

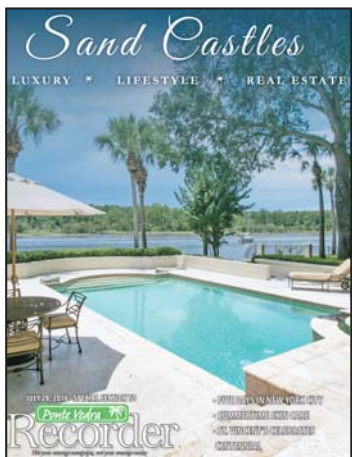
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All correct entries will be entered into a random drawing to win tickets for two adults and two children to the Jacksonville Zoo. In order to allow as many families as possible to win, participants are only eligible to win a ticket prize pack once every four months.

Several readers correctly identified last week's photo as Tim's Wine Market. Winner of the random drawing was **Jeff Winter** – congratulations! You may pick up your prize at the Recorder offices during regular business hours.



Don't forget — incorrect but entertaining guesses might also be rewarded with a trip to the zoo.

ADOPT A PET

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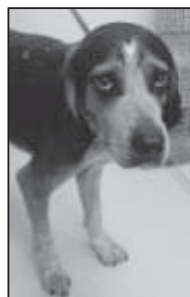
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The primary election this year will be on Tuesday, August 30, and there are three County Commission seats up for grabs. For the last few years, we have been assaulted by developer attempts to subvert our local zoning and land-use regulations in order to increase the allowable densities, and many of them have been successful. And this, when A1A and

Palm Valley Road at times are so jammed that they resemble parking lots.

We are fortunate to have very qualified Republican candidates in each of the three election districts that will strive to both honor our codes and maintain our environmental quality of life.

In District 1, Al Abbatiello is a long-time civic activist who has been the leader in maintaining the William Bartram Trail as a Scenic and Historic Highway. And a few years back due to his communications expertise, he was able to help the Sheriff's Office and Fire Services to win approval to bring their com-

munications up to date with a satellite system.


In District 3, Jerry Cameron as our assistant county administrator for the past nine years has not only been a friend of ours here in PVB, but also knows our county government inside and out. Before that, among other responsible positions, he was Fernandina Beach city manager.

In District 5, Henry Dean for much of his career has held important Florida state positions, including 17 years as the executive director of the St. Johns River Water Management District. During this tenure, additional lands were

set aside for both the Guana River Preserve and the Julington-Durbin Preserve, which placed him in constant contact with our own county personnel.

Please keep in mind that for the past 18 years, the winners of the Republican County Commissioner primary election have also won election in November, so this primary is important. Also, early voting at the PVB Library is from Aug. 20 to the 27. Please vote.

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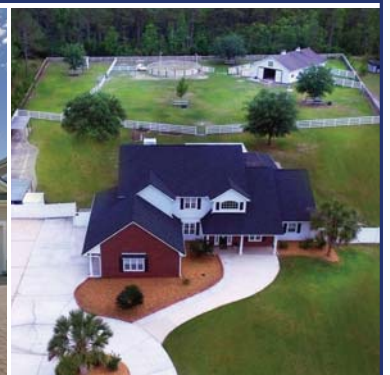
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Sheriff: time to change 'false narrative' on cops

By Jennifer Logue

When St. Johns County Sheriff David Shoar addressed the Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach July 21, his remarks were preceded by an introduction that highlighted Shoar's 12 years as sheriff, four years as St. Augustine's chief of



Photo by Jennifer Logue
Sheriff David Shoar

police, 24 years in the National Guard and 35 years in law enforcement.

But when it came to explaining how he got into law enforcement to begin with, Shoar sheepishly acknowledged it was all about the heat.

"I had just moved to St. Augustine and was working construction," Shoar told Rotarians. "Here I was, this Irish Catholic Yankee boy up on the roof in 100-degree heat when suddenly this police car rolls by with the windows up. I said, 'That dude's got air conditioning!'"

"So while my motives became more noble later on," he quipped, "originally I just wanted air conditioning!"

Shoar turned serious, however, when he addressed a different kind of heat now facing law enforcement in the wake of a string of police officer shootings across the nation. With some Black Lives Matter protesters publicly calling for police officers to be murdered, Shoar said it's a situation he didn't expect to see during his career.

"If you told me 10 years ago what (the climate toward law enforcement) would be today, I'd have said, 'You're crazy, it will never happen,'" Shoar said. "We've got stop the false narrative that has taken hold about police officers.

The current dialogue is not healthy for our country."

That narrative, he contended, began in earnest in Ferguson, Missouri following the shooting of Michael Brown. In the wake of Brown's death, protests arose after some purported witnesses claimed that Brown said, "Hands up, don't shoot!" before he was killed. An in-depth investigation later proved that story to be false; far from cooperating, Brown actually was attacking the police officer at the time he was shot. Yet the false story continued to be advanced by groups organizing protests around the country.

"People in leadership positions jumped to conclusions about what turned out to be a completely false narrative," said Shoar, noting that the Brown case led to the founding of Black Lives Matter.

"All lives matter to us in law enforcement," Shoar said. "We come to work every day with one goal in mind: to help people. And there is no profession in America today that holds itself accountable as much as law enforcement.

"I've had to fire officers," he continued. "I've put officers in prison. I've suspended them – and we document

every bit of it. We've got bad actors, no question. We deal with them."

Finding solutions

Shoar acknowledged that minorities have a valid point when they complain about being stopped repeatedly by law enforcement simply while driving to work or school. But because officers are so often called to high-crime neighborhoods, he said it's understandable that in those areas, officers are more apt to expect situations to become violent. He also pointed to statistics that show young black males commit a disproportionately high share of all shootings, robberies and violent crimes.

"What we've got to do is figure out why that is occurring – why does this young generation have such hopelessness and despair that is causing this outrageous level of crime?" he said. "The problem is not the police – the police are just responding to the problem."

Shoar said that parenting and a return to core spiritual principles are needed to address the problem.

"We need to return to Christ, our Judeo-Christian roots and embrace God," he said. "The very nature of our culture and our civilization is on the line."

Angie's Subs hosts 'Cops and Kids' luncheon

By Carrie Resch

Angie's Subs in Jacksonville Beach hosted a "Cops and Kids" event July 21 with Jacksonville Beach police officers and children from Northeast Florida Boys and Girls Club beach campus.

According to Angie's Subs Owner Ed Malin, the event was funded by a frequent customer who wished to remain anonymous. The donor wrote a check for \$2,000 designated to treat police officers to lunch. Malin said he then took it one step further and had the idea to invite children to dine with officers.

"They're the impressionable ones in our society who see what's going on with the police today and they're the

ones that need to be taught that cops are just like everybody else," Malin said. "Some of them are what we would consider at-risk kids, so they're going to get a chance to talk to a police officer and have a good lunch."

Jacksonville Beach Police Department Sgt. Keith Shackelford, Sr. was one of the police officers in attendance. Shackelford, who used to be a school resource officer and is the father of three grown children, said he believes having interaction with kids is always good thing.

"I think for the most part kids do see us in a positive light," he said, "but this just gives (us) a little more interaction with them one on one."



Photos by Carrie Resch



Jacksonville Beach Police Department Sgt. Keith Shackelford, Sr. with Keith Gooch



Angie's Subs, located on Beach Boulevard in Jacksonville Beach, hosted a "Cops and Kids" lunch July 21. The event was funded by an anonymous donor.

Angelwood celebrates partnership with Underwood's Jewelers

By Jasmine Marshall

Underwood's Jewelers and Angelwood, Inc. will join forces once again this August during the Angelwood Fashion Show and Luncheon. The event is one in a series of partnerships

that the jeweler and nonprofit have enjoyed throughout the season.

The Aug. 12 fashion show will mark the culmination of a summer-long fundraising event that began with an Ippolita jewelry show just before Mother's Day,



Underwood's Jewelers Ponte Vedra Manager John Rutowski presents Angelwood Executive Director Diane Tuttle with a check.



Angelwood Executive Director Diane Tuttle joins Underwood's Jewelers Ponte Vedra Manager John Rutowski and staff.

whereby 10 percent of the proceeds benefited Angelwood. During the three-day trunk show in May, the jeweler unveiled an 18-karat at gold Glamazon Stardust pendant

from the Ippolita Senso line after Underwood's approached them about donating a necklace for a raffle drawing that would benefit Angelwood.

Worth nearly \$4,000, the donation spurred a frenzy of raffle ticket sales for the annual fashion show, which is Angelwood's biggest fundraising event of the year. The necklace will be on display at Underwood's of Ponte Vedra until the fashion show, where customers can view the piece and purchase raffle tickets.

A history of partnership

Underwood's Jewelers is a longtime supporter of Angelwood, donating silent auction items for Angelwood's golf classic in April and wine glasses for its winter wine social. Most recently, Underwood's Jewelers Ponte Vedra Manager John Rutowski presented Angelwood Executive Director Diane Tuttle with a check, adding to the funds raised that will continue to benefit Angelwood's group homes, behavior services and other programs for children and adults with developmental disabilities.

According to Angelwood Development Director Tera Williams, the donation was perfectly timed.

"(We're) currently in need of two handicapped accessible program vehicles," Williams said. "The check presentation could not have come at a better time for the organization."

Tuttle said the partnership has been a grace to Angelwood's services.

"John, his staff at Underwood's in Ponte Vedra along with Underwood's owner, Clayton Bromberg and Ippolita truly

have a commitment to give back to our community," she said. "For Angelwood to be on the receiving end of such generosity and kindness has been a true blessing."

Though the summer's trunk show marked the first in-store collaboration between the two, Williams hopes there will be opportunities for an ongoing partnership.

"Underwood's has always been wonderful to Angelwood in helping with events by donating items," she said. "We hope to be able to plan events with them for next year, as well."

Angelwood's Summer in the City fashion show and luncheon will be held at the Sawgrass Marriott's Champions Ballroom in Ponte Vedra Beach Aug. 12 at 10 a.m. In addition to the raffle, the event will feature shopping, a silent auction, a fashion show and luncheon. Information about partnership levels, as well as raffle tickets and general admission reservations, can be found at <http://angelwoodjax.org/cms2/fashion-show/>. Those interested in attending must RSVP by July 31.

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As the owner of Jacksonville Beach institution *Angie's Subs* and *Angie's Grom*, Ed Malin has a strong connection to the Beaches area. A third-generation First Coast resident, Malin has been in the food and beverage industry for 30 years. He is now making his first run for public office, seeking the 4th congressional district seat being vacated by the retiring Ander Crenshaw. — By Jennifer Logue

Ed Malin

You grew up in Palm Valley. How has the area changed since then?

I was in the first class at Nease High School back in 1982. We were 10th graders then, with no 11th or 12th grades in front of us. Back then, there was only a two-lane road from the Palm Valley area to US 1. There was no Nocatee, no Gate station, no traffic light at the intersection of US 1 and CR 210. There was a Gator Lodge on US 1 across from Nease, and to call it a convenience store would be a compliment. It did have cold drinks and a Space Invaders arcade game that got many of my quarters after school.

Palm Valley back then was still “the sticks.” The valley was the other side of the tracks to Ponte Vedra – mostly mobile homes and small, single-family homes. Back before *The Players* was built and the swamps were drained into “the canal,” we used to catch coolers full of shrimp from July through October by throwing cast nets off the docks along the waterway.

How did you become involved in the food and beverage industry?

I moved to Houston around 1986 and I took a job waiting tables there in a restaurant called *The Mason Jar*. This job would be my first foray into the restaurant industry. I graduated quickly to bartending, noticing that was the place the ladies tended to congregate. I stayed in Houston for a year and then moved back to Jax, taking many different jobs in the industry until buying *Angie's Subs* in 1999.

What's the most challenging part of running your businesses?

The restaurant business is a very competitive and challenging business to operate. There are many moving parts, many aspects to profitability and many regulations to adhere to. I tell my employees we are in the food service industry: 50 percent of what we do is food and the other 50 is service. If we don't pay attention to either half, we will fail. One of the greatest life experiences for me is to have been the proprietor of a Jax Beach tradition. *Angie's Subs* has existed to some degree for over 40 years at *The Beaches*. I have owned it for the last 18 years. In that time, I have employed some of the finest young people that the Beaches have produced. Teaching them some aspects of the food service industry, giving many of them their first jobs, then watching them grow and become parents and hard working adults has been a great reward for me. The most challenging thing is staying competitive and staying profitable at the same time.



Photo by Carrie Resch

What prompted you to run for Congress?

I have been a frustrated American taxpayer for many years. When I saw that Ander Crenshaw was retiring, I tossed out the idea of running for his seat to my wife. She said go for it. I did.

What are the key issues you'd like to address if elected?

1. Eliminate the federal income tax, capital gains tax, death tax, inheritance tax, corporate tax and payroll taxes, and replace them with a national sales tax. Making this one change would solve a myriad of problems.

2. Fix the VA. It is ridiculous that here in a Navy town our vets, who have sacrificed for all Americans, have to drive by five of the best hospitals in the south to go to a hospital in Gainesville. If our congress can figure out how to get 59 million people food stamps every month, they should be able to take care of our vets.

3. We have to figure out how to stop the chaos that is spreading in the Middle East without American boots on the ground. It sounds impossible, but

for years America helped to keep the peace through diplomacy and payoffs to the best bad guy on the block. All threats from Middle East extremists must be dealt with, ideally on Middle Eastern soil. Terror on American soil cannot become the norm.

4. It is time we eliminate the Electoral College. It is possible today for 12 states to pick the next POTUS. What people want is transparency in elections. Not Barack Obama's definition of transparency, Webster's definition. Transparency and uniformity in federal elections are needed for more engagement from the electorate.

You're in a race against some established politicians. What do you think you bring to the race as a first-time candidate?

Entrenched politicians are doomed. Career politicians have created the mess that is our federal government. Take the income tax. Everyone knows it is a broken system. Everyone knows it is completely unfair, corrupt, burdensome and confiscatory. Yet no one in

Congress is really working to fix it or eliminate it. The American taxpayer is waking up, and I am going to be a very loud alarm clock for them.

You are running a self-funded campaign. How do you plan to try and compete against better-funded candidates?

Campaigning for this seat is the toughest thing I have ever undertaken. The two guys at the top of this race will have spent 10 times what I have spent when this is over. Knowing that they can beat me with quantity of messages, I have to beat them with quality.

