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Message from the publisher

In this edition of the Ponte Vedra Recorder, we're pleased to introduce our new Business Weekly section. Of course, regular readers know that covering local business is a top priority for the Recorder. As Ponte Vedra's premier source of local news, we understand our readers want to stay informed on all things local business both old and new. — Because like you, we too have

we guarantee local businesses and we know what a valuable contribution local business owners make to our community. In addition, the Recorder has long enjoyed a strong relationship with the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce and the Ponte Vedra Beach Economic Alliance so we share their passion for the success and growth of our local businesses both old and new. — Because like you, we too have

Now, as new business owners begin setting up across Ponte Vedra and the Beaches area, the Recorder is strengthening our business coverage to keep readers up to date on the increasing amount of business news in our local community. From business openings and local entrepreneurs to promotions, career moves, trends and more, the Recorder Weekly will give a spotlight on the people and industries that fuel our local economy.

We extend warmest wishes to our new Managing Editor Jennifer Logue at jlogue@pvr.com. We're looking forward to hearing from you.

Susan Griffin
Publisher

Her responsibilities include overseeing the growth and operation of our award-winning local business coverage.

MILESSA
relationships and managing the leadership of the financial services in the beach's west region. Distinctly being 22 years of financial services experience in her own right. She was most recently with the financial services firm of **Carroll**, included in a number of the Jacksonville Mayor's Club, a board member and trustee for the East Pines Rialto Home Foundation, and a board member and trustee for the Oak Lane Methodist Elementary.

JANA
James Jane Beach House in Charles County, Virginia and Beach House in Jacksonville, Florida. She is currently the Vice President of Beach House in Jacksonville. She is also a member of the Jacksonville Mayor's Club, a board member and trustee for the East Pines Rialto Home Foundation, and a board member and trustee for the Oak Lane Methodist Elementary.

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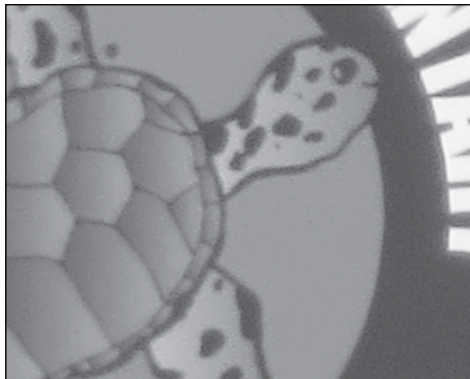
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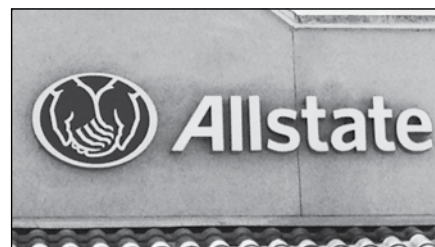


Do you know what this is?

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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 Allstate Insurance. Winner of the random drawing was **Denise Smith** – congratulations! You may pick up your prize at the Recorder offices during regular business hours.



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Proposed development on Ponte Vedra Outpost draws opposition

Residents launch 'Save Guana Now' campaign to preserve land

By Carrie Resch

A proposal to build a 77-home development on 99 acres of Ponte Vedra land known as The Outpost is drawing opposition from both local residents and environmental groups.

Located at the end of Neck Road and adjacent to the Guana Tolomato Matanzas National Estuarine Research Reserve, the property is owned by Gate Petroleum. Last month, the Ponte Vedra Corp. – a subsidiary of Gate – submitted an application to rezone the land from rural to residential in order to build the proposed housing development, to be known as Vista Tranquila.

Neck Road residents Nicole Crosby and Gary Coulliette, however, have launched the “Save Guana Now” campaign to stop the development and preserve the property. Their opposition is outlined on the website www.saveguananow.org.

The group maintains that such a development would have a far-reaching impact on the environment and wildlife in the

area, including migrating birds, threatened species and species of special concern. Both the Northeast Florida Sierra Club group and the Florida Audubon have also expressed public opposition to the project.

“I think it’s hard for many people to understand, you can’t take away a parcel of land that’s continuously used by wildlife and just figure that they’ll go somewhere else,” said Janet Stanko, chair of the Northeast Florida Sierra Club group. “They can’t go anywhere else, and some of these animals need a certain foraging area and when you cut back that foraging area, it means that they can’t find enough food, enough viable mates.”

In addition, the environmental impact of potential pollution from fertilizer, pesticides and run-off could contaminate the GTMNERR waterways, Crosby noted. The property includes more than 22 acres of wetlands and borders Guana Lake. The Vista Tranquila Master Development Plan proposes building a number of lakeside homes.

“It’s going to be catastrophic environmentally – not only because of the destruction of habitat on the 70 acres itself where they want to put in those 77 houses, but also because of the effect it’s going to have on the surrounding Guana Preserve and even the National Estuarine

Research Reserve that Lake Guana flows into,” she said.

Traffic concerns

On top of the environmental impact,

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Crosby said she and neighbors living on Neck Road are concerned about traffic and safety. The proposed subdivision has only one entry point for the neighborhood via Neck Road – a two-lane road that dead ends at The Outpost property.

“Proposing a major development at the end of a no-outlet street that already has 116 homes on it is a deeply flawed plan,” Crosby said. “We’d have an additional 800 car trips per day on Neck Road, which would not only create traffic build-up, but would compromise car and pedestrian safety for the entire length of the road.”

Coulliette noted that there is already a lot of congestion at the intersection of Neck Road and Mickler Road. With the added traffic such a development would generate, he’s concerned about what would happen in the event of an emergency evacuation.

This isn’t the first time the Outpost’s owners have proposed developing the property.

“The county received an application in

2014 for the property to be recognized with a Residential C land use designation, which could have allowed up to approximately 306 homes with a companion rezoning,” St. Johns County Director of Communications Michael Ryan said. “In July, asserting their interpretation of a Residential C land use designation, the land owners filed a rezoning application requesting approximately 77 homes. That application is currently under review at the staff level.”

The Save Guana Now group would like to see the land made available for permanent preservation, and for the North Florida Land Trust to have an opportunity to secure funding so the land can be purchased.

Crosby said the group has received support from people who live outside the neighborhood as well.

“I think the thing that surprised me the most about all this is when we started getting the emails flooding in after we posted the website, she said. “I was so surprised at how many people are supporting us that aren’t even living in neighborhoods that are directly impacted by it. It’s really been gratifying to learn how many people really do not want to see that land destroyed, and it is conservation land after all.”



Photo by Craig O’Neal

Roseate spoonbills are among the birds that frequent the GTM Research Reserve.



Photo by Carrie Resch

SJC students head back to school; enrollment up 5.3 percent over last year

Public school students across St. Johns County headed back to school Aug. 10, with nearly 35,000 students starting the school year in the state’s top-rated school district.

According to the St. Johns County School District, 34,906 students were enrolled as of the first day of school – an increase of 1,850 students or 5.3 percent over last year. St. Johns County continues to be one of the fastest-growing school districts in the state.

Total high school enrollment across the county was 11,016, with 2,193 at Allen D. Nease High School, 1,663

at Ponte Vedra High School, 2,259 students at Bartram Trail High School, 1,958 at Creekside High School, 1,307 at Pedro Menendez High School and 1,636 at St. Augustine High School. There were also 270 students in attendance at St. Johns Technical High School (SJTHS).

Middle school attendance totaled 7,101, with student headcounts ranging from 660 at Sebastian Middle School to 1,334 at Pacetti Bay Middle School. The other first-day figures were Alice B. Landrum Middle School with 1,134, Fruit Cove Middle School with 1,165,

R. J. Murray Middle School with 700, Gamble Rogers Middle School with 857 and Switzerland Point Middle School with 1,251.

The district’s K-8 school enrollment totaled 4,180. Nocatee’s Valley Ridge Academy began the new year with 1,446 students, while Liberty Pines and Patriot Oaks academies had 1,372 and 1,362, respectively.

While the elementary school population totaled 12,008, that count included approximately 33 percent of the kindergarten population, since schools stagger the kindergarten start date

over a three-day period. Another 331 students are enrolled at the district’s alternative, charter and Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) schools.

“I am thankful to our transportation department, the St. Johns County Sheriff’s Office and their PSAs, as well as the numerous crossing guards who ensure children get to and from our schools safely,” Superintendent Dr. Joseph Joyner said. “I am also very appreciative to our parents for their continued support and their patience as we work through the first few days of this school year.”

Beaches Museum and History Park hosts Mayport Village exhibit opening reception

By Jasmine Marshall

The Beaches Museum and History Park held an opening reception for its Mayport Village exhibition Aug. 11, inviting its members and the Beaches community to witness a “river of change.”

Held from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., the exhibit guided guests through the tumultuous history of the Mayport Village, exploring the impact of the water, the Naval Station and public reception.

As part of an ongoing exploration of beach areas from Mayport through Ponte Vedra, the new exhibit shed light on an area with lesser-known history, according to Executive Director Christine Hoffman. The timeliness of the exhibition wasn’t missed by visitors as they looked to the past amid discussion about Mayport’s future, she said.

“It’s a good time to talk about this area, because if you’re going to direct its future, you should know its past,” Hoffman said. “We brought in a committee of people who knew the area as it was and who know it first-hand in order to weave a richer tapestry of its history through the community.”

The exhibit brought together tangible artifacts of Mayport’s history, from vintage post-cards, t-shirts and posters to art and photographs of the famed Torrible, Bruce, King and Old Pablo houses. Hoffman gave special thanks to the committee, consisting of Bob Buren, Brittany Cohill, Claudia Estes, Una Orr, Donna Mickler Wilson and museum archivist Sarah Jackson. The combined efforts of the committee and contributors translated to an interactive experience, one that Hoffman said brought the exhibit to life.

“What we try to do with all the exhibits is take them off the walls,” she said. “We want to bring Mayport to life. I think people will be amazed by the depth of architecture and characters because with the help of this community, we can still tell these legendary stories today.”

Mayport Village: On the River of Change will be exhibited until Nov. 13. A series of events on the topic will be hosted through the months of August, September and October. All events are free to museum members with a \$5 suggested donation for non-members. For additional information, call (904) 241 5657 and visit www.beachmuseum.org.



Museum member Betsy Louis gazes at vintage postcards.

Photos by Jasmine Marshall



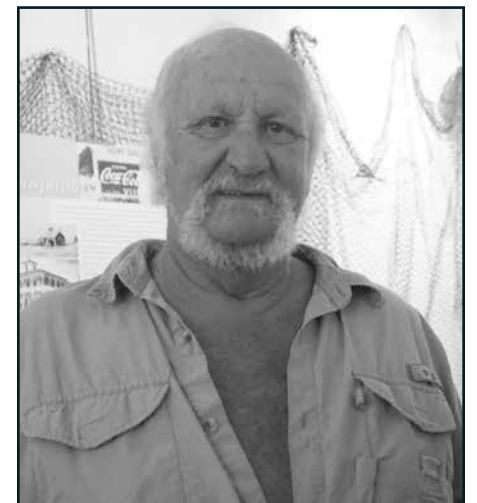
Linda Lanier and Sam Hall of the museum's board of directors.



Scaled model of Mayport Village



- **Aug. 27:** Mayport Village Storytellers at 1 p.m.
- **Sept. 10:** Riding the Rails: Pablo Beach Train Day from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- **Oct. 13:** Special Feature at 5:30 p.m. Screening of “The Flying Ace” in partnership with Norman Studios, at the Museum Chapel.
- **Oct. 27:** Boardwalk Talk at 5:30 p.m. Johnny Woodhouse shares the story of the sinking of the Donald Ray
- **Oct. 30:** Mayport Cemetery Tour at 1 p.m. A historic walk through the Mayport-Pablo Cemetery (reservations required)



George Strait



Executive Director Christine Hoffman with Una Orr and Claudia Estes of the exhibit committee.

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As the new executive director of the Ponte Vedra YMCA, Jennifer Ryan oversees a wide range of health, wellness and fitness-related activities for the local community. A Nease High School graduate, Ryan has deep roots in the community. She lives in Jacksonville Beach with her husband, Jason Ryan, CEO of Jacksonville Scene.

Jennifer Ryan

What are your primary roles and responsibilities as executive director of the Ponte Vedra Beach YMCA?

As executive director, I oversee membership, aquatics, healthy living, sports, children's programming, wellness programs, group exercise and community outreach for the branch. I have a hard-working team who are passionate about the work they do. In addition, I get to work with an amazing advisory board that helps with strategic planning, fundraising and outreach. My goal is to make sure that we continue to meet the needs of this community and are available to anyone regardless of ability to pay.

How did you come to take on the role as executive director?

Amazing timing! My background is in Public Health; I have a master's degree in Public Health from Emory University and have worked at the CDC, Brooks Rehabilitation, the Duval County Health Department and the Northeast Florida Healthy Start Coalition. I was looking for something a little closer to home where I could utilize my love of community health and overall physical health. As a Nease High School grad, I could think of nothing better than coming back to the community that I grew up in and having the opportunity to give back.

You previously served as executive director of the Northeast Florida Healthy Start Coalition. What do you see as the main challenges facing our region in terms of health and wellness?

The mission of the Northeast Florida Healthy Start Coalition is to reduce infant mortality. Infant mortality is a sentinel health indicator of a community. While St. Johns County is the healthiest county in the state, infant mortality has been increasing. Things in St. Johns County contributing to this rate include the health of a woman prior to becoming pregnant, substance abuse, sleep-related deaths and women getting pregnant later in life. Other issues in our community are long commute times, automobile dominated development, mental health and teen suicide.

Ponte Vedra Beach has a wealth of natural resources. How does the YMCA capitalize on that through healthy programs for kids?

The Ponte Vedra YMCA really prides itself on providing strong foundations for children through our sports, summer camps, swim teams, yoga, after school program, speed and agility training, arts and crafts, and family programming. We really try to incorporate the beauty of our community into our programming. For instance, this year our summer camp went to Guana Preserve to go on hikes and learn about the natural habitat that lives in the preserve. In the past, our campers have learned about mosquito control and sea turtle nesting habits, and they take nature hikes all throughout our area. Our teen camp took a trip to St. Augustine to take a scavenger hunt and learn about history.

What is the most rewarding part of your new role? The most challenging?

This is not just a job – this is a community! The most rewarding part of my new role is seeing what we do for children. Just the other day we celebrated one



Photo by Jasmine Marshall

of our summer camp kids, who started camp off not knowing how to swim and by the end of camp had learned how to swim. The smile on his face and pride in his accomplishment was inspirational. The most challenging aspect of my new role is communicating to the community all of the great programs we have and how we are much more than a gym, much more than a place to swim, much more than our basketball programs, much more than our group exercise classes, and much more than our family programming.

How do you enjoy spending your free time?

I love playing beach volleyball and riding my

beach cruiser with my husband. We play volleyball every Sunday – not on the same team, but we are both pretty competitive. I love spending time with my family; my brother and sister-in-law live in Nocatee with my three nephews, and my parents live in Julington Creek.

My three nephews love coming to the YMCA to visit me. My husband and I also love to travel – we most recently traveled to Italy on our honeymoon and are looking forward to a trip to Portland over Labor Day. I also write a blog about gluten-free restaurants and recipes called Gluten-FreeJacksonville.com.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The recent recommendation by the St. Johns County Planning & Zoning Agency board to approve transmittal of a comprehensive plan amendment that would allow commercial development in a residential stretch of A1A is tantamount to the mismanagement of land use in the Vilano Beach area. This 17-mile stretch of coastal highway is one of the last strictly residential oceanfront drives remaining in Florida. The protection from commercial development afforded by the County's Long-Range Comprehensive Plan was one of the primary reasons my wife and I purchased our home in this area.

The proposed Watermarke commercial project is not at a size and scale compatible with the surrounding area. The proposed project, which includes a 120 unit hotel and ancillary facilities is significantly larger than a small 29 unit inn and a couple of restaurants nearby that were erected prior to the establishment of the Vilano Beach Town Center Mixed Use District. The Mixed Use District for Vilano was adopted to harmonize Vilano as a year-round residential community with retail and commercial development that would revitalize an existing blighted or otherwise inefficiently developed area. With the abundant opportunity for commercial development within the Vilano Town Center, there is not a demonstrat-

ed deficiency of other available lands designated commercial to accommodate the proposed commercial use of the Watermarke project.


The county's Comprehensive Plan also requires that a proposed amendment for rezoning that allows commercial activity be contiguous to an existing development area which has developed in a pattern similar to the proposed amendment. This is not true with respect to the Watermarke project. Locating a commercial operation in the middle of a residential area is not a contiguous pattern of development.

The members of the Planning & Zoning Agency cited jobs, tax revenue and private property rights as justification for their approval and ignored the other

qualitative criteria required by the county's Land Use Plan in recommending approval of a plan amendment. By their affirmative vote they essentially undermined the county's well thought out objectives for the zoning overlay of Vilano.

Private property rights and the economic base of land use are already encompassed in the county's Comprehensive Plan in accordance with state law. I urge our County Commissioners to reject the recommendation of the Planning & Zoning Agency and redirect the efforts of its members to preserve the vision for Vilano that is already enshrined in the county's Development Plan.

Robert Thaggard
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JEA to begin project to replace portion of water, sewer systems

Project impacting Pablo, San Juan area to continue through December

By Jennifer Logue

JEA is set to begin work on a four-month project to replace some portions of the water and sewer systems within the Ponte Vedra Municipal Service District (MSD).

With an anticipated start date of Aug. 21 and a projected completion date of Dec. 30, the project will impact some residents of San Juan Drive, Pablo Road and Pablo Drive, as work crews cap aging sewer and water mains and install new pipes. According to Greg Corcoran, manager of project outreach for JEA, the impetus for the project came from the need to replace an aging sewer force main that is currently located between The Pointe Condominiums and the Ponte Vedra Inn & Club golf course.

“The main purpose of this project is for us to relocate the sewer force main,” Corcoran told attendees at the

Aug. 8 meeting of the MSD trustees. “If we ever had a problem, it would be very difficult for our team to get back there for repairs.”

Plans call for Callaway Contracting to cap and abandon that sewer force main, along with water and sewer mains running near Pablo Drive. New water and sewer pipes will then be routed along a portion of Pablo Road, Pablo Drive and San Juan Drive. Replacing the water main and water service lines – the smaller lines that connect the water main to individual homes – should improve water pressure in the area, Corcoran said.

“A lot of times when people are having water pressure problems, it’s not the water main, but the water services,” he said.

Callaway will also remove the existing sewer pipes along the neighborhood’s pedestrian footbridge. Due to

concerns about the bridge’s structural integrity, Corcoran said, a structural engineer will examine the bridge before removing the pipes, and re-check it for signs of any damage upon completion.

Road closures

Corcoran said that while crews would keep the road open in the mornings and evenings so local residents can get in and out of the neighborhood, there will be some midday road closures when portions of the roads will be closed to through traffic. “That is going to be an inconvenience and we apologize for that,” he said.

In order to limit disruption as much as possible, crews will work down the road in sections. According to JEA Project Engineer Robert Phillips, workers will dig up a section of the road, replace the sewer main, then go back and replace the water main along that same section. The road will then be

paved with asphalt before crews move on to the next section.

“Not a lot of contractors are willing to do that,” noted Gary Jurenovich, chairman of the MSD trustees.

Crews will also give advance notice when they will be working directly in front of certain homes and driveways will be blocked. Because the crews will be working on the road in sections, Phillips said, residents will already know they’re coming down the street and have a sense of when they will be in front of their home.

“You can see them gradually coming down the road, so it’s not a surprise,” he assured.

In addition, crews will leave door hangers on homes the day before so residents will have time to move their cars.

“You will have access to your driveway all the time except when we are working directly in front of it,” Phillips said.

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The BookMark 26th birthday party

The BookMark will celebrate its 26th birthday on Saturday, Aug. 27 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The day’s activities will kick off with a 9 a.m. story time with Miss Pat, suitable for children ages 3-8. Coffee will be available for adults.

