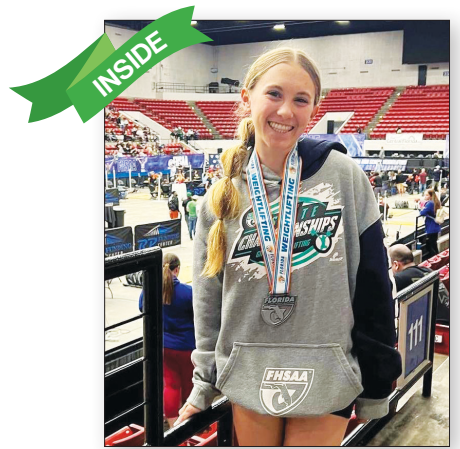


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## MSD narrowing down unmaintained drainage easements

By Anthony Richards

The Ponte Vedra Municipal Service District continues to get closer to figuring out a plan to get to the bottom of the ongoing drainage issues residents are faced with.

According to MSD trustee Mickey White, he has looked into all the old plats from Seaview Park to Le Master Drive, San Jaun Drive and Ponte Vedra Boulevard, with a focus on the older plats that have language dedicating drainage easements to private entities.

"In these cases, they did not directly dedicate these drainage easements to the county," White said.

He stated that there are a number of locations, in particular the ones that he has pinpointed as causing some of the biggest issues in this area.

White stated a couple of examples that he found during his search, including one on Le Master and one that cuts from Le

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## A Show of Talent

Sawgrass art show features works from local artists

By Shaun Ryan

Extraordinary works of art were on public display this past weekend during the annual Sawgrass Country Club Member & Employee Art Show.

About 20 artists working in a wide variety of mediums took part. There were paintings in acrylic and oil, photography, glasswork, pottery, drawings and more. Participating artists ranged in age from middle school through retirement.

The opening reception on Friday, April 5, introduced visitors to some of the most talented people in the Ponte Vedra Beach area. Hundreds were expected to attend, and complimentary wine and appetizers were provided.

The show continued Saturday, April 6, and Sunday, April 7. A silent auction of works donated by the artists raised funds for The Sawgrass Foundation to benefit the families of club employees.

Though space precludes an in-depth



Photo by Shaun Ryan

**Bob Nickerson's subjects are discovered in the middle of a narrative, inviting speculation by the viewer. Nickerson has long been associated with the Sawgrass art show.**

description of all the works exhibited, here's a quick look at a few of the participants:

Suzanne Comella displayed her newest works in glass, each an astounding creation that immediately captured the attention of visitors as they entered

the room. Mary Herald showed off her sculpted creations made, incredibly, with joint compound and resembling details from classical European architecture.

Julianna O'Hara returned this year with

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## BRIEFS

### 'Night at Alhambra' benefits good cause

Tickets are now on sale for the Rotaract Club of Jacksonville's Beaches annual "A Night at The Alhambra" benefit, to be held at 6 p.m. May 2 at The Alhambra Theatre and Dining in Jacksonville. Proceeds from the event will benefit Here Tomorrow, a Neptune Beach-based nonprofit that provides mental health and suicide prevention services.

Attendees will enjoy a performance of the Jimmy Buffet-inspired musical "Escape to Margaritaville" along with a cocktail reception and a Caribbean-themed three-course dinner. The event will also feature a silent auction and a 50/50 raffle.

Tickets are \$75 each and may be purchased online; event sponsorships are also available. For tickets or more information, go to <https://www.beachesrotaract.org/alhambra>.

### Mickler's Landing beachfront parking reopened

St. Johns County has re-opened public access to Mickler's Landing beachfront parking and beach access as progress continues on the \$38.6 million Ponte Vedra Beach Restoration Project.

As the project continues towards its estimated completion in early-August, the parking lot may be closed intermittently for public safety during the repair or delivery of large contractor equipment, and again for demobilization after construction is complete.

The public can stay updated on the project and beach parking closures at [sjcfl.us/PVB](http://sjcfl.us/PVB) and by using the County's mobile app SJC Connect, available at [sjcfl.us/SJC-Connect](http://sjcfl.us/SJC-Connect).

The county announced Feb. 21 that it will restore storm-damaged dunes and berms to provide storm protection to upland infrastructure with more than 2 million cubic yards of sand dredged in from the ocean.

The project will create additional environmental habitat for wildlife and enhance the recreational value of the beach. The project will stretch from the St. Johns-Duval County line to the Guana Tolomato Matanzas National Estuarine Research Reserve, about nine miles of coastline.

### Writers' speaker is missing persons expert

The April 20 speaker for Northeast Florida Sisters in Crime is Charlene "Charlie" Shunick, who played a pivotal role in the search for her sister. In 2012, Mickey Shunick vanished while cycling home. Charlie spear-headed search efforts using numerous forms of communication. Her family suffered for months clinging to hope she would be found alive. Tragically, this was not the case. Charlie's experience inspired her to establish the Resource Association for Missing People, a nonprofit organization ([ramissingpeople.org](http://ramissingpeople.org)), and a consulting business for Criminal Justice Professionals called Shunick Missing Persons ([shunickmp.com](http://shunickmp.com)).

Register to attend at <https://nefloridasis-tersincrime.org>. The meeting is at 10:15 a.m. at the Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library. For further information, contact [floridasis-tersincrime@gmail.com](mailto:floridasis-tersincrime@gmail.com)

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# Community Hospice & Palliative Care observes National Volunteer Month

As April marks National Volunteer Month, Community Hospice & Palliative Care reaffirms its dedication to promoting and celebrating the invaluable contributions of volunteers. Volunteers are the heart and soul of the organization, providing companionship and a compassionate presence to patients and their families during challenging times.

Throughout the month, Community Hospice & Palliative Care will spotlight individual volunteers and their inspiring stories through various social media platforms. These narratives will highlight the profound impact that volunteers

have on the lives of those they serve and showcase the diverse ways in which they enrich our community.

To express gratitude for their selfless service, Community Hospice & Palliative Care will host a special Volunteer Appreciation Celebration at The University of North Florida. Attendees will enjoy a luncheon accompanied by heartfelt messages of appreciation from the leadership team, recognizing volunteers' exceptional dedication and

commitment.

Ashley Howell, manager of volunteer services, underscored the contributions of the volunteers.

"In 2023, our volunteers collectively saved our organization over \$1.2 million by generously dedicating more than 58,000 service hours," she said. "With the steadfast support of over 600 volunteers, Community Hospice & Palliative Care touches the lives of approximately 1,500 patients each day, enhancing their well-being

amidst the challenges of advanced illnesses. Our volunteers hold a central role in connecting patients with the care they need. Whether they're offering music therapy, engaging in art activities, providing comforting pet visits, or honoring our veterans, our volunteers embody empathy and serve as indispensable companions in the journey toward end-of-life care."

For those inspired to make a difference in the lives of others, Community Hospice & Palliative Care invites individuals to explore volunteer opportunities by going to [Volunteer.CommunityHospice.com](http://Volunteer.CommunityHospice.com) for more information.






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# MS Awareness silent auction to be held May 6

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The May 6 event is free and open to the public. Featured auction items include bed-and-breakfast packages, oceanfront hotels, dinners from more than 80 restaurants, fine wine and tastings, sporting, symphony and concert tickets, water activities and much more. The auction, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Mr. Chubby's Wings in Ponte Vedra Beach, will also include its traditional 50-50 drawing.

All of the proceeds will help provide programs and services for the more than

18,000 North Floridians impacted by MS. The event is sponsored by the local Big Banana bicycle team, also known for its annual December holiday gift wrapping project in Jacksonville Beach, and Bike MS award-winning fundraising in October.

"It's amazing how generous and supportive local businesses can be when something as important as finding an end to MS is concerned," said silent auction co-chair Linda Bushong-Reid. "Many of our supporters are repeat donors. Many of them have a connection to MS."

## Chief Judge to discuss the rule of law

The rule of law has been the guiding force for democratic societies for centuries. In the next Friends of the Library Speaker Series program, Timothy J. Corrigan, chief judge for the Middle District of Florida, will address "Ode to the Rule of Law" and how each citizen has a role to play in upholding this principle. He will speak at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 16, at the Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library.

Corrigan is an honors graduate of the University of Notre Dame and Duke University School of Law. He clerked for the Honorable Gerald B. Tjoflat of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit and then spent 14 years in private practice in Jacksonville. He joined the federal bench as a magistrate judge in 1996, was appointed district judge in 2002 and became the court's chief judge on Nov. 2, 2020.



**Chief Judge Timothy J. Corrigan**

Corrigan has published a number of legal writings and has also taught law school classes on civil procedure, trial practice, federal sentencing and professionalism issues.

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*Alison Leapley-Williams has a mental health private practice called Life Unbridled, LLC where she uses several forms of therapy to help athletes achieve their performance goals by mental side of sports. She also started Athletic Performance Solution, LLC with her husband as another outlet to carry on their mission of helping athletes and combat the stigmas still associated with mental health.*

## Alison Leapley-Williams

### As told to Anthony Richards

#### Tell us a little about yourself and your background.

My name is Alison. My family and I have been in the Ponte Vedra Beach area for the last 13 years.

My husband is retired Army and during his last deployment, our two oldest children and I moved here to the beaches.

Since then, we grew to a family of six. Although we have only been here for 13 years, my family has been part of the beaches for the last 30-plus years.

My husband and I recently started a business called Athletic Performance Solution, LLC to help athletes gain the performance edge both mentally and physically.

My husband has been training people from all walks of life since retiring (and before) and has grown to work with athletes.

