

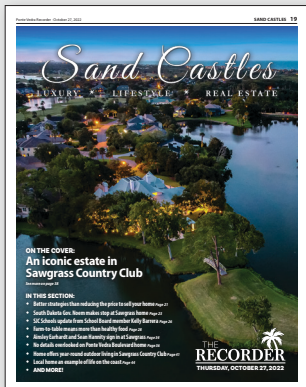
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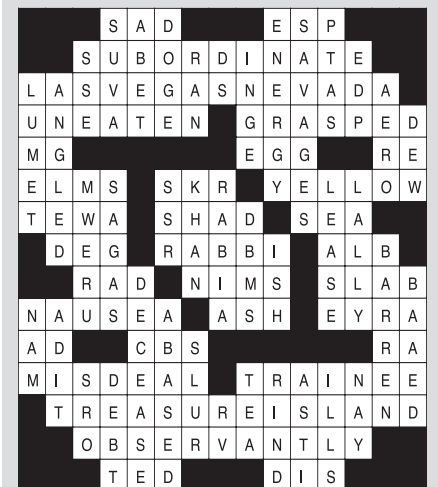
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Pumpkin Run benefits Jacksonville Historical Society

The Evergreen Pumpkin Run, 10-mile and 5K, will be held at 8 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 30, at Evergreen Cemetery, 4535 N. Main St., Jacksonville. The race, sponsored by the Evergreen Cemetery Association, benefits the Jacksonville Historical Society.

There will be prizes for the scariest costume, funniest costume and best overall costume. There will also be awards for top runners. Food and drink will be served after the race.

For information, go to 1stplacesports.com/races/pumpkin or raceroster.com/events/2022/61392/evergreen-pumpkin-run.

Trunk or treat at Ascension St. Vincent's

Ascension St. Vincent's St. Johns County, at 205 Trinity Way, St. Johns, will host a free trunk-or-treat event from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 30. There will be candy (don't forget your treat bucket!), prizes, food trucks with food available for purchase and more. Family-friendly costumes are encouraged and there will be a costume contest for children age 12 and younger. Flu vaccines will also be available. For more information, go to facebook.com/events/3375772019332226.

Hurricane Ian Disaster Recovery Center still open

The FEMA/State Disaster Recovery Center is still open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., seven days a week and is located at 3111 Agricultural Center Drive, St. Augustine.

As of Oct. 22, FEMA has provided \$581 million dollars in grants in the designated counties statewide. Locally, a total of \$2,424,335 has been approved for 1,842 households in Flagler, Putnam and St. Johns counties.

Shred documents and donate to food bank

Shredfest 2022, a free public shredding event, will be held from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 5, at Ullmann Wealth Partners offices, 1540 The Greens Way, Jacksonville Beach. A shred truck will be onsite to shred personal documents.

The public is invited to bring Items to be donated to BEAM's Food Bank during the

event. The most needed items include canned beans, baking mix, canned fruit, cereal and oatmeal.

Shredfest 2022 will also feature doughnuts from Itty Bitty Donuts.

Palm Valley Market every Tuesday

The Palm Valley Market is held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Tuesday inside the Palm Valley Community Center, 148 Canal Road. The market offers fresh produce, baked goods, local honey, tea, seasonal treats, soap, jewelry, plants and more.

Organization that serves young cancer patients and survivors plans gala

Live For Today Foundation is planning its Fight For Tomorrow 10th anniversary gala, set for 6-10 p.m. Dec. 3 at 100 Beachwalk Club Drive, St. Johns. There will be dinner, dessert, a silent auction, wine pull and dancing to the music of the Brideside Band.

The local organization serves young adults in Northeast Florida who are survivors of cancer. Many members are survivors of childhood cancer as well as young adults currently fighting cancer who struggle daily with the physical, social and mental effects of living in the shadow of cancer.

Live For Today has spent 10 years encouraging community, healthy living and adventure for more than 175 people it has touched.

For information on tickets and sponsorships, go to: zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/2315cd73-c5a6-4871-88c3-4923fd4f6be7.

For information on the organization, go to live-for-today.org.

Deadline extended to preorder K9s United's specialty license plate

K9s United, a nonprofit that supports law enforcement K-9 units, has announced a two-year extension of its specialty license plate preorder deadline. Florida drivers have until Oct. 15, 2024, to order the nonprofit's approved state specialty license plate to support canine crime fighters.

The Jacksonville-based organization is hoping to meet the state's requirement of



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3,000 plates sold in order to be produced and offered statewide. Proceeds from the license plates would help K9s United provide training, resources, equipment and advocacy.

The specialty license plates can be preordered by Florida residents with active state driver's licenses for \$33 from any authorized motor vehicle service center throughout the state of Florida (in person or online), or from the K9s United website for \$34. Of that, \$25 from each plate sold will directly benefit K9s United

to support the nonprofit's mission.

For more information or to donate, go to k9sunited.org.

Community Hospice & Palliative Care offers 'Hope For the Holidays'

Community Hospice & Palliative Care is offering "Hope for the Holidays," a workshop that will help attendees learn ways to cope with grief during the holiday season, determine what is right for them and their families and refocus energy on positive activities that honor and remember their loved ones. Attendees will leave with a renewed sense of hope for the upcoming season.

It will be held from noon to 1 p.m.

Nov. 9 at Stephen R. Chapman Family Community Campus, 1355 U.S. 1 South, St. Augustine. A virtual version will be offered from noon to 1 p.m. Nov. 17.

Hope for the Holidays is open to the public. There is no charge to attend, but attendees should RSVP at https://Hope_for_the_Holidays2022.eventbrite.com or call 904-407-7001 (toll free 800-274-6614 Ext. 7001).

Fun art program planned at Ponte Vedra Library

The November program of the Speaker Series sponsored by the Friends of the Library, Ponte Vedra Beach, goes "hands-on," brought to you by Painting with a

Twist: "It's fun art, not fine art." Participants will paint a holiday wreath with acrylics on canvas that afternoon.

This is a "make and take" event, where all the materials are there for the artist.

The date is Saturday, Nov. 12, from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Ponte Vedra Beach Library's FOL Room. Reserve your seat by calling Jan Bialka at 904-285-1114 and leave your name and telephone number before Nov. 7. Bring \$20 in cash for materials.

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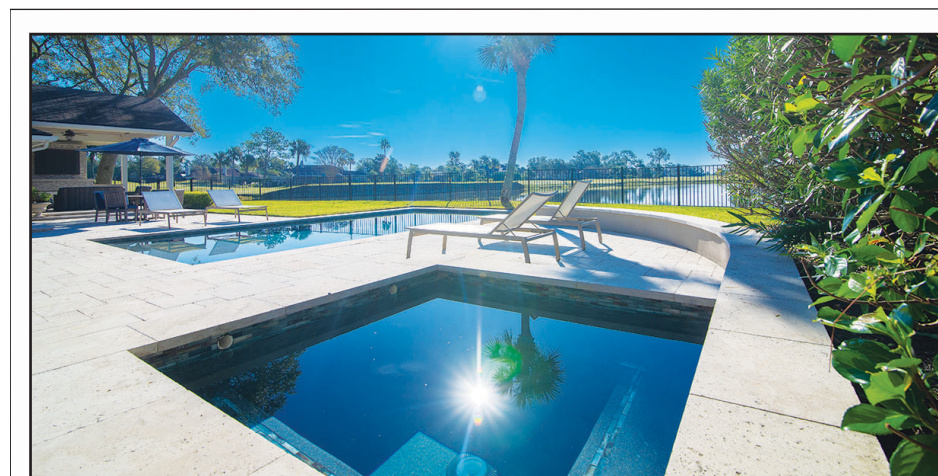
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Proposed one-cent sales tax estimated to bring in \$500 million over 10 years

By Anthony Richards

A one-cent sales tax will be on the ballot in St. Johns County during the 2022 general election Nov. 8 and the early voting period Oct. 26 to Nov. 5.

Jesse Dunn, director of the office of management and budget with the St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners spoke to the Ponte Vedra Beaches Coalition during its October meeting and provided insight into both the budget and the proposed tax.

According to Dunn, if the tax is passed, an additional estimated \$49 million yearly would be put into a fund or bank account and set aside to be used for capital infrastructure-related projects.

The county has approved a \$1.5 billion fiscal year 2023 budget, which Dunn warned seems like a lot, but \$958 million of the funds are restricted and must only be used on specific departments and their operations.

\$394.2 million is what is allotted in the general fund, which is the least restrictive of the funds and can be used in a variety of ways.

“When people say that St. Johns has a similar budget to Jacksonville, that is true, but they don’t have to worry about some of the same things, such as utility operations, because JEA (Jacksonville Electric Authority) is not included in their budget figures,” Dunn said.

Another way Dunn emphasized that St. Johns County differs from Duval County is the number of government-run entities that St. Johns County owns, such as the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall and St. Augustine Amphitheater.

“Be careful making that comparison,” Dunn said. “It really is a different storyline.”

If the sales tax was to pass it would be in place for 10 years and after a decade would need a referendum to keep it on the books and extend it further.

Dunn stated that all the one-cent sales tax funds would be used on differed projects deemed to be able to be completed in a five-year span.

The projects are those which the county had been presented a masterplan but backlogged because the funds were not in place at the time to complete.

If approved, he estimates that the new sales tax would generate about \$500 million over the next 10 years.

“We’re not supposed to be proponents for this (tax) one way or the other,” Dunn said.

According to Dunn, he has heard some misconceptions among the public and he wanted to clear up that homesteaded properties under the state’s “Save Our Homes Exemption” can only see a property appraiser assessment at the maximum increase of 3%, even at the

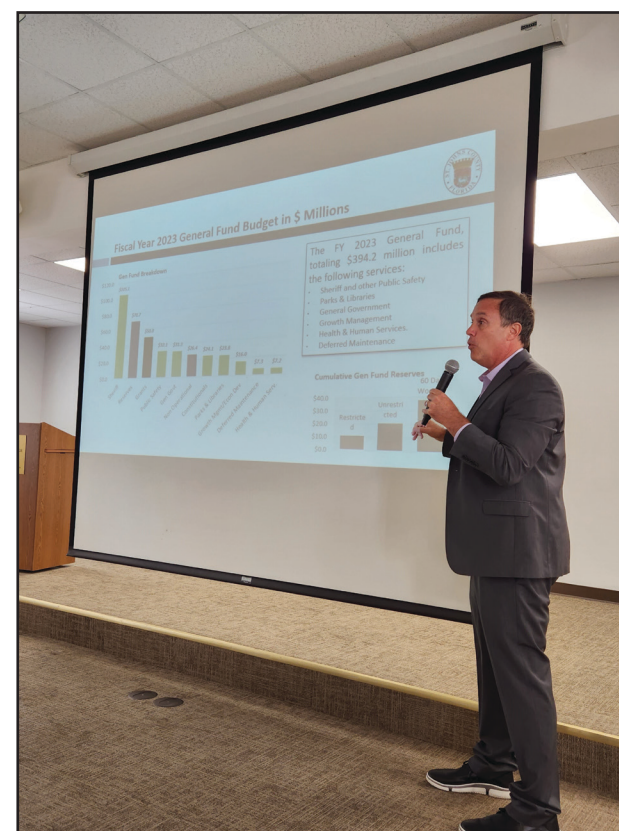


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proposed “flat” millage rates.

The Commission voted to place the proposed sales tax increase on the ballot during its March 15 meeting and more than 50% of voters would need to be in favor of to go into effect beginning January 1, 2023.



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Northeast Florida Clerks of Court team up against property and mortgage fraud

Six Clerks of Court in Northeast Florida have joined forces to urge property owners in Baker, Clay, Duval, Nassau, Putnam and St. Johns counties to proactively protect themselves against scammers who would steal their homes, vacant land or business property through fraudulent deeds or other official records.

Clerks Stacie D. Harvey, Tara S. Green, Jody Phillips, John A. Crawford, Matt Reynolds and Brandon J. Patty held a joint press conference Monday launching a regional campaign to urge property owners across Northeast Florida to subscribe to free property fraud alert services offered by each Clerk's office.

"Property and identity fraud are national and local problems that can have a serious impact," said Putnam County Clerk Matt Reynolds. "By taking advantage of this service offered by the Clerk of Circuit Court and Comptroller's Office, citizens can get ahead of fraud and protect the things we have all worked so hard to achieve."

A key element of the partnership is a shared webpage that provides property fraud signup links in all six counties. The webpage is accessible through both www.ProtectYourFloridaProperty.com and www.ClerksAgainstFraud.com.

"Northeast Florida Clerks are united to fight property fraud across the region, as criminals don't stop at the county line," St. Johns County Clerk Brandon Patty said. "Through our first-ever regional partnership and shared webpage, ProtectYourFloridaProperty.com and ClerksAgainstFraud.com, we offer quick links to each of our six counties' signup pages. It couldn't be any easier for residents to subscribe and protect themselves against con artists and scammers who would steal their homes, land and commercial properties."

"This collaborative effort across county lines offers citizens throughout Northeast Florida some peace of mind that these thieves can be interrupted," said Nassau County Clerk John Crawford, who recently launched the county's new property fraud

alert service. "Receiving notifications that something may be amiss is the first step to fighting back. We encourage all property owners to register for this free service that your Clerks have implemented for your protection."

Property fraud is when someone illegally uses your property for financial gain. A common example is when a scammer creates a fraudulent document that will deed your home to them and then records that document in a county's official records. But property owners themselves can easily discern if ownership of their home or business has been modified — if they are notified that a change has occurred.

"We live in a time where technology is a huge part of our daily lives; although helpful, it can be scary. We are now seeing instances where your home and property can be digitally stolen from you by the filing of a fraudulent deed by scammers miles and miles away," said Baker County Clerk Stacie Harvey. "As public servants of our counties, we as Clerks must work diligently daily to stay current with the times and educate our communities. We are asking all property owners to register with their local Clerk to get electronic notifications in reference to your own property. Although the notification won't stop the fraudulent transaction, it will give the property owners the opportunity to right the wrong before it's too far gone!"

To combat the nationwide rise in property and mortgage fraud, identity protection companies charge monthly or annual fees to monitor your official records. But your local Clerk of Court offers a free do-it-yourself option — simply subscribe to receive alerts when an official record document is recorded in your name(s) with that office.

"We ask property owners to partner with us, as we work to eliminate the attempts to steal homes and land," said Clay County Clerk Tara Green. "Bad actors might get away with a fraudulent filing, but an alert sent to a registered property owner will quickly follow that allows the property



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Northeast Florida's Clerks of Court held a press conference Oct. 24 to promote a free service offered by Clerks to proactively protect property owners against property and mortgage fraud. Pictured: Putnam County Clerk Matt Reynolds, Nassau County Clerk John A. Crawford, St. Johns County Clerk Brandon J. Patty, Clay County Clerk Tara S. Green, Baker County Clerk Stacie D. Harvey, and Duval County Clerk Jody Phillips.

owner to intervene."

Like paid commercial alert systems, the free noticing service does not prevent a fraudulent action from occurring. As a county's recorders of deeds and mortgages, Clerks of Court document property records but are not authorized to determine the validity of the record. The free notification service provides an early warning system for subscribers, giving them a tool to become aware of fraudulent activity that may have otherwise gone undetected. Once notified, a property owner knows to contact law enforcement, seek legal advice, or even file a case in civil court.

"Property fraud alerts give individuals and businesses the tools they need to proactively monitor recorded documents and stop property fraud at its very source," Duval Clerk Jody Phillips said. "I greatly appreciate my fellow Clerks joining with me on the front steps of the Duval County Courthouse today as we present a united front against those who would seek to steal from our communities."

See the website, accessible through www.ProtectYourFloridaProperty.com or www.ClerksAgainstFraud.com, to sign up for this free service in each of these participating counties.

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Stephanie Clarkson is president and chief executive officer of Vitis Energy, a St. Augustine-based independent power producer and clean energy solutions developer. As a woman owner/operator of a utility-scale IPP, she oversees all operations for the company, including project development, finance, engineering and operations. With a long family history as a Floridian, she currently lives in St. Augustine with her husband and four children.

Stephanie Clarkson

As told to Anthony Richards

How did you get involved with Vitis Energy?

I joined during the early startup days in 2014 as chief financial officer after many years of leading financing activities for large-scale municipal infrastructure projects. In 2019, I became the CEO, overseeing all aspects of the company's operations.

I have spent my career working in some form of a public-private partnership, so it was a natural fit to become an independent power producer.

Currently Vitis Energy develops, constructs and operates electric generation facilities across the country – everything from large power plants that serve dozens of towns to smaller solar and battery storage projects. We are currently developing a 3-gigawatt portfolio of renewable energy projects, with more expected to enter development in the coming year.

Where did the name "Vitis Energy" come from?

After I became CEO, we began looking to rebrand the company to reflect our growing focus on clean energy projects. As a small IPP, we regularly compete for contracts, successfully I might add, against giant public utilities. The name "Vitis" was actually inspired by comments made by a well-known competitor that said they would be happy to see us "die on the vine."

We took that as a challenge: "Vitis" is Latin for a vine that bears fruit, and I'm happy to say that we continue to flourish. Ultimately, our mission is to develop energy solutions that bear fruit not only for our customers, but also our community and the environment.

What do you enjoy most about your job?

Without a doubt, it is the people. When you spend at least a third of your life working, you have to love what you do and the people you chose to do that with. I am proud to say we have such a talented group of hard-working people who all want to find a unique solution for our customers.

It takes a lot of patience, perseverance and thinking outside the box in order to come up with the right solution to fit a specific customer's energy needs. Our team has witnessed firsthand the positive economic impact our customers have been able to achieve because of lower electric costs and more efficient energy solutions.

In an industry where you traditionally only see cost increases, our customers have experienced the opposite, and we want to share those savings with as many people as possible.

We have also fostered a really unique corporate culture at Vitis Energy. We enjoy participating in team-building activities, which has enabled our staff to develop a strong bond. From ziplining over alligators and bicycling through the Florida Keys, to harbor cruises to celebrate "Talk Like a Pirate Day," we have remained an active and engaged team even through the long days of the pandemic.

What are some of the aspects that are more challenging?

The electricity market has traditionally suffered from a "one stop shop" mentality, where large, incumbent utilities have essentially enjoyed a monopoly over rate



Photo courtesy of Stephanie Clarkson

Stephanie Clarkson is president and chief executive officer of Vitis Energy, a St. Augustine-based independent power producer and clean energy solutions developer.

payers. Currently, Vitis is limited to selling wholesale electricity to communities that own their own wires.

Unfortunately, not every community can afford to establish its own microgrid in order to lower its electric costs. In addition, state regulations often prevent large industrial users from contracting directly with an alternative, more affordable electric provider. It can be frustrating; we see the tremendous savings we could offer to customers, but many times we are handcuffed by regulations.

