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No doubt about it: **Sharks** cruise to district title

By Anthony Richards

It always feels good to win a district title, but it feels even better to shut out the opponent in the process, which is just what the Ponte Vedra High baseball team did as they defeated the Englewood High Rams 8-0 to win the District 4-5A title.

The Sharks entered the district tournament as the top seed but had to travel to take on the No. 2-seeded Rams, but they did not let that or anything faze them throughout the tournament as they won a shootout against Orange Park High, 10-7, to advance to the title game.

The offense came alive for the Sharks during the district tournament, as they out-hit the Rams 15-3 and eventually blew the game wide open with six runs combined in the fourth and fifth innings.

Storm Lickliter had an all-around stellar performance as he pitched six shutout innings with nine strikeouts

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Bookmobile Friends seek board members

The Friends of the Bookmobile of St. Johns County needs board members to serve a one-year or two-year term. The board meets throughout St. Johns County and virtually on the second Thursday of the month from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. If you are a book lover and library or bookmobile supporter and have one hour a month to help, contact Allison Olson at olsoninmn@gmail.com.

Resume advice offered

The Savvy Job Hunters Ministry of Christ Episcopal Church will host a free virtual workshop, "Overriding Résumé Robots Applicants Tracking Software Systems," from 10:30 a.m. to noon Friday, May 2.

Learn how to optimize your résumé for success in your job search and make it past the résumé robots. The workshop will be presented by Audra Larsen, University of North Florida senior career counselor, Career Services.

Email Pam Ottesen at pottesen66@gmail. com to receive the Zoom meeting link.

Beach cleanup is Saturday

The Guana Tolomato Matanzas National Estuarine Research Reserve (GTM) will

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conduct a beach cleanup from 9 to 11 a.m. April 26. 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.

Free skin cancer screenings offered

In honor of Melanoma Monday (May 5) and Skin Cancer Awareness Month, Advanced Dermatology & Cosmetic Surgery is offering free skin cancer screenings at select locations throughout the month of May. With skin cancer affecting millions annually, this initiative provides a crucial opportunity for the Jacksonville community to take action in protecting their health.

To secure a free screening, individuals can simply call 866-202-7050 and reference "Melanoma Monday" when scheduling.

Participating locations are:

- Orange Park, 1893 Kingsley Ave, Ste B, Orange Park
- St. Augustine, 200 Southpark Blvd., Ste 207, St. Augustine

Palm Valley Market every Tuesday

The Palm Valley Market is held from 10 a.m. to 1 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.

Ponte Vedra Woman's Club to meet

The Ponte Vedra Woman's Club will hold its monthly general meeting and program on May 21 at the Marsh Landing Country Club clubhouse, 25655 Marsh Landing Pkwy., Ponte Vedra Beach. Check-in is at 5:30 p.m. Dinner and meeting are 6 to 7:30 p.m.

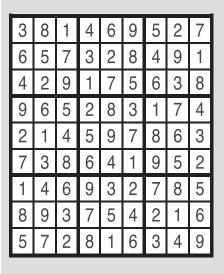
The program will be the PVWC annual charity and scholarship check presentations.

Cost is \$35 to register. RSVP at pontevedrawomansclub.com/eventregistrations.php by noon May 16.

— Compiled by Shaun Ryan

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E S P O U S E





Incentive agreement with AdventHealth to be drafted

During the April 15 regular meeting, the St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners approved a request to draft an economic development incentive agreement with AdventHealth to build a 12-bed freestanding emergency department of approximately 13,700 square feet that will create 56 new health care jobs in the community and have an estimated \$5.5 million economic impact on the local economy.

"St. Johns County is excited to support and invest in AdventHealth's first venture into St. Johns County," said

Sara Maxfield, director of economic development. "Health care represents the county's third largest employment base and the third largest job growth sector. A vital component to strengthening our local economy is attracting employers and industries that match our community's workforce skills and needs. The additional job opportunities AdventHealth brings to the county further solidify our reputation as a health care destination. We look forward to partnering with AdventHealth on this project and many more in the future."

The medical facility will be located southwest of the intersection at State Road 207 and Wildwood Drive. The total anticipated investment for building, site improvements and equipment is more than \$18 million. The average annual wage of the 56 new jobs will be \$68,000.

The county's first annual rebate payment to AdventHealth is anticipated during the fiscal year 2027. The estimated annual payout is \$84,790. The incentive's total capped value is \$222,374.

"St. Johns County is growing quickly, and so are the needs of the people who live here," said Denyse Bales-Chubb, president and CEO, AdventHealth Flagler and St. Johns market. "Emergency care should never be out of reach, which is why we will soon begin construction on a 12-bed emergency department on State Road 207. We are committed to making health care more accessible and are proud to work alongside local leaders to support the residents and visitors to St. Johns County."



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The Recorder's garden columnist, Kathy Esfahani of Kathy's Creative Gardens & Nursery, shares her tips for growing gorgeous gardens in Northeast Florida.

KATHY'S GARDENING GUIDE

Topiaries and Ornamental Standards

"The earth laughs in flowers." — Ralph Waldo Emerson



Kathy Esfahan

By Kathy Esfahani

Many topiaries and ornamental standards thrive in our Florida climate!

Topiaries are plants that are pruned into ornamental shapes including balls, cones

and spirals or more intricate designs such as animals or birds. A standard is a "lollipop" shaped form similar to a small tree with a bare trunk and round ball of leaves and blooms at the top. topiaries and standards come in both evergreen varieties as well as flowering plants.

As medium sized plants, they create a perfect middle ground between low growers and high bushes or trees. These plant styles create a focal point in your garden and enhance your landscape. They can be planted on their own or in groups to add a unique touch to your garden.



Topiaries

Evergreen topiaries will stay green throughout all seasons of the year. Here in Northeast Florida, the most popular evergreen topiaries include eugenia, juniper and podocarpus. Each of these can be shaped in many ways, but they are typically found shaped in cones or in one, two or three balls stacked vertically.

Ornamental standard trees are flowering plants that add vibrant color to your landscape. Most have one round ball at the top of the tree and require light pruning to maintain that shape. Look for standards such as angelina, sapphire duranta and shrimp plants to attract butterflies and hummingbirds to your yard.

For a tropical look, select a hibiscus standard tree, available in a variety of colors. Hibiscus standards can even be found grafted to include three different colors of blooms on one tree! If you have more of an English garden landscape, consider a rose tree standard or gardenia standard for height and sweet-smelling blooms. A mandevilla is typically a climbing vine, but it is also available as a standard for a stunning feature in your landscape.

Topiaries and ornamental standards are also beautiful in planters. They provide height to the arrangement and can be

Photos provided by Kathy's Creative Gardens & Nursery



Hibiscus standard

surrounded with draping vines or seasonal annuals. These planters are perfect for framing a front entrance or highlighting a back patio.

Happy planting!

Flower of the Week: Hibiscus Standard

Please email Kathy at kathys.creative. gardens@gmail.com for any questions or gardening tips you would like to see in the future. For more information and ideas, visit the nursery in Ponte Vedra Beach. Kathy's Creative Gardens & Nursery 196 N. Roscoe Blvd. 904-655-7373

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Eileen A. Taylor

Eileen A. Taylor passed away on March 27, 2025, at the age of 84 in Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida where she was surrounded by family. She is heartily missed by family and friends.

Eileen grew up in Phila, PA and graduated from Academy of Notre Dame high school. After having children and being a stay-at-home mom, she forged her way into the corporate world and started what would become an impressive career in marketing and advertising. She spent several years rising through the ranks in the insurance industry, eventually becoming a founding partner at the Mc-Clure group — a direct marketing and advertising agency. The agency specialized in financial services and insurance direct marketing and received numerous awards. Eileen was awarded Philadelphia Direct Marketer of the Year in 1993.

Eileen eventually retired to Ponte Vedra Beach in 1996 and spent time golfing, reading, volunteering and reigniting her passion for bridge, which she learned to play with her mother Lilian. She played in several leagues and made many beloved friends along the way. She was also very active in the community supporting The Player's Golf Championship for 20 years, eventually becoming the director of volunteer services — in her retirement! Additionally, she volunteered for several

years at Baptist Beaches Hospital and the Gabriel House. She also stayed true to her Philly and East Coast roots remaining a die-hard fan of the Eagles and the Phillies, a lifelong love of Frank Sinatra and treasured memories of summers in Ocean City and Avalon, NJ.

She always had a warm smile for everyone she came across and was famous for her positive energy and hugs. She saw everyone she met as an equal, from the grocery store checker to her nurses and all the people she encountered. She just enjoyed people in every walk of life.

She is survived by sons, Rick (Ari) and Chris (Julie); daughter, Jill; and grandchildren, David, Reese and Piper.

Contributions in her memory to Community Hospice in Ponte Vedra Beach, or Gabriel House of Care would be appreciated. Please visit her online Tribute at www.quinn-shalz.com.

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Brenda Maxine DiRito

Brenda Maxine DiRito, 86, of Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida, died April 16, 2025. Arrangements by Quinn Shalz Funeral Home & Cremation Centre, 904-249-1100, www.quinn-shalz.com

Victoria Carol Miller

Victoria Carol Miller, 63, of Jacksonville, Florida, died April 5, 2025. Arrangements by Quinn Shalz Funeral Home & Cremation Centre, 904-249-1100, www.quinn-shalz.com

Andrew John Olearczyk

Andrew John Olearczyk, 72, of Lititz, Pennsylvania, died April 3, 2025. Ponte Vedra Valley Funeral Home, Cremation Center & Cemetery, 904-285-1130, www. pontevedravalley.com



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Paul Carr is a co-owner of Flamingo Coffee, and over the past seven years they have grown a tight knit relationship with the First Coast community and are preparing to expand to two new locations this summer, including one on Anastasia Island.

