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#### WHAT'S THIS?



#### Do you know what this is?

Email your answer to jonb@opcfla.com by Monday at 5 p.m.

All correct entries will be entered into a random drawing to win tickets for two adults and two children to the Jacksonville Zoo. In order to allow as many families as possible to win, participants are only eligible to win a ticket prize pack once every four months.

Two readers correctly identified last week's photo as the sign for Talbots. The winner of the random drawing was **Julie Parker**. Congratulations, Julie — you may pick up your prize at the Recorder office during normal business hours.



#### **ADOPT A PET**

#### CAT OF THE WEEK

M'BAKU came to the shelter hecause his owner had to move. This 1-year-old medium -haired domestic male cat is a total



inside cat and has never been outside. He loves to cuddle and sleep. He is good with other cats, kids and is housetrained. Come see M'BAKU today at the Pet Center, #49844

THE WEEK Junior is a neutered 5-year-old Jack Russell mix. He is a fun. energetic, playful dog who loves

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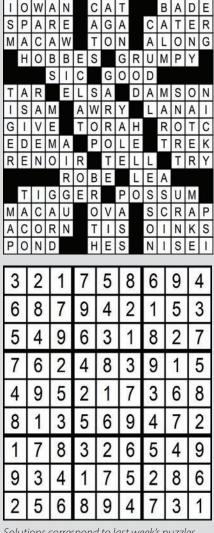
around and play. He is great with other dogs and would make a lovable family addition. Come see Junior today at the Pet Center. #49880

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.

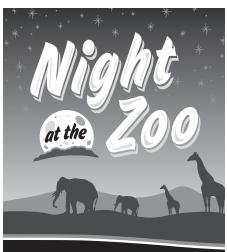
#### St. Johns County Pet Center

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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#### **BRIEFS**

#### St. Johns County urges residents and businesses to conserve water

Water demands have increased throughout St. Johns County due to a recent lack of rainfall and historically high temperatures. St. Johns County Utilities is urging customers to help conserve water by observing mandatory irrigation schedules and reducing water usage whenever possible.

Refer to the irrigation schedule below for your property:

- Homes with odd numbered or no addresses may irrigate on Wednesdays and Saturdays.
- Homes with even numbered addresses may irrigate on Thursdays and Sundays.
- Nonresidential properties may irrigate on Tuesdays and Fridays.

The county asks that residents do not irrigate between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. For more information on water conservation or irrigation regulations, visit www.sjcfl.us/utilities/ or call (904) 209-2700.

#### District 4 Commissioner Blocker to host office hours June 21

St. Johns County District 4 Commissioner Jeremiah Ray Blocker will host open office hours from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday, June 21, at the Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library, located at 101 Library Blvd.

Community members are invited to schedule an appointment to meet with Blocker and discuss any questions, needs or concerns. Walk-ins are also welcome.

To schedule an appointment or for more information, email mlundquist@sjcfl.us or call (904) 209-0563.





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# SJSO clarifies misconceptions regarding sexual offenders/predators in community

#### **By Amber Lake**

In early May, the Ponte Vedra Recorder reported on Ryan Peirson, 30, of 661 Ponte Vedra Blvd., who allegedly used the social media platform Snapchat to try to lure a 15-year-old girl to his home. Peirson, who had no prior arrests for deviant sexual misconduct, may be registered as a sexual offender pending his trial.

Currently, the St. Johns County Sheriff's Office's (SJSO) Offender Watch identifies about 10 sexual offenders and predators in the 32082 and 32081 area, not including Peirson. According to a recent Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability (OP-PAGA) study, Florida harbors 53% more sex offenders and predators than it did in 2005. SJSO spokesman Chuck Mulligan told the Recorder when it comes to the community's understanding of sexual offenders and predators, "there is a lot of misconceptions and misinformation out there."

To start, Mulligan said there is a significant difference in definition and law between a sexual offender and sexual predator. For an offender to get a classification as "predator," he/she would have to have had multiple offenses or commit a more serious offense by the eyes of the judge and Florida law. With this classification, the predator faces stricter restrictions, including registering with the county sheriff's department when moving, regardless of whether he/she is on probation. The sheriff then alerts anyone within the 2-mile radius of his/her presence.

When offenders move, Mulligan said, they also will register with the sheriff's office. The sheriff's office is not required, however, to send out an alert about offenders moving if they're not on probation or if their probation doesn't cover those terms. Part of the reason is the sheer number of registered offenders.

"Quite frankly there is several hundred of them in St. Johns County residing currently," Mulligan said.

Mulligan makes sure to point out that there isn't one end-all rule for offenders and predators to abide by, outside of registering with the county sheriff's office. Factors such as when they were convicted, where they were convicted, by who and whether they're still on probation, all play into which laws come into place. Residency restrictions such as if an offender can reside within 1,000 feet of any school, childcare facility, park or playground might simply be determined by the fact that they were convicted before a new law was established, he said.

Mulligan stresses that community members should log on to SJSO's website and register for the Offender Watch system to receive updates on any offenders moving into their area.

In addition to the concern about rising offender/predator populations, Mulligan pointed out that another issue plaguing the county is the individuals facing homelessness.

In the OPPAGA report, OPPAGA stated that sex offenders often have strict housing barriers, which contribute to instability and monitoring difficulties. Florida's residency restriction laws are strict and often limit available housing, especially in dense urban areas. In fact, neighboring Duval County, the report states, has one of the highest rates of predators and offenders without a permanent address in the state.

Mulligan said that there is an issue in St. Johns County and that he believes it stems in part from prisoners being released without any help from families or friends. In addition, without a support network, he said the recently released prisoners were relying on the information of other offenders for viable addresses to report to the Florida Department of Corrections. One such address was located off State Road 207 in St. Augustine.

"For a while (we) had certain areas of the county which were wooded in a particular corner," Mulligan said. "There were no homes in the immediate area and all these sex offenders kept moving in there together. So, we had three or four of them living in the same patch of woods."

The issue with homelessness among sex offenders and predators is so common that places such as "Miracle Village," in Pahokee, Florida, have been formed as a haven for registered sex offenders. According to a recent BBC article, there are over 200 offenders currently residing there.

While there has been a reported increase of offenders in the state, it should be noted, however, that the occurrence of recidivism in sex offenders has been disputed. The Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues reported in 2007 that recidivism among sex offenders was actually much lower than commonly believed, with one statistic citing a 5.3% rate among 9,000 offenders over a three-year period. In addition, 93% of child sexual abuse is perpetrated by a person they know, with 34% being family members and 59% acquaintances.

Mulligan also pointed out that community members should be wary about posting fliers or engaging with sex offenders in their neighborhood. Offenders, just like all citizens, have rights against libelous fliers and can sue if misinformation is spread.

Residents looking for more information on this topic can visit www.sjso.org/i-want-to/locate-sex-offenders.







Jacob Adler

James Burke

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Storm Lathrop

**Shawn McKim** 

**David Miller** 

Edward Picard







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## REGISTERED SEXUAL OFFENDERS/PREDATORS RESIDING IN ZIP CODES 32081 AND 32082

**Jacob Adler:** *107 Overlook Drive 32082* – Attempting to Receive Child Pornography (2012)

**James Burkes:** 2811 ST Tropez Court 32082 – Attempted Lewd or Lascivious on a Child (attempted) (1996)

**Bradley Houghton:** *508 Rutile Drive 32082* – Lewd or Lascivious on a Child under 16 years (2001)

**Storm Lathrop:** *611 Ponte Vedra Lakes Blvd. Apt. 704 32082* – Traveling To Meet Minor To Commit Unlawful Sex Offense (2018)

**Shawn McKim (labeled as non-compliant):** 201 Cezanne Circle 32081 – Lewd or lascivious conduct victim under 16 years old by offender 18 years or older (2003)

**David Miller (predator):** 100 Fairway Park Blvd. 32082 – Endangering the Welfare of a Child, Criminal Sexual Contact (2007); Criminal Sexual Contact (2009)

**Edward Picard:** 605 Picasso Ave. 32081 – Use of computer to solicit or lure a parent or custodian of a child to consent to the child's participation in sexual conduct, Transmission of Material Harmful to Minors to a Minor (2012)

**Brian Schaedlich:** *1502 March Cove Lane 32082* – Unlawful Sexual Activity with Certain Minors (2017)

**Michael Thompson:** 753 Rembrandt Ave. 32081 – Traveling To Meet Minor To Commit Unlawful Sex Offense, Lewd or Lascivious Battery on a Child 12-15 years (2018)

**Jason White:** *5 Starfish Place 32082* – Sexual Battery Victim Over 12 Unable to Resist (2009)

Source: St. Johns County Sheriff's Office's (SJSO) Offender Watch

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#### MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

# Farewell and thank you



**Jon Blauvelt** Editor

Two and a half years ago, the Ponte Vedra Recorder took a chance on me.

I was two to three years removed from journalism school, with a background in corporate communications and marketing, followed by a handful of freelance assignments with publications in the Jacksonville area. I was fighting to find my way into the journalism indus-

try, and the Recorder ultimately obliged, hiring me first as a reporter and then as the editor. The Osteen family (owners), Recorder Publisher Susan Griffin and staff, and my predecessor Jennifer Logue graciously welcomed me to the team and jumpstarted an adventure I will never forget.

That adventure has included the fulfillment of lifelong dreams covering THE PLAYERS Championship and the Jacksonville Jaguars. It has included meetings and interviews with professional athletes, politicians, CEOs of major companies and organizations, former CEOs and many others who have humbled me. It has included everyday Ponte Vedra residents and organizations in the community who have also humbled me, opening their doors and welcoming me into their homes and meetings to tell me their stories.

Through these interactions and experiences, I've been reminded of how special Ponte Vedra is, reinforcing what I knew was true so many years ago when I visited this sleepy beach town as a child to visit family.

That's why writing this message is so bittersweet, as I complete my time as editor of the Recorder and transition to the next chapter of my life as a public relations specialist at Wounded Warrior Project.

As I look forward to that opportunity, I am proud of the work the Recorder has accomplished over the past few years. Our small but mighty staff has produced a quality newspaper week in and week out that readers look forward to, enjoy and count on for original reporting and storytelling.

In addition to the Recorder's 50-year legacy as a strong print product, I'm also proud of the digital progress we've made over the past few years. We've dramatically increased our presence on social media, expanded our storytelling to video and other mediums, and worked to improve our website, most recently seen through the launch of our Best of the Best of Ponte Vedra contest.

True progress, indeed, and I know that will undoubtedly continue under the tutelage of the next editor of the Recorder.

As I move forward in my career, I will always be grateful for this chapter of my life. I've met so many great people and have learned more than I ever could have imagined. I want to thank all of you in the community, for reading, for taking the time to meet or speak with me, for submitting stories we weren't able to cover, for agreeing, for disagreeing and, ultimately, for embracing the Recorder as your community newspaper. It's been a true honor serving in this seat. I will always look back on this experience fondly, and I will always look back on the people I've met along the way with a smile on my face.

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

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With the nomination period complete, readers and community members can now vote in approximately 300 categories online in the Ponte Vedra Recorder's Best of the Best of Ponte Vedra contest.

Votes can be cast at www.ponte-vedrarecorder.com/BestOf.

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The Recorder launched the contest
May 16 in celebration of the newspaper's 50th anniversary, which is coming up
in November (#CheersTo50Years). The contest
covers zip codes 32082 and 32081. From best boss to
best charity event, best artist to best yoga instructor and
best barbecue to best jewelry store, the categories run
the gamut and are sure to include your favorite things.

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Voting will take place until July 20, during which each person can vote once per day in as many categories as he or she wants. The nominees who receive the most votes will be named 2019 Best of the Best of Ponte Vedra. Nominations and voting are completely free and open to the public.

The Best Of platform on the Recorder's website features lists of nominees in an easy-to-use format. Nomi-

nees can participate in advertising packages that promote their entry by expanding their listing to feature additional details about the business.

Winners will receive a free framed certificate and a Best of the Best of Ponte Vedra window cling. Each winner will also be listed in the Recorder's

Best of the Best of Ponte Vedra special section and on the winners' website. Winners will be notified by Ponte Vedra Recorder staff in July.