In what ways do you try to stay involved in the community?

Community involvement has always been very important to us and I firmly believe that people are designed not to be served but to serve others. We believe in being active business partners in the communities we serve, and to that end we have sponsored numerous local charity events – everything from golf tournaments and educational outreach programs to music festivals and community theater.

We have also provided college scholarships to graduating seniors and our engineering staff have participated in school STEM programs.

Most recently, Vitis Energy signed on as a founding partner of the PXG Women's Match Play Championship that's being held in St. Augustine Nov. 1-6. The first professional women's golf tournament to be held in this area since the 1970s, the PXG WMPC is dedicated to creating opportunities for emerging women golfers – and

thanks to Vitis's sponsorship, they were able to increase the overall purse by 10 percent.

I know what it's like to compete in a male-dominated industry. Throughout my career, there were people who helped me break through longstanding industry barriers, and by sponsoring this tournament, I can hopefully pay that forward and help these young women athletes pursue their dream of a professional sports career.

What do you enjoy most about living in the North Florida area?

Quality of life. Vitis is headquartered in historic St Augustine, with access to beautiful beaches, world class golf and award-winning restaurants. Why not work in the same place people vacation?

I travel frequently on business, and the minute the landing gear touches the JAX runway, the pressure and strain of "the big city" disappears. There has always been something about Florida that humbles me. There is just nothing else like it.

What do you like to do in your free time?

Outside of work, I spend a lot of time with my family (likely on a ball field with my children) or volunteering. I find a lot of joy in my volunteer work and learned many years ago that I have a heart to serve. I am very passionate about investing my time and resources into the next generation. I currently serve in various capacities on industry-related boards as well as serving and supporting several non-profit organizations.



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Carol Lasure Hearne

Carol Lasure Hearne, 63, of St. Augustine, Florida, died Oct. 19, 2022. Ponte Vedra Valley Funeral Home, Cremation Center & Cemetery – 904-285-1130 – www.pontevedravally.com

Kent Michael Hotson

Kent Michael Hotson, 75, of Jacksonville Beach, Florida, died Oct. 15, 2022. Arrangements by Quinn-Shalz Family Funeral Home & Cremation Centre. 904-249-1100 www.quinn-shalz.com

Victoria Emilie Legg

Victoria Emilie Legg, 76, of Atlantic Beach, Florida, died Oct. 17, 2022. Arrangements by Quinn-Shalz Family Funeral Home & Cremation Centre. 904-249-1100 www.quinn-shalz.com

Leslie Fai Palmer

Leslie Fai Palmer, 73, of Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida, died Oct. 18, 2022. Ponte

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Margaret Lou Perry

Margaret Lou Perry, 91, of Jacksonville Beach, Florida, died Oct. 20, 2022. Ponte Vedra Valley Funeral Home, Cremation Center & Cemetery – 904-285-1130 – www.pontevedravally.com

James Patrick Shaar

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Patricia Ann Starbuck

Patricia Ann Starbuck, 80, of Jacksonville, Florida, died Oct. 16, 2022. Arrangements by Quinn-Shalz Family Funeral Home & Cremation Centre. 904-249-1100 www.quinn-shalz.com

OBITUARIES



Dr. Robert Edward Karol

Dr. Robert Edward Karol, 68, passed away on Saturday, October 22, 2022, after a courageous battle with T-Cell Lymphoma cancer and a bone marrow transplant.

He was beloved as a father, son, brother, friend and periodontist.

Rob was born in Brooklyn on September 21, 1954, grew up in New Jersey. He then started his periodontal practice while raising a family in Ponte Vedra Beach, FL.


Rob had a passion for life, trivia, golf and bringing joy and humor into the lives of others. He wholeheartedly cherished his family, patients, colleagues and students.

He studied at Fairleigh Dickinson University, College of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey and Columbia University.

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Mary Mance

Mary Mance, born Mary Elizabeth Deckers, joined the love of her life, John Robert Mance, and her youngest son, Russell Kenneth Mance, in the place she aspired to be for her entire life, Heaven.

Mary's parents, Bernardus and Catherine Deckers and her older sister Catherine arrived in America via the ship Rotterdam from the Netherlands in 1920, and the immigrant family was processed through Ellis Island. Mary was born in

Hoboken, New Jersey on December 8, 1924.

Mary graduated high school from the Academy of the Sacred Heart, Hoboken, NJ in 1942. She graduated with high honors of course, number 4 in her class of thirteen. She continued her education by taking engineering, machine design and drafting courses at the Stevens War Institute Training School, part of Stevens Institute of Technology, also in Hoboken in 1943 and 1944.

Mary met her future husband John Robert (Bob) Mance when she was immediately hired by Bob's father, John Christopher Mance as a secretary and junior engineer at the family business, Mance Corporation, Mechanical Contractors, NYC in March of 1948. The company was then just 8 years old.

Mary Elizabeth Deckers and John Robert Mance were married in July of 1952, in a military chapel at Fort Rucker, Alabama where Bob was an Army lieutenant and commander of a tank squadron, training for deployment to the Korean conflict. The Korean War ended before Bob's deployment, and Bob ended up at Mance Corporation as well. He eventually took over the family engineering business and Mary was promoted to the challenging job of raising the family that came next for Bob and Mary. Mary also filled her rich life in other ways. She at-

tended Traphagen School of Fashion and designed and created the family clothes for years. She acquired a personal computer and became computer proficient in 1984. She attended Briarcliff College and studied Art History and Contemporary Novels.

Job one however, was the growing Mance family in Chappaqua, New York. Weekends found the family with hobbies and friends at Sleepy Hollow Country Club, where the family held a membership for over 40 years. Mom's amazing sense of humor always left family and friends in good spirits. She was mischievous, hilarious, and contagiously fun. After Bob and Mary completed their important respective careers, they retired to Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida in 1987. They joined the Ponte Vedra Inn and Club, enjoyed golf, water sports, bridge and entertaining with many dear friends. They also went on forty-three cruises during their retirement years.

Bob and Mary Mance were a role model couple and in deep, deep love for 65 years until Bob passed away in 2017. Missing and surviving Mary (and Bob and Russ) are her daughter Kimberly (Scott Blauvelt) of St. Augustine and Austin, son Craig (Jody) of Cape Cod and son Doug (Laura) of Tucson. Six granddaughters, three grandsons, and twelve greats are all also part of Mary and Bob's legacy. We will miss Mary and all those who have left this physical place, but we know her heavenly reunion will be joyful.

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Ullman enjoys ride as contestant on 'The Voice'

By Anthony Richards

Music has been a passion of Eva Ullman's since she can remember, and that love is now on a national stage as she is a contestant on NBC's "The Voice" where she is a member of country star Blake Shelton's team.

It has been a process that began more than a year ago when she initially took part in virtual auditions for the show.

After the audition, the Ponte Vedra native received a call that she was selected to be on the next season in February 2022 and she has been enjoying the wild ride she has been on ever since.

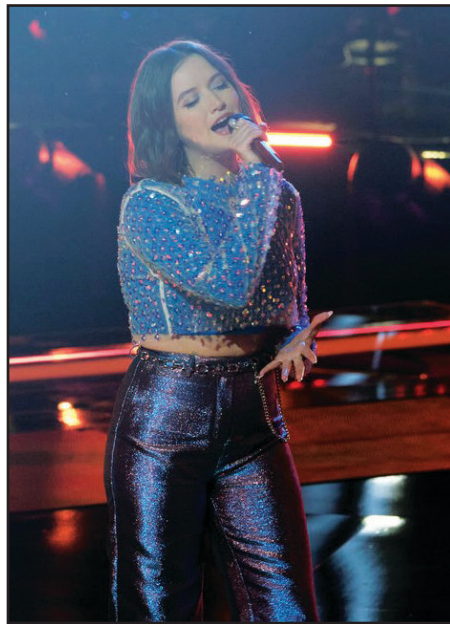
"I didn't think I would make it this far, but here I am," Ullman chuckled. "I did not see my life going this way. It is by far the coolest thing I've ever done."

She is currently living in Boston and is preparing to graduate in May as a senior at Northeastern University.

According to Ullman, it was her roommate that prompted her to try out for the show in the first place.

Not only was she selected as one of 106 artists out of the hundreds of thousands that auditioned, but she has continued that momentum and is now competing as one of 56 contestants in the battle round portion of the competition.

However, performing in front of others



Eva Ullman has been putting on shows for her parents since she was a young child, but now she is performing on the national stage.

is nothing new for Ullman, but now she is doing it on the largest stage.

"My parents say that I used to do shows for them when I was really young," Ullman said. "But it was fifth grade when I really started to realize my talent. My friends and I had this idea to have a girl group, so we held fake tryouts on the playground. They all said I was



Photos courtesy of NBC Universal

Eva Ullman of Ponte Vedra (right) has made it to the battle rounds as a participant on "The Voice."

actually really good."

After that experience, she went home and asked her parents if she could start taking singing lessons and she has been continually developing her talent in the years that followed.

Ullman eventually became president of the a cappella group at Ponte Vedra High School and she hopes to pursue a career in the music industry after college.

"My dream is to be a song writer,

but either way I want to be around that world," Ullman said.

According to Ullman, song writing is where she feels the most comfortable, and she enjoys when she is able to create a song that others can connect with as well.

"I've had songs that just come to me in the moment, and it comes together in 10 minutes, and others where I have to sit there for weeks and think about it," Ullman said. "My No. 1 goal as a song writer is to make people feel something when they listen to my music."

The emotion she demonstrates when singing has resonated with the judges on "The Voice" and is a major reason why country music star Blake Shelton chose her to be part of his team and why she has made it this far.

She said that John Legend told her that she put on a "star performance," during the battle round.

Although it took her a while to find the style that suits her, she believes she has found it and describes her music as pop with an influence of R&B.

According to Ullman, competing on "The Voice" does not only require being a good singer, but also to be strong mentally.

"Doing the battle rounds is a lot of pressure, but I've definitely built up a lot of confidence," Ullman said. "I get really nervous before a performance, but once the song starts I get so locked in that I don't even remember my whole performance at times looking back. I really do feel at home when I'm on stage."

She hopes to continue the ride she is on for as long as she can through the knockout rounds and live performance shows. The show is televised Mondays and Tuesdays at 8 p.m. on NBC.

Ullman's music can be found on Spotify @evaulman and she is active on Instagram and TikTok @the_eva_diva.

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Decorating for Fall

"Colors are the smiles of nature." — Leigh Hunt



By Kathy Esfahani

As fall arrives, we see seasonal decorations popping up throughout our neighborhoods.

Fall is the season where harvest celebrates the hard work put in during the summer months and the prosperity that results from this diligence. We use natural flowers and fruits to add festive accents around our homes and landscapes. These decorations can be arranged in centerpieces, incorporated in planters, or sporadically added throughout your yard to accentuate fall colors, pumpkins, or other seasonal decorations.

Popular decorations during fall are



Flower of the Week

Chrysanthemums

corn, gourds, hay bales, mums and pumpkins. Although they may seem to be just a part of the season, each of these items is representative of the festivities we celebrate during fall:

- Corn symbolizes bounty through the many kernels on each cob and the fields that seem never-ending as they stretch toward the horizon.
- Gourds are believed to bring

blessings, encourage good health and protect against evil.

- Hay bales remind us of the harvest and bring out fall feelings in our seasonal displays.

- Mums are especially symbolic during this time of year! They represent optimism, health and joy. Mums come in bright yellow, orange and red. Yellow flowers symbolize intellect and wealth; orange flowers highlight energy, creativity, and warmth; and red flowers represent success.

- Pumpkins are the earth's gold! Native Americans valued pumpkins because they could be stored long into winter. With their bulging shapes, they are a symbol for bounty, luck and success!

Many flowers feature seasonal colors and look wonderful in gardens and containers.

Popular fall annuals include celosia, dianthus, dusty miller, marigolds, pansies, petunias, snapdragons, and



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Fall decorations

violas. If you prefer perennials, look for crotons, firespike, geraniums, loropetalum, mums, pentas, and salvia.

Stop by the nursery to gather your fall flowers, hay bales and more! Happy decorating!

Flower of the Week: Chrysanthemum ("Mum")

Please email Kathy at kcg.pvr@gmail.com for any questions or gardening tips you would like to see in the future. For more information & ideas, visit Kathy's Creative Gardens & Nursery, 196 N. Roscoe Blvd. The phone number is 904-655-7373.



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Ayla's Acres in recovery mode after flooding

*Rescue partners
with Underwood's for
adoption event*

By Anthony Richards

Ayla's Acres No-kill Animal Rescue is going through a tough time after experiencing flooding at its thrift shop during Tropical Storm Ian.

Although it has been weeks since the storm passed, the damage the water did to the shop located in St. Augustine is still a work in progress.

"We got flooded just enough to where we need some new walls and inventory," owner Fran Charlson said. "We originally thought that we were going to be closed for a week, but it's turned into much more than that."

The rescue has been around for about 10 years, and it is not the first time it has had to bounce back from damage caused by flooding.

Rescue, foster and adoption of animals are the



Photo courtesy of Ayla's Acres

Ayla's Acres' thrift shop in St. Augustine has been closed due to flood damage from Tropical Storm Ian, which means the rescue has not had that revenue coming in.

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primary focuses of the rescue, which currently has about 60 animals in adoption homes, most of which are cats.

According Charlson, not having the thrift shop up and running can have a lasting negative impact.

“We will lose about a month’s worth of revenue from the thrift shop,” Charlson said.

Not having that revenue source can create other issues as it helps fund the operation.

“Money is definitely key right now because it allows us to keep up with all that we offer,” Charlson said. “At the end of the day it’s all about providing our animals with the best care needed. We can also use volunteers in the shop once we are re-opened.”

Ayla’s Acres partnered with Underwood’s Jewelers in Ponte Vedra Beach to host an adoption event Oct. 8. It was also a part of a three-day trunk show at Underwood’s.

Actress Loretta Swit attended the event as a special guest. She is best known for her role as Major Margaret “Hot Lips” Houlihan on the television series “M*A*S*H,” as well as being an animal activist.

“Underwood’s has been a huge supporter of ours over the years,” Charlson



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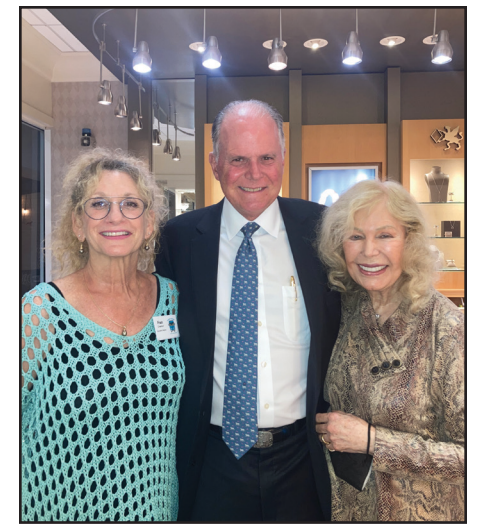
said. “We enjoy doing our part to give back, and we love it when people are passionate back, because the need exists. We’re in a county that rallies when things are needed.

According to Charlson, she usually gets about 30 phone calls a day from various people who have questions or are looking for a home for stray animals they have run across.

Being a no-kill rescue is one of the things Charlson is most proud of about the approach to the business, and she has not wavered at all.

“I’ve always loved animals and worked with horses as a teenager,” she said. “I had a kitten that passed away when I was a 2-year-old, and my mom told me that if ‘God wants us to have a kitty he would give us one.’ The next day there was a cat looking for a home outside our door and that was that. There’s just something special about animals that brings such joy to our lives.”

Anybody looking for ways to donate money or time toward the cause can email fran@aylasacres.org or call 650-520-5201.



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Fran Charlson, Clayton Bromberg and Loretta Swit at the Underwood's Jewelers trunk show.



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Halloween with your four-legged friends



Beaches Jet Set Pets dog trainer Chanin Malle wants dog owners to take precautions to avoid trouble on Halloween.

By Chanin Malle

Beaches Jet Set Pets dog trainer

Halloween is right around the corner, and who more important to include in your spooky plans than your dog? In this article we will go over the “tricks and treats” of your Halloween prep with your pup. To prepare for Halloween night, we have a few suggestions on how to keep your dog and others safe and comfortable while also having a good time.

First, we want to make sure candy and other treats are kept safely away from your dog. Many of the food and treats we enjoy on Halloween night can be very toxic or even deadly to pets. Dogs will eat almost anything — even the paper that wraps the tasty treats. Some toxic treats that are especially dangerous to your dog are:

- Chocolate — It contains theobromine, which can sometimes be fatal to your dog, especially baking chocolate. The general rule of thumb is the darker the chocolate, the more dangerous.

- Candy and gum — They contain xylitol which is also toxic. Peanut butter and toothpaste can contain xylitol as well. Hard candies can also cause risk of obstruction if not chewed.

- Raisins — In some candies they can cause renal failure.

There are many other ingredients dogs

are sensitive to, so always read the wrapper before sharing with your pup!

Another precautionary measure is walking your dog before trick-or-treaters are active. Some dogs can be reactive to strangers on a walk, so strangers walking around as ghosts and goblins could cause even more stress on a dog. Even the most well-behaved dogs can become skittish or overwhelmed in unusual circumstances.

Taking a long walk before dusk and tiring him out will not only make sure your evening potty break is taken care of, it will also make sure your pup is worn out and tired when the door bell is ringing all night long! Also, be careful while walking after the night is over. Many things can be dropped on the sidewalks and dogs are very quick to pick up goodies!

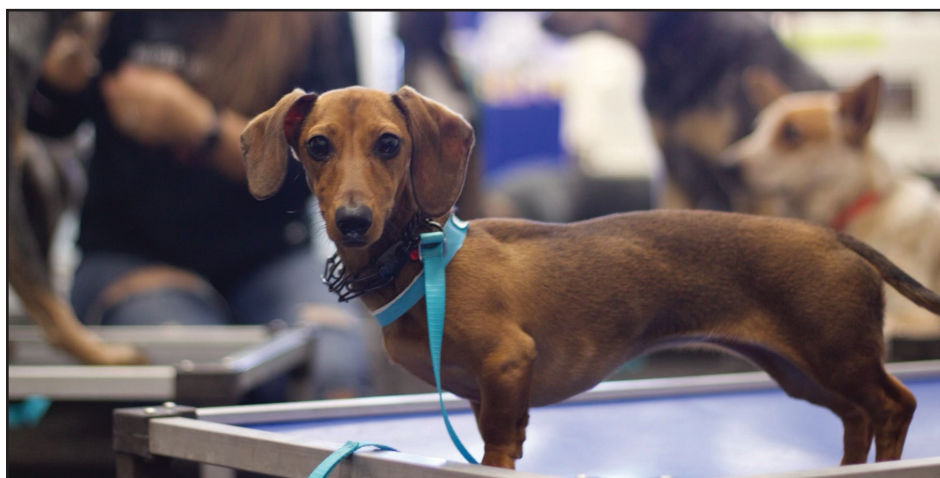
Our last tip and trick to keeping your dog happy and stress-free during All Hallow's Eve is to put him away safely in a crate, keep a leash on him while he roams the house, or put him away in quiet dark room during the activities. This will limit the exposure to the doorbell and strangers coming to the door throughout the evening. During the chaos of the doorbells and knocking, we suggest playing soft music and providing your dog with a durable chew to occupy him while you're busy at the door!

