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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 the Porpoise Point sign in Vilano Beach. Winner of the random drawing was Lana Bandy - congratulations, Lana! You may pick up your prize at the Recorder office during regular business

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Solutions correspond to last week's puzzles



PVPV/Rawlings students hold pep rally for Turtle Trot Fund Run



Students at PVPV/Rawlings Elementary School held a pep rally on Sept. 29 in advance of the Turtle Trot Fund Run scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 20. The Turtle Trot Fund Run is the school's largest fundraiser. Sponsored by the PTO and Coastal Luxury Outdoors, the event encourages physical fitness

for all PreK through 5th grade students while raising money for the school. Students were excited to learn that this year the funds will be used to revitalize the school's playgrounds and outdoor space. Donations may be made online at http://pvpvrawlingspto.wildapricot.org/.



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Ponte Vedra woman aims to make Halloween food-allergy friendly

By Jasmine Marshall

In a small orange pail fashioned in the likeness of a jack-o-lantern, candies and treats overflow with each passing hour. At first glance, the colorful array of wrapped candies and treats appear harmless. But for parents like Kristin Lunsford, who have children with food allergies, raking through pounds of sweets earned from a night of trick-or-treating can be a stressful and isolating process.

Lunsford's children, Jake and Abby, were both diagnosed with food allergies as infants, and she and her family have taken up the constant work of researching new meals, medical advancements and food allergy awareness events ever since.

"(Our children) both have food allergies and we always work to make sure our kids are able to participate in things (like trickor-treating) just like the other kids do," she said. "It's heartbreaking to watch your kids be excluded or unable to enjoy special treats at places like other kids do. The holidays can be so much fun for children so we try to make sure they get to experience that same joy and not be left out."

It was for that reason, Lunsford said, that finding out about the Teal Pumpkin Project was so helpful

Created by awareness activities run by the Food Allergy Community of East Tennessee, the Teal Pumpkin Project was launched in 2014 as a national campaign by Food Allergy Research and Education to promote the inclusion and safety of children with food allergies during Halloween.



Lunsford Family

Photos courtesy of/

family

provided by Lunsford

The premise is simple: Neighbors pick up small, inexpensive toys or other nonfood treats to hand out on Halloween, offer them in bowls or containers separate from food and candy and place either a pumpkin painted teal – the official color of food allergy awareness - or a printed sign outside of their homes to indicate to passersby that the home is "teal," or food-allergy friendly.

Equipped with the knowledge of the project's mission, Lunsford is now encouraging other families to help keep the holiday safe by painting Ponte Vedra teal. Seeking help among neighbors in the Plantation community, Lunsford is suggesting that residents make non-edible treats such as stickers, bracelets, glow sticks, markers and bouncy balls available throughout the night as an alternative. In addition, she suggested they also put out a separate container of candies that are allergen-friendly - treats like Dum Dums, Smarties,

Starbursts, Skittles and Sour Patch Kids – so that children with food allergies can enjoy them. Lunsford has also offered to place a small teal pumpkin cutout in the yards of neighbors willing to participate.

It's a call many community members have been happy to answer, she said. The welcome response came as a relief to Lunsford and her husband, Brian, after the family's recent move to Ponte Vedra from Atlanta. "Within minutes of sending out the email about the Teal Pumpkin Project, we received dozens of responses from people wanting to participate," she said, adding that she hopes the trial run of the project has a lasting impact on the community in the future.

For Lunsford, the importance of community awareness of food allergies can't be ignored. According to The Teal Pumpkin Project, one in 13 kids has a food allergy -

but many people aren't aware of how many common allergens, such as wheat, nuts and dairy, are ingredients in food and candy commonly given out during Halloween. Likewise, candies packaged in large quantities often don't have labels for parents to refer to in order to check their ingredients. And when even a small amount of an allergen can cause a severe or life-threatening reaction, she says every precaution needs to be taken.

"Even a tiny crumb could hurt our kids, especially when they're so little," she said. "It really does take a village (to help). A reaction can occur in an instant and without warning, so it's important that not only parents but also the community helps keep people with life-threatening food allergies

With a promising show of support from the community, Lunsford is optimistic about efforts to inform others of the life-threatening allergies in her community in the future.

"I hope this raises awareness for food allergies – not just at Halloween, but at all times," she said. "I'm also hopeful that people think about all children and do a little extra throughout the year to make sure all kids are included and safe. It might seem like a small gesture, but it means the world to families with food allergies, and it could save a life."

For more information about the Teal Pumpkin Project – including what nonfood treats are best for kids with different allergens, a "fever map" of participating homes and ways to spread awareness about the campaign – visit www.foodallergy.org/ teal-pumpkin-project.

7th annual McKenzie's Run to be held Nov. 19

By Carrie Resch

The 7th annual McKenzie's Run will take place Saturday, Nov. 19 at EverBank

Proceeds from the annual 5K run/walk and 1-mile fun run benefit the McKenzie Noelle Wilson Foundation, an organization formed to honor the legacy of 15-year-old McKenzie Wilson, a Ponte Vedra resident and Bolles School student who died in 2010 from a sudden illness.

Wilson was passionate about helping others, which became the basis of the foundation.

McKenzie's Run began in 2010. Since then, the event has drawn ever more participants, with more than 3,800 participants in 2015.

"Every year we're trying to hit that target goal and make an even bigger splash in Jacksonville," foundation volunteer Tori Pappas said. "We're hoping to hit around 4,000 this year."

Pappas, who has been heavily involved with the race since its inception in 2010, was close friends with Wilson.

"The foundation has been such a special thing to carry on with her passing," Pappas said. "We're able to carry on her legacy of just making an impact locally and globally as well; it's been a nice way to carry out her kindness. Even though she's not here with us, she's here in spirit."

McKenzie's Run is the foundation's biggest fundraiser, with proceeds going to the foundation's local and global efforts.

"The run is so important because it helps get the word out about what we are doing and share McKenzie's story," MNWF Director Adrian Gibbs said.

The run, which will wind through the streets of downtown Jacksonville, will begin this year on Gator Bowl Boulevard and end as usual at EverBank Field. But new this year, runners will have the chance to make a lap around the field and see themselves cross the finish line on the stadium's enormous video screens.

Having a chance to be on the actual football field at the stadium is a momentous event, Gibbs stated.

"Not many people in Jacksonville have the opportunity to be on the field, so I think that is definitely something that sets us apart," Gibbs said.

The 1-mile fun run will begin at 9:30 a.m., followed by the 5K run/walk at $10\,$ a.m. Jacksonville Jaguar Head Coach Gus Bradley will again serve as captain, kicking off the run.

The registration fee for the 5K is \$25 until Nov. 14. \$30 until Nov. 18 and \$35 day of race. The 1-mile fun run is \$10. Teams of three or more people for the 5K run/walk are \$15 per participant, \$20 per participant day of race. Register online at mckenziesrun.org. Online registration closes Nov. 16.

Race day activities will include live



Photo courtesy of McKenzie Noelle Wilson Foundation

entertainment and games, a photo booth, an appearance by Jaxson de Ville and autograph signing by the ROAR cheerleaders. There will be a post-run celebration with an awards ceremony for the top male and female finishers in each category.

McKenzie Noelle Wilson Foundation

The MNWF is a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping foster youth's potential. The organization's outreach programs – both local and international – focus on youth development. Youth are encouraged to volunteer, get involved, grow spiritually and participate in random acts of kindness.

In 2014, the foundation made a commitment to donate \$1 million over five years for after-school tutoring and mentoring, teen development and early learning programs for youth at McKenzie's Academic Resource Centers (MARC) in Jacksonville. The centers offer peer-to-peer online tutoring for at-risk youth.

The organization also encourages kids to become involved with McKenzie Clubs, designed to unite students across Jacksonville through volunteerism at charity events. Currently, McKenzie Clubs have been established at Bolles High School, Bolles Middle School, Episcopal High School, Ponte Vedra High School, Providence High School, Atlantic Coast High School, Fletcher High School, MARC at Portside and MARC at Countryside.

Internationally, the foundation has partnered with the Okoa Refuge orphanage in Uganda, to build new dormitories for the children. The dormitories are known as Amaka ga McKenzie, which translates to The McKenzie Home.

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Dr. Katherine Falwell is a clinical child psychologist and the chief executive officer of Keystone Behavioral Pediatrics and Keystone Child Development Center. She lives in Ponte Vedra with her husband Breon and three children.

By Jennifer Logue

What services do Keystone Behavioral Pediatrics and Keystone Child Development Center provide?

Keystone Behavioral Pediatrics offers integrated healthcare by a collaborative, interdisciplinary team of 130 child psychologists, mental health counselors, social workers, behavior analysts and technicians, speech and language pathologists, occupational therapists, teachers, and pediatrician working in 17 specialized clinics. We focus on health and wellness, the whole child, and all issues that affect a child's potential for success including physical, developmental, learning, behavioral and social-emotional issues. We believe that early identification, intervention and treatment are the most effective ways to maximize potential and prevent major challenges throughout a child's life. To accomplish these goals, we offer a wide spectrum of care, including outpatient, day treatment, educational, community and home-based programs.

Keystone Child Development Center offers safe, nurturing and stimulating preschool and early intervention services from infancy through kindergarten. We have a minimum of two teachers in each classroom and a child development team that works with the teachers to focus on intellectual social and behavioral success for each child. With maximum class sizes of 12, we are able to create individualized learning plans. We also offer a Before and After School Enrichment Membership Program open to all children in the com-

What led you to focus on behavioral pediatrics?

After I completed my postdoctoral residency at the University of Florida, I became part of the faculty at University of Florida in the Department of Behavior Analysis. I became aware that Northeast Florida needed more comprehensive pediatric services than it had available at the time to meet the growing numbers of children with unique needs. I took the opportunity to open Keystone Behavioral Pediatrics in 2008 and develop my idea of collaborative, integrated healthcare. In 2013, I opened Keystone Child Development Center because I believe passionately in research that supports the importance of providing individualized instruction and support as early as possible in a young child's life. I designed KCDC to focus on all aspects of a child – mind, body and soul – to offer children the best opportunity for success in elementary school and throughout life.

What sort of behavioral disorders does Keystone

We work with children from one month old to 22 years old on all types of behavioral, developmental, socio-emotional, physical and learning issues in four types of clinics: assessment clinics (Neuropsychological, Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), Health and Wellness and Educational and Learning), developmental clinics (Autism and Developmental, Right from the Start, Early Intervention and Day Treatment); Rehabilitative Clinics (Feeding, Occupational Therapy and Speech and Language); and Treatment Clinics (Parent-Child Interaction Therapy, Anxiety and Obsessive Compulsive Disorders (OCD), Disruptive Behavior and Mood).



Photo by Jasmine Marshall

Why is early intervention important for pediatric behavioral issues?

All children learn and grow at different rates. These first five years of a child's life are filled with major developmental milestones that prepare them for lifelong learning; in fact, 90 percent of a child's brain is developed by age 5. Research confirms that getting help early can lead to the best outcomes for kids. Developmental, learning, behavioral and social-emotional issues are estimated to affect one in every six children. Because these issues are often very subtle in young children, only 20 to 30 percent are identified as needing help before kindergarten.

What advice would you give parents who may have concerns about their children's behavior?

Keep in mind that there is a lot of variation in how kids develop, and a broad range of behavior that's typical and healthy (even if sometimes troublesome) as children grow up. We don't want to overreact. But when the behaviors you worry about are seriously interfering with your child's ability to do things that are age-appropriate, or your family's ability to be comfortable and nurturing, it's important to get help.

Keystone Behavioral Pediatrics developed the Right from the Start Clinic to help parents know whether

their baby would benefit from early intervention to solve or alleviate any issues before they become problematic. The Right from the Start clinic is a free screening clinic for children between the ages of one month and 5 1/2 years old. Parents can complete a questionnaire online by clicking on the ASQ logo on our website (www.keystonebehavioral.com). The questionnaire gives us an idea of areas of a child's development that are of concern to the child's parents. We contact the parents after we receive their completed survey and invite them to visit Keystone for a free multidisciplinary screening evaluation to assess their child's developmental progress. Parents will meet with clinicians from our psychology, occupational therapy, and speech language departments, as well as our pediatrician. At the end of the visit, they will receive information on how their child is doing developmentally, with suggestions to target any areas of need that have been identified.

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To be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Y at 170 Landrum Lane in Ponte Vedra Beach, the event will feature group exercise classes, food trucks, discounts

on programs and more. Registration will also begin for the Y's youth basketball program, which starts the week of Dec. 12. A free basketball clinic will be held from 3 to 5 p.m., and families that register their children ages 3-17 during the open house will receive \$10 off the registration fee (\$93 for members/\$139 for nonmembers.)

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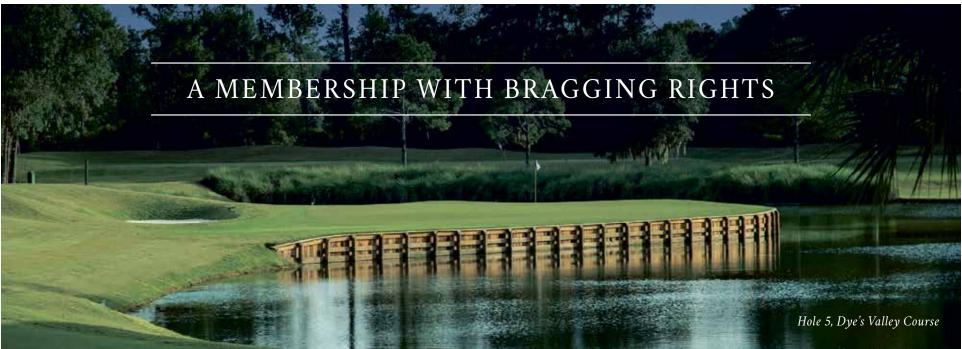
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Photos by Jasmine Marshall

Dance Alday Dance Studio Owner Allan Alday walks his new pupils through the widely-known "Thriller" choreography polished with his own spin.