For more information or to find out how to get your nominated business or product involved in promotions that will be going on throughout the contest cycle, contact your sales representative, email susan@opcfla.com or call (904) 285-8831. Vote for your favorite business, service, person, restaurant or product now at www.pontevedrarecorder.com/BestOf.



noto courtesy of Katrin Casey.

Chemo Noir will hold its 1-mile race and wine tasting event at Casa Marina Restaurant and Hotel in Jacksonville Beach on June 15.

# Chemo Noir to hold race, wine tasting June 15 to support cancer patients

#### By Daniela Toporek

To help pay medical bills for those struggling with cancer, Chemo Noir will host its third annual 1-mile race and wine tasting on Saturday, June 15, at Casa Marina Hotel and Restaurant in Jacksonville Beach from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

After the race, guests and participants will be welcomed back to Casa Marina for the wine-tasting, featuring select wines from sponsors, along with live music by Barrett Thomas, a photo booth and smoothie samples from Smoothie King. There will also be a raffle that features prizes ranging from Jaguar game tickets to Rolling

Stone tickets and massage packages.

Jacksonville's local mascots, Fang from the Icemen, Shrimp Scampi from the Jumbo Shrimp and even Jaxson de Ville from the Jacksonville Jaguars will be at the race, competing against one another to establish the fastest mascot of the city.

#### THE STORY BEHIND THE RACE

Chemo Noir is a local nonprofit organization that raises money through wine-centric events to help cancer patients offset the out-of-pocket medical costs of fighting cancer.

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A Nocatee resident, Dr. Don Resio is a professor of ocean engineering at the University of North Florida (UNF) and the director of the Taylor Engineering Research Institute at UNF's College of Computing, Engineering and Construction.

#### Can you please briefly tell us about your background?

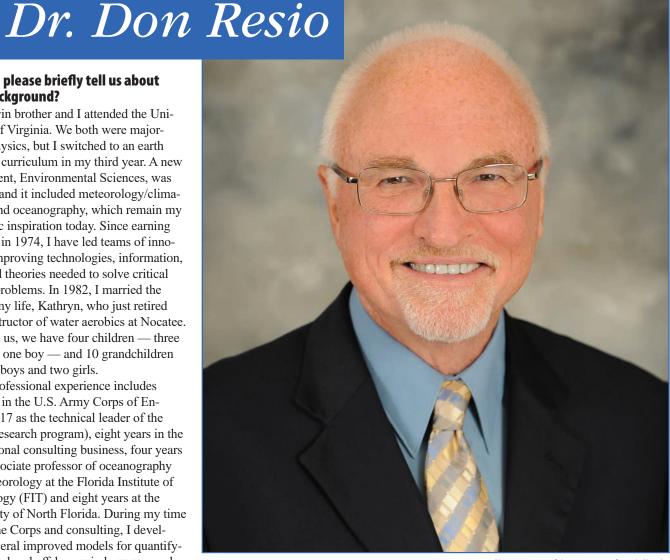
My twin brother and I attended the University of Virginia. We both were majoring in physics, but I switched to an earth sciences curriculum in my third year. A new department, Environmental Sciences, was formed, and it included meteorology/climatology and oceanography, which remain my academic inspiration today. Since earning my PhD in 1974, I have led teams of innovators improving technologies, information, tools and theories needed to solve critical coastal problems. In 1982, I married the love of my life, Kathryn, who just retired from instructor of water aerobics at Nocatee. Between us, we have four children — three girls and one boy — and 10 grandchildren - eight boys and two girls.

My professional experience includes 26 years in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (17 as the technical leader of the coastal research program), eight years in the international consulting business, four years as an associate professor of oceanography and meteorology at the Florida Institute of Technology (FIT) and eight years at the University of North Florida. During my time within the Corps and consulting, I developed several improved models for quantifying coastal and offshore winds, waves and surges and incorporated these models into statistical systems for estimating coastal and offshore hazards in an integrated method that has been used around the world as the basis for planning and design. My experience in this field has allowed me to serve as a member on National Research Council committees, as a technical advisor to judges in international court cases and as a technical expert on critical national and international court cases.

I became the director of the Taylor Engineering Research Institute at the University of North Florida in 2011, where my passion for innovation is being passed on to the next generation of students from undergraduate through postdoctoral researchers. As an example of this, a team of UNF professors and students recently earned an international patent for UNF, for a green-energy system that can harvest continuous energy from coastal tides.

#### What inspired your career in marine meteorology?

Many spring and fall weekends and much of my summertime through the latter part of grade school and through high school were spent with my uncle from Sweden, Nils Nilson. He was incredibly knowledgeable about winds, waves and currents within the Chesapeake Bay and mouth of the Potomac River where we fished and crabbed together. He and my father were also both dedicated



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weather watchers and passed on to me their love of observing nature. They inspired me to always try to be the best person that I can be and ingrained in me the importance of learning about natural processes.

#### What is your proudest achievement in your field?

I recently received the Vincent J. Cardone Lifetime Achievement Award for Marine Meteorology. Vince was my mentor in all things meteorological, beginning during my PhD at UVA and for all years afterwards until he passed away in 2013. This award also recognized my many years of service to the United Nations World Meteorological Organization in countries around the world to reduce damage and loss of life caused by storms and other water hazards, along with my technical contributions to this field. I feel that building the Taylor Engineering Research Institute at UNF has to be considered as tied with this. Over the last eight years, we have gone from an essentially nonexistent program with no Coastal Engineering students, to a constantly growing number of students in our undergraduate track in Coastal Engineering and 18 graduate students (16 MS and 2 PhD, with the latter shared with the University of Florida), almost all of whom receive full tuition coverage and stipends derived

from UNF coastal research projects.

#### Do you have any insight on the upcoming hurricane season? What should residents in the area expect?

Not really. By now, everyone probably realizes that seasonal forecasts are relatively crude in terms of their accuracies. The reason for this inaccuracy is the evolving time and space scales involved in the creation of both a relatively stable area for tropical storm genesis and a pattern of atmospheric steering currents that bring the hurricanes to the United States. That being said, I will put my guess out there with the rest of them. I think the U.S. will have a higher than normal number of hurricanes (more than six) this year. This is purely due to the locations where the major circulation features seem to be settling into this year.

#### What does Northeast Florida need to do to protect itself from future hurricanes and storms?

I think local and state officials have done a good job in developing plans and actions for the 48 hours leading up to and following a hurricane strike in an area. In my opinion, the state should shift some of its budget into improved long-term planning to make coastal areas more resilient to hurricane strikes and to developing technologies that can help areas recover more quickly

and fully after storms. For example, new innovative ideas and funding is needed in order to develop expedient methods that can be quickly deployed before a storm hits to help minimize damages. And when the storm has passed, we need faster, expedient bridge replacement capabilities. For example, a team of engineers and scientists that I directed under military funding successfully demonstrated the capability to place a heavy-capacity bridge over a rapidly flowing river within a few hours in a FEMA exercise that took place in Alaska in 2010 (an effort that was awarded the Defense Logistics Agency's Technology Transition of the Year Award). We also developed a system that could close breaches in dune and levee systems, even while water is flowing through it. I think the key is to not only rely on doing things we already do somewhat better, but to think outside the box to a generation of new ideas.

A good example of the need to improve our capabilities can be found in compound flooding events in Florida. Flooding problems in both Jacksonville and St. Augustine are exacerbated by an inflow of runoff water coming down rivers and streams during hurricanes and creating higher surges than would be created only by winds. Downtown Jacksonville was the victim of this type of flooding in Hurricane Irma, and would not have flooded if the St. Johns River discharge had been much lower. I am presently completing a project to add the capability to include this type of flooding into the National Hurricane Center's surge forecast system.

#### What do you enjoy most about living in **Nocatee/Ponte Vedra?**

It is a wonderful nature area. Kelly Pointe, where I live, is very peaceful with my backyard directly connected to a nature preserve. My wife and I have made good friends since moving to Nocatee. Everyone is so friendly and the proximity to both Jacksonville, St. Augustine, the Beaches and the GTM Preserve, with all its beautiful areas within it, provides so many options for dining and fun activities.

#### What do you like to do in your free time?

I love to go for walks on local beaches and explore the local area. We also travel quite a bit for work and pleasure with planned trips to Croatia this summer for a break, a United Nations-sponsored trip to Fiji to assist with flooding problems in that country, and a trip to Australia this fall for an international wave and surge conference that I help organize. I have to admit that I am not very good at just relaxing. I usually stay fairly active even when I am not working and enjoy playing my guitar as well as non-technical writing, including one book of poetry published and some books of fiction underway.

**Edited by Jon Blauvelt** 

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# Anglers for a Cure to host 13th annual fishing tournament to support colon cancer research

#### By Daniela Toporek

After longtime Ponte Vedra Beach resident Doug Carroll was diagnosed with colon cancer in 2004 and ultimately died, his son Jordan decided to make a difference.

Alongside his friend Matt Hahnemann, Jordan launched in 2006 Anglers for a Cure, an organization that spreads awareness about the importance of colonoscopy screenings and benefits the Borland Groover clinics. These clinics help those struggling with colon cancer and even provide financial assistance for those who can't afford to get screened.

Anglers for a Cure's primary fundraising vehicle is its annual fishing tournament. The organization's 13th annual tournament will be held Sept. 28 at the Vilano Beach Boat Ramp. The event averages around 40 to 50 boats, plus kayaks and approximately 200 people in attendance. According to Carroll, the tournaments have raised over \$1000,000. Carroll calls his fishing tournament a "niche" tournament since competitors must have their own boat or kayak to participate.

"I keep using that term because with a walk or run or things like that, almost anybody can do it," Carroll explained. "So it has been kind of a difficult project."

But with the rise of social media and help of the community, Carroll said he's seen a significant increase in event awareness and participation in the last three years.

"It's really been a turn for us, and we have not looked back since." he said. "The cause is only continuing to grow."



Photos courtesy of Jordan Carroll and Anglers for a Cure

Anglers for a Cure 2018 fishing tournament competitors pose for a group shot. The 2019 fishing tournament will be held Sept. 28. at the Vilano Beach Boat Ramp.

With the rise of participation comes a rise of spectatorship. Carroll added that there will also be plenty to do for those who aren't participating in the tournament, but still want to come out and support the cause. The event will include food and live music.

Anglers will also be hosting a Captain's Dinner the night before the event. A prize drawing will be held in which guests have a chance to win kayaks and other prizes. Aside from the food and fun, what really matters most to Carroll is that the community comes together to support the Anglers for a Cure cause.

For those who aren't interested in competing, but want to help with the cause, Anglers for a Cure is searching for volunteers and sponsors for the tournament.

"Whether its monetary or just lending a hand and carrying coolers, as small as it

is, we just need the extra help," he said.

He also mentioned how grateful he is for the help Anglers for a Cure has received thus far, especially from St. Johns County Parks and Recreation for allowing the organization to operate in Vilano Beach.

"It's just a win-win partnership," he said. "We are nothing without the community's support."

The biggest thing Carroll wants his community to take with them, whether attending the event or not, is that it's never too late to get checked for colon cancer.

"People tend to put it off like it's really not a big deal," he explained, adding that early screening and detection are extremely significant and can save lives. "The whole push with colon cancer is if you have any type of minor symptoms in early detection screenings, they (doctors) can



Anglers for a Cure 2018 competitors show off their fresh catch.

go in there and remove things (tumors, etc.) and you're good to go. Whereas if it's detected too late, the cancer can really take over."

Carroll lost his father shortly after the inaugural fishing tournament in 2006, but his legacy lives on through the Anglers for a Cure foundation.

"He (my father) was actually diagnosed through the Borland Groover Clinic based there in Jacksonville, Florida, so all our proceeds go to their foundation for research and education."

For more information on Anglers for a Cure and its fishing tournament or about the Borland Groover Clinic, visit www. anglersforacure.org and www.borlandgroover.com.

#### Chemo Noir

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Founder and Nease high school alumna Katrin Casey has been an athlete since she can remember. She's a fellow runner and soccer player. She's also a cancer survivor

Casey was diagnosed with colon cancer in 2014 and treated her illness as she would any other physical obstacle in her way, like a training program.

"I handled it just like I would getting ready for soccer season," Casey said. "I prepared really well. I was going to treatment every other week for nine months. I had a routine and I had paper rings where I took one down every time I finished the treatment. I definitely handled it like a playbook."