As told to Anthony Richards

Can you please briefly tell us about your background?

My name is Paul Johnson Carr and I was born in Fort Worth, Texas, and my dad has a doctorate in theology and was the youth pastor at First Baptist in downtown Jacksonville for years.

So, I was born in Texas, but then we lived in Gainesville for a little period of time where he was youth pastor at what is North Central Baptist Church, and now coming full circle, he is a youth pastor back down there.

I pretty much spent all my life here in Jacksonville and was homeschooled. which was such a wonderful privilege, and I just grew up around people that were really just trying to foster my growth and wanted to see me succeed.

I grew up in such a loving environment and just had this background of always seeing my parents at service, whether it was to me or helping to service the people in the communities they were working in. It is such a commitment to a way to live and my foundation was just so strong.

I was able to play sports at schools, which was really cool especially being homeschooled. I think my first introduction to sports was Mandarin Middle School and then I played at Trinity Christian on the west side of town before actually finishing up at Eagle's View Academy, where I was able to letter and play a bunch of sports, including golf.

I'm blessed to be a father of two wonderful kids and I have an amazing wife.

I feel blessed because I've had so many people invest in me and invest in my dreams and the way that I go about it. Giving it back is what stirs me up.

What led you to start Flamingo Coffee?

I was married and kind of searching for what my purpose was because I was involved in marketing and just knew I wanted to create something.

That's when I got a job working for Bold Bean Coffee Roasters, which is one of the OG companies locally. That's one of the cool things about Jacksonville is that we have a long history of coffee dating back to the Maxwell House Factory being here, where if you grew up here you've seen that drip and know that smell.

I can't say enough positive things about the Burnett family and Bold Bean. I feel like I got my Ph.D. in coffee through those guys, and they are literally a university of coffee.



Paul Carr began the Flamingo Coffee journey seven years ago.

Bold Bean really saw something in both of us, which allowed us to invest more in each other and that time really built a strong foundation and belief in each that we could do it when that time

My business partner and I got hired at the same time, and we just grew up in such a community of a coffee brand, and Donny (Webb) and I really developed a relationship with each other through working with them.

We were both at a point where we were just so passionate about ideas, and then we were finally just blessed financially with the opportunity to go start our own thing.

Donny left first, and I was a little nervous because I really enjoyed where I was at and what I was doing, but Donny was just so driven about the idea of the Flamingo.

What has the journey been like since you started the company?

We opened up seven years ago in Murray Hill, which is such a wonderful area and since day one we've just had people coming in there and loving on us.

We started out just serving beer, wine and food, and actually added coffee later on, so the concept we're kind of going for is like an all-day café and coffee bar

You can come in early in the morning and get a coffee and then you can come in later that night and get a good beer or wine. It's even pushed us into baking foods, and we've got an amazing staff that has helped us grow that aspect. After a couple of years of serving coffee we decided to buy a little two-pound roaster and get into that side of things as well.

There were so many nights starting out where I could be with my family and the

shop during the day and then be in my garage cooking beans late at night.

What are the plans for the future?

It's crazy to think how far we've come because now we're in the process of opening two locations here at the sevenyear mark.

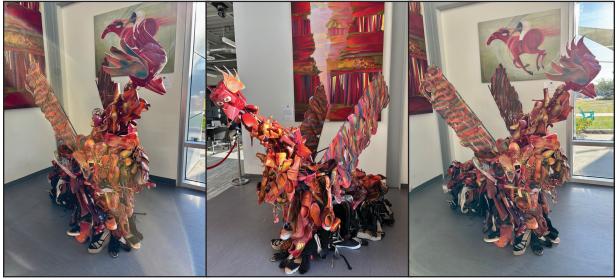
We're really excited to soon be opening two new locations in the Hanania Building in the Southbank of downtown Jacksonville and on Anastasia Island in the beautiful City of St. Augustine.

We're excited to grow with our community as our community continues to grow and also continue to expand into other areas.

It's been a fun seven years of just loving on people and finding out new ways to serve coffee to our people. That's really our heartbeat and our passion.

NOCATEE HAPPENINGS 7





Contributed photos

Teens create Earth Day sculpture from old shoes

In a striking fusion of creativity, environmental awareness and teamwork, the Teen Club at the link, powered by The Sapna Foundation, has unveiled a powerful upcycling project just in time for Earth Day.

The initiative, driven by teens, centered on a symbolic and ambitious goal: to collect worn-out shoes and transform them into a vibrant sculpture of a phoenix — a symbol of rebirth and resilience. The teens were inspired by the idea of the mythical bird rising from ashes, drawing a poignant parallel between the revival of discarded

materials and the renewal our planet needs.

The Teen Club members collaborated on the sculpture's design, mapped out a plan for collecting donated shoes and handled the building and painting process themselves. Over the course of several weeks, they brought the phoenix to life — layer by layer — demonstrating not only artistic skill but also a deep commitment to sustainability and teamwork.

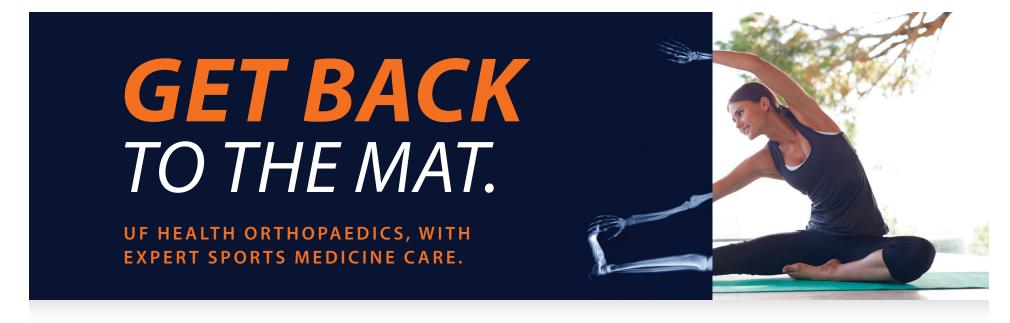
Now completed, the captivating sculpture is on display at the link in Nocatee, where it stands as a reminder of what can happen when creativity meets a cause. "This project was more than just recycling," said one teen involved in the project. "It was about proving that even things considered useless can have new life — and so can ideas, communities and the planet."

Also, an Earth Day Workshop in partnership with The Giving Project is being planned. On Sunday, April 27, from 2 to 4 p.m., members of the public can take part in this free workshop. Families celebrate sustainability and community by turning old T-shirts into reusable tote bags — no sewing required! The goal is to create 200

tote bags to donate to the Chef Harvey Foundation, helping reduce waste while supporting families in need.

Bring gently worn T-shirts to upcycle. And hear about the incredible work and story of The Giving Closet Project from its founder, Jennifer Smith. To register, search "FREE Earth Day Upcycling Workshop" on Eventbrite.com.

The Teen Club continues to offer teens in the area unique opportunities to grow, connect and make an impact. For more information, contact Director of Operations Jeff Tawney at Jeff@thelink.zone.



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GUEST COLUMN

How parents can help students ace test season

By Matthew Birt

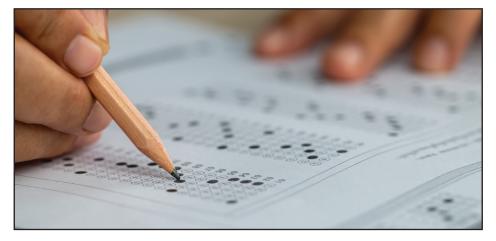
Program director of Achievers For Life, The LJD Jewish Family & Community Services

Testing season has arrived for Florida students. Between end-of-course exams. FAST assessments, SATs and ACTs, students face a packed schedule that can impact their academic progress and future opportunities. With so much at stake, it's essential to be prepared.

Studies show parental involvement plays a crucial role in student success. The American Psychological Association reports that students with engaged parents tend to perform better academically and are less likely to engage in delinquent behavior.

Today's test preparation goes beyond reviewing material. It also involves teaching students smart test-taking strategies to stay focused, manage time effectively and reduce anxiety — skills that parents can help reinforce at home.

The first thing parents should do is identify if testing season is going to be an issue for their child. The biggest indicator of their potential success or failure is their grades. Take a look at their previous report cards to gauge how they're doing,



especially in reading and math. If you notice a consistent decline, you might want to hire a temporary tutor for your child so he or she can catch up before these assessments.

Other signs that your child may need extra support this testing season include spending excessive time on homework and avoiding discussions about school altogether. If they're consistently struggling to complete assignments, or seem anxious about schoolwork, it could indicate they're feeling unsure about their ability to succeed. In these cases, it's important to step in and offer help: whether that means seeking additional academic sup-

port or simply providing reassurance and encouragement to boost their confidence. Times like these also serve as a time management learning lesson.

Aside from identifying issues ahead of these exams, parents can implement positive routines at home to help prepare their child. A consistent study schedule will help your child avoid cramming and ensure they're reviewing material, especially from the beginning of the year, in a timely manner. It can be as little as 20 minutes or extend to an hour. And you can use a planner to keep track of what subject to focus on each day.

