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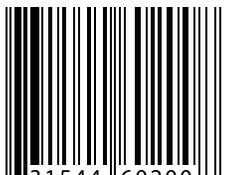
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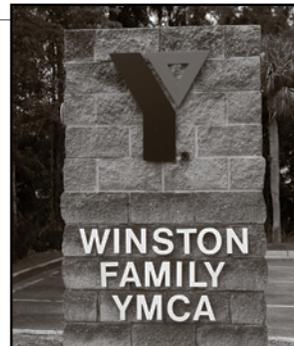
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Several readers correctly identified last week's photo as the new Winston Family YMCA. Winner of the random drawing was **Carole Winter** – congratulations, Carole! You may pick up your prize at the Recorder office during regular business hours.

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## ADOPT A PET

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# Hurricane Matthew hammers First Coast



Jim Cook waits on local residents stocking up at the Nocatee Publix ahead of Hurricane Matthew's arrival.



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Gas stations across the First Coast ran out of gas as residents prepared to evacuate before the arrival of Hurricane Matthew.

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## St. Johns County sustains billions in damage but no loss of life

By Jennifer Logue

Massive flooding, severe property damage, extensive erosion. Hurricane Matthew roared onto the First Coast last week as a Category 3 storm, unleashing devastation along the coast but moving on from St. Johns County with no local loss of life.

The first major hurricane to hit the Jacksonville area in more than 50 years, Matthew brought down trees and power lines, flooded streets and damaged more than 600 structures, washing away the very ground beneath many oceanfront homes and causing damage estimated to be in the billions of dollars. But well-orchestrated emergency management, public safety and storm recovery efforts,

many residents say, spared the region from the fatalities Matthew has left elsewhere in its wake.

### Storm warning

St. Johns County residents began preparing in earnest for Matthew's arrival Wednesday, Oct. 5, as downpours and strong winds heralded the approaching hurricane. At the Publix in Nocatee, residents scoured the parking lot for stray shopping carts and filled the aisles, stocking up on bottled water, ice and staples. By mid-morning, the store's bread aisle was completely bare.

Later in the day, St. Johns County issued a mandatory evacuation notice for



**Before and after: St. Augustine's The Reef restaurant before Hurricane Matthew and after the storm, with the dunes washed away.**



Photos by Susan Griffin

**By Saturday, Oct. 8, utility crews were working to restore power to affected residents.**

# Matthew

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residents living in zones A and B. Duval County also issued an evacuation notice for the Beaches communities, while St. Augustine issued a mandatory evacuation notice for the entire city, as the fire chief warned residents that if they chose not to evacuate, they would be on their own.

The exodus had begun.

## Preparations

By Thursday morning, storm preparations were well underway. As storm shutters went up, businesses closed and coastal residents began to evacuate, emergency management officials opened numerous shelters across St. Johns County. Residents not in evacuation zones, meanwhile, were pleased to find that stores such as Publix had already restocked their shelves.

"This is fantastic," Lori McVicker said Thursday at the checkout counter at Publix. "I was here late last night and they were out of everything. They have done a fantastic job of restocking."

While Hurricane Matthew was the first serious storm for some local residents, even longtime residents weren't taking any chances.

"We've been here since '83," Walden Chase resident Blake Zitiello said. "But we're taking this (storm) a little more seriously."

By the afternoon of Oct. 6, Jacksonville Mayor Lenny Curry had expanded the city's mandatory evacuation and Gov. Rick Scott issued strong warnings to residents not to underestimate the deadly

potential of Hurricane Matthew.

"This storm will kill you," Scott said.

As the emergency shelter at Pedro Menendez High School reached capacity, the county opened additional shelters and a curfew was issued beginning at 8 p.m., at which time water and sewer services also were to be suspended to all barrier island evacuation zones.

At 7 p.m. Thursday evening, with Matthew 100 miles east of Palm Beach and still unleashing Category 4 winds of 140 miles per hour, Gov. Scott warned that the storm would likely cause storm surges in excess of 11 feet. He reiterated his call for anyone still remaining in the mandatory evacuation zones to leave immediately.

"We want everyone to survive this horrible storm," he said. "We can rebuild businesses; we can't rebuild a life."

Across the First Coast, meanwhile, residents remaining in their homes began to connect on social media, keeping tabs on who in their neighborhood was remaining and offering to assist one another as the storm progressed.

## Matthew arrives

In the wee hours of Friday morning, Oct. 7, many residents awoke with a start as their cell phones issued the alert warning: "Hurricane approaching. Seek shelter now!"

Throughout the day, the First Coast was slammed by Hurricane Matthew. Bridges to the barrier islands were closed and fallen trees and power lines left many residents without power. Along the coast, Matthew's storm surge flooded homes and cities, with downtown St. Augustine and Jacksonville Beach hit particularly hard by the storm's ferocity.

According to JEA, more than 245,000

of its customers were without power at the height of the storm, and residents outside of the evacuation zone hunkered down, keeping in contact online via their cell phones.

By Saturday, Oct. 8, however, Matthew had moved on and recovery operations were already underway, as utilities companies worked to restore power and grateful officials reported no fatalities.

"It's a new day, Jacksonville," Curry said. "Over the past 72 hours, we have experienced an event that the weather experts in our community have not seen."

As officials announced that bridges to the barrier islands would reopen at noon, Atlantic Beach Mayor Mitch Reeves praised those residents who complied with the emergency management directives.

"Our number one heroes are the people who evacuated," Reeves said. "You made the right decision, and you're coming home."

Three dozen mutual aid crews from across the state and outside of Florida came to assist in the recovery operations, as power was restored. As water and sewer service was restored to the barrier islands, residents were advised to boil water as a precaution through Oct. 11.

In those coastal areas that suffered the most damage, officials went house to house inspecting for damage, with more than 600 properties marked as sustaining damage from the hurricane. The Salvation Army established mobile food trucks in five county locations, distributing hot meals and clean-up kits to affected residents.

As clean-up and recovery efforts continue, many residents expressed praise for



**The historic Casa Marina Hotel sustained damage, including to its rooftop bar, but survived yet another storm.**

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After a successful career in corporate America, Emily Rhodin has embarked on her dream of owning her own business. As the owner of two Scout & Molly's boutiques – including the newly opened location in Sawgrass Village – she has traded the staid world of accounting for the flair of the fashion world. She lives in Ponte Vedra with her husband Patrick, kids Ella and Noah, and their three cats and three dogs.

## Emily Rhodin

By Jennifer Logue

### What type of merchandise does Scout & Molly's offer?

We are a women's clothing and accessories boutique, but that barely scratches the surface. In addition to clothes and jewelry you will always find a fun selection of shoes, purses and new accessories. We offer such a wide range of types of clothing and styles. Our clothing can be fashion forward or a little more conservative and can be paired differently for many different looks. It covers many occasions, including active wear, Saturday casual, date night, business casual and dressy evenings out. Additionally, we love to support our local entrepreneurs: We're currently offering four local jewelry artists and we're always looking to bring in new arrivals from the local community. As a Jacksonville native, I want to support our local community in any way I can.

### How did you come to open Scout & Molly's?

I have always longed to own a business of my own. For 17 years I had an amazing career in accounting and risk management. Last summer, I took a leap of faith and ventured into new waters. I had looked at many existing businesses over the last few years but none were the perfect fit. When I happened upon the Scout & Molly's franchise, something just seemed right. I love fashion and the idea of starting from scratch was appealing but the franchise gave me some support and guidance in the areas that were outside of my expertise.

### Is the Sawgrass Village location your first – and do you plan to expand?

Sawgrass Village was actually our second location. We opened Sawgrass Village on April 23, just on the heels of our location in San Marco Square, which opened on March 5. When I purchased the rights to the Scout & Molly's franchise, I obtained exclusivity in the Greater Jacksonville market and plan to open five locations over the next few years. Where store number three will be located is still to be determined, but I will be excited when we can bring great fashion to another area of our community.

### To what sort of woman would Scout & Molly's appeal?

We are here for the woman who enjoys feeling good in her attire and being a little fashion forward and fun within her comfort zone. Our target demographic is the 30- to 55-year-old woman, but we really appeal to a broader range, from the teenager to the woman in her 70s. In our store, we are personal stylists and provide personal shopping experiences to help women of many ages find their style and mix and match pieces in different ways based on their individuality and age. Most importantly, we want our customers to have fun and find a little something new to make them feel great that day. I think the mission statement developed by my managers describes our customer and our purpose best: "We are here to inspire forever friendships through unforgettable fashion. This is US...so nice to meet YOU."

### How would you describe your own personal style?

I love fashion and with that, I love to change my style from day to day. I would say the best way to describe



Photo by Jasmine Marshall

my style is classic, with some edge and flair. My favorite article of clothing is a great pair of jeans. If I could wear them every day I would, and I do 80 percent of the time now that I am a boutique owner instead of an accountant in corporate America. I love them dressed up with heels and a dressy blouse, I love them with a tee and blazer. Or my favorite as we are entering fall (in Florida), is with a graphic tank, scarf and booties.

### Are there any new fashion trends this season that customers will see in Scout & Molly's?

There's always something new in the fashion world or a twist on an existing trend. A few of our favorites for the fall and holiday season, all of which you will find in the store, are plaid, fur, boots, ruffles and off-the-shoulder anything. Plaid is a hit and you will find it in more feminine tones on both tops and dresses. Fur continues to be on trend in both real and faux. You will find fur in vests, on purses and in all kinds of accessories. Off-the-shoulder and ruffle anything works from tops to dresses, dressy

and casual. And who isn't ready to break out the boots? This year, booties or to the knee are hot. From a color trend perspective, the merlot/wine/Bordeaux family continues to be the color of the season and the color can be seen from headbands to shoes and everything in between.