Although she handled her treatment like the disciplined, dedicated athlete she is, Casey remembers times where she felt far from that state. Her diagnosis caused her to put a pause on running for over a year and a half. At times, she couldn't even lift 10 pounds.

"It drove me crazy," she said. "Like I couldn't even take my trash out."

Whether it was the treatment or her sheer will to not quit on the game of life, Casey made a significant recovery and goes into remission this summer.

After her year and a half hiatus, Casey was finally able to run her first mile. Not only did this signify her recovery, but also the fact that the real Katrin Casey — not the cancer patient — but the runner, the athlete, the fighter was back.

"I was in tears the whole time," she said nostalgically and proud. "It was on the beach and that's where I got inspired to do this event."

One of the most significant parts of the 1-mile run is the half-mile turn in the race, called "Tara's Turn," dedicated to Casey's dear friend who died during her battle with brain cancer just before Chemo Noir's first race.

"She used to be in my soccer club team," Casey said. "We'd meet up on our 'good weeks' when we weren't in treatment and have a little wine together. I was extremely affected by her passing and her sister is one of the founders of Chemo Noir, so I just wanted to dedicate that to her and her memory."

Casey mentioned having survivor's guilt, questioning why she beat cancer rather than others. But if it weren't for Casey's survival, the community would have lost even more members who could not have afforded treatment, had it not been for Casey and Chemo Noir.

Just last week, Casey met with a fellow recipient struggling with breast cancer who was granted financial assistance by Chemo Noir after her son was killed in a car accident and had to pay unexpected funeral costs.

"She was going back to work, trying

to get her life back together, still battling cancer and dealing with this massive loss of her only son, so she had a lot of medical overflow that she couldn't shake," Casey explained. "It's heartbreaking. I cry every time I write a check."

Casey couldn't be any more thankful for those in the community who've come out to support her organization and its cause. After all, it's because of those who've attended Chemo Noir's events that she's able to give back in the first place. She calls her Chemo Noir family her tribe and couldn't be any more proud of it.

"Cancer is just a tremendous feat," Casey said. "Getting through it is hard enough and you shouldn't have to worry about a few thousand dollars just to live, as long as I'm concerned."

Visit www.chemonoir.com for more information on Chemo Noir, the 1-mile race and wine tasting and more survivor stories.

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# MSD Board approves county MoU regarding homestead exemption audit

By Jon Blauvelt

The Ponte Vedra Beach Municipal Service District (MSD) Board of Trustees recently signed off on a memorandum of understanding (MoU) regarding a homestead exemption audit that an outside firm will conduct on behalf of St. Johns County.

St. Johns County Property Appraiser Eddie Creamer attended the MSD Board's meeting May 13 at the Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library to discuss the audit and seek the MSD's approval. The county property appraiser has met with each of the county's taxing authorities to do so.

Creamer said his office administers about 71,000 exemptions in the county. Of those exemptions, he said most are homestead exemptions, which not only provide homeowners a \$50,000 deduction in their tax-assessed value, but also applies a 3% cap on the amount that a homeowner's tax-assessed value can increase each year. Creamer said his office receives about 9,000 homestead exemption applications each year.

The problem his office consistently

faces, Creamer said, is when an exemption is granted, it becomes out of date, because "things can change in ownership," he said. This causes that exemption to be noncompliant. When that happens in Florida, Creamer said they have a good system of catching it. But when it happens outside of Florida, with a death, divorce, remarriage, etc., Creamer said his office does not have a good system to address the situation. In addition, he said of the 71,000 exemptions that his office has, some are over 60 years old, and they have never undergone a comprehensive audit to determine their validity.

As a result, Creamer has been proposing to taxing authorities in the county a comprehensive audit that allows his office to identify improperly claimed exemptions and look outside of Florida to events that may have happened to jeopardize different exemptions. With the audit, Creamer said his office will also be able to determine which rentals and short-term rentals may be claiming homestead exemption. He noted that the audit will additionally help his office search for unclaimed exemptions, meaning homeowners who live in

the county and are qualified for an exemption but have not applied.

Creamer's office, which doesn't have enough manpower to tackle all exemptions, has selected a firm called The Exemption Project to complete the project. If any back taxes are recovered, they will be remitted back to the taxing authorities and the county, and 18% will be retained and paid to the auditing firm. Creamer said he expects the project to begin in July and finish in a 90-to-120-day period.

#### **OTHER MSD NEWS**

According to an email from MSD Board Treasurer Gary Jurenovich, the MSD has been working with St. Johns County and Ponte Vedra Inn & Club to get a county easement granted so that a major storm water improvement project can begin on Ponte Vedra Boulevard.

That project is moving forward, said Jurenovich, as the Ponte Vedra Inn & Club noted in a meeting that it would be willing to assist the community in making these improvements possible. Five new storm water drains are expected to be placed around the intersection of Ponte Vedra Boulevard and San Diego Road, with a new outfall line along San Diego. This project should begin in fall 2019.

In addition, Jurenovich said TECO Peoples Gas will be extending the gas line along Ponte Vedra Boulevard from south of the Sawgrass back gate, south on Ponte Vedra Boulevard to Mickler's and then across A1A to the roundabout. Jurenovich said this project should begin shortly and not take long. Residents along this gas line, once installed, will be allowed to connect if desired.

Also according to Jurenovich, JEA will be replacing a water main on Ponte Vedra Boulevard between Miranda and Corona roads beginning in January 2020. In addition, he said Corona Road is schedule to be milled and repayed in fall 2019.

Finally, the MSD treasurer said discussions were held at the meeting regarding the state of the roadway along Ponte Vedra Boulevard. This topic will again be up for discussion at the MSD Board's next meeting on Monday, June 10, at 6 p.m. at the Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library. Preliminary budget discussion is also planned to take place.

## First graders from Bolles meet world travelers

On Wednesday, May 22, the Bolles Lower School Ponte Vedra Beach Campus Library and the Bolles Lower School Whitehurst Campus Copeland Library hosted Valerie and Bryce, two world travelers with whom students on both campuses have been Skyping this school year as the pair drove through South America and visited the Galapagos Islands and Antarctica. After many months of remote conversations, students were finally able speak with Valerie and Bryce in person.

The travelers also are personal friends of Ponte Vedra Beach Campus Head Peggy Campbell-Rush, who knew them as students when she directed a Semester at Sea program. The pair later established a program called "The Great Untold EDU," an educational outreach for students.

Valerie and Bryce arrived on the Bolles Lower School Ponte Vedra Beach Campus just two days after arriving in Miami from



their yearlong journey. Students convened in George Hall to watch a special recap of their trip and ask questions about their adventure. Students were very interested in the types of animals they encountered as well as trip logistics. The pair later traveled to the Whitehurst Campus in Jacksonville to meet first grade students in Copeland Library.

First graders on both campuses have been focusing on the continent of South America as part of their global studies. Each grade level honed in on a different continent. Bolles' yearlong focus on the world's continents has influenced students' world perspectives in many ways and in many areas of learning including art, performance and innovation.

On Wednesday, May 22, the Bolles Lower School Ponte Vedra Beach students met with Valerie and Bryce, world travelers who just came back from a trip to South America, Galapagos Islands and Antarctica.

Photo courtesy of Bolles Lower School Ponte Vedra Beach





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#### **UPCOMING EVENTS IN NOCATEE**

Keep in mind the following events taking place in Nocatee over the next few days.

#### **FAMILY BINGO NIGHT**

#### Thursday, June 6, from 6 to 7:30 p.m., Blue Water Bar and Grill

Bring the kids out for a night of fun at Family Bingo Night. This free family event will include Bingo and a variety of other board games. Bingo will begin at 6:15 p.m. Blue Water Bar and Grill will be open and selling food and drinks. Email fun@nocatee.com to RSVP.

#### TAP TAKEOVER AND TRIVIA NIGHT

#### Friday, June 7, from 7 to 9 p.m., Blue Water Bar and Grill

Nocatee residents and their guests are invited to this monthly event. A maximum of eight people per team is permitted. Trivia will begin at 7:15 p.m. Blue Water Bar and Grill will be open and selling food and drinks. This event is for ages 16+ only. Paradise Park Playground will close at 7 p.m. for this event. Reserve your teams spot by signing up at triviajune2019.eventbrite.com

#### NFL ALUMNI FOOTBALL AND CHEER CLINIC

#### Saturday, June 8, from 8 a.m. to noon, Nocatee Station Field

NFL Alumni Jacksonville Chapter will be putting on their annual Football and Cheerleader Clinic for Nocatee residents and the surrounding communities. Boys and girls ages 7-17 are invited to learn the fundamentals of football and cheer. The cost is \$35 per child. Sign up online at www.eventbrite.com/e/nfl-alumni-jacksonville-football-cheer-clinic-tickets-59058267869

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#### **OBITUARIES**

#### Suzanne R. Daly

Suzanne R. Daly, 89, of Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida, died June 1, 2019. Arrangements by Quinn-Shalz Family Funeral Home & Cremation Centre.

#### Millie Margaret Huffman

Millie Margaret Huffman, 73, of Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida, died May 30, 2019. Arrangements by Quinn-Shalz Family Funeral Home & Cremation Centre.

#### **Leonora Rose Gorr**

Leonora Rose Gorr, 90, died May 26, 2019. Ponte Vedra Valley Funeral Home, Cremation Center & Cemetery – (904) 285-1130 – www.pontevedravalley.com

#### **Linda Kracker**

Linda Kracker 73, died May 28, 2019. Ponte Vedra Valley Funeral Home, Cremation Center & Cemetery – (904) 285-1130 – www.pontevedravalley.com

#### **Julia Meskell**

Julia Meskell, 96, of Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida, died May 28, 2019. Arrangements by Quinn-Shalz Family Funeral Home & Cremation Centre.

#### **Arthur Parris**

Arthur Parris, 100, of Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida, died May 25, 2019. Arrangements by Quinn-Shalz Family Funeral Home & Cremation Centre.

#### **Louise Hale Stone**

Louise Hale Stone, 89, of Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida died June 3, 2019. Arrangements by Quinn-Shalz Family Funeral Home & Cremation Centre.

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## SJC Chamber of Commerce to host 17th annual Ponte Vedra Auto Show Sept. 15

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, 2019, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Nocatee Event Field.

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, according to a press release from the Chamber. This year's show features a newly designed website, which is ready for entry registrations. Automobile pre-registration is \$35 per vehicle through Sept. 11. Day of registration is \$50 per vehicle. Registration information can be found at www.pvautoshow.com.

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.

The Ponte Vedra Auto Show will honor its past chairman, Larry Weisman, who died earlier this year. Weisman devoted significant time and energy into the show during his tenure, and the Best of Show Award, selected from 180-plus entrants, will be given in his honor.

"Larry was a driving force behind the Ponte Vedra Auto Show and worked tirelessly to make it the success it is today," said Toni Boudreaux-Godwin, Ponte Vedra Beach division director for the Chamber. "His energy and dedication will be missed and hard to replace."

Ken Perry, longtime Porsche owner and head judge for the Festivals of Speed, has agreed to take over the chairmanship duties going forward. The entire trophy list has been revamped to "level the playing field and car culture trends," Perry said.

Perry brings a wealth of car show organization and judging to the Ponte Vedra Auto Show. Currently, he also serves as head judge for the Festivals of Speed events held in Florida and Georgia. He also voice volunteered for the Amelia Concours d'Elegance for over 15 years, holding chair positions in silent auction, retail sales and logistics. Perry has judged for the Ponte Vedra Auto Show for five years.

"We are thrilled to have Fields Auto Group return for its fourth year as presenting sponsor, they have been a very supportive sponsor in every way," said Isabelle Renault, president of the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce. "This year, attendees will enjoy the show's new updates and expanded show field. Our partnership with Nocatee has allowed for growth and improvements to the Show which we greatly appreciate."

Garry Redig, vice president of operations of Fields Auto Group, said his company is proud to partner with the 2019 Ponte Vedra Auto Show.

"This will be an exciting event showcasing some of the best in the history of the automotive industry," Redig said. "We are looking forward to a great Show at a spectacular new location in Nocatee."

To find out more or to register an automobile in the auto show, visit www.pvautoshow.com or call the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce Ponte Vedra Beach (PVB) Division at (904) 285-2004.

The 2019 Ponte Vedra Auto Show is funded in part by the St. Johns County Tourist Development Council.