It's also easy for young children to

become overwhelmed during test season while adding test preparations on top of their regular schoolwork. Teaching your child how to break down tasks into smaller manageable ones is a skill that will set them up for success into adulthood. For example, if they have a large math assignment, break it into smaller sections. Tell them to do 10 problems, take a five-minute break and repeat. This helps avoid overwhelming them with too much at once and makes the task feel more achievable.

Actual test-prep is what it comes down to, especially for SATs and ACTs. Have your child take short practice tests released from previous years. Remind them to read through the instructions carefully, pace themselves and skip difficult questions to return to later. On top of that, teach them tips like eliminating obviously incorrect answers first and outlining their thoughts before writing an essay.

Outside of their schoolwork, parents have an important role to provide emotional support for their child. Be there to listen to their concerns and reassure them that tests don't define their worth.

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Mussallem Beachfront Park renovation completed

On April 11, St. Johns County celebrated the renovation of Mussallem Beachfront Park (3365 Coastal Highway, St. Augustine) with a ribbon-cutting ceremony.

District 4 Commissioner and Board of County Commissioners Chair Krista Joseph, District 5 Commissioner Ann Taylor and District 3 Commissioner Clay Murphy attended the ceremony, along with various St. Johns County administrators and staff and several Vilano Beach area locals.

"This property holds a special place in St. Johns County's story," Parks and



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The ribbon-cutting ceremony at Mussallem Beachfront Park

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Celebrating the small wins is easy and effective positive reinforcement. After your child successfully completes a practice test, reward them with something small like their favorite snack or a fun break (like 20 minutes of playing sports outside).

While it's often repeated, it's worth emphasizing just how important it is for students to get enough sleep, eat nutritious meals and stay physically active during testing season. These habits are key to maintaining focus and reducing stress, which ultimately plays a significant role in their success.

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Established in 1917, The LJD Jewish Family & Community Services (JFCS) has been serving the community for more than a century, providing critical support to individuals of all races, religions and backgrounds. Through its Achievers For Life program, JFCS helps middle school students navigate the transition to sixth grade and beyond by offering academic assistance, guidance and social-emotional support. The program also engages parents by keeping them informed of student progress and equipping them with tools to enhance learning at home. For more information, go to JFCSJax.org.

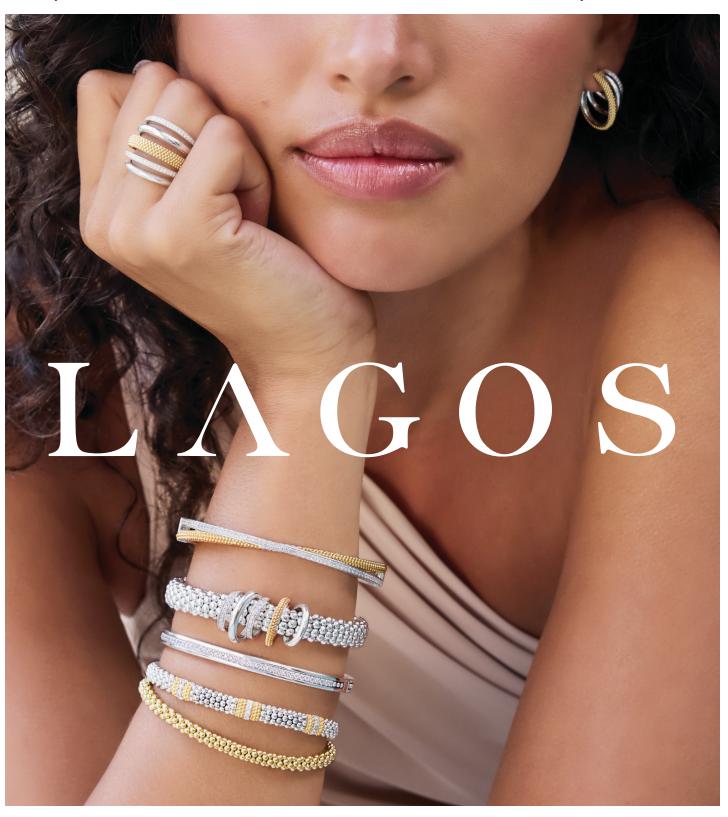
Recreation Assistant Director Jamie Baccari said. "Mussallem Beachfront Park reflects both our community's history and a vision for the future."

The renovation added expanding parking, restrooms, changing rooms, cornhole, a walking trail and an overlook of the nearby marsh.

"This is a \$1.5 million investment, and it's a reflection of our board's commitment to expanding the public's access to the natural beauty that makes St. Johns County so special," Joseph said.

"Mussallem Beachfront Park has always been a little gem tucked away between the ocean and the marsh, and today we get to see it shine even brighter," Taylor said.

The legacy of the park's namesake, former St. Augustine Mayor Edward "Eddy" Mussallem, was highlighted, and his daughter, Marcia Mussallem Byles, was present with other family members for the ceremony.



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Jacqueline Fogg at The Organization of American States



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Jacqueline Fogg in Uganda attending the opening of a local clinic



Jacqueline Fogg stands on the Capitol steps prior to a meeting meeting in Washington, D.C.

Atwater speaker to share compelling story about Africa

The Atwater at Nocatee will host Jacqueline Fogg at the Getting to Know You forum at 11 a.m. April 30. Residents, guests and the general public are invited. For any further information, call 904-320-1056.

Fogg has had a rich and interesting life and organizers are delighted that she will share a snapshot of that.

She was born in the Lake District, England, near Scotland and due to her father's employment with World Bank contracts, she grew up all over the world. After graduating college she taught at a Montessori School in Manhattan, which led her to creating a video called "Montessori in your Home," which went on to win awards as well as being featured in the New York Times.

This was just the beginning of her illustrious career both in front of and behind the camera.

In 1986, Fogg went to visit her mother in Zambia. While there, her mother witnessed the tiny little school they had. Recognizing that there was enough room

for growth in this small schoolhouse, her mother decided to start a school in the village called Kafue.

She single handedly raised all the money herself and started a school. It opened with 40 students.

Subsequently, Fogg's father finished his contract and moved on to his next venture. Fogg's mother had to leave Zambia before seeing her school completed.

Jacqueline Fogg then went back to the United States for a while. In 1987, at the height of Apartheid, she went to South

Africa on vacation for two weeks. She left with two suitcases and a job waiting for her when she returned. Instead, she stayed for 25 years.

While in South Africa, Fogg:

- appeared in seven movies
- produced 186 TV programs, all of which have been aired on TV.
- was nominated for Best Original Children's TV series named "A Day at the Races," a comedy in the Zulu

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language that had a viewership of 15 million.

She has written six feature films and two animation movies, which are yet to be produced but under contract.

The Department of State asked her to help in Africa working directly under the supervision of Colin Powell.

She came back to Washington, D.C., for a while but later returned to Lusaka, Zambia, and worked at the embassy there for a short time. While there, she jumped into a taxi and took a ride to see if her mother's school was still operating. To her pleasure, the school was not only still in operation, but it was flourishing. The number of students had grown from the original 40 to 400 students.

Fogg flew home to the States excited to tell her mother all the wonders at the school that she had seen. Josephine Fogg



Jacqueline Fogg at The Department of State conducting a training session

was determined to once again raise funds to expand the school. With the help of family and friends she did just that. They raised the funds and built an extra room onto the existing schoolhouse to accommodate the older students.

Jacqueline Fogg and her mother Josephine were invited back to Kafue where a special ceremony was planned to honor the latter. The school was officially named The Josephine Fogg School.

Now the school maintains a roster

of 600 students and is self-sustaining, which in itself is a major accomplishment in Africa. The Josephine Fogg School is proud of all their students and takes great joy knowing some have gone on to universities; three in the States and one in England.

When Josephine Fogg was building the school, an old man from the village came slowly up to her and said, "The children who go to this school will cross rivers." And they have.



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Josephine Fogg is honored in a ceremony for her work to build a school in Zambia.

Jacqueline Fogg is now living and thriving in Ponte Vedra, at The Atwater at Nocatee, and has started her own womanowned small business specializing in government contracting and education.

The name of her company is Cumbria Contracting. Learn more at Cumbriacontracting.com.

The presentation is open to the public, and Fogg encouraged people from the community to attend. She plans to do a Q&A after the presentation.



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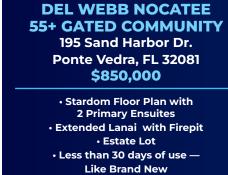
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1,300 pounds of trash collected in beach cleanups





The Beaches Go Green Earth Day 2025 cleanup was held at four locations from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. April 19. They were: Atlantic/Neptune Beach (Atlantic Boulevard Beach access), Jacksonville Beach (Latham Park), Ponte Vedra Beach (Mickler Beach access) and St. Augustine Beach Pier.

At Atlantic/Neptune Beach, 420 pounds of trash were collected, valued at \$3 per pound, resulting in a \$1,260 trash abatement value. A total 8,754 cigarette butts were picked up. In all, there were 334 volunteer hours, valued at \$31.61 per hour, resulting in a \$10,557.74 volunteer contribution.

At Jacksonville Beach, 640 pounds of trash were collected, valued at \$3 per pound, resulting in a \$1,920 trash abatement value. A total 11,000 cigarette butts were picked up. In all, there were 274 volunteer hours, valued at \$31.61 per hour, resulting in an \$8,661.14 volunteer contribution.

