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LOCAL HEROES

Five area residents were recognized as "Local Heroes" last week by the Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach and the Ponte Vedra Recorder for their contributions to the community. Pictured are Environmental Hero Bob Davenport (from left), Recorder Editor and Rotarian Jon Blauvelt, Education Hero Donna Garro, Volunteer Hero John "Jack" Hardman and Rotarian and Master of Ceremonies Chuck Day. **Read page 7 for more.**

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Eight readers correctly identified last week's photo as the Aqua Grill sign. The winner of the random drawing was **Melissa Marino**. Congratulations, Melissa — you may pick up your prize at the Recorder office during normal business hours.



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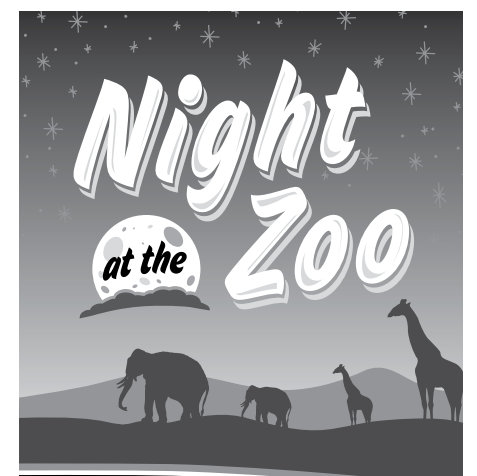
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Vilano Boat Ramp to undergo improvement projects through August

Parking at the Vilano Boat Ramp will be intermittently impacted through August due to the construction of a marine rescue docking facility and repairs to two floating docks damaged in Hurricane Irma.

While a portion of the parking lot will be utilized as a staging area, a majority of the parking lot will remain open

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St. Johns County Commission District 4 candidate Erika Alba (center) poses with Pam D. Paul, Diane Scherff, Pam Y. Paul and Earliene Shipper at a reception held Tuesday, May 22 at 3 Palms Grille in support of her campaign.

Alba hosts reception in support of County Commission bid

By Samantha Logue

Surrounded by friends, family and supporters, St. Johns County Commission District 4 candidate Erika Alba hosted a reception last Tuesday, May 22 in support of her campaign at 3 Palms Grille in Ponte Vedra Beach.

Alba, a Republican, is one of six candidates vying for the District 4 seat this year, following current Commissioner Jay Morris' announcement that he will not seek reelection. A political law and nonprofit attorney and former criminal prosecutor, Alba said her reasons for running are rooted in her passion for St. Johns County.

"I'm running for St. Johns County Commission because I love this place, I love this community; and I'm enjoying having a bunch of friends and supporters out here tonight," Alba said.

The reception, which included cocktails and hors

d'oeuvres, came in the wake of the May 21 County Commission debate hosted by the Ponte Vedra Beaches Coalition. There, Alba had the opportunity to share her platform and views on key issues.

"I believe we need to do a forensic audit of the county's finances," she said at the debate. "Only when we agree on where we are can we decide where we need to go. I think we need to create a beach nourishment program — our beaches are a mess. ... And I really think we need to increase our commercial development. We are so heavy on residential; we need to focus on commercial."

Even with the first debate now behind her and the next not scheduled until July 16 (to be held at 5:30 p.m. at the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall), Alba said she has no intention of dropping the ball any time soon, stating: "The (primary) election's a little over three months away, so we're ramping it up and getting ready."

Palm Valley Baptist Church names new pastor

Palm Valley Baptist Church has named Rev. George Powers as its new pastor starting Sunday, June 3.

Pastor Search Committee leader Russ Hamrick said each committee member was convinced that Powers would be the church's next spiritual leader. Powers preached at the church on Sunday, April 29, and the congregation subsequently voted unanimously to appoint him as pastor.

Powers was licensed and ordained into full-time ministry in 2006 by Westside Church in Omaha, Nebraska, where he held several roles including men's ministry, young adult and recreation pastor. In May 2011, Powers received his master's degree in Christian education from Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Kansas City, Missouri. In August 2011, Powers and his family relocated to Ponte Vedra, where he served as adult and assimilation pastor at Crosswater Church. His responsibilities included adult discipleship, administrative and teaching duties and

more. Powers previously spent 22 years in the corporate world with companies such as Coca-Cola, First Data Resources and Hewlett-Packard.

A Tampa native, Powers brings with him a love of the scriptures and the belief that everyone can be reached with the Gospel of Jesus. The reverend has been married to his wife Janet for 29 years, and they have one son, Jackson, who attends the University of Mobile. During his free time, Powers enjoys basketball, running, golf and his F3 fitness regimen.

A community-wide welcoming event will be held on Sunday, July 1 at 10:30 a.m. for Powers and his family at the church to celebrate the occasion.

For more information, contact Russ Hamrick at office@PVBaptist.comcastbiz.net or visit www.palmvalleybaptist-church.org. Palm Valley Baptist Church is located at 4890 Palm Valley Road in Ponte Vedra.

Ponte Vedra resident to host wellness event benefiting Volunteers in Medicine

By Jon Blauvelt

Ponte Vedra resident Shelley Morgan is organizing a fun and educational wellness fundraiser that will ultimately benefit Jacksonville nonprofit organization Volunteers in Medicine.

To be held Saturday, June 9 at the Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach, "Heart to Heart" will feature a panel of medical experts, a presentation on diet and nutrition, yoga, chair massages, charcoal painting, makeovers with Sephora, a silent auction and more. Tickets for the event, which will be held from 9 a.m. to noon, cost \$20.



Shelley Morgan

"I'm most excited about bringing people together ... throughout the Beaches and Jacksonville so they can become more familiar with Volunteers in Medicine," said Morgan. "That's my goal, to bring awareness to what they do."

Volunteers in Medicine is a free healthcare clinic in Jacksonville that serves Northeast Florida's working, low-income and uninsured individuals and families. For the second straight year, the organization is celebrating a group of local women, known as "Women With Heart," for their leadership, advocacy and generosity in the community. As part of the recognition, each woman agrees to serve as an ambassador for Volunteers in Medicine during a month in which they advocate and fundraise for the nonprofit. Morgan is the organization's "Woman With Heart" for June.

"It's a great service (Volunteers in Medicine) offered for our community, for people who are out there working, making a living but cannot afford medical health insurance," said Morgan. "These are people you meet every day. ... They're people who are working to support their family, but the missing link that they can't afford is the healthcare."

Joining Morgan for the June 9 event will be 2017 "Woman With Heart" honoree Aimee Boggs, who last year held a yoga fundraiser for Volunteers in Medicine at the TPC Clubhouse. Boggs will again lead a yoga session at this year's fundraiser.