Anne Fletcher follows along as Alday instructs the group.

Allan Alday, Friends of the Library continue 'thrilling' tradition

By Jasmine Marshall

For decades, Michael Jackson's hit song and music video for "Thriller" have been associated with Halloween. The musical staple has cemented its place alongside trickor-treating, pumpkin carving and costume parties in holiday traditions. And on Oct. 12, in the spacious, makeshift "dance studio" in the Ponte Vedra Beach Library, local instructor and award-winning dance maven Allan Alday continued that tradition, teaching an abbreviated version of Jackson's famous Thriller choreography to local residents.

With a group of 11, Alday faced the room's looming windows fashioned into "mirrors" and counted as he walked forward, twitching with every eighth count. Mimicking the gait of a zombie he turned back towards his pupils for the night with a grin.

"Tonight," he announced, "We're going to

turn into zombies."

It's a tradition Alday has held for more than five years with the Friends of the Library at the Ponte Vedra branch, wherein he teaches a group of students the memorable living dead choreography. Each year, the lure of Thriller's dance brings a crowd of teens, adults and seniors eager to recreate one of the most lasting memories of Halloween many of them had growing up.

"It's such an 'everybody' song," said Youth Services Assistant Suzanne Egeln. "Everyone associates this song with Halloween, everyone knows certain parts of the dance and everyone has a memory of it, whether they were around when it was released or many years after."

For Egeln, who was a college student when the song made its debut on MTV, thriller made a lasting impression as the "first

of its kind

"Up until this video came out, no one was doing what (Jackson) was doing," she said. "It was the first time something so tightly choreographed had been done with so many people – everyone wanted to learn this dance. It changed everything."

The revolutionary concept, Alday agreed, is what's made the song and dance a mainstay for generations.

"It's a classic – the video itself is amazing and it's a thrill for everyone seeing it for the first time," he said. "Michael Jackson was just such an iconic artist and the production of this single was and ... still is unlike anything ever seen, so it never gets old."

Among Alday's students, the sentiment was the same, especially for Anne Fletcher, who drove from St. Augustine for the les-

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"I remember there being so much anticipation at that time," Fletcher recalled. "There were so many teasers on television, so much news about it being the longest, most cinematic music video up until that point. It's something I still love because the choreography, the costumes and uniqueness of it are still so good."

Those memories persisted with Alday's pupils, their fondness reflecting the way "Thriller" changed music forever. But for Alday, the most rewarding memory comes each year.

"My favorite memory of this song is the one I make every year, teaching a new group of people the dance," he said. "Seeing everyone from the young to the young at heart have fun with this iconic dance is my favorite part."

'Royal proclamation' decrees Atkinsons Sawgrass monarchs

By Ron Harbert

Special to the Recorder

Party guests and patrons at Whiskey Jax Oct. 12 were shocked by the news of a royal decree by Queen Elizabeth II proclaiming Sawgrass to be a British monarchy and King Richard and Queen Lynn Atkinson as the noble ruling couple.

Within the tradition of Ned Sherrin, writer/producer of "This Was The Week That Was" – the hilarious BBC news satire in the 60s – Monty Python, and Benny Hill, Richard and Lynn Atkinson were anointed king and queen of the new Sawgrass monarchy by an official royal decree. At the royal coronation party, King Richard, accompanied by

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popular local entertainer Murray Goff, wowed the crowd with his trademark song, "I Left my Heart in Ponte Vedra," a la Tony Bennett. The decree noted that it was good to be king, but as we all know, the queen rules!

The Atkinsons proudly display the royal proclamation in their new palace and look forward to being noble rulers of Sawgrass without any parliamentary or papal restrictions, but are somewhat dismayed by not being able to build a moat/drawbridge to protect the palace from ignoble uprisings because of EPA protection of baby sea turtles.

Brits Richard and Lynn are well liked and well known longtime residents of Sawgrass and noted for their contributions to the arts and entertainment within the community. Part owners of the popular MacKenzie's Steak House and Piano Bar at Sawgrass Village, they produced, directed, and performed in the local stage production musical "Le Chateau" and are active members of the Beaches Brass organization. They are also the proud parents of three daughters, including Jayne Atkinson, a successful stage and screen star. They recently purchased an oceanfront condo next to Sawgrass Country Club.

A well deserved congratulations to the new king and queen of Sawgrass.



Photo submitted by Ron Harbert

'King Richard' and 'Queen Lynn' Atkinson were proclaimed monarchs of Sawgrass at a recent party held at Whiskey Jax.

Mammoglams boating team finds comfort in healing waters

By Jasmine Marshall

As the Jacksonville Dragon Boat Club team returns from its morning trials in Intracoastal waters glistening in the morning sun, the all-woman team paddles in disciplined unity. Arms angled, spines straight, the women gracefully dip their blades into the water, turning a pale pink boat back toward the docks of their Beach Marine suite.

"Great job, ladies!" says In the Pink Founder Jeri Millard, welcoming the dragon boating team with a round of applause as they arrive. "Looking good!"

The women are pioneering a movement in Jacksonville with a dragon boating team comprised entirely of breast cancer survivors.

First formed after Millard learned of the physical and psychological benefits of dragon boating among breast cancer survivors, the group affectionately dubbed "the Mammoglams" is celebrating its fourth year.

With the help of husband and head

coach Marty Millard and captain Lisa Henry, it's an endeavor that has snowballed into a support group doubling as a sports team serving more than 25 women and addressing a void of service Jeri Millard had been trying to fill for

"(Jeri) always wanted to start a support group," Marty Millard recalled. "With In the Pink, she handles the physical impact of living with cancer - the wigs, the mastectomy products, anti-radiation creams – all the products that helps survivors live again. But it was hard forming a support group that was emotionally beneficial to everyone involved."

Occasionally, he said, customers would drop by and mention dragon boating as a viable option. Four years into the store's opening, the couple finally decided to look into the research that made paddling popular among survivors and decided to get two dragon boats to start a team

The effect was immediate.



Healing waters

"The thing about being on the water is ... the women form such an amazing support structure," he said. "They get exercise, they're out in nature, they see dolphins and manatees and the beautiful view of the waterway, and that wall of protection they've formed around

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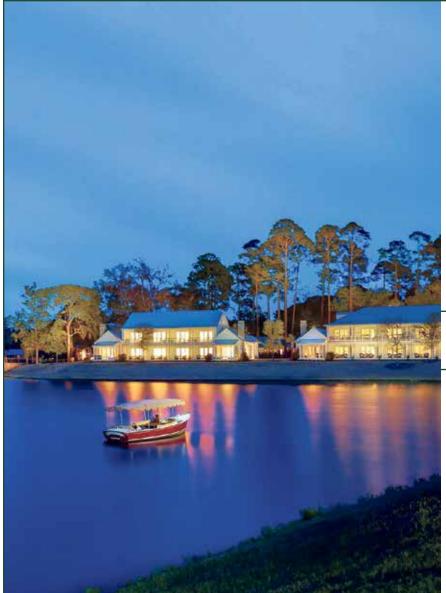
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Cutting for a cause

Son of Bolles Lower School Ponte Vedra head to donate his hair for cancer survivors

By Carrie Resch

Taylor Rush had just turned 5 years old when his mother was diagnosed with stage 3 breast cancer

Fast forward 20 years, and Rush is in the process of growing out his hair to be donated to make wigs for breast cancer survivors for the second time.

"I didn't think I was going to do it again, but then I figured I might as well," said Rush, whose mother - Peggy Campbell-Rush – is head of Bolles Lower School Ponte Vedra.

This time, Rush will be donating a ponytail's worth of hair to the Pantene Beautiful Lengths program. Launched in 2006, Beautiful Lengths is a partnership between Pantene and the American Cancer Society. The two organizations have teamed up to make and distribute real-hair wigs to cancer survivors. More than 800,000 ponytails have been donated

A physical education teacher at San Jose Episcopal School, Rush recently relocated to Jacksonville from New Jersey, where he was attending college. This is his first year teaching. He told the school of his plans to grow out and donate his hair and said the staff has been very supportive of his efforts.

"They're allowing me to grow it long and then I think that they might work it into an assembly, so I'll donate it then in front of the staff and students," Rush said. "They've been extremely supportive."

Rush said he was inspired to donate his hair after his sister, Morgan Rush, donated her hair when she was in college. She has since donated her hair two more times. once in a very ceremonious fashion alongside her brother, who was donating his hair for the first time

In the fall of 2014, the siblings set sail with their mother, assistant executive dean of Semester at Sea, for a threemonth college abroad program. While at sea, Campbell-Rush dressed up as King Neptune for Neptune Day. Grasping a pair of scissors in lieu of a trident, she snipped a ponytail's worth of hair from both of her children's heads as a crowd of staff and students cheered.

That the siblings had the opportunity to share in the experience of cutting their hair the same day, was something that was really special, according to Rush. They ended up inspiring 15 other students on that trip to donate their hair as well.

Breast cancer awareness

Campbell-Rush was just 43 years old when she was diagnosed with triple negative stage three breast cancer. She chose



Taylor Rush with his mother, Bolles Lower School Ponte Vedra Beach Campus Head and breast cancer survivor Peggy Campbell-Rush. Rush previously donated his hair to an organization that makes wigs for cancer patients and is growing his hair out again to donate a second time.

to have a mastectomy and underwent months of chemotherapy.

"At that point, they didn't know what the prognosis (was) and how long I was going to live," she said.

She chose not to have reconstructive surgery at that time, opting instead to return home to her three young children as quickly as she could.

The chemotherapy was tough on her. It caused her to lose all of her hair and interrupted her short-term memory, causing her to become disheartened and increasingly frustrated when she was trying to perform

Just 18 months after her diagnosis, her mother was diagnosed as well. Fifteen months later, her father was also diagnosed with breast cancer.

"Both my father and I had the BRCA 1 and 2 test and although we have a mutation somewhere in the gene cycle, it wasn't one of those," Campbell-Rush said. "So we're not quite sure where the whole family thing came from - we're all athletes, we have jobs we love. I don't know. Just luck of the draw, I guess."

Her cancer was diagnosed with a mammogram. Because the cancer was close to her chest wall, it was undiagnosable by a simple breast exam. She credits the mammogram with saving her life and encourages others not to dismiss the importance of getting them.

'A lot of people are dubious about whether you should get a mammogram or not," she said. "I kind of err on the side at least having a baseline so if you see changes, it can be monitored."

In all, she said she feels that awareness is key and is pleased about the spread and scale of breast cancer awareness.

"I really feel that the awareness piece has grown so much because realistically, you either are somebody with breast cancer, you know somebody with breast cancer, or you're related to somebody with breast cancer," she said. "It touches everybody in almost every spectrum."

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Mammoglams

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themselves just falls. Everyone starts chatting and forming friendships and this team kind of grew from that."

Since then, the club has spawned activities that include holiday parties, post-practice brunches and girls' nights out. Though the added benefit of living an active lifestyle is fulfilling, it's comfort, friendship and purpose that drive the passion the Mammoglams have for boating.

As paddling is a sport that promotes unity by its nature, the women find that the combined efforts of their workout equals more than the sum of their parts. For Henry, an athlete who was looking for a sport she could participate in after chemotherapy, boating filled a need she hadn't even recognized in herself.

"I tell people all the time that I never knew I needed a support group until I had one," she said, voice breaking with the memory of finally finding solace with other survivors.

"Post-chemo, you just feel like a slug, and like you can't do anything. But then I get on the boat and there's over 20 other amazing women there with me, and they start to become your family.

"They know what you've been through, what you're going through and so you don't have that wall," she continued. "It's been uplifting, supporting. You don't worry about your bad days because you can still come, even if you don't paddle, and everyone will be there for you."

The sentiment was shared by the Marty and Jeri Millard, who is also a Mammoglam member.

"It's been such an incredible experience and certainly more than I expected when we first started out," she said.

"There've been tragic events and difficult days. Everyone's been there. But we've forged so many friendships and it's an incredible feeling knowing that



Photo by Jasmine Marshall

Members of the Mammoglams return to the dock after a morning trial.

they'll always be there for you."

Looking ahead

Having won a silver medal in Fidelity's Jacksonville Dragon Boat Festival, the Mammoglams are paddling full steam ahead. In the coming months, they hope to recruit more members and have their sights set on the International Breast Cancer Paddlers' Commission (IBCPC) festival to be held in Florence, Italy in 2018. The team is currently

fundraising via Go Fund Me for the cost of registration and travel expenses and plans to host several fundraising events in the future.

But the Mammoglams' ultimate goal of providing much needed support on the water remains unchanged.

"Because of (this team), I've been able to reclaim a part of my life," Henry said. "And it's been an affirmation of our existence. We're here, and we're not going anywhere."