### How do you enjoy spending your free time?

"Free time" is a little bit of a misnomer when you open two stores within six weeks of one another and have two very busy children at home! Most of my afternoons and evenings when I'm not working are spent running kids to dance, basketball and baseball. The spare time I do have is mostly before the sun comes up or just as it is peeking through and is spent running with a couple of very dear girlfriends, training for my eighth marathon. Running is the best form of relaxation, especially when you have the ear of a friend or two along for a few uninterrupted miles. I also love to spend a few moments with my puppies or curling up on the couch, binge watching a couple episodes of something fabulous on Netflix with my hubby.

**SHORT TAKE**

**Sea Turtle Hospital at Whitney Lab First Anniversary Open House**

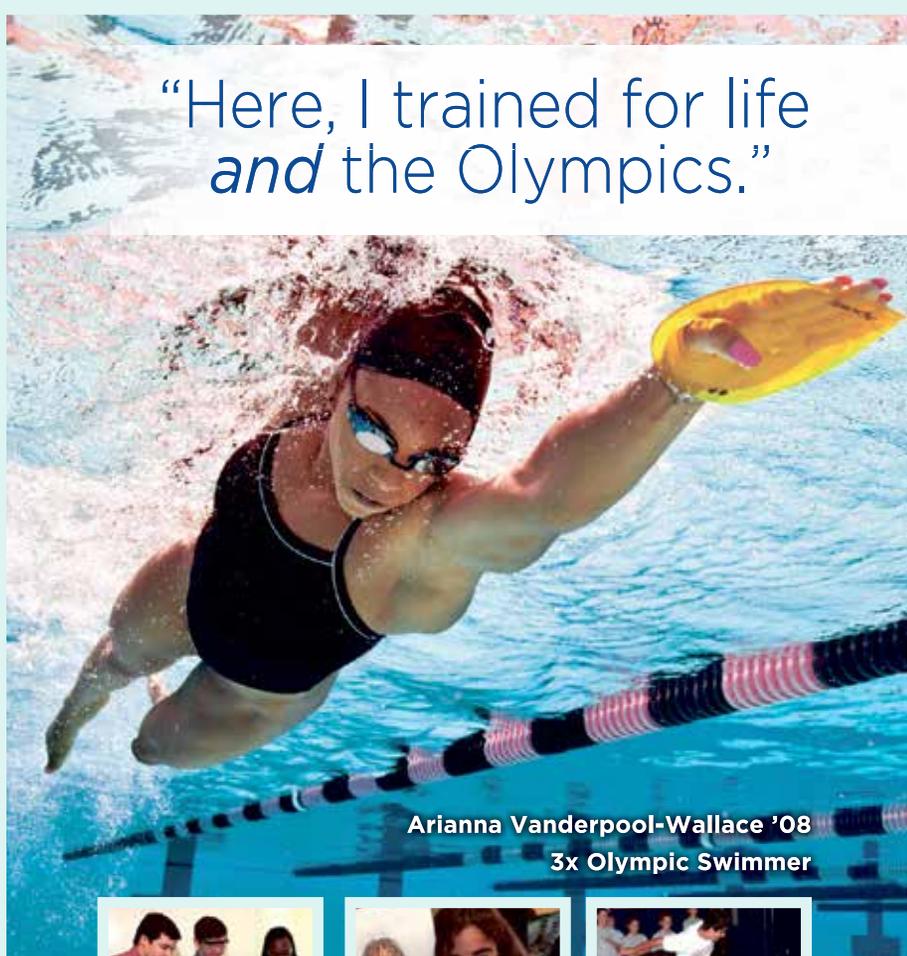
The Sea Turtle Hospital at Whitney Lab will celebrate its first anniversary with an open house Saturday, Oct. 22 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The open house will feature Sea Turtle Hospital tours, youth and family activities and patient success stories.

The public is welcome and encouraged to attend.

The Sea Turtle Hospital is located at Whitney Lab for Marine Bioscience, 9505 Ocean Shore Blvd., St. Augustine.

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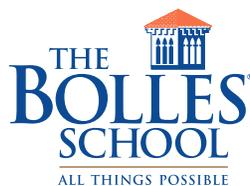
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Power lines were down across Ponte Vedra and the Beaches in the aftermath of Hurricane Matthew.



A1A was closed to traffic at the St. Johns County/Flagler County line, as Matthew washed away portions of the road.



Photos by Susan Griffin

Jacksonville Beach erosion



Extensive erosion have placed dozens of coastal homes in jeopardy.

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## Matthew

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the way local and state officials responded to Hurricane Matthew.

“Kudos should go out for the excellent service and response,” Rich and Mary Ann Woods wrote to the Recorder.

Many Nocatee residents also commented on the lack of flooding the community experienced – a fact that developers The PARC Group credited to the master-planned community’s design.

“In the vision and design of Nocatee, a top priority was to build an infrastructure that provided protection to the residents

from potential disasters such as a storm surge from a hurricane,” The PARC Group wrote in a statement posted on its website. “As evidenced by the dry roadways and neighborhoods post hurricane, it is obvious that Nocatee’s extensive system of preserves, drainage and pumps worked as planned.”

In the aftermath of the hurricane, the Ponte Vedra Municipal Service District Board of Trustees pledged to advocate for efforts to restore Ponte Vedra’s dunes (see story on page 9). The St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners also scheduled an emergency meeting to discuss further recovery efforts.



The Porpoise Point section of Vilano Beach suffered extensive flooding.

# MSD pledges swift action on dune erosion

By Jon Blauvelt

Special to the Recorder

Following the damaging effects of Hurricane Matthew, Gary Jurenovich, chairman of the Ponte Vedra Beach Municipal Service District (MSD) board, told local residents at the MSD meeting on Monday evening that he will move quickly to address beach dune restoration.

“We will lobby the county hard to get this started soon and take it to the state,” said Jurenovich at the meeting in the Ponte Vedra Beach Library. “It’s a football field out there. We’re going to get on this.”

With several beach dunes flattened by Matthew, meeting attendees expressed their concern about the immediate and long-term safety of the beaches and beachfront homeowners. Historically, the dunes have served as the first line of defense against storms.

“We need to build that primary dune back up so that when the next hurricane hits, it will protect us just like it did this time,” said Nancy Condrón, a Ponte Vedra Beach resident. “It’s not an issue of protecting beachfront homeowners’ property values; it’s an issue of protecting our whole barrier island. If those dunes go, we go.”

Meeting attendees also said people are currently walking on the dunes, which



Photo by Jon Blauvelt

**Hurricane Matthew flattened dunes along Ponte Vedra Beach’s coastline, including the dunes pictured here at Mickler’s Landing. Local residents voiced their concerns about the dune damage at Monday’s MSD meeting, and the MSD board responded with a quick plan to contact St. Johns County officials and initiate the creation of a dune restoration plan.**

are littered with dangerous debris, and trespassing on private property to see the damage inflicted by Matthew.

In response, Jurenovich said he would speak with St. Johns County officials this week via phone and meet with county beach services on Oct. 24 to set a plan in motion to resurrect the dunes.

MSD Trustee Greg Wong sympathized with meeting attendees and agreed that the dunes must be restored as soon as possible. He said if it weren’t for the dunes,

his house would be a foot or two underwater. He was also grateful that Matthew veered slightly east, and said they would be having a completely different conversation had that not been the case.

“It was believed there was going to be catastrophic damage to Ponte Vedra,” said Wong, who was at the St. Johns County emergency operations center during the storm. “The official projections were for total devastation of the barrier islands and extensive structural collapse. The hur-

ricane shifted about 15 miles to the east, and that was the difference between 11-foot storm surge and 5.3-foot storm surge, which was the second-largest on record.”

Jurenovich echoed Wong’s sentiments and expected the very worst for Ponte Vedra, especially after hearing from government officials the day before the storm hit.

“Body bags were shipped to us,” said Jurenovich. “They asked us to start thinking about a place to set up here to distribute food and water.”

Jurenovich also expressed his shock concerning the number of people in the community that he felt were unprepared. He spoke to two of his neighbors who wouldn’t evacuate and said, “Get a magic marker and put your social security number on your forearm so at least they can identify you.”

Moving forward, residents like Condrón are also expecting the worst if the dunes are not restored before another storm hits.

“There are homeowners whose houses are going to fall off those 20-foot cliffs if we don’t get something done,” said Condrón. “You can’t say nature is going to take care of it. This is not something nature has ever done to this coastline before. We need your focus.”

The next MSD meeting is Monday, Nov. 14, in the PGA Room of the Ponte Vedra Beach Library.

## County warns of post-hurricane construction fraud

In the wake of Hurricane Matthew, St. Johns County officials are warning residents to exercise caution when hiring contractors to repair damaged homes or businesses.

Residents are urged to be wary of anyone approaching them unsolicited who says they can perform repairs at a discount. In addition, the county recommends that residents:

- Get multiple estimates.
- Verify that the contractor has a license from the Department of Business & Professional Regulation (DBPR) or your county construction licensing board.
- Research the company and its reputation – ask for references.
- Check for proof of insurance and/or bonding and verify their policy is current.
- Never pay the full amount of a repair up front, and give consideration before providing large deposits. Florida law requires a contractor to apply for a permit within 30 days and start work within 90 days if he collects more than 10 percent of the contract up front.
- Read the entire contract, including the fine print, before signing and ensure that the contract includes the required

“buyer’s right to cancel within three days” language.

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# Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach conducts A1A clean-up

Members of the Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach conducted a clean-up along A1A in Ponte Vedra Beach Oct. 1.

Rotarians collected and disposed of dozens of bags of trash and debris collected along the road. Club members conduct regular A1A clean-ups throughout the year.



Photos by Jennifer Logue

**Sawgrass Marriott General Manager and Rotarian Todd Hickey and son Nathan collect trash as part of the Rotary Club's A1A clean-up.**



**Rotary Club members prepare to head out and clean up A1A. Front: Bill Haley; back (from left): Jennifer Ryan, Marc Ressler, Stephan Avery, Herb Goldstein, MJ DeNardo, Nathan Hickey and Todd Hickey.**

## Ponte Vedra Recorder wins nine awards at community newspaper conference

The Ponte Vedra Recorder took home nine awards – including three first place honors – at the annual Community Papers of Florida conference held Sept. 27-Oct. 1 in Orlando.

