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Jaguars deliver memorable birthday surprise

Photo by Anthony Richards

Muriel McGowan celebrated her 106th birthday at Vicar's Landing with family, friends and a surprise visit by Jacksonville Jaguars mascot Jaxson de Ville and members of the ROAR cheerleaders. She considers herself the team's No. 1 fan. See story on page 8.



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BRIEFS

Canan to be speaker at Democratic Club meeting

The Ponte Vedra Democratic Club will be holding their monthly meeting on Tuesday, August 16, at Christ Episcopal Church, 400 San Juan Drive, Ponte Vedra Beach.

Chat and chew will begin at 6 p.m. and the meeting will start at 6:30 p.m.

The featured speaker will be Patrick Canan, St. John's County School Board chair.

Kids can become Nature Detectives at library program

Spaces are still available for the Nature Detective Workshops for kids (ages 6-12) at the Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library. The workshops, presented by the Sisterhood of the Traveling Plants of the Garden Club of St. Augustine, will be held at 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 6.

The focus this year is hummingbirds, and award-winning author Marta Magellan has written a book for the occasion: "Hummingbirds: Flying Jewels!" The author will visit and autograph the kids' books, which are free with the program.

Parents are asked to RSVP for each child attending the program. RSVP at sjcpls.org.

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Program gives seniors tips, tools for financial help

Bennie Furlong Senior Center and Beaches Council on Aging have announced that a program on protecting one's hard-earned money will be held at 11 a.m. Aug. 29 at 281 19th Ave. South, Jacksonville Beach. The meeting is also available for online participation at bit.ly/3BmZe9H.

The program is free to attend. Presenter is Regions Next Step.

Medical examiner dies

District 23 Medical Examiner Dr. Predrag Bulic died over the July 23-24 weekend from health complications.

Bulic, 63, was appointed to serve as medical examiner in August 2011 by former Gov. Rick Scott, serving St. Johns, Putnam and Flagler counties.

Dr. Jon Thogmartin will serve as the interim medical examiner for District 23 until a permanent replacement is announced.

— Compiled by Shaun Ryan

One dies in shooting at Ponte Vedra gas station

A shooting at a Ponte Vedra gas station left one person dead early Sunday morning, July 30.

According to the St. Johns County Sheriff's Office, the call came in at about 2:40 a.m. from the Circle K station on State Road A1A North.

Authorities said the shooting occurred as the result of an altercation between two people, one of whom was taken into custody.

The Sheriff's Office issued a statement to say the shooting is believed to be an isolated incident and that there was no threat to the community. The Major Crimes Unit responded to the call and an investigation is under way.

The identities of the two individuals have not been disclosed, and no other details are available at this time.

CORRECTION

ELO Roofing was the source for the article titled "Cancellation culture comes to roofing" in the July 28 issue. The company name was incorrectly listed on the page.



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County property tax rates unchanged from last year

By Shaun Ryan

The St. Johns County Commission established the proposed tax rates for FY 2023 at its regular meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 2. The rates remain unchanged from those adopted last year.

The general fund is the largest of the county's operating funds and accounts for all financial resources except for those restricted to specific uses. The primary source of revenue for the general fund is property taxes.

The general fund tax rate, at \$4.65 per \$1,000 of assessed property value, represents an 11% increase over the rolled-back rate of \$4.12. The rolled-back rate is what would generate the same amount of tax revenue as last year after being adjusted for changes in property values.

Other countywide levies — per \$1,000 of assessed property value — are: \$0.84 for the transportation trust fund, \$0.02 for the Health Department fund and \$1.38 for the fire district fund.

While these rates can be reduced by the

commission at either of two forthcoming budget meetings, they cannot be raised.

One of the reasons the county has been able to avoid an increase in taxes is rising properties values. St. Johns County has seen a 17.8% increase in taxable value since last year. That will mean a \$39,964,900 increase in tax revenue in 2023 — \$26,863,823 of that for the general fund.

Had the county decided to go with the rolled-back rate, it would have meant \$6,381,541 less for the general fund and

\$9,509,157 less for the four countywide funds combined.

The budget stands at \$1,265,598,198, but that will change. When the issue comes before the board again in September, the inclusion of multi-year grants and capital carryforwards will raise that number.

Also, Tuesday, the commission approved the first public hearing for adoption of the budget. That will be held at 5:01 p.m. Sept. 6 in the county auditorium.

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Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra lays out plan for next year

Water bottle refill stations at Davis Park tops project list

By Anthony Richards

The Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra recently appointed Bob Wiltfong as their new president.

As the new president he has helped the club lay out a couple of projects and goals that the group wishes to achieve during the next year.

Some of the big projects the club will look to take on this year includes

installing water bottle refilling stations at Davis Park and exercise stations around Nocatee.

After discussing and meeting with officials, such as Ryan Kane, St. Johns County director of Parks and Recreation, it was discovered that the addition of water bottle refilling stations would fill a big need at Davis Park.

“The refill stations are something that everyone will be able to take advantage of,” Wiltfong said. “From those playing to those watching the action, everyone involved will be able to see the difference it will make.”

The Rotary is divided into districts, so that each club can focus on things to improve that given area.

“Because we’re a Nocatee-based organization, we were really focused

on projects that will directly benefit the residents in that area,” Wiltfong said.

According to Wiltfong, the club is prepared to apply with the organization’s foundation to receive a district grant if the cost of the project becomes an issue.

“If we can do it with our own fundraising efforts, we will, but it’s nice to know that we have the ability for assistance with the project if needed,” Wiltfong said. “It’s all about being the good in the world, and we believe we’re doing just that with these goals.”

Wiltfong stated that the water stations will cost about \$1,500 apiece to be installed.

The process of establishing exercise-themed stations at common gathering places within Nocatee has already been in the works, but the club wants to do

what it can to help continue promoting a healthy lifestyle for residents.

Wiltfong encouraged any members of the public, even outside the club, to not hesitate to share ideas that they believe residents can benefit from.

“If they have ideas to help serve problems that may belong, all they have to do is let me know and we will be happy to look into it,” Wiltfong said.

The vision for the club is to be a top-notch resource and leadership developer within the community, as well as a beacon of charitable work and an organization that promotes fellowship and networking opportunities.

“We’re here to help serve the community the best ways we can, because at the end of the day we are members of this community,” Wiltfong said.

Lisa Barton and her team have been a big part of the real estate landscape in Ponte Vedra for more than a decade. Lisa Barton Team Ponte Vedra Beach — Keller Williams Realty Atlantic Partners has established itself as a leader in one of the keystone businesses on the First Coast.

Lisa Barton

As told to Shaun Ryan

Tell me a bit about yourself and your team. How long have you been working in real estate? What type of real estate do you handle? Do you have a speciality?

I began working as a real estate agent over 15 years ago. I've had a team for about 10 years and the team grew quite naturally. For example, my two senior agents Marsha Keller and Tonya O'Quinn were buyers who worked with me when they moved to the area from out of state. When they decided they wanted to consider a career in real estate, I hired them! We've been together for over a decade. This type of longevity is unusual in real estate.

Together, we have been top-producing real estate agents in Ponte Vedra Beach since 2012. We handle residential real estate of all types but are particularly versed in Ponte Vedra Beach and our surrounding Beaches communities.

The real estate market in Northeast Florida is red hot right now. What does that mean for buyers and sellers?

Understanding current real estate market trends is a huge part of what we do as successful real estate agents. Sharing this market knowledge to help our customers make the best decision about their next move is an important service we offer. We study market indicators, read reputable housing reports and utilize our relationships with mortgage lenders and other industry thought leaders to truly understand current market conditions.

What advice do you have for people who are either buying or selling in this market?

Go ahead and make the move! It's a great time to buy AND it's a great time to sell! Home values in the 32082 and 32081 ZIP codes increased 24% from June 2021 to June 2022 (Source: Northeast Florida Association of Realtors). This means that the price for homes will likely never be lower than they are right now. We're slowly starting to see more inventory come on the market, but there's no indication that home values will drop in the near future.

For the homeowner, now is a great time to sell! Inventory is low and the demand is high. Nationwide, we have had a shortage of inventory for the last 20 years. For example, there were 3.7 million homes for sale in 2007, now there are less than 1 million homes for sale (Federal Reserve Economic Data). According to the Northeast Florida Association of Realtors, sales prices for homes in our area have gone up 24% in the last year, along with 32.5% of those offers coming in at over list price. Whether you're considering buying or selling, I always suggest using an agent that knows and understands the intricacies of the market and the area.

Tell me about your education and how you got into this business.

I was raised in Gainesville where my father was a professor at the University of Florida. My three goofy younger brothers and I grew up outside — horseback riding, biking, swimming and playing in the woods. My parents still live in my childhood home, and I have a special place in my heart for Gainesville. My childhood gave me a real appreciation for Florida's natural beauty.

I attended UF (of course!) and then went on to earn a



Photo provided by Lisa Barton

Lisa Barton has been a real estate agent for more than 15 years.

Master's in psychology from George Mason University in Fairfax, Virginia. I worked for several years as a school psychologist in the Pennsylvania public school system until I came home to Florida in 1994. I have two sons, Dylan and Christopher. They both live in Jacksonville, which makes me so happy!

My background in psychology taught me the importance of developing strong relationships and earning a solid reputation through quality professional service, personal accountability and always delivering as promised.

You have a team of real estate professionals. Can you tell me about them?

Our team has four agents: Marsha Keller, Tonya O'Quinn, Sean Muserallo and myself. We also have three support staff members that work diligently behind the scenes to make our operations seamless. Our team sold over \$92 million in residential sales in 2021 making us one of the top producing teams in Northeast Florida. One of our key aspects of success is developing long-standing relationships with our clients based on mutual respect and trust.

What do you like most about what you do?

Helping people buy and sell real estate is challenging

and exciting! For most people, a home is their biggest financial investment, so I feel a real sense of responsibility to provide accurate information to help my customers make a sound decision. Whether I'm working with first-time home buyers or an older couple who's downsizing, I love the process of helping them discover what's the next step in their life adventure.

I really enjoy meeting new people and am an excellent listener. I truly value my relationships with my customers.

How do you like to spend your free time?

I enjoy playing tennis, practicing yoga and boating on the beautiful waterways that surround Ponte Vedra. I love spending time with my husband and two sons. Our family has a cottage in mid-coast Maine that is a wonderful summer getaway.

I believe in supporting our local community and preserving the beautiful area in which we reside. Part of my personal mission is to give back to my community. I serve on the board of the North Florida Land Trust and am also a board member for Groundwork Jax. I served on the Wolfson Children's Hospital Family Advisory Council for several years. I feel lucky to be part of these wonderful organizations.

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McGowan celebrates 106 with favorite team

Jaxson de Ville, ROAR provide birthday surprise

By Anthony Richards

Turning 106 years old was already a huge deal for Muriel McGowan and her family and friends but adding to the occasion was that the self-proclaimed No. 1 Jaguars fan received a surprise visit from her beloved team.

After 106 years there is probably not a lot that McGowan has not seen in her lifetime, but she was caught by full surprise when she first saw Jaguars mascot Jaxson de Ville and a pair of ROAR cheerleaders had showed up to her birthday party at Vicar's Landing.

"She just seems to be loving it," McGowan's daughter, Barbara said. "This is a wonderful day for her, especially with the Jaguars here."

Jaxson de Ville first presented McGowan with a tub of strawberry ice cream, her favorite daily snack and then a gift box stuffed with a variety of Jaguars merchandise, from a T-shirt and hat to a mini helmet signed by wide receiver Marvin Jones.

A football was also passed around and signed by all those in attendance.

McGowan was born on July 30, 1916, and graduated high school during the Great Depression. Later in life she moved with her family from New Jersey to North Florida around 1995, which is also the same time the Jaguars became a franchise in the National Football League.

