory by hitting four three pointers against his archrival.”

Although many of the Shark shooters had an off night, certainly their defense

didn't take the day off. Trailing 30-27 heading into the final quarter, the Sharks held the Panthers to two field goals over the final eight minutes, while piling up 21 points to pull away from their rival.

“Defense is the backbone of our program and our guys take tremendous pride in working to perfect their craft,” Whirity said following the contest.

Both teams were tentative in the game's first four minutes of play with the only a single point displayed on the Nease scoreboard — a free throw from the Sharks' Luke Pirris. Shortly thereafter, the Panthers' Logan Ryan swished a pair of long 3-pointers, and his teammate Kevin Fifield added another as Nease enjoyed its biggest lead of the night at 9-1.

The Sharks battled all the way back to tie the score at 15 midway through the second quarter when Polian netted the second of his four 3-point shots. It was Polian again who delivered the biggest shots of the game by drilling a pair of triples in the final quarter to make a tied game at 34, now a six-point 40-34 Sharks advantage, a lead they would not surrender.

“The Panthers are extremely well-coached, disciplined and compel their opponents to step up to the challenge. I couldn't be more proud of how our guys responded,” Whirity said.

Earlier last week, Nease defeated Oakleaf 50-47 with junior Matt Guzie leading a balanced offensive attack with 10 points. After a road game this past Tuesday at Palm Coast, coach Josh Bailen's team will travel to St. Augustine Friday, Dec. 18, to play the Yellowjackets.

## Titans, Henry prevail 31-10 as Minshew comes off bench for Jaguars

By **Mike Bonts**

Special to the Recorder

Tennessee running back and former Yulee standout Derrick Henry ran for 215 yards and two touchdowns on 26 carries to help lead the Titans to a 31-10 victory over the Jaguars last Sunday at TIAA Bank Field.

It was Henry's ninth consecutive 100-yard contest on the road, and the fourth 200-yard game of his career. Two of Henry's 200-yard performances have come against the Jaguars.

Gardner Minshew, the Jacksonville starting quarterback through the first seven games of 2020, will start against the Baltimore Ravens on Sunday.

Coach Doug Marrone announced the decision on a Monday media conference call.

“We're going to keep trying to do things and keep working to see ... whatever the combination is and whatever we have to do coaching-wise,” Marrone said. “We're not going to just stalemate ourselves. We're constantly trying to figure out how we can get ourselves in position to make plays — both players and coaches. We just haven't been able to be consistent and do a good enough job with it.”

Trailing 3-0, Minshew replaced Mike Glennon on Sunday. Jacksonville (1-12) drove the field and cut the lead to 31-10 on a five-yard touchdown pass from Minshew to Keelan Cole Sr.

Cole caught his fifth TD of the season in the third quar-



Photos provided by Jacksonville Jaguars

**Jaguars quarterback Gardner Minshew tries to escape a tackle by Titans defensive end Jack Crawford in last Sunday's game.**

ter. Cole has caught 47 passes for 571 yards and five TDs this season and joins wide receiver Allen Hurns as the only undrafted player in franchise history with five-plus receiving TDs in a single season.

That was as close as the Jaguars came to winning their second game of the season.

Running back James Robinson gained 67 yards on the ground and caught four passes for 16 yards in the game. He became the fourth undrafted rookie in NFL history to total at least 1,000 rushing yards, and the fastest to do so,

on his longest rush of the season, a 47-yard gain in the fourth quarter.

Robinson is the third rookie running back in Jaguars history to total 1,000 yards in a season and the fourth running back overall in franchise annals to rush for 1,000-plus yards.

Titans QB Ryan Tannehill completed 19-of-24 passes for 212 yards and two touchdowns and a 131.2 passer rating. Titans receiver A.J. Brown had seven catches for 112 yards and a touchdown in the game.

Jacksonville defensive end Dawuane Smoot made two tackles and recorded the first forced fumble of his career, recovered by which rookie defensive tackle Doug Costin. After the turnover Aldrick Rosas kicked a 53-yard field goal to make it 7-3. Earlier Titans defensive lineman DaQuan Jones blocked a 53-yard field goal try by Rosas.

Jaguars linebacker Joe Schobert eclipsed 500 career tackles when he notched his first tackle of the game in the first quarter. He finished with eight tackles, marking his fourth-consecutive game with at least eight tackles. Through 13 games this season, he has a team-leading 113 tackles and two pass interceptions. Schobert is the only player in the NFL since 2016 with 500-plus tackles and eight-plus interceptions.

Center Brandon Linder is expected to miss Sunday's game with an ankle injury that kept him out against the Titans.

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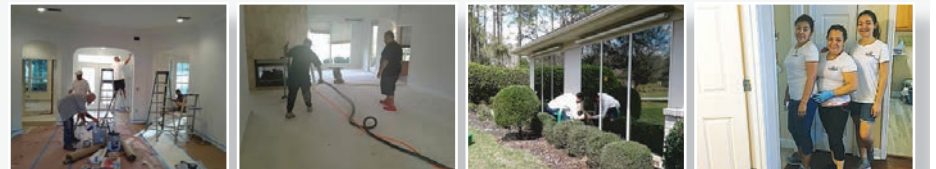
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