## Area residents enjoy Active After 50 Expo

Several hundred area residents visited the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall and Ponte Vedra Memory Care Center on May 18 to attend the Active After 50 Expo, a lifestyle, health and aging event.

Produced by Lifestyle Events Management, the free event provided baby boomers, seniors, caregivers, family members and professionals who serve that population with information on fitness, travel and cruises, leisure and recreation, finance, retirement and insurance, nutrition and diet, memory care services, and senior living and assisted living, among other topics. Brought to the community by activeboomersand-seniors.com and WSOS Radio, over 60 exhibitors attended to offer information about their products and services.

The expo also featured numerous seminars and a Treasures in the Attic antique appraisal in the Ponte Vedra Memory Care Center. Sponsored by the Ponte Vedra Recorder and benefiting the St. Johns County Council on Aging, the event was based off the popular PBS show, "Antiques Roadshow." Appraisals were provided by B. Langston Estate Sales & Auctions and Expert Jewelry Appraisers.

In addition, visitors to the Expo had the opportunity to participate in the Passport to Prizes activity (sponsored by Liberate Physician Centers and Surterra Wellness) to win a variety of prizes provided by sponsors and exhibitors. Upon entering the Expo, guests received a passport and then visited the booths

with a Passport to Prizes sign to have their passports stamped or initialed by the exhibitor. Grand prizes included a large flat-screen Smart TV and an "Evening Out in Lincoln Luxury" courtesy of Bozard Lincoln.

Kevin Geddings from WSOS 103.9 St. Augustine/95.5 Ponte Vedra was also broadcasting live on the main stage in the Concert Hall playing the hits of the 60s, 70s and 80s.

Presenting sponsors Flagler Health+, Bozard Lincoln and Medicare Mary joined other sponsors including AARP, the Ponte Vedra Recorder, Humana, Island Doctors, Surterra Wellness, Liberate Physician Centers and Re-bath.

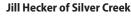
For more information, visit active-boomers and seniors.com.



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Heather Cox and Kerri Dufour of Starling attend the Active After 50 Expo May 18 at the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall







The Ponte Vedra Recorder booth

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## **HURRICANE GUIDE 2019**

Over the past few years, St. Johns County residents have been reminded of the vulnerability of the area's coastal community to hurricanes. With the 2019 Atlantic hurricane season officially beginning on June 1, local families need to know what to do and where to go should the threat of a hurricane (or any disaster) become real. The Ponte Vedra Recorder has pulled together a collection of resources to help readers start to prepare.

#### **HURRICANE CHECKLISTS**

One way to be prepared for a storm is by assembling a disaster supply kit.

Once disaster strikes, it is too late to shop or search for supplies. With supplies gathered in advance, families can endure an evacuation or home confinement.

Here are a few checklists to consider while preparing for this upcoming hurricane season:

#### ON THE ROAD

- Cash | Credit cards
- Important documents
- Road maps
- Jumper cables
- Tire repair kit
- Flashlight | Batteries
- Battery-operated radio
- Fire extinguisher
- Blankets | Sleeping bags
- Pillows
- Toiletries
- Medications
- First-aid kit
- Extra baby supplies
- Non-perishable foods
- Drinking water
- Games | Books

#### **AT HOME**

- Non-perishable foods
- Drinking water
- First aid kit
- Medications
- Cash | Credit cards
- Flashlight | Batteries
- Battery-operated radio
- Manual can opener
- Extra baby supplies
- Games | Books
- Fire extinguisherPhone | Non-portable
- Fill tub with water for sanitation
- Porta-Pot | Well water users

#### AT THE SHELTER

- Three-day supply of water
- Three-day supply of non-perishable foods
- Medications | Specialized supplies
- Diabetics Insulin | Small cooler for Insulin
- Toiletries
- Flashlight | Batteries
- Pillows | Blankets
- Sleeping bag | Egg crate mattress
- Cot | Lawn chair
- Important papers | Identification
- Extra Clothing
- Books | Magazines | Cards, etc.
- Caregiver If you have special needs

#### ST. JOHNS COUNTY EVACUATION ROUTES

Below is guidance on where St. Johns County residents should evacuate during an emergency situation.

**Ponte Vedra Beach/Sawgrass:** North on SR-A1A, turn west onto Butler Boulevard and proceed to I-95 or points west.

**Palm Valley/Nocatee area:** Proceed southwest to CR-210 and proceed to I-95 or points west.

**On coast halfway between Mickler's Landing and South Ponte Vedra Beach:** North of Guana Dam, go north to SR-A1A and proceed west across Palm Valley Bridge on CR-210. South of Guana Dam, go south on SR-A1A and proceed west across Vilano Bridge. Continue west on SR-16 to I-95 or points west.

**City of St. Augustine (mainland):** North on US-1, turn west onto SR-16 or proceed southwest on SR-207 or south on US-1. Proceed to I-95 or points west.

**City of St. Augustine (Davis Shores, Anastasia Island South to St. Augustine Alligator Farm):** SR-A1A, proceed west across Bridge of Lions to US-1 North or US-1 South and/or to SR-16 or SR-207 to I-95 or points west.

**City of St. Augustine and Anastasia Island north of the St. Augustine Amphitheater:** Proceed north on SR-A1A across the Bridge of Lions and then go west.

**City of St. Augustine and Anastasia Island south of the St. Augustine Amphitheater:** Proceed south on SR-A1A, turn west on SR-312, proceed across 312 Bridge to SR-207 and proceed to I-95 or points west.

**City of St. Augustine Beach:** North to SR-312, proceed across 312 Bridge to SR-207 and proceed to I-95 or points west.

**From the intersection of Ocean Trace Road and A1A to Crescent Beach:** South on SR-A1A to Crescent Beach, turn west on SR-206, proceed across Crescent Beach Bridge to US-1 and proceed to I-95 or points west.

**Crescent Beach to Flagler County Line:** North on SR-A1A to Crescent Beach, turn west on SR-206, proceed across Crescent Beach Bridge to US-1 and proceed to I-95 or points west.

#### **ST. JOHNS RIVER**

**SR-13 north of CR-210:** Proceed east along CR-210 or Greenbriar Road to I-95; or north along SR-13 into Duval County; or east on Racetrack Road to areas outside the evacuation zone.

**SR-13 north of CR-214:** Proceed east along CR-208 or SR-16 to I-95; or west along SR-16 across the Shands Bridge; or east on CR-214 to areas outside the evacuation zone.

**CR-13 South of CR-214:** Proceed east along SR-207 or SR-206 to I-95; or west along SR-207 into Putnam County; or east on CR-214 to areas outside the evacuation zone.

Source: St. Johns County Emergency Management

Evacuation zone map, Page 24

#### ST. JOHNS COUNTY SHELTERS

In most cases, evacuation is the best option. But if this is not possible, one of the best ways to get prepared for hurricane season is by locating the evacuation shelters in your area.

#### PUBLIC EVACUATION SHELTERS

#### **Bartram Trail High School**

7399 Longleaf Pine Parkway St. Johns, FL 32259

#### Mill Creek Elementary School

3750 International Golf Parkway St. Augustine, FL 32092

#### **Creekside High School**

100 Knights Lane St. Johns, FL 32259

#### **Cunningham Creek Elementary**

1205 Roberts Road St. Johns, FL 32259

#### **Durbin Creek Elementary School**

4100 Race Track Road St. Johns, FL 32259

#### **Patriot Oaks Academy**

475 Longleaf Pine Parkway St. Johns, FL 32259

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#### **Otis Mason Elementary School**

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#### Pedro Menendez High School

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#### Fruit Cove Middle School

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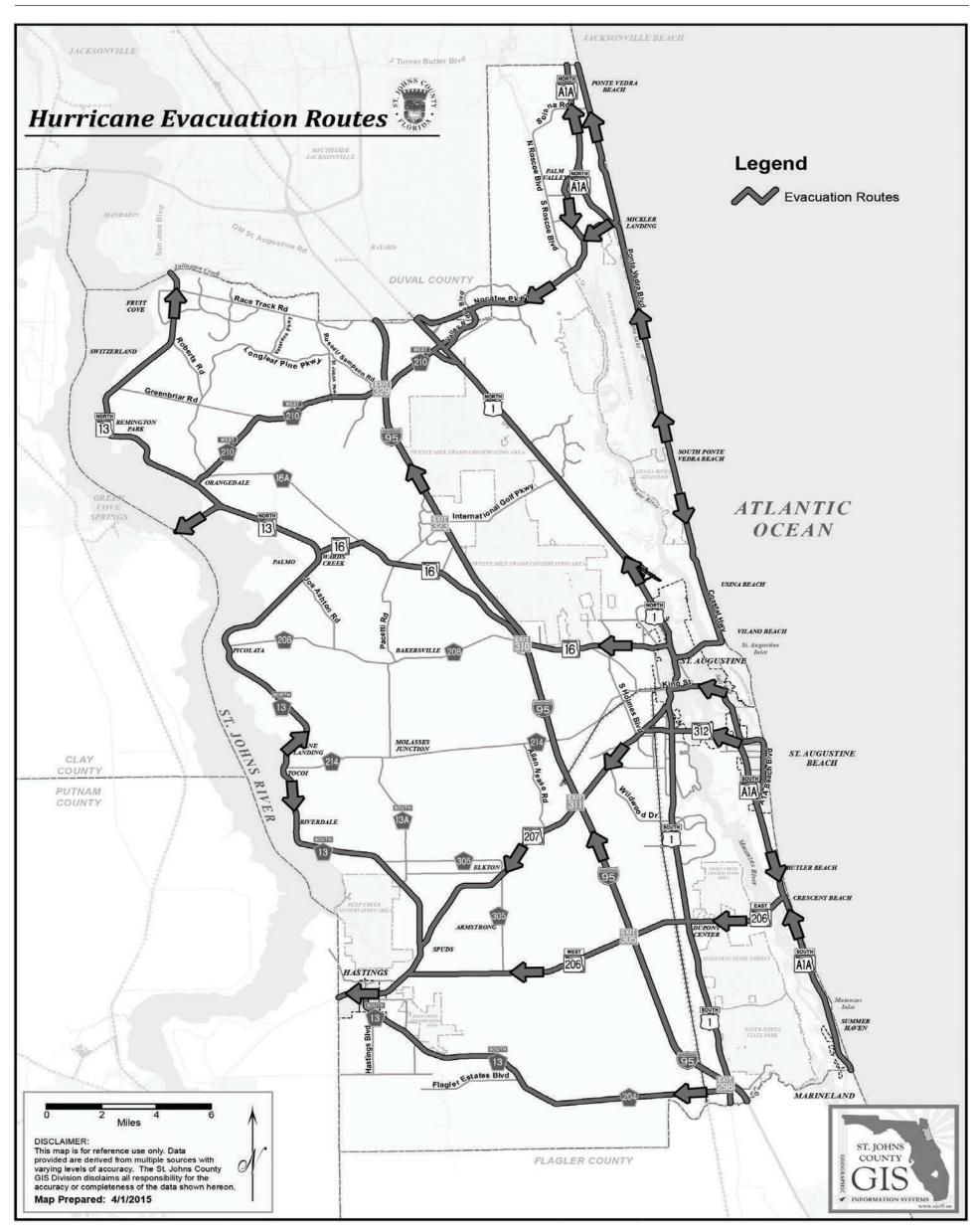
#### **Pacetti Bay Middle School**

245 Meadowlark Lane St. Augustine, FL 32092

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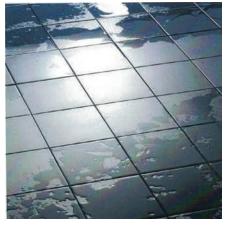
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## When it comes to flooding, Florida's risk is very real

As the 2019 Atlantic hurricane season begins, Florida's Chief Financial Officer (CFO) Jimmy Patronis and Florida Insurance Commissioner David Altmaier are reminding consumers to start preparing now, if they haven't already.

Consumers should review their insurance policies, understand their coverages and secure flood insurance coverage as soon as possible. Typically, there is a 30-day waiting period before a flood policy takes effect, so it is vital to act now, they say.

