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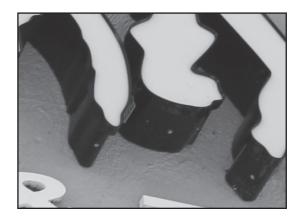


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WHAT'S THIS?



Do you know what this is?

Email answer to pvrecorder@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.

Only one reader correctly identified last week's photo as the sign for Bluemercury in Sawgrass Village. The winner was Jaitlyn **Grinstead**. Congratulations, Jaitlyn — you may pick up your prize at the Recorder office during normal business hours.





CAT OF THE WEEK

Mello is a neutered 4-year-old male. Unfortunately, he came to the Pet Center as an owner surrender because he does not like dogs. This big boy is an all-black domestic shorthair who loves his belly rubbed and to lay around and be cuddled. Come see Mello today at the Pet Center. #50274



THE WEEK Shelby was picked up as a stray with her puppies.

Although

DOG OF

her puppies have been adopted, this sweet girl is still looking for a home. She is a 2-year-old spayed lab mix who loves to go for walks, other dogs and to play. She is a quiet dog who just wants to be loved on. Her adoption fee is being sponsored by the Friends of St Johns County Pet Center.

Come see Shelby today at the Pet Center. #50145

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.

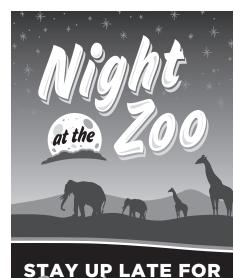
St. Johns County Pet Center

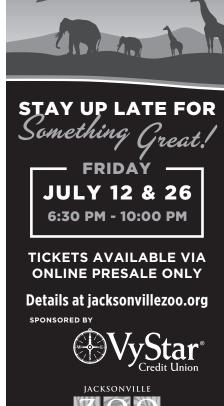
Cat adoptions are \$30 for males and \$40 for females. Dog adoptions are \$45 for males and \$60 for females. Adoption fees include microchipping, neutering/spaying, rabies vaccinations and shots. The Pet Center is located at 130 N. Stratton Road in St. Augustine, off U.S. 1 between County Road 210 and 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



Solutions correspond to last week's puzzles





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Waterfront Retreat

Located on a freshwater lagoon, this home offers the best of both indoor and outdoor living. Designed for entertaining and enjoying the Florida weather, the backyard features a summer kitchen, two fire pits, and pool.

5 bedrooms, 4.5 baths \$1,175,000



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Voting still open for the Recorder's Best of the Best of Ponte Vedra contest

More than 31,000 votes cast so far

The Ponte Vedra Recorder launched the Best of the Best of Ponte Vedra contest May 16 in recognition of the newspaper's 50th anniversary, which will be celebrated in November (#CheersTo50Years). The contest includes ZIP codes 32082 and 32081. Voting is free and open to the public at www.pontevedrarecorder.com/BestOf2019.

Voters can login once each day through 11:59 p.m.,

July 20 and vote in as many categories (nearly 300) as he or she wants. The nominees who receive the most votes will be named 2019 Best of the Best of Ponte Vedra.

Winners will receive a framed certificate, a Best of the Best of Ponte Vedra window cling and listings in the Recorder's Best of the Best of Ponte Vedra special section and on the winners' website.

For more information or to find out how to get your nominated business or product involved in promotions



throughout the contest cycle, contact your sales representative, email susan@opcfla.com or call (904) 285-8831.



Photo courtesy of Kellie Smirnoff

Runners, including Jacksonville Jaguars' Jaxson de Ville and the Jacksonville Icemen's Fang, cross the starting line, marking the beginning of Chemo Noir's annual 1-mile race and tasting on June 15.

Chemo Noir holds annual 1-mile race and wine tasting in Jacksonville Beach

By Daniela Toporek

More than 600 runners stood up against cancer and attended nonprofit organization, Chemo Noir's annual 1-mile race and tasting event on June 15 in Jacksonville Beach.

Chemo Noir hosts wine-themed fundraisers to help raise money for financially struggling cancer patients. This year's race, held at the Jacksonville Beach Pier and Casa Marina Hotel and Restaurant, raised more than \$30,000 — the highest raised yet for the organization.

"It was by far, the best event we had," said Katrin Casey, founder of Chemo Noir. "We had great music, all the sponsors and all the wine tables were great. We raised the most money than any other event so far. All around, just really successful."

Runners met at the Jacksonville Beach Pier at 11 a.m. for the race. Famous local team mascots, Fang from the Jacksonville Icemen and Jaxson de Ville from the Jacksonville Jaguars, also attended the race, competing for the title of fastest mascot in the city. Jacksonville Jumbo Shrimp mascot, Shrimp Scampi, was also said to attend the race, but was MIA until the wine tasting, placing him in automatic third place.

As runners took their places at the starting line, Casey played "Fight Song" by Rachel Platten in the background to prepare for the emotional run.

"It was one of my mantras," Casey said.

Casey is a cancer survivor and is going into remission this summer. She created Chemo Noir after being inspired by her



Photo by Susan Griffin

Chemo Noir creator Katrin Casey (center) poses with Laura Land and Dan DaConceicao during the event.

off-nights during treatment where she'd relax by having a glass of wine with family or friends. The 1-mile race and tasting event was created in honor of Casey's stepfather, Mark T. Collins, who helped found Chemo Noir and died from cancer just last year. His initials are marked in every race hat and bib.

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Christine Rodenbaugh joins the Recorder staff

The Recorder

The Ponte Vedra Recorder recently welcomed Christine Rodenbaugh as its editor.

Rodenbaugh, a St. Augustine resident and a native Floridian, began her new role June 17 after former editor, Jon Blauvelt, took a position at a nonprofit.

Previously, Rodenbaugh was community editor at The St. Augustine

Record, editing two monthly publications, an annual magazine and compiling Saturday's real estate section. Before working at a newspaper, she was magazine director for the Southern Kingfish Association, producing 145 issues



Christine Rodenbaugh

of Angler magazine. She also held a post as the communications director of the American Culinary Federation.

"I'm thrilled to have Chris on board. In addition to wearing the editor's hat, she will photograph and write content for our many products," said Susan Griffin, publisher. "I know she's looking forward to getting to know the community."

Originally from DeLand, Florida, she married St. Augustine native, Steve Rodenbaugh, in 1988. Steve is facilities manager at a church, and the couple have a son, Michael, who graduated from UNF with a degree in computer engineering.

"I am excited to join the talented and dedicated staff of the Ponte Vedra Recorder. The newspaper celebrates 50 years of producing local journalism in November," Rodenbaugh said. "It's an honor to be a part of a publication that has served the area for so long."

To contact Rodenbaugh, call (904) 686-3939 or email chris@opcfla.com.

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Surf's up for participants of HEAL Foundation's 14th annual camp for children, adults with autism





Photos by Amber Lake

The HEAL Foundation held its annual surf camp June 18 and 19 in Neptune Beach. The camp allows children and adults with autism to enjoy a day on the water with the help of volunteer surfers.





HEAL co-founder Leslie Weed (left) hugs her daughter Lanier, who was the inspiration for founding the HEAL Foundation.

By Amber Lake

If there's one thing surfers know, it's that the ocean doesn't discriminate. Out there, the color of your skin, your religion or, even where you happen to lie on the autism spectrum — doesn't matter. The waves and the wind don't care. The sea won't judge. Out there, the only thing you are is a surfer.

HEAL (Helping Enrich Autistic Lives) Foundation's annual surf camp uses the impartiality of the ocean, among other aspects, to provide a positive experience for the participants who show up to ride. Now in its 14th year, the camp has grown tremendously, hosting more than 30 children and young adults. More than 100 volunteers from the community contribute time and talent to present a safe and welcoming event.

This year's event was held June 18 and 19 in Neptune Beach, and provided participants the choice to kayak, paddleboard, boogieboard or surf with the help of instructors, most of whom are active surfers. Leslie Weed, HEAL founder, said that an important aspect of the camp was the bond between the camper and surfer.

"It's so calming," Weed said.
"These kids are so keyed up and full of anxiety and you're paired with a surfer that is so laid back. They're not pushy and they're not going to say, 'Get on this board.' They say, 'Isn't it cool to be out here? Feel the waves."

Weed's own daughter, Lanier, is nonverbal and has attended the camp every year. Lanier has a blast both in and out of the water, coming out every so often to high-five everyone in attendance. In fact, Weed said that half of the volunteers supporting the event aren't giving surfing instructions but positive encouragement, including more than a few high-fives of their own from the shoreline.

"You have the ingredients for just a perfect formula," said Weed.

In addition to the annual HEAL Surf Camp, the foundation hosts a Golf Camp at TPC Sawgrass, a HEAL Autism Walk at the Zoo and iHEAL, a program to provide iPads to assist nonverbal autistic students, among other programs. Since its inception in 2007, the HEAL Foundation has granted more than \$2 million to the local autism community for programs, camps and educational enhancements. Foe more information about the foundation or to donate, visit HealAutismNow.org.



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Ally Burkett is a Navy wife, mother of two and a lover of wine. She's new to the Ponte Vedra area, but has found the community warm and welcoming.

What can you share about your background? I was born and raised in Rhode

Island, but moved around a bunch after college for my career. Most of my family still lives up there and I try to visit as much as I can. I went to Flagler College and graduated with a Business Administration degree. As a senior, E&J Gallo

recruited me for their management program and the rest is history. Aside from multiple distributors I have worked for Hess Winery out of Napa, Foley Family Wines out of Sonoma and Oyster Bay out of New Zealand, before landing here at Fess Parker, out of Santa Barbara.

How did you choose Flagler College?

My mother is a nurse, and a coworker's daughter was one of the first graduating classes at Flagler once they turned co-ed. I visited once and fell in love with St. Augustine, the college itself, and the fact that it was a smaller school. Oh, and the fact that it's so close to the beach helped, too!

What led to your interest in wine?