The panel will include Dr. Pamela Rama, a cardiologist; Dr. C.W. Randolph, an expert in the fields of hormone health and optimal aging medicine; and Dr. Shreena Patel, an orthodontist. Following their discussion, Mayo Clinic registered dietician and nutritionist Elizabeth Bailey will provide her expertise.

In addition, Bacardi is providing bubbly for a special toast to the summer season and several vendors are providing gift baskets that guests can bid on. Interested guests should RSVP to Morgan by texting her at (904) 612-8484. All proceeds from the event will benefit Volunteers in Medicine.

"Anyone and everyone is welcome," said Morgan. "It's going to be something for everyone."

Seniors share secrets to longevity at annual Council on Aging luncheon for nonagenarians, centenarians



ABOVE: Honorees Ruth Conley, 97, and Bobbie West, 102, attend the Council on Aging's Centenarian Luncheon on May 23 at THE PLAYERS Community Senior Center.

By Samantha Logue

Those seeking the secrets to living a long, healthy life need search no more, for they were revealed last week at the St. Johns County Council on Aging's annual luncheon honoring local nonagenarians and centenarians.

Held Wednesday, May 23 at THE PLAYERS Community Senior Center, the event celebrated more than two dozen seniors who have reached or surpassed the milestone age of 90 years old.

Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach, the event included a lunch served by the Landrum Middle School IMPACT Club, as well as entertainment by harpist and violinist Sue Tice. In addition to the honorees' friends and family members, representatives from local businesses and senior services organizations were in attendance, as well as County Commissioner Jimmy Johns and School Board Member Kelly Barrera.

"What an amazing day to celebrate the wonderful and beautiful lives of the people in this room today," said Council on Aging Board Member and Rotarian Bruce Barber.

Serving as the master of ceremonies, Barber recognized each honoree by name, asking them their tips for longevity.

Ruth Conley, a dedicated church-goer

and avid Jacksonville Symphony fan, said she wouldn't have been able to make it to age 97 without "faith, family and music."

Roz Beck, meanwhile, attributed her 97 years to divine intervention.

"I think there's an angel above me looking after me," she said. "I was a great champion golfer, and swimmer and diver, and I'm an artist."

Maxine Bohn, 99, was concise in her answer of "love, learn and laugh," and Bud Baisden, also 99, surprised all with his one-word response.

"Vitamins," he said. "Seriously, take them."

Of all the secrets to long life shared that day, however, there was one that was particularly ill-kept, as it was displayed on each of the honorees' faces: happiness.

As for the source of that happiness, centenarian Bobbie West said it had taken her most of her life to pin it down.

"Happiness," the 102-year-old said, "is having someone to love, having something to do and having something to look forward to."

And for those who might wonder what there is to look forward to once the vitality of youth has gone, 97-year-old Nelson Johnson had a few words of comfort.

"Hang in there, folks," he said. "The best is yet to come."



RIGHT: Nonagenarian George Leighninger celebrates with his wife, Betsy Leighninger.

Photos by Samantha Logue

Bolles School holds PGA Tour-themed Field Day event at PVB Campus

By Benjamin Naim

The Bolles School hosted a PGA Tour-themed Field Day event on Thursday, May 24 at its Lower School Ponte Vedra Beach Campus to give students a chance to play outside and learn about one of the school's biggest neighbors.

This year's theme was THE PLAYERS Championship, which offered students a chance to study a PGA Tour golfer who participated in the local tournament. Past events have featured the NFL, the Olympics and the TV show "Survivor."

"(Field Day) has a curricular connection which is a real secondary gain for something like this," said Bolles PVB Head of School Peggy Campbell-Rush. "It fuses athletics, whole body, the emotion, the physical, the social and the academic which really makes for a whole child and great child development."

During the Field Day event, students were divided into special golfer-named teams including Spieth, Mickelson, Fowler and Thomas, among others. Students in grades Pre-K through 2 competed in athletic challenges in the morning, while students from grades 3 to 5 took to the green after lunch. Games ranged from relay races in which students ran with a



ball on a rubber plunger, to a challenge that saw students jump through hoops.

Coach Melissa Stone, a gym teacher who has been teaching kids fitness for 34 years, helped organize the event and come up with fun games for students to play.

"Our motto here is if you have fun, you won," Stone said. "Even my seniors who are graduating, they all know that motto and it makes all of them feel like they're successful whether they lose a game or not."



TOP LEFT: Bolles PVB students play a game at last week's Field Day event in which they had to hug each other to hold a ball and carry it around a cone.

TOP RIGHT: Students enjoy lunch at the cafeteria at the Bolles Lower School Ponte Vedra Beach Campus.

Photos by Benjamin Naim

LEFT: First-grade students pose for a photo at the event.

Photo courtesy of Susanna Barton



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Robin Tomkunas is the owner of Jax DogWatch Hidden Fences, which offers invisible fencing and training products. She and her family live in Nocatee.

Robin Tomkunas

Can you please briefly tell us about your background?

My husband Tim and I grew up in Central Connecticut. We were high school sweethearts and were married after college in 1994. We were blessed with four amazing children, moved to Ponte Vedra in 2010 and in 2012 became foster parents in St. Johns County. Our oldest daughter graduated from Nease High School's International Baccalaureate program in 2012 and just graduated from Rollins College. She is headed to Miami to be a teacher for Teach For America. Our next daughter graduated from Nease in 2014 and attends University of North Florida, where she is studying nursing. Our oldest son just graduated from Nease a few credits shy of his associate degree and committed to University of Florida. Our youngest son will be entering his sophomore year at Nease, where he enjoys playing baseball.

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Photo by Jon Blauvelt

What do you enjoy most about your job?

The part of my job that I enjoy the most is resolving pet issues for families along with developing relationships. I love knowing when I leave a home, I have provided that family with the absolute best containment for their specific needs, whether it be indoor boundaries, entire yard boundaries or assisting them with a remote trainer. Not every scenario is the same and not every family needs an outdoor system. We have dog walking tools, bark collars and remote trainers that aid in pet enjoyment.

What do you like to do in your free time?

When I have free time, my family gets it all. We love going to the Guana Reserve, searching for shark teeth, kaya-

king and socializing at our favorite local restaurants. The only other place I can be found is a baseball field cheering away in the stands.

What do you enjoy most about living in Ponte Vedra?

Growing up in a small New England town was special, so I love that Ponte Vedra feels that way too. We have a special, close-knit community here. Our friends, neighbors and church family have been a huge blessing! We have been able to take part in many service projects, and it is not hard to find a friend or neighbor who is looking for ways to help another. We are truly blessed, and I cannot imagine a better place to be than right here in Ponte Vedra!

Edited by Jon Blauvelt

To watch a video portion of the interview, visit pontevedrarecorder.com and click One of Us.

