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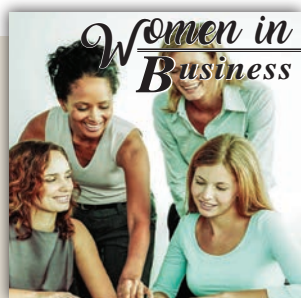


Pink Ribbon golfers Wendy Waller, Maggi Kelly, Gretchen Peverley and Sue McCaw have some fun during the Pink Ribbon Golf Classic last Thursday, Oct. 4 at the Ponte Vedra Inn & Club. **For more photos from the Classic, flip to page 33.**

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WHAT’S THIS?



Do you know what this is?

Email your answer to **jonb@opcfla.com** by Monday 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.

Eleven readers correctly identified last week’s photo as the Fifi’s sign in Ponte Vedra Beach. The winner of the random drawing was **Mike McCully**. Congratulations, Mike — you may pick up your prize at the Recorder office during normal business hours.



ADOPT A PET



CAT OF THE WEEK

My name is Caramel, and I am a 2-year-old female kitten who was brought to the pet center as a stray. As a result, some traits may be unknown. Come visit me today here at the Pet Center! #45136

Any new pet being introduced to a new home will need time to adjust to its new environment. Please reinforce house training and behavioral training, and be mindful of interacting with other pets.



DOG OF THE WEEK

My name is Trixie, and I am a 3-year-old female mix dog who was dropped off by my owners at the pet center. Come visit me today here at the pet center! #38334

St. Johns County Pet Center

Cat adoptions at the St. Johns County Pet Center 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 Road off U.S. 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.

PUZZLE SOLUTIONS

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Solutions correspond to last week’s puzzles.

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Stunning Classic with Beach Access
Marshside, Off Ponte Vedra Blvd
Picturesque home in a charming neighborhood off Ponte Vedra Blvd. Large kitchen with granite countertops and island plumbed for gas. Also features a downstairs master, study & game room. Access available to the Old Ponte Vedra Condos amenities. This home is the perfect backdrop for all of life's memories. **3 bedrooms & 2.5 bathrooms \$695,000**



Move-in Ready on Exceptional Lot
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Ultimate Beach Retreat
Steps away from the ocean, this beach bungalow is the ideal space to call home or utilize as an investment property. Located in a highly desired neighborhood within walking distance of restaurants and shopping, this home is the perfect space to enjoy the quintessential beach lifestyle. **3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths \$775,000**



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Commissioner Dean: It's time to 'fish or cut bait' on beach restoration

County Commission to vote Oct. 16 on bed tax increase

By Samantha Logue

Next Tuesday, Oct. 16, the St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners will finally provide an answer to the “will they-won't they” question of the year by voting to either approve or reject a 1-percent increase in the county's tourist development tax to help fund beach renourishment. With time running out to

shore up support for the proposal, Commission Chair Henry Dean said it's now or never for those who wish to save the county's beaches.

“Really, it's fish or cut bait, next Tuesday,” Dean said regarding the upcoming vote. “We need at least four of our five commissioners to vote for this, and I hope that we have that support.”

The tourist development tax, commonly known as the “bed tax,” is a tax on short-term living accommodations and is currently levied at 4 percent in St. Johns County. According to county officials, increasing the tax to 5 percent could generate an additional \$2.2 million annually for

beach renourishment, the push for which has been mounting since Hurricanes Matthew and Irma exacerbated the county's longstanding problem of coastal erosion.

Currently, St. Augustine Beach is the only portion of St. Johns County that has an ongoing beach restoration program. Help for South Ponte Vedra and Vilano beaches, however, may not be far off, as not only has the state approved funding for a one-time sand placement due to the impacts of Hurricane Matthew, but the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will also be spending federal funds on a long-term beach renourishment program for that area.

The downside, however, is that for the one-time sand placement, the county will still be responsible for paying half the cost of the roughly \$20-million project, and for the long-term project, the county will need to contribute about \$19.1 million. Further, Ponte Vedra Beach proper will not benefit from either of those projects.

Dean, who advised that the county is looking into a low-interest loan with a 30-year payback period for the federal project, contended that there would be no point in moving forward with any projects without the bed tax increase.

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THE PLAYERS Championship makes surprise donation to CAF/CNL Golf Tournament

By Jon Blauvelt

THE PLAYERS Championship presented a check donation of \$50,000 to the Challenged Athletes Foundation (CAF) and Camp No Limits (CNL) Golf Tournament on Monday, Oct. 1 at the Golf Club at South Hampton in St. Augustine.

The charity was initially expecting to receive \$25,000, but Jared Rice, the executive director of THE PLAYERS, surprised the organization by presenting a check for \$50,000 instead.

As part of the presentation, the CAF and CNL Golf Tournament also presented a wheelchair for basketball to Daniel Phillips, an 11-year-old boy who was born with a congenital clubfoot, absence of fibula and hip dysplasia dislocation, all in his right side. His foot was amputated when he was 13 months old, and he was fit with his first prosthetic leg when he was 2 years old. He had his last amputation at the knee when he was 4 years old. Now happy and healthy, he is a big sports fan and thanks to Brooks Adaptive Sports and Recreation, he was introduced to wheelchair basketball.

CAF provides opportunities and support to people with physical challenges so they can pursue active lifestyles through physical fitness and competitive athletics. CNL provides camps for children with limb loss, and education, mentorship and support to these children and their families. The annual golf tournament, started by Ponte Vedra residents Jim and Carolyn Houston nine years ago, benefits both organizations, as well as the HEAL Foundation, Angelwood, Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, the Tesori



Photo by Jon Blauvelt

THE PLAYERS Championship Executive Director Jared Rice (left) presents the Challenged Athletes Foundation (CAF) and Camp No Limits (CNL) Golf Tournament and friends with a check donation for \$50,000 Oct. 1 at the Golf Club at South Hampton in St. Augustine.

Family Foundation, 50 Legs, the Never Say Never Foundation and Giving to Fly.

Inspired to raise money for people who give to others, the Houstons started the golf tournament after their son Tim, an above-the-knee amputee, received his first grant from CAF when he 6 or 7 years old. Since its founding, their foundation has donated over \$350,000 to other charities.

CAF/CNL volunteer Tera Lageman

introduced THE PLAYERS to the annual golf tournament after being involved for several years, and she said the donation will be a gamechanger.

“They are going to be able to take that money and help dozens of families in our area and beyond,” she said. “It's pretty cool that I get to be part of something like that.”

Jim Houston, who is the general man-

ager of the Golf Club at South Hampton, said THE PLAYERS donation proved to him that good things come to people who do good for others.

“When people understand the cause of what we raise money for, your heart is your guide at that point,” he said. “I think it made an impact for the folks at THE PLAYERS today. And I can tell you I'll never forget it.”

Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library prepares for temporary closure

By Samantha Logue

Beginning Friday, Nov. 2 at 6 p.m., the Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library will close its front doors and will not reopen them to the public until March 2019.

The reason for the temporary closure, according to library officials, is a project to replace the building's fire suppression system.

"It's basically the fire sprinkler pipes inside the building, as well as the fixtures and piping that goes around the porch areas outside of the library," Branch Manager Amy Ring advised. "All of those pipes are going to be replaced, so it's a pretty big project and a few years in the making."

According to Ring, the extensive project is to be completed by W.W. Gay Mechanical Contractor, Inc. and is estimated to cost about \$187,800.

"We've had issues with leaks," she explained. "They had done some work in the past to try to find less costly solutions to fix any issues with leaks and the general deterioration of the system, but those at-

tempts have not been successful, so it was determined by (county engineers) that the best thing is to just replace the system."

But while the library building will be closed for several months, Ring advised that a temporary storefront will be accessible at the St. Johns County Tax Collector's Annex for most of that period.

"The week of Nov. 5, we won't be offering library services in Ponte Vedra at all," she said, "because for that week, library staff will be readying the building and moving equipment and everything that we'll need for the next couple months to that Tax Collector's Annex at 5430 Palm Valley Road. We're going to open that to the public on Tuesday morning, Nov. 13 at 11 a.m."

From Nov. 13 through the branch's reopening, the temporary storefront will operate under abbreviated hours, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, and from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday. During those hours, patrons will be able to request and pick up holds, drop off returns and browse the library catalogue, as well as a limited selection of items.



Photo by Jon Blauvelt

The Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library is temporarily closing to replace the building's fire suppression system.

Recognizing that the schedule change will present a challenge to some patrons, Ring said that library staff will be making a few adjustments to better accommodate everyone.

"Everything will either check out for three weeks, two weeks or one week, so that people have a chance to get to us while we're open," she said.

Additionally, Ring noted that the time limit on holds will be extended from four to seven days, to give patrons more time to pick up their items, and added that the closure will not impact the building's use as an early voting site or Election Day polling place.

"The building will still be available for early voting the whole day on Saturday, Nov. 3, and it will be open on polling day on Nov. 6," she said. "It's just that people will need to enter the library through the southeast, double green doors."

Throughout the upcoming closure, patrons will still be able to contact library staff at the Ponte Vedra Beach Branch's main phone number of (904) 827-6950. While the exact completion date for the project is uncertain, Ring said she is hopeful that the library will be reopened by March 1 and encouraged patrons to visit www.sjcpls.org/closure/ to stay informed of any updates.



Photo by Jon Blauvelt

A fire on Monday afternoon damaged three apartments in The Coast at Ponte Vedra Lakes.

Fire damages apartment complex in Ponte Vedra Beach, temporarily displaces residents

By Jon Blauvelt

A fire on Monday afternoon damaged three apartments in The Coast at Ponte Vedra Lakes, an apartment complex located at 611 Ponte Vedra Lakes Blvd.

According to St. Johns County Fire Rescue spokesman Jeremy Robshaw, the fire did not cause any injuries to residents.

Robshaw said the Oct. 8 fire has temporarily displaced the residents living in those three units. Two of the apartments, he said, sustained much less serious damage than the third.

Both St. Johns County Fire Rescue and the Jacksonville Beach Fire Department responded to the incident. According to Robshaw, the cause of the fire is still under investigation.

Bed Tax

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"What we've tried to do as best we know how is to come up with a way to fund both our portion of the federal project and the 50-percent match to the state's one-time placement," he said. "We also need to do the first steps in doing what we can for the Ponte Vedra Beach area ... but without the 1-cent increase in the bed tax, the foundation of our house crumbles and our whole effort for restoring and renourishing these beaches, from Vilano up to Ponte Vedra Beach, basically falls."

Citing a 2018 study done by James R. Houston of the U.S. Army Engineer Research and Development Center, Dean noted that the beaches are Florida's top attraction not only for tourists, but also for potential homebuyers, and that neglecting the beaches could have dire economic consequences for St. Johns County as a whole.

"Already this year, because of the damage from Matthew and Irma, property values along the beachfront — home values and land values — have gone down about 20 percent," he said. "If we lose our beach protection, not only will there be damage to those homes east of A1A, there'll be damage to those homes west of A1A, so I think it's justifiable to say that we could be

subject to a potential loss of up to 20 percent of our ad valorem revenue if we don't take the bull by the horns and protect and renourish our beaches."

Adding that the Tourist Development Council unanimously voted to recommend the increase, Dean also pointed out that most of St. Johns' neighboring counties levy a bed tax of 5 percent or more. In Flagler and Clay counties, for instance, the tax is levied at 5 percent, and in Duval and Volusia counties the tax is as high as 6 percent.

Local support for beach renourishment has been strong among beachfront property owners, with a portion of the funding for the Vilano and South Ponte Vedra Beach projects already being collected through a municipal service taxing unit. The county also recently conducted a survey regarding a potential MSTU for Ponte Vedra Beach proper, to which 92 percent of respondents (443 property owners) answered favorably.

Stressing the urgency of the situation, Dean said that the point of no return for St. Johns County's beaches may in fact come with next Tuesday's vote.

"We have to do something," he said, "because if we reject the 1-percent increase in the bed tax, I've played my last card. I don't know what to play next — I'm out of aces — so it's critical, in my opinion, that we go forward."

Charles Jantz, a resident of Deercreek Country Club, is the founder and volunteer chairman of the RITA Foundation, an all-volunteer, nonprofit organization that raises money for local breast cancer programs. The organization's next event, the SenioRitas women's 40+ doubles tennis tournament, is Oct. 19-21 at Sawgrass Country Club in Ponte Vedra Beach.

Charles Jantz

Can you please tell us briefly about your background?

I was raised in Cleveland and graduated from Ohio Wesleyan University in 1961. I worked as a food services broker, forming and owning Food Service Marketing, Inc. until I sold it in 1993 and retired to Jacksonville. Coming to a new city absolutely knowing no one, I met friends through playing tennis and getting every free job in the Deercreek community. I was president of the Deercreek Homeowners Association twice, a member of the Board of Governors for the Deercreek Country Club for eight years and the chairman of the Deercreek Tennis Committee for five years.

