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BRIEFS

Solano Road Public Meeting set for Jan. 7

St. Johns County is hosting a public meeting regarding the upcoming Solano Road Safety Improvement Project from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 7, at the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall, 1050 A1A N. The meeting will include an overview of the safety improvements from La Pasada Circle to Solano Road and give participants an opportunity to ask questions. For more information, call (904) 209-0266.

SJC, Flagler Health+ COVID-19 partnership transitioning to vaccine distribution planning

In preparation for COVID-19 vaccine distribution, St. Johns County and Flagler Health+ are transitioning the COVID-19 response operations from testing to planning and vaccine delivery. As a result, the COVID-19 testing site at Flagler Health+ will conclude all COVID-19 tests at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 30. COVID-19 testing remains available at Flagler Health+ outpatient laboratories with a physi-

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Beaches Museum presents 'Holidays in the Village'

By Shaun Ryan

The Beaches Museum welcomed about 200 visitors Thursday, Dec. 17, for its "Holidays in the Village" celebration. The specially configured event held in the adjacent park gave area residents some much-needed relief from the cares of the outside world.

Amid ongoing coronavirus concerns, the museum had to think of new ways to continue its holiday tradition.

"We took two events that we normally do over the holidays — our Beaches North Pole Express and our 'Holidays in the Village' — and we combined them into one," explained museum Executive Director Chris Hoffman.

Merrymakers wanting to attend the ticketed event signed up for specific time slots so that no more than 50 guests would be in the park at a given time. In addition, face masks were required and social distancing was maintained.

For those attending, these were small concessions. There was plenty to see in the historic park, and the spirit of the season was evident all around.

Entertainment was provided by the Rhythm Theory Tap Ensemble and a three-member band called Senior Moments, which performed railroad songs and holiday favorites.

The museum's 1911 Train Engine was transformed into the North Pole Express, where

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A local family poses for a photo with Santa and his elf during the Beaches Museum "Holidays in the Village" event on Thursday, Dec. 17.



A trio of musicians calling themselves Senior Moments presented railroad and holiday songs for visitors at the Beaches Museum "Holidays in the Village" event.

Photos by Shaun Ryan

THE PLAYERS' Red Coats surprise Police Athletic League of Jacksonville with \$10,000 donation

Participants from each of the Police Athletic League of Jacksonville branches (Eastside, Westside, Monument, Northside and Palm Avenue) were looking forward to learning which of them would be declared the champion of the gingerbread decorating contest, hosted by THE PLAYERS Red Coats.

Earlier this month, JaxPAL received gingerbread kits for each of its five locations. Youth from each branch collectively worked together on their house, to be judged by the Red Coats. All five houses were brought to the Monument Road PAL location to be judged by the Red Coats.

While JaxPAL was expecting a ribbon and recognition for their artistic efforts, they were instead surprised with a \$100 award for each branch and a \$10,000 donation to their organization. These funds will be used to help JaxPAL offset the financial and operational challenges they have faced due to COVID-19. The Eastside location recently opened, following a fire that severely damaged their location at the onset of the pandemic.



THE PLAYERS Red Coats surprise members of the Police Athletic League of Jacksonville with a \$10,000 donation to the organization.

Photo provided by PGA TOUR

Each year, the Red Coats conduct "ride-outs," visiting nonprofit organizations throughout Northeast Florida to present charitable donations. Throughout the holiday season, the group has conducted surprise donations to K9s For Warriors, Rethreaded and Moore-Myers

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The Police Athletic League of Jacksonville enriches the lives of children by creating positive relationships between law enforcement officers and the youth of our community through educational, athletic and leadership programs.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

A LETTER TO OUR FANS

In March, the decision to cancel THE PLAYERS Championship due to the onset of COVID-19 set in motion an unprecedented time in our sport. And while the challenges of the pandemic have touched every aspect of our lives over the past nine months, we are proud of the way the PGA TOUR has continued to rally and positively impact the communities in which we play — none more so than right here in Northeast Florida. For more than 40 years, we have asked for your support of THE PLAYERS, and your efforts have allowed us to create a charitable impact throughout our community that extends well beyond tournament week. Thank you.

As we look towards March 2021 — and given the continued uncertainty around COVID-19 — it is no surprise that the landscape at THE PLAYERS Championship will be different than what our dedicated fans are accustomed to. If you've been to TPC Sawgrass lately, you've seen that we are slowly beginning the process of building a reduced number of onsite venues, as those structures take months to construct in preparation for tournament week.

At this time, we are planning to host a limited number of ticketed spectators and guests at THE PLAYERS 2021, continuing to offer a one-of-a-kind fan experience while enriching the Northeast Florida area through charitable giving and economic impact. As we plan to launch ticket sales in the near future, we are still determining exactly how many ticketed spectators we can accommodate. Please know that we will not make these decisions lightly; they will be made with the health and safety of our community in mind.

While some of our fans may not be able to attend in person, due to safety protocols, we ask you to continue to engage with THE PLAYERS via social media, PGA TOUR LIVE and of course, on NBC and GOLF Channel as you witness the game's best players take on the Stadium Course at TPC Sawgrass. We are also exploring innovative ways to bring this event to our fans locally and around the world, and we are excited to unveil some of those opportunities in the weeks to come.

So, while our footprint will be reduced, with your support, our impact to our region can be immense. In our own unique ways, we all have an opportunity to help make THE PLAYERS — Our Gold Standard — an unqualified success next March. This is your event, in your hometown. Together, we will deliver a championship all of us can take tremendous pride in.

I thank each of you in advance for your patience and understanding. Please be on the lookout for future announcements regarding THE PLAYERS 2021, and thank you for your continued support.