I have a Masters in performance enhancement/injury prevention (essentially strength and conditioning athletes) and added another Masters in clinical mental health counseling at the University of North Florida.

During my internship at UNF, I worked exclusively with the athletes on their mental health and their mental performance both in the office and outside while working with horses as part of equine assisted learning.

After my internship and graduation, I was hired to continue my work with the athletes. I am now a licensed therapist, certified in mental performance and equine assisted learning and therapy.

#### What are some of the ways you help local athletes?

Adversity is no stranger to people of all walks of life and certainly not athletes. I help athletes through hard times whether it be on the field or off the field. I work with both teams and individuals.

While working with teams, we work on cohesion, standards, effort as well as the mental performance skills the coaches feel are necessary.

When working with individuals, I listen to the athletes and work with them to individualize the plan to fit their needs. There definitely is not one size that fits all when it comes to mental health or mental performance.

#### Has the mental side of sports always been a passion for you?

Honestly, I got into mental health to help veterans and their families since it was so close to me but quickly uncovered, it was too close.

I was given an amazing opportunity, due to my background in sports as a strength and conditioning coach and former student athlete, to work with athletes.

I quickly realized why this work resonated with me. As a former athlete, I walked away from my sport after an injury and if I had someone like me to help me through it, I may have stuck with it.

#### You recently started your own private practice in the Ponte Vedra area, what are your goals and objectives for the practice moving forward?

I have a mental health private practice called Life Unbridled, LLC where I provide mental health services working with equines, walk and talk therapy, traditional talk therapy and art therapy.

In addition, my husband and I have recently started Athletic Performance Solution, LLC to help athletes of all ages level up and help them achieve goals of playing at their best.

We are hoping to grow and reach more athletes that are struggling to grow and achieve that next level.

#### What do you enjoy most about your job?

Wow, do I love my job! I love to see athletes achieve their goals. I love to see their faces when they make connections in the office or on the field. I love to see them truly enjoy their sport and how it plays out on the court or field because who doesn't play their best when they are having fun?

And I can't forget the love I have from making the connections with the athletes.

#### What do you enjoy most about living in the North Florida area?

We moved down here because we love the fact that our children are safe and can go out and play. We love the location close to the beach and the community that Ponte Vedra offers.



As a former athlete herself, Leapley-Williams understands the important role mental health can have for an athlete both on and off the playing field.

#### What are some of the aspects of the industry that are more challenging?

Even with all the talk about mental health in the past few years, I do realize there is still a stigma attached to it, which is why I feel athletes will seek a mental performance coach before a mental health therapist.

Working with teams has challenges, too. Some players may not have the buy-in, which can make the work more challenging, but I try to connect with all players on the team to get the buy-in.

Some coaches may feel they need to relinquish control for me to help, which is not the case at all. In fact, I need collaboration with coaches to be successful.

#### What would be some tips to parents when it comes to their children and making sure they maintain strong mental health?

Some tips for parents would be to make sure their children are having fun and enjoy their sport.

I do see some young athletes come in and feel the pressure from their parents, which could be the cause of them not playing at their best.

Self-talk is one of the first questions I will ask about. How do they talk to themselves? Is how they talk to themselves productive? Would they talk to their friends the way they talk to themselves?

Another tip is uncovering their "why." Why do they play their sport? Why do they love their sport? Keep that "why" at the forefront of their mind and make it part of their routine.

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

If I am not working, I can typically be found at one of our kids' sporting events or at a UNF sporting event.

On the rare occasion that we do not have any sports, I will find something to ensure I do what I preach, which is self-care.

# Battle of the Badges Blood Drive is under way

## Florida is hovering between a one- to two-day blood supply

LifeSouth Community Blood Centers has announced the 2024 Battle of the Badges, a blood drive competition challenging first responders across Northeast Florida to donate.

All in the community are encouraged to donate throughout April at LifeSouth blood donor centers and blood drives on behalf of either the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office or Jacksonville Fire & Rescue Department as part of the competition in seeing who receives the most blood

donations. Battle of the Badges will conclude on April 30; the winner will be announced in May.

In Florida, the state is hovering between a one- to two-day blood supply or less, according to America's Blood Centers. All blood types are needed to help support the local blood supply, ensuring hospitals have the blood required on a daily basis to treat trauma cases, surgical procedures and patients needing blood transfusions.



LifeSouth supplies blood to 70% of Northeast Florida hospital beds through its service to many regional hospitals, including Baptist Medical Center Beaches, Baptist Medical Center Jacksonville, Baptist Medical Center Nassau, Baptist Medical Center South, HCA Florida Memorial Hospital, HCA Florida Orange Park Hospital, UF Health Jacksonville, UF Health North and Wolfson Children's Hospital.

Battle of the Badges is an opportunity for first responders to provide the community with lifesaving service, in addition to the vital work they do across Northeast Florida day in and day out.

Celebrating its 50th anniversary this year, LifeSouth supplies blood to 70% of Northeast Florida hospital beds through its service to many regional hospitals, including Baptist Medical Center Beaches, Baptist Medical Center Jacksonville, Baptist Medical Center Nassau, Baptist Medical Center South, HCA Florida Memorial Hospital, HCA Florida Orange Park Hospital, UF Health Jacksonville, UF Health North and Wolfson Children's Hospital.

These hospitals rely on LifeSouth and LifeSouth blood donors to make sure blood is available before it is needed. All blood types are asked to donate now to ensure local hospitals have the blood needed to help patients suffering from traumas, cancers and chronic illnesses.

All Battle of the Badges participants will receive a \$20 e-gift card, special recognition T-shirt and more. The winner of the competition will receive a plaque celebrating their accomplishment, as well as bragging rights. Participating organizations include Veterans United Craft Brewery, Fishweir Brewing Company, Dick's Wings and Grill (Mandarin and San Pablo), Jacksonville Sheriff's Office, Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department, Downtown Jacksonville and Fire Academy of the South.

All blood drives (listed right) are open to the public. Walk-ons are available, but appointments are encouraged.

For additional information about donation or to find a blood drive near you, call LifeSouth toll-free at 888-795-2707, go to [www.lifesouth.org](http://www.lifesouth.org) or download the LifeSouth app. Appointments can also be made online.

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**OBITUARIES**



**Sally Brown Basso**

Sally Brown Basso, 66, of Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida passed away peacefully in her home on March 31, 2024. Born on December 28, 1957, in Baltimore, Maryland, she was the daughter of the late Joel Brown and late Doris Elaine Pfau. She was married to John Basso on June 4, 1983.

Sally graduated from Loyola College with a Master's Degree in Business Administration. Diagnosed with Juvenile Diabetes in 1984, she graciously fought visual impairment, neuropathy, a pancreas transplant, and two kidney transplants over the course of her adult life. Her fierce love and dedication to her family and friends was endless. Spirited, feisty, and adamant, she empowered others to reach their full potential. Her sense of humor was contagious. She was the epitome of selflessness.

Sally worked for CSX transportation for over a decade where she became vice president of human resources. She was a devout Christian and volunteered at Christ Episcopal Church in the Stephen, Shepard, Usher and Cursillo Ministries. She served 20+ years as Lector Ministry leader and was a recipient of the Christ Church Service Cross.

She had a passion for travel, cooking, the beach, and spending time with her grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by her daughter Gina Weeks and

husband Daniel, and son Anthony; her sister Pamela Brown; two granddaughters, Micayla Basso and Allegra Weeks; two grandsons, Jacob Basso and William Weeks, in addition to many nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF) North Florida Chapter.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held on Friday, April 26, 2024 at 11 a.m. at Christ Episcopal Church, 400 San Juan Drive, Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082.

**DEATH NOTICES**

**Geraldine Ray Addison**

Geraldine Ray Addison, 76, of Jacksonville, Florida, died April 6, 2024. Arrangements by Quinn-Shalz Family Funeral Home & Cremation Centre. www.quinn-shalz.com. 904-249-1100

**Richard Michael Coram**

Richard Michael Coram, 80, of Jacksonville Beach, Florida, died March 28, 2024. Arrangements by Quinn-Shalz Family Funeral Home & Cremation Centre. 904-249-1100 www.quinn-shalz.com

**Harold Leonard Barton III**

Harold Leonard Barton III, 63, of Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida, died April 5, 2024. Arrangements by Quinn-Shalz Family Funeral Home & Cremation Centre. www.quinn-shalz.com. 904-249-1100

**Nancy Nicholas Gaa**

Nancy Nicholas Gaa, 67, of Colorado Springs, Colorado, died April 1, 2024. Arrangements by Quinn-Shalz Family Funeral Home & Cremation Centre. www.quinn-shalz.com. 904-249-1100.