I am a sandwich maker. I started out with a tiny takeout sandwich shop. Nearby was a Quizno's, a Subway, a Firehouse, a Larry's and numerous fast food joints. Those guys could kill me on price and quantity. But they could not beat my quality. Eighteen years later I am selling more sandwiches from one location than many of those guys combined. Quality over quantity will win.

PV Beaches Coalition meeting hosts SJC Clerk of Court and Sheriff's candidates

By Carrie Resch

Local residents had an opportunity hear from the candidates seeking election to the Clerk of the Circuit Court and St. Johns County sheriff Monday, when the candidates attended the July 25 meeting of the Beaches Coalition.

Clerk of Circuit Court and Comptroller candidates Hunter Conrad – who is running for re-election – and George Lareau were asked to explain the duties and functions of the Clerk of Court's office. Conrad said the office serves two major functions: serving as the legal custodian of all records for official records of the county and handling the functions of the comptroller.

"We are the check and balance to the county commission," Conrad said. "we don't set your budget – that's within the commission's purview. But what we do is make sure the budget is being spent in accordance with what's been approved."

Conrad was appointed by the governor to the clerk of court position following the retirement of his predecessor – a move that surprised Lareau, who had worked in the Clerk of Court's office for 32 years, 19 of them as the chief deputy clerk. At the time of Conrad's appointment, Lareau said, he was serving as interim clerk of court.

Conrad noted that it was within the governor's purview to make executive hiring decisions, and said his background as an accountant and attorney made him well-qualified for the position. During his tenure as clerk, he said, he had brought private-sector efficiencies to the office, eliminating waste and identifying county assets that are under-utilized while working to put more office functions online.

Then it was time for the candidates for St. Johns County Sheriff to speak: Sheriff David Shoar and opponent Debra

Maynard. Now serving his third term as sheriff, Shoar highlighted his 35-year career in law enforcement that included four years as St. Augustine chief of police and 12 years as sheriff. He also served 24 years in the Army National Guard.

Maynard worked as a teacher for more than 25 years. She was hired by the St. Johns County Sheriff's office in 2007, where she worked for about five years. Currently, Maynard works for a contractor as a project manager and office manager.

Whereas Shoar believes his long career in law enforcement qualifies him for re-election, Maynard said she believes that she can bring different attributes to the job.

"I love the job of law enforcement and what I can bring to it is a lot of diversity and a lot of different perspectives," she said.

One of the questions from the audience was if the candidates believe that the sheriff's office is adequately funded or do they see any need for making significant requests for additional funding.

Shoar said that while the sheriff's office has always been adequately funded, the department has not added a sworn road deputy to its staff since 2007. In that same time period, Shoar noted, the county has acquired 53,000 new residents.

"I can tell you this," Shoar said, "not adding law enforcement when you've added 53,000 people is an astounding fact."

Maynard agreed that more officers are needed.

"We need feet on the street – bottom line," she said. "When you call, people need to show up. It's super important to make sure we're meeting the needs for our community."

Two Ponte Vedra women named to Board of Trustees for Florida's embassy

Florida House on Capitol Hill has named Ponte Vedra residents and community volunteers Pam Shore and Hope Hana to the board of trustees for Florida's embassy in Washington, DC.

The board of trustees is comprised of civic, philanthropic and business leaders from throughout the state. Florida's First Lady Ann Scott is the honorary chairman of the board.

A Jacksonville native, Shore lives in Ponte Vedra. She has been an active volunteer with Beaches Habitat for Humanity and its annual gala. She has also volunteered with Hope's Closet, a thrift store that belongs to the Church of Eleven 22, and has been a li-

censed mortgage broker for 26 years. Shore has served as the vice president of South-Trust Mortgage in Jacksonville and the vice president of the Parent/Teacher Association Providence School also in Jacksonville. She has also been a committee member and volunteer for five years for the annual Tom Becker Golf Tournament for ALS research.

Hana is a certified public accountant and works at H. Hope Hana CPA. She graduated from the University of Florida with a Bachelor of Science in Accounting, and received a master's degree in Taxation at the University of North Florida. Hana stays active within the community and often volunteers at a local art museum.

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The Plantation hosts Chamber After Hours

Members of the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce had an opportunity to see the recent upgrades to the Beach Club at The Plantation at Ponte Vedra Beach, when the club hosted the July 20 Chamber After Hours networking event.



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The Plantation at Ponte Vedra Beach unveils renovated Beach Club

By Jasmine Marshall

The Plantation at Ponte Vedra Beach recently finished the second phase of its multimillion dollar renovations to its amenities with the completion of the Beach Club.

In addition to its previous offerings, The Plantation rolled out a host of new features for the Beach Club, including new decking and stone pavers, additional parking, new interior lighting, a permanent gas fire bowl, and travertine on the replaced and expanded pool deck.

According to Rob Schlingmann, general manager and chief operating

officer, the renovations also feature upgraded landscaping – including the addition of mature palm trees – as well as an enlarged entrance to the property, more oceanfront seating and air conditioning in the existing cabana.

“I think overall the member experience has improved,” Schlingmann said. “A lot of (the renovations) were decided because of our changing demographics, and the Beach Club is one of the most used amenities at The Plantation.”

The changes come after The Plantation’s facilities improvement plan was proposed two years ago; in December

2014, the owners of The Plantation at Ponte Vedra Beach voted in favor of moving forward with plans to renovate and revitalize the amenities, and building began in August 2015. The Beach Club’s renovations build upon renovations completed during the first phase of the master plan, which consisted of the addition of an amenity park and

full croquet lawn, open-air pavilions, a playground and an open space area. The final phase – the golf course revitalization – began in September 2015, and the course is expected to reopen Oct. 1.



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<p>Lightner After Hours Lightner After Hours will be held July 28 from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Lightner Museum Grand Ballroom Gallery. This event is free and features specialty hors d'oeuvres and beverages, available at happy hour prices from Café Alcazar. A variety of musicians will perform monthly. Café Alcazar, located in the historic pool area of the museum will be open with a specialty dinner menu from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Free parking is available after 5 p.m. July's inaugural cocktail hour will provide guests an opportunity to view the America's Parks exhibition after hours. For more information, contact (904) 824-2874 or email communications@lightnermuseum.org.</p> <p>Adult Coloring Club The Adult Coloring Club will meet Thursday, July 28 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library, 101 Library Blvd. Have you heard about this new craze? Many adults are finding that coloring clubs for adults are a great way to reduce stress and meet new people. Create new art you can feel proud of while you de-stress and relax. Supplies will be provided, you just need to pick out your design and start coloring.</p> <p>Concerts in the Plaza The 2016 Concerts in the Plaza summer music series continues July 28 with a performance by The Dunehoppers live at 7 p.m. at Plaza de la Constitución, 22 Cathedral Place, St. Augustine. The concerts continue every Thursday through Sept. 1. All concerts are free. For more information, call (904) 825-1004 during weekday office hours or visit www.concertsintheplaza.com.</p> <p>Arbor Terrace Life Enrichment Group The Life Enrichment Group Day Program takes place every Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Arbor Terrace Ponte Vedra, 5125 Palm Valley Road, Ponte Vedra Beach. The group is designed for those with memory changes who would like to stay active mentally, physically and socially. For more information, call (904) 497-4346 or visit www.at-pontevedra.com.</p>	<p>'Memphis' at Players by the Sea Players by the Sea will perform the summer musical "Memphis" on the Mainstage through Aug. 13. General admission is \$28; Thursday night is student night with half price tickets at the door with a valid student ID. Players by the Sea is located at 106 6th St. N., Jacksonville Beach. For tickets, call (904) 249-0289 or visit www.playersbythesea.org.</p> <p>First Coast Plein Air Painters exhibition The First Coast Plein Air Painters will have its Summer Members' Exhibition and Sale through Sept. 2 at The Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach, 50 Executive Way. For more information, call (904) 304-9631 or visit www.ccpvb.org.</p> <p>MOSH \$5 Fridays Every Friday, come to MOSH to enjoy \$5 admission and extended hours. The museum will be open late each Friday until 8 p.m. Additional discounts or coupons are not permitted.</p> <p>Darwin & Dinosaurs The Museum of Science and History (MOSH) presents Darwin & Dinosaurs now through Sept. 5 at MOSH located at 1025 Museum Circle, Jacksonville. The exhibition features full-size dinosaur skeletons, scientific instruments, original letters and first editions of Darwin's main works, including "On the Origin of Species." For more information, call (904) 396-MOSH or visit www.themosh.org.</p> <p>Meet the 'Friends for the Arts' Become a "Friend." The Cultural Center recently recreated a new volunteer organization dedicated to supporting the arts. Get involved in the arts by joining a team of fellow art supporters in Ponte Vedra Beach. Help develop and support fundraising projects and help initiate special projects to benefit and promote The Cultural Center and the arts in the community. More than 50 volunteer art supporters have already joined. Make a difference in our community. For more information visit www.ccpvb.org/friends-for-the-arts.</p>	<p>Katz 4 Keeps Adoptions Adoption Days Katz 4 Keeps adoption days will take place Saturday, July 30 and Sunday, July 31 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Katz 4 Keeps, 935B A1A N. in Ponte Vedra Beach (next to Sherwin Williams). For more information, call (904) 834-3223 or email katz4keeps.org.</p> <p>Emma Moseley Band concert The Emma Moseley Band with guests Kristopher James and The Curt Towne Band will perform live Saturday, July 30 at the St. Augustine Amphitheatre. Gates open at 6 p.m.; show starts at 6:30 p.m. Both the event and parking are free. For more information, visit www.staugamphitheatre.com.</p> <p>Community Yard Sale A community yard sale hosted by Coldwell Banker Vanguard Beaches to benefit Mission House will be held Saturday, July 30 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 240 Ponte Vedra Park Drive in the parking lot of Coldwell Banker. All items sold will benefit Mission House's efforts to help the homeless in the Beaches community. If you are interested in volunteering for the event or have any items to donate, contact Cindy Nordman at (904) 599-6469 or email cnordman@cbvfl.com.</p> <p>Colorful crayon arts and crafts The Friends of the Anastasia Island Branch Library invite you to a do-it-yourself crafting event Saturday, July 30. The event is a fundraiser for the friends of the library. Crafts include multi-color crayon candles and melted crayon canvas art. Suggested \$5 donation includes: art supplies, crafting materials, and instructions. The Friends' mission is to support and advocate for quality library services for all individuals of St. Johns County; the Friends work to raise funds in order to finance programs for children, teens, and adults.</p> <p>Beaches Green Market The Beaches Green Market is held every Saturday from 2 to 5 p.m. at Jarboe Park (intersection of A1A and Florida Boulevard) in Neptune Beach. For more information, call (904) 710-2022 or visit www.beacheslocalfoodnetwork.org.</p>	<p>'Beauty and the Beast' Alhambra Theatre & Dining presents Disney's "Beauty and the Beast" live on stage through July 31. Alhambra Theatre & Dining is located at 12000 Beach Blvd., Jacksonville. For more information or to purchase tickets, call (904) 641-1212 or visit www.alhambrajax.com.</p> <p>Practice with Purpose at Big Fish Yoga Practice with Purpose is an all-level yoga class offered on Sundays from 4 to 5 p.m. at Big Fish Power Yoga. The fee for the class is a \$5 cash donation that goes to the charity that Big Fish Power Yoga has selected for the quarter. Big Fish Yoga is located in the South Beach Regional Shopping Center in Jacksonville Beach at 3852 South Third St. For more info, call (904) 372-0601.</p> <p>Collection Tour Join the Summer Museum of Art and Gardens on Sundays for a guided tour of its permanent collection. The tour is free with the cost of admission. The museum is located at 829 Riverside Ave., Jacksonville.</p> <p>Travel Training Program The Council on Aging's Travel Training program is designed to assist seniors in learning to ride the Sunshine Bus. Residents interested in expanding their transportation options or who would like to increase their confidence as a bus rider can receive assistance from trained volunteers in navigating routes, reading time tables and making transfers. Contact the mobility manager at the Council on Aging at (904) 315-6505 or email Katie Arnold at karnold@stjohnscoa.com.</p> <p>Habitat for Humanity volunteers Habitat for Humanity of St. Augustine/St. Johns County is currently seeking qualified homeowners. Habitat does not give away homes for free. Instead, homeowners pay an affordable monthly mortgage payment and Habitat helps build them a simple, decent place to live. For more information on volunteering, donating or qualifying for a Habitat home, visit habitatstjohns.org.</p>

