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Chamber hosts legislative update

By Shaun Ryan

The St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce held its annual Legislative Update Breakfast on Friday, May 17, at Hyatt Place St. Augustine/Vilano Beach featuring elected officials from various levels of government.

Speakers included St. Johns County Commissioner Sarah Arnold; St. Augustine Mayor Nancy Sikes-Kline; St. Augustine Beach Mayor Dylan Rumrell; Craft Talbot, legislative aide

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Competition highlights Nease spring scrimmage. Read the full story on page 20.

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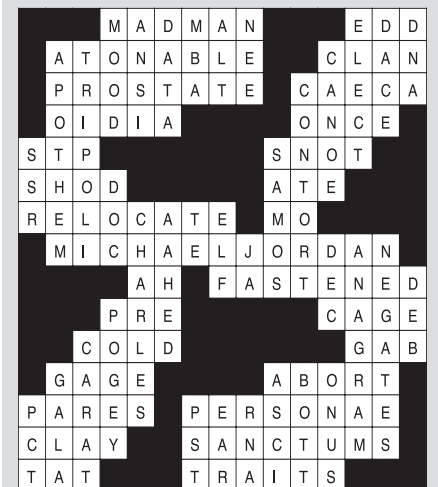
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Memorial Day ceremony in Jacksonville

The City of Jacksonville will hold a Memorial Day observance Monday, May 27, at the Veteran's Memorial Wall, 1145 E. Adams St., between TIAA Bank Field and the baseball grounds.

A pre-ceremony will begin at 8 a.m. Music will be presented by Navy Band Southeast and Voices of Jacksonville. The ceremony will begin at 8:30 a.m. Patriotic attire is suggested. Parking is free.

Essential Tremor Support Group to meet

The Essential Tremor Support Group will meet at 11 a.m. Tuesday, June 4, at Baptist HealthPlace at Nocatee, 400 Colonnade Drive No. 130, Ponte Vedra. Those with essential tremor and their family members, friends and loved ones are welcome to attend.

The support group meets every two months for those living and dealing with "ET." June's program will feature (by Zoom from Lithuania) Mantas Venslauskas, co-founder and CEO of Vilimed Company, the inventor of ET therapy device "Vilim Ball," which has been met with positive response.

For further information and to RSVP, contact Jan Kary at jkary@verizon.net or 202-438-6750.

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.

Beach cleanup is Saturday

The Guana Tolomato Matanzas National Estuarine Research Reserve (GTM) will conduct a beach cleanup from 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday, May 25. Meet at the GTM Research Reserve Visitor Center, 505 Guana River Road, Ponte Vedra Beach, where gloves and trash bags will be provided. Participants will be directed to a specific beach for cleanup. Hat, insect repellent, water and sunscreen are recommended.

Email Candace.Killian@FloridaDEP.gov to participate.

Baptist Health recognized for health care equity

Reinforcing its commitment to equity,

inclusion and patient-centered care, Baptist Health in Northeast Florida has been designated as a Healthcare Equality Leader for the third consecutive time in the Human Rights Campaign (HRC) Foundation's Healthcare Equality Index (HEI) biennial survey.

All six Baptist Health hospitals, including Wolfson Children's Hospital, were among the few surveyed by the HEI in 2024 who received full credit in each of five assessment categories — an accomplishment achieved by only approximately 3% of the hospitals recognized nationally. The five categories used for assessment and scoring included: policies and

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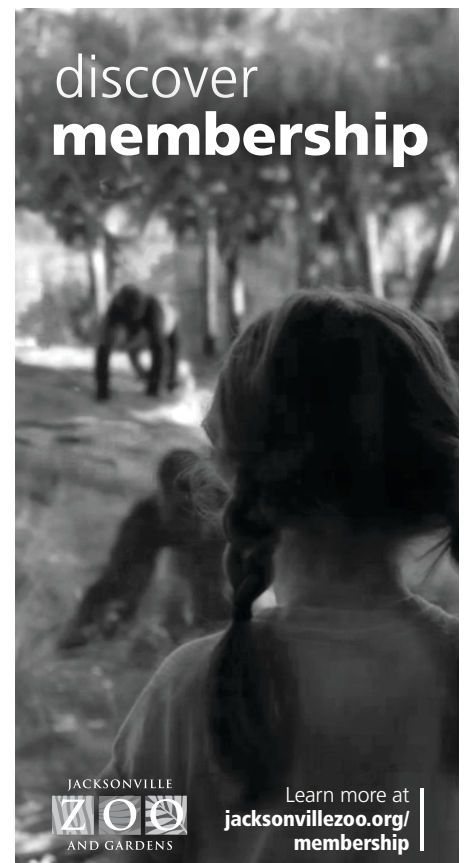
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training, patient services and support, employee benefits and policies, patient and community engagement, and responsible citizenship.

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— Compiled by Shaun Ryan

Jacksonville Beach mayor to speak

Few people are as knowledgeable of our Beach community — past and present — as Chris Hoffman. The very busy Hoffman wears two hats as the mayor of Jacksonville Beach and as executive director of the Beaches Museum. She will speak at the Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library on Tuesday, June 4, as part of the Friends of the Library Speaker Series. Her talk centers on “Our Beaches: Past, Present and Future.”

Hoffman is the first woman to serve as mayor of Jacksonville Beach. She graduated from Fletcher High School, received her bachelor’s degree from the University of Florida and her MBA from the University of North Florida. She had previously served as a two-term city councilwoman.



Jacksonville Beach Mayor Chris Hoffman

The Beaches Museum’s mission is to preserve and share the distinct history and culture of the Beaches area. As executive director, Hoffman oversees the day-to-day operations and the programs and events that have grown to include Springing the Blooms, Pablo Beach Train Day, the Chapel Concert Series, monthly Boardwalk Talks and exhibits spotlighting the Beach life.

The June 4 program begins at 6:30 p.m. in the library’s FOL Community Room. Doors will open at 6 p.m.

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4BD | 4.5 BA | 3312sf | \$3,150,000

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County Commissioner Sarah Arnold speaks about funding for key projects in St. Johns County.



Elected officials and their representatives speak during a legislative update breakfast on May 17.

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to state Sen. Travis Hutson; and Shorty Robbins, legislative aide to state Rep. Cyndi Stevenson.