Coming from a large Italian family from New England, I think it's kind of in my genetics. I have always appreciated how each bottle of wine tells a story. It's still one of the reasons why I love this industry — I'm a natural story-teller, so delving into the inspiration for a wine, or why a certain wine tastes the way it does, or why a winemaker chose to do a particular offering or blend is fascinating to me. There's always so much to learn and every vintage is a totally new story.

What was it like to be a wine steward on a private yacht?

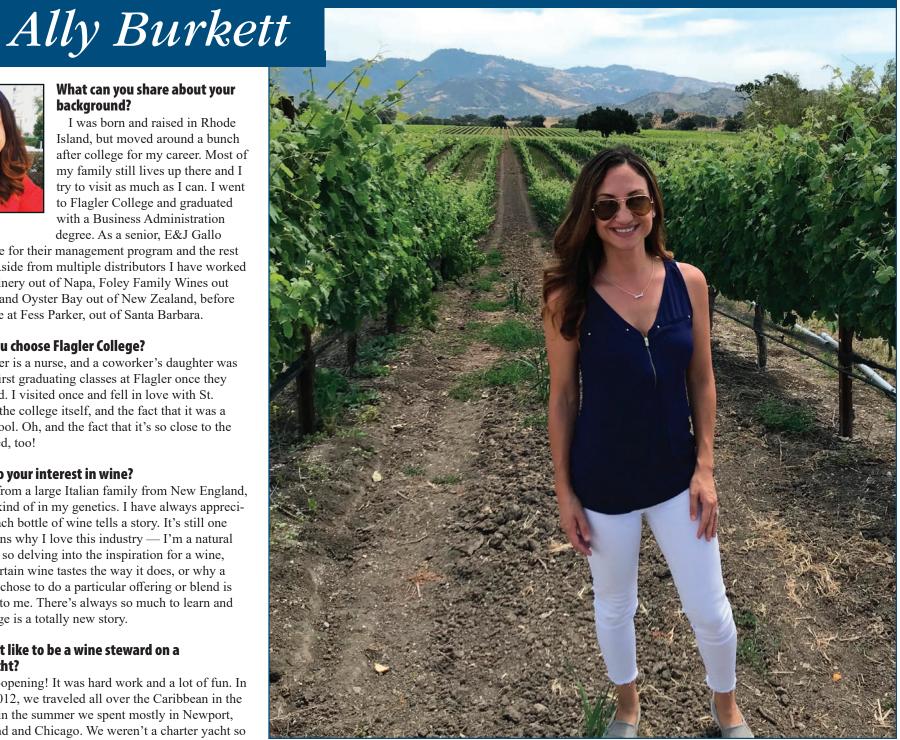
Very eye-opening! It was hard work and a lot of fun. In 2011 and 2012, we traveled all over the Caribbean in the winter and in the summer we spent mostly in Newport, Rhode Island and Chicago. We weren't a charter yacht so it was just our owners visiting here and there, and they loved wine. It gave me a chance to get creative with their wine cellar, gain exposure to wines I never would have gotten to experience, and also satisfied my need to travel. My favorite stop was St. Barthélemy and St. Maarten.

What led you to relocate in Ponte Vedra?

The Navy brought us here. I am proud to say my husband is a commander currently serving aboard the USS The Sullivans as executive officer, based out of Mayport. We moved here from Newport, Rhode Island.

Tell us about your current role with Fess Parker.

I am southeast regional manager, so my job is to act as a liaison between our distributors and the winery itself. The region includes Alabama, Georgia and Florida. I take Fess Parker's goals and strategies and implement them through our distributor partners by managing pricing, inventory and incentive programming for their sales representatives. I make sure each representative is equipped with the knowledge and tools to present Fess Parker products to their accounts. I love spending the day with representatives and getting to know them and their customers. Here in Florida we are with BreakThru Beverage and they do a phenomenal job representing our brand.



Do you prefer red or white?

That's a tough one! I'm a lover of all wines; I go through phases. My husband and I drink a lot of Napa Cabernet Sauvignon's (we love 2012 and 2014 vintage) but if it's just me, I love popping open an interesting white or rose from France. I love that crisp minerality you get from French Burgundies (Chardonnay) and Chablis (Sauvignon Blanc).

For someone new to wine, what's a good way to

Taste, taste, taste! If you can go to a tasting event, that's a great way to find out what you like and most importantly, what you don't like. That way, you can build what I call "wine bridges." For instance, if you liked the sweetness in a Moscato, then you may like a Riesling from a warm climate. If you liked the crispness in that Riesling, then you like wines with a higher acidity, so maybe you can try a Sauvignon Blanc. You build the bridge that leads you to wines suited to your taste. And everyone is different, so there is no wrong answer. I always say wines are like people; you're not going to like every person you meet, but there is a "wine" soulmate for everyone out there.

What do you enjoy most about living in Ponte

The people! In my line of work I have the opportunity to be out and about a lot, and I meet tons of people. Everyone here has been so open, welcoming and friendly and I think it's safe to say they're wine lovers, as well.

What do you like to do in your free time?

I have my hands full as a mom of a 1- and 3-year-old, a Navy spouse and a full-time working woman. In my industry it's easy between the travel and events to burn the candle at both ends, so I make sure I take care of myself. I try to "put on your oxygen mask first before helping others," so in my free time I make sure to slow down and recharge. My husband and I really enjoy opening up a bottle of wine and cooking every night we can, and we have become really good home chefs.

Would you like to tell us about your family?

David and I have been married more than four years, and we have a son Ben who's 3, and a daughter Brooke who's 1.

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2nd annual kids cupcake contest entry deadline extended

The Womens Food Alliance is hosting the 2nd annual "Why I Like to Bake for My Family" kids cupcake contest for children 8-12 years of age with culinary

prizes they can share with their family.

The grand prize winner will receive a two-night family vacation for four at St. Francis Inn in St. Augustine, and there are

many more prizes available. The deadline to enter is July 10. For more information, visit www.leighcortpublicity.com/family-bake.htm or call (904) 806-3613.

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Friday, June 28

Sunday, June 30

Surfer the Bar presents Hunter Reid

Born and raised in Miami, Florida, Hunter Reid was introduced to the world of electronic music at a young age. He's played at massive festivals like Okeechobee and has supported Claude VonStroke, Green Velvet, and many more house artists over the past few years. His signature booty shakin' bass lines are sure to make noise in 2019. Presale tickets are \$5 with prices bumping up to \$10 at the door on the day of the show. Doors open at 9 p.m. For more information or to purchase tickets, call Surfer the Bar at (904) 372-9756 or visit the EventBrite page and search for "Hunter Reid at Surfer the Bar." Surfer the Bar is located at 200 First St. in Jacksonville Beach.

Preschool Storytime at Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library

Caregivers and children are invited to get pumped and ready for school on June 27 at 10:30 a.m. with some singing, dancing, stories and more to promote a love for literacy and libraries. The recommended age is active walkers through 5 years old, but all are welcome to attend. The program is 30 minutes long with a 15-minute "stay and play." For more information, call (904) 827-6950. The Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library is located at 101 Library Blvd. in Ponte Vedra Beach.

St. Augustine Concerts in the Plaza presents the Timberwood Band

Concerts in the Plaza, St. Augustine's free summer-long music series at the Plaza de la Constituacion, returns for its 29th season, serving up some fun and musical entertainment in Northeast Florida. The series includes two-hour concerts held Thursdays at 7 p.m., now through August 29 with a special performance on July 4, beginning at 6 p.m. On June 27, catch the Timberwood Band, an acoustic folk band that combines guitar, piano and voice to create a sound that celebrates folk, rock, pop and the blues. For complete information including a printable schedule visit www.CityStAug.com/Concerts. Plaza de la Constitucion is located at 170 St. George St. in St. Augustine.

Greenhouse Yoga

Join Maggie's Herb Farm Wednesday and Friday mornings from 10 to 11:30 a.m. for a mindful Kripalu flow yoga practice in the greenhouse. Soothe body and mind in the fresh air, grounded on natural, river pebbles for a unique greenhouse yoga experience. Practice yoga surrounded by beautiful greenery, butterflies, herbs, hummingbirds and free-range chickens. Attendees are encouraged to bring their yoga mat, towel and water bottle. Pre-registration is not required. Maggie's Herb Farm is located at 11400 Country Road 13 N. in St. Augustine.

Lady Antebellum at the St. Augustine Amphitheater

Grammy Award-winning country trio Lady Antebellum will perform its only Florida show on Friday, June 28, at The Amp. Lady Antebellum has sold over 18 million units and had nine No. 1 singles on the country charts. They've won seven Grammy awards (including both Record and Song of the Year for "Need You Now" in 2010), and they were the first artists in the history of the CMA Awards to win Single of the Year in back-to-back years. Doors open at 6 p.m. and the show kicks off at 7:30 p.m. For tickets or more information, visit www.staugamphitheatre.com. The Amp is located at 1340 A1A S. in St. Augustine.

Catty Shack night feeding

Enjoy a 45-minute guided tour of the Catty Shack on June 28. Gates open at 6 p.m. and close at 7 p.m. At 7:30 p.m., watch Catty Shack connoisseurs feed the animals as they hand out as much as 600 pounds of meat. The facility is mostly packed dirt or grass and is accessible to wheelchairs and strollers. Photography is permitted. For more information, call (904) 757-3603 or email curt@cattyshack.com. The Catty Shack Ranch is located at 1860 Starratt Rd. in Jacksonville.

Garden Concert: Americana Concert with The Firewater Tent Revival

Saturday, June 29

The Firewater Tent Revival creates funky folk and roots music that will make everyone want to get into the groove. On June 29, the North Florida band returns to Jacksonville for an outdoor performance in the historic Cummer Gardens overlooking the St. Johns River. Guests are welcome to bring chairs, picnics and beverages to enjoy an evening of music under the stars. Doors open at 6 p.m. and the show kicks off at 7 p.m. Entry is \$20 for members and \$25 for non-members. Reservations are required. For more information or to register, please call (904) 899-6038. The Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens is located at 829 Riverside Ave. in Jacksonville.