Jared Rice,
Executive Director,
THE PLAYERS Championship

Hope is here: First COVID-19 vaccines given at Baptist Health

Medical center delivers its first 250 doses of the Pfizer vaccine to team members

Team members and physicians joined in queue early last Friday morning, filled with hope and excitement to receive the first doses of the COVID-19 vaccine at Baptist Health.

Tujuana Dudley, RN, nurse manager on a COVID-19 unit at Baptist Medical Center South, was the first to receive the vaccine, followed by other team members and physicians who work in COVID-19 units, intensive care units and emergency centers across the system.

“I know it’s my duty to receive the vaccine to keep those around me safe,” Dudley said, who lost a family member recently due to COVID-19. “From the time the pandemic first arrived in March, we’ve seen firsthand how COVID-19 can impact patients, their families and our community.”

Baptist Health vaccinated 250 team members last Friday, with additional vaccinations expected in the coming weeks as more supply becomes available.

“This is a historic day at Baptist Health,” said Brett McClung, FACHE, president and CEO of Baptist Health. “We are privileged to now have access to the single-most important tool to fight COVID-19. We are so proud of our team members for their leadership in taking this vaccine. This signal of hope is a definite sign that we have reached the beginning of the end of this pandemic.”

The room was filled with celebratory applause and cheerful tears as vaccines were distributed, a significant milestone in the fight against COVID-19 in the community and in the country.



Photo provided by Baptist Health

RN Tujuana Dudley, nurse manager for Baptist South, is the first team member from Baptist Health to receive the COVID-19 vaccine.

Though the Pfizer vaccine was recently approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for emergency use authorization, the planning for vaccine allocation began weeks in advance, orchestrated by a multidisciplinary Vaccine Allocation Team (VAT) at Baptist Health.

COVID-19 vaccines are the best tool available to prevent the spread of COVID-19, but wearing masks, washing hands and social distancing all remain important to ending the pandemic.

Baptist Health has a free community COVID-19 information hotline, available Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call (904) 302-5050 to speak with a nurse. For more information from Baptist Health, go to www.baptistjax.com/services/covid19.

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cian order, CareFast+ locations, and a variety of other private locations throughout St. Johns County. In addition, a State of Florida COVID-19 testing site remains operational and free to the public at the Regency Square Mall, 9501 Arlington Expressway, Jacksonville.

Per the State of Florida, the initial phase of vaccine availability is allocated to healthcare workers and long-term care facility residents. As additional vaccines become available, St. Johns County Emergency Management and Flagler Health+ will work closely with the Florida Department of Health, the Florida Department of Emergency Management and local healthcare providers to expedite distribution to additional populations in accordance with CDC, federal and state guidelines. Go to www.sjcfll.us to view a list of available COVID-19 testing locations in St. Johns County. As testing sites are continually evolving, St. Johns County cannot guarantee the list is comprehensive. Contact a test site directly for the most accurate and up-to-date information regarding available services. For more information, call the St. Johns County Citizen Information Hotline at (904) 824-5550.

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Mike Crowder is a children's author and illustrator living in Ponte Vedra. To date, he has published two books: "Wild about the Alphabet! (and Other Tales)" and "Hammy Hammerhead's (almost) Big Adventure!"

Mike Crowder

As told to Shaun Ryan

Tell me about your books.

"Wild about the Alphabet! (and Other Tales)" is a book about animals, cleverly disguised as an alphabet book. It's "chock-full o' fantastic illustrations, brilliant writing, interesting facts and biting humor... It's not just a book about the alphabet, either! It's a book about animals, too! Designed to grow with your child, it's already educated and entertained children up to 13, college students and even grandparents – not just preschoolers. With the exception of the quail, this book contains many fascinating animals, and I bet it's the first time you've ever seen a coelacanth! (It's a prehistoric fish, thought to be extinct until 1938, when someone accidentally caught one in the Indian Ocean!) It's not your Gramma's ABCs!

"Hammy Hammerhead's (almost) Big Adventure!" is a storybook about sharks, cleverly designed as, well, a storybook about sharks. It takes place in the mountains of Florida (stay with me on this), in the world's largest aquarium, bigger than anything you can think of, unless you can think of a state or maybe a planet. Hammy, a hammerhead shark of about 10 "people-years" in age, begins his day eating a chummy bowl of Yum-Os — I mean a yummy bowl of Chum-Os) — cleans his room, meets his pals for some pufferball, beats the school bully at free throws and makes a new friend.

I see that you do both the writing and illustration. Do you have a background in writing or art?

I have always wanted to be an artist and drew every single day of my life since I could hold a crayon. I went to SCAD, graduating in '87. I began courtroom illustration in the late '80s and was also picking up the occasional side-gig doing logos and T-shirt designs.

What prompted you to become a children's author?

My story is the same old cliché, really. I was in a near-fatal car accident and in a coma for 11 days; the best 11 days of my life — I got to sleep! Short story long, I basically stopped drawing for fun until '09, when I met my fabulous wife, Gwen. She had seen a drawing I had done in college of a chimpanzee in the shape of an "M" and decided I should do a whole alphabet.

Finally, in '17, after years of relentless, yet non-stop, wheedling, pleading, cajoling, prodding and, yes, nagging, she finally convinced me to do it, and the rest is history.



Photos by Shaun Ryan

I imagine you must have to put yourself into the mindset of your readers, to see things the way they do. Is that difficult, considering their age?

In three words or less, no. I'm an overgrown kid at heart, and I have better recall of the first 27 years of my life than the last 30.

What's the most difficult thing about

writing a children's book?

For me, it's obviously keeping the word-count down.

What's the greatest reward?