For the most part, the speakers addressed the acquisition of various funds over the past year for essential projects either already under way or anticipated in the near future.

St. Johns County has been awarded more than \$53 million in state and federal appropriations for critical infrastructure projects. Here's a look at some of these:

New medical examiner's office — The region has been awarded \$11.7 million by the state for fiscal year 2025 to fully fund the construction of a new 10,960-square-

foot facility. It is expected to improve efficiency.

Widening State Road 16 — The existing two-lane stretch from International Golf Parkway to the Interstate 95 interchange will be widened to a four-lane, divided highway. Construction of bike lanes, sidewalks and medians are included in the project. The county has been awarded \$4 million in federal funding for fiscal year 2024 and \$7.5 million in state funds for fiscal year 2025.

County Road 2209, phase 2 construction — A segment of this planned north-south corridor is expected to help provide traffic relief to I-95 and U.S. 1. A state appropriation of \$10 million for fiscal year 2025 will fund the segment from International Golf Parkway to S.R. 16.

Regional fire training center — This

new facility will offer training for fire suppression, urban search and rescue, HazMat response and EMS. A unified command center will provide coordinated response to large incidents on I-95. The project was awarded \$7.5 million in state funds for fiscal 2025.

Central public safety station — This station will mean faster emergency response times for the county's interior. The project was awarded \$7.5 million in state funds for fiscal year 2025.

South Ponte Vedra Beach dune restoration — The state has awarded \$4.75 million for fiscal year 2025 to help match federal funds to counter beach erosion south of the Guana Reserve.

Lincolntonville Museum — A \$225,000 state appropriation for fiscal year 2025 will fund exterior security enhancements,

as well as sound domes and Braille to improve accessibility to the museum's exhibits.

Historic Vilano Beach Street improvements — A \$125,000 state appropriation for fiscal year 2025 will match county funds to revitalize the Art Deco community and foster economic development. The project includes resurfacing, new hardscape, irrigation systems, electrical access points and pedestrian enhancements.

Arnold announced that the county was the top-ranked contender for the state's proposed Black History Museum.

Sikes-Kline won smiles from attendees when she announced that a carousel would be restored to Davenport Park. The popular carousel that had occupied that spot for 25 years was removed in September 2019 and moved to Port Charlotte.

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DONNA Foundation hosts Mother's Day 5K



On Saturday, May 11, The DONNA Foundation held its annual ICE DONNA Mother's Day 5K. The event drew more than 1,000 participants to the historic Riverside neighborhood to celebrate survivorship and moms everywhere on Mother's Day weekend.

One in every three patients served by The DONNA Foundation is a mother with children at home. Race proceeds fuel The DONNA Foundation's mission to provide hope, support and financial relief to those living with breast cancer.

The ICE DONNA Mother's Day 5K is the pinnacle event of The DONNA Foundation's Celebrate Every Mom campaign, honoring moms everywhere through fundraising, advocacy and more. Thanks to a matching gift challenge, sponsored by Golf Fights Cancer, funds raised during the campaign were to be matched up to \$20,000.

By hosting this event on the Saturday of Mother's Day weekend, foundation leaders hope to inspire moms everywhere to take steps toward understanding, improving and protecting their breast health — this and every year.

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Michael and Carla Resetar



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Carla and Michael Resetar provide a critical service with their business, ScanManFL.

As told to Shaun Ryan

Tell me about ScanManFL and what services it offers, including any services that lie outside fingerprinting.

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For average people, fingerprinting is something done only in police departments. But there are a lot of good reasons to seek out fingerprint services. Can you tell me a little about that?

Many people seeking licenses in the State of Florida are required to go through a Level 2 background check. This is the service provided, and we understand the police departments are no longer performing the fingerprinting service.

Mike is a retired law enforcement officer with several

years' experience obtaining fingerprints, and together we have served the public for more than 60 years combined. We have 354 five-star reviews on Google. Reading our client reviews makes it clear we are all about providing everyone, even those who call and never use our services, with an elevated five-star customer service experience.

I understand there is a way to do digital fingerprinting now, as opposed to using an ink pad. Can you tell me about that and what advantages there are?

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Tell me a little bit about your backgrounds, and how you got the idea to go into this business.

Mike had a 38-year career in law enforcement, and I have been teaching for 29 years. We are public servants and have a natural ability to connect with people. Together, we decided we could offer this service to the many professionals and community members living on or near the beaches.

What do you like best about being in this line of work?

We have met the most outstanding people including medical servants, restaurateurs, Realtors and volunteers for many organizations including those from the Diocese of St. Augustine for which we are an approved vendor. Every day someone with a fantastic story and/or past comes through our door and we love to hear about it.

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On a different note, what do you like best about living here in Northeast Florida?

Northeast Florida has been our home for the last seven years. We have two children attending college, one in Florida and one in North Carolina. We have no plans to ever leave Northeast Florida as we have felt like it is our home since the day we arrived here.

How do you like to spend your free time?

Mike and I enjoy spending our weekends relaxing at the beach with our family and friends. We both love to hunt for sharks' teeth and would say that it has become our favorite hobby. We just rescued our newest addition to the family, our boy Bandit, from K9s for Warriors, and he has taken our home by storm. He spends many of his days at ScanManFL, managing the day-to-day operations.

Rotarians help raise funds for students in need

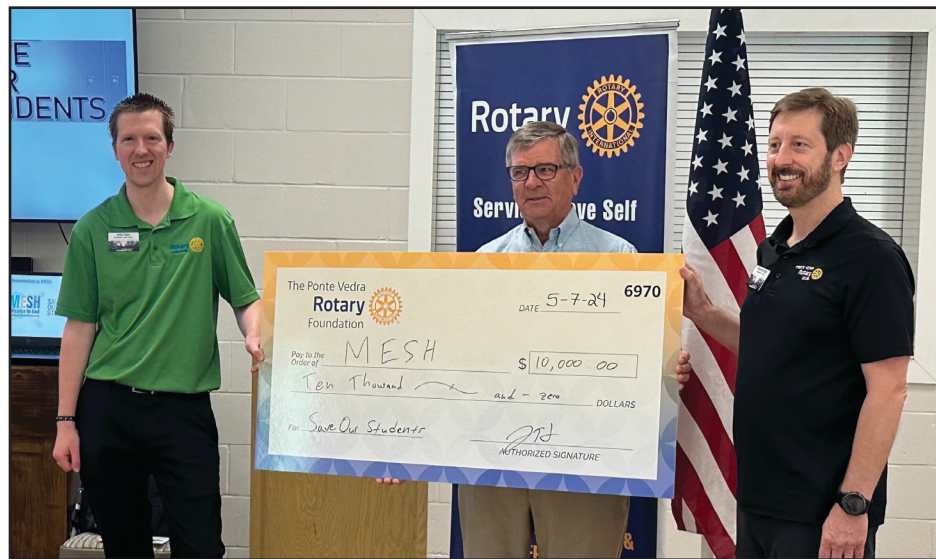
The Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra is embarking on a fundraising effort, “Save Our Students (S.O.S.),” to assist local students in need. This initiative will partner with the St. Augustine-based 501(c)3, Mission to End Student Homelessness (MESH).