Dolphin Paddle at Salt Run

On June 29, join Anastasia Watersports and Marineland Dolphin Adventure at Anastasia State Park as they team up to offer a fun-filled interpretive paddle of Salt Run from 8 to 10 a.m. Hop into a kayak, paddle onto Salt Run and keep an eye for birds, turtles, manatees and especially, dolphins. Together, the Anastasia Watersports staff and the Marineland educators will provide illuminating details about the ecosystem and its wildlife, with a special focus on bottlenose dolphins. The event will start with 30 minutes of classroom discussion at 8 a.m., followed by 90 minutes of paddling. Come out and enjoy real, undiscovered Florida! The cost is \$40 per person and includes boat rental or \$25 per person without rental, including park admission fees (\$8 per vehicle. Limit 2-8 people per vehicle). Anastasia State Park is located at 850 Anastasia Park Rd. in St. Augustine.

Georgia Peach Truck at Rockaway Inc.

Georgia Peach Truck will be rolling into Rockaway from 9:30 to 11 a.m. on June 29 with whole boxes of farm-to-street freestone peaches from the one and only Peach State of the south. Georgia freestone peaches freely separate from their pits for slicing in the kitchen or eating fresh out of hand. Share a box this summer, and cook, can or freeze a box for winter. No advance order or purchase is required, and card is preferred for payment. Rockaway Inc. is located at 510 Shetter Ave. in Jacksonville Beach.

Sundays at Surfer the Bar

Every Sunday, join Big Fish Power Yoga for a free Music & Flow class at Surfer the Bar. The class is held upstairs at the bar and runs from 10 to11 a.m. Bring friends and family and enjoy brunch and mimosas downstairs following class. Register under classes on bigfishpoweryoga.com. Surfer the Bar is located at 200 First St. in Jacksonville Beach.

'The Wiz' auditions at Players by the Sea

"The Wiz" is an urban retelling of the classic children's novel, "The Wonderful Wizard of Oz" in the context of modern African American culture featuring a funk, gospel and sensationally soulful score. Players by the Sea will hold auditions for "The Wiz" on June 30 from 12:30 to 5 p.m. Come warmed up and dressed to dance. Women should bring character heels, jazz, tap and ballet shoes; men should bring jazz, tap and ballet shoes, as well as knee pads. For more information, call Players by the Sea at (904) 249-0289 or visit www.playersbythesea. org/auditions. Players by the Sea is located at 106 Sixth St. N. in Jacksonville Beach.

Pastor Hoyer's final sermon at Victory Lutheran Church

Pastor Phil Hoyer and his family have been a constant, comforting presence to the Victory Lutheran Church community for more than 20 years. On June 30, join VLC in honoring Pastor Hoyer as he gets ready for retirement and hosts his final sermon at 10:30 a.m. Celebrate his tenure and send him off with best wishes, photos and memories. There will be a meal after the service to share stories and memories. RSVP by calling (904) 642-8900 or emailing office@victorylutheran.org. Victory Lutheran Church is located at 4651 Kernan Blvd S. in Jacksonville.

*First Coast Newcomers Adult Recreation Club monthly games day

The First Coast Newcomers Adult Recreation Club will host its monthly games day on June 30 at a coffee shop in Ponte Vedra Beach at 1 p.m. Games, such as Taboo, Rummykub, Yahtzee, Bunco and more will be provided. The event is free. To find out the location and more information, call (904) 829-0643.

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Monday, July 1

Tuesday, July 2

Thursday, July 4

Castaway Cantina features 'Monday locals' weekly specials

On Mondays, Castaway Cantina at the Embassy Suites in St. Augustine Beach invites locals to come out for weekly Monday specials. Enjoy \$3 Tecates and tacos and \$5 frozen margaritas. Listen to live music, enjoy complimentary valet parking and a spectacular oceanfront view of the Atlantic from 5 to 8 p.m. Castaway Cantina is located at 300 A1A Beach Blvd. in St. Augustine Beach.

*Jax Beach Runners at Southern Swells

Get those endorphins going for the week with the Jax Beach Runners. Monday nights at Southern Swells, Jax Beach Runners gets together for a 4.2-mile run starting at 7 p.m. Run as fast or slow as wanted, there's no pressure. After the workout, head back to Southern Swells for some socializing and \$1 off Southern Swells beer! For more information, call Southern Swells at (904) 372-9289. Southern Swells is located at 1312 Beach Blvd. in Jacksonville Beach.

Bricks 4 Kidz 'Minecraft' and Superhero camp

Bricks 4 Kidz classes provide a unique atmosphere for children, where they learn, build and play with LEGO bricks. Programs are built around proprietary model plans designed by engineers and architects, with exciting themes such as space, construction and amusement parks. Bricks 4 Kidz believes that kids learn best through activities that engage their curiosity and creativity. From July 1 through July 5, kids are welcome to enjoy 'Mining and Crafting,' a theme based on the popular "Minecraft" game, and the 'Superhero Academy' where they will create superheroes from the Marvel and DC comics. Camp will be hosted at Kirkwood Presbyterian Church. Cost is \$99 with the camp running from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call Bricks 4 Kidz at (904) 312-7621. Kirkwood Presbyterian Church is located at 8701 Argyle Forest Blvd. in Jacksonville.

Florida Blue free Tuesdays at The Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens

Tuesday evenings from 4 to 9 p.m. enjoy free admission to the Cummer Museum and its historic art galleries and gardens, thanks to the generous support of Florida Blue. The Cummer Café is also open for Tapas Tuesday, sponsored by Vystar. The Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens is located at 829 Riverside Ave. in Jacksonville

Kids \$1 Tuesdays at Trasca Co. & Eatery

Take the family out and save some money Tuesdays at Trasca & Co Eatery. Children eat for \$1 with the purchase of an adult entrée. The special works for dine-in, take out and deliveries. For more information, call Trasca & Co Eatery at (904) 395-3989. Trasca & Co Eatery is located at 155 Tourside Drive in Ponte Vedra Beach.

The Vixen Workout at XDANCE fitness

Listen to Beyonce, Rick Ross, J.Lo and more while burning 500 to 1000+ calories in 60 minutes of twerking, hair-whipping and booty-blasting workouts. No experience is required. Just bring some comfortable shoes and get ready to dance. Class runs from 8 to 9 p.m. Wear leggings, a tank top or whatever is most comfortable for high-energy cardio. Hair and makeup is optional, but encouraged. Sign up online at www.XDanceFitness.com/book. Class is \$15. XDANCE fitness is located at 391 Third Ave. S. in Jacksonville Beach.

'The Little Mermaid' at the Alhambra Theater

Starting July 2, join the Alhambra for the famous story based by Hans Christian Andersen and the 1989 Disney movie. This musical is set "under the sea" where the adventurous mermaid Princess Ariel has a thing for disobeying the rules and following her heart. Her fascination with a young human prince brings her into the off-limits world where the people are. Her adventure leads to a showdown between good and evil, where only love can prevail. For tickets and showtimes, visit www.sales.alhambrajax.com. The Alhambra Theater is located at 12000 Beach Blvd. in Jacksonville.

Twilight golf league at St. Johns Golf Club

Sign up a three-person, captain's choice team for St. Johns Club's drop-in Wednesday evenings at 5:30 p.m. The league runs through fall and costs \$17 for members and \$23 for non-members. For more information, email Tommy Aycock at taycock@sjcfl.us or call (904) 209-0350. The St. Johns Club is located at 4900 Cypress Links Blvd. in Elkton.

Wednesday, July 3

Caregiver support group

There will be a caregiver support group on July 3 at noon at The Palms at Ponte Vedra. This group encourages caregivers to maintain their own personal, physical and emotional health, as well as optimally care for the person with dementia. In addition, the group provides a needed break from caregiving responsibilities, as well as a free lunch. RSVP at (904) 281-9077 or ceyre@alz.org. The Palms at Ponte Vedra is located at 405 Solana Rd. in Ponte Vedra Beach.

Pint Night at Engine 15 Brewing Co.

Relieve the hump-day stress at Engine 15 for their pint night on July 3 from 4 to 7 p.m. Ruby Beach beer will be on tap offering some free samples. Buy a brew and recieve a free pint glass for the purchase! Engine 15 is located at 1500 Beach Blvd. in Jacksonville Beach.

First Wednesday Artwalk

The First Wednesday Art Walk is a monthly event produced by Downtown Vision Inc., the Business Improvement District, to bring people to the cultural and historical center of the city and showcase Jacksonville's deep and energetic pool of creative talent. Open to visual and performing artists, Art Walk is on the first Wednesday of the month from 5 to 9 p.m., rain or shine in downtown Jacksonville, centering in Hemming Park. Explore Jacksonville's local art, talent and businesses and party like a patriot on July 3 for the "Red, white and blues" themed walk in honor of the Fourth of July! For more information, call Hemming Park at (904) 515-5098. Hemming Park is located at 135 W. Monroe St in Jacksonville.

Riverside Arts Market: Fourth of July celebration

Riverside Arts Market is throwing a party for Fourth of July at 6 p.m. The city celebrates under the Fuller Warren Bridge, where the market is normally located. Enjoy some family fun with food trucks, such as Eddis and Sons Hand Crafted Cheesesteaks, Island Girl Seafood, GuanaBana Ice Pops and more, along with vendors and makers from Riverside Arts Market. Listen to live music, grab a beer and enjoy the celebration with the City of Jacksonville. Don't forget to stay for the fireworks show at 9:45 p.m. The celebration will be located at 715 Riverside Ave. in Jacksonville.

97.9 KISS FM's 2019 'Red, White and Boom'

This Fourth of July, 97.9 KISS FM, Channel 4 and PRI Productions present 'Red, White, and Boom,' a patriotic celebration at the River City Brewing Company from 8 to 10 p.m. Celebrate the Fourth with some drinks, loved ones and entertainment. Get ready for the City of Jacksonville's fireworks show out on the deck at River City Brewing Company with special guests, Christian Paul, Dean Lewis, and Ally Brooke! Those under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Can't make it? Watch it all live on Channel 4. River City Brewing Company is located at 835 Museum Circle in Jacksonville.