What's the story of the RITA Foundation?

As tennis chairman, Deercreek wanted to have an event, and I suggested a women's tournament, which they liked. Then, I picked breast cancer as the charity, as it runs in my wife's family. I made up the name RITA (Research Is The Answer), and our first event was in 1997. Over the next 10 years, I added two 5K walk/run events called Caring And Sharing Hope (CASH), a black tie gala, a Lexus golf tournament and another tennis event called SenioRITAs at Sawgrass Country Club. We additionally have the MixedRITA doubles tennis tournament benefiting prostate and breast cancer research, also held at Sawgrass.

What has been the impact of the organization?

Our two 5Ks were open to all nonprofits as a way for them to raise money and over 40 participated. And some still do under the name, The Human Race, with the Hands on Jacksonville nonprofit. We have donated over \$1.5 million to the Breast Health Department at UF Health, primarily through the Lexus Golf event. We have also donated over \$1 million to Baptist Health, including Baptist Cancer Institute, Baptist Nassau, Baptist South and Baptist Beaches, and over \$1 million to the Mayo Clinic. To this day, we remain an all-volunteer 501(c)(3) nonprofit with no salaries or overhead costs. We continue to donate 100 percent of the net proceeds from three events with all money remaining in the Jacksonville area. Our grants have been used to purchase equipment (we purchased Mayo's first digital mammography machine) fund seminars, provide compression garments for Lymphedema patients, conduct basic cancer research (Dr. Al Copland's lab at Mayo) and clinical trials and provide free mammograms for the under-served. Additionally, we have funded breast cancer support groups such as Women's Center, One Women's Place and Pink Sisters.

What do you enjoy most about living in the area?

Probably the people. We picked the area because we wanted to get away from the cold winters in Cleveland, but we did want a change in season and we do have that here. We like the fact that we have excellent healthcare. We have all the major things that you might want to do — the recreation, the outdoor living, the symphony, the theatre ... all the things that a big, big city would have with a small-city feel.

Edited by Jon Blauvelt



Photo by Jon Blauvelt

To watch a video portion of the interview, visit pontevedrarecorder.com and click One of Us.



Photos courtesy of Christ Church Preschool

Christ Episcopal Church Associate Rector Remington Slone participates in the church preschool's "Blessing of the Pets" event on Oct. 3.



Julie Puzey, her daughter Eliza and their furry friend.

Christ Episcopal Church Preschool delivers blessing to families' pets

Students, teachers and parents from Christ Episcopal Church Preschool came together on Wednesday, Oct. 3 to have their pets blessed by the church.

Mother Caroline and other members of the church clergy conducted the "Blessing of the Pets" event in the church's courtyard. Also taking place that day, the preschool's annual community service project concluded, with goods that were donated throughout the month of September presented to Carol

Holland, the ministry leader for St. Francis Ministry for Animals at Christ Episcopal Church (SFMCEC). SFMCEC is devoted to the support of local nonprofits that rescue, rehabilitate and adopt homeless pets.

Local animal charities that will benefit from the school community service project include nonprofit organizations such as BEAM, First Coast No More Homeless Pets, Mission House and River City Community Animal Hospital.



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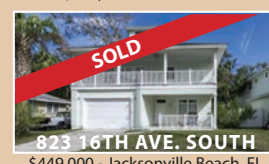
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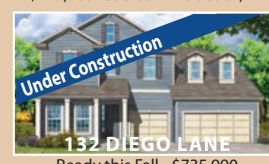
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<p>‘Venom’ at IMAX Theater at World Golf Hall of Fame A man develops superpowers after becoming a host to an alien. This film is showing at the IMAX Theater at World Golf Hall of Fame, located at 1 World Golf Place in St. Augustine. Visit www.worldgolfimax.com for more information on showtimes and ticket prices.</p> <p>Florida Agricultural Museum farmers market This farmers market takes place each Thursday from 8 a.m. to noon. The market is located at the Florida Agricultural Museum at 7900 Old Kings Road N. in Palm Coast. Visitors are welcome to enjoy farm animals, local honey, flea market items, fruits, vegetables and local artisans.</p> <p>‘Bernstein’s Broadway’ First Coast Opera kicks off its 2018-19 season with “Bernstein’s Broadway,” a concert highlighting the musical legacy of iconic American composer and conductor Leonard Bernstein, on Oct. 11. Visit www.firstcoastopera.com for showtimes and venues.</p> <p>NocaTour The NocaTour, taking place Oct. 11 at 10 a.m., is a golf cart tour on Nocatee’s Greenway Trailway System, in Nocatee Community Park and brushing by Coastal Oaks and Del Webb. The tour will return to the Welcome Center to take a look at Splash Water Park and the fitness club. The Nocatee Welcome Center is located at 245 Nocatee Center Way in Ponte Vedra.</p> <p>500 Years of Maritime Florida The St. Augustine Lighthouse and Maritime Museum will present an address by Chuck Meide on Oct. 11 at 7 p.m. Meide will provide a LAMP 2018 fieldwork update and talk about 500 years of Maritime Florida. For more information, call (904) 829-0745 or visit www.staugustinelighthouse.org.</p>	<p>Food Truck Friday Palencia residents are invited to Food Truck Friday Oct. 12 on Market Street from 5:30 to 8 p.m. For more information, call (904) 429-7891.</p> <p>Cannon Firing Demonstration at Castillo de San Marcos National Parks Service volunteers and personnel demonstrate a cannon firing at the Castillo de San Marcos museum / monument every Friday, Saturday and Sunday at 10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. Rangers and volunteers demonstrate the weapons and relate the experiences of the colonial Spanish soldier of 1740s St. Augustine. Firing times are subject to change depending on weather conditions and staff availability. Castillo de San Marcos is located at 1 S. Castillo Drive in St. Augustine.</p> <p>Pumpkin Patch 2018 Stop by Rype and Rendi’s Downtown Farm Market Oct. 12 to pick a pumpkin from one of the many found in the pumpkin patch, located at 115 La Quinta Place in St. Augustine.</p> <p>‘Cabaret’ at the Limelight Theatre “Cabaret” will be performed on the main stage at the Limelight Theatre Oct. 12 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$26 for general admission, \$24 for seniors and \$20 for students and military. The theatre is located at 11 Old Mission Ave. in St. Augustine. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit www.limelight-theatre.org. Limelight Theatre is located at 11 Old Mission Ave. in St. Augustine.</p> <p>Fort Matanzas kayak trips St. Johns County Parks and Recreation has partnered with the National Park Service for this free event taking place Oct. 11-14 at Fort Matanzas National Monument. The kayak trips take participants in the Intracoastal Waterway with a view of Fort Matanzas and the surrounding marsh area. Trips start at 10 a.m. on Thursday, 11 a.m. on Friday, 11:30 a.m. on Saturday and noon on Sunday. Fort Matanzas is located at 8653 A1A S. in St. Augustine.</p>	<p>Art for Two: Social Ceramics Guests are invited to make art and enjoy the gallery and garden at this Art for Two Social Ceramics class, which is set for Oct. 13 at 10:30 a.m. at Cummer Museum. Students will visit the museum’s collection of early Meissen porcelain for inspiration and create a ceramic embellished with carved designs using colors to represent their own world. Clay pieces will be fired at the museum and available for pick-up one week after class. For more information, email education@cummERMuseum.org or call (904) 355-0630.</p> <p>Beaches Art Fest The fifth annual Beaches Art Fest will be held Oct. 13 and 14 at the Beaches Museum and surrounding streets in Jacksonville Beach. The two-day format will feature nearly 100 top-notch artists and craftsmen from Northeast Florida and around the country. This is a juried art and fine craft event where each exhibitor is carefully selected by a jury panel of art professionals with only the best work being accepted in each category. Visit www.TheBeachesArtFest.com for additional information.</p> <p>Seasons at Townton The Sisterhood of the Traveling Plants and others are returning Oct. 13 to the Ponte Vedra Library to show the community how to use food and flowers to spruce up a home. Visitors are encouraged to enjoy light refreshments, food, friends and more. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. and the event starts at noon. For more information, call (904) 827-6950. The Ponte Vedra Library is located at 101 Library Blvd.</p> <p>St. Augustine Greek Festival Celebrate all things Greek with food, dancing, music and heritage at this annual festival celebrating St. Augustine’s Greek heritage at Francis Field, taking place Oct. 12-14. Enjoy homemade Greek foods and pastries, shop at the outdoor market and enjoy the games and rides. There will be Hellenic music and performances by Greek dance troupes from throughout Florida. The festival starts Oct. 12 at 4 p.m., Oct. 13 at 11 a.m. and Sunday at 11 a.m. General admission is \$5.</p>	<p>Sandals, Shorts and Steel Drum Service Every Sunday from 11:30 a.m. to noon, St. Paul’s by-the-Sea Episcopal Church invites guests to put on sandals and shorts for a more casual worship service featuring the tropical sound of steel drum music. The church is located at 465 11th Ave. N. in Jacksonville Beach.</p> <p>Volunteers needed at St. Johns County Council on Aging Volunteers are needed at THE PLAYERS Community Senior Center to help set up, serve and clean up for holiday parties. Volunteers are also needed for administrative duties at COA Transportation and the Veterans Recognition Program. For more information, call (904) 209-3686 or email aleach@stjohnscoa.com.</p> <p>Salt Air Farmers Market The Salt Air Farmers Market will feature homegrown produce, local art and more. This event will take place Oct. 14 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 9505 Oceanshore Blvd. in St. Augustine. For more information, visit www.saltairfarmersmarket.com.</p> <p>Bike MS: PGA Tour Cycle to the Shore This two-day event, taking place Oct. 13 and 14, raises money for MS research. The Bike MS: PGA Tour Cycle to the Shore will take cyclists from TPC Sawgrass to Daytona Beach and back with rest stops, daily lunches and multiple route options. The tour starts at 7:30 a.m. on Saturday at TPC Sawgrass, located at 5430 Palm Valley Road in Ponte Vedra Beach. Visit www.bikemscycle-totheshore.org for more information.</p> <p>Fall Festival at St. Ambrose Church Bring the entire family to enjoy the Fall Festival at St. Ambrose Church in Elkton Oct. 14 from noon to 4 p.m. The event will feature music, food and games. Admission and parking are both free. St. Ambrose Church is located at 6070 Church Road in Elkton. For more information, visit www.saintambrose-church.org or call (904) 692-1366.</p>