At Ponte Vedra Beach, 80 pounds of trash were collected, valued at \$3 per pound, resulting in a \$240 trash abatement value. A total 370 cigarette butts were picked up. In all, there were 127 volunteer hours, valued at \$31.61 per hour, resulting in a \$4,014.47 volunteer contribution.

In St. Augustine Beach, 160 pounds of trash were collected, valued at \$3 per pound, resulting in a \$480 trash abatement value. A total 3,152 cigarette butts were picked up. In all, there were 75 volunteer hours, valued at \$31.61 per hour, resulting in a \$2,370.75 volunteer contribution.

In all, 1,300 pounds of trash were collected, valued at \$3 per pound, resulting in a \$3,900 trash abatement value. A total of 23,275 cigarette butts were picked up. In all, there were 810 volunteer hours, valued at \$31.61 per hour, resulting in a \$25,604.10 volunteer contribution. This added up to a combined impact of \$29,504.10.

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Ladybug sailing event to be held May 3-4

The Ladybug Event returns May 3-4 with more sailing, more learning and more fun. Hosted by St. Augustine Sailing, the event celebrates the local sailing community and shines a light on equitable access for all.

Tracy Edwards will be the keynote speaker this year. Edwards is a British sailor who skippered the first all-female crew in the 1989 Whitbread Round the World Yacht Race.

The fun kicks off at 9 a.m. May 3 at Windward by Camachee Cove Yacht Harbor, 3076 Harbor Drive, in St. Augustine.

"We wanted this event to highlight the sailing community, with a special nod to the growing number of women entering and flourishing in the sport," said Rose Ann Points, owner, captain and broker at St. Augustine Sailing. "That's why we're thrilled to have a true sailing legend, Tracy Edwards, joining us virtually for an inspiring chat about her life and the ongoing mission of The Maiden Factor Foundation. which empowers girls through education."

The event begins with a full day of workshops and seminars designed for landlubbers all the way to experienced sailors. Topics range from cooking to medical preparedness at sea. Many workshops are free, but donations are accepted. The American Heart Association CPR



The sailing action kicks off Sunday, May 4, with the widely anticipated Ladybug Race, featuring both performance and cruising classes racing.

Certification Course has a small fee associated with the official certification.

with Atlas Yacht Sales and SailTime, will host a mini-boat show on Saturday only. All Points Yacht Sales, in collaboration beginning at 10 a.m. and featuring an

array of Jeanneau monohulls and catamarans. SailTime team members will be on hand to discuss memberships.

The sailing action kicks off Sunday, with the widely anticipated Ladybug Race, featuring both performance and cruising classes racing. The race is open to all. Freelance sailors can join St. Augustine Sailing's Crew Program or Women on the Water (WOW!) for an opportunity to crew on one of its boats.

The racecourse will take captains and crew out of the marina and north up the Tolomato River, where boats will deftly combat the wind, tide and each other. For spectators, it will be a chance to see technical maneuvering, teamwork and skill. Guests can board the Committee Boat or one of St. Augustine Sailing's comfortable luxury sailing yachts for the best views.

On the Water tickets begin at \$49 per person and include light refreshments. Racers will be recognized at the awards dinner held Sunday evening, hosted by Outer Banks Boil Company, beginning at 6 p.m. Tickets to the dinner are \$89 per person.

To register for the Ladybug Race, a workshop space, buy spectator tickets or learn more, go to sta-sail.com/ladybug-



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St. Augustine Food + Wine Festival set for May 7-11

The fifth annual St. Augustine Food + Wine Festival, named "One of Florida's Top 10 Food & Wine Festivals" by USA Today, will take place May 7-11.

The festival, presented by Publix, will once again be a showcase of culinary, beverage and culture that highlights celebrity guest chefs, local chefs, wines, beers and spirits from around the globe. Live music, artisan market and a Publix Cooking Demo Stage are all part of the Saturday Grand Tastings festivities.

The festival's weekend events will take place at Ancient City Farmstead, 10 minutes from St. Augustine's downtown historic district, surrounded by 1,500 acres of lush Florida greenery. The facilities include an expansive, luxury air-conditioned barn, where the festival's VIP lounges and Sunday Brunch will be held.

The St. Augustine Food + Wine Festival offers a wide variety of 21-and-over events for all tastebuds and budgets, from large-scale tasting events to new VIP lounges. The Mother's Day Sunday Jazz Brunch is family-friendly, so moms can enjoy the day with their entire families. Guests can save \$15 off all tickets, with promo code FINAL15 through April 30.

The St. Augustine Food + Wine Festival 2025 schedule of events includes:

• "River Walk Tastings" in the



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historic district at San Sebastian Winery, 157 King St., St. Augustine, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 7. Souvenir glass, with live music and food and San Sebastian Winery tastings. Taste delicious bites from La Cocina at the Cellar Upstairs.

• "Harvest Awards & Tastings" on Thursday, May 8, at the Hyatt Place, Vilano Beach/St. Augustine, 117 Vilano Road, St. Augustine. The Harvest Awards & Tastings event is an opportunity to taste some of Northeast Florida's best fine-dining restaurants, presented by St. Johns Food Service and The Ponte Vedra Recorder. A curated group of restaurants have been invited to participate in this event. Professional culinary judges will officiate as the restaurants compete for a Harvest Award, (which requires the tasting dish to

incorporate the use of a local ingredient). Guests will receive a wine glass to enjoy tasting wines and the festival's official beverages, located throughout the beautiful Hyatt Place Vilano Beach ballroom.

• "Smoke on the Walk" is planned for 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Friday, May 9, at Ancient City Farmstead, 395 St. Marks Pond Blvd., St. Augustine. A showcase of barbecue pitmasters, delicious chef creations and unlimited wine, beer and spirits tastings with a souvenir glass. There's a new VIP lounge ticket this year; it provides early access at 6 p.m. There will be Publix Liquors & Coca-Cola Open Bars, Rosé Garden, signature cocktails, special culinary tastings from Boar's Head and YAMO Food Truck and much more.

• "St. Augustine Food + Wine Festival, Grand Tasting" will be held 2-5 p.m. Saturday, May 10, at Ancient City Farmstead, 395 St. Marks Pond Blvd., St. Augustine. A fun afternoon of all-inclusive culinary and beverage tastings in the beautiful pastoral farm setting. Tickets include a souvenir wine glass for unlimited beverage tastings from hundreds of wine, beer and spirit exhibitors. Tickets are now sold out for the Saturday VIP lounge, which provides early festival

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access to guests at 1 p.m., and takes place in the new luxury indoor, air-conditioned barn with private restrooms. Guests will enjoy curated VIP lounge tastings from Boar's Head, YAMO Food Truck, Rosé Garden, Publix Liquors and Coca-Cola Open Bars, Gourmet Bloody Mary Bar and four signature cocktails from the antique Tap on Wheels truck.

The sultry sounds of Laiken Love and the Fellowship of Love Band will begin at 2 p.m. The cooking demonstrations on the Publix Cooking Demo Stage take place from 2:30 to 3:15 p.m. with Chef Rosaria Cammarata, St. Johns Food

Service, and from 3:30 to 4:15 p.m. with guest celebrity chef/author Jeff Johnson. Guests can vote for their favorite tasting bites and drinks in the People's Choice Harvest Awards, presented by The Ponte Vedra Recorder. 100% of the proceeds raised from the silent auction go to Vilano Beach Main Street; auction closes at 4:30 p.m.

• "Sunday Mother's Day Jazz Brunch" (family-friendly event) will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, May 11, at Ancient City Farmstead, St. Augustine. The Sunday Mother's Day Jazz Brunch is one like no other with an all-inclusive priced ticket featuring live music, brunch buffet with carving station, indulgent sides, made-to-order omelet station and a variety of desserts. Gourmet bloody mary bar, champagne, mimosas and a host of unlimited beverage stations from the festival's partners including wine, beer, spirits beverage tasting stations inside the brunch — coffee, iced tea and soft drinks beverages included. In addition to moms receiving a rose upon arrival, the entire family will enjoy being spoiled on Mother's Day and this festival finale event!

The festival is made possible in part by support from St. Johns Cultural Council, Florida's Historic Coast: St. Augustine/ Ponte Vedra and a 2025 St. Johns County Tourist Development Grant.

The festival's primary official nonprofit partner is Vilano Beach Main Street, a local St. Augustine 501(c)3 organization. The festival donates a portion of ticket

sales and 100% of the Main Event's silent auction proceeds directly to Vilano Beach Main Street. The festival has also created a culinary scholarship with its nonprofit partner, First Coast Technical College.

Guests are encouraged to arrive early for the weekend events to avoid traffic congestion, for parking, pre-check-in to get IDs checked, wristbands and VIP lounge credentials, which will provide fast access for guests to enter the festival as soon as the gates open.

The most up-to-date festival information is available at staugustinefoodandwinefestival.com. The festival's social media channels: facebook.com/StAugustineFoodWine and instagram.com/ staugustinefoodwine.

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Volunteers with Coastal Pug Rescue



A few of the rescued pug puppies

Inside Coastal Pug Rescue's mission to save Florida's abandoned pugs

By Holly Tishfield

When Heather Wettschurack's daughter asked for a pug puppy 15 years ago, it sparked a journey that combined her lifelong love of rescue animals — especially dogs — with a growing passion for helping the breed.

In November of 2021, Wettschurack founded Coastal Pug Rescue, an organization serving Florida that specializes in rehabilitating and caring for abandoned, neglected and surrendered pugs to find them forever homes through adoption. The nonprofit rescues animals through a



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All pugs receive extensive medical care once in Coastal Pug Rescue's hands.

mixture of owner surrenders and shelter/stray finds.