Festivities throughout the day will include treats, chances to win prizes and opportunities to socialize.

The BookMark is located at 220 First St. in Neptune Beach. For more information, call (904) 241-9026 or visit www.bookmarkbeach.com.

Riding the Rails: Pablo Beach Train Day

The inaugural Beaches Museum & History Park Riding the Rails: Pablo Beach Train Day will be held Saturday, Sept. 10 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Activities will include two operating model train displays in the museum’s 1900 FEC Mayport Depot and the museum lobby; an antique toys table; tours of the museum’s 1911 steam locomotive, Mayport Depot, and 1900 FEC Foreman’s House; and more.

Operation Lifesaver will demonstrate train safety and hand out treats for the kids, while a rideable train engine will run in the neighborhood from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The key note, speaker Florida

East Coast Railway Historian Seth Bramson, will give a presentation on the history of the FEC Railway and its impact on Florida. The presentation will be held in the museum’s historic 1887 Chapel at 2 p.m.

Boy Scout Troop #37 will provide food, including hot dogs and hamburgers and the Doubletake group will provide musical entertainment.

This event is free and open to the public. A donation of \$5 for the presentation with Seth Bramson is suggested. For more information, call the Beaches Museum at (904) 241-5657 or email info@beaches-museum.org.

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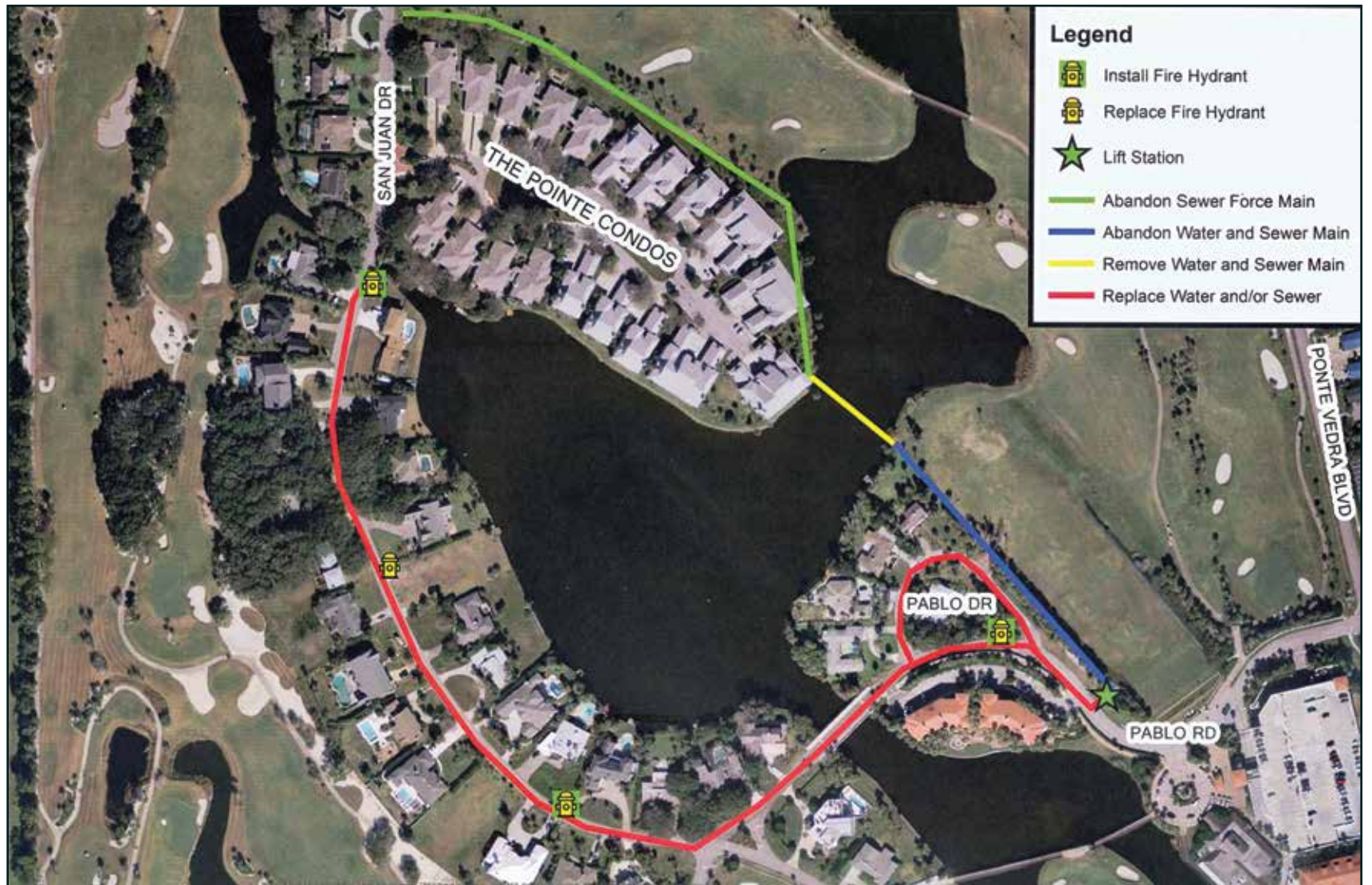
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Once all the new pipes have been laid and the system tested, crews will notify residents by knocking on doors when they are ready to transfer the system over to the new sewer and water systems. Callaway will then mill and repave the entire road and return any gutters, driveways or sidewalks impacted to their pre-construction condition.

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At Angelwood fashion show, love is in style

By Jennifer Logue

Katie Holtsinger was just 15 months old when she was diagnosed with cerebral palsy.

As she grew older, her mother, Margaret, struggled to deal with Katie's seizures and the behavior problems that escalated when she became a teenager. At one point, Katie's behavior got so bad that the staff at the group home where she was living had to call 911.

"I believe every parent prays and dreams that their child will grow up to be a happy and productive member of the community," Margaret Holtsinger said. "For many years, I didn't think that was possible."

But fortunately, the Holtsingers didn't have to face Katie's challenges alone. Working with the Angelwood Foundation, Katie received the one-on-one therapy and assistance she needed to progress and ultimately thrive. Now 35, Katie lives happily in her Angelwood group home and works at the Angelwood Development Center, where she enjoys painting and making jewelry for sale.

"Angelwood fills a gap for those of us challenged by someone with a disability in our family," Holtsinger said. "Katie loves her Angelwood family, and

so do I."

The Holtsingers are not alone. They were just one of dozens of families with similar stories on hand last week to celebrate the contributions the Angelwood Foundation has made to their lives at the nonprofit's 16th annual luncheon and fashion show. Held Aug. 12 at the Sawgrass Marriott Resort and Spa, the popular annual fundraiser featured a luncheon fashion show augmented by live and silent auctions, on-site shopping, prize raffles and more. In addition to a variety of silent auction experiences – including a cruise donated by Dream Vacations and a private visit to a Jaguars practice with lunch at the team training tables – the offerings included lunch with former Jaguar Jeff Lageman and a raffle drawing for an Ippolita necklace donated by Underwood's Jewelers.

"This event has a powerful impact on all that we do throughout the year," said Diane Tuttle, Angelwood's executive director. "But we're not just raising funds; we wanted to give (guests) a better picture of who we are."

To that end, this year's event focused on families like the Holtsingers

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Photos by Jennifer Logue

Katie Holtsinger and her mother Margaret



Angelwood Executive Director Diane Tuttle, Darrell Griswold, Development Director Tera Williams and April Daly



David Vails, Ben Keough, Judy Foist and John Wagner



Linda Winnett is accompanied by a model down the runway.

Angelwood Fashion Show

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and how Angelwood has impacted their lives. In addition to operating six group homes, the organization also offers summer camps, residential respite, adult day training programs, supported employment, behavior services and more.

“This year we are truly highlighting the stories of Angelwood,” Development Director Tera Williams said. “We wanted the community to know the stories of the people who use our services.”

Throughout the event, guests shared stories of how Angelwood had touched their lives. Board member John Wagner, for example, shared how thankful his family was that his aunt, who has Down syndrome, has lived happily for many years in one of Angelwood’s group homes.

“Angelwood has been such a blessing to our family,” he said. “My parents are in their later years, and Angelwood has helped us care for my aunt in a very loving way.”

The focus on the “angels” of Angelwood carried over to the runway, where the organization’s clients modeled fashions accompanied by friends, family, Angelwood supporters and celebrities such as teenage racing superstar Kyle Weatherman. As models made their way down the runway, guests waved and cheered, prompting shy grins and even a few dance moves from the models.

“The reason I love this show is that our clients are celebrated and put in the spotlight,” said Robin Wahby, a member of the Angelwood Board of Directors and the longtime chairman of the fashion show committee.

Wagner, who served as auctioneer during the live auction, agreed. “This is one of our very special events of the year because our clients get to model and take center stage,” he said. “But every single day of our lives, our lives are made better because there’s a staff at Angelwood who take care of the ones we love.”



Ivy Suter and son Mark Suter walk the runway.

Arbor Terrace Ponte Vedra makes resident’s dream come true

By Jennifer Logue

The staff at Arbor Terrace Ponte Vedra had an opportunity to make a resident’s dream come true Monday, thanks to the Arbor Company’s partnership with the nonprofit Second Wind Dreams.

The dream was a simple one. Betsy Flynn, a 79-year-old resident of the memory care facility, had a chance to do something she hadn’t been able to do for several years: Go for a swim. Accompanied by friends Lucy Garvey and Helen Jones, Flynn donned a swimsuit and enjoyed two hours of swimming peacefully in the oceanfront pool at The Plantation Beach Club, which donated use of its facilities in order to make Flynn’s dream come true.

According to Arbor Terrace Senior Engagement Director Mallorie Collyer, Second Wind Dreams partners with senior communities to help makes seniors’ wishes come true.

“They get to experience things they did when they were younger,” Collyer said. “Betsy used to teach water aerobics and one day when we were talking about dreams, she said, ‘I’d love to go swimming!’”

Making residents’ dreams come true is also helpful for staff seeking to engage with residents dealing with memory loss, Collyer said. “We can connect one-on-one with a resident (by fulfilling their dream).”



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Betsy Flynn enjoys a swim in the pool at The Plantation Beach Club as part of Arbor Terrace Ponte Vedra’s partnership with the Second Wind Dreams program.

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Marsh Landing brothers reunited after serving as missionaries around the world

By **JeaNette Smith**
Special to the Recorder

When Debi Mortensen had three sons in a row, barely a year apart, she knew that one day she wanted them to serve two-year missions for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. She never dreamed how daunting it would be to have all three of them so far from home for such a long time.

That long separation came to an end recently, when the three Mortensen boys – Steven, Michael and Alex – were reunited after returning from missionary assignments in Brazil, England and Idaho.

“Having all the boys gone at once definitely left a hole in our home,” Debi Mortensen said. “The house is filled with sound again.”

Little sister Jennifer also missed her big brothers.

“Michael was Jenny’s basketball coach,” Mortensen said. “He taught her to shoot, to jump, and play with someone really good.” Alex, meanwhile, often served as his little sister’s chauffeur.

The only thing that took away the sting of the boys’ absence, Mortensen said, was having local missionaries in their Marsh Landing home.

“Because we had missionaries serving in our own town, we were able to feel connected with our kids,” she said. “While the boys were away, lots of people were taught the gospel in our home.” Several people were also baptized here while her sons were baptizing people around the world, she added.

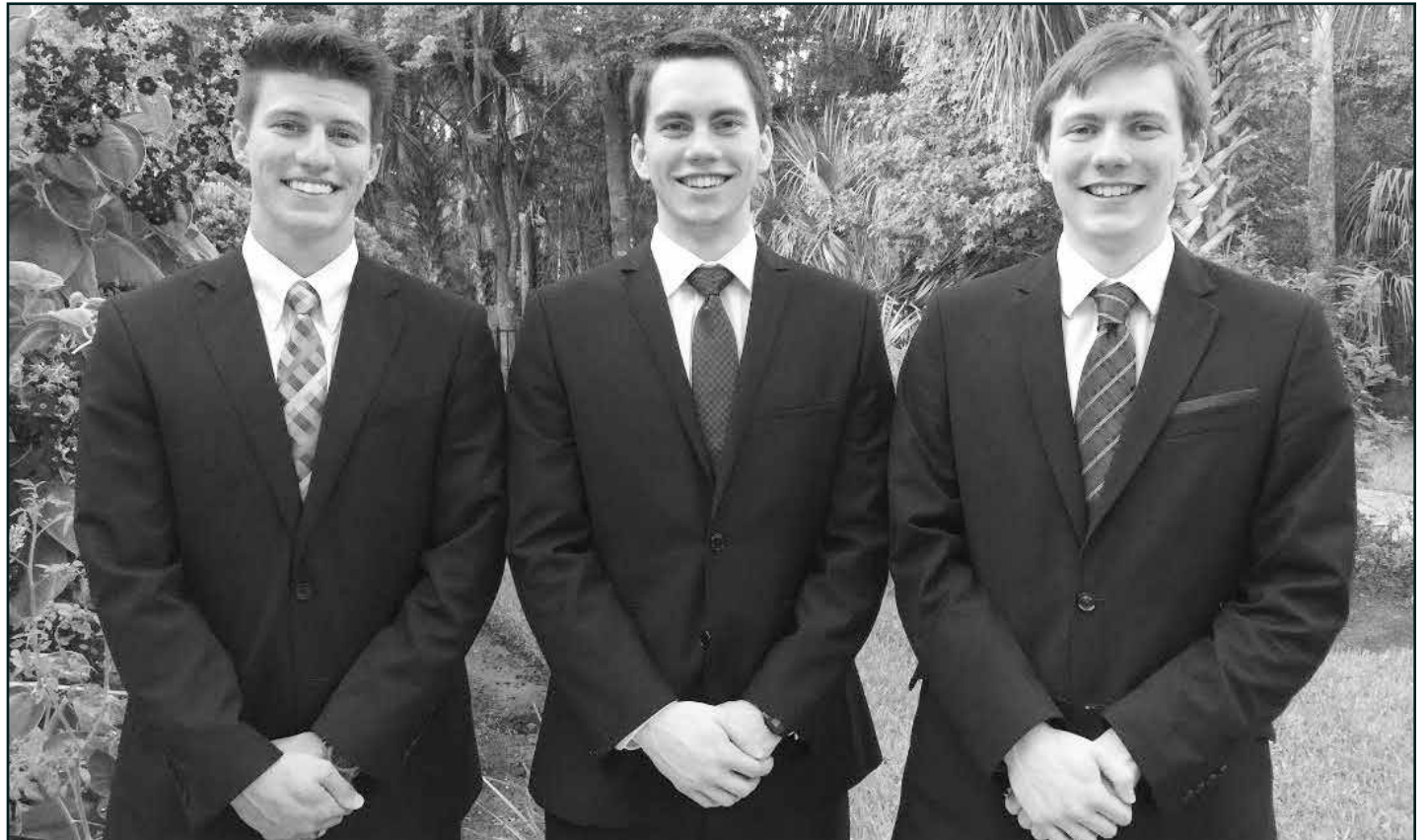
Adventures abroad

Mortensen was eager to hear about her son’s experiences during their missionary assignments. Not all of the experiences were positive, however.

During his two-year stint in Brazil, Steven was robbed at gunpoint while walking with some companions. Knowing it would terrify his mother, he didn’t tell her about the incident until he returned home.

Mortensen noted, however, that while the robber stole the belongings of one of Steven’s companions, he left the missionaries alone.

Both Michael and Alex suffered bicycle accidents while serving their missions. Michael’s companion was actually hit by a car, but was able to walk away from the accident. Alex was riding his bicycle in the rain when his brakes locked, causing him to hit a curb, fly over the handlebars and miraculously land on his feet.



Alex, Michael and Steven Mortensen recently returned home after completing two-year missionary stints for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Idaho, England and Brazil.

“Personally I think every, single one of our boys was watched over by the Lord through all of this,” Mortensen said. “The boys all faced plenty of challenges, but they were always protected.”

The three Mortensen boys also served in vastly different cultures.

“In Brazil, the people 35 and older are really Catholic,” Steven Mortensen said. “The young people are mostly Protestant and forward thinking. Atheists are extremely rare.”

In contrast, Michael felt that England is a country that is losing its faith.

“Everybody is either agnostic or atheist,” he said. “And they are very set in their beliefs.”

Alex served in an environment vastly different from either of his two brothers.

“In Pocatello, Idaho, almost everybody is already a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints,” he explained. “They are valiant Christians, as set in their ways as the atheists my brother met.”

The topography was also vastly different in each of the boys’ missions. In Brazil, Steven walked everywhere, while in England Michael rode his bicycle. In Idaho, Alex usually drove a car.

“Brazil is an extremely social place,” Steven said. “Only rich people can afford cars, or even motorcycles so the people walk everywhere. They are super friendly. They don’t always ac-

cept our message, but they loved to talk to us.”

The people were equally accessible in England, where every town had a town square where people gathered and shopped.

“We talked to 30 people an hour,” Michael said.

In rural Idaho, Alex’s mission boundaries included Bear Lake, West Yellowstone, and the picturesque tourist

destination of Jackson Hole.

“It was totally impractical to go door to door in Idaho,” Alex said, “so we just became part of people’s social circles.”

While the Mortensen boys served in vastly different cultures, their mother says that they all grew in similar ways.

“My boys came back from their missions so focused,” she said. “They are no longer teenagers. They are grounded and independent.”

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Local Boy Scout leads bicycle repair project to earn Eagle Scout honor

Henry Curran, a junior at Ponte Vedra High School, recently completed his Eagle Scout service project to benefit the Sulzbacher Center for the homeless in downtown Jacksonville.

Through a Facebook social media campaign, Curran helped collect unwanted bicycles, which were then repaired by a team of Troop 288 scouts and parents. Local bike shops Open Road and Bikes Inc. donated spare parts to help with the repairs.

The project came to fruition when Curran presented 16 bicycles and locks to the Sulzbacher Center.

The Eagle Scout project is the crowning achievement after years of being a boy scout.

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Henry Curran presents a repaired bicycle to the Sulzbacher Center. For his Eagle Scout service project, Curran organized a team to repair 16 bicycles for donation to the center.