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<p>Dance Alday dance lesson at PV library Dance Alday will present a one-hour group disco dancing lesson for adults and teens ages 14 and up Monday, Aug. 1 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library, 101 Library Blvd. Registration is not required and classes are free of charge. For more information, call (904) 827-6950.</p> <p>Caregiver Support Group The Players Caregiver Support Group meets every Monday from noon to 1 p.m. at The Players Senior Center, 175 Landrum Lane in Ponte Vedra Beach. Kimberly Weir of Heartland Hospice facilitates a weekly discussion of current concerns and issues of caregivers. For more information, call (904) 280-3233.</p> <p>Life Enrichment Group The Life Enrichment Group is a program designed for those with memory changes who like to stay active mentally, physically and socially while allowing caregivers and loved ones some free time for themselves. This program is offered weekdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Ashford Court, 1700 The Greens Way in Jacksonville Beach. For more information, call (904) 568-8174, or email life_enrichmentgroup@yahoo.com.</p> <p>Mental Health Recovery Support Free mental health support is available to the public facilitated by Georgia/Florida Certified Peer Specialist Whitney Bolin. Sessions are by appointment only Monday through Friday; call (770) 403-4991 or email whitneybat76@gmail.com. Bolin also facilitates a mental health recovery group at Flagler Hospital from 2 to 4 p.m. every Tuesday.</p> <p>Annual Activity Member Become an Annual Activity Member at The Players Community Senior Center. Membership includes discounts on fee-based classes, designated events and Coastal Travel along with complimentary participation in a wide variety of scheduled activities. Call Darlene Mahany at (904) 280-3233 for more information.</p>	<p>Beaches Photography Club The monthly meeting of the Beaches Photography Club is Tuesday, Aug. 2 from 5:30 to 8 p.m. at the Beaches Branch Library, 600 Third St. in Neptune Beach. Meet other photography enthusiasts and learn new skills. All levels welcome. The Beaches Photography Club meets on the first Tuesday of every month. This program is for adults. For more information, call (904) 241-1141.</p> <p>Sunset Rotary Club weekly meeting The Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach Sunset meets Tuesdays from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Hilton Garden Inn. Community leaders are welcome to attend. For more information, call club President Janeene Hart at (904) 412-5409 or email jwhart1208@gmail.com.</p> <p>Bookmobile: Nocatee Publix Every Tuesday from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., the Bookmobile can be found at the Publix at Nocatee Town Center, 120 Marketside Ave., Ponte Vedra Beach. Check out books, movies, music and much more. For more information, visit www.sjcpcls.org.</p> <p>Curatorial's Choice exhibition The annual Curatorial's Choice exhibition is on display now through Sept. 2 in the Main Gallery at The Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach, 50 Executive Way. The Cultural Center's curatorial committee has chosen five top artist members to feature, selected from the annual Celebrate Artist Member Exhibition. Artwork from Marilyn Antram, Nancy Banks, Patricia Erickson, Elizabeth Quinn-Bolduc and Lynda Wainright. Main Gallery hours are Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call (904) 280-0614 or visit www.ccpvb.org.</p> <p>Free Bridge Lessons Free beginning bridge lessons are available at the Jacksonville School of Bridge, 3353 Washburn Road, Jacksonville Beach on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Lessons start 9:30 a.m. and end at 10:15 a.m. This is followed by an actual game at 10:30 a.m. and ends by 2:15 p.m. Contact Burt O'Dell at (352) 428-1075 for more information.</p>	<p>'The Last 5 Years' Limelight Theatre presents "The Last 5 Years," a contemporary musical on stage now through Aug. 21. Limelight Theatre is located at 11 Old Mission Ave., St. Augustine. Tickets are \$26. For tickets, call (904) 825-1164 or visit www.limelight-theatre.org.</p> <p>Jacksonville Art Walk The Jacksonville Art Walk takes place the first Wednesday of every month from 5 to 9 p.m., rain or shine, in downtown Jacksonville. This month's theme is Back to School SmARTs. The Art Walk spans more than 15 blocks that includes more than 50 galleries, museums, cultural venues, restaurants, bars and businesses. Street performers and live music are also part of the monthly event. For more information, visit www.jacksonvilleartwalk.com.</p> <p>PV Professionals Networking Group The Ponte Vedra Professionals Networking Group meets the second, third and fourth Wednesday of the month from noon to 1 p.m. The first Wednesday of the month, the group hosts an after-work social mixer. Meeting locations vary; for more information, call Dave at (904) 248-9871 or visit www.pvpng.com.</p> <p>Ponte Vedra Toastmasters The Ponte Vedra Toastmasters Club offers opportunities for developing your leadership and communication skills. The group meets Wednesdays at The Players Community Senior Center, located at 175 Landrum Lane, Ponte Vedra Beach. The meeting starts promptly at 7:30 a.m. Contact Carmen J. Sardiñas at (904) 382-3303 or contact-5199@toastmastersclubs.org for more information.</p> <p>Music by the Sea concert series The Music by the Sea concert series takes place every Wednesday through Oct. 12, 2016 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the St. Augustine Beach Pier, 350 A1A Beach Blvd. On Aug. 3, The Committee will perform. The concerts are free; guests can purchase a dinner plate for \$10 from the sponsoring restaurant. Food is served at 6 p.m. and the music starts at 7 p.m. For more information, call (904) 347-8007 or visit www.augustine.com/event/music-sea.</p>	<p>Politics in St. Johns: St. Augustine Politics in St. Johns, one of St. Johns County's premier political events that offers citizens the opportunity to meet candidates running for a wide array of public offices, will be held Aug. 4 from 5 to 7:30 p.m. at the Solomon Calhoun Center, 1300 Duval St., St. Augustine. This special event is open to St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce members, guests and the general public. Admission is free but registration is required. Register online at www.stjohnscountychamber.com.</p> <p>Concerts in the Plaza The 2016 Concerts in the Plaza summer music series continues Aug. 4 with a performance by Triple Rock Blues Band live at 7 p.m. at Plaza de la Constitución, 22 Cathedral Place, St. Augustine. The concerts continue every Thursday through Sept. 1. All concerts are free. For more information, call (904) 825-1004 during weekday office hours or visit www.concertsintheplaza.com.</p> <p>S.T.A.N.D. Against Bullying Magic Show Magician Mark Alan's S.T.A.N.D. Against Bullying Magic Show will be held Thursday, Aug. 4 from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library, 101 Library Blvd. The magic show is intended to show kids how to embrace their inner hero by standing up for themselves and for others. All children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult for the duration of the program. For more information, call the library at (904) 827-6955.</p> <p>Main-iac Robotics Lab Kids, ages 10-16, are encouraged to join the Main Branch Library's Main-iac Robotics Lab Thursday, Aug. 4 from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Main Branch Library, 1960 N. Ponce De Leon Blvd., St. Augustine. Space is limited, so registration is required. For more information, contact Youth Services Librarian Andy Calvert, at (904) 827-6943 or atacalvert@sjcl.us.</p> <p>Free calendar listings for community groups and nonprofit organizations are published at our discretion on a space-available basis. Send your event at least 10 days before publication. Submit events to carrie@opcfla.com, post online at www.pontevedrarecorder.com using the automated form or call (904) 686-3939.</p>

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Jacksonville Beach-based personal financial services company focuses on assisting seniors with everyday financial activities

By Carrie Resch

Handling one's finances can be challenging for some people, but the everyday tasks of paying bills or balancing a checkbook can be particularly daunting for seniors.

One local resident is targeting that group, offering her services for typical everyday financial activities for seniors who may need a helping hand.

Heather Jackson – a Jacksonville Beach resident who has lived and worked in the Beaches community for more than 20 years – launched Jackson Personal Financial Services, LLC after realizing a need she could fill in the community. Prior to starting her own personal financial services business, Jackson worked in the financial world as both a private banker and a commercial banker as well as a career in senior health care. With her new venture, Jackson effectively merged those two career paths.

The main application of her enterprise is to guide seniors in their financial endeavors – from routine activities such as bill paying and reconciling to offering her services as a financial assistant.

“My goal is to help clients maintain their independency by helping manage their day-to-day personal finances in a trusted and comfortable environment,” Jackson said.

Services offered include bill and deposit management, where Jackson can assist seniors in setting up and maintaining a bill paying system; verifying the validity of charges on bills; and preparing and making deposits as well as expense tracking, reconciling, mail management services and tax organization.

Jackson pledges customized services individually tailored to each of her client's needs. With mobility being an issue for some seniors, Jackson will come

to them, setting up a time to meet that's convenient with her client – typically on the same day every week or every other week to maintain consistency so her clients will know when to expect her.

The benefit of her services, Jackson said, is oftentimes it will allow seniors – particularly seniors who have health challenges – to stay independent and in their homes while simultaneously giving family members, who may not live in the same city or state, peace of mind that someone trustworthy is available to keep an eye on their loved ones. In fact, Jackson has found that much of the time it's the family members who end up referring clients to her.

Jackson stressed that her services do not replace the role of a financial planner, an accountant or an attorney, nor does she possess check signing authority. Her role is strictly to support all of those functions by helping coordinate information to give to those individuals

and to be an advocate for her client.

In addition to senior services, Jackson said she feels her services could be of use to busy professionals who travel frequently, recent divorcees, individuals going through a temporary medical crisis, or to someone who has recently lost a spouse.

“If someone is recently widowed and the spouse was the primary bill payer, I can assist in helping with that transition,” Jackson said. “My job doesn't have to be long-term; my job can be to help educate the spouse and to help them get organized because they are probably experiencing a very emotional mind frame during the loss and trying to pick up the pieces.”

For more information about Jackson Personal Financial Services, call (904) 699-3728 or visit www.jacksonpersonalfinancialservices.com.

Back-to-school sales tax holiday Aug. 5-7

Florida's three-day back-to-school sales tax holiday will take place Aug. 5-7 this year, enabling parents to take advantage of summer savings on clothing and other school-related purchases.

During the tax holiday, Florida law directs that no sales tax or local option tax will be collected on the purchases of clothing, footwear and certain accessories selling for \$60 or less per item. Certain school supplies selling for \$15 or less per item will also be tax-exempt.

New this year, qualifying businesses may choose not to participate in the sales tax holiday. Qualified businesses must send a written notice to the Florida Department of Revenue by Aug. 1, and notices stating that the business will not be participating in the tax holiday must be posted at each business location. Complete details are available on the Florida Department of Revenue website. Examples of other places of business where the tax exemption will not apply include theme parks, entertainment complexes, public lodging establishments and airports.

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 Scarves
 Ties
 Wallets
 Aerobic/fitness clothing
 Aprons/clothing shields
 Athletic supporters
 Baby clothes
 Backpacks
 Bandanas
 Baseball cleats
 Bathing suits, caps, and cover-ups
 Belts
 Bibs
 Blouses
 Book bags
 Boots (except ski boots)
 Bowling shoes (purchased)
 Braces and supports worn to correct or alleviate a physical incapacity or injury*
 Bras
 Caps and hats
 Choir and altar clothing*
 Cleated and spiked shoes
 Clerical vestments*
 Coats and wraps
 Coin purses
 Costumes
 Coveralls
 Diaper bags
 Diapers, diaper inserts (adult and

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 Dresses
 Employee uniforms
 Fanny packs
 Fishing vests (nonfloatation)
 Formal clothing (purchased)
 Gloves (generally)
 Dress (purchased)
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 Gym suits and uniforms
 Hats
 Hosiery (including support hosiery)
 Hunting vests
 Insoles
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 Overshoes and rubber shoes
 Pants
 Panty hose
 Purses
 Raincoats, rain hats, and ponchos
 Receiving blankets
 Religious clothing*
 Robes
 Safety clothing
 Safety shoes
 Scout uniforms
 Shawls and wraps
 Shirts
 Shoe inserts
 Shoes (including athletic)
 Shoulder pads (e.g., dresses or jackets)

Shorts
 Ski suits (snow)
 Skirts
 Sleepwear (nightgowns and pajamas)
 Slippers
 Slips
 Socks
 Sports uniforms (except pads, helmets)
 Suits, slacks, and jackets
 Suspenders
 Sweatbands
 Sweaters
 Swim suits and trunks
 Ties (neckties - all)
 Tights
 Tuxedos (excluding rentals)
 Underclothes
 Uniforms (work, school, and athletic - excluding pads)
 Vests
 Vintage clothing
 Work clothes and uniforms
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 Compasses
 Composition books
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 Highlighters
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Beaches Rotary clubs, community groups join forces for inaugural 'Beaches Health Jam'

On Saturday, Aug. 6, area health and healthy lifestyle organizations will come together at the Carver Center for the first annual "Beaches Health Jam."

In recognition of the 100th year of the Rotary Foundation, the Jacksonville Oceanside, Ponte Vedra Beach Sunset and Ponte Vedra Beach Rotary clubs are joining forces to host the free community event in Jacksonville Beach.

One of the main goals of the event, organizers say, is to bring the St. Vincent's Mobile Health Unit to the beach.

"Rotary Clubs across our area worked hard to fund the unit and we wanted to make it available to our community" said Jeff Michelman, president of the Jacksonville Oceanside Rotary Club. "From this goal, the idea for a larger community health event was born."

Beginning at 3 p.m., guests will be able to have free health screenings; sample healthy recipes; participate in line dancing, Pilates and Tai Chi demonstrations; and play games, among other health-based activities. The afternoon will be capped off by the beaches biggest "Wobble" dance event at 5:30 p.m.

At 6 p.m., the Battle for the Beach kickball tournament will begin, with members from the participating Rotary clubs and officials from each beach city competing

for a traveling trophy.

There will also be a match between the Carver Center and the Donner Center, with the mayors of Atlantic Beach and Jacksonville Beach participating.

"We are so thrilled with the great participation from local organizations," event chair Chris Hoffman said. "There will be something for everyone at this event and we look forward to making it an annual one for our community".

The Beaches Health Jam will be held at Carver Center, 777 5th St. S., Jacksonville Beach.



Event details:

The Beaches Health Jam will be held Saturday, Aug. 6 at Carver Center, 777 5th St. S., Jacksonville Beach.

Activities:

- 3 to 6 p.m. – community partner booths open, entertainment, refreshments and St. Vincent's Mobile Health Unit available
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Summertime and the living is easy on the First Coast



By Janet Westling
Contributing Editor

Welcome to the summer issue of Sand Castles, a luxury, lifestyle and real estate seasonal section. A year ago, I wrote about the “Dog Days of Summer,” that last from July 3 until August 11. Webster defines those days as “a period marked with lethargy, inactivity or indolence.”

This year, with a major political election taking place, summertime, while still very hot is definitely not inactive.

In fact, in June I attended the post-election remarks of Donald Trump after the California Republican primary with my daughter, Katie Hughes, and granddaughters Anna and Haley. In this issue, Anna shares her insights as a student reporter covering the remarks given by presidential nominee Donald

Trump on June 7 at Trump National Golf Club.

Whether you are planning a trip to Paris or New York, you can glean a few insights in this issue of Sand Castles. Betty Lemons shares the story of her barge trip that started in Paris and traveled through France, while I share a few tips on visiting the Big Apple in my article “Five Days in New York.”

But while it's great to hear about wonderful places to visit, we all know there is no place like home. “A Warm Welcome,” a new company that helps you turn your house into a home, is featured in this issue, along with Mark Dilworth – managing partner with Keller Williams Atlantic Partners – who gives us an update on the local market as well as tips for understanding leading indicators.

One indicator of a vibrant market is the number of wonderful properties for sale, and in this issue eight seasoned First Coast Realtors share the stories of their listings – from

the waterfront to the golf course and everywhere in between. And if you're spending a lot of time outdoors this summer, you will need to read “Summertime Skin Care” by the Ponte Vedra Plastic Surgery skin team!

With international real estate transactions on the rise, Christy Budnick, vice president of Berkshire Hathaway HSFNR, weighs in on the international business opportunities that Realtors with the CIPS designations have for navigating the often-complex international real estate market.

