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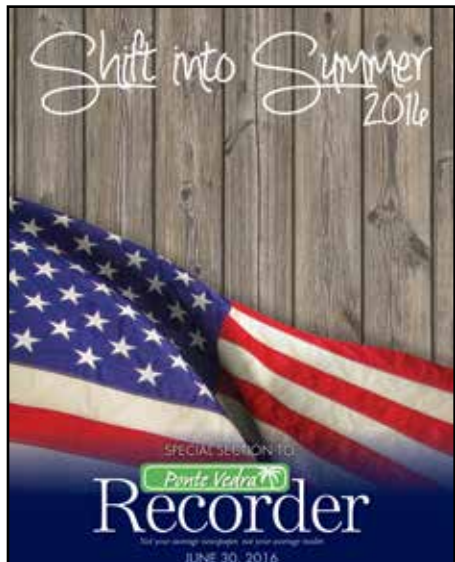
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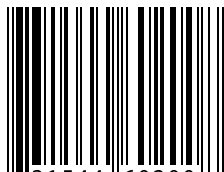


St. Marys Railroad offers patriotic train trips aboard "America's Birthday Express" July 2 and 4. Read more on page 44.



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The Ponte Vedra Recorder office will be closed Monday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day. We will resume normal business hours on Tuesday, July 5.

WHAT'S THIS?



Do you know what this is?

Email your answer to jennifer@opcfla.com by Tuesday at 5 p.m.

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.

Fifteen readers correctly identified last week's photo as Big Fish Yoga. Winner of the random drawing was **Janice Alvarez Taylor** – congratulations, Janice! You may pick up your prize at the Recorder offices during regular business hours.



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

ADOPT A PET

CAT OF THE WEEK

Hi there, my name is Forest and I am a male 1-year-old cat who is looking for a new home. I was brought to the pet center as a stray. I love to stretch my paws out and snuggle up on the sofa. Come visit me today here at the pet center! #32019
As this animal was a stray there may be some traits that are unknown at this time.



DOG OF THE WEEK

Hi there! I'm Chuck, a 3-year-old male beagle who was brought to the pet center as a stray. I'm looking for a new forever family. Come visit me at the pet center! #32370
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Any pet being introduced to a new home will need time to adjust to a new environment. Please reinforce house training and behavioral training and be mindful of interacting with other pets. Come visit us today here at the pet center.

St. Johns County Pet Center

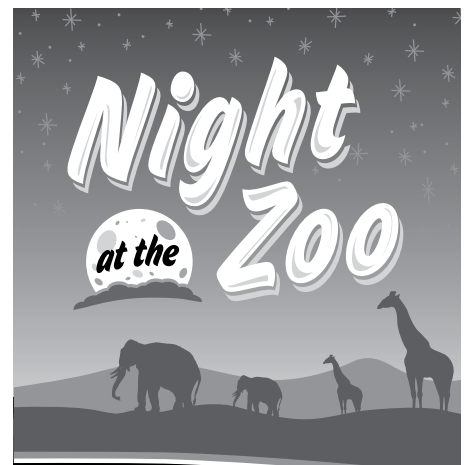
Cat adoptions are \$30 for males and \$40 for females. Dog adoptions are \$45 for males and \$60 for females. Adoption fees include microchipping, neutering/spaying, rabies vaccinations and shots. The pet center is located at 130 N. Stratton Rd., just off US 1 between County Road 210 and International Golf Parkway. Business hours are Tuesday through Friday 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The center is closed to the public on Sunday. On Monday, the office is open by appointment only to claim a lost pet. **For more information, please call the St. Johns County Pet Center at (904) 209-6190.**

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Solutions correspond to last week's puzzles.



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St. John Paul II Mission church opens with Mass, blessing ceremony



Photo by Jennifer Logue

Bishop Felipe Estévez celebrates the inaugural Mass at St. John Paul II Mission church.

By Jennifer Logue

The Catholic Diocese of St. Augustine formally opened the St. John Paul II Mission church June 23, celebrating Mass and holding a blessing ceremony in the newly constructed parish center in Nocatee.

The new center was filled to capacity with local residents attending the Mass, which was celebrated by Bishop Felipe J. Estévez with Msgr. Keith Brennan and Rev. Ed Shaner serving as concelebrants.

“This is the day the Lord has made – finally,” Estévez said with a smile. “After four years, you feel at home. Let us really celebrate and rejoice because you have built a house of God.”

Estévez likened the addition of the church to the Nocatee community with the arrival of a new family to a close-knit neighborhood.

“Just as you would say, ‘Those are the McCarthys, there live the Lynches, now you can say, ‘This is a house of God,’” he said. “Let us celebrate today this community of faith. With the founding of St. John Paul II, you now have a complete place to encounter God and receive His mercy.”

Located at 127 Stonemason Way in Nocatee, the parish center will serve as a worship space until the mission can afford to build a church. The 12,000 square-foot space offers seating for 450 as well as administrative offices, conference rooms, a stage, chapel and commercial kitchen.

St. John Paul II is a mission of Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church in Ponte Vedra Beach under the leadership of Msgr. Brennan. Daily Mass will be celebrated at the parish center Monday through Friday at 8:30 a.m.; and Saturday at 5 p.m., with confession at 4 p.m. Sunday Mass will be celebrated at 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

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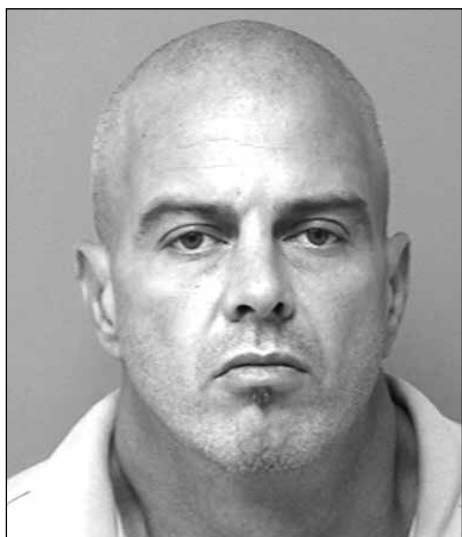


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Ponte Vedra man found murdered in home

Adult son suspected in father's death, wife found dead next day in double suicide



Joseph Reddock Jr.

By Jennifer Logue

A 70-year-old Ponte Vedra man was found murdered in his home June 22, setting off a manhunt that would end the following morning at a Daytona Beach motel, where authorities found the bodies of the victim's son and daughter-in-law.

Deputies had been seeking Joseph

Carmichael Reddock Jr., 41, in connection with the murder of his father. Joseph Reddock Sr., 70, was found by sheriff's deputies in the bedroom of his Sawmill Lakes home after the authorities received a request to attempt to contact him. The discovery set off a search for Reddock's son, who had a long criminal record and was believed to have been driving his father's car.

Authorities issued an alert for a 1999 Silver Honda with a faded hood and Florida plate number 635RHY. Reddock Jr. was believed to have been traveling with his new wife, Samantha. After crime scene technicians began examining the Sawmill Lakes home, officials issued an arrest warrant for second degree murder and possession of ammunition by a convicted felon for Reddock Jr.

On June 23, Daytona Beach police conducting a narcotics investigation discovered the victim's car parked near the Regency Motel on North Ridgewood Ave. in Daytona Beach. After noting that the suspect was

believed to armed and dangerous, police evacuated several nearby motel rooms and businesses, and requested assistance from the Volusia County Sheriff's Office SWAT team. The bomb squad and a robot were also brought to the scene. After the robot entered the room, the authorities found Reddock dead on the bed, while his wife, also deceased, was found on the floor. Several weapons were also found in the room.

Authorities later announced that notes from Reddock and his wife were found at the home and motel.

A history of violence

The St. Johns County Sheriff's Office inmate database indicates Joseph Reddock Jr. had been arrested numerous times on various domestic assault and battery-related charges since 2000. His father had also taken out two domestic violence injunctions against him.

But while Joseph Reddock Jr. had a lengthy criminal record, his wife's background appears far different.

Following last week's events, friends and colleagues of Samantha Reddock said her life had undergone a drastic change in recent years, as the longtime accountant left her husband and son and became involved with Reddock Jr.

"We have lost a dear friend and valued colleague," her former employer, the United Way, posted on its Facebook page. "Samantha Reddock was our accountant for nearly 20 years and she will be missed dearly. Our hearts go out to her friends and family at this time."

According to Samantha Reddock's Facebook page, the couple had only just married on June 8, one week after the death of Joseph Reddock Jr.'s mother, Lynda Reddock. Posts on the page indicate a volatile relationship, with Reddock Jr. posting comments frantically trying to locate Samantha just days before their wedding.

"The second chapter is definitely better," Samantha Reddock wrote on the page, "especially when you spend it with the love of your life."

Nease NJROTC top cadets attend leadership academy

The Nease High School NJROTC program recently sent nine cadets to the Area 12 NJROTC Leadership Academy and CO/XO School in Gainesville, Georgia.

A total of 230 cadets from Area 12's 60 high school programs participated in the training, which was

conducted by top Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard JROTC naval science instructors. Topics covered included precision drill, academics and physical fitness.

This year's attendees included rising seniors Justin Blackford and Anthony Huddleston, and rising juniors

Mac Davis, Krista Ecker, Jesse Gatewood, Jacob Hunt, Isabelle Jacobi, Lucas Pels and Aberlyn Short. Cadets Ryan Berry and Cali Vaughn, Nease's battalion commander and command master chief, served as cadre during the week, assisting in the mentoring and training of the cadets. Naval Science Instructors Captain Scott LaRochelle and Gunnery Sergeant Durwin Hanson served as instructors.

"Without a doubt, (it is) some of the best training I've ever received," Cadet Lucas Pels said. "I can't wait

to put into practice what we learned once we start back up at Nease."

Cadet Aberlyn Short received individual recognition for exceptional performance in academics.

The Leadership Academy staff selected Nease cadets to fill two of the most prestigious staff positions during the week. Cadet Berry was selected as overall battalion commander for the corps, while Cadet Vaughn was selected as Alpha Company commander.

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Nease NJROTC instructors and cadets participated in the seven-day Area-12 Leadership Academy and CO/XO School at Riverside Military Academy in Gainesville, Georgia. Standing (l-r) Captain Scott LaRochelle, Gunnery Sergeant Duane Hanson, Cadets Ryan Berry, Mac Davis, Justin Blackford, Lucas Pels, Isabelle Jacobi, Jesse Gatewood, Anthony Huddleston, Jacob Hunt, Aberlyn Short, Krista Ecker, Cali Vaughn and Area-12 Manager Commander Rustie Hibbard.

Rubio to seek re-election to Senate after all

DeSantis now to seek re-election to Congress

By Jennifer Logue

Reversing his pledge to return to private life if he did not win the Republican presidential nomination, U.S. Sen. Marco Rubio announced last week that he will in fact run for re-election to the U.S. Senate, setting off a political chain reaction the effects of which are still in progress.