"It's always great to have a reason to celebrate a birthday, but especially when it's your grandmother and she's turning 106," said Chris Martin, McGowan's grandson. "I've said many times that I just hope to have even a small fraction of the genes that she has, and I'd be happy with that."

Vicar's Landing Executive Director Kendall Bryan has known McGowan for about a decade since he began working as the facility's health center administrator.

"We can only hope that we age that way," Bryan said. "We've got so many amazing people that live here, but to have someone like her that is always so joyful, makes it even better. I would make it a point to come to her building just hoping that I get to see her, because if you're having a bad day, all you need to do is see Ms. McGowan and she lights you right up. She has a gift and is just a remarkable person."

He was not the only one in attendance to mention McGowan's vibrant nature and attitude toward life that has never wavered during her 106 years.

"She laughs every day, and her friends always say that she never has a down



Photos by Anthony Richards

A special 106th birthday bash was held for Muriel McGowan at Vicar's Landing July 30.

moment," said Rosa Martin, McGowan's granddaughter-in-law

Over the years Bryan has developed a unique relationship with McGowan, and one that he cherishes.

"We've had a running joke, because I do not watch football, which she just does not understand," Bryan said. "Ever since she found that out, every time I come over, she calls me a sissy, even though I'm 6 (foot) 4 (inches) and 220 pounds. Someone who doesn't watch football just

doesn't make sense to her, because she just loves the Jaguars."

Barbara remarked to the crowd about her mom's motto for life being to "never give up," no matter the situation life may present.

"She never complains about anything, because her dad was from Belgium, and she believes that people from Belgium have a very strong fortitude," Barbara said.



McGowan enjoys some strawberry ice cream, which is her favorite snack.



Jaguars' mascot Jaxson de Ville also made an appearance.



The party had a Jacksonville Jaguars theme, as McGowan claims that she is the team's No. 1 fan.

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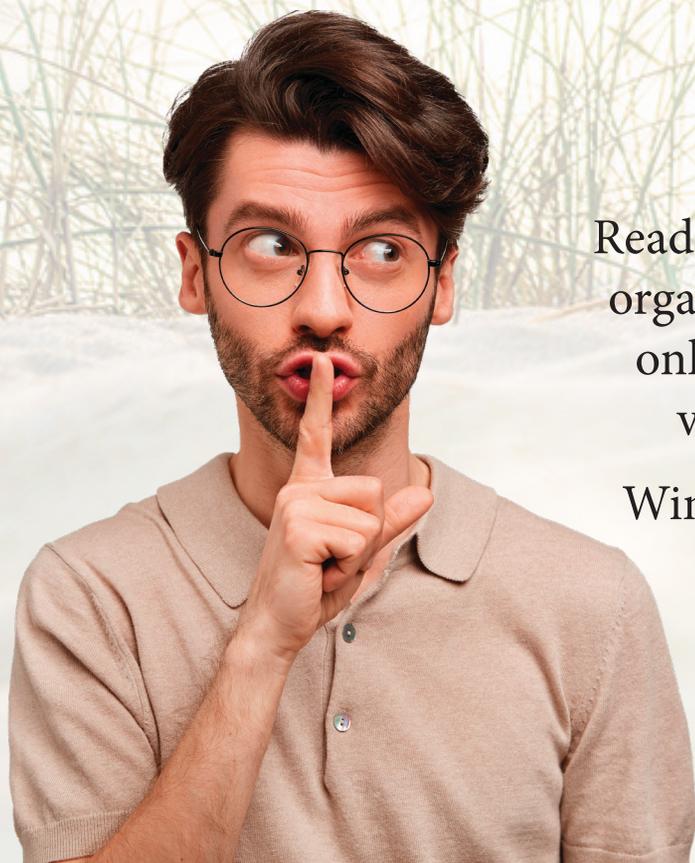


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Readers have nominated & voted for their favorite businesses, organizations, professionals and more in over 250 categories online. Voting ended on July 27th. Thank you for all who voted in this year's contest! We appreciate your input!

Winners in each category of the 2022 BEST OF THE BEST of Ponte Vedra will be listed in a special pull-out "Winner's Circle" section inside the August 18th edition of the Ponte Vedra Recorder.

Until then, we're keeping the results under wraps!



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

*Writer urges voters to choose Kelly Barrera***To the Editor:**

I got to know Kelly through church and my old neighborhood. We both participated in a renewal retreat called CRHP in 2006. We connected on a deeper level. I experienced first-hand her compassion, resolve, pragmatism and authenticity. Kelly is a kind, generous person who genuinely cares for others and who strives to make a difference for all. Kelly has always been there for me with compassionate advice, practical solutions and meaningful resources to help me in my life as a realtor and a mother. She always makes time for me and makes me feel like I'm her highest concern.

Kelly is a good person to have on your speed dial. Just a couple of weeks ago I called her when I had a prospective customer who is relocating to our area from out of state. He had a lot of questions about the high schools and the services his special needs son would require. Kelly personally took it upon herself to call my customer and offer assistance by providing information and resources to better assist the family in determining which area/school(s) they might want to consider. Her knowledge, experience, attentiveness and dedication made a real difference for my customer. I marvel at how she manages to make every person feel special while she is creating initiatives and figuring out to how to get things done! Kelly is a driven determined can-do-type person who puts ideas in motion. For example, she fought to have Palm Valley

Academy completed by implementing creative financing. She got the school built a year ahead of schedule and as a result the school board was able to make a significant impact by reducing travel times, relieve overcrowding and providing an exceptional community school to Nocatee residences.

Kelly knows her stuff. Our kids, their education and safety, are her primary focus. She has an excellent track record and can leverage her experience for even greater results impacting our St. Johns County's schools. For academic excellence to continue in our local schools: Vote for Kelly Barrera!

Jeanie Leapley
Ponte Vedra Beach

*Writer praises, endorses Kelly Barrera***To the Editor:**

As a voting constituent of St Johns County District 4, I am thrilled to see Kelly Barrera on the ballot for School Board this fall. I met Kelly eight years ago when I first moved to Florida and was trying to understand the ever-changing landscape of school zoning in Nocatee. Then as now, she has fought to address overcrowding in our schools by opening seven new schools and expanding five existing ones.

I have always respected her thoughtful approach to addressing issues in our community. She seeks out diverse voices through town halls, participation in parent/teacher-engaged groups

like school advisory committees, responding to emails/phone calls timely while giving ample time for each constituents' voice to be heard, etc. She gets the entire view of the situation and the ramifications of the various choices before making a decision — understanding very wisely, that no solution is ever a perfect solution — only the best balance for the interest of all involved. Some candidates come in with their own personal agendas and beliefs without considering those beliefs may not be held by all, or even most, of their constituents. By ignoring the complexity of the situation, you often overlook the optimal answer. I have seen her skills of listening, obtaining the full picture and generating a balanced solution in action when making decisions on reduction of excessive testing, increases in mental health coordination in schools, and improvements in school safety, and expect that approach to continue with future topics she addresses.

She takes her role as a representative of her community very seriously and has worked tirelessly to ensure that she addresses every situation with an open mind and an open heart. Her empathy is her strength. She does not look at criticism as a personal attack; she views it as an opportunity to better understand the underlying cause for the criticism so she can address the concerns. She ensures that our teachers are respected and appreciated, our parents' voices are heard, and that our students receive the best possible education. She is level-headed, and we would be wise to keep her as our representative for District 4 School Board.

Jill DAmato

Passport Saturday event set for Aug. 6

With demand for new passports on track to surpass pre-pandemic numbers, the St. Johns County Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller will hold a special "Passport Saturday" event from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Aug. 6 to make applying for a passport more convenient for St. Johns County residents.

"We are excited to hold this special Saturday event to give residents an opportunity to complete an application before school resumes or to get a jump on the upcoming winter holiday travel season," said Clerk of Courts and Comptroller Brandon J. Patty.

Typically, the St. Johns County courthouse location accepts passports from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, and the Clerk of Court's annexes in Ponte Vedra and Julington Creek process passports by appointment on specific days of the week.

Anyone who is traveling overseas is required to have a passport, including infants, and every applicant for a new passport must appear in person, regardless of age. Minors must be accompanied by their parents or legal guardians.

The special passport event offers greater convenience to residents who may have delayed applying and could ultimately find themselves in a time crunch, requiring more costly expedited passport service.

According to the U.S. Department of State, the routine processing time for a passport is between eight and 11 weeks.

Paying an additional \$60 fee to the State Department to expedite an application speeds up the process to five to seven weeks.

Then, some applicants opt

to pay a third-party service to accelerate their applications even further — for instance, for emergency or last-minute travel. These third-party vendors physically deliver those applications to the regional federal passport office in Miami, but their involvement can double an applicant's cost for a passport.

No appointment is needed to take advantage of Passport Saturday. Clerk staff will be on hand to accept, review and certify applications for first-time passports or new passports for individuals whose previous passport was issued more than 15 years ago, whose name has changed, minors under age 16, or whose passport was lost, stolen or damaged. (Note, most passport renewals can be completed by the applicant using Form DS-82 and filed by mail.) Residents can also get their passport photos taken for a nominal fee.

Go to stjohnsclerk.com/passports for important information and details about required documentation, forms of payment accepted by the U.S. Department of State, and any special requirements. Passport applications are available through the Clerk's website or at travel.state.gov/content/travel.html.

While in-person passport processing and passport photos are the only services offered at the Aug. 6 event, the Clerk's website offers many other resources online year-round, including payment for traffic citations and court-ordered financial obligations; purchase of certified records, such as wills, marriage licenses and divorce decrees; and real-time search of court records and official records.



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The new hardwood floor, mobile mirrors and ballet bars will see good use for dance classes at the link.



A dance class gathers in Studio A at the link.

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Upgrade opens link up to new possibilities

It's been a successful first year at the link with popular classes and workshops for both kids and adults alike. Its spring and summer camps program was another huge success.

"As a place that inspires, we enjoy watching people learn, thrive and grow while experiencing new things," according to a staff media release.

Now, the link has made an upgrade to its facilities in Nocatee.

Its largest space, Studio A, recently got

a floor upgrade. Hardwood floors were installed, as well as mobile mirrors and ballet bars. The Level Up Dance team was the first group to experience the new room with the start of "Intensive Dance Camp" this past week.

With this upgrade, the link has relocated its professional martial arts flooring to Studio B. This gives a new space to martial arts, jiu jitsu and tumble programs.

These changes will allow the facility

to reach more people. In addition to expanding various class programs and adding new ideas, Studio A now offers a new option for those seeking to host an event, whether corporate or social gatherings or for a fundraiser.

Studio A and B, along with other studios at the link, serve as multi-purpose space for accommodating various activities under one roof. First floor of the link is a true no-commute multipurpose space.

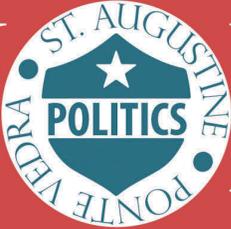
To see available classes, go to the link zone. While there, look for culinary arts, master classes and the link's new Supper Club, to be held in the Flagler Health+ 360 Immersive Studio. This Supper Club idea brings new dining experiences to Nocatee with culinary delights from all over the world.

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KATHY'S GARDENING GUIDE

The Recorder's garden columnist Kathy Esfahani of Kathy's Creative Gardens & Nursery shares her tips for growing gorgeous gardens in Northeast Florida.

Outdoor Living

"Live in the sunshine, swim in the sea, drink the wild air." — Ralph Waldo Emerson



By Kathy Esfahani

Cooler weather is coming, and now is a perfect time to create a new outdoor living space at your home! Outdoor living spaces provide

the opportunity to spend time in nature — a proven way to reduce stress, blood pressure and muscle tension. A study by the National Institute of Health (NIH)

found that time spent in nature can improve brain function and memory. Beyond these health benefits, spending time outdoors is a great way to bond with family and friends!