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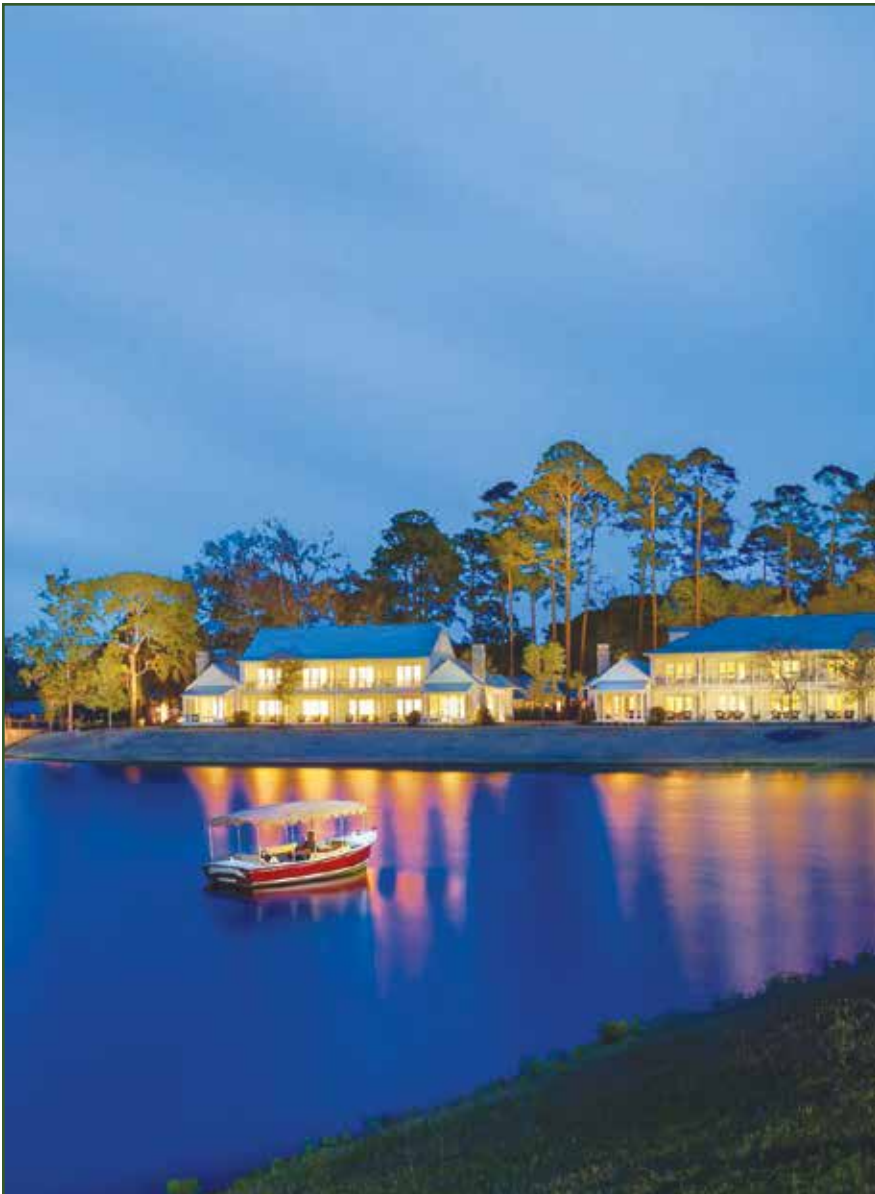
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Nocatee Community Resource Day connects families with services

Local families had an opportunity to meet with representatives from the St. Johns County schools, the Sheriff's Office and a dozen local community organizations recently, when Nocatee hosted a Community Resource Day.

Held Aug. 4 at Crosswater Hall, the event connected parents and children with student support organizations such as Tobacco Free Florida, EPIC Behavioral Healthcare, Al-anon Alateen, the PACT Prevention Coalition and the Department of Juvenile Justice. Also on hand were the principals from area schools – including Valley Ridge Academy, Ocean Palms Elementary, Landrum Middle School and Nease High School – giving families a chance to meet school administrators prior to the first day of school.

While kids took turns on the Nocatee zipline, enjoyed hot dogs and drinks, and participated in activities supervised by sheriff's deputies, parents participated in a series of informative presentations designed to prepare them for some of the challenges students may face as they advance through school. Lt. Mike Strausbaugh delivered a presentation titled “Know the Law,” addressing laws that impact children, internet safety, crime prevention, signs of drug and alcohol abuse and more.

Brandon Colee of EPIC Behavioral Healthcare, meanwhile, shared a “Parent Toolbox” designed to educate parents on ways of preventing children from engaging in dangerous behaviors such as drug and alcohol use.

“For the first time we were able to bring together everyone who comes in contact with our children – from educators to police to non-government service providers – to present a unified message,” said Denver Cook, one of the event's organizers. “Feedback from providers and the parents and community was overwhelmingly positive, with one parent saying it was proof he made the right move for his family as ‘we are in a community that cares.’”

Cook said that planning is already underway for future community events focused on educating parents about the challenges facing today's youth, including drugs, alcohol and internet safety.



Photos provided by Denver Cook

Lt. Mike Strausbaugh presents 'Know the Law' to Nocatee parents.



Mia and Piper Cook enjoy the art activities the Nocatee Resource Day.

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Crosswater Church to begin Upward Sports league

Crosswater Church will begin an Upward Sports league in September following the development of the fields behind the church this year.

Registration is currently open for children who wish to participate. The cost is \$105 for participants who register by Aug. 28. According to Pastor Todd Kornahrens, more than 60 kids have already registered. Registration for the program will close Sept. 1.

The program will start with soccer in September, then move on to flag foot-

ball and cheer in the spring. Leagues will be separated by age group according to the number of applicants.

Upward is a faith-based league that focuses on progression and equal playing time according to substitution charts that allow kids to receive equal attention and coaching. Kornahrens said with this program, special attention will be paid to help children improve mentally, spiritually, socially and athletically.

“I believe in our ‘win at any cost’ society, the joy and development of youth

sports have been lost,” he said. “At this age, no scholarship is being given and nobody is making it to the pros, so we can let them develop their skills, have fun and grow as a people. We keep it competitive, because we want children to be challenged, but we also keep it positive by letting them know that sometimes winning has nothing to do with the scoreboard.”

The league requires shin guards and strongly recommends cleats, but a uniform, water bottle, car magnet and

end-of-season gift are included in the cost. The program will last eight weeks; practices will be held on Monday and Tuesday nights, with children practicing on one of the two nights. Two practice sessions will be held on each night at 5:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Parents may register online at www.registration.upward.org/UPW61665. An on-site evaluation date where parents may also register is to be announced.



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6 seek election to MSD board of trustees

By Jennifer Logue

For the first time in 16 years, Ponte Vedra Beach residents who live within the boundaries of the Municipal Service District (MSD) will have an opportunity vote for candidates seeking election to the MSD Board of Trustees.

All three seats up for election this year – MSD seats 2, 4 and 6 – have at least two candidates seeking election to the volunteer positions, requiring the first election since 2000.

“I can’t remember the last time we had six candidates,” Board Chairman Gary Jurenovich told attendees at the Aug. 8 meeting of the Board of Trustees. At that meeting, all six candidates were given a chance to introduce themselves and state their interest in serving on the board.

Seat 2: Dominic Sanfilippo and Catherine “Kitty” Switkes

A 10-year resident of Ponte Vedra Beach, seat 2 candidate Dominic Sanfilippo noted that for the past six years his work schedule required him to travel frequently, limiting his civic participation. Now that he has opened a business in town, he said, he is hoping to become more active in the community.

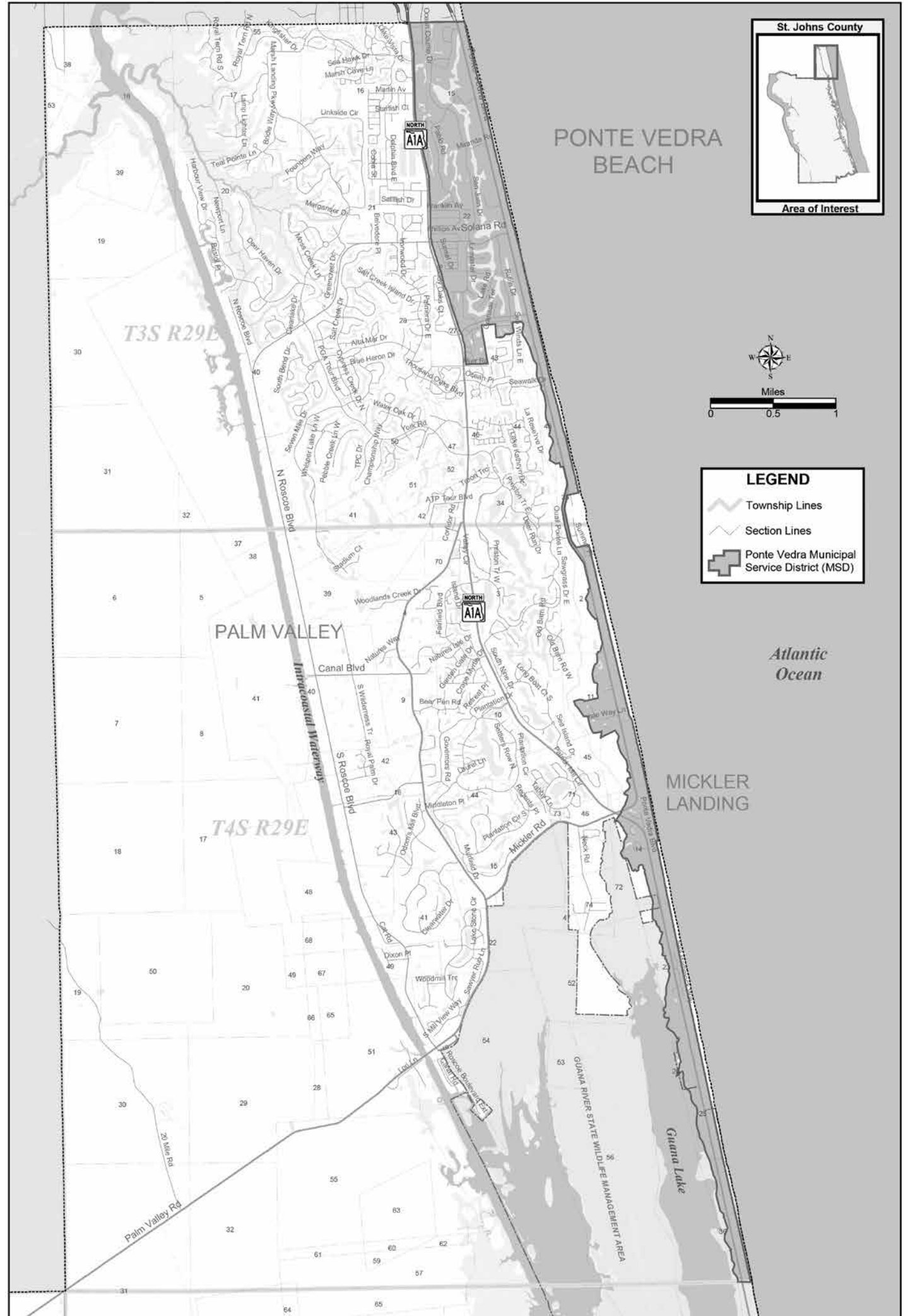
“I just want to do my part to give back in some small way,” he said.

Catherine “Kitty” Switkes, who is also seeking election to Seat 2, stressed her long involvement in the community. A resident of the MSD since 1990, Switkes said that when her three children were young she focused her activities on volunteering in the schools. She has also served as president of the Ponte Vedra Community Association and the nonprofit Friends of the Footbridge.

A master gardener, Switkes said that if she were elected she would like to focus on efforts involving landscaping, recycling and trash pickup.

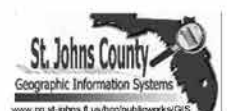
Seat 4: John Cellucci and John “Jake” O’Keefe

A Vietnam-era veteran who holds an MBA, John Cellucci highlighted his three decades in Ponte Vedra and his service on the Ponte Vedra Zoning and Adjustment Board. He noted that he attended MSD meetings regularly, and pointed to the board’s



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Ponte Vedra
Municipal Service District (MSD)



MSD Board

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recent accomplishments – including getting sidewalks installed along Ponte Vedra Boulevard – as “a good example of what the MSD can do.”

Ocean Palms Elementary School teacher John “Jake” O’Keefe, meanwhile, emphasized his desire to make a contribution. “I really want to get involved in the community,” he said. “I just want to get more involved and try to help out.”

If elected, O’Keefe said he would like to help use social media and the internet to raise awareness of MSD activities in order to boost civic engagement.

Seat 6: Adam Hammer and Brad Wester

A current member of the MSD Board of Trustees, Adam Hammer said that he has witnessed continued improvements during the time he has lived within the MSD. He pointed to improvements made during his four years on the board,

including the Ponte Vedra Boulevard sidewalk installation as well as the installation of pavers on beach access pathways.

If re-elected, Hammer said he would focus on providing core services such as trash pickup and regular police patrols.

“I’ll continue to support projects that make the MSD better,” he said. “It’s great that we have police officers driving around – the kids see them and have a great relationship with them.”

Candidate Brad Wester, meanwhile, stressed his experience in urban and municipal planning in both the public and private sectors.

“The majority of my work is in St. Johns County,” said Wester, who has also served as chair of the Ponte Vedra Overlay District Architectural Review board. “I know who to contact to get things done.”

Approximately 1,380 homes are included in the MSD, which encompasses the area from the Duval County line south to Guana Tolomato Matanzas National Estuarine Research Reserve, primarily east

of State Road A1A. Current trustees said they were pleased to see renewed interest in the activities of the MSD board, and expressed the hope that more residents would become engaged.

“It’s important that the community gets involved and gives these guys direction,” Hammer said. “For the last 16 years, whoever signed their name was it – and we’re deciding how to spend your tax dollars. So it’s on you to get involved.”

MSD Seat 2
Dominic Sanfilippo
Catherine “Kitty” Switkes

MSD Seat 4
John Cellucci
John “Jake” O’Keefe

MSD Seat 6
Adam M. Hammer
Brad Wester

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As a closed primary state, Florida only allows voters who are registered members of a political party to vote for that party’s candidates in the primary election. Voters who hold no party affiliation are not eligible to vote for party candidates in a primary election. However, all qualified voters regardless of party affiliation may vote in the primary if the following races appear on the ballot:

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Despite plenty of advanced notice, the Governor didn’t make a decision by Clerk Strickland’s retirement date so a decision was made locally and Mr. Lareau was named as the interim Clerk of Court by the Chief Judge. The appointment would last until the Governor made a decision or until the election, whichever came first. The Governor did not have to do anything at that point; he could have let the local decision stand until the election. Nearly two months after Lareau’s appointment he received a call from the Governor’s office that said “things are not going your way”. The Governor was appointing someone who had never worked in the office, effective immediately! One week later, Lareau retired to run for Clerk of Court, the office he had been trained to run his entire adult life.

One could understand the decision if Mrs. Strickland and Lareau had run the office poorly, or if there were even one negative article written about the Clerk’s office. But in fact, the opposite is true. Mrs. Strickland and Lareau received letters regularly from customers who complimented their staff and the only newspaper articles written about their office were complimentary.

If it weren’t for the excellent directors and employees that Strickland and Lareau hired and trained over the past 19 years, your local Clerk’s office would not be running today! Historical St Johns County records should be managed by someone with historical knowledge of your records. People named as replacements should have knowledge of the office they will be managing.

Lareau is endorsed by both retired Clerks Cheryl Strickland and Bud Markel. He has self funded the majority of his campaign. He is not a politician and never wanted to be, but he says he “can’t stand by and let back door politics ruin St. Johns County any more than it already has”.

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Lareau said when he’s elected he will once again eliminate this position. He also said that since he’s already retired, his State retirement will not be increased upon returning. In fact, the Clerk’s office will save nearly \$11,000 yearly in retirement costs paid to the State. These two items alone will save more than \$500,000 in just one term of office.

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Stephen Kaufman

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KAUFMAN

Steve Kaufman designed his first brochure for a major U.S. Senate campaign at age 14. He graduated from Northwestern University's school of journalism, and his back-

ground includes TV and newspaper reporting, political campaign staff work, and telemarketing for Merrill Lynch.

He served on active duty five years as a Navy surface warfare and public affairs officer, winning five Navy-wide awards for his public relations accomplishments.

On April 1, 1992, Steve started his public relations practice, and clients now span the spectrum of the manufacturing, nonprofit and service industries.

Steve serves as a regular guest speaker at the University of North Florida's

Small Business Development Center and the Jacksonville Regional Chamber of Commerce Small Business Center, discussing small business startups and public relations strategies.

He also continued in the Navy through 2014 as a drilling reservist and attained the rank of commander. In 2009, he was recalled to active duty in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and served as U.S. Central Command's lead action officer for the Afghanistan northern supply route, known as the Northern Distribution Network (NDN).

In this capacity, Cmdr. Kaufman led U.S. interagency negotiating teams with the governments of Kazakhstan and Tajikistan to grow the routes and expand the categories of allowable cargo shipped along the NDN. His efforts were specifically recognized by the United States Central Command (CENTCOM) General David Petraeus and in official U.S. embassy cables, and he was awarded the Defense Meritorious Service Medal for his mobilization service.

His community involvement has included co-hosting "Mind Your Own Business," a call-in radio show to help small business on 1320AM; JAX Chamber: trustee, board of governors, government affairs committee, military issues committee, South Council board and

member of multiple Chamber Councils; Jacksonville Community Council, Inc., Naval NROTC Scholarship Fund, Inc. board member, and the Navy League's Jacksonville Council president.

Ed Malin

From edforcongress.com



MALIN

Ed Malin has never run for any political office. He is running a completely self-funded campaign fueled in large part by concern about the corruption of elected officials.

Ed is a 50-year-old native of North Florida. He owns two sandwich shops at the Beaches – Angie's Subs and Angie's Grom. He resides with his wife of nearly 20 years in the home that his father built when

he was a child.

Ed is a graduate of Nease High School in its first graduating class of 1984. He was accepted into the first freshman class at the University of North Florida in the fall of 1984. It was quite an honor at the time to be accepted and his parents were very proud of him. He lasted there one semester and ended up going to four different colleges for six years to get a two-year degree

His first jobs, procured by his father, were in the trades. Most of his adult life has been spent in the food and beverage industry. He currently owns two restaurants in Jacksonville Beach. Between the two restaurants, he employs nearly 50 of the finest young people in town. One of the greatest rewards of owning these restaurants is giving young people their first job, teaching them the value of an honest day's work just like Ed's father taught him.

Ed is running as a Republican, but said he believes the two-party system is one of the biggest dividing factors in American Society.

Ed is not a politician, not a government bureaucrat, not an attorney. He thinks we have enough of those types in DC already.

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- ✓ Served on the Ponte Vedra Sidewalk Connection Committee
- ✓ Knowledgeable of the Local Issues & MSD Workings as a Regular Attendee at MSD Meetings
- ✓ Disabled Vietnam Era Veteran having proudly served in the US Navy
- ✓ Longstanding member of the Local American Legion Post

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Bill McClure

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McCLURE

Born in Atlanta and raised with his three siblings by their mother and father in Gainesville, Florida, Bill McClure learned early on of the value of hard work, teamwork and perse-

verance. He graduated near the top of his high school and college class and was the outspoken political student body president of both Gainesville High School and the University of South Florida.

Bill attended the University of Florida and then the University of South Florida, where he graduated with honors with a degree in education before pursuing a Master

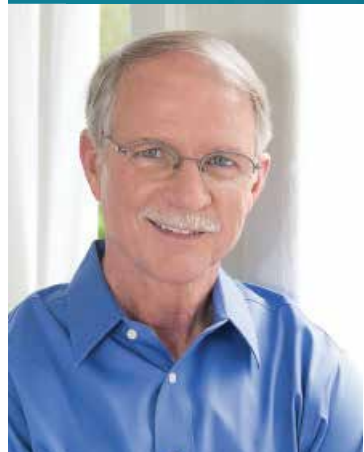
of Business Administration from Florida Gulf Coast University.

He previously was CEO of TPA eXchange, a third party administrator serving the needs of private and public employers in the health insurance and information technology marketplace. Prior to that, he was Chief Operating Officer (COO) of WLT Software, based in Clearwater Florida. While living in Atlanta in the late 1990s, he was COO and shareholder of Recall Systems, the first Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) companies within the health care marketplace, which was bought by Frontier Capital, a private equity firm in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Bill McClure has always been a proponent of small business. He has worked on the St. Johns and Nassau counties economic development teams and with both the St. Johns and Nassau counties chambers of commerce. He currently serves on the St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners and on the Northeast Florida Regional Council.

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LORAN LUEDERS, Chief of Police, City of St. Augustine



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Hans Tanzler

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TANZLER

Hans Tanzler III is a native of Jacksonville, was president of his R. E. Lee High School class for all three years and was captain of the basketball team.

He entered the University of Florida on a full basketball scholarship. At the University of Florida, his business courses enabled him to become a CPA, a real estate broker, certified valuation analyst and a lawyer who finished in the top 10 percent of his law school class with a final year to receive a legal master in tax law.

Upon graduation, he became an attorney for five years with the IRS-Treasury Department in Miami during the South America drug-running years and a federal prosecutor with the Department of Justice in Miami's U.S. Attorney's office in the public fraud and tax evasion section during early 1980s.