Two unique destinations we can travel to in support of our local charities are also featured – from the CSX charity train that has delivered dollars to several charities for more than 13 years to Delicious Destinations, which takes place Sept. 8-10 and celebrates the St Vincent's Foundation's 100 years of faithful service to the community. This highly anticipated annual event features culinary delights from

world-class chefs from Mar a Lago to the Greenbrier!

Closer to home, Elaine Caldwell – owner of Luxury for Less – transforms a home stuck in a Mediterranean rut. The before and after photos are amazing! And I write about design ideas for your home to attract buyers for the best return on one of your most important investments.

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MARKET WATCH

Market shifts: Understanding 'leading' indicators

By Mark Dilworth

Each week, real estate professionals are asked the following question: How is the real estate market doing? The answer given most often, if statistical in nature, generally refers to the following two categories:

- What is my home worth?
- Homes sold (are units up or down?)

This certainly makes sense from the public's point of view. This type of information gives an overall sense of what is happening, and depending on the answer can make you feel comfortable or uncomfortable with the current state of the market. But here is the challenge: This type of information is considered a “lagging indicator.” That means it has already happened – great for an overview, but not if you want to determine the direction of the market.

What we have learned from the past is that national shifts in the real estate market occur somewhat gradually. From a local standpoint, however, the change can be swift. How do we ensure that we are keeping an accurate pulse on the direction of the real estate market? The answer to that question is to start understanding leading indicators. Here are two leading

indicators our agents study to get a better feel for our market:

- Number of showings each month
- Days on market for our listings

Let's take a look at both measures, starting with the number of showings. Each month, I track the number of showings that our listings have scheduled. Our office carries more than 400 listings, so this measure is statistically significant. If our showings are even or up, it is most likely safe to say that our market is healthy. If I see a dramatic drop or even a dramatic rise, that could be cause for concern.

I can report that as of June our number year-to-date is up from the same time period in 2015. This should come as no surprise to most. Now, this is not the be-all, end-all to understanding the market overall, but a key component in determining a shift.

Once a listing is posted in the MLS, the number of days to sell the home is tracked. This statistic is called “days on market.” Obviously, if that figure starts to rise or fall, that also could be a warning that a shift is on the way. It is a key discussion point when agents list homes.

For the listings sold in our MLS, “days on

market is down 9.1 percent from 2015 YTD. This is not a sign of a shifting market. As a whole, our market continues to appear healthy.

Please keep in mind that to truly understand what the market is doing, you do need to study it. Certainly, there is more than one measure that is required to understand if our market is shifting. For instance, our overall market could be up 4.7 percent in closed units, but certain regions of Northeast Florida could be down.

That is why it is critically important to establish solid relationships with real estate professionals. They have instant access to this information and can assist in making wise choices when it comes to purchasing or listing a home.

Mark Dilworth
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Local company handles housewarming for new residents



By Shannon Bowe
A Warm Welcome

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The idea for A Warm Welcome arose from our recent move into the Ponte Vedra community. Making the move from New York to Florida was hard on my family, specifically my mother, who had to take my three siblings and me over 1,000 miles by herself. She was scatterbrained and rushed, having decided only months earlier that we were going to move.

She and I had packed the house the week before we left and we were on our way. As it is with every project, though, we were forgetting something. The house would be empty. This only started to dawn on us after our flight touched down in Florida. Within our first hour of being here, there was a mad dash through Walmart to get all the essentials: soap, breakfast, house cleaner,

etc. My entire family was physically drained from a full day of packing and traveling, and mentally after leaving their home behind. I wouldn't mind missing the hour-long car ride spent contorting my body like a human pretzel trying to fit luggage, house necessities and other people into our tiny rental car.

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The sweet spot for beautiful, elegant living

By Doris Arnold
Watson Realty Corp.

Tucked between the lagoon and the Intracoastal in the heart of the Queen's Harbour Yacht and Country Club waterfront, and amid 1,000 acres of native woodland and marsh, an adventure in living well awaits.

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The vibrant dining and social scene of Atlantic Beach/Neptune Beach town center is convenient to the home. Multiple beaches are easily accessible, yet you are isolated from the bustle and noise of the nearby thoroughfares.

As you enter the home, your eye

is immediately drawn to the double French doors, which open to the swimming pool and frame the vista across the freshwater lagoon. The large, well-appointed kitchen features granite countertops, a gas cooktop, 42-inch cabinets, pantry with plenty of storage space, and center work island with prep sink. There is also a breakfast bar and a nearby dining room. The kitchen is open to a huge family room with hardwood flooring, a fireplace and more spectacular views through walls of windows. Saturnia stone floors throughout the main living areas add elegance.

Relax and enjoy water views from your vantage point at the end of the small peninsula where the home is

situated. Your own back yard features a covered lanai overlooking a large in-ground pool with integrated hot tub spa.

This 6 bedroom, 5 bath home also has a game room with wet bar and evening deck. The first floor master bedroom has a gas fireplace and private doorway to the lanai and pool deck, separate tub and shower, double vanities and walk-in closet. A grand entry hall/foyer, separate living room, bonus/game room, inside laundry and a three-car garage round out the elegant living you will enjoy here. The home is represented by Watson Realty, listed by Doris Arnold and offered for \$1,100,000.



From Paris, with love and gratitude

By Betty Lemons

One October, while watching Jeopardy!, an ad appeared for a river cruise through Europe. Most of us have seen these and thought, "Hmm, that looks like a great trip and I would love to do that someday."

This particular evening, I sent a text to my son suggesting that we take a river cruise. His reply was that he did not have the time for a cruise, but if I would like to go, he would send his sister, Laura-Todd, and me. He wanted us to do river cruise reconnaissance for a future family trip. Laura-Todd and I decided not to allow grass to grow under such a generous offer, so we accepted...immediately! Within an hour, we decided we preferred the cruise from Paris to Normandy, cruising north up the Seine, and on the return, a day's tour of Versailles – a dream trip for me.

The following morning, I contacted my friend, Rosemary Mann, to ask her who she uses as a travel agent. After she told me, she asked where I was going. I told her, and she said she would meet us at the agency, because she wanted to go also. Rosemary called her friend, Jane, and we became four.

It is debatable which is more enjoyable: the anticipation and preparation

for a trip or the actual trip itself. In this case, the preparation for this trip covered six months. There were numerous dinners and lunches dedicated to the topic of our personal priorities for sightseeing, shopping, eating and museums. Then, of course, we devoted an entire afternoon to finding the perfect walking, traveling shoes...at Nordstrom's, of course, with a delectable lunch to follow. It is important to note that everything we do includes eating.

Once we had solved the shoe dilemma, we began the search for a perfect under-the-seat pull bag. If there is anything any of you want to know about this particular piece of luggage, chances are one of the four of us has the answer. This bag must fit under the seat in front of us and it must accommodate enough clothing, cosmetics and appliances to cover any unforeseen inconveniences, such as lost luggage. Also, there must be outside pockets to facilitate easy access to passports, tickets, or toothbrushes, whichever comes first. The other hitch is that we had to be able to pull it, not carry it. Lots of pre-requisites, right? And did I forget? It had to be black! The miracle is that we found it.

Laura-Todd, Rosemary and I spent

several days visiting our shopping haunts, looking for this ideal bag. Jane spent many hours searching the internet, looking for the perfect bag.

Everything fell short of fulfilling our needs. Then one day, I was at the

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travel agency, signing papers and such, and I decided to look at the luggage display. There it was: The perfect bag. It had been sitting there all the time, just waiting to be discovered. Mission accomplished!

After an overnight flight to Paris, the four of us, all dressed in black, proceeded to take in our preferred sights: the Louvre, the Eiffel Tower, the Champs-Elysees, L'Arc de Triomphe, Notre Dame, Sacre-Coeur, Montmartre, the night river cruise up the Seine, and my personal favorite, the D'Orsay. Oh, those impressionists.

The sightseeing was whirlwind because of time constraints, but most of our goals were accomplished and we only lost Jane a couple of times.

When we boarded our riverboat to set sail for points north of Paris, all of us were ready to unpack our black clothes and to let someone else direct our sightseeing. Tell us where to be and at what time, and we were ready to accommodate. The cruise line has this down to a fine art.

Every afternoon, there were briefings, complete with historical background, to prepare us for the following day's tours. Additionally, we were served delicious meals, which were

prepared on board and which incorporated local produce, fish and meats, as well as dairy products purchased locally. And did I mention... wonderful wines.

One of the first stops was Giverny, the site of Monet's home and gardens. If Monet had never painted a canvas, he would have distinguished himself as a horticulturalist. The gardens, both water and landscape, created

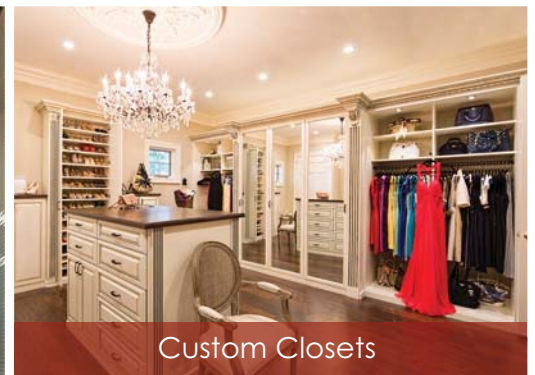


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ever-changing subjects for his paintings. While we were there, the tulips, daffodils and some of the water lilies were blooming in a wonderful array of color. These flowers and colors reappear in Monet's paintings.

Unforgettable.

From Giverny, we sailed north to Rouen, the sight of Joan of Arc's demise. Rouen is a charming, medieval city. The cathedrals, cobbled streets filled with strolling shoppers, the stunning architecture and the charming shops offering macaroons and other delicacies provided us with a fun-filled day. The beautiful, contemporary chapel dedicated to Joan of Arc is very impressive, because the architecture is a sharp contrast to the rest of the city and to the medieval era in which she lived. Nonetheless, this chapel creates a serenity which captures her spirit.

Our river cruise continued north to Normandy, and our foursome relished every moment. We purchased black berets from a street vendor there, and we wore them the rest of the trip. Surprisingly, we were the only people wearing them. Hmm...we didn't feel like tourists. We wore our berets the rest of the cruise, and everyone loved them!

All of us agreed that river cruising is a great way to travel. You only have to unpack once, you sleep in the same bed every night, the meals are great, the tours are well organized, and we met lovely traveling companions. My

daughter and I shared a wonderful lifetime experience and vowed to plan another soon! Thank you, Clarke, for a cherished gift. The only thing missing was you. Maybe next time.

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The Plantation Oaks community center features a serene pool overlooking a large lake. The recreation areas are shaded by lovely oak trees and the lucky residents of Plantation Oaks enjoy tennis courts, a playground and basketball court. There's also peaceful winding trails

for bikers and pedestrians which runs throughout the entire neighborhood. Residents enjoy a public sidewalk from the entrance of Plantation Oaks to the public beach access at Mickler's Beach.

Plantation Oaks also has a very active social calendar. Activities include: book clubs, Bunco, wine tastings, card clubs and more. Throughout the year there are scheduled family activities and parties. In the spring, children enjoy an Easter egg hunt with a petting zoo. At the end of the summer, neighbors enjoy an end of the summer party with food trucks to celebrate the end of the season and the start of another school year. All of these great activities give neighbors an opportunity to meet and get to know each other.

Plantation Oaks is located between Palm Valley Road (SR 210) and Roscoe Boulevard. These large homes sit on expansive lots and homes range in size from 3,300 to over 5,800 square feet. Two of the homes I have currently listed are exceptional.

404 Clearwater Dr. This single story home is 3,400 sq ft with 4 bedrooms and 3 baths. This house sits on a beautiful preserve lot and is updated with a new HVAC, solar water heater, heated/cooled Lanai and garage tek storage system. This home is priced at \$699,000.
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Stunning home in Plantation Oaks

By Marsha Keller

Berkshire Hathaway HSFNR

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The kitchen is complete with granite countertops, double oven and walk-in pantry. It opens up to a radiant family room that emanates daylight through the windows and sliding glass doors

a six-year warranty—solar water heater, Garage Tek, paver circular driveway and stunning night lighting.

Plantation Oaks is not just another neighborhood in Ponte Vedra; it is a vi-



gated-community, Plantation Oaks. This gorgeous, newly painted home features 4 large bedrooms, 3 full baths and impeccable outdoor landscaping.

As you walk through the doors, you find yourself in the impressive foyer as

bay windows that overlook the Florida Room.

that take you to the Florida Room. This indoor/outdoor space is heated and cooled, and perfect for entertaining or simply relaxing and reading your favorite novel while enjoying the view of the landscaped preserve.

A few hallways down from the foyer, behind two white double doors is the grand master bedroom. The master is spacious, with two glass sliding doors that open to the Florida room. Connected to the master bedroom is a vast master bathroom complete with his-and-hers sinks, walk-in shower and a comfortable jetted bathtub. Down the hall from the master bedroom is the 4th bedroom/study – perfect for a buyer who collects books, the studios space overlooks the impeccable front landscaping.

Each bedroom in this house is unique and full. The home also comes with a brand new HVAC—another with

brant community that many call home. Upon arrival, a majestic textured-iron gate welcomes you, a symbol of strength and character. Neighbors enjoy the swimming pool and clubhouse – a perfect place for children to play with their friends. Other amenities include basketball and tennis courts, and an outdoor gazebo near a freshwater pond – an ideal spot for meditation during sunrise. Social clubs are available for those who like to read, taste wine or play cards. This community is unique, offering just a one-mile walk to the beach and close proximity to Ponte Vedra High School and Landrum Middle School. It is a place to fall in love with your home, your neighbors and your lifestyle.

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A home for entertaining on Harbour Island

By Susan Froman
Berkshire Hathaway HSFNR

As you cross the bridge onto Harbour Island you'll come to Bristol Place, an oak-lined street with 12

nings of gorgeous sunsets.

This beautiful estate home at 121 Bristol Place was custom built with concrete masonry construction and features 9,489 square feet of expertly

The first floor features a grand foyer entryway opening to the living room with 22-foot high ceilings that looks out across the pool and onto the waterway, a separate wing with

ideal for any guest, parent, or a millennium child who won't leave home.