Well, the fame and fortune, of course! At least that's what they tell me. LOL. Until then, I really do enjoy hearing about folks enjoying my books. It means I've done it right.

How can people get copies of your books?

The paperback versions can both be purchased at Amazon.com, the hardbacks are available at facebook.com/GraySheepGraphics and soon on my website, GraySheepGraphics.com, when it is set up. Hardbacks are also available at The BookMark, in Neptune Beach, Made in Jax, at the airport, The Marketplace at the outlet mall in St. Augustine, and, of course, Coastal Elements here in the scenic Sawgrass Village.

Tell me a bit about where you are from.

I'm a Navy brat, but we finally settled in Rat Town in 1973. So I grew up there, finally moving to Sawgrass a few years ago.

What do you like best about living in Ponte Vedra?

I like the beauty, the quiet and the security.

In your spare time, what do you like to do?

Well, when I'm able, I enjoy riding my bike. I finally enjoy just sketching again and enjoy volunteering to help feed the poor at my home parish in Atlantic Beach, St John's.

WINTERFEST COMES TO NOCATEE FARMERS MARKET



Nocatee residents made it a December to remember at the Winterfest Farmers Market, which took place at Nocatee Station Field on Saturday, Dec. 19. Saturday's market, with Spavia Day Spa acting as primary sponsor, included live music by The Chris Thomas Band, a petting zoo, shopping from more 70 local vendors and more.

Photos by Susan Griffin



LIGHT SHOW DELIGHTS AT SPRAY WATERPARK



Nocatee holds a nightly holiday light show at Spray Waterpark. The light show will continue throughout the month of December and is open to the public. There are two shows — classic and contemporary — that run on the half hour. The first show begins at 6 p.m. and the last show begins at 10 p.m.

Photos by Susan Griffin

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ELIZABETH HUDGINS

PVCA holds luminary parade, annual toy drive

By Holly Tishfield

The Ponte Vedra Community Association is no stranger to hosting creative events that bring the community together.

One of their most time-honored and beloved traditions is the annual Christmas tree lighting at the Ponte Vedra Inn & Club. The celebration usually gathers around 400-500 members of the community for a live music performance, buffet, and general holiday spirit but with the global pandemic striking this year, the PVCA knew it had to change up their routine.

In combination with the annual Christmas tree lighting, the PVCA also hosts a toy drive for the first responders at Fire Station 10. In fact, one of the biggest inspirations in finding a solution for this year's lighting was to continue the tradition of the toy drive.

"We wanted to bring joy to the neighborhood, but [the toy drive] was a huge motivator for this event, too," said Barbara Roberts, president of the PVCA. "We love supporting our first responders."

Thanks to the support of the commu-

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The Ponte Vedra Community Association holds a luminary parade and toy drive Dec. 6. The annual toy drive for first responders at Fire Station 10 is a big factor for the PVCA.

Photos provided by Barbara Roberts



A decorated golf cart parades through the streets around the Ponte Vedra Inn & Club.



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“conductor” John Milio and “engineer” Keith Baker chatted with guests. Children took turns ringing the train’s bell.

Santa and his elf, Sprinkles McFlurry, welcomed children from the porch of the East Coast Railway Foremen’s House. Though these visits were socially distanced, the children were excited to speak with the North Pole visitors.

One of the highlights was a living history re-enactment on the porch of the Oesterreich-McCormick Cabin, which dates back to 1873. A family dressed in period garb demonstrated how people would have decorated their Christmas trees more than a century ago.

Both the cabin and the foreman’s house were decorated by the museum’s Master Gardener group.

Finally, the decorated Chapel provided a good background for photos.

“Holidays in the Village” was the museum’s sole event in December and only the second event since COVID-19 forced a curtailment of public activities. In November, the museum held a tour of the H. Warren Smith Cemetery.

Hoffman said people have been very understanding of the measures the museum has had to take to keep visitors safe.

“We’re just really proud of our community for continuing to come out to support and enjoy the museum, understanding the new realities of the way we must do things,” she said.



ABOVE: John Milio portrays the conductor aboard the 1911 Train Engine for the Beaches Museum “Holidays in the Village” event.

LEFT: A young visitor rings the bell on the train engine.

Photos by Shaun Ryan

Parade

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nity, and support from the Ponte Vedra Inn & Club, the Ponte Vedra Community Association hosted a 4.5-mile-long luminary parade Dec. 6.

The parade was complete with nine “floats” decorated for Christmas with varying arrangements of lights, decorations, and music.

A fire truck from Fire Station 10 began the parade, followed by five golf carts loaned from the Ponte Vedra Inn & Club. The Inn was also generous enough to donate a fully decorated and lit 10-foot tree that the PVCA engineered onto the back of a flatbed truck and drove in the parade. Santa Claus made an appearance and greeted excited children from his sleigh, which was mounted to the top of a golf cart.

The parade rounded out with a police car, and a truck filled to the brim with unwrapped toys and gifts from the community to be donated to Fire Station 10.

“It was victorious,” said Roberts. “Neighbors came out and could greet each other, people set up tables and had a glass of wine and said hi to one another. It was beautiful.”

The PVCA invited community members to decorate their golf carts and bicycles and join in the 4.5-mile-long parade. At the end of the night prizes were given out for the best decorated participant.

Perhaps the most rewarding part of the evening was seeing just how many community members came together to donate gifts in the toy drive.

“Fire Station 10 was just overwhelmed with the generosity of the community,” said Roberts.

The parade route was aglow with luminary kits, provided to all PVCA members, and the community came together for a night of happiness and celebration.

“I’m just so happy with the way it turned out,” said Roberts. “The big question now is what are we going to do next year?”