According to the New York Times, child poverty more than doubled in the United States last year, the largest single-year increase on record. At local Valley Ridge Academy, school Principal Angie Fuller said students in need have increased from about 30 to more than 100 this year — and that number will likely keep growing.

“In the past, our staff and area residents have helped students in need with ‘one-off’ expenses like rent, field trips, school supplies, prescription eyeglasses, extended day costs, transportation to doctor appointments and other needs,” said Fuller. “But now the need is too great. With the inclusion of affordable housing in Valley Ridge Academy’s enrollment area, the population of poverty-hampered students in our school is beyond our capacity to help financially.”

That’s where the S.O.S. effort comes in, with two primary objectives:

1. Help St. Johns County students who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.
2. Support non-homeless students and families at Valley Ridge Academy living in



Contributed photo

Pictured from left are Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra President Josh Hull, MESH Chair Tony Kazlauskas and the Ponte Vedra Rotary Foundation President Bob Wiltfong.

poverty.

Rotary set a goal of raising \$20,000 for this initiative by March 1. The club solicited Rotarians, individuals and small businesses in northern St Johns County to raise funds.

Donations were processed through the Ponte Vedra Rotary Foundation and then transferred to MESH, which will distribute the funds as follows:

- 60% granted to Valley Ridge Academy for its exclusive use in poverty-related

matters

- 40% staying with MESH for use in its legacy mission of supporting homeless students throughout St. Johns County.

“MESH is the only local charity that devotes its entire mission to raising funds and granting direct financial support to help these students on short notice,” said MESH’s Chair and Ponte Vedra Rotarian Dr. Tony Kazlauskas. “Just last August, we provided over \$1,000 to help a single mother of seven (two children attending

Nease High School, five at Valley Ridge) cover back rent and legal fees to save them from eviction. The family remained in their home and Mom obtained a new job that should allow her to meet future financial obligations.”

“Ponte Vedra Rotary recognized that poverty — and even homelessness — among many of our students in Nocatee has been on the increase since the pandemic,” S.O.S. Co-Chair Denny Baldwin wrote in an email. “Partnering with Valley Ridge Academy ... and St. Augustine-based 501(c)3, Mission to End Student Homelessness, last fall we embarked on an ambitious effort to assist local students in need, which we call Save Our Students or SOS for short.

“I’m delighted to report that, thanks to the generosity of many, we’re closing in on our goal of raising \$20,000, of which \$12,000 will be granted to (Valley Ridge Academy) for its exclusive use to help address the effects of student poverty, and the remaining \$8,000 will assist MESH in its legacy mission of supporting homeless students throughout St. Johns County. Anyone wishing to donate to SOS may still do so by sending a check to the Ponte Vedra Rotary Foundation, 101 Markside Ave., Ponte Vedra, FL 32081, contributing online at pontevedrarotary.org or utilizing Venmo @PonteVedra-Rotary.”

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Jaguars, city propose stadium deal designed to share costs

By Anthony Richards

The process is ongoing to get a deal for a stadium renovation and a big hurdle has been cleared as the City of Jacksonville and the Jacksonville Jaguars have reached an agreement and have presented it to the city council.

The lease agreement on the table would be for 30 years if approved and will include a non-relocation clause attached to it, assuring Jacksonville as the team's home for the next three decades.

"It was clear to me from the very beginning that we needed a much fairer agreement than the one we had the last time, and the Jaguars were willing to help provide that," said Jacksonville Mayor Donna Deegan, during the latest community huddle held in the Fletcher High School auditorium on May 20.

According to Deegan, the last stadium lease was one-sided with the city taking on the brunt of the cost, and that is not the case in the proposed deal, which puts more emphasis on sharing the responsibilities that go with a stadium.

They went about achieving this by proposing to split the cost of the stadium construction 50/50. The project is estimated to cost \$1.4 billion.

The cost includes the city putting in \$150 million to help in the preparation and early project construction costs to get it started, but the Jaguars in turn have agreed to cover all excess costs if the project exceeds \$1.4 billion.

"We felt like we needed something that was fair to the taxpayers," Deegan said. "Our part with the city is fixed, so what you see is what we're going to spend."

The outline of the deal includes the city of Jacksonville's portion of the deal being paid up front, while the Jaguars will accumulate their portion over the next 30 years, which according to Deegan will equate to about \$5 million per year during the length of the 30-year lease.

"Nobody wants to spend this kind of money, but at the end of the day, the NFL was very clear that without a new



Photo by Anthony Richards

Jacksonville Mayor Donna Deegan, Jaguars president Mark Lamping and city representative Mike Weinstein spoke during a community huddle at Fletcher High School on May 20.

stadium that was up to NFL standards, we were not going to have a team, and I know that we all want to keep our team and to have downtown as successful as it possibly can be," Deegan said.

City representative Mike Weinstein acknowledged that the University of Georgia and the University of Florida have been kept in the loop of the proposed renovations throughout the process and have shown excitement for what the future holds in terms of the annual Florida-Georgia college football game held at the stadium.

"A big discussion was who was going to pay for the building and who was going to be in charge of the maintenance so that we get the 30-year expected life out of the facility," Weinstein said.


As a result, the Jaguars will take on the responsibility of the day-to-day operation and maintenance of the

stadium, which is a major change from the current lease but lines up with the agreements across other NFL cities, according to Weinstein.

Other cost shifting in the proposed lease will include the Jaguars taking on more gameday expenses, which will cut the city's cost per gameday from roughly \$7 million to \$1.5 million, as they will just be responsible for public safety items such as staffing JSO and fire and rescue.