In a statement released June 22, Rubio acknowledged that going back on his pledge would provide fodder for his political adversaries.

“I understand my opponents will try to use this decision to score points against me,” he said. “Have at it.”

Rubio said he was motivated to enter the U.S. Senate race just two days before the candidate filing deadline because of the senate’s key role in serving as a check and balance on the power of the president. And in his announcement, the senator stressed he had concerns about both a Hillary Clinton and a Donald Trump presidency.

“No matter who is elected president, there is reason for worry,” Rubio said. “With Hillary Clinton, we would have four more years of the same failed economic policies that have left us with a stagnant economy.”

Rubio also charged that Clinton’s “failed foreign policy” allowed radical Islam to spread unchecked and that a Clinton presidency would ignore congressional oversight.

As for Trump, Rubio noted that the two candidates often sparred during the presidential primaries. “(Trump’s) positions on many key issues are still unknown,” Rubio said, “and some of his statements, especially about women and minorities, I find not just offensive but unacceptable.”

Were he to return to the U.S. Senate, Rubio said, he would be in a position to provide oversight of the next president and potentially tip the balance of political power in Washington.

“The control of the Senate may very well come down to the race in Florida,” he said. “That means the future of the

Supreme Court will be determined by the Florida Senate seat...the stakes for our nation could not be any higher.”

Political dominoes

Rubio’s decision to seek re-election had immediate political repercussions. Within hours of Rubio’s announcement, U.S. Rep. Ron DeSantis – who had been campaigning for Rubio’s senate seat – announced that he would instead seek re-election to his current role representing Florida’s 6th congressional district.

“In light of the Rubio development, I can best advance the cause (of limited government) by running for re-election to the U.S. House, where I can continue protecting taxpayers, promoting economic growth, helping our veterans and supporting our military,” he said.

Republican contender Lt. Gov. Carlos Lopez-Cantera also withdrew from the race, voicing his support for Rubio’s re-election bid.

“Florida needs a principled conservative leader now more than ever, and that is what Marco has been and will continue to be,” Lopez-Cantera said in a statement, adding that he would be “continuing my service as Florida’s lieutenant governor with Gov. Scott focusing on Florida.”

Prior to Rubio’s re-entry into the U.S. Senate race, the contest was already crowded with candidates. On the Democratic side, both U.S. Rep. Patrick Murphy and U.S. Rep. Alan Grayson were seeking the nomination in a field that also includes Pam Keith, Reginald Luster and Roque De La Fuente. Currently, the Republican slate now includes Rubio, Todd Wilcox, Ernie Rivera, Carlos Beruff, Dwight Mark Anthony Young and write-in candidate Howard Knepfer. U.S. Rep. David Jolly and Ilya Katz previously withdrew from the race.

In addition, a number of third-party and no party affiliation candidates are seeking the seat, including Independents Tony Khoury, Basil Dalack, Bruce Nathan and Steven Machat; Libertarians Augustus Sol Invictus and Paul Stanton;



Recorder file photo by Susan Griffin

and write-in candidates Bradley Patrick, Jon Friend, Angela Marie Walls-Windhauser, Robert Samuel Kaplan and Charles Tolbert.

The primary election for the U.S. Senate seat is Aug. 30, with the general election to be held Nov. 8.

Congressional races

Rubio’s announcement and DeSantis’ subsequent re-entry into the congressional election has impacted that race as well, with candidate Brandon Patty withdrawing from the race. As of press time, candidates for the seat included DeSantis, G.G. Galloway and Fred Costello on the Republican side and Democrats William McCullough, Jay McGovern, George Pappas and Dwayne Taylor.

Noting that DeSantis, a Ponte Vedra Beach resident, no longer lives in the 6th congressional district – redistricting moved part of Ponte Vedra into the 4th district – Costello said DeSantis’ entry into the race does not change his plans.

“I entered the (race) to serve my community and to run for America’s future,” he said, “not as a stepping stone for higher office.”

According to St. Johns County Super-

visor of Elections Vicky Oakes, congressional candidates are not required to live in the district they represent, as federal offices are not subject to Florida statutes.

In the newly redrawn 4th congressional district race, candidates include Republicans John Rutherford, Bill McClure, Lake Ray, Hans Tanzler III, Stephen Kaufman, Edward Malin and Deborah Katz Pueschel. Julia Fletcher announced her withdrawal from the race last week.

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Independence Day closures

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Garbage, recycling and yard debris collection schedules will continue as planned. The Tillman Ridge solid waste scale house will be closed during this time. The Stratton Road solid waste scale house will remain open during standard business hours.

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As an assistant account executive in the public relations department at Dalton Agency – a full-service advertising, public relations and digital agency headquartered in Jacksonville – Jill Wu works closely with clients to ensure their success in media relations, community engagement and strategic communications. It's a different life than the one she knew in her native Suzhou, China, but she has embraced her new home in the United States, and recently achieved her dream of becoming a U.S. citizen. — By Jennifer Logue

Jill Wu

You were born in China. How did you come to live in America?

The person who opened the door for me was my stepfather, Jim. My mom moved to this country when she married Jim in 2006. Living on the other side of the world from my mom was extremely difficult. That's why Jim decided to help me apply for my immigration visa in 2007. It took two years for my visa to get approved by the U.S. government, and these were probably the longest two years in my life.

My hometown, Suzhou, has more than 2,500 years of history. Although I am now officially a U.S. citizen, I am proud of my cultural background and the traditional values that helped shape me into who I am today.

I call Daytona Beach my "hometown" in the U.S. because it was the very first place that I lived and the place I started my second life at the age of 21. After a year and a half, I transferred from Daytona State College to the University of Florida in Gainesville. I've spent the past three years living in the Jacksonville area, a place I call my new home.

What brought you to Ponte Vedra Beach?

I love driving back home every day and entering this island of peace and relaxation. It's a different world from the city – it's my daily getaway. I moved into my condo at the start of 2015 and have been in love with this area ever since.

When did you decide to become an American citizen?

I always knew that I wanted to become a U.S. citizen, but the process required I live in the country for at least five years. I hit my five-year mark at the end of 2014, and I started the application process in September 2015. It just made perfect sense to me, as I know this is the country I will spend the rest of my life in.

What is involved in the citizenship process?

The entire process includes the application for naturalization, biometric appointment – where the government collected my fingerprints – in-person interview and concluded with the oath ceremony. From the beginning to the end, it took about six months. During the interview, I also had to pass the naturalization test, which includes an English and a civics portion. During my interview with the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services, I received an approval letter on the spot. It wasn't until I saw my naturalization ceremony notice, however, that I started sharing the exciting news with my friends.

What was the citizenship ceremony like?

It took place at the Bryan Simpson U.S. Courthouse located on Hogan Street, which is only one block away from the Dalton office. Three of my best friends joined me at the ceremony. April 28 will be forever marked as one of the most important days in my life! It's hard to describe. A lot of feelings and emotions went into that morning. My stepfather passed away in April this year, and I wish he could have been there to witness that special moment – the moment that he created for me in the first place. But I knew he was there spiritually, and he was proud.

The room was full of Americans-to-be who came from across the world. That was the moment it reminded me once again how wonderful this country is and what a life-changing opportunity this land has offered to every single one of us. We went through a final round of verification before taking the Oath of Allegiance and receiving the naturalization certificate.

My day became even more special when I went back to the office. Jim Dalton, CEO of the Dalton Agency, bought everyone an American flag t-shirt as a group celebration for me. My colleagues also decorated my work station with everything red, white and blue. I couldn't be more thankful for my work family!



Photo courtesy of Bec Photography

This will be your first Independence Day since becoming a U.S. citizen. What does that mean for you?

It means, for the first time, I can celebrate this holiday as a true American. I can be a proud citizen to wish my country a happy birthday. My plan is to spend the day with my mom in South Florida. Nothing particular, but I will be sure to wear my all-American apparel and pop a bottle of champagne!

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A dream come true

Ponte Vedra girl battling leukemia receives puppy



Photos by Carrie Resch

Rue Andeer cuddles her 16-week old female Bernese mountain dog and poodle mix, Bolt.

By Carrie Resch

When children battling life-threatening illnesses think of what their dream wish would be, often it's a trip to Disney World, a cruise or some other destination vacation.

But what 3-year-old Ponte Vedra resident Rue Andeer dreamed of most was a puppy – and a puppy is exactly what she got. A 16-week old female Bernese mountain dog and poodle mix – or “bernedoodle” – named Bolt was presented to Rue during a surprise party thrown in her honor June 24 at the Dreams Come True offices in Jacksonville. In addition to her father Eric, mother Casey and 5-year-old older brother Bode, the party was attended by friends and Dreams Come True staff and supporters.

Told she was going to a princess party, Rue dressed the part, donning a pink skirt, Disney’s “Frozen” t-shirt and tiara. The party room was decorated to the hilt, adorned with pink and purple tablecloths, balloons, “Frozen” party favors – even “Frozen”-themed confetti and life-sized cutouts of the “Frozen” movie characters Elsa, Anna and Olaf.

Leading up to the surprise reveal, Rue was first given a number of gifts, including The Usborne “Write Your Own Story Book,” a Build-A-Bear Workshop puppy stuffed animal with a princess shirt, a Dreams Come True backpack and a dream wand.

Then it was time for Dream Manager Courtney Andrews to reveal to Rue the main event. When Bolt entered, Rue’s face lit up and she smiled from ear to ear as she crossed the room to greet her new friend.

A dog was always something at the forefront of her daughter’s wishes, Casey Andeer said. Rue’s parents toyed with the idea of a Taylor Swift concert, Disney World or “Frozen” on Broadway as possible dreams, but it was always dog first, ahead of the other dreams.

“I was at the point where I would get her an elephant if she wanted an elephant,” she said. “She’s been through so much and this is going to get her through the rest of treatment.”

Rue was diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukemia in October 2015 and is on track to complete her treatment within the next two years. Rue was referred to Dreams Come True in November 2015 by Nemours Children’s Specialty Care, one of Dreams Come True’s referring partners.

Several other local businesses and individuals came together to help make Rue’s puppy dream possible, including Green Dog



Publix made a puppy decorated cake for the party.



Rue opens the puppy care



care package, dog toys and treat

Spa, Petland off Beach Boulevard, Dogwood Park, Deerwood Animal Clinic and Publix Supermarkets, which made a puppy-decorated cake for the festivities.

Bolt – who was provided by Ranch House Bernedoodles – traveled from Colorado to Jacksonville earlier in the week to unite with her new family. Rue’s new puppy received special training by Sandra Lynn’s Dog Training in Colorado. Both businesses donated a portion of their services towards Rue’s dream.

The Andeer family was also given dog food, a puppy care package, toys and gift certificates to help take care of their new, coveted family member that was a dream come true.