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SenioRITAs Tennis Tournament to benefit breast cancer research, programs

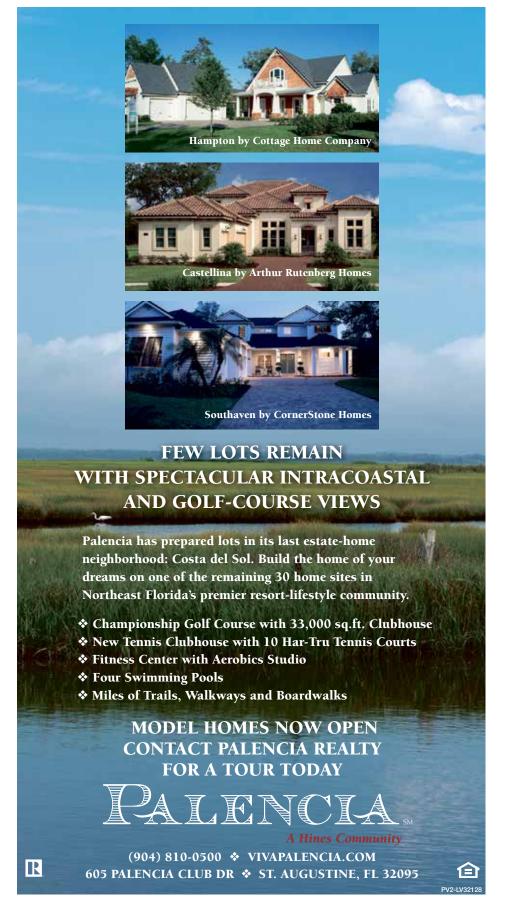
The Annual SenioRITAs Tennis Tournament will be held Oct. 21-23 at Sawgrass Country Club, marking the 17th tournament to benefit breast cancer research, education and patient programs.

Festivities were scheduled to begin Oct. 19 with a party and auction at Sawgrass Country Club. The first round of play begins Friday, Oct. 21 at 8 a.m., with breakfast and lunch provided for players. An exhibition presented by Regency Centers will begin at 6 p.m. that evening at the Sawgrass Country Club Racquet Club.

Tournament play will continue Saturday, Oct. 22 with breakfast and lunch provided

for players. Semi-final and final matches are scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 23. In addition to breakfast and lunch, complimentary margaritas will be provided by SenioRITAs at Sawgrass.

Tournament Chairman Karen Aaro and Chuck Jantz have worked with an event committee to plan the tournament, which attracts more than 300 women age 40 and over. All tournament proceeds go to the Mayo Clinic and Baptist Medical Center Beaches for their breast cancer treatment, education and patient services. To date, the SenioRITAs Tennis Tournmant has raised more than \$1.5 million for the fight against breast cancer.





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CANDIDATES FOR U.S. CONGRESS

Democrat David Bruderly and Republican John Rutherford are the two major-party candidates vying for the 4th Congressional District seat being vacated by the retiring U.S. Rep. Ander Crenshaw. The Recorder invited both candidates to submit a statement of up to 500 words outlining their background, qualification and top priorities if elected.

David Bruderly - Democrat

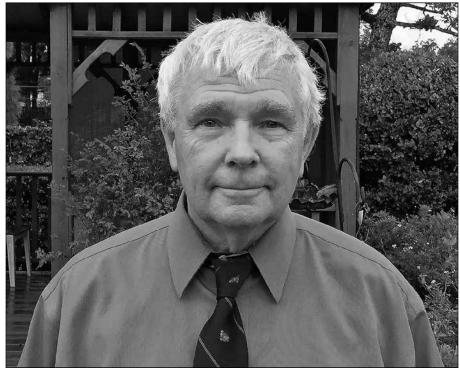


Photo by Richard Meyers

I am the only military veteran, successful small business owner and professional engineer in this race. I have the range of experience as well as the depth and breadth of knowledge needed to implement cost-effective, practical solutions for the critical issues facing our country. As a small business owner, I understand the challenges facing small businesses and will work to reduce barriers so they can grow, prosper and continue to be the backbone of our economy. As a veteran. I know what it takes to keep our country safe, stop the threat of ISIS and other terror groups. I also understand the sacrifices made every day by our troops and their families.

For too long, congress has done too little for the people they represent.

People are North Florida's most important resource. To compete in the global economy and protect our quality of life, we must have business, security, energy, education, health, environmental and tax policies that put people first!

I served my country as an officer in the Navy, and I am ready to go to Washington to serve you. As a veteran, I will also put our active military, veterans and their families first. We must make sure all our veterans have the resources they need when they return home from active service.

Our current congressman, Ander Crenshaw, has been a strong advocate for our Navy, Marine and Air National Guard bases in Northeast Florida. As a line officer and engineer, I know how to fight for our naval bases and for our veterans.

I also understand that small business is the cornerstone of our economic growth. As your next congressman, I will improve opportunities for development and employment for our 50,000-plus small and large businesses in Northeast Florida. I will focus on reducing barriers to starting and growing these businesses, adding thousands of jobs.

Keeping America safe is also a top priority. I believe we've made a lot of missteps in the Middle East. ISIS is a very real threat to our country. When I'm in congress, I will support appropriating the resources needed for our troops to eliminate ISIS and come home.

Investment in 21st century infrastructure to build the 21st century economy needed to keep America strong and secure is my highest priority. I will be a powerful advocate for energy independence and local, sustainable manufacturing. Transitioning to more sustainable energy, water and food infrastructure is critical to our economic prosperity.

Our community has a strong connection with the St. Johns River and its tributaries. Our water is part of our identity as a region and a huge economic engine for our city. We have an obligation to our kids and grandkids to keep our river and waterways clean. We must put policies in place to preserve this essential natural resource.

I'm Dave Bruderly, and I ask for your vote on Nov. 8 so I can fight for your family, our naval bases, veterans and small businesses – and always put people first!

John Rutherford – Republican



Photo by Susan Griffin

John Rutherford has lived in our community since 1958. John was educated at Florida Junior College and Florida State University. John heard the call to serve his community at an early age by beginning his law enforcement career as a patrolman at the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office in 1974.

Becoming Jacksonville's sheriff in 2003, John managed nearly a half-billion dollar budget and oversaw over 3,200 employees. As sheriff, John tackled one of our area's toughest problems: crime. Because of his leadership, in 2011 Jacksonville was at a 40-year low for violent crime.

John served as the chair of the Florida Sheriff's Association, where he gained critical legislative experience, protected our constitutional rights, and made sure the legislature passed crime-reducing laws.

In addition to serving as Jacksonville's "top cop," John is a proud husband, devoted father of two, and grandfather of five

Now, John is ready to take up a new

challenge: to represent us and our interests in Washington.

Simply put, Washington is too big and does too little. But luckily for us, John is a results-oriented community leader with the right experience, the right message, and the right priorities to fight for us, solve our nation's issues, and get results.

John is excited about the opportunity to influence national policy toward national security including immigration, national intelligence, homeland security, law enforcement, mental health and related issues. In addition, he is eager to serve the constituents of Northeast Florida on veterans' issues and citizen safety. Finally, it is important to maintain the balance between federal authority on the one hand and state and local authority on the other. John genuinely believes that the government closest to the people is the most effective and responsive to their needs.

In the end, state and local government is much more accountable and visible to American citizens than the federal government has proven to be.

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Friday, Oct. 21

Saturday, Oct. 22

Sunday, Oct. 23

Evenings at Whitney

Joseph Ryan, assistant professor of biology at Whitney Laboratory, will present a program titled "Understanding Animal History through the Eyes of a DNA Sequencer" Oct. 20 at 7 p.m. Ryan will share how his lab uses DNA sequences to investigate the evolutionary history of animals. The free lecture will be presented at the Whitney Laboratory campus Lohman Auditorium located at 9505 Ocean Shore Blvd., St. Augustine. Reservations are not required and parking is free. For more information, call (904) 461-4000.

Southern Women's Show

The annual Southern Women's Show returns Oct. 20-23 at the Prime F. Osborne III Convention Center, 1000 Water St., Jacksonville. Show hours are Thursday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Friday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission is \$12 at the door, \$10 in advance online, \$8 at participating Walgreens stores and \$6 for children ages 6-12 and free for children under six (with paying adult). For more information or to purchase tickets, visit www. southernwomensshow.com.

Josh Ritter concert

Josh Ritter with special guest Mark Erelli will perform Thursday, Oct. 20 at the Ponte Vedra Concert Halls. Tickets are \$38.50 for the first six rows, \$33.50 for all remaining rows. Doors open at 7 p.m.; show starts at 8 p.m. Tickets are available at the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall and St. Augustine Amphitheatre box offices, ticketmaster. com and all Ticketmaster outlets or by phone at (800) 745-3000. The Ponte Vedra Concert Hall is located at 1050 A1A N., Ponte Vedra Beach.

Talk with a Doc: breast health

Talk with a Doc: "Lifestyle Links: Breast Health" will be held Thursday, Oct. 20 at noon at the Y Healthy Living Center at the Ponte Vedra YMCA, 170 Landrum Lane, Ponte Vedra Beach. Join Swati Shah, MD as she discusses autoimmune disorders and the body's inflammatory response. Learn how nutrition and lifestyle changes can help relieve and reduce pain from inflammation. This free event is open to the community. Reserve your seat today at baptist-jax.com/ymca or by calling (904) 202-5376.

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Bachtoberfest

Guest conductor Jeanette Sorrell and the Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra will celebrate the Baroque tradition with performances of Handel, Vivaldi, and Bach Oct. 21 and 22 at 8 p.m. and Oct. 23 at 3 p.m. Performances take place at the Times-Union Center for the Performing Arts, 300 Water St., Jacksonville. For tickets, call (904) 354-5547 or visit www.jaxsymphony.org.

'Street Scene,' an American opera

"Street Scene," an American opera by Kurt Weill, will be performed Friday, Oct. 21 and Saturday, Oct. 22 at 8 p.m. in the Lazzara Performance Hall at the University of Florida. Presented by UNF's School of Music, this will be the Opera Ensemble's 21st production, featuring a cast of 36 singers, including 12 children, and 40 players in the UNF Orchestra. Tickets are \$15, free for students with proper identification. To purchase tickets, call the UNF Ticket Box Office at (904) 620-2878. For more information about this performance, call the UNF School of Music at (904) 620-2961.

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Coastal Wine Market Wine Tasting

Coastal Wine Market will host a Friday wine tasting Oct. 21 from 6 to 8 p.m. at 641 Crosswater Parkway, Suite B, Ponte Vedra Beach. Taste six wines for \$10. For more information, call (904) 395-3520.

Corpses & Cocktails

Corpses & Cocktails, an adult camp-in at the Museum of Science and History (MOSH), will take place Saturday, Oct. 22. MOSH's first-ever adult camp-in will feature a cocktail hour, followed by a buffet provided by Taco Lu, a Spooky Science Show and a screening of "Night of the Living Dead" in the Bryan-Gooding Planetarium. Valerie Rao, Jacksonville's chief medical examiner will talk about what it's like to work with the dead. The 21 and up event begins at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$125; MOSH members receive 20 percent off. MOSH is located at 1025 Museum Circle, Jacksonville. For more information, visit www.themosh.org

Hubbard House benefit

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Ponte Vedra YMCA Open House

The Ponte Vedra Family YMCA will host a community open house from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 22 at the Y at 170 Landrum Lane in Ponte Vedra. The event will feature group exercise classes, food trucks, discounts on programs and more. Registration will also begin for the Y's youth basketball program, which starts the week of Dec. 12. A free basketball clinic will be held from 3 to 5 p.m., and families that register their children ages 3-17 during the open house will receive \$10 off the registration fee (\$93 for members/\$139 for non-members.)

Buddy Walk

The 14th annual Buddy Walk, a fundraiser for the Down Syndrome Association of Jackson-ville, will take place Saturday, Oct. 22 at the Seawalk Pavilion in Jacksonville Beach. The route will be approximately one mile on the beach. The event will also include Makena's Midway carnival and rides, entertainment and multiple food vendors. The event will run from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The walk will take place at 2 p.m. For more information or to register, visit http://dsaj.donordrive.com.

Pumpkin Patch Family Fun Days

Family Fun Days will take place Saturday, Oct. 22 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, Oct. 23 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Lord of Life Lutheran Church's annual pumpkin patch. Scheduled festivities include hayrides, bounce houses, a craft for kids and face painting. Families can also purchase food items, drinks, homemade baked and canned items and raffle tickets for a chance to win prizes. The pumpkin patch will be open Monday to Friday from 2 p.m. until dusk, Saturdays from 9 a.m. to dusk and Sundays from 11 a.m. to dusk through Oct. 31, while pumpkins last. All pumpkin proceeds will benefit local charities. Lord of Life is located at 276 Roscoe Blvd. N., Ponte Vedra Beach.

Spooktacular

Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens' annual family-friendly Halloween celebration, Spooktacular, continues Oct. 21-23 and 27-31. Visitors can stroll through themed scenes and trick-ortreat at candy stations. Nightly events will also include DJs spinning kid-friendly Halloween music and bounce houses on The Great Lawn. For visitors wanting a scarier experience, there will be three scare zones located throughout the zoo. Spooktacular will take place from 6:30 to 10 p.m.; gates close at 9 p.m. The zoo is located at 370 Zoo Parkway in Jacksonville. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit http://spooktacular.jacksonvillezoo.org.

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.

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Thursday, Oct. 27

Talk with a Doc

Talk with a Doc: "Catch Your Zs with Ease" will be held Monday, Oct. 24 at 6 p.m. at the Y Healthy Living Center at the Ponte Vedra YMCA, 170 Landrum Lane, Ponte Vedra Beach. Join Peter Nassar, MD, as he discusses why we need restful sleep, the impact of sleep disorders on our health and tips for improving sleep quality. This free event is open to the community. Reserve your seat today at baptistjax.com/ymca or by calling (904) 202-5376.

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.