Hans returned to Jacksonville in 1981 and

practiced law for 10 years, was chairman of the Florida Bar's Tax Section, and later was recruited to become CFO – and later CEO – of a financially troubled company. His mission was to restructure the company financially, managerially and to restore it to profitability.

Hans's corporate restructuring and turnaround experience was part of his decision to accept the position of executive director of the St Johns River Water Management District at a time when its workforce was reduced by 25 percent, from 800 to 600.

Hans has received several Florida gubernatorial appointments requiring Florida Senate confirmation, including his current position as trustee of the University of North Florida, the recent three-and-a-half-year service with water management and as a Gulf States Marine Fisheries commissioner.

He was recently chairman of the finance committee of the University of Florida Foundation Board, co-founder of Springboard Capital, an early stage investment fund. Mr. Tanzler has also been active for more than 20 years with volunteer and community activities as chairman of the Florida Bar Tax Section; chairman of the Jacksonville Zoological Society, and is on the Conservation Trust of Florida Advisory Board.

Hans has been married 43 years to Debbie, his R. E. Lee High School sweetheart, and they have two children, a tax attorney son and a daughter who is a physician.

Deborah Katz Pueschel

Submitted by the candidate



KATZ PUESCHEL

Deborah Katz Pueschel has determination, knowledge and persistence with over 40 years of federal experience. She wants your vote, not your money.

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Deborah, the eldest of 11 from a modest family, arrived from Washington, DC 19 years ago with her husband, the Rev. Alec Pueschel, retired police officer, USAF veteran, pilot and retired pastor (LCMS).

Deborah was born into a family of distinguished civil and military patriots with ancestors that served in every branch of the service from the American Revolution through the War on Terrorism. She completed her parochial education at Immaculate Conception Academy while volunteering at a nursing home and working after-school jobs. She began her civil servant career at Prince George's County Police while attending community college.

Through the years, Deborah earned her real estate license and continued her civil

service as an air traffic controller (GS-14) including a brief period with the National Weather Service.

Deborah has served our country as the first woman air traffic controller certified in her division at Washington Center, F Area, a very complex, high density air traffic space that included control of military traffic. At the FAA, she flew in the cockpit on familiarization flights with airlines crews domestically and internationally. She lived in England while her husband studied at Cambridge University. These experiences illuminated why our republic is great and democratic socialism isn't.

Deborah is a strong conservative and committed constitutionalist. She is a woman of integrity and principle. During her civil service and beyond, she has effectively influenced bipartisan members of Congress and their staff. She has testified before congress and given congressional written statements and continues to inform.

When necessary, she sought judicial remedy. Her sexual harassment case, *Katz v. Dole* (4th Cir. 6/83) became a landmark, precedent-setting decision. Deborah has been featured, discussed and documented in numerous publications and law reviews. Her case has been cited several times in the court system, including by the U.S. Supreme Court. To this day, her landmark case for individual rights and for being treated with dignity and respect in the workplace is taught in business and law schools throughout the United States.

John Rutherford

From votejohnrutherford.com



RUTHERFORD

John Rutherford has lived in our community since 1958. Educated at Florida Junior College and Florida State University, John heard the call to serve his community at

an early age.

Beginning his law enforcement career as a patrolman at the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office in 1974, he rose through the ranks and gained more responsibilities and leadership experience, especially when he served as director of corrections.

Becoming Jacksonville's Sheriff in 2003, John managed nearly a half billion-dollar budget and oversaw over 3,200 employees. John ran the sheriff's office like a business, operating under a bottom-up, cost-efficient "lean management" system. As sheriff, John tackled one of our area's toughest problems: crime. In 2011, crime in Jacksonville was at

a 40-year low for violent crime.

John reduced crime through "community problem solving." He spearheaded initiatives to bring our community together, hired more police officers, and used intelligence-led policing. One such community program was Jacksonville Journey. It put more cops on the streets, and helped keep our neighborhoods safe. Another initiative was ShAdCo, the Sheriff's Advisory Council. That brought police officers and civilians together to talk about neighborhood problems and solve and prevent crimes. When John became sheriff, ShAdCo had 600 members. After his service, the group had 3,000 members.

Moreover, John tackled another persistent problem in Jacksonville: mental health issues. Working with the Department of Children and Families and Florida Partners in Crisis, John laid out a plan to curb the recidivism rates of the mentally ill and provide them with necessary treatment options.

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.

John is a proud husband, devoted father of two, and grandfather of six.

Debra
MAYNARD

for St. Johns County Sheriff 2016



As Sheriff, I will enforce the standards set up within the Law Enforcement Code of Ethics. The badge is an honor, not a right to abuse authority or live above the law. The office of the Sheriff is not a place for cronies or corruption, domestic violence or cover-ups. The office of the Sheriff should be held in high esteem and trustworthiness with public support. Communities should work hand in hand with leadership and not fear those who pull them over. Respect is earned, not a given. The men and women who don the badge have earned a position through hard work and study and with the position comes higher standards. Those who live the code of ethics and don't live above the law are people who should want to work for me because it is what will be expected.

The law enforcement profession is honorable and I admire those who choose this field for the right reasons; the hours are long and the circumstances are not always enviable. Remembering that good people have bad days is of utmost importance and how those citizens are treated speaks volumes about character.

I do not expect perfection, but a willingness to do the right things, even when the blue line presses in. The public trust is above all, and the most important prize one can garner; because without it, we are just another entity. This office is not a good ol' boy system. The office of Sheriff will be served with dignity and honor from the top on down. Do not expect the status quo, expect truth from those who show up at your door. Nothing swept under the rug and the ability to accept responsibility for errors. Yes, the buck will stop with me!

Yours for the community,

Debra

Lake Ray

Submitted by the candidate



RAY

Lake Ray was first elected to the Florida House of Representatives in November 2008 and has been subsequently re-elected three times to office. He is a lifelong resident of the Arlington community, serving on the Jacksonville City Council and now in the Florida House.

Rep. Ray currently serves as president of the First Coast Manufacturing Association (FCMA), a position he has held since 2011. Under his guidance, FCMA has been the voice for approximately 30,000 workers in Northeast Florida. Representative Ray owned and operated private engineering companies for 30 years as a professional engineer in the state.

Rep. Ray's service includes the following committees:

- Rule Making Oversight & Repeal Subcommittee, Chair
- Transportation & Economic Development Appropriations Subcommittee
- Transportation & Ports Subcommittee
- Local Government Affairs Subcommittee
- Local and Federal Affairs Committee

Bills sponsored during the 2016 Legislative Session include:

- HB 285 Natural Gas Rebate Program
 - HB 441 Capital Formation for Infrastructure Projects
 - HB 529 Freight Mobility and Trade Projects
 - HB 1023 Railroads
 - HB 1095 Prevention of Acts of War
 - HB 1247 Designation of State River/St. Johns River
 - HB 1297 Discretionary Sales Surtaxes
 - HB 7001 Special District Accountability
 - HB 7073 Ratification of Rules/Florida Workers' Compensation Health Care Provider Reimbursement Manual/DFS
- Awards received include:
- 2016 Distinguished Advocate — Florida Chamber of Commerce
 - 2016 Honor Roll — Florida Chamber of Commerce [every year since his election in 2008]
 - 2014 Friend of Free Enterprise Award — Associated Building Contractors [also in 2012]
 - 2013 American Energy Award — Florida Natural Gas Association
 - 2013 Legislator of the Year — Natural Waste and Recycling Association: Florida Chapter
 - 2011 Tugboat Award — Florida Ports Council
 - 2011 International Business Leader Award — Jax USA
 - 2010 Legislator of the Year — Florida Maritime Council - Associated Industries of Florida
 - Top 10 to Watch in 2010 — Florida Times-Union

David Bruderly

From www.bruderly.com



BRUDERLY

Professional Engineer Dave Bruderly is a 42-year resident of North Florida. He came of age in his birthplace Salem, Ohio, and graduated Norwin High School, near Pittsburgh, in

1965.

When Dave was a young man, he wanted to serve his country and travel the world. He earned a congressional appointment to the United State Merchant Marine Academy (USMMA) and his life was changed forever. He represented the United States in uniform during the Vietnam War, a time of tremendous uncertainty, with an all too real possibility of nuclear war. His experience instilled him with a passion for service and a sense of duty that he carried over to his private career. His travels through active war zones gave him a first-hand appreciation of how U.S. foreign policies impact lives around the world.

Dave earned his Bachelor of Science

degree in marine engineering and transportation from the United States Merchant Marine Academy in 1969 and his commission in the U.S. Navy. He earned his Master of Science in ocean engineering from Columbia University in 1971.

In 1990, Dave started Bruderly Engineering Associates, Inc. to pursue opportunities to bring cleaner fuels, renewable energy sources and more efficient energy technologies to widespread commercial and retail use.

In addition to his business activities, he served as president of the North Florida Chapter of the Florida Engineering Society, chair of the Suwanee-St. Johns Group, Sierra Club and on the board of Florida Defenders of the Environment. He has been a long-standing member of the Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) and made his first visit to Capitol Hill with the Union of Concerned Scientists (UCS) Climate Action Team in 1999.

Dave is passionate about preserving our clean air and conserving the water resources and ecosystems that sustain Florida's high quality of life. He has worked his entire life as an environmental consultant, clean fuel entrepreneur and advocate for more sustainable and renewable energy systems. He is self-employed.

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- Past President, Volusia County Bar Association
- Volusia Flagler Association for Women Lawyers
- Dunn-Blount Inn of Court
- Florida Bar Grievance Committee member - 7th Judicial Circuit for Volusia County

- Volusia County Human Services Advisory Board (2011-2013)
- George Mason University, Law degree
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Hard Work, Grit & Determination

David Shoar

Submitted by the candidate



SHOAR

David Shoar has served as a law enforcement officer for the past 35 years in St. Johns

County (four years as St. Augustine chief of police and 12 years as sheriff). He also served for 24 years in the Florida Army National Guard, first as an enlisted soldier and then as a commissioned officer. He moved to St. Augustine from Massachusetts at the age of 19, where he began a career working in construction.

Having been elected to office three times, Shoar remains committed to doing what he can to deter crime in the county, find those responsible for crime and

bring them to justice. In the past five years, he notes, the county has seen a 37 percent decrease in crime.

Additionally, he has committed to always do the right thing and to pay special attention to the county's most vulnerable citizens in the youth and elderly population. His final commitment is to be honest and forthright in all his efforts and to make decisions absent of malice or political expediency. In recognition of his efforts, Florida sheriffs elected Shoar to serve as president of the Florida Sheriffs Association and provide ethics training for all new incoming sheriffs every four years.

During the past 12 years, Shoar believes the sheriff's office has made progress in many areas, and that because of this progress the agency enjoys a good reputation statewide. He attributes those accomplishments to the dedicated men and women who work for the St. Johns County Sheriff's Office and the county's community members.

Debra Maynard

Submitted by the candidate



MAYNARD

Debra graduated from Johnsburg Central High School (1978) in North Creek, New York. She attended Liberty University in 1978-1980, followed by Messiah College from

1980-1981 until she married in 1981. She returned to college in 2008 to pursue her degree in criminal justice and completed her schooling with a B.S. in the field. In 2014, Debra completed her Master of Arts degree in human services counseling for criminal justice, with additional hours in the counseling field.

At 45, she attended the inaugural class of the St. John's County Civilian Law Enforcement Academy, where she chose her second career in law enforcement. During her time attending (then) St. Johns River Community College, was appointed class leader by her peer/advisor. Debra graduated and received the Medallion Award for highest overall achievement, an award given to the

student that exhibits the professionalism, leadership and ethical qualities attributed to law enforcement.

Debra was hired by the St. John's County Sheriff's Office in June of 2007, where she worked for nearly five years as a patrol deputy and three of those years as the crisis intervention coordinator. Her extra duties within the sheriff's office allowed her to work closely with those who specialized in handling mental illness, and she earned special recognition from the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) for her efforts to enhance de-escalation techniques to other local law enforcement agencies. Those duties also included becoming a liaison between the sheriff's office and the Health and Human Services Advisory Council of St. John's County, where she attended monthly meetings to discuss issues of the community. Debra was a key player in improving awareness throughout the county for the mentally ill.

Presently Debra works as an office/project manager within the construction field. She is a member of Good News Church where she is in regular attendance. She has two children, Benjamin and Ashley and four grandchildren: Frances, RYANNE, LEVI and WADE. Debra has resided in St. Augustine since 1998.

Hunter Conrad

Submitted by the candidate



CONRAD

Hunter Conrad is the current clerk of the circuit court and comptroller for St. Johns

County. Conrad was appointed by Governor Rick Scott in 2015 after an application process. Since taking office in 2015, Conrad has worked to implement private sector practices into the local clerk's office. These practices include the implementation of lean management throughout the office in order to make the office more customer driven and financially responsible. By using lean management, the clerk's office has worked to find areas in local government that can be wasteful, identifying things like

underutilized technology and over processed job functions. By identifying these types of waste, Conrad hopes to continue to be able to improve efficiency.

As a licensed attorney who worked directly with the court system for years prior to taking office, Conrad understands the legal functions which govern the office and the importance of maintaining statutory compliance with those regulations. Additionally, his experience as an accountant who was responsible for the finances of a multimillion dollar nonprofit has given him knowledge of the accounting principles and auditing responsibilities that govern the role of comptroller.

Conrad is involved in multiple service organizations such as Rotary, United Way and Women's Refuge of St. Johns County in addition to acting as a deacon in his local church. Conrad is married to his wife Jane, and they have three boys: Collins, 4; Chandler, 3; and newborn baby Caleb.

George Lareau

Submitted by the candidate



LAREAU

George Lareau has served 32 years as a court clerk and chief deputy clerk in the St. Johns County Clerk of Court's office. It has given him the opportunity to learn the operational and administrative responsibilities of the Clerk's Office.

During his tenure as the chief deputy clerk, George has worked to utilize advancements in technology to provide easier access to court and land records, while at the same time protecting confidential information and safeguarding against identity theft.

George became employed at the St. Johns County Clerk's office in 1983 as a misdemeanor court clerk. In 1991, he was promoted to be the supervisor of the County and Circuit Civil Divisions which included the Probate, Small Claims, and the Marriage

License departments. In 1994, the clerk appointed him to be the first records management liaison officer, where he coordinated between the St. Johns County Clerk and the State of Florida Bureau of Archives and Records Management, a position that archives and preserves public records dating back to 1821. He has held the position of court clerk in the Traffic Department and worked in the Official Records Department as a recording clerk.

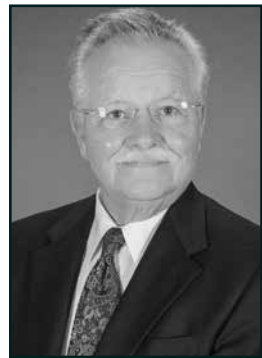
When Cheryl Strickland was sworn in as the new St. Johns County Clerk in 1997, she recognized George's experience and commitment to customer service and appointed him to the position of chief deputy clerk, the position she held under the previous clerk, Bud Markel.

George completed the "Purposes and Responsibilities of Courts" training program provided by the National Center for State Courts Institute for Court Management. As the chief deputy clerk, he was a member of the National Association of County Recorders, Election Officials, and Clerks, and a member of the Florida Government Finance Officers Association.

County Commissioner District 1

Al Abbatiello

Submitted by the candidate



ABBATIELLO

Party Affiliation:
Republican

Elected Positions:
Julington Creek Plantation, Supervisor, Community Development District Board, 2 Terms

Community Service:
- Chair, Wm. Bartram Scenic & Historic Highway Management Group
- County Appointee to Transportation Planning Organization
- Advisor, St. Johns County Emergency Services, 800 MHz radio system
- Advisor, St. Johns County First Coast Expressway Bridge Crossing

- Assisted w/development of Neighborhood Bill of Rights program
- Member, ElderSource, Advisor Council – Senior Advocacy
- Columnist for local newspapers and The Record guest editorials
- 18 Years involvement w/county managers and Staff to preserve the History and Character of St. Johns County
- Member, Northwest St. Johns County Community Coalition, St. JohnsCounty Civic Roundtable, past member Ponte Vedra Coalition

Qualifications for Office:

18-year resident of St. Johns County, registered voter, U.S. Citizen. Graduate of Northwestern University, Chicago, Illinois, knowledgeable of St. Johns County Comprehensive Plan and land development codes, familiar with county planning directors and staff.
I've lived in the Fruit Cove area since 1998,

volunteering energy, time and money helping to keep St. Johns County scenic and historic, while insuring its character remains intact. My history in St. Johns County demonstrates I'm deeply involved in many county activities to limit development impacts on schools, streets, infrastructure, neighborhoods and the environment.

I've led the Wm. Bartram Scenic and Historic Highway Group (WBS&HH) for more than 10 years, working to keep State Road 13 pristine for present and future generations to enjoy. I'm recognized as a leader by many organizations, recently endorsed by The Sierra Club. My WBS&HH associates, friends and others know me as dependable and accessible. As your commissioner I will be accessible while working to insure the citizens of St. Johns County have a voice on the Board of County Commissioners.

Jimmy Johns

Submitted by the candidate



JOHNS

Jimmy Johns was raised in Northeast Florida and educated in local schools. He earned degrees in Applied Physics from Jacksonville University and Civil Engineering from the University of Florida. After graduation, he worked for International Paper Company in Louisiana, where he was responsible for compliance with the federally mandated Clean Air and Clean

Water Acts. In 2004, he founded Solid Rock Engineering Consultants, which serves clients across the Southeastern United States, providing land planning, design and permitting services for private and public developments. He and his wife Kathy raised their family in Julington Creek.

Through these experiences, he learned about the international, multi-year view of a global corporation. As a small business owner, he has learned how to balance multiple demands simultaneously and how to identify and adapt to changes. As a project manager for International Paper Company, he learned the scope of massive projects where long-term planning was critical.

Entrepreneurship has also given him perspective from the public side of the table. Allowing him to provide insight to the commission on behalf of the public while advocating for the direction of the commission to the public.

Johns appreciates the benefits of well-managed cities and communities, and is committed to continuing the quality of life in St. Johns County. He feels that a strong leader empowers people, builds consensus from diverse equally viable ideas and recognizes people's accomplishments frequently. As a civil engineer, he believes he can add perspective and understanding for the need of long-term goals and the value of short-term strategic plans.

Florida supervisors of elections reaffirm security of voting systems

Florida voters should have no concerns about the security of the state's voting systems, election supervisors say.

In an open letter to Florida voters, Chris Chambliss, president of the Florida State Association of Supervisors of Elections, stressed that the security of the state's voting systems is a top priority for supervisors of elections. Recent enhancements to Florida voting systems, he said, have dramatically reduced the chance of individuals "hacking" the election.

"At the core of the security of Florida

voting systems is the fact that we are a paper ballot state, which means that we can always refer to the paper ballot in the event of a disruption – with the exception of touchscreens for voters with disabilities," Chambliss said. "It is also important to understand that electronic voting systems are not internet-based and do not connect to each other online."

Prior to each election, Chambliss said, a public "Logic and Accuracy" test is conducted of each voting tabulator and tabulation system to ensure they are

working and tabulating correctly.

"Precinct tabulated results are transmitted to our office in brief encrypted burst," he said. "Outside attackers would need to overcome multiple layers of encryption which, if successful, would result in corrupting, slowing or stopping the transmission of unofficial results to our office."

The final accumulations that are transmitted to the state as unofficial results are then written to yet another memory device and finally uploaded and transmitted to the Division of Elections on a

completely separate system and network via a secure upload system.

The final step in the voting security process occurs within a week of the election, when a precinct by precinct review is performed, comparing the precinct totals tape to the unofficial results transmitted on election night.

"Any deviations are researched and reported," Chambliss said. "Once this is completed, the official result is reported."