**Chase Robert Startek**

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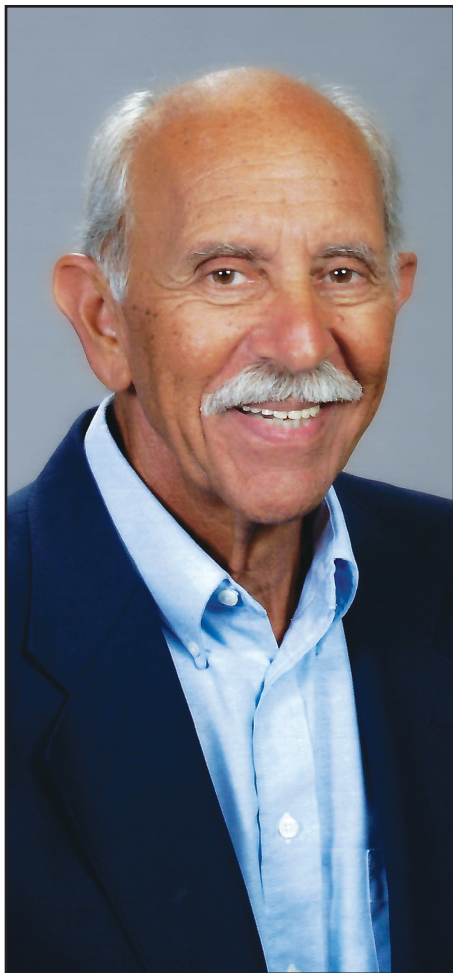

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**Rick Coram**

**Richard (Rick) Michael Coram**

Richard (Rick) Michael Coram, 80, went home to be with the Lord, his wife Jean, and so many other loved ones March 28, 2024. He was born in Michigan City, Indiana on April 30, 1943. Rick grew up in West Virginia and then moved to Florida. He joined the Navy in 1963, serving on the USS Farragut out of Mayport Naval Station. He then attended the University of South Florida, earning a bachelor's degree in accounting; afterward moving to Jacksonville Beach where he began a 28-year career for the City of Jacksonville in the Council Auditor's office, raised a

family, and touched the lives of many.

Rick was born with a servant's heart, full of compassion and love. He was a giving soul who embraced everyone equally. He greatly enjoyed family gatherings, cookouts, music, and dancing. He was an avid pool player as a younger man and later became a top-notch tennis player. Rick loved a good burger, an occasional cold beer, and maintaining his meticulously manicured lawn. He worked hard to earn quite a reputation as a jokester, playfully harassing anyone who dared give him the opportunity. His infectious kindness and big smile will be missed by many.

Rick is survived by his children, Helena (Mike) and Rick (Debbie); grandchildren, Jonah, and Gabe; and a very large extended family.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Foundation (alzfdn.org). Please visit his online Tribute at [www.quinn-shalz.com](http://www.quinn-shalz.com).

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**Coastal Friends topic: self-defense**

Owner/instructor Chris Oklevitch from The Women's Defense Company will be the guest speaker at the next Coastal Friends monthly luncheon from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. May 1 at Marsh Landing Country Club, 25655 Marsh Landing Parkway, Ponte Vedra Beach. The Women's Defense Company is "dedicated to providing effective and trusted self-defense tactics. The company was formed to promote safety education and reality-based self-defense training."

The luncheon is open to the community, members and guests of Coastal Friends.

The menu will consist of house salad with chef's choice of dressing, meatloaf, shallot mashed potatoes, roasted broccoli, sweet mustard sauce and peach cobbler for dessert. The cost to attend is \$25. Seating will be limited, so reservations must be made in advance by contacting [bartshar@comcast.net](mailto:bartshar@comcast.net). Luncheons are held on the first Wednesday of every month, except for July and August.

Coastal Friends is a social group of women who live in Ponte Vedra Beach, Nocatee, Jacksonville, Jacksonville Beach, Neptune Beach, Atlantic Beach,

St. Augustine and the surrounding area. Some of the activities offered are: adventures and outings, book club, bunco, canasta and canasta lessons, happy hour, lunch in, lunch out, mah jongg and wine socials.

Additionally, Coastal Friends collects food and pet items, toys, gently used items and donates them to local organizations and animal shelters. May's organization of the month is Daniel's Kids, a 140-year-old nonprofit that helps abused, abandoned and neglected children, as well as at-risk families. New members are welcome.

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# Bass Tournament coming up in May

Enter now to win a 2024 Bullet bass boat and register for the 35th Annual Wolfson Children's Hospital Bass Tournament. The event, presented by Miller Electric and W.W. Gay Mechanical Contractors, Inc., benefits Wolfson Children's Terry Heart Institute.

Register online at <https://giving.baptistjax.com/event/2024-wolfson-childrens-bass-tournament/e487694> any time before noon May 14. In-person registrations will take place at the Palatka City Docks from 4 a.m. to safe light the morning of May 16 and May 17 and from 3 a.m. to safe light the morning of Saturday's tournament. Boats launch at safe light. The Palatka City Docks are located at 319 River St., Palatka.

## Tournament schedule:

### Thursday, May 16:

Weigh-in begins at 3 p.m. Lads & Lasses winners announced.

### Friday, May 17:

Weigh-in begins at 3 p.m. VIP & Friends winners announced.

### Saturday, May 18:

Weigh-in begins at 3 p.m.

Tournament winners announced.

Weigh-ins continue in 15-minute increments, staggered by boat number. After weigh-in, winners are brought to the stage for awards and cash prizes.

## The highlights:

More than \$48,000 in cash prizes will be awarded to competitors from across the Southeast.

For a suggested donation of \$20, anyone may enter a drawing for a chance to win a 21-foot 2024 Bullet Boat model 21XRS with a trailer, courtesy of Bullet Boats, valued at \$97,000 (motor to be included). All proceeds from the drawing will help fund new technology for the C. Herman and Mary Virginia Terry Heart Institute at Wolfson Children's Hospital. To enter the bass boat drawing, go to [wolfsonbasstournament.com](http://wolfsonbasstournament.com). Ticket sales close at 9 a.m. May 31. (Date and time are subject to change.)

This year's bass boat drawing will be held on June 1. (Date and time are subject to change.)

Now in its 35th year, the Wolfson Children's Bass Tournament is one of the largest and longest-running bass fishing tournaments in Florida.

Since the first tournament in 1989, the event has raised more than \$7 million for Wolfson Children's and the patients treated there.

### Tournament history:

In 1989, the Plant Facilities Department of Baptist Medical Center



## Featured events (all at Palatka City Docks):

### Thursday, May 16:

Lads & Lasses Tournament (one male, one female boater).

### Friday, May 17:

VIP & Friends Tournament (sponsor boats pre-fish).

### Saturday, May 18:

35th Annual Wolfson Children's Hospital Bass Tournament.

Jacksonville, along with several others, organized the Bass Tournament as a way to fund capital improvements and purchase the latest medical technology for Wolfson Children's Hospital. Today, the tournament welcomes thousands of anglers during the three-day event, which has raised millions for

specialized treatments and lifesaving equipment.

To register for the Wolfson Children's Hospital Bass tournament, enter the bass boat drawing or donate to the hospital's mission, go to [wolfsonbasstournament.com](http://wolfsonbasstournament.com).

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## MSD meeting

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Master to Corona Road, where drainage pipe ownership is in question.

"If you're on Le Master and you back up to the homes on Seaview, there's actually an old drainage ditch that is basically unmaintained and it's got some failing structures," White said. "The custody of these easements is unclear."

White believes such cases where issues can be traced to are ones the MSD needs to bring before the county to see if they are willing to do anything to take ownership of the easements in question and enforce their easement rights to correct and maintain the drainage pipes

moving forward.

"In some of these cases it's private property that is going to these drainage facilities that ultimately make it in the lagoons, but in a lot of these cases, it's also county right-of-way or county land that is going into the pipes and then making it into the ponds," White said.

In some instances, White stated that the drains in question have not been maintained in years because when the easements were recorded to a developer decades ago and it is now a development entity that no longer exists and therefore the drain has no more active owner to keep on top of its needed maintenance.

These are also cases that were not dedicated to a homeowners

association or the public, so finding an owner may be impossible because there essentially is no longer an operating business tasked with keeping up with the drain.

"So now you have homeowners who are like, 'This pipe has collapsed and its flooding in my backyard, but I'm not really permitted to go in and fool with this,'" White said. "I believe we should study these cases and get a title report to try and clarify that, so that then we have something to take to the county to advocate that the county should adopt those drainage easements."

MSD chairman Al Hollon has already asked the county to provide him with an aerial photo and a map of the drainage going into the lagoon to mark which pipes are county maintained and which ones are not.

"Things like this need to be resolved, and if necessary we'll just file a title suite, which is what we did with Sunset, for the pocket park," Hollon said.

This is just the start of narrowing down all the unmaintained drainage easements that exist in the MSD, but it is something the board has set their sights on because it is the only step to take when trying to correct the drainage problems faced.

"We need to get all of these easements in question together so that we can present a package to the county and not one-at-a-time or piecemeal," White said.

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# Nemours mental health program offers timely treatment

Nemours Children’s Health, Jacksonville has announced a new program that will help meet the growing demand for pediatric behavioral health services.

The Pediatric Acute Telemental Health (PATH) program provides video visits to North Florida area families with children ages 2-17 for mental health issues including ADHD, behavior problems, depression and anxiety.

There has been a marked increase in mental health issues among children in recent years. In 2023, Nemours KidsHealth commissioned the “What’s Worrying America’s Kids” survey. The data showed more than one in three children worry at least once a week, primarily about school and friendships, with their tendency to worry progressing with age.

There are significant barriers to mental health services, such as cost and not enough providers. Those factors, combined with increased demand, often lead to wait times of six months or more.

“We know that children are struggling, and more often than not, long waiting lists keep them from getting an appointment, making the problem worse,” said Amanda Lochrie, Ph.D, licensed psychologist and division chief, psychology, Nemours

Children’s Health, Jacksonville. “We want parents to know that they are not alone during challenging times and that through PATH they can get help quickly.”

PATH offers children short-term care with a licensed mental health provider within a week. The team of professionals provides assessment and treatment recommendations, crisis intervention, referrals and brief treatment options.

A PATH appointment is a face-to-face video visit with a mental health professional. Children do not have to be a Nemours Children’s patient to access the program. PATH offers extended hours for appointments, as well as Saturday appointment times. PATH hours are 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, and 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. A visit can cost as little as nothing or a copay, depending on insurance coverage of telehealth services.