For the Love of Driving

Volunteer drivers are needed to assist seniors in achieving their mobility goals in St. Johns County. Transportation needs range from trips to the grocery store and classes to spousal hospital visits or social activities. Contact the mobility manager at the Council on Aging, (904) 315-6505, or email Katie Arnold at karnold@stjohnscoa.com.

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_enrichment-group@yahoo.com.

Earth, Sea & Sky Exhibition

View multimedia artist Joyce Gabiou's works at the Earth, Sea & Sky exhibition at First Street Gallery, 216-b First St., Neptune Beach. The exhibit runs through Oct. 25. For more information, call (904) 241-6928 or visit www.firststreet-galleryart.com.

PV Library Book Club

The Ponte Vedra Beach Library Book Club will discuss "The Japanese Lover" Tuesday, Oct. 25 from 3 to 4 p.m. at the Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library. Everyone is welcome. The library is located at 101 Library Blvd. For more information, call (904) 827-6950.

Sunset Rotary Club 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 jwhart 1208@gmail.com.

Tapas Tuesday

The Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens presents Tapas Tuesday at the Cummer Café every Tuesday from 5 to 7:30 p.m. on the Cummer Café patio. For more information, visit www.cummermuseum.org.

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.

'Annie Get Your Gun'

"Annie Get Your Gun" will be performed at Alhambra Theatre & Dining through Nov. 20. In the classic award-winning Irving Berlin musical, Buffalo Bill discovers sharpshooter Annie Oakley, who joins his Wild West Show and later falls in love with the show's star, Frank Butler. Jealous of Oakley's success, Butler leaves to join a rival show but is ultimately pitted against Oakley in a final shoot-out. The theater is located at 12000 Beach Blvd., Jacksonville. For tickets, call (904) 641-1212 or visit www.alhambrajax.com.

Congressional Debate

Florida State College at Jacksonville's (FSCJ) Student Government Association will host the General Debate for Florida's 4th Congressional District Wednesday, Oct. 26 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at FSCJ's North Campus, 4501 Capper Road, Jacksonville. All registered candidates have been invited to participate. David E. Bruderly (Democrat), Gary L. Koniz (Independent) and Daniel Murphy (Write-In) have confirmed their attendance and will discuss issues facing the district, which includes parts of Duval, Nassau and St. Johns Counties. John Rutherford (Republican) has confirmed he is unable to attend. The event is free and open to the public. Doors open at 6 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 26

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.

Adult Bingo for Booooks

Halloween Adult Bingo for Boooooks will be Wednesday, Oct. 26 from 3 to 4 p.m. at the Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library, 101 Library Blvd. Adults have a chance to win popular adult fiction and non-fiction books, and everyone will go home with at least one free book. Individuals in Halloween costumes will win two books instead of one for every Bingo win. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, call (904) 827-6950.

On the Pulse

On the Pulse: "Stronger Than Stigma™ and the Status of Mental Health in North Florida," an evening of conversation centered around those on the front line of mental health in Jacksonville and North Florida, will take place Wednesday, Oct. 26 from 6 to 8 p.m. at MOSH. The event is free and open to the public. RSVP by emailing events@themosh.org. MOSH is located at 1025 Museum Circle, Jacksonville. For more information, call (904) 396-MOSH.

Halloween Extravaganza

Jacksonville Scene's 9th annual Halloween Extravaganza will take place Thursday, Oct. 27 from 7 to 11:30 p.m. at the Casa Marina Hotel, 691 First St. N., Jacksonville Beach.
Advance tickets are \$15 through Oct. 26; \$20 at the door. Tickets include two free draft beer or well drink, special happy hour pricing all night and free appetizers. The event will also include music entertainment by DJ EL, Jacksonville Scene games and a costume contest. Prizes will be awarded for Best Overall Costume, Sexiest Costume and Funniest Costume. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit www. jacksonvillescene.com.

EstuScary Festival

The GTM Research Reserve will host a EstuScary Festival and Haunted Trails event Oct. 27-29 from 6 to 9 p.m. each day at the GTM Research Reserve Environmental Education Center, 505 Guan River Road, Ponte Vedra Beach. The festival will include candy, popcorn, a food truck, games and kid-friendly activities at the Guana Dam and a hayride into the Haunted Forest and the Scary Trails. The Scary Trails will be open from 7 to 9 p.m. Admission to the Scary Trail is \$6 per person. For more information, call (904) 823-4500.

Sound: An Exhibition of Sound Art

Sound: An Exhibition of Sound Art featuring 17 artists will be on display at the Crisp-Ellert Art Museum through Nov. 22. The museum is located at 48 Sevilla St., St. Augustine. For more information, call (904) 826-8530.

Lindsey Stirling

Lindsey Stirling will perform at The Florida Theatre Oct. 27 at 8 p.m. as part of her Brave Enough World Tour. Tickets start at \$29.50. The Florida Theatre is located at 128 E. Forsyth St., Jacksonville. For tickets, call the ticket office at (904) 355-2787 or visit www.floridatheatre.com.

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.





Local students visit Wolfson Children's Hospital

Members of the Children's Miracle Network clubs at Ponte Vedra High School and Bartram Trail High School had an opportunity to take a tour of Wolfson Children's Hospital over the summer.

The tour enabled students to gain a

better understanding of how their clubs' fundraising efforts help support research and treatment at medical facilities such as Wolfson.

"It was an amazing experience to get to see all that our local hospitals do for the kids, and to see how Children's Miracle Network helps them reach their goals," Bartram Trail student Summer Stanfield said

Members of the Ponte Vedra High School CMN Club helped Bartram Trail found a club after Bartram students saw social media posts about the Ponte Vedra club's spring dance marathon, which raised more than \$4,000 to support local programs at Wolfson Children's Hospital and UF Children's Hospital.







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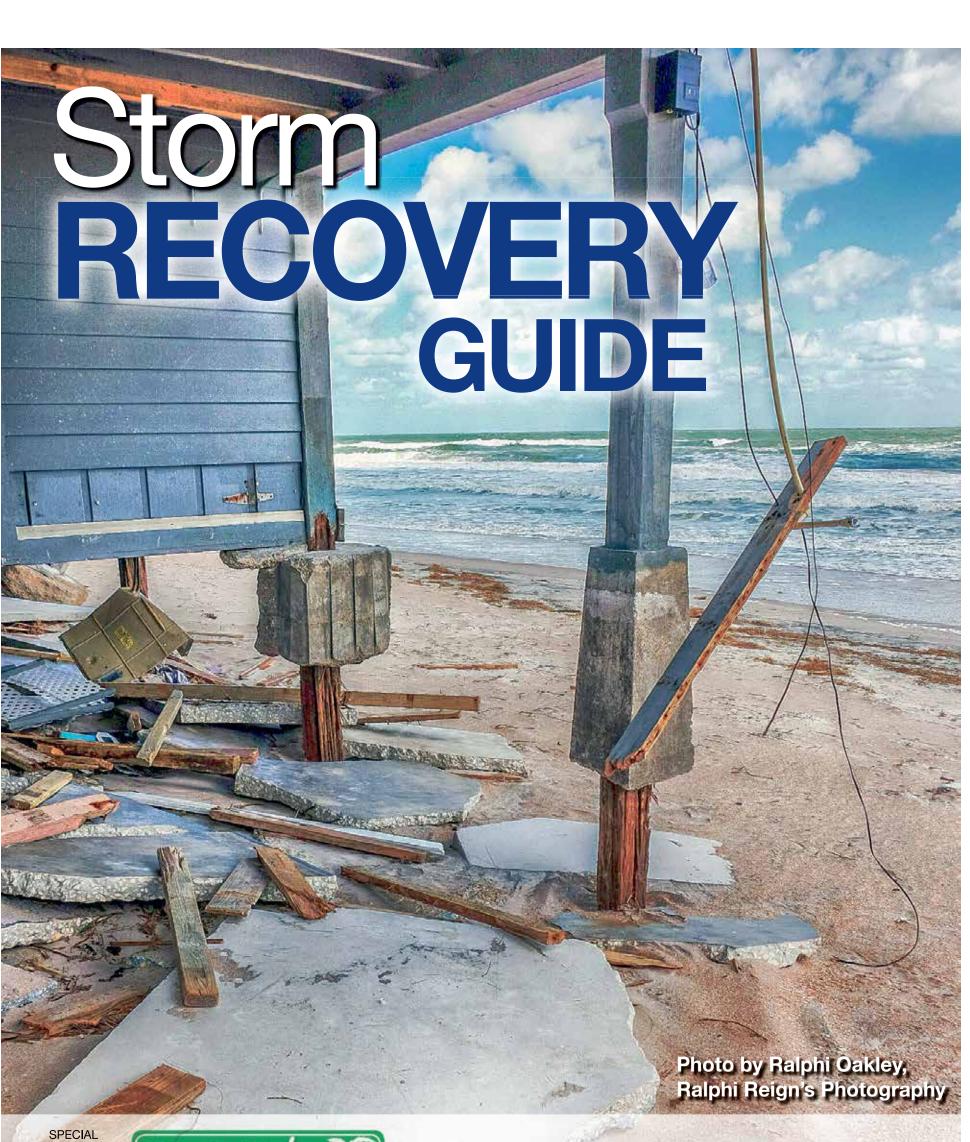
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Ponte Vedra Recorder to collect donations for hurricane victims

As storm recovery efforts continue across the First Coast, the Ponte Vedra Recorder is joining forces with the Salvation Army of St. Augustine to assist local residents in need.

To help families with their post-hurricane repairs, the Recorder is collecting gift cards for supermarkets, hardware/home improvement stores and other locations from which those affected by Hurricane Matthew can access the supplies they need during this period of transition.

Gift cards in any amount may be dropped off at the Recorder office located in the Overlook V building at 1102 A1A N., Suite 108. Donors may also include a card or note of encouragement to be given to families if they so choose. All donated gift cards will be delivered to the Salvation Army in St. Augustine for distribution to local families in need.

Gift cards will be collected through Oct.

St. Johns County to offer disaster relief to eligible residents

St. Johns County is offering Florida State Housing Initiative Partnership Program (SHIP) relief assistance for qualifying income -eligible St. Johns County residents that have experienced damage to their home as a result of Hurricane Matthew. According to program guidelines, the assistance may help cover costs for the eligible activities listed below:

- Purchase of emergency supplies for eligible households to weather damaged homes (such as tarps)
- Interim repairs to avoid further damage
- Tree and debris removal required to make the housing unit habitable
- Construction of wells or repairs to existing wells where public water is not available
- Payment of insurance deductibles for rehabilitation of homes covered under homeowner's insurance policies
- Security deposit and/or rental assistance for eligible recipients who have been displaced from their homes due to damage from the storm

Resident interested in determining if they qualify for SHIP disaster relief assistance may contact the St. Johns County Housing and Community Development Division at (904) 827-6898.



Photo courtesy of Vicar's Landing

Residents of Vicar's Landing were evacuated in preparation for Hurricane Matthew.

Vicar's Landing hurricane evacuation a seamless experience

As Ponte Vedra Beach residents evacuated ahead of Hurricane Matthew, the staff at Vicar's Landing managed the evacuation of the retirement community's residents.

Ponte Vedra Beach had not been evacuated since 2004, but that changed with the impending arrival of Hurricane Matthew. All eyes were on the movement of the storm when a mandatory evacuation notice went out for Ponte Vedra Beach on Wednesday, Oct. 5. With 380 residents living at Vicar's Landing, it became necessary to put into action the community's emergency management plan.

"We knew for the safety of our members it was essential to execute the evacuation plan as smoothly as during the drills we held in June of this year," Vicar's Landing CEO Bruce Jones said. "So many residents and their families depend on us to continue to provide our services even if we are forced to leave the community and we have a moral obligation to find a safe place for them to weather the storm."

A total of 117 residents went to a Jacksonville airport hotel via motor coach. The hotel was far enough inland that it would not be as affected by the storm.

"We were so grateful for the staff who helped us load the buses to go to the Jacksonville Airport," said Shirley Patterson, a five-year resident of Vicar's Landing. "Their patience and commitment to our safety made the evacuation seamless. Once we arrived at the airport, the staff was well organized in settling us into our rooms and arranging for activities and meals."

Another 51 residents were taken on a weekend trip to Atlanta, where residents went to the Georgia Aquarium, the Coca-Cola Museum, the High Museum, the Botanical Gardens and countless trips to the mall next door to the hotel.

"The evacuation could not have been better planned," said Jim Marx, who moved into Vicar's Landing three weeks before the hurricane. "Having just moved in, we had not participated in the June drills. The staff was upbeat and well organized, which made being away from home so much less stressful."

Residents residing in the facility's assisted living and skilled nursing center were also evacuated. Eighty-six residents were taken to Camp Weed near Lake City, accompanied by 127 staff members who provided around-the-clock care.

Jones said that in light of the successful evacuation, Vicar's Landing feels ready for any storm that comes along.

"I could not be more proud of the efforts of the staff to make our residents as comfortable as possible while being away from their homes," he said. "We have an amazing group of caring professionals working at Vicar's Landing."

State officials view St. Johns County hurricane damage

State officials joined with local government and business leaders Oct. 13 to view firsthand the extensive damage caused by Hurricane Matthew to St. Johns County's coastal

Chief Financial Officer Jeff Atwater and Insurance Commissioner David Altmaier toured of some of the most hard-hit areas accompanied by members of the state legislature and insurance company executives. Following the tour, participants met to discuss the insurance industry's claims-handling response. At the time of the tour, officials said, more than 39,302 insurance claims had already been filed across the state, totaling an estimated \$218 million in losses.