The Office of Insurance Regulation (OIR) has worked alongside Patronis' of-

fice to expand Florida's private flood insurance market, according to a press release from the Office of Insurance Regulation. As of April 30, the number of insurers eligible to write private flood insurance in Florida increased from 20 to 29, a 45 percent increase since June 2017. Private carriers have written more than 62,000 personal primary flood insurance policies in Florida, a 169 percent increase since June 2017. According to the release, this coverage is usually offered at prices similar to or lower than those of the National Flood

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# Get your personal finances storm-ready



Joe Nowland
Guest Columnist

**By Joe Nowland** *President & CEO of Jax Federal Credit Union*Special to the Recorder

Hurricane season is officially underway, and we're all beginning to make sure we have everything prepared in the event of a disaster.

While you're making your hurricane preparedness checklists, don't forget about your personal finances. Planning early and properly will help you avoid last-minute scrambling and a financial disaster.

Here are a few tips for getting your personal finances storm-ready:

Plan a budget. Anticipate out-of-pocket disaster expenses for lodging, food, gas and more, as well as emergency supplies and repairs. It's never too early or late to start saving. Enroll in an automatic savings account at your financial institution and begin setting aside a small amount each paycheck to allocate toward expenses.

Don't forget to keep cash on hand as you may not have access to ATMs or your debit/credit cards during power outages.

This is a sample evacuation budget I recommend for a family of four:

- $\blacksquare$  Gas = \$40 (15 gallons at \$2.67)
- Snacks and drinks = \$40 (\$10 per person)
- Fast food = \$28
- Hotel = \$120 (Average hotel in Macon, Georgia = \$120 per night)
- Dinner = \$60 (including tip)
- Free breakfast at hotel = \$0
- Repeat the lunch and dinner meals for day two = \$28 + \$60 = \$88
- Keep the kids entertained and visit a local park = \$0
  - Second night at the hotel = \$120
  - Gas to get home = \$40

■ Total = \$536 and does not include entertainment

Secure important documents. We're all guilty of having important papers stored away in a file cabinet or folder in our homes, but flooding is a major threat associated with hurricanes. Transition important documents such as birth certificates, passports, wills, bank statements, mortgages, titles and insurance policies onto a USB drive for your evacuation kit. Other documents can be safely stored in a safety deposit box at your financial institution.

Review insurance. Make sure you are adequately covered and understand the exclusions and deductibles of your policy. Deductibles on home damage or flooding can cause a major dent in savings, so be prepared. If you don't currently have flood insurance but live in a flood-prone area, speak to your insurance advisor about the benefits.

Take inventory of your belongings in case you have to file an insurance claim. You can do this by taking a quick video of each room in your home on your smartphone to capture what your home looks like prior to a storm.

Consider a personal loan or line of credit. If your savings aren't quite where you'd like them to be, consider applying for a personal loan or line of credit. These funds can be used for any expenses, such as buying supplies, travel expenses, insurance deductibles or repairs. The application usually takes 30 minutes online.

My last and most important tip is to be safe. Protecting your finances is a vital part of preparing for hurricane season, but your family's safety should be your top priority.

Joe Nowland is the president and CEO of Jax Federal Credit Union, which serves more than 30,000 members in Duval, Clay, Nassau, Baker and St. Johns counties. For more information, including branch locations, visit jaxfcu.org.



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# St. Johns River Water Management District upgrades technology ahead of hurricane season

With the arrival of hurricane season on June 1, the St. Johns River Water Management District is more than ready for the worst Mother Nature may dish up this storm season.

"We've recently reached a technological milestone in operating our flood control structures in the Upper St. John River Basin and Moss Bluff Dam," St. Johns River Water Management District Executive Director Dr. Ann Shortelle said in a press release. "We have the ability to operate flood control structures from remote locations using a computer, tablet or even a cell phone. This allows us to adjust water levels prior to or during a hurricane without risking the safety of our staff."

The district operates flood-control structures in the Upper Ocklawaha River Basin—the Apopka-Beauclair Lock and Dam, Apopka Dam, Moss Bluff Dam and the Burrell Dam—to create additional capacity when necessary. Similarly, the Upper St. Johns River Basin Project has gate structures

to allow water to flow north, increasing water storage capacity.

According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, most initial forecasts project that the number of storms will be above average, and several forecasts indicate an above-average likelihood that a major hurricane will make landfall in the Caribbean, the Gulf Coast or the U.S. East Coast.

Each year, the district's staff participates in statewide disaster preparedness training with Florida's emergency officials. The agency has also weathered many hurricanes and tropical storms, assisting local governments and communities before and in the aftermath of devastating storms, most recently Hurricane Michael in 2018, Hurricane Irma in 2017 and Hurricane Matthew in 2016. A list of local government flooding contacts is available on the district's website at www.sjrwmd.com/localgovernment/flooding. Visit the district's webpage at www.sjrwmd.com/storm for more hurricane and flooding information.

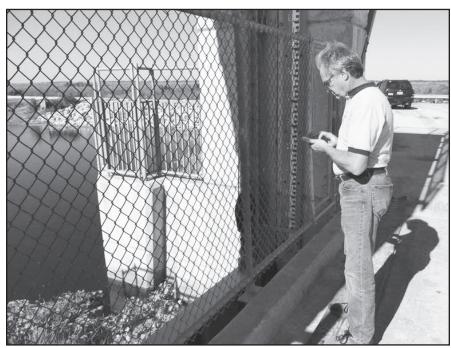


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Senior Engineer John Richmond uses his cell phone to test water control structure S-96D in the Upper St. Johns River Basin Project.



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## Flooding

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Insurance Program (NFIP), providing more consumer choice and an alternative to the federal program.

"The 2017 Hurricane Season impacted virtually every county in Florida, with Hurricane Irma resulting in more than \$8.6 billion in insured losses," Patronis said. "Last year, Hurricane Michael caused more than \$6.3 billion in insured losses in the Panhandle alone. It is important to start preparing now and understand your insurance coverages and needs. Review your policy and add any coverage you think you may need, such as flood insurance. Remember, flooding is not just a coastal concern, and just 1 inch of water in your home can cause over \$25,000 in repair damages."

Per the press release, most homeowners' insurance policies do not provide coverage for flooding and this coverage must be purchased separately through a private insurance company or the federally-administered NFIP. Flood insurance coverage can often be purchased directly from a consumer's existing insurance agent or company.

"If you live in Florida, you are subject to flooding and are at risk of falling victim to one of the costliest types of disasters," Altmaier said. "According to the NFIP, the average flood insurance claim payment in 2017 was more than \$90,000 and a vast majority of homeowners are not adequately covered for flood damages. Floridians must review their insurance policies, understand their coverages and secure flood insurance as they prepare for the 2019 hurricane season."

For more information, visit OIR's flood insurance webpage at www. floir.com/Sections/PandC/FloodInsurance/FloodInsurance.aspx, Patronis' hurricane season Preparedness webpage at www.myfloridacfo.com/Division/Consumers/Storm/default.htm, or call Patronis' insurance consumer helpline at 1-877-693-5236.

## Brightway Insurance offers tips to help homeowners, renters get ready for hurricane season

Atlantic hurricane season started June 1, and forecasters at Colorado State University are predicting 13 named tropical storms, of which they expect five to reach hurricane status.

Brightway Insurance, one of the country's largest personal lines insurance agencies, sends annual policy round-up emails to its more than 260,000 customers listing all of the customer's policies, insurance company name and claims reporting number.

"As a Florida-based company, we know all too well the devastation that a big storm can cause, and we want to do our part to help consumers prepare their homes and families and protect their financial assets," Brightway CEO and co-founder Michael Miller said in a press release.

In addition to its customer outreach, Brightway offers these tips to everyone living along the Atlantic seaboard and the Gulf of Mexico.

- Print and store important insurance information and documents in a plastic zip bag, so you have it ready to go in the event you are asked to evacuate. In addition to your policy number, include the name of the insurance carrier, the telephone number to report claims and the website.
- Look at your home to determine risks and take action now to mitigate those risks, such as removing dead tree limbs, ensuring drainage ditches are clear and checking the roof for loose shingles.

- Develop an evacuation plan for your family and build a disaster supply kit now that will enable you to live without power or water for several days. Basics include a first aid kit, potable water, non-perishable food, non-electric can opener, flashlights and batteries. A portable generator may be a good investment, too, but be sure to read the instructions to avoid electric shock. If your town provides text or email alerts about weather events, sign up to receive real-time weather and traffic updates. Visit Ready.gov for additional recommendations on how to prepare for a hurricane.
- Standard homeowners' policies don't cover flooding. Your homeowners' policy probably covers water damage from household mishaps. Think of things such as a burst pipe, sump or sewer backup or an overflowing bathtub. It doesn't cover damage to your home caused by floods or mudslides.

Flood insurance is the only way to get coverage against a coastal storm surge, a river overflowing its banks, failure of a dam or levee or any other weather-related event. That coverage is provided by the National Flood Insurance Program. NFIP's website, FloodSmart. gov, can help you understand your flood risk and provides a wealth of information, including a mapping tool showing whether your property is in a high-risk area.

For more information on Brightway Insurance, visit Brightway.com.

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## Know the storm: Be prepared for hurricanes

Hurricanes are no laughing matter. Often characterized by damaging winds and rain and intense tidal surges, they are strong storms that can wreak havoc.

The Atlantic hurricane season typically runs between June and November. According to National Geographic, hurricanes form over warm ocean waters near the equator. This warm, moist air from the ocean rises and then causes air from surrounding areas to be sucked into a continuous storm formation. Clouds begin to rotate with the Earth's rotation. If there is enough warm water to feed the storm, then the hurricane forms.

Surviving a hurricane can come down to understanding the risks of the storm. Understanding hurricane terminology also can help. The following are some hurricane facts and preparedness tips.

- According to National Geographic, the strongest part of a hurricane is called the eyewall. It is the most dangerous part of the hurricane with the strongest winds, heaviest rains and thickest clouds. The wall immediately surrounds the center eye of the storm.
- Also per National Geographic, the circular "eye" of the hurricane is generally calm with no clouds. Hurricanes rotate in a counter-clockwise direction around the eye in the northern hemisphere.



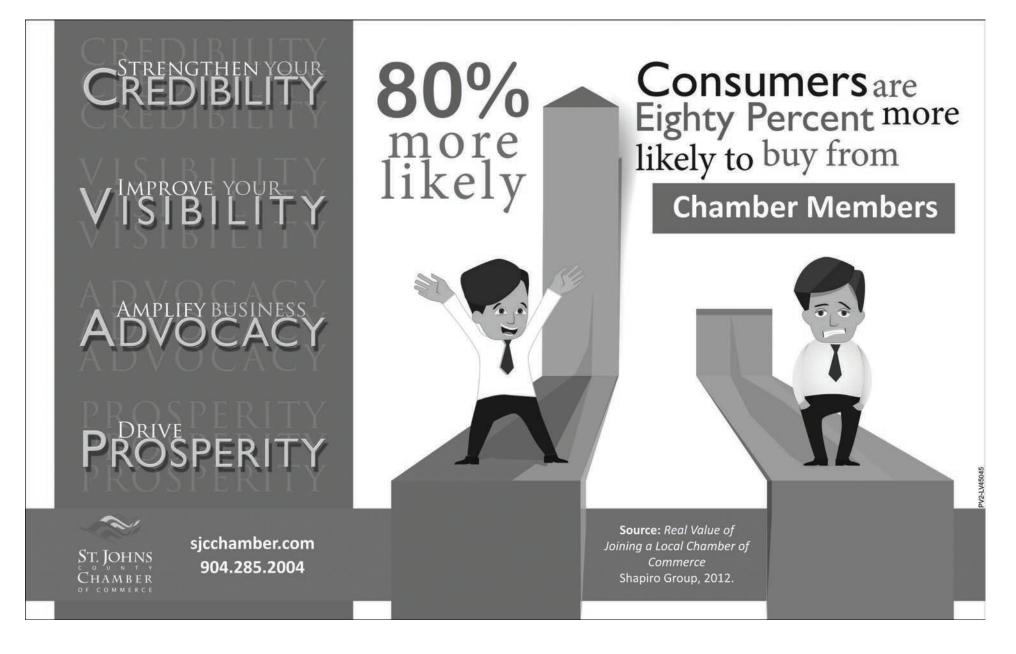
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■ Hurricanes are generally classified into five categories, depending on their severity. The higher the number, the more potent the storm.