“Nemours’ vision is to address the issues that impact children today to create the healthiest generations of children,” said Lochrie. “We know access to mental health care is one of the most important factors in a child’s development and through PATH, we hope to help achieve that goal.”



The PATH program is available for children 2-17 who live in the following counties: Baker, Clay, Duval, Nassau and St. Johns.

Request an appointment by calling 904-697-3600. Press 2 for appointments, or use the Nemours app to request an appointment:

1. Go to the App Store or Google Play.
2. Search for Nemours and download the app.
3. Once the app has downloaded, you can make an appointment. If you do not already have a MyNemours account, go to “Sign Up” and follow the steps to create your account.

## Conditions assessed by PATH program

- Academic Concern
- ADHD
- Aggressive behaviors
- Anxiety
- Bed-wetting/soiling accidents
- Behavior problems
- Mood issues
- Bullying
- Depression
- Divorce/separation
- Eating concerns
- Feeding concerns
- Fears/phobias
- Grief/bereavement
- Impulsivity
- Obsessive compulsive behaviors
- Oppositional behaviors
- Risk taking behaviors (e.g., sexting, substance use, excessive use of social media/gaming)
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# Inaugural Ladybug Race to set sail on April 28

Get ready for an epic day of sailing with St. Augustine Sailing's Ladybug Race.

The day will be action-packed, with boat shows, seminars, mini-sailing lessons and more. The inaugural Ladybug Race kicks off at 9 a.m. April 28 at the marina at Camachee Cove Yacht Harbor, 3076 Harbor Drive in St. Augustine.

"We wanted this event to highlight the sailing community, with a special nod to the growing number of women entering and flourishing in the sport," said Rose Ann Points, owner, captain and broker at St. Augustine Sailing. "The coveted Ladybug Trophy will go to the best all-

female crew, but we'll have awards in all types of categories. Boats will race in performance and cruiser classes with special viewing areas to see all the action."

The Ladybug Race kicks off at 1 p.m., with both performance and cruising classes racing. The racecourse will take captains and crew out of the marina and north up the Tolomato River, where boats will deftly combat the wind, tide and each other.

For spectators, it will be a chance to see technical maneuvering, teamwork and skill. For the best views, there are two VIP spectator viewing areas available. "On The Water" tickets cost \$79 per person, and "Dockside" seats are \$39 per



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person; both include light refreshments.

Racers will be recognized at the awards dinner, hosted by Outer Banks Boil Company, beginning at 6 p.m. Tickets to the dinner are \$89 per person.

The day is a treasure trove of learning opportunities, as industry experts will offer seminars and hands-on experiences designed for everyone from experienced boaters to nautical dreamers. Topics include line handling, provisioning, engine maintenance, rigging, weather forecasting and more. There are also practical demonstrations like yoga on the deck, cooking and winch maintenance.

An on-site boat show will be the perfect place to check out some top-of-the-line sailing yachts. To purchase VIP viewing tickets or awards dinner tickets, or to reserve a workshop space, go to [sta-sail.com](http://sta-sail.com) and then Sailing Experiences, Ladybug Race Event and click on the Ladybug icon.

"When we purchased St. Augustine Sailing, we knew we wanted to be more than boats," said Points. "We wanted to foster a really active, supportive and fun sailing community. Part of that is ensur-

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ing that sailing is accessible and fun for everyone. That's why proceeds from the Ladybug Race will benefit the Women on the Water program, providing sailing skills, practical experience and confidence to women of all ages and sailing abilities."

St. Augustine Sailing Enterprises is a luxury adventure experience that offers a variety of sailing excursions to fit any occasion and budget. There are public and private charters that can be customized to create unique experiences. St. Augustine Sailing also offers sailing lessons and membership in SailTime, a club allowing members to rent a boat at franchises nationwide. For more information, go to [sta-sail.com](http://sta-sail.com).



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# K9s United hosts 9K for K9s and will honor fallen K9 Leo

K9s United will host its eighth annual 9K for K9s on April 27 at Ring Power, located at 500 World Commerce Parkway in St. Augustine, to support law enforcement canines who selflessly protect and serve our communities, and honor those who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

The family-friendly event will include a one-mile fun run, classic 5K, challenging 9K and virtual “no excuse” race options.

The event begins at 8 a.m.

This year the event will honor K9 Leo, a 4-year-old canine from the Marion County Sheriff’s Office who was recently killed while protecting and serving his community. K9 Leo was defending his handler and fellow deputies when he was shot by a suspect who was hiding from officers in his backyard. K9 Leo received emergency transport for treatment, thanks to a recent Florida statute passed in 2021 allowing K9 transport, but unfortunately succumbed to his injuries while fighting for his life at UF Animal Hospital.

To honor his service, K9s United will hold a moment of silence for K9 Leo during the event. Each registrant will also receive a race T-shirt featuring K9 Leo or a dog bandana (while supplies last), along with a finisher medal featuring his silhouette. The deadline to guarantee participants will receive an official race T-shirt is April 12. Both the 5K and 9K will be chip-timed with awards for the top runners in each category. Seasoned or beginner athletes are encouraged to sign up now to participate at <https://runsignup.com/Race/FL/StAugustine/K9sUnited9kForK9sJacksonville>.

Following the races, participants and supporters can enjoy a post-run celebration with children’s activities, a photo booth with K9 heroes, a K9 demonstration, local

vendors and more. For the safety of participating law enforcement K9s, only service dogs are permitted to attend.

This event is made possible by Top Dawg sponsor Sa-fariland, along with the following sponsors and supporters: Ring Power, Live Oak Contracting, Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 113, Alive Credit Union, Baptist Medical Center South, Inside & Out Pest Services, Shelton Veterinary Clinic, Rogers Towers Attorneys at Law, GATE, Robin Rawald a Realtor with Florida Welcome Home Real Estate, Bold City K9, VyStar Credit Union, Bailey’s Health & Fitness, Black Creek K9, LLC, Atlantic Veterinary Hospital, Arch Global Advisors, Ridgeside K9 Central Florida, American Aluminum Accessories, Inc, GORUCK, Welch Team Keller Williams Realty Atlantic Partners Southside, First Coast Veterinary Specialists, Ridgeside K9 Knoxville and Smart Paws Resort and Training.

K9s United is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit committed to supporting law enforcement officers and their K9 partners who protect and serve our communities by giving them the best equipment and training during their service, and memorializing those who give the ultimate sacrifice.

Additionally, K9s United actively advocates for law enforcement and played a significant role in the passage of Florida Senate Bill 96, which enhances the penalties for individuals who harm working K9s and Senate Bill 388, which now allows injured working K9s to receive emergency first aid treatment and transport.

To support K9s United and its mission, supporters can join K9 Corps today for as little as \$9 a month. Florida residents can also support the organization by pre-ordering a K9s United specialty license plate. For more information and ways to support, go to [k9sunity.org](http://k9sunity.org).



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Trailer Bridge, Inc., a global transportation provider headquartered in Jacksonville, announced its inaugural Rally for Kate Charity Golf Tournament raised more than \$100,000 for the Kate Amato Foundation supporting the organization's efforts to find safer, smarter and more effective treatments for children with cancer.

The Kate Amato Foundation will use the gift to fund innovative pediatric cancer research at leading facilities across the country to accelerate the pace of progress and save young lives. Cancer is the leading cause of death by disease in children and only 4% of the total federal research funding is designated for all childhood cancers.

"Today, we as local leaders put aside the stress of our businesses to support a cause that will impact the health and vitality of future generations," said Trailer Bridge CEO Mitch Luciano. "Now more than ever community organizations like the Kate Amato Foundation need our support as they — like all of us — face the headwinds of our current economic conditions. As a father to five, the work Lisa and Jeff are doing through the foundation

in their daughter's memory is inspiring and I know the funds raised today will make a difference."

Founded in 1991, Trailer Bridge has been a staple in Jacksonville's transportation industry for more than 30 years, known locally for its weekly barge service to Puerto Rico from JAXPORT's Blount Island Marine Terminal. The company covers all expenses related to the Rally for Kate tournament allowing 100% of the sponsorship dollars to go directly to the Kate Amato Foundation. The sold-out event welcomed more than 80 golfers, most from Northeast Florida's

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**The Rally for Kate Charity Golf Tournament raised more than \$100,000 for the Kate Amato Foundation**

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# Woodward to speak at Flagler College

Journalist and author Bob Woodward will visit Flagler College on April 16 for a conversation about his expert perspective on political reporting as part of the Flagler College Presidential Speaker Series, which is in its inaugural year.

The series brings notable thought leaders to campus to share global perspectives, inspirational stories and career insights. As the second guest in this series, Woodward will lead “A Conversation with Bob Woodward,” at 7 p.m. in the Lewis Auditorium. Please note that tickets have been sold out.

## Rally

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transportation and logistics industry, to Ponte Vedra Inn and Club for the tournament.

“We are so grateful for the love and support shown by Trailer Bridge and its partners to help meet our mission,” said Lisa Amato, Kate’s mom and executive director of the Kate Amato Foundation along with Jeff Amato, Kate’s dad. “It is only because philanthropic companies and individuals have stepped up in our community that we can affect the lives of children worldwide with groundbreaking pediatric cancer research. We may be small, but our vision is big, and it is extreme acts of kindness like this that will help us get there.”

Rally for Kate is the second charity golf tournament hosted by Trailer Bridge. The Rally brand was first established in 2019 to support the people of Puerto Rico with the Rally for Puerto Rico tournament following the devastation caused by Hurricane Maria. The Rally for Puerto Rico tournament has raised more than \$300,000 for Habitat for Humanity of Puerto Rico since its inception with the next tournament happening at the end of April.