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Phoebe of Coastal Elements holds Miles during the event at Sawgrass Village. Olivia Cobb of Scout and Molly.

BRIGHTENING SPIRITS AT SAWGRASS VILLAGE

Businesses at Sawgrass Village held a "Making Spirits Bright" holiday event Saturday, Dec. 12. The event featured complimentary cocktails, ornament making, music and the chance to win gift cards to Sawgrass Village shops.

Photos by Susan Griffin



Lindsey Wood is a featured artist at Coastal Elements.

CHRISTMAS DAY DINNER AT SAWGRASS MARRIOTT

If holiday plans have changed, or cooking a huge meal seems overwhelming, Sawgrass Marriott Golf Resort & Spa may just be the perfect place for Christmas Dinner this year!

In addition to the Audubon-rated grounds perfect for pre- or post-meal stroll, the resort offers guests the opportunity to kick back and relax at the Sawgrass Spa (gifts certificates are still available for those last-minute shoppers) and indulge in a prix fixe menu at Alice & Pete's. Available from noon to 10 p.m. on Christmas Day, the prix fixe menu is comprised of the culinary team's take on holiday classics, all of which are created from locally sourced ingredients.

Alice & Pete's Three-Course Christmas Day Menu

Date: Friday, Dec. 25; noon to 10 p.m.

Cost: \$38, per person

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■ **Second course:** Bee Hill honey-and-mustard-glazed ham, cider-brined turkey breast with sourdough stuffing, cranberry compote, herb gravy, sea-salt whipped potatoes, maple-glazed root vegetables

■ **Third course:** Dark chocolate torte with peppermint chantilly cream or praline cheesecake with salted caramel

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Deck The Chairs announces award winners

Annual holiday event draws record crowd

With 2020 coming to a close, you might have thought nothing was different about this year if you had just stepped into Jax Beach Deck The Chairs and seen the thousands of smiling eyes. Entering its sixth and final week of the 2020 holiday season, “Jacksonville’s Best Holiday Event” has showcased Santa, hosted Tuba Christmas, produced three weekends of children’s dance programming, presented chair decorating awards and, unexpectedly, far surpassed attendance numbers of any previous year.

Public safety is foremost for DTC organizers, especially in a year where health and well-being are challenged by a pandemic. A new exhibit layout with multiple hand-sanitizing stations and free masks helps organizers keep this popular “family-friendly” outdoor experience safe and accessible. Activities scheduled during the day and late afternoon limited the possibility of overlap between program audiences and exhibit attendees. These adjustments balanced out park activity and improved visitor experience. Utilizing concession sales as one method to track visitor attendance, DTC has seen approximately 30 percent increase over last year.

With the surge in park space foot traffic, JBDTC development committee leaders are especially grateful for the 2020 sponsors who made early commitments, amid a difficult year, to put their best effort into creating thought-provoking displays to capture the imagination of young and old alike. Without a strong and improving exhibit year after year, JBDTC would not be successful. Unfortunately, there is only one “Best of Show” and seven remaining awards.

After tabulating more than 2,000 votes, organizers are proud to announce these top chair decorators for 2020 JBDTC:

BEST OF SHOW

The American Legion

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The American Legion's display at Deck the Chairs won Best of Show.



Fur Sisters placed second at the 2020 event.



Beaches Go Green's octopus garden placed third.

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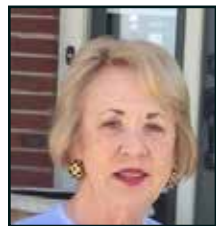
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OBITUARIES

Margaret Lehmann Evans

Margaret Lehmann Evans, 79, passed away peacefully at her home in Louisville, KY on December 2, 2020 surrounded by her sons. She was the daughter of the late Richard P. Lehmann, Lutheran pastor



Margaret Lehmann Evans

and Margaret N. Lehmann. She is preceded in death by her husband of 28 years, William "Bill" Evans, 3 siblings Richard, Dennis, and Mary Ann Davis, and 2 grandsons Will and

Fletcher. She is survived by her youngest sister Ruth Lee, her 2 sons William "Ben" Evans (Joilynn) and Andrew "Josh" Evans (Lisa), and 4 grandchildren Thomas, Lucy, Violet, and Shepard.

Margaret was born in Lincoln, NE, then her family moved to Louisville, KY where her father started Our Savior Lutheran Church on Shelbyville Road. She graduated from Leon High School in Tallahassee, FL then received a BA from Florida State University. She moved to Jacksonville, FL to become vice-president of American Bank. Later she worked at Burroughs Corporation in sales and marketing for computers. She retired from business to spend more time at home but practiced real estate. Margaret loved to take long

walks on the beach and spend time with her family and close friends. She was an excellent host to all friends and family that came to visit her oceanfront home. She was an avid tennis player and golfer residing in Ponte Vedra Beach, FL until 2015, when she re-located to Louisville to be closer to her grandchildren and family.

Due to COVID restrictions, all services will be postponed until further notice.