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<p>MOSH Mondays The Museum of Science and History's MOSH Mondays feature discounts including buy-one-get-one-half-off admission for adults, 10 percent off MOSH-branded items in the museum shop, 10 percent off memberships when signing up in-person and 10 percent off birthday packages when signing up in-person. MOSH Mondays also feature rotating weekly programs. MOSH is located at 1025 Museum Circle in Jacksonville. Visit www.themosh.org for more information.</p> <p>Talk with a Doc: J. Pearch Fitch Join podiatrist, J. Pearch Fitch, DPM, of Futch Podiatry Oct. 15 at noon to learn how to keep feet healthy and how people can remain on the move. Dr. Futch will share some simple ways to care for feet daily and the importance of proper foot care. This is a free event and a YMCA membership is not required to attend. The Y Healthy Living Center is located at 170 Landrum Lane in Ponte Vedra Beach.</p> <p>Cowford Chophouse The "Frangie Show" with Frank Frangie will broadcast live from the Cowford Chophouse rooftop Oct. 15 from 3 to 7 p.m. Frangie hosts the afternoon sports talk show on 1010 XL and is the play-by-play voice of the Jacksonville Jaguars. Happy hour specials will be available from 3 to 6 p.m. on the rooftop and throughout the entire restaurant. Limited seating will be available on a first come, first serve basis. The Cowford Chophouse is located at 101 E. Bay St. in Jacksonville.</p> <p>Plant Nite Create a tabletop garden with friends at a local restaurant or bar Oct. 15 at 7 p.m. at Ruby Beach Brewing. A design instructor will guide participants step-by-step through the featured project and learn how plans can take home decor to the next level. Ruby Beach Brewing is located at 131 1st Ave. N. in Jacksonville. For more information, call (904) 372-0727.</p>	<p>Tapas Tuesday The Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens presents Tapas Tuesday at the Cummer Cafe every Tuesday from 5 to 7:30 p.m. View the sunset on the Cummer Cafe patio while listening to local musicians and enjoying beer, wine or artfully-inspired tapas for sale at the Cafe. Reserve your table by calling (904) 899-6022. For more information, visit www.cummermuseum.org. The museum is located at 829 Riverside Ave.</p> <p>Prenatal yoga Prenatal and postnatal yoga is designed to help women cope with the changing needs of their body before and after pregnancy and birth. The public is invited Oct. 16 at 6 p.m. to share individual experiences with other women and gain empowerment through yoga, meditation and guided visualization. This approach is gentle and safe for women in all stages of pregnancy, and once recovered from birth, but prior approval from a healthcare provider is advised. This event will take place at the Y Healthy Living Center, located at 170 Landrum Lane in Ponte Vedra Beach.</p> <p>Tools to Quit class This Tools to Quit class at YMCA-Winston, sponsored by Florida Blue, will take place Oct. 16 from 10 a.m. to noon. Participants will get a free quit plan, workbook, water bottle, stress ball and more. Call Northeast Florida AHEC at (904) 482-0189 to register and learn more about the class. The Winston Family YMCA is located at 221 Riverside Ave. in Jacksonville.</p> <p>Jaws of the Sea Join St. Johns County Parks and Recreation for this free interactive walk along with Marineland Dolphin Adventure Oct. 16 from 10 to 11 a.m. at Nease Beachfront Park. Participants will learn about sharks and get a chance to look for shark teeth on the beach. For more information and to register, visit www.sjcf.us/Recreation or call (904) 209-0323.</p>	<p>Toastmasters Club Toastmasters Club #5199 of Ponte Vedra Beach meets every Wednesday at 7:30 a.m. at THE PLAYERS Community Senior Center. These meetings help attendees improve public speaking and gain leadership skills. The senior center is located at 175 Landrum Lane in Ponte Vedra Beach. Email Lucy Reep at lucyreep@gmail.com for additional information.</p> <p>Yoga at the church Grab a mat and enjoy a weekly yoga session at St. Paul's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church each Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. All ages and skill levels are welcome. St. Paul's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church is located at 465 11th Ave. N. in Jacksonville. Call (904) 249-4091 Ext. 103 for more information.</p> <p>Ponte Vedra Democratic Club meeting The Ponte Vedra Democratic Club will be meeting at the Ponte Vedra Library Oct. 17 from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. Join the group to hear the League of Women Voters discuss their positions on the proposed constitutional amendments. The Ponte Vedra Library is located at 101 Library Blvd.</p> <p>Talks & Tea: The Renaissance in Florence To be held Oct. 17 from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., guests are invited to the Cummer Museum to enjoy an insightful talk on the Renaissance in Florence led by museum staff over a cup of tea and a sweet treat. For more information or to register, call (904) 899-6023.</p> <p>Alzheimer's Support Group The Alzheimer's Support Group will meet at Cypress Village Oct. 17 at 3 p.m. Call (904) 807-6222 to RSVP. Cypress Village is located at 4600 Middleton Park Cir. E. in Jacksonville.</p> <p>Dan Yaccarino at Ponte Vedra Library Children's author Dan Yaccarino will visit the Ponte Vedra Library Oct. 17 at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. to talk about his books. The Ponte Vedra Library is located at 101 Library Blvd.</p>	<p>Art for Tots: Mythical Beasts This Art for Tots class will look at ancient green pottery in the Schultz Gallery and will discuss the designs and mythical creatures depicted on Oct. 18 from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. In the studio, children will reimagine their own creatures. Art for Tots is funded through the generosity of the Chartrand Family Foundation. Entry is through Art Connection and class sizes are limited. For more information, email education@cummer-museum.org or call (904) 355-0630.</p> <p>Grief support group A grief support group will meet Oct. 18 at 7 p.m. at St. Paul's Catholic Church in Room 102 of the Family Life Center, located at 578 1st Ave. N. in Jacksonville Beach. The group is for men and women grieving the death of a family member or friend. For more information, call Kathy at (904) 553-8933 or Catherine at (904) 247-0665.</p> <p>Yoga for Survivors The Y Healthy Living Center at the Ponte Vedra YMCA will host a Yoga for Survivors class Oct. 18 at 11:30 a.m. Cancer patients, survivors, caregivers and others with range of motion and pain limitations are invited to join in this gentle and safe yoga practice, which is free and open to the public. Call (904) 202-5376 or visit www.baptistjax.com/ymca to reserve a spot. The Ponte Vedra YMCA is located at 170 Landrum Lane.</p> <p>The Fabulous Thunderbirds featuring Kim Wilson For over 30 years, The Fabulous Thunderbirds have been the quintessential American band and they're coming to the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall Oct. 18 at 8 p.m. (gates open at 7 p.m.). For more information about the band, visit their website at www.fabulousthunderbirds.com. To purchase tickets, call the box office at (904) 209-0399 or visit www.pvconcerthall.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 ben@opcfla.com or call (904) 686-3939.</p>

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Nestled between Coastal Oaks and the new Crosswater neighborhoods, Crosswater Park will open in spring 2020.

The PARC Group releases new renderings of Crosswater Park

The PARC Group, developer of Nocatee, last week released new renderings for Crosswater Park, a recreation area that is opening in spring 2020 off Crosswater Parkway and Conservation Trail.

Nestled between Coastal Oaks and the new Crosswater neighborhoods, Crosswater Park

will feature a pool with lap lanes, a sand volleyball court, two dog parks, a large playground, an event lawn and an open-air pavilion. The Americana-themed amenity will also include designated EV parking and bike racks. Construction will begin in late 2018.

For more information, visit www.nocatee.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN NOCATEE

The following events are taking place in Nocatee over the next week:

Halloween Spooktacular Dance Social

Thursday, Oct. 11 from 6 to 7:30 p.m., Nocatee Room

Come have a ladies night out or a couple's night out at Nocatee's newest monthly dance social. Each month will feature a different theme and dance taught by dance teachers from All About Ballroom. There will be a short social, and the bar will be serving select beer and wine. The instructors will teach a 30- to 45-minute class and then finish the night with fun line dances. This is a free event for residents and their guests. Email fun@nocatee.com to RSVP.

Food Truck Friday

Friday, Oct. 12 from 6 to 9 p.m., Swim Club Green

Some of Jacksonville's favorite food trucks will gather at the Swim Club Green to serve members of the community local one-of-a-kind, gourmet food and snacks. This event will feature live music by Ace Winn. Drinks will be available for purchase at the bar, including select craft beers and wines. There will also be a Kidzone with bounce house inflatables (weather permitting).

Family Movie Night

Saturday, Oct. 13 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., Zipline Field

Nocatee invites residents and their guests to come out and enjoy this month's Movie Night featuring a Halloween Cartoon-A-Thon. To help get in the Halloween Spirit, Nocatee will be showing "It's The Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown," "Bugs Bunny's Howl-oween Special" and "Toy Story of Terror." Complimentary popcorn will be available for attendees to enjoy. Beverages and candy will also be available for purchase at the bar. Some seating is provided, but bringing chairs or blankets is suggested. Bug spray is also recommended. This event is weather permitting. Email fun@nocatee.com to RSVP.

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Congressional candidate Ges Selmont to hold Concert for Unity fundraiser featuring entertainer Trey Taylor

Ges Selmont, a Democratic candidate for Congress in Florida's 4th District, is holding a fundraising concert on Wednesday, Oct. 17 at the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall that will feature a performance by Nashville country music recording artist and entertainer Trey Taylor.

At the Concert for Unity event, Taylor will be performing his critically acclaimed "An Intimate Evening with Trey Taylor: LIVE IN CONCERT." Taylor is the youngest African-American man in country music history. The Denver Post said about him: "It's impossible to miss his enthusiasm. With a fondness for cowboy boots, gaudy colors and dazzling jewelry, Trey Taylor could stand toe to toe with any of the pop, country or even rap contemporaries of his generation and give each of them a good run for their money, a fact that hasn't been lost on audiences across the world."

Jacksonville resident Mike Bernos and his band, Ample Angst, will open the show. General admission ticket prices are \$20.18 and can be purchased at www.selmontforcongress.com. VIP tickets, including two drink tickets and a meet-and-greet opportunity with Taylor, are \$150. The concert starts at 7 p.m.

Selmont is a Ponte Vedra Beach husband and father with a background in law, technology, entertainment, sports and higher education. He has been



Ges Selmont

married to his wife, Monika (also an attorney), for 17 years. They chose Northeast Florida to raise their two boys, Nate and Luke, and have called the First Coast home for almost nine years. Visit Selmont's website (www.selmontforcongress.com) for more information on his background.

AARP Foundation Tax-Aide program seeks volunteers

AARP Foundation Tax-Aide is looking to expand its team of volunteers for the upcoming tax season.

Tax-Aide, celebrating its 50th year, offers free in-person preparation and assistance to anyone, especially those 50 and older. Volunteers make a difference in their communities by assisting those who might otherwise miss out on the tax credits and deductions they've earned.

Since its inception, AARP Foundation Tax-Aide has served more than 68 million taxpayers. The program is seeking volunteer tax preparers, client facilitators, those who can provide technical and management assistance and interpreters. Every level of experience is welcomed. Volunteer tax preparers complete tax

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Dr. Camarda's Weekly Wealth Nugget PLAN TO AVOID GUARDIANSHIP EXPENSES

Avoiding dependence on our children ranks as one of retirees' very worst fears. No one wants to be a financial burden on their children especially when so many young families are struggling to achieve financial security themselves. But what retirees should fear more than dependency is guardianship. Guardianship is where a court appoints someone else to take the legal responsibility to manage your assets and make decisions for you. Unless you have planned to avoid guardianship, it can become required if you ever get to the point where you cannot manage your affairs, typically from cognitive ailments like Alzheimer's, or other disabling accidents or conditions.

The procedure is expensive and demeaning, requiring that you be proven legally incompetent, often while you are forced to look on. Once you are stripped of power and responsibility for your own affairs and the guardianship is in place, the appointed guardian, (selected by a judge— not you or your family!), is tightly managed by the court.

Without proper planning, guardianship is a very easy mess to fall into. Fortunately, it can easily be avoided with common estate planning devices such as powers of attorney and living trusts. In my view, living trusts are far superior because they give you more flexibility and precision in controlling your estate and can help protect your heirs from lawsuits and other financial predators. Living trusts are also much more acceptable to banks, brokerages, and other custodians of your money; powers of attorney can often be rejected by asset custodians, who in the worst cases must be sued to recognize them, which can take a long time, during which you may be very uncomfortable. Living trusts not only allow much more effective estate planning, but can save their cost many times over by avoiding needless probate fees and loss of control.

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Adventure Landing hosts media event to preview Haunt Nights 2018

By Benjamin Naim

Adventure Landing hosted a special media event on Friday, Oct. 5 to showcase the season's top Haunt Night characters, haunted houses and more.

This year's Haunt Nights at Adventure Landing — which runs through Halloween — will feature over 80 actors and four haunted house attractions, entitled Payn Manor, Pinchurst Asylum, Dark Fables and Descent. The houses feature creepy characters lurking about, eerie sights and sounds and narrow passages that evoke the thoughts of fear.

During the media event, an Adventure Landing tour guide walked members of the local press through a haunted house and offered a behind-the-scenes look at actors preparing to play

their roles and perfect their elaborate costumes.

The newest haunted house, Payn Manor, was named after local ghost legend Alpha Paynter — who is believed to haunt the TacoLu building next door to Adventure Landing.

Located at 1944 Beach Blvd. in Jacksonville Beach, Adventure Landing offers a combo Haunt Night ticket for \$26.99 that offers access to all four haunted houses and a Combo Haunt plus single attraction ticket for \$32.99. Fast passes to skip lines are available for \$10. Additionally, discount tickets are available through participating Walgreens stores.

For a complete operating schedule, pricing information and more, visit www.hauntnights.com.



ABOVE: A Haunt Nights actor prepares to play his role at one of the haunted houses at Adventure Landing.



LEFT: The haunted houses at Haunt Nights are designed to scare Adventure Landing guests with creepy images, sounds and props.

Photos by Benjamin Naim

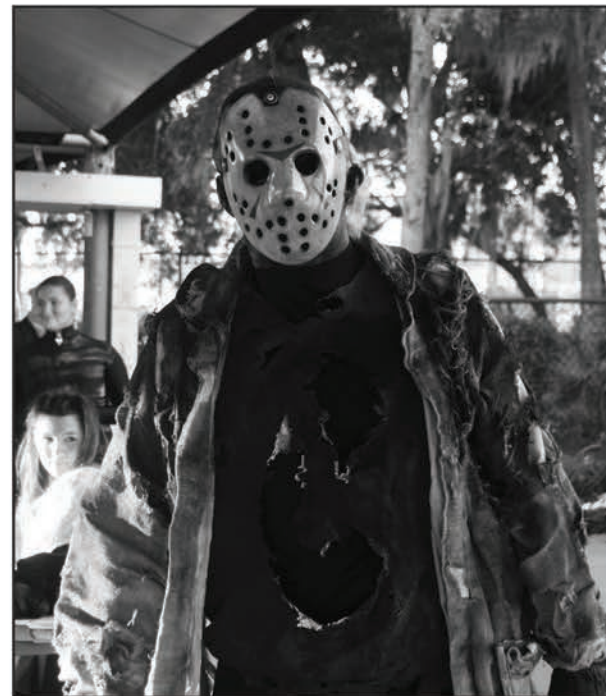


A creepy clown lifelessly stares at the camera, contemplating his next move.