Malcolm Anthony

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Dear Ponte Vedra, Palm Valley, Nocatee and the Beaches:
 I want to thank readers for the past 22 years I have had serving this community. It is truly an honor to have established my law practice in Ponte Vedra Beach. When I opened here in 1994, everyone said it couldn't be done. We have proved them wrong. I have appreciated helping the people of this community in some of their most desperate struggles and preserving the futures of many young people. I have wept with many and rejoiced with many. This community's confidence in me and your support are humbling.

My family has been blessed by the professional relationships with fellow lawyers, with the local law enforcement community, with personal relationships with many of you in the business community, with my local church fellowship and with others of you in the local area as friends and neighbors.

I write today to ask you to vote for me on August 30th for Circuit Judge. I have practiced law for 33 years and look forward to serving on the bench for the Seventh Circuit. This circuit comprises St. Johns, Flagler, Volusia, and Putnam counties. Please let anyone you know in these counties that I will faithfully serve them as a Circuit Judge by knowing and following the law. I would like their vote and yours. Your support is greatly appreciated. Again, thank you.

Experienced Attorney

Florida Bar Member 32 years
 Twice Former Prosecutor (Seventh and Fourth Circuits)
 Former Special Prosecutor of Economic Crimes
 Former General Counsel for Medical Consulting and Home Care Consortium
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 Former Instructor Constitutional Law and Search and Seizure Law (Law Enforcement Academy)
 Former Deputy Sheriff; Veteran, United States Marine Corps



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Constitutional amendment ballot item

NO. 4

Constitutional Amendment

**Article VII, Sections 3 and 4
 Article XII, Section 34
 (Legislative)**

Ballot Title:

Solar Devices or Renewable Energy Source Devices; exemption from certain taxation and assessment.

Ballot Summary:

Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to authorize the Legislature, by general law, to exempt from ad valorem taxation the assessed value of solar or renewable energy source devices subject to tangible personal property tax, and to authorize the Legislature, by general law, to prohibit consideration of such devices in assessing the value of real property for ad valorem taxation purposes. This amendment takes effect January 1, 2018, and expires on December 31, 2037.

Candidate meet & greet Aug. 19

Local residents are invited to attend a candidate meet and greet to be held Friday, Aug. 19 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the home of Dale and Janet Westling in Ponte Vedra Beach.

Candidates who have confirmed attendance include Sheriff David B. Shoar, Clerk of Circuit Court Hunter Conrad – both of whom are seeking

re-election – and former Jacksonville Sheriff John Rutherford, who is running for U.S. Congress in the 4th congressional district.

The event will feature heavy refreshments; no monetary contribution is required to attend, but RSVPs are requested. To RSVP, contact Janet Westling at janetwest52@aol.com.



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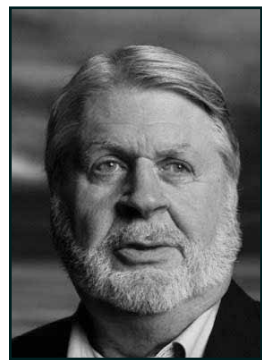
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County Commissioner District 3

Jerry Cameron

Submitted by the candidate



CAMERON

Jerry attended the University of South Carolina, the University of Virginia (FBI Academy), and St. Johns River Community College. He is a graduate of the 150th Session of the FBI National Academy, the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration's Basic Drug Enforcement

Course, two U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration Professional Institutes, the National Intelligence Academy, and has completed a number of public and private sector personal growth and managerial seminars and courses. He is self-employed as a community outreach consultant.

Jerry has held positions as police chief in Irmo, South Carolina; as city manager of Fernandina Beach, Florida; as assistant county administrator in St. Johns County; and as part of the faculty of the Institute of Police Technology and Management at the University of North Florida in addition to serving 20 years in the private sector at various management positions.

He has also served on the board of the United Way of St. Johns County, the board of communities for a Lifetime Community Leadership Council, as a member of the St. Augustine Rotary Club, and a past president of the Hastings Rotary Club, Amelia Island Toastmasters, Sebastian Harbor Condominium Association and St. Augustine South Improvement Association. Additionally, he's served the Pedro Menendez School Advisory Council and St. Johns County School District Advisory Council. He currently serves on the St. Johns Republican Executive Committee.

He has been recognized for contributions to law enforcement by the Resolution of the South Carolina House of Representatives; for services as the city manager in addressing fiscal crisis by the Resolution of the Fernandina Beach City Commission; for community service by the Nassau County NAACP; and for services to veterans by the St. Johns County Veterans Council.

Jerry was awarded the Civilian Award from the St. Johns County Sheriff's Department for his work on the Public Safety Radio System, the Community Service Award from The Maria Jefferson Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Guardian de la Puerta Award from the executive staff of the City of St. Augustine for community service, the Servant Leadership Award from EPIC Behavioral Health Care and the Community Service Award from Stewart Marchman Act.

Paul Waldron

Submitted by the candidate



WALDRON

Paul Waldron of Saint Augustine is a candidate for District 3 of the St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners.

Waldron, a Republican, is a lifelong resident of St. Johns County. He grew up in the north part of the city of Saint Augustine with his parents Harry and Gwen, and his three brothers George, John and Keith. Paul married Stephanie Myers, the love of his life, in 1988. They built their home on Faver Dykes Road, and have raised their two wonderful daughters, Ashley and

Kati. Ashley is a teacher at Gamble Rogers Middle School and her husband is Seaman Blake Zapata, a Corpsman 2nd Marine Division, 6th Regiment. Kati is a student at St. John's River State College.

Paul graduated from St. Augustine High School in 1986. He received his AA degree from the University of North Florida in 1989. He then attended Flagler College and received his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1991, majoring in Business Administration with minors in Economics and History.

He has worked in and is one of the owners of Harry's Curb Mart. He obtained his real estate license in July of 2001 and has worked with residential, new construction and commercial customers.

Present and Past Affiliations include the

Morocco Shrine Center, Ashlar Masonic Lodge No. 98 (past master), Saint Augustine Shrine Club (past president), International Order of Rainbow for Girls Advisory Board Zone 3, Memorial Lutheran Church Council and preschool advisory board, Ancient City Game and Fish Association and Saint Augustine Kiwanis. He also has served as assistant soccer coach for Pedro Menendez High School and a coach for Ancient City Soccer Club.

Having been in business his entire life, Paul feels he can bring a business approach to help guide the county. He believes that county residents deserve the most out of every tax dollar that is spent, and pledges to never forget how hard someone worked for that dollar.

On the campaign trail: GOP Lincoln Reagan Dinner



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Congressman Ron DeSantis

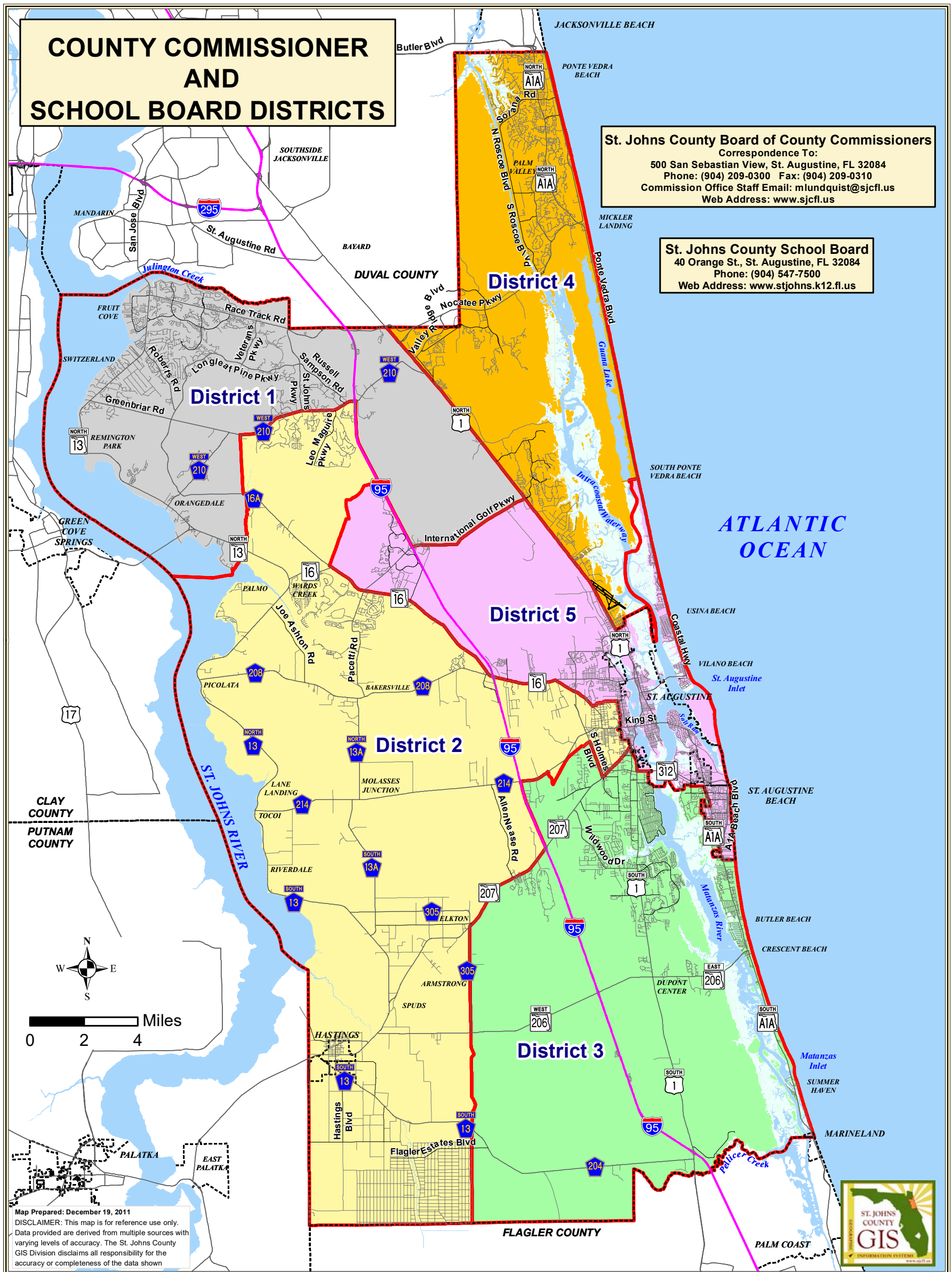


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County Commissioner District 5

Dottie Acosta

Submitted by the candidate



ACOSTA

Dottie Acosta moved to St. Augustine in 1974, starting her career working with St. Johns County under Harold Wayne in the property appraiser's office. After marrying her husband, James Acosta, who was active duty military in the Corps of Engineers, they moved away and traveled throughout Europe while stationed in Darmstadt, Germany. Following her husband's retirement, Dottie moved back to St. Johns

County in 1989 and regained her job with the property appraiser's office. They have four children, Wayne, Tarek, Jamie and Kristina, 13 grandchildren and one great granddaughter. Dottie currently has more than 28 years of experience in county government.

Dottie's concerns are with county growth, infrastructure, and public services that are lacking. She believes in controlled growth and workable solutions that will enhance qualities related to these primary issues.

As director of administration in the property appraiser's office, Dottie managed the certification of all assessment rolls and balanced billion-dollar tax rolls. She worked with all the taxing authorities, coordinating budgetary needs based on Department of Revenue statutory regulations. Dottie supervised the two

annex offices in Ponte Vedra and Julington Creek. She supervised the Tangible Personal Property Department, served as the records management liaison officer, and worked in damage assessment, inventory, and capital improvements projects. She holds Certified Florida Evaluator for the property appraiser's office, an accreditation issued by the Department of Revenue.

Dottie managed Ancient City Soccer Club and served as a mentor for the Take Stock in Children Program. She was the founding president of the Friends of the St. Augustine Amphitheatre, serving as the board's president from 2009 until 2015. She is also a member of the Lions Club, EWLI, Republican Clubs of St. Augustine and the Elks Club along with various other civic organizations.

Henry Dean

Submitted by the candidate



DEAN

Henry Dean is a long-time St. Johns County resident running as a conservative Republican for the St. Johns County Commission, District 5.

Dean is the former executive director of both the St. Johns River Water Management

(SJRWMD) and South Florida Water Management Districts. In nearly 20 years at the helm of the SJRWMD, he directed the acquisition of sensitive conservation lands, like the Guana Preserve, Julington-Durbin Preserve and Moses Creek Conservation Area. After a career in the public sector, Dean is now helping local businesses navigate through the permitting process of local and state government. Dean lives in St. Augustine with his wife, Melanie. He and Melanie have four children: Bill, Karen, Copeland and Aldren.

Dean is endorsed by Sen. Travis Hutson,

Rep. Paul Renner, Rep. Cyndi Stevenson, Commissioner Rachael Bennett, Commissioner Jay Morris, former commissioner Mark Miner, Chairman Bill Dudley, Veterans Council of St. Johns County, Northeast Florida Builders Association, Northeast Florida Association of Realtors and St. Johns County Professional Firefighters and Paramedics.

On the campaign trail: GOP Lincoln Reagan inner



Henry and Cyndi Stevenson

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Sebrina Slack

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SLACK

Sebrina Slack is currently an attorney with the law firm of Landis Graham French, PA, in DeLand, where she handles a variety of matters including, civil litigation, family law, business law, condominium association law, and probate litigation. In addition to being an experienced attorney, Sebrina is dedicated to her family and an active member of the community.

As an attorney in private practice, Sebrina believes it is important to contribute to her community by performing volunteer legal work. As a volunteer guardian ad

litem in family law cases, Sebrina advocates for the children who are involved in contested custody disputes between their parents. Additionally, Sebrina frequently volunteers her time without charge or at reduced fees in family law matters for clients who are unable to afford the cost of her services.

Sebrina is also active as a member of the legal community and actively promotes professionalism amongst attorneys. She currently serves on the Florida Bar Grievance Committee for Volusia County. She is a longtime member of the Volusia County Bar Association, for which she previously served as secretary, treasurer, vice president and president. Sebrina is also currently a member of the Volusia Flagler Association for Women Lawyers and the Florida Association for Women Lawyers. Recently, she became a member of the Dunn Blount Inn of Court, a group of lawyers dedicated to maintaining the highest level of professionalism in the practice of law. In addition, Sebrina served on the Volusia County Human Services Advisory Board for several years. In these and many other ways, Sebrina has served her community through her profession as an attorney.



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<p>Concerts in the Plaza The 2016 Concerts in the Plaza summer music series continues Aug. 18 with a performance by The Grapes of Roth live at 7 p.m. at Plaza de la Constitución, 22 Cathedral Place, St. Augustine. The concerts continue every Thursday through Sept. 1. All concerts are free. For more information, call (904) 825-1004 during weekday office hours or visit www.concertsintheplaza.com.</p> <p>'Smokey Joe's Café' Alhambra Theatre & Dining presents "Smokey Joe's Café" now through Sept. 4. The theatre is located at 12000 Beach Blvd., Jacksonville. For tickets, call (904) 641-1212 or visit www.alhambrajax.com.</p> <p>North Beaches Art Walk The North Beaches Art Walk will be held from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Atlantic and Neptune Beaches Town Center. For more information, call First Street Gallery at (904) 241-6928 or Archway Framing and Gallery at (904) 249-2222 or visit www.nbaw.org.</p> <p>Grief support group A grief support group meets on the third Thursday of every month at St. Paul's Catholic Church, in the library of the Family Life Center, 578 First Ave. N., Jacksonville Beach. The group is for men and women who are grieving the death of a family member or friend. The next meeting will be on Thursday, Aug. 18 at 7 p.m. For information, call Kathy at (904) 553-8933 or Catherine at 247-0665.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>'School of Rock' "School of Rock," featuring a cast of 30 campers from Players by the Sea's summer "Let's Put on a Musical!" camp, will be performed Friday, Aug. 19 and Saturday, Aug. 20 at 7 p.m. at Players by the Sea, 106 Sixth St. N., Jacksonville Beach. General admission tickets are \$15; \$10 for students under 17. Tickets can be purchased by calling the Box Office at (904) 249-0289 or online at www.playersbythesea.org.</p> <p>Cultural Center's 'Friends for the Arts' Become a "Friend." The Cultural Center recently recreated a new volunteer organization dedicated to supporting the arts. Get involved in the arts by joining a team of fellow art supporters in Ponte Vedra Beach. Help develop and support fundraising projects and help initiate special projects to benefit and promote The Cultural Center and the arts in the community. More than 50 volunteer art supporters have already joined. Make a difference in our community. For more information visit www.ccpvb.org/friends-for-the-arts.</p> <p>'The Last 5 Years' Limelight Theatre presents "The Last 5 Years," a contemporary musical on stage now through Aug. 21. For tickets, call (904) 825-1164 or visit www.limelight-theatre.org.</p> <p>Mental Health Recovery Support Free mental health support is available to the public facilitated by Georgia/Florida Certified Peer Specialist Whitney Bolin. Sessions are by appointment only Monday through Friday; call (770) 403-4991 or email whitneybat76@gmail.com. Bolin also facilitates a mental health recovery group at Flagler Hospital from 2 to 4 p.m. every Tuesday.</p> <p>Coastal Wine Market wine tasting Coastal Wine Market's Friday Night wine tasting will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Taste six wines for \$10. Coastal Wine Market is located at 641 Crosswater Parkway, Suite B, Ponte Vedra Beach. For more information, call (904) 395-3520.</p>	<p>Katz 4 Keeps Adoption Days Katz 4 Keeps adoption days will take place Saturday, Aug. 20 and Sunday, Aug. 21 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Katz 4 Keeps, 935B A1A N. in Ponte Vedra Beach (next to Sherwin Williams). For more information, call (904) 834-3223 or email katz4keeps.org. Katz 4 Keeps, an all-volunteer, nonprofit organization, is looking for adults 18 or older to become members of its clean and feed program that ensures the shelter's rescue cats, kittens and facilities have the best of care. For more information, please contact Peggy Hatfield, program coordinator, at peggyhatfield63@comcast.net</p> <p>Filling the Gap White Party The second annual Filling the Gap White Party – a fundraiser to benefit St. Augustine's Wildflower Clinic – will be held Saturday, Aug. 20 from 6:30 to 10 p.m. at 259 San Marco Ave., St. Augustine. Hosted by Dr. Stephanie Kinsey of Palencia Dental, the event will feature music, drinks, hors d'oeuvres and a silent auction. Admission is \$75 per person, which is tax-deductible as a donation to the nonprofit organization Filling the Gap. Proceeds from The White Party benefit the Wildflower Clinic, which provides free medical and dental care to needy individuals and families in St. Johns County. For tickets or more information, contact Marcia Catlett at Palencia Dental at (904) 826-4343 or visit the website at www.fillingthegap.org.</p> <p>Book signing event Barnes & Noble at St. Johns Town Center will host a book signing event with Florida Times-Union writer Mark Woods Saturday, Aug. 20 at 2 p.m. "Lassoing the Sun: A Year in America's National Parks" is Woods' new book and it will be available for purchase and signing. Barnes & Noble is located at 10280 Midtown Parkway, Jacksonville. For more information, call (904) 928-2027.</p> <p>Live Music at Table 1 Table 1 at 330 A1A N will host Latin All Stars live starting at 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>'Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?' The Florida Theatre presents "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?" Sunday, Aug. 21 at 2 p.m. as part of the theatre's Summer Movie Classic Series. Tickets are \$7.50. Visit www.floridatheatre.com to purchase tickets or call (904) 355-2787 for more information. The Florida Theatre is located at 128 E. Forsyth St., Jacksonville.</p> <p>Practice with Purpose at Big Fish Yoga Practice with Purpose is an all-level yoga class offered on Sundays from 4 to 5 p.m. at Big Fish Power Yoga. The fee for the class is a \$5 cash donation that goes to the charity that Big Fish Power Yoga has selected for the quarter. Big Fish Yoga is located in the South Beach Regional Shopping Center in Jacksonville Beach at 3852 South Third St. For more info, call (904) 372-0601.</p> <p>Collection Tour Join the Cummer Museum of Art and Gardens on Sundays for a guided tour of its permanent collection. The tour is free with the cost of admission. The museum is located at 829 Riverside Ave., Jacksonville.</p> <p>Annual Activity Member Become an Annual Activity Member at The Players Community Senior Center. Membership includes discounts on fee-based classes, designated events and Coastal Travel along with complimentary participation in a wide variety of scheduled activities. Call Darlene Mahany at (904) 280-3233 for more information.</p> <p>Travel Training Program The Council on Aging's Travel Training program is designed to assist seniors in learning to ride the Sunshine Bus. Residents interested in expanding their transportation options or who would like to increase their confidence as a bus rider can receive assistance from trained volunteers in navigating routes, reading time tables and making transfers. Contact the mobility manager at the Council on Aging at (904) 315-6505 or email Katie Arnold at karnold@stjohnscoa.com.</p>