One thing that the Jaguars presented and were pushing during the previous community huddles was an entertainment district.


Deegan assured the crowd in attendance that she understands the importance of growing downtown and ways to do that, such as an entertainment district will take center stage once the stadium renovation is in place.




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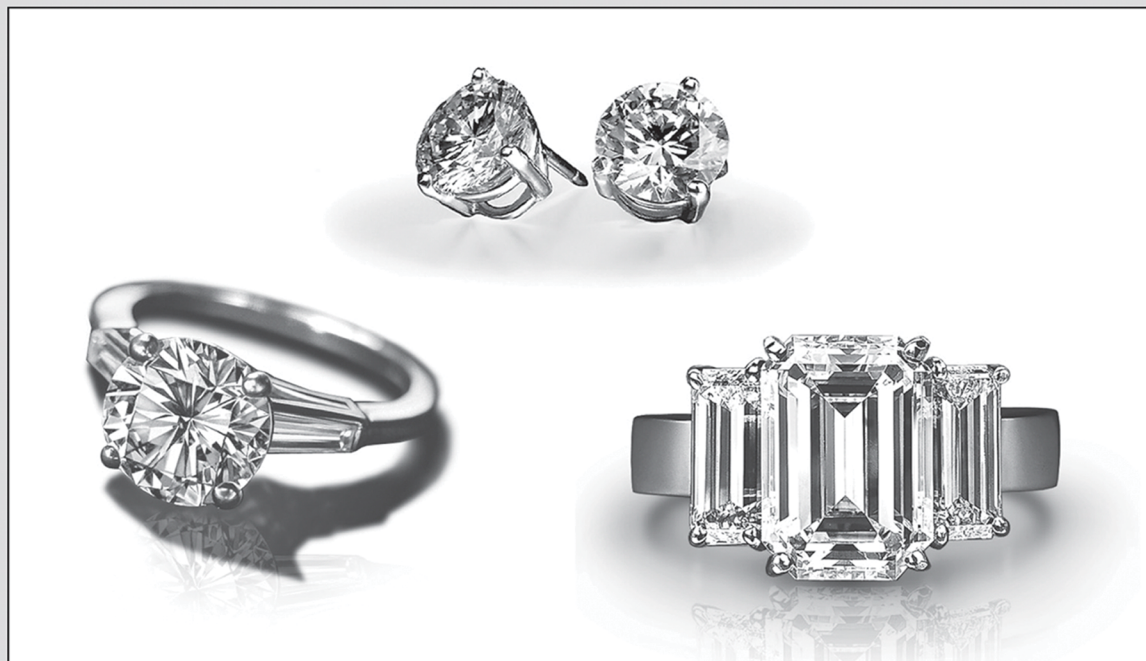
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Community honors seniors during Centenarian Luncheon

The St. Johns County Council on Aging celebrated the most senior members, aged 90 years and older, of the local community at its annual Centenarian Luncheon on May 16 at THE PLAYERS Community Senior Center in Ponte Vedra Beach.

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Jay Fund partners with TPC Sawgrass for celebrity golf classic

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Wounded Warrior Project to mark Memorial Day

Wounded Warrior Project is planning some events for Memorial Day.

• Saturday, Wounded Warrior Project is taking warriors on a motorcycle poker run. Registration starts at 10 a.m. at Adamec Harley-Davidson on Baymeadows Road. Riders will leave the location at 2 p.m. and make stops in Jacksonville,

St. Augustine and Orange Park before wrapping up around 5 p.m. back at Adamec Harley-Davidson.

• Monday, Wounded Warrior Project will help lay a wreath at the Veterans Memorial Wall in the Sports Complex as part of the city's Memorial Day Ceremony. Wounded Warrior Project VP of Con-

nection Wil Williamson, Jr. (a Marine veteran) will lay the city's wreath along with Mayor Donna Deegan and City Council President Ron Salem.

• Monday, Wounded Warrior Project will also be at the Jacksonville National Cemetery for an event with Travis Manion Foundation. Wounded Warrior

Project staff and warriors, TMF representatives and volunteers will visit each gravestone to honor individual veterans who are buried at the cemetery in North Jacksonville. Wounded Warrior Project's chief program officer, Jen Silva, will be speaking at this event.

St. Johns County offers free Memorial Day Weekend beach shuttles

Memorial Day weekend is one of the busiest holiday weekends on St. Johns County's beaches. To reduce traffic con-

gestion, St. Johns County Beach Services offers two free shuttles.

• St. Johns County Ocean and Fishing

Pier shuttle: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 25-27. From St. Augustine Beach City Hall, 2200 A1A South, to fishing pier parking lot

• Mickler's Landing Beachfront Park shuttle: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 25-27. From Cornerstone Park, 1046 A1A North, to Mickler's parking lot

On-beach driving

On-beach driving hours are between 8 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Vehicle traffic must remain in the designated driving lanes. Beach driving conditions can change throughout the day at each access.

Beachgoers are encouraged to monitor daily updates on driving conditions by following @SJCBeaches on Facebook and Twitter and downloading the SJC Connect mobile app at: sjcfl.us/sjc-connect. Residents and visitors can also monitor the St. Johns County Beach Services section of the County website for beach access updates. Go to sjcfl.us/beach-driving-updates.

For a complete list of beach safety rules and regulations, go to sjcfl.us/beach-services/beach-rules.

Law enforcement and safety

The St. Johns County Sheriff's Office, the St. Augustine Beach Police Department and St. Johns County Marine Rescue personnel will patrol the beaches throughout the weekend. St. Johns County Marine Rescue lifeguards will be stationed along the beaches from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Beach flags indicating water and surf conditions will be displayed. The absence of a flag does not mean there is no danger. Please see a staffed lifeguard tower for local conditions.

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Plans for Jax Beach project move ahead

Jacksonville Beach city officials recently approved moving forward on a rezoning request by Jax Beach Investment Holdings (JBIH) for a proposed development in the 100 block of 5th Avenue North. The plans call for a two-story, mixed-use project that will include a second story rooftop restaurant over a retail/office space.