"When disaster strikes, consumers need to find comfort in the belief that their insurers will respond, assess, and pay claims quickly," Atwater said. "The presence of industry representatives here today instills confidence that this will be the case, and if not, we will be ready to address policyholder concerns immediately."

Atwater said the state's Division of Consumer Services was ready to assist consumers affected by Hurricane Matthew who needs assistance in the claims-filing process. Residents can call the division's consumer helpline at (877) 693-5236 to speak with experts who can help them review their policies to understand their coverage and file claims for damage. The helpline is staffed Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Additional post-storm information can be found on the department's disaster preparedness website at www. myfloridacfo.com/HurricaneMatthew.



Courtesy photo

CFO Jeff Atwater and Insurance Commissioner David Altmaier accompany local leaders on a tour of St. Johns County storm damage

Hurricane Matthew aftermath: Should you file an insurance claim?

While much of Northeast Florida was spared the full destructive force of Hurricane Matthew, many local residents – particularly those living along the coastline – did experience damage ranging from moderate to severe.

Homeowners who experienced minor or moderate damage may be wondering, however, whether it's worth the effort to file a claim for miscellaneous damage resulting from the hurricane.

The answer, local insurance professionals say, is an emphatic yes.

"Most claimants underestimate the dollar amount of the loss," said Case Walther,

an insurance advisor with Montoya & Associates, a Ponte Vedra Beach insurance and financial services firm

According to Walther, losses often end up totaling a much higher sum than most people estimate on their own. There also may be unseen damages.

"It's important to have a licensed claims adjuster perform a formal inspection and go over your coverage with you at the time of hurricane loss," Case said.

Insurance Advisor Matt Montoya, meanwhile, stressed the importance of understanding what your policy covers – and does not cover – as well as the applicable deductibles.

"There is a big difference between paying a 2 percent or a 5 percent hurricane deductible," Montoya said. "Also, flood insurance is not a covered peril under your homeowners' insurance, which we find to be a common misconception."

Now that Hurricane Matthew has

passed, Montoya said, it's a good time for homeowners to reach out to their insurance agent to evaluate their policy and gain a better understanding of their coverage.

"It's never too late to evaluate your insurance portfolio," he said, "and now is as good a time as any."



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CPA: homeowners with hurricane damage may qualify for tax deduction

By Jennifer Logue

It wasn't long after Hurricane Matthew had departed and residents began assessing the damage that Peter Reynolds' phone began to ring.

The managing partner of Ponte Vedra Beach CPA firm The Griggs Group, Reynolds fielded calls from concerned homeowners wondering about the tax implications of the damage their property had incurred

"I had a feeling that was going to happen as I watched the trees fall down," Reynolds said

Fortunately, Reynolds had some good news to share with some of his clients. since in some cases the damage from hurricanes and other sudden unexpected events may qualify for a casualty loss tax deduction.

"If the amount you're out of pocket compared to your insurance reimbursement is greater than 10 percent of your adjusted gross income, you can take the difference as a tax deduction," Reynolds explained.

For example, if a tree fell on a home and caused \$20,000 worth of damage but the insurance deductible was \$10,000. the homeowner would be out of pocket \$10,000 for repairs. Assuming that the homeowner had an adjusted gross income of \$70,000, he would qualify for a \$3,000 tax deduction.

Such a deduction could be particularly important, he noted, to homeowners with damaged docks, which aren't generally covered by insurance. Homeowners with high insurance deductibles and with homes that are underinsured may also benefit.

"If your home has a major decrease in value, the loss in value is also a casualty loss," Reynolds added.

In addition, while casualty loss deductions are generally taken during the year in which the loss was incurred, Reynolds said taxpayers have the option of amending the previous year's return, which could generate a larger deduction if the adjusted gross income was lower than the current year.

"Being able to pick and choose which year to take it in is pretty advantageous," he said

Because of the intricacies of the tax code. Revnolds recommends that homeowners consult a CPA or other tax professional if they believe they may qualify for the casualty loss deduction.

"Between big deductibles and underinsured homes, Middle America could really take it on the chin (with storm damage) and potentially could get a big deduction from this."





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Crisis Cleanup aids local hurricane recovery efforts

By JeaNette Smith

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Ponte Vedra resident Bret Smith has cleaned up after a lot of hurricanes, but he has never seen an operation as efficient as the clean-up effort following Hurricane Matthew.

"We have it down to a science," Smith said. "We have all the necessary tools, all the manpower and the organization to respond within hours to someone's call."

The organizers of the effort, Crisis Cleanup, call themselves a "work order management program."

Hurricane victims who needed help cutting up trees, raking debris from their yards, cutting out drywall from flooded areas or putting tarps over their roof simply call an 800 number (800-451-1954) and describe their needs. A real person immediately answers the phone and takes down key information: the location of the affected property and what type of work needs to be done. Disaster victims can also go to the Crisis Cleanup website (www. crisiscleanup.org) and enter their request online.

Once a request is received by Crisis Cleanup, volunteers from a variety of organizations "claim" the work order. With the address in hand, the volunteers head to the specified location with the necessary equipment and perform the requested clean-up.

"My friend made the call on Saturday and by Sunday two giant oak trees that fell in my yard had been cut up and stacked at the curb," said Elizabeth Butler, who lives off Beach Boulevard.

More than 900 relief organizations have registered with Crisis Cleanup, which has assisted with 48 disasters since July 2012. The organizations are responsible for finding their own volunteers and for providing all the equipment needed for the cleanup. Crisis Cleanup simply provides the website to match those with clean-up needs to the volunteers who want to help.

Smith, who is the leader of a congregation of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, ended church early two Sundays in a row and took members of his congregation out to fill work orders.

"Our church hired a semi to deliver chain saws, rakes,



Volunteers assist local residents with clean-up efforts in the wake of Hurricane Matthew. From left: Christian Ashley, Brianna Chandler, Clinton Heller. Nate Mann, Alex Mortensen, Callie Workman, Jacob Willis, Victor Pogan, **Ashlie Buchman** Chris Robinson.

wheel barrels, tarps, bottled water, even gloves," Smith said. "I took several members of my congregation over to our building on Hendricks Ave., we gathered our supplies and headed out to work."

Cleaning up after Hurricane Matthew was far different than other hurricane clean-ups, Smith noted. Not only was it an exceptionally well organized cleanup effort, he said, but the devastation was far less centralized.

"When we cleaned up after Hurricane Andrew, every house in a neighborhood was affected. As far as you could see there were people on rooftops securing blue tarps."

Clean up after Katrina was disgusting, Smith said. "Everything was flooded so we had to scoop muck out of the houses and cut away the drywall."

The fact that Hurricane Matthew stayed off shore made a huge difference as to the extent of the devastation in Jacksonville, he added.

Ashley Buckman, a member of Smith's congregation, said she found the clean-up efforts "fun."

Her friends agreed.

"I had been feeling kind of down," Callie Workman said. "When I got out and did something for someone else, I felt so good. It's just so great to hang out with good people regardless of what you're doing."

Mandarin resident Judis Crews and his crew spent the day in the yard of a woman who was highly suspicious when they first showed up.

"You could feel the distrust," he said. "Before long, she realized we were there out of love and we didn't want anything in return. When we left she was in tears. It was very powerful."

Shalei Miller has been in Jacksonville for the past 18 months serving as a missionary for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Cleaning up after the storm, she said, was one of the highlights of her mission.

Said Miller: "The more you serve, the more you put others first, the more you become like our savior, Jesus Christ."

FEMA offers post-hurricane cleaning tips

As residents impacted by Hurricane Matthew begin cleaning and repairing their homes, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) urges homeowners to exercise caution when inspecting and cleaning up buildings damaged by flood waters

FEMA offers the following tips:

- Always wear protective clothing including long-sleeved shirts, long pants, rubber or plastic gloves and waterproof boots or shoes.
- Before entering your home, look outside for damaged power lines, gas lines

and other exterior damage.

- Take photos of your damage before you begin to clean up and save repair receipts
- Your home may be contaminated with mold, which raises the health risk for those with asthma, allergies and breathing conditions. Refer to the Centers for Disease Control for more info on mold: www.cdc.gov/disasters/hurricanes/pdf/flyer-getrid-of-mold.pdf
- Open doors and windows so your house can air out before spending any length of time inside.
- Turn off main electrical power and water systems and don't use gas appliances until a professional can ensure they are safe.
- Check all ceilings and floors for signs of sagging or other potentially dangerous structural damage.
- Throw out *all* foods, beverages and medicines exposed to flood waters or mud including canned goods and containers with food or liquid.
- Throw out any items that absorb water and cannot be cleaned or disinfected (mattresses, carpeting, stuffed animals, etc.).
- Beware of snakes, insects, alligators and other animals that may be on your property or in your home.
- Remove all drywall and insulation that has been in contact with flood waters.
- Clean all hard surfaces (flooring, countertops, appliances, sinks, etc.) thoroughly with hot water and soap or detergent.
- If you haven't done so already, report your damage from the hurricane to your insurance company and local emergency manager.

State, federal officials urge residents to report storm-related fraud, price gouging

State and federal recovery officials encourage Florida residents to watch for and report any suspicious activity or potential fraud from scam artists, identity thieves and other criminals who may try to prey on survivors vulnerable due to the recent hurricane. Residents should also be on the lookout for price gouging by gas stations, hotels and other businesses serving disaster survivors in Florida.

FEMA encourages survivors to be especially vigilant for these common post-disaster fraud practices:

Fraudulent building contractors

- Use only licensed local contractors backed by reliable references.
- Demand that contractors carry general liability insurance and workers' compensation.
- Don't pay more than half the costs of repairs upfront.

Bogus pleas for post-disaster donations

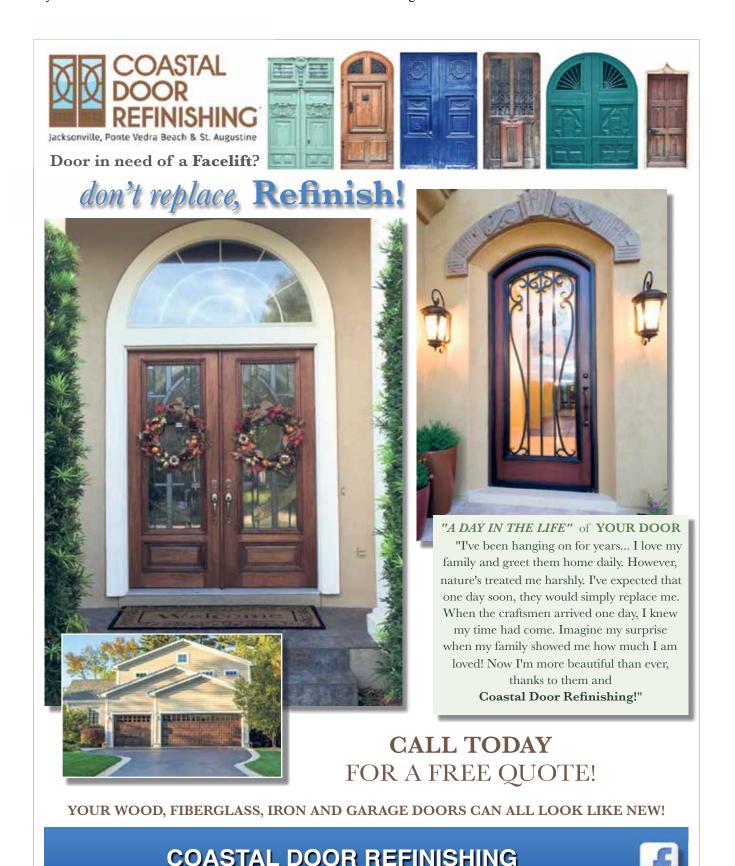
- Verify legitimate solicitations by asking for the charity's exact name, street address, phone number and Web address.
- Phone the charity and confirm that the person asking for funds is a genuine employee or volunteer.
 - Don't pay donations with cash.
- Request a receipt with the charity's name, street address and phone number

Fake offers of state or federal aid

- Beware of visits, telephone calls or e-mails claiming to be from FEMA or the State of Florida asking for your Social Security number, bank account number or other sensitive information.
- Avoid scam artists who promise a disaster grant and ask for large cash deposits or advance payments in full.
- Federal and state workers never solicit or accept money or charge applicants for disaster assistance, inspections or help in filling out applications.

Residents who question the validity of a contact or suspect fraud are encouraged to call the toll free FEMA Disaster Fraud Hotline at (866) 720-5721 or the Florida Attorney General's fraud and price gouging hotline at (866) 966-7226. Complaints also may be made by contacting local law enforcement agencies.





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First responders enjoy a complimentary buffet lunch Oct. 14 at the St. Augustine Beach Salt Life Food Shack. The restaurant offered free lunch or dinner to first responders who worked through Hurricane Matthew.

Salt Life thanks first responders for service during Hurricane Matthew

By Jennifer Logue

Salt Life Food Shack in St. Augustine Beach offered a heartfelt "thank you" last week to the first responders who served throughout Hurricane Matthew, treating local law enforcement and public safety personnel to free lunch or dinner at the beachfront restaurant

As storm recovery and clean-up activities continued across the First Coast, dozens of police officers, sheriff's deputies, highway patrol troopers and other public safety personnel enjoyed a brief respite from their duties Oct. 14, gathering atop Salt Life's rooftop dining deck for a complimentary buffet.

First responders had the option of enjoying lunch or dinner depending on their work schedules.

General Manager Marcos Jovel said Salt Life Owner Jeff Jabot wanted to show his appreciation for the many first responders who worked tirelessly throughout the storm. Despite its beach location, Jovel said, the restaurant sustained little damage "thanks to about 800 sandbags and some duct tape!"