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<p>Caregiver Support Group The Players Caregiver Support Group meets every Monday from noon to 1 p.m. at The Players Senior Center, 175 Landrum Lane in Ponte Vedra Beach. Kimberly Weir of Heartland Hospice facilitates a weekly discussion of current concerns and issues of caregivers. For more information, call (904) 280-3233.</p> <p>Darwin & Dinosaurs The Museum of Science and History (MOSH) presents Darwin & Dinosaurs now through Sept. 5 at MOSH located at 1025 Museum Circle, Jacksonville. The exhibition features full-size dinosaur skeletons, scientific instruments, original letters and first editions of Darwin's main works, including "On the Origin of Species." For more information, call (904) 396-MOSH or visit www.themosh.org.</p> <p>First Coast Plein Air Painters exhibition The First Coast Plein Air Painters will have its Summer Members' Exhibition and Sale through Sept. 2 at The Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach, 50 Executive Way. For more information, call (904) 304-9631 or visit www.ccpvb.org.</p> <p>Habitat for Humanity volunteers Habitat for Humanity of St. Augustine/St. Johns County is currently seeking qualified homeowners. Habitat does not give away homes for free. Instead, homeowners pay an affordable monthly mortgage payment and Habitat helps build them a simple, decent place to live. For more information on volunteering, donating or qualifying for a Habitat home, visit habitatst-johns.org.</p> <p>Sunshine Center Volunteers The adult day center located in the Coastal Community Center at 180 Marine St., St. Augustine, is seeking creative volunteers to assist with simple arts and crafts projects with seniors Mondays through Fridays from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Call (904) 209-3686 for more information.</p>	<p>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, take in the sunset while listening to local musicians with beer, wine, or artfully-inspired tapas for sale at the café. For more information, visit www.cummermuseum.org.</p> <p>Free Bridge Lessons Free beginning bridge lessons are available at the Jacksonville School of Bridge, 3353 Washburn Road., Jacksonville Beach on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Lessons start 9:30 a.m. and end at 10:15 a.m. This is followed by an actual game at 10:30 a.m. and ends by 2:15 p.m. Contact Burt O'Dell at (352) 428-1075 for more information.</p> <p>Sunset Rotary Club weekly meeting The Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach Sunset meets Tuesdays from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Hilton Garden Inn. Community leaders are welcome to attend. For more information, call club President Janeene Hart at (904) 412-5409 or email jwhart1208@gmail.com.</p> <p>Arbor Terrace Life Enrichment Group The Life Enrichment Group Day Program takes place every Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Arbor Terrace Ponte Vedra, 5125 Palm Valley Road, Ponte Vedra Beach. The group is designed for those with memory changes who would like to stay active mentally, physically and socially. For more information, call (904) 497-4346 or visit www.at-pontevedra.com.</p> <p>Life Enrichment Group The Life Enrichment Group is a program designed for those with memory changes who like to stay active mentally, physically and socially while allowing caregivers and loved ones some free time for themselves. This program is offered weekdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Ashford Court, 1700 The Greens Way in Jacksonville Beach. For more information, call (904) 568-8174, or email life_enrichmentgroup@yahoo.com.</p>	<p>Chamber After Hours The St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce Ponte Vedra Beach Division Chamber After Hours will be held Aug. 24 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at King & Associates Insurance Agency, 3202-3 Sawgrass Village Circle, Ponte Vedra Beach. For more information or to register for the event, visit www.stjohnscountychamber.com.</p> <p>PV Professionals Networking Group The Ponte Vedra Professionals Networking Group meets the second, third and fourth Wednesday of the month from noon to 1 p.m. The first Wednesday of the month, the group hosts an after-work social mixer. Meeting locations vary; for more information, call Dave at (904) 248-9871 or visit www.pvpng.com.</p> <p>Ponte Vedra Toastmasters The Ponte Vedra Toastmasters Club offers opportunities for developing your leadership and communication skills. The group meets Wednesdays at The Players Community Senior Center, located at 175 Landrum Lane, Ponte Vedra Beach. The meeting starts promptly at 7:30 a.m. Contact Carmen J. Sardiñas at (904) 382-3303 or contact-5199@toastmastersclubs.org for more information.</p> <p>Music by the Sea concert series The Music by the Sea concert series takes place every Wednesday through Oct. 12, 2016 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the St. Augustine Beach Pier, 350 A1A Beach Blvd. On Aug. 24, Chillikaya will perform. The concerts are free; guests can purchase a dinner plate for \$10 from the sponsoring restaurant. Food is served at 6 p.m. and the music starts at 7 p.m. For more information, call (904) 347-8007 or visit www.augustine.com/event/music-sea.</p> <p>Live Music at Table 1 Table 1 at 330 A1A N. will host Denny Blue live starting at 6 p.m. for Wine Down Wednesday. Wine Down Wednesday takes place every Wednesday at the bar from 5:30 to 8 p.m. and includes a \$15 wine sampling and half price appetizers. For more information, visit www.table-1.com.</p>	<p>Ask the Expert: 'Living Heart Healthy' Ask the Expert: "Living Heart Healthy" will take place Aug. 25 at noon at the Y Healthy Living Center at the Ponte Vedra YMCA, 170 Landrum Lane. Join certified Clinical Exercise Physiologist Sara Holloway from Baptist Medical Center Beaches to learn what cholesterol, glucose, blood pressure and BMI indicators can tell us about heart health and how we can improve these values through lifestyle modification to prevent a heart attack. This free event is open to the community. Reserve your seat at baptistjax.com/ymca or by calling (904) 202-5376.</p> <p>Senior Life & Education Day Seniors are invited to attend Senior Life Network's Senior Life & Education Day Thursday, Aug. 25 from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Nocatee Community Center, 245 Crosswater Parkway, Ponte Vedra Beach. The event will include resources and information for seniors about health, lifestyle, and financial and legal options as well as health screenings and complimentary consultations. Complimentary food and beverages will be served; there is no charge to attend. For information or to RSVP, call (904) 491-2166.</p> <p>Adult Coloring Club The Adult Coloring Club will meet Thursday, Aug. 25 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library, 101 Library Blvd. All are welcome; supplies will be provided. For more information, call (904) 827-6950.</p> <p>Concerts in the Plaza The 2016 Concerts in the Plaza summer music series continues Aug. 25 with a performance by Rob Ellis Peck & Friends live at 7 p.m. at Plaza de la Constitución, 22 Cathedral Place, St. Augustine. The concerts continue every Thursday through Sept. 1. All concerts are free. For more information, call (904) 825-1004 during weekday office hours or visit www.concertsin-theplaza.com.</p> <p>Free calendar listings for community groups and nonprofit organizations are published at our discretion on a space-available basis. Send your event at least 10 days before publication. Submit events to carrie@opcfla.com, post online at www.pontevedrarecorder.com using the automated form or call (904) 686-3939.</p>

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Stasia Warren

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WARREN

Stasia Warren is no stranger to the law and courts. With 21 years as a Volusia County judge and six years as a prosecutor with the 7th Judicial Circuit, Stasia is knowledgeable and experienced regarding today’s court system. Raised in the Midwest, Stasia holds dear her family values of compassion and hard work. Her ambition to work with children took her Sydney, Australia, where

she taught children basic education and life skills. With a strong desire to make a difference, Stasia returned to her home state to attend the Detroit College of Law. She came to Florida in 1980 and began a career in law spanning four decades.

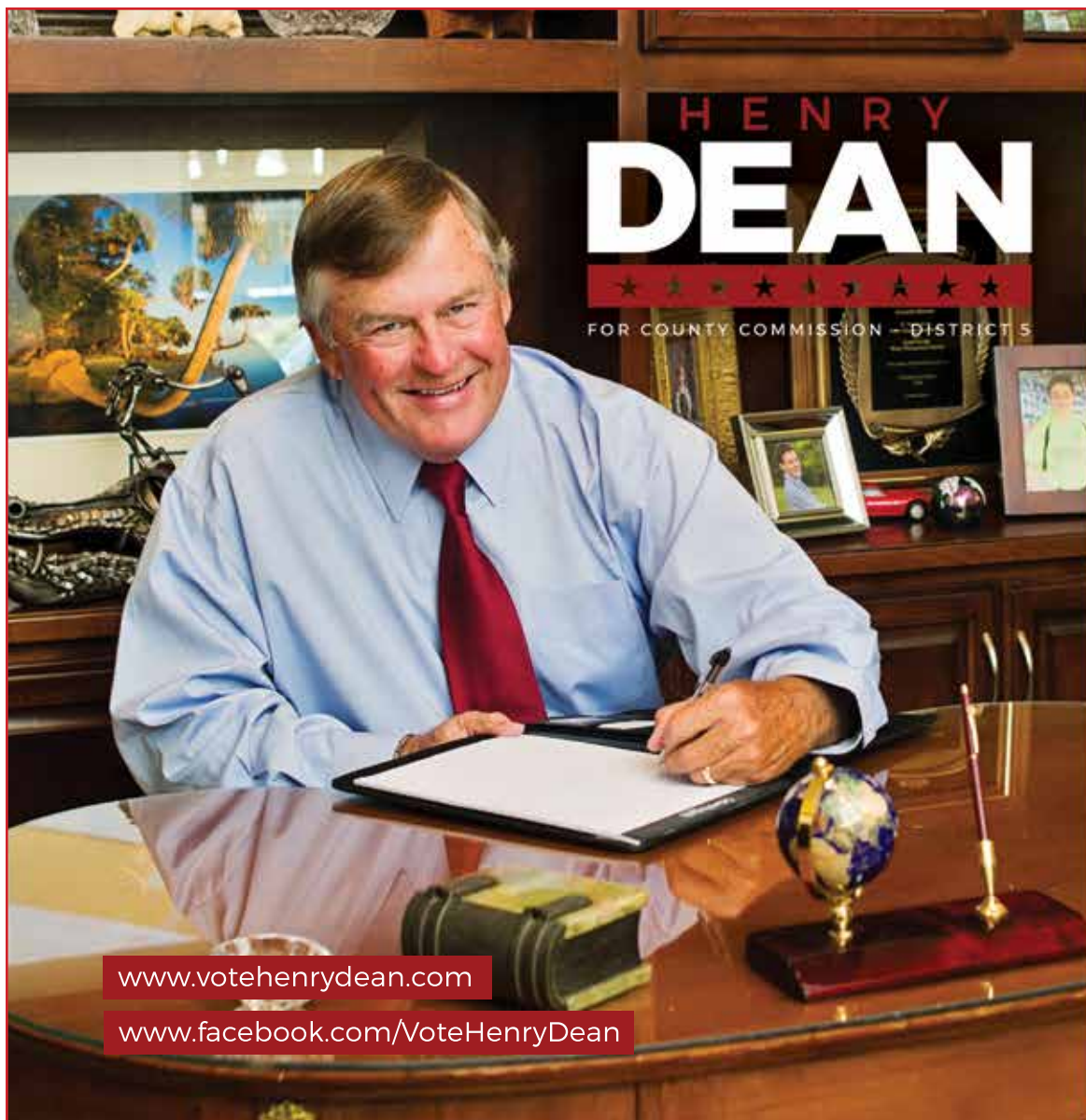
As a Volusia County judge, Stasia handled the wide array of civil and criminal cases. For six years, she presided over the specialized domestic violence court giving her an invaluable insight into the underlying mental health and substance abuse issues of defendants.

Stasia was married to the late Dan Warren, a former state attorney.

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Malcolm Anthony

From www.malcolmforjudge.com



ANTHONY

Malcolm Anthony is the owner of a Ponte Vedra Beach-based private practice, Malcolm Anthony, P.A., where he specializes in criminal defense, representing the accused in DUI, traffic, driver's license issues, juvenile cases, drug offenses, white collar crimes, and all other misdemeanors and felonies.

Malcolm has 36 years of courtroom experience – including extensive trial experience – and has been a member of the Florida Bar for 33 years. His litigation experience encompasses more than 100 civil and criminal jury trials.

Malcolm is a former prosecutor for both the 7th and 4th Circuit Courts, a former special prosecutor of economic crimes, a former general counsel for medical consulting and home care consortium. His former practice areas include family law, injury law, insurance law, school law and healthcare law.

In 1980, Malcom received is Bachelor of Science degree in Physical Education and graduated Magna cum Laude from Oral Roberts University. Upon graduating, Malcolm worked as a deputy sheriff from 1980 until the day he was accepted into law school. He received his Juris Doctor degree from Coburn School of Law at Oral Roberts University.

Malcom's community involvement includes being the former president and co-founder of St. Johns Academy Private School, a former board member of the Ponte Vedra Chamber of Commerce, a former president and co-founder of the Jacksonville Beaches Bar Association, and a member of the St. Johns County Bar Association.

Malcolm is a former law instructor at St. Johns County Law Enforcement Academy and Jacksonville University and a former business law adjunct professor at the University of North Florida.

Scott DuPont

From dupont2016.com



DUPONT

Scott DuPont may have been a judge for the past five years but he has not forgotten where he came from.

Scott was born right here in our community – in St. Johns County. He grew up in Putnam County, where the majority of his family still lives. Throughout his local school career, he was active in sports and played football for Palatka High School.

After high school, Scott went to Bible college where he received his degree in practical theology. From there he went to Dallas Baptist University for his undergraduate degree. He was taught a strong work ethic by his parents and it served him well in college. He graduated summa cum laude while working two and three jobs at a time.

After he received his degrees in political science and biblical studies he chose to move forward to law

school. He continued to work his way through school at Regent University School of Law and School of Government. While working full-time he graduated with two degrees; his law degree and a master's degree in public policy.

After graduation Scott returned to Volusia County and chose to serve as a prosecutor with the State Attorney's Office. Scott moved up quickly. He began prosecuting misdemeanor cases and after nine months he was made a docket supervisor. Shortly thereafter he was promoted to the felony division. While at the State Attorney's Office, Scott prosecuted thousands of cases working to make our community a safer place to live.

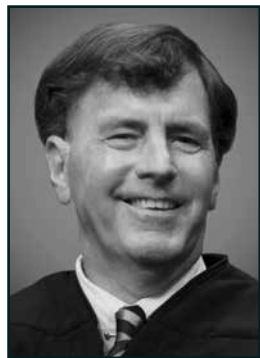
Two years after beginning his legal career Scott became a small business owner and opened his own law practice. He was successful in private practice, focusing on wills and trusts, family law, landlord tenant, contracts, land use and small claims.

Even though he had a thriving law practice Scott still served his community through his church. He also worked with a church sponsored pro bono legal program.

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David Hood

Submitted by the candidate



HOOD

I brought more than 36 years of trial experience covering hundreds of cases and resolved pretrial mediation of nearly 2,000 cases, to the bench when I was appointed to the 7th Circuit Court in 2014.

That appointment, first endorsed by committee in the nonpartisan Merit Review Process, received the unanimous bipartisan support of my colleagues in the State House and Senate. Since my appointment, I have presided over hundreds of cases in all areas of law, with a specific concentration on family and juvenile court.

I have dedicated my entire adult life to the field of law and to effect positive change in my community through public service. Prior to becoming a judge, I served at the helm of numerous area charitable and service organizations. I was elected as a city commissioner of Ormond Beach, as mayor of Ormond Beach twice and, as the District 25 representative in

the Florida House.

I possess not only the scholastic ability but the temperament critical to ensuring every individual is treated with fairness and dignity. I believe my adjudications have positively affected the lives of juvenile offenders and helped to preserve families.

I am developing a joint venture mentoring program for high-risk juveniles and drug abusers who require legal services they cannot afford. This program will allow access to legal assistance via bar certified attorneys and with the aid of area educational institutions to help guide disadvantaged youth and their families through the court system.

By establishing the monitored, mentoring programs I have outlined and, by investing real focus on mental health concerns of offenders, we can save millions of dollars each year and significantly reduce crime. Another priority is to enhance our system by expanding the availability and effectiveness of veterans and drug court to help deal with the specific needs of that segment of our society.

It is my primary goal to remain in service as a judge so that I can continue to be a part of these and other solutions for our community.

A. Kathleen McNeilly

From www.kathleenmcneillyforjudge.com



MCNEILLY

Kathleen McNeilly's exposure to excellent judges came early. Based on her law school achievements she was honored to be hired by federal trial court judges in the middle district and southern district of Florida immediately upon graduation from Stetson University College of Law in December 1987.


Only a handful of law graduates are selected as law clerks in federal court. Experience gained as a federal law clerk includes directly assisting federal judges with drafting important legal decisions and rulings. Between her federal clerkships, Attorney McNeilly began litigating civil cases as early as February 1990 in Jacksonville.

Attorney McNeilly has litigated more than 3000 Volusia cases: civil, criminal, juvenile/dependency as well as family law, adoption and appellate matters. She has spent the past 21 years litigating more than 3,000 cases in Volusia County alone, as well as both civil and criminal cases before judges in counties outside of Volusia: including Putnam, Seminole, Orange, Flagler, Lake and Marion counties.

In 2001, she began practicing criminal law and juvenile dependency, fully transitioning to these practice areas from 2004-2016.


Having been nominated on three separate occasions, McNeilly reached the decision to run for election based on her experience, integrity and commitment to the rule of law.

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Linda Gaustad

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GAUSTAD

Like many, I have had my share of personal hardships. My parents divorced when I was nine. After that, my father remained absent and my mother became beset with alcohol problems. My family became quite impoverished. By the time I was 16, I worked full time and lived on my own. Through everything, I maintained faith, focus and the perseverance to succeed.

By the age of 25, I was fortunate to meet my husband of 27 years and return to school to earn my high school diploma. We built a house in Volusia County in 1990, where we still reside today. In 1993, I attended Daytona Beach Community College where I received an Associate of Arts Degree followed by earning a Bachelor of Arts Degree in legal studies with a minor degree in criminal justice from University of Central Florida in Orlando. I graduated from there in 1996 with a 4.0 GPA, summa cum laude. In 1999, I graduated from law school at the University of Florida, in Gainesville where I obtained my Juris Doctorate degree.


My career began as an assistant public defender in the appellate division, where I gained valuable appellate experience. In 2002, I opened a law firm in Orange City where I still practice today. Over the years, I have represented thousands of clients in matters including criminal, misdemeanor, juvenile, civil, real estate, business, probate, elder matters, bankruptcy, divorce, paternity, custody and domestic violence.

I am a current member of the Volusia County Bar, Flagler County Bar, St. Johns County Bar, Elder Law Section/Florida Bar, Family Law Section/Florida Bar, West Volusia Chamber of Commerce, Volusia-Flagler Association of Women Lawyers, and American Business Women's Association.

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BRAD WESTER

Ponte Vedra Beach MSD Seat 6



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- ★ Chairman of Ponte Vedra/Palm Valley Overlay District ARC 2008-2016
- ★ Vice President of Land Use, Zoning and Municipal Planning for Driver McAfee Peek & Hawthorne Law Firm
- ★ Expert in real estate development and eminent domain cases throughout Florida; Knowledge & experience in municipal planning in St. Johns County for two decades
- ★ Motivated to serve and preserve the quality of life in the MSD
- ★ U.S. Marine Reservist 1995-2001

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McGILLIN

Judge Howard McGillin was born into an Army family while his father was stationed in his hometown of Philadelphia. When Howard was a year old, the family was transferred to Bonn, Germany, so his first memories are of Europe.