An outdoor living space can add value to your home and provide additional entertaining areas. These spaces may include intentionally designed landscaping, fireplaces, pools, outdoor kitchens and more. They can feature seating arrangements, game tables and lighting. Outdoor living spaces are both functional and relaxing!

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Be sure to consider the following details when planning your new outdoor living space:



Flower of the Week

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Canna Lilly

- Size and shape to fit your yard
 - Colors and patterns to complement your home
 - Available and/or needed shade
 - Desired uses for your new outdoor living area
 - Gardens and planters to accent your new patio
 - Existing or needed irrigation to meet your landscaping needs
 - Lighting to highlight your new space
- Happy creating!

Flower of the Week: Canna Lilly

Please email Kathy at kcg.pvr@gmail.com for any questions or gardening tips you would like to see in the future. For more information & ideas, visit Kathy's Creative Gardens & Nursery, 196 N. Roscoe Blvd. The phone number is 904-655-7373.



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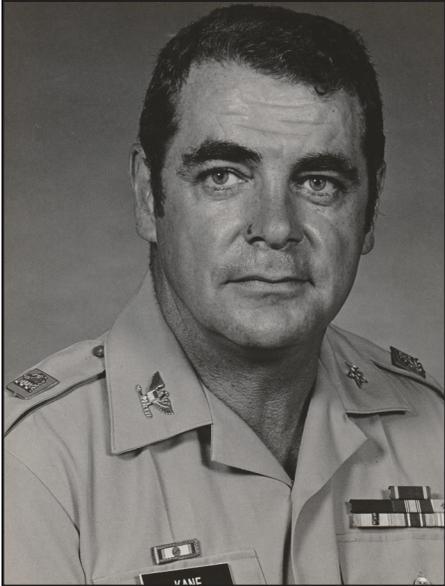
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Frank E. Kane

Frank E. Kane, son of Thomas Kane and Margaret Gibbons, was born on 5/5/32, in Wilkes Barre, PA, and died peacefully on 7/22/22 in Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida. Being one of thirteen children in a Catholic home, the importance of frugality, humility, and hard work were instilled in Frank from an early age—traits he held dear to him his whole life, and, when the time came, passed down to

his children and grandchildren. Frank's parents emphasized the importance of education, leading to a family of highly educated children, twelve of which went on to be educators.

After high school, Frank joined the seminary with the intention of becoming a priest; but, feeling a call to service, to fight for his country, he soon left the seminary to enlist in the Marine Corps, where he would begin a stellar military career, spending time as an infantryman on the front lines of the Korean War, and earning three battle stars as a squad leader, until finally being discharged as a sergeant. Frank then extended his military career by joining the New Jersey National Guard, rising through the ranks until reaching Colonel, and eventually being appointed Commandant of the New Jersey Military Academy.

Frank received a bachelor's degree from Kings College, Wilkes Barre, PA on a G.I. Bill, then a master's degree from Rutgers University. This led to Frank's career as an educator—paralleling his military career. Frank started as a history teacher, was quickly promoted to principal, and finally became superintendent of Schools for Freehold Township, NJ.

Frank met Virginia (Gina) Jones in

1955. It was love at first sight and they were married a few months later. They brought four daughters into the world—Ginger, Molly, Julie and Jackie—and were delighted to raise a beautiful family. Frank had an insatiable desire to improve the community in which he raised his family; he was a community leader, was intimately involved in civic organizations, was a County Commissioner in Monmouth County, became mayor of Colts Neck, New Jersey, and was even named 'Man of the Year' in 1972 by the Greater Freehold Area Jaycees for all he did for the community.

Since Frank was an astute investor with a keen eye for financial trends, he was able to retire at age 53, after which he and Gina spent lots of time traveling the world and visiting their family, which by then had spread and settled throughout the country. Some of their favorite places were The Holy Land, Ireland, Australia, Korea, Germany, Hawaii, and California.

Frank leaves behind his beloved wife of 66 years, Gina, daughters Ginger (Scott), Molly (Ian), Julie (Jack), and Jackie, and his ten grandchildren Sean, Chase, Philip (Marcella), Shannon, Casey (Jordan), Callie (Henry), Brendan, Riley (Robert), Daniel, and Collin. He also has two great-

grandchildren, Gracee and Elias, and two sisters, Rita and Sr. Mary Alice (Immaculate Heart of Mary), along with many nieces and nephews. Frank is predeceased by his siblings, Denise, Gerard, Thomas, Helen, Sr. Gabriel (Immaculate Heart of Mary), Joseph, Alice, Margaret, Kathryn, Sr. Margaret Mary (Immaculate Heart of Mary).

Our family would like to thank the wonderful Vicars Landing/Strafford staff and Community Hospice, especially Kelly, RN, for the amazing care and support they provided for Frank. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Frank's favorite charity, St. Jude's Children's Hospital, or the charity of your choice.

A Celebration of Life Mass will be held Saturday, August 6, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. at Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish and a reception will follow at 12:30 at the Vicars Landing Auditorium. Please visit his online Tribute at www.quinn-shalz.com.

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George Vail Minton

George Vail Minton, 85, passed away peacefully on July 22, 2022 after a long but brave fight with various debilitating ailments. He is survived by his wife of 59 years Joanne (Niebling), sons Casey (Bernadette) and Michael (Valerie) and daughter Becky Howie (David), as well as 6 grandchildren.

George was born on November 1, 1936 to George Pullman Minton and Mary Louise Vail in Westfield, NY. After graduating Westfield High School, he attended Cornell University where he fully embraced his collegiate experience, especially the friendships forged at Alpha Tau Omega, where he served as President for a time. It was here that he earned one of his more memorable nicknames of "jingles."

After graduating college, George took a job in the insurance field with the Cluthe Agency in New Jersey, where through a close friend he met the love of his life in Joanne Niebling. They settled in

Summit, New Jersey, where they raised their 3 children. George worked close to 4 decades for John Hancock and was admired and respected by his colleagues for his quick wit and dedication to his team. Though given many opportunities to further his career through relocations, George remained committed to raising his family in Summit, a testament to his selfless devotion to others.

While George enjoyed his work, nothing gave him more satisfaction than time spent with family and friends. He and Joanne enjoyed decades playing duplicate bridge once a month with the exact same group of friends. Summering at his in-laws' place on Shelter Island was another source of great joy, where he would captain the boat for water-skiing, fishing and clamming excursions. Few things rivaled George's love of a great little neck clam, oyster, or steamed lobster. He gladly took the helm at the grill and was just as renowned for his prowess at the morning meal where he'd whip up flapjacks and the fixin's.

George's other passions included his cars (he "named" every one of them and could recite every single make/model/year of car he ever owned), the New York Times crossword puzzle (typically done in ink!), attending/coaching his kids' sports teams/competitions (tennis and baseball most notably), and pampering the various rescue dogs that found their way into his heart and his home. He loved his nieces Heather and Hilary and nephew Tadd and treated them and their families like his own.

Upon retirement, George and Joanne moved to Florida where they resided in the Ponte Vedra Beach area for over 20 years. Members of Sawgrass Country Club for many years, they enjoyed time spent on the beach with family during many vacations with kids and grandkids in tow.

No formal service is planned, per George's wishes. In the event you wish to honor his memory, kindly consider a donation to the Jacksonville Area Humane Society in his name.

DEATH NOTICES

Nancy Margaret Adams

Nancy Margaret Adams, 84, of Jacksonville, Florida, died July 29, 2022. Arrangements by Quinn-Shalz Family Funeral Home & Cremation Centre. www.quinn-shalz.com. 904-249-1100

Alberto de la Torre

Alberto de la Torre, 99, of Jacksonville, Florida, died July 24, 2022. Arrangements by Quinn-Shalz Family Funeral Home & Cremation Centre. www.quinn-shalz.com. 904-249-1100

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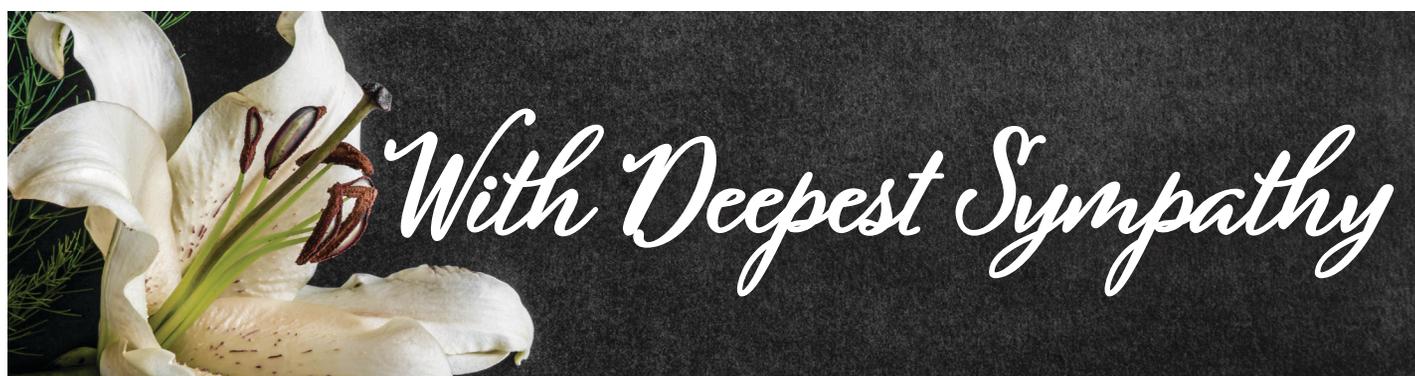
Ryan Eliot Feldman, 44, of Glen Saint Mary, Florida, died July 27, 2022. Arrangements by Quinn-Shalz Family Funeral Home & Cremation Centre. www.quinn-shalz.com. 904-249-1100

Francis Michael Reiss

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Kathryn Beth Savoie

Kathryn Beth Savoie, 61, of Jacksonville, Florida, died July 30, 2022. Arrangements by Quinn-Shalz Family Funeral Home & Cremation Centre. www.quinn-shalz.com. 904-249-1100





Classes start Aug. 10 in St. Johns County

By Shaun Ryan

The buses will be rolling again Wednesday, Aug. 10, when public school students in St. Johns County return to the classroom for the start of the 2022-23 academic year. It will be a day of reconnecting with old friends and perhaps making new ones. Some students will find themselves in new schools, learning new routines and finding their places. Teachers will be learning names and matching them to faces.

Day one is always a day of excitement and promise.

It's also a day of great activity — the first of many. Each school day, 293 district buses transport more than 25,000 students an average of 26,000 miles. School cafeterias serve 73,375 meals and 44,900 a la carte items each week.

Perhaps the big news this year is the opening of the district's ninth high school: Beachside, located at 200 Great Barracuda Way, Saint Johns. And the mascot is — you guessed it — the barracuda.

Located within the Twin Creeks Development, Beachside High School is designed for about 2,100 students. It



Photo by Shaun Ryan

Beachside High School, the newest in St. Johns County, is almost ready to open for the 2022-23 school year on Wednesday.

consists of five buildings arranged around a central courtyard. The main, three-story classroom building will house general education classes, ESE classes and science labs and a collaborative concourse on each floor.

Academies to be offered at Beachside include: Global Logistics and Supply Chain Management, Information Technology, Veterinary Assisting and Biomedical Sciences. This brings to 35 the number of academies, acceleration academies and JROTC programs in the district.

Varsity and junior varsity fall, win-



Rendering from St. Johns County School District
An artist rendering shows the new Beachside High School — when it was known as High School III.

ter and spring sports will be available at Beachside, and the plan is to offer football, volleyball, baseball, softball, swimming and diving, soccer, lacrosse, basketball, tennis, golf, weightlifting, cross country, track and field, competitive cheer, competitive dance and wrestling.

At the helm of the new school will be Principal Greg Bergamasco, Assistant Principal Mollie Altick and Assistant Principal Ryan Sirak.

