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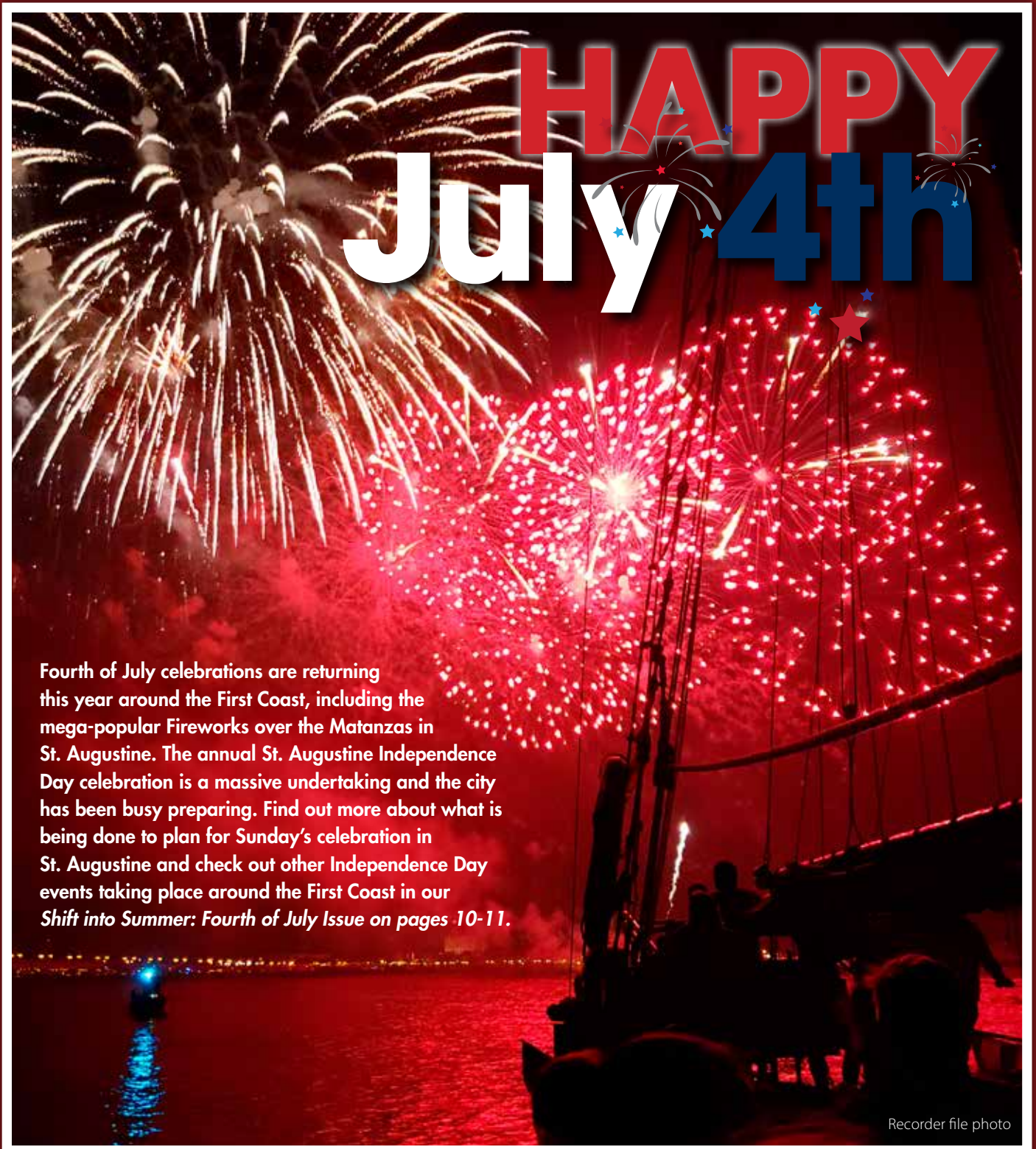
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Fourth of July celebrations are returning this year around the First Coast, including the mega-popular Fireworks over the Matanzas in St. Augustine. The annual St. Augustine Independence Day celebration is a massive undertaking and the city has been busy preparing. Find out more about what is being done to plan for Sunday's celebration in St. Augustine and check out other Independence Day events taking place around the First Coast in our *Shift into Summer: Fourth of July Issue* on pages 10-11.

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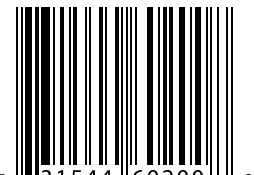
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## ADOPT A PET

### CAT OF THE WEEK

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## BRIEFS

### Info on St. Johns County yard waste collection delays

Residents in northern St. Johns County may be experiencing a delay in yard waste collection. Republic Services is facing workforce shortages both locally and regionally and has encountered difficulties completing yard waste routes on scheduled service days. The St. Johns Solid Waste Division is working with Republic Services to ensure yard debris collections are being conducted as quickly as possible until scheduled services can resume. At this time, there should be no impacts to household garbage or recycling collection services. For more information, call the St. Johns County Solid Waste Division at (904) 827-6980.

### The 'Beach Brief' provides timely updates on county's beach projects

St. Johns County is providing residents, visitors and businesses with timely and accurate information regarding current and upcoming St. Johns County beach projects. The monthly "Beach Brief" provides subscribers with an overview of beach renourishment, dune enhancement and other major coastal projects. To sign up for "The Beach Brief" e-newsletter, go to [bit.ly/TheBeachBrief](http://bit.ly/TheBeachBrief).



### CORRECTION

In the article "Goodbye white. Hello color and creativity" that ran on page 33 in the Interior Design section of the June 24 issue, the article byline should have been Donna Cooper and the photo (above) by Agnes Lopez should have accompanied the article. We apologize for the error.

## PUZZLE SOLUTIONS

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The Ponte Vedra Recorder is holding its third annual Best of the Best of Ponte Vedra contest, covering ZIP codes 32082 and 32081.

Readers currently have the chance to vote for their favorite businesses, professional services, organizations and more in nearly 250 categories online. From best new business to best charity event, best real estate agent to best personal trainer and best seafood to best boutique, the categories run the gamut and are sure to include your favorite things.

Votes can be made on the website at [pontevedrarecorder.com/bestof2021](http://pontevedrarecorder.com/bestof2021).



Voting will take place until July 26, during which each person can vote once per day in as many categories as he or she wants. The nominees who receive

the most votes will be named 2021 Best of the Best of Ponte Vedra. Nominations and voting are completely free and open to the public.

The Best Of platform on The Recorder's website will feature lists of nominees in an easy-to-use format.

Winners will receive a free framed certificate and a Best of the Best of Ponte Vedra window cling. Each winner will also be listed in our Best of the Best of Ponte Vedra special section and on the winner's website.

Winners will be notified by Recorder staff after votes are counted.

Nominees can participate in advertising packages that promote their entry by expanding their listing to feature additional details on the business.

For more information or to find out how to get your nominated business or product involved in promotions that will be going on throughout the contest cycle, email [susan@opcfla.com](mailto:susan@opcfla.com) or call (904) 686-3938.

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# Chamber members receive legislative update

By Shaun Ryan

Members of the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce had an opportunity recently to hear the latest news from members of the Florida Legislature and other levels of government.

The Chamber's Economic Development Council hosted representatives from municipal, county and state government during its quarterly breakfast Friday, June 25, at Embassy Suites by Hilton St. Augustine Beach Oceanfront Resort.

Panelists included state Reps. Cyndi Stevenson and Paul Renner, state Sen. Travis Hutson, County Commissioner Henry Dean, St. Augustine Mayor Tracy Upchurch and St. Augustine Beach Mayor Margaret England.

The Legislature adjourned its 2021 session on April 30, having completed work on the state's record-breaking \$101 billion budget. Among the issues discussed at the EDC gathering were five bills supported by the Chamber.

Here's a look.

- Internet sales tax revision (HB15/SB50): Signed into law April 19, the legislation requires all internet sellers of goods



Photo by Shaun Ryan

**State Sen. Travis Hutson speaks at the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce Economic Development Council Quarterly Breakfast on June 25. From left are state Reps. Cyndi Stevenson and Paul Renner, Hutson, County Commissioner Henry Dean, St. Augustine Mayor Tracy Upchurch and St. Augustine Beach Mayor Margaret England.**

to collect Florida sales tax at the time of purchase. That revenue will be rolled into the state unemployment compensation fund, which was depleted in 2020. This will save employers a large unemployment tax increase.

- COVID-19 business liability protection (SB72): Signed into law March

29, this legislation was combined with a health care facilities' COVID liability protection bill passed by the House. It requires that businesses and health care facilities show that they have enabled all CDC-recommended actions to prevent COVID-19, actions that can be used as a defense against civil suits claiming dam-

ages from exposure from customers and employees.

- Approval of and funding for an additional county judge (SB816/HB417): Hutson and Stevenson were lauded for this development, which is expected to reduce wait times to schedule trials and hearings. This could reduce expenses for businesses involved in civil trials.

- Visit Florida funding: A one-year allocation of \$75 million was approved, up from the current funding level of \$50 million.