Celebration 5K

The Celebration Run is a fun and healthy way for the entire family to start their Fourth of July. The run, starting at 7:30 a.m., features moisture wicking shirts to all participants, custom designed medals to all 5K finishers and 1st Place Sports fun run medals to all mile finishers. To register or for more information, visit www.1stplacesports.com/races/celebration5k/ or call (904) 731-3676. 1st Place Sports is located at 3931 Baymeadows Road in Jacksonville.

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Coastal Wine Market celebrates 3rd anniversary with complimentary wine tasting, festivities

By Daniela Toporek

On June 15, Nocatee's Coastal Wine Market celebrated its third anniversary by holding a complimentary wine tasting for the community.

Festivities included raffles, giveaway prizes, tapas and, of course, wine, with glasses overflowing as quickly as the establishment overflowed with guests.

"It was a great turnout," Coastal Wine Market co-owner Steve Lourie said. "There were lots of hugging and congratulations. We love our guests and it's just great to see them come in and be happy for us and that we've given everyone just a happy place to hang out."

So many guests joined in the celebration that chef of Coastal Wine Market, Jody Petronella, doubled as the doorman of the building, chatting up and entertaining guests as they waited for the green light to enter the tasting.

"That's the funny thing, everyone was really happy," Petronella said of the waiting guests. "We got a little outdoor patio, so people were happy to stay and wait their turn just to come in and say hello to me, Steve and Shaun, the owners, and the other folks that work there. It was really heartwarming, the way they all just wanted to come and say, 'We're glad you're

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ABOVE: Chef Jody Petronella (from left), **Lourie and Shirley** and Dennis Mahonev celebrate Coastal Wine Market's third anniversary on June 15.

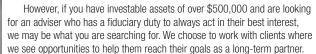
LEFT: Natalie Tuttle enoys some win at the Coastal Wine Market event.

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Kathryn Fries

Kathryn "Kate" Fries, 85, of Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida, died June 22, 2019. Ponte Vedra Valley Funeral Home, Cremation Center & Cemetery - (904) 285-1130 - www.pontevedravalley.com

Valerie Joy Henning

Valerie Joy Henning, 83, of Jacksonville, Florida died June 18, 2019. Arrangements by Quinn-Shalz, A Family Funeral Home & Cremation Centre.

Diana Kovarik

Diana Kovarik, 85, of Jacksonville, Florida, died June 24, 2019. Arrangements by Quinn-Shalz, A Family Funeral Home & Cremation Centre.

Charles Robert Lavender

Charles Robert Lavender, 81, of Jacksonville Beach, Florida, died June 24, 2019. Arrangements by Quinn-Shalz, A Family Funeral Home & Cremation Centre.

Dr. Theodore J. Rusnack

Dr. Theodore J. Rusnack, 96, of Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida, died June 20, 2019. Ponte Vedra Valley Funeral Home, Cremation Center & Cemetery – (904) 285-1130 - www.pontevedravalley.com







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Chemo Noir

"To see hundreds of people out there with his initials on was so special to me and my family. A lot of his family came out, too, and it was just a really nice tribute to one of our most impactful founders. It's nice that we can carry on a little legacy."

At the half-mile mark where runners raced back towards the finish line was Tara's Turn, dedicated to Casey's good friend Tara Richardson who passed away from brain cancer in January 2016. During their time off treatment, Kat and Tara hosted their own Chemo Noir nights, sipping a little wine and enjoying some rest and relaxation.

Unknown to Casey during the race, a group of Richardson's friends awaited at her turn and took photos for Tara's family. Richardson's soccer team also participated in the race in her honor.

"I just thought that was unbelievable," Casey said. "Everyone's out there running because typically, they're affected by cancer in some way. So to me, that's one of the most moving things ever."

After the race, participants headed to Casa Marina for the post-race celebration and wine tasting. Live music, Chemo Noir merchandise, a cash bar and raffles were featured at the event, along with a special live auction where prizes ranged from Jacksonville Jaguar game tickets to Rolling Stones concert tickets.



Looking back at her biggest event yet, Casey said that it was an emotional experience to see everyone who attended and took a spot at the starting line.

"I have so many people to thank," she said. "We have such an incredible community around us. I think that's one of the biggest things, seeing all the people out there, and knowing that they're out there to help other people. It's unreal."

Chemo Noir will be the recipient of a Big Fish Yoga event at TopGolf on Aug. 2, as well as the nonprofit of the night at the Jacksonville Jumbo Shrimp game on Aug 8. For more information, visit www.ChemoNoir.com.

The Ponte Vedra Recorder was proud to serve as sponsor of this event.



Tara's Turn marks the halfway point of the Chemo Noir 1-mile run.

4TH OF JULY EVENTS

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St. Augustine

What: Fourth of July Fireworks and Concert **When:** July 4, 6-10 p.m. (Fireworks at 9:30 pm.) Where: Near the Bridge of Lions, 1 Cathedral Street,

St. Augustine

Downtown Jacksonville

What: Annual Fourth of July Celebration Downtown

When: July 4, 9:45pm

Where: Downtown Riverfront, 2 W. Independent Drive,

Jacksonville

Jacksonville Beach

What: Annual Jacksonville Beach 4th of July Fireworks

When: July 4, 9 p.m.

Where: Jacksonville Beach Pier, 503 1st St. N.

Jacksonville Beach,

OTHER EVENTS

July 4th Freedom SUP/Kayak Paddle

When: July 4, 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Where: Nocatee Kayak Launch, 3028 County Road 210,

Ponte Vedra Beach Price: \$10 per person

Oak Fest IV Independence Day Festival

When: July 3-6, with fireworks special at St. Augustine

Colonial Quarter at 9:30 p.m., July 4.

Where: St. Augustine Colonial Quarter, 33 St. George St.,

St. Augustine

Fabulous Fourth Festival

When: July 4, 10 a.m.-noon.

Where: Flagler Beach, 2175 Mizell Road, St. Augustine Note: Fabulous Fourth festival boasts a parade at Flagler

Beach, where awards will be given.

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here and we support you and what you're doing."

Before Petronella manned the door, he and his culinary team prepared some tapas and desserts to pair with the selected wines. Savory cheese platters and pâtés were served, along with cheesecake and Petronella's famous cannolis to satisfy any sweet tooth.

"Chef Jody's been an amazing addition to the team and his food is becoming part of what we are," Lourie said. "The people come for his food, as well as the wine.

He's doing events and partnering with other restaurants and wine bars. It's good to get his talent out there so people know just how good the food is here. It just becomes a neat experience and makes it (CWM) that much cooler."

When asked what his favorite part was about co-owning Coastal Wine Market is, Lourie didn't hesitate to say it's all about the guests and relationships made.

"It's tough to not view our guests as friends," he said. "I'm not trying to be cheesy, but it's these faces; they become part of the whole vision and concept, part of the reason why we're where we are."

Lourie has no plans on stopping where they're at. He hopes the market will

continue to flourish with its "Meet the Winemaker" series, where winemakers stop by for a meet-and-greet to discuss their experiences in the wine business and suggest possible food and wine pairings.

He also mentioned the growth of the CWM Wine Club, where members get a first look at the newest available wines, the most recent specials and upcoming events.

Overall, CWM's third year in business was just as successful, if not more than, the last.

"Our annual anniversary has kind of turned into a signature event and we just love seeing the new faces every year," Lourie said. "We're just looking forward to number four."





Photo by Susan Griffin

Coastal Wine Market owners Steve and Shaun Laurie enjoy the festivities June 15.

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MEMBERSHIP Appreciation Awards









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President/CEO, St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT/CEO

Thank you.

These two words are written and spoken often, but they are heartfelt and meant to convey my gratitude for a group of Ponte Vedra Chamber members recognized at the Annual Ponte Vedra Membership Appreciation Event in May. The Chamber was happy to recognize outstanding members going above and beyond to make our community a great place to live, work and play! Special congratulations to the Pat Morgan Outstanding Member Award: Sawgrass Country Club. Janet Collins accepted the award on behalf of this amazing Chamber supporter and host and venue of this annual event. I know Toni Boudreaux-Godwin, director, Ponte Vedra Beach Division, has a full list of the other recipients in her column. Congratulations to all!

State Senator Travis Hutson, State Representative Paul Renner and St. Johns County Commission Chairman Paul Waldron headlined the annual Chamber Legislative Update Breakfast Friday, June 21, at Shell Hall in the World Golf Hall of Fame Museum in World Golf Village.

The legislators spoke about impacts on St. Johns County from the recently concluded 2019 Florida legislative session and upcoming priority issues facing St. Johns County.

And, lest we forget, hurricane season began June 1. Please remember our lessons from Hurricanes Matthew and Irma

and be as prepared as possible. St. Johns County Emergency Management has a comprehensive Hurricane Preparedness Guide on its website at www.sjcemergencymanagement.org and includes an entire page (page 8) for business planning. Find the guide online at bit.ly/SJCprep. Some useful websites are listed including www.FloridaDisaster.biz.

As the summer fills up quickly, please mark your calendars for our next Economic Development Council Quarterly Breakfast on Friday, Aug. 16. It will be held at Shell Hall in World Golf Village and we are pleased that Mr. Jeff Silagy, president and CEO of Florida Power & Light, is traveling from Jupiter, Florida, to speak to us. Florida Power & Light is building a new solar farm in St. Johns County later this year and I am looking forward to hearing more about solar and the future of the energy industry at this event. Registration is open at our website and I look forward to seeing you there.

Lastly, we are proud to announce that the Chamber's St. Augustine base of operations is moving from 1 News Place to 100 Southpark Blvd, Suite 405 on U.S. 1 on July 25. Please come visit us after our move to check out our new space. We made the decision to move to better serve our members.

Enjoy your summer!

UPCOMING PONTE VEDRA BEACH DIVISION EVENTS

JULY

PVB Division Joint Luncheon w/ Jax Chamber Beaches Division: Military Appreciation

Date: Thursday, July 11 **Time:** 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. **Location:** Sawgrass Beach Club

9797 Summer Place

Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082

Info: St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce – PVB Division joins Jax Chamber Beaches Division as we honor local service members for their commitment to community service over and above their duties as active military personnel. At this event we will be honoring five service members, one each from the Florida Air National Guard, United States Army,

Coast Guard, Marine Corps and Navy. **Series Sponsor:** Fields Auto Group

Chamber After Hours

Date: Wednesday, July 24 **Time:** 5:30-7 p.m.