Coastal Pug Rescue is an entirely volunteer-based 501(c)3 nonprofit. Volunteers are what allows the organization to take in as many pugs as it does since the dogs live with volunteers until they're adopted out.

While many people seek private breeders for the right fit, some turn to groups like Coastal Pug Rescue, one of Florida's few breed-specific rescues focused on pugs.

"We're trying to educate people that it's okay if you want a specific breed, but I guarantee there's a rescue out there," Wettschurack said.

The first step after rescuing a pug is to take the animal for medical care. Coastal Pug Rescue wastes no expense ensuring that its animals are fully medically cleared, handling everything from minor vaccine updates and dental work to major surgeries and rehabilitation.

The organization is always seeking volunteers to sign up for fostering. Interested parties need only fill out the form on the organization's website, have an in-person conversation with the Coastal Pug Rescue team, and wait for a foster placement. Coastal Pug Rescue covers the cost of all medical care, food and other supplies.

Foster placements last about eight weeks, at which point Wettschurack will approach the foster to see if they would like to extend another four weeks or complete their volunteer period. Fosters must live in the Northeast Florida area to have easy access to the organization's preferred veterinarian.

"The only thing we want is to give the pugs a safe and loving home," Wettschurack said. "We wouldn't survive without our amazing group of volunteers."

Due to the small nature of the rescue, Wettschurack keeps in touch with

many of the veteran pugs that have been adopted out by loving pug parents. She enjoys seeing them thrive and regularly invites her extended pug family to her home for gatherings.

"That's the part that makes everything worth it," she said.

To get involved with Coastal Pug Rescue, or look through their adoptable pugs, go to coastalpugandpuppy.org.



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Chemo Noir celebrates 10 years with race, wine tasting



By Anthony Richards

Chemo Noir celebrated its 10th anniversary with a major change by moving up its annual One Mile & Wine Tasting to April instead of the summer months, and according to the nonprofit's founder Kat Casey, the

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move was well received and a success. One of the obvious differences of having an event in the spring compared to the summer is the temperatures, and

it paid off for the event, which had beautiful sunny skies for the participants to run under.

In the decade since it was founded, Chemo Noir has been holding the combined wine tasting and running nine of those 10 years, and it has continued to grow over the years to become the

nonprofit's major fundraiser each year.

As has been the tradition over the years, the run is unique in that it took place on the shoreline of Jacksonville Beach and starts and ends at the Casa Marina Hotel & Restaurant, which it has had a close partnership with for years.

Awards for various categories from the race were handed out while participants enjoyed a selection of wines, which has become a staple at Chemo Noir events throughout the years and part of the fun vibe that Casey, a cancer survivor, has strived to create.



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Nonprofits set to take center stage on Giving Day 2025

By Anthony Richards

Giving back to the community is something that people attempt to do throughout the year, but thanks to a unique partnership within the local nonprofit scene has led to a 24-hour period on May 7 and 8 designated as Giving Day 2025 in St. Johns County.

This will be the seventh year the designated day has taken place, and the online event will be hosted by John 1:16 Foundation, a St. Augustine-based public charity, and sponsored by Endless Summer Realty and The FOCUS Group in hopes of inspiring generosity and compassion throughout the community.

More than \$530,000 was raised from 2,434 donors during the 24-hour period, with all the money going toward more than 62 nonprofits across the community.

This year's Giving Day will begin at noon on Wednesday, May 7, and conclude at noon on Thursday, May 8. Giving Day 2025 is being promoted as an opportunity

where anyone in the community can
be a philanthropist because every
dollar no matter how much will
make a difference and help
someone nearby in need.
People can give to the

People can give to the cause and take part in Giving Day by going to www.givingday2025.com where users can donate and search for various nonprofit organizations to find one that fits their passion.

Links to the nonprofits'
websites and/or social media
will also be available so that a
connection can truly be made and
a one-time donation can possibly
turn into something much more and be
beginning of a larger volunteer relation-

the beginning of a larger volunteer relationship moving forward.

Anyone can stay up to date on updates surrounding the charitable initiative by going to its social media channels @givingday2025 on Instagram and by searching St. Augustine Giving Day on Facebook.

The community can reshare posts and interact with the local community online by using #GivingDay2025.

Jacksonville Humane Society seeks help for kittens



The Jacksonville
Humane Society (JHS)
is asking for the community's help in saving
the lives of underage kittens. So far in 2025, JHS
has taken in 317 kittens,
and 216 of those came in
the last 30 days. JHS has
served an additional
65 kittens through
their Kitten Krusader
program.

The public can help in many ways, the first being to act as temporary foster

parents by bringing kittens into their homes and raising them until they are 8 weeks of age. JHS provides all medical care along with food and

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A Community of Healing



Audra, Heart Transplant, with her son, John

After Audra's heart transplant, Gabriel House became more than just a place to stay. It became part of her healing journey.

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—Audra





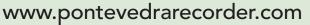
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other supplies. When the kittens reach the appropriate age and weight, they return to JHS to have spay/neuter surgery and find new, loving homes.

Foster families save the lives of kittens of all ages. Some kittens are too young to eat on their own and require feedings from human helpers every few hours. Others are able to eat on their own and just need socialization from humans. Occasionally kittens will come to the shelter with their mother and a foster home provides a safe place for her to raise her kittens with minimal intervention from the foster family. No matter the age, foster homes provide the supervision and care needed for kittens to survive and thrive.

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'A Night in the Vineyard' raises \$208K for the Monique Burr Foundation

Programs help protect youth from victimization, abuse

The Monique Burr Foundation for Children's (MBF) fourth annual "A Night in the Vineyard," presented by The Shee Family in partnership with SoNapa Grille and Republic National Distributing Company (RNDC), raised a record \$208,000 for the foundation.

Guests enjoyed live entertainment, live and silent auctions, gourmet food by SoNapa Grille, curated wine pairings by RNDC, cocktails and great company, all in support of MBF's mission to keep youth safe.

"As the founder, this event holds a special place in my heart," said Edward Burr, MBF founder and board chairman. "Monique would be so incredibly proud of what we have accomplished, and my sons and I are so touched that we are contributing to protecting children while simultaneously keeping her memory alive. This annual event has been well attended year after year, and it is incredibly



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The Monique Burr Foundation for Children Board of Directors at the annual charity fundraiser, "A Night in the Vineyard" at SoNapa Grille. Pictured from left: Austin Burr, Donna Orender, Tanya Ramos-Puig, Edward Burr, Garrison Burr, Maxine McBride and Daniel Davis.

moving to witness our community come together for a shared purpose, and mission — to keep children safe from child abuse. We are so grateful to everyone

who made the night a success. Our supporters are true child safety champions, and they are contributing to a brighter future where children can be children, and we can collectively protect them."

"What an incredible show of support for our fourth annual 'A Night in the Vineyard' fundraising event," said Tanya Ramos-Puig, MBF chief executive officer. "With our largest raise to date, MBF is poised to continue to provide our lifesaving curricula in Florida, and around the globe. We appreciated the opportunity to raise awareness for prevention education during child abuse prevention month, and we are thankful to the many sponsors, donors and guests who continue to fuel our work and serve as ambassadors for child safety."

All proceeds from "A Night at the Vineyard" support MBF and MBF Prevention Education Programs — personal safety curricula that educate and empower children and teens with strategies to prevent, recognize and respond appropriately to child abuse, bullying, online dangers, human trafficking and other types of child victimization.

MBF is dedicated to protecting children and teens from bullying, digital

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To learn more about MBF's comprehensive, evidence-based prevention programs, go to mbfpreventioneducation.org.

MBF is grateful for its event sponsors. Without their support, the event would not be possible.

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Grocer donates \$107,750 to children's hospitals

Southeastern Grocers, LLC (SEG), parent company and home of Harveys Supermarket and Winn-Dixie, together with its generous customers, is donating \$107,750 to eight leading children's hospitals across the Southeast, demonstrating the grocer's ongoing commitment to supporting local children and their families.

As part of this initiative, SEG partnered with Roc Solid Foundation to create a customized backyard playset for one special oncology patient and her family, providing a safe, joyful space for play as she continues her recovery

This month, Harveys Supermarket and Winn-Dixie customers rallied behind their local communities by donating \$1, \$5 or rounding up their grocery bills at checkout. Every cent raised through this community donation program will directly benefit critical hospital initiatives, from family-centered care and therapeutic programs to innovative research, child advocacy and other life-changing services.

Guided by a commitment to make meaningful impact where it matters most, SEG partnered with the following eight children's hospitals, including Wolfson Children's Hospital.