Rotary, Recorder recognize residents at 26th annual Local Heroes Awards

By Jon Blauvelt

The Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach and the Ponte Vedra Recorder presented the 26th annual Local Heroes Awards last week, recognizing five local residents for their contributions to the community.

Held Thursday, May 24 at Marsh Landing Country Club, the event honored efforts in five categories. The local awards ceremony was first started by former Rotary Club member Vic DiGenti in 1993.

“Each of our honorees is the ‘somebody’ who responded to that old lament, ‘Somebody ought to do something about that,’” said Chuck Day, past president of the Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach and master of ceremonies for the Local Heroes event. “Without prodding, and with a smile, they’ve done plenty, and help make Ponte Vedra Beach, Palm Valley and Nocatee the wonderful places they are.”

The “Local Heroes” Class of 2018 includes:

“Bucket” Bob Davenport — Environmental Hero: Nominated by Rotarian and former Recorder Editor Jennifer Logue, “Bucket” Bob Davenport was recognized as the Environmental Hero for his efforts to keep Mickler’s Landing Beach clean.

Over the past three years, Davenport has made it his duty to pick up trash from the beach with a 5-gallon bucket and a pair of tongs. From soda cans to toys to a mountain’s worth of cigarette butts, Davenport gets it all, to ensure everyone else enjoys the beach experience they expect to experience.

“When we go to the beach, it’s a place we expect to find the ocean, the sun and sand and nothing else,” said Davenport. “So, whenever you leave the beach, leave only your footprints.”

Rhonda Hurley — Vocational Hero: Nominated by Rotarian and Mission House Executive Director Lori Anderson, Rhonda Hurley received the Vocational Service Award for her 11 years of dedication to the nonprofit homeless day facility in Jacksonville Beach.

When introducing Hurley, Day said many of her patients and professionals assumed she was a nurse because of the tender and loving care she provided and her strong grasp of medical conditions and diagnoses, among other factors. Day added that her colleagues might have also assumed she was a chef due to the annual

culinary masterpieces she prepared for Mission House’s annual fundraiser on Fat Tuesday. In truth, Day noted and Anderson affirmed, she was simply a dedicated staff member who cheerfully tackled whatever needed to be done.

“Just watching her through and through, I wanted the community to know what an exceptional soul she is,” said Anderson, who accepted the award on behalf of Hurley. “I thank the committee for accepting Rhonda as a Local Hero because she really is (one).”

Donna Garro — Education Hero: Nominated by Rotarian Joni Zwick, Donna Garro was honored as the Education Hero for her contributions to students and learning.

Garro started teaching at Palmer Catholic Academy when it opened its doors in 1997. She continues to serve as the school’s reading resource teacher, working one-on-one with students who struggle with reading comprehension. When school is out, she turns her attention to tutoring students, three-to-four hours a day, three days each week ... free of charge.

“I am truly blessed I get to do what I love to do every single day,” said Garro. “I can’t wait to walk through the door every morning. This award is just the icing on the cake.”

Connor Dunwoodie — Youth Hero: Nominated by Jennifer Logue, 2018 Nease graduate Connor Dunwoodie received the Local Heroes Youth Award for a fundraiser he organized to support Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School.

When Dunwoodie heard about the tragic shooting that took place at the high school in February, the avid filmmaker took off for Parkland to document how the students were coping. After meeting with the students, however, he learned the students were planning to create their own documentary about the ordeal. So, Dunwoodie decided to shift his focus and help, by pulling together a fundraiser benefiting the high school’s media department with dollars to buy cameras and supplies.

“What really impressed me about this situation was this was a young man who took what he was passionate about ... and



Photos by Susan Griffin

“Bucket” Bob Davenport (left) receives the Environmental Award from Ponte Vedra Recorder Editor Jon Blauvelt (center) and Rotarian Chuck Day (right) at the Local Heroes Awards on May 24.



Donna Garro (center) receives the Education Award from Blauvelt (left) and Day (right).



John “Jack” Hardman (center) receives the Volunteer Award from Day (left) and Blauvelt (right).

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found a way to use that passion to give back to the community,” said Logue, who accepted the award on behalf of Dun-

woodie. “I think if we could all learn to do that, find what our own unique gift is and give it back to the world, the world would be a much better place.”

John “Jack” Hardman — Volunteer Hero: Nominated by Rotarian and St.

Johns County School Board District 4 Member Kelly Barrera, John “Jack” Hardman was recognized as the Volunteer Hero for his efforts on the school district’s audit and tax advisory committees.

Among other projects, the former banking and finance executive has tackled the tough task of enlightening the commu-

nity about the details of St. Johns County school sales taxes.

“I’m really very humbled by being up here,” said Hardman. “I look out at some close friends and neighbors I know. I just think what I do is nothing compared to what this group does on both a collective and individual basis. I’m glad to be here.”



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University of North Florida Board of Trustees awards John Delaney President Emeritus status

The University of North Florida's Board of Trustees unanimously voted on May 10 to award John A. Delaney, UNF's longest-serving president, the status of President Emeritus.

The UNF Faculty Association voted in April to recommend conferral of emeritus status by the BOT to Delaney, who retires from the University presidency Thursday, May 31. Delaney received a standing ovation as the vote was unanimously passed by acclamation. The title "President Emeritus" is an honor that may be conferred to a university president upon retirement in recognition of a distinguished record at UNF.

"UNF faculty were honored to recommend President Emeritus status be awarded to John Delaney by the BOT," said Dr. Radha Pyati, Faculty Association president. "He has left a tremendous legacy of expanding opportunities for students, increasing the University's building footprint to support them and fostering faculty success."

Delaney is only the second president in University history to receive President Emeritus status. Thomas G. Carpenter, UNF's first president, earned this recognition in 1980, when he left the presidency. Delaney has had numerous



John Delaney

accomplishments spanning his 15 years of service to UNF, which has impacted not only the Jacksonville community but Northeast Florida as a whole.

More than half of the university's alumni received their diploma during Delaney's tenure, and the campus has undergone a dramatic transformation. The job was a third career for Delaney, who served two terms as mayor of Jacksonville, launching significant initiatives like the \$2.25 billion infrastructure Better Jacksonville Plan and the Preservation Project land conservation program. Before serving as mayor, Delaney was chief assistant state attorney — the No. 2 prosecutor for Northeast Florida — and served as general counsel for the City of Jacksonville.

His career at UNF ended up being Delaney's longest and one that provided him an opportunity to impact how the university serves its students and the community. During the fall 2017 semester, UNF welcomed its most academically gifted freshman class to date with

an average GPA of 4.27, and the university tops schools in the State University System when it comes to graduates being employed in Florida.