Location/Sponsor: Ruth's Chris

Steak House PVB 814 A1A N., Suite 103 Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082

Info: Join us to network among members and guests! The host will provide beverages, delicious bites, fun and entertainment. Bring your business cards!

Chamber Before Hours

Date: Wednesday, July 31

Time: 8-9 a.m.

Location/Sponsor: Spavia Ponte Vedra

80 Pine Lake Drive, Suite B Ponte Vedra, FL 32081

Info: Get to know one of your local businesses while networking with fellow chamber members. This networking event provides a great way to start your work day with a little breakfast and

conversation!

AUGUST

Chamber Before Hours

Date: Wednesday, Aug. 7

Time: 8-9 a.m.

Location/Sponsor: Drs. Szetzer, Cochran:

Pediatric Dentistry

340 Front Street, Suite 770 Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082

Info: Get to know one of your local businesses while networking with fellow chamber members. This networking event provides a great way to start your work day with a little breakfast and conversation!

Chamber at Noon

Date: Wednesday, Aug. 14 **Time:** 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Location: Ponte Vedra Inn & Club

(Seafoam Room) 261 Ponte Vedra Blvd. Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082

Speaker: Sara Frasca, VP, Innovation

Enablement, Platypus Labs

Topic: Harnessing Innovation: Turning raw ideas into powerful results **Series Sponsor:** Fields Auto Group

Chamber After Hours

Date: Wednesday, Aug. 21

Time: 5:30-7 p.m.

Location/Sponsor: The Plantation at Ponte Vedra Beach – The Beach Club

1111 Ponte Vedra Blvd.

Ponte Vedra Beach, FL, 32082

Info: Come celebrate with us

Info: Come celebrate with us at the exclusive Beach Club! Join us to network among members and guests. The host will provide beverages and delicious bites. Bring your business cards!

SEPTEMBER

Chamber Before Hours

Date: Wednesday, Sept. 4

Time: 8-9 a.m. Location/Sponsor:

Optimal You Brain Centers 151 Sawgrass Corners Dr, Unit 102 Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082

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Toni Boudreaux-Godwin Director PVB Division, St. Johns County **Chamber of Commerce**

Summer is officially here!

This is the time of year families hit the road for vacations and there is not a better place to visit than Ponte Vedra Beach. Summer brings lots of new faces around our favorite restaurants and retail spots reinforcing the simple fact that our county continues to be ranked No. 1 when considering vacation and leisure activities. In order to maintain the quality of life that we all continue to enjoy in our little piece of paradise, we must recognize our local businesses and individuals that

MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

go the extra mile to strengthen and advocate for the Chamber.

We do our part to spotlight these Chamber businesses with one of our signature events, our Annual Membership Appreciation Awards. The event is when we can take the time to award outstanding members for their commitment to the Chamber. The awards ceremony this year was "safari" themed at the beautiful Sawgrass Beach Club, where guests enjoyed delicious food and cool refreshing beverages

I would like to take this opportunity to recognize our recipients:

The Crushing It Award: This Ambassador played Santa all during the holidays and has the highest number of Ambassador points this quarter. He has become a great asset to the Division.

David Godwin of Transamerica "crushed it."

The Going the Distance Award: Given to the member who travels far and wide to attend numerous events in both the St. Augustine and Ponte Vedra areas. The award goes to Ellen Taylor, Servpro of St. Augustine.

Key Contributor Award: Given to the member that never says no and can be consistently depended on for all things happening at the Division. Ricki Taylor, Synovus Mortgage Corp., received the award.

Rookie of the Year Award: Given to the member that has shown great initiative in networking and promoting their company to our community -

Optimal You Brain Centers.

Dedicated Service Award: This snazzy dresser has been such a support system to the Division for many years. Lori Adams, Cabi, Independent Fashion Stylist, is the true definition of dedicated.

Spotlight Award: Given to a member who goes the extra mile throughout the year. The owner gives her time on the Board and their staff also helps the Division with special projects — The Morgan Company Promotional Advertising.

Our Board Member of Year went to the board member that is dedicated to supporting chamber-wide initiatives and is committed to helping the Division as a great community partner.

Jen Hendrich, PGA Tour, is board member of the year.

Jeff Jenkins Community Service Award: Given to a member who goes above and beyond in service to our community. Inspiring, educating and funding services for those affected by autism in our community. This award went to the HEAL Foundation.

Pat Morgan Outstanding Member Award: Given to the member who goes above and beyond in their commitment to expanding and improving the Division — Sawgrass County Club.

Congratulations and thank you to the winners for your continued commitment to the Chamber and our

Don't forget to vote for your choice

of candidates for the Chamber's Council Boards and the Ponte Vedra Beach Division Board members by June 30 at 5 p.m. In accordance with our bylaws, service on these boards is open exclusively to members in good standing with the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce. We want your participation in electing our Chamber leadership and appreciate you taking the time to cast your ballot.

Lastly, mark your calendar for the 17th annual Ponte Vedra Auto Show presented by Fields Auto Group at the Nocatee Event Field, from 9 a.m to 3 p.m Sunday, Sept. 15. The Auto Show, which is open and free to spectators, will feature up to 180 classic and new collectors' cars all vying for the show's 30+ trophies. The Ponte Vedra Auto Show is one of our most anticipated events of the year with more than 3,500 attendees annually. Four special anniversaries and one memorial trophy will be showcased this year. Special anniversaries include the 30th anniversary of the Lexus, 60th anniversary of the Mini, 50th anniversary of the Porsche Mid-Engine honoring the anniversary of the 914 and the 30th anniversary of the Land Rover Discovery Also back by popular demand is a vintage motorcycle display. New this year — a car corral. You don't want to miss it! Gear up for what will be a great day of fantastic cars, food trucks and fun.

I look forward to seeing you out and about this summer!

David Godwin named PVBD **Ambassador** of the Quarter

David Godwin was recently recognized as the Ponte Vedra Beach Division's Ambassador of the Quarter.

Godwin is currently a senior sales advisor for Transamerica Agency Network. Previously, Godwin served in the Navy as a member of Naval Special Operations. He was an Aviation Combat Rescue Swimmer/Antisubmarine-Antisurface Warfare petty officer at NAS JAX with HS-7 the Dusty Dogs.

"As an Ambassador with the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce Ponte Vedra Division, I get to become a part of my community again. I enjoy service above self and giving back," Godwin

Godwin and his wife, Toni, volunteer



David Godwin

with various veterans organizations and donate time and resources to other charitable organizations that both feel make an impact in the lives of their community. In what spare time he has, he enjoys surfing, paddle boarding and golf.

UPCOMING EVENTS CONT.

2019 Ponte Vedra **Auto Show presented by Fields Auto Group**

Date: Sunday, Sept. 15 **Time:** 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Location: Nocatee Event Field 245 Nocatee Center Way Ponte Vedra, FL 32081

Info: The St. Johns County (SJC) Chamber of Commerce will host the 17th annual Ponte Vedra Auto Show presented by Fields Auto Group on Sunday, Sept. 15, from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. in Nocatee Event Field. For more information, visit www.pvautoshow.com

Chamber at Noon

Date: Wednesday, Sept. 18 **Time:** 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Location: Sawgrass

Beach Club

9797 Summer Place,

Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082

Series Sponsor: Fields Auto Group

Chamber After Hours

Date: Thursday, Sept. 26

Time: 5-7 p.m. **Location/Sponsor:**

Ponte Vedra Wellness Center 100 Corridor Road, St. 220 Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082

For more information and to register, visit www.sjcchamber.com, or call the Ponte Vedra Beach Division office at (904) 285-2004. **16** CONNECTIONS Ponte Vedra Recorder June 27, 2019

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Traci Lewis, Rachel Douglas, Trudy Toche, Kent Justice and Jackie Smith gather at a Chamber "Before Hours" event hosted by the Ponte Vedra Wellness Center on April 3.



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Gloria Dongara and Ponte Vedra Wellness Center owner Dr. Erika Hamer gather at the event.

Ponte Vedra Wellness Center hosts Chamber 'Before Hours'

The Ponte Vedra Wellness Center hosted a "Before Hours" event for the Ponte Vedra Beach Division of the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce on April 3.

The event was held at the business' Nocatee location. Guests enjoyed networking and breakfast before work.



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Chamber PVBD Ambassadors clean Bird Island Park

The Ponte Vedra Beach Division (PVBD) Ambassadors of the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce had their first quarterly cleanup on April 3 at Bird Island Park in Ponte Vedra Beach.

In attendance were Matt Price and

his son, Kari Zerrahn, Brian Anderson, Ricky Taylor, Trudy Toche, David Godwin and John Anderson.

The Ambassadors will pick new locations every quarter for cleanups in the Ponte Vedra area. In addition to the cleanup, the Division Ambassadors also

support INK! and K9s for Warriors, as well as facilitate the Letters to Santa project.

The mission of the Ambassadors is to represent the Chamber by exhibiting the highest degree of professionalism, knowledge and integrity to members and the business community.

Ambassadors serve as the greeting arm of the Chamber to promote new member participation and retention through ribbon cuttings, new member visits and phone calls, community outreach events and mentorships.



Photo courtesy of the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce

PVBD Ambassadors of the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce Matt Price and his son, Kari Zerrahn, Brian Anderson, Ricky Taylor, Trudy Toche, David Godwin and John Anderson (not pictured) clean up Bird Island Park in Ponte Vedra Beach on April 3.





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Beaches leaders provide updates at joint Chamber luncheon

The Ponte Vedra Beach Division of the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce partnered with the JAX Chamber Beaches Division to host a joint chamber luncheon on April 11 that was attended by Beaches leaders.

Held at Sawgrass Beach Club, the event allowed the leaders to provide updates on their current projects and provide an overview of what to expect throughout the year.