Want to know more about Beachside High School? Go to www-bhs.stjohns.k12.fl.us.

The St. Johns County School District

has an enrollment of 48,816, though that figure will probably have to be updated before long. The county is growing rapidly.

The district is the largest employer in the county, with 5,893 full- and part-time employees. Instructional staff comprises more than half.

Families looking to relocate to Florida have taken note of the district's state rankings. Often, these parents will say they moved here "because of the schools."

The district has earned an "A" grade every year since at least 2010. In 2021-22, it had 29 "A" schools, seven "B" schools and three "C" schools. According to the 2022 state assessments, the district was first in the state for reading, first in end-of-course exams, first in math for two grades, and first in science for the eighth grade.

Nine months from now, the 2022-23 school year will be complete, with the last day of class on May 25. But the memories forged over that time, beginning next Wednesday, will live on for the students of St. Johns County.

For more information, go to stjohns.k12.fl.us.

Morris Center helps students struggling to succeed

By Shaun Ryan

For a student having a neurodevelopmental disorder or learning disability, getting an education can be extremely challenging. And finding help is critical in order to improve one's academic performance.

For about three decades, that help has been available through The Morris Center, which last summer added a Ponte Vedra Beach clinic to those it operates in Ocala, Trinidad and Tobago and Birming-

ham, Alabama.

Founded by developmental behavioral pediatrician Dr. Ann Alexander, The Morris Center is currently owned and operated by Dr. Tim Conway. An all-inclusive neurodevelopmental treatment and assessment center, it helps to improve the skills of children having difficulty in school — and adults struggling with success at work — due to a disorder resulting in poor reading or trouble with spelling, comprehension, writing, speech, math, sensory processing attention or

behavior or social skills.

The Morris Center's transdisciplinary assessment and treatment team includes professionals in child psychology, clinical psychology, neuropsychology, occupational therapy, special education and speech-language pathology. It's qualified to address dyslexia, dysgraphia, dyscalculia, dyspraxia, sensory processing disorder, AD/HD, autism, Down syndrome, language disorder, phonological disorder and more.

The Morris Center has a national and

international clientele, something that would not be possible were it not for the center's reputation for efficacy.

Treatment is tailored to client's needs and administered one on one. It is also intensive, something which is supported by research.

The Ponte Vedra Beach clinic is located at 50 Executive Way. For further information, call 904-834-2482, email TMCPVB@MorrisCenters.com or go to themorriscenter.com.



A look at the classroom for Code Wiz St. Johns.



At Code Wiz St. Johns, kids have fun building their own robots and more.

Contributed photos

Code Wiz St. Johns offers coding & robotics programs for kids

After spending more than a decade working corporate jobs in several medical device companies, Rebeca Rodriguez knew it was time for a change. The busy mother of three wanted a better work-life balance.

After hours of research and exploring different opportunities, Rodriguez decided to start her own business. Code Wiz St. Johns, a franchise that offers cod-

ing and robotics classes for kids ages 7 to 17, opened this month in Fruit Cove. The business offers students programming skills along with invaluable approaches to critical thinking and problem-solving.

“We want to inspire a generation of kids to use their creativity to create new and positive things through STEAM,” she said, referring to the acronym for “science, technology, engineering, arts

and math.” “We want kids to develop skills that will help them in the future while having a lot of fun doing so.”

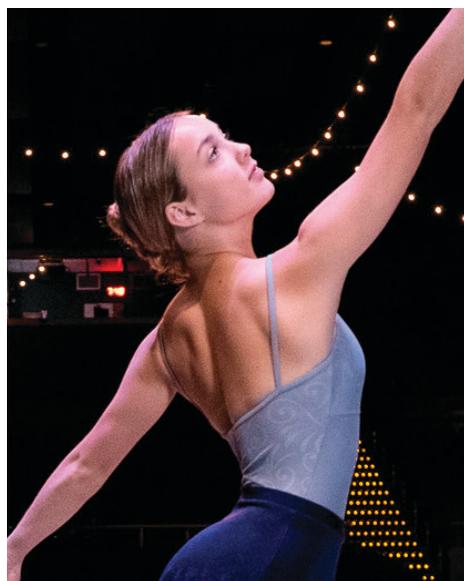
With a focus on community needs (they want to build additional programming based on what members of the community are interested in), Rebeca and her husband, Eliud Rivera, and three sons, Marcos, Emil and Gabriel, have spent the past few months learning the ins and outs

of coding and robotics as well as how to start a small business, including every obstacle and success that comes with the territory.

Code Wiz St. Johns officially opened its doors on July 11 with its first week of summer camp.

“The kids had a lot of fun building

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Local volunteers meet students' critical needs

Hugs St. Johns makes sure children get clothing, food and more

By Shaun Ryan

St. Johns County, according to most criteria, is the most affluent county in Florida. Yet, even here, 8.2% of minors live below the poverty line.

In fact, about 800 students in the county are technically homeless, according to federal guidelines established by the McKinney-Vento Act.

These students are identified through the school district's Aid and Support for Students in Sudden Transition (ASSIST) program so that district staff can assess their needs, according to Michael Israel, the district's homeless liaison.

"One of the many high-priority needs of the identified students is a need for clothing and hygiene supplies," Israel said.

Fortunately, for more than a decade, a group of volunteers has been at the forefront of local efforts to meet those needs.

Alternately known as Hugs St. Johns and Hugs Across The County, this nonprofit maintains a 2,000-square-foot storage space filled with clothing, shoes, socks, underwear, toiletries and school supplies. When a school counselor makes a request via the Hugs website, volunteers gather up the items and deliver them to the school. Sizes and color preferences are noted, and students are given a week's worth of outfits.

Last year, the Hugs volunteers packed about 500 large bags for delivery. The bags were dropped off at nearly every public school in the county, and not just Title I schools. Deliveries were made in Ponte Vedra and Fruit Cove, as well.

But clothes are not all the group provides. And schools are not the only places they deliver.

The boy who limped

Brette Reiman founded Hugs in 2009 with a small group of volunteers who traveled twice a week to Webster Elementary, a Title I school in St. Augustine, to help in the classroom.

There, they quickly discovered that many of the students needed clothing and other items.

But it was a first-grader who really inspired them to act.

The boy had been limping for months, and no one knew why. Then, someone suggested checking the size of his shoes. It turned out they were two sizes too small — his family did not have the means to buy him a new pair.

So, the volunteers ran out to Walmart and bought him shoes in the right size.

From there, the group began purchasing items for other students in need and soon learned that this need was not limited to Webster Elementary. It existed through the county.

That's when Reiman established the nonprofit. Clothing was stored in her garage, but soon the volume exceeded the available space and Hugs rented a pair of storage units. Then, in 2020, the group found a warehouse large enough to accommodate its growing stock.

Full stomachs and more

In addition to providing clothing, the nonprofit restocks food pantries at 13 schools each month.



Photo provided by Karen Burke
Michael Israel, homeless liaison for St. Johns County Schools, and Karen Burke, Hugs clothing coordinator for Hugs St. Johns, are seen inside the warehouse space the organization uses to store apparel and other items for distribution to students in need.

These were created at the request of a principal who, out of her own pocket, had been providing food to students as they left for the bus every afternoon; she knew that they didn't have food at home to eat.

Another way Hugs St. Johns looks after students' dietary needs has been its No Hungry Holidays program, which provides 10 days of breakfasts and lunches over the winter break. That program has grown to where it now serves about 1,200 students each December at schools throughout the district — including more than 100 students from the Ponte Vedra area.

"Food insecurity is very real throughout St. Johns County," said Reiman.

In addition to its food and clothing efforts, Hugs St. Johns offers a girls' empowerment lunch-and-learn program at Murray Middle School and a summer reading program with high school volunteers who visit three locations in underserved communities to read to the kids.

It has also expanded its services beyond schools to help children at the Betty Griffin Center, a domestic

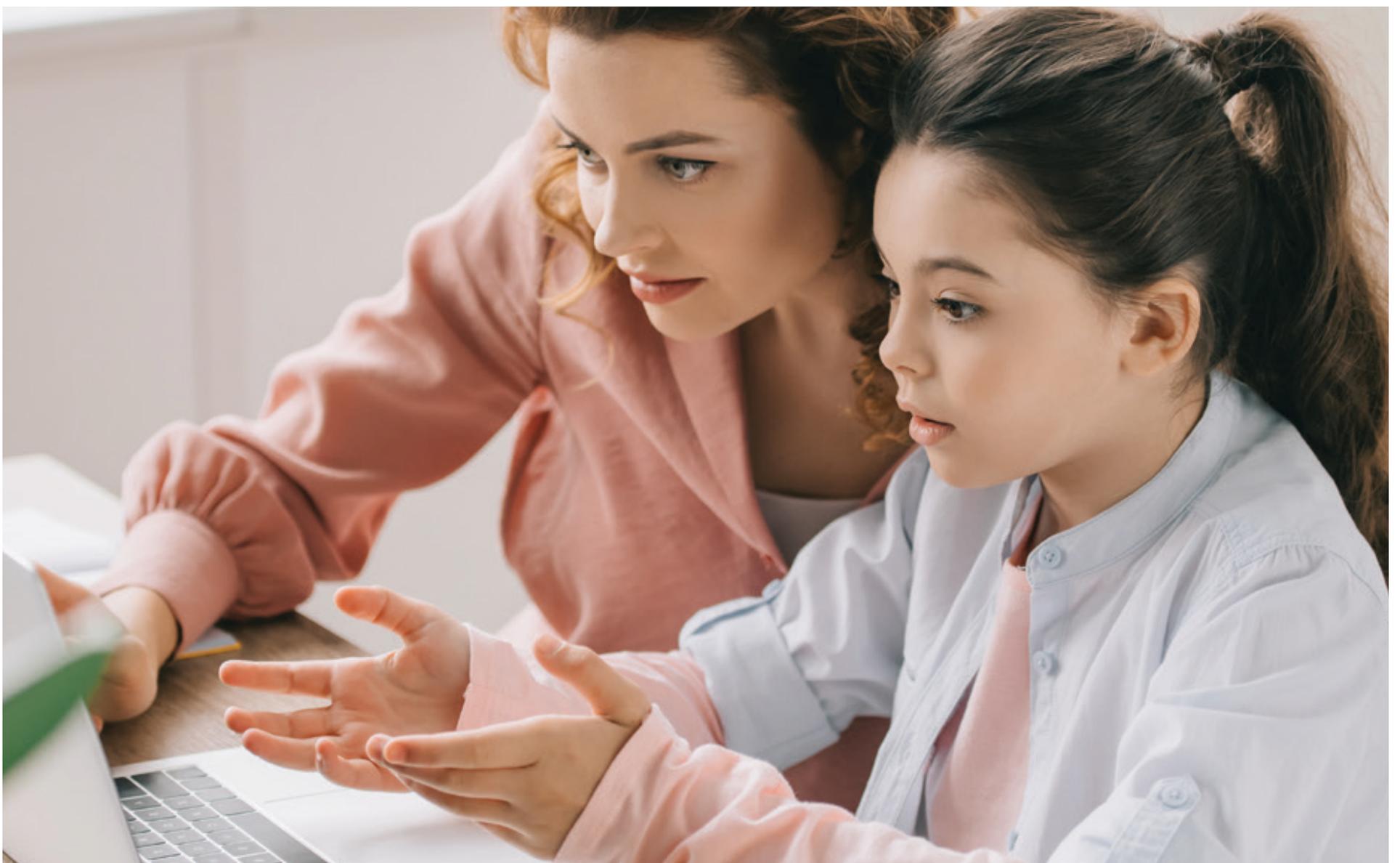
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robots to accomplish different challenges that taught them how to use various elements of coding,” Rodriguez said. “They also designed their own 3D printing models. Some took up to 10 hours to print, but they came out great and the kids were super excited about their creations. I am always surprised with how quickly kids can pick things up and apply their learning and creativity to build amazing things.”