UNF now awards about 4,000 degrees annually and has increased opportunities for students, offering 55 bachelor's degrees, 30 master's degrees and five doctoral degrees. The University has also gained a national reputation for quality and value over the past several years, being named a Best College in the Southeast by The Princeton Review for nine consecutive years and a Best Regional College by U.S. News & World Report for the past seven years. The university landed on other prestigious lists by Kiplinger's Personal Finance, Forbes, The Wall Street Journal/Times Higher Education and more.

UNF now has the fifth highest graduation rate among public, urban regional universities in the nation. In addition, private support to UNF has increased under Delaney's leadership, with more than \$262 million being raised since 2003, including more than \$130 million under the Power of Transformation campaign, while the university endowment has more than doubled from \$43.8 million in 2003 to \$110 million.

OneJax Metrotown Institute to host teen diversity leadership program June 18-21

OneJax, an institute at the University of North Florida, is now accepting applications from teens entering grades nine through 12 to participate in its Metrotown Institute, a four-day program that promotes respect and understanding across the differences of race, religion, sexual orientation, gender, ethnicity, socio-economic status and ability. The program will take place Monday, June 18, through Thursday, June 21, at Riverside Presbyterian Church, 849 Park St.

"Metrotown is truly a transformative experience for students, one that opens their eyes and changes the way they see the world," said Nancy Broner, OneJax executive director. "The teens are confronted with important social issues like prejudice and discrimination. While they're learning about people who are different, they're also learning a lot about themselves."

For close to 30 years, Metrotown has brought together high school students to explore living successfully in an increasingly diverse and interdependent world. Participants will share ideas and feelings, discover their own unique talents and experience a variety of perspectives on diversity issues, multicultural communications, religious traditions, gender roles and self-esteem, while earning 35 community service hours for their involvement. There will be small group discussions and workshops, creative and artistic activities, outdoor experiences and personal reflection.

Students must be referred to the program or endorsed by a sponsor, such as a parent, teacher, counselor, clergy or community leader. Anyone interested in referring a student should contact OneJax at (904) 620-1529. Students will be required to complete an application to be considered. Applications and additional information can be obtained via www.onejax.org.

The program is designed for 50 students who will be considered on a first-come, first-served basis. The registration fee is \$150, which includes daily lunch and snacks as well as dinner on the final night. Sponsors are encouraged to help students raise money to cover the registration fee, although no one will be prevented from participating due to an inability to pay.

Metrotown is supported by the United Way of Northeast Florida and UNF. As an interfaith organization, the OneJax Institute at UNF is dedicated to achieving civility, understanding and respect for all through education, dialogue and community-building.

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They tell each other, 'If you had fun, you won,' so they all feel like winners."

Stone asserted that adults can sometimes over-emphasize competition and it's important for children not to feel discouraged because they lost a game.

"Everybody is competitive no matter what we do," she said. "But that's why I use that motto and stress it over and over again and it kind of keeps the level down a bit."

Bolles has a strong connection to THE PLAYERS, Campbell-Rush noted, and the tournament contributed to Field Day

2018 in several ways.

"The 17th Green is just right outside of our fence," she said. "They've been great partners with us and we work very closely together on many different things. Their involvement in this today was very special and very meaningful to us, because we are such good neighbors."

According to Susanna Barton, communications coordinator at Bolles, next year's Field Day will take place in a new gym and multipurpose building at the Ponte Vedra Beach campus, which should be completed this summer.

For more information on the Bolles School Ponte Vedra Beach Campus, call (904) 285-4658 or visit the Bolles website at www.bolles.org.


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Thursday, May 31	Friday, June 1	Saturday, June 2	Sunday, June 3
<p>Yoga for Survivors The Y Healthy Living Center at the Ponte Vedra YMCA will host a Yoga for Survivors class May 31 at 11:30 a.m. Cancer patients, survivors, caregivers and others with range of motion and pain limitations are invited to join in this gentle and safe yoga practice, which is free and open to the public. Call (904) 202-5376 or visit www.baptistjax.com/ymca to reserve a spot. The Ponte Vedra YMCA is located at 170 Landrum Lane.</p> <p>Southeast Book Club: 'The Two-Family House' Join other local readers for a discussion on "The Two-Family House" by Lynda Cohen Loigman May 31 from 6:45 to 7:45 p.m. at the Southeast Branch Library. "The Two Family House" is about the impenetrable bond forged between two mothers in 1947 Brooklyn who raise their families side-by-side, supporting one another. The Southeast Branch Library is located at 6670 U.S. 1 S. in St. Augustine.</p> <p>Farm Swap & Music Jam Enjoy music from local musicians while shopping for farm-fresh produce at the Florida Agricultural Museum May 31 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. The event will feature musicians, singers and songwriters of folk, bluegrass, old time, fiddle, country and blues, along with vendors offering fruits, veggies, honeys, jellies, nuts, arts and more. The Farm Swap & Music Jam will take place at 7900 Old Kings Road N. in Palm Coast. Visit www.floridaagmuseum.org for more information.</p> <p>Throwback Thursday: 'Johnny English' at the Corazon Cinema and Cafe After a sudden attack on the MI5, Johnny English, Britain's most confident yet unintelligent spy, becomes Britain's only spy. This film is showing at noon at the Corazon Cinema and Cafe, located at 36 Granada St. in St. Augustine. Visit www.corazoncinemaandcafe.com for more information.</p>	<p>Exhibition of Works by Candace Knapp & Ron Vellucci Enjoy this exhibition featuring the art of Candace Knapp and Ron Vellucci in the Main Gallery of the Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach. Knapp presents new paintings inspired by observations of light and shapes in nature, by reflections of water. Vellucci's wall sculptures nicely balance Knapp's paintings with shiny metal and wood.</p> <p>'Solo: A Star Wars Story' at IMAX Theater at World Golf Hall of Fame See Han Solo and Chewbacca's adventures before joining the Rebellion, including their early encounters with Lando Calrissian, in this film showing at the IMAX Theater at World Golf Hall of Fame. For more information on showtimes and to purchase tickets, visit www.worldgolfimax.com. The World Golf Hall of Fame IMAX Theater is located at 1 World Golf Place in St. Augustine.</p> <p>U.S. Women's Open Championship Week Visit the World Golf Hall of Fame during the U.S. Women's Open Championship week to learn about Hall of Fame members who are past champions. The museum is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon to 6 p.m. on Sunday. For more information, www.worldgolfimax.com.</p> <p>First Friday garden walk Visit Washington Oaks Gardens State Park on the First Friday of each month for a guided tour of the gardens. Visitors are encouraged to meet in the garden parking lot at 10 a.m. and wear comfortable shoes. Admission to the park is \$5 per vehicle, \$4 per vehicle for single occupancy or \$2 per person on bicycle. Washington Oaks Gardens State is located at 6400 N. Oceanshore Blvd. in Palm Coast.</p>	<p>Sand castle contest Join the Ponte Vedra YMCA for a sand castle contest June 2 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Mickler's Landing. Visitors will get a chance to see creations, participate in a shark's tooth contest, listen to music, visit the Baptist Health tent, learn about sea turtles and more. All proceeds will benefit the Safety Around Water initiative. Call (904) 543-9622 for details. Participation costs \$10.</p> <p>Cannon firing demonstration at Castillo de San Marcos National Park Service volunteers and personnel demonstrate a cannon firing at the Castillo de San Marcos museum / monument every Friday, Saturday and Sunday at 10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. Rangers and volunteers demonstrate the weapons and relate the experiences of the colonial Spanish soldier of 1740s St. Augustine. Firing times are subject to change depending on weather conditions and staff availability. Castillo de San Marcos is located at 1 S. Castillo Drive in St. Augustine.</p> <p>East Coast Ballet performances East Coast Ballet will present "Dancing Through the Bible" and "Spellbound" June 2 from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Nathan H. Wilson Center, located at 11901 Beach Blvd. in Jacksonville. For tickets, call (904) 241-1266.</p> <p>Peggy Nolan at The BookMark Local author and teacher Peggy Nolan will appear at The BookMark to talk about her new children's book "Garden Toes," June 2 at 9 a.m. Nolan will introduce her book with a musical playgroup. The book explores the relationships people have with garden plants and other creatures. "Garden Toes" features bright collage designs by Nolan's sister Terry Dostalik. This event will take place at The BookMark, located at 220 1st St. in Neptune Beach. Call (904) 241-9026 for more information.</p>	<p>Sandals, Shorts and Steel Drum Service Every Sunday from 11:30 a.m. to noon, St. Paul's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church invites guests to put on sandals and shorts for a more casual worship service featuring the tropical sound of steel drum music. The church is located at 465 11th Ave. N. in Jacksonville Beach.</p> <p>Limelight Theatre performance This play at the Limelight Theatre features the story of the 20th reunion of a group named the Disciples of James Dean. Performance times are 7:30 p.m. Thursday through Saturday and 2 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets cost \$26 for general admission, \$24 for seniors and \$20 students and military. For more information, visit www.limelight-theatre.org. Limelight Theatre is located at 11 Old Mission Ave. in St. Augustine.</p> <p>Family Sunday Fundays at Marineland Join Marineland Dolphin Adventure to celebrate its 80th anniversary. Every Sunday in June, Marineland is offering youth games, education programs, face painting and more from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Admission is free for two children with the purchase of one adult admission. Marineland is located at 9600 Oceanshore Blvd. in St. Augustine. Visit www.marineland.net for more information.</p> <p>Meet the trainers at Marineland Meet the trainers of Marineland Dolphin Adventure every day this month to see them interact with dolphin family members. This event takes place daily from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Marineland is located at 9600 Oceanshore Blvd. in St. Augustine. For more information, visit www.marineland.net.</p> <p>Salt Air Farmers Market The Salt Air Farmers Market features home-grown produce, creative local art and more. The market will be open June 3 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 9505 Oceanshore Blvd. in St. Augustine.</p>