We wish you and your dog a safe and fun Halloween!



Contributed photos

Take precautionary measures to protect your dog before the trick-or-treating gets started.



Cool cats enjoy National Night Out

Four very frisky felines drew quite a crowd at the annual National Night Out, held Oct. 4 at the St. Augustine Beach Pier. The kittens brought with them a few human representatives from the St. Augustine Humane Society to help explain their services to their many new admirers.

These particular kitties were celebrating their recent participation in the organization’s low-cost spay and neuter program. The adorable “Gang of Four” also took advantage of the St. Augustine Humane Society’s pet food pantry and wellness checks during their stay at the facility.

If you or someone you know is facing barriers to successful pet ownership or needs more information on St. Augustine Humane Society services call 904-829-2737 ext. 111 or email media@staugustinehumane.org.



From left are Pete Melfi, Ashlee Van Etta and Lynn Washington, all of the St. Augustine Humane Society.



Photos provided by the St. Augustine Humane Society
These kittens enjoyed attending National Night Out.

What it means when a cat doesn't use the litter box

One of the most common complaints of cat owners is inappropriate elimination, meaning that their cat is not using their litter box for urine and/or feces.

Cats eliminate by urinating, defecating and urine spraying. Cats will urinate by squatting typically twice daily and will defecate solid waste at least once daily. A squatting posture is what is usually used to urinate; a cat will dig with its front paws to make a depression in the litter, then squat and deposit urine or feces.

Spraying is typically done standing, and urine is sprayed on vertical surfaces. Spraying is indicative of marking territory, a form of communication. A dominant cat may or may not cover its deposits to send a signal to other cats in the environment, and they also may control access to elimination sites.

Cats will choose where to eliminate in their environment based on how they socially interact with other cats, the site they use and substrate preference.

The preferred number of litter boxes in a multi-cat household is the number of cats plus one. Placing multiple litter boxes in strategic locations in the household may help prevent inappropriate elimination in homes with multiple cats.

The best type of litter box is one that is at least 1.5 times the length of a cat’s body, or longer. Most commercially available litter boxes are too small for an average cat. Sweater boxes or other large plastic tubs with low sides are more readily accepted by cats. If your cat is elderly, keep in mind that high-sided access may be difficult for an older, arthritic kitty.

Choose a fine-grained substrate for the litter; clumping unscented litter is best. Keep litter boxes clean by scooping at least once daily, which helps reduce elimi-

nation issues. Wash litter boxes with a non-ammonia cleaner once weekly.

Cats also prefer no lid or liner, as these trap odors that may be noxious. Interestingly, a cat that digs more than four times before eliminating prefers their litter box set up; those that dig four times or less may have elimination issues.

Consult with your veterinarian if your cat is straining to urinate with no production of urine, vocalizing while urinating, licking at the genitalia, blood in the urine, or there are appetite changes, vomiting or changes in behavior.

These may be signs of a more serious medical condition that warrants medica-

tion or diet change.

Inappropriate elimination often accompanies a medical condition and does not mean your cat is “getting back at you.” A

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Fundraiser to help Feline Canopy of Care

By Jada Montesione

Feline Canopy of Care, a nonprofit organization in St. Augustine, is committed to rescuing, healing and re-homing abandoned cats.

Sherrie Moore, the executive director, began Feline Canopy in 2013 and has devoted the majority of her life to helping cats in need. Moore grew up in "a house full of animals" and at one time had multiple indoor-outdoor cats running in and out of her basement. Her love for animals led her to work for a veterinarian in her 30s and continue to rescue cats on her own.

When Moore first started Feline Canopy, everything was coming out of her pocket. Since then, Feline Canopy has slowly gained new volunteers, people who are knowledgeable about marketing, and an increase in donations, allowing them to help thousands of cats.

Last year alone, Feline Canopy had 470 cats get adopted. There are currently around 200 cats in their rescue system, and through Feline Canopy's partnership with the Witty Whiskers Cafe in St. Augustine, people can meet up to 19 cats for adoption.

Feline Canopy is run entirely by volunteers who put their "hearts and souls

into this," and Moore feels very lucky to have such a dedicated team. Running a nonprofit comes with challenges, though. After the pandemic, cat food has tripled in price, and medical bills can run up to hundreds of dollars.

Moore explains that all these expenses are paid with donations; however, donations have tapered off, so they are now relying on their adoption fees.

As challenging as running a nonprofit can be, Moore finds her work very rewarding. Feline Canopy has had a huge success rate with cats found and deemed euthanasia as their only option. But they did not give up and have nursed cats back to health so they can be put up for adoption.

"We lose kittens when they are found too late, and our hearts break, but for every one we lose, we have some miracle case that we can be proud of," Moore said.

Moore's hope for the future of Feline Canopy is to eventually open a thrift store so they can generate income, allowing them to expand their organization and continue to help "the community with all these cats in need."

Feline Canopy is hosting a fundraiser at Odd Birds in St Augustine on Friday, Oct. 28. To attend this fundraiser, simply



Photo by Jada Montesione

Feline Canopy Executive Director Sherrie Moore started her nonprofit to rescue, heal and find new homes for cats.

make a reservation for that day and mention you are going to support Feline Canopy. Odd Birds has created a specialty cocktail, "The Catbird," where Feline Canopy will receive a percentage of its

proceeds. In the restaurant, there will be an auction table set up where people can bid on items.

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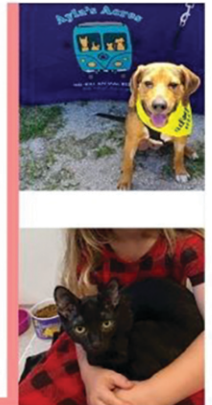


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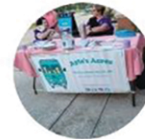
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App raises funds for animal charities

By Shaun Ryan

An app that helps people become more fit, ensures dogs get their daily walks and benefits animal charities is running a special project through the end of November in select cities.

WoofTrax is a free app available on Google Play and the App Store. Essentially, it is used to record your daily dog walks. This also incentivizes dog owners to get out and walk, which is a good way to burn calories and stay in shape.

In fact, for those who are currently "between dogs," app users can "walk" the WoofTrax virtual dog.

But one of the big appeals of the app is that each walk raises money for pet charities designated by users. Each walk can earn the equivalent of 10 pieces of kibble for the charity.

"That adds up," said WoofTrax CEO Doug Hexter. "Ten walks can feed a small dog."

In the Jacksonville area, the following charities are among those receiving WoofTrax donations: Akita Rescue Society of Florida, Ana's Angles Inc., Animal Rescue Rangers of Florida Inc., First Coast No More Homeless Pets-Mandarin Adoption Center, Florida Service Dogs Inc., Friends of Jacksonville Animals

Inc., G.R.E.A.T. Rescue of NE Florida, Jacksonville Humane Society, Papillon Pals Rescue Inc., Pet Rescue North Inc., Pit Sisters Inc. and The Old Dog House.

According to Hexter, if dog owners want donations to go to a charity not on the site, they simply have to contact the company and have it added.

"Any charity that's a 501c(3) nonprofit supporting animals, we would certainly be happy to add them to WoofTrax," he said.

The app is available nationwide and donates to about 9,000 charities.

"Across the United States, we've had almost a million downloads of WoofTrax, and we've got hundreds of thousands of walks every month," Hexter said.

Donations are funded through sponsorship and advertising.

After Hurricane Ian struck South Florida, Hexter said he had heard from shelters where animals were displaced.

"We're doing what we can to support that effort down there," he said.

It inspired WoofTrax to launch its Autumn Challenge for select Florida cities.

From now through the end of November, every walk recorded by dog walkers in either Jacksonville, Miami or Tampa



will earn a dollar for the selected animal charity.

To join the Autumn Challenge, download the WoofTrax app on your phone, enroll in WoofTrax and choose

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Welcome to Sand Castles!



Janet Westling
Contributing Editor

By Janet Westling

Our fall weather has finally arrived, and we look forward to welcoming our Georgia neighbors to the north to Jacksonville and our beaches.

Since 1915, the Florida/Georgia game, sometimes referred to as the biggest outdoor party, has been played, and since 1933 every year Jacksonville is proud to host another successful event for our city. Many fans arrive early to this destination game and our hotels and resorts are filled. Georgia is our No. 1 feeder state for real estate and while we may be rivals on the field, off the field Georgians enjoy our restaurants, beautiful beaches and lifestyle!

The Jaguars

Brian Sexton of the Jaguars organization begins his story and shares his insight about the playoffs with a question mark. He ends his story with these words. The Jaguars have the best roster in the AFC South. They have the best quarterback in the AFC South. They have the most accomplished head coach in the AFC South. They're not the favorites, yet, but sooner rather than later they're going to start winning the close games and they'll push the Titans

and the Colts out of the way.

Travel Updates — Italy & Israel

Anne Marie Genusa, St. Johns County lawyer and homeowner of a beautiful Tuscan retreat in Cortona, Italy, shares an update on the beautiful village of Cortona, Italy, that was featured in the movie "Under the Tuscan Sun."

Whether you are planning a trip to Europe, or just want to read about this special spot close to Florence, Siena and Rome, this story will give a local insider's perspective, filled with great ideas for spending time in this special part of Italy.

Kellie Kelleher-Smith shares her story about a recent trip to Israel with a purpose. Kelleher-Smith recounts her visit along with 20 colleagues from around the country who represent the Jewish Federation Foundation professionals, who are supporters of the Emergency campaign. They visited with the Ukrainian refugees who fled their homes in the Ukraine to a safe-haven in Israel and toured a former boarding school repurposed and transformed into a Summer Camp for the Ukrainian children and teens. The generosity of the Northeast Florida community knows no bounds, said Smith, "and I found great hope and renewed inspiration in the great work we are accomplishing here at home and abroad."

Farm to Table — A Healthy Way of Living!

"Farm to Table is not a new vision," says Chef Shane Chesire of Taste Catering and Barn Yard Farms. "It has been around for decades. Farmers markets have long been an essential part of the farm-to-table vision. Farm to table means harnessing the produce, livestock and seafood of local farmers, ranchers and fisheries. To put it simply, it is buying local and supporting your local community."

National Speakers and Receptions

On Oct. 2, my husband Dale and I hosted a brunch, book event and interview with Ainsley Earhart, co-host of Fox & Friends and author of the bestselling novel, "I Am So Glad You Were Born," and Fox News' Sean Hannity, at our home in Sawgrass Country Club.

Ainsley Earhart has written four bestselling novels, and this event sold out within days of sending out invitations to friends in our community. Over 275 books were pre-sold and all who attended had the opportunity to meet this New York Times bestselling author and "Fox & Friends" co-host and do some early Christmas shopping!

On Oct. 15, Gov. Kristi Noem of South Dakota held a fundraiser in Ponte Vedra Beach on a Florida tour that

reached out to conservative audiences on the importance of this November election. Her talk was inspiring as she shared her message of getting our country to open energy resources and natural gas to begin to tackle the out-of-control inflation we are dealing with, emphasizing that this should be a priority.

Real Estate update

Here on our First Coast, John O'Connor with Prosperity Bank gives us an update on the local market watch with some insights on the current market and the buy down initiative to help sellers sell their homes and buyers make a purchase in the ever-increasing interest rate escalation.

People are still relocating to Florida for many reasons. We have an active market with wonderful properties for sale, and in this issue, we hear from 11 seasoned First Coast Realtors who share their listings from ocean to the Intracoastal, the golf course and everywhere in between.

New business owner on the First Coast: Relocating from California

Real estate around our country has taken a turn in a different direction but here on the First Coast in what many refer to as "Free Florida," newly minted entrepreneurs like Ponte Vedra resident Frank Sutera and his family continue the migration to Florida! "Life at the beach just got a lot easier," said Sutera, "and even more fun thanks to Ponte Vedra Beach's newest and truly brilliant addition to the community ... Ocean Outfitters."

St. Johns County is the No. 1 school district in Florida

Recently re-elected school board member Kelly Barrera weighs in with a continuing series on the state of our schools and poses the question regarding school overcrowding: How are new schools approved and built — and can we get rid of portable classrooms? This school update will enlighten you about the process and solutions!

Our home is our castle, and at the beach it is our castle in the sand. From palm trees to sand dunes, golf courses to resort living, Ponte Vedra Beach and the Beaches communities offer the most desirable real estate in Northeast Florida!

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Better strategies than reducing the price to sell your home

By John O'Connor

The Permanent Rate Buydown

Let's say you have a home to sell and the asking price is \$800,000, and you've already reduced it once to get to this point. You're still not getting good offers.

Do you reduce the price another \$20,000? \$30,000?

Perhaps a better option might be to pay points to reduce the rate on the buyer's mortgage, retaining the same sale price and loan amount.

If the interest rate on the \$640,000 30-year fixed-rate loan were reduced from 7.25% to 6.375%, the payment would go from \$4,365.93 to \$3,992.77, a savings of \$373.16 per month. The cost to the seller would be about 2 points, or \$12,800. Much nicer on the seller than another price reduction, yet producing a significant benefit to the buyer, perhaps just the motivation enough to go to contract.

The Temporary Buydown

Points paid to reduce the rate are sometimes termed a "permanent buydown" because the lower rate and payment run for the entire life of the loan. An even more powerful way to lower the payment is for the seller to buy down the payment in the early years of the mortgage. This is called a "temporary buydown" because the payment reduction doesn't last.

On a 2-1 buydown, the mortgage payment in years one and two are calculated at rates 2% and 1%, respectively, below the rate on the loan.

Using the same mortgage as before, the payment in year one is calculated at 5.25%, which is 2% below the 7.25% rate paid the lender. The payment in year one is reduced by \$832 each month compared to the going rate of 7.25%. In year 2, the payment is reduced by \$425. In year 3, it is back to what it would have been without the buydown, the rate of 7.25% and the resulting monthly payment of \$4,366.

The total cost to the seller is \$15,086, which is still a lot less than a typical \$20,000 price reduction but can be just the attention-getter with its tangible



result enough to encourage the buyer that they can afford to live happily ever after, after all.

Please be advised that the rate buydown strategy can't be deployed on every loan type (conventional loans only) and applicants must qualify within standard mortgage underwriting guidelines. Please feel free to contact me any time for a consultation to determine qualification.

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Local business provides all those things that make a beach visit fun

By Frank Sutera

Ponte Vedra Beach is home to one of the most beautiful stretches of beach in the world, one that attracts families, friends and tourists alike. There's nowhere better to have fun in the sun, riding beach cruisers along the surf, playing cornhole on the sand, drink in hand, while the kiddos conquer the waves on boogie boards.

But getting all that stuff to the beach can be daunting. Wouldn't it be great if you didn't have to resupply all your beach toys, bikes, boards, chairs and umbrellas every time? How much happier would you be to have all that space if you didn't have to find some way to squeeze it all back into the garage?

Life at the beach just got a lot easier, and even more fun thanks to Ponte Vedra Beach's newest addition, Ocean Outfitters.

Catering to locals and serving the year-round beach house rental community, the team at Ocean Outfitters



specializes in delivering beach fun directly to your door. They literally drop off and pick up.

Have visitors coming and need extra beach cruisers, chairs or maybe a giant six-person raft for the kids to ride? How about paddleboards, surf or boogie boards for some fun on the water? They've got it, and more. Enjoy a beach picnic setup or an outdoor movie night complete with a margarita machine package.

And keep an eye out for the Ocean Outfitters clothing and merchandise line, complete with tank tops, T-shirts, cool hats and caps, tote bags, beach towels and koozies.

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South Dakota Gov. Noem makes stop at Sawgrass home

By Janet Westling

On Saturday, Oct. 15, my husband Dale and I hosted an afternoon reception and talk with Gov. Kristi Noem, candidate for re-election as governor of South Dakota, at our Sawgrass Country Club home to neighbors and friends.

Noem, a former congresswomen, former member of the South Dakota House of Representatives, rancher and South Dakota's first female governor, has a resume that is long and very impressive.

"Not my first Rodeo ... lessons from the Heartland" is the story of her life lived so far.

Noem gave a wonderful talk, posed for photos and spoke about her father's influence on her life, working on her family farm and shared his work dogma: "We don't complain about things, Kristi. We fix them."

Photos by Janet Westling



Local residents Silvia and Derrick Fisher visited the Ponte Vedra Beach home of Dale and Janet Westling recently to meet with South Dakota Gov. Kristi Noem.



South Dakota Gov. Kristi Noem, center, Kelly Cressman, left, and Katie Johnson, right, stand for a photo during Noem's recent visit here.



Local residents visit with South Dakota Gov. Kristi Noem during her recent visit to the home of Janet and Dale Westling. Pictured from left, Nancy Layden, David Johnson holding Abbey Johnson, Gov. Kristi Noem, Katie Johnson, Janet Westling, and Allison Ferebee.



South Dakota Gov. Kristi Noem recently stopped by the home of Janet and Dale Westling.



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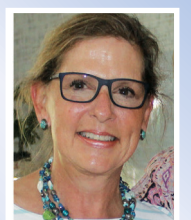


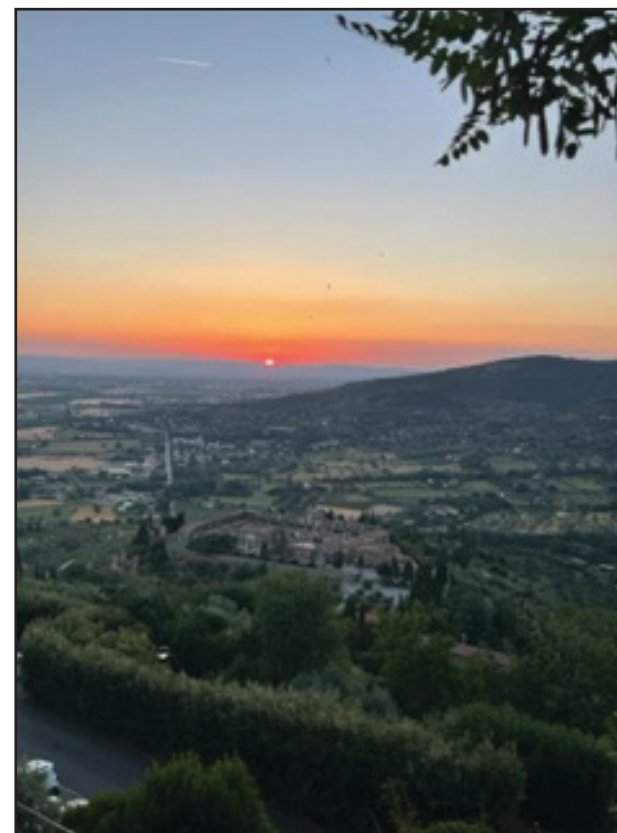
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Cortona, Italy: More than just under the Tuscan sun

By Anne Marie Gennusa

When one thinks of Cortona, Italy, one can't help but think of Diane Lane, Frances Mayes and the bestselling novel and movie "Under the Tuscan Sun." However, upon deeper look, Cortona is much more.