- Creation of a Sadowski Affordable Housing Trust Fund: The legislation, signed by the governor on June 2, dedicates \$200 million annually for affordable housing, placing it in a trust fund that would protect it from raids by the Legislature seeking to use it for other purposes, including emergencies.

In addition, Stevenson enumerated a number of other bills passed in the Legislature, including HB1, which authorizes specified elected officials to file an appeal should a municipality act to defund law enforcement. It also mandates riot control, strengthens penalties against rioters and prohibits cyberintimidation.

## Nease educator receives 2021 C-SPAN Teacher Fellowship

Cordes Lindow selected among applicants nationwide to collaborate with network

C-SPAN announced Cordes Lindow, a teacher at Allen D. Nease High School in Ponte Vedra, has been selected as one of five participants in C-SPAN's 2021 Teacher Fellowship Program. Lindow will collaborate with C-SPAN's Education Relations team for four weeks to create content for C-SPAN Classroom, a free online teaching resource for educators.

Lindow is piloting International Relations Honors at Nease High School in the upcoming school year. She has also taught AP U.S. government and politics, law studies, contemporary history, world history, U.S. history and international relations. Cordes co-wrote the world history curriculum in Prince Georges County, Maryland, and developed history lessons for a PBS biography series. Previously, she lived in Europe for 20 years as a Peace Corps volunteer and ESOL teacher focusing on world affairs.

Now in its 28th year, C-SPAN's Fellowship Program selects teachers to partner with the Education Relations team to create new content for the upcoming school year. Last summer, due to COVID-19, the four-week,



Cordes Lindow

in-person experience successfully shifted to an online environment. This year, the program continues virtually, where educators will develop project ideas to feature on the C-SPAN Classroom website.

Each fellow was selected by a panel of C-SPAN representatives and evaluated based on their innovative use of C-SPAN programming in their curriculum, commitment to professional development and creative use of technology and social platforms. The educators will receive \$1,000 for participating in the program.

"With the move to virtual and hybrid learning over the past year and a half, our online lessons and digital resources helped bridge the gap for many teachers and students," said Craig McAndrew, director of C-SPAN Education Relations. "We look forward to working with Cordes as we develop new resources this summer to further support the instructional needs of educators returning to school in the fall."

The Fellowship Program is sponsored by C-SPAN's Education Founda-

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Photo provided by the Rotary Club of Palm Valley

**Nease High School 2021 Salutatorian Shivam Shah (center) poses with his family, Nease principal Lisa Kunze and members of the Palm Valley Rotary Club and after being awarded the Jeff Hart Memorial Service Above Self Scholarship.**

## Rotary Club of Palm Valley announces scholarship winner

Members of the Rotary Club of Palm Valley recently met at Nona Blue Restaurant in Sawgrass Center to celebrate the memory of their past president, Jeff Hart, and to present a scholarship in his honor to a local high school student. This year, that honor went to Nease High School senior Shivam Shah.

The Jeff Hart Memorial Service Above Self Scholarship program is open to juniors and seniors at Nease and Ponte Vedra high schools. It recognizes the applicant who best represents the Rotary International motto of "Service Above Self," and those qualities of service that Hart exem-

plified in his own life. A founding member and past president of the Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach Sunset (now Palm Valley), Hart dedicated his life to his family, the local and international communities, his faith and the nation. He was particularly devoted to serving youth. He was the long-serving Rotary Interact adviser to Nease High School as well as the district chair for one of top three Rotary Youth Exchange programs in North America. Shortly before his passing, Hart was awarded the distinguished Rotary District

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**Outgoing Rotary Club President Sam Hall presents incoming President Lori Anderson with the club president's pin, the same pin that has been passed down to every club president since the Ponte Vedra Beach Rotary was founded in 1983.**



**New Rotary President Lori Anderson presents outgoing President Sam Hall with his president's plaque.**

Photos provided by Jennifer Logue

# City of St. Augustine to join St. Johns County 200th anniversary celebration

On Saturday, July 10, in commemoration of the 200th anniversary of Florida becoming a United States territory, the City of St. Augustine, in partnership with St. Johns County, University of Florida Historic St. Augustine, the Florida National Guard and Historic Florida Militia, will host a reenactment of the change of authority at the Governor's House Cultural Center and Museum located in the Plaza de la Constitución.

The event begins at 11 a.m. and will be followed by a flag exchange ceremony at St. Francis Barracks, 82 Marine St.

Historic Florida Militia members and living history interpreters from New York, New Jersey, Georgia, Texas, Virginia and throughout Florida, will recreate the "Act of Transfer," when Spain transferred possession of Florida to the United States. The living history interpreters will be dressed as Spanish and United States troops, dignitaries and townspeople, as they would have appeared in 1821. Declarations will be made from the balcony of Governor's House, documents will be signed and keys to the city will be exchanged in the courtyard.

Immediately following the transfer-of-authority ceremony, the living history interpreters will form a procession, including horses and carriages and mounted horses, and march to the St. Francis Barracks Parade Grounds on Marine Street where a change of flags ceremony will take place. The viewing public is invited to march behind the official processional to the parade grounds.

The change of flags ceremony will include cannon and musket firing, the playing of the Spanish and United States national anthems, lowering of the Spanish flag and raising of the American flag. Elected officials and visiting guests will offer public remarks at this ceremony.

In addition, starting on Friday, July 9, and continuing through Sunday, July 11, the Fountain of Youth Archaeological Park will host a historical encampment with the Historic Florida Militia, offering a live glimpse into the military and civilian life of the early 19th century. Cannon and musket firing, camp life, cooking demonstrations and sword-fight demonstrations will be on display for the public to experience.

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# Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach installs new president, presents awards

The Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach installed new President Lori Anderson at the club's final meeting of the 2020-2021 year.

Held June 24 at Marsh Landing Country Club, the meeting concluded President Sam Hall's term as president — in an unprecedented year that saw the club fulfill its community service mandate throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. Despite the challenges posed by the pandemic, Hall noted, the Ponte Vedra Beach Rotary Club continued to meet virtually via Zoom before adopting a hybrid format, whereby members could once again attend in person or choose to participate virtually. The club also continued to present donations to numerous local civic and charitable organizations and succeeded in raising more than \$83,000 by holding its annual Mineral City Celebration online. Those funds will be used to support local charities and community endeavors in the coming year.

Anderson, who chaired this year's virtual Mineral City Celebration, said she was looking forward to getting back to regular in-person Rotary meetings.

"People join Rotary to serve their community, but also for the fellowship," she said, adding that she hoped to offer more family outings and activities.

The transition meeting also featured



**Ed Dalton receives the Rotarian of the Year Award.**



**Sam Hall presents Julie Kurtz with the Rock Star Award.**



**Paul Cosgrave receives the club's Paul Harris Award.**



**Jennifer Logue receives the Service Above Self Award.**

the presentation of awards to several club members. In addition to recognizing members of the club's board of directors, Hall presented the club's Rotarian of the Year Award to Ed Dalton, whose technology skills enabled the club to meet

virtually throughout the past year. Other awards presented included the Rookie of the Year Award to Tim Crosby, the Rock Star Award to Julie Kurtz, the Paul Harris Award to Paul Cosgrave and the Service Above Self Award to Jennifer Logue.

## Scholarship

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6970 Brent Griffith Service Award.

This year, despite the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, student Service Above Self Scholarship applicants still found many creative ways to continue to serve community and beyond. The 2021 winner, Shah, founded and directed two new clubs at Nease to respond to the needs he saw. Working together with local charity A Hope, Shah started

I-Impact and, under his direction, he and his team raised more than \$30,000 for youth education and \$10,000 for the Pace Center. Some of the youth education funds are destined for computer labs in India. Also under Shah's leadership, his organization raised funds to provide more than 22,000 masks and 2,500 hygiene kits, as well as 440 food kits for needy children in India. He also founded and directed Youth in Business, a three-week summer camp to teach students business concepts that now has over 20 chapters. These, together with many other service

contributions, coupled with his academic success as an IB student and devotion to his family, were outstanding reasons to select Shah as the recipient of the Jeff Hart Service Above Self Scholarship for 2021. Shah was joined by his parents, Hemant and Ami Shah and his paternal grandmother at the ceremony, where he shared his award-winning essay with the club members and also announced that he has accepted a scholarship to the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania, where he plans to study business beginning this August.

*Caroline Merillat is the first female commander American Legion Post 233. She is a veteran of the U.S. Army who performs clinical research at Mayo Clinic.*

## Caroline Merillat

As told to Shaun Ryan

### Can you tell us about the Palm Valley American Legion and what it does?

I think that to understand who we are locally, you must first understand the highest purpose of the American Legion.

The American Legion is one of only a few (48) Veteran Service Organizations that is chartered by Congress. The mission of the American Legion is “to enhance the well-being of America’s veterans, their families, our military and our communities by our devotion to mutual helpfulness.” The American Legion’s vision statement is “The American Legion: Veterans Strengthening America.”

The Palm Valley American Legion Post 233 is a local post that was chartered in 1971. As a local post, we support the overall mission of the American Legion through local activities. We at post 233 have gotten pretty involved in our community lately. We partner with local charities to raise funds for their cause, we offer monthly comedy to the community to help with the stress of the current state of the world, we offer a venue for the community as well as friends and families of the post to host their special events and our proceeds from all of the events as well as our daily operations support the various different charities and Legion programs that we subscribe to.