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Monday, June 4	Tuesday, June 5	Wednesday, June 6	Thursday, June 7
<p>Florida East Coast: Selections from the Guidi Collection Exhibition This exhibition showcases a selection of works from the Guidi Collection highlighting local artist depictions of the Florida East Coast over the years. The paintings, ranging from the late 1880s until the 1970s, include idealized images of Florida's natural landscape, along with paintings of St. Augustine architecture that still exists today. The museum's hours are Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, visit www.flagler.edu/news-events/crisp-ellert-art-museum.</p> <p>MOSH Mondays The Museum of Science and History's MOSH Mondays feature discounts including buy-one-get-one-half-off admission for adults, 10 percent off MOSH-branded items in the museum shop, 10 percent off memberships when signing up in-person and 10 percent off birthday packages when signing up in-person. MOSH Mondays also feature rotating weekly programs. MOSH is located at 1025 Museum Circle in Jacksonville. Visit www.themosh.org for more information.</p> <p>First Coast Pastel Society exhibition This exhibition at The Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach features a juried member show of works from the First Coast Pastel Society. The Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach is located at 50 Executive Way. For more information, visit www.ccpvb.org or call (904) 280-0614.</p> <p>Caregiver support meetings The St. Johns County Council on Aging will host caregiver support meetings Mondays (except holidays) from noon to 1 p.m. at the Ponte Vedra Memory Care Center at 1048 A1A N. For more information, call Paulette Kozlowski at (904) 209-3674 or email pkozlowski@stjohnscoa.com. The meetings will provide a supportive environment for people who are experiencing similar challenges in which they can share problems, ideas and solutions.</p>	<p>Volunteers needed Volunteers are needed at THE PLAYERS Community Senior Center Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the kitchen. The center is looking for upbeat volunteers to help with new spring and summer programs. Contact Amy leach at (904) 209-3686 or email aleach@stjohnscoa.com for more information. The PLAYERS Community Senior Center is located at 175 Landrum Lane in Ponte Vedra.</p> <p>Florida Blue free Tuesday Every Tuesday, enjoy free admission to the Cummer Museum thanks to the support of Florida Blue. The Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens is located at 829 Riverside Ave. in Jacksonville. The Cummer Museum's Tuesday hours are 4 to 9 p.m. No registration is required. For more information, visit www.cummermuseum.org or call (904) 356-6857.</p> <p>Bookmobile Visit Publix at Nocatee Town Center for a Bookmobile Tuesdays from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. The Bookmobile will feature books, movies, music and more. Publix at Nocatee Town Center is located at 120 Marketside Ave. in Ponte Vedra Beach.</p> <p>Yoga on the beach Each Tuesday morning through September, join yoga fitness instructor Emily Busichio as she leads a free yoga session on St. Augustine Beach at 8 a.m., weather permitting. The yoga sessions take place on the beach at the Ocean Hammock Walkover.</p> <p>Women's Golf Day St. Johns Golf Club will celebrate Women's Golf Day June 5 from 4 to 8 p.m. There will be clinics and play from 4 to 6 p.m., followed by two hours for visitors to mingle and enjoy light hors d'oeuvres and refreshments from 6 to 8 p.m. St. Johns Golf Club is located at 4900 Cupress Links Blvd. in Elkton. For more information and to register, contact Wes Tucker at wtucker@sjcfl.us or call (904) 209-0350. For more information on St. Johns Golf Club, visit www.sjgc.com.</p>	<p>Toastmasters Club Toastmasters Club #5199 of Ponte Vedra Beach meets every Wednesday at 7:30 a.m. at THE PLAYERS Community Senior Center. These meetings help attendees improve public speaking and gain leadership skills. The senior center is located at 175 Landrum Lane in Ponte Vedra Beach. Email Lucy Reep at lucyreep@gmail.com for additional information.</p> <p>Making Do Exhibit at Lincolnville Museum and Cultural Center Learn about the South's rich African-American culture at the Lincoln Museum and Cultural Center, which features a collection of Gullah Geechee artifacts, culture and stories. The exhibit also features Willis Hakeem Jones' collection of treasures discovered in Africa and from coastal Georgia. The museum is open Wednesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.</p> <p>Wednesday Market at St. Augustine Beach The St. Augustine Beach Wednesday Market offers oceanfront shopping at the St. Johns County Pier Park every Wednesday starting at 8 a.m. Approximately 60-80 vendors can be found at the market selling locally grown produce, baked goods, prepared foods, arts, crafts and more. Visit www.sabca.org for more information.</p> <p>Women's Wednesday speaker series This women's speaker series offers a platform for women to share their personal stories of struggle, triumph and more. The talks take place each Wednesday at The Treasury on the Plaza, at 24 Cathedral Place, Suite 11 in St. Augustine. Cocktails and connections begin at 5 p.m. while the event begins at 6:15 p.m. Nancy Hogshead-Makar, Olympic gold medalist, will be the June 6 speaker. Visit www.sheisfiercehq.com/womens-wednesdays for more information.</p>	<p>Farm Swap & Music Jam Enjoy music from local musicians while shopping for farm-fresh produce at the Florida Agricultural Museum June 7 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. The event will feature musicians, singers and songwriters of folk, bluegrass, old time, fiddle, country and blues, along with vendors offering fruits, veggies, honeys, jellies, nuts, arts and more. The Farm Swap & Music Jam will take place at 7900 Old Kings Road N. in Palm Coast. Visit www.floridaagmuseum.org for more information.</p> <p>Magic show with Mark Alan Join the Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library for a magic show by Mark Alan June 7 at 2 p.m., with a repeat performance at 4 p.m. This interactive show is geared toward elementary school kids ages 6 to 11. The Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library is located at 101 Library Blvd.</p> <p>Chamber of Commerce Golf Classic Join fellow Chamber members June 7 at the Slammer & Squire championship golf course for the Golf Classic. This event will feature course games such as hole-in-one, closest to the pin and longest drive. Visit www.sjccchamber.com for more information or call (904) 687-2056.</p> <p>Chamber of Commerce networking event This St. Johns County networking event will feature food, drinks, a raffle, door prizes and more June 7 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Admission costs \$15 and includes appetizers and two drink tickets. The event will take place immediately following the Golf Classic at Slammer & Squire, located at 2 World Golf Place in St. Augustine. Visit www.sjccchamber.com for more information.</p> <p>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. Submit events to ben@opcfla.com, post online at www.pontevedrarecorder.com using the automated form or call (904) 686-3939.</p>