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Cheryl Pence Lindeman

On December 8, 2020, Cheryl Pence Lindeman, age 68, passed away peacefully with her husband of 34 years at her side. Cheryl was born in Dearborn, Michigan graduated from Dearborn High



Cheryl Pence Lindeman

School and then from Michigan State with a BA and an MBA. She was a proud member of Alpha Chi Omega. She worked a short time in the hotel business before commencing an almost 30-year career with the

Argonaut Realty Division of General Motors of which she was immensely proud. Most of her life was spent in Michigan until she and her husband moved to Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida, in 2009. She was a member of Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church. She was very fond of her

musical and other extracurricular activities including church choirs in Michigan and Florida, The Sweet Adelines, a Docent at the Cummer Museum in Jacksonville, Florida, and the Plantation of Ponte Vedra's Book Club, Stitchery Club, and Garden Club. She is survived by her husband Louis, her sister Judith Coebly, a nephew Michael Simmons, sister-in-law Carolyn Price, brothers-in-law Richard Lindeman and Alfred Price as well as many friends in both Michigan and Florida. She was preceded in death by her parents Thomas and Lucille Pence. Always looking for a good party she impressed all with her infectious personality, sense of humor, openness and eagerness to learn about others. Her sweater collection was legendary with the perfect themed sweater for every occasion and multiple options for her favorite holidays, Christmas, Thanksgiving and Halloween. She was a loving and caring wife and friend to many and was always sending thoughtful notes, cards, and little gifts. She will be missed but not forgotten by those who knew her. In lieu of flowers please make a contribution to your favorite charity. A Funeral Mass was held at Holy Name Catholic Church in Birmingham, Michigan. A.J. Desmond & Sons, (248) 549-0500.

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Thomas Lee Bary, Jr., 64, of Jacksonville, Florida, died December 15, 2020. Arrangements by Quinn-Shalz Family

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Photos by Shaun Ryan



A DRIVE-THROUGH HOLIDAY TREAT IN JACKSONVILLE



Photos by Susan Griffin

Jax Illuminations is a one-mile drive-through holiday event that features a million brilliant LED lights that dance, twinkle and sparkle to favorite holiday songs. The event runs through Jan. 2 and is at the Morocco Shrine Center, 3800 St. Johns Bluff Road S. in Jacksonville.

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Mark Refosco of AR Homes speaks to guests at the Chamber, PVB Division's annual Jingle and Mingle holiday party Dec. 9.

Chamber holds annual Jingle and Mingle event

By Holly Tishfield

With Christmas and the holiday season just around the corner, the Ponte Vedra Beach Division of the St. John's County Chamber of Commerce hosted its annual Jingle and Mingle Holiday Party last week at a stunning model home by Arthur Rutenberg Homes.

The event was not only a great chance to enjoy a classic holiday mixer, but to socialize with other members of the Chamber and business owners from the area.

"All chamber events have two purposes," said Karen Everett, director of the PVB Division. "One is for people to enjoy themselves, and two is to have a meaningful business networking opportunity."

Several local companies/business owners sponsored the holiday party, including Arthur Rutenberg Homes, Synovus Mortgage Corp., Berry & Co Real Estate, Iberia Bank, The Ponte Vedra Recorder, Keith E. Johnson, CPA, PA and FastSigns of St. Augustine.

Attendees enjoyed hors d'oeuvres from Biscotti's and desserts from Ruth's Chris Steakhouse while mingling and listening to live music from performer Samuel Sanders.

Upon entrance attendees were also



Photos by Susan Griffin

Jackie Smith and Kathleen Floryan get in the spirit at the Chamber's holiday party.

given the opportunity to enter a raffle for a number of incredible prizes, such as a gift certificate to Spavia Day Spa, brunch for two at TPC Clubhouse, two tickets for the Jaguars vs. Bears football game and much more.

Everett said that events like the Jingle and Mingle holiday party would not be possible without the help of passionate members and local business owners.

"We look for sponsorships and dona-

tions to help cover the expenses to put these events on," she said. "The chamber is very careful with its resources and tries to make membership investment stretch as far as it can."

Last week's holiday party was not only a way to celebrate the holiday season, but also to honor some of the Chamber's extraordinary members.

Oh my ... What a year!



Harry Pappas
Columnist

As most of us know, the stock market (Dow Jones Industrial Average) has been on a gut wrenching roller-coaster ride this year amid the coronavirus pandemic. Stocks started the year strong, breaking the record for the

longest-ever bull market in February but then the unthinkable happened in March, a pandemic slammed the United States, which essentially brought most economic activity to a halt. In a matter of 22 trading days, the S&P 500 fell 30%. Ouch! Who would have thought at that time, the stock market was on the verge of an unbelievable advance that will make it back to all time high, which is about a 64% advance even as Covid-19 cases continued to soar. As of this writing (December 21), the Dow Jones Industrial Average is up 5.88% while the S&P 500 increased 14.39%, which does not include dividends.

While reading a thought-provoking commentary from the well-respected economist, Brian Wesbury, I was reminded, once again, about the perils of trying to time the beast (stock market). Yep, in this author's humble opinion, it is an un-winnable game over time. During my 36 years as a financial advisor, I am yet to witness anyone who successfully buys low and sells high. Sure, I have seen one get "lucky" from time to time, but eventually he or she succumbs to the death spiral of market timing akin to one that believes they can repeatedly win at the casino. It is simply not possible to time the market, regardless of all the heavily credentialed gurus on CNBC and the like who claim they can.

According to Mr. Wesbury, "Imagine being told back at the beginning of 2020 that the world was about to be hit by a global pandemic that would lead to massive government-imposed shutdowns of business activity around the country.

Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices FNR donates \$5,000 to Feeding NE Florida

Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Network Realty is celebrating the holiday season with a \$5,000 donation to Feeding Northeast Florida. The nonprofit organization distributes food to numerous food-relief agencies in Northeast Florida's eight-county region.

Food insecurity affects approximately one in four adults in Northeast Florida, according to Feeding Northeast Florida. The pandemic has made the food bank's services more critical this year to help families coping with job loss and financial setbacks. Every dollar donated helps Feeding Northeast Florida provide six meals to those in need, according to the nonprofit.

"Our company cares passionately about the communities in which we live and work, and we know that this year has been challenging for many families," said Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Network Realty President and CEO Christy Budnick. "No one should ever go hungry, and we are grateful to support Feeding Northeast Florida and its efforts to make a difference in our communities."