The family returned to the Philadelphia area, where he grew up attending elementary and high school. He was admitted to the U.S. Military Academy in the summer of 1977.

After graduation from the academy, he was commissioned as a second lieutenant and began his Army career as a field artillery officer. His first assignment was to Fort Bragg, North Carolina, where he was assigned to the 82d Airborne Division. During his tour there, he deployed to combat on the Caribbean island of Grenada in Operation Urgent Fury. The Army later sent him to law school at the University of Florida, after which he became a Judge Advocate General's Corps Officer (JAG).

As an Army JAG lawyer he served in Georgia, Virginia, Kansas and Hawaii. He traveled overseas for the Army, visiting Germany, Lithuania, Bosnia and other countries. While in the Army he had a variety of legal "practices" including a tour as a law professor. He practiced administrative law, civil law and criminal law in the military.

He retired from the Army at the rank of colonel in 2005 and settled in St. Johns County. In November 2014, Governor Scott appointed him to fill a judicial vacancy on the 7th Circuit. He has served since December 30, 2014 in a Unified Family Court seat handling domestic relations, domestic violence, juvenile delinquency, juvenile dependency and mental health matters. He is working closely with St. Johns County veterans to establish a Veterans Treatment Court Program in St. Johns County.

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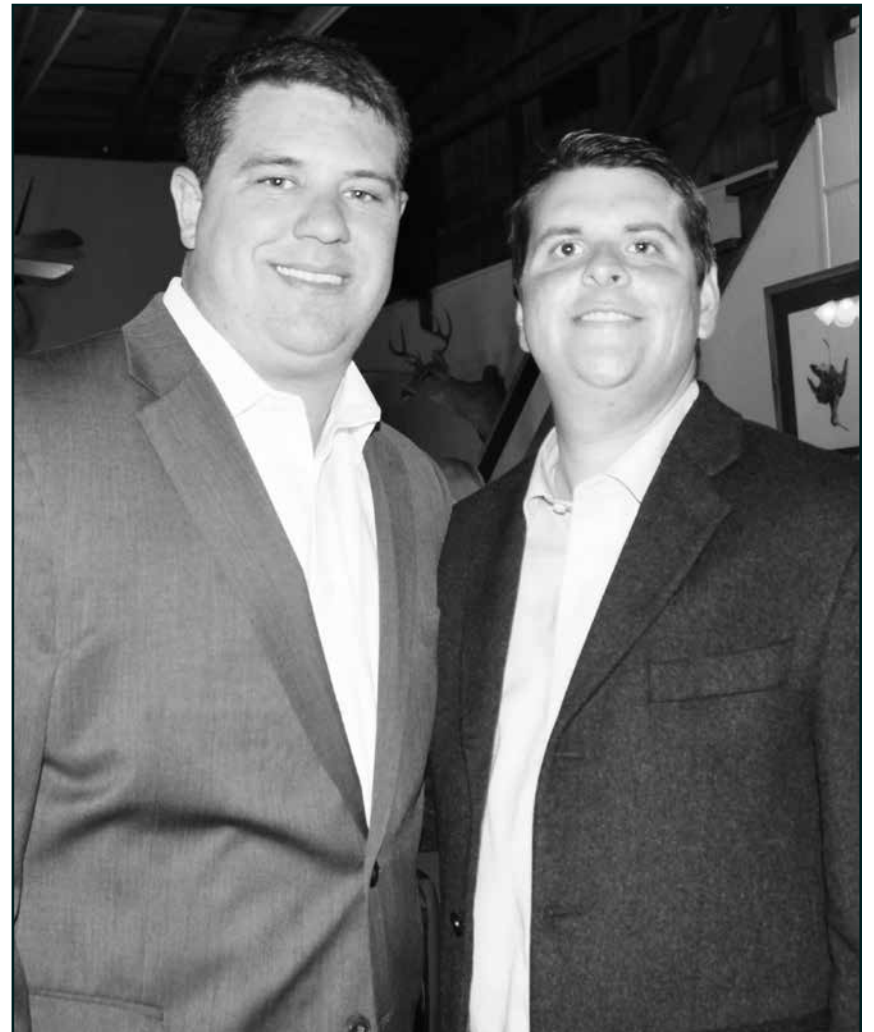
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Sing Out Loud Festival to come to St. Augustine

2016 Sing Out Loud Festival schedule and lineup

More than 150 local and national musicians will perform at venues across the Ancient City, when the Sing Out Loud Festival begins next week.

To be held from Aug. 25 to Sept. 11, the event will consist of 28 concerts at 10 different venues over the course of three weeks. All events are free and open to the public.

“The Sing Out Loud Festival is a true St. Augustine celebration of music that spans as much of the musical genre spectrum as possible, showing the world what this community has to offer,” said Ryan Murphy, director of St. Johns County Cultural Events. “It’s all inclusive, from the guy with a laptop kicking out crazy electronic music to the five-piece Americana jam session.”

Beginning with a Sing Out Loud preview featuring Sam Pacetti at the Lightner Museum’s Café Alcazar on Thursday, Aug. 25, and culminating with the Backyard Bourbon & BBQ Finale on Sept. 11, the festival will feature performances at a number of venues, including the St. Augustine Amphitheatre, Backyard at the St. Augustine Amphitheatre, the Colonial Quarter, the Downtown Plaza, Aviles Street at Plum Gallery, the Limelight Theatre and Ann O’Malley’s Irish Pub. The performance lineup includes Grammy-nominated and award-winning performers Brandi Carlile, Indigo Girls, Booker T. Jones, The Travelin’ McCourys and Greg Holden.

Official after-parties will be hosted by Narrow Magazine and held at Planet Sarbez and Nobby’s.

While the events are free and open to the public, reserved seats can be reserved for the Sept. 9 main showcase featuring those acts by donating \$5 to OneOrlando via TicketMaster or by reserving a Sing Out Loud hotel package with one of the partner hotels. For details on securing a reserved seat and more information about the festival visit www.singoutloudfestival.com.

The Sing Out Loud Festival is produced by the St. Johns County Cultural Events Division, which owns and operates the St. Augustine Amphitheatre and the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall, in partnership with the St. Johns Cultural Council and the Tourist Development Council. The festival event is the feature event of the Sounds of Summer Celebration, a variety of arts, culture, music and entertainment events scheduled for August and September in St. Augustine and Ponte Vedra. A complete listing of Sounds of Summer events can be found at www.soundsofsummerevents.com.

Thursday, Aug. 25 S – Sing Out Loud Festival Preview

Café Alcazar at the Lightner Museum

Doors: 5 p.m. / Show: 5 p.m.

Performances By: Sam Pacetti

Friday, Aug. 26 – Festival Kickoff

St. Augustine Amphitheatre Backyard Reggae Showcase

Doors: 4 p.m. / Show: 4:15 p.m.

Performances By: The Original Wailers, Soulo & tha Beat, I-Vibes, Night Nurse and DJ Raggamuffin

Colonial Quarter Local Music Showcase

Doors: 5 p.m. / Show: 5 p.m.

Performances by: Emma Moseley Band, The Firewater Tent Revival, Brent Byrd, The Grapes of Roth and Sky Harris

Planet Sarbez Official After Party hosted by Narrow Magazine

Doors: 10 p.m. / Show 10:30 p.m.

Performances by: Kid You Not, Mustard, Ema & The Old Kings, Joey Caneva and Tom McKelvey

Saturday, Aug. 27

Colonial Quarter Lincolntonville Porch Fest Showcase

Doors: Noon / Show: 12:30 p.m.

Performances by: The Rivernecks, Chelsea Saddler, Amy Hendrickson, Ghost Tropic, Early Disclaimers, Kenny & the Jets, Sandfleas, Teresa Rose, 86 Hope, No PDA and Jeremy Rogers

Downtown Plaza Gazebo Local Music Showcase

Show: Noon

Performances by: Lonesome Bert & The Skinny Lizards, Ancient City Slickers, Aslyn & The Naysayers, Katherine Archer, Michael Jordan, Todd & Molly, Colton McKenna and Grant Paxton Band

Planet Sarbez Flagler College Night and Narrow Magazine Showcase

Doors: 5 p.m. / Show 5:15 p.m.

Performances by: Brown Palace, Tommy ILL Rhythm, Bite Marks, Burnt Hair, Virgin Flower, Severed + Said, Beau Crum, Chuck Mental, Sis Scum, I Came From Earth and Zach Slaughterbeck

Wednesday, Aug. 31

Ann O’Malley’s Local Showcase

Doors: 8 p.m./ Show: 8 p.m.

Performances by: Danny Burns and Aine O’Doherty

Planet Sarbez Official After Party hosted by Narrow Magazine

Doors: 10 p.m. / Show 10 p.m.

Performances by: Observatory, The WillowWacks, Light Elixir, Yawning Fox and Brittani Mueller

Friday, Sept. 2

St. Augustine Amphitheatre Backyard BBQ

Doors: 4 p.m. / Show: 4:30 p.m.

Performances by: The Reverend Peyton’s Big Damn Band, The Pauses, Waylon Thornton & The Heavy Hands, Robbie Dammit & The Broken Strings and The Wobbly Toms

Colonial Quarter Local Music Showcase

Doors: 5 p.m. / Show: 5 p.m.

Performances by: Billy Buchanan, Lovechuck, Ramona Quimby, The Young Step and Sea Floor Explosives

Limelight Theatre Local Honey Storytellers Showcase

Doors: 5 p.m. / Show: 5 p.m.

Performances by: Amy Hendrickson and More!

Aviles Street Jam at Plum Gallery

Show: 5 p.m.

Performances by: Jim & Patty Springfield and Timberwood

Café Alcazar at the Lightner Museum

Show: 5 p.m.

Performances By: Sam Pacetti

Ann O’Malley’s Local Showcase

Doors: 8 p.m./ Show: 8 p.m.

Performances by: Salt Driven Ride and Rob Peck

Nobby’s Official After Party hosted by Narrow Magazine

Doors: 10 p.m. / Show: 10:30 p.m.

Performances by: Constant Swimmer, Remedy Tree, Brandon O’Hara and Brent McGuffin

Saturday, Sept. 3

Colonial Quarter Stetson Kennedy Showcase

Doors: noon / Show: 12:30 p.m.

Performances By: John Moreland, Aaron Lee Tasjan, Dan Andriano, This Frontier Needs Heroes, Paul Garfinkel, The Dewars, Uncle Marty and Gileah Taylor

Downtown Plaza Gazebo Stetson Kennedy Showcase

Show: Noon

Performances By: The Driftwoods, Channing & Quinn, I Like Dandelions, The Skinny, Ancient City Poets, Skin & Bonz and Friends and The Dunehoppers

Aviles Street Jam at Plum Gallery

Show: Noon

Performances by: Mario Luis, Victoria Romero with Donnie Brazile and More

Planet Sarbez Narrow Magazine Showcase

Doors: 5 p.m. / Show 5:15 p.m.

Performances by: Cosmic Groove, Lucifer Sam, Pull The Ripcord, Mock Toxins, Bubba Spliffs, Mental Patients, Moyamoya and Christian Powers

Limelight Theatre Comedy Out Loud Showcase

Doors: 6 p.m. / Show: 6 p.m.

Performance Lineup to be announced

Ann O’Malley’s Local Showcase

Doors: 8 p.m./ Show: 8 p.m.

Performances by: Fond Kiser and Smokin’ Joe

Friday, Sept. 9

St. Augustine Amphitheatre Main Showcase

Doors: 4 p.m. / Show: 4:20 p.m.

Performances By: Brandi Carlile, Indigo Girls, Booker T. Jones, The Travelin’ McCourys and Greg Holden

Nobby’s “That’s What She Said” All-Female Showcase

Doors: 10 p.m. / Show 10:30 p.m.

Performances by: Kim Brown, Alex Marie, Christina Wagner and Evans Sisters

Saturday, Sept. 10

Colonial Quarter Gamble Rogers Fest Showcase

Doors: Noon / Show: 12:30 p.m.

Performances by: Bob Patterson, Linser & Lowe, Jamie DeFrates & Susan Brown, Hogtown Creek, Collapsible B, The Gatorbone Trio, Michael Jordan and Dewey Via

Downtown Plaza Gazebo Gamble Rogers Fest Showcase

Show: Noon

Performances by: Complicated Animals, The Rubies, Lori & Jonny Pellicer, Jon Bailey, Nicholas Roberts, Keith Welsh, Joe Rocco and Davis Loose

Nobby’s Narrow Magazine Showcase

Doors: 8 p.m. / Show 8:30 p.m.

Performances by: Rip Junior, Scholars Word, Big Logic and the Truth Serum, Alex Peramas, Aaron Sherman and Devin Johnson

Sunday, Sept. 11 – Festival Finale

St. Augustine Amphitheatre Backyard Bourbon & BBQ Block Party, hosted by St. Augustine Distillery

Doors: Noon / Show: 1 p.m.

Performances by: Rhett Miller, Adam Hood, Big Shoals, Jackie Stranger, Christina Wagner, Wild Shiners, Katie Grace Helow, Shea Birney and Gileah Taylor

***This event will feature exclusive sampling of the brand new St. Augustine Distillery Double Cask Bourbon with BBQ available from Smokin’ D’s BBQ.**

Stay up to date with schedule and lineup additions or changes by liking SingOutLoudSJC on Facebook or visiting the official festival website at www.singoutloudfestival.com.

Rebounderz Jacksonville to host Ultimate Ninja Warrior Competition

Three-day event kicks off Aug. 19

Beginning Friday, Aug. 19, Rebounderz Jacksonville will host a Ninja Warrior Competition as part of a “Rio Takeover” celebrating the Summer Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro.

The takeover will include elements of the NBC show American Ninja Warrior as well as the Olympics. An opening ceremonies procession will be held on

Saturday, Aug. 20, and competitors will also participate in the closing ceremonies to coincide with the official ceremonies of the 2016 Summer Olympics. Medals will be awarded to the most successful competitors at gold, silver and bronze levels.

The takeover will commence with a pre-party on Aug. 19 at 5 p.m. The Eatery

will feature food and beverage specials, and real-life American Ninja Warrior competitors Reko Rivera and Mack Roesch will make an appearance to give tips to participants, take photos and sign autographs.

“We are looking forward to this unique and exciting event and anticipate positive feedback from the Jacksonville community,” Owner David Zorn said. “It will not only be great fun for those wishing to compete, but for families looking for something fun to do together.”

The competition kicks off Saturday, Aug. 20 at 3 p.m. with opening ceremonies. On Sunday, Aug. 21, finalists will gather to compete for the gold medal at 2:30 p.m. Mark Payton and Rance Adams, co-hosts of Jacksonville’s morning show River City LIVE, will host the weekend-long event in addition to pro-

viding commentary about the contestants’ performance.

“We are thrilled to be part of the Rebounderz Rio Takeover and agree it’s going to be an epic experience,” Adams said.

Registration is currently open for participants and spectators. As part of the Rio Takeover, Rebounderz is also offering one- and two-day unlimited passes for unlimited activities during the weekend event for \$30 and \$50, respectively. Spectator passes for admission into the are \$5. Competitor registration is \$15, and the fee includes entry into the competition, an event t-shirt, a race bib and items and coupons from local vendors. For more information about purchasing tickets, event times, competition rules and age groups, visit. www.rebounderzjacksonville.com/ultimate-ninja-warrior-competition/.



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Message from the publisher

In this edition of the Ponte Vedra Recorder, we're pleased to introduce our new Business Weekly section.

Of course, regular readers know that covering local businesses is nothing new for the Recorder. As Ponte Vedra's paper of record since 1969, the Recorder has always kept residents up to date on local businesses both old and new – because like you, we live here,

we patronize local businesses and we know what a valuable contribution local business owners make to our community. In addition, the Recorder has long enjoyed a strong relationship with the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce and its Ponte Vedra Beach Division, enabling us to share with readers the latest news on chamber members and happenings.

Now, as new businesses continue to spring up across Ponte Vedra and the Beaches area, the Recorder is strengthening our business coverage to keep readers up to date on the increasing amount of business news in our local community. From business openings and local entrepreneurs to promotions, career moves, awards and more, Business Weekly will cast a spotlight on

the people and industries that fuel our local economy.

To submit news for Business Weekly, email Managing Editor Jennifer Logue at jennifer@opcfla.com. We're looking forward to hearing from you.

Susan Griffin
Publisher

Movers & Shakers

Gordon joins Ponte Vedra Inn & Club

Michael Gordon has joined the Ponte Vedra Inn & Club as its new vice president and general manager. In his new role, Gordon is responsible for leading key operations, overseeing sales and marketing, and leading a staff of more than



GORDON

700 at the AAA Five Diamond resort.

Gordon joins the Ponte Vedra Inn & Club from his most recent position as general manager at

The Barnsley Resort, a luxury resort in Adairsville, Georgia. Prior to The Barnsley Resort, he served as president and managing director of The Greenbrier in West Virginia as well as various positions within the Ritz-Carlton hotel company.

"We are delighted to have someone with a background as extensive as Michael's as the vice president and general manager of the Ponte Vedra Inn & Club," said Dale Haney, president of Gate Hospitality Group.

A Ponte Vedra resident, Gordon attended Florida State College.

OneOcean promotes Wittman

One Ocean Resort & Spa has promoted **Stephen Wittman II** to director of food and beverage. In his new role, Wittman will be responsible for the vision, direction and development of One Ocean's award-winning restaurant, Azurea



WITTMAN

restaurant, Azurea Lounge, Lobby Bar and in-room dining. He will also oversee the banquet servers and manage more than

\$6.5 million in annual banquet and outlet revenue for the resort's meeting and event space.

Wittman has more than a decade of experience in the hospitality industry, previously serving as banquet manager and director of outlets at the Omni Jacksonville Hotel and event manager at the Renaissance Ross Bridge Resort in Birmingham, Alabama. He began his hospitality career as event services supervisor at Ritz-Carlton Orlando and holds a degree in Hospitality Management from the University of Central Florida's Rosen School of

Hospitality Management.

FirstAtlantic welcomes new vice presidents

FirstAtlantic Bank recently welcomed two new vice presidents. **Kevin Carlton** joined the bank as vice president, commercial banker. His responsibilities include devel-



CARLTON

oping new customer relationships in the bank's targeted markets of businesses and professionals. Carlton brings 21 years of financial

services experience to his new position. He was most recently with TD Bank. A board member for the Rotary Club of Mandarin and Athletes to Champions, Carlton is a mentor for the Financial Matter\$ Program through the Jacksonville Women's Business Center and an instructor with Money Smart for Small Business. He received his Masters of Business Administration from the University of North Florida in Jacksonville.

Ginger Brelsford joined FirstAtlantic as vice president, retail regional manager.



BRELSFORD

Her responsibilities include overseeing the growth and retention of consumer and business customer banking

relationships and managing the leadership of five financial centers in the bank's east region. Brelsford brings 22 years of financial services experience to her new role. She was most recently with the former CertusBank. Brelsford is a member of the Jacksonville Rotary Club, a board member and treasurer for the Easy Peasy Kids Fitness Foundation, and a board member and treasurer for the Louis Sheffield Elementary PTA.

James joins Beach House

Charles James has joined Beach House Assisted Living & Memory Care in Jacksonville Beach as executive director. A board-certified nursing professional with more than 20 years of experience in assisted living, James has worked in a variety of health care facilities, including nursing homes, hospitals,

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rehabilitation centers and assisted living facilities.

Beach House offers 64 private alcove, one-bedroom and two-bedroom apartments for residents needing assistance with the activities of daily living. The facility also offers 20 private suites for residents requiring specialized memory care for Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia.

Clockwork Marketing receives builder's award

Clockwork Marketing Services received an Excel Award from the



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Florida Home Builders Association. Presented at the annual Southeast Building Conference (SEBC) in Orlando, the award honors excellence in marketing and design.