In a heartfelt extension of this commitment, SEG recently partnered with Roc Solid Foundation to build a personalized playset for a 4-year-old patient of Nicklaus Children's Hospital recovering from medulloblastoma, a cancerous brain tumor. Due to weakened immune systems, pediatric cancer patients are often unable to use

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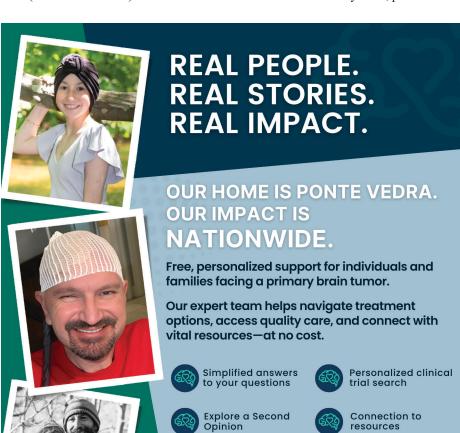
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How to prepare for a lengthy renovation project

Home renovations can increase resale value and outfit spaces to make them more accommodating to residents. Homeowners interested in remodeling projects understand that such undertakings are often a lengthy process. But the time spent waiting often is well worth it when the work is done and the finished product looks just as homeowners

Depending on the scope and scale of a project, home renovations can take anywhere from a day or two for minor cosmetic changes to nine months for a major project. The lender RenoFi says projects like remodeling a kitchen or bathroom have a lot of moving parts, including plumbing and electrical work, structural changes, flooring, and installation of appliances. Due to that complexity, such projects may take six to 12 weeks. A home addition can take months. Homeowners weary of such lengthy undertakings can implement strategies to make conditions at home more manageable.



• Get a rough estimate from contractors so that you can budget accordingly. A project will go nowhere without proper funding. Get detailed estimates that include labor and building materials. Then start saving and stash money away

for the project so you're not caught off-guard later on.

- Clear out clutter. Remove any extraneous items from the room or rooms that will be remodeled. Although it will be an added expense, it is a good idea to rent a storage unit or have a storage pod placed in the driveway or yard for the duration of the project. Move items that will not be needed into the unit. This will get them out of the way and protect them from damage.
- Consider starting in warm weather. Contractors will be going in and out of the home each day, and doors and windows may need to be propped open. Schedule a project during those months when temperatures are more comfortable. If the project involves limited access to the kitchen to cook, utilizing an outdoor grill or kitchen is much easier when the weather is pleasant.
 - Stay with relatives. While some people have no issues

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Fun and innovative modern kitchen features to consider when remodeling

- Concealed countertop appliances: The latest small appliances and gadgets can make easy work of preparing food, but these devices can add to kitchen clutter. A roll-down door "appliance garage" will conceal appliances kept on counters.
- Cleverly placed storage: Additional storage also can give kitchens a cleaner look. Narrow, pull-out drawers can be nestled in between cabinets or appliances to make the most of tight spaces. These

spots are perfect for utensils or spice

- Mixer lift: Baking enthusiasts will cheer if they don't have to lift a heavy stand mixer when preparing foods. A mixer lift is an innovative feature that enables homeowners to raise and lower the mixer from a dedicated cabinet any time it's
- Microwave drawer: A microwave drawer maximizes space and boasts a sleek

design. Instead of installing a microwave above a stove, homeowners can enjoy a beautiful range hood.

- Wine refrigerator: Available in a variety of sizes, wine refrigerators offer stylish storage for any wine lover's collection. A refrigerator can be installed into an island or lower cabinet and integrated into the rest
- Double ovens: Double ovens are built directly into cabinetry and offer

convenience and a sleek, modern look. Two ovens can make entertaining crowds easier, and separating the ovens from the burners lets homeowners install a cooktop elsewhere in the kitchen, which can expand floorplan options.

• Pot filler: A special faucet near the cooktop makes it much easier to fill heavy pasta pots. A pot filler can be quite handy for those who cook a lot and do not want to lug heavy pots from the sink to the stove.





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Richmond American Homes opens showhome at TrailMark

Richmond American Homes has unveiled an attractively decorated model home in the nature-first community of TrailMark in St. Johns County. Situated in the recently opened phase of the neighborhood, the model highlights one of six floorplans for homebuyers at the community. The model is fully furnished and open daily for tours.

"We are excited to welcome visitors to Richmond American Homes' stunning new Daniel model home at TrailMark," said Gaynelle James, marketing director, GreenPointe Developers. "This home captures the blend of luxury and comfort buyers expect. I invite everyone to come explore our community, tour our exceptional collection of model homes and experience TrailMark's vibrant recreation-rich lifestyle."

The ranch-style Daniel model is light, airy and showcases a contemporary design aesthetic with warm neutrals accented by striking black and white finishes. From a charming, covered entry, the home opens into a spacious great room with multi-sliding doors that lead to a relaxing covered patio.

The gourmet kitchen features a double oven, an oversized island and a sunlit breakfast nook. The primary suite includes an expansive walk-in closet and bath with dual sinks, a separate shower and soaking tub. The plan has two additional bedrooms with a shared bath and a private study.

Richmond American Homes' floor plans at TrailMark, which range in size from 2,300 square feet to 2,930



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Richmond American Homes has opened a new decorated model home at the nature-first community of TrailMark.

square feet of living space, showcase designer-curated fixtures and finishes. Quick move-in homes are available. Prices start in the \$500,000s.

TrailMark has been carefully designed to embrace its natural environment, creating opportunities for residents to connect with both nature and neighbors. The recreation-rich lifestyle at TrailMark includes an array of amenities to bring the community together, such as miles of trails and parks, plus a kayak launch to Six Mile Creek.

The community amenities center features a beachentry pool overlooking a large central lake, fitness center,



The ranch-style Daniel model reveals a contemporary style dressed in warm neutrals with striking black and white accents.

a variety of sports courts, playing fields and more.

TrailMark's premier builder team, including Dream Finders Homes, Drees Homes, Lennar and Richmond American Homes, offers single-family, one- and two-story homes in a scenic conservation setting, priced from the \$400,000s to the \$900,000s. Dream Finders Homes' Reverie at TrailMark, a 55-plus community for active adults, offers single-family homes and abundant recreational amenities priced from the \$300,000s to the \$700,000s. Decorated model homes are open daily.

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Dream Finders Homes named Builder Of Year

Zonda's Builder announced Dream Finders Homes Inc. as the 2025 recipient of the Builder of the Year award. The award will be presented live at the 37th annual Builder 100 Leadership Summit in Dana Point, California, on May 5-7.

"The Builder of the Year Award is a highly anticipated honor that highlights the top builders in the country," said Builder editor-in-chief Steve Ladurantaye. "As we evaluated all the candidates for 2025, Dream Finders consistently emerged at the top. We congratulate them on their success and look forward to what the future holds."

Headquartered in Jacksonville, Dream Finders Homes is a publicly traded and locally operated company. As No. 14 on the 2025 Builder 100 list, the home builder had a busy 2024 reaching company records of 8,583 closings, a pre-tax income of \$438 million and home building revenues of \$4.4 billion, which is an increase of 18% compared to 2023.



As of the end of 2024, Dream Finders' land pipeline included almost 55,000 lots controlled.

Dream Finders Homes sells homes in more than 220 communities across 10 states (Arizona, Colorado, Texas, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virgina, Maryland).

- Dream Finders Homes acquired Crescent Homes last year, expanding into the markets of Charleston and Greenville in South Carolina and Nashville, Tennessee.
- In early 2025, Dream Finders Homes entered the Atlanta, Georgia, market and expanded further in Greenville, South

Carolina, through the acquisition of Liberty Communities.

- Dream Finders Homes acquired the remaining 40% equity interest in its mortgage joint venture, Jet HomeLoans in July 2024, and recently completed the acquisition Cherry Creek Mortgage, LLC.
- Dream Finders entered the Tampa market in late 2023, and Phoenix, Arizona, market in early 2024; as well as expanded into key markets along Florida's southeastern coast, and extended its reach into Southwest Florida, enhancing its presence in high-demand coastal markets.
- Net new orders in the fourth quarter of 2024 were 1.611, an increase of 46% compared to 1,106 net new orders for the fourth quarter of 2023.

"It's not easy to deliver growth year after year and we have grown our business consistently every year for 16 years in a row, and are hopefully on track for growing a 17th year in 2025," added Zalupski.

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living in a residence during a renovation, others may find the work simply too inconvenient or distracting to be around. Time

away from the property can help manage stress, and prevent kids, pets and others from getting in the way of work.

• Safeguard sensitive items. Take inventory of items in the home and catalog them for insurance purposes. This way you're covered in the case of damage or theft. Remove documents, like birth certificates,

passports, insurance policies, and other private papers, and keep them in a safety deposit box or fireproof safe.

Home renovations may stretch on for weeks or months. However, with adequate preparation, homeowners can see such projects through without facing too much adversity.



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Ascension St. Vincent's expands services at Baymeadows location

Ascension St. Vincent's is expanding services provided at the health system's Baymeadows location to include urgent care walk-in appointments, as the health system continues to meet the growing needs of communities across Northeast Florida.

Ascension St. Vincent's currently offers adult and pediatric primary care services on-site at 10058 Baymeadows Road (intersection of Baymeadows Road and Southside Boulevard) including annual physicals, immunizations, lab tests and medication management among others. By adding urgent care services, those in the area now have the option to receive walk-in care for minor injuries and illnesses.

Urgent care walk-in hours:

- Monday-Friday: 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Saturday: 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Sunday: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Baymeadows site will now have



The Baymeadows Urgent Care Team

urgent care walk-ins and appointments for:

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- Cuts that may need stitches
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- Skin infections
- Sprains and strains



Ascension St. Vincent's Baymeadows

• Urinary tract infections

"By offering heightened services at our Baymeadows location, we are ensuring that families are able to receive the care they need and deserve," said Mike Shaw, chief strategy officer for Ascension Florida. "We are focused on meeting the patients we serve in the communities where they live. If we can expand services on the sites we already operate, we will never hesitate to do so."