### Are there some aspects of the American Legion that the public may not be aware of or may misunderstand?

There are certainly some misconceptions about the American Legion, and to be honest, until eight years ago, I was under those same misconceptions.

The biggest misconception to address would be that the American Legion is an old bar where old guys sit around and talk about stuff; sometimes the image is a dark smokey place. While some American Legion Posts such as mine here, do have a bar, that is not who we are. The lounge, club, bar area was created in posts many years ago in order to provide a safe and comfortable place for our veterans to fellowship with others who shared experiences. We still like to offer that, but the needs of the younger generations have changed, and we are fortunate to have members that recognize that are working to engage more with the younger vets in the community while still including those vets who have been members through it all.

Another misconception is that you must be a veteran to belong. We have memberships for Sons of The American Legion (SAL) and American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) for those that are sons, grandsons, daughters, granddaughters and spouses who believe in the mission and want to support it.

The truth of what we really are, is an organization, a family, that is dedicated to supporting veterans, families and community as the mission states.

### How does the American Legion address the challenges veterans face today?

There are many challenges facing veterans today, and the American Legion does lobby to bridge many of those gaps. The biggest one, I would say, is health care for our veterans, including disabilities and working through VA claims. The American Legion is involved in finding different solutions for the different issues; it is an issue that the American Legion has been dedicated to since the original charter in 1919 in one way or another.



Photo by Shaun Ryan

### How long have you been the commander at the post?

I have just been elected for the fourth year/term. I am the first female commander that the post has had.

### Tell us about your background, such as your education, military experience and career.

I grew up in a small town in Ohio and was anxious to get out and see the world, so I joined the Army. I was in the Army, from 1992 to 1997. I was an airborne preventative medicine technician, stationed in Camp Zama, Japan, and Fort Campbell, Kentucky, during my time on active duty.

I decided to separate from the Army and focus on family, raising my three children, and I served as an Army wife for a few years in Fort Knox, Kentucky, West Point, New York, and ended up in Ann Arbor, Michigan. I finished my bachelor of science degree in psychology at Eastern Michigan University.

I have an eclectic resume, from volunteering to working with adjudicated teenaged boys to my current career in clinical research. I currently work at Mayo Clinic in clinical research, but I have to say that my real passion is making a difference in the community and with our veterans. It was about seven years ago when I first got connected to the American Legion. I was looking for a side hustle as a bartender, and I had no experience, but American Legion Post 147 in Northville, Michigan, took a chance on me and I spent two-to-three evenings a week there getting to know more about what the Legion is.

When I moved to Ponte Vedra, I immediately applied to a job at Palm Valley Post 233 and was hired within a few weeks. I gradually learned more and more about what a powerful and valuable organization the Legion is. I got more involved, and the rest is history!

**NOTE: This is an abridged version of the interview. To read the entire article, go to [pontevedrarecorder.com](http://pontevedrarecorder.com).**

# Fellowship

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tion, a charitable organization created by C-SPAN. C-SPAN Classroom is an entity of C-SPAN, which is funded by America's cable television companies. In Ponte Vedra, C-SPAN is available on Comcast.

"We partner with C-SPAN to support educational programs like the C-SPAN Classroom because we believe it's important that students understand how our government works," said Bill Ferry, senior director of external affairs and community impact for Comcast in North Florida. "We're proud to provide all three C-SPAN networks in Jacksonville and St. Augustine and share their robust educational and political resources with the North Florida community."

The fellowship will take place July 5 through July 30. The program will coincide with C-SPAN's Summer Educators' Conferences for middle and high school teachers. It will be held virtually at the end of July. During the conferences, Lindow and the other fellows will present how they use C-SPAN in their classrooms.

Educators can learn more about teacher opportunities with C-SPAN, including the fellowship program, conferences and free online training at [www.c-span.org/classroom/opportunities](http://www.c-span.org/classroom/opportunities).

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The encampment is free and open to the public from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. with a brief closure from approximately 11 a.m. to noon on Saturday while the downtown ceremonies take place. The encampment area of the park will have its own entrance off Myrtle Avenue, but regular admission fees will apply to enter the main area of the park.

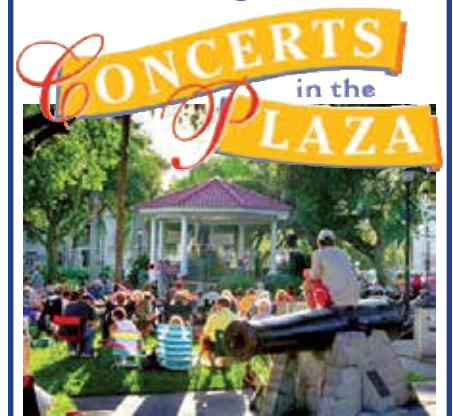
Also on Saturday, July 10, from 10 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. in the Historic Market in the Plaza de la Constitución, the City of St. Augustine presents "Meet the Menorcans," a local group of descen-

dants and supporters of the Menorcan heritage in St. Augustine, will set up tables and be prepared to discuss and display items pertaining to mullet net knitting, how to cook pilau, Menorcans in the territory transition, crocheting needlework, eras of Menorcan settlement in St. Augustine and subsistence gardens kept in the Menorcan Quarter.

Questions about the encampment may be directed to Historic Florida Militia at [ribob2000@aol.com](mailto:ribob2000@aol.com), and further information is available at [www.hfm.club](http://www.hfm.club).

For a complete listing of all 200th anniversary celebration events and activities in St. Johns County, go to [www.SJC200.com](http://www.SJC200.com).

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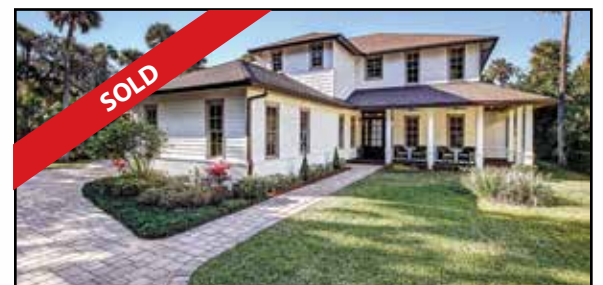
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# Chemo Noir happy to be back on the beach

By Anthony Richards

Five hundred people can do a lot of good for others, as was the case when an estimated \$20k was raised for cancer patients during the fifth annual Chemo Noir 1 Mile and Wine Tasting event on June 26.

The participants ran along Jacksonville Beach and the feeling of sand between their toes was such a vast difference from last year's event, which was held virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"It was hands down the best event we've ever had," founder and chairman Katrin Casey said. "I'm still decompressing from how incredible it was."

According to Casey, what made it the best event was the enthusiasm radiating in the air during the event, which she believed stemmed from the fact that people were just happy to be socializing once again.

Although the uncertainty of the pandemic forced the event to cap the registration at 500, it did not dampen the mood, or the amount of money raised to help cancer patients in their fight.

"Last year was a challenging one on so many levels," Casey said. "It's always good when you sell an event out and it's all going to a good cause."

Another factor that made it "the best event" was that in its fifth year it is starting to establish itself within the community and build very valuable date equity.

"It's become kind of a signature June event," Casey said. "Everything just ran so smoothly."

Establishing its place on the calendar is one of the reasons last year's event remained in June, even though it was held virtually.

"We've got people that have been to every race, and then you've got new faces and people there for the first time," Casey said.

According to Casey, every new face she sees means that the mission of the event is taking hold because it is building the awareness and bringing to light the struggles people with cancer are going through daily.

"I try really hard to make it fun, but we're also here for a purpose," Casey said.



Bernard Neret (from left), Shaan Patel, Alex Maniatis, Matt Iftime, Daniel Kim, Katherine Carlo, Alex Woeste and Lori Adams celebrate after finishing the Chemo Noir run.



Some of the 500 participants who took part in the fifth annual Chemo Noir 1 Mile and Wine Tasting cross the finish line during the run portion of the event.



Photos by Susan Griffin

Wendy Alexaitis volunteers at the merchandise table. The shirts were specially designed to mark the 2021 event.

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# SHIFT INTO SUMMER: FOURTH OF JULY ISSUE

## Planning under way for annual July 4th celebration in St. Augustine

By Shaun Ryan

Anyone who has attended the annual Fourth of July fireworks show in St. Augustine knows how difficult it can be to get out of town once it's over.

So Jeff Truncellito, special events coordinator for the St. Augustine Police Department, has a recommendation. "Stay until 11 o'clock," he said. "If you walk around the beautiful city, go get a cup of coffee, go walk the bayfront — just check the city out — you will be home at the same time as the person who left (at 9:50 p.m.)"

Truncellito offered his insights into the popular event during a June 11 meeting of the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce Historic St. Augustine Area Council, held at the Sebastian Hotel.

Every July 4, the narrow streets of the Nation's Oldest City are packed with an estimated 40,000 people, and there's no reason to believe 2021 will be any different. That may be especially true due to the cancellation of fireworks in Flagler Beach and World Golf Village, though Jacksonville is planning to go ahead with its show.