The Recorder received First Place for Best Cover Design for its Sand Castles supplement in the 2016 Annual Awards

for Excellence. The paper also garnered first place awards in the categories recognizing Best Creative Concept for its annual guide, Living Here on the First Coast, and Real Estate Advertising (full color, less than half page) for Berry & Co. Real Estate.

The Recorder received six third place

awards in the following categories: Best Creative Concept for the Insiders Tournament Guide; Best Creative Content for the Insiders Tournament Guide; Best Cover Design for the First Coast Register Bridal Issue; Best Automotive

Advertising (full color, greater than half page) for Lee F. Slaughter Fine Cars; Best Professional Services Ad (full color, greater than half page) for Ellison Vein Institute; and Best Self-Promotion in the newspaper.



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Thursday, Oct. 13	Friday, Oct. 14	Saturday, Oct. 15	Sunday, Oct. 16
<p><b>Adventures in the Arts</b> University of North Florida Art History lecturer Diana Huston will present a lecture on "The Art of the Inferno," a free program presented by FOCUS Cummer and the Friends of the Library Oct. 13 from 2 to 3 p.m. at the Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library, 101 Library Blvd. Huston's talk will feature art references in Dan Brown's book "Inferno." The lecture is open to the public. For more information, call (904) 827-6950.</p> <p><b>Endless Summer Beach Bash</b> On Thursday, Oct. 13 from 5 to 8 p.m., join the JAX Chamber Beaches Division for the 11th annual Endless Summer Beach Bash at Hampton Inn Oceanfront, 1515 First St. N., Jacksonville Beach. The event will feature food and beverage tastings from area restaurants, a silent auction, chair massages from Ponte Vedra Wellness Center and an interactive photo booth courtesy of iPhotoBooth. The cost is \$25 with advance online registration; \$30 at the door. Visit <a href="http://www.myjaxchamber.com">www.myjaxchamber.com</a> for more information or to register for the event.</p> <p><b>Tour De Compadres</b> Need to Breathe presents Tour De Compadres with special guests Mat Kearney, Parachute and Welshly Arms Thursday, Oct. 13 at the St. Augustine Amphitheatre. Tickets start at \$29 and are available at the St. Augustine Amphitheatre and the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall box offices, <a href="http://ticketmaster.com">ticketmaster.com</a> and all Ticketmaster outlets or by phone at (800) 745-3000. The amphitheatre is located at 1340C A1A S., St. Augustine.</p> <p><b>Arbor Terrace Life Enrichment Group</b> The Life Enrichment Group Day Program takes place every Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Arbor Terrace Ponte Vedra, 5125 Palm Valley Road, Ponte Vedra Beach. The group is designed for those with memory changes who would like to stay active mentally, physically and socially. For more information, call (904) 497-4346 or visit <a href="http://www.at-pontevedra.com">www.at-pontevedra.com</a>.</p>	<p><b>'In the Terrain of Water'</b> Stellers Gallery at Ponte Vedra will hold an opening reception for the gallery's fall exhibition, "In the Terrain of Water," featuring the work of Florida-based artists Henry Von Genk III, Thomas Hager and Jim Draper Friday, Oct. 14 from 6 to 9 p.m. Portions of the proceeds from the opening reception will benefit Art With A Heart In Healthcare. Stellers Gallery is located at 240 A1A N. The gallery is open Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, call (904) 273-6065 or visit <a href="http://www.stellersgallery.com">www.stellersgallery.com</a>.</p> <p><b>CRUSH! A Tasting Event</b> The Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach will host CRUSH! A Tasting Event, Friday, Oct. 14 at 6 p.m. at the cultural center, located at 50 Executive Way in Ponte Vedra Beach. Guests will enjoy food and wine pairings, artist demonstrations and a silent auction featuring luxury vacations. Tickets are \$75 members, \$100 non-members; a portion of the proceeds will benefit St. Augustine's Butterfield Garage Gallery in its efforts to recover from damage from Hurricane Matthew. For tickets or more information, visit <a href="http://www.ccpvb.org">www.ccpvb.org</a> or call (904) 280-0614.</p> <p><b>PV Professionals Networking Group</b> The Ponte Vedra Professionals Networking Group meets Fridays at 9 a.m. at Watson Realty Corp., 615 Highway A1A S., Ponte Vedra Beach. For more information, call Gloria at (904) 635-6103, visit <a href="http://www.pvpng.com">www.pvpng.com</a> or email <a href="mailto:pontevedrapng@gmail.com">pontevedrapng@gmail.com</a>.</p> <p><b>Coastal Wine Market Wine Tasting</b> Coastal Wine Market will host a Friday wine tasting Oct. 14 from 6 to 8 p.m. at 641 Crosswater Parkway, Suite B, Ponte Vedra Beach. Taste six wines for \$10. For more information, call (904) 395-3520.</p> <p><b>Earth, Sea &amp; Sky Exhibition</b> View multimedia artist Joyce Gabiou's works at the Earth, Sea &amp; Sky exhibition at First Street Gallery, 216-b First St., Neptune Beach. The exhibit runs through Oct. 25. For more information, call (904) 241-6928 or visit <a href="http://www.firststreet-galleryart.com">www.firststreet-galleryart.com</a>.</p>	<p><b>Beaches Oktoberfest</b> The Beaches Oktoberfest will take place Oct. 14-16 at the Seawalk Pavilion in Jacksonville Beach. The three-day, family-friendly festival boasts a large variety of German beer, daily performances by national performing acts, food trucks, a Ferris wheel, art and craft vendors, games, activities, a Kinderzone for kids and more. Gates open at 6 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 14 and 1 p.m. on Oct. 15 and 16. General admission entrance to the festival is free; VIP and unlimited sampling passes are available.</p> <p><b>International Archaeology Day</b> The Beaches Museum &amp; History Park will host International Archaeology Day Saturday, Oct. 15 at 10 a.m. Held in conjunction with the Archaeological Institute of America Jacksonville chapter, the event will enable children and adults to participate in mock digs and pottery making, have local artifacts identified and more. A lecture on "Native American Travels and Trails in the Colonial Southeast" will take place at noon in the Beaches Chapel. The museum is located at 381 Beach Blvd. in Jacksonville Beach. For more information, call (904) 241-5657 ext. 101 or visit <a href="http://www.beachesmuseum.org">www.beachesmuseum.org</a>.</p> <p><b>John Mayall concert</b> John Mayall will perform live in concert Saturday, Oct. 15 at the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall. Tickets are \$44 for the first 10 rows, \$39 for all remaining rows. Doors open at 7 p.m.; show starts at 8 p.m. For more information, visit <a href="http://www.pvconcerthall.com">www.pvconcerthall.com</a>.</p> <p><b>Trail of Terror</b> The Jacksonville Jaycees' Trail of Terror opens Saturday, Oct. 15 and will continue every weekend until Oct. 31. The outdoor trail featuring several haunted scenes will wind through the landscape of Paintball Adventures, located at 11850 Camden Road in Jacksonville. The event will also feature food trucks, a full bar, tarot card readings, a zombie paintball range and face painting. Gates open one hour prior to the first group, which will enter after sundown. Children under 13 must be accompanied by an adult. Closed-toe shoes are required. Tickets start at \$13. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit <a href="http://www.jaxterror.com">www.jaxterror.com</a>.</p>	<p><b>St. Augustine Record Fair</b> The Fall 2016 St. Augustine Record Fair, presented by local record store ToneVendor, will be held Sunday, Oct. 16 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the St. Augustine Amphitheatre. The semi-annual St. Augustine Record Fair is a free, family-friendly event and is open to the public. Music lovers and collectors are invited to shop thousands of music-related items including new and used vinyl records, CDs, posters, turntable equipment and supplies, memorabilia, collectibles and more. The amphitheatre is located at 1340C A1A S., St. Augustine. For more information, visit <a href="http://www.staugamphitheatre.com">www.staugamphitheatre.com</a>.</p> <p><b>Practice with Purpose at Big Fish Yoga</b> Practice with Purpose is an all-level yoga class offered on Sundays from 4 to 5 p.m. at Big Fish Power Yoga. The fee for the class is a \$5 cash donation that goes to the charity that Big Fish Power Yoga has selected for the quarter. Big Fish Yoga is located in the South Beach Regional Shopping Center in Jacksonville Beach at 3852 South Third St. For more info, call (904) 372-0601.</p> <p><b>Collection Tour</b> Join the Cummer Museum of Art and Gardens on Sundays for a guided tour of its permanent collection. The tour is free with the cost of admission. The museum is located at 829 Riverside Ave., Jacksonville.</p> <p><b>Sound: An Exhibition of Sound Art</b> Sound: An Exhibition of Sound Art featuring 17 artists will be on display at the Crisp-Ellert Art Museum through Nov. 22. The museum is located at 48 Sevilla St., St. Augustine. For more information, call (904) 826-8530.</p> <p><b>For the Love of Driving</b> Volunteer drivers are needed to assist seniors in achieving their mobility goals in St. Johns County. 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Monday, Oct. 17	Tuesday, Oct. 18	Wednesday, Oct. 19	Thursday, Oct. 20
<p><b>Chapel Series Concert</b> The Jon Stickley Trio will perform Monday, Oct. 17 at 7 p.m. at the Beaches Museum Chapel as part of the Beaches Museum Chapel Concert Series. Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$25 day of show. For more information or to purchase tickets, call (904) 241-5657 or visit <a href="http://www.beaches-museum.org">www.beaches-museum.org</a>. The museum is located at 381 Beach Blvd., Jacksonville Beach.</p> <p><b>Book Talk Café</b> Novelist Michael Wiley will return to the Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library's Book Talk Café series Monday, Oct. 17 to discuss "Black Hammock," the third in his Daniel Turner thriller series set in the Jacksonville area. The program will be from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. at the library, 101 Library Blvd. The author's books will be available for sale and light refreshments will be served. The event is free. For more information, call (904) 827-6950.</p> <p><b>Talk with a Doc: 'Relieve Inflammation'</b> Talk with a Doc: "Relieve Inflammation" will be presented Monday, Oct. 17 at 6 p.m. at the Y Healthy Living Center at the Ponte Vedra YMCA, 170 Landrum Lane, Ponte Vedra Beach. Join Swati Shah, MD as she discusses autoimmune disorders and the body's inflammatory response. Learn how nutrition and lifestyle changes can help relieve and reduce pain from inflammation. This free event is open to the community. Reserve your seat today at <a href="http://baptistjax.com/ymca">baptistjax.com/ymca</a> or by calling (904) 202-5376.</p> <p><b>Caregiver Support Group</b> The Players Caregiver Support Group meets every Monday from noon to 1 p.m. at The Players Senior Center, 175 Landrum Lane in Ponte Vedra Beach. Kimberly Weir of Heartland Hospice facilitates a weekly discussion of current concerns and issues of caregivers. For more information, call (904) 280-3233.</p> <p><b>'Oklahoma!'</b> Limelight Theatre's production of "Oklahoma!" will be on stage through Oct. 23. Tickets are \$26. The theatre is located at 11 Old Mission Ave., St. Augustine. For more information or to purchase tickets, call (904) 825-1164 or visit <a href="http://www.limelight-theatre.org">www.limelight-theatre.org</a>.</p>	<p><b>Dr. Gerson Yessin Music Series</b> The first music program for the 2016-2017 Dr. Gerson Yessin Music Series season will be held Tuesday, Oct. 18 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library featuring The Edward Waters College Concert Choir. Doors open at 6 p.m.; seating is limited. The library is located at 101 Library Blvd. For more information, call (904) 827-6955 or visit <a href="http://www.sjcpls.org">www.sjcpls.org</a>.</p> <p><b>The Psychedelic Furs</b> The Psychedelic Furs with guest My Jerusalem will perform Tuesday, Oct. 18 at the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall. Tickets are \$53 for the first 13 rows, \$43 for all remaining rows. Doors open at 7 p.m.; show starts at 8 p.m. Tickets are available at the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall and St. Augustine Amphitheatre box offices, <a href="http://ticketmaster.com">ticketmaster.com</a> and all Ticketmaster outlets or by phone at (800) 745-3000. The Ponte Vedra Concert Hall is located at 1050 A1A N., Ponte Vedra Beach.</p> <p><b>Sunset Rotary Club Meeting</b> The Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach Sunset meets Tuesdays from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Hilton Garden Inn. Community leaders are welcome to attend. For more information, call club President Janeene Hart at (904) 412-5409 or email <a href="mailto:jwhart1208@gmail.com">jwhart1208@gmail.com</a>.</p> <p><b>Tapas Tuesday</b> The Cummer Museum of Art &amp; Gardens presents Tapas Tuesday at the Cummer Café every Tuesday from 5 to 7:30 p.m. on the Cummer Café patio. For more information, visit <a href="http://www.cummermuseum.org">www.cummermuseum.org</a>.</p> <p><b>Life Enrichment Group</b> The Life Enrichment Group is a program designed for those with memory changes who like to stay active mentally, physically and socially while allowing caregivers and loved ones some free time for themselves. This program is offered weekdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Ashford Court, 1700 The Greens Way in Jacksonville Beach. For more information, call (904) 568-8174, or email <a href="mailto:life_enrichment-group@yahoo.com">life_enrichment-group@yahoo.com</a>.</p>	<p><b>Halloween Magic Show</b> Magician Mark Alan's Annual Halloween Magic Show will be Wednesday, Oct. 19 from 4 to 5 p.m. at the Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library, 101 Library Blvd. Halloween costumes are optional; children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult for the entire program. For more information, call (904) 827-6955 or visit <a href="http://www.sjcpls.org">www.sjcpls.org</a>.</p> <p><b>Folk Couture at The Cummer</b> Folk Couture: Fashion and Folk Art is currently on display at The Cummer Museum of Art &amp; Gardens. The traveling exhibition includes the creations of 13 designers who designed garments based on pieces from New York City's American Folk Art Museum's permanent collection. The exhibition will be on display through Dec. 31. The museum is located at 829 Riverside Ave., Jacksonville. For more information, including upcoming events associated with the exhibition, call (904) 356-6857 or visit <a href="http://www.cummermuseum.org">www.cummermuseum.org</a>.</p> <p><b>Chamber Annual Awards Event</b> The St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce's annual awards event will take place Wednesday, Oct. 19 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall, 1050 A1A N. The festivities will include food, dancing, and a silent action, plus awards and a special celebration of the accomplishments of the previous year. Tickets are \$95 for members, \$125 for non-members. Ticket prices include complimentary beer and wine from 6 to 7 p.m. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit <a href="http://www.stjohnscountychamber.com">www.stjohnscountychamber.com</a>.</p> <p><b>Ponte Vedra Toastmasters</b> The Ponte Vedra Toastmasters Club offers opportunities for developing your leadership and communication skills. The group meets Wednesdays at The Players Community Senior Center, located at 175 Landrum Lane, Ponte Vedra Beach. The meeting starts promptly at 7:30 a.m. Contact Carmen J. Sardiñas at (904) 382-3303 or contact-5199@toastmastersclubs.org for more information.</p>	<p><b>Southern Women's Show</b> The annual Southern Women's Show returns Oct. 20-23 at the Prime F. Osborne III Convention Center, 1000 Water St., Jacksonville. Show hours are Thursday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Friday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission is \$12 at the door, \$10 in advance online, \$8 at participating Walgreens stores and \$6 for children ages 6-12 and free for children under six (with paying adult). For more information or to purchase tickets, visit <a href="http://www.southernwomensshow.com">www.southernwomensshow.com</a>.</p> <p><b>Josh Ritter concert</b> Josh Ritter with special guest Mark Erelli will perform Thursday, Oct. 20 at the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall. Tickets are \$38.50 for the first six rows, \$33.50 for all remaining rows. Doors open at 7 p.m.; show starts at 8 p.m. Tickets are available at the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall and St. Augustine Amphitheatre box offices, <a href="http://ticketmaster.com">ticketmaster.com</a> and all Ticketmaster outlets or by phone at (800) 745-3000. The Ponte Vedra Concert Hall is located at 1050 A1A N., Ponte Vedra Beach.</p> <p><b>Talk with a Doc: Breast Health</b> Talk with a Doc: Breast Health will be presented Thursday, Oct. 20 at noon at the Y Healthy Living Center at the Ponte Vedra YMCA, 170 Landrum Lane, Ponte Vedra Beach. Join Jennifer Crozier, MD, as she discusses the link between obesity and the occurrence of breast cancer. Learn what healthy habits you can adopt to reduce your risk of breast cancer. This free event is open to the community. Reserve your seat today at <a href="http://baptistjax.com/ymca">baptistjax.com/ymca</a> or by calling (904) 202-5376.</p> <p><b>Live Music at Table 1</b> Table 1 at 330 A1A N will host the Gary Starling Jazz Band live starting at 7:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>Free calendar listings for community groups and nonprofit organizations are published at our discretion on a space-available basis. Send your event at least 10 days before publication. 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# Nease NJROTC wins Middleburg Pentathlon championship