Across the street in a protected waterway is a 60-foot floating concrete boat dock that provides nearly instant



homes set directly on the Intracoastal Waterway. With 210 feet of Intracoastal bulkhead, this home enjoys panoramic views of the waterway, clear views of nature preserve sanctuary on the other side and endless eve-

designed interiors that accommodates both casual and formal living space.

library/office and beautifully appointed master suite retreat, spacious dining room, wine cellar, and butler's pantry leading into a fabulous chef's kitchen with two center islands and casual dining space, the heart of the home. The kitchen opens to the family room and large, screened lanai for outside dining and enjoying the pool and waterway views.

The upstairs living areas have been the favorite part of the home for the grandchildren growing up. There is the large game room, flex room that leads into a theater snack bar – a great place to pick up snacks before entering the 20 x 30 media room, complete with recliners and seating for 13, and three en-suite bedrooms.

The separate waterfront guest cottage – complete with kitchen, breakfast area, one bedroom and bath – is

access to the ICW.

To say this house is made for entertaining is an understatement. With 12 grandchildren, and having been host parents to seven international high school students over the years, the owners have experienced more than their share of birthday parties, sleepovers, engagement parties and prom picture parties. They also collect hand-blown, hand-painted glass European Christmas ornaments and each season, which begins in October, they host one or more holiday charity events. Where else can you see 25 themed Christmas trees all in one home?

121 Bristol Place is represented by Berkshire Hathaway HSNFR and listed by Susan Froman. The property is offered at \$4,295,000.

121 BRISTOL PLACE

Reporter's notebook: student journalist covers Trump event

Contributing Editor's note: My granddaughter, Anna Hughes, is a rising fifth grade student at Palmer Catholic Academy. In June, Anna had an opportunity to attend Donald Trump's remarks at Trump National Golf Club in Westchester, New York following the California primary election win that gave Trump the delegates needed to secure the Republican nomination. She received official press credentials as a student reporter. Following is Anna's report in her own words as she recorded them that evening. —Janet Westling

By Anna Hughes

There has been a real big race going on throughout the country right now. Hillary Clinton, Donald Trump and Bernie Sanders are up for the win. I am now at Trump National Golf Club waiting for Donald Trump to arrive after he wins the California primary to hear what he has to say about this election.

As we are waiting, many people are packed into this room just to hear what he has to say. But



these people are from all across the globe. There are people from Japan, England and more. Me and my family even got interviewed from Japanese reporters. Mr. Trump walked in, thanking a lot of states around America. He said his campaign received more votes than a lot of other candidates in history. He talked about how he was going to help us.

Mr. Trump thanked the people who voted for him. I could tell that he was very confident in himself when he walked in.

He said that he likes bringing people together, but he is determined to fight for what is important. He was very polite by saying "Hello" at the beginning and "folks" in between what he was saying.

He said that he didn't have to run for president, but he needed to do this to give back to our country. He also stated that we can turn our country around by putting America first!

Mr. Trump said that we are going to put Americans back to work and make our own products. I thought that he was very persuasive and determined to give back to America. I hope he wins!



Janet Westling, daughter Katie Hughes, granddaughters Anna and Haley Hughes and Trump veterans advisor Al Baldasaro

St. Vincent's celebrates centennial with epicurean events

By Jessica Waugaman

This year, St. Vincent's HealthCare celebrates 100 years of faithful service to the Jacksonville community. And this fall, the St. Vincent's Foundation will host several of its signature special events with a theme of celebrating our centennial.

The 15th Annual Delicious Destinations event will be held Sept. 8-10 at Ponte Vedra Inn and Club, benefiting St. Vincent's community outreach programs. This year's theme is "Farm to Fork, Celebrating Life in the South" and will feature chefs from well-known resorts such as Mar-a-Lago and The Greenbrier.

Our Celebrity Chef Luncheon on Thursday will feature Chef David Guas, host and judge of "American Grilled" on the Travel Channel. A New Orleans native, Guas is a James Beard Finalist



David Guas

for his first cookbook, "DamGood-Sweet," and owner of Bayou Bakery Coffee Bar & Eatery, which has two locations in the Washington, DC area. You won't want to miss this amazing culinary experience!

The St. Vincent's Foundation would like to thank event partners The Ponte Vedra Inn & Club; Southern Wine & Spirits of North Florida, and its partners Miller Electric; and THE PLAYERS for supporting this fun-filled weekend of food and wine. For tickets and sponsorship information, please contact Jessica Waugaman at 904-308-8896 or Jessica.Waugaman@jaxhealth.com.

Corks & Forks

On Nov. 11, the St. Vincent's Foundation will hold the 2nd Annual Corks & Forks, benefiting St. Vincent's Medical Center Clay County. The Club Continental will host this event, which highlights the best dishes from local chefs from restaurants such as 29 South, bb's, Biscottis and South Kitchen & Spirits. The Art Guild of Orange Park will participate by creating fabulous masks for this masquerade event. Special thanks go to event partners The Club Continental, Southern Wine & Spirits of North Florida and title sponsors Garber Auto Mall and Branran Fields Skilled Nursing & Rehab Center. For tickets and sponsorship information, please contact Kathy Sutton at 904-308-7338 or Katherine.Sutton@jaxhealth.com.

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Beach chic: Home staging reinvents Roscoe Boulevard home



By Elaine Caldwell
Luxury for Less

Our latest project was big and it turned out beautiful!

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All aboard for a good cause: CSX Charity Train Ride benefits community

By Janet Westling
Contributing Editor

Have you ever taken a train ride for charity? In 2007, my husband Dale and I boarded a CSX train for a wonderful evening filled with great dining and an enjoyable ride aboard a beautiful train all in the name of charity!

Here is how this unusual ride began.

In 2002 CSX Executive Vice President Clarence Gooden was hosting dinner aboard the CSX office car with his guest, the newly elected Sheriff John Rutherford. The sheriff explained how pleased he was to fulfill all the commitments he made during his race for sheriff – with the exception of one very important campaign promise he had made to renovate Mallison Park to rid the area of drug dealers.

According to Sheriff John Rutherford, “The CSX Charity Train resulted from a violent drug problem and a very good community steward.”

This campaign promise, explained Rutherford, would cost approximately \$100,000 to set up a Police Athletic

league (PAL) program within the park. Gooden told the sheriff maybe he could help him raise that amount. And in that single moment, the idea of the Charity Train Ride came to life!

Gooden suggested to his right-hand organizer Rosemary Thigpen they could charge \$5,000 per table to include the private office car ride with dinner and entertainment. All proceeds would go directly to improving Mallison Park. With a plan mapped out and the course charted, the inaugural CSX Charity Train departed Jacksonville’s Prime Osborn Center for a ride to Tampa that would return that evening. An entertainment car was included, and a meal of surf and turf was served.

CSX’s Gooden, along with 18 tables of supporters, helped fulfill the sheriff’s campaign promise. With the \$100,000 raised that evening, the First CSX Charity Train that departed in the spring of 2003 was a huge success!

“Since that time,” Rutherford said, “the PAL expansion saved Mallison Park, the community enjoyed a dramatic drop in crime and the children have a wonderful

place to grow and play.”

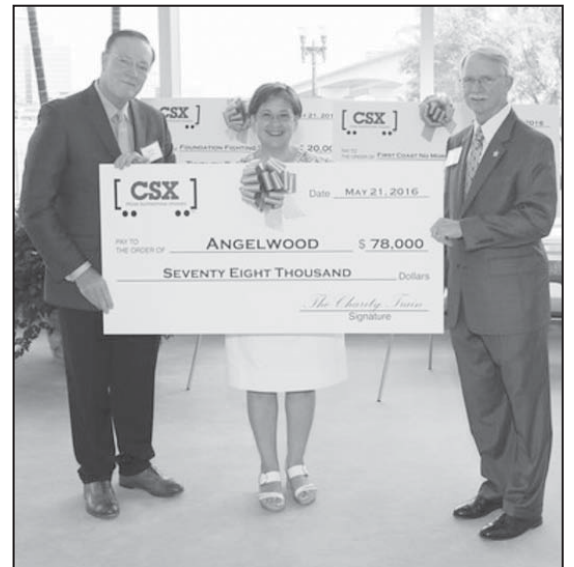
The following spring, Gooden decided to host the train again. This time, the train would benefit two charities, Angelwood – a charity supported by the sheriff, who served on its board – and the American Heart Association, a charity with which Gooden was involved. A new route was charted and since 2004, The CSX Charity Train Ride has run to and from Waycross, Georgia. Several of the private cars that are used in the event have served presidents during their presidential campaigns.

As the Charity Train Ride has grown, so has the addition of new charities. In 2016, 11 organizations received a total of \$410,000 raised. Each charity had two

representatives attend the Charity Train Ride to receive their check.

Since its first journey in 2003, The Charity Train Ride has raised nearly \$4 million for more than a dozen charities, with 100 percent of the donations going directly to charity.

“I have worked at CSX for 37 years,” Thigpen said, “and the Charity Train is one of the most gratifying things I have done.”





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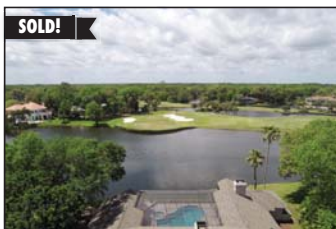


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Updated color palette, décor infuse new life in Sawgrass Players Club home

By **Amanda Dandy**
Keller Williams Realty

After the owner of this 3,628 square-foot home moved out, the home was, to use a real state expression, “neutralized,” with new carpeting placed throughout, and furnishings and accessories changed from an attractive blue-based décor

entirely new look and the home has taken on a new personality.

The verdant and lush $\frac{3}{4}$ of an acre is surrounded on two sides by waterfront and is observable through the instant a buyer walks inside the led glass door and moves through most of the downstairs rooms. The master bedroom and

energy. The owner’s previous love of bright, happy colors contrasts with the designers calming earth tones in a way that truly makes the visitor smile and feel welcomed.

Both decors accentuate the combination open-plan, with distinct separation of downstairs rooms while showcasing the easy flow of

while Desiree’s placement of pottery, ceramics and personal artworks imparts an international, eclectic and almost exotic feel.

A true test of a traditional but modern designed home should be that classical, modern or eclectic furniture and accessories can equally expose the house’s finer angles, lay-



to one of creams and grays. Interior Designer Desiree Kotze moved in with her furniture and artistic flare as part of the Showcase Homes of Florida staging and marketing Home Manager Program.

While the exterior remains one of the prettiest in all of Sawgrass Players Club and the home is safely tucked away in a secluded low-traffic neighborhood, the results of the interior changes have created an

family room each have sliding glass doors onto outdoor patios, but the view has looked different with each color scheme. Although now newly staged like a model home, the accent colors of the throw pillows and staged artifacts and artwork make for a cozy but informal home with good

the house and the perfect plan for entertaining, family gatherings and easy day-to-day living.

The owner/writer’s vast collection of books and the separate writing and reading corners lend a studious “let’s keep our voices down” library-style demeanor to these rooms,

outs and personality. 7028 Cypress Bridge Dr. N. wears its new wardrobe charmingly, proving this great house has very good “bones” under all.

This home is represented by Keller Williams Realty and listed by Amanda Dandy.

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Inside the doors of 176 San Juan Drive

By Clare Berry
Berry & Co. Real Estate

Looking through the front doors of this classic Old Ponte Vedra home, you will see views of the world-class Ponte Vedra Inn & Club's 17th fairway. The club's spec-

this area was outfitted for today's kitchen-centric living – including two huge counters for gathering around the action in the kitchen, custom cabinetry with every accommodation, a rich wood ceiling to define the kitchen space, classic

to the soaking tub to the flooring, this design exudes calm and provides a peaceful place to withdraw from our busy days.

The media room provides surround sound and wiring for all the gadgets one could want. This room

This site is almost a half-acre! It's filled with windswept oaks and palms that shade San Juan Drive. One of the oaks provides a base for a treehouse that has served as a playhouse for many neighborhood children. Wood decks punctuate the



tacularly beautiful, well-maintained golf holes wrap around many homes along this lane.

What will surprise you is the incredible transformation that lies within 176 San Juan Drive. A complete re-envisioning of this 1970s home has created a 21st century home that welcomes a crowd, with large rooms and easy flow.

Starting with the kitchen/family room, absolutely every facet of

beams in the family room, and walls of glass so that occupants can enjoy the native Florida and golf course vistas from inside this home.

Can you say "relax?" That's the look of the owner's suite, and especially the bath. From the cabinetry

doubles as a study, with walls of built-ins. Open doors and you'll

large lawn, providing comfortable spots for watching the birdlife and

176 SAN JUAN DRIVE

find hiding places for computers and other electronics. The result is a clean space with handsome storage, designed for a variety of purposes.

the golfers from a distance. Pedestrian public beach access is close

176 San Juan Drive

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by, at the north end of San Juan Drive. Private beach access and the many amenities of Ponte Vedra Inn & Club are just south, including (with membership) access to the club's beach, golf, tennis, swimming, fit-

ness and dining. The walkability score is high here! 176 San Juan Drive is move-in ready! The property is represented by Berry Co. Real Estate, listed by Clare Berry and offered for \$1,595,000.



Five days in New York City

By Janet Westling
Contributing Editor

In early June, I spent five days in New York with my daughter Katie and grand-daughters Anna and Haley. My spur-of-the-moment trip began with an invitation to attend a 50th reunion from my grade school!

I was not sure I could take the time to attend, but ultimately decided I had to go. How many opportunities do we have to go back in time and visit with childhood friends? So at the last moment, I was able to get a direct flight on Jet Blue and hotel reservations at one of my favorite hotels on Central Park, the Essex House Hotel.

Our flight left Jacksonville at 6 a.m. and we arrived at 8:30. While I attended the reunion at 1 p.m. that day

on Long Island, Katie, Anna and Haley explored the museum of Natural History and enjoyed a carriage ride through Central Park.

Reunion reflections

Can you imagine seeing friends you have not seen in 50 years? With a combined grade of 100 students that graduated from the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary grade school in Queens in 1966, our reunion was pretty well attended thanks to the organizers Kevin, Jimmy, Steve, Beth, Mary and Debra.

An interesting note was that the boys in our class, now in their early 60s, brought their wives while the girls all came without their husbands. In my case, my husband Dale said,

“You want to go to a grade school reunion? Why?” I knew then I would not talk him into going!

How do you explain what great memories you had of a school, friends, teachers, the time we lived in and yes the place? The place ... Queens on Long Island was ordinary and yet extraordinary.