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Local Rotarians celebrate women in Rotary

By Jon Blauvelt

Members of the Rotary clubs of Jacksonville-Oceanside, Ponte Vedra Beach, Ponte Vedra Beach Sunset and Beaches Rotaract gathered on Monday, May 21 at Fleet Landing Retirement Community to celebrate 30 years of women in Rotary.

The event featured the presentation of a Lifetime Achievement Award to Dr. Frances Kinne, who was the first woman to join Florida's first Rotary Club — the Rotary Club of Jacksonville — and the first woman to serve as its president. The Jacksonville University Chancellor Emerita, who was the first female college president in the state of Florida, celebrated her 101st birthday a few days after receiving the award.

"I'm delighted to be here," said Kinne at the event. "I think so much of Rotary, and I know so many of you. It was a bit difficult when I came here."

Kinne reflected on the difficulties of being a female leader in society, specifically within her field of education and in Rotary. She noted that when she joined her first Rotary club in the late 1980s, the male members said she wouldn't be permitted to eat in the same dining room. In addition, her initial admission to the club was only valid for one year. At the end of the first year, the membership ultimately voted to allow her in the

club for good, Kinne chuckled.

In addition to Kinne, Past District 6970 Governor Cynde Covington shared the history of women in Rotary, and urged event attendees to continue making female membership a priority for the organization.

"As women, we need to invite those successful and fun-loving women to the party," said Covington. "As women, we need to make sure they're mentored and given the opportunities and leadership roles in Rotary."

Magda Cichon, the president elect of Beaches Rotaract, also addressed the event attendees and spoke about the importance of Rotary in her life.

"Through Rotary, I've had the opportunity to have so many strong female role models that I've been able to learn from and be inspired by," said Cichon. "To think that 30 years ago was the first time that women were allowed to be Rotary members and looking at our club now where we have tremendous diversity, both as far race and gender, I think it's quite amazing."

At the conclusion of the event, past and current female presidents and leaders of local Rotary clubs were honored, receiving pins and taking a group photo to commemorate the occasion. In addition, a group of Rotary Anns — wives of Rotarians before women were allowed in the organization — were recognized.



ABOVE: Past and current female presidents and leaders of local Rotary clubs were honored Monday, May 21 at Fleet Landing at an event that celebrated 30 years of women in Rotary.



LEFT: Dr. Frances Kinne received a Lifetime Achievement Award at the event for her pioneering efforts within Rotary and society as a whole.

Photos by Jon Blauvelt

LOCAL HISTORIAN HOSTS SPECIAL GUESTS FOR PRESENTATION ON NAZI U-BOAT ATTACK OFF JAX BEACH



Photo courtesy of Scott Grant

Local historian Scott Grant recently hosted some special guests at a presentation he delivered on the 1942 Nazi U-boat sinking of the SS Gulf America oil tanker off the coast of Jacksonville Beach. Displayed with Grant (left) is Katrin Nielsen of Holland (center), the granddaughter of the chief engineer of the U-boat, and Henrik Henriksen, a European expert on the Nazi U-boat campaign. Together, Nielsen and Henriksen have discovered artifacts that detailed her grandfather's experiences during the war. While in town, Grant showed them the local landmarks the Nazis used to navigate the waters.

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Congratulations Class of 2018

PVHS celebrates 2018 graduates

By Benjamin Naim

Ponte Vedra High School held its graduation ceremony on Saturday, May 19 at the University of North Florida Arena in Jacksonville.

St. Johns County School District Superintendent Tim Forson, School Board District 4 Member Kelly Barrera and others delivered remarks at the ceremony.

“On behalf of the St. Johns County School Board, I congratulate the class of 2018,” said Barrera to the graduates. “We are so very proud of you and your successes and accomplishments and talents that you have achieved through your years, from kindergarten through senior year. You have met many challenges and overcome many obstacles, which seems to be a theme in life.”