Greg Saig, managing partner of JBIH and various other beach restaurants and bars, has owned the property for more than 10 years with hopes to develop the project, which is adjacent to the longtime beach bar Mango's, across from the Jacksonville Beach pier. Plans for Mango's are to continue as the same beach community bar it has been for more than 50 years with plans for some improvements to bathrooms and the outdoor patio.

"We believe that the beaches central business district has now reached the stage where this new development works within the current fabric of our beach community," said Saig. "New hotels like SpringHill Suites and restaurants such as O-Ku Sushi and Oaxaca have demonstrated the ability to develop new concepts in the area that work well and support additional establishments for



Artist's rendering

An artist's rendering shows an aerial, cut-away view of the proposed project.

beach residents and tourists alike."

The project is located on 5th Avenue North and comprises the half block from Mango's to Second Street. JBIH started its Planned Unit Development (PUD) hearing on April 22, at the City Hall with hopes to complete this stage by early summer. The proposal is to allow for the redevelopment of the existing property into a mixed-use restaurant/drinking establishment/office/retail

project.

The preliminary development for the property includes a two-level complex with retail space on the ground floor and a high-end dining establishment featuring coastal Tulum Mediterranean-inspired cuisine, with a lounge and private member club.

JBIH described the restaurant concept as "a destination where salt air and an open fire combine to stir the senses and elevate the experience for those with a refined taste for fare, spirits and their surroundings."

"Once this zoning approval stage is completed, we will move into full construction and capital plans needed for the project to hopefully start early next year," Saig said. "With the central business district positioned well for future development, we hope to be a key part of that growth for the city and the beach community."

Saig is a local beach native with many successful restaurant and hospitality concepts in the area including but not limited to Salt Life Food Shack, Harry's Seafood Bar and Grille, Surfer The Bar, Mango's, and Casa Reina Taqueria & Tequila in St. Augustine.

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Managing your investments during difficult times

Written by/for Wells Fargo Advisors

Economic difficulties, political unrest and natural disasters can all present challenges. Investors may wonder what effect these types of events, and others, could have on their investments. That is why it's helpful to focus on three fundamental actions that could help investors work toward their goals — know yourself, build a plan and keep an eye on the long term.

Know yourself

When stocks drop by 20% or more, some investors might ignore the drop, others might feel the urge to sell, while still others might see it as a good time to buy. This range of reactions illustrates different levels of risk tolerance, or how sensitive investors are to market volatility. Risk tolerance varies from one investor to another, and no level of tolerance is considered the “right” level — there’s only the right risk tolerance for each investor. Talking with financial advisers or completing online questionnaires can help investors determine their risk tolerance.

While understanding risk tolerance is essential, it should not be considered in isolation. Risk tolerance, goals and time horizon all play a role in setting an investment plan.

Investing more aggressively may yield more rewards, but the length of time available for investing also plays a part. A longer time horizon could give investors the potential for compound growth.



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And setting specific goals can help to determine how much an investor should accumulate to support their goals.

Build a plan

Dwight D. Eisenhower may have said it best — “Plans are worthless, but planning is everything.” Even though a plan may need to be modified to adapt to changes, the very process of setting a plan can help investors to discover and focus on their most important investment goals.

For a plan to be useful, it’s important for investors to clearly detail which goals they are trying to achieve. Some of an investor’s goals will be shorter term, such as building a rainy-day fund. Intermediate-term goals might include

buying a house or paying for a child’s education. Longer-term goals might include planning for retirement and potentially leaving a legacy for charities or family. Investor assets can then be matched to those various goals.

For example, investors might own short-term bonds to meet a near-term expense, and a mixture of stocks and longer-term bonds to meet needs that are further in the future. The investor’s risk tolerance will help determine the mix of historically more volatile assets — such as stocks — to less volatile assets, such as bonds.

Keep an eye on the long term

Once a plan is in place, it’s important to keep an eye on it over the long term.

This includes considering rebalancing the portfolio if allocations move too far away from targets, a task that can be automated. It also includes revisiting plans as an investor’s goals or situation change. A plan is meant to be a living document.

While market drops can be troublesome, unpredictable economic events have presented challenges in the past. With resilience and creativity, America’s businesses and households have managed to overcome them. While there are no guarantees that past performance will repeat itself, history has shown that sticking to investment plans and taking a long-term view of the markets can help investors work toward their goals.

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Maple Bear early learning center coming to St. Johns

By Anthony Richards

St. Johns County has become known for having one of the best public-school systems in the state year in and year out for some time now and that tradition of education continues in other forms as well as a Maple Bear Early Learning Center is planning to open in St. Johns.

Maple Bear St. Johns was the idea of Tess Relampagos, who felt that there was a need for such an early learning center in the area.

According to Relampagos, it is the Maple Bear curriculum and their approach to education that caught her attention and made her want to join the global franchise system that has put early learning centers in 40-plus countries.

“It’s a brand I believe I can trust with a curriculum that prides itself on having the highest of standards,” Relampagos said.

Despite having early learning centers throughout the world, this will be the first in Florida and the only one in the United States that was created from a clean slate with the intention of becoming a Maple Bear center from the ground floor, as the others were all early learning



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Maple Bear has put early learning centers in 40-plus countries and is constructing one to open in St. Johns for the upcoming school year.

centers already that transitioned to Maple Bear taking them over.

The ability to start from scratch and build the facility with the intentions of it being a Maple Bear center from the early start is something Relampagos takes pride in.

“I live in St. Johns, and I’ve always

seen the need and been interested in opening a school that caters to 0-4 years old,” Relampagos said. “Our location will be unique, and we want everyone to feel that as soon as they walk in.”

She believes Maple Bear is a perfect fit for St. Johns County due to its track record and continued focus on education.

“I think in St. Johns we have a lot of young professionals with families, and these are people that value education,” Relampagos said. “We’re known as the best county for education in the state and this will just add to that reputation.”

The Maple Bear curriculum is tailored to begin educating a child as early as six weeks old, which is important because according to Relampagos it has been found that it is never too early to start developing a child’s educational and social needs.

This is something she believes helps separate Maple Bear from other early learning centers or daycares around the area.

“We want to partner with the community and make it known that not all early learning centers and daycares are the same, and we are definitely more than that,” Relampagos said.

Construction of the facility is still in progress, but she hopes to have the new Maple Bear location up and running in time for the start of the new school year in August.