“How I look at (Dreams Come True) now is they’re a teammate and they’ve done so much stuff that just brightened her days,” Andeer said. “They are such an amazing organization that I want to be a part of forever.”

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Hankerson will lecture on "Spanish Florida: The Original Underground Railroad."

The Whistle Talk will take place

in the Beaches Museum Chapel on the grounds of the History Park, 381 Beach Blvd., Jacksonville Beach.

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For more information, call (904) 825-1004 during weekday office hours or visit www.concertsintheplaza.com.</p> <p>Habitat for Humanity volunteers Habitat for Humanity of St. Augustine/St. Johns County is currently seeking qualified homeowners. Habitat does not give away homes for free. Instead, homeowners pay an affordable monthly mortgage payment and Habitat helps build them a simple, decent place to live. For more information on volunteering, donating or qualifying for a Habitat home, visit habitatst-johns.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>Adult Coloring Club The Adult Coloring Club will meet June 30 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library, 101 Library Blvd. Supplies will be provided. For more information, call (904) 827-6950.</p>	<p>Trollbeads Day Trollbeads 40th anniversary party will be held July 1 and 2 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Sidney Cardels, 237 5th Ave. S., Jacksonville Beach. Enjoy food, drinks, giveaways and a selection of limited edition "Lucky Friends" commemorative bracelets. For more information, call (904) 372-4000 or visit www.sidneycardels.com.</p> <p>Sublime with Rome and Dirty Heads X102.9 presents Sublime with Rome with special guests Dirty Heads, Tribal Seeds and Bleeker Friday, July 1 at the St. Augustine Amphitheatre. Gates open at 5 p.m.; show starts at 6:05 p.m. Tickets start at \$39.50 and are available at the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall and St. Augustine Amphitheatre box offices, ticketmaster.com and all Ticketmaster outlets or by phone at (800) 745-3000. The St. Augustine Amphitheatre is located at 1340C A1A S., St. Augustine.</p> <p>First Friday Cosmic Concerts Experience total-sensory entertainment as laser lights, high-definition images and digital sound collide to create a cosmic concert! The Bryan-Gooding Planetarium rocks with Cosmic Concert laser light shows at 5, 6, 7 and 8 p.m. Tickets are available at www.moshplanetarium.org or at the door. Tickets are \$5 per person per show; laser glasses cost \$1.</p> <p>First Friday Art Walk The First Friday Art Walk takes place on the first Friday of every month from 5 to 9 p.m. in downtown St. Augustine. For more information, call (904) 829-0065 or visit www.artgalleriesof-staugustine.com.</p> <p>First Friday Garden Walk Washington Oaks Gardens State Park offers guided garden tours on the first Friday of every month. Participants should meet in the garden parking lot at 10 a.m. and wear comfortable shoes. The tour will last approximately one hour. Admission into the park is \$5 per vehicle, up to eight people; \$4 per vehicle for single occupancy or \$2 per person on bicycle. Washington Oaks Gardens State Park is located at 6400 N. Oceanshore Blvd., Palm Coast. For more information, call (386) 446-6783.</p>	<p>Katz 4 Keeps Adoptions Adoption Day Katz 4 Keeps adoption day will take place Saturday, July 2 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Katz 4 Keeps, 935B A1A N. in Ponte Vedra Beach (next to Sherwin Williams). For more information, call (904) 834-3223 or email katz4keeps.org.</p> <p>Barenaked Ladies concert Barenaked Ladies with guests OMD and Howard Jones will perform at the St. Augustine Amphitheatre Saturday, July 2. Gates open at 5 p.m.; show starts at 6:30 p.m. Tickets start at \$39.50 and are available at the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall and St. Augustine Amphitheatre box offices, ticketmaster.com and all Ticketmaster outlets or by phone at (800) 745-3000. The St. Augustine Amphitheatre is located at 1340C A1A S., St. Augustine.</p> <p>Musket firing demonstrations Re-enactors fire flintlock muskets at Fort Matanzas National Monument from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. every Saturday, weather and staff permitting. Admission is free including the ferry ride to and from Rattlesnake Island. Fort Matanzas National Monument is located at 8635 A1A S., St. Augustine at the south end of Anastasia Island approximately 15 miles south of St. Augustine. For more information visit www.nps.gov/foma or call (904) 471-0116.</p> <p>Firecracker 5K The Firecracker 5K, an all-ages time-chipped race will be held Saturday, July 2 at 8 a.m. The race will start and finish at Omni Amelia Island Plantation's Racquet Park, 6800 First Coast Highway, Fernandina Beach. The cost is \$30 per adult; \$20 per child. A kids' fun run starts at 9 a.m. For more information, call (904) 277-5193 or email cadams@omnihotels.com.</p> <p>'Beauty and the Beast' Alhambra Theatre & Dining presents Disney's "Beauty and the Beast" live on stage through July 31. Alhambra Theatre & Dining is located at 12000 Beach Blvd., Jacksonville. For more information or to purchase tickets, call (904) 641-1212 or visit www.alhambrajax.com.</p>	<p>Practice with Purpose at Big Fish Yoga Practice with Purpose is an all-level yoga class offered on Sundays from 4 to 5 p.m. at Big Fish Power Yoga. The fee for the class is a \$5 cash donation that goes to the charity that Big Fish Power Yoga has selected for the quarter. Big Fish Yoga is located in the South Beach Regional Shopping Center in Jacksonville Beach at 3852 South Third St. For more info, call (904) 372-0601.</p> <p>Collection Tour Join the 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>Destination: DINO Twenty-five species of life-size and life-like animatronic dinosaurs will be on display at the Jacksonville Zoo & Gardens through July 4. The cost is \$4 for non-members, \$3 for members. Zoo admission is not included. The zoo is located at 370 Zoo Parkway, Jacksonville. For more information, visit www.jaxzoodinos.org.</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>World Golf Village Fireworks The annual World Golf Village community fireworks display will be held Sunday, July 3. The Museum Café at the World Golf Hall of Fame will be open from 6 to 9 p.m. and there will be live music on the patio with Charlie Walker & Dustin Bradley. World Golf Hall of Fame is located at 1 World Golf Place, St. Augustine. Parking will be \$10 to view the fireworks; the fireworks will begin at 9:15 p.m.</p>

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Restrictions include skateboards, bicycles, glass and animals, except qualified service animals. For more information, visit www.jacksonvillebeach.org.</p> <p>Fireworks Over the Matanzas St. Augustine's Fourth of July celebration at the Castillo de San Marcos on July 4 will include a live music concert and fireworks display over the historic bayfront. Beginning at 6 p.m., The All Star Orchestra will perform a two-hour show of big band and swing music along with patriotic favorites. The concert is free and open to the public. Attendees are encouraged to bring lounge chairs for seating. The fireworks will begin at 9:30 p.m. For more information, visit www.augustine.com/event/fourth-july-fireworks-and-concert</p> <p>RAM fireworks viewing party The River City Arts Market will host a downtown Jacksonville fireworks viewing party July 4 from 6 to 10 p.m. To be held under the Fuller Warren Bridge at 715 Riverside Ave., the event will include live music and kids' activities. RAM food vendors will be on site with dinner options and other summer treats. Fireworks begin at 9:45 p.m. For more information, visit www.riversideartsmarket.com.</p>	<p>Beach clean up Sea Shepherd Jacksonville and Keepers of the Coast will host a beach clean up at Mickler's Landing in Ponte Vedra Beach July 5 from 5 to 7 p.m. The purpose of the cleanup is to restore the coastline following the impacts from the Fourth of July, traditionally one of the busiest beach traffic days of the year. For more information, visit https://www.facebook.com/events/1622087271452598/</p> <p>Better Breathers Club Baptist Beaches will offer a Better Breathers Club. The meetings will be held on the fourth Tuesday of every month at 1:30 p.m. in the Baptist Beaches Pulmonary Rehab Education classroom in the Wilson Epstein Building in Jacksonville Beach. If you plan to attend, please email sara.holloway@bmcjax.com or call (904) 627-1461 to RSVP.</p> <p>Sunset Rotary Club weekly meeting The Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach Sunset meets Tuesdays from 6 to 7:15 p.m. at the Hilton Garden Inn. Community leaders are welcome to attend. For more information, call Club President Ron Mott at (904) 460-7092 or email hojron@aol.com.</p> <p>Palm Valley Farmers Market The Palm Valley Farmers Market takes place every Tuesday from 1:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the Palm Valley Community Center, 148 Canal Blvd., Ponte Vedra Beach.</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. 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For more information, call Dave at (904)248-9871, visit www.pvpng.com or email pontevedrapng@gmail.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. 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 July 6, Billy Buchanan & Free Avenue 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>Teen Gaming Club Teens (ages 13-18) are invited to have fun with friends at the Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library, 101 Library Blvd. From 5 to 7 p.m. play "E" and "T"-rated games on our PlayStation 3 and two Nintendo WiiU's set up on three separate TVs for simultaneous playing. Snacks will be provided.</p>	<p>Concerts in the Plaza The 2016 Concerts in the Plaza summer music series continues July 7 with a performance by Bob & Joline and the Friends of Mine Band live at 7 p.m. at Plaza de la Constitución, 22 Cathedral Place, St. Augustine. The concerts continue every Thursday through Sept. 1. All concerts are free. For more information, call (904) 825-1004 during weekday office hours or visit www.concertsintheplaza.com.</p> <p>Nature Detective The Hastings Branch Library will host a Nature Detective Butterfly Workshop July 7 from 1 to 2:30 p.m. The free, interactive workshop is for children ages 6 through 12. Participants will have the opportunity to learn about butterflies through hands-on activities, take-home materials, and books that can be checked out from the libraries. Call the library at (904) 827-6970 to register for the class. The library is located at 6195 Main St., Hastings, Florida.</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>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>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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Richard Milton Lewis of Ponte Vedra died peacefully at home on June 13, 2016. He will be reunited with his wife of 49 years, Claudia Stoney Lewis. He is survived by his four children, 12 grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. Richard was born in Topeka, Kansas and was a child of the Depression in Missouri. He moved with his family to Atlanta in 1940, when his father was recalled to active duty in the Army during the run-up to World War II. Richard came of age during the war and always considered himself to be a military man.

He graduated from the Georgia Military Academy and was later commissioned in the U.S. Army in the Field Artillery. He spent seven years on active duty and another 30-plus years in the reserves, retiring as a lieutenant colonel. He was a patriot and believed very much in the principles that our nation was founded upon. He had an unwavering respect for those that wear the "cloth of our nation" and instilled that same respect in his children and grandchildren.

Richard worked in pharmaceutical sales after his active duty service and that brought the family from Atlanta to Virginia, then to California, where he and Claudia lived for 28 years, finally retiring to Ponte Vedra Beach. Richard and Claudia loved to travel and were fortunate enough to be able to retire and travel full time for a number of years. They visited family all over

the world and particularly enjoyed ocean cruises that emphasized history. Their hobbies were family and friends, telling stories and watching the world go by.