Looking back, this predominantly Italian neighborhood provided a strong, secure and close-knit family community to grow up in.

Attending Catholic School in the 50s and 60s was not just an education, but more of an expectation that included respect for authority, hard work and Sunday attendance at Mass. On the back of our report cards was a paragraph of what the parents had to do that began with, “The school needs your cooperation in aiding the growth of your child in religious habits, scholarship, health and character.” And they received it!

The guys commented that day on some of the pranks and scolding they received from the good sisters of the Ursuline Order. Sister Marguerite Torre, whose brother Joe guided the Yankees, was there to celebrate what she and the other sisters accomplished!

From accountants and an astronaut to the world of finance and entrepreneurs, all who attended marveled at that great moment in time we spent at The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary School from kindergarten through 8th grade.

I am glad I was there to share it!

Exploring New York

New York City is always a great city to explore. No matter how often you visit, you can always experience something new. That evening, we had dinner at a favorite restaurant of Pat Day of Ponte Vedra called Sparks Steakhouse, which is now added to my list of favorites. The next day, we reserved a clipper ship tour of the Statue of Liberty, followed by a tour of the Freedom Tower at 6 p.m. We discovered quite by accident that this is the very best time to go, as there were no lines. In fact, we were able to arrange dinner at the Top of the Tower. The Freedom Tower is a must see in New York. The tribute to the city, the people and all who died was so tastefully executed.

Not to be missed if you travel with your granddaughters is the play “Matilda” and a visit to the American Girl store. Both were wonderful! Other New York favorites are Angelo's in Little Italy, Sarabeths on the Park for lunch (where we celebrated Haley's 9th birthday), Serendipity for ice cream and Dylan's Candy Bar.

Our last night in New York was organized before we left Florida. In anticipation of the California primary win on Tuesday June 7, we applied for press credentials to attend Donald Trump's remarks, usually held at Trump Tower. The venue turned out to be at Trump National Golf Club in Westchester County, and we boarded the train at Grand Central Station to hear Mr. Trump!





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The Plantation at Ponte Vedra Beach offers the perfect lifestyle

By Kelly Whitaker and Wanda Petersen
RE/MAX Unlimited

This spectacular custom home in the premier community of The Plan-

built offices, a beautiful theater room, hobby room, separate gardening area and five garages – two of which are air conditioned and could easily be converted into an in-law suite.

home features an outdoor living area with a beautiful pool featuring a lap lane and a spa. This home has lots of natural light throughout and is all on one level. This stately home is waiting for its new owner to move

that preserves and enhances the basic course character and maintains the premier reputation of the golf course. It will feature two putting greens, three chipping areas, a full driving range and a teaching com-



tation at Ponte Vedra Beach features large bedrooms with en suite baths. In addition, there are two custom-

Nicely situated on an oversized lot overlooking both water and the 14th hole, the

in.

Currently the Plantation's golf course is nearing the final stages of a \$6 million renovation under the guidance of architect Greg Letsche. The objective of this revitalization project is to provide the membership of The Plantation with an ecological and sustainable golf course

plex. The course – which will offer players a challenging and gratifying golfing experience – is expected to re-open in early October.

In addition to magnificent homes and premier golf, The Plantation at Ponte Vedra Beach offers a spectacular private beach club with pool, team tennis, a full work-out facility, an amenity park with a manicured croquet lawn, a cutting-edge playground, walking paths and an open-air pavilion. There is something for everyone and every age at The Plantation. Summer camps are offered for the children, and bird watching groups and card groups are just a few of the social outlets for the residents.

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Summertime skin care

By Ponte Vedra Plastic Surgery staff



As aestheticians, we get asked a lot of questions about skincare, especially during the hot summer months. We've put together a list of the top "most commonly asked skincare questions" for the summertime and then combined our knowledge to provide easy and simple explanations. Enjoy!

What does sunscreen actually do? Depending on the type and its ingredients, sunscreens either absorb or reflect the rays from the sun that are harmful to your skin.

What does "SPF" mean? SPF stands for Sun Protection Factor. This refers to the amount of time you can stay in the sun before you start to burn. While this can vary depending on your skin type, on average it is usually about 10 minutes. So let's say you have a sunscreen with an SPF of

50. You would take the number 50 and multiply it by 10; this would give you 500 minutes of protection in the sun (about 8 hours.) If you have an SPF of 30, then you would multiply 30 times 10 and that would give you 300 minutes of protection (5 hours.) Keep this in mind the next time you go to purchase a sunscreen.

If I buy waterproof or sweat-resistant sunscreen, do I still need to reapply? Yes. Reapplying sunscreen is still vital, since the sunscreen comes off as you sweat, even if it's sweat resistant. As a rule of thumb, you should re-apply your sunscreen every hour

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regardless of how long you're outside or what the weather looks like.

Do I really need to wear sunscreen even if I'm inside most of the day? Absolutely! What people do not realize is that we receive UVA and UVB damage just from walking to our mailbox every day and from driving our cars (sun damage can occur to the skin even through glass.) We can also receive damage to our skin from something called HEV rays, which come from the electronic devices that we use every day (computers, iPads, phones, etc.) There is even something called infrared-A waves (heat waves) that travel farther than the UVA and UVB rays. This means that these waves penetrate deeper into your skin and cause more damage. That's right, you can receive damage to your skin from heat! That little bit of daily exposure accumulates over time and can cause increased signs of aging as well as possible skin cancer.

What's the good news about sun protection, you ask? Applying sunscreen is easy and fast, and we have some incredible options to tell you

about!

SkinMedica Total Defense and Repair SPF 50: This sunscreen contains a blend of powerful antioxidants including vitamin C and green tea. This advanced formula helps your sunscreen to shield your skin better from UVA, UVB and Infrared-A waves. What's more, it not only protects your skin from damage but also has anti-aging ingredients that aid in smoothing out fine lines and texture as well as evening out skin tone. It is oil free, fragrance free and great for all skin types!

ZO Smart Tone SPF 50: This broad-spectrum sunscreen protects against UVA, UVB and HEV rays that cause damage to the skin. It contains "color beads" that are designed to blend in to most skin tones, creating a natural tint on the complexion. This formula also contains fractionated melanin, which helps to shield against HEV rays that come from the electronic devices we use every day. Smart tone also contains vitamin C, which helps to even the skin tone, and skin conditioners to aid in youthful, soft and smooth looking skin. Just remember: "Smart Tone protects against your smart phone!"

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Mediterranean estate home offers upscale beach living

By Katie Hughes
RE/MAX Specialists

In the middle of a July summer in Northeast Florida, locals and residents new to the area all want to do the same thing: relax and cool off on the beautiful beaches of the Atlantic Ocean!

With a private community boardwalk to beach access, Ponte Vedra by the Sea is one of the most desir-

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500 South Sea Lake Lane is located within the gated Estates section of Ponte Vedra by the Sea on one of the largest, private waterfront lots. Situated on the long view of the lagoon, you can relax in your pool, spa, lanai and multiple balconies, enjoying ocean breezes and the sounds of the Atlantic. Take in the sun on the large paved deck, unwind with spa jets, or swim laps

room, plus two additional upstairs lofts.

The flexible floor plan and multiple living/entertaining spaces make this a great home for a variety of families. In addition to the breathtaking views, the home is finished with designer details, including hardwood flooring, a chef's kitchen with wood cabinets, granite countertops and stainless steel appliances including double ovens, gas cooking

the lanai and pool and is equipped with a full entertainer's bar, including cabinets with wine storage, wine fridge and ice maker.

The first floor expansive master suite opens to its own private lanai along the pool and offers wonderful water views. The custom-finished master bathroom features wood cabinets, premium granite, vessel sinks with waterfall faucets, a large garden tub and walk-in shower with



able and sought after communities in Ponte Vedra Beach. East of A1A, this neighborhood provides optimum proximity to the beach, with either adjacent public beach access or to the five-star Ponte Vedra Lodge

in your oversized 38-foot pool. With a large driveway and inviting curb appeal, this custom-built Mediterranean home has more than 4,800 square feet, 5 bedrooms, 6 bathrooms and a large upstairs bonus

and a chimney hood. The adjoining family room with a two-story coffered ceiling affords views of the pool and lagoon, and provides the perfect amount of natural light. The formal living room also opens to

dual showerheads. Another guest bedroom, full bathroom, plus an exterior pool bath are on the first floor as well.

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500 South Sea Lake Lane

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Enter the upstairs portion of the home from either the elegant wood foyer staircase or sisal carpeted family room stairs. The second floor holds 3 large bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, a large bonus/family room, a loft area and loft office space. All bedrooms have private en suite bathrooms, with one bedroom as a second master. Two of the bedrooms also open to balconies overlooking the pool and lagoon. The third upstairs bathroom has been completely renovated with the current coastal design trends and premium finishes of Carrera marble, white shaker style cabinets and chrome fixtures.

Everything about the home is completely custom – from the quality construction with Spanish tile roof and concrete block construction to beautifully designed kitchen and bathrooms, extensive moldings, tray ceilings, sisal carpeting in the upstairs, balconies, finished closets, extensive storage, central vacuum and walk-in wine room, plus a three-car garage. Combined with the best lot in the community, on



a cul-de-sac street and across from the community park, this home will truly provide “the beach life” in an

upscale fashion!
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listed by Mike McAfee and Katie Hughes. The property is offered at \$1,199,000.

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screen that provides safe, non-irritating protection from UVA and UVB rays. It is unique to most sunscreens, since it comes in a self-dispensing powder brush form, and has a natural sheer tint offered in a variety of different shades. We like to keep ours in our purses. This makes it easy to pull it out and re-apply it throughout the day. What’s great about this product is that it comes in a matte or shimmer finish so that you have the option of a non-shiny look or a luminous look. Some of our clients use the shimmer one on their kids to make applying sunscreen fun! It is fast, easy to apply (you simply brush it all over your face) and a convenient way to keep your skin protected on the go.

And finally, for the most popular summer skincare questions:

Is it ok to get chemical peels during the summer? Yes! It is perfectly safe as long as you protect your skin, reapply your sunscreen, wear a hat if outdoors and try not to get overheated. We have numerous patients who receive chemical peels all year round.

What are the best summertime skin care treatments?

We recommend Exfoliating Vitamin Infusion Facial. Perfect for summer, it is a great way to remove the dead skin cells and vellus hair (the fine hair that grows on the face). This leaves your skin looking smoother, brighter and healthier. After the dead cells are removed, the vitamins and nutrients can penetrate deeper into the skin for a long lasting glow. The antioxidants that are used in this treatment help to firm, tighten, plump and hydrate the skin, as well as boost collagen and elastin production to aide in eliminating fine lines. There is literally no down time and your skin will look amazing for days. It takes about 45 minutes and can be repeated as often as you want!

We also recommend the HydraFacial as a fabulous summertime treatment. This treatment deep cleanses, exfoliates and infuses meganutrients and plumping hyaluronic acid into the skin. You can certainly step it up a notch with HydraFacial Elite, where in addition to the HydraFacial we infuse growth factors into your skin. We top it off with red LED therapy; this magical combination builds major collagen! This

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By Christy Budnick

Broker/Executive Vice President
Berkshire Hathaway HSNFR

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Classic coastal residence in Plantation Oaks

By Murray and Elise Beard
Watson Realty Corp.

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Located on a quiet cul-de-sac, 825 Baytree Lane provides a great location for young kids to play in a low-traffic area.

The classic coastal style is present from the exterior accents through all the rooms in the house. As you enter, you will appreciate the beautiful hand-scraped hickory hardwood floors throughout much of the downstairs. The first floor is open for entertaining and family living. The kitchen is large, complete with Silestone counters and a wine cooler. The downstairs space incorporates today's style of open concept. The family room, kitchen and breakfast area all mesh together to provide a great living space for the family to gather together.

The large master bedroom suite has a sitting area with a large window seat that looks out to the pool and lanai. A stunning master bathroom was updated in 2014 with fixtures from Restoration Hardware and beautiful travertine tile throughout.

Upstairs is generally considered "the kids' space" with 4 spacious bedrooms along with a bonus (5th bedroom). There is plenty of space for family and visitors to enjoy their privacy. There's even a laundry chute to get all the dirty clothes



downstairs. One bedroom can serve as a potential "mother-in-law" suite for a live-in family member.

Many of the views in the house focus toward the large screened lanai and wooded backyard preserve, creating a truly private oasis. The backyard is the ultimate entertaining zone with a screened pool and lanai. The

solar-heated, saltwater pool includes a fully equipped summer kitchen and heated spa. You can even sleep in the hammock next to the fire pit.

The large three-car garage provides plenty of space for family vehicles plus all the storage any family could want.

Come visit this home to see what today's version of classic coastal decorating is all about.

825 Baytree Lane is represented by Watson Realty Corp. and listed by Murray and Elise Beard. The property is offered at \$999,990.

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Tips on how to prep your pool if a storm strikes

By Carrie Resch

Prepping your pool before a hurricane strikes is not something that's necessarily on your radar when a storm is approaching, but would you even know what to do to get your pool storm ready should the need arise?

With a little planning and preparation, you can protect your investment – and your property – from an impending hurricane, tropical storm or severe weather.

Sam Shaver, owner of the Ponte Vedra and Jacksonville Beach Pinch A Penny locations, said the main concern of their customers is the pool overflowing due to heavy rains.

"Ideally, (you should) lower the pool level to about 6 to 8 inches before the storm and if it does rain, the pool would be able to take the water to where it won't overflow," Shaver said.

It's important not to drain the pool completely, he said, because if the water table is high, the pool could pop up out of the ground.

The other concern is the chlorine level of the pool.

"You want to make sure that the chlorine levels are at the optimum between

two and four parts per million and ideally (you want) to shock the pool," Shaver said.

Shaver also recommended turning off all your equipment during the storm and said it's best to move any furniture or objects around the pool into the garage or away from open areas to avoid their becoming projectiles in strong winds.

After the storm, Shaver recommends that pool owners bring a sample of their water to the closest Pinch A Penny store and have a free seven-point test for water balance done. The customer will receive a print out of the results and can be advised about what action they need to take to get their pool back to optimum levels.