Cortona is a picturesque hilltop, walled city with a rich Etruscan (B.C) past. Located in the Arezzo province of Tuscany, Cortona is easily accessible from Rome (126 miles) or Florence (65 miles). Day trips to Pienza, Montepulciano and Siena make Cortona a wonderful location to base for any Italian adventure.

Cortona is a melting pot of culture. It has a documented history from as far back as the 7th and 8th centuries B.C. when the Etruscans built the walls that surround the city. Cortona (Corito) has been a Roman colony and Ghibellinian city state (13th century). All of this history contributes to the sights and sounds, which one finds are ever-present while strolling the streets or visiting the shops.

While many travel to Cortona to see the famous "Casa Bramasole," a visit to Cortona is not complete without an excursion to St. Francis' Celle (Hermitage, "Le Celle"). Located a few kilometers from the walled city located off Case Sparse 73, Torreone, Cortona (Strada dei Cappuchini), the views and scenic nature of the valley below are worth the drive.

If you an art connoisseur, make sure to visit "Galleria il Pozzo," located at Via Nazionale 10/12. This is one of the nicest gift shops in Cortona. In Il Pozzo you will find handmade paper, hand-bound books, beautiful art pieces from local artists, as well as hand-crafted frames for those art finds. Ivan, the owner, is a wealth of information regarding Cortona and is proud to show off his Etruscan well "ad ampulla" that has goldfish swimming in it, unaware of the history of where they have made their home.

While in the walls of the city, stop by the Accademia Etrusca (MAEC) in the Piazza Luca Signorelli, 9 next to the visitor center. Here visitors find a very large collection of Etruscan artifacts, including the "Tabula Cortonensis," the third longest Etruscan text, thought to be dated in the 2nd or 3rd century B.C. Plan on spending two to three hours minimum to explore the treasure trove of Etruscan history. You will not be disappointed.



If you a wine sommelier, "Enoteca Molesini" (Piazza della Repubblica, 22) is one of the finest places to purchase drinkable memories of your trip. With hundreds of bottles to choose from, you will be able to sample some of the finest wines from vineyards all over Italy, including Cortona, Montepulciano and Sicily.

Finally, within a few kilometers' drive of Cortona is the Basilica di Santa Margherita (Via S. Margherita, 1) and the Fortezza del Girifalco. Both can be toured during the same visit. St. Margaret is the patron saint of Cortona, and this Neo-Gothic church is dedicated to her. It opened in 1304 and Saint Margherita is entombed within.

After touring the Basilica be sure to walk around the side of it toward the back where the convent is. Be prepared to see one of the most stunning views of Cortona and the valley below. On a clear day you can see for miles with a view of Lake Trasimeno in the distance.

Above the Basilica looms the Fortezza del Girifalco, which is believed to have been built sometime in the 5th or 6th century B.C., although historical records date it at 1258 A.D. Make sure you take the elevator to the top of the fortress and walk around the perimeter to have a bird's-eye view of Cortona and the lush Tuscany valley. Seasonally, there is a cafe on premises that serves sandwiches, cheese/meat boards along with wine or beer. A unique experience, well worth a visit.

While there are many who might say Cortona is only worth a day visit, it would be an injustice not to give it the time it rightly deserves. Cortona, truly is a hidden gem with layer upon layer of history, culture and, of course, wine!

Anne Marie Gennusa is a local attorney and Italophile. Along with husband Bob Lindsey and their dogs, Ali and Dixie, she owns a second home in Teverina, Cortona.

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SOLD

826 Ponte Vedra Blvd. - French colonial beauty in PVB with deeded beach access on the Boulevard! Designed to capture the ocean breezes with French doors in every room that open to the ocean in the front & Guana preserve & Sawgrass Golf course in the back. 4260sf, the kitchen, living areas & master suite upstairs all open to verandas. Sold for \$2,935,000.



SOLD

2375 Ponte Vedra Blvd - This oceanfront beauty could grace the cover of Coastal Living magazine! Perfectly located along the shores of the Atlantic Ocean this 4BR/3.5BA coastal contemporary features two sweeping oceanfront porches, private beach walkover and a 21' x 21' rooftop deck with panoramic water and preserve views. Sold for \$3,600,000



SOLD

188 Sea Hammock Way - Stunning oceanfront condo located in the gated seaside community of Sea Hammock in Ponte Vedra Beach. This 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo is completely updated and furnished with designer finishes and details. Sold for \$1,404,000.



SOLD

962 Ponte Vedra Blvd. - Exquisite estate home located on a waterfront lot that measures greater than a half-acre. This 6 bedroom, 5 full and one-half bath home offers stunning sunset and nature views as well as private, deeded beach access across the street. Sold for \$2,400,000.



SOLD

405 Ponte Vedra Blvd. - 100 ft' lot is situated on sought-after oceanfront of Ponte Vedra Blvd. just 2 blocks south of the Ponte Vedra Inn & Club and 2 blocks from The Lodge & Club. Offering 4 BR's, and 4 BA's, this charming seaside home is perfectly laid out in over 2800sf & offers the best of Ponte Vedra Beach living. Sold for \$6,500,000



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SOLD

220 Sea Island Dr. - Sawgrass CC! 3BR/2BA, 1965sf house sits on a very private lot with Preserve views. Formal living & dining have high ceilings & look out at the big backyard. Open kitchen & family room create an intimate family space. Large owners suite & bath with soaking tub & walk-in shower. Covered patio adds add'l living space. Sold for \$926,000.



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SJC Schools update from School Board member Kelly Barrera

Editor's note:

One of our community's greatest strengths is the outstanding quality of our local public school system. Long ranked as the No. 1 public school system in the entire state of Florida, St. Johns County schools offer our children a well-rounded and academically rigorous education. The tremendous population growth our county has seen, however, has led to concerns about school overcrowding. In the first of a continuing series for Sand Castles, District 4 School Board Member Kelly Barrera answers the question: How are new schools approved and built — and can we ever get rid of portable classrooms?

By Kelly Barrera

District 4 School Board Member

In St. Johns County, we are always in the process of evaluating enrollment growth and the need for new schools. Over the last five years, we have constructed six new schools and three school expansions. Recently, we witnessed the opening of Beachside High School on C.R. 210. But even as we celebrate the opening of a school that will relieve overcrowding at nearby high schools, plans are well underway for three new K-8 schools slated to open in the 2024 school year.

This process impacts and involves numerous school departments, including planning, facilities, finance and curriculum. What's more, there are several steps involved before a new school is approved to be built. It's a process that can take eight to 12 months, and the approval process includes both the St. Johns County School Board (SJCSB) and the Florida Department of Education (FDOE).

Step 1: Monitoring Growth

The first step focuses on growth. Our planning department works directly with St. Johns County on building permits, approved and pending development and certificates of occupancy. Planning staff also work with developers to ensure that future development projects are factored into student growth plans.

While this local growth information is vital to our planning and operations, the projections that must be used to determine the need for a new school come from FDOE. They produce their own five-year projections for students who will require a physical seat in our schools through the Capital Outlay Full-Time Equivalent (COFTE) determination process. These COFTE projections do not account for students attending virtual classes, home education or who are hospitalized or homebound.

Step 2: Educational Plant Survey

Once the COFTE projections have demonstrated a need for a new school, the school district can move to the next step



of preparing an Educational Plant Survey (EPS). If this survey demonstrates that the school district is using all available seats for students to the fullest extent possible, the school district can then secure the revenue needed to fund a new school. This survey is submitted to the St. Johns County School Board and then to FDOE for approval.

During this process, the school district must determine how best to accommodate enrollment growth until the new building opens. Typically, this involves

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using portable classrooms, relocatables or villas to provide temporary classrooms for our students until approval of a new school can be built. Because the school district is growing rapidly in several areas, relocatables assist in managing student growth until new student stations are available. As these facilities are leased and not part of a school's permanent capacity, they do not count against our permanent seat utilization. It is therefore not expected that they will be eliminated from our facilities.

Step 3: 5-Year Facilities Work Plan

Once the EPS is approved, the third step in the process is the completion and approval by the school board and FDOE of a Five Year District Facilities Work Plan demonstrating the need and funding available to build a new school.

If approved, the school district's planning department will begin the process of determining which available school site is the most suited to relieve overcrowding, based on the most recent growth rates, projections, utilization rates and proximity of other school facilities.

The district utilizes prototype designs whenever possible to streamline the school construction process and incorporate past experience to continu-

ally improve school facilities. Once the prototype design has been adapted to the new school site, an RFP (request for proposal) will be advertised for a contractor to build the facility within the cost of construction caps that have been placed on school districts. This step has become more challenging due to increased costs as well as labor and supply shortages. We are now extending the time frame to construct a new school to two years.

Throughout this process, the school district will continue to project growth for the new school site to assist the school board in determining the zoning of students. Since our schools operate on a per-student funding model, a new school must be able to open with a large enough population to support the administration and support staff needed to operate it. We would not be able to financially operate a school without a student body large enough to sustain it.

In coordination with the new school construction plans, school department staff, administration and the school board will work together on a myriad of decisions regarding school administration, academics, electives, after-school activities and culture.

For more information on the process for approving a new school building, go to stjohns.k12.fl.us/newschools/process-for-approval-of-new-school-construction.

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The finished dish

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- Yellow oyster mushrooms, 3 oz
- 1 large fresh local lemon juiced and zested
- Butter, half stick
- Olive oil, 1/2 cup divided
- Salt and pepper to your liking

Preparation:

- 1) Get your mise en place together.
- 2) Set scallops out to dry and remove the beard. Pat dry and set aside.
- 3) Chop candied pecans reserving three halves for garnish
- 4) Preheat oven to 350 degrees

Directions:

Toss the yellow mushrooms in olive oil and season with salt and pepper. Place in a shallow roasting pan and roast for 20 minutes; pull out and set aside.

Lightly toss the chef's blend microgreens with olive oil and salt and set aside.

Heat nonstick pan over low heat and add 1/4 cup olive oil.

Pat dry scallops and press the tops of the scallops into the chopped candied pecans; when all the scallops are coated, turn up the heat to medium and begin to sear the scallops when crispy on the tops; turn over with tongs and sear the bottoms. Make sure not to overcook. It will only take a few minutes on each side. Remove scallops from the pan and reduce heat to low; add lemon juice, let reduce for one minute and then add the butter. Swirl it around as the butter begins to brown, and continue to cook for one more minute, constantly swirling. Remove from heat.

Plate your dish and spoon the lemon brown butter onto the plate or over the entire dish. Garnish with pecan halves and lemon zest.

Farm-to-table means more than healthy food

By Chef Shane Cheshire

Taste Catering

Taste Catering is known for great food. Farm-to-table is often the preferred choice to source and fill its catering menu needs.

Anyone can help make food great again! As one of the chefs of Taste Catering and a local farmer of Barn Yard Farms, I find it an easy choice to live healthier — not to mention supporting our local ranchers and small farms, such as Barn Yard Farms.

When food tastes good and is nutritious, we are more likely to choose wisely when faced with the decision of what's for dinner. That is why we see a lot of significance in the farm-to-table vision as a fantastic opportunity to unite the best in restaurant fare, family meals and our community.

A good plan for healthy eating makes it easy to source most of your family's meals. All you have to do is visit any of your local farmer's markets or directly reach out to your local farmers, and now there's such a thing as virtual farmer's markets where you place an order, and it is delivered to your front door with a weekly subscription.

Participating in your local community farms and markets will bring you a tremendous sense of community and satisfaction.

So what exactly is farm-to-table?

Farm-to-table is not a new vision; it has been around for decades. Farmer's markets have long been an essential part of the farm-to-table vision. Farm-to-table means harnessing the produce, livestock and seafood of local farmers, ranchers and fisheries. To put it plainly, it is buying local and supporting your local community.

Did you know most produce loses its nutrients within 24 hours of harvesting? Yeah, that's right! So, get out to your local markets and get the freshly harvested things you need to give your family the best quality they can have.

Why is it so important?

For one thing, it promotes healthier eating and living. By sourcing locally, chefs, caterers and families can get their ingredients quicker while at peak freshness and full of nutrients. Consumers get it. Food tastes exceptionally better and contains natural vitamins and nutrients that promote better health and healing when fresh off the farm.

The advantages of farm-to-table go far above a great meal.

Farm-to-table benefits the chefs and consumers and has excellent value to the community. The local economy is strengthened by buying from local farmers, ranchers, farms and fisheries. Farming in the U.S. has been steadily declining over the last 90 years due to cheaper imports of produce, seafood and meats from other countries.

Imported produce, seafood and meats require freezing or additives for preservation. In addition, international sources are hard to track regarding growing and livestock raising health and food safety practices. When we buy internationally, it costs more, the food is not as fresh, and there are real concerns about food safety.

The farm-to-table concept is changing how we value what we eat. By encouraging more local sourcing, we are seeing sustainable farming again on the rise. The support is growing, not just with consumers but in every aspect, from local economies to community life.

Let's support healthy living and make food great again! Support your local small farmers and live well. From Taste Catering and Barn Yard Farms to your table, I wish you all well, and God bless!

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Playoffs?

The Jaguars 24-0 shutout of the Indianapolis Colts last month was more than just their first win of the season. It was more than a second consecutive win in front of the home crowd and more than Doug Pederson's first win since taking the reins in January.

That was a passing of the torch. The Colts were thought to be the best team in the AFC South and the favorites to win the division. The Jaguars have passed them, especially with the recent benching of quarterback Matt Ryan.

The Titans were the best team in the AFC South last season. They're the reigning division champs and they're still the team to beat but they're hardly the same team that a few seasons ago pushed the defense down the field either with the right arm of quarterback Ryan Tannehill slinging the ball to AJ Brown and Corey Davis or riding their bulldozer of a running back Derrick Henry right through the teeth of any defense in the game. Tannehill lost another home playoff game and the Titans drafted a young quarterback early last spring which does nothing to shore up his position as the man in Nashville. Now both of his big, tall, fast, receivers are gone and Henry can't beat all eleven defenders by himself. He's still a force to be reckoned with but that foot injury can be an indicator on a big back, he's dealt out a lot of punishment over the last

three years and he's taken as much back as well. Seven years is an eternity for a running back in professional football. Plus, the Titans have already lost their best pass rusher and best pass blocker and they just don't have the swagger like the bullies on the block any longer.

The Colts have a nice roster but without a quarterback they're trying to hold it together with chewing gum and baling wire. For the third consecutive season the brain trust in Indianapolis reacted to market forces instead of taking decisive action. Do you think they thought Carson Wentz was going to take them to the Super Bowl? Or were they just hoping? Ever since Andrew Luck walked away from the game the Colts have tried to fill his chair with aging signal callers trying to hold on. Phillip Rivers couldn't do it and so far Ryan doesn't look up to the job. That leaves Jonathan Taylor, the NFL's leading rusher from last season, to do as Henry is doing, fend for himself. Other than a big day against the Texans he's looked lost against defenses who are worried only about him.

Plus, that talented roster suddenly has holes. All Pro guard Quentin Nelson got paid big money and has been manhandled at the line of scrimmage this season. All Pro

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linebacker Shaq Leonard has a bad back and now has a multitude of lingering issues to deal with. They brought in Yannick Ngakoue to compliment second year pass rusher Kwity Paye but Paye has been a disappointment and Ngakoue is a one trick Colt. They also add All Pro cornerback Stephon Gilmore but he isn't the same guy who won the NFL's defensive player of the year award a few seasons back. If Ryan who is 37 years old could put up points he could cover all the blemishes of their roster but he can't get out of harms way and has already fumbled the ball more than ten times.

It goes deeper than talent. The Colts had every reason to come to Jacksonville and redeem themselves after the Jaguars ended their season in January. They wore that defeat all spring and summer and you would have expected the team that was expected to win the division to make a statement. Instead, they whimpered as they got on the plane ride back to Indianapolis. The Colts, folks, are the AFC South's version of the Tin Man, they have heart issues.

Which brings us to the Jaguars. They've struggled over the last month and have holes to fill but they do have a talented young roster built around the

only young franchise quarterback in the division. The offensive line has played at a high level so far, they have two tight ends to create mismatches, three wide receivers who are in sync with the quarterback and two running backs who can take it the distance. They're not Kansas City or Buffalo talented but they're gaining on the better teams in the AFC. The defense is stacked with run stuffers, pass rushers and cover corners. They have an outstanding punter and a great kick and punt returner.

Then there's Doug Pederson. You don't have to be an expert in football to know that he knows what he's doing. He has two Super Bowl rings from his NFL career, and you can see it in the way he runs his team. He's so calm when they win and even more so when they've lost. He exudes confidence and the players respect him and believe in him and that's the magic elixir for most teams.

The Jaguars have the best roster in the AFC South. They have the best quarterback in the AFC South. They have a defense that should improve as the guys like Travon Walker and Devin Lloyd figure things out as we get to November. They have the most accomplished head coach in the AFC South. They're not the favorites, yet, but sooner rather than later they're going to start winning the close games and they'll push the Titans and the Colts out of the way.



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Ainsley Earhardt and Sean Hannity sign in at Sawgrass

By Janet Westling

On Oct. 2, my husband Dale and I hosted a brunch, book event and interview with Ainsley Earhardt, co-host of FOX News Channel's "Fox & Friends" and author of the bestselling novel, "I Am So Glad You Were Born," and FOX News' Sean Hannity, at our home in Sawgrass Country Club.

Earhardt has written four best-selling novels, and this event sold out within days of sending out invitations to friends in our community. More than 275 books were pre-sold and all who attended had the opportunity to meet this New York Times bestselling author and "Fox & Friends" co-host and do some early Christmas shopping.

Ainsley and Sean posed for photos, greeted everyone and gave a wonderful talk on a beautiful Florida day in a perfect outdoor setting. This genuine and natural speaker made quite a connection to her audience as she responded to questions in the interview from Sean about her life, her daughter and her spiritual journey on the way to her career as an award-winning FOX News morning host and author.

"I Am So Glad You Were Born" is a testimony to life and the lives of all children.

According to Earhardt, "Kathy Doocy, wife of my 'Fox & Friends' co-anchor Steve Doocy, also inspired me. Whenever there is a birthday for someone on the 'Fox & Friends' set, I like to say, 'I'm so glad you were born.'"