Two Nease NJROTC teams participated in the 2016 Middleburg High School NJROTC Pentathlon Championships, taking home both the first and second place trophies.

The 14-team competition, held Sept. 24 at Middleburg High School, was a grueling five-event competition that tested physical fitness strength, endurance, academic knowledge, seamanship and marksmanship.

Events included a 35-yard tire flip, knot tying, brain brawl puzzle, air rifle live fire and a 100-yard Humvee push. Participants carried a 20-pound ruck sack a quarter- to half-mile between events. The five-cadet teams were comprised of four males and one female.

The winning team, team A, included cadets Ryan Berry, Mackenzie Davis, Brian Swicegood, Cali Vaughn and Giovanni Fletcher. A varsity football player, Fletcher came to the pentathlon the morning after a tough football game.

“Football is a punishing sport, but the pentathlon is absolutely brutal,” Fletcher said. “Finishing the competition with an uphill Humvee push wiped me out!”

Second-place finishers Team B narrowly missed upstaging the winning team by mere seconds. Team B was comprised of cadets Carter Cimaglia, Jesse Gatewood, Matthew Moorefield, Justin Blackford and Erin Sass. The team won three of the events – the tire flip, brain brawls puzzle and overall course run.

“Our team gave 110 percent,” Cimaglia said. “We battled throughout and never gave in to the pain – especially during that final Humvee push.”

Nease sent one team to the pentathlon championships in 2015. That team won second place.

“This event, even though it’s physically grueling, is our funnest competition of the year,” Vaughn said. “Middleburg really hosts a great competition.”



Courtesy of Nease NJROTC

Nease NJROTC’s champion pentathlon teams won first and second place at the 2016 Middleburg Championship. Pictured left to right: Master Chief Petty Officer Duane A. Spears, Cadets Carter Cimaglia, Giovanni Fletcher, Jesse Gatewood, Cali Vaughn, Justin Blackford, Brian Swicegood, Mackenzie Davis, Erin Sass, Matthew Moorefield and team alternate Chris Gilmer; and Capt. Scott LaRochelle.

Nease NJROTC competes in the Humvee push during the Middleburg Pentathlon Championship. Nease’s two teams finished first and second in the 14-team competition.



Nease NJROTC’s Team B competes in the tire flip, winning the event with a time of 42 seconds. Pictured from left: Cadets Erin Sass, Carter Cimaglia, Justin Blackford, Matthew Moorefield and Jesse Gatewood. Nease’s two teams finished first and second in the 14-team competition.

# Landrum ‘School House Rock Club’ presents donation to JT Townsend Foundation

Members of the Landrum Middle School “School House Rock Club” met with representatives from the J.T. Townsend Foundation Sept. 30 to present them with a \$1,500 donation raised by hosting a school dance and a talent show last spring.

Club Co-Presidents Phoebe Collins and Kendall Welling, and Vice President Josie Frein, presented the check to Board Chair Judith Zitiello and JT’s mother, Carmen Townsend, who serves as director of the foundation’s giving team.