Leaders in attendance included St. Johns County District 4 Commissioner Jeremiah Blocker, Neptune Beach Mayor Elaine Brown, Jacksonville Beach Mayor Charlie Latham and Atlantic Beach Mayor Ellen Glasser.



Photos by Susan Griffin

St. Johns County District 4 Commissioner Jeremiah Blocker speaks during the PVB Division of the St. Johns County Chamber's joint luncheon with the JAX Chamber Beaches Division on April 11.



Jacksonville Beach Mayor Charlie Latham



Neptune Beach Mayor Elaine Brown



Atlantic Beach Mayor Ellen Glasser

RIGHT: Joan and Mark Refosco address attendees of a Chamber "After Hours" event on April 17 at a home in EvenTide. Joan is vice president of sales for Arthur Rutenberg Homes, and Mark is a franchise owner for the home builder.

BELOW: Toni Boudreaux-Godwin, director of the Ponte Vedra Beach Division of the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce, speaks at the event.

Photos by Susan Griffin





EvenTide hosts Chamber 'After Hours' event

EvenTide, an intimate enclave planned for 23 luxury coastal homes located along Ponte Vedra Boulevard, hosted an "After Hours" event for the Ponte Vedra Beach Division of the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce on April 17.

Attendees of the event enjoyed the opportunity to check out one of the homes by Arthur Rutenberg Homes/Marcus Allen Homes and network among Chamber members and guests.

PEACE OF HEART COMMUNITY HOSTS RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY WITH CHAMBER



Photo by Susan Griff

The team from Peace of Heart Community participates in a ribbon-cutting ceremony with representatives from the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce on April 17. Located on Roscoe Road in Ponte Vedra, Peace of Heart Community encompasses a residential home for young women with autism, a community garden and art program. The nonprofit recently became a new member of the Chamber. Visit www.pohc.org/ for more information.

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Representatives of UF Health and the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce gather for a ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate the opening of UF Health's new family medicine and pediatrics office in Nocatee. Pictured is David Godwin, Dr. Victoria Array, Isabelle Renault, Dr. Leon L. Haley Jr., Dr. Katherine McMullan and Toni Boudreaux-Godwin.

UF Health holds ribbon-cutting ceremony for new Nocatee clinic

UF Health hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony in April with the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce for its new clinic in Nocatee located off Valley Ridge Boulevard.

Opened April 1, the family medicine and pediatrics office will provide annual checkups, chronic disease management, flu shots and vaccinations, geriatric care, minor procedures, sports physicals and well-baby visits. Additional on-site services will be offered by UF Health specialists and include gynecology, psychiatry and urology.

The primary care physicians live in Nocatee and welcome patients of all ages, from infants to senior adults. Victoria Array, MD, has been a UF Health pediatrician for 28 years. She and her husband recently moved to Nocatee, and she is looking forward to treating children in her new community. Katherine



Isabelle Renault, president and CEO of the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce, addresses attendees of the ribbon cutting.

McMullan, MD, specializes in family medicine. She joined UF Health in 2018 and loves living in Nocatee with her family.

The office is located at 203 Fort Wade Road, Suite 200, one mile north of the Nocatee Town Center. For more information, visit ufhealthjax.org/nocatee.

Flagler Health+ President and CEO discusses hospital's future in keynote speech at Chamber EDC breakfast

Flagler Health + President and CEO Jason Barrett discussed his hospital's expanded mission, expansion, rebranding initiative and changes in the healthcare industry, as the keynote speaker of the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce's Economic Development Council (EDC) Quarterly Breakfast on April 26, at the World Golf Hall of Fame in World Golf Village.

Previously known as Flagler Hospital, Flagler + will expand to include health villages in Nocatee, Murabella and other future locations.

The hospital is also introducing virtual urgent care visits available via its website and mobile app, downloadable in the Apple and Google Play app stores.

As part of its focus on addressing social determinants of health, Flagler Health+ is expanding Care Connect
— its community alliance designed to connect area residents with resources



St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce EDC Executive Committee Chair Mike Davis

in a coordinated way throughout all of St. Johns County. In the coming year, Care Connect will introduce programs that further support mental health in adolescents while continuing to focus on key issues like homelessness and access to care.

To learn more about Flagler Health+, visit www.flaglerhealth.org.



Photos by Susan Griffi

Flagler Health + President and CEO Jason Barrett provides his keynote address at the Chamber's EDC Breakfast April 26 at the World Golf Hall of Fame in World Golf Village.



PALENCIA DENTAL CELEBRATES REBRANDING, EXPANDED SERVICES WITH RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY

The team from Palencia Dental in St. Augustine gathers with representatives from the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce at a ribbon-cutting ceremony on May 2. The event celebrated the practice's rebranding and expanded services. Visit www.palenciadental.com for more information on Palencia Dental.

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Jessica Braack, Lindsay Hardy, Lauren Ingalls and Gail Ingalls

North Guana Outpost, Travel Leaders hosts Chamber 'Before Hours' event

North Guana Outpost and Travel Leaders co-sponsored a "Before Hours" event for the Ponte Vedra Beach Division of the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce on May 8.

Attendees enjoyed the opportunity to network, while also kicking off the first Spring PaddleFest at North Guana Outpost held May 11.

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OVM FINANCIAL CELEBRATES NEW OFFICE IN PONTE VEDRA BEACH WITH RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY



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New St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce member John Kersey, a mortgage loan originator with OVM Financial, celebrates his new office in Ponte Vedra Beach by participating in a ribbon-cutting ceremony with his team and Chamber representatives on May 9. OVM Financial is an independently owned and operated retail mortgage lender serving Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee, Maryland, Florida, Colorado and Texas with plans for continued expansion in new markets. The business has several branches and satellite office locations with the bulk of its operations team located at the corporate headquarters in Chesapeake, Virginia. For four years running, the company has been recognized by Inc. 5000 as one of America's fastest-growing private companies. The new Ponte Vedra Branch is located at 822 North A1A Highway, Suite 310.



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ABOVE: Flagler College President Dr. Joseph Joyner addresses attendees of a "Chamber at Noon" event May 15 at Ruth's Chris Steak House in Ponte Vedra Beach.

RIGHT: Jim Moyer, Toni Boudreaux-Godwin and Brian Zehren Photos by Susan Griffin



'Chamber at Noon' event features discussion on Flagler College

The Ponte Vedra Beach Division of the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce hosted Flagler College President Dr. Joseph Joyner at its "Chamber at Noon" event on May 15 at Ruth's Chris Steak

House in Ponte Vedra Beach.

Joyner discussed the value of Flagler College to the community, its neighbors and the world. Visit www.flagler.edu for more information on Flagler College.











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K9s For Warriors President Brett Simon addresses attendees of the Chamber "After Hours" on May 22 at Camp K9.



Event sponsor Aaron Duez speaks at the event.



Event sponsor Marsha Flock speaks at the "After Hours."



Becky Turner and Karina Coryell

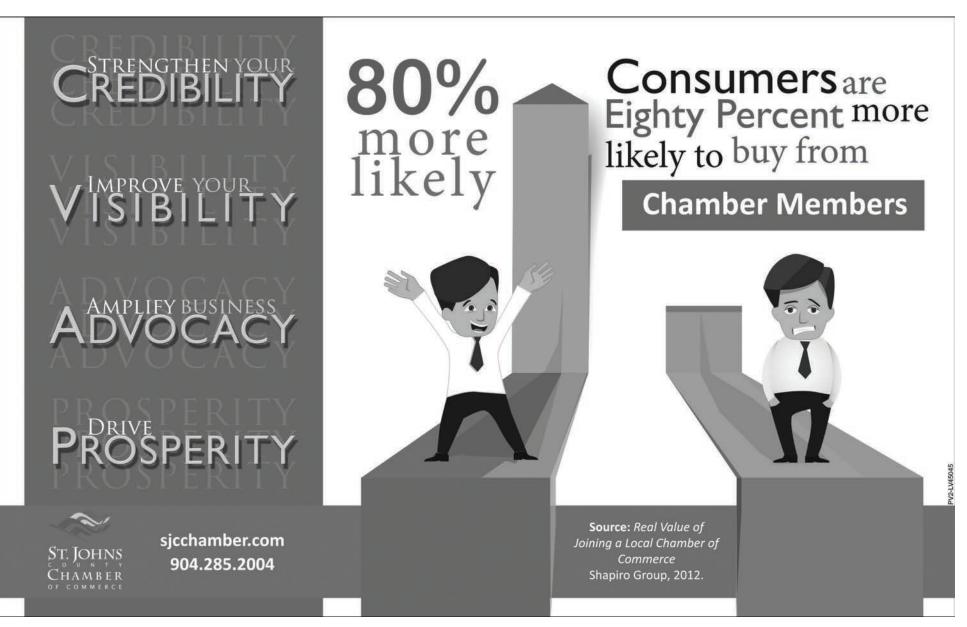
K9s For Warriors hosts Chamber 'After Hours'

K9s For Warriors hosted an "After Hours" event for the Ponte Vedra Beach Division of the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce on May 22.

Hosted at Camp K9 in Ponte Vedra, the event was held in honor of Military Appreciation Month and sponsored by Marsha Flock. Attendees of the event enjoyed the opportunity to network with business owners in the Nocatee area and enter a raffle. Flock collected items for K9s For Warriors, including fleece blankets, peanut butter and gift cards, among other items.



Ellen Taylor



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Chamber honors local business leaders at Membership Appreciation Awards

The Ponte Vedra Beach Division of the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce honored nine local business leaders and organizations on Wednesday, May 29, at the organization's annual Membership Appreciation Awards.