The city commission approved the return of Fireworks Over the Matanzas at its March 22 meeting; the pandemic had forced last year's Independence Day celebration to be suspended.

"It feels good to get back to this tradition that we missed last year due to



Photo by Shaun Ryan

**Jeff Truncellito, special events coordinator for the St. Augustine Police Department, speaks to the members of the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce Historic St. Augustine Area Council about the city's upcoming July 4th celebration. Pictured from left are Jennifer Michaux, the city's incoming chief of police; Truncellito; Kimberly Mayo, the city's event and venue coordinator; and Melissa Wissel, the city's communications director.**

COVID," said City Manager John Regan in announcing plans for the event. "We are excited to celebrate!"

Free entertainment will be provided from 6 to 8 p.m. in The Plaza de la Constitución gazebo by The All-Star Orchestra, which will perform Big Band and popular tunes with a patriotic flare.

Fireworks will begin at 9:30 p.m. The 20-minute display is choreographed to a soundtrack of popular and patriotic

music delivered over an extensive sound system, transforming the entire Bayfront between the Castillo de San Marcos National Monument and the Bridge of Lions into a theater of sight and sound.

Satellite parking and shuttle service will not be provided this year, which could result in more individual cars entering the city.

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### 4TH OF JULY EVENTS CALENDAR

#### Nocatee 4th of July Golf Cart Parade

**When:** 9 a.m., Saturday, July 3

**Where:** Nocatee Station Field

**Info:** Golf carts will be decked out in red, white and blue to parade through the streets of Nocatee. The parade will go around Splash Waterpark and the Town Center Communities. Those who aren't participating in the parade are encouraged to watch and cheer along the route. No registration required. Residents can start lining their carts up at 8:30 a.m. and the parade begins promptly at 9 a.m. For more information, contact [fun@nocatee.com](mailto:fun@nocatee.com).

#### Jumbo Shrimp Independence Day Fireworks Celebration

**When:** 7:30 p.m., Saturday, July 3 (Gates open at 6 p.m. with baseball movie starting at 7:30 p.m. and fireworks beginning at 9:15 p.m.)

**Where:** 121 Financial Ballpark, Jacksonville

**Info:** The tradition of July 3 fireworks at 121 Financial Ballpark will continue in 2021, as the Jacksonville Jumbo Shrimp are hosting an Independence Day Fireworks Celebration. Fans are invited to come early to the event, with the club screening a baseball movie on the high-definition video board. For more information, or to reserve a seat, go to [www.milb.com/jacksonville](http://www.milb.com/jacksonville).

#### St. Johns Golf Club 4th of July Flag Tournament

**When:** Sunday, July 4 (Consecutive tee times begin at 8:30 a.m.)

**Where:** St. Johns Golf Club, 4900 Cypress Links Blvd., Elkton

**Info:** This is an individual event in which you can add your handicap to par and continue to play until you reach that number of shots. The player who makes it the farthest around the golf course will be declared the winner. The top 25% will receive shop credit. Tees: Men – white tees; Seniors (70 and older) – green tees; Ladies – red tees. Entry fee is \$35 for members and \$45 for nonmembers. For more information or to sign up, email [taycock@sjcfl.us](mailto:taycock@sjcfl.us), call (904) 209-0350 or visit the golf club's pro shop.

#### Jacksonville's Fourth of July Fireworks Celebration

**When:** 5 p.m.-until Sunday, July 4 (fireworks begin at 9:45 p.m.)

**Where:** Various locations

**Info:** Jacksonville's Fourth of July Fireworks Celebration will return this year at multiple locations to celebrate the nation's independence. At each location, the City of Jacksonville is offering a spectacular fireworks display that will begin at 9:45 p.m. Sunday, July 4. The downtown Jacksonville celebration at Riverfront Plaza will kick off at 5 p.m. with free entertainment including a concert presented by Miller Electric Company, a family fun zone, including inflatable skee-ball, rollercoaster obstacle course, inflatable axe throwing, bounce houses, food trucks and more. The night will conclude with fireworks along the St. Johns

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During the tax holiday, the following qualifying recreation and outdoor items and admissions to entertainment and cultural events are exempt from sales tax.

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boards; surfboards

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**The first \$100 of the sales price of:** sunglasses

**The first \$200 of the sales price of:** binoculars

**The first \$250 of the sales price of:** outdoor gas or charcoal grills; bicycles

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**For a complete list and restrictions, go to [floridarevenue.com/FreedomWeek/](http://floridarevenue.com/FreedomWeek/)**

## Celebration

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Because there will be limited parking throughout the downtown area, visitors are encouraged to arrive early and use city-owned parking lots throughout the downtown area, as well as the Historic Downtown Parking Facility – the parking garage adjacent to the St. Augustine & St. Johns County Visitor Information Center at 1 Cordova St. The cost of parking in the garage is \$15 per car, per entry, or \$3 with the ParkNow Card.

Drivers parking in a private lot risk being towed at the request of the lot owner. Parking in the Castillo lot is not free and is enforced by the National Park Service between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. There will be no vehicular access to or from that lot on July 4 between 6 and 11 p.m.

With multitudes of pedestrians and increased bicycle traffic, the city asks that those in vehicles take extra precaution and remain patient.

Potentially complicating the traffic situation will be construction on U.S. 1, though no lane closures are anticipated.

Rerouting of traffic will begin at 8 p.m., the same time as the last opening of the

Bridge of Lions. Traffic will be prohibited on the bridge, Avenida Menendez, Cathedral Place and South Castillo Drive. Other street closures will also be in force.

Truncellito encouraged visitors to walk to the fireworks if possible, or park somewhere on the west side of U.S. 1 and walk. People generally trickle into the city over the course of the day, but everyone tries to leave at 9:50 p.m.

“I’ve sat there working at the intersection, and you just see a wall of people coming at you,” Truncellito said. “It’s intimidating. They all want to leave at the same time.”

The law enforcement presence is expected to be high, with more than 100 officers present – both in uniform and civilian clothes. Because the city only has a force of 58, it will be assisted by the Sheriff’s Office, St. Augustine Beach police, the Florida Highway Patrol and the National Park Service.

Fireworks Over Matanzas is produced by the city with support funding from the St. Johns County Tourist Development Council.

For further information or updates, or to see a list of other street closures and marine traffic restrictions, go to [citystaug.com/fireworks](http://citystaug.com/fireworks).

## Events

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River at 9:45 p.m. with viewing areas on both the North and South banks. Fireworks will also be launched from the following locations throughout various communities. (Note: It is recommended to arrive no earlier than 9 p.m. for the remote location events.)

- St. Johns Town Center
- FSCJ North Campus
- The Avenues Mall
- Trinity Baptist Church
- Ed Austin Regional Park

## St. Augustine 4th of July Celebration

**When:** 6-10 p.m., Sunday, July 4

**Where:** Castillo de San Marcos, St. Augustine  
**Info:** St. Augustine’s Fourth of July celebration downtown includes a live music concert in the Plaza de la Constitucion and a spectacular fireworks display over the historic bayfront and the Castillo de San Marcos. “Fireworks Over the Matanzas” is one of the biggest and best fireworks displays on the East Coast, featuring 5,000 individual shells exploding as high as 2,000 feet and as low as 100 feet. Starting at 6 p.m., local band, The All-Star Orchestra, performs a two-hour show of big band and swing music along with patriotic favorites. The concert is free and open to the public, and everyone is encouraged

to bring lawn chairs or blankets for seating. The fireworks begin at 9:30 p.m. Visitors are welcome to line the streets and sit anywhere along the Bridge of Lions and South Castillo Drive to view the fireworks from downtown. For more information on the event or parking and road closures, call (904) 825-1004 or go to [www.visitstaugustine.com/event/fourth-july-fireworks-and-concert](http://www.visitstaugustine.com/event/fourth-july-fireworks-and-concert).

## Nocatee’s Fourth of July Party

**When:** 6-9 p.m., Sunday, July 4

**Where:** Nocatee Station Field

**Info:** The party will include live music by Let’s Ride Brass Band and a variety of local food trucks. Blue Water Bar and Grill will also be open for food and drink purchases. Residents are encouraged to bring chairs, blankets and bug spray. There will also be a special area reserved for ages 21 and over at this event. Paradise Park Playground will not be open, and children must be accompanied and supervised by their parents. Also, there will be a special event after the band thanks to multiple neighborhood HOAs.

## 4th of July Fireworks at Jax Beach

**When:** 9 p.m., Sunday, July 4

**Where:** Ocean Front N., Jacksonville Beach

**Info:** The Fourth of July fireworks are back and will be shot from the Pier Parking Lot. Attendees can line up along Ocean Front street to watch the fireworks, but the Pier Parking Lot will be closed to the public.

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# Summer Beauty Guide



## Essential summer skin care tips

Protecting and caring for skin should be part of people's year-round health care regimens. Such an approach can help people look their best and also uncover any minor issues before they escalate into something more significant.

National Geographic says adults can carry eight pounds and 22 square feet of skin on their bodies. Skin guards a person from harmful chemicals, protects the body against extremes in temperature and prevents internal organs and other components from evaporating. The skin also guards against harmful sunlight.