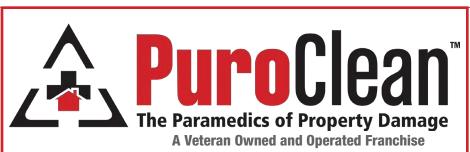
■ According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), the National Hurricane Center started giving official names to storms in 1953. If a hurricane has been especially destructive, its name may be retired. Examples of retired names include Andrew, Katrina, Mitch and Sandy.

- Hurricanes will lose strength over land because they require moist ocean water for fuel.
- According to Science Kids, coastal regions are most at danger from hurricanes because of their proximity to the ocean.
- Data from the Atlantic Oceanographic and Meteorological Laboratory of NOAA found the three states with the most hurricane landfalls are Florida, Texas and Louisiana.
- People who live in areas where hurricanes frequently touch down are advised to put together hurricane preparedness kits, which should include drinking water, nonperishable foods, extra clothing, flashlights and batteries, candles and other supplies that are helpful if the power goes out.
- Although many like to batten down the hatches and ride out storms, if a hurricane evacuation is advised, people should leave their homes. It may take days for power to be restored, and emergency personnel may not be able to reach injured or stranded residents in the interim.

Hurricane season is heating up and knowledge is key to remaining safe when storms start to blow through.



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## Consider these important factors when preparing for a storm



**Wayne R. Terry** Guest Columnist

**By Wayne R. Terry**Special to the Recorder

Hurricane season is upon us once again. The time has come to remember our storm risks and prepare now.

As loud as that teenage voice in your head is repeating, "It

won't happen to me," the reality is the chance of a storm harming our property is quite high. It doesn't even have to be a hurricane to be devastating.

We have flash flooding all the time. And just because you aren't in a flood zone, that doesn't mean it will never flood there. Lightning could catch your house on fire, and all could be lost in minutes. A tornado, or even straight-line winds, can destroy homes in seconds. Hail can cause all sorts of damage.

You won't always have 10 days' warning to prepare for a storm. Please prepare now. Here are some tips and thoughts to take into consideration.

#### THINK ABOUT YOUR PETS

Have you considered what to do with your pets if you would need to evacuate your home? The Clay County Humane Society has great information about what to know to keep your pets safe during the storm: www.clayhumane.org/disaster-preparation.php. Please never leave your pets behind!

#### **BE READY FOR ANYTHING**

How many different scenarios can you think of that could happen in a storm around your property? Consider all the dangers and have a plan of action for each of them. It sounds silly, but it's even better if you have your plan written down. This website is a great resource: https://www.ready.gov/hurricanes Be sure to check out the other information this website has to offer. There seems to be a preparation list for everything. I also really like Jacksonville Beach's checklist at www.jacksonvillebeach.org/government/departments/fire-and-emergency-services/hurricane-preparedness/hurricane-checklists

#### THINK ABOUT WHAT HAPPENS AFTER

If you know who you are going to call for each peril that could happen to your home or business, you can save your emergency plan on your phone and just dial down the list of numbers. The damage to your property will be stressful enough. Save yourself the struggle, make your list now and share it with your family.

Remember, if a hurricane hits, every business that can fix the damage is going to be in high demand. Keep in mind repairs are going to take longer. You may have to move out of your house for months. Where will you stay? There will be a lot of companies trying to take advantage of your bad situation, so make sure you are dealing with reputable vendors by making a list now while you have time to research.

#### ASSISTANCE AFTER THE STORM

Remember that disaster relief groups exist to help after a storm. Add these contacts to your emergency list.

- The American Red Cross: www.redcross.org/get-help/disaster-reliefand-recovery-services.html
- Endeavors: www.endeavors.org/location-service/tallahassee/disaster-relief/
- Salvation Army: www.salvationarmyusa.org/usn/
- United Methodist Florida Conference/Disaster Recovery: floridarestores.
- TEAMeffort Missions: www.teamefort.org
- Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day: www.ldscharities.org/what-we-do/emergency-response

#### THINK ABOUT YOUR NEIGHBORS

Once you are prepared, who else can you help? Some of us have elderly or disabled neighbors. Ask them about their hurricane plan and if they could use any help. Others of us know people who just moved to Florida and have no idea what living through a hurricane means.

Wayne Terry is the owner of PuroClean in Jacksonville. For more information about his restoration company, visit http://purocleanofjax.com.



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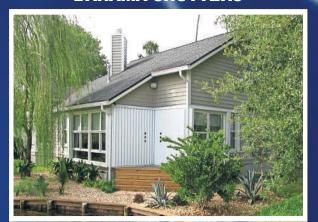
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#### Thursday, June 6

#### Friday, June 7

#### Sunday, June 9

#### **Slightly Stoopid: Summer Vacation 2019**

On June 6 at the St. Augustine Amphitheater, all-time favorite reggae-rock band Slightly Stoopid returns for their Summer Vacation 2019 tour, alongside Matisyahu, Hirie and Tribal Seeds. Enjoy some fun live music and positive vibrations. Showtime starts at 4:20 p.m. For ticket prices and more information, visit Ticketmaster or www.staugamphitheatre.com. The St. Augustine Amphitheater is located at 1340 A1A S. in St. Augustine.

#### **Records on the Roof**

Hoptinger in Five Points presents its new regular night of music and drink specials every Thursday from 5 tp 9 p.m. Coast to Coast Records will be on the turntable on Hoptinger's rooftop area for this BYOV (bring your own vinyl) event. Don't own vinyl? No worries. A collection of records will be available for purchase. Hoptinger Five Points is located at 1037 Park St. in Jacksonville.

#### 'Concerts in the Plaza' features The Raisin Cake Orchestra

"Concerts in the Plaza," St. Augustine's free summer-long music series at the Plaza de la Constitución, returns for its 29th season serving up some of the best musical entertainment in Northeast Florida. This week on June 6, enjoy the sounds of the Raisin Cake Orchestra, a iazz quartet based in Jacksonville, Florida that specializes in grooving renditions of classic jazz from the Dixieland, Prohibition and Swing Eras, which combine the sounds and rhythms of traditional jazz with those of funk, soul, and R & B. The show starts at 7 p.m. For more information on this show and more, visit www.citystaug. com/concerts. The Plaza de la Constitución is located at 170 St George St. in St. Augustine.

#### **Republican Executive Committee** general meeting

There will be a Republican Executive Committee general meeting on June 6 at 6:30 p.m. at the Fraternal Order of Police. Call (904) 829-9350 for more information The Fraternal Order of Police is located at 5050 Inman Rd. in St. Augustine.

#### **BREW Five Points presents 'Congruent** Hands' art opening by Thony Aiuppy

BREW Five Points will host an art opening on June 7 from 6 to 8 p.m. for artist Thony Aiuppy. Aiuppy is a visual artist, art educator and writer born and raised in the Midwest. He permanently transplanted to Jacksonville in 2003 and takes inspiration from Southern Gothic literature and reckoning with his lived experience in the Deep South. Aiuppy manipulates materials into abstract figurative artworks, incorporating drawing, printmaking, painting, and found materials into his selection of collages and mixed media pieces. BREW Five Points is located at 1024 Park St. in Jacksonville.

#### **Butterfield Garage features** Jim Rivers, a "Wizard of Wood"

On June 7 at 6 p.m., Butterfield Garage will present its featured artist of the month, "Wizard of Wood," Jim Rivers and his handcrafted furniture. Rivers enjoys going out in the woods to search for the "perfect" piece of imperfect wood. Crude logs are sawed, shaped and sanded, coaxed by his talent. Edges are not precise. Surprises are embraced. The final finished piece is a work of art, no two pieces are alike. Butterfield Garage has collected Rivers' mirrors, tables and benches for years and will be freshly stocked with new pieces, placed throughout the gallery during the month of June. Butterfield Garage is located at 137 King St. in St. Augustine.

#### **Greenhouse Yoga**

Join Maggie's Herb Farm every Wednesday and Friday morning from 10 to 11:30 a.m. for a mindful Kripalu flow yoga practice in the greenhouse at Maggie's Herb Farm. Soothe body and mind in the fresh air, grounded on natural, river pebbles for a unique greenhouse voga 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.

#### TrailMark star-gazing party

Enjoy an evening under the stars with TrailMark in St. Johns Countyand the Ancient City Astronomy Club of St. Augustine on June 8 from 7 to 11 p.m. Ancient City Astronomy Club is a community of amateur astronomy enthusiasts promoting interest in the skies and beyond. Club members will have telescopes available for a close-up view of the moon, Venus, Jupiter, Saturn, Mars and other celestial objects. This is a free, family-friendly party that's open to the public or anyone who wants to take a glimpse of space up close. TrailMark is located at 805 TrailMark Dr. in St. Augustine.

Saturday, June 8

#### **Springfield Pride Fest**

In honor of Pride Month, Springfield, with the help of Hyperion Brewing Company and Bobbyk Boutique, will host its inaugural Pride Festival all day on June 8, starting at noon. Hyperion is even featuring a Pride beer called, "Blush & Bashful," a sweet and fizzy concoction of Selene Citrine (Blood Orange Blonde ale) mixed with a grapefruit hard cider, prosecco and rosemary sprigs. This is also the second Saturday of the month, meaning that from 5 to 10 p.m., Bobbyk Boutique, BARK on MAIN and The Block Skate Supply will host a night market behind their building. This Saturday's Night Market will feature the cast of The Glitterbomb Show, including BeBe Deluxe. Come out for a night of peace, love, celebration and pride! Hyperion Brewing Company is located at 1740 N. Main St. in Jacksonville.

#### 'Forever Johnny Cash' tribute at **Blue Jay Listening Room**

Imagine the sound and rebel attitude of Johnny Cash as if it were live and for the first time in the early 1960's. Now, on June 8 at 8 p.m., Blue Jay Listening Room is offering those in the present a chance to relive his performances. Performer of "Forever Johnny Cash", Rick Mallory is a tribute artist as well as an accomplished musician and singer/songwriter. Having a strong resemblance to the younger Cash, his portrayal is both energetic and authentic. Blue Jav Listening Room is located at 2457 S. Third St. 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 to 11 a.m. every week. 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.

#### 2019 Summer Jazz Series on **Jacksonville Beach**

The City of Jacksonville Beach is pleased to announce the 2019 Jazz Concert Series at the Seawalk Pavillion from June 9 from 5 to 9 p.m. Bring some chairs and blankets and enjoy an evening mixed with the smooth tunes of jazz. Local artist Marcus Click will open the show at 5 p.m., followed by Jessy J and her samba rhythms and "nu Jazz movement" influencers, Four80East as the headliner. No pets are allowed for this event. The Seawalk Pavillion is located at 75 First St. N. in Jacksonville Beach.

#### **Swing Dance Sundays**

Swing Dance Sundays is a weekly event with free lessons starting at 7 p.m. at The Volstead. Attendees can either bring a partner or come alone. The Volstead is located at 115 West Adams St. in Jacksonville.

#### 'Captain Marvel' Painting with a Twist

To celebrate the release of the movie on DVD, Painting with a Twist partnered with Disney and Marvel Studios to bring "Captain Marvel" painting events in its Ponte Vedra location. On June 9 from 6 to 8 p.m., guests can unleash their inner superheroes to be a part of these super galactic paintings inspired by the movie. Canvas paintings are 16" x 20" and price is \$35 per seat. Arrive 10 to 15 minutes early to get uncorked, smocked and seated. For questions and reservations, call Painting with a Twist in Ponte Vedra at (904) 687-4307. Nightly adult classes are 18 and up. Ages 15 and up are welcome with adult. Painting with a Twist is located at 268 Solana Road in Ponte Vedra.

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#### Monday, June 10

#### **Castaway Cantina features** "Monday locals" weekly specials

Every Monday, 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.

#### **Cummer Museum one-week summer** camp: Artful Animals week

Animals are on the loose in the Museum and it's up to the campers to search the galleries and gardens for snakes, butterflies, cats, and other creatures. Campers will explore the hidden meaning of animals in artwork and create their own animal-inspired art. This one-week camp runs from June 10-14 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and is \$200 for memebers and \$230 for non-megmbers. Grades 4-6 still have openings available. For more information, call the Amber Sesnick at (904) 899-6034. The Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens are located at 829 Riverside Ave. in Jacksonville.