Accompanied by Principal Ryan Player and club sponsor Laurie Stanton, the students met with the foundation to discuss the importance of philanthropy, the future of the foundation and the club’s goals for the new school year. The students are looking forward to increasing awareness for the JT Townsend Foundation, as well as continuing to help Landrum students support the cause through the club’s 3rd annual talent show to be held next spring.



Photo courtesy of Landrum Middle School



Courtesy of Christ Church Preschool

## Annual Blessing of the Pets at Christ Church Preschool

The annual Christ Church Preschool Blessing of the Pets took place Wednesday, Oct. 5, when preschoolers had their beloved pets blessed by the clergy.

Pets of all shapes and sizes, and even stuffed animals took part in the blessing, which coincides each year with the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi,

the patron saint of animals. The feast, which commemorates the life of St. Francis, is held annually on Oct. 4.

As a community service project, pet food and supplies were collected for the Christ Episcopal Church St. Francis Ministry for Animals to be donated to area nonprofits and animal rescue organizations.



Courtesy of Beaches Episcopal School

Illustrator Mark W. Adams demonstrates his talents for Beaches Episcopal students.

# Beaches Episcopal School welcomes authors, illustrator

Beaches Episcopal School hosted two Florida authors and a Florida illustrator Sept. 30 for a presentation aimed at helping students develop a love of reading and self-expression.

Pre-K3 through sixth-grade students learned how the writing skills they are learning in school apply to the real world. Juvenile fiction author Jane R. Wood of Jacksonville used mystery, adventure and her love of animals to capture the imagination of young readers while also teaching them about the history of places such as St. Augustine, Amelia Island, the St. Johns River, Savannah and Boston. Wood shared photographs and personal anecdotes about the people, places and animals featured in her books.

Longwood, Florida illustrator Mark W. Adams and Jacksonville author Linda



Jacksonville-based author Linda Smigaj of the "Fly on the Wall Series" addresses students.

Smigaj, meanwhile, demonstrated the value of storyboarding. Partners on the "Fly on the Wall Series," Adams and Smigaj also shared methods of using art to bring stories to life, the importance of multiple rewrites, and the use of the third-person perspective to make the reader feel as if they are part of the story.



Florida authors Linda Smigaj and Jane R. Wood speak to a group of Beaches Episcopal Students with Florida illustrator Mark W. Adams Sept. 30 as part of an authors and illustrators presentation.

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Tess Reiman of Project Storybook and Mark Davey and Clarke Russell of Project Play with Ponte Vedra Women's Civic Alliance President Mary Gentile and Volunteer Services Coordinator Maggie Bowers

Photo provided by PVWCA

# Ponte Vedra Women's Civic Alliance (PVWCA) celebrates donation drive recipients

The Ponte Vedra Women's Civic Alliance (PVWCA) held its first annual meeting Sept. 16, where President Mary Gentile and Volunteer Services Coordinator Maggie Bowers welcomed this year's recipients of the alliance's donation drive, Project Play and Project Storybook.

Founded by Ponte Vedra High School students Tess Reiman, Clarke Russell and Mark Davey, the two sister organizations supply books, toys and games to children moving into Habitat Homes in Northeast Florida.

Since its inception in 2013, Reiman's

Project Storybook has delivered more than 1,000 books to children in Northeast Florida. As an offshoot of Project Storybook, Project Play raises funds in addition to purchasing and presenting toys, athletic equipment and games to the children it serves.

Seniors Davey and Russell established Project Play in 2015, and have since provided hundreds of toys to local kids.

The PVWCA supports community projects in St. Johns County and the surrounding areas financially, programmatically and through volunteer services.



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### Quick Law Group to host 'Sip & Shop' to benefit Hubbard House

The Quick Law Group will recognize Domestic Violence Awareness Month by hosting a special shopping event to benefit Hubbard House.

To be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 26 at the Fab'rik women's clothing store at St. Johns Town Center, the event will feature an evening of

shopping, hors d'oeuvres and refreshments, with Fab'rik House donating 20 percent of pre-tax sales to Hubbard House.

Quick Law Group will provide the refreshments. Fab'rik is located at 10274 Buckhead Branch Drive #119, between West Elm and BCBGMAXAZRIA.

### SHORT TAKE

#### Dressing Downton Exhibition at the Lightner Museum

Tickets are on sale for the Dressing Downton exhibition now on display through Jan. 7, 2018 at the Lightner Museum.

Dressing Downton: Changing Fashions for Changing Times is a traveling exhibition featuring a collection of 36 original costume pieces seen on the award-winning television series Downton Abbey. The exhibition began at the Biltmore Estate in February 2015 and culminates in St. Augustine at the Lightner.

Café Alcazar, located in the Lightner Museum, will host High Tea daily during the Dressing Downton exhibition. Reservations are strongly recommended.

In addition, new and exclusive behind-the-scenes tours called Upstairs/Downstairs at the Alcazar will highlight parallels to the time period and the lives of the characters of the popular television series Downton Abbey. Guest will have an opportu-

nity to learn what life was like for both guests and staff who visited and worked at the Alcazar Hotel during the Gilded Age in St. Augustine.

For more information and to purchase tickets for the Dressing Downton exhibition, lectures, events, High Tea, and specialty tours, visit [www.lightnermuseum.org/dressing-downton](http://www.lightnermuseum.org/dressing-downton) starting.



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# The Palms celebrates 1st anniversary with Octoberfest

The Palms at Ponte Vedra Assisted Living and Memory Care celebrated its first anniversary last week with an Octoberfest reception for residents and guests.

Held Oct. 3, the event featured an Octoberfest buffet and musical entertainment as staff garbed in traditional Bavarian Dirndls waited on residents.



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**The Palms Executive Director Barbara Matteson and Healthcare Managers, Inc. CEO Steven Sell**



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**Auldrey Osorio and Marylee Lewis**

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## PVCA offers reward for information, recovery of stolen sign

The Palm Valley Community Association (PVCA) is offering a reward of up to \$1,000 for information leading to an arrest of those responsible for the theft of the "Welcome to Historic Palm Valley" sign and its recovery.

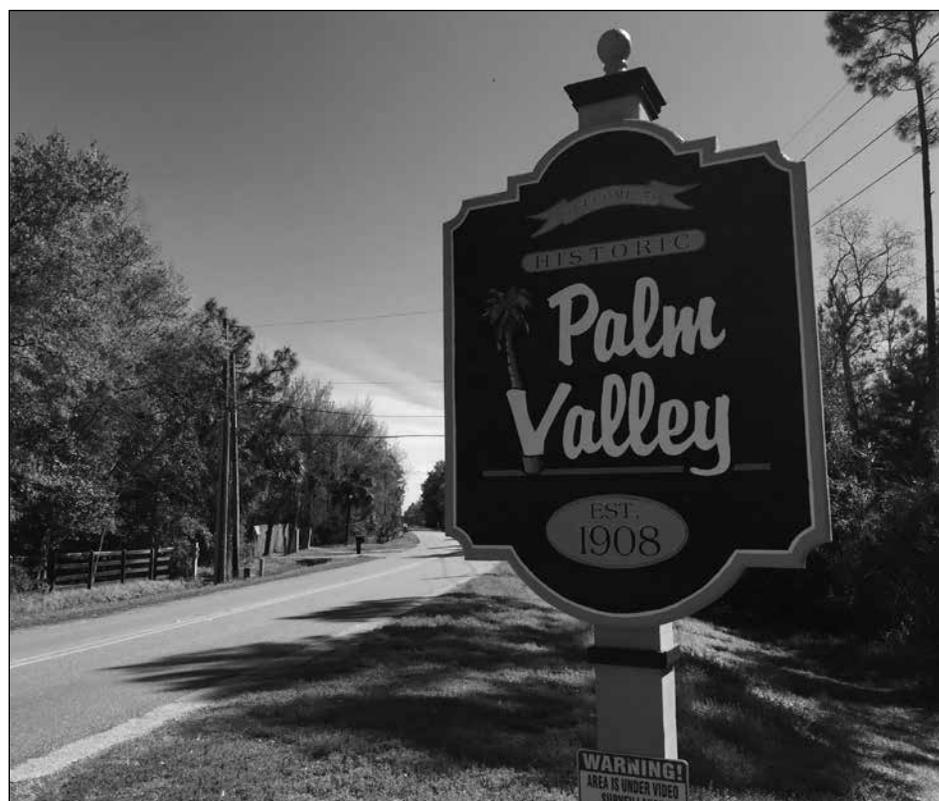
Missing since before Hurricane Matthew, the sign was stolen from its perch on Canal Boulevard near Palm Valley Road, along with the post to which it was mounted and the concrete footer securing it.

Designed by Todd Lake, the sign was installed more than a decade ago after it

was approved for placement by the Board of County Commissioners and cost nearly \$2,000.

"We are hoping that the combined efforts of the Sheriff's Department, assistance from the community and an outreach through the local newspapers will help us recover the sign," said PVCA President Deborah Lamir.

Any information provided can be anonymous and should be directed to PVCA Vice President Greg Leonard at (904) 806-4111.



# Healthy juice company keeps clients in the pink

By Jasmine Marshall

Though wholesome, pure ingredients are the hallmark of Watts Juicery's philosophy, owner Annie Tuttle's mission was of a much grander scale when she first decided to open the fresh-squeezed juice bar.

Having just celebrated its first anniversary Sept. 26, Tuttle said a "combination" of things went into its inception -- but at the forefront of her mind was her late mother, who had breast cancer.

"Really, after my mom passed, finding a way to honor her was always looming in my mind," said Tuttle. "Even as she dealt with cancer, she was dedicated to her health, through and through. And she sustained herself by living a healthy lifestyle, even through those aggressive treatments."

Tuttle said the realization made her look at the ways she could provide a semblance of that lifestyle to locals, examining what the Beaches area lacked in the realm of healthy living.

