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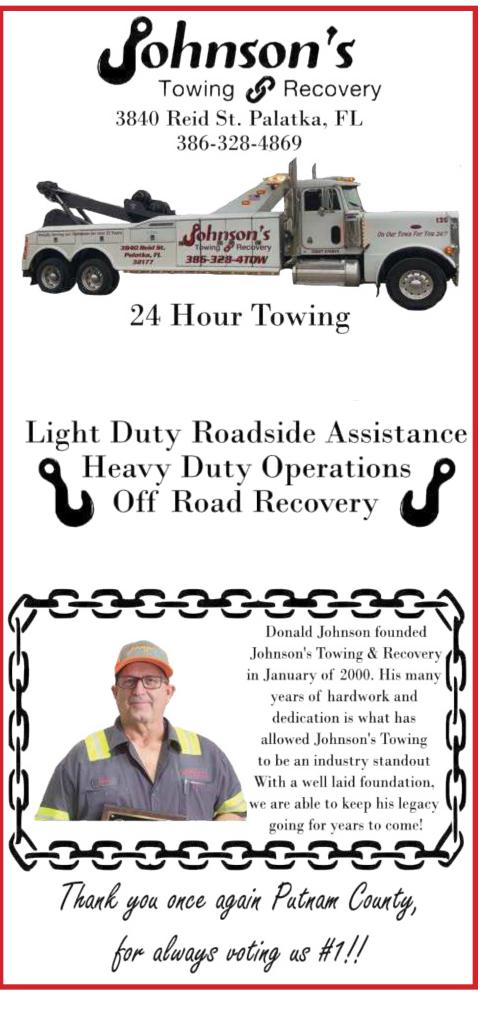
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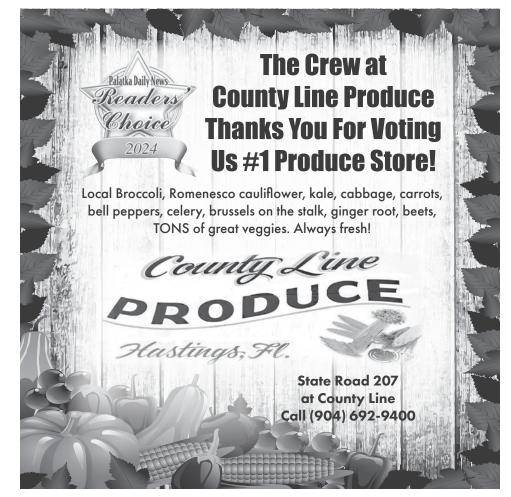
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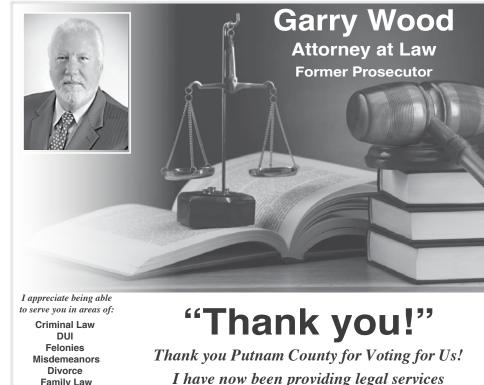
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The Crescent City Rotary Club was founded in 1927 and has always been a vital part of the community, bringing many services and improvements to the area over these 95 years. Among the areas of support for Rotary has been the development of the annual Catfish Festival, with its hundreds of community volunteers. The festival has supplied over \$500,000 since 1978 in scholarships to needy students at Crescent City High School for college and trade school tuition, books and supplies. The club is also the force behind the annual Swine and Wine BBQ which raises money for South Putnam youth sports and other charities. Rotary continues as a leader in the South Putnam community and plays its roll in international good will and world service such as eliminating polio from the face of the earth, polio being the second world-wide disease to be eliminated. For more information about the Crescent City Rotary Club go to rotaryclubcrescentcity.com

Rotary Club of Hastings

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Rotary Club of Palatka

The Rotary Club of Palatka was founded in 1920, being the first club established in Putnam County. The Club continues the tradition of low-cost blood screening, giving local residents an opportunity to detect health concerns at a fraction of the cost. The RCOP has also instituted new events like a Casino Night and the Palatka Craft Beer Festival. Proceeds from these events continue to benefit Project Play. Water Works, scholarships to deserving students and for a second year scholarships to Palatka's Top Student Athletes. RCOP remains available to help any local cause in a moment's notice. This year the Club, in conjunction with the other Rotary Clubs in the area, has been able to install a fresh water well for a deserving family. The Club also plans to beautify another building, bringing a new look to a local non-profit. Follow us on Facebook and Instagram to see upcoming meetings, events and projects.

Rotary Club of Palatka Sunrise

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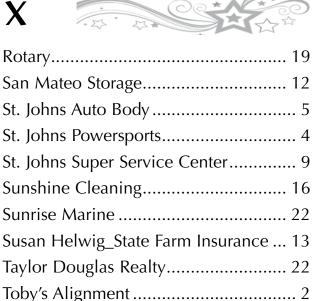
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