After Claudia's passing, Richard continued to travel and was a regular at the Ponte Vedra Club. He liked to work out, but what he really enjoyed was time spent with the "board" solving the world's problems over a cup of coffee. Richard always appeared stern and tough, but in reality, he was a softee who thoroughly enjoyed a good conversation about investments, watching his kids and their friends compete, or a game of Chinese checkers with a grandson or granddaughter. His love and support could always be felt in the simplicity of his presence; and his impact on family, friends and strangers who crossed his path will not be forgotten.

A Celebration of Life reception will be held at the Ponte Vedra Inn and Club Terrace Room, July 7 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. He will be buried together with Claudia, another American patriot, in Beaufort National Cemetery, South Carolina. Services are under the direction and care of Quinn-Shalz Family Funeral Home Please visit the online tribute at www.quinn-shalz.com.



IN REMEMBRANCE

Marcia Ann "Marcy" Silkebakken died peacefully in her home June 21, 2016, surrounded by family and friends. Born July 9, 1952, in Columbus, Ohio, to Frank M. and Charlotte Silkebakken,



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she attended Belle Plaine High School and Iowa State University and embarked on a life filled with laughter, happiness and creativity. She was a flight attendant, designer, artist, community activist, advertising and post production executive. More than anything, though, Marcy was a loving and caring mom and wife. Independent, fiercely loyal and grounded, Marcy's view of life was through an open and compassionate lens. She explored the back alleys, the off-the-beaten paths and always found the beauty and uniqueness in people, places and things. Growing up in the small east central Iowan town of Belle Plaine, Marcy's adventures would take her to Washington D.C., Chicago and Orlando, and eventually to her home in Ponte Vedra Beach. With her simple and straightforward Midwestern charm, she made lifelong friends easily and was always eager to welcome those friends into her home.

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She was a flight attendant, designer,

After her arrival in Ponte Vedra Beach, she set her sights on two main goals: raising her daughter, Elizabeth, and teaching her the core values of life, and advocating for preserving the quality of life in Ponte Vedra and Palm Valley. Among her numerous civic accomplishments, she led the development of the addition of sidewalks throughout Palm Valley, was a founding board member of the North Florida Land Trust, worked tirelessly on the architectural review board to ensure the continued beauty of the community, battled with developers over questionable variances, and, in general, worked with St. Johns County officials for the betterment of our community. She was a true community advocate in the very best sense of the word. And she was an amazing mom and wife.

Marcy is survived by her husband, John E. "Jack" Peter; her daughter, Elizabeth Silkebakken Peter; her mother Charlotte Silkebakken of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; sisters, Kristen Zangerle of Cedar Rapids, Iowa and Amy Silkebakken of Denver, Colorado; brother Dennis Silkebakken of Coralville, Iowa; and numerous in-laws, cousins, nieces and nephews. The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network and Northeast Florida Hospice. May she rest in peace. A memorial service and celebration of Marcy's life was held at TPC Sawgrass, 11 a.m. on Saturday, June 25, 2016. Funeral arrangements are being made by Ponte Vedra Valley, Ponte Vedra Beach, (904) 285-1130. Please sign the online guest-book at www.pontevedravalley.com.

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Ponte Vedra resident named an 'ELITE Entrepreneur'

Espero Pharmaceuticals founder recognized as one of the most influential people in health care

Espero Pharmaceuticals founder and CEO Quang Pham was recently named a 2016 ELITE Entrepreneur by PM360, a magazine for marketing decisionmakers in the pharmaceutical, biotech and medical device industries.



Quang Pham

According to the magazine, the award recognizes the most influential people in the health care industry, with recipients representing "the industry's most powerful minds."

Pham was named a PM360 ELITE in the Entrepreneur category for founding Espero Pharmaceuticals, and was recognized for developing a new company to answer unmet needs. He will be

honored along with the other winners at the Standard Hotel in Manhattan July 12.

"Being recognized by the healthcare industry is an honor," Pham said. "My mission for founding Espero Pharmaceuticals is to maximize the commercial value of proven treatments in order to improve the quality of life for patients. Currently, this applies to those suffering with angina due to coronary artery disease (CAD)."

Founded in 2015, Espero Pharmaceuticals currently has the U.S. marketing and distribution rights for Nitrolin-gual Pumpspray®, and GoNitro™, a nitroglycerin sublingual powder that received FDA approval June 8. Both drugs are used for acute relief of an attack or prophylaxis of angina pectoris due to CAD. GoNitro™ is the first product approved to treat acute angina in the United States in more than two decades. Through Jacksonville Pharmaceuticals, its wholly owned subsidiary, the company markets and distributes selected strategic generic pharmaceutical products.

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Letter from the Director

Since arriving here four months ago, I have been busily immersing myself in the Ponte Vedra Beach Community. During my first four months as the director of the Ponte Vedra Beach Division of the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce, I have had the opportunity to experience a number of memorable events, including THE PLAYERS Championship, Roscolusa Songwriters Festival, Florida's Birding and Photo Fest, Tropical Storm Colin, and a number of great chamber events such as the Chamber Golf Classic, EDC Breakfast/ Legislative Update and our Membership Appreciation After Hours Event.

The Membership Appreciation event was definitely one of the many highlights. The annual event provides the opportunity to honor members who during the previous year went above and beyond to help strengthen and advocate for the business community. Among the award recipients we recognized was the Colonial Quarter's Carole Everitt with the Curious Traveler Award, given to a member that regularly traveled to both Ponte Vedra Beach and St. Augustine

events; and the Crushing It Award, given to Brian Anderson of Fluffy Cuts for best utilizing his chamber membership and for growing his business. SERVPRO of The Beaches/Ponte Vedra was also recognized as the Master of Social Media. Those were just a small sampling of the 11 awards that were presented to our valuable members. We probably could have handed out more.

During this event, and others, I have had the opportunity to meet many of you, and I have seen firsthand how you, our members, are giving referrals, offering best practice suggestions, and attending sponsored events and ribbon cuttings. These are all award-worthy activities and they go a long way in advancing the chamber's mission to grow business in St. Johns County.

Lin Jones
Director
Ponte Vedra Beach Division
St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce



Photo courtesy of St. Johns County Chamber
Lin Jones

Chamber of Commerce to present 'Chamber Forum Series'

As a benefit to our members and in collaboration with our local, regional and state public partners, the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce will present the Chamber Forum Series to inform, communicate and engage the business community. Upcoming events include:

The New Overtime/Salaried Wage law and the Impact of the Federal Highway Bill

June 30, 9 to 10:30 a.m.
Record Conference Center
1 News Place
St. Augustine

How will the new rule on overtime impact your business? Join us for additional updates on how the multi-year, \$305 billion highway bill will benefit Florida. Free to members and guests.

Amendment 2, Medical Marijuana also The Rising Cost of Worker's Compensation

July 13, 9 to 10:30 a.m.
Record Conference Center
1 News Place
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Amendment 2 is a constitutional amendment on the Florida ballot on November 8, 2016. Workers' compensation insurance will increase by 2 percent in 2016. Learn what it pays for, who pays for it and how to reduce your costs. Free to members and guests.

Chamber Calendar – Ponte Vedra Beach Division

Chamber Before Hours

Held the second Wednesday of the month, this networking event introduces a new host business at each gathering.

Chamber at Noon

Held on the third Wednesday of the month, the event begins at 11:30 a.m. with registration. Members then have the opportunity to network before enjoying lunch. Each Chamber at Noon event includes an educational component, such as health care reform. The event also provides time for the sponsoring company to be recognized before a captive audience. It is a cost-effective way to get your company known among members and guests.

Chamber After Hours

Chamber After Hours events are held every fourth Wednesday of the month, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Each month has a different host location, making for a lively and enjoyable event. Most After Hours are free, or a nominal fee is charged to members and guests. Chamber After Hours is the perfect way to showcase your business location and amenities!

For more information about chamber events, visit www.sjcchamber.com and click on the Upcoming Events link.

Power Networking Luncheon (PNL)

Held on the second Tuesday of every month, this business-to-business networking luncheon program allows participants to introduce their business to all attendees. Remember to bring a small gift or door prize to promote your business. The event is open exclusively to chamber members, and seating is limited to the first 50 respondents each month.

CHAMBER BUSINESS COUNCILS

Agricultural & Environmental Council

Meeting on the fourth Thursday of every other

month, this council aims to promote, educate and provide a forum to advance agricultural and environmental issues and show how these industries contribute to our quality of life. Council programs focus on our agricultural heritage and the economic contribution that this industry brings to the county. Environmental programs focus on promoting and addressing issues associated with our natural and environmental resources, sustainable development, permitting, conservation and ecotourism.

Historic St. Augustine Council

Held on the second Friday of every month, council meetings are designed to bring members the most current information on tourism trends. The sessions also spotlight local and state initiatives that have economic impact on business in the historic district and work to make the nation's oldest city a better place for residents and visitors.

Small Business Council

Held on the fourth Tuesday of every month, this council works to support small businesses throughout St. Johns County. The council also strives to increase commerce while educating and serving as a resource to small business owners and their managers.

South Beaches Council

Meeting on the third Thursday of every month, the South Beach Council is designed for chamber members with a professional or general interest in the South Beaches area. The council is characterized by its dedication to the community and advocacy for local business issues.

Tourism & Hospitality Council

Meeting on the first Wednesday of every month, this council aims to further enhance the abilities of St. Johns County tourism businesses to provide first-class service to their visitors. The council aims to achieve this by being a resource for industry-specific training and educational opportunities.

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Chamber to host 'Politics in St. Johns' events in Ponte Vedra, St. Augustine



Photo courtesy of St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce Chamber President and CEO Isabelle Rodriguez (center) joins former state senator and current Florida State University President John Thrasher (left) and Florida Chief Financial Officer Jeff Atwater (right) at a previous Politics in St. Johns event.

As the elections approach, the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce will host two "Politics in St. Johns" events to offer citizens the opportunity to meet candidates running for a wide array of public offices.

In Ponte Vedra, the chamber is joining forces with the Ponte Vedra Recorder and Hilton Garden Inn to host a "Candidate Meet & Greet" reception. To be held from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 27 at the Hilton Garden Inn, the event will enable attendees to speak one on one with candidates. The St. August-

tine event will be held from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, August 4 at the Solomon Calhoun Center at 1300 Duval St. The festive indoor event will feature candidate information booths as well as a straw poll. Food

trucks will also be on site. Admission to both events is free, but advance registration is required. To register online, visit www.sj-chamber.com and click on "upcoming events."