In addition, the Pinch A Penny Pool Patio & Spa website offers additional tips on what to do before the storm and after the storm:

Before the storm

- If you decide to remove any child safety fencing, do not allow children near the pool after the fence is removed.
- Shut down power at the breaker panel if there is a chance the pool motor

or other electrical equipment could be submerged.

- Sandbag the area around the motor or other electrical equipment if possible, wrap the exposed equipment in water-proof covering and tie it securely.
- Do not drain the pool completely.

If you decide to lower the water level to help prevent the pool from overflowing, it is not recommended to drain past the bottom of the skimmer, as running the pump dry can cause serious pump damage.

- Add extra liquid chlorine and circulate the pool as much as possible before the storm or add a 4-pound floating chlorinator to the pool to provide some sanitization in case you lose power and cannot run your pump. You may want to add an algicide to further prevent a

possible algae bloom.

After the storm

- Remove debris from the pool.
- Reset your circuit breaks and pump timer if you lost power during the storm.
- Remove any covering from the motor or other equipment to allow for airflow. If the pump motor has been submerged, it should be removed for professional cleaning and drying.
- Return the pool water to its proper level. Empty the pump and skimmer baskets and open the appropriate valves to allow water to circulate properly when the pump is turned back on.
- Repair or replace any screens, doors, fences or gates used to prevent children from entering your pool unattended.

Susan G. Komen North Florida to hold Great Gatsby Casino Night

Susan G. Komen North Florida will present its inaugural Great Gatsby Casino Night next month in support of breast cancer research and education.

To be held at the Sawgrass Marriott Resort and Spa from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Aug. 27, the event will feature classic casino games in addition to silent and live auctions. Executive Director Delores Wise said she hopes to see the festivities encourage breast health awareness.

"Early detection should be a priority in order to save more lives," Wise said. "What a fun and lighthearted way to give back to local women – and men – in need."

Online registration is now open for the event at www.komennorth-florida.org. Tickets are \$150 per person or \$275 per couple; proceeds benefit Susan G. Komen North Florida.

Upcoming events

The casino night is one of three upcoming Susan G. Komen events in North Florida. On Aug. 15, the Jacksonville Suns will team up with Komen North Florida to "knock breast cancer out of the park" with Pink Up the Park: Komen Night at the Suns,

as the team goes head to head with the Mississippi Braves. Proceeds from the ticket sales will benefit the organization, and tickets (\$9) can be purchased online at Komen North Florida's website.

On Oct. 15, meanwhile, the 22nd annual North Florida Race for the Cure will be held in a new location. St. Johns Town Center will play host to the organization's biggest event of the year. With registered capacity for the race topping at 6,000 runners, participants are encouraged to register early. This year, Susan G. Komen North Florida has set a fundraising goal of \$480,000 with just over 10 percent of that goal currently achieved. The race site will open at 6 a.m. Oct. 15. Racers may register online.

The North Florida Affiliate of Susan G. Komen was founded in 1995, and has awarded more than \$1.9 million to area hospitals and clinics to provide necessary services – such as mammograms, biopsies, education, testing and transportation assistance – to North Florida residents. Through events such as Race for the Cure, the affiliate has invested more than \$2 million in local breast health programs.



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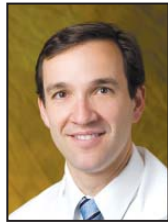
By Dr. Anthony Magnano
Special to the Recorder

Hurricane season is underway, and while most people prepare their homes and families when a storm hits, they don't always take steps to protect their hearts.

Not only can hurricanes and other weather emergencies result in a loss of food, water and medical care, but they can also lead to significant stress that can be fatal for those with heart disease. By managing your stress and taking a few extra precautions, you can stay heart-healthy during a weather emergency.

Control stress

Hurricanes, tornadoes and other emergencies can cause acute stress that increases your risk of heart attack or stroke. In fact, a study from the American Heart Association found that after Hurricane Sandy, the hardest-hit counties in New Jersey experienced a 22 percent increase in fatal heart attacks. Acute stress can reduce control of your blood pres-



Dr. Anthony Magnano

sure, increase heart rate and cause more forceful heart muscle contractions, according to the American Psychological Association. During an anxiety-provoking event such as a weather emergency, you can use several methods to help manage your stress. Practice breathing from your diaphragm, focus on relaxing your muscles and do moderate exercise. The ultimate way to relieve stress – and the best way to ensure your safety – is to evacuate if you know a storm is approaching.

Prepare healthy meals and medication

Every household should have a stock of healthy, non-perishable food items in case of a power outage, but it's especially important to include diet-specific foods for family members

with heart disease that meet their need for proteins, vitamins, fruits and vegetables. Ideal proteins during a storm include canned meats, chili, beans, nuts and all-natural protein powders. Energy bars, crackers, dried fruit, unsweetened applesauce and low-sodium canned vegetables are other good food sources. While you should have non-perishable food sources if the power goes out, you can still eat perishable foods in the freezer for up to 24 hours, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

In addition to heart-healthy meals, make sure to refill any heart medications prior to a storm, stock up on any medical supplies you will need and stay hydrated.

Know the signs of a heart attack

Medical services may be more difficult for you to reach, and to reach you, during a storm. Being aware of the early warning signs of a heart attack can help you get assistance for yourself or a loved one in time. Though some heart attacks are sud-

den and intense, most begin with mild pain or discomfort, according to the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute. Symptoms of a heart attack include: chest discomfort that lasts more than a few minutes, shortness of breath, cold sweats, nausea and discomfort in other areas of the upper body, including the arms, back, neck, jaw or stomach.

If you believe you or a loved one might be having a heart attack, call 911 immediately. It's also helpful to know CPR in case anyone should ever experience a cardiac arrest in your presence, as this could be a lifesaving measure.

Although a major storm can be stressful, with the right preparations, knowledge and stress-management tools, you can ensure your heart outlasts any emergency.

Dr. Anthony Magnano is a Ponte Vedra resident and cardiac electrophysiologist at St. Vincent's Medical Center Riverside. For more information on Dr. Magnano and his specialty treating Atrial fibrillation, visit AfibJax.com.

St. Nicholas, Beaches car washes sold to Interlinx

The St. Nicholas and Beaches car washes have been sold to Jacksonville-based Interlinx Technologies, Gateway Business Advisors announced.

Owned and operated by the Lindley family since it was built in 1969, the St. Nicholas Car Wash is one of the oldest family-owned car washes in the region. The late George H. Lindley began his car wash business in 1952 with a location at the foot of the Main Street Bridge. At that time, it was on the main route through Jacksonville. He opened two more in subsequent years, including one in the Stockton Street area and then the St. Nicholas Car Wash.

"Cars came from up north and were filthy from the snow," said son George A. Lindley, who took over the St. Nicholas location in 1971 from

his father and bought the Beaches Car Wash in 1988. "People would drive right to us as soon as they got into town. I was raised in the car wash business."

The sale of the car washes came about when Interlinx engaged Gateway Business Advisors to find a company in which to invest. Interlinx President David Johnson said the company was looking for a long-standing local business that included real estate. Discussions to purchase the St. Nicholas location quickly progressed to an agreement to buy both the St. Nicholas and Beaches car washes, once the parties began to negotiate.

"Gateway Business Advisors knew the Jacksonville market well and was instrumental in helping us find what we were looking for," Johnson said.

"We looked at a number of companies in different industries, but the stability and quality of these car washes were very attractive. The fact that they were local landmarks, had been in business for so long and had a satisfied clientele sold us."

Gateway Business Advisors President Gary Hallett noted, "When you have a strong business that is well-run and cooperation from both buyer and seller, that makes for a successful deal. It was also positive because the buyers were respectful and appreciative of the existing businesses and the great service that they currently provide."

While Interlinx has short-term plans for some renovations at the St. Nicholas location, the overall formula and operation of the car washes will remain the same. Lindley will remain

on board as a consultant during the initial transition. Many employees at the car washes have been there for decades, and Interlinx plans to maintain and encourage the cohesive team atmosphere.

"In an industry that typically has a lot of turnover, it is so refreshing to have a company where the employees understand the vision and take pride in their work," said Interlinx Vice President Brian Martin. "These car washes have provided a great experience for customers that we want to continue. We are extremely excited to be able to carry on the Lindley legacy."

The St. Nicholas Car Wash is located at 3237 Beach Blvd. just southeast of downtown Jacksonville. Beaches Car Wash is located at 1401 Beach Blvd. in Jacksonville Beach.

Afternoon Insight: Sea Turtles

The GTM Research Reserve invites the public to join them Wednesday, Aug. 17 from 3 to 4 p.m. to learn more than you ever wanted to know about sea turtles.

This event is part of a series of monthly Afternoon Insight events which take place on the third Wednesday of every month, where visitors can learn about plant and animal life found in estuarine habitats. Each month will feature a new topic led by volunteer docents

as well as researchers and members of environmental organizations.

The event will take place at the Environmental Education Center, 505 Guana River Road in Ponte Vedra Beach. Attendees can enjoy free admittance to the Exhibit Hall before the lecture.

To register for the event, call (904) 823-4500 or visit www.gtmnerr.org/visit/events to register online.

Sing Out Loud festival to feature hundreds of free performances

Festival signature event of 'Sounds of Summer Celebration'

The Indigo Girls, Brandi Carlile, Booker T. Jones and The Travelin' McCourys are just a few of the more than 100 artists who will present free performances as part of the Sing Out Loud Festival announced by county cultural and tourism officials last week.

To be held Aug. 26 through Sept. 11 at the St. Augustine Amphitheatre, Colonial Quarter, Downtown Plaza and other venues across St. Augustine, the festival is being billed as the largest free music festival ever held in St. Johns County. To be presented over the course of three weekends, the event is being sponsored by Community First Credit Union in collaboration with the St. Johns Cultural Council and Tourism Development Council.

"The Sing Out Loud Festival is a true St. Augustine celebration of music that spans as much of the musical genre spectrum as possible, showing the world what this community has to offer," said Ryan Murphy, director of the St. Johns County Cultural Events Division. "We proudly offer this festival at no charge to music fans of all ages and musical tastes..."

All concerts are free and open to the public, including the Sept. 9 Main Showcase at the amphitheatre featuring Brandi Carlile,

Indigo Girls, Booker T. Jones and The Travelin' McCourys. Fans may secure reserved seats, however, by making a \$5 donation to OneOrlando via Ticketmaster or by reserving a Sing Out Loud hotel package with one of the dozen partner hotels. Visit www.singoutloudfestival.com for details on securing reserved seats.

The Sing Out Loud Festival is the feature event of the Sounds of Summer Celebration, a variety of arts, culture, music and entertainment events scheduled for August and September in St. Augustine and Ponte Vedra. Sounds of Summer events include the Sing Out Loud Festival, Castillo Centennial celebrations, the Spanish Wine Festival, Lincolnville Festival, film and performing arts productions, culinary events and more. A complete listing of Sounds of Summer events is available at www.soundsofsummer-events.com.

"The Sing Out Loud Festival is an all-inclusive celebration of music," Murphy said. "It encompasses as many musical genres as possible - from the guy with a laptop kicking out crazy electronic music to the five-piece Americana jam session. To offer this celebration of music to the community for free is exceptional..."



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New documentary spotlights work of K9s for Warriors

Jacksonville screening beginning of national exposure for film, nonprofit

By Jennifer Logue

Jacksonville's San Marco Theatre played host to a special private screening last week of a new documentary that spotlights the efforts of K9s for Warriors to train and pair service dogs with veterans dealing with PTSD and traumatic brain injury.

Held July 21, the screening was preceded by a red carpet reception at Grape & Grain attended by K9s for Warriors staff, supporters, volunteers – and canines. Volunteer Mary Daniel was accompanied by service dog Delaney – named for retired Rear Admiral Kevin Delaney – while K9s for Warriors "Puppy Raiser Advisor" Barbara Jennings brought Victory.

"We are very excited to see the film," Jennings said prior to the screening. "The documentary shows a K9s for Warriors graduation class where Victory's sister, Faith, graduated with a veteran."

The name of the veteran paired with Faith? Christian. "Sometimes I think the matches are just meant to be," Daniel said with a smile. "I know Delaney will definitely be paired with a Navy veteran to honor (Rear Admiral Delaney) and that tradition."

Also on hand for the event were representatives from Early Times® Kentucky Whisky, which produced the short documentary.

"Early Times has a long history of working with veterans," said Senior Brand Manager Marc Hindorff. "We were looking for a veterans' organization to partner with and came across K9s for Warriors. We were just so impressed by the tremendous job they were doing helping veterans get back into society."

What particularly moved Early Times, Hindorff said, was hearing from K9s for Warriors graduates about how the program essentially gave them their lives back.

"We thought, 'How do we get that message out?'" Hindorff said. "The idea for the documentary just grew from there."

Working with K9s for Warriors, Early Times connected with retired Army Sergeant First Class Joe Swoboda and his service dog, Lilly – both of whom were present for last week's screening.

"We met Joe and instantly fell in love with him," Hindorff said. "He has such a great heart and is so passionate about helping other veterans, and the documentary has given him a platform to reach even more of them."

'Reinforcements'

Titled "Reinforcements," the documentary follows Swoboda on a five-day road trip with a young veteran named Travis who is struggling with PTSD. When Swoboda first proposes the trip from Washington DC to K9s for Warriors' Camp K9 in Ponte Vedra, Travis is hesitant.

"I can't really deal with crowds and public places anymore," he says in the film, later noting, "When I came home, I didn't do anything. I didn't talk to anyone, I didn't eat...It doesn't go away. There's no off switch."

Swoboda assures him, though, that he will be there to assist him and the two begin their road trip by first visiting Arlington National Cemetery. From there, the pair travel to Kentucky, where they visit an Early Times barreling plant and pick up some dog houses made from barrels to deliver to Camp K9. While there, they meet with another K9s for Warriors graduate, who tells Travis that prior to the program, he was taking a "bag full of medications" from the VA that he feared was

only making his condition worse.

Then, while training with his service dog at Camp K9, the veteran recalls, a thunderstorm triggered a nightmare. "Skip woke me up licking my face," he recalls, "and I said, 'I'm not taking any more meds from the VA.'"

The pair met with another K9s for Warriors graduate in Georgia before arriving in Ponte Vedra to attend the K9s for Warriors graduation and present a donation from Early Times to the program. As the film concludes, Travis's outlook appears to have improved and he expresses renewed hope for the future.