#### River City Pride night at the Ballpark

Join River City Pride at the Baseball Grounds of Jacksonville for its second annual Pride Night with the Jacksonville Jumbo Shrimp on June 10 at 7:05 p.m. Pride night has gotten bigger and better this year with seats on the Jumbo Shrimp side, including the popular Crustacean Corner which includes a complimentary beer or soda in the ticket price. All proceeds go directly to River City Pride and supporting the events throughout the year, such as the Parade and Festival, as well as the Community Give Back Fund. For more information, visit the official website at www.rivercitypride.org. The Baseball Grounds of Jacksonville is located at 301 A. Philip Randolph Blvd. in Jacksonville.

#### **Trivia at Mellow Mushroom**

Join Mellow Mushroom every Monday night at 7 p.m. for trivia with Trivia Nation. This event is free to play and there are prizes for the winners. Mellow Mushroom is located at 1018-2 Third St. N. in Jacksonville Beach.

#### Tuesday, June 11

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

Each Tuesday evening 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.

#### First Coast Card Club playing date

The First Coast Card Club will host its playing date at a cafe in St. Augustine on June 11 at 1 p.m. The event is free to attend with walk-ins and guests welcome. Refreshments will be provided. Contact the club organizer at (904) 829-0643 to RSVP, find the cafe location or for more information.

#### Kids \$1 Tuesdays at Trasca Co. & Eatery

Take the kids out to eat and save some money every Tuesday 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.

#### June Jax Beach art walk

Visit the Seawalk Pavillion in Jacksonville Beach on June 11 from 5 to 9 p.m. for Jacksonville Beach's monthly artwalk. Wander through the works of over local artists in this communitybuilding event held on the second Tuesday of every month. The Seawalk Paviliion is located at 75 First St. N. in Jacksonville Beach.

#### Charity Bingo with SweetWater & St. **Johns Riverkeeper at Southern Swells**

Southern Swells is teaming up with SweetWater Brewing Company and St. Johns Riverkeeper on June 11 at 7 p.m. to help raise awareness and funds to keep the St. Johns River clean. The first card is free, but donations to the St. Johns Riverkeeper are accepted for additional bingo cards and raffle tickets. Visit www.waterkeeperbrew.org for more information. Southern Swells is located at 1312 Beach Blvd. in Jacksonville Beach.

#### Wednesday, June 12

#### The Impact of Photography on the Impressionists

Join Flagler College art history professor Chris Balaschak at the Lightner Museum on June 12 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. for a talk exploring the impact of photography on the Impressionists. As shown in the current Edgar Degas exhibition in the Lightner Museum, Degas regularly took and explored the possibilities offered by this new technology. Professor Balaschak will discuss how Degas and his circle used photography and its influence on their artwork. After the lecture, enjoy a walk through the Degas exhibition. Tickets are \$5 for museum members and \$10 for non-members. The Lightner Museum is located at 75 King St. in St. Augustine.

#### Twilight golf league at St. Johns Golf Club

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

#### **Newcomers of the Beaches luncheon**

The Newcomers of the Beaches Club invites new members to attend their luncheon the second Wednesday of each month. This social club consists of a diverse group of women who have recently moved to the beaches and/ or have gone through a major life event. The luncheon will be held on June 12 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Sawgrass Beach Club. For more information or to make a reservation for the luncheon, visit www.newcomersofthebeaches com. The Sawgrass Beach Club is located at 9795 Summer Place in Ponte Vedra Beach.

#### **Ponte Vedra Democratic Club** monthly meeting

There will be a Ponte Vedra Democratic Club monthly meeting on June 12 at 6:30 p.m. at the Ponte Vedra Branch Library. Call (904) 294-7621 for more informaiton. The Ponte Vedra Branch Library is located at 101 Library Blvd. in Ponte Vedra Beach.

#### Thursday, June 13

#### A Historical Look into the **Old Spanish Quarries**

Experience a new perspective of the Old Spanish Quarries at Anastasia State Park, in relation to the famous Castillo de San Marcos and the survival of Saint Augustine. This informative program on June 13 with a knowledgeable ranger will bring the history of the quarry to life as guests learn about the amazing work that occurred in the Old Spanish Quarries and the architecture that influenced the history of Saint Augustine. The program runs from 10 to 11 a.m. Meet for the program in the quarry parking area by the front entrance gate. This program is free to the public; however, park admission fees apply. Anastasia State Park is located at 300 Anastasia Park Rd. in St. Augustine.

#### U.S. Open Week at the World Golf **Hall of Fame & Museum**

There's no better time to visit the World Golf Hall of Fame & Museum than during the U.S. Open Week from June 13-June 16. Enjoy a special photo opportunity each day featuring U.S. Open artifacts. The tournament will be shown throughout the Museum during regular business hours. The museum is open 10 a.m.-6 p.m. on Monday through Saturday and noon-6 p.m. on Sunday. For more information visit www.worldgolfhalloffame.org . The World Golf Hall of Fame & Museum is located at 1 World Golf Place in St. Augustine.

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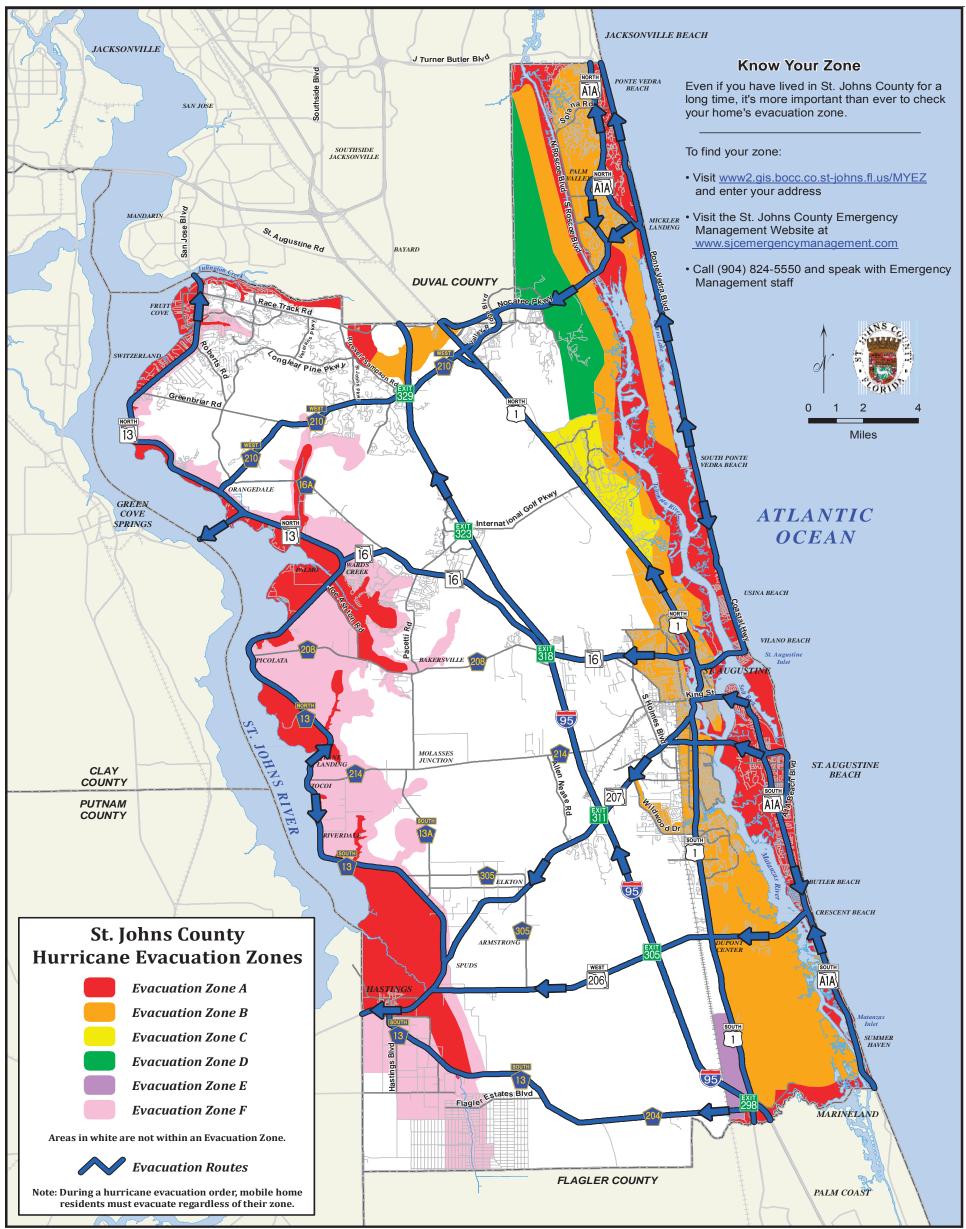
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## Understanding hurricane evacuation zones

According to St. Johns County Emergency Management, the purpose of Hurricane Evacuation Zones is to delineate the areas that will need to be evacuated largely because of the potential to feel the effects of storm surge, the most deadly part of a hurricane.

Each zone is vulnerable to different levels of surge. The category of a storm is NOT always the best indicator of how much surge it may produce. Rather than using storm category as the indicator, inundation models and predictions from the National Hurricane Center and the National Weather Service are used to identify vulnerable zones.

#### **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

(provided by St. Johns County Emergency Management)

#### How do I know when to evacuate for a hurricane?

Know your zone. According to St. Johns County Emergency Management, the first step in knowing when to evacuate is to know what Evacuation Zone you live in. Listen for official announcements. When an evacuation order is given, a press release is sent to all media and published to www. sjcemergencymanagement.org/presscur. html. The county will only order an evacuation — by zone — when lives are in danger. When ordered to evacuate, do so immediately.

Hurricane season is from June 1st through November 31st. During this time of year it is particularly important to monitor the weather for potential weather hazards. A NOAA Weather Radio is your direct link to the National Weather Service broadcasts, and is the best way to receive immediate weather notifications.

Do you know the difference between a watch and a warning? Do you know the Evacuation Routes and where the shelters are located. Now is a good time to increase your awareness so you will know what to do should an evacuation order be announced.

#### How does the county determine who needs to evacuate before a hurricane?

According to St. Johns County Emergency Management, the county uses information provided in the Evacuation Study to develop evacuation plans long before any threat exists. During a storm threat, the county is in direct contact with the National Hurricane Center, the National Weather Service. the Florida Division of Emergency Management, surrounding counties and any expert needed to address the specific threat. This information is used to determine if an area needs to be evacuated. Specifically, the county is using the surge predictions to determine

what evacuation zones are threatened by that level of surge. Other issues are also taken into consideration, such as isolation, debris hazards, waves and flooding hazards

#### What is Zone F?

According to St. Johns County Emergency Management, the coastal counties in Northeast Florida — Nassau, Duval, St. Johns and Flagler — added an additional F evacuation zone. Generally, Zone F is located in the inland portions of the county, where there is a specialized flooding risk, such as along the St. Johns River and other water bodies.

Along the Atlantic coastline are Evacuation Zones A, B, C, D and E. An example of a Level C coastal evacuation is inclusive of evacuation Zones A, B and C; and an evacuation at Level E includes evacuation Zones A. B. C. D

Along the St. Johns River, Zone F represents a separate hazard comprised of low areas, or areas subject to flooding under specific conditions.

Zone F in St. Johns County includes the lower lying areas on the western edge of the county along the St. Johns River, including portions of the Town of Hastings and Flagler Estates. The first zone to evacuate will be St. Johns River Zone A, but Zone F will be ordered to evacuate when conditions exist that will cause it to flood. This would result in a St. Johns River Zones A + F evacuation.

#### I'm in Evacuation Zone A; Do I evacuate in a Category 1 storm?

According to St. Johns County Emergency Management, the answer is most likely yes. Zone A represents those areas most vulnerable to the effects of a hurricane and is the first zone evacuated when a storm threatens the county. Zone A is not the Category 1 Zone, however. Zone A is the area impacted by a hurricane with a storm surge of up to 6.5 feet. Since any surge will cause

an evacuation, Zone A is usually always evacuated. Zone B is the area impacted by up to 11.9 feet. Zones C, D and E are the same respectively. As the surge threat level increases, evacuations move further inland to additional vulnerable areas.



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## FATHER'S DAY



## Smart tips for dining out on Father's Day

Many families celebrate Father's Day (June 16) by dining out at restaurants or using the services of a catering hall. During busy entertaining days such as this one, knowing a few things about planning events can help the occasion move along smoothly.