Skin care is not seasonal, though efforts to protect the skin may need to be stepped up during the summer. The American Academy of Dermatology says one in five Americans will develop some form of skin cancer in their lifetimes. In the summer, ultraviolet radiation levels are elevated and people often wear less clothing that exposes more of their skin. According to Dr. Ron Shelton, a board-certified dermatologist and assistant professor of dermatology

at Mount Sinai Medical Center in New York, the bulk of sun damage to the skin happens in the summer. These skin wellness tips can help protect the skin and keep it looking its best when the mercury rises.

### LIGHTEN UP

Choose lightweight products for summer usage. This includes cleansers, makeup and oil cleansers. For instance, rather than an oil cleanser, choose a gentle, foaming option. Thicker products mixed with increased perspiration and humidity may lead to clogged pores and inflammation.

### LATHER ON SUNSCREEN

Sunscreen with an SPF of 30 or more is recommended to protect the skin from UV damage. But it's easy to forget to apply sunscreen. However, using a lightweight moisturizer with SPF built in reduces product usage and time spent caring for skin.

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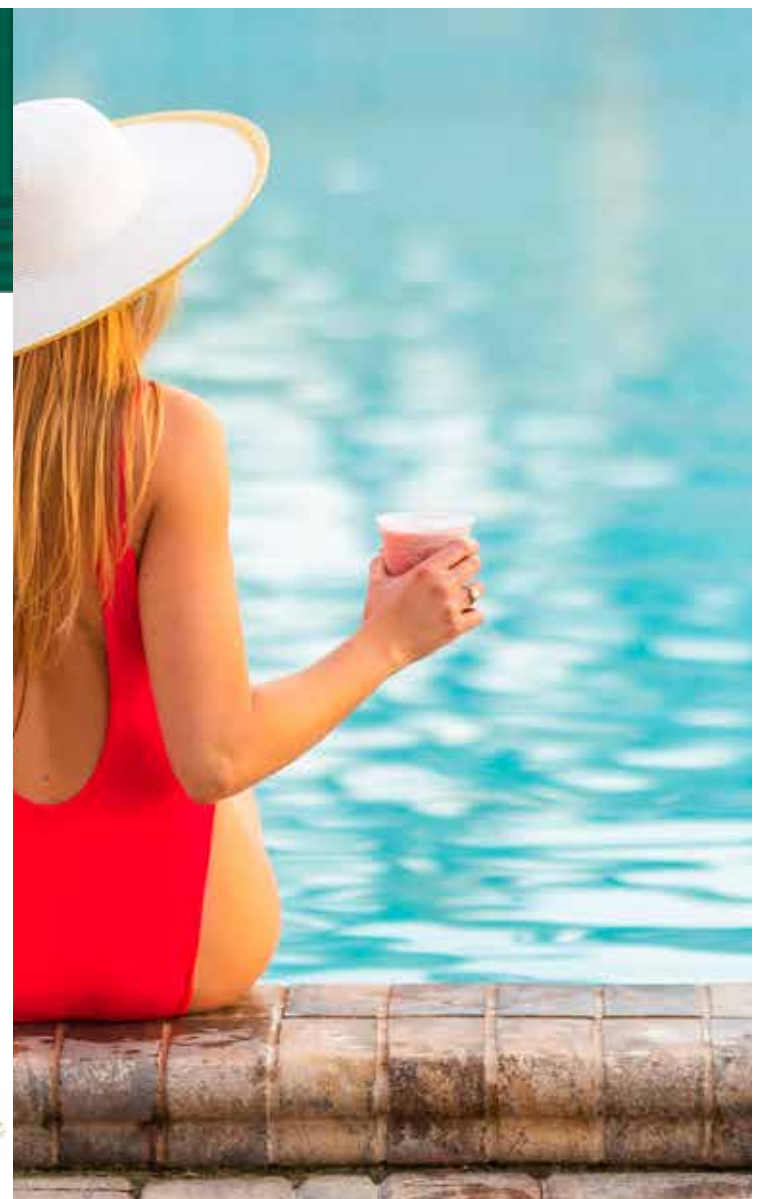
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# Newsweek names Baptist Beaches one of the World's Best hospitals

Baptist Medical Center Beaches has been named one of the "World's Best Hospitals 2021" by Newsweek magazine.

The award methodology was based on Baptist Beaches' publicly reported data on patient satisfaction, safety and effectiveness of care, which was reviewed along with thousands of hospitals in 21 countries by Statista, Inc.,

a global market research firm that partnered with Newsweek for this study.

"Local residents have one of the world's best hospitals right here in the beaches community," said hospital President Joe Mitrick. "To be recognized by Newsweek is an amazing accomplishment that I owe to our dedicated physicians, team members and hospital volunteers. Their

compassion and unwavering commitment to put our patients first every day is what makes us a world's best hospital."

Baptist Beaches is A-rated in safety by the Leapfrog Group and is ranked a 5-star hospital by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. In addition, the hospital was recently named a Watson Top 100 Hospital.

## Fundraising On Foot, River to Beach Run features 36-mile run by local resident benefitting INK!

The St. Johns County Education Foundation which operates as INK! (Investing in Kids), has an ongoing mission to provide innovative programs and classroom resources to promote the academic success of students in the St. Johns County School District. The nonprofit was recently selected to benefit from local resident, real estate businessman and U.S. Navy veteran Eric Tatro's Fundraising On Foot, River to Beach Run to include a 36-mile run from his home in Julington Creek Plantation to the Beachcomber St. Augustine at 2 A St. in St. Augustine Beach on Saturday, July 3.

The marathon runner is raising funds for INK! due to his family's values and belief in quality education for all children in the region and much needed help for teachers and students in public schools.

Tatro, his wife Cherise Lloyd and their



Eric Tatro



Cherise Lloyd

two young sons moved to St. Johns County from Texas in 2016, specifically for their jobs and for the boys to attend a top-rated school system. Since arriving in the region, Tatro has become involved in the community and serves on the board for the St. Johns Chamber of Commerce's North Business Council, along with friend and co-board member Donna Lueders, the executive director for INK! Tatro is a real estate agent in St. Augustine with the brokerage Florida Homes Realty & Mortgage LLC and is a senior property manager for Commonwealth Commercial in Jacksonville. He has been a running enthusiast for more than 20 years.

Tatro is originally from Michigan and joined the U.S. Navy as a 19-year-old and spent time in Japan and San Diego before attending San Francisco State University. He graduated in 2006 with a business degree in corporate finance and began working in the commercial real estate field.

Lloyd is a portfolio manager in debt capital markets for Macquarie Capital in Jacksonville. She is working to facilitate donations for INK! with The Macquarie Group Foundation matching in accordance with the foundation's guidelines.

Specifically, during the River to the Beach Run, Tatro will cross St. Johns County diagonally from the St. Johns River to St. Augustine Beach. He will complete the run at the Beachcomber restaurant where A Street meets the Atlantic Ocean with \$100 sponsors for every mile of the 36-mile effort. For more information, go to the Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/The-River-to-the-Beach-Run-103527061935740](http://www.facebook.com/The-River-to-the-Beach-Run-103527061935740).

"My family and I owe a debt of gratitude to the educators in St. Johns County. Donna Lueders and her organization deserve support from all who can give," Tatro said. "At a recent networking event, I decided to challenge myself and attendees to raise funds for the nonprofit with completing the run for \$100 a mile."

According to Tatro, although he is a running enthusiast, he has never run this far at one time and has been wanting to do something interesting to help raise money and awareness for INK!

"Some very generous people have already stepped up immediately to support the challenge to gift match any portion of the \$3,600 we hope to raise," he said.

Contributions can be made directly to INK! at [ink-stjohns.org/donate/](http://ink-stjohns.org/donate/).

"We all wish Eric well and we'll see him at the finish line on July 3," Lueders said. "We hope this inaugural initiative for local schoolteachers and students becomes an annual event just one day before our nation's Independence Day celebrations."

For more information, contact Lueders at (904) 547-7120 or [Donna.Lueders@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:Donna.Lueders@stjohns.k12.fl.us) or go to [www.ink-stjohns.org](http://www.ink-stjohns.org).

### OBITUARIES

#### Amanda Aponte

Amanda Aponte, 40, of St. Augustine, Florida, died June 22, 2021. Ponte Vedra Valley Funeral Home, Cremation Center & Cemetery – (904) 285-1130 – [www.pontevedravalley.com](http://www.pontevedravalley.com)

#### Nancy Ann Blackwell

Nancy Ann Blackwell, 81, of Ponte Vedra, FL, passed away June 25, 2021. Ponte Vedra Valley Funeral Home, Cremation Center & Cemetery – (904) 285-1130 – [www.pontevedravalley.com](http://www.pontevedravalley.com)

#### Demetrios Balderes

Demetrios Balderes, 87, of Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida, died June 23, 2021. Arrangements by Quinn-Shalz Family Funeral Home & Cremation Centre, (904) 249-1100, [www.quinn-shalz.com](http://www.quinn-shalz.com).

#### Martha Ann Martin

Martha Ann Martin, 77, of Jacksonville, Florida, died June 20, 2021. Arrangements by Quinn-Shalz Family Funeral Home & Cremation Centre, (904) 249-1100, [www.quinn-shalz.com](http://www.quinn-shalz.com).