Trailer Bridge has been serving Puerto Rico with consistent weekly barge service since 1991 and signed long-term lease agreements with the Puerto Rico Ports Authority and the Jacksonville Port Authority within the past two years anchoring its commitment to the island for more than 20 years.

Cancer is the leading cause of death by disease in children. For those who survive, the side effects of treatment can cause severe long-term health problems. To honor Kate’s life and continue the fight for other children, Kate Amato Foundation is dedicated to finding safer, smarter and more effective treatments for children with cancer. Their vision is to fund innovative pediatric cancer research that accelerates the pace of progress and saves young lives.

To learn more, go to [KateAmatoFoundation.org](http://KateAmatoFoundation.org).

This presentation is open to students, faculty and community members who can expect an in-depth analysis of America’s current state through the lens of the history Woodward has lived and experiences he’s collected as a political journalist.

Revered in the field of political journalism, Woodward is an associate editor of The Washington Post, where he’s worked since 1971. He has shared in two Pulitzer Prizes, first for the coverage of the Wa-

tergate scandal with Carl Bernstein, and second as the lead reporter for coverage of the 9/11 terrorist attacks.

“He has an extraordinary ability to get otherwise responsible adults to spill [their] guts to him ... his ability to get people to talk about stuff they shouldn’t be talking about is just extraordinary and may be unique,” former CIA director and Secretary of Defense Robert Gates said, noting that he wishes he would have recruited

Woodward to the CIA.

The decorated journalist first gained international attention when he and fellow reporter Bernstein uncovered the Watergate scandal in 1973. But since then, Woodward has worked to shine a light on the inner workings of the U.S. government. Woodward provides firsthand insights from his coverage of the White House, the Supreme Court, the CIA, the Pentagon and Congress.

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# TV show to feature NE Florida homes

Real estate experts agree: Northeast Florida is a treasury of interesting homes and neighborhoods. And soon, many of the area's best examples will be featured on a local TV series.

"Property Tours of Northeast Florida" will air on WJXX channel 25, an affiliate of ABC in Jacksonville. It is the brainchild of Brad and Alyssa Hammond of the Hammond Family Group, a top producing team in area real estate.

Each episode begins with a general overview of one area and then focuses on two communities within it. Finally, the show zeroes in on a property within the community. The Hammonds interview the homeowner and take viewers on a tour of the home.

The show does not pitch houses for sale or feature commercial properties beyond their value to the home being spotlighted. Rather, it's more a celebration of local communities and the homes one might find there.

"The market here is so interesting, so fun, so cool, and I just think a lot of people are really going to enjoy that," said Brad Hammond.

Each episode concludes with a segment on market trends.

Once each episode airs, it will be posted on [hammondfamilygroup.com](http://hammondfamilygroup.com), where it can be viewed at any time. In fact, the website already has a dedicated page for the show.

"Property Tours of Northeast Florida" will be of interest not only to those considering a move to the First Coast, but also current residents.

"A lot of people we meet say, 'I grew up in Jacksonville, and I don't even know where all the neighborhoods are,'" said Alyssa Hammond. "It's easy to live in a place and not really know every area."

"We have some amazing guests who have opened up their homes to us," added her husband.

The Hammonds had been living in Kansas City when Brad's parents, Tommy and Nancy Hammond, relocated to the First Coast in 2008. Longtime real estate professionals, they saw the value of the market here. Brad and Alyssa Hammond visited frequently and came to appreciate the sheer variety of the region's diverse lifestyles. So, three years ago, they made the move and joined the elder Hammonds in their business.

Brad Hammond, who had been a guest on a different TV show produced by San Marco-based Buzz Media Group, thought a program about different areas of Northeast Florida might make a good show. He pitched it first to his wife and, seeing that she was agreeable to it, pitched it then to the Buzz team.

"They've been fun to work with," said Brad. "Their enthusiasm from the very beginning has been nice."



Alyssa and Brad Hammond discuss show plans in a home being featured on "Property Tours of Northeast Florida."

## "Property Tours of Northeast Florida"

Episodes air at noon on six consecutive Sundays.

### The episode schedule is as follows:

**April 14:** Downtown Jacksonville

**April 21:** Downtown St Augustine

**April 28:** Jacksonville Beach

**May 5:** Ponte Vedra Beach

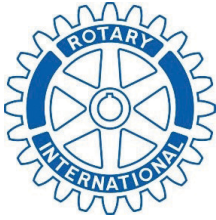
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**May 19:** Nocatee



Brad and Alyssa Hammond





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## Competition designed to crown best cocktail maker

By Anthony Richards

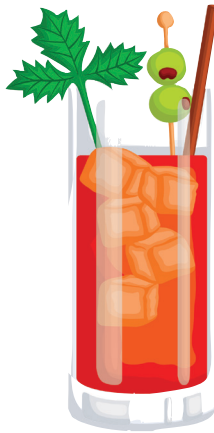
Who makes the best cocktails in North Florida? That is a question V Pizza is trying to answer with its North Florida “BMF” Cocktail Series.

The series has been taking place over the past several weeks and pits local bartenders against each other in a competition designed to test their drink creativity and expertise.

The series consists of six competitions with the winners during each then advancing to take part in the main event, which is scheduled to be held April 21 at 7 p.m. at Flask & Cannon in St. Augustine, with the winner taking home not only bragging rights but also a \$1,000 cash prize and the BMF belt.

The top 12 bartenders from the first six contests advance to the finals, and the winners of the qualifying competitions also get \$250 prizes.

Every Monday night since March 11, a contest has been held at various bars throughout the Northeast Florida area, including Sidecar in Gainesville, Tap Garden in Fleming Island, Flask & Cannon



at Jacksonville Beach, and Sidecar in Jacksonville.

The final chance for bartenders to secure their spot in the finals is during the event on April 15 at Julep in Palm Valley beginning at 7 p.m.

Each of the competitions had a certain uniqueness to them in the type of drink mixture the bartenders were tasked with creating and the specific types of alcohol they were required to use in their concoction.

The focus at the Julep contest will be crafting the best whiskey cocktail featuring whiskeys from the Heaven Hills portfolio, such as Elijah Craig, Larceny, Rittenhouse and Mellow Corn.

Previous contest variations included best tiki cocktail, a head-to-head format, best beer-centric cocktail, a speed round involving tiki classics and versions of trash shooters and elevated cocktail.

The finals will offer its own challenge because contestants will be judged on a combination of speed, precision and creativity during a series of events.



Spicer with Flask & Cannon, Jacksonville Beach and Zac with Flask & Cannon, St. Augustine.



Caroline Hubert with Julep and Paul Compagnon with Volstead.



Josh Basham with Sidecar and Coral Hanouti with Kinbar.



Andrew Wright with Asado Life.

# Why you need a lawyer in your corner

One need not spend ample time to find depictions of lawyers on television and in films. Though such depictions are not always so rosy, most lawyers are reputable individuals who help people navigate the complicated matters of the law.

There are many instances when it is in a person's best interest to hire an attorney. The law is more nuanced than people outside the legal profession may realize, and having a person in one's corner who understands the ins and outs of the law is a wise move. The following are a handful of reasons why it pays to have a lawyer in your corner.

- Lawyers understand legal documents. Attorneys know that procedure is a major part of the law and the judiciary system. A lawyer will help to file the correct pa-

perwork, fill out legal documents, contact courts, and engage in legal procedures in the correct fashion.

- Lawyers have access to experts. Attorneys have strong networks and can connect their clients with experts that support their efforts. For example, parents who are using a special education attorney to navigate 504/IEP plans can ask their lawyer to connect them with an education advocate, expert or tutor who can serve as a witness or reference.

- Lawyers ensure guidelines are followed. A lawyer can be an asset when drafting a will or engaging in elder care arrangements. With legal, binding documentation, contestation of wishes is much more difficult and ensures that a financial legacy is put to use as intended.

- Lawyers know how to negotiate and settle. Heading to court isn't always the best outcome. Experienced attorneys likely have seen similar cases and scenarios and can make informed guesses about how your own situation may play out if it goes to trial. He or she may suggest a settlement or know a tactic that can work in your favor, particularly if it results in reduced legal fees.

- Lawyers can effectively lock horns with other lawyers. Individuals who choose to represent themselves are at a

disadvantage when the other side has hired an attorney. To avoid this inequity of knowledge and experience, it's best to seek legal representation.

- Lawyers provide unbiased insight. When dealing with complicated family issues, such as estate planning, divorce or custody, it pays to have a third party who is emotionally detached from the situation to help guide decision-making.

Attorneys can guide people through all types of complicated legal matters and provide sound, unbiased advice.

## What to know about applying for an extension on your tax return

The Internal Revenue Service reports that the deadline to file a 2023 tax return is Monday, April 15, 2024. The vast majority of taxpayers will have no issue filing by the deadline, but some may not be able to file on time. In such instances, taxpayers can apply for an extension of time to file.

An extension is not necessarily as straightforward as the term suggests. In fact, the IRS urges taxpayers to be aware that applying for an extension does not grant taxpayers an extension of time to pay their taxes. Failure to pay by the April 15 deadline could incur penalties, even for people who have applied for an extension. The IRS urges taxpayers to estimate any owed taxes by the deadline and submit payments for those estimates by April 15.

Extension requests must be submitted by the regular return due date.