"We were blessed," Jovel said, "and we just kind of wanted to thank the people who helped bring us back to normality."

First responders appreciated the restaurant's

gratitude and hospitality.

"It's amazing – it's very nice of them," said Highway Patrol Trooper Devin Moeler while eating lunch with Trooper Scott Miller.

Both Moeler and Miller worked 12-hour overnight shifts the week of the storm, pitching in to clear the roads of debris and downed trees

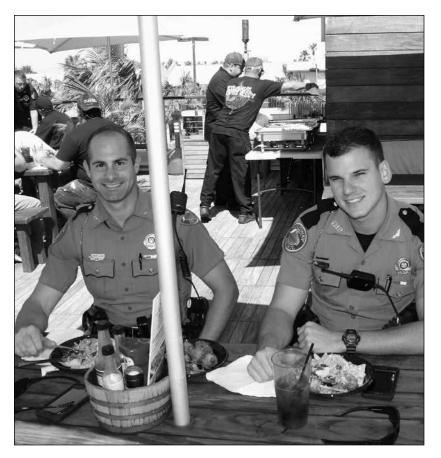
"I was the only one who brought a chain saw," Moeler quipped.

In St. Augustine Beach, flooding was a major issue, police officers William Patterson and Paul Abel said. Based temporarily out of St. Joseph's Academy, police quickly returned to St. Augustine Beach to assess the damage and maintain order.

"We were driving through the neighborhoods, keeping an eye on things and just being a presence," Patterson said.

St. Johns County Sheriff's Deputies Skip Braasch and Dell Burkes, meanwhile, worked throughout the storm in the Julington Creek area, where fallen trees and downed power lines were the major problem. They also thanked Salt Life for recognizing their service.

"It's wonderful they did this," Braasch said. "It's a good time."



Highway Patrol Troopers Devin Moeler and Scott Miller

County Building Department offers permitting information for hurricane repairs

As residents continue to make repairs following Hurricane Matthew, the St. Johns County Building Department is providing permitting information for residents who require home repairs due to the storm.

The department cautions residents about the potential for unlicensed, uninsured individuals who lack competence or expertise to offer construction repair services. Such individuals cannot legally secure permits which are essential to document the repairs for various entities, officials warn, and often do not fulfill agreements and/or contracts. The Building Department recommends that homeowners request a copy of a state or local contracting license along with proof of worker's compensation insurance. Contractors or unlicensed individuals who are not in compliance with state and local contracting laws will be referred to the proper authorities for discipline. In most cases, work will require a permit complying with Florida Building Codes.

No permit required

Some repair projects do not require permits, including the following:

Building

- · One-story detached accessory structures used as storage sheds, provided the floor area does not exceed 120 square feet and it is not located within a special flood
- Decks and slabs less than 30 inches in height and 200 square feet on residential lots that are on grade, not under a roof, and not located within a special flood hazard
- Fences of all material, except masonry, more than six feet in height
- Retaining walls not over three feet in height measured from the bottom of the footing to the top of the wall
- Sidewalks and driveways no more than 30 inches above adjacent grade, not over any basement or story below, and not part of an accessible route
- Painting, papering, tiling, carpeting, cabinets, counter tops, and similar finish work within a single-family dwelling
- Prefabricated pool associated with a Group R-3 occupancy
- Swings, playhouses and other playground equipment associated with detached single- and double-family dwell-
- Window awnings supported by an exterior wall that do not project more than 36 inches from the exterior wall and do not require additional support of Groups R-3 and U occupancies
- Roofing repairs not exceeding two squares
- Siding repairs less than 100 square feet in area, including the area of door and window that are within the work space
- Screen enclosures built under existing roofs of single-family dwellings with an exterior door
 - Gutters and downspouts
- Pool re-marcite
- Drywall repair below receptacles

Electrical

• Minor repair work, including the replacement of lamps, or the connection of approved portable electrical equipment to approved permanently installed receptacles

- The stopping of leaks in drains, or water, soil, waste, or vent pipes. If any concealed trap, drain, water, soil, waste, or vent pipe becomes defective and requires removal or replacement, such work will require a permit and inspection as outlined in the Florida Building Code.
- The clearing of stoppages or the repairing of leaks in pipes, valves, or fixtures
- The removal and reinstallation of water closets, provided such repairs do not require replacement or rearrangement of valves, pipes, or fixtures

- In-kind replacement of electric hot water heaters
- Installation of water softeners

For properties located within a special flood hazard area, permitting will be in compliance with the Florida Building Code and the local flood plain ordinance. This includes Building Code requirements for substantial improvement cumulative over a five-year period. Properties located seaward of the Coastal Construction Control Line will be subject to all of the requirements listed at www.sjcfl.us/ BuildingServices regarding substantial improvement.



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Casa Marina survives storm, hosts wedding 24 hours after hurricane hits

By Jennifer Logue

The walls of the historic Casa Marina are adorned with vintage photographs and postcards depicting the historic hotel through the years – from the Roaring Twenties and World War II through 1964's Hurricane Dora and right up to the modern day.

Now the Casa Marina will have new photos to add to its walls, enabling future generations of visitors to marvel that the landmark 1925 hotel situated right on Jacksonville Beach made it through Hurricane Matthew, cementing its place in Beaches lore as the only remaining ocean-front resort from the early 20th century to survive storms, fires and more.

"It was obviously built right," General Manager Mark Vandeloo said. "To weather all that it has over the years, it's almost as though it sits on protected land."

The Casa Marina weathered Hurricane Matthew so well, in fact, that just 24 hours after the storm hammered the First Coast with Category 3 winds and a storm surge that flooded much of the Jacksonville Beach area, the hotel hosted a wedding for a thankful North Florida bride and groom.

"We wanted their wedding to be beautiful," Vandeloo said, "like nothing ever happened."

Wedding crasher

The Casa Marina had three weddings booked for Friday and Saturday when news reports began to indicate that Matthew was going to be a major storm. And with its oceanfront location, Vandeloo said the decision as to whether to reschedule the events was a difficult one.

"We've had some close calls over the years, but nothing to where we ever felt we would be directly in harm's way," he said. "Once we realized, 'Okay, we're going to get some of this,' it really hit me personally."

The decision on whether to close temporarily was made for the hotel, however, when Jacksonville Mayor Lenny Curry announced a mandatory evacuation for the Beaches communities. The close-knit Casa Marina staff banded together, boarded up



the historic hotel, stacked sandbags and helped relocate guests. After rescheduling the Friday evening and Saturday daytime weddings, the staff retreated from the property and waited for Matthew to crash the party.

"The hardest part was the waiting," Vandeloo said. "On Friday, during the brunt of the storm, I was getting so many texts, with people sending me photos of the waves just rushing over the wall. I finally said, 'I can't take any more pictures."

As Saturday dawned and the skies cleared, however, Vandeloo held out hope that Saturday's evening wedding could go on as planned. After waiting in line for the bridges to open, he arrived at the Casa Marina shortly after noon to find that despite some aesthetic damage to the hotel and its penthouse bar area, the historic property had weathered the storm

When the power came back on at 1 p.m., the wedding was back on.

"(The bride) was ecstatic," Vandeloo said. "You could just tell she was ready to



Photos courtesy of the Casa Marina

Mark Vandeloo (seated, center) with some of the Casa Marina staff.

hear some good news."

Working with his staff, Vandeloo cleaned up the debris and prepped the hotel for the 6 p.m. wedding ceremony, followed by a cocktail reception and dinner for 130 guests.

"I was very moved and so proud of my team," he said.

Vandeloo noted that while a wedding

guest joked that no matter what, the happy bride and groom could never name a child Matthew, the Casa Marina family will soon have a new addition bearing that name.

"Rebecca Lowry, our director of sales, is due any day," Vandeloo noted. "Her husband's name is Matthew and their son is going to be named Matthew, too."

State to host webinar on disaster recovery assistance for historic properties

The state Division of Historic Resources will hold a one-hour webinar Thursday, Oct. 20 at 1 p.m. on "Disaster Recovery and Assistance for Historic Properties."

The webinar will aim to educate homeowners, government officials and nonprofits on financial programs that are available to assist them with the disaster recovery process. Advance registration is required in order to participate. To register, go to https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8073978143438148610. Registrants will receive a confirmation email with information on how to join the webinar.

At the time of the event, registrants will participate at GoToWebinar.com and joining the session using webinar ID 843-988-411. Participants may use their speakers and a headset to access audio through VOIP, or use their telephone. Dial-in numbers for the webinar are (213) 929-4212,

access code 565-628-817. And audio PIN number will be shown after joining the webinar.

For additional information, contact Ken Cureton with the Division of Historical Resources at Ken.Cureton@dos.myflorida.com or 850.245.6343.

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STORM PERSPECTIVES

To evacuate or not to evacuate?



Nathan Kunz Opinion

To evacuate or not to evacuate? Some 460,000 residents in Duval County faced this difficult question last week. As a resident of the Beaches, I have asked it myself. Most of us have watched the news and weather chan-

nels and saw how the hurricane track came dangerously close to our beaches. It was obvious that something bad was going to hit our area. On Wednesday, Oct. 5, the mandatory evacuation order was issued by Mayor Lenny Curry.

At this point, most of us had started to get our homes ready. We had cleaned our back yard, tied down all yard furniture and some even boarded up windows. Then, we faced the difficult question of whether we should evacuate. Now that the house was ready, it felt so safe to stay, and many residents were frustrated with the evacuation order

Evacuating your home is a difficult question. You think of everything that could happen while you are away. You imagine that a window could break and water could leak into your house, wind could blow through your home and destroy everything you have. The roof could be damaged. And you aren't there to fix it. You think of the risk of looting while you aren't there. You fear that re-entry won't be allowed until days after the hurricane. You don't know where to go during the evacuation. And, what if the hurricane is less powerful than expected? All these are legitimate questions.

Public officials have the same concerns when they decide to order the evacuation of a community. They know how difficult and stressful it is for residents to leave their home. They also have a responsibility to care for their residents and will be held accountable if they don't take the appropriate measures. It's a wise decision to evacuate an area once it becomes clear that a powerful hurricane will hit. Hurricanes are unpredictable disasters, and it's impossible to know with precision which

areas will be impacted most and what the impact will be.

We saw this with Hurricane Matthew. Several areas in the Beaches communities suffered no damage, while other areas on the St. Johns River were affected by severe flooding. Emergency management officials don't know beforehand which areas will be hit most, and they obviously can't order an evacuation only for people who will be affected. They have to evacuate large areas that are at risk – the entire Beaches area for example.

My research on disaster preparedness tells me that evacuating dangerous areas before a hurricane is a risk-management strategy. Disaster preparedness is like an insurance policy. You face a risk, you don't know when and where it will hit, but you can take measures to mitigate its impact.

We all do the same when we buy insurance for our health, our house or our car. We hope we will never have to use it, but if we have an issue, it will cover the costs. This is the same when preparing for a disaster. We board up our windows, clean up

our yard and evacuate our house. We hope to come back and find our house with no damage. It doesn't mean that preparing the house and evacuating was wrong.

The evacuation in Duval County was a good decision. It saved the life of some people. The vast majority of us, however, found that our house was safe and that we would have survived the hurricane by staying home. This doesn't mean that we shouldn't have evacuated. Unfortunately, nobody can tell in advance which houses will be affected and evacuate only these residents while all others stay. The damages left by Hurricane Matthew were less than expected in the Jacksonville Beaches communities. But, it could have been worse. It's important that we all continue to take future evacuation orders very seriously.

Dr. Nathan Kunz is an assistant professor of operations management in the Coggin College of Business at the University of North Florida. His research focuses on disaster management and humanitarian logistics. Before his academic career, he worked as a director of operations in a Swiss humanitarian organization.

Like Hurricane Matthew, this election season inspires trepidation



Michelle Branham Opinion

It feels surreal to name a catastrophe – to give it a boy's name; the name of my nephew and of an angel and a Catholic saint.

Now, "Matthew" is also the name of a disastrous storm that ripped up people's homes and yanked

the Atlantic Ocean onto land. Matthew creeped up to our doors like a methodical, patient predator. We had to wait for Matthew to come. We knew that this "it" was on its way to us. We knew that it was plowing over sea and land, vacillating in its cone between "almost too close" and "hopefully far enough." But really, it was here before the winds; before the rains; before the storm surge and the swelling of seas and bulging of rivers. It was clouding over our every thought – because we had to wait for it to come. We had to be reminded over and over again how cataclysmic it would or could be. We had to watch the people before us living in island nations, woefully accepting terrible, horrifying blows from the storm and hope we would suffer a lesser fate.

Our little family lives very near the

ocean in Jacksonville Beach. We have never been told we must leave our homes until last week, when Matthew crawled up the coast like an angry sea monster. So, we left. We left with baby books and first tooths and locks of hair. We left with important papers. We left with our iPads charged. We left with our hearts in our throats. Then, we waited, glued to televisions that were never turned off, waiting for images of doom and destruction to find our small space of the world. We texted each other, we tossed and turned in beds that weren't ours. We crammed families into anxiety-filled little rooms. And we waited

Because most of us were evacuated, we never saw the actual "hit" – the moment Matthew breached our dunes, tore down our trees and sent foamy waters into our streets.

When the skies parted and the rains moved to our northern neighbors, we breathed in deep breaths of relief and guilt. We could go home. They were just now getting the brunt of it as Matthew went hard for the states above us.