ABOVE: A Haunt Nights actress prepares to play her role at one of the haunted houses at Adventure Landing.

RIGHT: A table is set for a romantic dinner with brain as the main course.



A character who guests will see in their nightmares prepares for Haunt Night festivities.



SJSO EXPLAINS 'RED FLAG LAW' AT LOCAL MOMS DEMAND ACTION MEETING

Lt. Mike Strausbaugh of the St. Johns County Sheriff's Office (SJSO) attended a meeting of the St. Johns County chapter of Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America on Sept. 26 in Nocatee to explain Extreme Risk Protection Orders, commonly known as the "red flag law," which was enacted soon after the mass shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland. The group will hold its next meeting Wednesday, Oct. 24 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in Nocatee, and those seeking additional information can contact Kelly Aguirrechu at kaguirrechuf@gmail.com. Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America is a grassroots movement of Americans fighting for public safety measures that respect the Second Amendment and protect people from gun violence. For more information or to get involved visit, www.momsdemandaction.org.

Photo courtesy of Katrine Strickland

Vicar's Landing to hold annual Boutique Nov. 13

Vicar's Landing will host its annual Boutique to the public on Tuesday, Nov. 13, continuing a tradition that began over 25 years ago.

The "boutique/estate" sale was started by Vicar's Landing members to raise money for the retirement community's scholarship fund for employees. The offerings in each venue include jewelry, furniture, an extensive variety of artwork, lamps, antiques, games, linens, elegant Christmas items and treasures of all kinds. All these treasures are donated by new members scaling down from larger homes, associate members who are preparing to move in and current members.

The event is held at the community's campus in the Sawgrass Players Club. Lunch will be available for cash purchase in the Blue Heron Café from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Cash or check will be accepted at the venues.

When arriving, take the Sawgrass Players club entrance to Vicar's Landing Way and security will direct you to parking on site. The members will be waiting to welcome you.

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preparation training and IRS certification.

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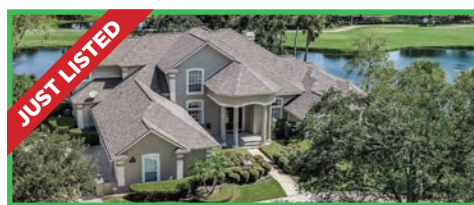
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OBITUARIES

John Ashe

John Joseph Ashe died Sept. 20, 2018. He was born Nov. 11, 1933, in Boston, Massachusetts, grew up in South Boston and came to Neptune Beach in 1970. It has been said he was the best "Southie" in Florida.



John Ashe

John proudly served his country in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War. After his honorable discharge from the Navy, he went to school for drafting and civilian pipefitting. He transferred to the Mayport Naval Station working for SUPSHIPS in 1970, particularly the Forrestal. He was responsible for surveying damages to naval ships, overseeing the repairs and putting them back to work. After 41 years of service, he retired and developed a lifelong love of animals and nature. He traveled and, together with his family, enjoyed two summer homes where he would visit and host family get-togethers. It is doubtful anyone in his Neptune Beach neighborhood will ever forget the site of a tall grey-haired man, with a big green bird on his shoulder and two Chows by his side, taking all of them for a walk. He enjoyed the Elks Club, and he would go there often to dance and dine and sing "I Did it My Way" in his best Sinatra voice.

John predeceased his loving wife, friend and companion (Leone B. Ashe) by a short time and is survived by his sons John Joseph Ashe Jr. and Michael John Ashe; daughter, Debra Ashe; stepdaughter, Julie Brigman (Ricky Brigman); grandchildren Megan Ashe, Tim Hanapel, Dean Hanapel (Kimberly Hanapel) and Lynn Dell (Troy Dell); and great-grandkids James, Eli, Liam, Elizabeth, Ryan and Ava.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 1 p.m., Friday, Oct. 12, 2018, in the Chapel of Quinn-Shalz Funeral Home at 3600 Third St. S., Jacksonville Beach, Florida 32250. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Jacksonville Humane Society in John's name.

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Leone Ashe

Leone B. Ashe (Lee) died Oct. 3, 2018. She was born in Fargo, North Dakota, to Leonard and Christine Withrow, and grew up in Garvin, Minnesota. Lee came to Jacksonville in 1964 and lived in Arlington. After being widowed for some



Leone Ashe

time, she married John Ashe and settled in Neptune Beach. Well-known and well-loved, Lee Ashe and her daughter founded their first pet shop in Jacksonville and grew to open more at the Beach: The Village Pet Shop and The Pet Emporiums. They shared a unique partnership over 25 years. Lee was a pioneer in her field and was proud of her ability to make people happy by always matching the right pet with the right person. She could hardly go out without people walking up to her and thanking her for enriching their lives with fur-babies and more. Lee made friends with customers and employees alike; her smile lit up the room and her wisdom inspired many. To this day, her friends and customers remember her skill, fairness and true desire to make the world a better place.

She retired in 1998 and went on to volunteer for many more years at Mayo Hospital as a retail specialist in the gift store. Again, that beautiful smile, her willingness and her wisdom continued to inspire. She went on to become the first female Elk at the Elks Lodge, because she did not want to be a Doe, so she fought to change the rules. After that, she was a top-notch bridge player. Later, she went back to her roots and bought a farm site as well as a lake house for her family and her children's families to enjoy. Christmas Eve at Grandma's house was her tradition and she loved her kids, her grandkids and her great-grandkids with never-ending, unconditional love and support.

Lee was a woman before her time, yet she held the simple and true values of her time. She will be missed by many and her memory will be cherished for years to come. She was the Greatest Generation, and her motto was simple: "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."

Lee was predeceased by her loving husband, John J. Ashe, and is survived by her loving daughter, Julie Brigman (Ricky); grandchildren Dean Hanapel (Kimberly Hanapel), Tim Hanapel, Lynn Dell (Troy Dell) and Megan Ashe; and great-grandchildren James, Eli, Liam, Elizabeth, Ryan and Ava.

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PGA Tour executive named female Game Changer in sports industry

By Jon Blauvelt

Neera Shetty, senior vice president and deputy general counsel at the PGA Tour, was recently named by Sports Business Journal (SBJ) as one of 35 female Game Changers in the sports industry.

Joining other women selected from teams, leagues, media, agencies, sponsors and events, Shetty officially received the recognition at a conference in New York City in September and was featured in the Sept. 10 issue of SBJ. The recognition is given to women who are making a difference in the business of sports.

“It was great to see so many other accomplished women who have really touched so many aspects of the business of sports, and to be included in that was particularly something that I was honored to be a part of,” said Shetty, who lives in Ponte Vedra Beach with her husband and two children.

In her role at the PGA Tour, Shetty leads the company’s legal department of six lawyers, 12 paralegals and several other



Photo courtesy of the PGA Tour

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Wendy Ranson, CPA
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STRONG LEADHERSHIP. Thank you Wendy for setting the bar high and being an example for Pivot, its clients and its community.



Shetty

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professionals. She is responsible for advising on all legal matters including international, employment, litigation and immigration issues for the PGA Tour and the Tournament Players Clubs throughout the TPC Network.

Shetty recently helped the PGA Tour win the dismissal of a lawsuit filed in California by over 160 caddies seeking compensation for what they felt was misappropriation of their bodies by having to wear bibs that displayed the PGA Tour's tournament name and sponsor. The PGA Tour initially received a motion to dismiss the claims, but the caddies appealed to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, which ultimately upheld the dismissal.

Shetty joined the PGA Tour in 2008, which is an opportunity she never thought was possible given her background and career path. She previously served as a partner in the labor and employment department of McGuireWoods LLP in Jacksonville. She also served as an in-house lawyer and human resources vice president for employee relations with Sabre Holdings, a company specializing in travel commerce, retailing travel products and distribution and technology solutions for the travel industry. She received her undergraduate degree from Duke University and her law degree from the University of Texas School of Law.

Shetty played a few sports growing up, but never seriously, and she thought her long-term involvement with sports would be limited to being a fan. So, when the PGA Tour came calling 10 years ago, it was somewhat of a surprise for her to enter the sports industry, but an exciting one at that.

"It (sports) was always something that I enjoyed, but it always felt like something that was unattainable for my background," Shetty said. "When this opportunity at the (PGA) Tour came open and they hired me, it was amazing."

As a result, Shetty believes it's important for people, especially women, to have an open mind as they navigate through their career.

"I think, especially sometimes for women, we're sort of at an early age channeled to certain types of jobs or certain industries, and we sort of fall in line or think that's because the other options aren't available to me," she said. "I think I've sort of demonstrated the career path where as long as you keep your mind open and you keep trying to do your best in the job you have right now, that there are opportunities maybe out there and you need to be open to them and take advantage of them when they come your way."

Shetty added that it's great for people to pursue long-term career goals and dreams, but that it's also important to not become single-minded and recognize that there could be other ways to achieve

an end goal, or that there might be other end goals that are just as appealing or better in the long-term.

Shetty is the daughter of Indian immigrants who came to the United States in the 1960s. As a result, she said she comes from a background that is slightly less traditional compared to others in her field, particularly in sports. And throughout her career, she said she's been told you have to fit into a certain expectation or follow the path of previous people to be successful, which is a mindset that has made her uncomfortable. So, she's made it a priority throughout her career to stay true to herself in her pursuit of success and recommends to others to do the same.

"I think to women of color, I would say you gotta listen to what everybody says, you have to be respectful of those different opinions and why they're being provided," Shetty said. "But at the end of the day, you have to be true to yourself and your identity because it's very hard to be something other than what you are and how you've always been."

"I think the world, as we know, is changing," she continued. "I think in some ways it's happening faster, and in other ways, it's happening slower. But I think that it's definitely changing, and we just to have to be a positive part of the change."

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Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices appoints Holly Hayes to lead Ponte Vedra/Nocatee office

Tracy Glochau to lead St. Augustine/Murabella offices

Realtor Holly Hayes has been named the new branch manager of the Ponte Vedra Beach/Nocatee office for Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Network Realty.

Hayes will succeed Kevin Waugaman, who has been named vice president of core services in the company's corporate office. Hayes joined the Ponte Vedra Beach office more than 10 years ago and, according to the company, has achieved significant success as a top producing Realtor and relocation agent. The company said she is known for her tireless work ethic and approachable style. Hayes prides herself on honesty, authenticity and a willingness to put others' needs ahead of her own in every transaction.

In addition to Hayes' appointment, the company announced that broker/associate Tracy Glochau has been named the new branch manager of the St. Augustine and Murabella offices. Glochau succeeds Ann King, who has been promoted to vice president of brokerage in the company's corporate office.

Since joining the St. Augustine office more than five years ago, the company said Glochau's attention to detail and result-oriented approach to business have helped her rank among the top producers. She believes



Holly Hayes



Tracy Glochau

her emphasis on customer service, integrity and loyalty have been the keys to growing her business and earning the respect of her peers. Glochau is a graduate of Flagler College.

According to the company, the management team changes are resulting from company growth and market expansion, and designed to support an increase in client and agent service offerings.

"We are thrilled to have Holly and Tracy move into

these new roles," said Christy Budnick, Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Network Realty president and CEO. "These two outstanding women are talented leaders and are focused on bringing exceptional value to their Realtors and clients. I am confident their commitment to the team and dedication to our industry will ensure continued success for our Ponte Vedra/Nocatee and St. Augustine/Murabella offices."

Hayes and Glochau joined the company's Assistant Manager Training Program earlier this year and have been working with members of the leadership team while managing their real estate business.

"Holly and Tracy are recognized for their strength, integrity and trust, and I am excited for both to take on new roles with the company," said Linda Sherrer, Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Network Realty founder and chairman. "Their experience, success and passion for helping others reach their highest potential will benefit our current associates, new team members and most importantly, our customers, as the company continues to grow."

The company also announced last week that Don Cline has been named vice president of business development in the corporate office. In his new role, Cline will continue as broker/manager of the Beaches office. For more information about Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Network Realty, visit www.FloridaNetworkRealty.com or call (904) 296-6400.



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Tips for women mulling a career change

Women considering a career change may experience mixed emotions. The excitement elicited by such a decision may be tempered by fear. Such fear is natural when embarking on a new path and leaving behind some security and professional equity, but that fear should not be the deciding factor when women mull whether or not to change careers.

The decision to change careers is something that requires careful thought and ample consideration of a host of factors. Women facing such a decision can consider the following tips to ensure they make the best choice for themselves.