Code Wiz St. Johns, located at 530 SR 13, Unit 5, Fruit Cove, will host a grand opening on Saturday, Aug. 6, from 10 a.m. to noon. The event is open to the public and will feature interactive coding and robotics programming for kids, as well as games, raffles, giveaways and refreshments. A grand opening sale is currently going on with Founding Families being offered 31.4% off a lifetime membership.

The coding and robotics school offers summer camp, after-school programs, birthday parties and courses for Girl Scouts. For more information, go to thecodewiz.com/stjohns-fl, email stjohns@thecodewiz.com, or call 904-719-7490.



Code Wiz St. Johns offers coding and robotics classes for kids ages 7 to 17.



Rebeca Rodriguez, husband Eliud Rivera, and sons Marcos, Emil and Gabriel are all smiles as they prepare for the grand opening of Code Wiz St. Johns.



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Rebeca Rodriguez is the founder of Code Wiz St. Johns.

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violence shelter in St. Augustine.

“A lot of times when families are fleeing domestic violence, they leave their belongings behind,” said Jessica Gamble, Betty Griffin Center children’s advocate. “The emergency clothing bags from Hugs ease the difficult transition into shelter by meeting some of their basic needs and giving that family one less thing to worry about.”

Gamble said Hugs has even assisted with school uniforms, dance leotards and football cleats.

“Their help goes beyond clothing, though,” she said. “Anytime we need anything for one of our kids, they do whatever they can to help us. They have donated Christmas presents, snacks, school supplies, toiletries, board games, books and so much more.”

Volunteers and donations

A few years ago, Karen Burke of Ponte Vedra began donating items on the Hugs wish list. Soon, she began to volunteer as a delivery driver, and the experience was an eye-opener.

“I was shocked,” she said. “I went places in the county, and I was like, ‘I didn’t even know these places existed.’”

Today, she is the nonprofit’s clothing coordinator and heads a team of vol-

unteers who keep the donated apparel organized and see to its distribution. But more help is always welcome. Hugs St. Johns posts a list of donations it needs and hours that volunteers are needed on social media.

“I am always, always, always looking for volunteers, and also I’m always looking for donations of gently used or new clothing to help keep our shelves stocked,” Burke said.

Some clothes come through neighborhood clothing drives. Others are simply singular donations. The sizes can be infant to adult. But they must meet a minimum standard of quality.

“As long as they’re clean and no rips, no stains — anything that I would want to send my kids to school in, we’ll take that stuff,” Burke said.

In addition to ordinary clothing donations, some people purchase apparel from the organization’s Amazon wish list. Others donate money.

Reiman praised Burke for her conscientiousness.

“She packs those clothing bags for kids as if they were her own children,” Reiman said.

Israel has seen firsthand how this personal touch has benefitted the students.

“The thoughtfulness, care and concern are definitely shown in each package that a student receives,” he said. “The sense of pride that our identified students have when they can put on a fresh set of cloth-



Photo provided by Karen Burke

Hugs St. Johns stores all donated clothing items in orderly fashion at its warehouse.

ing items each day in invaluable.”

“Hugs is an amazing organization filled with amazing people, and we are beyond grateful for all they do for us and our families at Betty Griffin Center,” said Gamble.

Reiman extends her praise to the community.

“I cannot state enough that we would not have been able to do what we do and

grow the way that we have grown without the absolutely incredible community support from so many people throughout St. Johns County,” she said.

To learn more about the organization, including ways to volunteer and donate, go to stjohnshugs.org. Social media sites include: twitter.com/StJohnsCoHugs, instagram.com/stjohnshugs and facebook.com/HugsStJohns.



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Back-to-school sales tax holiday ends Aug. 7

As Florida families prepare for another school year, Gov. Ron DeSantis is encouraging them to save money on school supplies during the state's back-to-school sales tax holiday now through Sunday, Aug. 7.

With the school year quickly approaching, the sales tax holiday is predicted to collectively save Florida families more than \$100 million this year. Department of Education Commissioner Manny Diaz Jr. and Department of Revenue Executive Director Jim Zingale joined DeSantis in reminding Floridians they can save money on school supplies and clothing.

"We are fiscally in the strongest position that the state of Florida has ever seen in modern history," said DeSantis. "The back-to-school tax holiday will allow families to be able to save for things that really matter."

During the sales tax holiday, qualifying items will be exempt from tax including:

- Learning aids selling for \$30 or less per item, such as interactive books, jigsaw puzzles and other toys that teach reading or math skills
- School supplies selling for \$50 or less per item, such as binders, calculators, notebooks, pens and pencils and lunch boxes.
- Clothing and footwear selling for \$100 or less per item, such as backpacks, pants, shoes, shirts and sweaters.

• Personal computers and related accessories purchased for noncommercial home or personal use selling for \$1,500 or less per item, such as personal computers, flash drives, computer batteries, printers and headphones.

"Back-to-school time can be stressful on families as they prepare for another year of learning," said Diaz. "As inflation continues to rise, it's important for Floridians to take advantage of these savings while they can. Our incredible educators are looking forward to another exciting and productive school year."

"The cost of school supplies has definitely gone up, but the 2022 Back-to-School Sales Tax Holiday will help families by offsetting some of that increase so students can have the supplies they need for a successful start to the school year," said Zingale. "Information about qualifying items is available on the Department of Revenue's website at floridarevenue.com/backtoschool."

In addition, families can continue saving during the 2022 Children's Books Sales Tax Exemption, which began May 14 and extends through Aug. 14. Fiction or nonfiction books intended for children ages 12 and younger are tax free during the Children's Books Sales Tax Exemption. For additional information regarding the Children's Books Sales Tax Exemption, go to the Department of Revenue's website at floridarevenue.com/childrensbooks.



Episcopal School ready for new school year

Episcopal School of Jacksonville is gearing up for the coming school year.

With three campuses located across Northeast Florida, Episcopal School is able to serve students and families through every phase of their academic journey, from age one through 12th grade.

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To learn more, contact any of the campuses:

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Tools 4 Schools community supply drive runs through Aug. 7

Investing in Kids (INK!) has launched the Tools 4 Schools classroom supply drive once again to support St. Johns County teachers and students through the 2022-23 school year.

Community and business collection drives are scheduled across the county coinciding with the Florida back-to-school tax-free holiday period, now through Sunday, Aug. 7, to prepare for the start of the school year on Aug. 10.

Tools 4 Schools is a community-based classroom supply initiative that seeks to reduce the out-of-pocket expense for educators and ensure that both teachers and students have the tools they need to be successful in the classroom.

To prepare for the school year, INK! and community partners host an annual countywide school supply drive in the summertime. Individuals, organizations and businesses are encouraged to participate by sponsoring drop-off locations, donating supplies and volunteering to help sort and distribute materials to teachers.

According to Donna Lueders, INK! executive director, on average, local teachers spend more than \$800 of their own money purchasing school supplies for students and the classroom. The purpose of Tools 4 Schools is to minimize expenses for educators with a goal of serving approximately 3,000 teachers and 48,000 students countywide.

Lueders added that at the end of the 2021-22 school year, INK!'s Tools 4 School program reported record numbers of supplies delivered to teachers in every public school in St. Johns

County. INK! filled and delivered nearly 1,400 teacher-requested orders of school supplies and educational materials with a total a value of \$84,891.

The Tools 4 Schools program is made possible by annual donations from supporters, including Publix, Staples and The Bailey Group as well as local businesses that host collection drives, including Ameris Bank, Carlisle Interconnect Technologies, Community First Credit Union, Northrop Grumman, Solar Stik, SouthState Bank, the St. Johns County Tax Collector and VyStar Credit Union.

For more than a decade, the Tools 4 Schools program has operated out of The Bailey Group Resource Depot, a permanent location donated by The Bailey Group that provides storage for the supplies collected during the Tools 4 Schools summer drives and throughout the year.

During the school year, teachers can

order supplies online through the INK! website and orders are filled and delivered by INK! to their schools.

For more information on Tools 4 Schools or to coordinate a community drive effort, contact Jim Wheeler at 904-547-7121 or email james.wheeler@stjohns.k12.fl.us. For a complete list of businesses and community drive locations, go to ink-stjohns.org/tools-drive22.

The St. Johns County Education Foundation which operates as Investing in Kids (INK!) provides innovative resources to support academic success for all St. Johns County public schools to benefit more than 48,000 students and approximately 3,000 teachers. The office is located at 1 Christopher St. in St. Augustine. For more information, contact Donna Lueders at 904-547-7120 or email Donna.Lueders@stjohns.k12.fl.us. The website is ink-stjohns.org.



Giving Pump to benefit Investing in Kids

Investing in Kids (INK!) is partnering with Joe Tringali and Carmelo's Shell along with First Coast Energy LLP for the Shell USA Giving Pump as part of its Force For Good initiative to drive positive change in local communities by giving back.

Now through Oct. 31, a portion of the purchases made by consumers who use the designated pump at the Carmelo's Shell gas station, 146 King St. in St. Augustine, will support INK!

The Giving Pump in historic, downtown St. Augustine will be specially marked with colorful signage to inspire consumers to fuel up and support the local charity. Participation in the program will cost customers nothing extra. A portion of every fill-up at the designated pump will be donated to INK!

According to Donna Lueders, INK! executive director, the nonprofit leads efforts to directly benefit educators and students in St. Johns County public schools with a mission to provide innovative programs and classroom resources to help each student reach their full potential.

"We are very grateful to First Coast Energy and Joe Tringali, the local gas station owner, for designating INK! as the recipient charity of The Giving Pump campaign," said Lueders. "The funds gen-

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Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach establishes \$10K UNF scholarship

The Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach's charitable foundation recently donated \$10,000 to the University of North Florida Foundation to establish the "Service Above Self" scholarship.

Named for the motto of Rotary International, the funds will provide a \$2,500-a-year scholarship for four years to a full-time junior or senior pursuing a B.A. in political science with a concentration in public administration and public policy. Students who are minoring in public

administration may also be eligible, with preference given to a student who has either interned or worked for a nonprofit organization or plans to do so.

The funds for the new scholarship were raised through the Ponte Vedra Beach Rotary Club's annual Mineral City Celebration. Since its inception, the club has donated more than \$1.5 million to local charities and nonprofit organizations.

For more information, go to pvbrotary.org.



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Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach members present a check for \$10,000 to the University of North Florida Foundation to establish the four-year "Service Above Self" scholarship. Pictured from left are UNF Political Science and Public Administration Chair and Professor Nicholas Seabrook; Ponte Vedra Beach Rotary Foundation Chair Billy Wagner; Teresa Nichols, UNF interim vice president for university development and alumni engagement; Ponte Vedra Beach Rotary Foundation Past Chair Ashley Dopf; and Kyle Musser, assistant director of development for the UNF College of Arts and Sciences.

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erated during this campaign will allow INK! to continue to provide much needed programs and services across St. Johns County."

More than 6,500 Shell stations across the U.S. are participating in the three-month Giving Pump initiative. Since launching Force for Good, Shell has highlighted the impacts its wholesalers have made in the communities in which they operate, going beyond fuel quality and loyalty.

In 2021, Shell wholesalers and retailers donated more than \$1.5 million and supported more than 400 children's charities through The Giving Pump.

For further information, go to shell.us/givingpump.



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Al Jackson, Donna Lueders and Joe Tringali unveil The Giving Pump at Carmelo's Shell in St. Augustine.

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FAMOUS PONTE VEDRANS



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Teddy Roosevelt Jr.

By Scott A. Grant

In the early morning of June 6, 1944, American soldiers stormed the beaches on D-Day. At Utah Beach, confusion ranged. The 4th Infantry Division had been pushed off course by the

currents and no one was sure what they were supposed to do. Then, out of the morning fog, hobbled the most unlikely of persons, a short, gaunt, shabbily dressed, 56-year-old brigadier general with a famous name.