Philanthropy is a foundation of Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Network Realty's culture. During the holiday season, the company donates 100% of the proceeds from its luminaria kit sales to local charities including First Coast Blessings in a Backpack, Boy Scouts



Photo provided by Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices FNR

Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices FNR presents a \$5,000 donation to Feeding Northeast Florida. From left: Linda Sherrer, Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Network Realty founder and chairman; Susan King, president and CEO of Feeding Northeast Florida; Ann King, Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Network Realty vice president of brokerage.

Troop 15, K9s for Warriors, Pace Center for Girls and the Matanzas Riverkeeper.

The company's branch offices collect donations for Wolfson Children's Hospital, Toys for Tots, Mayport Elementary School, Grace United Methodist Church, Pie in the Sky, the St. Johns County Council on Aging Hastings Senior Center, Home Instead and Sertoma Toys for Kids. The company's Realtors also support Rethreaded and the Holiday Angels program of the MalVai Washington Youth Foundation.

Throughout the year, the real estate firm is a loyal partner of Dreams Come True. For the past seven years, Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Network Realty has donated more than \$281,000 to Dreams Come True by contributing a portion of proceeds from every completed home sale. The company and its associates support the organization by volunteering, fundraising and participating in events.

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Normally the Chamber's Annual Membership Award Presentation is held in May, but with the global pandemic hitting this year, the event was pushed back to coincide with the Jingle and Mingle holiday party.

There were five award winners and two signature award winners presented by Matt Price, chairman of the PVB Division board, on behalf of the Chamber. The "Going The Distance" award was given to the ThomasBaker Agency, the "Crushing It" award was given to Trudy Toche, the "Dedicated Service" award was given to Jackie Smith, the "Key Contributor" award was given to Kari Zerrahn, the "Jeff Jenkins Community Service" award was given to the Guana Tolomato Matanzas National Estuarine Research Reserve, and finally, the "Pat Morgan Outstanding Member" award was given to Lippes Matthias Wexler LLP.

"These members were honored for their contributions to the Chamber and to the community," said Everett. "It all worked out very nicely."

The next annual Jingle and Mingle Holiday Party is already in the works for December of 2021, where perhaps members will be celebrating the conclusion of a very different kind of year.



Carol Burns, Clare Berry and Lauren Spiller



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Hors d'oeuvres and desserts were served.



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Imagine being told that we were going into a sudden (and sharp) recession which would see the largest single-quarter decline in economic activity since the Great Depression. As an investor with that knowledge, what would you have done? Would you bail out of the stock market completely, go all-in, or stay the course?

Most of us know the story of Chicken Little who ran around warning the barnyard of impending doom. I suggest that there is a Chicken Little inside each of us. We all get a little chicken when fear and doubt cloud our thoughts, as our lives are forever controlled by two emotions, fear and greed. History has shown repeatedly that often times the seemingly worst of times is actually the best of times to make money in stocks. In other words, when most folks are too afraid to act, they pull the trigger and sell.

Regrettably, the fact remains that the people who can control their “panic” seem to be the only ones who will be protected the next time there’s a run for the exits. Until we invent a cure for the human tendency to flee with the herd, there will be investors who sadly say, “I can’t believe I did that!” Everybody makes money when the market is rising. I will allow Jesse Livermore give you my closing argument, “What has happened in the past will happen again and again and again. This is because human nature does not change, and it is a human emotion that always gets in the way of human intelligence.”

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The Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach is opening a new facility in Jacksonville Beach, the first step in expanding its services to reach more artists, art students and art lovers in Northeast Florida.

The new studio is scheduled to be open to the public on Jan. 4, at 3972 Third St. South in the Trader Joe's shopping complex. It

will house classes in visual arts and music, plus workshops, camps for children and the Cultural Center's popular Market, where various artistic creations by local artists provide gifts and decorative options in a wide range of prices.

The Cultural Center, a St. Johns County icon for more than a quarter century,

is shifting its services from its former headquarters at 50 Executive Way in Ponte Vedra Beach. That building has been sold to Roanoke Vinton Radio Inc., a Virginia corporation.

"That building served the Cultural Center and its array of artists and students very well for 26 years," Executive Director

Donna Guzzo said. "It was showing its age, however. And COVID conditions were limiting the space we could use for most of 2020 and into 2021. "We were planning to sell the building eventually to complete plans to move into a future arts complex on St. Johns County land near the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall. The opportunity to sell now on attractive terms ignites our ambition to meet the demands of a wider audience for arts and arts services."

The Cultural Center is planning even more expansions, as well.

"In addition to the new Jacksonville Beach studio, the Cultural Center Board of Directors is pursuing additional facilities in Nocatee," Chairman Matt Nelson and Chairman-Elect Joe Bryant said. "Nocatee already represents a significant — and growing — percentage of activity at our Ponte Vedra site.

"When fully realized, the Cultural Center will be offering more services than ever in proximity to more residents than ever — in Ponte Vedra Beach, Jacksonville Beach and Nocatee — at least."

The Cultural Center was voted by Beaches-area readers of the Ponte Vedra Recorder as the best art gallery and the best specialty school for 2020. This past year, it hosted a national exhibit featuring works by Andy Warhol and the "Loving

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The Allman Betts Band to perform at St. Augustine Amphitheatre Feb. 6

On Saturday, Feb. 6, jam-rock group The Allman Betts Band will take the stage at the St. Augustine Amphitheatre.

Tickets for The Allman Betts Band are currently on sale. To protect the health of guests, artists, team members, crew and the well-being of live music, enhanced health and safety measures are in place.