Politics in St. Johns

Ponte Vedra

Date: Wednesday, July 27, 2016

Time: 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Location: Hilton Garden Inn

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Ponte Vedra Beach Division Ambassador of the Quarter

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Ponte Vedra: A popular place to do business

By Chamber Staff

Whether you live in Ponte Vedra Beach or in Nocatee, you've likely noticed new restaurants like Trasca & Co. Eatery, Flavor Palette and Pieology providing consumers more choices to satisfy their culinary cravings. The growing menu of eateries is a trend indicative of growth throughout Ponte Vedra and Northeast St. Johns County. What's more, these new business options are not limited to just the retail and hospitality industries.

International Management Company (IMC) recently broke ground on a new 60,000 square-foot speculative office building in Nocatee. Chase or VyStar members can now visit their banks without leaving the beach. Companies like Vacation Pros are expanding their national headquarters in Ponte Vedra, while commercial spaces like Sawgrass Village are revitalizing their properties, bringing new life to area institutions like Aqua Grill.

It's not hard to understand why new businesses are popping up in Ponte Vedra. According to 2014 census data, the average median income for households in the growing community is nearly \$82,000 annually – more than 50 percent higher than the national average. With a highly desirable geographic location and a famously successful school district, St. Johns County is enjoying rapid growth, which is largely concentrated in the northern area including Nocatee and Ponte Vedra. In fact, 2015 U.S. Census data estimated 19.3 percent growth for St. Johns County compared to 7.8 percent statewide and 4.1 percent nationally over 2010.

Many of the newest business proprietors, however, don't cite numbers when asked what prompted them to open their businesses in Ponte Vedra.

"No other location was considered – Ponte Vedra is my hometown, it is where I have raised my children," said Jay Griffin, who in July will celebrate one year in business at A1A Pharmacy. "I wanted A1A Pharmacy to be modeled after the hometown pharmacy I knew as a child. It was a locally owned business that knew your name and took care of your family."

PGA Tour professional and entrepreneur Graeme McDowell also cited a personal connection as to why he chose to open his restaurant, Nona Blue – opening this summer – in Ponte Vedra.

"My family and I love spending time in Ponte Vedra when I compete at THE PLAYERS," McDowell said. "I'm thrilled to expand Nona Blue to



Photo courtesy of SJC Chamber

In July, A1A Pharmacy owner Jay Griffin will celebrate the first anniversary of his successful new Ponte Vedra business.

such a beautiful city with so much golf heritage. We considered many options for our second location, but I can't think of a better place to bring our restaurant."

Kurt and Carla Miles grew up on the eastern shores of Virginia and Maryland, but referred to the "hometown feel" they experienced after moving here that helped them decide to open the Mainstream Boutique at 880 A1A N.

"Business is going well, meeting new people each day," Carla Miles said, "and I feel truly blessed to have the opportunity to connect with such fabulous people in the community."

Clearly, however, entrepreneurs are not deciding to open their busi-

nesses in northeast St. Johns based purely on sentiment.

"We feel that Nocatee is the most attractive submarket in North Florida for expanding national business," Lou Nutter, senior vice president at CBRE, said in a news release referring to the IMC office building currently under construction there.

IMC Vice President Raja Saoud agreed. In an article published in the St. Augustine Record, Saoud noted, "Whenever you have one of the largest, quickest growing communities in the United States, you're in the right place."

While Saoud hopes office space will be in high demand, Gary Hallett, owner of Gateway Business

Advisors, believes entrepreneurs are actively seeking opportunities in the area.

"Currently, there is a high demand for quality businesses priced between \$500,000 and \$5,000,000," Hallett said. "Business owners who are taking the time to properly prepare for their exit are being rewarded at the closing table."

Sectors in high demand, he added, are manufacturing, consumer/retail goods and business services.

To become a member or learn more about the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce, contact the Ponte Vedra Beach Division at (904) 285-2004 or visit www.sjcchamber.com.

Collaboration critical to elevating small businesses, Ross tells St. Johns Chamber

By Jennifer Logue

National Entrepreneur Center President Jerry Ross shared his thoughts on fostering entrepreneurship at the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce’s annual breakfast, held March 4 at the Renaissance World Golf Village Resort.

Addressing the several hundred local business and community leaders in attendance, Ross noted that 99 percent of all U.S. businesses have fewer than 100 employees.

“We’re a small business country,” he said. “So anything we can do to move small businesses to the next level is critical to strengthening communities.”

The key to reaching that next level, Ross said, is collaboration. Ross pointed to the St. Johns County Chamber’s recent initiatives – including merging with the Ponte Vedra Beach chamber, moving to new offices, increasing communication and government advocacy efforts, and implementing a three-year strategic plan – as examples of how businesses can embrace the unity of purpose that transforms “cooperation” into “collaboration.”

He also encouraged chamber members to collaborate with one another, sharing their successes and their setbacks so that others may benefit from the lessons they’ve learned.

“There are people in this room who have already gone through what you’re going through right now,” Ross said. “Business is not a solo sport. It’s a team sport, and you can’t play it alone.”



Isabelle Rodriguez, Victorm Raymos, Jerry Ross and Michael Scine

Photos by Susan Griffin



Ilene Thrasher and John Schaum



Lin Jones and Bob Porter

Ponte Vedra Wellness Center opens new Nocatee location

Chamber officials and members were in attendance March 9 when Ponte Vedra Wellness Center opened a new second location in Nocatee.

“We are thrilled to be able to open a wellness center in Nocatee and look forward to serving this community so focused on active lifestyles and healthy living,” Dr. Erika Hamer said. “We have had the support of the Ponte Vedra Beach community for over 11 years and we really felt this was the right time to expand services into this growing, active, family-friendly community.”

Founded in 2004, Ponte Vedra Wellness Center is a traditional chiropractic neurology clinic for adults, children and pregnant women. The original location is at 100 Corridor Rd., Ste. 220, in Ponte Vedra Beach. For more information, call (904) 273-2691 or visit www.pontevedrawellnesscenter.com.



Dr. Erika Hamer cuts the ribbon on the Nocatee location of Ponte Vedra Wellness Center.



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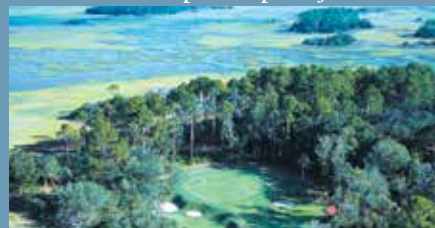
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Ponte Vedra Eye Associates hosts Chamber After Hours

The Ponte Vedra Beach Division invited chamber members and guests to an evening of networking at a Chamber After Hours event on Feb. 24. From 5:30 to 7 p.m., attendees gathered at Ponte Vedra Eye Associates, 150 Professional Dr. in Ponte Vedra Beach, for complimentary hors d'oeuvres and refreshments while getting to know one another and learning more about the business.



Photo by Ed Johnson

Back row: Melisa Weeks, Dr. Gil Houston, Dr. Alissa Alterman, Marcy Dragotta, Dr. Karen Wolf and Victor Jones. Front row: Adrienne Rust, Jennifer Keener and Jennifer O'Neal.

Donna Mancini Interiors and Flooring opens in Ponte Vedra

Donna Mancini Interiors and Flooring hosted a ribbon cutting March 10 at its new showroom located at 141 Hilden Rd., Ste. 202 in Ponte Vedra. The showroom offers buyers the opportunity to see the latest in current flooring trends and contemporary furniture, fabrics, lighting, artwork and rugs.



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Ponte Vedra Beach Division open house

Local members of the business community had an opportunity to meet the new director of the Ponte Vedra Beach Division of the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce recently, when the chamber hosted an open house at the Ponte Vedra office on Solana Road.

New Director Lin Jones greeted more than 40 business leaders at the event and shared with them some of her plans for continuing the chamber's efforts to strengthen and support the Ponte Vedra Beach business community.

"I'm working to create a balance between maintaining what's familiar about the division and introducing some new things," Jones said.

Prior to joining the chamber, Jones worked at several convention and visitors bureaus and served in leadership roles at a number of tourism organizations in Indiana, including as director of Tour Indiana. She learned about the opportunity to lead the Ponte Vedra Beaches Division after relocating to Florida.

"I was familiar with the Jacksonville and St. Augustine area," Jones said, "so when I learned about the opportunity I just thought it was the perfect location."



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Jay Griffin (right) welcomed guests to A1A Pharmacy, hosting the chamber's March 24 After Hours reception.

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The Plantation at Ponte Vedra Beach hosts Chamber at Noon luncheon



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Delores Wise of Susan G. Komen North Florida discusses the value of cause marketing with members of the Ponte Vedra Beach Division of the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber at Noon luncheon was hosted and sponsored by The Plantation at Ponte Vedra Beach.



Melissa Landoll and Ilene Thrasher



Rob Schlingman and Dr. Erika Hamer

Flavor Palette holds ribbon cutting

Chef Tommy McDonough officially cut the ribbon opening his new Ponte Vedra Beach sandwich shop, Flavor Palette, April 12. Members of the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce welcomed McDonough and his family to their new restaurant, located in the Ponte Vedra Pointe Shopping Center at 880 A1A N,

Suite 9.

Guests enjoyed a variety of samplings of Flavor Palette's menu offerings, including its homemade gelatos.

"I just want to make people happy and I do that by giving them true flavor to enjoy," McDonough told guests.



The Flavor Palette team: Yvonne Belardo, Tom and Jamie McDonough, Abigail Lieberman, Emma Cramer, Savannah Madaffari, Natalie Altmire and Jarod Magdon



Savannah Madaffari offers guests samples of the falafel burger.



Chef Tommy McDonough cuts the ribbon on his new restaurant, Flavor Palette.




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John Craig Clothiers hosts grand opening

Sawgrass Village officially welcomed yet another new business April 21, when John Craig Clothiers held a grand opening celebration and ribbon cutting. Representatives from the Ponte Vedra

Beach Division of the chamber joined with owner Craig DeLongy to cut the ribbon on the new John Craig Clothiers store in Sawgrass Village.



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Joint chamber luncheon updates attendees on THE PLAYERS 2016

By Jasmine Marshall

The St. John's County Chamber of Commerce's Ponte Vedra Beach division held a joint luncheon with the JAX Chamber's Beaches Division April 14 to discuss updates for the 2016 THE PLAYERS Championship.

Guest speaker at the luncheon was THE PLAYERS Championship Executive Director Matt Rapp, who detailed a number of improvements undertaken to improve the fan experience. The chamber luncheon also recognized Rock Solid Business Law Owner and Founding Attorney John Miller for being named 2016's overall Small Business Leader of the Year by JAX Chamber. Miller thanked the chamber once again for the award and introduced two new associates, Yasmin Adamy and Teri Mai. Miller has been a part of the Beaches business community since he opened his own firm and relocated it to the area 25 years ago.