#### Sara Pratt

Sara Pratt, 94, of Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida, died June 24, 2021. Ponte Vedra Valley Funeral Home, Cremation Center & Cemetery – (904) 285-1130 – [www.pontevedravalley.com](http://www.pontevedravalley.com)

#### Mary Frances Sharer

Mary Frances Sharer, 103, of Atlantic Beach, Florida, died June 23, 2021. Arrangements by Quinn-Shalz Family Funeral Home & Cremation Centre, (904) 249-1100, [www.quinn-shalz.com](http://www.quinn-shalz.com).

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## Shipping services company moves HQ to Ponte Vedra

By Shaun Ryan

A global logistics and shipping services company is relocating its corporate headquarters from New Jersey to Ponte Vedra Beach, bringing about 50 new high-wage jobs to the First Coast.

American Roll-on Roll-off Carrier Group (ARC) provides port-to-port transport of wheeled vehicles such as cars, trucks, trailers and aircraft, as well as household goods and other cargo.

ARC offers American-owned, -managed and -crewed roll-on roll-off shipping and intermodal logistics services for the Department of Defense, other U.S. government departments and agencies and commercial customers. It also carries agricultural and construction equipment for developing nations.

County Commissioner Henry Dean made the announcement Friday, June 25, during the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce Economic Development Council Quarterly Breakfast.

“We couldn’t be happier to welcome this group,” Dean said.

“We are really looking forward to being a big part of this community,” said Christian Heibel, senior vice president commercial for ARC.

“When we proposed St. Johns County, Florida, for the company’s new headquarters, we received overwhelmingly positive feedback from our team,” Heibel said. “We worked closely with St. Johns County government, JAXUSA Partnership and the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce to finalize our decision.”

The company’s offices will be located at 816 A1A N., Suite 101 in The Veranda Office Park at the former site of



Photo provided by the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce

Individuals involved in bringing American Roll-On Roll-Off Carrier Group (ARC) to Ponte Vedra included, from left, Jennifer Zuberer, economic development specialist with St. Johns County; Heidi Jameson with JAXUSA Partnership; Isabelle Renault, St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce president and CEO; Chris Heibel, ARC senior vice president commercial; Deputy County Administrator Joy Andrews; County Commissioner Henry Dean; and Chamber economic development manager Cathy Newman.

the PGA offices. Operations are to begin there on Thursday, July 1.

In the near future, ARC plans to expand in the county and hire additional local talent.

Heibel said there was “a fantastic cluster of shipping and logistics companies in the area, many that we work with already.”

The move would bring operations closer to its East

Coast customers in Jacksonville, Charleston and Savannah.

The project was brought to the attention of the region by JAXUSA Partnership, a division of JAX Chamber and Jacksonville’s regional economic development organization. JAXUSA Partnership worked with several local economic development organizations, including St. Johns

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Photo by Susan Griffin

Kellyann Costanzo cuts the ribbon with her husband Tommy Costanzo during a ceremony on June 25 to welcome Hudson & Grace Consignment Boutique as a member the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce.

## New consignment boutique fulfills owner’s unique dream

By Anthony Richards

For Hudson & Grace Consignment Boutique owner Kellyann Costanzo, the new business is much more than just another store, and that is just the way she always imagined it.

“I have a huge love for children, so I wanted to have something to be a ministry to children and families,” Costanzo said.

The boutique, located at 10440 U.S. 1 N. Suite 115 in St. Augustine, opened about a month ago and held a ribbon cutting on June 25 to signify its membership with the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce.

“It’s so exciting and really feels like

a weight off my shoulders,” Costanzo said. “It’s been a dream for several years and all my energy, love and money has gone into it. Failing is not an option.”

It will focus on offering clothes, shoes, toys and various other items for infants to 14-year-olds.

According to Costanzo, as a mother of three daughters she noticed a lack of options when shopping for children’s clothes around the area.

She has attempted to capture that uniqueness not just in the type of store she owns, but also in the store’s layout, which offers a prayer wall, coffee and candy bars, as well as a library and

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# St. Augustine Shipwreck Museum & Gallery to open July 1

The St. Augustine Shipwreck Museum & Gallery recently announced its grand opening would take place Thursday, July 1.

This family-friendly museum is packed with exhibits and artifacts that will unveil some of the world's most famous and interesting maritime adventures and disasters of all time, and, of course, treasures from shipwrecks like the R.M.S. Titanic, The Nuestra Senora de Atocha, The S.S. Central America, the 1715 Spanish Fleet and more from the coasts of Florida, the Caribbean, the Mediterranean, China and the world — dating as far back as the 16th century. During their museum journeys, visitors can enjoy up-close, fun shipwreck treasure experiences.

The museum's attractions include exhibits of hundreds of valuable artifacts from some of the world's most famous shipwrecks. Visitors will be able to par-

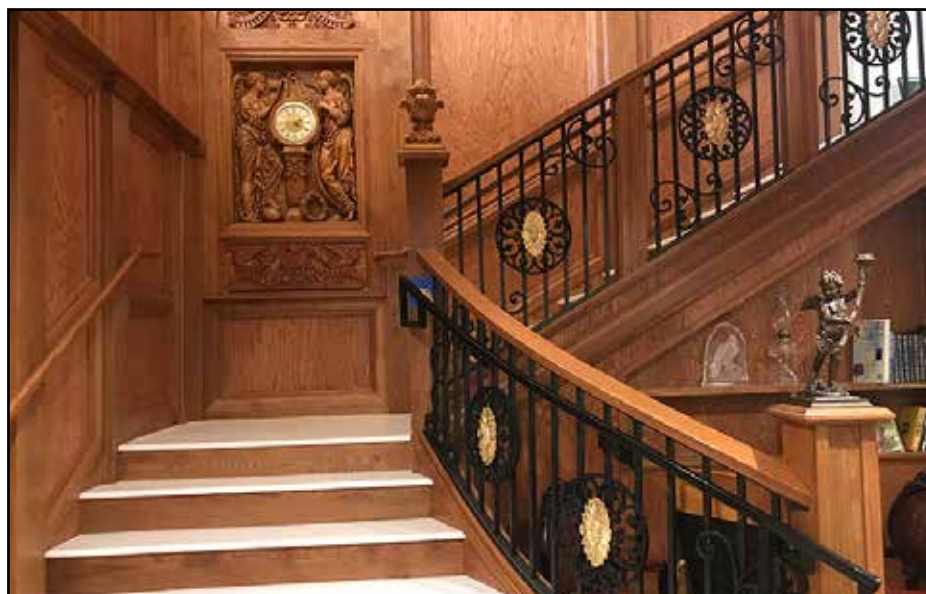


Photo provided by the St. Augustine Shipwreck Museum & Gallery

**The St. Augustine Shipwreck Museum & Gallery's Titanic Tribute exhibit features a replica of the doomed ship's iconic staircase.**

ticipate in the Titanic Tribute exhibit and take photos on the ship's iconic staircase in front of its famous clock. They will also be able to search for underwater treasure operating mini-submersibles in ROV tanks and tour detailed models of these famous ships before they met with disaster.

"We've designed dozens of exhibits and on-site experiences that showcase some of the world's most famous shipwrecks," says museum co-founder and marketing director Gene Fedele. "Our goal is to share their treasures and their stories with the world and make it interesting, educational and fun for everyone!"

Plus, coming soon, visitors will have the opportunity to participate in the museum's "Treasure Hunt of St. Augustine" adventure — a real-life treasure-hunt experience solving riddles and following clues planted throughout historic downtown St. Augustine — and bring home some treasure of their own.

Patrons will enjoy interactive, educational and hands-on tours and experiences of these famous shipwrecks and the amazing and priceless artifacts they left behind. They will also be able to select art gallery and shipwreck novelties as well as gift purchases in the museum's gift shop.

The St. Augustine Shipwreck Museum & Gallery is located in a historic two-story renovated building, from the late 1800s, situated in downtown St. Augustine at 46 Charlotte St., just one block from the Castillo de San Marcos. The museum is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$14 for youth (12 and under) and free for children 3 and under.

For reservations for special events and/or school tours, call (833) 284-7447.

For more information about the museum, go to [StAugustineMuseum.com](http://StAugustineMuseum.com).

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County government and the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce, to bring ARC to the county.

"We work diligently with our partners in the region to match relocating businesses with the ideal community for the business and its employees, and St. Johns County was a perfect fit for ARC," said Aundra Wallace, president at JAXUSA Partnership.

"Economic development is unequivocally identified by the St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners as the highest priority," said Deputy County Administrator Joy Andrews, "which was the exact principle our team operated on to collaborate with ARC, JAXUSA Partnership and the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce. From the inception of this collaboration, we made a commitment with no ambiguity that we will be a resource for the ARC team and that no bureaucracy should stand in the way of our goal to bring such a high-caliber business as ARC to the community, along with jobs for our local talent."

The Chamber is assisting ARC with fulfilling its workforce needs, connecting with local business and community leaders and welcoming the company's relocating employees.

"The effort to bring ARC to St. Johns County was truly a collaborative effort between JAXUSA Partnership, St. Johns County government and the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce," said Isabelle Renault, Chamber president and CEO. "We are thrilled that ARC has found a home for its corporate headquarters and employees in our county and look forward to working together with ARC as the company takes an active role in our Chamber and our community."