When The Allman Betts Band released “Down to the River” in June of 2019, the debut album represented not only the first time the group had recorded together, but in fact was the first time the seven-piece ensemble had ever played together. If “Down to the River” was the sound of the band’s combustible sparks igniting, then “Bless Your Heart” is its bonfire, built for the summer of 2020 and beyond.

A double-album follow-up fueled by road-forged camaraderie and musical intensity, vibrantly reflecting the individual and collective experiences of these seven, all drawing inspiration from the band’s symbolic hometown — a place Devon Allman calls “the United States of Americana.”

In 2019, as “Down to the River” topped charts and dotted playlists, The Allman Betts Band toured relentlessly. Sold-out U.S. theaters in spring turned to festival dates in summer, even crossing the Atlantic for a string of European appearances. It was in Germany in late July when Allman, the group’s co-founder, guitarist and singer, required a tour-ending hospital stay for surgery. His recovery postponed several ensuing shows, but the writing for a second album enthusiastically continued.

Along with co-founder, guitarist and singer Duane Betts, the pair already had a growing notebook of new songs, largely composed on the tour bus or in hotel rooms in cities and towns across the country. They re-enlisted Stoll Vaughan, a singer-songwriter from Los Angeles (via Kentucky), who’d collaborated on five of “River’s” nine tracks, to advise on the developing material. And they booked a return to Alabama’s Muscle Shoals Sound Studio, the historic recording facility where they’d cut the debut, as well as re-signing Grammy-winning producer Matt Ross-Spang to reprise his role helming the recording.

Over a week’s time, they recorded 13 songs, with additional tracking in Memphis and St. Louis. Within the eclectic repertoire are the familiar — stacks of guitars; electric, acoustic and slide; a throttling, percussive rhythm section — and the fresh.

“I think we definitely challenged ourselves, pushed ourselves artistically, and widened the spectrum on all levels. We wanted something that was a little more sweeping. A deeper experience,” Betts said.

Said Allman, “I hope what people hear on ‘Bless Your Heart’ is a band that’s having a love affair with being a band.”

Tickets for The Allman Betts Band are available for purchase at the St. Augustine Amphitheatre Box Office and online at Ticketmaster.com. The St. Augustine Amphitheatre Box Office will be open on Fridays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturdays from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and will only accept payment via debit or credit card.

Cultural Center

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Beethoven” interactive exhibit from Spain, supported by Robert and Monica Jacoby, as well as exhibits by local master artists such as Ellen Diamond and Suzanne Schuenke. Classes and workshops led by master artists from throughout the country have been staples at the Cultural Center.

The Sound Connections Music Therapy program for children with special needs has expanded from four St. Johns County schools to six, including two Title I schools in the south of the county. The expansion is supported by the Delores Barr Weaver Legacy Fund and The Community Foun-

ation of Northeast Florida. The program provided at no cost to the school district or parents must raise each year \$150,000. This program contracts with three nationally-board certified music therapists who utilize evidence-based music experiences to help children reach their educational goals.

The Kick StART after school visual arts program kicked off at the beginning of the school year at Palm Valley Academy with two classes, and at Osceola Elementary. The program is supported by the Dr. JoAnn Crisp-Ellert Fund at The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida and by The Lazzara Family Foundation.

To make a donation or for more information, contact Guzzo at dguzzo@ccpvb.org or call (904) 280-0614, ext. 1205.

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- 61. 1970s hairdo
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- 64. Reason to cram
- 10. Autry or Wilder
- 11. Simon's former partner
- 13. Performed comprehensively or in-_____, pl.
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- 19. Beginning of sickness
- 22. TV classic "Hee _____"
- 23. *Board game island ready for settlers
- 24. True inner self
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- 26. Take-out handout
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Sports



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Schroeders, Gotfredsons take titles in annual JAGA Family Championship

University of North Florida golf coach Scott Schroeder and his teenage daughter Kaitlyn fired a 9-under-par 62 at Jax Beach Golf Club to claim victory in the Family Division at the JAGA Family Championship. They bested defending champions Keith and Ryan Nagy of Windsor Park Golf Club by three shots in the two-person scramble on a windswept North Florida day.

With a birdie on the final hole to finish at 3-under-par 68, Bob and Melissa Gotfredson of Sawgrass Country Club captured the Couples Division in a match of scorecards over Hayes and Dawn Farley of San Jose Country Club.

In the net competitions, Bruce and Charlie Kelnhofer of Bent Creek Golf Course club took home the top prize in the Family Division, while Rodney and LuAnn VanPelt of Deerwood Country Club came out on top in the Couples Division. The Kelnhofers' net score was 62 and the VanPelts' 64.

The event was conducted by the Jacksonville Area Golf Association (JAGA).

In addition to trophies to the four winning teams, there were a variety of other prizes from the TPC Sawgrass golf shop awarded to 16 teams based on gross and net finishes as well as miscellaneous performances like closest to the pin, best holiday costume and more.

Jacksonville attorney Tad Griffin sponsored a \$10,000 hole-in-one prize on the

par-3 12th. Nobody aced it, but Rick Bell came closest hitting his tee shot to approximately 3 feet.

Forced to move from its traditional May date to a pre-Christmas date due to COVID-19, tournament chairman Duke Butler III enjoyed a surge in entries this year. The field leaped from 72 players last year to 138 this year and was a mix of men and women, grandparents, parents and youth from as young as 10 to several in their 80s.

Headlining the field was former PGA TOUR Commissioner Deane Beman with wife Judy, grouped with his former Deputy Commissioner Tim Smith and his wife, Cynthia. Topping off the day was a surprise appearance from Santa Claus.