THE PLAYERS Executive Director Matt Rapp with Lin Jones and Isabelle Rodriguez

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St. Johns elected officials update Chamber on legislative session

Restoring the Summer Haven River and aiding residents struggling with mental health issues were among the legislative accomplishments highlighted by St. Johns County elected officials at the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce quarterly Economic Development Council breakfast.

Held April 22 at the Renaissance Resort at World Golf Village, the event featured a legislative update from state Sen. Travis Hutson, state representatives Cyndi Stevenson and Paul Renner, and Board of County Commissioners Chairman Jeb Smith.




Cyndi Stevenson, Paul Renner, Travis Hutson, Isabelle Rodriguez and Jeb Smith




Greg Hunting and County Commissioner Bill McClure

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Christy's Dream Ice Cream Bar ribbon cutting

Members of the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce's Ponte Vedra Beach Division were on hand May 4 to help cut the ribbon for the new Christy's Dream ice cream shop.

Located in Sawgrass Village adjacent to the Hilton Garden Inn, the shop is the "dream" of Christy and Jason Leinheiser. Sporting a funky décor heavy on '80s pop culture, Christy's Dream features more than two dozen specially made flavors, including such options as "Shut Your Face," which features Oreo cheesecake. In addition, the shop features about eight to 10 "adult" flavors, including "Bond. James Bond" – a chocolate martini – and "I Cried at Work Today," which features a chocolate Heath bar and chocolate liqueur.



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Christy and Jason Leinheiser (center) join with representatives from the Ponte Vedra Beach Division of the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce to cut the ribbon on their new shop, Christy's Dream Ice Cream Bar.



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Membership Appreciation Awards

A dozen local business leaders were recognized for their commitment to fostering a thriving business community in May, when the Ponte Vedra Beach Division of the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce presented its annual “Membership Appreciation Awards.”

Held May 25 at the Sawgrass Golf Club, the cocktail reception and awards ceremony honored Ponte Vedra Beach Division members in a variety of categories. Ponte Vedra Recorder Publisher Susan Griffin received the Pat Morgan Outstanding Member Award and Clare Berry of Berry & Co. was recognized with the Jeff Jenkins Community Service Award. Rob Schlingman of The Plantation at Ponte Vedra was recognized as Board Member of the Year, while Former Executive Director Sandy Kavanaugh was honored for many years of service to the chamber’s Ponte Vedra Beach Division. Additional awards presented included:

Crushing It!: given to the member that has made the most of his/her chamber membership – Brian Anderson, Fluffy Cuts

Curious Traveler: recognizing the member who attended numerous events throughout the county – Carole Everitt, Colonial Quarter

Pinch Hitter: honoring the member who steps up at the last minute – Carol Maurer, Hilton Garden Inn

Rookie of the Year: given to a new member who has shown great initiative in attending chamber events – Dr. Sharyl Truty, Balanced Physician Care

Master of Social Media: recognizing the member who is most supportive of chamber social media initiatives – Michael Mitchell, ServPro

Dedicated Service: given to the member who never says no and sponsors chamber events – Michelle Nemeth, FirstAtlantic Bank

5 Star Hospitality: given to the member or venue that has gone above and beyond when hosting a Chamber event – Sawgrass Country Club (Barry McDonald)

The Showman: given to the member who hosted a creative special event – Ilene Thrasher, Arbor Terrace.



Photo courtesy of St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce
Back row: Sandy Kavanaugh, Rob Schlingmann, Susan Griffin, Felicia Cox, Michele Smith and Dave Danzeisen. Front row: Janet Collins, Dr. Erika Hamer, Lin Jones, Isabelle Rodriguez and Frances King.



Clare Berry, Susan Griffin and Sandy Kavanaugh



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After Hours at THE PLAYERS

More than 700 business and community leaders celebrated the start of THE PLAYERS Championship May 5, when the chamber hosted its annual joint “After Hours at THE PLAYERS” reception. The sold-out event featured complimentary refreshments provided by a number of local businesses, including Mulligan’s Pub, Peterbrooke Chocolatier, Flavor Palette, Anthony’s Catering, Amelia Toffee, Biscotti’s, BlackFinn Ameripub, Bold City Brewery, Il Desco, PDQ, Sticky Fingers, The Flame Broiler, Uncle Maddio’s Pizza Joint and Pollo Tropical.



Beverly Adelman and Yasmin Adamy

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Jerry Cameron and Malcolm Anthony

Scott highlights strong state economy at PLAYERS' Governor's Reception

Florida's economy continues to gain steam thanks to policies that limit taxes and regulation and promote job creation and growth, Gov. Rick Scott told local business and community leaders at an economic development reception held May 12 at THE PLAYERS' Stadium Village.

Scott welcomed guests to THE PLAYERS and stressed that Florida's economy continues to provide a strong incentive for businesses and residents to relocate to the Sunshine State.

"We are growing way faster than the rest of the country," said Scott, noting that he had recently returned from trips to California and Louisiana as part of his administration's efforts to encourage businesses there to come to Florida.

"They keep raising taxes and passing more regulations and we're doing the exact opposite," he said. "Florida is on a roll."



Gov. Rick Scott describes the progress Florida has made in creating jobs, reducing unemployment and attracting new businesses.



County Commissioner Rachael Bennett and Henry Deen speak with Governor Rick Scott.

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Jacksonville Mayor Lenny Curry and wife Molly



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Mainstream Boutique ribbon cutting

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Representatives from the Ponte Vedra Beach Division of the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce joined owners Kurt and Carla Miles for the ribbon cutting at the boutique, which features a diverse assortment of women's clothing – everything from tops and jeans to little black dresses and ankle pants. The boutique also features an exclusive line known as Mac and Me.

Part of a franchise founded 25 years ago in Minnesota, the Ponte Vedra location is the second Mainstream Boutique to open in Florida, following the opening of a store in Tampa. The boutique was listed in the Franchise 500 list of fastest growing companies in 2015.



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Kurt and Carla Miles

Mainstream Boutique owners Carla and Kurt Miles cut the ribbon on their new store, Mainstream Boutique.

Chamber After Hours at The Browning Agency

The Browning Agency hosted an "After Hours" reception for the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce at the company's Sawgrass Village office. From left: Browning agency staff Shelby Weikel, Terri King, Diane Roche, Cecily Browning, Jim Browning, Taylor Barnard, Regina Morriss and Pavline Savino; Judge Scott DuPont; and Declan Reiley, vice president of economic development for the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce.



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Joe Cohen and Nicole and Bill Constain cut the ribbon at the opening of the new Ponte Vedra Beach location of Freedom Wealth Services.

Freedom Wealth Services holds ribbon cutting

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Aqua Grill hosts Chamber at Noon

State Rep. Cyndi Stevenson updated local business and community leaders on legislative matters last week, when the Ponte Vedra Beach Division of the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce met for its monthly Chamber at Noon event.

Held on the deck of the new Aqua Grill restaurant in Sawgrass Village, the event gave attendees an opportunity to learn about recent legislative issues and accomplishments that impact St. Johns County residents.



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Bob Porter, Felicia Cox, Lin Jones, Sandra Ingram and state Rep. Cyndi Stevenson



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Youthful Medical Spa Before Hours



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Dr. Sharyl Truty, Allie Pulos and Debra Smith attend the Chamber Before Hours event at Youthful Medical Spa.

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Ponte Vedra Inn & Club hosts Chamber at Noon luncheon

The Seafoam Room was the setting for the Chamber at Noon luncheon held June 15 at the Ponte Vedra Inn & Club. Guest speaker at the event was Joe Flask, CEO of BrightLink Technology, who offered attendees tips on keeping their company's data safe.



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The Seafoam Room offered picturesque views for the Chamber at Noon luncheon.



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Held at the Slammer & Squire in World Golf Village, the event featured a golf tournament with a variety of course games. The daylong event concluded with a cocktail reception featuring awards, raffles, door prizes and more.

Winners of the various contests included:

- Putting contest: Sam Sissine of Brennan, Manna & Diamond
- Best dressed golfers: Pat and Jay Kane, Pop-A-Lock
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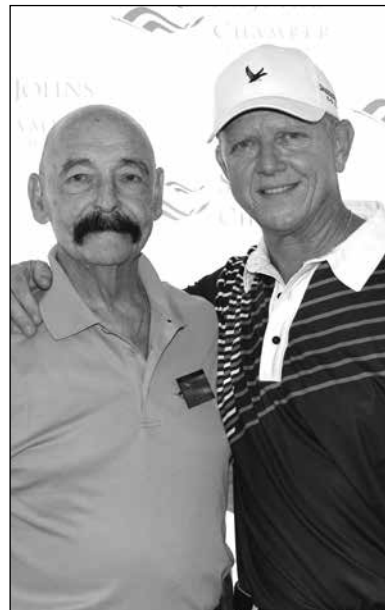
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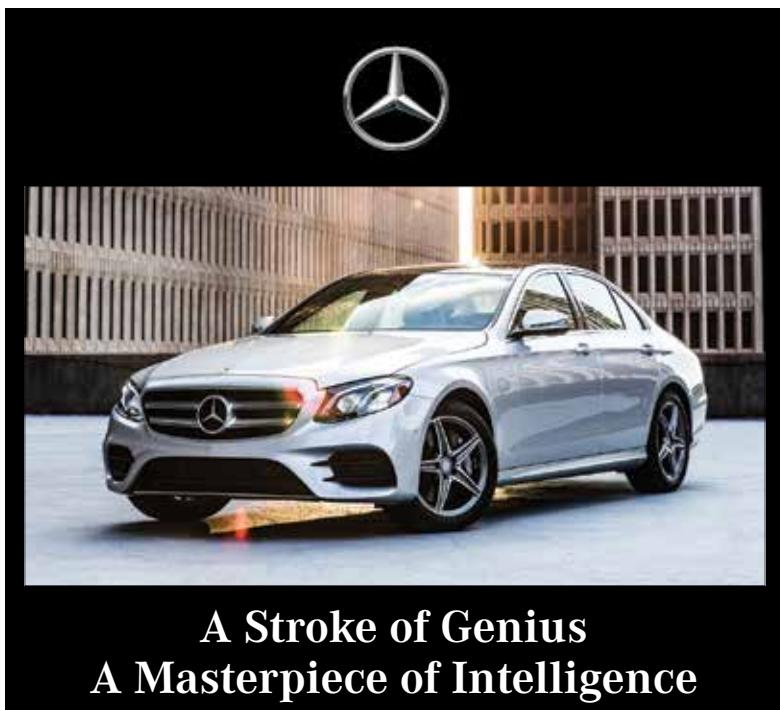
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First Coast Fourth of July celebrations

Celebrating Independence Day in the River City isn't a matter of finding something to do, it's a matter of deciding what to do! The Recorder's Fourth of July celebration guide includes a listing of running events on July 4, a day trip idea to St. Marys Railroad to hop aboard America's Birthday Express, and of course, a fireworks viewing guide.