#### **BOOK EARLY**

Start shopping around for restaurants as soon as possible. Reservations quickly fill up, but the early bird gets the table. Space may be limited for large parties, so planning several weeks or even months in advance is wise.

#### **EXPECT SOME CROWDS**

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On popular days to dine out, such as Father's Day, crowds tend to be large and wait times lengthy. Patience is necessary because the staff is doing their best to accommodate patrons.

To fit more diners, restaurants may push tables closer together or add chairs to increase place settings. If you have any



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concerns, such as fitting a wheelchair or a baby's highchair, bring it up when making the reservation.

#### **ASK ABOUT SPECIAL MENUS**

The regular house menu may not be available for special events and holidays.

Some establishments offer an abbreviated menu with just a few offerings to make it easy for kitchen staff to prepare in bulk. Restaurants that cater to large parties may require ordering from a family-style or party menu so they will know in advance what the guests will be dining on and can

prepare accordingly. Although these options may limit options, they can make it easier for diners to determine the bill in advance.

#### **PAY ATTENTION TO GRATUITY**

When servicing parties of six or more, dining establishments tend to include a gratuity on the bill. Restaurants may need to hire extra staff for busy days or regular staff may work extra hard on holidays. Therefore, automatic gratuities help ensure these workers will be justly compensated. Diners can always increase built-in gratuities for servers who go above and beyond.

#### **LINGER WITHIN REASON**

Large parties take up valuable space, and restaurants benefit from high table turnover rates. If the reservation is for a set amount of time (a three-hour dinner, for example), do not linger for longer than that amount of time unless you are willing

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## FATHER'S DAY BRUNCH





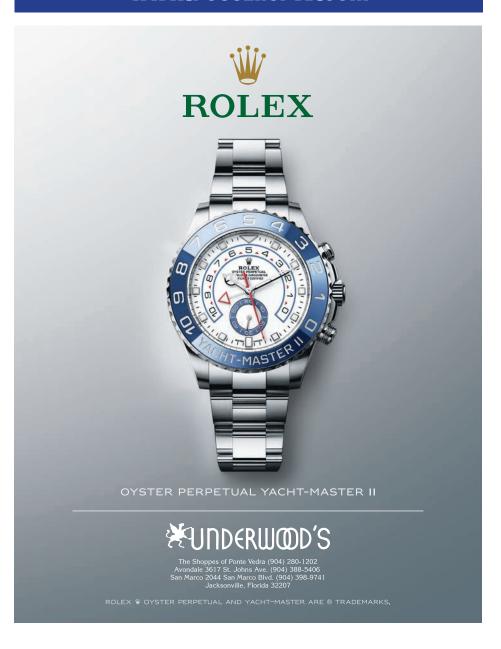
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## Father's Day

to pay more. Also, on busy holidays, be courteous and dine efficiently so other patrons can enjoy the day as well.

#### **ENSURE CHILDREN ARE WELL-RESTED**

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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 safari-themed 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
- Crushing It: David Godwin, Transamerica Agency Network
- Dedicated Service: Lori Adams, Cabi Independent Fashion Stylist
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In addition to the awards presentation, guests also enjoyed hors d'oeuvres, beverages and live music oceanfront.



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



Josh Hull and John Anderson



Karen Butler and Carol Maurer



Karen Everett, Greg Wolf and Cindy Bishop



**Lori Adams and Malcolm Anthony** 

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## Pandora's box is open, and Pandora and the stock market are ticked off!



**Harry Pappas** 

#### **By Harry Pappas**

For those of us who are not familiar with the phrase, Pandora's box, or perhaps never understood the meaning of the phrase, let's allow greekmyths.com and dictionary.com to help educate us.

In classical Greek mythology, Zeus gave Pandora, the first woman, a box, with strict instructions that she not open it. Pandora's curiosity soon got the better of her, and she opened the box and all the evils and miseries of the world flew out to afflict humanity. Dictionary. com says Pandora's box "is a noun that relates to a process that generates many complicated problems as the result of unwise interference in something."

I suggest that Pandora's Box is akin to President Donald Trump announcing tariffs (essentially taxes) of 25% on \$300 billion of Chinese goods. If that was not enough to upset Pandora, POTUS recently threatened Mexico with 5% tariffs on its imports, to be implemented on June 10, unless it could stem the flow of migrants to the southern U.S. border. Please understand that I am not suggesting that the tariff maneuver is unwise or foolish. What I am saying, however, is that we opened Pandora's box (trade war), and the stock market ain't happy, indicative of the market (S&P 500) delivering its worst May return in seven years, falling 6.6%.

According to the talking heads, the culprit is Pandora's box ... I mean ...

Much of the financial rhetoric, as it relates to tariffs, is negative, but is a trade war a necessary evil to "protect" the USA?

Of course, I have my opinion, but I would not dare make it public! Ha! Nevertheless, our good friends who control interest rates, the Federal Reserve, is back in the spotlight in a significant way, as the self-proclaimed gurus argue that the Federal Reserve must do an about face and lower interest rates to help offset a potential recession due to the tariffs. I feel like I am living in the Land of Oz and the Fed is the all-powerful wizard in control!

Nevertheless, maybe like you, I am



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



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** 



Event sponsor Aaron Duez speaks at the event.



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frustrated, annoyed, discouraged and upset about what has happened during the past 30 days or so, but this type of volatility and unpredictability is the nature of the beast (stock market). I would like to remind you and me that we have faced and overcame other challenges, under far worse circumstances. History is loaded

with examples of financial failures and market crises, all of which seemed dire at the time, but none of which derailed the U.S. or the global economy. In fact, the market recovery after many of these events was strong, swift and unexpected. I want to remind you that, of course, there is no guarantee that the market may perform in a similar manner under similar circumstances in the future.

If you are losing sleep because of your exposure to stocks and the uncertainty in

the economy, then it might be a good time to consider tweaking your asset allocation, as things could get a lot worse before we stabilize and move higher again.

I encourage you not to join the doom gloom crowd, while becoming a curmudgeon (look it up), like the person hacking with a bad cough, and his friend asking, "How long have you been sick, Tommy?" In three weeks, it will be a month! Now that is negative complainer! I, on the other hand, will patiently wait for Dorothy to click her ruby slippers together and bring us back to reality.

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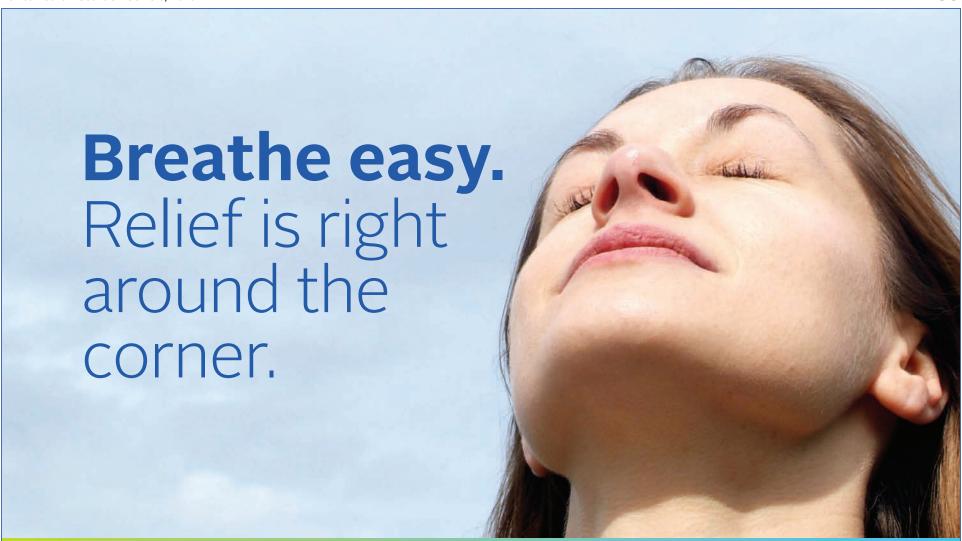
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## Rahm Celebrity Golf Tournament at World Golf Village raises \$700,000 for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital

#### By Daniela Toporek

Actor Kevin Rahm held his first celebrity golf tournament May 30 to June 2 at World Golf Village, raising \$700,000 for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

"The Rahm" was held at the World Golf Village Renaissance Resort and was modeled after The Warburton, the West Coast version of the weekend-long event hosted by actor Patrick Warburton. Over 45 celebrities, such as lead vocalist John Elefante from rock band Kansas and Steve Augeri from Journey, came out in support of the cause.

The event began May 30 with a Nashville songwriters showcase, featuring songwriters Jamie O'Neal, Billy Dean, Tim Nichols and Kelley Lovelace. On May 31, "The Rahm" Jam Session featured classic musical performances from Elefante, Augeri, The Romantics' Wally Palmar, Chicago's Jason Scheff, R.E.M.'s Mike Mills, Chris Daughtry, Sister Hazel and more.

The golf tournament ran June 1 and 2 at the King & Bear and Slammer & Squire courses in the World Golf Village, where each foursome was paired with a celebrity for both rounds. That celebrity also sat with the team at the Saturday Soiree, which featured a red carpet and cocktail reception, live and silent auctions, dinner and entertainment.

Spots to enter the golf tournament sold out with a long waiting list. The event's goal was to raise \$500,000, but "The Rahm" surpassed that goal with its final total, which is the highest total for any firstyear dinner/golf event for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

It has been confirmed that Kevin Rahm will return with his tournament next year on May 28-31, 2020.

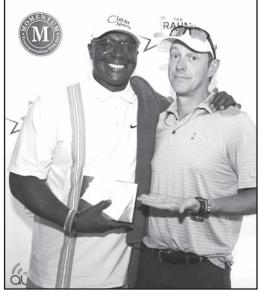
For more photos and information on this event, check out the June/July edition of the First Coast Register.



Actor Kevin Rahm takes a selfie with golfers during his inaugural celebrity golf tournament May 30 to June 2 at World Golf Village. The event raised \$700,000 for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.



Attendees of "The Rahm" enjoy playing golf at World Golf Village.



Former NFL player Sterling Sharpe and Rahm



## Ponte Vedra Beach's Michael Smith wins medalist honors at qualifying tournament for JAGA Match Play Championship



**Michael Smith** 

Ponte Vedra Beach resident and 2016 JAGA Match Play Championship winner Michael Smith claimed medalist honors for the second year in a row on May 26 at Jacksonville Beach Golf Club in the qualifying tournament for the JAGA Match Play Championship. He will vie for the 2019 title June 7-9 at TPC Sawgrass.

The former James Madison University golfer shot a 1-under-par 70 over the 6,600-yard layout, one better than Nat Mosby (35-36) of Windsor Parke Golf Club and Michael Sass (34-37) of Louisville,

Smith had three bogeys and a birdie

on his outward nine of 37. Things turned around on the back nine for the TPC Sawgrass member, particularly over the last few holes when he recorded birdies on 10, 15, 17 and 18. His lone bogey came at the 17th.

With a birdie on No. 17, Mosby was in position to tie Smith for the clubhouse lead but was done in by a bogey on the par-5 18th. Sass bogeyed the 14th, then closed with four pars.

A full field of 63 entered the qualifier. Thirty-two players will be seeded into matches that will be played at TPC Sawgrass, with Smith the No. 1 seed at his home club. Based on a scorecard match.

Mosby is the No. 2 seed and Sass No. 3.

The first three rounds of matches on June 7 and 8 will be contested on Dve's Valley Course, with the June 9 semifinals and championship matches to be played at THE PLAYERS Stadium course.

Smith won the 2016 JAGA Match Play title at Atlantic Beach Golf Club, defeating Sam Uhland 3 and 1.

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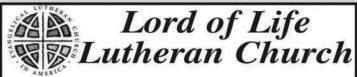
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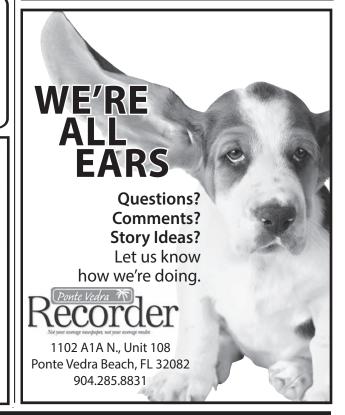
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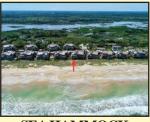
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