Some taxpayers may not have to submit an extension return. The IRS notes that taxpayers in certain disaster areas do not need to submit an extension elec-

tronically or on paper. For example, the IRS had already determined by February 2024 that Maine taxpayers impacted by severe storms and flooding qualified for tax relief. Various deadlines, including the April 15 filing deadline for individuals and businesses, were extended to June 17, 2024. Maine taxpayers are urged to contact a tax preparation professional to determine if they are eligible for the later deadline. A list of additional extensions affecting the 2024 filing deadline can be found at <https://www.irs.gov/newsroom/tax-relief-in-disaster-situations>.

Individual taxpayers, regardless of income, can use the IRS Free File (<https://www.irs.gov/filing/free-file-do-your-federal-taxes-for-free>) to request an automatic tax-filing extension. Filing that form gives taxpayers until October 15 to file a return. If October 15 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, the due date is extended until the next business day.

Taxpayers applying for an extension are urged to visit [irs.gov](https://www.irs.gov).



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## Landrum students win prize in C-SPAN competition

Zoe Walker and Evie Prediletto, students at Alice B. Landrum Middle School in Ponte Vedra Beach, are 2024 honorable mention prize winners in C-SPAN's 20th annual StudentCam competition and will receive \$250 for the documentary, "The Human Genome Project."

C-SPAN, in cooperation with its cable television partners, asked middle and high school students to address the theme, "Looking Forward while Considering the Past," through one of the following prompts:

"In the next 20 years, what is the most important change that you would like to see in America?"

"Over the past 20 years, what has been the most important change in America?"

Now in its 20th year, this project-based learning experience gives students the opportunity to explore multiple perspectives on topics that are important to them. In response, more than 3,200 students participated, and C-SPAN received more than 1,600 entries from 42 states and Washington, D.C. The most popular topics addressed were:

Artificial Intelligence, Technology, and Social Media (18%)

Abortion, Health Care, and Mental Health (17%)

Climate, Energy & Land Use, and Pollution (13%)

School Safety, Gun Policy, and Criminal Justice (11%)

"In recognition of the 20th anniversary of C-SPAN's StudentCam competition, this year we asked students to either look 20 years into the future or to reflect on a topic of importance to them and its past," said Craig McAndrew, director of C-SPAN Education Relations.

C-SPAN is funded by America's cable television companies, who also support StudentCam. In Ponte Vedra Beach, C-SPAN is available locally through Comcast.

"For two decades now, StudentCam has proven to be a great platform for young critical minds across the country to share their voices on issues that are important to them," said Michelle Oyola McGovern, Comcast's VP of government affairs for the Florida region. "I'd like to congratulate Zoe and Evie on this outstanding achievement in this year's competition. Keep up the good work!"

More than 300 students and 200 teachers from across the country are winning participants. C-SPAN is awarding one grand prize, four first prizes, 16 second prizes, 32 third prizes and 97 honorable mention prizes. The winning videos will receive cash awards of \$5,000, \$3,000, \$1,500, \$750 and \$250, respectively.



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# Prevent home electrical fires

A person's home should be a safe haven. Too often, however, there may be dangers lurking in a home that can compromise the safety of residents.

Electrical fires are no joke. The Hartford insurance company says electrical failure or malfunctions account for almost 34,000 home fires per year. The National Fire Protection Association says they can contribute to 440 deaths and \$1.3 billion in direct property damage annually.

Older homes may be most vulnerable to electrical fires, as such structures were not designed to handle the demands of modern living. The insurance experts at Nationwide say half of all homes in the United States have electrical systems that were installed before garage door openers, high-tech coffee makers, and many computers became must-have items. And the Electrical Safety Foundation International says homes built before 1973 with overloaded electrical systems pose a number of safety threats.

Overloaded circuits are not the only contributor to electrical fires. Damaged wiring characterized by worn, frayed or loose wires can cause fires. Malfunctioning appliances or those improperly maintained also can create home fires. Another contributor is poorly installed extension cords and power strips, as well as faulty outlets and switches around homes.

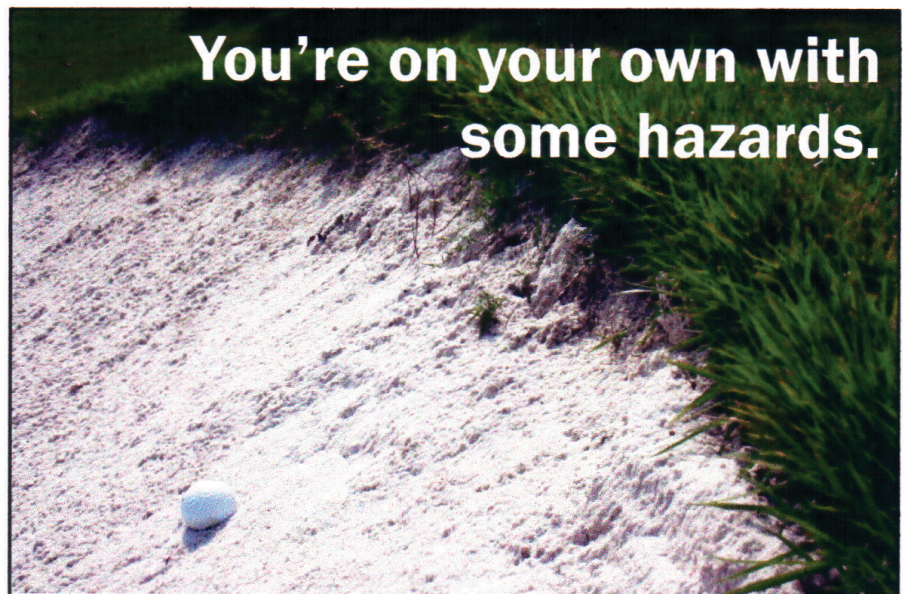
Homeowners can take various steps to reduce the risk of electrical fires at home.

- Install arc fault circuit interrupters. AFCIs are special types of circuit breakers that help prevent fires caused by nicked or frayed wiring. An AFCI gets tripped and cuts off power when an electrical problem is detected before a fire can start. In 2022, the National Electric Code started requiring AFCIs in bedrooms, and by 2017 they have been mandated throughout homes.

- Conduct a home electrical inspection. All homes more than 40 years old should be inspected to ensure their electrical systems can handle modern demands, says Nationwide. A qualified electrician can make recommendations regarding replacing breakers and suggest other modifications to improve safety.
- Utilize a monitor. Ting from Whisker Labs monitors a home's electrical network using a smart plug-in sensor that is designed to detect hazards. The company indicates micro-arcs and sparks that develop are precursors to electrical fires.

- Turn to automatic shut-offs. Homeowners can utilize appliances and additional devices that automatically shut off after a set period of time. This can reduce the risk of overheating.

- Don't go DIY. Choosing to work with a professional electrician rather than doing electrical work oneself can help reduce electrical fire risk considerably.



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# Connecting the dots: The power of aggregation

Written by/for Wells Fargo Advisors

To have less stress and more confidence about the future, taking the time to review account statements is helpful. But it can be even more meaningful to have a single place where you can see the total picture of all of your assets and liabilities — and how it may fluctuate over time. Building a comprehensive account summary or net worth statement can make it easier to connect the dots. As more dots are connected, you get a more meaningful picture and see a clearer, more actionable path.

As individuals build wealth, it becomes more challenging to keep track of one's overall financial picture. There will likely be household cash accounts, investment accounts, retirement plans, real estate, loans and a number of credit cards. Executives may have stock options and other equity-based benefits that vest over time, and deferred compensation plans. Business owners often have multiple entities related to their core business, along with real estate holdings connected to the business. You may have private investments as well.

So gathering financial information and

documents from different sources can become a bit of a chore.

**How do successful people do this?**

**Don't get overly complicated.** Build something that works for you. Remember that the goal is to see the big picture, not to focus on the microscopic details.

**Let technology do some of the work for you.** Many credit cards offer very useful spending summaries. And increasingly, financial institutions are offering account aggregation tools that make it easier to see all your accounts, even at various institutions, in one place. After you take a little bit of time to set this up, you don't need to wait for a monthly statement or quarterly review to get a broader view of your finances. Values are updated daily, so you can get a current picture any time it's convenient for you to go online or check in on mobile.

**Work with an experienced professional.** An investment plan and net worth statement can form a "foundation built from facts" that may enable really good (if not always easy) conversations about spending, values, choices, and things to look forward to.

**If I feel pretty sure that I am doing**



**okay, why do all this extra work?**

One reason is that having good metrics appears to be a hallmark of good performance. For example: successful business owner or executives can quickly tell you the key metrics that they watch to know how their business is doing. Athletes measure their training (and their rest) so that they will know whether they are progressing toward performance goals.

Another reason is, there is a payoff. We

generally have more confidence when we know how we're doing.

Uncertainty, on the other hand, is likely to increase anxiety and stress.

Building a net worth statement is not an end in itself. But developing this positive habit can lead to lifelong benefits by providing a starting point for meaningful conversations about what we want our money to accomplish.

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# CSX donates \$10M to new MOSH facility

CSX, one of Jacksonville’s largest employers, recently announced a landmark \$10 million contribution to the Museum of Science & History (MOSH) in support of the MOSH Genesis capital campaign, solidifying CSX as a leading private funding partner of the MOSH Genesis. With this gift, CSX will be recognized as the presenting sponsor of the new Museum of Science & History.

“We are immensely grateful to CSX for their transformational gift to the MOSH Genesis,” said Jill Davis, chair of the Genesis capital campaign cabinet and vice chair of the MOSH board of trustees. “This generous contribution will have a lasting impact on our institution, enabling us to create a museum that offers engaging exhibits, dynamic educational programs, and memorable experiences for visitors of all ages on the Northbank of the St. Johns River.”