Barrera noted that graduating high school is an achievement worthy of celebration, and students will now have a chance to find their own success in the real world. She also exhorted the graduates to pursue their dreams and never miss an opportunity to learn and try new things.

“Which is worse? To fail or to never try?” she asked. “Use your failures as an opportunity to grow and become a better person.”

Barrera added that enduring life’s difficulties and pain often helps people mature over time.

“You are all Sharks, and Sharks are meant to swim,” she said. “As you take the next steps on your journey, I encourage you to be more. To be more than what you were yesterday, to give more than you gave today and to cherish each and every day. Thank you.”

Alexa Sarci performed the national



Students throw their caps in the air to celebrate graduating from Ponte Vedra High School.

anthem to start the event. PVHS principal Dr. Fred Oberkehr delivered a welcome message and closing remarks, while Harrison Snowden delivered a salutatory address. Frank Lukens, the school’s valedictorian, also addressed his fellow graduates.

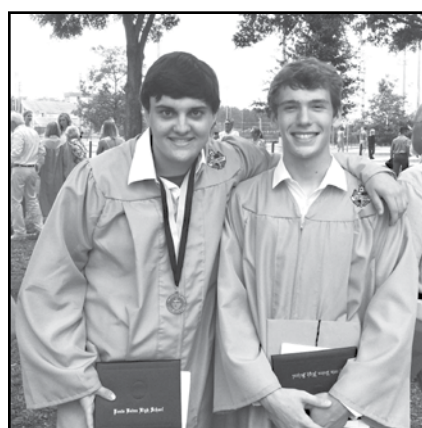
Following the ceremony, graduates met with friends and family outside the arena for pictures as an aerial banner with a congratulatory message flew overhead.



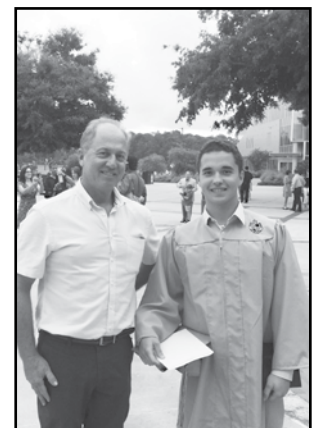
ABOVE: The Grenadier family poses for a photo with Ponte Vedra High School graduate Emma.



Ponte Vedra High School graduates claim their diploma and pose for photos at graduation.



LEFT: Ponte Vedra High School graduates Kalob and Skylar Keenan



RIGHT: Ed and Edwardo Hudson

Photos by Benjamin Naim

Financial moves for 'empty nesters'



Karsten Jacobson
Columnist

By Karsten Jacobson, CFP®

When your children leave home and you become an "empty nester," you'll probably make several adjustments in your lifestyle. But how will your empty nest status affect your financial situation?

Everyone's story is different, involving a range of variables. But here are a few issues to consider:

■ **Insurance:** If your kids are through school, your mortgage is nearly paid off and your spouse has accumulated a reasonable amount of money in an employer-sponsored retirement plan, you may not need life insurance to replace income or pay off debts. However, you might start thinking about other goals, such as ensuring your savings will last your lifetime or leaving a legacy to your loved ones or a charity. Life insurance may be able to help in these areas.

■ **Downsizing:** Deciding whether to downsize your living space isn't just a financial decision — it's also a highly personal one. Still, downsizing can offer you some potential economic benefits. For one thing, if you still are paying off your mortgage, a move to a smaller place could free up some of your monthly cash flow, which, again, you could use to boost your retirement accounts. Furthermore, if your home has greatly appreciated in value, you might make a sizable profit by selling. (If you are single, you may be able to exclude \$250,000 of the gain on the sale of your home; married couples may have a \$500,000 exemption. Some restrictions exist on this exemption, though, so you'll need to consult with your tax advisor before selling.)

■ **Estate plans:** Years ago, you might have made various arrangements in a

will or a living trust that dealt with taking care of your children if something should happen to you and your spouse. For example, you might have established a trust and directed it to make payments to your children at certain times and for certain purposes, such as education. But once your children are grown and have left your home, you may need to review and update your estate plans.

Keep in mind, though, that "empty nester" status is not always permanent. You've no doubt heard about "boomerang" kids who return home after college and stay until they can afford a place of their own. If your children become "boomerangers," even for a short while, will it greatly affect your financial situation? Probably not. However, if your children are going to drive your car, you may want to be sure that they are listed on your car insurance.

Also, if they are going to bring guests to your home, you might want to consider an "umbrella" insurance policy, which typically provides you with significantly greater liability protection than your regular homeowners policy. (In fact, it may be a good idea to purchase an umbrella policy even if you don't have grown kids at home, as this coverage offers you wide-ranging protection from potentially devastating lawsuits that could arise from injuries on your property or through an auto accident in which you are involved.)

You may have mixed feelings about becoming an empty nester, but, like most people, you will adjust. And by making the right financial moves, you can get off to a good start on this new phase of your life.

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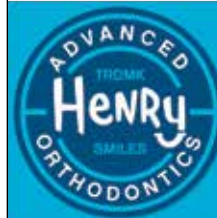
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Graduation brings opportunities for financial lessons



Mary Svoboda
Guest columnist

By Mary Svoboda
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Graduation is a wonderful time in a young person's life. It represents the acknowledgement of a job well done, and the promise of a future ripe for the shaping.

Graduation also represents an important financial moment for young adults. As they begin to take responsibility for their spending and saving decisions, their families can help set them on a path toward financial wellness.

According to the National Retail Fed-

eration, Americans will spend a combined \$5.2 billion on celebratory gifts by the time "Pomp and Circumstance" plays for the last time this year. More than half of those giving presents (55 percent) will opt for cash in a card as their gift of choice. That means many young adults will find themselves with a surplus of funds as they march forward into a new phase of their lives. What an opportune moment to discuss why it's important to save, spend and give thoughtfully to achieve financial goals!

Here at Jax Federal Credit Union, we believe financial wellness is a lifelong pursuit. We encourage families and friends of new graduates in our community to consider giving a financial gift that will have a long-term impact. Here are a

few ideas:

- A checking or savings account in the new graduate's name is a functional gift. In addition to providing a place to deposit graduation gift funds, it also presents an opportunity to discuss how accounts work. Young adults may not know how direct deposit and ATM deposits differ, why insufficient fund alerts are important or that overdrafting an account can result in fees. Sit down to discuss the responsibility that comes with having an account.

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- A time deposit, such as a CD or IRA, teaches delayed gratification and the power of interest. These gifts can become available in six or 12 months. This gift can become even more impactful when paired with a one-on-one session with a financial advisor who can provide guidance on topics such as investing, money management and setting long-term goals.