Our little city opened its bridges, and we all drove home with a mixture of trepidation, fear and hope. Some of us fared better than others. Trees found the inside of neighbors' homes. Waters seeped into bedrooms and living rooms and offices and nurseries. We helped those worse off than us. The sun began to shine like it does on a bright October Sunday in Florida. We shook off the despair and got to cleaning up our town.

With debris now neatly piled onto every yard, eagerly awaiting our trash collectors, and storm shutters and boards slowly coming down, we settled in. Everyone accounted for – the people of the Beaches communally breathing in regular rhythms.

Then, we turned on the presidential debate, and I felt like we were watching a catastrophe methodically creep into our homes again. Months and months of waiting for disaster, watching disaster, listening to disaster and waiting and waiting for impending doom to cloak our country like a dark, massive hurricane. Like Matthew.

At the Beaches, we know we pay for living in a beautiful slice of the world with chaotic and sometimes dangerous weather. We accept this, just as we accept that elections are tough. Emotions run high and we see things we wish weren't part of the cultural fabric of our nation. But, like Matthew, this storm is so different. We are figuratively asked to "leave" – leave decorum, leave integrity, leave kindness, leave what makes us feel good and patriotic. We leave it, suspend it almost, and just hope

for the best.

It's hard to explain the approach of a devastating storm to an 8-year-old. It's hard to make him feel safe as fear and anxiety about his life and his home build up all around him, while we and neighbors quickly pack our cars. But, it's so much more difficult to explain what now slowly and methodically shatters our nation. How do you tell him the word "stupid" is okay for the potential leader of the free world to keep using to describe our country? How do you explain lying and hatred and scandals and "deplorables" and racism and walls and insults that pervade Twitter and news and classrooms? The cone of uncertainty looks about as promising as it did with Hurricane Matthew, only so much more far-reaching.

Like the hurricane updates, I'm compelled to eventually turn it all off and hope that when we cross over that bridge, we'll pull together and rebuild all the decency that has been shredded apart; all the debris that is laying in our streets and on our lawns. I hope the clouds eventually part. We'll have to collectively hope for some November sunshine and really good trash collectors.

Michelle Branham lives in Jacksonville Beach.



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Martha White

Martha (Marty) White, 87, of Ponte Vedra Beach died peacefully on Oct. 6, 2016. Marty is survived by Gene, her loving husband of 67 years.

They were married in West Berlin, NJ on Feb. 7, 1950.

Marty is lovingly remembered by her children Claudia Waldo of Jacksonville Beach; Amy Arroyo of York, PA; and E.J. White (Cora) of Cumming, GA; grandchildren Jedediah Waldo (Megan), Christina White and Kayla White; and great-grandchildren Bishop Waldo and Bodhi Waldo Ruffino.

Marty was born in Schwenksville, PA on March 31, 1929. She graduated from Perkiomenville High and started nursing school at Bryn Mawr Hospital in Pennsylvania. She enjoyed a career in the travel industry, and she and Gene had the opportunity to travel all over the world. She was a member of the Eastern Star, The Questers and past president of the Sawgrass Women's Club. Marty enjoyed golf and the beach and was a member of Oak Bridge Country Club and the Cabana

Club. Marty was an accomplished artist whose favorite medium was oils. She had many art shows while residing at Cypress Village.

Marty's life was fulfilled every day with a gift for others and her sense of grace. Her gentle words and kind deeds will be missed by all the lives she touched. The family wishes to extend their gratitude to Cypress Village Wellness Center and Community Hospice for the service and support in her final days.

A memorial Service will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to The Baptist Children's Services, Inc. (BCS), 718 Arch St. Suite 500 N, Philadelphia, PA, 19106.

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BUSINESS BRIEFS



Advanced Disposal completes IPO

Ponte Vedra-based Advanced Disposal Services, Inc. has completed its initial public offering, offering more than 19 million shares of its common stock at \$18 per share.

Shares began trading Oct. 6 on the New York Stock Exchange under the ticket symbol "ADSW."

The underwriters have the option to purchase up to an additional 2,887,500 shares of common stock. Advanced Disposal intends to use the net proceeds from the shares offered to repay outstanding borrowings under the Term Loan B portion of its senior secured credit facilities.

The fourth largest solid waste company in the United States, Advanced Disposal provides non-hazardous solid waste collection, recycling and disposal services to residential, commercial, industrial and construction customers across 16 states and the Bahamas.

Memorial Hospital to begin \$23 M Emergency Department expansion

Memorial Hospital will begin a \$23 million expansion of its main Emergency Department early next year.

In addition to adding 23,000 square feet of new construction, the project will renovate the existing emergency department, and expand and remodel the entrance to combine all adult and pediatric services under one roof. A new rooftop helipad and expanded parking will also be added through the project, which is expected to take approximately 18 to 24 months to complete.

"As the busiest ER in Jacksonville, we continue to see an increase in patients choosing our Emergency Department for their emergency care needs," President and CEO Jim O'Loughlin said. "By expanding our ER, we will be able to meet the community's growing needs, while treating patients more quickly and efficiently."

Traffic and parking will be rerouted throughout the project, with signage to direct patients, visitors and staff on how to access the ER.

SOLD REAL ESTATE SNAPSHOT

By Michael Hannon

Special to the Recorder

Hurricane interruption: The evacuation order for Hurricane Matthew impacted the number of closed real estate transactions for the previous week.

Here is a "snapshot" that offers a sense of what properties in various price ranges are selling for in the current real estate market.

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Eagle Drive	4B/3B	\$416,000
272 Coconut		
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354 Majestic		
Eagle Drive		\$430,000
195 Valley Grove Drive		\$479,321
69 Bar Harbor Way	5B/3B	\$875,000

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Single Family Homes - Ponte Vedra Beach, 32082

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MLS reported +/- 20 sold real estate transactions this week. The list above illustrates representative sampling of reported sold transactions. Property information is not quaranteed. © 2016 MLS and FBS

Have real estate questions? Email them to have your question answered in a future column. Submit questions to mh@michael2020.com.

Chase Bank opens in Nocatee



Chase Bank held a ribbon cutting ceremony and grand opening celebration last week at its new branch location in Nocatee Town Center. Branch staff include Branch Manager Leidy Cuartas (front) and (from left) Teller Connie Mignone, Multisite Manager Travis Ramsey, Relationship Banker Ledio Simoni, Mortgage Banker Denise Cambron, Lead Teller Operations Specialist Donna Specht-Rariden and Private Client Banker Chris McLaughlin.



Photos by Susan Griffin

Branch Manager Leidy Cuartas cuts the ribbon at the new Chase Bank branch in Nocatee Town Center. Members of the Ponte Vedra Beach Division of the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce were on hand to welcome the bank to the local business community.

Chamber collects supplies for local teachers

Chamber of Commerce PVB Division Board Member Steven **Beyer delivers** supplies collected for Investing in Kids (INK), a nonprofit that provides support and assistance to teachers and students in the St. Johns County **School District. Ambassadors of** the chamber's Ponte Vedra **Beach Division** collected the supplies as part of the division's community outreach efforts.

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Beachside Embroidery marks first anniversary



Photo by Susan Griffin

Owner Kelli Votaw welcomes quests to the first anniversary celebration for her business, Beachside Embroidery & Monograms, a Southern Style Boutique. Located in Ponte Vedra Beach, the boutique offers a wide selection of unique gifts and children's clothing as well as fashion apparel and accessories.

MOVERS & SHAKERS



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Sandifer joins Berkshire Hathaway HSFNR

Lisa Sandifer has ioined the Ponte Vedra/Nocatee office of Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Network Realty.

A native Floridian. Sandifer was previously

an Etcetera sales consultant.

We are excited to have Lisa join the Ponte Vedra/Nocatee office," Broker/ Manager Kevin Waugaman said. "Lisa's enthusiasm is contagious and we know that her star will rise far in the company."

Berkshire Hathaway HSFNR's Ponte Vedra/Nocatee office is located at 333 Village Main St., Ste. 670 in Ponte Vedra

Quick Law Group makes Law Firm 500

The Quick Law Group has been ranked number 24 on the Law Firm 500 Honorees List of the top 100 fastest growing law firms in America.

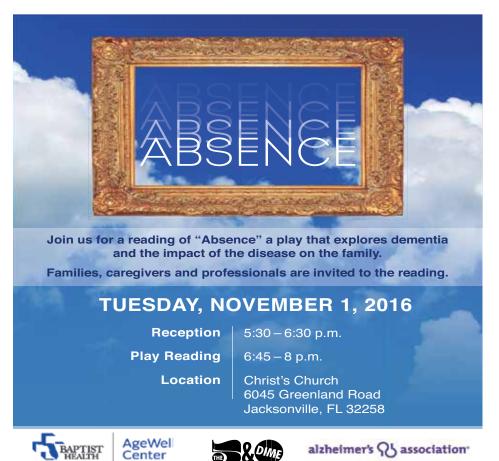
The published list recognizes law firms that have achieved significant growth in revenues. The nominees for the first ever Law Firm 500 Award Honorees list were

evaluated by an outside accounting firm and subjected to an identical review process. The Quick Law Group was ranked 24 for achieving 259.91 percentage of growth.

"All of our attorneys and staff have really been working hard to achieve and exceed our goals and it is such an honor to be noticed for our efforts," said Heather Quick, founder and CEO of The Quick Law Group. "I am incredibly thankful for my highly qualified team as well as to be able to provide family and divorce law services for women."



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Cathy Thomasson, Jodi Burns, Robin Beatty, Gary Woods and Cara Burky

Sidney Cardel's celebrates 5th anniversary

Sidney Cardel's marked its 5th anniversary last week with a celebration attended by longtime fans and loyal customers of the Jacksonville Beach store specializing in unique furnishings and home décor.

Guests enjoyed champagne, hors d'oeuvres and giveaways while marking the anniversary with Cathy Thomasson and Cara Burky, the mother-daughter duo behind Sidney Cardel's.

Attendees also received a free Sidney Cardel's reusable tote.



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Sidney Cardel's celebrated its 5th anniversary with an in-store reception.



Photos by Jennifer Logue

Mulligan's Pub from the Hilton Garden Inn in Ponte Vedra was one of the nearly 60 restaurants to participate in this year's Caring Chefs event.

Avenues Mall hosts Caring Chefs benefit for Children's Home Society

An estimated 2,000 attendees gravitated to the Avenues Mall Oct. 2 for the 33rd annual Caring Chefs food festival to benefit the Children's Home Society of Florida. Proceeds from the event support the Children's Home Society of Florida's

efforts to advocate for children and build strong families through counseling, adoption and foster care services.

For more photos from the Caring Chefs event, see the upcoming issue of First Coast Register magazine.



Chefs from Pusser's prepare coconut curry chicken satay.



Entertainment at the event included the band Bay Street, featuring John Miller.

OBITUARIES



Steven Peeters

Steven Peeters, 55, died peacefully with his family by his side on Oct. 14, 2016. He was born Oct. 22, 1960 in Queens, NY. He received

his BS degree from Bryant University and later his MBA in Finance from the University of Connecticut.

His career started in Connecticut with Hartford Financial Services. He later went to Zurich North America in Baltimore, MD until moving to Ponte Vedra in 2005 and working with Zurich Ins. Services as president and chief operating officer. In 2010 he went to work for Main Street America Group, becoming the executive vice president and chief operating officer. Earlier this year, AmCap Insurance brought him in as president.

Steve volunteered much of his time with youth sports programs including soccer, basketball and lacrosse.

Steve his survived by his loving wife, Kathy Peeters; children Jamie Peeters of Tallahassee, Cari Peeters of Jacksonville and Rob Peeters of Ponte Vedra; father, Robert Peeters; mother and stepfather, Mary-Ann and J. Robert Flagg; brother, Douglas Peeters; and many other loving family members. He was predeceased by his brother. Lawrence Peeters

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, Oct. 21 in Christ Episcopal Church of Ponte Vedra. In lieu of

flowers, donations may be made to Community Hospice McGraw Center at 4715 Worrall Way, Jacksonville FL 32224.

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Beach boy

Honorable Mention goes to Lana Bandy and Dale Ratermann, whose border collie mix Sanchez, is ready for a day at the beach.

Thanks to all who submitted photos of their furry family members.







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NOCATEE HAPPENINGS

Blessing of the Animals highlights fall Nocatee Farmer's Market



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Father Michael Ellis of St. Francis in-the-Field performs a pet blessing at the farmer's market.

Fall was in the air Oct. 15, when the monthly Nocatee Farmer's Market took on an autumnal theme for a traditional "Fall Festival."

In addition to horse-drawn hayrides, the family-friendly event enabled attendees to make scarecrows and view a variety of animals at the on-site petting zoo. Face painting was also available, while entertainment was provided by the Paul Lundgren band.

A special highlight of the event was the Blessing of the Animals conducted by

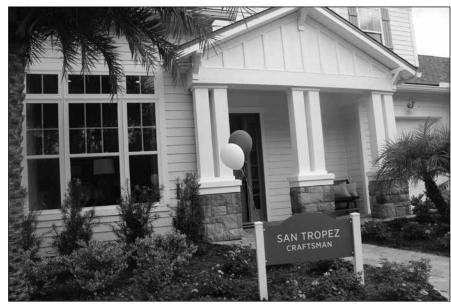
Father Michael Ellis and Father Ian Mc-Carthy of St. Francis in-the-Field Church. Participants received a St. Francis medallion and certificate to mark the blessing, which was held in conjunction with the festival day honoring St. Francis, the patron saint of animals.

Held on the third Saturday of each month, the Nocatee Farmer's Market features more than 70 vendors offering fresh produce, specialty food items, jewelry, handmade crafts and more.