The Family Championship joined the JAGA schedule with its new format in 2018 but its roots lie in two former JAGA events, the Father-Son and Couples tournaments. The Family Championship is a re-creation of the two, with the circle of family eligibility connections expanded.

The revamped tournament was the brainchild of Butler III, a long-time PGA professional and former PGA TOUR executive who has been involved in the game for more than 50 years. As a JAGA director from TPC Sawgrass, Butler once again chaired the tournament with his family members, wife Sheila, son Duke IV and daughter Sadie.



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Former PGA TOUR commissioner Deane Beman and wife Judy pose with Santa at the tournament.



Scott Schroeder and daughter Kaitlyn won the Family Division at the JAGA Family Championship.



Bob and Melissa Gotfredson won the Couples Division at the JAGA Family Championship.

"It was a fun and festive event featuring an enjoyable format hosted at Jax Beach's excellent public facility," said Butler. "The only iffy circumstance seemed to be the cool windy weather Santa brought with him from the North Pole. Just like any good golfer though, Santa promised to work on the timing of his weather for next year's tournament. On behalf of JAGA, thank you to everyone who participated and/or supported the event. We had a wonderful day!"

Perhaps the happiest participant was PGA professional and First Tee instructor Susan Waite who got to play golf with her brothers Jay and Charles for the first time in 40 years, with nephew Nick completing the foursome.

Butler added that a similar date for The Family Championship has already been booked at Jax Beach for 2021.

Complete Family Championship results are available at www.jaxareagolf.org.

Ravens sack Minshew 5 times in 40-14 rout of Jaguars

By Mike Bonts
Special to the Recorder

BALTIMORE | Former Jacksonville Jaguars defensive end Yannick Ngakoue had two sacks, including a forced fumble, in the Baltimore Ravens' 40-14 victory over his former team last Sunday.

Baltimore sacked starting quarterback Gardner Minshew five times.

"This is what they brought me here to do," Ngakoue said. "They brought me here to come change the game, to be a critical part of the defense. That's my job. That's what I intend to do."

Minshew completed 22-of-29 passes for 226 yards and two touchdowns with no interceptions as the Jaguars have lost a franchise-record 13 consecutive games.

"I was talking to Yan during the game," Minshew said. "He's so competitive, as am I. I really tried to tune him out because he chirps a little bit, but I just know that's how Yan is. (He's) a guy that I have a ton of respect for, one of the great competitors in our league."

Jacksonville scored late when the outcome was not in doubt.

Minshew completed a 17-yard touchdown pass to rookie running back James Robinson with 9:09 remaining in the third quarter. A 13-yard TD pass from Minshew to wide receiver Chris Conley with 1:48 left cut the Ravens' lead to 40-14.

Ravens QB Lamar Jackson completed 17-of-22 passes for 243 yards and three touchdowns with one interception — and rushed 10 times for 35 yards and a touchdown.

The Ravens outgained the Jaguars, 409-267, and held the Jaguars to 61 first-half yards.

Matthew Judon set the tone on the Jaguars' second offensive snap with a sack for a safety that staked Baltimore to an early 2-0 lead. Once the Jaguars fell behind early, Minshew was forced into obvious passing situations, which made Baltimore's pass rush even more relentless.

"There's obviously a lot of frustration. Obviously, a lot of people are upset," said Jaguars head coach Doug Marrone. "I'm sure people are embarrassed. There's a lot of that, but we don't let the personal feelings come into play when we have the opportunity to fix things and try to work to get better."

Following the New York Jets' 23-20 upset of the Los Angeles Rams, the Jets (1-13)

moved into a tie with the Jaguars for the rights to the No. 1 overall pick in the 2021 NFL Draft. Should both clubs lose their remaining two games, the top spot would be decided by a tiebreaker based on strength of schedule. Entering Week 15, the Jets (.592) had a higher SOS than the Jaguars (.536), meaning Jacksonville would have the inside track on potentially drafting Clemson QB Trevor Lawrence, the presumed top selection in next year's draft.

"We're trying to win," Marrone said Monday. "We're doing everything we possibly can. That is my job right now, and I owe it to the coaches and players."

The Jaguars will play the Chicago Bears (7-7) at TIAA Bank Field on Sunday before playing the Indianapolis Colts on the road to close out the regular-season.



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What happened?

Our water system did not meet the requirements of a drinking water standard. Although this is not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened, what you should do, and what we did to correct this situation.

We are required to monitor your drinking water for specific contaminants on a regular basis. For public water systems, such as ours, monitoring is required for Total Coliform in our wells and in the distribution system. The well samples are used to indicate the quality of the source water and whether our water treatment methods are acceptable, and are collected prior to disinfection, while the distribution system monitoring indicates whether or not the disinfected drinking water you receive meets health standards. Due to an oversight, during the 2020 compliance period, our wells were not sampled for Total Coliform. Therefore, while the distribution system was monitored and confirmed the quality of your drinking water at that time, we cannot be certain of the quality of the source (i.e., well) water at that time. However, well samples were collected on September 23, 2020 and November 17, 2020. All tested negative for total coliform.

What should I do?

Coliforms are bacteria that are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other, potentially harmful, waterborne pathogens may be present or that a potential pathway exists through which contamination may enter the drinking water distribution system.

Any customers who are concerned about their exposure to Coliforms can choose alternative sources of water for ingestion.

What does this mean?

This is not an emergency. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately.

What is being done?

This is what we are doing to correct the problem: An operational review has been conducted and additional safeguards have been put in place to assure this type of oversight cannot occur in the future.

This problem has already been resolved.

For more information, please contact Daniel J. Nowaczyk at (904)669-7480.

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