"After saying that, the crew would always erupt in laughter because it was a phrase that they had never heard before.

"Kathy Doocy said that I should write a children's book on why I was so glad that every human being was born."

In addition to writing books and co-hosting "Fox & Friends" morning show, she hosts "Ainsley's Bible Study," streaming on Fox Nation. "I'm So Glad You Were Born" recently reached No. 1 on the New York Times bestseller list for children's picture books.

Photos by Janet Westling



'Fox & Friends' co-host Ainsley Earhardt and Dale Westling at the Westling home.



'Fox & Friends' co-host Ainsley Earhardt, left, and FOX News' Sean Hannity, right, pose with Lisa Delacruz during a recent visit to Ponte Vedra Beach.



'Fox & Friends' co-host Ainsley Earhardt, center, pictured here with Emily Campbell, left, and Susan Woodburn, right, visited Ponte Vedra Beach recently, along with FOX News' Sean Hannity. Guests of hosts Dale and Janet Westling had an opportunity to meet the famous media personalities.



Ainsley Earhardt, left, is the author of "I Am So Glad You Were Born." She poses here with Kandi Nawrocki, right.



Leslie Miro, talk show host Sean Hannity and Lonnie Smith, pictured from left.



'Fox & Friends' co-host Ainsley Earhardt and Janet Westling at the latter's home.



Sean Hannity poses with the Lee family, Vickie and Sung with their two sons, during a recent visit to Ponte Vedra Beach.



'Fox & Friends' co-host Ainsley Earhardt talks about her book, "I Am So Glad You Were Born," as Sean Hannity looks on.

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This home at 930 Ponte Vedra Blvd. is stunning to behold.



The kitchen flows effortlessly into the dining room and opens to the outdoor deck.



The pool and deck are resort-worthy.

Contemporary-style home is icon of luxury

By Lisa Barton

Lisa Barton Team

This stunning, contemporary home at 930 Ponte Vedra Blvd. is truly a masterpiece. Situated across the street from the beach and backing up to the Guana Preserve, the location couldn't be more convenient. This home was created by local architect Mark Macco, and the interior and exterior spaces blend together, offering stunning natural views through the walls of windows.

Ample gallery space is perfect for special artwork. The polished concrete floors create a contemporary feel while still retaining character and warmth.

Each and every detail is purposeful (and perfect). The gourmet kitchen offers all the high-end appliances you'd expect from a home of this quality and the kitchen's waterfall quartz island is a piece of art. The kitchen and dining room flow together and open to the outdoor deck, which overlooks the pool. This is an ideal entertaining space.

All four spacious bedrooms feature ensuite bathrooms. And the luxurious owner's suite includes a big balcony overlooking the pool and marsh. The elegant bathroom has a "gorgeous tub, walk-in shower and fabulous closet." Of course, there is an elevator and a second-floor laundry for convenience.

Built in 2019 with superior construction techniques, this house features first-floor block construction, hurricane-rated windows, a three-plus car garage and lots of storage space.

The outdoor area is truly amazing and takes full advantage of the natural views with multiple levels of outdoor living space — one can be in, or out, of the sun at all hours of the day. The backyard is completely fenced and offers much privacy. The resort-style heated pool and spa is inviting, especially in the evenings with the custom lighting. A spacious summer kitchen helps make this a wonderful space for entertaining.

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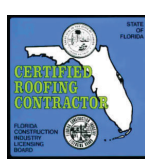


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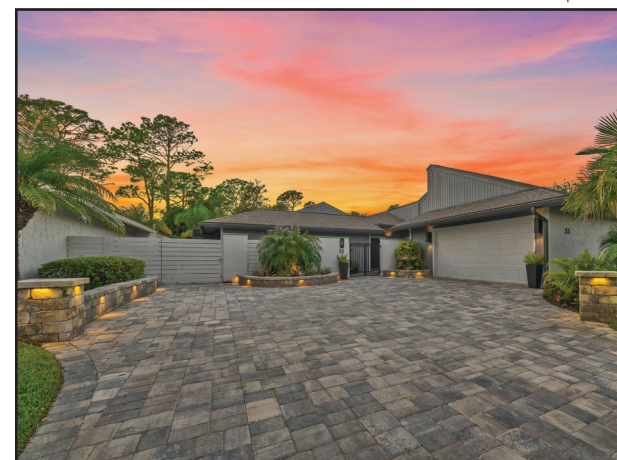
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The kitchen is perfect for entertaining.



The home's design focuses on living spaces.



The house at sunset.

Looking for turnkey? This stunning Sawgrass Country Club home is it

By Rhonda Gummerman

It's not often a totally renovated, move-in ready home comes onto the market in Sawgrass Country Club. If you are looking to experience the lifestyle that feels like you're on vacation every day, look no further than 33 Village Walk. This single-family home is nestled in the community of Village Walk in Sawgrass Country Club, not far from the community pool and a short distance to the beach.

From the minute one walks into this home one feels comfortable and relaxed. The Florida-style design is light and bright and wonderfully appointed. The home is centered around an expensive kitchen, perfect for entertaining, and open to the family room and dining

area. It also has a large walk-in pantry, butler's pantry and seating area off the kitchen. The vaulted ceilings, skylights and large sliding glass doors let extensive light into the home from all areas.

Whether entertaining friends or just peacefully relaxing at home, you will love the outdoor space here. The backyard has been completely re-designed with lush landscaping, spectacular lighting and amazing paver patios complete with fire pit, multiple seating areas, water feature and an outdoor kitchen. There is also a front courtyard and large screened area off the dining room to sit and enjoy the beautiful evening sky.

Everything was taken into consideration when remodeling this property. The complete renovation took

place in 2020, when the three-bedroom, three-bath home was completely redesigned. The new design and layout of the home focus on three separate living spaces, all with great closet space, natural light and spa-like bathrooms.

If you are looking for a truly turnkey home, you have found the place.

Sawgrass Country Club is conveniently located across the street from the Sawgrass Village with great restaurants and shopping. Ponte Veda Beach is also home to some of the best schools in the state of Florida, has beautiful beaches and excellent golf courses.

This property is listed by Rhonda Gummerman, represented by Keller Williams Atlantic Partners, and is offered for \$1,499,000.

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A view of the front of the house at 886 Ponte Veda Blvd.



The foyer is impressive with its wood beams.



The chef's kitchen with its custom cabinets.

No details overlooked on Ponte Veda Boulevard home

By Jennifer White

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Welcome home to easterly ocean breezes and perfection: 886 Ponte Veda Boulevard.

This custom-built home featuring five bedrooms, four full baths, a five-car garage, indoor/outdoor living spaces, designer finishes with warm and inviting porches take one's breath away.

Designed by top local design firm, Nesting Place Interiors, the home radiates warmth, charm and class from the moment you pull into the large circular driveway. Take in the natural surroundings as well as the meticulous landscaping as you walk up to the front entry and enter the impressive, yet inviting, foyer.

The fresh, open concept draws one in immediately.

No details were overlooked, from the shiplap accent walls, vaulted ceilings with wood beam accents, custom mantels built from trees that were cleared from the original lot, custom kitchen with Thermador appliances, oversized island with storage galore, custom cabinets, a pellet ice maker, wine refrigerator, recycling chute to the garage, large office space with additional pantry/storage and Paternoster for groceries up from the two-car garage.

The home also features barn doors, a spa-like master bath with steam shower, new fencing, brand new wood floors in the three bedrooms upstairs, new fire/smoke alarm system, custom Lutron lighting, custom window treatments — you name it.

This house has everything one would expect and then some.

And a lot of storage space. In addition to the oversized garages, there are four large, walk-in storage closets on the first floor alone, not to mention numerous others throughout the home. There is an elevator shaft in place and ready for future elevator installation (space currently serves as extra storage on each floor) if desired.

There is also flex space that can be used as additional home office, gym, etc., that has access out to the downstairs covered paver patio that leads out to the side yard or future pool. There are two tankless gas water heaters (the house is connected to natural gas), two laundry rooms, two zoned HVACs and the irrigation runs off deep artesian well. There is also an outdoor shower.

The house is being offered for \$4,200,000.



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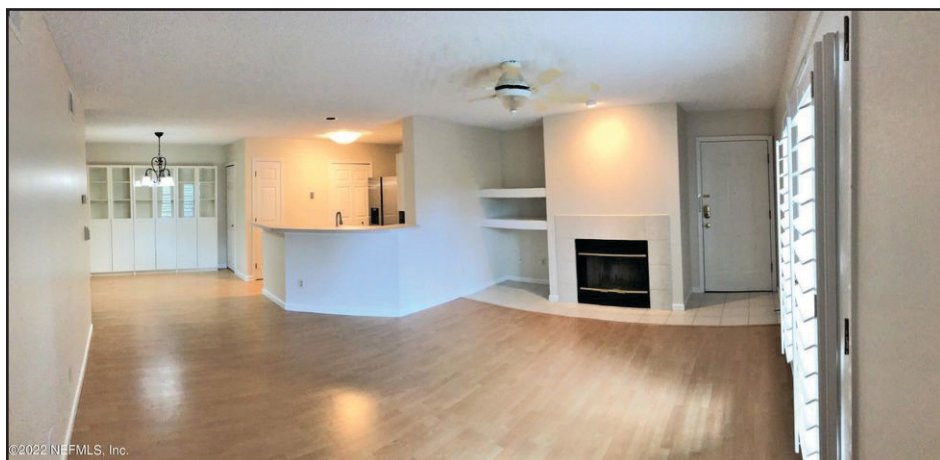
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Unit 104 at The Colony at Ponte Vedra has an open floor plan.



The Colony at Ponte Vedra is a short walk to the beach.

The Colony at Ponte Vedra — The Perfect location for the Perfect lifestyle

By Janet Westling

Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices, Florida Network Realty

In real estate you often hear buyers and sellers talk about the location of their property. In fact, it is one of the most important factors in your real estate investment.

The Colony of Ponte Vedra beach, a 100-unit condominium in several buildings located off Corona Road, two blocks to Ponte Vedra Boulevard, is in the center of one of the most prestigious areas in Ponte Vedra Beach!

Built in 1994, minutes from the Atlantic Ocean, The Colony at Ponte Vedra Condo offers its residents a unique opportunity to vacation at home year-round!

A superior location, The Colony at Ponte Vedra is two

blocks to the public beach access and to the Ponte Vedra Beach Lodge & Bath Club Fitness center and pool and just steps to the hotel and ocean. This first-floor unit is in the building closest to the beach.

Step inside Unit 104 at the Colony and experience an open floor plan with two bedrooms and two bathrooms with 1,000 square feet that is a great investment or home. The living room opens to the kitchen and is flanked by built-in shelving and French doors.

Savor your morning cup of coffee in your roomy kitchen and cozy dining space watching your favorite show. Or invite your friends to join you at the beach, just a short walk away.

About 34,000 residents call Ponte Vedra Beach home.

Thousands come from around the world to play on its beautiful uncrowded beaches and enjoy world renowned golf courses and tennis facilities each year. Visitors are often astounded to hear tales of Ponce De Leon landing on its shores as well as German saboteurs during World War II. Its past is intriguing, and its present is exciting!

Walk the beach, watch waves roll in from foreign shores and put a shell to your ear to hear whispers from the past! Then breathe deeply of the ocean breeze and you will catch a hint of Ponte Vedra living, which all will agree is simply the best!

Represented by Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices, Florida Network Realty. Listed by Janet Westling. Offered for \$340,000.

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A view of 3080 Timberlake Point, Ponte Vedra Beach from above.



The home as seen at nightfall



The home is located near the coast.

An iconic estate in Sawgrass Country Club

By Mandy Morrow

Compass Florida LLC

Not often does an exclusive property like this come on the market. This extraordinary peninsula estate is surrounded by water on three sides and has a private island accessed by a bridge.

Situated on a quiet cul-de-sac and in a prime location within a gated community, the five-bedroom, five-full bathroom, three-half bathroom home measures nearly 7,500 square feet and was thoughtfully designed with hosting multiple generations of family in mind.

As you drive up to the paved circular driveway centered by a majestic magnolia tree, you'll be captivated by the meticulous landscaping and architectural details, such as arched windows and doorways and columns. Enter through the grand foyer

with the stately double staircase and welcoming water to golf views in the distance.

The primary suite is on the ground level and enjoys its own wing with a sitting room/office area that connects to the cheerful sun porch. This spacious suite also features separate his and hers full bathrooms and walk-in closets. Three guest rooms plus a private apartment complete with a kitchenette and full bath are on the second level.

The well-appointed kitchen is light and bright, offers sweeping views of the gardens, and boasts Wolf and Sub-Zero appliances. Entertaining is made easy with the wet bar, butler's pantry and walk-in food pantry. The expansive great room, also providing mesmerizing views, is lined with glass doors and connects to a game room and a formal study.

Simply put, the exterior will take your breath away!

The gardens, patios, terraces, gazebo, arbor, pool with fountain, and private island are a unique combination that the most discerning buyer would only dream of. The constant breezes, the views of the Sawgrass Country Club south course, and side-entry, three-car garage are the "icing on the cake."

This property comes with the option to purchase a Sawgrass Country Club membership and is listed in two ways. For \$5 million, one may purchase the home (includes peninsula and island) plus the adjacent vacant lot measuring a total of 1.1 acres. For \$4.3 million, one may purchase the home that includes the peninsula and island.

3080 Timberlake Point, Ponte Vedra Beach, is represented by Compass Florida LLC, listed by Amanda (Mandy) Morrow.

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The 49 S. Roscoe property, by builder FaverGray Homes, radiates luxury and sophistication.



A view of the home while still under construction offers a look at its proximity to the water.

A piece of paradise on South Roscoe

By Jennifer Sexton & Wes Mock
Compass FL LLC

In one of the most exclusive areas of Ponte Vedra Beach lies a magnificent home nestled centrally in the community's soul. Roscoe Boulevard in Ponte Vedra Beach is a highly sought-after location for home buyers searching for their piece of paradise within the elegant beach utopia.

The 49 S. Roscoe property, by builder FaverGray Homes, radiates luxury and sophistication. The West Indies architectural-style home fuses together island vibes with a regal design.

This 5,741-square-foot home sits on just under an acre and features five bedrooms

and five-and-a-half bathrooms.

The private drive entryway showcases a large front yard with two-car garages on each side of the home with room to build a guest house or carriage house.

The living room opens to a great room presenting 30-foot vaulted ceilings, large reclaimed beams and ample natural light.

The front entryway and foyer open to a great room with a gas fireplace, kitchen and breakfast area overlooking the beautiful outdoor living space. The kitchen also features top-of-the-line appliances and a spacious butler's pantry.

The first floor highlights a gas fireplace, brick wine cellar, study and laundry room.

The owner's suite is also located on the

first floor and offers two magnificent walk-in closets and a luxurious bathroom. The first floor also includes a powder bathroom and two bedrooms with full bathrooms.

The second floor opens to a loft and two bedrooms with full bathrooms.

The grand outdoor living space is perfect for entertaining and features a pool with a sun shelf and spa, an outdoor fireplace and a summer kitchen.

The home has a breathtaking 100-foot Intracoastal Waterfront view. The other side of the Intracoastal is undeveloped, providing homeowners a peaceful view of undisturbed forest.

FaverGray Homes offers custom-tailored homes to fit their customer's

needs. Their refined process is dedicated to keeping projects on course, with top-quality craftsmanship and custom services that provide a smooth and cost-efficient experience.

Their team specializes in building custom and speculative homes with unique features built around your lifestyle. FaverGray Homes builds homes in Amelia Island, Atlantic Beach, Jacksonville Beach, Neptune Beach, Ponte Vedra Beach and St. Augustine. Already have your perfect property? FaverGray Homes will also build on your land.




49 S Roscoe is offered at \$6,995,000 and represented by Jennifer Sexton & Wes Mock of Compass FL LLC.

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The Gateway of Hope

A nonprofit leader's experience visiting with Ukrainian refugees

By Kellie Kelleher-Smith

On Feb. 24, Russian President Vladimir Putin announced a military operation in Ukraine that would leave the lives of the Ukrainian people scarred for generations to come. Only a few months later, I would find myself listening to their stories firsthand while sitting in a camp for young Ukrainian refugees who had begun the process of building a new life in a new country. Some of us may have heard the quote “Israel is the gateway of hope,” but if we have never visited ourselves, these words can be hard to relate to outside of a religious perspective.

In August, I was given the opportunity to visit Israel for the first time — not with family, but with 20 colleagues from around the country, many of whom I'd only met or seen via a Zoom screen. The trip was meant to educate and inspire us in our careers as Jewish Federation & Foundation professionals. Upon landing at the airport in Tel Aviv, I quickly found a colleague and new friend, Kim from Long Island, and together we made our way to the hotel in Jerusalem. The schedule over the next week was jam-packed with most days beginning at 7:30 a.m. and ending after a dinner/post-dinner session to reflect on our day's experiences. Sightseeing was done primarily through the windows of a bus as we rode to each scheduled mission visit. While I don't have nearly enough space to share with you each of these encounters, I will recount the first morning I awoke in Jerusalem.

We hopped on a bus and drove to what was just four months ago a boarding school and had now been transformed into a summer camp for Ukrainian children and teens. These children had escaped the war in the Ukraine and were welcomed into Israel under similar circumstances to those that had been used to persecute Jews during WWII. They had to answer one simple question: “Do you have a Jewish grandparent?” If the answer was yes, you were invited to begin your new life in Israel. This same question in 1933-1945 brought persecution and death to more than 6 million. Hearing this from the Russian and Ukrainian staff of the summer camp for refugees stirred great emotion within me. Sitting with these young teens as they recounted their journeys of loss and fear, watching their hands tremble as they wiped tears, brought tears to my own eyes. During WWII my husband's grandmother lived in hiding for all of her teen years, being concealed by Catholic nuns in attics and basements — the idea of having to hide and live in fear of death has never been a part of my life.

As we toured the facility, guided by the teens themselves, the mood lifted as we heard music and saw others rehearsing a flash mob dance they had been learning all week. There were more than 100 youth preparing for Shabbat (also known as Sabbath), which is the Jewish holy day which happens every weekend, beginning at sundown on Friday and ending before sundown on Saturday. This is an exciting day and Jewish people look forward to it all week as their day of rest. These youth, many of whom were celebrating this day for the first time, were engaging in the typical summer camp



Photos provided by Kellie Kelleher-Smith

Kellie Kelleher-Smith joined a group of Jewish Federation & Foundation professionals and traveled to Israel recently.



activities we have all experienced. There was a glaring difference, however; these youth were also receiving trauma counseling, medical attention and education in the language and culture of Israel to prepare them for the start of school in their new country. A handful of the children spoke English and sat with us, each sharing their unique, and often heartbreaking, stories of what happened to their families, their homes, their friends and their feelings about their new life in Israel. These resilient youth dreamed of things no different than our own children: Disney World, Jordan sneakers and seeing New York City — but they live very different lives today as a result of the war. This day left the biggest imprint on my heart, soul and mind.