Teddy Roosevelt Jr. had horrible arthritis as a result of injuries suffered during the First World War. He was forced to walk with a cane. The sight of the popular general tottering back and forth from the landing craft to the bulkhead leading his troops forward with a cane in one hand and a pistol in the other, inspired his men beyond imagination.

Realizing that his men were out of position, he casually remarked, "We'll start the war from right here." Roosevelt then led his troops around the German positions toward their initial objective. In his pocket, he

carried a copy of "Pilgrim's Progress" so he would have something to read if the war got too slow.

Teddy was not supposed to be there. He had begged his superiors on three occasions to be allowed to go ashore his men. When his commander finally relented, he said goodbye and told Ted he did not expect to see him alive again. He was the only American general on the beaches that day.

Roosevelt survived the invasion, only to die five weeks later of a sudden heart attack. He was awarded the Medal of Honor for his actions on D-Day. George S. Patton called Roosevelt "one of the bravest men I ever knew." When asked the bravest thing he had seen during the war, General Omar Bradley did not blink. "Teddy Roosevelt – Utah Beach," he declared with certainty.

Just two years earlier, Teddy Roosevelt Jr. was living on a more idyllic beach, in Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida. In the summer of 1942, he and his wife had taken a cottage here to be near their son. Teddy Roosevelt III was stationed at the Naval Air Station training to be a Naval Aviator. His wife was expecting Teddy Roosevelt IV. Ted and his sons had one last family reunion here on

our beach before each set off to war. By the time number four was born in Jacksonville in November, Teddy Jr. was storming the beaches of North Africa. Most of the family would never see him alive again.

It is hard to have a famous father. Teddy Jr. hoped to be president one day. Like his father and famous cousin, Franklin, he served as assistant secretary of the Navy. And like the two more famous Roosevelts, he ran for governor of New York. They won. He lost. It hurt that his first cousin, Eleanor Roosevelt, campaigned against him. Eleanor followed Teddy around in a car with a paper mache teacup on the roof to remind voters that Junior had been implicated in the teapot dome scandal. Later, she would admit that it was sort of a "rough trick."

Like Douglas McArthur, Ted served as Governor General of the Philippines. He was in that position when his distant cousin, Franklin, was elected to the presidency. Ted had made statements critical of his Democrat cousin during the campaign. When asked how the two were related, Teddy Jr. said that he was Franklin's "fifth cousin, about to be removed." Franklin promptly fired his Republican cousin.

Realtor group makes donation to Mission House

On July 28, members of Ponte Vedra Realtor group CBV Cares presented a grant check for \$500 to Jacksonville Beaches Mission House Program Director Natalie Collier

The check is in support of Mission House's ongoing care of the area's home-

less and efforts to provide resources in a safe and secure environment.

A tour of the facility was provided afterwards, including viewing of the clinic, food bank, kitchen, showers and laundry area, counseling area and Kulik's Closet where clean clothes and hygiene items

are provided to the homeless.

Mission House is located at 800 Shetter Ave. on Jacksonville Beach.

For more information on Mission House, go to missionhousejax.org. For more information on Coldwell Banker Vanguard Realty CBV Cares Realty

Group, contact Chair Carole Bayer at cbayerrealtor@gmail.com or 904-860-5000.

The Coldwell Banker Vanguard Realty Beaches office is located at 240 Ponte Vedra Park Blvd., Suite 201, Ponte Vedra Beach.



Mission House Program Director Natalie Collier talks about the nonprofit's food bank.



CBV Cares Realtors tour Kulik's Closet.



CBV Cares Realtors tour Mission House.



Pictured from left: CBV Cares Administrator Kate Richardson and Realtor associate Peyton Stockton, Mission House Program Director Natalie Collier, CBV Cares Realtors Nancy Hammond and Carole Bayer.

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Invest Like Scott



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By Scott A. Grant

I periodically get asked to write an article about investments. The asker is always specific. They want a REAL investment article. I usually respond

with some parable about Ty Cobb or Walt Disney's maid. Both are great stories, but not the article on how to invest



that they wanted. So, here I will sum up in three words the best advice I can give. What you do with it is up to you.

BUY BORING STOCKS.

When most people buy a stock, they buy something that they think will go up a lot. It is usually something new and exciting. When I buy a stock, I look for something where I do not think I will lose money. Now that is impossible, because stocks go up and stocks go down. But I want my downside to be tolerable. I want a good basic business with rising revenues. Then I want to sit back and collect my dividends while I wait for those growing sales to compound over time.

Dividends are important. They matter because they demonstrate stability. If a business can afford to pay you a dividend, then they are a going concern. There are companies that have raised their dividend every year for the past 50 or 60 years. That stuff makes me salivate. I love money. I love making money. Dividends also help when the market goes down. A 3% dividend helps ease the pain of a market correction.

Once you buy a boring stock, all you have to do is hold it forever. I had a client early in my career named Al Slotnick. Al had a rule: "Never sell

nothing." Now that is a harsh rule, but it is far better than trying to buy and sell constantly. Every time you buy or sell a stock, you increase the chance that you will be wrong. To this day, I still cherish the "Al Slotnick Rule." I like to say that you should be financially and emotionally invested in any stock you own. If you love the business, it will make it easier to hold during the bad times.

Sometimes when I talk about this stuff, I can literally see the listener's eyes roll back in their head. They want to make fast money, and they want to believe they can. No one ever wants to get rich slowly. If you set out to beat the market, you are going to lose and lose badly. Guys like me are going to eat your lunch. UNLESS! Unless you are one in a million. If millions of people set out to trade their way to unimaginable riches, a few will succeed. Typically, we will ascribe great intelligence to those lucky few, when, in reality, it was just random chance.

Think of it this way. The chances of you (or anyone) winning half a billion dollars in the lottery are astronomical. But, but, but, SOMEONE IS GOING TO WIN, 100% of the time. If not this week, then next week, someone will win. It is guaranteed. That winner, maybe a widow on a fixed income from Dillon, South Carolina, wasn't smarter than the millions of others who plunked down \$2 and a dream. She was just luckier. And I hate the word "luck." I prefer to use the term random chance. Luck implies some quality associated with the person that makes them worthier.

Someone out there is reading this and thinking, "Why bother with individual stocks at all? Why not just buy the S&P 500?" Buying the S&P 500, particularly if you do so on a regular basis like you would inside a 401k, is a good idea. (Make sure you are buying an actual S&P 500 fund and not some gimmicky insurance product that claims it will track the S&P.) For my purposes, I like to know exactly what I own. I think it



makes it easier to hold through the declines. I want to open my pantry and see the names of the stocks I own and smile. I don't want to see a whole bunch of indiscriminate packages all labeled food.

Over the long haul, the stock market is the best investment available to you. Strive to buy quality businesses at reasonable prices and hold those companies forever. Think of it this way, if you own a McDonald's, you are not going to walk into work on a random Tuesday morning, read an article about how Americans are eating healthier or the price of cheese is going up, and decide to sell your restaurant. But people do that in the stock market. ALL. THE. TIME. Don't be that guy. Be like Scott. If you need help, call me.

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Grandparents: Four tips for spending on your grandkids

Provided by Chris Thompson

Many grandparents spend money on their grandkids, whether by chipping in on big expenses like tuition bills and travel expenses or covering smaller costs like meals and holiday gifts. The inclination to be generous is understandable, and many seniors say it brings them joy to support (or even occasionally spoil) their grandchildren.

But lavishing them with gifts shouldn't come at the expense of your own financial security. If you're seeking to find the balance between supporting your grandchildren and ensuring that your own finances stay in healthy shape, here are four tips to keep it all in check:

1. Know what you can afford. No matter how much you enjoy splurging on your grandkids, your financial security should remain your first priority. There are many unknowns in retirement, including your longevity, the fluctuation of markets and the impact of inflation

on purchasing power (a factor that's particularly pronounced at the moment, with inflation rates at their highest in 40 years). Spend and give within your means to maintain your own financial health in the future.

2. Determine if you're giving or loaning. If you're giving a gift, understand current federal tax rules, which are based on the calendar year. In 2022, you can give up to \$16,000 to each family member before the federal gift tax is applied. If you are married, both you and your spouse may gift \$16,000 (for a total of \$32,000). And make certain the recipient knows it's a gift for their own tax purposes, and so there is no uncertainty about whether or not they need to pay you back. If you are loaning money to a grandchild, be very specific about the terms and repayment, and consider having a written document that both parties sign and date. This can help safeguard your financial situation and ensure both



of you are on the same page — now and in the future.

3. Talk about it. Many people tend to shy away from discussions about money and finances with their family. If you would like to help support your grandchildren or save for their future goals like college or a down payment on a home, be sure to communicate this with their parents. This can help your adult children do a better job with their own financial planning. For example, if the parents of your grandchild know how much you are expecting to contribute to their child's education, they may be able to decrease the amount allocated to a 529 Plan and invest more toward other goals, such as their own retirement.

4. Establish boundaries. Even if you want to help your grandchildren financially, depending on their situation,

it may not be appropriate to do so, or to repeatedly provide support. Everyone appreciates help, but if your grandchild needs to learn financial independence, there can be value in letting them live within their own means. Keep in mind the smart — and sometimes tough — financial lessons you learned as you made your own way as a young adult, and the pride that came with successfully overcoming challenges.

If you want to provide financial support to a family member, but haven't incorporated it into your overall financial plan, consider consulting a financial professional. He or she can help you evaluate your financial needs and goals and create a strategy. A clear and realistic understanding of your own financial picture

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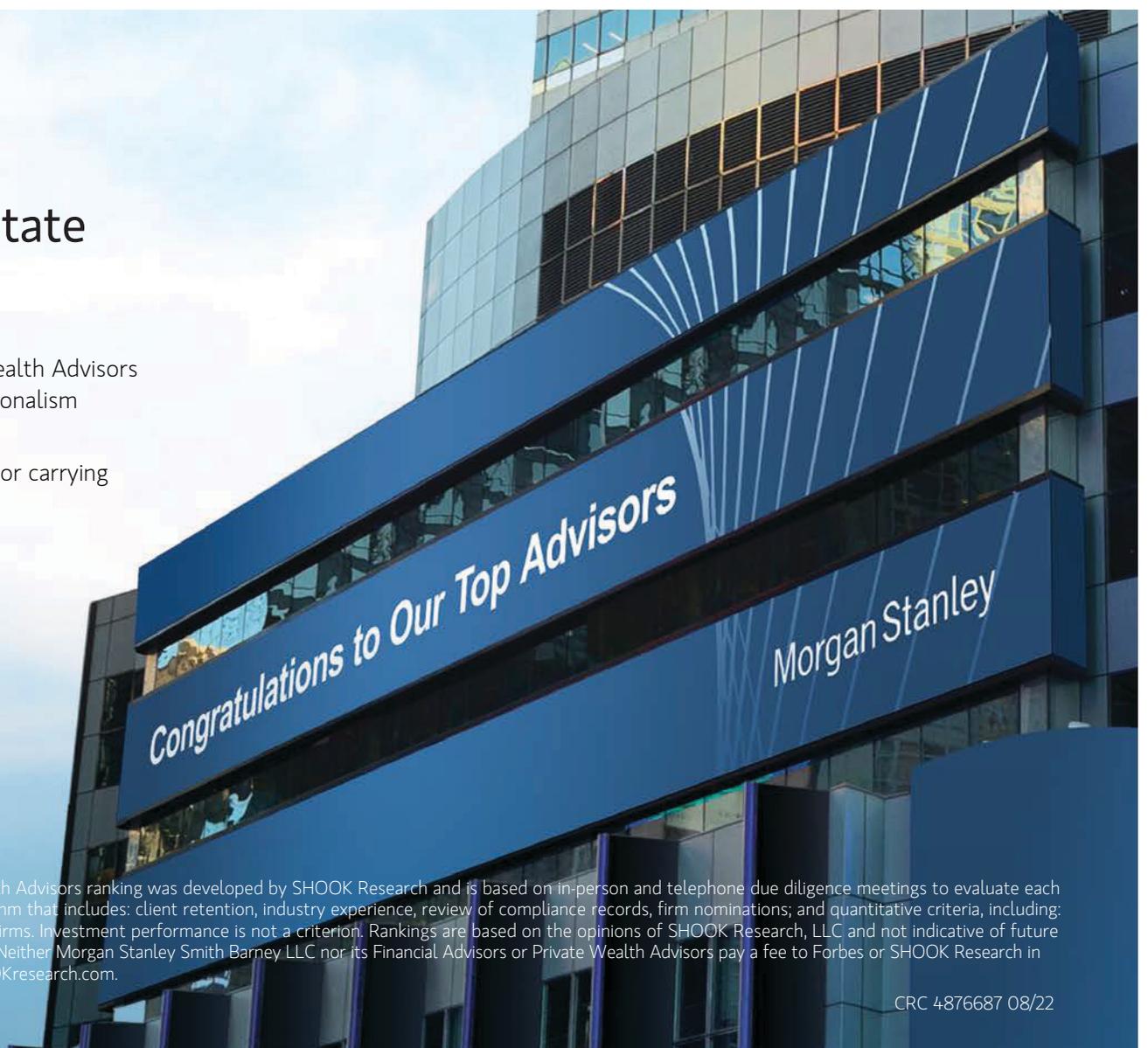
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Phillips appointed to Tourist Development Council