For further information about ARC, go to [arcshipping.com](http://arcshipping.com).

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**Kellyann and Tommy Costanzo opened Hudson & Grace Consignment Boutique about a month ago. It is located at 10440 U.S. 1 N. Suite 115 in St. Augustine.**

## Boutique

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play area to entertain children while their parents shop.

“I’m a mom and I know how hard it can be,” Costanzo said.

She has been blown away by the overwhelming support she has received from the community since the shop opened its doors.

“We’re already talking about expanding, not just here in Florida, but also in Virginia,” Costanzo said.

Prompting a location in Virginia is the fact that her stepdaughter lives there and would therefore take over management

of the store.

Family involvement in the business is nothing new for Costanzo, who started the business three years ago in her home selling the products online and since then she has attempted to set an example for her three daughters.

“I’ve always tried to teach my children business techniques so that they don’t have to depend on others, and they can do what they love,” Costanzo said.

Even the family’s German shepherd, Sherman, can be found at the boutique greeting customers as they walk in.

Costanzo has big plans for the shop in the future, including holding a prom dress drive in April 2022 for girls and families that are looking for a less expensive option.

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## Sing Out Loud Festival returns with live performances

September event in St. Augustine will feature TLC, Bone Thugs-N-Harmony, Mayday Parade and more

The fifth annual Sing Out Loud Festival returns to St. Augustine with more than 100 live performances at multiple venues each weekend from Sept. 10 to Sept. 26 — making September the (unofficial) Month of Music in St. Johns County.

After going virtual for its 2020 festival, Sing Out Loud Festival recently announced its first round of live in-person headlining performances. This year's headliners include R&B and hip-hop stars TLC and Bone Thugs-N-Harmony, pop-punkers Mayday Parade, powerhouse British R&B and country singer Yola, Americana punks Parquet Courts, haunting indie rockers DEHD and contemporary folk-bluegrass legend Dan Tyminski. Also joining this year's lineup is the nostalgic pop-punkers Inspection 12, melodic punk band Flag On Fire, rising indie-rock

### SING OUT LOUD FESTIVAL

*Additional artists to be announced.*

#### SATURDAY, SEPT. 11

Mayday Parade with special guests Inspection 12 and Flag On Fire  
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Dan Tyminski  
Colonial Oak Music Park

#### SUNDAY, SEPT. 12

Yola  
The St. Augustine Amphitheatre

#### SATURDAY, SEPT. 18

Parquet Courts with special guests DEHD and flipturn  
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fever-dream band flipturn and the greatest animal band the world has ever seen, Bears and Lions. Additional national, regional and local performers will be announced the week of July 5.

Tickets for headlining acts are on sale at the St. Augustine Amphitheatre box office

#### SATURDAY, SEPT. 25

TLC's Celebration of CRAZY SEXY COOL and Bone Thugs-N-Harmony with special guest  
The St. Augustine Amphitheatre

#### SUNDAY, SEPT. 26

Bears and Lions at The St. Augustine Record Fair, presented by ToneVendor  
The St. Augustine Amphitheatre

**Stay up to date with lineup additions by liking Sing Out Loud Festival on Facebook [www.facebook.com/singoutloud-sjc](http://www.facebook.com/singoutloud-sjc) and going to the festival website at [www.singoutloudfestival.com](http://www.singoutloudfestival.com).**

and online at Ticketmaster.com. As with previous years' ticketed events, a portion of proceeds will be donated to various local charities.

The festival will again feature free and ticketed events, plus artist workshops. New this year is the addition of The St.

Augustine Record Fair, presented by ToneVendor Records.

Participating venues include The St. Augustine Amphitheatre, Colonial Oak Music Park, The Lightner Museum, Sarbez, Nobby's, Dog Rose Brewery and St. Augustine Distillery among others.

With additional artists to be announced and an Intuition Ale Works "Sing Out Loud" brew on the horizon, the 5th Annual Sing Out Loud Festival is a welcome return to live entertainment after an unprecedented year. This year's festival is made possible with support from St. Augustine Distillery, St. Johns County Tourist Development Council, Champion Brands, St. Johns County Cultural Council, Intuition Ale Works and Flying Saucer Presents.

Additionally, St. Augustine Historic Inns Association, St. George Inn, Double-Tree by Hilton St. Augustine Historic District and Embassy Suites St. Augustine Oceanfront Resort have committed to the success of the festival and are offering special festival rates to guests.

Go to [www.singoutloudfestival.com](http://www.singoutloudfestival.com) for more information.

## Bahamas concert set for Oct. 16 at Ponte Vedra Concert Hall

Introspective alternative-indie artist Bahamas, with special guest Sam Weber, will take the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall stage on Oct. 16.

The fifth album from Bahamas, "Sad Hunk," takes its title from a nickname bestowed upon the artist by his wife in reaction to how he was being portrayed in the media.

"Something like 10 years ago I did a photo shoot, and in all the pictures they sent back, I was lit half in shadow, looking all brooding and mysterious," said the award-winning singer/songwriter otherwise known as Afie Jurvanen. "When my wife saw the photos the first thing she said was, 'Whoa — sad hunk,' and after that it became sort of a joke among our friends."

It's a fitting backstory for an album that embodies an undaunted self-awareness, each track graced with Bahamas's wry wit and unabashed heart.

In sketching "Sad Hunk's" delicately composed batch of songs, Jurvanen drew much inspiration from his home life and all the joy and struggle that comes with building a family together.

Having recently moved to the coast of Nova Scotia with his wife and two daughters, the Ontario native inevitably imbued the album with his surroundings, even while committing to a sometimes-painful sincerity in his lyrics.

"I definitely use music to work things out for myself," said Jurvanen. "It's possible I'm too open sometimes, but I really don't know any better way to be. If I tried to just go write fun songs about hot dogs or something, I'd probably fail."

2018's Grammy-nominated Earthtones saw Bahamas

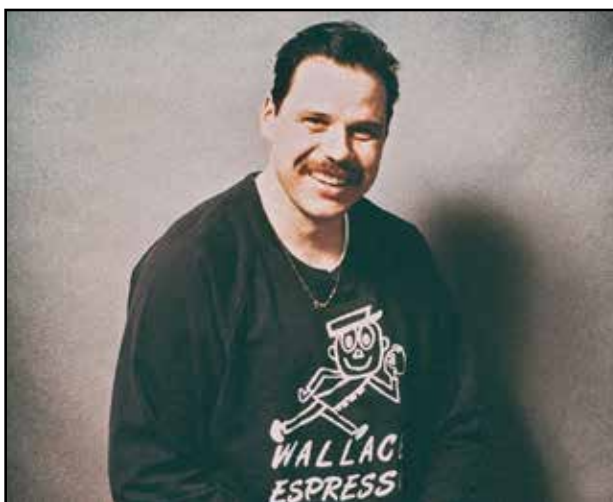


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**Bahamas will perform Oct. 16 at the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall.**

joining bassist Pino Palladino and drummer James Gadson (the rhythm section behind D'Angelo's Black Messiah) and even merging them with his stable of longtime heavy-weight musicians on "Kimmel."

Jurvanen created "Sad Hunk" with those same collaborators — Christine Bougie (guitar), Don Kerr (drums), Mike O'Brien (bass) and Felicity Williams (vocals). Recorded by longtime producer and multi-Grammy nominee Robbie Lackritz (Feist, Jack Johnson, Robbie Robertson), "Sad Hunk" is the next step in Jurvanen's signature style of restraint as a guitarist.

It also features the graceful guitar work of Sam Weber,

a virtually unknown musician whom Jurvanen discovered on YouTube.

"I sort of had a musical crush on Sam, so I invited him to open for us a few years ago, and we ended up hitting it off," said Jurvanen. "I asked him to come out and record with us without even knowing what I wanted him to play, which is generally how I like to work with people: I always think it's so much more interesting when you let them find their way into the songs on their own."

An album born from charmed spontaneity and raw imagination, "Sad Hunk" unfolds in a genre-less groove-heavy and jangly sound suited for Jurvanen's warm vocal presence. In its musing on what's essential and what's expendable in today's world, the album offers up songs like "Own Alone," a brightly kinetic track threaded with a bit of self-effacing wisdom ("Too broke to feel so wealthy/Too young to feel unhealthy/Too old to understand the selfie/Too far gone for you to help me").

"That song came from being fascinated by how being on our phones all the time changes us at a cellular level; it changes the way you think, it changes the way you operate," said Jurvanen. "I'm not suggesting we become Luddites and churn our own butter, but I do think we need to question whether you really need to have this thing on you at all times."

Tickets for Bahamas and special guest Sam Weber are on sale now at The St. Augustine Amphitheatre box office and online at Ticketmaster.com. All tickets are digital.

# Pat Benatar & Neil Giraldo with guest John Waite to perform at The Amp

Pat Benatar & Neil Giraldo with special guest John Waite will take the stage at The Amp on Oct. 20.

Benatar's staggering vocals and take-no-prisoners attitude, along with Neil Giraldo's trailblazing artistry as a guitarist, producer and songwriter forged the undeniable chemistry and unique sound that created some of rock's most memorable hits, including "We Belong," "Invincible," "Love Is A Battlefield," "Promises In The Dark," "We Live For Love," "Heartbreaker" and "Hell Is For Children."