July 2

St. Marys Railroad America's Birthday Express

Take an interactive, patriotic train ride with St. Marys Railroad Birthday Express July 2 and 4.

America's Birthday Express will take passengers through woodlands and over marshlands to the midway stage, where they will witness the re-enactment of the birth of our nation featuring Benjamin Franklin, John Adams and Thomas Jefferson. Aboard the open-air cars, passengers will also be entertained by such iconic figures as Uncle Sam and the Statue of Liberty. Tickets are \$17 for adults and \$11 for children under 12 plus a \$3 processing fee. Children 2 and under ride free. Tickets should be purchased in advance at www.stmarysrailroad.com or by calling (912) 200-5235.

The train will depart from Theatre by the Trax, 1000 Osborne St., St. Marys, Georgia at 10 a.m., noon, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. on July 2 and noon, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. on July 4.

Also on July 4, the 48th Annual Independence Day Festival presented by the Kiwanis Club of Saint Marys, Georgia will take place beginning at 7 a.m. with 5K and 10K races, a parade at 10 a.m., arts, crafts, food vendors, children's activities, entertainment and a fireworks show at 9:30 p.m.

July 3

Red, White & Boom

Red, White & Boom 2016 at Renaissance World Golf Village Resort, 500 S. Legacy Trail, St. Augustine will be held Sunday, July 3 on the La Terrazza Patio. The cost is \$75 per person; children ages 6-12 will be \$35 each and children under 5 are free. Tickets include a dinner buffet, open bar, parking pass, live entertainment and prime seating for the World Golf Village fireworks show. Call (904) 940-8696 for tickets.

World Golf Village Fireworks

The annual World Golf Village community fireworks display will be held Sunday, July 3. The Museum Café at the World Golf Hall of Fame will be open from 6 to 9 p.m. and there will be live music on the patio with Charlie Walker & Dustin Bradley. World Golf Hall of Fame is located at 1 World Golf Place, St. Augustine. Parking will be \$10 to view the fireworks; which will begin at 9:15 p.m.

July 4 – Independence Day

Independence Day Nocatee 4 Miler and Kids Fun Run

The Independence Day 4 Miler and Kids Fun Run will be held Monday, July 4 at the Town Center at Nocatee, 120 Marketside Ave., Ponte Vedra. The 4 Miler run will begin at 7 a.m.; the Kids Fun Run will begin at 8:30 a.m. T-shirts, a race goodie bag with discounts from local businesses and a Sunny Runner Independence Day 4 Miler Finishers Medal will be given to 4 Miler participants. Asics running shoes will be awarded to the first place winner in each age group. Registration is \$35; Kids Fun Run registration is \$10. For more information or to register, visit www.active.com.

Downtown Jacksonville Fourth of July celebration

The fireworks display over Jacksonville's downtown

riverfront will begin at 9:45 p.m. The fireworks can be viewed on both the Northbank and the Southbank.

Downtown Fireworks Viewing Party at RAM

The River City Arts Market will host a downtown Jacksonville fireworks viewing party July 4 from 6 to 10 p.m. To be held under the Fuller Warren Bridge at 715 Riverside Ave., the event will include live music, local brews from Intuition Ale Works and Bold City Brewery, and kids' activities. RAM food vendors will be onsite with dinner options and other summer treats. Complicated Animals will provide live music from the River Stage beginning at 6 p.m. and Billy and Bella will take the stage from 8 p.m. until the fireworks begin at 9:45 p.m.

Red, White and Brew

The River City Brewing Company's Red, White and Brew Fourth of July celebration offers two ways to celebrate: dining in the main dining room from 4 to 9:30 p.m. or the Brew House Lounge & Deck All American Buffet from 5 to 9:30 p.m. The All American Buffet will include hamburgers, hot dogs, chicken fingers, potato salad, coleslaw, potato chips, cookies and brownies. The cost for the buffet is \$13.95 for adults; \$9.95 for children ages 4-12. Children under three are free. Drinks, tax and gratuity are additional. Reservations for the main dining room are strongly recommended. Call (904) 398-2299 to make a reservation. River City Brewing Company is located at 835 Museum Circle, Jacksonville. For more information, call (904) 398-2299 or visit www.rivercitybrew.com

City of Jacksonville Beach Fourth of July Fireworks

The City of Jacksonville Beach Fourth of July Fireworks celebration will take place 7:30 to 10 p.m. July 4 at the Seawalk Pavilion, 75 First St. N., Jacksonville Beach. The Navy Band Southeast Wind Ensemble will perform from 7:30 to 9 p.m.; fireworks will be launched from the Jacksonville Beach pier at 9 p.m. The event is free. Restrictions include skateboards, bicycles, glass and animals – except qualified service animals. For more information, visit www.jacksonvillebeach.org.

Fireworks Over the Matanzas

St. Augustine's Fourth of July celebration at the Castillo de San Marcos on July 4 will include a live music concert and fireworks display over the historic bayfront. One of the biggest fireworks displays on the East Coast, the event boasts 5,000 individual shells exploding as high as 2,000 feet and as low as 100 feet. Beginning at 6 p.m., The All Star Orchestra will perform a two-hour show of big band and swing music along with patriotic favorites. The concert is free and open to the public. Attendees are encouraged to bring lounge chairs for seating. The fireworks will begin at 9:30 p.m. For more information, visit www.augustine.com/event/fourth-july-fireworks-and-concert

The Pirate Ship Black Raven Fourth of July Celebration cruise

The Pirate Ship Black Raven will offer a special fireworks cruise on July 4.

The ship will depart from the dock at 8 p.m. and will return to the dock immediately following the St. Augustine fireworks display. The adults-only trip is \$75 per person and includes live entertainment, food, and a full cash bar, as well as an opportunity to view the fireworks from the water. The Black Raven Pirate Ship departs from the St. Augustine Municipal Marina, 111 Avenida Menendez, located directly south of the Bridge of Lions on the bayfront of historic downtown St. Augustine. For more information or to book a spot, call (904) 826-0000 or visit www.blackravenadventures.com.



Photo by Teresa Howes

Park 'n Ride Shuttle

New for 2016, a free Park 'n Ride Shuttle sponsored by the City of St. Augustine will be available during the Fourth of July weekend. The free transportation service will be available to and from downtown St. Augustine. The shuttle will operate July 2-4 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. with continuous service to and from the St. Augustine Visitor Information Center, 10 S. Castillo Drive to three satellite parking locations:

- St. Johns County Administration Building, 500 San Sebastian View
- St. Johns County Health Department, 200 San Sebastian View
- San Marco Ave., 301 San Marco Ave.

The shuttle will serve each location approximately every 20 minutes.

Beaches Trolley

The Beaches Trolley will operate on a 20-minute frequency along Third Street from South Beach Parkway Shopping Center to Atlantic Boulevard with extended hours on July 4.

The Independence Day weekend Beaches Trolley schedule is as follows:

- Friday, July 1 – 7 p.m. to 2:30 a.m.
- Saturday, July 2 – 10 a.m. to 2:30 a.m.
- Sunday, July 3 – noon to 6 p.m.
- Monday, July 4 – 10 a.m. to 11 p.m.

A single trip ticket can be purchased for \$1.50 with exact change on the trolley; seniors 65 and older with a valid Senior STAR Card will receive complimentary access.

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Skyway

Complimentary Skyway service will be available Monday, July 4 from 5 p.m. to midnight, with free parking in the JTA lots around the Convention Center Skyway Station. Paid parking – credit card payment only – will be available at the Kings Avenue Garage.

Nature Detective Butterfly Workshops

St. Johns County public libraries are hosting free interactive Nature Detective workshops for children ages 6 through 12 throughout the summer.

Participants will have the opportunity to learn about butterflies through hands-on activities, take-home materials and books that can be checked out from the libraries.

The workshops will be held at the following locations:

- Bartram Trail Branch Library, (904) 827-6960 – June 24 / 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.
- Hastings Branch Library, (904) 827-6970 – July 7 / 1 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.
- Ponte Vedra Beach Branch, (904) 827-6950 – July 9 / 1 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.
- Anastasia Island Branch Library, (904) 209-3730 – July 20 / 2:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.
- Main Library, (904) 827-6940 – July 22 / 10 a.m. and 11 a.m.
- Southeast Branch Library, (904) 827-6900 – Aug. 3 / 2 p.m.

To register your child for a workshop, call or visit any participating branch library. Nature Detective workshops are sponsored and supported by the Garden Club of St. Augustine, the Friends of the Library organizations of each branch library, and the St. Johns County Parks and Recreation Department. For more information, visit www.sjcppls.org.



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'Art in Public Places' exhibit on display at St. Johns County Administration Building

A new "Art in Public Places" exhibit featuring the photographic works of Sally Paulson is now on display in the Rotunda Gallery at the St. Johns County Administration Building.

"Impressions of Provence" opened last week and will be on display through July 22. The exhibition features 38 photographs taken in small villages and surrounding areas in the south of France. The photos – which have been slightly manipulated digitally to give them a painted look – feature everyday life seen in the summertime of France, including vegetable markets, cafés, and fields of lavender and sunflowers.

A Pennsylvania native who has spent most of her life at Florida beaches, Paulson was given her first camera by her grandmother, an artist and teacher who encouraged her to have fun taking photos and helped her explore many different forms of visual art.

Since 2003, Paulson has spent considerable time every summer in the south of France, inspiring her to look at everyday life and to share her impressions through her photography. Paulson is an artist member of The Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach, the Beaches Photography Club, and the Jacksonville Coalition for Visual Arts.

The St. Johns County Administration Building, located at 500 San Sebastian View in St. Augustine, is open to the public from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.



Cassie Port by Sally Paulson

Photo courtesy of St. Johns Cultural Council

Etiquette expert: Follow tips for perfect summer playdate

By Deborah Shor
Special to the Recorder

The lazy, hazy days of summer have officially arrived, and so has one of our biggest tasks: keeping the kids safe and entertained all summer! How many times do we hear those dreaded words, "Mom I'm so bored!"

Summertime in today's world is totally different than when I was a little girl. In those days, our parents threw us out the front door on an early summer morning and didn't expect us back until lunch or maybe even dinner time. We rode our bikes all around our neighborhood, picking up our friends

along the way, and we made our own entertainment all summer long. Simple, that was it.

Today our children are growing up in a much more complicated world. Parents and children carefully plan and orchestrate playdates as one form of entertainment. Now, as much as I think playdates can be very helpful in keeping our children busy, not all playdates are created equal! It's not the best feeling when you realize you have an unruly child in your house for the next two hours, or you get a report from another parent that your child wasn't on their best behavior.

Here are a few tips for having a "Playful Playdate"

Set a specific date and time: When setting your child's playdate, make it clear what time the playdate begins and when it ends! An hour or two at the most is more than enough time. Little ones can get tired of one another after a while.