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Prospective homeowners visiting Coastal Oaks Oct. 15 also had an opportunity to witness the community's fall festival.



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Therapy animal expo offers information on training, registration, volunteer programs

More than 200 people attended the inaugural Therapy Animal Expo, held Oct. 1 in Jacksonville

Organized by the newly formed Northeast Florida Therapy Animals, the event attracted more than double the number of attendees organizers were expecting to learn about therapy animal training, registration and volunteer programs.

"The response was tremendous," said Lori Coleman, a co-chair of the event steering committee. "We believed there was a need to centralize this information and provide a one-stop resource where people could find out not just where to get training and register their pets but also where they could volunteer. The response to our Expo proved we were right



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Linda Tipton, a R.E.A.D.® volunteer with her Chocolate Lab, Jasper, answers questions about the reading education program managed in Duval and St. Johns counties by **Pawsitive Pets.**

about that desire for information."

Organizers said NEFTA hopes to double the current number of around 125 active qualified teams that seek out training and

registration to become involved in animalassisted therapy in the next year.

"We believe that interest in animalassisted therapy is growing," said Coleman, an evaluator for Alliance of Therapy Dogs, a national registering organization. "The response to this Expo confirms we are right."



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Sharks edge Bishop Kenny

By Jerry Norton

Barring a complete collapse by the district-leading Sharks in their final conference game against Parker, last Friday night's football matchup against the Bishop Kenny Crusaders would determine the winner of the Class 5A District 4 title. Both teams seemed to realize that and played with the intensity a championship game demanded, albeit not without several critical mistakes by both teams. In the end, the Sharks had too much Nick Tronti and Marshall Few for BK and came out on the long end of the 28-21 final score.

Tronti connected on 22 of 33 passes – seven to Marshall Few – for 285 yards and four touchdowns. In addition, the quarterback rushed for 68 yards. Few, who is having an All-Everything season, caught three of his receptions for touchdowns and gained 147 yards on the night.

The Sharks took the opening kickoff and drove 80 yards in eight plays, the last a 23-yard strike to Few in the end zone, to take an early lead. Kenny then drove downfield to the Sharks' 35 but coughed up the football on a second down play. Daniel Lichlyter recovered for the Sharks and Tronti was back in business but only for three plays, two of which were incomplete passes. After failing to make a first down, Ponte Vedra punted and the Crusaders completed an eight-play drive of their own to tie matters at seven.

The Crusaders forced another Ponte



Parker Shannon recovers a Kenny fumble in the end zone.

Vedra punt but weren't able to capitalize on that possession thanks to another fumble – this recovered by Zach Summers at the BK 36. When the Sharks failed to make a first down, Chris Howard booted a 51-yard field goal for what appeared to be a 10-7 Ponte Vedra lead. On the play however, a Kenny defender ran into Howard and the Sharks took the points off the board in favor of the 15-yard penalty and a first down at the BK 20-yard line.

Tronti scampered for 14 yards and a

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Marshall Few of the Sharks pulls in Nick Tronti's pass for the first Shark touchdown against Bishop Kenny.

Panthers fall to Broncos 20-6

By Jon Blauvelt

With the exception of an early scoring drive, the Nease Panthers struggled to overcome turnovers and penalties and move the ball effectively against the Middleburg Broncos at home Oct. 14, ultimately losing 20-6 on Homecoming night and dropping out of District 4-6A contention.

"We did a poor job across the board," said Tim Krause, Nease head coach. "We really didn't play winning football."

Nease (1-4, 0-2), last year's district champion, has now lost three straight games, while Middleburg (4-3, 3-0), which finished 0-10 last year, has clinched a state playoff spot for the first time since

"This is huge for our community," said Karl Smeltzer, Middleburg head coach, with a few tears in his eyes. "These kids have been kicked. They've been beaten. They've been down a long time. This

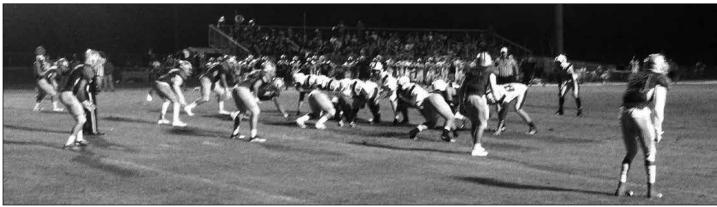


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After Nease quarterback Leighton Alley threw an interception on the first play of the third quarter, the momentum shifted to Middleburg, and the Broncos mounted this scoring drive, which was capped off by a goal line touchdown run by fullback Alex Joe. Nease ultimately fell to Middleburg 20-6 on Homecoming night and dropped out of District 4-6A contention.

town will rally around a winner."

Nease started strong with an impressive 10-play 53-yard drive capped off by a sneaky eight-yard touchdown run up the middle by quarterback Leighton Alley. Failing to convert the extra point, the Panthers jumped to an early 6-0 lead at the

5:18 mark of the first quarter.

Middleburg quickly responded with a strong rushing attack led by running back Robert Lowder and a 22-yard touchdown run by quarterback Garrett Blanchett to end the drive. The Broncos converted the extra point and took a 7-6 lead with 36

seconds remaining in the first quarter.

After a scoreless second quarter, the momentum shifted to Middleburg when Broncos safety Travis Hupp intercepted Alley on the first play of the third

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first down at the Kenny 6-yard line. Now it was Ponte Vedra's time for the critical mistake. Tronti's pass – with a third and goal at the two – was intercepted and the Sharks came away with nothing.

Bolstered by the turn of events, Kenny's offense took over, driving the length of the field – aided by a 15-yard targeting

penalty – for the go-ahead touchdown and a 14-7 advantage with just 1:25 left in the first half.

That was all the time Tronti would need to get his Sharks into the end zone, this on Few's second TD reception. Howard, nursing a sore knee suffered on the roughing the kicker play, pushed the PAT wide left so the Sharks went to the locker room on the short end of the 14-13 score.

Kenny again threatened on their first possession of the second half, converting a fake punt into a first down but then failed to make a 50-yard field goal. With the ball back in Tronti's hands Ponte Vedra took advantage of their wide receiver depth. Kyle Barker caught a pass for 20 yards then Jake Maguire pulled down a Tronti pass for the Sharks third touchdown of the game.

Howard's point after made the score 20-14 Sharks.

The Crusaders' offense threatened to retake the lead as they drove to a first down at the Sharks' 6-yard line but one more critical mistake cost them dearly. The BK runner was stopped short of the goal line, fumbled the ball and could only watch as Parker Shannon recovered in the end zone for the Sharks.

With the chance to put the game out of

reach, the Sharks called on Hal Swan to grind out yardage and burn some clock. Swan picked up 26 yards on a pair of runs but a holding penalty put Ponte Vedra in a hole. They ultimately faced a fourth down and 18 at the BK 40. This time it was the Sharks who went with the fake punt and Tronti sent a perfect pass 45 yards downfield into the end-zone right into the arms of you know who – Marshall Few. He even caught the two point conversion to extend the PV lead to 28-14.

It mattered little that the Crusaders would score again but when they failed to win the on-sides kick, the Sharks headed home with the 28-21 victory.

Ponte Vedra will play at Bartram Trail on Oct 21 – a makeup of the game postponed by Hurricane Matthew.



Nick Tronti throws a pass against Bishop Kenny. Tronti passed for four touchdowns and 285 yards in the Sharks 28-21 win.

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quarter, Alley's second of three costly interceptions during the game. Middleburg capitalized on the turnover with a physical drive that lasted nearly five minutes and ended with a goal line touchdown run by fullback Alex Joe. A blocked extra point made the score 13-7, in favor of the Broncos, at the 6:53 mark of the third quarter.

Nease made a much-needed three and

out stop with 3:03 to play in the third quarter and forced Middleburg to punt. Yet the Panthers were flagged a 15-yard penalty for having too many men on the field, providing the Broncos with a first down and the opportunity to run five minutes off the clock.

The trouble continued for the Panthers with 8:15 to play in the fourth quarter when Middleburg safety Travis Hupp made another game changing play, blocking a Nease punt and positioning the Broncos offense within the red zone. Joe scored his second touchdown of the

game on a five-yard run with about seven minutes to play, and Middleburg opened up their lead to 20-6 after converting the extra point.

"We executed all week in practice," said Joe. "And we played how we practiced. It feels great."

The Panthers struggled to stop the Broncos rushing attack, which proved to be effective once again this past week. Lowder finished with 119 yards while Joe picked up 44 yards and scored two crucial second half rushing touchdowns.

"Both Alex Joe and Robert Lowder

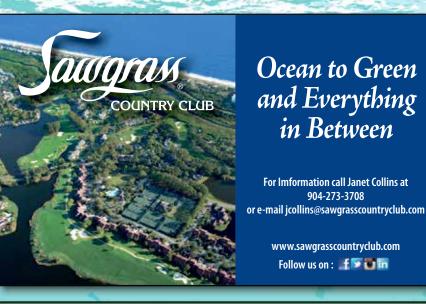
have been huge the past two games," said Smeltzer. "They're looking for the hole, and they're patient. When they see it, they hit it."

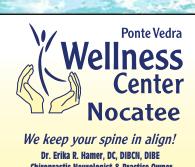
Nease, which plays at St. Augustine (6-1, 2-0) Friday, Oct. 21 at 7 p.m., failed to mount a comeback in the remaining minutes of the game.

"It was tough for us to sustain anything and finish off drives," said Krause. "They did a good job controlling time of possession. They're a physical football team, but they're also a really talented football team."



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JAGUARS 17, BEARS 16

Jacksonville rallies in Windy City for Season's second win

By Mike Bonts

CHICAGO — Arrelious Benn caught a 51-yard touchdown pass from QB Blake Bortles with 2:49 remaining in the fourth quarter as the Jacksonville Jaguars rallied for a 17-16 win over the Chicago Bears at Soldier Field

The Jaguars now have won back-toback games for the first time since the 2015 season. It also marked their first road victory over an NFC North opponent since they defeated Detroit in the 2008 season.

Jacksonville running back Chris Ivory scored on a one-yard run in the fourth quarter, marking his first since joining the Jaguars and the 25th rushing score of his 73-game NFL career.

Benn's only catch of the game gave the Jaguars (2-3) with their first lead after the Bears jumped out 13-0. It marked Benn's first touchdown reception with the Jaguars and his first TD reception since 2011 when he was a member of the Tampa Bay

Bortles completed 20 of 33 passes for 271 yards, one TD and one interception.

The win over Chicago marked the fifth come-from-behind fourth quarter victory of Bortles' career. Bortles entered the game 1-14 on the road as a starter.

Five different Jacksonville receivers – Allen Robinson, Marqise Lee, Allen Hurns, Benn and Julius Thomas – caught a pass of 10-plus yards in the game. Hurns caught five passes for 74 yards and has caught a pass in every game in which he's played and he extended his streak of 36 consecutive appearances with a reception. On the season, Hurns has now caught 20 passes for 300 yards and one TD.

Jason Myers' 30-yard field goal with 4:59 remaining got the Jaguars to within 16-10. Myers has made eight of 10 field goals and all 11 PATs this season.

The Jaguars had five penalties – their fewest of the 2016 season – and fewest penalty yards (50) since 2015.

Defensively, linebacker Paul Posluszny led the team with 11 tackles, 10 solo, including one tackle for loss. For the season, he has now registered 46 tackles, 35 solo, and leads the club in tackles.

Linebacker Telvin Smith finished second on the team with eight tackles against Chicago, including one tackle for loss. Smith has now registered six-plus tackles in 21 consecutive games, the longest active streak in the NFL. In five games this season Smith has registered 40 tackles.

Safety Johnathan Cyprien registered six tackles, four solo, and one pass defensed. He has made at least five tackles in every game this season.

Chicago QB Brian Hoyer, starting again in place of injured Jay Cutler, led the sputtering Bears offense with 302 yards on 30-for-49 passing. Jordan Howard's 1-yard scoring run – the first of his NFL career gave Chicago (1-5) a 10-0 lead in the second quarter. Connor Barth kicked three field goals.

The Jaguars are home this Sunday to face the Oakland Raiders (4-2) at Ever-Bank Field. Kickoff is at 1 p.m.

Comeback cats: The Jaguars overcame a 13-point fourth-quarter deficit to defeat the Bears, which is tied for the sixth-largest comeback in franchise history and the

largest comeback since 2014, when the Jaguars trailed the New York Giants by 21 points, the largest comeback in franchise history, in the second quarter and won, 25-24. The comeback from a 13-point fourth quarter deficit was just the second time in franchise history in which the team has trailed by 10 or more points in the fourth quarter and won.

Nortman nails it: Fifth-year punter Bran Nortman punted five times for 275 yards and a 52.2 net avg., including two punts inside the 20. In his 69-game career, Nortman has now registered 100 career punts inside the 20, including nine this

Colvin makes debut: Third-year cornerback Aaron Colvin made his 2016 debut and registered five tackles, including one tackle for loss. Colvin missed the first four games of the season as he was serving a suspension for violating the NFL policy for performance enhancing substances. Colvin eclipsed the 100 career tackle mark and now has 103 career stops 86 of them solo tackles.

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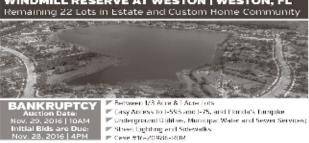
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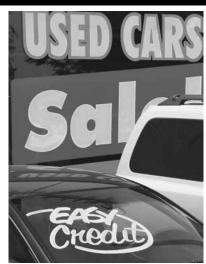
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