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Art and Janet Hartley

Angelwood teams with Underwood Jewelers for trunk show fundraiser

By Anthony Richards

Angelwood and Underwood Jewelers continued their partnership by hosting the annual trunk show and fundraiser event at the jeweler's Ponte Vedra Beach location on May 2.

The partnership between the two organizations began in 2016 and the event has become a staple on the Angelwood fundraising calendar over the years.

Not only did a portion of sales from the trunk show that night go toward

benefiting Angelwood's mission to serve children, adults and families living with disabilities in the local community.

According to Damara Farwell, chief development officer with Angelwood, having partnerships with tradition-rich businesses such as Underwood Jewelers means the world and goes a long way in helping spread the nonprofit's message.

"There were definitely more people in attendance than last year, which shows how the event just continues to grow," Farwell said.

This year's event also featured Angelwood selling tickets for a chance to win a Lagos Black Ceramic Six Station Diamond Caviar Bracelet valued at \$2,600 and courtesy of Underwood Jewelers.

However, that was not the only time to buy tickets as they are also being sold at Angelwood's thrift shop located at 5711 Bowden Road in Jacksonville and at Soaring Possibilities, which is Angelwood's annual celebration night on Aug. 17 at the Sawgrass Marriott beginning at 6 p.m.

The winner of the bracelet will be drawn at the celebration and the person does not have to be present in order to claim the prize.

The opening of the thrift shop in November was one of the major achievements Angelwood has had occur within the last year as it continues to look for new ways to make an impact after 30-plus years.

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Benchmarks of Success

A look at major career developments in the area

Stanley named executive director for Seamark Ranch

Since 2017, Seamark Ranch has provided a safe home to more than 150 children in need. Their mission is to provide a traditional home environment where children can heal through individualized therapy, connect through faith and flourish with unconditional love. Following a nationwide search, the board has announced that they have selected Nathan Stanley as the new executive director of Seamark Ranch.

Stanley started his humanitarian career at a residential care facility for at-risk children in northern Mexico. He went on to work for Samaritan's Purse, first managing the Latin American region and moving on to Ethiopia, serving as the country director. There, he oversaw operations serving refugees and internally displaced people suffering from the effects of war, drought and disease.

Kelleher-Smith named wealth adviser

Kellie Kelleher-Smith has recently joined B&C Financial Advisors as a wealth adviser. With a background as a registered investment advisor representative and holding the credential



Kellie Kelleher-Smith

of Chartered Advisor in Philanthropy from The American College of Financial Services, she brings a wealth of knowledge and tools to assist clients in realizing their aspirations for themselves, their families and society.

Her academic journey includes a bachelor's degree from Nova Southeastern University and a Master of Science degree from Bridgewater State University in Massachusetts.

Prior to her current role, Kelleher-Smith served as the leader of the Jewish Community Foundation of Northeast Florida. During her tenure, she successfully oversaw the merger of the foundation with the Jewish Federation of Northeast Florida in 2018, strengthening and revitalizing relationships with existing investors and bequest donors.

For four years, she worked for the American Cancer Society as one of the first national philanthropy directors growing regional philanthropic investments to fund the building of the Richard M. Schulze Hope Lodge on the Mayo Clinic Florida Campus. She pioneered a philanthropic program to increase endowment funds, ensuring

increased access to care through no-cost lodging.



Grady Miars

Miars named GreenPointe Holdings president, COO

Grady Miars has been named president and chief operating officer for GreenPointe Holdings, a diversified

holding company that brings together the necessary disciplines to create sustainable, high-value communities. Since 2010, Miars has served as president of GreenPointe Developers, the master-plan community and urban development division of GreenPointe Holdings. Miars will continue to report directly to Ed Burr, GreenPointe Holdings chairman and chief executive officer.

In his new role, Miars will oversee long-term strategic operational planning and procedures, set comprehensive goals for corporate performance and growth, ensure GreenPointe's financial strength and efficiency, and oversee daily operations of the company and executive team.

Kalal joins real estate business

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You can contact Sylvia at 904-322-9796 and Sylvia.Kalal@floridanetworkrealty.com or SKalal.FloridaNetworkRealty.com.

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— Compiled by Shaun Ryan

Baptist Health recognized for health care equity

Reinforcing its commitment to equity, inclusion and patient-centered care, Baptist Health in Northeast Florida has been designated as a Healthcare Equality Leader for the third consecutive time in the Human Rights Campaign (HRC) Foundation's Healthcare Equality Index (HEI) biennial survey.

All six Baptist Health hospitals, including Wolfson Children's Hospital,

were among the few surveyed by the HEI in 2024 who received full credit in each of five assessment categories — an accomplishment achieved by only approximately 3% of the hospitals recognized nationally. The five categories used for assessment and scoring included: policies and training, patient services and support, employee benefits and policies, patient and community

engagement, and responsible citizenship.

"We work every day to foster a welcoming, inclusive and respectful environment for patients, families and team members alike," said Michael A. Mayo, president and CEO of Baptist Health. "Our ongoing efforts are rooted in our commitment to holistic care, which not only treats illness but also

considers each person's beliefs, culture and lifestyle in order to enhance patient experiences, outcomes and overall well-being."

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Jacksonville Symphony announces 75th season

Reveals new branding and logo

The Jacksonville Symphony has announced its 75th season, which will be filled with exceptional programming, special events and new, vibrant branding that depicts Jacksonville's sunrises and rivers, reflecting the symphony's deep connection to the city and its surroundings.

"It is with great joy and excitement that we unveil the Jacksonville Symphony's 75th season," said Steven B. Libman, symphony president and CEO. "Over the past seven decades, the symphony has served as the fabric of Jacksonville's cultural landscape, weaving together the threads of music and community spirit through uplifting experiences. This milestone is a testament to our mission of reaching new artistic heights year after year. The 2024-25 season promises to soar to an even higher caliber."

To commemorate this benchmark season, the symphony plans special performances, beginning with Opening Night: Mahler's Symphony No. 2, "Resurrection" on Sept. 21. This program features operatic megastars Ailyn Pérez and Isabel Leonard (who starred in the film "Maestro" with Bradley Cooper), the Jacksonville Symphony Chorus, University of North Florida Chorale, Jacksonville University Singers and the full power of the Jacksonville Symphony.

