

which increased medical resources and quality for the community. During McLain's tenure at Southern Regional Health System, the system successfully recruited 10 physicians per year to meet community and strategic needs and developed a neuroscience service line. Patient satisfaction improved, employee satisfaction increased and the hospital earned recognition on the Georgia Hospital Association Presidential Honor Roll for success in Core Measures. [←](#) [f](#) [t](#) [in](#)

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### [Expansion] **First Watch Signs Largest Franchise Agreement**

Award-winning breakfast, brunch and lunch restaurant First Watch announced it has entered into an exclusive franchise development agreement with Mac Haik Enterprises to develop up to 18 restaurants in Southeastern Texas and Southwestern Louisiana. The agreement is the largest agreement to date for the Bradenton-based restaurant chain. Haik was formerly The Egg & I's largest franchisee and sold his 30 franchisee restaurant entity and his major position in the 114-franchisor restaurant entity to First Watch upon its acquisition of The Egg & I in May. His return to the growing daytime café segment comes as the owner/operator of First Watch restaurants in the blooming markets of Houston, Austin, San Antonio and Baton Rouge, with the first restaurant slated to open in College Station in mid-2016. [←](#) [f](#) [t](#) [in](#)

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### [Opening] **Craft Growlers Opens in Lakewood Ranch**

Craft Growlers To Go & Tasting Room is now open on Lakewood Ranch Main Street. The shop sells 32-oz. and 64-oz. Growlers to Go with 45 taps of handcrafted choices, served in an atmosphere developed for customers to taste, learn about and enjoy craft beers, ciders, meads, wines and crafty sodas. The establishment is independently owned and operated by Jeanne Dooley, a 30-year PGA golf professional and craft beer enthusiast. [←](#) [f](#) [t](#) [in](#)

[Craft Growlers To Go & Tasting Room](#)

### [Synergy] **Swift to Build Taylor Complex Athletic Field**

Jon F. Swift Construction was awarded the contract for construction of the new Robert L. Taylor Community Complex athletic field. This project includes the conversion of the current field space into an artificial multipurpose turf field with new lighting, fencing, irrigation and parking. Construction will begin in late Spring 2016 and Stantec Engineering will serve as the project engineer. [←](#) [f](#) [t](#) [in](#)

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### [SOON] **FESTIVAL: 21st Annual Siesta Key Craft Festival, February 6 – February 7, 10am-5pm**

Eclectic displays of original crafts, functional art and unique affordable gift items will be on display and for sale along Ocean Boulevard and Beach Road. This event features some of the finest crafters in the country including many from throughout Florida. Patrons can explore a full spectrum of craft art media that will include folk art, pottery, handmade jewelry, paintings, personalized gifts, clothing, soaps, and more.

**Siesta Key Village, 5124 Ocean Blvd., Sarasota**

### [SOON] **THEATER: Cosi fan tutte, February 6 – March 12**

This opera from Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart tells the tale of two naive young soldiers compelled to prank their brides-to-be and putting their faithfulness to the test with comic results. Angela Mortellaro returns to the Sarasota Opera stage as the scheming maid Despina and Kathleen Smith Belcher makes her directorial debut with the company.

**Sarasota Opera House, 61 N. Pineapple Avenue, Sarasota**

### [SOON] **BUSINESS: Tour de SRQ Wine and Chocolate Edition, February 6, 5-10pm**

Tour de SRQ will feature Sarasota's premier restaurants and culture. Sip, savor, and sample wine, cheese, and chocolate. Tour includes restaurants downtown, Siesta Key, and St. Armand's, and Art's Alliance of Sarasota for a Black History Month exhibit. Grab your friends for an exciting ride through Sarasota. Portion of Proceeds benefit Art's Alliance of Sarasota. Tickets Include: Beverages and food at participating restaurants and Transportation