Always plan a snack time: It energizes kids, who always love eating at someone else's house. Make sure you discuss any possible food allergies in advance. Snack

time is also a perfect time for them to show off their good manners.

Just add water: Summer days can be very hot, especially in Florida. If the kids are playing outdoors, make sure to have water toys to play with. There are plenty of fun water activities to do even if you don't have a pool.

Don't overschedule: The kids are kept on a rigid schedule all year long in school. The best playdates always seem to be the ones where they get to run around outside. Have water toys, bottles of bubbles, and a couple of big beach balls available. Trust me, they will figure out their own fun and games.

Give them space: As long as they're in a safe environment and near to you, it's not necessary to watch them like a hawk. Keep your ears open and check in on them every once in a while of course, but it's so important for you to keep your distance so they can solve their own little tiffs. They will return to playing sooner when they realize you're not going to rescue them every time.

Reinforce good manners: Children are

not born with good manners – they have to learn them. And if we don't teach them, they can't learn them. Make sure kids know the magic words – please, thank you, excuse me and I'm sorry – and that they are always expected to be used. Whenever your child is being served food, they must know how to eat with good manners, including:

- No slurping or burping
- Remembering to use their napkin
- No running in the house
- No jumping on the furniture
- No yelling (nice words only)

Conclude with clean-up: Make sure everyone knows they must help clean up, putting away crafts, toys and games before their pick-up time.

Lastly, make sure your child knows to thank the host parent! After all, if they had a good time, they will be want to be invited back!

Deborah Shor is the owner of Deborah Shor's School of Etiquette. For information on summer classes for kids' ages 4 to 17, visit www.deborahshorschoolofetiquette.com or call (904) 864-7166.



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BEAM's Grace Garden brings fresh produce, peace to families in need

By Jasmine Marshall

When the Beaches Emergency Assistance Ministry's (BEAM) Grace Garden was first envisioned three years ago, it came from humble beginnings.

More than 40 truckloads of dirt and sand, bundles of wood beams and a storage shed occupied the plot of land on Sixth Avenue. Seedlings overwhelmed the ministry's office space and not so much as a gate existed on the previously vacant lot.

Today, the garden is teeming with life. The 6,000 square-foot farm is home to more than 40 raised 4- by 12-foot beds that house flowering produce. Bell peppers, eggplants, strawberries and watermelons tumble out of their confines, and marigolds, sunflowers and zinnia beckon swallowtail butterflies and bees.

Aerobic vertical growing towers and a 16- by 24-foot greenhouse offer shelter to seedlings, while an irrigated shed stocked with damp logs grows mushrooms. Just outside of the garden's gate are strategically planted wildflowers warding predatory insects away, as well as a growing patch of blueberries, figs and squash.

Located at BEAM's offices at 850 Sixth Ave. S. in Jacksonville Beach, Grace Garden is spearheaded by Director of Food Services Mary Ellen Waugh, who said the program's third year has been very successful. An estimated 24,000 people are now serviced through BEAM's food banks, and the team has set a goal of supply-



Photos by Jasmine Marshall
Grace Garden's produce inside of the BEAM food pantry

ing 750,000 pounds of produce by the end of the year. The garden produces a harvest every day, supplementing the adjacent food pantry's fruits and vegetables.

"We try to address healthy eating by supplementing the produce in the food pantry," Waugh said. "Often times, low-income families fall at the lowest chain of a healthy diet. Many experience health issues because they don't have the means to eat fresh, healthy food. So we want to create a place for people in crisis."

BEAM's food pantry is distinguished by the help offered by the Grace Garden, as most food pantries struggle to obtain fresh fruits, vegetables and herbs. In addition to the produce supplied by the garden, families have options in BEAM's food pantry mini-market, where they can select foods and necessities.

Waugh said the garden is supplied with seeds from Home Depot, packets of which line the walls inside of her office like a stockroom. Grace Garden's harvests are plentiful, as each seed packet fills an entire 12-foot box, and many of the seeds are for "quick grow" vegetables and fruits to steadily supply the food pantry. The garden grows only seasonal produce, and this summer will be harvesting tomatoes, strawberries, watermelon, okra and green beans among several other fruits and vegetables.

"The idea is to offer low-income families many more options while still addressing their needs," Waugh said. "In the pantry, we arrange things based on need and nutritional value while bringing the items to eye-level and making them accessible to everyone."

For Waugh, however, it's about more than just vegetables.

"The Grace Garden is beneficial in more than one way," she said. "It's about peace, activity and oneness with the earth and with others. Planting a garden is believing in the future."

Grace Garden mission depends on volunteers

By Jasmine Marshall

In keeping with BEAM's mission, the garden and pantry are driven by the support of community members, churches, clubs and volunteers. Volunteer Coordinator Colleen Brennan said it's a feat to see a community so mobilized by a non-profit.

"I've been in nonprofits for 20 years and I have always scrambled for volunteers," she said. "Here, we receive applications constantly, and people tend to stay with us for years."

Considered a "best practice" model of food pantries, BEAM has partnered with the Brooks College of Health at the University of North Florida (UNF) to put undergrad and graduate students in contact with BEAM's clients. These students from the nutrition program help clients understand good nutrition and meal planning.

The Jacksonville Beach pantry also receives items from food recovery programs through Feeding Northeast Florida, with more than 20 grocery store pick-ups per week from businesses like Publix, Target and Native Sun in addition to donations from libraries and the Mayport commissary.

Ultimately, Waugh wants community members to understand the impact of their support and the need for the services that the BEAM and the Grace Garden provide to the Beaches community.

"When people come to (BEAM) for help, they're very often in distress – they need rent, utilities are due and they're in tears about making ends meet," she said. "A place like this, where people can get what they need and be at peace – is needed."

"We treat everyone with dignity," she said. "That's the most important thing for people going through a hard time."



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BEAM seeks donations for back to school event

Beaches Emergency Assistance Ministry (BEAM) will hold its 23rd annual Back to School with BEAM event Aug. 6, during which they will distribute backpacks, school supplies, clothing and other necessary items for students in grades K-12.

BEAM is seeking donations of gently used and new clothing, in addition to donations of new and gently used children and young adult books, new school supplies, new underwear and socks and

monetary donations. Volunteers are also sought to assist at the event.

Donations may be dropped off at the BEAM office at 850 Sixth St. S. in Jacksonville Beach and BEAM's thrift store at 318 7th Ave. N in Jacksonville Beach or online at www.jaxbeam.org. Donations will also be accepted at a number of local churches and businesses.

The Back to School with BEAM event will take place at Beach Church, located at 325 Seventh Ave. N. in Jacksonville Beach from 8 a.m. to noon. Clients are asked to bring picture ID, proof of residency and social security cards or shot records for each child.

BEAM is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that helps low income families and individuals in the Jacksonville Beaches dealing with emergencies, and helps guide them to self-sufficiency. Due to community support last year, BEAM was able to provide help to 800 local Beaches students at this event. For more information, visit www.jaxbeam.org. To learn about volunteering, call (904) 241 7437 ext. 112 or email Colleen Brennan at colleen@jaxbeam.org.

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Monday – Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Berry & Co. Real Estate, 330 A1A, Ponte Vedra Beach
Monday – Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Beth-El, The Beaches Synagogue, 288 Roscoe Blvd. N., Ponte Vedra Beach
Tuesday – Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Beach United Methodist Church, 325 Seventh Ave. N., Jacksonville Beach
Monday – Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Christ Episcopal Church, 400 San Juan Drive, Ponte Vedra Beach
Monday – Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. after July 5
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Chabad at the Beaches to offer Hebrew course

In response to popular demand, Chabad at The Beaches will again offer a Hebrew reading crash course for adults on five consecutive Tuesdays: Aug. 23 to Sept. 20 from 7 to 8:30 a.m. at Chabad at the Beaches' Aaron and Blanch Scharf Center for Jewish Life, 521 A1A N., Ponte Vedra Beach.

The "Hebrew Reading Crash Course" will employ visual aids and new tech-


niques as an approach to language acquisition.

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Proactive Retirement Planning

By **Frederic Schilling**

One of the questions I'm frequently asked is, when will the economy and stock market improve? Recent reports show our country's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) grew at a measly 0.5 percent in the first quarter of the year and isn't expected to grow at much more than 2.0 percent for the remainder of the year. Exports have slowed, as both Europe and Asia are struggling financially at the moment. The only bright spot has been the jobs report, which continues to show jobs being added every month and unemployment at low levels. Keep in mind, the reported low unemployment rate can be somewhat deceptive, as many have simply dropped out of the job market altogether.



Frederic Schilling
Columnist

Slow-growth economic trends have and will continue to affect the stock market growth and will in all probability cause the Federal Reserve to be very cautious in raising interest rates, which will continue to dampen bond returns and interest on savings. If this situation continues for a period of time, both those saving for retirement and those in retirement could be significantly affected, as their savings and investments could earn far less than they were expecting. With some 80 million Baby Boomers coming into retirement, the timing is troubling for many.

Before concluding that there is no hope, let me suggest several things you can do:
Have a plan: Having a plan can make the difference between success and failure.

Diversify your investments: Putting all your eggs in one basket never makes great sense and it is particularly dangerous in tough times.

Minimize downside risk: No one ever likes to lose money but most people accept that investing involves risk. In a low-return environment, however, the time it takes to recover a loss is much longer than in more normal times; that makes a downturn much more damaging to your long-term stability.

Be careful of the set-it-and-forget-it solutions being touted today. Don't ignore the need to be proactive. Know your options and take charge of your future.

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Florida Museum of Natural History to offer extended hours, free film screenings

The Florida Museum of Natural History will offer extended hours and free film screenings with panel discussions during July as part of the University of Florida Creative B program.

The museum will also host an opening reception at 6 p.m. July 8, at which attendees can meet Creative B featured artist Nobuho Nagasawa prior to the discussion and viewing of "Mothra" (1961) at 7 p.m.

The museum also will show "Little Shop of Horrors" (1960) on July 15, "The Thing from Another World" (1951) on July 22 and "Matango" (1963) on July 29. Some movie content may not be appropriate for all audiences.

The panel discussion will include Tim Lawrence, a special effects artist and concept sculptor for "Ghostbusters," "Jurassic Park," "Shrek" and "Thriller;" Florida Museum exhibit designer and cult movie aficionado Ian Breheny; and UF Associate Professor of English and Film and Media Studies Terry Harpold.

Regular exhibit prices apply. UF students receive free admission to the "Wicked Plants" and "Butterfly Rainforest" exhibits with a valid Gator 1 card.

The Florida Museum is located at 3215 Hull Road in Gainesville, Florida. For more information on the Florida Museum movie series, call (352) 273-2061 or visit www.flmnh.ufl.edu/calendar/grid/creative-b-movie-1.

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- Musical finale
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- Boatload
- Put down
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- Cupid's ammo
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- Exclamation of surprise
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