■ **Consider your motivation before pursuing a change.** The motivation behind a career change can go a long way toward determining if that change is ultimately successful. Money can be a

great motivator, but if money is the only thing driving a change, then women might be better off pursuing new opportunities within their existing field rather than changing careers entirely, as staying within the field will allow women to capitalize on the professional equity they have built over their careers while also providing a new challenge. A genuine interest in another profession or a desire to find a better work-life balance might make for better motivators to change careers than simply switching to make more money.

■ **Do your homework.** Career changes require hard work and, if extra schooling is necessary, a potentially sizable financial investment. Women should thoroughly research any fields they might pursue before making a change so they can fully understand the commitment they will need

to make. Once they get an idea of what they will need to do to make a successful career change, women should speak with their family to discuss the effects that their pursuit may have on family members. Such a discussion can make the transition to a new career easier, and the support a woman's family provides along the way can serve as something to lean on if or when things start to feel overwhelming.

■ **Don't be afraid to ask for help.** Many people are dissatisfied with their careers, and those who aren't might have been at one time. When mulling a career change, don't be afraid to seek help. Help might come from family or friends, but women shouldn't limit themselves with regard to whose help they will accept. If a woman wants to become a college professor, she shouldn't hesitate to contact a professor at

a local college, explaining her situation and asking for any advice. Women have nothing to lose by reaching out and such help can prove invaluable. And women might be surprised to learn just how willing even strangers might be to lend a hand.

■ **Give yourself time.** Career changes are rarely an overnight process. Successfully switching careers takes time, so don't give yourself a quick deadline to make a change. Such pressure likely won't increase your chances of making a successful switch, and you won't enjoy the process nearly as much if you bury yourself in pressure.

Changing careers can be exciting and nerve-racking. Affording such a switch the consideration it deserves and doing your homework can help make the switch as successful as you envision it being.



Photo courtesy of Leigh Cort

Front row: Monice Stouder (from left), Nancy Slatsky, Cindy Stavelly and Maryrose LaCavera; back row: Leigh Cort (from left), Dea Sims, Nancy Guarnieri, Faye Lance, Sandi Galloway and Barbara Golden

The Women's Food Alliance announces 2019 Advisory Board

The Women's Food Alliance, a Ponte Vedra Beach-based organization for women in the culinary and hospitality industry throughout Florida and Southeast Georgia, recently announced its 2019 Advisory Board. The group includes the following women:

- Monica Stouder — Monica Lea Imagery, Life-style/hospitality journalist
- Nancy Slatsky — Swiss Chalet Fine Foods, Culinary sales
- Cindy Stavelly — Executive director; St. Augustine Pirate/Treasure Museum, Colonial Quarter
- Maryrose LaCavera — Owner, Peace Pie

■ Leigh Cort — President of Womens Food Alliance; Hospitality publicist, Moveable Feast Radio Segment NPR

■ Dea Sims — Owner, Your Pie restaurants

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■ Faye Lance — Owner, Sugar Snob Chocolates & Artisan Gourmet Studio

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■ Barbara Golden — Communications manager, St. Augustine, Ponte Vedra & The Beaches Visitors & Convention Bureau

Cultural Council seeks nominations for ROWITA Awards and Jr. ROWITA Fellowships

The St. Johns Cultural Council is currently seeking nominations for the Dr. Gail Pflaster ROWITA Awards (Recognizing Outstanding Women in the Arts) and the Jr. ROWITA Fellowships.

The Dr. Gail Pflaster ROWITA award recognizes women who have made significant contributions to the arts community in St. Johns County over the course of their lifetime. Lifetime achievement and the candidate's impact in St. Johns County are the main criteria for the selection of the award. Artists of all disciplines, including literary, visual and performance, are eligible, as are women who have demonstrated exemplary support of the arts. Community members are encouraged to submit their nominations for this award before the Dec. 1 deadline.

The Jr. ROWITA Fellowships are available to graduating St. Johns County high school women (public, private or homeschooled) who are entering arts-based programs of higher education to advance their creative development. Fellowship awards are a monetary award of \$500. Applicants must have either applied or been accepted into a Bachelor of Fine Arts program, a summer institute/intensive or an arts workshop to be considered. The application deadline for the Jr. ROWITA Fellowships is the last day of February.

The ROWITA Recognition Ceremony will take place during Women's History Month on March 31, 2019, at the Limelight Theatre in St. Augustine at 3 p.m.

Applications for both awards are available at www.stjohnsculture.com. Nominations should be e-mailed to hala@stjohnsculture.com as attachments in pdf, word, and jpg formats. If help is needed with online submissions, call the St. Johns Cultural Council at (904) 808-7330. The Cultural Council encourages submitting all applications by email, but those who are unable to submit digitally should mail or bring their nomination to the St. Johns Cultural Council, located at 15 Old Mission Ave. in St. Augustine.



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Heidi Zawacki joins Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Network Realty

Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Network Realty recently announced the addition of Heidi Zawacki as a Realtor to its Ponte Vedra/Nocatee office at 333 Village Main St., Suite 670, in Ponte Vedra Beach.

Zawacki has worked at Florida Network Realty for nearly four years as a personal assistant for several top Realtors in the Ponte Vedra/Nocatee and Beaches/ICW/Southside offices. In this role, the company said Zawacki has become an expert in the marketing services and products offered by Florida Network Realty and has learned what is most important to a happy client. Becoming a licensed Realtor was a natural next step for Zawacki's career, and she said she could not be more excited to "take the plunge" into the fast-paced real estate market of Northeast Florida.

"The process of buying and selling a home is a big undertaking, and in today's real estate market you need a professional that you can trust," Zawacki said. "The excitement of helping people buy their dream home or sell their existing home is something that I look forward to. As a realtor with Florida Network Realty, they offer me the ability to provide my clients with state-of-the-art technology, world-wide marketing and personalized service that is specific to my clients' needs."

Zawacki was born and raised in Boston, and she and her husband, Jason, moved to Florida 15 years ago. They are rais-



Heidi Zawacki

ing their two daughters, Maddie, 12, and Sophia, 9, in Ponte Vedra Beach.

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Wendy Ranson, Debra Smith, Scott Grant, Donna Deegan, Molly Lewis Sasso, and Marie Lyon Carney gather at a women's empowerment social benefiting The DONNA Foundation.



ABOVE: A raffle at the Sept. 13 event benefited the Donna Foundation at the Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach.



LEFT: David Brannan, Chris Tchorznicka and Cyndi King

Photos by Susan Griffin

Women's empowerment event benefits The DONNA Foundation

A group of local businesses recently came together to host a women's empowerment social benefiting The DONNA Foundation. Held at the Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach on Sept. 13, the event was sponsored by Standfast Asset Management, Kinney & Sasso Attorneys at Law and Pivot CPAs. Attendees of the event enjoyed an evening of conversation, empowerment and networking, as well as champagne, hors

d'oeuvres and a silent auction. Donna Deegan was in attendance to represent her foundation. Established in June 2003, The DONNA Foundation is a 501c3 organization that provides financial assistance for the critical needs of those living with breast cancer. To date, the foundation has served more than 11,000 families by providing more than \$5 million dollars in relief. Visit thedonnafoundation.org for more information.

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Renault named among Jacksonville Business Journal's Women of Influence

Isabelle Renault, president and CEO of the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce, has been named among Jacksonville Business Journal's Women of Influence 2018.

Along with 23 honorees who have attained milestone career achievements and involvement in business, nonprofits and the public sector throughout Northeast Florida, Renault was recognized at an awards luncheon held in August at the Hyatt Regency in Jacksonville.

Nominated by Chamber staff, Renault's recognition was based on an online submission outlining her professional, civic and personal accomplishments. As a successful nominee, Renault made a significant achievement in her career in the past year with a strong record of innovation and outstanding performance and she is actively involved in the community while residing in St. Johns County.

"Isabelle places great importance in balancing her work life and family along with a strong dedication to helping the Chamber, its staff and membership," said Greg Voss, vice president of operations at the Chamber. "She leads by example and has created numerous and valuable programs for the entire Chamber network. We applaud



Isabelle Renault

Isabelle as a winner and key influencer and applaud her well-deserved accolades from the entire Chamber team." Some of Renault's key accomplishments include her longtime career history of more than 20 years with the Chamber and strong leadership skills with a diverse background in nonprofit operations and management, disaster recovery and emergency services coordination for members, municipalities, government and the community. She was also recognized for her work with the Chamber in a new era of value, technology and competition, with an evolving customer base that put a premium on staff skills and time. Her expertise to promote market specialization for businesses in St. Johns County was honored as she grew Chamber membership while moving the nonprofit organization forward in a post-re-

cession environment. Renault was honored for creating a comprehensive building block, three-year plan to elevate, innovate and accelerate the Chamber and build a foundation to modernize the nonprofit.

Among her many accomplishments, Renault was also recognized for her work with St. Johns County to serve in the Emergency Services function for business recovery in the wake of Hurricanes Matthew and Irma. Renault's recent graduation from Leadership Florida also influenced the award recognition, due to her leadership abilities aimed at helping her organization and others achieve success.

According to 2015 Women of Influence honoree and St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce Board Chairwoman Mary O'Brien, the recognition provides Renault with well-deserved accolades and honors her dedication to numerous business and community initiatives.

"Every day, I am inspired by the hard-working staff at the Chamber led by Isabelle and her team as they build the organization and serve as an example of service and valuable resources to the business community," O'Brien said.

How working women can create more leisure time

Few working professionals would likely say they could not use more leisure time. People spend their leisure time in various ways, and many would prefer more time to pursue their passions away from the workplace. While they may not be able to create more time in the day, working women can take various steps to create more time for leisure.

■ **Spend free time more wisely.** According to the 2015 American Time Use Survey from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, people age 15 and over averaged four hours and 59 minutes of leisure time per day. That figure may come as a surprise to working professionals who feel they never have enough time to pursue their passions. But such people may just be spending their leisure time in ways that don't incorporate their passions. For instance, the American Time Use Survey found that more than half of the nearly five hours of leisure time people 15 and over enjoyed each day was spent watching television. Women who want to make the most of their free time can note the amount of time they spend watching television, ultimately skipping their binge-watching sessions in



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favor of pursuing their passions.

■ **Consider downsizing.** Empty nesters, working professionals with no children or even parents whose kids still live at home may benefit by downsizing their homes. The American Time Use Survey found that men spend an average of 22 minutes per day doing housework, while women spend 50 minutes per day doing housework. Downsizing to smaller homes that don't require as much daily maintenance can provide women with more leisure time.

■ **Get out of the kitchen.** Cooking is a favorite leisure activity for many people. But for those who prefer to be out and about rather than preparing meals in the kitchen, cooking can be more of a time-consuming chore than a rewarding passion. The American Time Use Survey found that women spend 70 minutes per day on food preparation

and cleanup. Meal delivery services can cut down on the time it takes to prepare meals, opening up more leisure time for people who want to spend less time in the kitchen each day.

■ **Make an effort to split chores down the middle.** As evidenced by the time men and women spend on housework and cooking, the American Time Use Survey found that household chores are not always divided equitably among men and women. Adults who feel they do not have enough leisure time in their day can work with their spouses or significant others to ensure both partners are doing an equal amount of work around the house.

Leisure time that's spent well can contribute to a higher quality of life. Many people may be surprised to learn just how much leisure time they can enjoy each day by making a few simple tweaks to their daily routines.

Women business owners: Don't forget about your retirement plan



Karsten Jacobson
Columnist

By Karsten Jacobson, CFP®

American Business Women's Day was celebrated on Sept. 22. And there was indeed cause for celebration, because, in recent decades, the number of women business owners has risen sharply, to the point where nearly

40 percent of all businesses are now women-owned, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. If you are one of these owners, or thinking about becoming one, you'll always have a lot to think about when running your business, but there's also an area you can't ignore — your retirement. Specifically, you need to consider establishing your own retirement plan.

Most plans available to you are fairly easy to establish and maintain, and are not terribly costly to administer. Here are some popular options:

■ **Owner-only 401(k)** — This plan, also known as an individual or solo 401(k), is available to self-employed individuals

Girl Scouts of Gateway Council celebrate Women of Distinction

Girl Scouts of Gateway Council celebrated female leaders in St. Johns County committed to making a difference with the Women of Distinction luncheon Sept. 27 at the Casa Monica Hotel in St. Augustine.

The luncheon recognized six local women who exemplify the Girl Scouts' core values of honesty, fairness, caring, responsibility, service to others and community, inclusivity, respect and sisterhood. The local honorees were:

- Kelly Barrera, St. Johns County School Board
- Joann Johnson, social worker, retired
- Michelle Lewis, bioethical researcher
- Martha Mickler, educator, retired
- Lura Readle-Scarpitti, media professional
- Kelly Youngs, She is Fierce!