The company created a marketing brochure on behalf of ICI Homes designed to introduce potential buyers to the builder's high-end homes in Northeast Florida and inserted in The Wall Street Journal's Northeast Florida circulation, targeting households in the region's 10 wealthiest zip codes.

"Clockwork Marketing is honored to receive this recognition from our industry peers," President Maxine McBride said. "Our team takes great pride in producing memorable work and exceeding expectations."

Jimerson & Cobb honored by Florida Trend

Jimerson & Cobb, P.A. was recently named one of Florida's "Best Companies to Work For" by Florida Trend magazine. This was the second consecutive year the law firm received the honor.

To qualify for the list, companies had to employ at least 15 workers in Florida and have been in operation for at least one year. Companies that chose to participate underwent an evaluation of their workplace policies, practices, philosophy, systems and demographics. The process also included a survey to measure employee satisfaction. The combined scores determined the top companies and the final ranking.

"It is deeply gratifying to have

our firm recognized not only for our dedication to our clients, but also to our employees," said Managing Partner Charles Jimerson, who noted that the firm was also honored recently by Jacksonville Business Journal as one of Northeast Florida's fastest-growing companies. "It is only through the enthusiasm, hard work and dedication of our staff that we have continued to grow and develop so rapidly as a firm."

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Cataract treatment restores fading vision of Ponte Vedra woman

Florida Eye Specialists performs 3,000th laser cataract procedure

Louanne Pontecorvo of Ponte Vedra was in her early 30s when she first began forming cataracts.

For years, Pontecorvo lived with the condition – a clouding of the lens in the eye that affects vision and can lead to blindness – but last year the eye disease began to seriously impact her life.

Her vision started blurring and colors fading. The cataract in her left eye got so bad that she could barely see out of it, affecting both her job as a graphic designer and her favorite pastimes, like golf.

Pontecorvo, now 58, turned to Dr. S. Akbar Hasan at Florida Eye Specialists for help. In May and July of this year, she received laser cataract surgery on each eye.

“It’s the best procedure I’ve ever had,” she said. “I know it will save my eyesight down the road.”

During the procedure, doctors mapped out the surgery on a computer and created precise, repeat-

able incisions with the image-guided LensX Femtosecond laser. And with the second procedure in July, Pontecorvo helped the doctors reach a practice milestone: Her procedure was the 3,000th laser cataract procedure performed by Florida Eye Specialists, the only ophthalmology practice with a full-time office in Ponte Vedra Beach.

Dr. Hasan said the team was excited to reach this milestone, but their focus remains on helping maintain and restore the vision of every patient they treat.

“Cataracts are a leading cause of vision loss in the world – and in Northeast Florida,” he said. “We have incorporated laser cataract technology at Florida Eye Specialists so we can provide our many cataract patients with the safest and most precise care possible.”

Pontecorvo said that after her experience, she encourages other people to look into the procedure.



Photo courtesy of Florida Eye Specialists

Louanne Pontecorvo of Ponte Vedra – shown here with Dr. Akbar Hasan – was the 3,000th patient to receive laser cataract surgery at Florida Eye Specialists.

Business Briefs

Freedom Boat Club launches Cruisin Tiki bar

Freedom Boat Club has a new addition to its fleet: a floating tiki bar.

Complete with thatched roof and bar stools, the octagon-shaped tiki bar was delivered to the Julington Creek Marina last week. Designed by Fort Lauderdale-based engineer Greg

Darby, it relies on a base of 55-gallon drums to provide stability and maintain a smooth ride

“When I first saw the Cruisin Tiki bar on a news video, I knew immediately that I had to have one,” said Lisa Almeida, owner of Freedom Boat Club Jacksonville. “I haven’t seen anything like this in Jacksonville. This will be

a fun and hip addition to our local scene.”

Almeida said the boat club would lease it to people for birthday parties and other special events, with a special rate for Freedom Boat Club members.

“This is all about having a good time,” she said. “I can already see it docked at the Landing and entertaining people here for the Florida-Georgia game.”

Cruisin Tiki rentals will also come with a captain for every trip.

“We want our guests to sit back and relax and leave the work to us,” she said.

The Cruisin Tiki will be based at Julington Creek Marina. To lease the boat, contact Daniel Haralambou at (904) 616-1313 or at danielh@freedomboatclub.com.

Social Security seminar

Liberty Advisory Group will host a free seminar on Social Security benefits Saturday, Aug. 20 at 11 a.m. at the Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library. The seminar will provide information on how proposed changes in the new federal budget act could impact Social

Security benefits. Designed for both individuals and couples between the ages of 55 and 67, the workshop will offer information on how Social Security currently operates and how it will work in the future. Seating is limited; to register, call (904) 834-3544.

Chamber After Hours and Ribbon Cutting

The Ponte Vedra Beach Division of the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce will host a “Chamber After Hours” and ribbon cutting at King & Associates Insurance Wednesday, Aug. 24 from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

This free chamber reception will feature complimentary hors d’oeuvres and refreshments along with the chance to network with other business and community leaders.

King & Associates is located 3202-3 Sawgrass Village Circle in Ponte Vedra Beach. To register, visit www.stjohnscountychamber.com.

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It's become fashionable to be bearish



By Harry Pappas

Harry Pappas
Columnist

I wish I had a quarter for every recession forecast I have heard during the past few years.

Like someone with hypochondria, fearful forecasters feel economic doom and gloom is right

around the corner after every dip in economic data or shift in economic policy. Quick, how many recessions has the United States had in the past half century? The answer is eight: one in the 1960s, two in the 1970s, two in the 1980s, one in the 1990s, and two in the 2000s.

Since 1960, the country has gone through one or two recessions per decade, on average. It has been seven years since the last recession. Therefore, we are overdue! So what is the problem?

Just like stock market corrections, recessions are normal and expected. Peaks, recessions, troughs and recoveries are part of the business cycle. If we look at the four recessions that occurred before the most recent one, we see that not all recessions caused a significant stock market decline like the one in 2008-09.

Timing of recession and total S&P 500 return

Feb. 1980 - July 1980	9.47%
Aug. 1981 - Nov. 1982	14.58%
Aug. 1990 - March 1991	7.99%
April 2001 - Nov. 2001	-0.90%
Jan. 2008 - June 2009	-35.00%

Source: NBER official recession timing from FRED database. S&P 500 total returns from Dimensional's Return 2.0 program. These are index returns and do not represent actual investments. Past performance is no guarantee of future results.

Regrettably, many investors still cannot shake the memory of the 35 percent decline in stocks prices during 2008-2009, which came to be known as the Great Recession: the worst period since the Great Depression of the 1930s. I understand the temptation to believe in doom and gloom, as the gut wrenching panic of 2008-09 was painful. Perhaps the Great Recession's excruciating downward spiral of the stock market is the reason that according to the Federal Reserve Board analysis in 2015, 55 percent of Americans have no money in the stock market! Even the hint of a recession sends these good folks into a theoretical funk, while their shaking finger is hovering over the panic button.

Nevertheless, I will agree with the bears that it is not difficult to conjure up doomsday scenarios, as there is potential for things to turn ugly in a New York minute. Only a fool would suggest otherwise, but as Thomas Howard says, the risk of "cataclysmic failure" is always present in any economy or financial system, but when times are good this risk is systematically underestimated (classified as a "won't happen" scenario), and when times are bad it is systematically overestimated (classified as either "will happen" or "might happen"). Nevertheless, are we going to live our life and invest our money by fear or faith? I have always been on the faith bandwagon, and it has served me well. I suggest it could the same for you.

When I am asked if I think we are heading into a recession, my reply is, "Eventually, but I do not know when. Furthermore, neither does anyone else and that includes the permabear peanut gallery! It is all a guess, an educated guess perhaps, but a guess nonetheless."

Even if I somehow knew in advance how the economy was going to perform, I would not advise my clients to alter their holdings in advance because business cycles provide little information about subsequent changes in the stock markets. As I see it, to change

allocations now based on economic conditions would contradict economic logic and violate my duty to act in their best interest. Moreover, I have long argued that preventing clients from bailing out of a well-designed long-term investment plan is the single most important job of a financial advisor.

Therefore, I encourage you to keep your itchy finger off the trigger and just stay the course. In other words, don't do something, just stand there!

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transportation infrastructure will be the focus of the SJC Chamber Economic Development Council's quarterly breakfast. To be held at 8 a.m. Friday, Aug. 26 at the Renaissance World Golf Village Resort in St. Augustine, the presentation titled "Planes, Trains & Automobiles" will include remarks by FDOT District 2 Secretary Greg Evans, who oversees the First Coast Expressway that will eventually connect I-95 in northern St. Johns County to I-10 in western Duval County, the SR-9B extension (St. Johns Parkway) and other projects that affect mobility in St. Johns County. Joining Evans will be County Transportation Development Division Director Phong Nguyen and Quintin Kendall, vice president for state government affairs at CSX Transportation and the former chief of staff at the U.S. Department of Transportation. Tickets are \$30 for chamber members in advance (\$40 at the door and non-members); to register, visit www.stjohnscountychamber.com.

JEA's Stroupe addresses Ponte Vedra Rotary Club



Photo by Jennifer Logue

Randy Stroupe, director of electric production for JEA, recently gave a presentation on the utility to the Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach. Stroupe discussed JEA's operations and its efforts to provide clean, affordable energy. He noted that over the years, JEA's power source has gone from 100 percent oil in 1970 to a more diversified energy mix today that includes 39 percent natural gas and 33 percent coal.

Recorder, Chamber of Commerce host 'Coffee with the Editor'

More than 60 business and community leaders visited the Ponte Vedra Recorder offices last week to attend "Coffee with the Editor."

Held Aug. 10 in conjunction with the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce's Ponte Vedra Beach Division, the event gave attendees an opportunity to meet Managing Editor Jennifer Logue and learn about the role the

Recorder plays in the community.

"The great turnout here today is both a testament to the strong St. Johns County business community and the Recorder's well-established reputation as the community's paper of record since 1969," Logue told attendees. "We are committed to being the paper readers turn to for local, original reporting they can trust."

Unlike many small papers today – which rely on free articles taken from out-of-state wire services or the internet – the Recorder's editorial team of professionally trained journalists is committed to running local articles about local people and local businesses.

"I don't know of any other local weekly or monthly paper that pro-

duces as much original, locally focused reporting as the Recorder," Logue said. "When you open up a copy of the Ponte Vedra Recorder, you're not going to read generic articles from a free content provider. You're going to read original articles written by our staff about people you know and businesses you patronize."

Logue said the Recorder has received positive feedback about its renewed focus on public affairs as well as its coverage of the local arts and cultural scene. And while the paper has always spotlighted local businesses, she said, today's edition of the Recorder begins an even stronger emphasis through a new Business Weekly section.

"Business Weekly will be the place to highlight local residents' promotions, career moves, awards and recognition," she said, "along with the strong coverage of local business openings and events for which the Recorder is known."

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You Glow Girl

On Thursday, August 25, The Spa will feature the first "Around the Spa" Event. From 5-7 p.m., The Spa will feature eight stations with complimentary treatments from GM Collin, Clarisonic, Dr. Dennis Gross, NuFACE, SkinMedica, Obagi, Jane Iredale and Zents. A 20% discount on these featured products will be offered on this day. This event is attractively priced at only \$25, which can be applied to any product purchases made. Space is limited to the first 100 reservations. Please call 904.273.7700 to hold your place.

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Murphy wins three gold medals in Olympic debut

Bolles grad, fellow alumni strike gold in swimming at Rio games

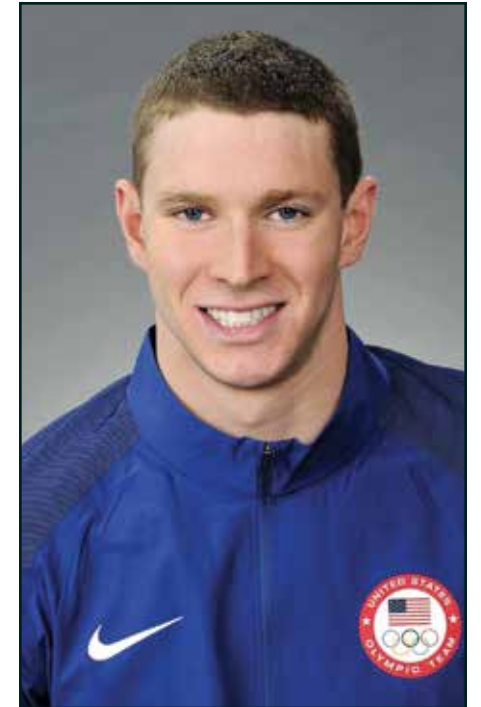
Olympian and Bolles graduate Ryan Murphy now has three Olympic gold medals around his neck with the completion of the men's 4x100m medley relay and the men's 100 meter

and 200 meter backstroke. The swimmer began his gold rush with a 100m backstroke, during which he swam an Olympic record time of 51.97 seconds, beating out China's Xu

Jiayu, who won silver, and U.S. teammate David Plummer with bronze. He continued later in the week with the 200m backstroke, when he finished with a time of 1:53.62, besting Australia's Mitch Larkin and Russia's Evgeny Rylov.

Murphy's most impressive night came Saturday, however, when he swam in the 4x100m medley relay race. The 21-year-old set his first world record with a time of 51.85 in the opening 100-meter backstroke, beating out the previous world record set by Aaron Peirsol in 2009 by nine-tenths of a second.

Fellow Bolles alumni and U.S. teammate Caeleb Dressel, and Joseph Schooling – who represented Singapore – also won gold: Dressel claimed two gold medals with his performance in the men's 4x100m medley relay as well as the men's 4x100m free relay, the latter of which he swam a time of 48.10. Dressel's time in the free relay was the second fastest overall. Schooling captured



the gold medal over Michael Phelps in the 100m butterfly in an Olympic record time, claiming the first gold medal for Singapore.

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Grounds tickets will be available starting at \$15 any day from Oct. 6-9, and weekly grounds options will be available for \$35 to access all four days

of the event.

Weekly clubhouse tickets, which include grounds and clubhouse access for all four days, are available for \$150. Food and beverage will be available for purchase throughout tournament rounds.

The Deck on 18 ticket prices range from \$175 for a daily ticket to \$500 for the week, and includes features such as a hospitality suite alongside the 18 green, a climate-controlled venue with dual views of the 10 tee and 18 green,

HD TVs and non-reserved seating, food catered by local beach restaurants, a full bar, VIP credentials allowing access to tournament grounds and The Deck on 18 and climate-controlled VIP bathrooms.

All active duty military, veterans, Reserve and military retirees and their dependents will receive complimentary tournament admission Thursday through Sunday. To receive complimentary admission, eligible military must bring a valid ID to the Will Call

tent to receive their ticket.

The tour finals open with the inaugural DAP Championship the week of Sept. 5-11, and from there move to the Albertsons Boise Open (Sept. 12-18) and the Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship (Sept. 19-25) before an off week leads into the Web.com Tour Championship. Each of the four events will feature a \$1 million purse.

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Help! My grown children don't want anything to do with me



Neil Rosenthal
Columnist

Dear Neil: I love my children. My ex took them away from me. It's a long terrible story, and I've been living in hell ever since. My children are grown now, but will have nothing to do with me. I have no idea of how to get them to want a relationship with me. Not so long ago, my ex told me that his new girlfriend is a better mother than I've ever been. My heart is broken. – What Can I Do in Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Little Rock: Sometimes when an adult child distances from a parent, they are actually attempting to get away from a verbally, emotionally or physically abusive parent that they're

afraid of. Other times, an adult child will distance themselves because they no longer want to be part of a conflict, and they do not know how to effectively address or resolve the problem – or they have decided to side with the other parent. And sometimes an adult child feels that in order to become his or her own person, s/he has to detach from a parent or from their past.

It would be a mistake to assume, however, that because your children are rejecting you, you should stop reaching out. You will be their mother for the rest of their lives, and even if you are not to blame for the family alienation, you may need to be the one who initiates repair. (If you incur anger, shame or abuse, however, it may not be in your self-interest to continue.)

Here's what you can do. You could reach out with the question: "What can

I do to attempt to repair the damage in our relationship?" Then wait and see if they respond. (If they say that they want an apology for something you said or did, as an example, then you decide if you can give that apology sincerely and with no excuses.) Invite contact, and don't cut off contact from your children who fail to respond. Keep reaching out with birthday and holiday cards, calls, texts and emails, and keep saying you'd like to mend the relationship.

Also, step back and look at what happened as factually as you can. If you do get an opportunity to address what happened with your children, you're going to have to openly acknowledge what your role was in causing the problems or in what you did wrong. And if you get an opportunity to talk with one or more of your children, make sure you take the high

ground at all times. Suggesting their father was wrong may well backfire.

Also, make sure you are taking good care of yourself. Focus on the good in your life and make sure you pay attention every day to what you are grateful for. Set yourself toward achieving some positive goals that have the ability to give you hope and move your life in a promising direction. Put your attention and focus on the other people and activities in your life that warm you and give you meaning and happiness. And grieve the loss, understanding there's still a chance for reconciliation.

Neil Rosenthal is a licensed marriage and family therapist. He is the author of the bestselling book Love, Sex, and Staying Warm: Creating a Vital Relationship. Contact him at 303-758-8777 or visit neilrosenthal.com.

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- 9. Versus "Wall" street?
- 13. Less than 90 degrees
- 14. Eric Stonestreet on "Modern Family"
- 15. Beautiful, in Spanish
- 16. Overthrow an argument
- 17. It comes with or without seeds
- 18. "____" for the courage of the fearless crew, the Minnow would be lost"
- 19. *Ingalls' homestead setting
- 21. *a.k.a. American bison
- 23. Junior
- 24. Tom, not Tabby
- 25. Cathode-ray tube
- 28. Deity, in Sanskrit
- 30. Belonging to Cree, e.g.
- 35. Cambodia's neighbor
- 37. *An outlaw does it to his horse
- 39. Zzzz
- 40. Miners' passage
- 41. Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers' guitarist
- 43. "The Man Who ____ Too Much"
- 44. Angers
- 46. "The Way We ____"
- 47. Abominable humanoid
- 48. It's meant to be
- 50. Display displeasure
- 52. Word for a nod
- 53. Oration station
- 55. Type or kind
- 57. *____ Murrieta, a.k.a. the Robin Hood of El Dorado
- 61. *Cowboy's biannual trip
- 65. Loathing
- 66. Flying saucer
- 68. Oceanic trenches
- 69. Caffeine-containing nut tree, pl.
- 70. Hard to escape routine
- 71. Hanukkah coins
- 72. At one time, formerly
- 73. "____ he drove out of sight..."
- 74. "The Waste Land" poet

DOWN

- 1. *Wyatt or Virgil
- 2. Tennis serving whiz
- 3. Lowest brass instrument
- 4. Lady's pocketbook
- 5. Retread, past tense
- 6. *Homesteader's purchase, sing.
- 7. *Hudson's ____ Company
- 8. Naked protozoa
- 9. State of irritation
- 10. Karenina or Kournikova
- 11. Object of worship
- 12. Post WWII military alliance
- 15. Inmates without hope of freedom
- 20. Like helium
- 22. Last, abbr.
- 24. March tradition
- 25. *Corps of Discovery explorer
- 26. Half of diameters
- 27. Works hard
- 29. Whoopi Goldberg's opinion, e.g.
- 31. Pac Man's blue ghost
- 32. 1970s disco band "____ M."
- 33. Mountain ridge
- 34. *Corps of Discovery explorer
- 36. Kind of cell
- 38. Shade of beige
- 42. Sunny prefix
- 45. Stonecrops
- 49. Chi forerunner
- 51. Programmer's clumsy solution
- 54. Accustom
- 56. Strike a pose, in church
- 57. "Knock-Knock," e.g.
- 58. O in b.o.
- 59. Pains
- 60. African tea
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