While I didn't see or swim in the Dead Sea, I have plans to return to Israel and do more leisurely activities with my family. Truthfully, I had walked into this without any blueprint or list of expectations for my experi-

ence, but I walked away from this mission with exactly what “the gateway of hope” represents: fresh perspective, renewed inspiration and an even better understanding of the why behind what I do. The Jewish Federation & Foundation of Northeast Florida, through our Emergency Campaign and through our long-term support and investment in Jewish Federations of North America, is helping those children to start over. Our partners in Israel and overseas were prepared to respond to this crisis because of the commitment of so many right here in our local community. The generosity of the Northeast Florida community knows no bounds and I found hope in Israel, for the great work that it is accomplishing, both down the street and across the globe.

If you would like to learn more about the Jewish Federation & Foundation of Northeast Florida and how you can get involved, call 904-448-5000 or email info@jewishjacksonville.org.

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An aerial view of 12 Sandpiper Cove.



A look at the living room of 12 Sandpiper Cove.



The home offers a calming serenity.

Home offers year-round outdoor living in Sawgrass Country Club

By Sarah Alexander and Elizabeth Hudgins

Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices

Sawgrass Country Club is known for its pristine pocket neighborhoods and Sandpiper Cove is certainly one of the most desired. With just 16 patio homes, this exclusive neighborhood offers comfortable living, ample privacy and a calming serenity with gorgeous water to golf views. Located on the point at the end of the cul-de-sac, 12 Sandpiper Cove maximizes all of the above.

It boasts southeastern exposure and expansive water-to-golf views while overlooking the second hole of the South Nine Course. Sit and relax poolside while cooking

in the summer kitchen on the main lanai or enjoying a fire and watching a football game on the winter lanai. One will often be drawn to watching golfers on the tee box or simply enjoy the abundance of wildlife found throughout the day on the lagoon.

This elegant three-bedroom and four-an-a-half-bath home was thoughtfully renovated in 2010 with timeless updates and comfortable year-round living in mind.

Walking through the front door, one is immediately taken in by the abundance of natural light flooding the living room and the soaring 14-foot-plus coffered ceilings. The spacious chef's kitchen is fully equipped with gas cooktop, double oven, large island with bar seating and a wine chiller. Off the kitchen is the family

room featuring custom built-in bookshelves, informal seating and a full bath. The luxurious primary suite has waterfront views, his-and-her custom California Closets, and a spacious bath with water closet. A second bedroom with ensuite bath is also on first floor. The third bedroom is on the second floor with a large picture window overlooking the lagoon, a full bath and extra storage closets.

The square footage varies from the tax roll and includes expanded living and family rooms. This special home is offered for \$2,150,000 and is a rare opportunity to live in a very private enclave in Sawgrass Country Club and enjoy the best lifestyle of the First Coast.



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Intracoastal Waterway - New Construction

Exclusive opportunity to live waterfront in Ponte Vedra on the intracoastal waterway. This new construction pool home on Roscoe Boulevard features a five bedroom and five-and-a-half-bathroom open floor plan with almost 6,000 square ft air conditioned and nearly 8,000 square ft under roof to enjoy inside and out.

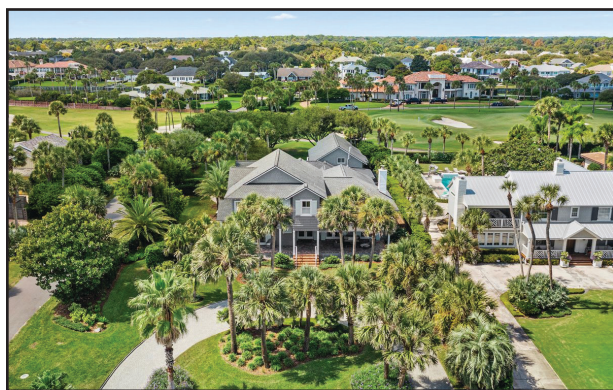
Offered at \$6,995,000

The home features a two story great room, sunken wine cellar, breakfast room, study, mudroom, vaulted ceiling & shiplap owners suite, 18x25 pool with spa, painted brick walls with arches, reclaimed barn beams, and so much more! Home is currently under construction with an expected completion in the summer of 2023.

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Call today for more details!

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The house at 352 Ponte Vedra Blvd. is a desirable place to call home.



The house (in the center) sits facing the Atlantic.



A view of the swimming pool and patio.

The perfect three season home in Ponte Vedra Beach

By Gwinn Volen

The Volen Group at Keller Williams Realty Atlantic Partners

Introducing 352 Ponte Vedra Blvd. in Old Ponte Vedra Beach, located across from the ocean with a paved beach access.

Just one block from the prestigious Ponte Vedra Inn & Club is this Cape Cod-style home with unique character and design. Bright, warm and inviting, this property is a true “three-season home” with a special place to enjoy every mood and weather.

The front porch is perfect for morning coffee and listening to the waves while the southern-facing pool and yard is a great respite from the winter breezes. And then, of course, there is the back deck where people can sit and watch the sunset over the third green of the Ponte Vedra Inn & Club Ocean Course.

Built in 1994, this home has had significant remodeling

with bespoke features and finishes.

Its beach access across the street is a shell seeker’s dream come true.

What makes this home so special? Location, space for large gatherings and all the finest features.

This five-bedroom, five-bathroom, 5,800-plus-square-foot home is spacious with three ensuite bedrooms down and an upstairs owner’s suite with an eastern-facing sunroom, plus a balcony overlooking the courtyard. A very large guest suite above the three-car garage overlooks the golf course. It includes a kitchenette and is the perfect spot for visiting friends or family. There is more than enough space for everyone.

The kitchen, renovated in 2015 and 2017, is a chef’s delight with the finest Wolf and Sub Zero appliances and sleek quartz countertops. Off the kitchen is a rare southern-facing pool and yard with lush landscaping.

Privacy stretches across the side yard with a graceful bamboo, podocarpus and viburnum green wall.

The house at 352 Ponte Vedra Blvd. is a desirable place to call home. Its character and generous spaces don’t disappoint. The Ponte Vedra Inn & Club, the Jacksonville area’s premier oceanfront club, is a short walk up the street, where one can enjoy the spa, gym, oceanfront lap pool and top-rated golf and tennis.

This property is also just 15 minutes from the Mayo Clinic and 25 minutes to downtown Jacksonville with eclectic restaurants, the Jacksonville Jaguars stadium, museums and everything a person could want in a large city. Head south just 35 minutes and you will be in historic St. Augustine.

The home at 352 Ponte Vedra Blvd. is priced at \$6,795,000. It is listed by Gwinn Volen of Keller Williams Luxury International in Ponte Vedra Beach.

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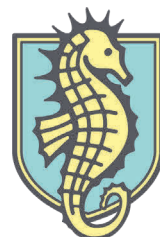
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Many exterior improvements have been made to the home at 185 Laurel Lane.



The home has an open floor plan with 11-foot ceilings.



The home offers a welcoming environment.

Home offers several amenities

By Anne McCabe

Berkshire Hathaway Homeservices

The home at 185 Laurel Lane, Ponte Vedra Beach, is now available.

There has been a recent price improvement to this beautifully updated contemporary garden home at the Plantation of Ponte Vedra. In addition, the home's exterior has recently been painted, a new driveway and brick courtyard were installed, and new landscaping completes the exterior updates.

Entering the home, one finds that the coastal colors highlight the open floor plan and 11-foot ceilings, to complete the welcoming environment. The kitchen, painted a light gray, has newer stainless-steel appliances,

recently painted white cabinets, new pulls, granite countertops and another separate eating space.

The large primary bedroom with deep-tray ceilings and primary bath is on the first floor. There is direct access from the garage to the kitchen, a separate laundry and large first floor powder room. Upstairs bedrooms, complete with in-suite bathrooms are ideal for family or visiting guests. In addition, there is also an upstairs study or possible fourth bedroom.

This garden home lot is larger than all on the street, which makes it great for children or pets, and the owner doesn't have to worry about a lawn service. The monthly fee includes landscaping, 24-hour staffed security, mail and trash removal for garden homes only. Full golf and

beach club membership begins with home ownership. The Plantation Club has an 18-hole golf course designed by Greg Letsche and Ernie Els. It is well maintained, with only residents admitted for membership, so golfers can deeply appreciate a very private golf experience.

The club offers exceptional tennis, pickleball and croquet facilities and fitness center at the main clubhouse. A mile down the road, there is a private beach house open only to residents. There is a junior Olympic swimming pool, changing area, dining and bar services.

Access and parking are gated. An expanded changing room and dining expansion project at the beach house will begin early in 2023.

Schedule an appointment to learn more.



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OLD PONTE VEDRA 547 LeMaster Dr., Ponte Vedra Beach

4 beds 3.5 baths 3,266 SF
Vacation at home in this beautifully remodeled home in the heart of Old Ponte Vedra Beach. Enjoy deep lagoon views from your private dock in the backyard or a dip in your pool after a long day at the beach. Huge lot with circular drive makes this home true perfection. Just steps from the Lodge & Club and a blocks from the Ponte Vedra Inn & Club This home was completely remodeled top to bottom in the last 5 years. Don't miss this opportunity in Old Ponte Vedra Beach. **Offered for \$3,900,000.**



PONTE VEDRA BOULEVARD 1192 Ponte Vedra Blvd., Ponte Vedra Beach

4 beds 4 baths 4,234 SF
Nestled amongst tall oak trees on one of the most desirable streets in North Florida. This spacious Ponte Vedra Boulevard home has incredible sunset views and the ocean breeze blowing from across the street. Tucked back on 1.32 acres on a double lot offering complete privacy. Large kitchen and family room with great views of the pool and entertaining space. Head upstairs with family and friends to enjoy the oversized bonus room and large balcony overlooking the Guana preserve. This is true Florida living at its best! **Offered for \$1,995,000.**



MARSH LANING 204 North Wind Ct., Ponte Vedra Beach

5 beds 4 baths 4,788 SF
A tropical paradise in sought after Marsh Landing. This spectacular home is surrounded by beautiful Florida marsh on one of the most private lots in the neighborhood. Enjoy marsh to golf views while relaxing in your pool or while sipping your coffee on your second story balcony. As you enter the home you will see soaring ceilings and great spaces including the exquisite primary suite and large chef's kitchen overlooking the family room. Unwind and entertain friends and family in a large bonus room with a separate oversized en-suite bedroom on the second floor. This home truly has it all! **Offered for \$1,995,000.**



THE PLANTATION 143 Muirfield Dr., Ponte Vedra Beach

4 beds 3 baths, 2 half baths 3,840 SF
As you enter the front door of this oasis you are whisked away to the Mediterranean by the calming colors of the custom designed pool and large covered courtyard with spacious seating areas and a summer kitchen. Float your cares away all day while enjoying this private oasis. Truly a decorator's dream from the sleek modern kitchen with large dining room to the spa like primary BR & bath. You don't want to miss this opportunity to live in one of the most exclusive neighborhoods in PVB. **Offered for \$2,090,000.**



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Local home an example of life on the coast

By Lew Walters and Rosemary Kristoff

Experience Heaven on Earth between Ponte Vedra Beach and historic St. Augustine, a seven-mile stretch of sun-drenched oceanfront property known as South Ponte Vedra Beach.

With the Atlantic Ocean on the east side and the Tolomato River on the west side, the land mass creates a peninsula accessed only from the north by the Mickler Road intersection and the southern tip by the Vilano Bridge.

The drive up and down A1A is a delightful journey for residents and tourists as they decompress from the bustle of St. Augustine or Ponte Vedra Beach.

You are tucked away at the ocean, yet still just under an hour to Jacksonville International Airport and about two hours to Disney World.

There are oceanfront homes on the east side of A1A with Guana River State Park and several clusters of residential neighborhoods and single homes on the west side. The Guana River State Park has an oceanic research foundation, hiking trails, biking, hunting, kayaking and a public boat ramp. There are also beautiful beaches with public access and large parking lots. Enjoy oceanfront dining at the Reef Restaurant or a more casual atmosphere on the west side with sunsets at Cap's Seafood Restaurant on the Intracoastal Waterway.

Midway, you'll find an Exxon gas station with a small general store, and you can pump your gas while looking at



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This home at 2825 S. Ponte Vedra Blvd. is the perfect place to enjoy the ocean

the ocean. For more extensive food and supplies, there is a quaint Town Center in Vilano Beach at Porpoise Point with a Publix Grocery Store, pizza and Asian food and three hotels, all just minutes away.

Real estate has appreciated greatly over the past year all over the country. However, this area in particular is a great value. Strategically located between Ponte Vedra Beach and St. Augustine, the resort rental market is very strong.

St. Augustine benefits from a year-round tourist market. The spring and fall are very busy, especially during the holidays with the "Night of Lights" from mid-November

through mid-January, which continues to draw festive crowds.

St. Augustine is a familiar stopover for bikers and campers headed to Daytona Beach and Disney World. It is difficult to find a large oceanfront property for rent in St. Augustine due to condos and hotels accounting for a greater portion of rentals on the oceanfront. Fortunately, the tourist renters can find the perfect solution in South Ponte Vedra and Vilano Beaches. The airbnb and rental market are strong all year long.

As an example, check out the listing at 2825 S. Ponte Vedra Blvd.

This eclectic beach home was built in the 1970s by a young couple and their architect. This home was built at a 45-degree angle to the ocean to resist storm weather and to give the owner additional living space to enjoy the ocean view.

The home sits at 23 feet above sea level and is protected by a beach bulkhead and mechanical storm shutters. Recently renovated, this four-bedroom, four-bath, two-car-garage home has 2,520 square feet of interior living space. With an enormous wrap-around deck, one can enjoy the sunrise over the ocean in the morning, as well as the sunset over the Guana River Preserve in the evening. A large, screened sunroom overlooks the preserve and serves as a year-round sanctuary.

There is ample parking and the ability to split the home into two two-bedroom and two-bath units, great for multi-generational families and endless rental/airbnb possibilities.

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The two-story coach home has two 50-foot boat slips.



A look inside the home at 14350 Marina San Pablo Place.

A waterfront paradise at Marina San Pablo awaits

By Cici Anderson

Marsh Landing Realty

Aphora at Marina San Pablo is maintenance-free living whether you select a two-story coach home or a high-rise condominium. With a highly desired location along the banks of Northern Florida's lush Intracoastal landscape, a natural wonder is waiting to be discovered.

Marina San Pablo is more than an elegant high-rise condominium with 56 residences and 25 coach homes. This is the lock-and-leave lifestyle that everyone dreams of — from the gated entrance, the exquisitely landscaped grounds and the

private marina to the luxurious open floor plans with designer finishes.

And the panoramic views of the marina and Intracoastal Waterway cannot be surpassed. At every turn, Marina San Pablo is a destination, where natural wonders never cease to amaze. There's even a community fishing pier where the fish are jumping as the dolphins and manatee pass by.

The Yacht Club houses the fitness center, a beautiful gathering room, a catering kitchen with sitting area, bar and TV. And outside is the sparkling pool, hot tub, grilling area, marina and walking

promenade. Optional 50-foot boat slips are right in the back yard for various types of water sports: boating, jet skiing, kayaking or paddle boarding.

Marina San Pablo is located off San Pablo Road just south of J. Turner Butler Boulevard. It is only a short drive to the many beautiful beaches in Ponte Vedra Beach and Jacksonville Beach, close to the St. John's Town Center and the world-renowned TPC at Sawgrass Stadium Course, and next door to the prestigious Mayo Clinic and Hospital.

A two-story coach home with two 50-foot boat slips — including one right in

the back yard with tranquil marina views — is currently being offered. Built in 2019 with finishes that include hardwood floors, quartz countertops and two private garages. The owners also added extensive pavers providing incredible indoor/outdoor living at its finest with marina and Intracoastal views.

This 2,363 square-foot, three-bedroom, two-and-a-half bath is offered for \$1,299,000. It is located at 14350 Marina San Pablo Place, Jacksonville. This property is represented by MLCC Realty and listed by Cici Anderson and Jenna Fisher.

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THE PLAYERS to match millions in donations in Nemours campaign

Center redesign, expansion scheduled to be complete summer 2023

By Anthony Richards

THE PLAYERS officially announced Oct. 21 that it has pledged to match up to \$2 million in donations to help in the redesign and expansion of Nemours Children's Health Jacksonville's center for cancer and blood disorders.

The partnership between THE PLAYERS and Nemours is part of the Hand in Hand capital campaign in place to help raise money for the \$11.3 million project moving forward.

"THE PLAYERS' generous commitment to wholly reimagine the spaces

where children receive life-threatening treatments is truly remarkable," said Dr. Larry Moss, president and CEO of Nemours Children's Health. "Their mission, like ours, is a commitment to understanding the needs of our entire community and investing where it's needed most. We see THE PLAYERS as partners and not just donors. It's a much deeper relationship."

While the fundraising efforts continue, more than \$9 million has been raised to date and construction is underway with completion of the project scheduled to be summer 2023.

"Donors in the Hand in Hand campaign are not just investing in examine rooms and windows and more sufficient waiting areas, but they are investing in our future," Moss said. "Together we will build a new and more welcoming home for children while they receive the life-changing care that they need."

The newly redesigned and expanded facility will be called THE PLAYERS Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders, as a recognition by Nemours of the generous gift offered up by THE PLAYERS.

"We're approaching our 50th playing of THE PLAYERS, and one of the first things that Deane Beman (former PGA

Tour commissioner) really put forward as part of his promise to the community was that this (THE PLAYERS) tournament was a public trust," said Jared Rice, THE PLAYERS Championship Executive Director. "What that means is that we're

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John Fischer holds up his son Rhett to say a few words to the crowd during the press conference.

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Rhett Fischer and his family mingle in the lobby prior to the announcement.



THE PLAYERS Executive director Jared Rice talks to THE PLAYERS Red Coats.



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Jared Rice speaks about the partnership between THE PLAYERS and Nemours.

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going to leave the community in better shape than when we started, and part of that is through giving back.”

One of those children that have received care at the current center is Rhett Fischer, and he was present at the press conference along with his family.

Rhett’s father John spoke about the difference the renovations will make for not only those receiving treatment but for their loved ones as well is something that is a major step forward in his eyes.

According to Fischer, hospitals are not

typically designed with children in mind and the sterile nature of the atmosphere can create few options for enjoyment and escape, which is what he has found is exactly what children and families with cancer are searching for.

The Fischer family moved from Washington, D.C., to the First Coast in search of better care and Nemours has offered them that opportunity.