"Juice bars were really popping up everywhere, but it seemed like none really existed here," she said. "And in opening Watts, I realized the biggest drawback for people who wanted to ... make healthier choices is that they think it's too hard."

To answer that call, Tuttle said she wanted to make a point: Taking care of the body could be a simple concept, and needs could be easily met in minutes each day drinking the brand of "electrifying" pure juice Watts' namesake implies.

"People should be proactive," Tuttle said. "You don't want to wait until something is wrong. Just try to meet that need a little bit every day."

It's one small way Tuttle honors both her mother and a personal commitment to help her community bolster its own bill of health. The other ways cover even more ground. As she continues to act in her mother's memory, Tuttle has made it a goal to partner with local charities, including Peds Care, THE PLAYERS Championship, BEAM, Angelwood and Wolfson's Children's Hospital, where she's recently joined efforts to raise funds for "Rue's Room," a music-therapy room for children undergoing chemotherapy.

This year, she'll again join forces with Meet Me at the 50, a fundraising event presented by the Jacksonville Jaguars benefiting In The Pink, and with DONNA's Tacos for Tatas: Pink Tie Edition. In addition, for



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the duration of Breast Cancer Awareness month Watts intends to encourage patrons to "Drink Pink," hosting prize drawings for breast cancer survivors and breast cancer awareness themed events and activities at her Jacksonville Beach storefront. Weekly prizes include a free "26.2" -- a pink pressed juice of watermelon, strawberry, coconut water, lime and basil -- and a \$25 gift card to Watts. A portion of the regular proceeds of the 26.2 will go to the DONNA Foundation, and all month long patrons in pink will receive \$1 off the purchase of the juice. Breast cancer survivors will receive a free bottle.

As for the long term, Tuttle says she'll continue to bring wellness to the area a little at a time.

"I've always found it important to give back to the community and continue moving forward -- to do good, drive awareness and encourage others in business," she said. "Most importantly, I want to keep bringing a healthy lifestyle to the area in a fun, non-intimidating way."



Watts Juicery Owner Annie Tuttle

Photos by Jasmine Marshall



Watts Juicery's selection of pressed juices



The Watts menu

# Komen cancels North Florida Race for the Cure

In the aftermath of Hurricane Matthew, Susan G. Komen North Florida has decided to cancel this year's Race for the Cure.

The race had been scheduled to be held Oct. 15 at St. Johns Town Center.

"The damage, destruction and devasta-

tion left behind from Hurricane Matthew leaves us facing a difficult decision to cancel," the organization said in a statement. "This was not a decision that was made lightly; however, at this point it would be inconsiderate to our community to continue with the event."

Komen North Florida will still move forward with plans for its "Dancing for the Cure" event scheduled for Friday, Jan. 27, 2017 at the Hyatt Regency Downtown.

The North Florida Affiliate of Susan G. Komen was founded in 1995, and has awarded more than \$1.9 million to area

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# Ponte Vedra woman who lost mother to breast cancer comes full circle

## Woman adopted from Ukraine builds career helping children in need

Like many girls, Julia Kalinski grew up admiring her mother.

A neurologist in Kiev, Ukraine, Kalinski's mother worked tirelessly with victims of the Chernobyl disaster. She watched as her mother tended to patients and educated visiting physicians from Florida Hospital about the effects of the nuclear incident.

When Kalinski's mother was later diagnosed with breast cancer, those same American physicians raised funds for her treatment at Florida Hospital's Walt Disney Memorial Cancer Institute in Orlando, giving her an additional two years of life. During her mother's final days, Kalinski, then 13, flew from



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her home in Ukraine to Orlando in hopes of making it in time to say goodbye. But those hopes were shattered when Kalinski learned her mother, 46, had passed away just hours before her plane

landed.

Her mother's last wish was for an American family to adopt her daughter so she could create a life for herself in what she called "the land of boundless opportunity." In 1999, that wish came true when Rod and Carol Lyon adopted Kalinski just before her 14th birthday.

Her mother's example as a doctor and the generosity of the Americans who helped her family inspired Kalinski – now a Ponte Vedra resident – to pursue a career in which she too could serve others.

At the University of North Florida, she received a bachelor's in psychology with a focus in social welfare and recently a master's in public administration with a concentration in nonprofit management. During her senior year, Kalinski interned at Daniel Kids – an experience she said allowed her to realize her potential in the nonprofit sector.

Kalinski began working at Daniel Kids in 2007. In a sense, her life had

come full circle, since Daniel Kids is the oldest child-service agency and home of Florida's Adoption Information Center. Recently named the director of resource development for the nonprofit, Kalinski is eager to increase volunteer participation and donor giving, which will ultimately help Daniel Kids continue to serve nearly 2,000 abused, neglected and emotionally troubled children every day.

"Growing up, I had the privilege of witnessing selfless leaders in service," Kalinski said. "Now that I have a career I am passionate about at Daniel Kids, I plan to never stop learning, growing and serving."

## St. Augustine Outlets encourages customers to 'Shop Pink and Save'

The St. Augustine Outlets kicked off its 7th annual "Shop Pink and Save" event Oct. 1, launching a month-long fundraising effort coinciding with National Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Now through Oct. 31, the St. Augustine Outlets will sell \$5 "Shop Pink & Save" cards offering exclusive savings up to an additional 25 percent off at participating merchants.

All proceeds from the sale of the cards will be donated to local women's organizations including the American Cancer Society's "Making Strides Against Breast Cancer." The outlets will also contribute an additional donation to augment the funds raised during the event.

"We're proud to be able to help raise awareness and funds for the battle against breast cancer," said K.J. Hatfield, general manager of St. Augustine Outlets.

"We encourage everyone to come out and show support for a great cause. In respect to those who have fought and continue to fight the battle against breast cancer, we'll provide pink-painted "SURVIVOR"



parking spaces to utilize throughout the month."

### Healthy Lifestyle Expo – Health, Fitness, Leisure

The St. Augustine Outlets is also partnering with The St. Augustine Record to host a Healthy Lifestyle Expo Saturday, Oct. 29 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Organizers say the event will be the area's largest health, fitness and lifestyle expo and will include more than 40 participating businesses and organizations, in addition to a pet adoption event to support S.A.F.E. Pet Rescue, Inc. Vendor categories will include active living, eco-friendly living, food and nutrition, fitness and recreation, and martial arts.

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## BUSINESS BRIEFS

### Furnished Tamaya model homes available for sale

ICI Homes is selling eight fully furnished and decorated luxury model homes at Tamaya.

Available for sale furnished or unfurnished, the homes include numerous upgrades and decorator appointments not typically found in standard new home construction. In addition, ICI Homes is offering delayed closing or lease-back options whereby the company will pay homeowners to lease the home back so that ICI Homes can continue to use it as a model until April 2017.

“This is a one-of-a-kind opportunity to own a builder’s model home in the extraordinary community of Tamaya,” Division President Don Wilford said.

ICI Homes is currently building a new model row in the community’s second phase. Located in Tamaya’s Bella Nika



ICI Homes Serena Great Room

neighborhood, the new model row will feature six furnished and decorated model homes when it opens in 2017.

Homes at Tamaya range in size from 1,800 square feet to 6,000 square feet and range in price from the \$300,000s to \$800,000s. For buyers seeking a shorter wait time, Tamaya has three inventory



ICI Homes Sienna Kitchen

homes available for quick move-in.

### SJC Chamber celebration to feature Southern menu, '70s theme

A catered Southern-style menu will be just one of the highlights of the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce’s upcoming annual celebration.

Anthony’s Gourmet Catering will provide a menu featuring such Southern delicacies as Louisiana barbecued shrimp and grits, chicken and waffles and petite ham biscuits stacked with Virginia baked ham and jalapeno pimento cheese.

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## By Michael Hannon

Special to the Recorder

With beautiful beaches, wonderful weather and the top-rated school system in the state, Ponte Vedra is a popular place to call home – a fact that keeps the real estate market active. Here is a “snapshot” that offers a sense of what properties in various price ranges are selling for in the current real estate market.



### REAL ESTATE SNAPSHOT

## RECENT SALES

### Single Family – Ponte Vedra, 32081

11 Pindo Palm Drive	3B/2B	\$ 252,562
187 Southern Oak Drive	3B/2B	\$ 297,685
192 Whisper Rock Drive	4B/3B	\$ 380,746
365 Stone Ridge Drive	3B/3B	\$ 404,286
431 Deer Valley Drive	5B/5B	\$ 807,000

### Condominiums - Ponte Vedra Beach, 32082

100 Boardwalk Dr. #822	3B/2B	\$ 99,750
705 Tournament Road	3B/2B	\$ 227,500
91 San Juan Drive	3B/2B	\$ 679,000

### Single Family Homes - Ponte Vedra Beach, 32082

101 Ancilla Lane	3B/2B	\$ 410,000
1 Northgate Drive	2B/2B	\$ 437,000
4501 Old Lantern Court	4B/3B	\$ 689,000
100 Indigo Lane	6B/4B	\$ 790,000
165 Twelve Oaks Lane	4B/4B	\$1,433,500

MLS reported +/- 20 sold real estate transactions this week. The list above illustrates representative sampling of reported sold transactions. Property information is not guaranteed. © 2016 MLS and FBS

Have real estate questions? Email them to have your question answered in a future column. Submit questions to [mh@michael2020.com](mailto:mh@michael2020.com).

## Designer Josie Myers helps clients create their dream home

Sitting in the new Generation Homes design center in the heart of St. Augustine Beach, designer Josie Myers is excited about working with the custom-focused coastal home builder to help homeowners create their ideal home.

The owner of Ms. J Design, Myers has found a few key ingredients that help her meet her clients’ expectations while working on designs for new homes. Ingredients that align perfectly with Generation Homes’ philosophy for homeowner satisfaction.

“First is getting to know the homeowner – understanding who they are and their lifestyle,” Myers said. “By developing a relationship, we can better translate their vision and meet their needs. We also understand that this is a big investment, a life choice. Our fun and relaxed approach helps them better convey their ideas and creativity.”