The honorees were recognized for their personal and professional accomplishments that make them positive role models, inspiring girls to reach their own goals and follow their passions. Each Women of Distinction nominee exemplifies the vision of the Girl Scouts of Gateway



2018 Women of Distinction St. Augustine honorees and Girl Scout mentees (from left to right): Parker, Ambassador Girl Scout; Joann Johnson; Kelly Youngs; Skylar, Cadette Girl Scout; Martha Mickler; Kate-lynnne, Senior Girl Scout; KellyAnne, Cadette Girl Scout; Lura Readle-Scarpitti; Kaitlyn, Ambassador Girl Scout; Michelle Lewis; Hannah, Ambassador Girl Scout; Kelly Barrera.

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Council — to develop a pipeline of local women leaders, emphasizing a lifetime of leadership through skills, experiences and connections.

The money raised from the fundraising luncheon supports the Girl Scouts of Gateway Council's Girl Scout Leadership Experience program, where more than 10,000 girls in the Northeast and North Central Florida commu-

nity are able to practice and develop confidence, leadership and responsibility.

To learn more about Girl Scouts of Gateway Council and how to help sponsor the development of the next generation of female leaders, visit www.girlscouts-gateway.org or contact TriciaRae Stancato at tstancato@girlscouts-gateway.org or (904) 421-3484.

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• **SEP IRA** — If you have just a few employees or are self-employed with no employees, you may want to consider a SEP IRA. You'll fund the plan with tax-deductible contributions, and you must cover all eligible employees. As an employer, you can contribute the lesser of 25 percent of your compensation (if you're also an employee of your own business) or \$55,000.

• **Solo defined benefit plan** — Pension plans, also known as defined benefit plans, are less common than in previous years, but you can still set one up for yourself if you're self-employed or own your own business. This plan has high contribution limits, which are

determined by an actuarial calculation, and your contributions are typically tax-deductible.

• **SIMPLE IRA** — A SIMPLE IRA, as its name suggests, is easy to set up and maintain, and it can be a good plan if your business has fewer than 10 employees. However, while a SIMPLE IRA may be advantageous for your employees, it's less generous to you, as far as allowable contributions go, than an owner-only 401(k), a SEP IRA or a defined benefit plan. For 2018, your annual contributions are generally limited to \$12,500, or \$15,500 if you're 50 or older by the end of the year. You can also make a matching contribution of up to 3 percent of your compensation. As an employer, your contributions are fully deductible as a business expense up to certain limits; as an employee, your pretax contributions reduce the amount of your taxable income for the same tax year.

Before opening any of these plans, you'll want to consult with your tax advisor on the tax issues and a financial professional on the investment aspects. But don't wait too long. You will need to work hard to keep your business thriving — so choose a retirement plan that works just as hard for you.

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ABOVE: About 50 items will be available for bidding at the fundraising event's auction ranging from experience packages to gift cards.

RIGHT: The Chemo Noir Fall Gala will be held Saturday, Oct. 13 at 3 Palms Grille.

Photos courtesy of Katrin Casey



Chemo Noir to host annual fall gala Oct. 13 at 3 Palms Grille

By Benjamin Naim

Chemo Noir, a local nonprofit that provides financial support for cancer patients undergoing treatment, will host its annual fall gala fundraising event on Saturday, Oct. 13 at 3 Palms Grille in Ponte Vedra Beach.

According to Chemo Noir founder and chairwoman Katrin Casey, the gala is one of the nonprofit's two big events of the year.

"It's a nice way for everyone to come and raise money through our silent auction and we sell tickets to it," she said. "This year is going to have a DJ, good food, wine tasting, auction and it'll raise money for our cause."

To be held from 5 to 8 p.m., the gala will also feature an open area for guests to dance or mingle, a wine-tasting table, a full bar, hors d'oeuvres and more. About 50 items will be available for bidding at the auction ranging from experience packages to gift cards.

This year's event will be unique, Casey added, because Chemo Noir recipients who have been financially impacted will be in attendance.

"We'll have impact stories and some cool opportunities for people to meet some of the survivors that we've helped," Casey said.

Chemo Noir raises money through wine-

centric events to help cancer patients offset the out-of-pocket medical costs of fighting cancer. Casey, a Nease graduate, founded the organization after beating cancer herself. Cancer-free for the last four years, Casey named her organization after a night designated for leisure time with her mother, featuring comfort food and wine.

"The cost can be incredibly crippling," Casey noted. "I know because I went through it myself. We have an application process where fighters can apply to receive funding and we review it as a board and then award the money. So far, we have fully funded three treatments."

Casey added that the organization is cancer- and age-agnostic and has helped individuals with brain cancer, breast cancer and a rare esophageal cancer.

"We try to be that resource for people who can't get their funding from other places," she said. "We work with the hospitals and social workers to pay those medical bills directly so the recipients don't have an additional financial burden."

For more information on the gala, visit the Chemo Noir website at www.chemonoir.com. Tickets — which are \$75 for individuals and \$150 for couples — are on sale until Friday night.

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Pink Up the Pace 5K celebrates 10th anniversary

Hundreds of First Coast residents flocked to St. Augustine earlier this month to participate in the 10th anniversary of the Pink Up the Pace 5K.

Held Saturday, Oct. 6, the largest 5K in the Ancient City started in front of the Visitors Center and finished at Francis Field. Cancer survivors, family and friends participated and remembered those who were lost. The event also included a fun run for children. The day before on Oct. 5, an expo was held for local community businesses supporting the organization.

Pink Up the Pace assists underinsured and uninsured individuals in navigating the financial challenges of early



Photos courtesy of 904 Fitness

breast cancer detection, as well as increases public awareness of the importance of early detection and provides support to survivors and their families. The organization was founded by Cindy Chaconas, who was diagnosed in 2009 with stage II breast cancer.

Visit www.pinkupthepace.com for more information.

St. Johns Town Center teams up with Susan G. Komen to fight breast cancer

The St. Johns Town Center, which is owned and operated by Simon, is holding a campaign this fall in support of Susan G. Komen and the fight against breast cancer.

Through the campaign, Simon is helping support Komen's work to save lives and reach its "bold goal" of reducing the current number of breast cancer deaths by 50 percent in the U.S. by 2026. Simon is joining the fight against breast cancer by starting a national conversation and challenging people to help create a renewed movement in the fight against breast cancer.

"We are thrilled to launch our fall 2018 'More Than Pink initiatives' and have been overwhelmed by the ongoing positive support this movement has garnered with our shoppers, retailers and employees to support Susan G. Komen in its tireless efforts to reduce breast cancer deaths," said Lindsey Jones, director of marketing and business development at St. Johns Town Center.

From Oct. 1-29, visitors to St. Johns Town Center will be able to participate in a few programs to help support Susan G. Komen. They are as follows:

■ **Discount Pass Program:** In exchange for a \$10 dona-

tion to Susan G. Komen, shoppers will receive a Discount Pass, available at the Mall Management Office located across from Maggiano's Little Italy, providing 15 percent or 25 percent off one item at each participating retailer. A digital Discount Pass will be a new option available this fall and will allow shoppers to instantly donate and download a Discount Pass to their mobile device. All Discount Pass donations go to Susan G. Komen.

■ **Susan G. Komen® Visa® Simon Giftcard®:** Customers can purchase a Susan G. Komen® Visa® Simon Giftcard® at Guest Services or the mall office. One dollar for each Susan G. Komen® Visa® Simon Giftcard® sold will be donated to Susan G. Komen. The Susan G. Komen® Visa® Simon Giftcard® is available for purchase year-round.

From 2017 to 2018, Simon has raised \$2.77 million in support of Susan G. Komen, all generated through the support and participation of shoppers, retailers and employees.

More than 150 Simon Malls, The Mills and Premium Outlets nationwide will be participating in a range of activities during October.

CANCELING BREAST CANCER: Upcoming EVENTS to support survivors and research

During National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, join together with families and friends around the First Coast in supporting survivors and the fight for a cure at the following upcoming fundraisers.

Unity Pink Motorcycle Ride

Presented by Unity Outreach of St. Augustine, a nonprofit dedicated to financially supporting breast cancer patients in St. Johns County, the annual Unity Pink Motorcycle Ride will take place Saturday, Oct. 13 in St. Augustine.

The event, which centers around a police-escorted motorcycle ride beginning at the Shrine Club at 250 Brainard Drive, will also offer live music, food, a 50/50 raffle and a silent auction, as well as various vendors, with proceeds to benefit Unity Outreach. Registration is \$25 for a single rider and \$35 for a rider and passenger. Admission is free for spectators.

For registration and additional information, visit www.unityoutreachstaug.org.

Seafood Soul Fest

Also on Saturday, Oct. 13, lovers of both seafood and soul music will gather from noon to 7 p.m. at the University of North Florida's J.B. Coxwell Amphitheater for Jacksonville's annual Seafood Soul Fest. The event will feature multiple food vendors, including Soul Food Bistro, Khloe's Kitchen, The All American & Seafood, Henry's New Orleans Cajun Cooking, Ambitious Eats and Nitrogen Creamery; and artists such as Stank Sauce, The Band Pressure and DJ Guru will provide live entertainment, as well as comedian Nod Ross. Additional vendors will also be on-site displaying artwork, apparel, jewelry and more.

Funds raised by the event will benefit the Edith Marie Foundation, a nonprofit that provides financial assistance to breast cancer patients in active treatment. General admission tickets for the event are \$10 and children ages 10 and under can attend for free. VIP tickets are \$25 and parking passes are an additional \$10. For tickets and additional information, visit www.seafoodsoulfest.com.

DONNA Topgolf Par Tee

The second annual DONNA Topgolf ParTee will be held Sunday, Nov. 4 from 1 to 5 p.m. at Topgolf in Jacksonville. Presented by the Tom Bush Family of Dealerships, the event will feature an afternoon of friendly competition for a good cause, during which attendees will enjoy two rounds of play and participate in a Top Contender contest as well as a \$10,000 Hole-in-One Challenge. The top three teams will receive prizes, and spectators can also join in on the fun with raffles, food and beverages.

Funds raised will benefit The DONNA Foundation, which aims to provide support and financial assistance to those living with breast cancer, as well as fund research for a cure. For ticket pricing and additional information, visit www.thedonnafoundation.org.

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TPC Sawgrass to fight hunger during National Restaurant Week

By Benjamin Naim

In an effort to support the fight against hunger, TPC Sawgrass in Ponte Vedra Beach will participate in National Restaurant Week Oct. 15-21.

The event, which is hosted throughout the TPC Network, dedicates an entire week to raising money for Feeding America — a nationwide group of more than 200 food banks that feed more than 46 million people through food pantries, soup kitchens shelters, and other community-based agencies. During the week, each TPC property in its network will offer an exclusive a-la-carte lunch and dinner menu along with a special gala event.

Chef Azhar Mohammad, the executive chef at TPC Sawgrass, referred to the initiative as a great cause that will make a significant impact on those in need.

“Being part of the community and helping the community — giving back — it’s something that has always been close to my heart,” Mohammad said. “This gives an opportunity where we can give something back to the community.”



Photo courtesy of The Zimmerman Agency

TPC Sawgrass and executive chef Azhar Mohammad are participating in National Restaurant Week Oct. 15-21 to help fight nationwide hunger.

Mohammad noted that the goal for this year’s event is to raise \$50,000.

“We want to have a great success,” he said. “We want to have as many as donations as possible for this.”

Guests can expect a special menu, he added, that will offer chefs an opportunity to showcase their talent.

“We’ll have two appetizers and two entrees for lunch,” Mohammad said, “and we’ll have two appetizers, two entrees and a dessert for dinner.”

The veteran chef also noted that guests can expect unique food options, and some conventional meals will be offered with a twist. For example, instead of chicken pot pie — Mohammad said guests can try chicken in a pot with a pie. Additionally, the week-long event will feature a brisket mac and cheese waffle, black bean hummus and other delicacies.

For more information on TPC’s National Restaurant Week, visit www.tpc.com.

Alert! Are you over 70½ and do you have an IRA?



Harry Pappas
Columnist

By Harry Pappas

Before I embark on the following important narrative, our legal folks want me to inform you that my suggestion is not intended to be a substitute

for specific individualized tax advice. Please discuss your specific tax issues with a qualified tax adviser. Okay, now that the disclaimer is out of the way, let’s roll!

As part of Republicans’ objective to simplify the tax code, they nearly doubled the size of our standard deduction, which could mean that some people will not “itemize” this year. For example, the standard deduction amounts increased to \$12,000 from \$5,650 for individuals and \$24,000 from \$11,300 for married couples filing jointly. Therefore, if one’s itemized deductions are not higher than the new standard deduction amounts, one will not get a deduction for their charitable donations. Ouch! As you might imagine, charities are bracing for a giving plunge.