“When Rhett was treated in Washington, D.C., we just felt like a number,” Fischer said. “I knew Nemours was a place that not only would treat my son, but where we would be treated like a family.”

The renovation project will include a designated isolation waiting room and

clinic areas for post bone marrow transplant patients, whose immune system is severely compromised.

Waiting rooms and play areas will also be laid out with the differing needs of patients from teens to toddlers in mind.

“Our center will be a welcoming place for children and their families with healing views and where the implements of childhood distract from the difficulties,” Moss said. “It will be a place that infuses joy and will give kids something to look forward to while coming in for their repeated bouts of therapy.”

Those interested in participating in THE PLAYERS’ matching gift campaign can go to Nemours.org/handinhand.

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5 Mammogram myths: What you should know

By Erin Wallner

Flagler Health+ Administrator, Marketing Communications

Staying on top of your health through preventative care is one of the best ways to stay healthy and improve your quality of life. During Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Flagler Health+ reminds women — and men — that screenings such as mammograms save lives. Mammograms are x-rays of the breasts and are a much-talked, dreaded rite of passage for aging women. But numerous misconceptions about mammograms circulating may prevent some women from undergoing this important health screening. Let's explore some common myths about mammograms and the truth behind each of them.



Myth 1: I don't need a mammogram because I have no family history of breast cancer.

This is a common myth among women. The truth is that only 5-10% of cancers have a genetic or hereditary component, and 85% of breast cancer diagnoses occur in women without any known risk factors or family history of breast cancer. For this reason, women should get their first or baseline mammogram at age 40.

Myth 2: A mammogram will expose me to too much radiation.

Many women have read or heard about the consequences of exposure to high radiation levels and fear that the mammogram radiation dose is unsafe. Mammograms are entirely safe. They are a type of x-ray and use a minimal amount of radiation — below the acceptable limits suggested by the FDA.

Myth 3: I can't have a mammogram because I have breast implants.

Many women mistakenly believe that they cannot get a mammogram with implants because it is not safe. The mammography staff takes extra care to ensure the integrity of the implant and produce the best imaging possible.

Make a note to inform medical staff that you have breast implants when you schedule your appointment because extra pictures and time may be required for your exam.

Myth 4: Mammograms are too painful.

It is important to compress the breasts for a few moments during a mammogram to guarantee a clear picture and detect subtle abnormalities. You may experience temporary discomfort during this time. There is no lasting breast pain after a mammogram. Your breasts may be more sensitive during the time right before or during your period, so consider scheduling your routine mammogram in the middle of your menstrual cycle.

Myth 5: 3-D mammograms are the same as traditional (2-D) mammograms.

Digital or 2-D mammography is very effective at detecting early breast cancer

but is only a 2-dimensional picture of your breast. 3-D mammography provides a three-dimensional, computer-generated view of your breast by creating more images of the breast at different depths.

3-D mammography is 40% more accurate in detecting early cancer and reduces false positives by 40%. Many women have dense breast tissue, making cancer harder to detect in a 2-D mammogram, so 3-D mammography is preferred for these patients.

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Pictured from left during the recent After Hours gathering are: Kim Sole, Felicia Cox, Tom Campbell and Karen Everett.

Baptist HealthPlace services on display for Chamber meeting

The St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce Ponte Veda Beach Division held its After Hours gathering on Oct. 19 at Baptist HealthPlace at Nocatee. This evening of networking gave attendees a better look at the innovative, state-of-the-art facility, which includes a Baptist Center for Healthy Living, YMCA, an onsite café and a variety of medical services.

The facility makes it easier to take care of one's health, with services that coordinate the benefits of technology with the

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Misty Manwaring, director of health partnerships for Baptist Health, speaks during a recent After Hours gathering.



Dana Keenan and Lee Simanoff



Baptist Health recognized for providing gold standard of nursing care

Baptist Health hospitals once again received the Magnet Recognition from the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC). Magnet is considered the gold standard among health care organizations that meet rigorous standards for quality patient care, nursing excellence and innovations in professional nursing practice.

The ANCC first granted Baptist Health the four-year Magnet designation in 2007; at that time, it was the first health system to simultaneously achieve this distinction for all its hospitals. Baptist Health earned its second and third consecutive designations in 2012 and 2017, respectively.

The renewal of the Magnet designation for the fourth time reflects Baptist Health's commitment to professional development of the organization's staff as well as overall excellence in patient care. All five Baptist Health hospitals, as well as freestanding emergency centers and Baptist MD Anderson Cancer Center, earned Magnet status.

"Embracing the culture of Magnet elevates the level of care provided throughout the entire system," said Tammy

Daniel, DNP, senior vice president and chief nursing officer at Baptist Health. "This recognition is a true testament our team members are committed to continuous improvement to provide the highest quality care to our patients."

To earn Magnet status, organizations undergo a vigorous, multi-faceted evaluation. The process begins with an application and written documentation of evidence regarding patient care and outcomes. If documentation is deemed excellent, the Commission on Magnet completes a site visit at each campus before voting to determine whether the recognition will be granted.

Magnet redesignation recognizes Baptist Health among the top decile in the country in terms of professional practice and patient outcomes.

"I commend the extraordinary efforts of the Baptist Health team in achieving Magnet status," said Michael A. Mayo, president and CEO of Baptist Health. "It takes interdisciplinary collaboration to accomplish this designation and demonstrates our entire team's commitment to excellence throughout the system."



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Ascension St. Vincent's advanced cardiac MRI program reaches one-year milestone



By George R. Dibu MD

Ascension St. Vincent's

In order to receive the best treatment for heart conditions, patients need the most accurate diagnosis possible. Sometimes that requires

highly advanced cardiac imaging tests to get the clearest view of your heart. That's why our team at Ascension St. Vincent's opened a new advanced cardiac MRI program last year. It allows us to diagnose heart conditions and assess the viability and scarring of the heart with incredible accuracy. This information can be life-saving for many patients.

What Is Cardiac MRI?

Cardiac MRI is one of the most powerful diagnostic tools in modern medicine. It provides a highly reliable imaging modality for diagnosis and treatment across the spectrum of cardiac diseases. The tool is non-invasive and does not require ion-

izing radiation or iodine contrast, which are typically required for computerized tomography (CT) scans.

It allows us to evaluate the heart muscle with tissue characterization and scar assessment in detail to look closely at the valves of the heart, the arteries and veins. This provides us with crucial information that will enhance the treatment plan for our patients.

Bringing Cardiac MRI to Jacksonville-Area Patients

While cardiac MRI technology has been in the market for years, using it requires advanced equipment and a highly specialized team, including cardiac MRI techs and nurses. Preparing to bring this technique to Jacksonville required me to spend a year of advanced training, where I learned from world-renowned doctors and obtained my level 3 Cardiac MRI board certification. My team spent four months working on the details, training and practicing on volunteers until the program was ready for patients.

In our first year, we performed nearly



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Dr. George R. Dibu with his MRI team at Ascension St. Vincent's St. Johns County.

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240 cardiac MRI tests, and we hope to perform about 400 more in the year ahead. The testing is conducted at Ascension St. Vincent's Southside, and we are working on adding another state-of-the-art cardiac MRI machine to our health system in the future to further increase convenient access to this level of care.

The Benefits of Cardiac MRI

Cardiac MRI helps our patients receive advanced diagnoses, which in turn solidify their treatment plans. For patients with conditions and symptoms that were previously difficult to diagnose, this allows them to receive the proper care they need and experience significant health improvements.

With cardiac MRI, we can help diagnose specific infiltrative/autoimmune conditions such as sarcoidosis and amyloidosis. We can also more accurately assess the cardiac valves and look in detail at many other heart conditions, including congenital heart diseases.

Cardiac MRI allows us to assess the viability of the heart much more accurately. This is the only technique in cardiology allowing us to visualize

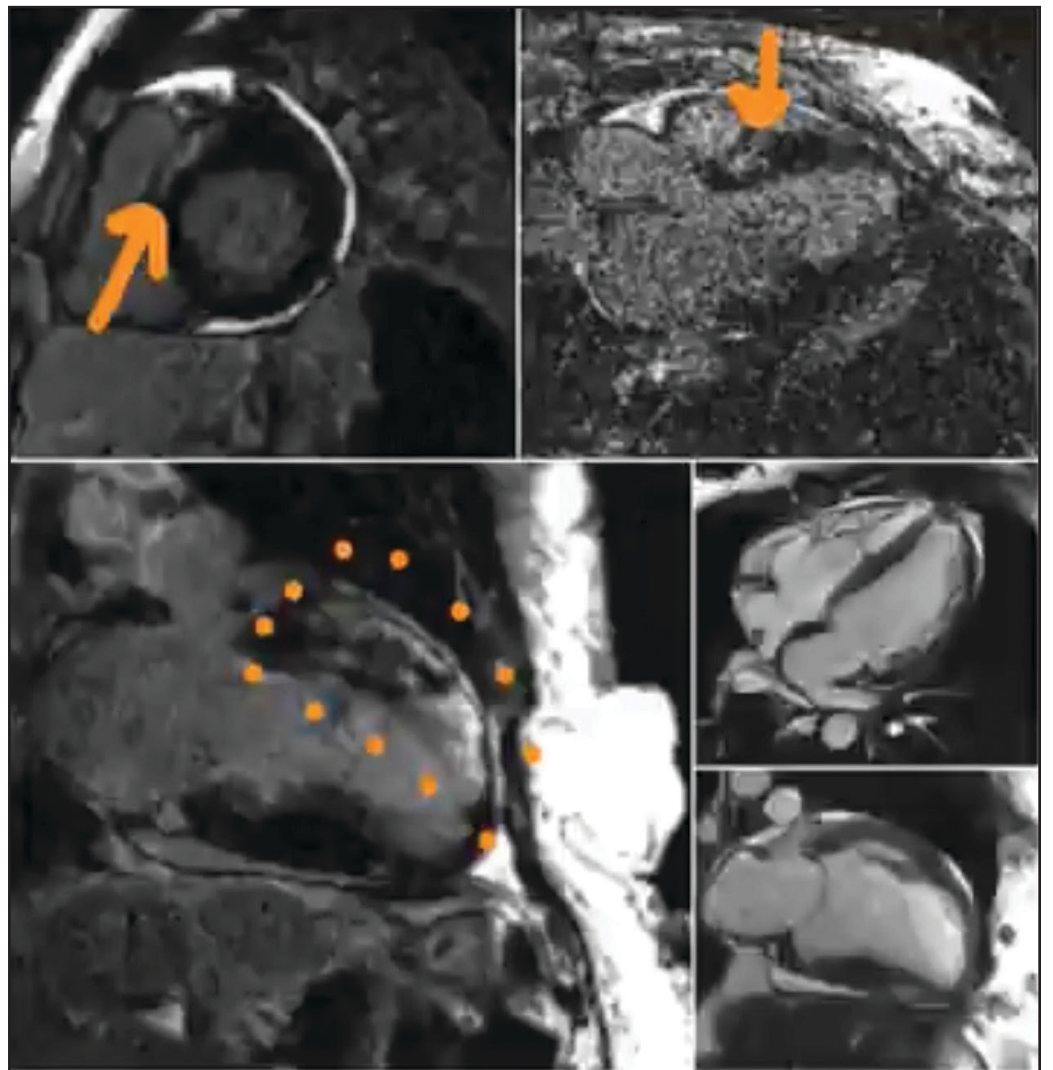
and compare both healthy and scar tissue.

Another advantage is the ability to look at heart thickness and diagnose conditions like hypertrophic cardiomyopathy (HCM), a disease which can cause sudden cardiac death. This allows us to determine if patients are at risk. We can also assess heart masses and clots through this technique.

Receive the Right Treatment for Your Heart

Cardiac MRI testing is truly a fantastic technology and a great tool in our toolbox to provide patients with accurate, advanced diagnoses and personalized treatments. If you or a loved one is experiencing symptoms of a heart condition, don't wait to talk with your primary care physician or cardiologist. They can help you determine if cardiac MRI is right for you. Our providers will work with you to ensure you are given the right diagnosis and treatment.

Dr. George R. Dibu is the chief of cardiology at Ascension St. Vincent's St. Johns County. For more information on Dr. Dibu and the Cardiac MRI program, go to healthcare.ascension.org or call 904-450-8699.



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A case of cardiac Sarcoidosis diagnosed by cardiac MRI where you see "white" scar (orange arrows and dots) in the "black" healthy muscle of the heart.

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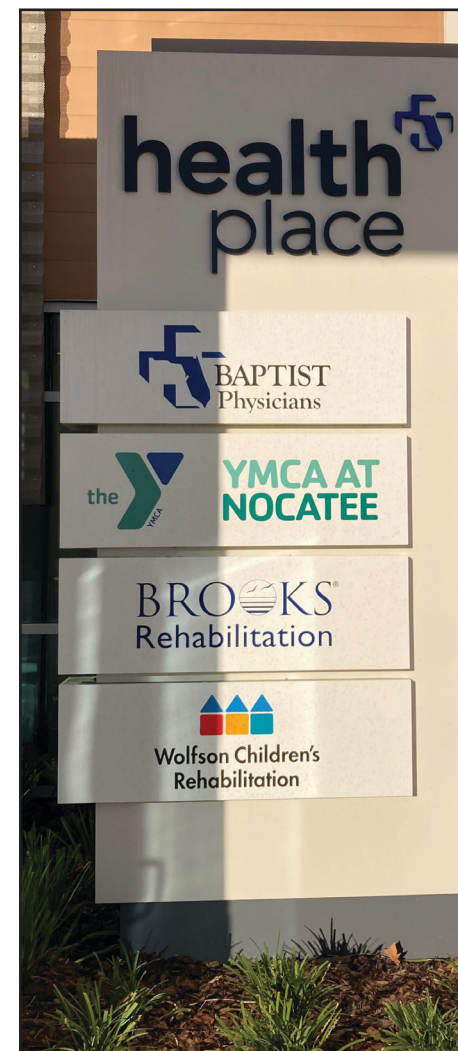
The St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce Ponte Vedra Beach Division held its After Hours gathering on Oct. 19 at Baptist HealthPlace at Nocatee.



The After Hours gathering served attendees a delicious assortment of meats and more.



Kathleen Floryan, chair of the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce Ponte Vedra Beach Division, speaks during a recent After Hours gathering.



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This sign outside Baptist HealthPlace at Nocatee lists some of the providers located there.

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Khan, Iguana Investments purchase Beaches Town Center properties

The owners of the Seahorse Oceanfront Inn, Lemon Bar and nearby properties in Neptune Beach recently announced they have signed a letter of intent to sell the assets to Iguana Investments Florida, LLC.

Iguana Investments is a special purpose entity formed by Shad Khan, owner of the NFL's Jacksonville Jaguars, and had traditionally focused on the revitalization of Downtown Jacksonville, including the current Jacksonville Shipyards project.

However, Iguana Investments is marking its first project beyond the scope of downtown with the purchase of the Neptune Beach properties.

Property owners Kathy Cole, son Will and daughter Emma first met with Iguana Investments in March to express their

desire to transfer ownership and operations of the properties to a party with the appropriate financial resources and commitment to ensuring a promising future for the popular Beaches Town Center destination.

"This is a bittersweet day for our family," Kathy Cole said. "We poured much of our heart and soul into the Seahorse Oceanfront Inn over the past many years, and we've certainly enjoyed the journey knowing the properties have meant so much to the Jacksonville community. Now it's time to pass the torch, and we're really happy to see these properties going into the right hands with Shad Khan and Iguana Investments. I have no doubt they will do the right thing for the viability and success of the property well into the

future."

Khan said that while plans for the property are still in development, he envisions an investment that will be consistent with what exists today – a boutique beach hotel, restaurant, parking and other public amenities.

"I have great faith in the future of Jacksonville, from downtown to the beaches and all the neighborhoods in between," Khan said. "I've always appreciated the unique vibe of the Beaches Town Center community and it means a lot to me to play a small role in the community's continued growth, just as we are with the development of Jacksonville's downtown riverfront.

"None of this would be possible without the faith of Kathy Cole and her chil-

dren Will and Emma. They've all been instrumental in bringing life to Neptune Beach, and I thank them for their confidence in the ability of our Iguana group to help realize their goals and a promising future for our entire region."

Iguana will engage with local stakeholders in the Neptune Beach, Atlantic Beach and Beaches Town Center community as the transaction proceeds through the necessary inspections and due diligence.

Following the closing, Iguana intends to hire a management company to maintain the operations of all properties as they currently exist. Terms and Conditions of the agreement are confidential and will not be disclosed.

Benchmarks of Success

A look at major career changes in the area



Barnes named to North Florida Land Trust post

North Florida Land Trust has added Heather Barnes to the conservation acquisitions team as the new real estate coordinator. Barnes will be responsible for coordinating the Ocala-to-Osceola Wildlife Corridor partnership, handling real estate transactions, and other real estate-related duties.

Barnes began working with NFLT as a volunteer to expand her knowledge of conservation and sustainable living. She transitioned to a job as a part-time administrative assistant before taking on her new role. Barnes has experience working with conservation organizations, she also worked with the Putnam Land Conservancy assisting the organization

with donation transactions.

A Florida native, Barnes grew up in the lake region of Keystone Heights and currently resides in St. Augustine.



Mark D. LeMaire

LeMaire to lead United Way of St. Johns County

Mark D. LeMaire has been named the new president and CEO of United Way of St. Johns County, serving St. Johns and Putnam counties.

For more than 20 years, LeMaire has dedicated himself to the nonprofit sector, focusing on the community in which he lives and works. He is a known leader and currently serves in the role of senior program director for the Community Foundation of Northeast Florida. Previously, he held the role of vice president, legacy giving at United Way of Northeast Florida and vice president, community impact of United Way of Central Florida.



Mandi Hamilton

Hamilton joins local real estate office

Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Network Realty has added Mandi Hamilton to the Ponte Vedra/Nocatee office.

Prior to becoming a Realtor, Hamilton worked in education and sales for 14 years, perfecting her customer service skills. When she is not working, Hamilton enjoys spending time with her family, singing and enjoying the beautiful weather of Northeast Florida.

Hamilton can be reached at 904-377-2131, Mandi.Hamilton@FloridaNetworkRealty.com and at MandiHamilton.com.

The Ponte Vedra/Nocatee office, 333 Village Main St., Suite 670, Ponte Vedra Beach, is managed by Holly Hayes, who can be reached at 904-802-0432, Holly.Hayes@FloridaNetworkRealty.com, and floridanetworkrealtycareers.com.



Stephanie Garry Garfunkel

Community Foundation names Stephanie Garry Garfunkel to VP post

Seasoned nonprofit communicator and respected community advocate Stephanie Garry Garfunkel has been selected as The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida's next VP, Strategic Communications. She will lead the organization's strategic communications efforts when the current VP, Strategic Communications, Susan Datz Edelman, retires at the end of the year.