Held at the Sawgrass Beach Club, the safarithemed event recognized Chamber members for going above and beyond. Sawgrass Country Club received the Pat Morgan Outstanding Member Award, while the HEAL Foundation took home the Jeff Jenkins Community Service Award. Jen Hendrich, community outreach manager at the PGA TOUR, was named the Board Member of the Year. Additional awards presented included:

- Going the Distance: Ellen Taylor, SERVPRO of St. Augustine
- **Key Contributor:** Ricki Taylor, Synovus Mortgage Corp.
- Rookie of the Year: Optimal You Brain Centers
- Crushing It: David Godwin, Transamerica Agency Network
- Dedicated Service: Lori Adams, Cabi Independent Fashion Stylist
- The Spotlight Award: The Morgan Company Promotional Advertising

In addition to the awards presentation, guests also enjoyed hors d'oeuvres, beverages and live music oceanfront.



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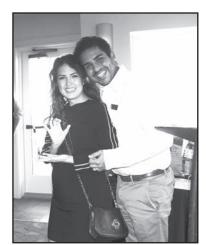
Honorees at the Chamber PVB Division's Membership Appreciation Awards gather with their awards on May 29 at Sawgrass Beach Club.



2018 Going the Distance award winner Ellen Taylor of SERVPRO of St. Augustine



2018 Key Contributor award winner Ricki Taylor of Synovus Mortgage



Dr. Lexie and Dr. Thomas Romero of 2018 Rookie of the Year award winner Optimal You Brain Centers



2018 Crushing It award winner David Godwin of Transamerica Agency Network



2018 Dedicated Service award winner Lori Adams (left) of Cabi Independent Fashion Stylist, with Lucia Miller



Karen Butler and Kim Scott of The Morgan Company Promotional Advertising which won the 2018 The Spotlight Award.



2018 Board Member of Year Jen Hendrich (left), of the PGA TOUR, with Lucia Miller



County Chamber of Commerce Toni Boudreaux-Godwin (left) with Jason Gurka and Leslie Weed of the HEAL Foundation, which won the 2018 Jeff Jenkins Community Service Award.



Boudreaux-Godwin with Janet Collins of Sawgrass Country Club, which won the 2018 Pat Morgan Outstanding Member Award.

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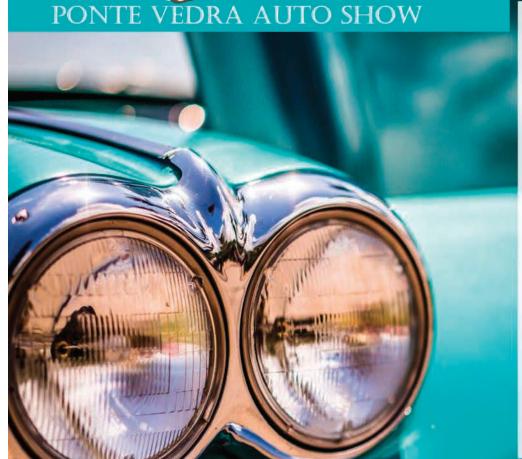
Karina Coryell, Toni Boudreaux- Godwin and

Trasca & Co Eatery hosts Chamber 'Before Hours' event

The St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce Ponte Vedra Beach Division held a networking "Before Hours" event, sponsored by Spherion, on June 5 at Trasca & Co Eatery.

Attendees enjoyed breakfast and conversation before starting the work day.





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Pat McManamon, president of Sandler Training, discusses the 'Intention of Success' at a Chamber at Noon meeting June 12.



Jen Hendrich and Karina Coryell



Jackie Smith and Alex Quijano

Chamber at Noon meeting focuses on 'Intention of Success'

Pat McManamon, president of Sandler Training (Jacksonville), was the featured speaker of the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce Ponte Vedra Beach Division's Chamber at Noon meeting on June 12 at the TPC Clubhouse.

McManamon's topic of discussion was the "Intention of Success: Designing the blueprint for your success and creating the 'flywheel effect."

Fields Auto Group sponsored the event.



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McManamon with Director of the Ponte Vedra Beach Division of the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce Toni Boudreaux-Godwin

SPAVIA CELEBRATES OPENING WITH RIBBON CUTTING

Spavia Day Spa celebrated its opening with representatives of the Ponte Vedra Beach Division of the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce on June 13. Spavia is located at 80 Pine Lake Drive, Suite B in Ponte Vedra. The ribbon-cutting ceremony boasted food, drinks, giveaways, chair massages, mini-facials and more. For more information on the Ponte Vedra location, go to spaviadayspa.com/ponte-vedra-fl/

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Trasca & Co Eatery provided food for the event.





Director of the Ponte Vedra Beach Division of the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce Toni Boudreaux-Godwin (left) with a Spavia employee



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Dr. Erika Hamer, Gloria Dongara and Felicia Cox enjoy a pool party-themed "After Hours" event hosted by Iberia Bank on June 19.

Kim and Andy Scott and Tanya Guydos

Iberia Bank hosts Chamber 'After Hours'

The St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce Ponte Vedra Beach Division held a networking "After Hours" event hosted by Iberia Bank on June 19.

The pool party-themed event featured food, fun beverages and music.



Carol Mauer

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Clare Berry and Crystol House



Tad Jennings performs at the event

State officials offer legislative update at Chamber breakfast

A panel of Florida elected officials from the area provided a legislative update during a breakfast held by the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce on June 21 at the World Golf Hall of Fame.

The panel discussion featured Florida Senator Travis Hutson, Florida Representative Paul Renner, St. Johns County BCC Chair Paul Waldron and St. Augustine Vice Mayor Leanna Freeman. The panel discussed the state's latest legislative session with attendees.



State Sen. Travis Hutson (R-St. Augustine) with Kerry McCarthy





ABOVE: Isabelle Renault, president and CEO of the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce, addresses attendees at the 2019 Legislative Update on June 21 at World Golf Village.

LEFT: Director of the Ponte Vedra Beach Division of the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce Toni Boudreaux-Godwin with Greg Voss.

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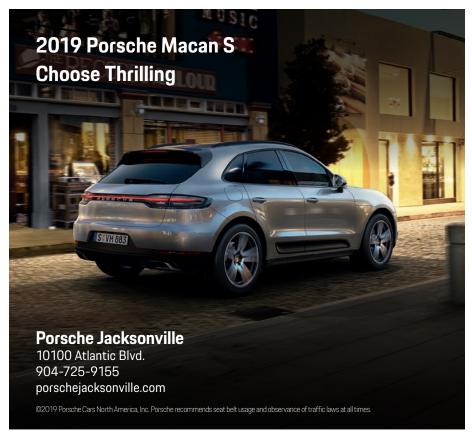
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A house is not a home

Villages of Vilano property boasts fascinating history

By Amber Lake

In arguably the most famous movie of all time, the most famous line (of said famous movie) encapsulates just how endeared we are to our immediate environments. "There's no place like home."

There is just no place like it.

A place where we belong, outside of everywhere else. A place for memories. A place full of family and laughter as well as sadness and pain, all wrapped together in boxed nostalgia. Home is a place to hide under the covers watching TV instead of going to a party or to sing off-key in the shower with enthusiasm. It's a place to go when you're ready.

The funny thing about homes are that they never stop being them. You can move around the world, build a family, build a life. But if you ever drive down your old street, inevitably you'll slow down, look for your old address and say, "That's it!" like it's still yours, regardless of its new paint job or the strangers

That's because you can sell a house, but you can never sell a home.

Everywhere we go we leave packages of memories filed in the interiors of the places we've been. The longer we stay in them, the heavier these containers are. Hotels, office buildings, neighborhoods, houses and streets linger with frozen stills of the past. Every once in a while, however, walls can become so saturated with memories they leak through.

Leigh Carter lives in the small-scale community of Villages of Vilano, a quaint neighborhood adjacent to the ocean off A1A. Before she lived there her mother, Jean Leaver Carter, called the 1,949-square-foot home hers. From 2001 until 2013, she lived her life there to such a degree that in many ways the walls became a part of her.

The house part of the home has vaulted ceilings and lots of light. The white walls and tile make the interior bright without being overly sterilized. It sits on a cul-de-sac next to a pond,





ABOVE: Leigh Carter stands in front of her house, located in the Villages of Vilano. The home, currently for sale, has quite a history, including housing Jacksonville-born rock band Lynyrd Skynyrd, whose founder, Gary Rossington, bought the house in the late 1980s.

Photo by Amber Lake

LEFT: Top airshow pilot Patty Wagstaff, three-time **U.S. National Aerobatic** Champion and inductee into the National Aviation Hall of Fame, also once lived in the home, located at 106 N Lake Circle in St. Augustine.

Photo courtesy of Patty Wagstaff

which can be seen from the sunroom. Currently, the house is decorated tactfully with interesting pieces of furniture assembled from around the world. It's clean and welcoming and begs for a cup of fresh-brewed tea.

The home part of the house is a lot bigger. Its story starts with Gary Rossington, founder of American rock band Lynyrd Skynyrd, who lived there after the house was built in 1987. According to Leigh Carter, the home became a place for Rossington to practice with bandmates. The acoustics provided by the vaulted ceilings were intentional, allowing the guitarist to create his signature sound. There is an astonishing number of electrical outlets intended

for plugging in amps. In the late 80s, Skynyrd was a household name and according to the neighbors, Rossington was notorious on the block — although not always for being a rock star.

"You know, it's not super conservative but there are some older people here," Carter said. "I guess Gary Rossington was a little rowdy."

In fact, according to neighborhood lore, the band would have friends over and play and have parties in the backyard — occasionally having enough fun to fall into the pond behind the house.

"That was a little wild for this community," Carter said.

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Berkshire Hathaway **HSFNR** hosts Family of Services Fun Day

Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Network Realty hosted its first Family of Services Fun Day. The company's realtors, employees, Family of Services partners and their family members gathered at Fort Family Region Park to enjoy good food, games and camaraderie with one another.

The festivities provided an opportunity for the company to make a splash on its fundraising efforts for the Dreams Come True 5K scheduled for Sept. 28 at the Baseball Ground of Jacksonville. Florida Network Realty associates raised approximately \$6,500 prior to the event. The Mandarin, Avondale and San Marco offices led the fundraising efforts, earning the chance to dunk Managing Broker Josh Cohen and President and CEO Christy Budnick in the dunk tank.