Unlike previous generations, Myers noted, today’s new home buyers use technology to research architecture, design and even construction before they ever select a builder. They come to Generation Homes guided by wisdom and concepts.

“Our goal is making it their home,” she said. “We do accomplish that by listening to what they are saying. They know best what is important to them.”

When Myers meets with clients, hot topics often include functional kitchens, flooring that is aesthetically pleasing yet resilient for beach living, and windows that offer scenic coastal views. She also sees the current trend toward open floor plans that blend seamlessly with outdoor living areas as facilitating togetherness as a family or social gatherings.



Photo courtesy of Generation Homes

Josie Myers (left) works with Carol and John Durant at the Generation Homes Design Center in St. Augustine Beach.

Generation Homes President Cora Johnston said that philosophy is a good match for her company’s customer-centered focus.

“We listen to our owners’ dreams,” Johnston said. “Josie brings a great perspective and ability to help us translate dreams into reality.”

Also important is making that dream come true while working within the client’s budget.

Generation Homes is currently building homes in the new Sea View community in St. Augustine Beach and other communities along the First Coast, from Ponte Vedra Beach to Hammock Beach, including Vilano Beach, Flagler Beach, Beach Haven, Anastasia Dunes, Magnolia Dunes, Marsh Creek, Sea Colony, Sea Grove and Whispering Oaks as well as on coastal private lots.

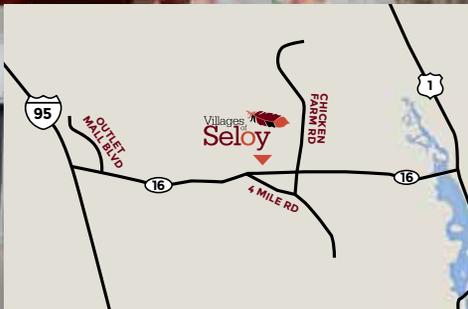
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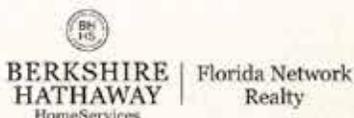


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# Climbing the 10-step commitment ladder



**Harry Pappas**  
Columnist

I hope that you found Part 1 and 2 of the 10-Step Commitment Ladder of some interest, or at least interesting enough to gain your inquisitiveness to read the final storyline. We will now climb the last four steps. So, without any further chit-chat, let's start hiking!

**Step 7: The little things.** I offer that obsessing over the little things is what separates the achievers from the sustainers, the great from the good. We all fall prey to ignoring the little things that we know are important but that, at the time, seem perhaps

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insignificant. To illustrate this, reading 10 pages of a self-development book daily does not appear like an enormous task. However, that is 70 pages a week or 280 pages a month, which works out to an average of about 12 books a year! It is akin to attending a few semesters of school per year. Little things not only make a difference, they also make all the difference. It is called "winning by inches."

**Step 8: The extra mile.** In life, most people trek down the road most traveled. I describe this as the first mile, the complacency mile, which is rather smooth and uneventful. Relatively few people will go down the potholed second mile, the extra

mile. The first mile is an easy drive, and most people handle it with few problems. It is the second mile, that extra mile, where we take ourselves from the sea of sameness to something that is different and more meaningful. What is interesting is that folks who take the extra mile are so driven by their internal belief system that they do not consider the extra mile as being anything but normal. At its core, it is just two miles. By providing consistent evidence that we always give and do more than required, over time that journey of the extra mile builds a rock-solid foundation of trust with our clients, friends and family. Napoleon Hill said it best, "When you truly believe that the habit of going the extra mile is the only acceptable way to conduct yourself in your dealings with others, when you are driven

by a burning desire to serve your fellow man, you will be rewarded both financially and professionally."

**Step 9: Investing.** Will we invest money in our business or ourselves? If you think about it, people generally do not invest money in a job. They only put in the required hours at work and go home. Entrepreneurs, on the other hand, see their occupation as one big idea that they continually improve. This desire to advance usually involves financial investment in themselves. If we want to be successful and take ourselves to the next level, we must do what successful people do: invest money in ourselves.

**Step 10: Risk.** In football, they call it the end around play. In warfare, it is

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## BUSINESS BRIEFS

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To be held Oct. 19 at the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall, this year's chamber celebration will have a 1970s theme of "Business Boogie." In addition to food, drinks and the silent auction, the event will feature entertainment provided by the popular band Boogie Freaks presented by SERVPRO of St. Augustine and SERVPRO of Ponte Vedra Beach, and 1970s attire is encouraged.

To donate a silent auction item to the event, contact Chamber Vice Chair Susan Griffin at [susan@opcfla.com](mailto:susan@opcfla.com).

An early bird ticket rate of \$95 per person is available to chamber members. Tickets for non-members are \$125 per person. To register, visit [www.sjcchamber.com](http://www.sjcchamber.com). For information on available sponsorships, contact Events Manager Debra Bulak at [debra.bulak@sjcchamber.com](mailto:debra.bulak@sjcchamber.com).

### ScaleUp North Florida seeks applicants for 2017 program year

Small business owners looking to grow in 2017 will soon have the opportunity to do just that. ScaleUp North Florida is accepting applications for its 2017 program year through Oct. 31, 2016. This will be the third year of the program, which is designed to create local economic impact by helping small business owners create jobs, increase sales and access capital for business development.

Based at the University of North Florida, ScaleUp North Florida is one 15 programs in the country under the U.S. Small Business Administration's ScaleUp America umbrella. To qualify for the year-long program, companies must have been in business for at least two years; generate between \$150,000 and \$500,000 in annual sales; be located in Duval, St. Johns, Nassau, Baker, Clay or Putnam counties; and have the desire to grow. Up to 50 small business owners will be selected to participate in the 2017 program year. There is no cost to participate.

Many of the 40 participants in the 2016 program year have already seen the results of their commitment, according to ScaleUp North Florida Program Director Linda Teza Kulka.

"In this second year of ScaleUp North Florida, we continued to help dynamic entrepreneurs who were ready to dig deep and achieve goals," she said. "Although there is no cost to participate in the program, a substantial time investment is required. It takes real work, and those who make the investment reap the reward of a stronger business."

In addition to the education and training opportunities, each participant is paired with a small business consultant from the Florida Small Business Development Center at UNF for ongoing guidance and support.



### WG Pitts to design four D.R. Horton amenity centers

WG Pitts has been selected to provide architectural planning and design services for the amenity centers at four D.R. Horton communities in Northeast Florida.

The company will design the amenity centers for Sebastian Cove and Deerfield Preserve in St. Augustine, Azalea Ridge in Middleburg and Timberlake in Fernandina Beach.

"We are honored to plan and design the amenity centers for D.R. Horton's premier Northeast Florida communities," President Will Pitts said. "The amenities will fulfill D.R. Horton's commitment to the development of recreational environments that allow residents to easily gather, socialize, and organize activities, all without leaving the comfort of their neighborhood."

Ranging in size from 1,450 to 2,265

square feet, each of the amenity centers will feature swimming pools, deck areas, fitness centers and other community offerings.

### Jacksonville's Portofino University to serve as consultants to Trinidad & Tobago

Portofino University, a subsidiary of Jacksonville's Portofino Pool Services & Outdoor Living, will serve as a consultant to Trinidad and Tobago, advising on advanced pool operation and maintenance training.

The company will hold training seminars in November on the island nation, where it previously advised the country on establishing swimming pool health and safety standards. The training seminars come as Trinidad nears completion on a \$40 million National Aquatic Center featuring a 50-meter competition pool, 50-meter outdoor warm-up pool and 25-meter diving facility.

"We are thrilled to possibly be one of the first to conduct training courses at the

new National Aquatic Center," Portofino Founder and President Jack Manilla said.



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### North Avenue Capital closes \$9M USDA loan

North Avenue Capital recently closed a \$9 million loan for SB Manufacturing, a Dade City aluminum automotive wheel manufacturer. NAC commercial lender

Drew Louis led the project.

"North Avenue Capital is pleased to partner with SB to support their deep commitment to the resurgence of U.S. manufacturing," Louis said. "SB's leaders are savvy and sophisticated businessmen competing head to head with China. They understand the industry on a global scale and are restoring jobs for hard-working Americans."

NAC's loans focus on lower middle market growth opportunities to develop local economies outside of major metropolitan areas.

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**Ramaglia becomes minority partner in BroadBased Communications**

BroadBased Communications Executive Vice President **Chris Ramaglia** has become a minority partner in the firm through an acquisition of shares.

Until now, CEO and founder Jan Hirabayashi has owned 100 percent of the Jacksonville marketing firm.

Ramaglia joined BroadBased in April 2015 to lead the firm's adoption of new technologies and manage the continued evolution of its digital marketing strategy. He has 15 years of business development and project management experience in the digital space.

"Chris has led the development of digital marketing strategies that have far

exceeded our clients' expectations for lead generation and sales growth," Hirabayashi said. "His expertise has been pivotal in the continuing evolution of BroadBased as a firm that not only embraces new technologies, but also understands their strategic positioning as a part of a comprehensive marketing solution."



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**Dr. Stephanie Kinsey raises \$15,000 for Wildflower Clinic**

**Dr. Stephanie Kinsey** of Palencia Dental recently raised more than \$15,000 for the Wildflower Clinic of St. Augustine. Kinsey, who also founded the nonprofit Filling the Gap, raised the funds with the help of patients, sponsors, family and friends at The White Party. The donation will help the clinic provide free medical and dental care to individuals and families in need across St. Johns County.

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known as a flanking maneuver. The world chess masters watch for the wing attack. No matter what it is called, it is about taking the risk. Every prosperous person I know has taken calculated gambles and made sacrifices. Many folks are afraid to take chances because they expect the ridicule that often accompanies risk taking. I believe that sarcasm, laughter, ridicule and mockery come from discouraged people who play it safe. These folks spend most of their time criticizing and nitpicking others. They do not want to see others do well while they continue to stagnate because of their status-quo-hugging thinking. As Oscar Wilde said, "Ridicule is the tribute paid to the genius by the mediocrities."