Following the San Marco screening, Hindorff noted that "Reinforcements" has been entered for consideration into 30 film festivals, and has already been accepted into the Louisville International Film Festival. After being shown on the festival circuit, he said, the film will be made available for public viewing, which Early Times hopes will raise awareness of the issues facing returning veterans.

"We throw the term 'PTSD' out there a lot without really understanding what that means," he said. "I think the film does a really good job of showing what veterans go through."

Swoboda agreed.

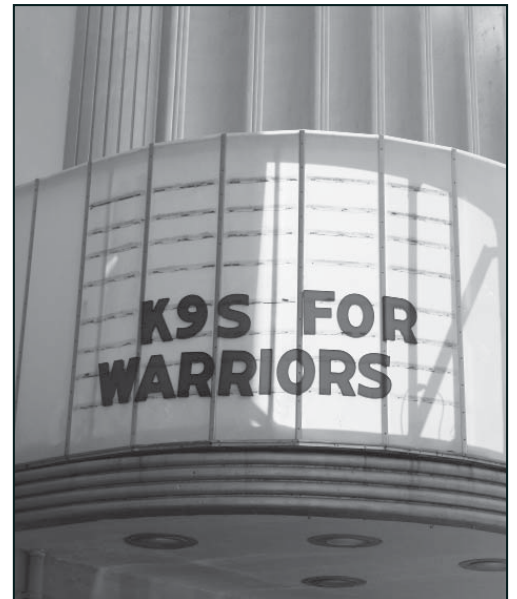
"We know driving down I-95 there are no IEDs, we know that," he said. "But soldiers get so used to being on patrol in these dangerous areas. You get so used to looking at every piece of trash, every movement, every person around you, it drives you crazy. It gets to a point that vets just don't want to come out of their house."

Swoboda is pleased that "Reinforcements" has been entered in so many film festivals for the exposure it will bring to PTSD and the help that programs such as K9s for Warriors can offer to veterans who are struggling to reintegrate into civilian society.

"I want to stop the suicides," Swoboda said. "I hope every vet in the country gets to see this film, so they'll know that there is life after combat. It won't be the same, but it can be great."



Veteran Joe Swoboda and his service dog Lilly



Photos by Jennifer Logue

The historic San Marco Theatre hosted the special screening.



Barbara Jennings and service dog Victory and Mary Daniel with service dog Delaney attend the pre-screening reception.



Early Times Senior Brand Manager Marc Hindorff

Predicting The Future



By Frederic Schilling

Frederic Schilling
Columnist

One of the questions increasingly being asked these days has to do with the timing of the next recession. There are those who see the current economic climate remaining in place for years and those who see a recession in our near future. On what does the second group base their opinion?

- The very slow to flat growth in U.S. Gross Domestic Product (GDP), a measure of the output of all goods and services produced in this country annually. A healthy growth rate is in the 4 to 5 percent range; a modest growth rate is 2 to 3 percent. Our current growth rate may slip toward 1 percent this year. A recession is defined as two consecutive quarters of negative GDP growth – we are closer to that now.

- The declining jobs growth as reported in recent monthly jobs numbers coupled with an increase in weekly unemployment claims. Many see this trend as an early predictor of a recession, as fewer people working results in reduced consumption, which in turn causes a recession.

- Decreasing to non-existent corporate profitability. The earnings reports on corporate profitability for the first quarter of this year were largely underwhelming, with many corporations reporting lower profitability than was predicted despite fairly modest predictions. This trend suggests that a recession may already exist in the manufacturing sector and could easily spread to other sectors.

Those who disagree with this assessment suggest that the election of a new president, with the expectation of

policy changes, economic stimulus and a possible reduction in taxes will get the economy moving and keep us out of a recession. While that argument holds promise, we'll all have to wait until November to see the outcome of the race for the White House. More government spending, which will cause the already voluminous national debt to balloon even further, will not be a great move for the economy as a whole.

I cannot predict the future any more accurately than anyone else, but if historical trends mean anything, we are closer to a recession than some will admit and just a few negative surprises away from a market correction.

That being said, ask yourself if it is indeed time to review your investment strategy and position yourself to withstand the next downturn so your future plans are not jeopardized.

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GTM Research Reserve new volunteer orientation

GTM Research Reserve will offer an introduction to the volunteer program to those who sign up for the Friday, Aug. 5 new volunteer orientation at 11:30 a.m.

Participants will learn about the background and history of the reserve, volunteer opportunities available to you, volunteer expectations and benefits, and tour the Environmental Education Center.

For more information, contact Shannon Rininger, volunteer coordinator, at (904) 823-4500 or email her at Shannon.Rininger@dep.state.fl.us.

The orientation will take place at the GTM Research Reserve Environmental Education Center, 505 Guana River Road, Ponte Vedra Beach. For more information about the volunteer program or to fill out a volunteer application, visit www.gtmnerr.org/ volunteer.

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Ponte Vedra Beach youth among winners at Junior Golf Tour's Major Championship

Will McGriff, 12, of Ponte Vedra Beach took home the first place trophy in the boys 11 to 13 division of the Hurricane Junior Golf Tour's Major Championship.

Held July 16-17 at Mohegan Sun, the top performers and champions of the boys and girls divisions received points for the Junior Golf Scoreboard Ranking. The winner of each division was invited to play in the national championship to be held in December, and the top 10

finishers received points towards the Hurricane Cup.

McGriff kept a comfortable lead throughout the day to take home the victory with a score of 169. He also placed first for the streak for the most birdies with two, and the longest bogey-free streak of four holes.

Bijah LaFollette of New York finished second with a two-day total of 186, while Cameron Bruan of Scarsdale, New York

finished third with a total of 203.

Among boys under 10, Dane LaFollette from New York was the champion, shooting a two-day total of 244.

In the boys 14 to 15 division, Burton Fricke of Mendham, New Jersey claimed the first place trophy, shooting a final round of 81 and winning by nine shots. Colin Cusa of Westport, Connecticut earned a second place trophy with a two-day total of 175. Steven Wieder from Bronxville, New York came in third place with a two-day total of 196. Fricke and Cusa tied for the lead birdies with two, while Fricke led in total pars per category with 15.

In the boys 16 to 18 set, Aj Sanzaro from Whethersfield, Connecticut was the champion, shooting a final round of 75. Jack O'Hara of Loudonville, New York and Dustin Cook of Westport, Connecticut tied for second with a two-day total of 154. The longest bogey-free streak went to Sanzaro and Cook with nine holes.

In the girls 14 to 18 division, Gabrielle Correia from Yorktown Heights, New York was the champion. She shot a final round of 82, edging out Alexandra



Sazhin by two strokes. Sazhin, from New Fairfield, Connecticut, finished second with a two-day total of 161. Theresa Luu from Mullica Hill, New Jersey finished third with 165. Sazhin led the birdie category with five, and Luu led the bogey-free streak category with six holes.

In the under 13 division, Sydney Nethercott earned a first place trophy. Nethercott shot 32, edging out Caitlin Tully by 8 shots. Tully, from Brewster, New York, finished second with a two-day total of 174, and Bimba Carpenter finished in third with 182. Nethercott also led with bogey-free streaks with five holes, and led the par category with 18.

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Jacksonville Area Golf Association presents scholarships to local students

Five local students received scholarships from the Jacksonville Area Golf Association (JAGA) recently, bringing the total amount of scholarships awarded by the organization to more than \$1 million.

Students receiving scholarships included Kelly Barrett, who plans to study at Florida Gulf Coast University; Connor Battreall (University of North Florida); Hannah Berman (University of West Florida); Sydney Leeger (University of Alabama); and Emily Root (U.S. Naval Academy.) The awards were presented July 21 at a dinner held at Queen's Harbour Yacht & Country Club.

This year marked JAGA's inaugural presentation of the Bill Black Award in honor of the long-time JAGA director who believed in creating a scholarship for area golfers.

"No one volunteered his time to this game like Bill," said Jim Howard, director of golf at the Ponte Vedra Inn & Club. "He loved every part of it, especially working on junior events and supporting the future of golf. He set a personal example for me and stood for what JAGA is all about."

The inaugural award was presented to Ponte Vedra resident Hannah Berman, who was sponsored by Sawgrass Country Club.

local golf community. I hope someday people will say the same kind things about me."

Berman graduated this year from Ponte Vedra High School, where she was a two-time captain of the golf team, two-time team MVP, the St. Augustine Record County Golfer of the Year and a three-time Florida Times-Union All First Coast First Team selection. She was recognized nationally with the 2015 USGA/AJGA Presidents' Leadership Award for her community service work and played in the 2015 U.S. Women's Amateur Championship. Berman will play her college golf at the University of West Florida, where she plans to study International Business.

"All of these kids have done incredible things on and off the course," said Randy Nader, JAGA director and Berman's sponsors. "Hannah truly exemplified what this game is all about — not just playing well, but giving back to the community. We know that she and all of these incredible young people will represent JAGA, Jacksonville and the game with the respect it deserves."

In 1974 JAGA established the JAGA



Ponte Vedra resident Hannah Berman receives the Bill Black Award from JAGA Director Randy Nader (left) and Jim Howard, director of golf at the Ponte Vedra Inn & Club.

Charitable Trust with just a \$150 contribution from the association's general fund. Since then, the scholarship fund has grown through contributions from JAGA member clubs, golf tournaments and private donations, and there have been hundreds of scholarships awarded to deserving young people totaling more than \$1 million. Each year, the volunteer organization recognizes college-bound golfers who not only excelled on the course, but also made contributions to their communities and set an example that honors the game.

"This dinner is as much about the families as it is about the kids," JAGA Director and Scholarship Fund Chair Ken Hicks said. "It takes a strong team of people, a lot of sacrifice and good examples to develop such good kids. We are equally proud of the parents in this room."



Photos courtesy of JAGA

Recipients of JAGA scholarships include Connor Battreall, Kelly Barrett, Bill Black Award recipient Hannah Berman, Emily Root and Sydney Leeger.

"It is an honor to be viewed by JAGA as someone who deserves this kind of recognition, and I know I speak on behalf of all of us when I say how grateful we are that they support what we do inside and outside the ropes," Berman said. "It is truly humbling to receive this particular award because of what Mr. Black meant to the

NFL star Doug Flutie to speak at Flagler athletics scholarship banquet



Photo courtesy of Flagler College
Doug Flutie

Former NFL quarterback, Heisman Trophy recipient and football commentator Doug Flutie will speak on the importance of being a student athlete as this year's keynote speaker for Flagler College's annual Crimson

& Gold Athletics Banquet.

To be held Oct. 6 in Flagler's Ponce Hall, the event will begin at 6 p.m. with a social and a silent auction, followed by dinner and a live auction

beginning at 7 p.m. Proceeds from the banquet benefit the Flagler College Athletics Scholarship Fund, which supports student athletes.

For more information on the Crimson & Gold Banquet or to purchase tickets, contact Director of College Relations Laura Stevenson Dumas at 904-819-6205 or collegelrelations@flagler.edu.

Currently the lead analyst for NBC Sports Group's coverage of Notre Dame Football, Flutie serves as an analyst for NBC Sports Group's NFL shoulder programming, which includes Pro Football Talk on NBCSN.

The retired quarterback is perhaps best known for his famous "Hail Mary" pass that gave Boston College the win over the University of Miami in the 1984 Orange Bowl. He went on to play

in the United States Football League and then the Chicago Bears and New England Patriots through the late 1980s. He then played in the Canadian Football League for eight years and was named the league's "Most Outstanding Player" an unprecedented six times. In 1998 he signed with the National Football League's Buffalo Bills, was selected for the NFL Pro Bowl and carried the Bills to the playoffs. At the age of 38, Flutie signed a contract with the San Diego Chargers to become their starting quarterback. After four seasons with the Chargers, he was offered the opportunity to finish his career with his hometown team, the New England Patriots.

Flutie achieved numerous honors during his college and professional football career, including All American

at Boston College, College Football Player of the Year, 1984 Heisman Trophy Winner, and Grey Cup Most Valuable Player (1991-1994/1996/1997).

Flutie graduated from Boston College with degrees in Communications and Computer Science and is married to his high-school sweetheart, Laurie Flutie, and is the father of two children. He and his wife established the Doug Flutie, Jr. Foundation for Autism in 1998 in the name of their son Dougie, Jr., to help less-fortunate families who have children with autism. He also created the cereal Flutie Flakes, the proceeds from which benefit the foundation. The Flutie Foundation has raised more than \$12 million for autism causes.



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55th annual Jacksonville Men's Amateur Golf Championship July 28-30

The 55th annual Jacksonville Men's Amateur Golf Championship begins Thursday, with 69 players scheduled to vie for the title through Saturday (July 28-30) at Queen's Harbour Yacht & Country Club.

For the first time, the World Amateur Golf Ranking (WAGR) will recognize the Jacksonville Amateur Championship by awarding points to its top finishers.

Notables in the field include:

- Former Jacksonville Amateur Championship winners Mike Bodney (1990), Ken Moody (2004), David Anthony (2006) and Duke Butler IV (2009)
- 2016 JAGA Senior Championship winner John Lobb
- 2016 JAGA Match Play Championship winner Michael Smith
- 2016 Underwood Cup Amateur Team members Matthew Salane, Smith, Lobb, Anthony and Moody
- Jacksonville University golf team members Zachary Allgood and Sam Uhlund
- University of North Florida golf team members Jordan Batchelor and Jack Comstock
- Former PGA TOUR member Mike Bodney
- Former Jacksonville Jaguar Josh Scobee

A total of 27 players in the field have handicap index figures of 0 or less, with another seven ranging between 0.1 and 1.

With the JAGA tournament committee granting limited entries from players who reside outside JAGA's north Florida/South Georgia region, the field also includes golfers who are members of the University of Central Florida (Jalen Ledger/Palm Beach Gardens), Kansas University (Brock Drogosch/Windermere) and the University of the Pacific (Josh Rippert/Palm Beach Gardens).

A link to groupings and tee times for Thursday's first round is available on the home page of www.jaxareagolf.org. Tee times will run from 8 to 10 a.m. all three days.

Queen's Harbour Yacht & Country Club is located on Atlantic Boulevard, between San Pablo and Hodges boulevards in Jacksonville.

The championship is open to the public all three days and for the first time in the history of the championship JAGA will provide online scoring updates at jaga.leaderboardking.com.

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