The Fun Day also included a cornhole tournament, a basketball free throw shooting contest and a dessert bake-off. Bono's Bar-B-Q catered the event.

Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Network Realty's family of services team includes Gibraltar Title Services, Prosperity Home Mortgage LLC, Florida Network Property Management, 2-10 Home Buyers Warranty and Dergalis and Associates.

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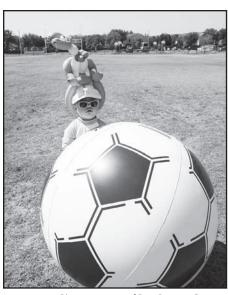


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Elliott Waugaman, son of Vice President of Core Services Kevin Waugaman, enjoyed the Family of Services Fun Day festivities.

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Family Fun Day

"As a family-run operation, we are thankful for our amazing team and happy to bring everyone with their families together for a day of fun," said Kevin Waugaman, the firm's vice president of core services.

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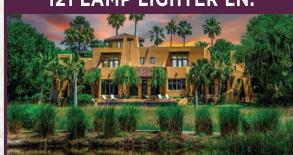
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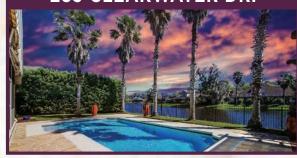
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Sotheby's International Realty eyes First Coast for expansion

First Coast Sotheby's International Realty, local affiliate of Sotheby's International Realty, recently announced the official opening of a new office in Palm Coast.

Co-owner and Managing Partner, Lou Izzo, said, "The Palm Coast market is the perfect fit for our company because there are so many exquisite waterfront properties and private golf communities which have appeal to buyers from around the world. Plus, there is a sense that Palm Coast is on the verge of being 'discovered' and we want to be at the forefront of marketing this special oceanside community."

The impetus for First Coast Sotheby's International Realty to expand into Palm Coast was connecting with previous Hammock Sotheby's International Realty

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First Coast Sotheby's International Realty revently opened a new office in Palm Coast.

principal, Alan Messer.

"Alan played an integral role in facilitating our acquisition of Distinguished Homes Realty, owned and operated by long time Palm Coast residents Bob and Ann Bagdon," Jeffrey Chefan, co-owner and managing broker said. "Incorporating Bob, Ann, and Alan into our business – with their considerable local expertise and strong local relationships - paved the way for us to re-enter the Palm Coast market with unprecedented momentum. We are impressed with the amount business opportunities we've experienced already and look forward to continued rapid growth."

First Coast Sotheby's International Realty has been serving Florida's First Coast since 1975. As a Sotheby's International Realty affiliate, the company's local footprint extends from Amelia Island to Jacksonville, Ponte Vedra Beach, St. Augustine and Palm Coast. With a focus on higher value real estate. First Coast Sotheby's International Realty is a luxury brand first and foremost with an average sales price of more than \$700,000 and an average list price of \$1,400,000. However, the company firmly believes luxury is an experience all customers deserve, regardless of value.

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House

The home's wild years certainly coincided with its youth. In 1998, after Rossington moved to Atlanta, the home still had a lot of life to give so it passed into the hands of top airshow pilot Patty Wagstaff, three-time U.S. National Aerobatic Champion and inductee into the National Aviation Hall of Fame. For Wagstaff, her other home was the sky.

The home's quiet location and reserved neighbors contrasted with the roar of an engine and thrill of maneuvering loops, rolls and spinning corkscrews in the clouds. On land, when the wind is just right and the street asleep, you can hear the soft churning of the ocean lapping at

Although Wagstaff still lives in St. Augustine, she remembers the home well, particularly the tiny mockingbird she rescued there.

"I sometimes wish I had not sold that house and had stayed there," Wagstaff said. "(I) raised (the bird) there, until it was ready to find a flock and fly on his own. It was a successful release and one of my fondest memories."

When Jean Leaver Carter moved into the home in 2001, one of the first things she did was buy a Lynyrd Skynyrd cd, having never heard of the band before. She also bought a Smithsonian Institute book about flight and earmarked Patty Wagstaff's page. She wore her home proud.

"She never wanted to be seen as a senior." Leigh Carter said.

Before Jean Carter came to the states, she was an aircraft spotter during WWII and worked for a Belgian company, Tipsy Aviation. Jean Carter was 12 when the war started and 15 when she was sent off to work. She eventually saw the experience as a way to escape from her abusive homelife, so she worked hard and eventually got promoted.

Jean contributed to the war effort and learned skills she later applied throughout her life. When she became much older, she bought a power drill and engineered wheels on all of her furniture, so she

never had to lift anything. Shortly before she passed away in her late 80s, she could be seen on a ladder, cleaning her gutters.

"If I don't do it, who will?" she told.

She pushed her daughters to achieve and have an education, something she never had. In fact, her deep embarrassment of her perceived lack of education plagued her much of her life.

"It was only at the very end that she told me the story about being sent to the aircraft factory," Leigh Carter said. "She was so ashamed that she didn't finish high school, she never told us. Even when she (did) she said, 'please don't tell your husband.' I said, 'why, I'm so proud of you.' She said, 'I don't want him to think I'm stupid.""

She saw herself in Patty Wagstaff, who represented the other side of the glass wall she had built. Rather than forgoing high school to work on airplanes, Wagstaff sat in the cockpit and flew. But Jean ate breakfast in the same kitchen she ate in. Lynyrd Skynyrd practiced "Freebird" in her living room.

"(It) gave her a bit more self esteem, I would say," said Leigh Carter.

Six years ago, Jean passed away, living in her home until the very end. Leigh has resided in the house since, recently putting it on the market.

"It's going to feel weird to leave," she said. "I've never lived anywhere this long. When I think of all the Christmases we spent here as a family — we're a small, small family. And visitors coming through? It still feels strange when I see the For-Sale sign. It's like, am I selling my house?"

Leigh Carter's new home might not have the music of southern rock in its walls. Perhaps a baby bird wasn't taught how to fly by an aerobatic pilot in the backyard. Mostly, it doesn't have an old woman engineering away infirmity, unaware how amazing she actually is.

But as strange as packing up and leaving feels, one can never really sell their home. Homes can be bought but can't be sold. Not really.

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Love Your Smile

Why dental hygiene is essential for overall health

The health of teeth and gums can impact other parts of the body.

The importance of maintaining clean teeth and healthy gums goes beyond having fresh breath and a white smile. Many people are surprised to discover that oral hygiene plays an integral role in overall health.

Research indicates that oral health mirrors the condition of the body as a whole. Also, regular dental visits can alert dentists about overall health and pinpoint if a person is at a risk for chronic disease.

An oral health check-up also may be the first indication of a potential health issue not yet evident to a general medical doctor.

HEART DISEASE

According to the Academy of General Dentistry, there is a distinct relationship between periodontal disease and conditions such as heart disease and stroke. Joint teams at the University of Bristol in the United Kingdom and the Royal College of Surgeons in Dublin, Ireland, found that people with bleeding gums from poor dental hygiene could



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The Office of the Surgeon General says infections of the gums that support the teeth can lead to facial and oral pain. Gingivitis, or gum disease, affects more than 75 percent of the American population.

Dental decay can lead to its own share of pain. Maintaining a healthy mouth can fend off decay and infections, thereby preventing pain.

Various health ailments, including poor oral health, have been linked to a greater risk of developing Alzheimer's disease. In 2010, after reviewing 20 years' worth of data, researchers from New York University concluded that there is a link between gum inflammation and Alzheimer's disease. Follow-up studies from researchers at the University of Central Lancashire in the United Kingdom compared brain samples from 10 living patients with Alzheimer's to samples from 10 people who did not have the disease. Data indicated that a bacterium — Porphyromonas gingivalis — was present in the Alzheimer's brain samples but not in the samples from the brains of people who did not have Alzheimer's. P. gingivalis is usually associated with chronic gum disease. As a result of the study, experts think that the bacteria can move via nerves in the roots of teeth that connect directly with the brain or through bleeding gums.

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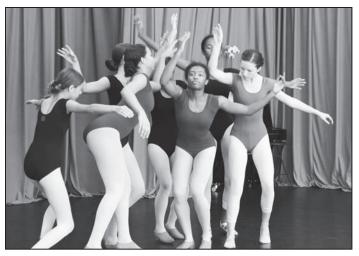


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Cultural Center offering 'Dinner with an Artist' with Anna Miller

The Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach will host its quarterly "Dinner with an Artist," program July 12, featuring local artist Anna Miller.

"Dinner with an Artist" is held at the Cultural Center and features a guest artist talk, a featured exhibit, and, of course, dinner. July's spotlight is on Miller and her exhibition "Light Reflections," which will be on display at the Cultural Center from June 28 through Aug. 3. Guests will be able to eat dinner with the artist among her creations.

Miller earned her Masters in Painting degree from the National Academy of Fine Art and Architecture of Ukraine. She worked as a college faculty member for 12 years before pursuing a Masters in Fine Arts at the Academy of Art University in San Francisco. Miller is an instructor at the Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach.

"My vision began to worsen early on in life," Miller said. "However, I often would not wear my glasses and would start seeing the world differently. ... It was a world without details, but with interesting designs, fragments, light and shadows."

During the event, there will also be "A day with Anna Miller" available for auction. The day will include spending time painting in Miller's studio and gardens and a lunch.

"Dinner with an Artist" will be held from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Friday, July 12 and is open to the public. The

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Local artist Anna Miller will be the featured artist for the "Dinner with an Artist" program at the Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach on July 12.

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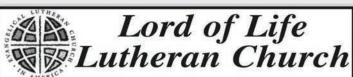
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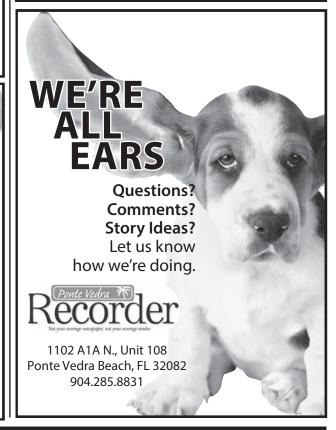
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