St. Vincent's also recently began

construction of a freestanding emergency room on Jacksonville's Southside that is slated to open spring 2026. The project at Beach and Kernan boulevards includes nine treatment spaces and CT and X-ray technology. More than 40 associates will work at the care site and the team is expected to see nearly 16,000 patients annually.

St. Vincent's was named a top 15 health system in the country for 2024 by Fortune and PINC AI.









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Baptist Health hospitals earn distinction for high-quality maternity care

Baptist Medical Center Beaches, Baptist Medical Center Clay, Baptist Medical Center Jacksonville and Baptist Medical Center South recently received The Joint Commission's Maternal Levels of Care (MLC) Verification.

The verification is designed to help ensure patients are matched with the right care in the right place at the right time based on their unique newborn and maternal health needs.

"This designation demonstrates that we are committed to ensuring every mother and baby receives care tailored to their unique needs, from routine deliveries to complex cases," said Dr. Kathryn Villano, maternal and fetal medicine specialist with Regional Obstetric Consultants who practices at Baptist Health. "For our community, it means knowing that exceptional, evidence-based care is available close to home, improving outcomes for families and strengthening overall maternal health."

Baptist Health is an integrated system of care with the ability to care for the full spectrum of maternal health needs:

- Baptist Beaches received the Level I designation, meaning the hospital and its staff are prepared to care for mothers with low- to moderate-risk pregnancies and have the ability to detect and manage unexpected maternal-fetal or neonatal problems until a patient is transferred for a higher level of care.
- Baptist Clay received the Specialty Care (Level II) designation, covering all the Level I requirements, with the ability to care for moderate- to high-risk antepartum,



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The maternity team at Baptist Medical Center Jacksonville.

intrapartum and postpartum conditions.

- Baptist South received the Subspeciality Care (Level III) designation, covering all Level I and Level II requirements, plus care for more complex maternal medical conditions, obstetric complications and fetal conditions.
- Baptist Jacksonville received the Regional Perinatal Health Care Center (Level IV) designation, the highest verification, demonstrating all Level I to Level III requirements, plus multidisciplinary medical and surgical care for the most complex maternal conditions and critically ill pregnant women and fetuses throughout antepartum, intrapartum and postpartum care.

Having a system like Baptist Health with different levels of maternal care across hospitals is essential for making sure moms and babies get the right care at the right time. With this structured approach, moms with low-risk pregnancies can safely deliver at hospitals designed for routine maternity care, while those with more complex medical needs have access to hospitals equipped with advanced specialists, technology and resources. If a higher level of care is needed, hospitals can quickly coordinate transfers to ensure moms and babies receive specialized treatment without delay.

"This approach ensures every mom has access to care that is right for her and baby," said Tammy Daniel, executive vice president and chief nursing officer at Baptist Health. "If a pregnancy is low-risk, moms can deliver close to home with the support they need. But if complications arise, we have a seamless process to connect them with advanced care. It's all about keeping moms and babies safe while making the best use of health system resources. Most importantly, it demonstrates our commitment to supporting all pregnancies and births in our community."

The MLC Verification process involves a comprehensive on-site review from The Joint Commission to verify the level of care provided at each hospital. All reviewers are obstetric providers, such as OB nurses, midwives or clinicians.

The verification program was developed using the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists' Levels of Maternal Care and Obstetric Care Consensus document and ultimately aims to make childbirth a safer experience for mothers and babies.

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Borocz named TPC Sawgrass general manager

TPC Sawgrass, home of THE PLAY-ERS Championship, has announced its new general manager, Matt Borocz. With more than 20 years of service at TPC Sawgrass, Borocz brings a vast amount of knowledge and dedication to the position.

"Matt has been an invaluable member of our team for the past 21 years, contributing significantly to the club's success while providing an unparalleled experience throughout the year, including during THE PLAYERS Championship," said Vic Aliprando, senior vice president of TPC operations. "His leadership and deep understanding of our operations make him uniquely qualified to step into this role, and we are confident he will continue to serve the club with the same excellence and care that he has always demonstrated."

Borocz, who had served as acting general manager since January, succeeds Derek Sprague, who was named chief executive officer of the PGA of America in December after seven years at TPC Sawgrass.

An Ohio native, Borocz most recently served as the assistant general manager at TPC Sawgrass, where he has spent the last 11 years committed to the club's growth while working to provide members and

guests with an unmatched experience. He led the TPC Sawgrass staff in hosting a successful 51st edition of THE PLAYERS Championship.

"It's a true honor to be trusted to lead the club I've called home for the past 21 years as I continue to work alongside this passionate and dedicated group of people," Borocz said. "I'm excited to elevate the already remarkable experience here in Ponte Vedra Beach, ensuring our members and guests continue to enjoy our world-class golf courses and exceptional service while making unforgettable memories both on and off the course."

Borocz began his career with the TPC Network in 1999 at TPC Myrtle Beach, starting in outside operations before advancing to assistant golf professional. He joined TPC Sawgrass in 2004, serving as assistant golf professional before being named head golf professional in 2007. He was promoted to assistant general manager in 2014.

A graduate of the PGA Golf Management program at Coastal Carolina University, Borocz has been a longstanding member of the PGA of America since 2004 and currently serves as the president of North Florida PGA Section.

Cummer Museum director to retire



Andrea Barnwell Brownlee

dens Board of Trustees has accepted the retirement notice submitted by Andrea Barnwell Brownlee, Ph.D., the George W. and Kathleen I. Gibbs Director and CEO. Her retirement will be effective May 1.

The Cummer Museum's current chief financial officer, Kimberly Noble, will serve as interim director and CEO while a national search is conducted for a permanent successor.

"I have been honored to lead the Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens and am proud it is increasingly regarded as a vibrant cultural hub of Jacksonville that is welcoming to all," said Brownlee. "I am excited about devoting more time to my family and pursuing other interests. I wish the Cummer Museum, its board of trustees, exceptional staff and docents all

the best."

Brownlee took the helm of the Cummer in December 2020. Under her leadership, the Cummer Museum has received nationally recognized awards, including a \$1 million capacity grant from The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation and a Leadership in Art Museums award by a consortium of funders including the Ford Foundation, Mellon Foundation, Pilot House Philanthropy and the Alice L. Walton Foundation to establish the Dr. Johnnetta Betsch Cole Associate Curator position.

During Brownlee's tenure the Cummer Museum has presented a series of dynamic nationally and internationally traveling exhibitions.















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Beaches, A Celebration of the Arts gala is May 4

Tickets are available for First Coast Cultural Center's 6th Annual Beaches, A Celebration of the Arts gala to benefit educational art programs. This festive Grecian-themed fundraiser will be held on Sunday, May 4, at the TPC Clubhouse in Ponte Vedra Beach from 6 to 8 p.m.

Highlights include inspired chef specialties, live music, a silent auction, art demonstrations and an awards presentation.

"We look forward to honoring those who positively impact our community as we celebrate FCCC's 'Year of the Pearl,' marking 30 years of prosperity as a nonprofit organization," said Kimberly Sheridan, fundraising manager.

The gala, which has been a sell-out in the past, is the center's primary fundraising event for the year, according to Sheridan. Proceeds support a variety of community engagement programs for all ages, including Sound Connections Mu-



First Coast Cultural Center Beaches Gala 2024

sic Therapy for children with disabilities. This is offered free to St. Johns County students, including Title I schools.

Sheridan added that Ben Becker, Action News Jax anchor: Dr. Arun Gulani, world-renowned eye surgeon from Gulani Vision Institute and the gala's master of ceremonies; and Silvia



Potter Catherine Justus gives a demonstration at the 2024 FCCC Beaches Gala at Sawgrass.

Romero, FCCC's new senior director of operations; will share a few words along with FCCC Board Member Mike Story and Candice Sirak, Sound Connections Music Therapy manager.

Tickets can be purchased on FCCC's website at https://firstcoastculturalcenter.org/beaches-a-celebration-of-thearts-2025.

Those interested in sponsoring the event can contact Kimberly Sheridan at 904-280-0614, Ext. 1205, or ksheridan@ firstcoastculturalcenter.org.

At the time of publication, the sponsors are: Lazzara Family Foundation, Ron and Hilah Autrey, Gulani Vision Institute and PNC Bank.

Awards include The Ron and Hilah Autrey Arts Education and Advocacy Award, #Gulanism Award and The Irene Lazzara Beaches, A Celebration of the Arts Award. FCCC will also celebrate the Emerging Artist Award, Community Impact Award (Member's Choice) and The Art of Giving Award.

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Jacksonville Symphony to present Dvořák's 'New World'

Conductor Shiyeon Sung takes the baton for a Jacksonville Symphony program embracing the diverse sounds of America.

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Pastoral themes of Copland's "The Tender Land Suite" delve into the American heartland and Coleman's "Seven O'Clock Shout" bridges classical and jazz traditions for a contemporary flair.

The concert is at 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 25, and Saturday, April 26.

The Jacksonville Symphony is located at 300 Water St., Jacksonville.

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concert and part of the Florida Blue Classical Series.

Latin Jazz Ensemble to perform April 27

The Jacksonville Jazz Collective will heat up Jacoby Symphony Hall at 3 p.m. Sunday, April 27, with the sizzling rhythms and vibrant energy of Latin jazz. Be transported to the streets of Havana and the jazz clubs of Rio de Janeiro as this talented ensemble delivers Latin-inspired magic that leaves you dancing in your seats.