Garry Garfunkel has more than 15 years of communications experience, most recently as director, knowledge, management and communications for Impact Florida. Prior to that, she was director of communications and advocacy for the Jacksonville Public Education Fund. She has a strong editorial background, having



Photos by Shaun Ryan

Charlie Chacos, district executive director at YMCA of Florida's First Coast, announces major upgrades to the local YMCA.

Ponte Vedra's YMCA announces major upgrades

By Shaun Ryan

Big things are in the works at the local Y.

Tuesday, the organization's leadership announced a major capital project that will add new amenities to the facility at 170 Landrum Lane.

Among the additions will be an 8,600-square-foot "air-nasium" for basketball, group exercise, turf training and more plus a rock-climbing wall; an expanded KidZone with new outdoor playground; pickleball courts with gazebo; a wellness upgrade with state-of-the-art equipment and technology; exterior façade and roof renovations; pool resurfacing with renovated locker rooms and an overall facility update.

"It's going to be incredible," said Charlie Chacos, district executive director at YMCA of Florida's First Coast.

"This day is huge day for not only the Y, but really for the community," said Eric Mann, CEO and president of YMCA of Florida's First Coast. "This Y has been a staple for this community for a very long time."

David Brown, who was among those community members who first established the local Y in 1999, said the facility needed money to retain or increase its relevancy.

"My family and I decided this Y needed revitalization," he said. "Not because it wasn't doing a great job,



Those attending the announcement of major upgrades to the local YMCA tossed beachballs in the air for a photo at the side of the pool.

but because in the 23 years since it was built, the world has changed. Kids have changed. Families have changed. What they need has changed."

An example of that change might be the way everyone relies so much on their devices.

In recognition of how much Brown and his family have contributed to the local Y, it was granted a new

name Tuesday: The Brown Family YMCA at Ponte Vedra Beach.

In fact, the family has contributed to the capital campaign "at a very substantial level," according to Chacos, though the precise amount is being held private.

"None of this could be possible without the Brown family," said Chacos.

The campaign is about halfway to its goal of \$5.3 million.

"I would love for this town to come together and support this project," said Chacos.

Once donations equal 70% of the fundraising goal, the Y's officials will begin to discuss the possible completion date.

The 43,000-square-foot Brown Family YMCA has more than 5,500 members, and new ones are expected as the population grows. Of that number, 900 are children in the sports programs and 100 are in summer camps.

Capital campaign co-chair Steve Austin reminded those in attendance of the value of the YMCA. It offers a "Live Strong" program for cancer survivors and "Silver Sneakers" for seniors. It's a safe place for children whose parents must work to go after school.

Those who would like to contribute to the campaign should go to fcymca.org/locations/ponte-vedra-ymca/brown-family-ymca.

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been a staff writer for the Tampa Bay Times and a senior managing editor for the Institute for Healthcare Improvement in Boston, Massachusetts.

Originally from Citrus County, Florida, she holds a Masters of Arts in communications from Johns Hopkins University and a dual degree Bachelor of Arts and science, English and journalism from the University of Florida.

She is a 2021 Hightower Fellow for Emerging Leaders (Jax Chamber), serves as vice chair of the Jacksonville Tributary Board of Directors and is a member of the The Cathedral School Board of Directors. She's also a volunteer with 904WARD and Riverfront Parks Now.

Atkinson named to sustainability post

Crowley has promoted Meaghan Atkinson to vice president of sustainability. In her new role, Atkinson will lead Crowley's sustainability journey and drive action to decarbonize across the

company's operations and value chain to reach net-zero emissions by 2050. As vice president, she will lead the company's efforts to build partnerships across its industries and value chain to fulfill Crowley's sustainability commitments.

In her prior role as director of sustainability and regulatory affairs, Atkinson spearheaded the creation of the company's first greenhouse gas inventory. She played an integral role in publishing Crowley's first sustainability report. Her work has led to the company's submittal of its first emission reduction goals to Science

Based Targets Initiative as a step towards Crowley's 2050 net-zero commitment.

Prior to joining Crowley, Atkinson spent more than 15 years managing sustainability programs for organizations including CSX Corp. and the State of Florida Department of Military Affairs. Atkinson holds a master's degree in environmental engineering from the University of Florida and a bachelor's degree in marine sciences from Stockton University.

— Compiled by Shaun Ryan



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Whiskey Inspired "Pig Pickin'" on the Pier is one of the tasty highlights of the upcoming Whiskey, Wine & Wildlife event.

Whiskey, Wine & Wildlife will liven up November

By Shaun Ryan

A major new destination event is coming up fast and the time to get tickets is

now before they're snapped up.

Whiskey, Wine & Wildlife, presented by Publix and GreenWise Market, will be held Nov. 4-6 in Vilano Beach and

will feature a host of activities and events.

A creation of Jan Gourley, who also launched the popular annual St. Augustine Food + Wine Festival, Whiskey, Wine & Wildlife had been a staple of Jekyll Island, Georgia, for the past eight years. But when St. Johns Cultural Council Executive Director Christina Parrish Stone asked Gourley if she could move the festival here, providing a culinary destination event for November prior to the Nights of Lights, the answer was yes.

Interest has been high since the event was first announced.

"It's selling really well," said Gourley. "I have a feeling we'll probably sell out."

In fact, there may not be any available tickets at the door. For that reason, she encouraged everyone to buy tickets ahead of time.

All three days, there will be guided tours through the GTM Reserve, each followed by a wine-and-cheese reception. Tours begin at 3 p.m. Nov. 4, 10:30 a.m. Nov. 5 and 11:30 a.m. Nov. 6. For tickets and information, go to whiskeywineandwildlife.com/events/guided-tours-cheese-paired-reception.

Whiskey, Wine & Wildlife begins Nov. 4 with master classes at Vilano Main Street Diner, 140 Vilano Road, St. Augustine, featuring local and celebrity chefs and beverage experts. For details and to buy tickets, go to whiskeywineandwildlife.com/events/master-class-pours.

Whiskey Inspired "Pig Pickin'" on the Pier will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. that night at the Vilano Pier. Guests will enjoy a variety of unlimited whiskies, wines and beers and culinary bites with

whole hog barbecue and sides from Peculiar Pig Farm and Heart & SoulFood Truck. Live music will be provided by Yael & Gabriel. For tickets and information, go to whiskeywineandwildlife.com/events/whiskey-inspired.

The W3 Main Event, a block party on Vivian Browning Avenue, will be held from 2 to 5 p.m. Nov. 5. Guests will enjoy tasting award-winning Best Taste dishes from some of the region's best restaurants and hundreds of beverage tastings. Music from Laiken Love & The Fellowship of Love. There will be celebrity chefs on the Publix Cooking Demonstration Stage, an artisan market, wildlife demonstrations and more. For a schedule and tickets, go to whiskeywineandwildlife.com/events/w3.

The Vilano Beach Main Street Silent Auction will be held the same day.

The W3 Sunday Jazz Brunch will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Casa Monica Resort & Spa, 95 Cordova St., St. Augustine. Live music will be provided by Jim Johnston. For information or tickets, go to whiskeywineandwildlife.com/events/sunday-brunch.

Because parking is limited around Vilano Beach, guests may park at North Beach Park and North Shores Park, and Old Town Trolley Tours will provide a shuttle on a continuous loop to and from the event. There will also be a water shuttle from downtown St. Augustine to the Vilano Beach Pier. For details, go to whiskeywineandwildlife.com/parking-shuttles.

The main website for the event is whiskeywineandwildlife.com.

"I'm super excited," said Gourley, "because the destination is totally embracing it."

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Local artist's watercolor works in special exhibit

By Shaun Ryan

When Virginia Meadows was in college, she suddenly found herself immersed in a revolution of the art world.

An art major in the early 1960s at Towson State College (now Towson University), she was studying traditional styles using traditional mediums: oil paint, egg tempera and watercolors. But suddenly, Abstract Expressionism — a form that first appeared more than a decade prior — was all the rage. And Towson, located in Baltimore just a few hours from trend-setting New York City, was caught up in the new movement.

"I went to the hardware store and bought enamel paint and, of course, plenty of turpentine," Meadows said. Using a bedsheet as her canvas, she began to experiment.

"I didn't know what I was doing," she said, "and the teachers had no idea how to grade us."

Today, she reflects on that period as an exciting time.

"I think it would be similar to when Impressionism got into France," she said. "It was that kind of thing. Nobody knew what they were doing, and everybody was trying everything."

Still, her instructors had preferences, which continue to influence Meadows' painting even today.

"I paint big," she said, "because the rules were: if you want a decent grade in art, big is better than small, ugly is better than pretty, different is better than the same."

She still does abstract works, though not exclusively. She also paints fast-action faces, photorealistic still lifes and more. And she still paints in oil, egg tempera and watercolor.

A dozen of her works are included in a special exhibit running concurrently with the Jacksonville Watercolor Society's Members Juried Fall Show in the Westbury Parish Hall and Formation & Arts buildings of Christ Episcopal Church in Ponte Vedra. The exhibit ends Nov. 28.

Learning and Teaching

As a child, Meadows was always that student who was good at art. In fact, one of her earliest memories was related to her artistic experimentation, though reviews were not good.

"I remember getting in trouble when I was somewhere around kindergarten or first grade, because I was taking crayons, and I discovered that the stove we had could melt them," she said, laughing.

After earning her bachelor's degree, she

returned to Towson for her master's, for which she had to select a specific area of concentration. She chose watercolor.

She and her husband moved to Northeast Florida in the 1970s and built a home in Ponte Vedra Beach, where they lived for 30 years before relocating to Cypress Village.

Meadows taught art classes at the children's museum in Jacksonville and then at a school in Ponte Vedra. When there was an opening at Jacksonville Country Day School, she began teaching there, remaining there for 20 years.

Since coming to Northeast Florida, she joined several groups that specialized in art or crafts and exhibited her work at a variety of venues, including the Riverside arts and crafts shows.

One of her key affiliations is with the Jacksonville Watercolor Society, where she has been a member pretty much since the beginning. She was named the Society's "Artist of the Year" for 2021. The Society is organizing the current exhibit.

The Exhibit

Meadows said those visiting the show will see a variety of her works: paintings of faces, abstract work, "a little bit of everything." Some pieces are new, and others are drawn from her years as an artist.

Her special exhibit is located in the Westbury Parish Hall, which will be open between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. daily.

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



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Artist Virginia Meadows with two of her watercolors, "Action Face" at left and "Connections."

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WEEK 10 FOOTBALL PREVIEW



Nate Bunkosky (No. 3) and the rest of the Sharks are ready to renew their annual rivalry against Nease.



Photos by Anthony Richards

The Panthers will host the 2022 edition of the "Battle for the Bridge" Friday at 7 p.m.

Battle for the Bridge 2022 edition

By Anthony Richards

Rivalries are one of the things that makes sports so great and that is the case anytime Ponte Veda and Nease meet in any sport and they will do so once again in football this Friday at 7 p.m. at Nease.

The winner of the "Battle for the Bridge" will have bragging rights for the next year, something that Panther players and fans have enjoyed and will be looking to keep it going.

However, the Sharks will have something to say about that and have revenge on their mind after falling to the Sharks 14-7 last year to end an 11-year streak they had over the Panthers on the gridiron. The Panthers are now the ones looking to start a streak of their own.

The Sharks have had a more successful year to this point and come into

the game with the better record sitting at 4-4, while the Panthers are 1-7.

Despite the year not going as the Panthers had hoped, a victory over the school down the road will be sure to turn any season around.

The game will feature interesting matchups across the board.

When the Panthers have the ball it will pit strength against strength as the Panthers have an array of offensive weapons and the Sharks have an attacking defense full of playmakers at each level.

The Panthers have leaned more on the ground game this year with a combination of speed and physicality with Samuel Milton and Cam Smith complimenting each other nicely.

Stopping the run has been something the Sharks have excelled at this season with Layne Swafford providing push up the middle along the defen-

sive front and Trooper Price all over the place from his middle linebacker position.

If the Sharks can limit the Panthers' rushing attack then they have to worry about Florida-commit Marcus Stokes, who can sling it around with the state's best quarterbacks.

Watching the Panthers' explosive and balanced offense against the ball-hawking Sharks defense will be worth the price of admission by itself, but then you have the wildcard of an improving Sharks offense against a Panther defense that has struggled this season.

That battle will likely go a long way in determining who wins the game.

Since the bye week earlier in the season, the Sharks have been progressing with each week that passes and with that has also come an added confidence in their ability.

For the Nease defense, opponents have been able to move the ball and score on quick big-play drives on several occasions.

Having their bye, the week before the game could be important if the Panthers were able to find some answers to their defensive woes.

Whether that is the case or not, the one thing that everyone can count on no matter who they root for is that it has all the makings of a close game that comes down to make plays and putting drives together in the fourth quarter.

That is the beauty of rivalries, where people often say the records can be thrown out beforehand.

That should be the case when these teams meet Friday night, because when bragging rights are on the line, anything can and most likely will happen.



The Ponte Vedra High swimming and diving team is 2022 district champions.

Sharks swim team cruises through districts

Wohlgemuth finishes with four wins on the day

By Anthony Richards

The Ponte Vedra High girls swimming and dive team won the 3-3A district title and did so in commanding fashion as the Sharks finished 130 points ahead of the other schools during the district swim meet Oct. 17.

The massive victory was made possible thanks to several swimmers stepping up with impressive performances by several team members.

All-American Annie Wohlgemuth had a memorable day as she won 100 butterfly and 100 backstroke as an individual.

However, she did not stop there and was also a member of the 200 medley and 200 freestyle relay teams that won their respective disciplines.

At the end of the competition the senior had four more titles to add to her high school career list.

Also on those winning relay teams were Annabelle MacAdams, Mary Agnes Smith and Penny Zarczynski, who together cruised to victory in the 200 medley and are a dangerous force moving forward as they look to repeat as state champions in the event.

Wohlgemuth and Zarczynski were also teammates on the 200 freestyle relay team that won at districts along with Sophie Fox and Kate Pelot.

MacAdams claimed two district titles as she also won the 100 breaststroke competition.

Although the wins are what really stand out, winning the event so handily like the Sharks did is also because of the amount of second and third place finishes that occurred, with each one racking up valuable points for the Sharks in the overall standings.

Agnes Smith finished runner-up in both the 200 freestyle and 100 butterfly, while Zarczynski held her own in the freestyle events with a second place in the 50 freestyle and third in 100 freestyle.

Liv Copland got in on the action with a runner-up result in the 100 breaststroke



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The team prepares to leave for regionals in Ocala.

and coming home in third in the 200 individual medley.

The combination of Copland, Fox, Agnes Smith and Valentina Fraga finished second in the 400 free relay.

Although the girls grabbed the highlights by winning the overall competition, the boys Sharks squad also had standout

outings of their own.

Fabrizio Lijeron-Herrera finished second in the 100 butterfly and added a third-place finish in the 50 freestyle.

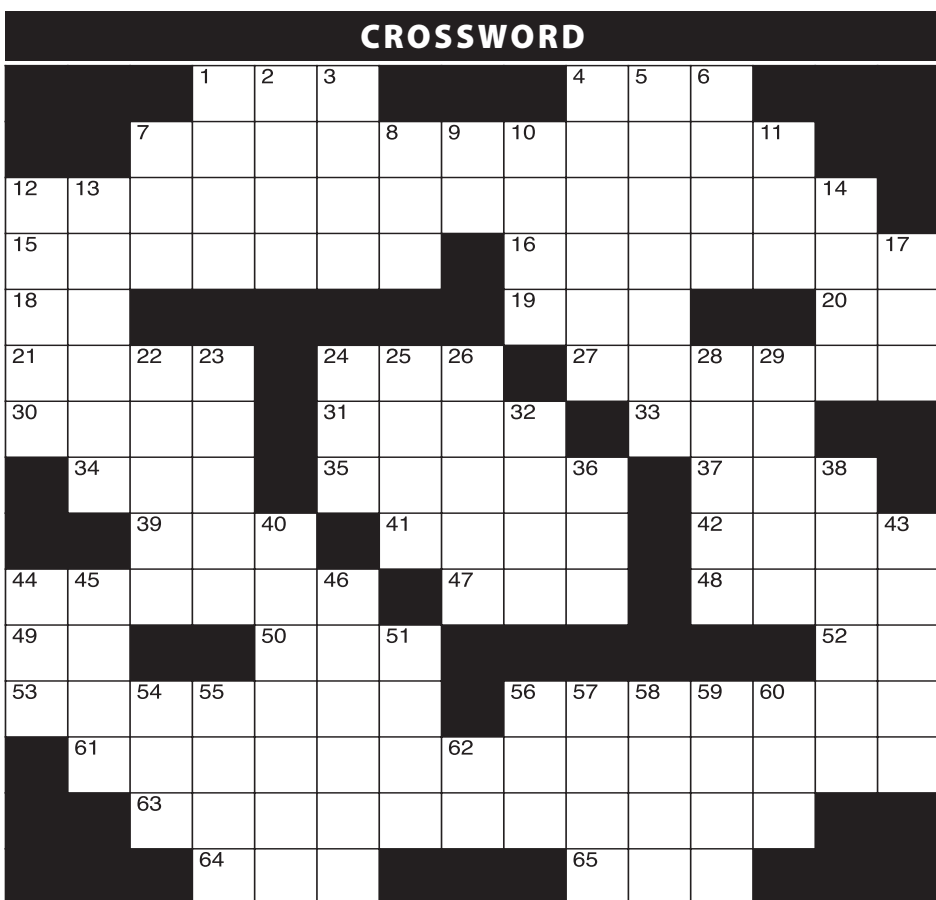
Next up for the Sharks was the regional swim meet Oct. 26 in Ocala. Results from regionals were not available by press time.

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- 14. About aviation
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Gator-Bulldog 5K is Friday

The Gator-Bulldog 5K Run/Walk is set for 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 28, in San Marco Square, Jacksonville.



The race features medals to all finishers, a 5K course through scenic and historic San Marco, shirts to all entrants, custom bibs, chip timing with live results, a post-race celebration and overall and age-group results.

Participants and spectators may want to wear the colors of the school of their choice. Online registration closes at 2 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 27, so there's not much time. One can still register on race day, but the price increases.

Packet pickup is 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 27, and 10 a.m. to noon Friday, Oct. 28. Race day pickup begins at 4:30 p.m.

- Pickup sites are:
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Awards will be given as follows: top three male and females overall, first place masters male and female, and three deep in 16 age groups.

For more information, go to 1stplacesports.com/races/florida-georgia-5k.



Photo by Anthony Richards

The lobby of Jacksonville City Hall is decked out and ready for the city to host the annual college football showdown between the Florida Gators and Georgia Bulldogs. The rival schools will square off on the gridiron at TIAA Bank Field in Jacksonville with kickoff at 3:30 p.m. Saturday.

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