Together they have created two multi-platinum, five platinum and three gold albums, as well as 19 Top 40 hits. They have sold more than 30



Photo provided by the St. Augustine Amphitheatre

**Pat Benatar & Neil Giraldo will perform at The Amp on Oct 20.**

million records worldwide and have won an unprecedented four consecutive Grammy awards.

Joining Pat Benatar & Neil Giraldo will be John Waite, former bassist and lead vocalist for the Babys who rocketed to Top 20 chart positions with a pair of hits, "Isn't it Time" from the band's sophomore LP, "Broken Heart" in 1977, and the monster ballad, "Every Time I Think of You" off 1978's "Head First."

But it was the album's rhythmically aggressive and seductive title track where fans got their first glimpse of

the authentic John Waite, a no-holds-barred rock n' roll performer devoted to live performance and making sure every fan in the audience left the concert just as elated and exhausted as the band they'd paid to see.

Tickets for Pat Benatar & Neil Giraldo with special guest John Waite are on sale now at The St. Augustine Amphitheatre box office and online at Ticketmaster.com. The box office is open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Fridays and 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturdays. Only credit cards and debit cards are accepted for payment.

# Creative Academy of Christ Episcopal Church to perform 'A Wrinkle in Time'

The Creative Academy of Christ Episcopal Church will present "A Wrinkle in Time" at 8 p.m. Aug. 5, 6 and 7.

The show is directed by Jason Collins and written by Morgan Gould. Opening night, Thursday, Aug. 5, will also serve as a fundraiser with light appetizers and wine included in the \$40 ticket price. RSVPs are required for this evening.

Friday and Saturday performances are \$20 at the door, and no reservations are needed.

For more information or to RSVP for the opening night reception, email [Barbiekroberts@gmail.com](mailto:Barbiekroberts@gmail.com).

Christ Episcopal Church is located at 400 San Juan Drive in Ponte Vedra.

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## Harrison introduced as new Ponte Vedra AD

By Anthony Richards

Michael Harrison has only been Ponte Vedra High School's athletics director for a week, but he already has big plans for the program's future.

He introduced himself to the community during a meet-and-greet June 29 in the PVHS auditorium.

During the event he praised the success PVHS has had over the years and explained some of his plan to make sure that success maintains and even grows to new levels.

"The program's themselves are phenomenal," Harrison said. "In just 13 years, there's been 121 district titles, 67 regional titles and 18 state championships, plus 10 individual state champions on top of that," Harrison said. "If you just look at that, you see that success breeds success."

Harrison spent 10 years coaching basketball at Middleburg High in Clay County before being Orange Park High's athletics director the past five years.

According to Harrison, leaving Orange Park was a difficult decision because he was from Orange Park and felt at home in



Photo by Anthony Richards

**New Ponte Vedra High athletics director Michael Harrison introduces himself to parents and coaches during a meet-and-greet in the school's auditorium on Tuesday, June 29.**

many ways, but in the end the Ponte Vedra job and the opportunity to be an athletics director in St. Johns County proved too hard to pass up.

"Along the way I started meeting people in St. Johns County and really built those relationships," Harrison said. "St. Johns County athletic directors are a step up from

most counties," Harrison said. "They are aspired jobs."

Despite the past success, there are still plenty of ways in which Harrison hopes to leave his imprint on Ponte Vedra to insure it is one of the marquee athletic programs in the state.

"Obviously, you can't go much further

than winning state championships, but I think we really have the opportunity to take everything another step up," Harrison said.

Making sure the focus of the program remains on its athletes is one way Harrison believes is key to ensuring sustained success.

"We can really get out and promote our kids better by growing the social media side of the house," Harrison said.

Another major emphasis for Harrison was a dedication to improving the school's athletic facilities.

"We can really up the game here," Harrison said.

One of the things he will have to adjust to is the wide array of sports that PVHS has, including several sports that are not common at most other schools, such as lacrosse and beach volleyball.

The ability to work around so many different sports excites Harrison, and he welcomes the challenge.

"There's just so many opportunities that our athletes have here," Harrison said. "They had 700 athletes last year alone, so we'll get the opportunity to watch them all grow and develop."

## Jacksonville teen claims First Coast Women's Amateur title

Kaitlyn Schroeder wins tournament by 5 shots; former Nease standout Marissa Cardenas finishes in 9th place

Kaitlyn Schroeder of Jacksonville broke out of a five-way first-round tie last Friday and wound up running away with the First Coast Women's Amateur by five shots at Sawgrass Country Club.

The 16-year-old opened with a 1-over-par 73 on Thursday and found herself in a pack that included Atlantic Coast High School graduate Ramya Meenakshisundaram and Nease High graduate Marissa Cardenas, as well as Maria Beatriz Arizaga and 15-year-old McKenzee Sullivan of St. Petersburg.

When Schroeder putted out on the 18th hole for a 72 and 145 total, she was the new First Coast Women's Amateur champion, with Sarah Edwards (75-75-150) and Ailsa Clark (76-74-150) sharing runner-up honors.

Finishing fourth was Meenakshisundaram (73-78-151). Arizaga (73-79-152) rounded out the top five.

Brooks Rehabilitation was the tournament's presenting sponsor for the sixth year in a row.

For the fifth year in a row, the Amateur was an official event on the Jacksonville Area Golf Association tournament schedule, with JAGA

playing a supporting role in the operation and promotion of the championship.

On a typically windy day over the challenging Sawgrass East/West nines, Schroeder slid backwards in the early going, bogeying holes 4, 5 and 7. The home-schooled daughter of University of North Florida men's golf coach Scott Schroeder kicked things into gear from there with a bounce-back birdie at No. 8. It was followed by two more at Nos. 11 and 15 and pars on the other eight.

"This is my hometown," Schroeder said. "It's a great feeling to win this tournament. Then to win it at Sawgrass is really special. It was tough ... the wind was swirling, and this course is never easy."

Cardenas, who attends the University of South Florida, finished in ninth place, shooting 73-82-155.

The two-time Florida Junior Girls (ages 13-15) champion's busy summer of golf continues in the coming weeks with the AJGA Polo Junior Classic at Liberty National in New Jersey,



Photo by Paris Moulden

**Kaitlyn Schroeder poses with the trophy after winning the First Coast Women's Amateur Championship on Friday, June 25, at Sawgrass Country Club. With her is her dad, Scott Schroeder, who is the men's golf coach at the University of North Florida.**



Photo provided by the PGA TOUR

The champions from the First Coast Women's Amateur Championship pose with their trophies Friday, June 25, at Sawgrass Country Club. They are Nancy Smith, Super-Senior champion; Kaitlyn Schroeder, Amateur champion; and Kim Keyer-Scott, Senior champion.

# Golf

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AJGA Wyndham Cup, U.S. Girls' Junior, the Junior PGA and a match-play tournament on her schedule.

In the Senior division, Kim Keyer-Scott of Estero (77-74-151) took home the title after paring her last eight holes. Scott was named the 2020 FSGA Women's Senior Player of the Year and has continued her strong play into 2021, winning the FSGA Women's Senior Amateur

Championship at St. Johns Golf & Country Club in April and finishing runner-up at the Women's Southern Golf Association (WSGA) Mid-Amateur Championship in early June. Lin Culver of Palm Coast (76-76-152) finished a shot back. Past champions Tama Caldabaugh (77-78-155) and Therese Quinn (76-79-155) tied for third.

Nancy Smith of Venice (81-80-161) won the Super-Senior division by eight shots over Shirley Budden (81-88-169). Smith has an impressive competitive golf resume that includes four North-South Senior Championship titles, three Women's Southern Golf Association Senior Championship titles and three Women's Eastern Golf Association Senior Championship titles.

"The 2021 First Coast Women's Amateur was an incredible showcase of the strength of women's golf in Northeast Florida," said Susie Fonde, 2021 FCWA Committee chair. "We are so appreciative of the team and membership at Sawgrass Country Club for serving as our host course, our presenting sponsor Brooks Rehabilitation for its continued partnership, all of our incredible competitors and, last but not least, the team of volunteers and community members who helped make the 2021 FCWA possible. We look forward to continuing to grow this championship for many years to come while promoting and elevating women's golf in our area."

The First Coast Women's Amateur committee also announced that charitable donations would be made to three local organizations, the Moore-Myers Children's Fund, the North Florida Junior Golf Foundation and the JAGA Scholarship Trust. "Eagle" participants from the Moore-Myers Children's Fund came to Sawgrass Country Club to watch the final round and meet with participants and the champion.

Complete tournament results are available at [fcwa2021.golfgenius.com](http://fcwa2021.golfgenius.com).

NOTE: Reporting by Garry Smits of the Florida Times-Union was used to produce this recap.



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Golfers hit shots in front of the new clubhouse at Sawgrass Country Club.

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- 27. Give sheep a haircut
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- 32. Dostoevsky's "The \_\_\_\_"
- 33. Beethoven's famous symphony
- 34. \*2021 Olympic host
- 36. Civil Rights icon
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- 45. Tree cutters' leftovers
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