Nevertheless, engaging in an IRS provision known as a qualified charitable distribution (QCD) is more advantageous than ever. To qualify for the QCD, however, you must be an IRA owner who is 70½ years or older. If you meet the requirement, you are allowed to make charitable contributions directly from your IRA, and the funds will go directly from your IRA to the charity. The real benefit is that you exclude the distributed money from your taxable income! Eliminating money from your income is the same thing as you taking a deduction! Additionally, your lower income reduces your adjusted gross

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Berkshire Hathaway Homeservices Florida Network Realty welcomes Steven Light to Ponte Vedra/Nocatee office

Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Network Realty recently added Steven Light to the Ponte Vedra/Nocatee office.

With a career in real estate spanning nearly 30 years, Light has chosen to now specialize in Exclusive Seller’s Representation. As a Luxury REALTOR®, he will be focusing on gated communities, golf and country clubs, oceanfront and intracoastal luxury homes and condos and servicing all of the Beaches and Southside Jacksonville.

Born and raised in Miami, Light began his real estate career with The Villages — the largest senior active living community in central Florida — where he became the company’s top producing listing agent. In 1994, Light earned his Florida real estate broker’s license and purchased an ERA real estate franchise, which quickly



Steven Light

earned its ranking as the No. 1 ERA real estate office in Ocala. In 2007, Light moved to Jacksonville and has spent much of the past 11 years as vice president and managing broker for a local real estate company in its San Marco/San Jose Office.

Light holds the following professional designations: Graduate REALTOR Institute (GRI), Real Estate Owned Specialist (REOS) and Certified Distressed Property Expert (CDPE). He is also an OwnAmerica Investment Certified Professional (OICP).

In his spare time, Light is a foodie. He can cook like a gourmet chef and match

the perfect wine to the perfect meal. He is also a motorcycle enthusiast and holds a private pilot license.

“I am pleased to welcome Steven to the Ponte Vedra office,” said Kevin Waugaman, outgoing broker/manager of the Ponte Vedra/Nocatee office, who was recently named vice president of core services in the company’s corporate office. “Steven is not only an exceptional Realtor, but he is also truly a good man. His positivity and strong character are evident from the first time you meet him, and I am sure he will be an outstanding member of our team.”

For more information, Light can be reached by phone at (904) 507-1536 or at Steven.Light@FloridaNetworkRealty.com. His website is StevenLight.net.

The Ponte Vedra/Nocatee office is located at 333 Village Main St., Suite 670, in Ponte Vedra Beach.

TriBridge Residential, Sefira Capital celebrate opening of The Jaxon

TriBridge Residential, in partnership with Miami-based Sefira Capital, recently celebrated the grand opening of The Jaxon, a 287-unit apartment community in the Town Center Promenade adjacent to the St. Johns Town Center.

“We are thrilled to bring the incomparable lifestyle of The Jaxon to the St. Johns Town Center area,” Sefira Capital Partner Mijael Attias said. “The Jaxon offers residents a unique opportunity to live in a new luxurious setting with incredible amenities designed to make life easier and an amazing location close to exceptional shops, dining and nightlife. The Jaxon is the new community that everyone wants to call home.”

The Jaxon offers studio, one-, two- and three-bedroom apartment homes with

several amenities including wood-style flooring, granite countertops, custom finishes and a private balcony or patio. The apartments are equipped with smart in-home features such as built-in Bluetooth speakers and Nest thermostats.

Community amenities include a pool with cabanas, a party porch, an outdoor entertainment area with bocce ball court and putting green, fitness center with Peloton® Studio and a 24-hour package system including refrigerated storage. The Jaxon is pet friendly and features a spacious dog park with separate areas for large and small dogs.

The Jaxon is near employment centers, the University of North Florida and major roads and interstates. The beach is less



TriBridge Residential and Sefira Capital recently commemorated the grand opening of The Jaxon, a luxury apartment community adjacent to the St. Johns Town Center, with a ceremonial ribbon-cutting celebration.

Photo courtesy of Clockwork Marketing

than 30 minutes away.

TriBridge Residential also has built The Uptown at St. Johns, BluWater Apartments in Jacksonville Beach and Cottage at North Beach in Atlantic Beach, among others.

The Jaxon Apartments leasing office is open daily and located at 4450 Tropea Way in Jacksonville. Visit www.thejaxon-aps.com for more information about The Jaxon.



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Dr. Arun Gulani

Local ophthalmologist celebrates 50th birthday with two achievements one year after Hurricane Irma

Sept. 12 marked the 50th birthday of local ophthalmologist and Ponte Vedra Beach resident Dr. Arun Gulani.

The date also marked the one-year anniversary of Hurricane Irma. After the storm in 2017, Gulani entered his beach home

with a chainsaw to remove fallen oaks on his driveway and took the opportunity to make an example of what he stands for: “success in all adversity.”

He commemorated his 50th birthday and the one-year anniversary of the storm

by using both of his passions to build a top exotic surgical suite for futuristic eye surgery in Jacksonville and release his fashion line, Gulani Worldwide.

For more information on Gulani and his new facility, visit www.gulanivision.com.

Business Profile

Longstanding local business offers best of mattresses and personalized customer service

As more and more big-box retailers pop up in the greater Jacksonville area, Richard's Mattress and Wicker is an anomaly and proud of it.

“I’m a small, privately owned family operation,” owner Richard Burgess said. “I’ve been here at the Beach since 1979.”

Located at 1079 Atlantic Blvd. in Atlantic Beach, which is at the corner of Atlantic Boulevard and Mayport Road, Richard's Mattress and Wicker has been a staple of the First Coast business community for nearly 39 years. For much of that time, Burgess said his business was the only established mattress store in the Beaches communities. Over the past 10 years, however, several big-box retailers have opened. But that hasn't stopped Richard's Mattress and Wicker from carrying on its longstanding tradition of business.

“The competition has gotten a lot harder, but I’m still here,” Burgess said. “This is where I’m raising my children and where my family is and all my friends. This is home.”

Richard's Mattress and Wicker carries all the best mattress brands including Sealy, Serta, Golden Mattress and Consolidated Bedding, among others, at very affordable prices. The store also features nationally advertised brands of wicker and rattan furniture, such as Henry Lick wicker, that is made to handle North Florida weather year-round. The business also has a wide array of fabric samples from which to choose in the showroom, as well as pillows, bed frames, light fixtures, paintings and other home décor items.

According to Burgess, however, what distinguishes the business from others is its personalized

customer service.

“The main thing that I can offer is that you’re dealing with me almost always when you come in



In addition to quality wicker and mattresses, Richard's also carries art and accessories.

here,” he said, joking, “I see my customers around the community, so I have to face them face-to-face in the grocery store and at the beach. I try to keep them happy, so they don't have to look the other way when I see them.”

In addition, he said his prices are about half of what customers pay in a big-box store.

“I’m in a low overhead location,

and you’ll work with me specifically, so that keeps prices down,” he explained.

Richard's Mattress and Wicker previously was located in the building that now houses Mellow Mushroom on Third Street in Jacksonville Beach. The business moved to its current location in Atlantic Beach to offer better value and to ensure it was located close to customers, who hail from Neptune Beach, Atlantic Beach, Jacksonville Beach and Ponte Vedra Beach.

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The team from Adamec Harley-Davidson breaks ground on a new, full-service dealership in St. Augustine on Sept. 26.

Adamec Harley-Davidson breaks ground on new full-service dealership in St. Augustine

The team from Adamec Harley-Davidson broke ground on a new, full-service dealership in St. Augustine on Sept. 26 that is projected to open by the third quarter of 2019.

To be located on 4.5 acres on Outlet Mall Boulevard across from Fields Cadillac, the 35,000-square-foot facility will be named Adamec Harley-Davidson of St. Augustine and will employ 25 people. The dealership will offer sales, parts, service, rentals and rider training class, making it a one-stop shop for customers.

“We are proud to have the opportunity to serve the Harley-Davidson customers and community of St. Augustine,” owner Mark Adamec said. “Our three dealerships have earned the Bar & Shield Award, Harley-Davidson Motor Company’s highest honors, eight years in a row for excellence in customer satisfaction and dealership operations. Our goal is to deliver an outstanding experience to all of our customers and offer them a full line dealership close to home.”

Adamec Harley Davidson is a family-owned business since 1931 that oper-



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Adamec Harley-Davidson of St. Augustine will encompass 35,000 square feet and offer sales, parts, service, rentals and rider training class.

ates one of the nation’s largest Harley-Davidson dealership groups with four locations, including Adamec Harley-Davidson of Jacksonville at Baymeadows, Adamec Harley-Davidson of Orange Park and Adamec Harley-Davidson at Regency on Atlantic Boulevard, along with a retail outlet on St. George Street in the heart of historic downtown St. Augustine.

“As a third generation Harley-Davidson dealer, we realize the importance of

the relationship between the Harley-Davidson customer and their dealership,” Adamec continued. “We’re family! Our grandfather believed it 87 years ago when he founded Adamec Harley-Davidson and the tradition continues three generations later. My brother Chris and I are extremely grateful to have this opportunity to bring one of the oldest continuous family owned Harley-Davidson Dealers to serve the Oldest City in the United States of America!”

Cornerstone Homes joins Markland builder team

CornerStone Homes has joined the builder lineup in the second phase of Hines’ signature residential neighborhood, Markland.

The CornerStone team, led by Mark Downing, specializes in providing a true custom home building experience for homebuyers and has plans to soon open its model home in the community. CornerStone will be building on 93-foot-wide estate lots overlooking the community’s 14-acre lake.

“Our process appeals to customers who want to make changes because that is what we do,” Downing said. “We never build the same home twice.”

Downing is involved in every step of the home building process. In fact, he plans to be at the model in Markland to lead the sales campaign.

“I’m pretty sure I’m going to be the only guy who owns the company who is going to be sitting out there selling,” Downing joked.

According to CornerStone, the company has developed diligent systems to keep customers informed throughout the building process to establish comprehensive and ongoing communication with its homebuyers.

CornerStone is also building custom homes, and has been for years, in Palencia, Hines’ larger mixed-use planned community just east of Markland. In addition to Markland and Palencia, CornerStone builds custom homes for residential lot owners throughout Northeast Florida. Visit www.mycornerstonehomes.com to learn more about this builder. Tour the new model located on 54 Kirkside Ave. in St. Augustine to the left of the Markland entrance gates.

Located just one minute east of I-95 on International Golf Parkway, Markland is an intimately scaled neighborhood featuring several amenities with homes priced from \$300,000 to over \$800,000. Phase 2 homesites are now available. Visit www.Markland.com for more information.

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income, which could reduce taxes that you might be paying on your Social Security benefits.

Here is a simplified example of how the transaction takes place and the subsequent outcome; let’s say that you normally give \$5,000 to charity and your required minimum distribution (RMD) is also \$5,000. Most folks would simply write a check to the charity and get a tax deduction if they itemized. The new way, for many tax savvy people is to instruct one’s financial advisor to make a transfer from one’s IRA

directly to charity. This transaction satisfies the RMD and the income from the distribution is not taxable!

REMINDER: IRA custodians are not required to identify the QCD on your year end 1099-R. So, the responsibility is on us to inform our tax preparer that we performed a QCD. If we don’t let our CPA know, he or she will likely report the transaction as fully taxable, which would negate the benefit of our tax savvy tax planning. Moreover, the charity that receives the donation must provide the same contribution acknowledgment needed to claim a charitable income tax deduction. Failure to obtain the acknowledgment will quash the QCD.

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Trumpeter Byron Stripling joining Jacksonville Symphony for 'Ragtime, Blues and Jazz' Oct. 12-13

Trumpeter, conductor and vocalist Byron Stripling will join the Jacksonville Symphony for Fidelity National Financial Pops Series concert "Ragtime, Blues and Jazz" on Oct. 12-13.

In this "tour de force" concert, Stripling will showcase ragtime masters Scott Joplin and Jelly Roll Morton, plus blues legends B.B. King and Muddy Waters. Stripling has performed internation-

ally, but locally, the Symphony's patrons may recognize him from his appearance in its 2016-2017 performance of "Ella and Louis." As a soloist with the Boston Pops Orchestra, Stripling has performed frequently under the baton of Keith Lockhart, and has also been a featured soloist on the PBS television special, "Evening at Pops," with conductors John Williams and Lockhart. Currently, Stripling serves as artistic director and conductor of the Columbus Jazz Orchestra.

Stripling earned his stripes as lead trumpeter and soloist with the Count Basie Orchestra under the direction of Thad Jones and Frank Foster. He has also played and recorded extensively with the bands of Dizzy Gillespie, Woody Herman, Dave Brubeck, Lionel Hampton, Clark Terry, Louis Bellson and Buck Clayton, in addition to The Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra, The Carnegie Hall Jazz Band and The GRP All-Star Big Band. Since his Carnegie Hall debut with the New York Pops,

Stripling has emerged as one of America's most popular symphony pops guest artists, having performed with more than 100 orchestras around the world including the Boston Pops, Pittsburgh Symphony, Seattle Symphony, Baltimore Symphony and Dallas Symphony, to name a few.