Kicking off the Pops Series is the world premiere of "Parrots + Palms: The Songs of Buffett & Fins," co-produced by the Jack-



sonville Symphony and Spot-On Entertainment. This show celebrates the life, vibe and legendary songs of Jimmy Buffett and his musical "fins," including Zac Brown, Van Morrison, Bob Marley and more in a groundbreaking tribute.

One of the most important season highlights is the return of Violins of Hope:

Building Bridges Through the Power of Music. This internationally acclaimed concert series features restored instruments once owned by Holocaust victims before and during World War II, demonstrating the power of resilience and the importance of remembrance.

"This season holds a special place in

our hearts, reflecting on our rich history and unwavering commitment to artistic excellence," said symphony Music Director Courtney Lewis. "Each meticulously curated performance serves as a testament to our dedication to providing unforgettable musical experiences. Our anniversary season heralds a new dawn, marked by exceptional programming and a revitalized brand embodying pride for our community, the vitality of our performances ... and the energy of our orchestra."

Additional 2024-25 season highlights include 11 Florida Blue Classical concerts featuring masterpieces such as Ludwig van Beethoven's Symphony No. 7 and Igor Stravinsky's "The Rite of Spring"; three world premieres by Conrad Tao, Carlos Simon and Brittany J. Green; more than 40 guest artists, including pianist Joyce Yang, guitarist Miloš Karadaglić and the Marcus Roberts Trio; 10 pops concerts with music from artists like Cher, Donna Summer, Stevie Wonder and The Righteous Brothers; holiday specials including the return of Holiday Pops, First Coast Nutcracker and Handel's Messiah, now with two new additions: Big Band Holiday and Holiday Brass, Organ & Percussion; three "Symphonic Night at the Movies" programs: "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows - Part 1" in Concert, "Star Wars: A New Hope" in Concert and "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows - Part 2" in Concert; and much more!

Subscriptions are on sale now to current subscribers looking to renew. Single tickets and new subscriptions are available beginning July 8.

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Woman warrior to speak to writers' group



Tonya Oxendine

"Military members have a 'can-do' mentality; together, we faced challenges head-on, relying on hard work and determination to achieve our objectives," says Tonya Oxendine, the

PASStA welcomes acclaimed artist Deborah Lightfield

The Professional Artists of St. Augustine (PASStA) has announced the addition of renowned artist Deborah Lightfield to its collective. With a career spanning decades, Lightfield brings her distinctive artistic vision and unparalleled expertise to further enrich the vibrant tapestry of the St. Augustine arts community.

Lightfield is widely celebrated for her captivating artworks that intricately blend realism with elements of surrealism, inviting viewers into enchanting worlds of imagination and introspection. Her mastery of light, color and texture imbues her pieces with a transcendent quality that resonates deeply with the public.

On various artworks, she employs her “ocean wash” technique, a process she began 30 years ago, in which she submerges the paper or canvas directly into the ocean waves and utilizes the resulting layer of wet sand to become part of the painting.

“We are thrilled to welcome Deborah Lightfield to the Professional Artists of St. Augustine,” said Valarie Pothier-For-

rester, president of PASStA. “Her extraordinary talent and unwavering commitment to artistic excellence perfectly align with our mission to foster creativity and collaboration within our vibrant artistic community.”

Throughout her career, Lightfield has garnered numerous accolades for her contributions to the arts. Her works have been showcased in prestigious galleries and exhibitions across the country, captivating art enthusiasts with their emotive power and technical precision.

“I am truly honored to join the Professional Artists of St. Augustine and become a part of this dynamic and supportive artistic family,” said Lightfield. “St. Augustine’s rich cultural heritage and breathtaking natural beauty have long been a wellspring of inspiration for my work, and I am eager to contribute to the thriving arts scene of this historic city.”

To learn more about Lightfield and view her portfolio, go to lightfieldart.com or on the PASStA website, pastagalleryart.com.

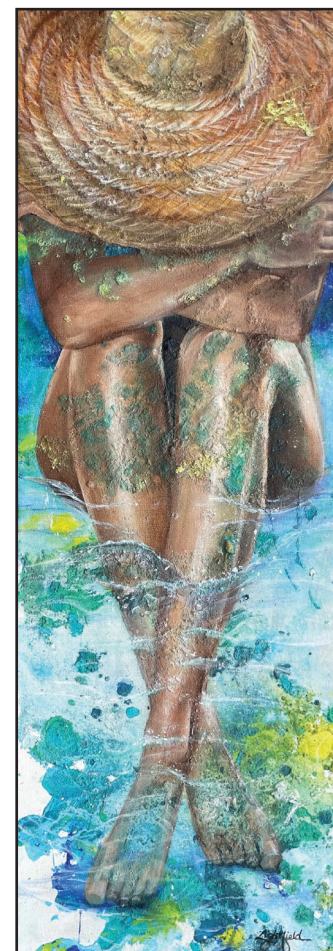


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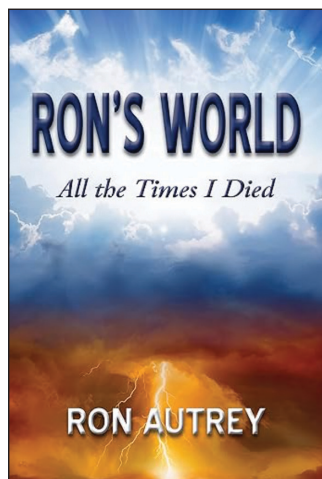


“Chrysalis” by Deborah Lightfield



“Relaxing Restoration” by Deborah Lightfield

Local author’s memoir is association’s Book of the Month



The Florida Writers Association has named “Ron’s World: All the Times I Died” its current Book of the Month selection.

Written by former Miller Electric CEO and Chairman Ron Autrey, the book chronicles Autrey’s life as seen against the backdrop of one of the most transformative periods in world history: the

1950s to the present day. While recounting the era’s remarkable advancements in technology, medicine and exploration — along with its wars, famines and natural disasters — Autrey punctuates his historical chronicle with personal recollections, including accounts of several near-death experiences.

“I was both humbled and gratified to learn of this



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Ron Autrey, author of “Ron’s World: All the Times I Died”

honor,” Autrey said. “For a guy like me, the ‘town electrician,’ to have my first book recognized by other authors is very encouraging.”