Gayle Phillips

Gayle Phillips, executive director of the Lincolnville Museum and Cultural Center in St. Augustine, was appointed Tuesday, July 19, to a position on the Tourist Development Council of St. Johns County. The

appointment and a four-year term were finalized during the regularly scheduled meeting of the St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners.

The vote was unanimous.

Phillips was recommended by the current TDC board during its regularly scheduled meeting on June 20, and the recommendation was supported by a letter from Tera Meeks, the St. Johns County director

of tourism and cultural development.

Outgoing TDC member Danny Berenberg spoke on Phillips' behalf, and Henry Dean, the chair of the St. Johns County Commission, was also supportive.

"I have had the opportunity to know and work with Gayle for six years, and I strongly recommend her to take this position with the TDC," Dean said.

Phillips becomes a rare Black female member of the TDC Board, which was created in 1986.

She has been heavily involved in the community, displaying her knowledge of St. Augustine and St. Johns County. She serves as the executive director of the Lincolnville Museum and Cultural Center. Since she took over that role in 2018, the museum has developed into a staple of the tourism industry for the region and highlights an underappreciated piece of

county history.

In more than a decade of residency in St. Johns County, Phillips has interacted with business leaders within the city and county and has become a voice for them. She has a journalism degree from University of Florida and has worked as a writer and editor at various publications.

Phillips' work includes roles on the boards of the Friends of Lincolnville Inc., St. Augustine Historical Society and St. Augustine Lighthouse and Maritime Museum. Additionally, she is a stockholder in the St. Augustine Distillery and has extensive experience as a business owner of her own catering business and as a purchasing and accounting employee of Anheuser-Busch Brewery in Jacksonville.

Her appointment coincides with the county's plans to include a celebration of St. Augustine's and St. Johns County's

long-standing and understated prominence in the nation's Black history and the civil rights movement, dating back to the 1500s and including iconic locations such as Ft. Mose, the Lincolnville Museum and the city's cornerstone locations in the civil rights movement.

The St. Johns County TDC recommends funding of facilities, programs and contracts to the Board of Commissioners for the purpose of bringing people from outside of the county to cultural events. The nine-member TDC, serving four-year terms, includes a county commissioner, two other elected officials, three or four members who are owners or operators of lodging facilities and up to three members who are involved in the tourism industry.

The Board of County Commissioners solicits applications for appointment whenever vacancies occur.

Simple ways to lessen your financial load after 50

Retirement may still be a long way off for people who are in their 50s, but around this time thoughts of what retirement could be compel many people to seek ways to reduce their financial load in anticipation of the day when they will no longer be working. Cutting back needn't be compli-

cated, and the following are some simple ways for individuals 50 and over to save money.

- **Address unsecured debt.** Unsecured debt, which can include credit card balances and medical bills, tends to carry higher interest rates than debts that carry a

collateral requirement. If possible, people over 50 should pay off these debts immediately or make their best effort to pay extra each month so they are paid off as soon as possible.

- **Pay in "cash."** It's not enough to simply pay off unsecured debt like consumer credit. It's also important to stop accruing additional debt. Individuals over 50 should resist the temptation to use their credit cards, instead paying with cash or debit cards.

- **Reexamine your housing situation.** Adults 50 and over who purchased their home in their late 20s or early 30s are likely nearing the maturity date on their mortgages. If so, paying a little extra toward the principal each month will help you pay off that mortgage a good deal earlier than if you keep paying the same amount you've

been paying for years. For example, the financial experts at Wells Fargo note that individuals with a fixed-rate mortgage loan of \$200,000 at 4 percent can cut the term of that loan by more than 4.5 years by paying as little as \$100 extra each month toward their principal. Homeowners over 50 who have already paid off a significant percentage of their mortgage loans could reach maturity much sooner if they start paying more toward principal now. Since housing costs are many people's greatest expense, removing a mortgage payment from your financial ledger by the time you reach 55 could create significant financial flexibility as you get closer to retirement.

Individuals over 50 can utilize some simple yet effective strategies to reduce their financial obligations as retirement nears.

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Florida Chamber Music Project names administrative director

Sally Pettegrew, former vice president of administration and human resources of the Jacksonville Symphony, has been named administrative director of the Florida Chamber Music Project (FCMP). Susan Pardue, artistic director and founder of FCMP made the announcement.

Pettegrew most recently served as executive assistant to the president of The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida. She has more than 30 years of experience in the classical music world through her work with the Jacksonville Symphony. She established the symphony's human resources department, counseled 10 executive directors/presidents on leadership transitions and oversaw the Jacksonville Symphony Starry Nights concerts at Metropolitan Park.

The Florida Chamber Music Project is celebrating a decade of performances and will open its season on Sept. 18 at the Beaches Chapel at the Jacksonville Beach Museum. Season tickets for the six-concert series cost \$150 and are available online at flchambermusic.org.

Individual concert tickets are \$27.



Tanya Ramos-Puig

Monique Burr Foundation names CEO

The Monique Burr Foundation for Children has announced the appointment of Tanya Ramos-Puig as chief executive officer. Building on the foundation's 25-year history of protecting children, Ramos-Puig will lead it into its next season of achieving its mission to educate and empower all children and teens against abuse, bullying, digital dangers and other forms of child victimization.

For nearly three decades, Ramos-Puig has devoted her career to improving educational opportunities and life outcomes for youth in the most under-resourced communities around the world.

She recently served as president at The Latin Grammy Cultural Foundation, the philanthropic arm of The Latin Recording Academy. With a history of growing organizations through her key leadership roles — including CEO at Pencils of Promise, CRO at Education Pioneers and The Children's Aid Society, where she received the Annie E. Casey Founda-

tion Award — Ramos-Puig is known for being a tireless advocate for educational equity.



Dr. Hongfei Di

Hongfei Di M.D. joins Flagler Health+ Primary Care

Dr. Hongfei Di, a board-certified family medicine physician, has joined Flagler Health+'s network of primary care providers.

Di is now scheduling appointments for new patients at the Flagler Health+ Primary Care office at MuraBella, located at 70 Turin Terrace, Suite 100, near the World Golf Village in St. Augustine.

Di has served as medical director of primary care and as a family medicine physician at MetroHealth Medical Center in Cleveland, Ohio. Before that, Di was in private practice at New Family Physician Associates in Lyndhurst, Ohio.

Di provides versatile health care services, from newborn to geriatric care. He is well-adapted in managing chronic medical conditions and his interests are in musculoskeletal injections and dermatology.

To learn more about Di, go to flagler-health.org/locations/primary-care-at-murabella or call 904-819-2200.

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can help you identify how much you can comfortably give and stay on track with your own goals.

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Cathedral Arts Project welcomes new board members

The Cathedral Arts Project (CAP) has announced the installation of five new members to its board of directors. The board has 37 members.

Michael J. Blaylock

Michael J. Blaylock began his career in 1982 with the Jacksonville Transportation Authority, where he served in a host of key leadership positions that led to an appointment as the agency's sixth CEO in 2002, and the first African-American chosen to serve in this capacity until his retirement in 2012. His expansive career and persistent passion for excellence in the transportation industry led him to establish Blaylock Transportation Group International, where he now serves as the principal and CEO.

Leigh Fogle

Leigh Fogle is the founder of Fogle Art Consulting and F&E Management. She studied economics, art history, studio art and psychology while in college. In



Michael J. Blaylock



Leigh Fogle



Chung Rutter



Heather Schatz



Camala Stringer

1994, a year out of school, she combined those interests to launch Fogle Art Consulting and quickly grew it to become a premier art and framing source for corporate and health care clients nationwide. Fogle served on the CAP Board in 2006-08 before relocating to Nashville. She recently returned to Jacksonville.

Chung Rutter

Chung Rutter is senior vice president, national market leader for RS&H, where he began as a senior architect in 2000. Prior to RS&H, he served as senior vice president of KBJ Architects for nearly 14 years. Rutter is past president of the American Institute of Architects Jackson-

ville Chapter, a graduate of the Leadership Jacksonville Class of 2009 and serves on the governing board of JWBC Athena PowerLink.

Heather Schatz

Heather Schatz is an Emmy-nominated multimedia journalist with experience as a strategic communications and marketing professional. She is the senior producer of WJCT News 89.9 talk shows including "First Coast Connect with Melissa Ross," "The Florida Roundup" and "What's Health Got to Do with It?" Schatz spent nearly 10 years at CBS News in New York City, where she worked for CBS Network Radio, CBS "This Morning" and "The Early Show," producing news and feature stories for television and radio.

Camala Stringer

Camala Stringer was born and raised in Jacksonville and shares her time between Jacksonville and Whitefish, Montana. She is an artist and enjoys engaging with art galleries and fundraisers in both Jacksonville and Whitefish. She is the co-creator of the Summer Artfest Auction in Whitefish and is dedicated to the promotion of artists.

St. Augustine accepting applications for poet laureate

The Nation's Oldest City is looking for a poet laureate.

The St. Augustine City Commission adopted a resolution June 27 establishing the Poet Laureate Program. The poet laureate serves as a herald for poets and their work, is dedicated to building a literary community through poetry and encourages a love of poetry among people of all ages.

The mission of the poet laureate is to promote the influence of poetry and

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• **Slightly Stoopid** — With special guests Pepper, Common Kings, Fortunate Youth. 5 p.m. Aug. 4.

• **Rick Springfield and Men At Work** — With special guest John Waite. 7 p.m. Aug. 5.

• **Buddy Guy and John Hiatt & The Goners featuring Sonny Landreth** — 7:30 p.m. Aug. 6.

• **Lee Brice** — With special guests Michael Ray and Jackson Dean. 7 p.m. Aug. 12.

• **Dispatch & O.A.R.** — With special guest G. Love. 7 p.m. Sept. 4.

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More than 200 participate in waterways clean-up

More than 200 Realtors, friends, family members and members of the public gathered at 11 different clean-up sites throughout Northeast Florida to take part in NEFAR's Second Annual Clean-up Northeast Florida Waterways event on July 23.

This year's event invited volunteers from the community to work alongside members of NEFAR for the first time, and the large-scale clean-up effort rid areas of the St. Johns River, Intercoastal Waterway and beaches in Northeast Florida of more than 2,000 pounds of unsightly trash and debris.