The Jacksonville Symphony will perform "Ragtime, Blues and Jazz" on Friday, Oct. 12 and Saturday, Oct. 13, both at 8 p.m. in the Times-Union Center for the Performing Arts' Jacoby Symphony Hall. An hour prior to the concert on Friday evening, the Guild of the Jacksonville Symphony will also host an Instrument Zoo for any and all Symphony patrons.

Jacksonville Symphony to perform 'The Life and Times of Beethoven'

The Jacksonville Symphony's first family concert of the season will be performed the same weekend on Sunday, Oct.

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14 at 3 p.m., and will feature performer Michael Boudewyns as he takes the audience through “The Life and Times of Beethoven.”

Professor Nigel Taproot (Michael Boudewyns), the affable and learned classical music aficionado, invites you to an original program for families celebrating Beethoven, his remarkable age and four famous notes. The program features the music of Beethoven’s Fifth Symphony,

with a playful peppering of fascinating facts and timely trivia. Pre-concert activities, starting at 2 p.m., will feature the Instrument Zoo presented by the Jacksonville Symphony Guild, family-friendly crafts and a variety of local organizations focused on educating Jacksonville’s youth.

Tickets start at \$10 and the concert will be performed in Jacoby Symphony Hall in the Times-Union Center for the Performing Arts in Jacksonville, with the pre-concert activities to take place throughout the Times-Union Center. For more information or to purchase tickets, call (904) 354-5547 or visit www.jaxsymphony.org.

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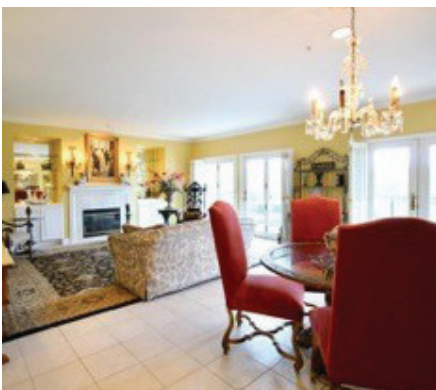
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Sing Out Loud Festival hosts 279 acts, welcomes over 25,000 fans and raises \$98,000 for local charity

Four weekends, 18 venues, 82 showcases, 279 acts, over 25,000 music fans and \$98,000 raised for a local charity — the third annual Sing Out Loud Music Festival proved to be the largest, most successful year yet.

With fans coming as far as Austin, Texas and even South Africa, this year's festival welcomed over 25,000 people to St. Augustine over the course of four weekends between Sept. 1 and Sept. 23. Two hundred and seventy-nine acts — ranging from indie rock to punk rock, bluegrass to blues and spoken word to comedy — took the stage at 18 different venues in a celebration of local, regional and national singers, songwriters, musicians and performance artists.

New this year was the Sing Out Loud Panel Discussion held at The Corazon Cinema and Café on Sept. 20. The panel, entitled “Perspectives on the Florida Music Scene: The Current State, Its Future and How Florida Artists Can Break Past the State Line,” featured 10 Florida-based music industry leaders sharing their knowledge and advice on what makes the Florida music scene unique, how to further its growth and how to support local musicians. All 82 Sing Out Loud showcases were free and open to the public, with the exception of the Sept. 22 Betty Griffin Center Benefit Concert starring Jason Isbell and The 400 Unit with The Decemberists and Lucero at the St. Augustine Amphitheatre.



ABOVE: Billy Buchanan & Rock'n Soul Revue play at Colonial Quarter in downtown St. Augustine during the Sing Out Loud Festival.



LEFT: Against Me! plays at the St. Augustine Amphitheatre during the festival.

Photos courtesy of Danya Markovits

Through the sale of donation tickets to the Sept. 22 showcase, approximately \$98,000 was raised for the Betty Griffin Center with ancillary funds being raised during the Sept. 23 Against Me! concert

and additional donations that are still coming in. All proceeds raised were donated to the Betty Griffin Center to assist in its mission of working to end domestic violence and sexual abuse in St. Johns County.

“It has been quite amazing to see so many musicians and people in our community coming together to support such a wonderful organization as the Betty Griffin Center,” said Ryan Murphy, festival organizer and director of St. Johns County Cultural Events Division. “Artists such as Jason Isbell understood from the beginning that the impact they would have on the festival and the fundraising aspect would be quite phenomenal. The true spirit of the Sing Out Loud Festival is to lift up local musicians, venues and organizations in a way that we don’t get to most of the year ... and in that way I feel it was a real success this year.”

Betty Griffin Center CEO Joyce Mahr said her organization is extremely grateful for the support.

“This gift comes at a most opportune time as we try to meet shortfalls and fill in gaps as a result of an increase in more than double the numbers of services we are providing,” Mahr said. “It will ensure that we can meet the demands of critical and life-saving support.”

The Sing Out Loud Festival is presented by Community First Credit Union and produced by the St. Johns County Cultural Events Division (which owns and operates the St. Augustine Amphitheatre and Ponte Vedra Concert Hall), the St. Johns Tourist Development Council and the St. Johns Cultural Council. Since its inception in 2016, the St. Augustine music festival has welcomed an estimated 50,000 music fans and featured nearly 900 performing artists at multiple venues.



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Becky Jewett, Jane Weekes, Beatriz Coles, Bev Gavant, Peggy Mitchell, Lori Adams and Ann Merrill enjoy the luncheon at the Pink Ribbon Golf Classic on Oct. 4 at Ponte Vedra Inn & Club.

Local women support fight against breast cancer at Pink Ribbon Golf Classic

The Pink Ribbon Golf Classic took place Thursday, Oct. 4 at Ponte Vedra Inn & Club, bringing together several local women in the fight against breast cancer.

In addition to golf, the event included a luncheon, presentation and awards ceremony. Prizes were awarded to winners of the hole in one, closest to the pin, low gross, low net and overall best sport contests.

The Pink Ribbon festivities continue Thursday, Oct. 11 with the annual cocktail party at a home in Marsh Landing. The party will have a silent auction featuring

pieces from many local artists thanks to the help and coordination of Village Arts. Then on Thursday, Nov. 8, one of the organization's original sponsors, Underwood Jewelers, will host the annual check presentation at a David Yurman trunk show, where Pink Ribbon will present the 2018 check to their beneficiaries, Baptist Medical Center Beaches and Mayo Clinic-Jacksonville.

Pink Ribbon hopes to raise at least \$300,000 this year. To date, the organization has raised over \$1,465,000 for the local fight against breast cancer.



Cynthia Hastings and Carol Ditzel play in the tournament. *More photos, Page 35*

PVHS alumna finishes runner-up at Pinehurst Challenge

Ponte Vedra High School graduate and Jacksonville University golfer Hannah Berman shot a 1-under 71 to finish with a career-best 216 and a first ever runner-up medalist performance at the Pinehurst Challenge earlier this week.

"I'm really proud of Hannah," Jacksonville University Head Coach and No-catee resident Jennifer Borocz said. "She worked extremely hard in the offseason and it's showing."

"She knew she left a lot out on the course last year as she transitioned to JU and her goal this season was to step up and be a leader," Borocz added.

The junior from Ponte Vedra Beach, who transferred to JU last year to be closer to home and to have the chance to play Division I golf, entered the day tied for sixth after going 72-73 on Monday. She started and ended on a high note, birdieing her first and final two holes of the day. She finished the week with nine total birdies, third most, and was JU's best scorer on both Par 3s, where she shot even par, and on Par 4s, where her 1-over scoring was third best in the field. Her 54-hole score is tied for seventh best in program history.

8 youth golfers advance to Drive, Chip and Putt National Finals after regional qualifier at TPC Sawgrass

Eight golfers — four boys and four girls — were crowned as national finalists and advanced to the sixth Drive, Chip and Putt National Finals after recently competing in a regional qualifying event at TPC Sawgrass.

Held Sept. 29, the regional competition was one of 10 qualifiers across the United States conducted to determine the field of 80 young golfers who advance to the national finals, which takes place Sunday, April 7, 2019, prior to the start of the Masters Tournament at Augusta National Golf Club. Conducted in partnership between the Masters Tournament, the PGA of America and the USGA, Drive, Chip and Putt is a free, nationwide youth

golf development program open to boys and girls, ages 7-15, in four age categories. The three-pronged competition tests the skills essential to playing the game — accuracy in driving, chipping and putting.

The four female national finalists from the TPC Sawgrass regional qualifier were:

- Briel Royce, Lake Nona (ages 7-9)
- Ariana Silva, Sunrise (ages 10-11)
- Kate Barber, Savannah, Georgia (ages 12-13)
- Talia Rodino, Fort Myers (ages 14-15)

The four male national finalists from the TPC Sawgrass regional qualifier are:

- Ryan Nana Tanke, Palm Beach Gardens (ages 7-9)

- Bryson Hughes, St. Johns (ages 10-11)
 - Garret Ebbert, Longwood (ages 12-13)
 - Andrew McLauchlan, Neptune Beach (ages 14-15)
- Visit www.drivechipandputt.com/results for the final results.

Tens of thousands seized the opportunity to participate in Drive, Chip and Putt this year, which began with local qualifying at hundreds of courses throughout the country. These qualifiers are open each year to young golfers of all skill and experience levels. The top finishers from each local qualifier advanced through subregionals in the summer and, then, regional competitions in September.

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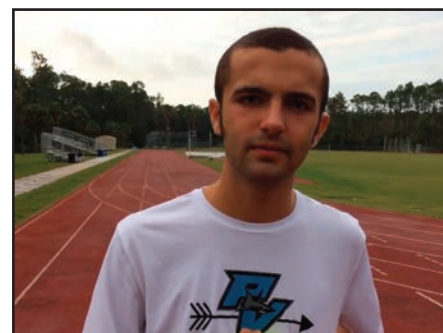
This week's Athlete of the Week highlights cross country runner Patrick Lee from Ponte Veda High School, who recently competed in the Craig Speziale Cross Country Invitational Meet and finished with a personal record. Lee is an exceptional student education (ESE) student who has not let his autism stand in the way of being a dedicated Shark teammate.

Why did you decide to join the cross country team?

Because my mom said I should do it, and I like to run.

What was your favorite part about the Craig Speziale Cross Country Invitational Meet?

How fast I ran. It was a personal record of 29:05. I woke up a little later than 4 a.m. Sometimes it hurts, sometimes whenever I'm running I need to stop by the gas station before school starts to use the bathroom. When all the



Patrick Lee
Cross Country, Ponte Veda High School

girls started cheering for me I started to go really fast.

How much have you improved?

I improved by seven minutes.

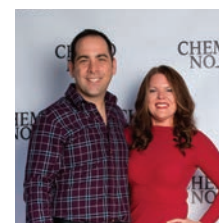
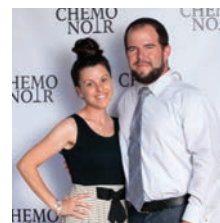
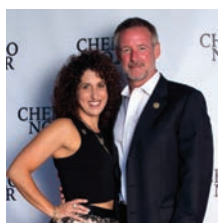
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1,400 cyclists to participate in bike ride fundraiser Oct. 13-14 for people affected by multiple sclerosis

An estimated 1,400 cyclists will participate in a ride from TPC Sawgrass to Daytona Beach Oct. 13-14 to raise money to support people affected by multiple sclerosis.

The event, entitled Bike MS: PGA TOUR Cycle to the Shore, will conclude at the Team Village on the Daytona Beach boardwalk. The ride will feature several route and distance options along Florida's scenic coastline.

"Bike MS is an experience grounded in camaraderie that brings together cyclists of all levels for one reason — to create

a world free of MS," said Robin Nunley, president of the National MS Society's North Florida chapter. "Funds raised from this event support cutting-edge MS research as well as programs and services for people living with MS in this community."

Bike MS: PGA TOUR Cycle to the Shore is one of nearly 80 rides across the country hosted by the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. This year, more than 80,000 people are expected to participate in Bike MS nationwide.

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For more information on participation or volunteer opportunities, call (855) 372-1331 or email fundraisingsupport@nmss.org.



PINK RIBBON GOLF CLASSIC

LEFT: Maria Ayala prepares to take a shot at the Pink Ribbon Golf Classic Oct. 4 at Ponte Vedra Inn & Club.

RIGHT: Danielle Lambert, Sandi Highsmith, Kelli Osborne, Eileen Doyle and Karen Maddox

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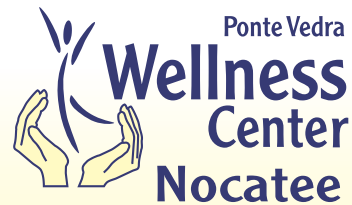
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