“Ron’s World” recounts Autrey’s boyhood experiences growing up in Jacksonville in the 1950s and 1960s, his time in the Army, and his climb in the electrical contracting business to become a prominent local businessman and philanthropist. As its title implies, “Ron’s World” is an examination of the times in which its author lived.

“The ability to look back and remember the events in my life with some level of accuracy has been a personal blessing for me,” Autrey said. “A study of the years from 1950 to 2022 provided a fascinating chronology of life-changing events and larger-than-life people who built the foundation for the complex world we live in today.”

“Ron’s World” is available on Amazon.com. Autrey noted that all profits from sales of the book go to K9s for Warriors. Proceeds from the sale of his forthcoming book, “Synope,” will benefit the Tunnel to Towers Foundation.

Warrior

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June speaker for the Northeast Florida Sisters in Crime.

The meeting will be held at 11:15 a.m. June 8 at the Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library.

Oxendine had a 30-year Army career. But she also endured traumatic challenges, including harassment, rejection, stereotypes and prejudice in a “man’s

world.”

She coped with her situation the same way so many other women, and men, have done.

“Many warriors tend to bottle up their emotions and think they can handle their mental health challenges on their own,” she said. “That tendency is even stronger within the military leadership community — the higher you rise, the more difficult it becomes to show any weakness.”

For this soldier, it hit her all at once in 2012 during deployment in Afghanistan.

“The memories of the death and suffering I saw — all this stuff came crashing down,” she said. “I couldn’t take it anymore.”

It was two years before she finally sought help for her post-traumatic stress disorder and the severe depression and anxiety she was experiencing. The Wounded Warrior Project Talk program gave her the connection she needed. Now, she travels the world to help others heal and find peace by sharing her story.

Meeting attendees will learn how Ox-

endine transitioned from being a shut-in to shining as an international voice for Wounded Warriors and an outspoken advocate for veterans’ mental health and physical fitness.

This will be an in-person discussion meeting. No zoom linkage will be offered. For further information, contact floridasistersincrime@gmail.com.

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Sports

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Photos by Anthony Richards



Nate Harry stands in the pocket and surveys the field.



The scrimmage was a culmination of the hard work put in during the recent weeks of spring practice.



Elisha Luckett III intercepts a pass in the endzone.

Harry shines, Miracle returns to anchor defense

By Anthony Richards

Football is played in the fall but the foundation for the next season is made during the offseason and that includes spring practice, which for Nease High culminated with the green and gold game on May 16.

Veterans and underclassmen alike took the field at Panther Stadium and put on a show for the fans in attendance who had plenty of reasons to smile with the play on the field from both sides as the White squad defeated the green team 28-21.

“It’s been a great spring, and the competition has been really high day in and day out, which is one of things we stress with our guys,” Drafts said.

Nate Harry proved to be one of the bright spots on the day as the rising senior quarterback had a full day and

stuffed the stat sheet, as he threw for three touchdowns, as well as running and catching one.

His receiving touchdown came following a turnover on the final play before halftime as head coach Collin Drafts dug deep in the playbook and brought the crowd to its feet with a designed wide receiver pass back to a wide-open Harry.

Harry was one of five quarterbacks that got playing time during the scrimmage, which included fellow rising seniors John Carragher and Harrison Miller, who is a transfer from Creekside High, and rising juniors Derek Hardie and Mason Bacchus.

“It’s going to be a very tough decision because we have three rising seniors who are very capable and we’ve tried to split those reps up evenly this spring,

but we’ve also got two promising rising juniors,” Drafts said. “I’m sure the quarterback battle will continue through the summertime but by the time we get to week one, we’ll know who our guy’s going to be.”

No matter who wins the starting job, they will have plenty of weapons to throw to on the outside and the potential for a powerful rushing attack as rising junior Enrique Ordonez broke free for some nice runs on the night and scored a touchdown as he showcased a determined and physical style of running.

One of the unique things taking place during the game was that many offensive linemen were also spending snaps along the defensive line.

“O-line is the most important position on the team so we wanted to emphasis

this spring teaching multiple players both ways so that we can build depth there,” Drafts said. “When an offensive lineman comes and plays defensive line they can get a different perspective and the same things goes the other way. Those guys have really embraced it and we’re going to need that depth in the fall.”

The defense was the talk of the contest as they stymied the offense and kept it scoreless until into the second quarter.

Rising senior Joe Miracle is back as the anchor of the defense after missing last year due to injury and the return of playmakers such as Jacob Curry and Elisha Luckett III flying around in the secondary.

Luckett made a leaping grab for an interception in the corner of the endzone early in the contest.

Panthers track, swimming teams receive championship rings



The Panthers track and field team hold out their championship rings during halftime of the Nease Green and Gold game.



Members of the Nease boys swimming and diving team received their championship rings.

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CROSSWORD

			1	2	3	4	5	6			7	8	9
	10	11									12		
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ACROSS

- Lunatic
- Doctor of Education
- Able to make amends
- Tight-knit group
- Gland
- Intestinal pouches
- Fungal spores
- Erstwhile
- Engine additive
- Nasal mucus
- Fit a horse with footwear
- Consumed
- Settle
- Larry and Curly's pal
- Basketball's GOAT
- Exclamation of surprise
- Made tight
- Before
- Actor Nicolas
- Not hot
- Talk
- Pledge
- Abandon a mission
- Trims by cutting
- Aspects of one's character
- Boxing GOAT's former surname
- Holy places
- Body art (slang)
- Attributes

DOWN

- How one feels
- American Nat'l Standards Institute
- Information
- Licensed for Wall Street
- Keyboard key
- Born of

- Choose to represent
- Small European freshwater fish
- Everyone has their own
- Line from the center of a polygon
- Lebanese city
- Type of watercraft
- A way to twist
- Soviet Socialist Republic
- Greek island
- Medical practitioner
- ___ DeGaulle, French President
- Partner to "oohed"
- Atomic #52
- Santa's helper

- Rapper ___ Rule
- Month
- Word formed by rearranging letters
- Nullifies
- Young woman ready to enter society
- Unemployment
- Weight unit
- Formal party
- Computer language
- Residue formula in math
- Duty or responsibility
- Part of (abbr.)
- Time zone
- Body part
- Nucleic acid

SUDOKU

		2	6	5	8			
6			1					
				3	2			8
			5		1		6	
	9	4				2		
	2			1			4	
		3						9
1	4			9				3

Level: Intermediate

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