Featured artists are: Jacksonville Jazz Collective, Michelle Manzo, Goliath Flores

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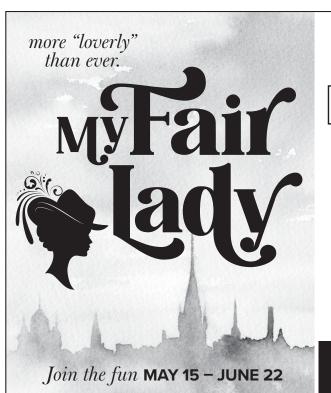
Community Art Project on display in May at Butterfield **Garage Art Gallery**

Butterfield Garage Art Gallery invited the entire community to exercise their creative chops around the theme "The Art of Food." This eclectic show, allowed anyone in the community to have the opportunity to explore personal interpretations of the theme. Butterfield's mission is to encourage accessibility and dialogue between artists, patrons and the community within Northeast Florida. This exhibit is an example of that goal.

Beginners to well-known local artists have responded, and this upcoming exhibit displays the results from that open call. All entries will be on display in the gallery during the month of May. The exhibit's opening reception will take place from 5 to 9 p.m. Friday, May 2. The King Street gallery is open daily from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., and on First Friday of each month until 9 p.m.

Butterfield Garage Art Gallery is located at 137 King St., St. Augustine. The website is butterfieldgarage.com.

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Cold case sleuth to speak May 10

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personnel.

On Saturday, May 10, Futch will share his journey from student to cold-case authority at the local monthly meeting of Sisters in Crime. The group welcomes all writers and readers interested in the topic to attend.

The meeting will be held at 10:15 a.m. in the Friends of the Library (FOL) room of the Ponte Vedra Beach Library, 101 Library Blvd.

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Ponte Vedra High School students perform "Legally Blonde: The Musical."

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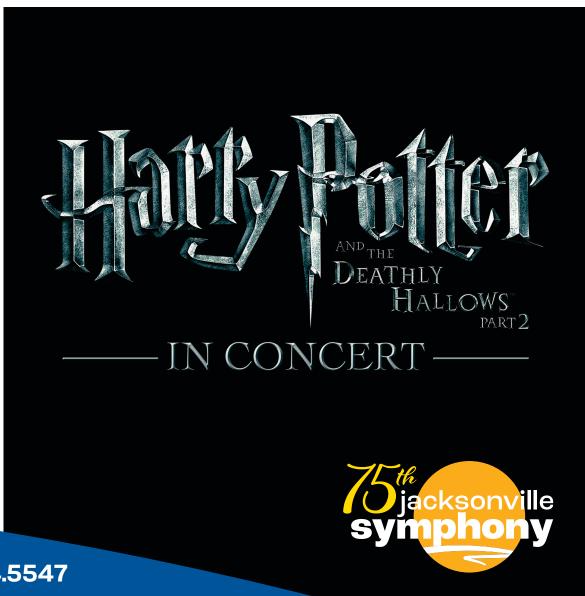
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The Sharks battled Lake Brantley High in the first round of the Class 2A state playoffs on April



Photos by Anthony Richards

The Sharks won 21-4.

SHARKS CARRY MOMENTUM INTO MARQUEE MATCHUP AGAINST BEARS

By Anthony Richards

No matter how you break down the Ponte Vedra High girls lacrosse team's first round victory over Lake Brantley High on April 22, the 21-4 triumph looks impressive, as the Sharks opened the postseason by handling business on both sides of the ball.

After the seventh-seeded Patriots got on the scoreboard first with the game's first goal, the Sharks answered with three quick goals of their own in less than a minute and kept pouring on the goals from there.

Several players finished with multiple goals on the night as a result, including the likes of Lamb Toole, Brooke Johnson, Grace Raymond and Gracie Madson.

Toole showed a knack for finding the sweet spot in front of the net where she was able to take advantage of several one-on-one opportunities with the opposing goalies, battles she has ended up on the winning side of for most of her career.

"My teammates know me really well and they're able to find me," she said. "Having that connection is every-



Lamb Toole surveys the field.



The Sharks controlled possession during the contest.



Ashley Albert scores a goal.

thing."

The Sharks opened up a 10-3 lead at halftime and their success continued in the second half despite the Patriots switching out goalies and trying everything they could to slow down the Sharks' offensive attack.

"I think we've come a long way and are just clicking at the right time and playing our best lacrosse when it matters most," Toole said.

Up next for the Sharks is a matchup with county rival Bartram Trail High, who defeated Navarre High 20-1, in the regional semifinal at the Shark Tank on Tuesday, April 29

It will be a matchup of top 15 teams in the state and top 50 nationally and the teams are very familiar with each other, with the Sharks winning both times they faced the Bears during the regular season.

"It's a little tricky because we've played them twice and it's obviously hard to beat a good team three times," Toole said. "We know it's always going to be super competitive, and we know that if we play our best we can win."



Lexi Rupp makes a stop in net.

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The Ponte Vedra High baseball team held a camp for Little Leaguers on Friday, April 18, as everyone involved enjoyed both great weather and a great turnout. The entire varsity and junior varsity teams took part as coaches at the camp, which created an excellent teaching environment with plenty of tips and stories shared.

Photos by Lucy Miller

















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and allowed just three scattered hits, while helping his own cause at the plate as well with a double on the night. Caleb Stanton got the scoring going with an RBI double in the first inning as the Sharks grabbed a 1-0 lead, which proved all that they needed to secure the victory.

Winning a district championship is a goal that every team has on their check-



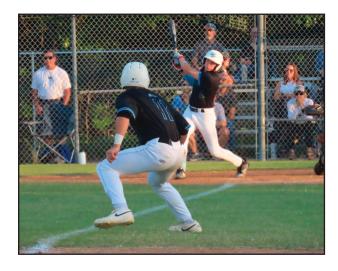
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list to start a season and accomplishing it makes the season a memorable one.

However, the Sharks are also looking ahead to continuing this roll by advancing in the state tournament and making a run at a state championship title as well.

The Sharks earned the No. 7 seed in

their region and will travel to face Tallahassee Lincoln High in a three-game series that began in Tallahassee on Wednesday, April 23, and will continue with game two on Thursday, April 24, and game three, if necessary, on Saturday, April 26, back in Ponte Vedra.













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Deceased.
The administration of the Estate of Steven Alan Willis a/k/a Steven A. Willis a/k/a Steven Willis, deceased, whose date of death was January 24, 2025, is pending in the Circuit Court for St. Johns County, Florida, Probate Division, the ad-dress of which is: 4010 Lewis Speedway, St. Augustine, FL 32084. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attornev are set forth below

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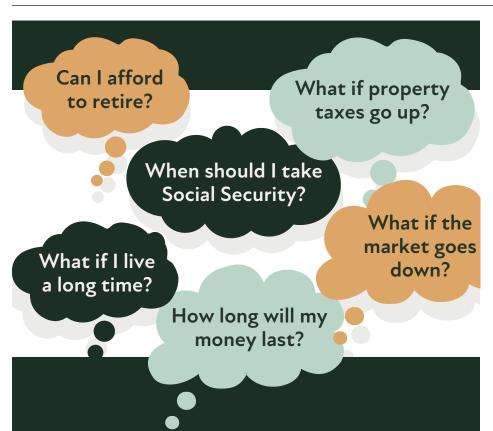
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ACROSS

- 1. English TV station
- 4. It fuels cars
- 7. Where ships dock (abbr.)
- 10. Indigenous people of Thailand
- 11. Midway between northeast
- and east
- 12. Small Milky Way constellation 13. Fritz , Austrian chemist
- 15. A Brit's grandmother
- 16. Colombian city
- 19. Visualize
- 21. Charged
- 23. People's assets
- 24. Informative books
- 26. You can do it with your horn
- 27. Agents of your downfall
- 30. Central Uganda city
- 34. Supervises flying 35. Type of tree
- 36. Alfalfa
- 41. Dishwasher soap brand
- 45. Hall where military eats
- 46. Ancient Greek City
- 47. Speaks incessantly
- 50. Discuss again
- 54. Extreme greed 55. Adopt or support
- 56. Fantasy writer Russell
- 57. Seize
- 59. Early Mesoamerican civilization
- 60. Noted pet detective Ventura
- 61. Automobile
- 62. Georgia rockers
- 63. Color opposite green
- 64. Amount of time
- 65. Attempt

DOWN

- 1. Sheep sound
- 2. Some can be emotional

- 3. Inflammation of colon lining
- 4. Origins
- 5. Comedienne Gasteyer
- 6. Perceived by the senses
- 7. A place to play ball
- 8. Occur before
- 9. Animal body parts 13. Thanksgiving dessert
- 14. Root mean square (abbr.)
- 17. 1960s teen idol Bobby
- 18. Promotional materials
- 20. One point east of northeast
- 22. Piers Anthony protagonist
- 27. Popular sports league
- 28. Cologne
- 29. Partner to cheese
- 31. Constrictor snake
- 32. Not good

- 33. Supplement with difficulty
- 37. Hug with fondness
- 38. Enforced again
- 39. Small amount of time (abbr.)
- 40. Substance
- 41. Anterior parts of the brain
- 42. Brews
- 43. Where ships load cargo
- 44. Holiday season singer
- 47. "__ humbug!"
- 48. Monetary unit of Macao
- 49. Popular children's book elephant
- 51. Glutinous
- 52. Function
- 53. Old world, new
- 58. Swiss river

SUDOKU 8 6 9 9 5 8 6 3 2 4 6 9 3 8 2 6

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!



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