Allow me to close this three-part series with a powerful poem, "Will to Win," written by American poet Berton Braley. It has become a signature close of one of my favorite motivational speakers, Les Brown. It epitomizes the commitment mentality.

If you want a thing bad enough to go out and fight for it, to work day and night for it, to give up your time, your peace and your sleep for it. If all that you dream and scheme is about it, and life seems useless and worthless without it and you would gladly sweat for it, fret for it, plan for it, and lose all your terror of the opposition for it. And if you simply go after the thing that you want with all of your capacity, strength, and sagacity, faith, hope and confidence and stern pertinacity if neither cold, poverty, famine or sickness in pain or body can keep you away from the thing that you want. If dogged and grim, you besiege and beset, with the help of God, you will get it.

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# 'Celebrate the Night' tribute to honor veterans Nov. 10

By Jasmine Marshall

Tammy Greco didn't know when she left the house one morning with her youngest son for a shopping trip that her life would be changed.

On that unassuming outing, Greco bumped into a K9s for Warriors trainer with a pup named Bravo – an encounter that would prompt her to ask how she could get involved with the organization. The inquiry would lead her to learn a heartbreaking truth about veterans helped by the dogs being trained.

"I heard something that really hurt my heart," said Greco, recalling the day she went to K9s for Warriors to ask about volunteering. "I learned that some veterans, after their tour of service, deal with such hardships that they sometimes can't even leave their home."

Determined to find a way to say "thanks" to veterans, she began organizing a fundraising event for their benefit. Affectionately dubbed "Celebrate the Night," the event is set to take place Thursday, Nov. 10 at the Nease football stadium from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Featuring music by the school band, a march by the NJROTC Color Guard, a performance by Atlantic Coastal Dance Studio and a presentation of appreciation, the night is meant to be a

celebration and a proper homecoming for veterans. In addition, the event will include certificates and letters of thanks from children to local vets, readings of appreciation and an illumination of candles during a moment of silence to honor fallen soldiers.

Participants will be able to honor their loved ones with a donation of \$10 per candle bag, which will be displayed along the stadium track reflecting the name and military branch of each hero being honored.

Presented as a joint effort between Valley Ridge Academy and the Nease High School Band, the event will also benefit K9s for Warriors, with a portion of the proceeds supporting the non-profit's efforts to aid veterans struggling with post-traumatic stress and traumatic brain injury.

Greco hopes the tribute will attract strong community support.

"I would like to see members of the community join in the celebration," Greco said. "Come to show support and walk the track to (see) the path of heroes and know the names of each. Let family members and friends of the fallen heroes know that even though they may not be standing in person with us, they are remembered in our hearts."

Grateful for the support of all of the

community members and organizations involved – among them, Atlantic Coastal Dance Studio, Helping Hands of Nocatee, Nease's JROTC, local stations and papers and even Senator Travis Hutson – Greco said her "heartfelt appreciation" goes to those who've brought the tribute each step closer to fruition. From these efforts, her ultimate hope is that the lives of local veterans are made better with the measure of thanks.

"I wanted to find a way to say 'thank you,'" she said. "I believe saying those words can make a difference – and if it makes a difference for even just one veteran, maybe they'll be able to step outside.

"Maybe they can hear a voice of appreciation and know what they did make a difference for me, for the community

and our children," Greco continued. "My hope is to show appreciation with the help of the community and to teach our children to appreciate and respect the freedoms and liberties we have."

Donations to "Celebrate the Night" can be made through the purchase of honorary candle bags through Valley Ridge Academy's PTO. Orders may be placed via email and by order form once they become available. Donations of water bottles for performers are also welcomed.

Volunteers are also needed to spread awareness of the event, assist with clean-up after the ceremony and to prepare and alphabetize candle bag labels. Interested parties can reach Greco by email at [tjgreco2009@gmail.com](mailto:tjgreco2009@gmail.com) or by calling (917) 684-6085.

## OBITUARIES

### Elizabeth Archer "Barcher" Threshie



Elizabeth Archer "Barcher" Threshie, 86, of North Branford and Old Greenwich, CT, died Monday, Oct. 3, 2016. She passed happily knowing she was going to join Jack, her husband

of 65 years.

Elizabeth Archer Gee was born Dec. 23, 1929 in Fall River, MA. Although she grew up in Fall River, Barcher summered in Salters Point, South Dartmouth, where she met the love of her life, John "Jack" L. Threshie of Padanaram, MA. Barcher attended Dana Hall School in Wellesley, MA and then Chevy Chase College in the late 1940s before she married Jack in 1951.

While Jack began his textile career in New Bedford, MA they were blessed with their first of six children in 1952, Carolyn Archer. Barcher and Jack followed his career path with Burlington Industries in 1955 to various cities throughout the south including Virginia, West Virginia and North Carolina.

They moved 11 times in 13 years to accommodate Jack's career during the '50s and '60s while Barcher became quite adept at picking out homes, moving the family and making improvements every step of the way. While living in the south they had five more children, including twins. They moved back north in 1965 from High Point, NC to Old Greenwich, again following Jack's career with Burlington.

In 1967, when Jack was hired away by Berkshire Hathaway, they moved the family to Rochester, MA before moving back to Old Greenwich in 1969. Gratefully, Barcher and Jack were able to retire to Ponte Vedra from 1994-2007, where they enjoyed the beach, ocean and golf before ultimately moving back to Connecticut where they shared their final

years together.

While in Old Greenwich, they were proud members of The Innis Arden Golf Club, where they enjoyed and spent years forging lifelong friendships. While in Florida, they carried on that tradition becoming members of The Ponte Vedra Inn and Club.

Barcher was the quintessential suburban housewife and mom: charming, popular and Jack's soul mate. She was adored by her friends and loved by her family. She was active in the community and made sure her children were as well. Barcher was a gifted artist and loved playing tennis and hosting parties, yet was also one of the first "health food" moms of the '60s becoming a nutrition counselor for the Diet Center.

As fate would have it and in true love story fashion, Barcher and Jack were born eight days apart in 1929, passing away only 10 days apart, 86 years later. Barcher and Jack were both survived by their daughters, Carolyn "Caren" T. Camp (John) in Alexandria, VA; Betsy T. Krobot (Dave) in BlackRock, CT; Kate A. Jasko (Paul) in Madison, CT; and their sons, John L. Threshie, Jr. in Westport; Richard A. Threshie in Wilton, CT; and Charles "Chuck" F. Threshie in BlackRock, CT. Barcher and Jack have seven grandchildren and she was preceded in death by her sister, Bobbie Griffin.

A memorial service celebrating their life was held Oct. 8, 2016 at the First Congregational Church of Old Greenwich, 108 Sound Beach Ave. Services are in the care of Clancy-Palumbo Funeral Home, East Haven, CT. There will also be another memorial service celebrating their life held in Padanaram, MA during the summer of 2017.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, CT Chapter, 200 Executive Blvd., Suite 4B, Southington, CT 06489 in memory of Elizabeth A. Threshie.

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ADAMS

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Katrina Adams will join foundation supporters at the 20th annual Current/Sherman Group of Merrill Lynch Champions for Children

Gala, to be held Oct. 13 at Florida Blue. In addition to a dinner and live auction, the gala will feature impact statements from program alumni and the presentation of nearly \$60,000 in college scholarships to 22 students.

The largest fundraiser for the MaliVai Washington Youth Founda-

tion, the Champions for Children gala has traditionally raised more than \$200,000 each year to fund the foundation's programs, which include a comprehensive K-12 after school youth development program, Tennis & Tutoring (TnT) in Jacksonville's urban core and a summer camp program (Camp Dynamite).

Homework assistance, life skills classes and tennis lessons are also offered.

Founded by former professional tennis player MaliVai "Mal" Washington, the foundation says its mission is to develop champions in the classroom, on the tennis courts and in the community.

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# Fellowship of Christian Athletes to host 'Fields of Faith' event Nov. 1

Students from St. Johns County middle and high schools will join thousands of other youth across the nation to share their Christian faith Nov. 1 as part of the 13th annual Fellowship of Christian Athletes' (FCA, [www.fca.org](http://www.fca.org)) Fields of Faith event.

To be held at more than 500 locations across the country during October and November, the interdenominational outreach event will follow a student-to-student ministry format, as peers invite their classmates and teammates to meet on their school's athletic field to hear students share their testimonies, challenge them to read the Bible and come to faith in Jesus Christ.

In St. Johns County, students will gather Nov. 1 at 7 p.m. at Nease High School's Panther Stadium for the county's inaugural Fields of Faith event.

"I've been with FCA for 16 years, and



Fields of Faith is one of the best community outreach events I have been a part of," said Scott Adams, metro director of Jacksonville's FCA. "This event truly brings people together."

Since its inception in 2004, Fields of Faith has reached more than a million

people, organizers said, with more than 189,000 students participating on 526 fields in 2015 alone. Nearly 6,000 of those students made first-time faith commitments to follow Jesus Christ; nearly 6,700 students recommitted their lives to Christ while more than 7,300 committed to reading the Bible daily.

The idea for Fields of Faith, organizers said, came from Jeff Martin, FCA's executive vice president of ministry programs and resources.

Martin said he conceived of the concept after searching for a way to help students face spiritual battles and temptations.

His search led him to 2 Chronicles 34, which recounts how King Josiah, a teen himself, gathered his people and challenged them to read the Bible. As a result, they changed their culture.

In 2004, Martin's scripture-inspired

dream came true, when 6,000 students gathered on school athletic fields across three states for the first Fields of Faith event.

"Fields of Faith challenges this generation to be committed to reading the Bible and living a transformed life for Jesus Christ," Martin said. "It's students challenging students, peers challenging peers and that's the heart and soul of Fields of Faith."

While Fields of Faith has its roots with FCA leadership, the event is designed to include multiple national Christian organizations, local churches and ministries. A local leadership team will determine the program of each Fields of Faith event.

For more information about the local Fields of Faith event, contact Matthew Roop at [mroop@fca.org](mailto:mroop@fca.org).

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