“Investing in the transformation of our downtown through the MOSH Genesis vision aligns with our company’s commitment to our city’s cultural and educational vibrancy,” said Joe Hinrichs, CSX president and chief executive officer.

“We are proud to lend our name to an institution that promises to inspire the next generation of leaders in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). These fields directly support our business operations while reinforcing Northeast Florida’s status as a logistics leader. Our support for the MOSH Genesis capital campaign is an extension of our commitment to this region and its future growth.”

The MOSH Genesis capital campaign supports plans for the MOSH to relocate to a new building on the Northbank of

the St. Johns River in Downtown Jacksonville. In May 2023, legislation for a disposition and development agreement for 2.5 acres of city-owned land at the Shipyards property commonly known as Lot X was signed into law. The legislation grants the MOSH a 40-year ground lease of the land for \$1 per year; design of the park and the Riverwalk; and other agreements related to the creation of a new museum and surrounding park spaces.

CSX has been a staple in Northeast Florida’s economic and philanthropic sectors since moving its headquarters to Jacksonville in 2003. The Fortune 500 company supports multiple organizations throughout the city promote education, drive ingenuity and contribute to cultural enrichment.

“The city is grateful to CSX for its extremely generous gift to MOSH Genesis, which will go a long way towards helping the institution relocate to the Northbank,” said Jacksonville Mayor Donna Deegan. “We look forward to seeing not only MOSH’s new, state-of-the-art facility, but also the tremendous impact it will have on downtown.”

The museum’s operations have outgrown the 33,000 square feet of usable exhibit space; building a new museum will significantly expand the organization’s capacity to serve more students and visitors year-round. Plans for the new Museum of Science & History comprise approximately 130,000 square feet across three floors.

For more information about the museum’s plans, go to MOSHGenesis.com. To learn about donation opportunities, contact MOSHGenesis@themosh.org.

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**Major sculpture created in Mandarin**  
By Harriet Beecher Stowe subject of work  
By Shaun Ryan  
A landmark work of art is taking shape in Mandarin—and the public will have an opportunity to view it in an upcoming art exhibit. The sculpture, titled "Mandarin," was created by Harriet Beecher Stowe, a subject of the current exhibit at the Florida State Museum of Science & History.

**Post 129 sent pair to nationals as part of memorable year**  
By Anthony Richards  
Selling representatives to both the State of Florida and the State of Georgia. The pair, which includes the same American Legion post. That was the case when Harley and Ben Black were chosen to represent Post 129 at Nationals in the Beach during the 2023 program, which included a trip to Washington, D.C. Ben Black is a member of the American Legion Post 129 and is a member of the Florida State Chapter of the American Legion. He is also a member of the Florida State Chapter of the American Legion.

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KATHY'S GARDENING GUIDE

# Topiaries and ornamental standards

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

Many Topiaries and Ornamental Standards thrive in our Florida climate! Topiaries are plants that are pruned into ornamental shapes including balls, cones, and spirals or more intricate designs such as animals or birds. A Standard is a "lollipop" shaped form similar to a small tree with a bare trunk and round ball of leaves and blooms at the top.

Topiaries and Standards come in both evergreen varieties as well as flowering plants. As medium sized plants, they create a perfect

middle ground between low growers and high bushes or trees. These plant styles create a focal point in your garden and enhance your landscape. They can be planted on their own or in groups to add a unique touch to your garden.

Evergreen Topiaries will stay green throughout all seasons of the year. Here in northeast Florida, the most popular evergreen Topiaries include Eugenia, Juniper, and Podocarpus. Each of these can be shaped in many ways, but they are typically found shaped in cones or in 1-, 2-, or 3-balls stacked vertically.

Ornamental Standard trees are flowering

plants that add vibrant color to your landscape. Most have one round ball at the top of the tree and require light pruning to maintain that shape. Look for Standards such as Angelina, Sapphire Duranta, and Shrimp Plants to attract butterflies and hummingbirds to your yard. For a tropical look, select a Hibiscus Standard tree, available in a variety of colors. Hibiscus Standards can even be found grafted to include three different colors of blooms on one tree! If you have more of an English garden landscape, consider a Rose Tree Standard or Gardenia Standard for height and sweet-smelling blooms.




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## Catch a glimpse of island time at the Alhambra

### Escape to Margaritaville shows through May 12

By Anthony Richards

It's official that until May 12, Alhambra Theatre & Dining will be on island time, or at least that is the vibe created as the theatre is currently showing "Jimmy Buffett's Escape to Margaritaville."

The show was one of the most highly anticipated shows on this season's slate of show at the Alhambra, and since Buffett's death in September 2023, it now marks as an opportunity for fans of the singer to honor him and pay their respects the best way they know how, by singing along to his songs.

And that they do, as from the beginning "Escape to Margaritaville" provides a vibrant atmosphere focused on non-stop singing that makes it feel almost more like a party than a theatre show.

However, it also still has its share of dialogue and the time spent not singing is quickly filled with laughter as the show has its share of one-liners and innuendo throughout.

Matthew Fecko stars as Tully, one of the main characters in the play, and it was his first time on stage at the Alhambra and he does his part to make sure he makes quite the first impression for those in the audience.

Not only does he fit well as a singer along with his co-stars Logen Cheatham, who plays Rachel; Arrione Magee, who plays Tammy; and Paul Gary, who plays Brick, but the four also display an excellent sense of timing as actors and actresses and seem to feed off each other's performances, which goes a long way in



"Escape to Margaritaville" puts the Alhambra and all those in attendance in their own tropical paradise during the show.

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helping the comedic timing land strong.

The casting for the production was spot on and the result was a very natural approach to both the dialogue and the humor.

The majority of the 18 scenes that make up the play have Jimmy Buffett lyrics sung during them, with several scenes having more than one song sung.

Some plays do not require a lot of props and scene changing to take place but "Escape to Margaritaville" allowed for vice president of production and director Shain Stroff and his production to staff to be creative in their approach.

And creative they were, as they used several different elaborate props throughout, including a boat and dock while on the island, an airplane, and of course, it cannot have Jimmy Buffett's name on the play without a tiki bar and plenty of flip-flops to go around for the cast to wear.

However, the creativity did not stop there, as really helping to establish the party atmosphere was the setting of the theatre itself, which was transformed in its own tropical paradise with multi-colored lights

strung from the ceiling, green palm fronds lit up on the walls and random decorative parrots placed throughout the facility.

It was a colorful sensory adventure that could easily make you forget and truly think that you were on island time during the length of the show, and a sight that first-time attendees to the Alhambra will sure not forget anytime soon.

They may have come to the show as fans of Jimmy Buffett, but they are likely to leave as fans of the Alhambra now as well.



A bevy of classic Jimmy Buffett songs are sung during the show, including "Cheeseburger in Paradise."

Photos courtesy of Alhambra Theatre & Dining

# Film shot in St. Augustine to premiere May 1

Local film producer Rick Frazier has announced the “Red-Carpet Premiere” of his new indie/short film, “Forever Quiet.” Filmed entirely in Florida, and mainly in St. Augustine, “Forever Quiet” features local actors and is billed as, “part horror flick, part dark comedy and part real life.”

“Forever Quiet” tells the riveting, edge-of-your-seat story of a serial killer

on the loose, and gives brief but chilling glimpses into the mindset that precipitates his actions. Filming took place at various locations in St. Johns County, and one scene was shot in Miami.

According to Frazier, “It was such a cool experience to film right here in the 904 where I grew up — literally in my back yard, and with people I’ve known my entire life. Those are the things that mean the most.”

The premiere of “Forever Quiet” is slated for May 1 at Epic Theatres, 112

Theatre Drive in St. Augustine. Tickets are available via Eventbrite and options include general admission, a meet-and-greet add-on, or an Ultimate VIP Experience. For film or premiere details, call 904-347-8643, go to [foreverquietfilm.com](http://foreverquietfilm.com), or email [thatrick904@gmail.com](mailto:thatrick904@gmail.com).

That Rick 904 is a film production company headquartered in St. Augustine. Frazier, an alumnus of Full Sail University in Winter Park, has produced and directed music videos and short films for more than 15 years in various locations across the country.



“Forever Quiet” actor and Grammy Award-winning artist Baby Blue (from the platinum-selling group, Pretty Ricky) on location with “Forever Quiet” producer/director Rick Frazier

## Pro to speak on writing screenplays

It’s estimated that up to 50% of movies are adapted from books, and with the burgeoning demand for product from streaming channels the time may be right for writers to adapt their books into screenplays.

Writer and TV/film professional John Boles will provide the necessary help in his workshop, “From Manuscript to Movie — Converting Your Book to a Screenplay,” at the Florida Writers Association’s Ponte Vedra Writers group meeting at 11 a.m. April 27 at the Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library.

For writers who believe their book would make a great movie, Boles says to go for it, but first you must know the rules.

“When writing for the screen, the adage ‘show, don’t tell’ is more important than ever,” Boles said.

His workshop will cover the best approach to take with advice on how to avoid inherent pitfalls.

Boles is an award-winning writer who has worked with such companies as Columbia Pictures, Spelling/Goldberg Productions and ABC. He has developed and taught creative writing courses for UNF as well as

serving as an adjunct professor in the Film Department at Jacksonville University. He currently works as an editor, writing coach and script doctor.

The Ponte Vedra Writers group is part of the Florida Writers Association, a state-wide, membership organization dedicated to the support of both aspiring and published writers in any genre. The April 27 meeting is free and open to members and nonmembers alike.