The event was inspired by Florida Realtors' month-long Clean-up Florida's Waterways initiative, which encourages members of the Florida Realtor community to clean up lakes, beaches, rivers, creeks and streams throughout the Sunshine State during the month of July.

Participants in the clean-up effort worked hard to rid the region's waterways of more than 2,000 pounds of debris, including 10 car tires that were pulled from the St. Johns River.

"It was enough to fill a 12-cubic yard truck to the brim," said Michael Getka of JDog Junk Removal & Hauling, who voluntarily collected the trash bags from the clean-up sites.

More than 100 celebrated their hard work at a four-hour after-party sponsored by the NEFAR Community Affairs Task Force at Veterans United Craft Brewery.

"We are exceptionally proud of the efforts of the NEFAR Realtor and affiliate members who, along with volunteers from the public, gave back to the Northeast Florida community in such a big way by cleaning up its local waterways," said 2022 NEFAR President Mark Rosener. "Hundreds of volunteers spent several hours



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Families gather at the St. Augustine Pier for a beach cleanup.

on Saturday morning in the hot Florida sun picking up trash from boat ramps, the beaches, and even some hard-to-reach islands in the St. Johns River. This is just one example of how Realtors care for and give back to their community."

The Realtor-led clean-up crews tackled trash located at nine shoreline sites — four at the beaches and five at boat ramps that feed into the St. Johns River. Included among the clean-up sites were the Wayne Stevens Boat Ramp in Ortega, the Bert Maxwell Boat Ramp on the Northside, the Sidney J. Gefen Riverwalk Park, the Main Street Boat Ramp and Old Ferry Boat Ramp in Middleburg, the beach near Jacksonville Beach SeaWalk Pavilion, Mickler's Landing in Ponte Vedra, the beach near Beaches Town Center and the beach near St. Augustine Pier.

A gathering of more than 60 Realtors and their friends met at Lions' Club Boat Ramp in Arlington to board four pontoon vessels to reach uninhabited shorelines and trash dumped in the river. They joined several private boaters who followed along to help clean up.

In Putnam County, another boat convoy consisting of three Realtor families departed from Crystal Cove Marina in Palatka to pick up trash.

And seven Realtor volunteers led by Cherya Cavanaugh of Keller Williams Atlantic Partners boarded a powerboat to clean up the Intercoastal Waterway from Ponte Vedra to St. Augustine.

Sponsoring the event were Watson Realty Corporation, Watson Title, Watson Mortgage, realMLS, Golden Dog Title & Trust, JDog Junk Removal & Hauling, Jax Boat Rentals, Current Problems and Lowes.

Clean-up site sponsors included Max Home Inspections, Landmark Title, Academy Mortgage, Slate Real Estate, Future Home Loans, J. Riley Williams PLC, NEFAR's Southwest Area Council and NEFAR's Beaches Area Council.

Donating prizes for the raffle were Coast Conservation Association; Tiera Vincent with RoundTable Property

Management; Westbank Group of Watson Realty Corp.; NEFAR, who offered lock boxes; and realMLS, who donated MLS dues for a year.

After the event, more than 100 volunteers gathered at Veterans United Craft Brewery to celebrate their efforts. More than \$700 was raised from a raffle and will be donated to a coastal conservation project in Northeast Florida.

This year's event was considerably larger in scope and better attended than last year's when approximately 60 NEFAR members took part, collecting more than 1,500 pounds of trash.

"This was the largest turnout we've ever had," said NEFAR Community Affairs Task Force member Mark Feagle, who helped organize the event. "It is our hope that we can expand it even further next year."



The area around the St. Augustine Pier was one of 11 sites for NEFAR's Second Annual Clean-up Northeast Florida Waterways.



Seven Realtor volunteers led by Cherya Cavanaugh of Keller Williams Atlantic Partners boarded a powerboat to clean up the Intercoastal Waterway from Ponte Vedra to St. Augustine.

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enrich the lives of citizens by sharing and encouraging the gift of poetry.

Once appointed by the City Commission through the application process, the poet laureate will represent the City of St. Augustine and the art of poetry through

outreach related to poetry. The person will participate in at least three selected city-sponsored events, dedications or memorials per year by selecting and presenting original or appropriate works.

The poet laureate will act as a resource for St. Augustine's poetry and literary activities, lead and participate in National Poetry Month events and activities and will contribute to the creation of a poetic

identity for the city.

In order to be considered for the poet laureate, the following requirements must be met:

- Serve a two-year term
- Be 18 years or older
- Reside in the city of St. Augustine, or have connections to the city through family or community involvement
- Demonstrate a commitment to and

passion for poetry

- Be comfortable with public recitation

The complete poet laureate description and a list of application requirements is available online at citystaug.com/poet and in the city clerk's office. Applications will be accepted through Aug. 31.

Questions about the application may be directed to the city clerk's office at 904-825-1007 or at cityclerk@citystaug.com.

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Red snapper fishing tournament winners announced

The second annual Oh Snap! Red Snapper Fishing Tournament concluded with a multitude of local anglers participating in the two-day tournament that coincided with the NOAA Fisheries recreational Atlantic red snapper season.

Participants from five counties across Northeast Florida joined their friends and families on the water to reel in the biggest fish while raising funds for two area nonprofits on July 8-9.

This year's tournament brought new winners in all three categories, crowned during the award ceremony on July 10.

Main tournament champion Kris Nowicki took home the top prize of \$5,000, a large trophy and bragging rights for the year, with a snapper weighing in at 21.06 pounds.

Other winners included:

Main Tournament Category

- **First place:** Kris Nowicki, 21.06
- **Second place:** Mike Kistner, 20.14
- **Third place:** Louis Joseph, 20.14

Lady Angler Category

- **First place:** Sarah-Ashley Ferencz,

19.76

- **Second place:** Jenna Williams, 18.6
- **Third place:** Melissa Russell, 17.76

Junior Angler Category

- **First place:** Morgan Brown, 19.88
- **Second place:** Louie Joseph, 18.72
- **Third place:** Logan Aprile, 16.76

Mystery Weight Category

- Team Just Us, Kris Nowicki

“We had a great turnout for our second annual tournament,” said Dave Berg, Oh Snap! Fishing Tournament director. “It’s always a great time to see friends and family enjoying our local waters together with some friendly competition thrown in. We are thankful for all the anglers who participated and helped us make a difference in our community. We are already looking forward to next year’s competition — we hope to see you there.”

The charitable tournament, which debuted last year in alignment with the limited recreational Atlantic red snapper fishing season, raised money for two local nonprofits, Dreams Come True and the Jacksonville School for Autism.

The third annual tournament is scheduled for July 8, 2023; registration will open in January.

For more information about the Oh Snap! Red Snapper Fishing Tournament go to ohsnapfishing.com.



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Oh Snap! Red Snapper Fishing Tournament winner Kris Nowicki won \$5,000.

Foundation to launch on National Pickleball Day

Striving to make a difference in the lives of children and teens across the country, a new pickleball nonprofit organization headquartered in Jacksonville Beach is officially launching on Monday, Aug. 8.

This day also marks the observance of National Pickleball Day, which the organization believes will bring increased awareness to the game of pickleball and its ability to bring together people of diverse backgrounds through the sport.

In addition to togetherness, First Dink was created to foster personal growth, build self-confidence and provide inspiration and leadership opportunities among the nation’s youth.

To lead into its launch on National Pickleball Day and to introduce area youth to the sport itself, First Dink is hosting a “Pickleball 101” youth clinic from 8 to 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 6, at South Beach Park Pickleball Courts, located at 2514 South Beach Parkway, Jacksonville Beach. This event will provide an introduction to the game of pickleball, including rules of etiquette.

All participants must wear athletic shoes and are encouraged to bring a small towel and bottled water. Parents must sign a release form. There is a \$5 registration fee. Paddles and pickleballs will be provided. To reserve a spot, email the name and age

of the participant to: info@FirstDink.org, or call 904-580-0411. Space is limited.

“We are thrilled to provide this opportunity for young people to experience this great sport,” said First Dink Executive Director Sam Veal.

The First Dink Foundation is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) youth organization. Its mission is to impact the lives of kids and teens in a way that builds character, instills long-term life skills and values and promotes healthy lifestyle choices — all through the game of pickleball.

The First Dink Foundation combines youth pickleball instruction and life skills development through its coaching and mentoring design. This is achieved through incorporation of the positive youth development methodology attributes, which consists of curiosity, character, connection, caring, competency, confidence and contribution into its programming and outreach efforts.

Positive youth pickleball is just part of a much larger mission at First Dink. The available programs strengthen character and help kids learn the skills they need to grow into capable, independent and successful adults.

For more information or to donate, go to firstdink.org.

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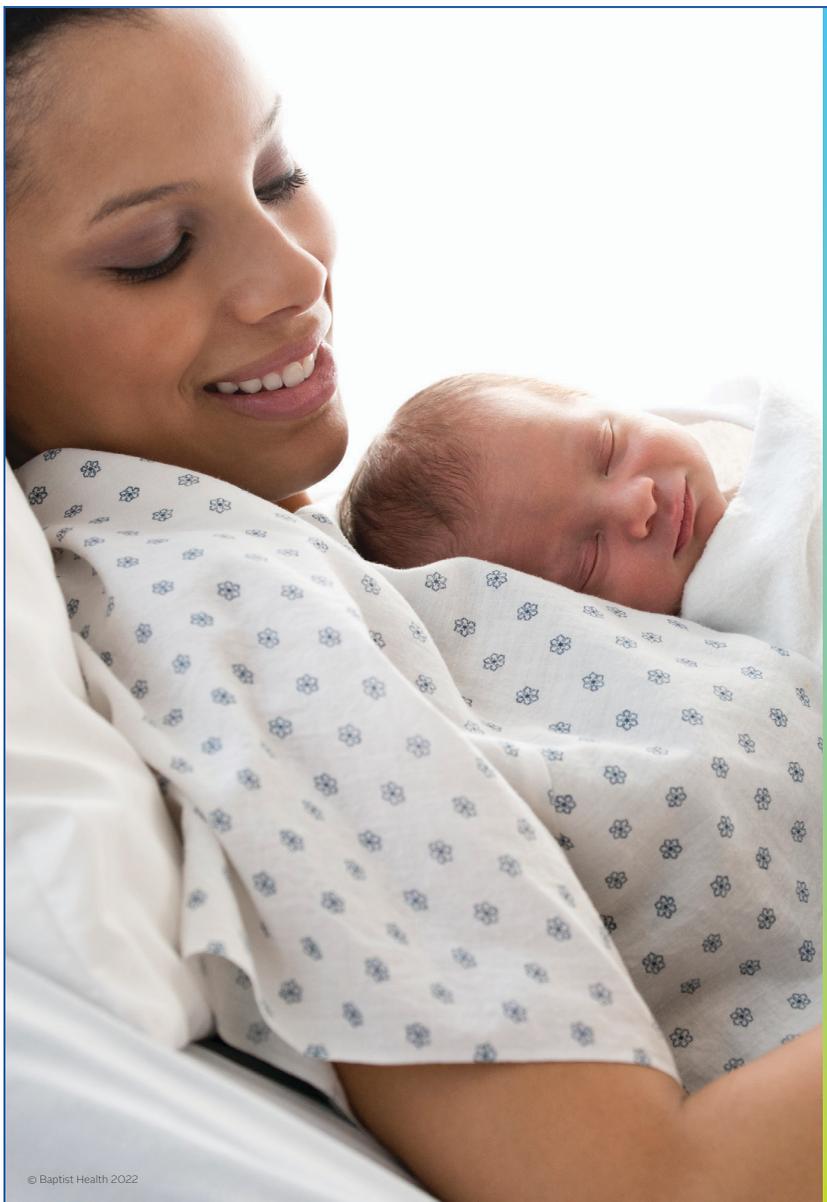
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