For information on FWA go to [floridawriters.org](http://floridawriters.org).



John Boles

## Local teen to perform in Carnegie Hall orchestra

Carnegie Hall recently announced the names of the 89 young musicians selected from across the country for National Youth Orchestra 2, an orchestral training program for outstanding American instrumentalists, ages 14–17.

The members of the 2024 orchestra, who have been recognized by Carnegie Hall to be the most promising young players in the country, hail from a range of urban, suburban and rural hometowns across 29 states.

Twenty-four musicians, including Leila Warren of Ponte Vedra Beach, are returning from previous seasons. Thirty musicians who took part in NYO2 in previous summers have been accepted to the 2024 National Youth Orchestra of the United States of America, Carnegie Hall’s flagship ensemble for players ages 16-19.

Warren plays the violin.

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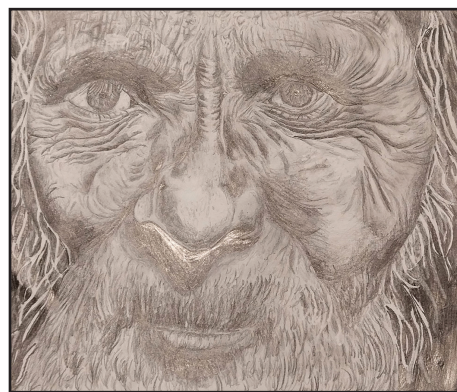
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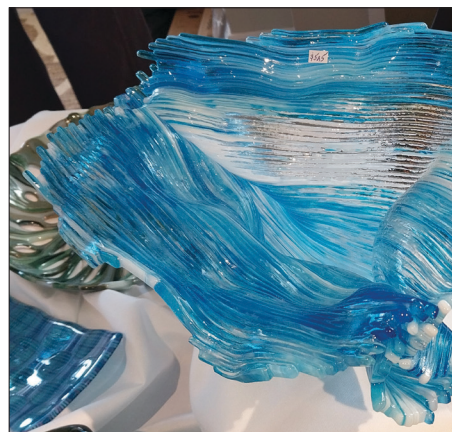
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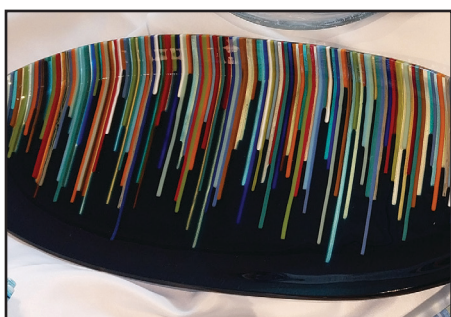
This drawing by Rilan McTammany attracted a lot of attention.



Glass wave by Suzanne Comella



Suzanne Comella with some of her latest works in glass.



This work in glass is one of Suzanne Comella's latest.



This work by Shannon Brady reveals the subject's interior world versus that of the exterior.



Rilan McTammany stands next to several works of art he created in different mediums.

Photos by Shaun Ryan

## Sawgrass Art

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new paintings in her style reminiscent of the work of Caravaggio or Pieter Claesz. Her ability to realistically capture her subjects, in addition to textures, reflections and the play between light and shadow, has earned her participation in some major exhibits.

Bob Nickerson, a longtime co-chair of the show, demonstrated a new direction with his work: paintings that imply a narrative and spark the imaginations of viewers.

Christine Dragonetti displayed works that celebrated the effects of light and reflection, often in images of the surf or large birds.

Young artists also captured a great deal of attention.

Shannon Brady's thought-provoking paintings, often on nontraditional backings, commanded the attention of viewers with her inventive surrealism.

Eva Meuse's portraits captured the unique expressions of her subjects with the insight of an artist far beyond her years.

Palmer Catholic Academy sixth grader Rilan McTammany's works, spanning a range of mediums, left visitors marveling at his talent.



Mary Herald created these pieces from a surprising medium: joint compound.



Lori Moffett shows off her beach-inspired paintings.



Shannon Brady is seen with some of her imaginative works.



Christine Dragonetti is seen with a couple of her oil paintings.



High school senior Eva Meuse exhibits her portraits.

# Sports



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## Lacrosse district tournaments underway

By Anthony Richards

The lacrosse playoffs are here and that comes with a ton of expectations for both Ponte Vedra and Nease high schools.

It is unique because both schools are in the same district on the boys' side but are in different districts and classes when it comes to girls lacrosse.

In fact, they both enter the girls lacrosse district tournaments as the top seed in their respective districts with the Panthers (8-7) No. 1 in district 2-2A, while the Sharks (9-7) gained the top spot in district 3-1A.

The Sharks are used to having high expectations and have become accustomed to deep runs on a yearly basis, making it to the state final four a year ago.

They experienced some tough times early in the season, especially during a four-game losing stretch in February.

However, those losses were all to teams that are traditionally considered state contenders, including American Heritage, St. Thomas Aquinas, Bartram Trail and Plant.

It is schedules like that has become common across all the lacrosse programs at Ponte Vedra and Nease, and those tough schedules like that are examples of how each of the programs are always looking big picture and are more worried about creating valuable experience for when the postseason rolls around.

Both the Sharks and Panthers have a first-round bye, which is one of the advantages of earning the top seed in the district tournament.

The Sharks will play the winner of Beachside or St. Joseph Academy on April 12 at 7:30 p.m., while the Panthers are set to play the winner of Atlantic Coast or Sandalwood in the semifinals on April 12 at 7:30 p.m.

The girls lacrosse district championships will take place on April 16 at 7 p.m. If they advance, the Sharks will play St. Augustine or Fleming Island, while the Panthers could face either Mandarin or Fletcher.

On the boys side of things, the Sharks have had another memorable season, as they cruised through district play during the regular season and enter as the favorite to win the tournament with a record of 11-6.

However, the Panthers also feel very happy with where they are entering the district tournament with a record of 12-5 and riding a three-game win streak.

The Panthers will host Atlantic Coast in the quarterfinals on April 11 at 6:30 p.m. and could face Fletcher or Mandarin in the semifinals on April 15 at 6:30 p.m., while the Sharks will occupy one of the spots in the other semifinal matchup against Creekside or Bartram Trail on April 15 at 8 p.m.

The boys lacrosse district title will be played April 17 at 7:30 p.m.



Photo by Anthony Richards

The lacrosse playoffs are in full swing for Nease and Ponte Vedra High.

## Community looks to lift up injured Nease weightlifter

By Anthony Richards

Nease High junior Izzy Knight can lift some heavy weights and in February she competed at the FHSAA girls weightlifting state competition and finished sixth overall in the Olympic format and seventh in traditional, both in the 101-pound weight class.

However, she and her family are now the ones who are receiving a major lift from the local community after Knight needed surgery to repair a broken L1 vertebra after an accident during a workout on March 30.

The surgery, which lasted more than four hours, was successful but now Knight and her family begin the long road to recovery.

In an attempt to help on this path, a group called "Izzy's Friends" out of Nocatee started a gofundme page titled "Lift Up Izzy Knight" where anyone in the community can donate money to help

ease the financial stress during the stressful and emotional time for all involved.

The group asks for any donation, and even if a person cannot help financially, they can still play their part by sharing the page with others and by offering prayers of strength and comfort for Izzy and her family.

So far, the community has come together in a big way and has done its part to answer the call, as more than \$12,000 has been raised by 246 people in just three days since the post was originally created.

Knight has made the state meet in each of her three years on the Panthers' girls weightlifting squad.

Anyone who wishes to help the cause and donate money to the Knight family can click on the link by going to gofundme.com and searching "Fundraiser by Izzy's Friends: Lift Up Izzy Knight."



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1. Island nation
7. Platforms
13. Project plan
14. French fishing port
16. South Dakota
17. Oakland's baseball team
19. Military policeman
20. Ornamental stone
22. Garland
23. Process that produces ammonia
25. Mousses
26. Music notation "dal \_\_\_"
28. Fail to win
29. Peyton's little brother
30. Not near
31. Some cars still need it
33. Lizard genus
34. An idiot (Brit.)
36. Postponed
38. African country
40. Gazes unpleasantly
41. In a way, traveled
43. Ukraine's capital
44. Appropriate
45. Dash
47. Twitch
48. Swiss river
51. Data file with computer animations
53. City in S. Korea
55. Particular region
56. They have eyes and noses
58. Tear
59. Large Madagascan lemur
60. Not out
61. Ornamental saddle covering
64. A driver's license is one
65. Latin term for charity
67. Rechristens
69. Objects from an earlier time
70. Hindu male religious teachers

6. Merchant
7. Playing the field
8. Folk singer DiFranco
9. Something to scratch
10. Mexican agave
11. Equal to one quintillion bytes
12. Session
13. North American people
15. Ranches
18. Electroencephalograph
21. A type of compound
24. Avenue
26. High schoolers' test
27. A type of meal
30. Gradually disappeared
32. Ancient Frankish law code
35. Popular pickup truck
37. Buzzing insect
38. Deal illegally

39. Lying in the same plane
42. Obstruct
43. Related
46. Challenge aggressively
47. Nocturnal hoofed animals
49. Bird's nests
50. Forays
52. \_\_\_ B. de Mille, filmmaker
54. Title of respect
55. One-time name of Vietnam
57. Self-immolation by fire ritual
59. Private school in New York
62. Political action committee
63. A way to fashion
66. Email reply
68. "The Great Lake State"

**SUDOKU**

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**DOWN**

1. Used as a weapon
- Yukon Territory
- Makes a map of
- An established ceremony prescribed by a religion
- Unnilhexium

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