Congratulations to the class of 2018, and best wishes for a lifetime of financial wellness!

Mary Svoboda is the chief operating officer and chief lending officer of Jax Federal Credit Union, which serves more than 30,000 members in Duval, Clay, Nassau, Baker and St. Johns counties. For more information, including branch locations, visit jaxfcu.org.

Bartram Trail graduate receives Air Force Reserve scholarship to attend Yale

Maria E. Canon, who graduated from Bartram Trail High School in May, has received an Air Force Reserve Officers' Training Corps scholarship to attend Yale University.

The scholarships are awarded based on academic achievement, extracurricular activities, physical fitness, specific performance or accomplishments, leadership abilities and personal interviews.

Canon's entitlements include tuition and fees, an annual allowance of \$600 for textbooks and a monthly stipend for up to 10 months of each school year that the cadet completes at the host col-

lege or university.

Upon graduation from the host college and completion of the ROTC program, the cadet will receive a bachelor's degree and a commission as a second lieutenant in the Air Force. She also incurs a military service obligation of four years (10 years for pilots) of active-duty enlistment.

Canon is the daughter of Jennifer and Daniel Canon of St. Johns, sister of Bria Rose and Victoria and granddaughter of Brian and Bonnie Ludwig of Ponte Vedra and Carol and Hartman Canon of Geneva.

Florida Prepaid College Foundation awards Ottenstroer Legacy Scholarship to Creekside graduate

A recent Creekside High School graduate will get two years of college paid for after winning the Florida Prepaid College Foundation Ottenstroer Legacy Scholarship Essay Contest, which is in its second year.

Hannah Shelton, who just graduated from Creekside High School in May, was chosen from among the students in St. Johns County who submitted essays on the value of public service for the chance to win two free years of college.

The Duane L. Ottenstroer Legacy Scholarship Essay Contest honors the many years of service by longtime Florida Prepaid College Board Chairman Duane L. Ottenstroer, who has also served on numerous corporate and community boards, continues to be active in higher education policy and resides in St. Johns County.

The essay contest was open from Feb. 12 to March 23, and provides two years of college tuition valued at approximately

\$7,700 to a St. Johns County high school student who shares Ottenstroer's interest in public service.

"We are excited to once again award a deserving student with this scholarship opportunity," said Board Chairman John Rood. "It is inspiring to see so many students committed to public service at this stage of their life. Ms. Shelton is committed to helping others, both in her local community and abroad, and is an inspiration to many."

Each entrant submitted a 500-word essay on "The Value of Public Service: How Can Public Service Positively Affect an Individual and Their Community?" The students, all attending school in St. Johns County in grades 9-12, also had to submit a personal essay and one letter of recommendation from an educator or professional.

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Congratulations, Class of 2018!

As your School Board member, your graduation is one of my favorite celebrations. I am so proud of you and enjoy seeing you and your many accomplishments. My wish for you is that success keeps following you in everything you do, and that you continue to follow your dreams.

Kelly Barrera
St. Johns County School Board
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Nease grads encouraged to slow down, embrace failure at 2018 commencement

By Samantha Logue

The friends and family members of the Allen D. Nease High School Class of 2018 gathered last week to celebrate their successes and mark the commencement of their future endeavors.

Held Monday, May 21 at the University of North Florida Arena, the ceremonies included the presentation of colors and a performance of the national anthem by graduating members of the concert choir, as well as addresses from school officials and graduates.

“To the class of 2018, congratulations,” said Tim Forson, superintendent of the St. Johns County School District. “This is a special day, and just I want you to think about this moment. Pause and appreciate the moment — the moment of being graduates of Nease High School.”

Noting that it can often be difficult to fully appreciate such moments when they arise, Forson encouraged the graduates to slow down and set their own pace as they move forward into the next phase of their lives.

Following the superintendent’s address, District 4 School Board Member Kelly Barrera offered her own words of wisdom, reassuring the graduates that failure is not to be feared, but embraced.



Photos by Samantha Logue

ABOVE: Valedictorian Katherine Dykstra speaks during the commencement ceremonies.



RIGHT: The Allen D. Nease Class of 2018 graduates

“Use your failures as opportunities to learn and grow as a person,” she said. “Challenges and obstacles can be painful and difficult, but eventually they make us better people. They make us kinder, stronger, more passionate; they give us insight into others. ... I encourage you to be successful by always being more — more than your fear or your failures, more than your circumstances — and to always give more

than expected and be kinder than what sometimes people deserve. And lastly, enjoy each day that you’ve been given.”

Valedictorian Katherine Dykstra, who plans to attend Princeton University in the fall, closed the remarks by reflecting on her four years at Nease with fondness while expressing optimism for the future.

“Some people mark high school as the ‘best years of your life,’ but to be honest, these are just the best days of our lives at the moment,” she said. “No matter what your future endeavors may be, remember to do what you love and do it with passion. It is these experiences that will mark the truly remarkable years of your life.”



ABOVE: Salutatorian Ashwin Mahesh shakes the hands of officials onstage before addressing his fellow graduates.



RIGHT: A graduate waves to her family during the school’s May 21 commencement ceremonies.

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The Foundation collaborates with the St. Johns County School District and Volunteer Florida, the lead agency for volunteerism and national service in Florida, to bring this program to St. Johns County.

“We congratulate Ms. Shelton on her academic and community service efforts and winning the second Duane L.



Ottenstroer Legacy Scholarship Essay Contest,” said Cynthia F. O’Connell, director of the Florida Prepaid College Foundation. “The Foundation is grateful for the partnerships that make the Legacy Scholarship possible. I feel confident that Ms. Shelton will put her two-year Florida College Plan scholarship to good use while pursuing her education in occupational and art therapy.”



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Richard Gonzmart, the fourth generation “caretaker” of the Columbia Restaurant Group; Toni Boudreaux, St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce Ponte Vedra Beach Division director; Shannon Lake, Visitors and Convention Bureau Board of Directors chairwoman; and Richard Goldman, Visitors and Convention Bureau president and CEO, gather at the Visitors & Convention Bureau’s State of the Tourism Industry Summit on Thursday, May 17 at the World Golf Village Renaissance Resort.

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St. Johns County State of the Tourism Industry event focuses on resiliency

When the St. Augustine, Ponte Vedra and The Beaches Visitors & Convention Bureau held its annual State of the Tourism Industry Summit on Thursday, May 17, the event focused on resiliency — illustrating the record-breaking year in the area’s tourism industry despite the challenges of two hurricanes.

More than 350 people attended the free breakfast event open to the public at the World Golf Village Renaissance Resort. Richard Goldman, president and CEO of the Visitors and Convention Bureau, presented 2017’s record breaking year of tourism in St. Johns County, which had a \$2.4 billion economic impact, generated \$8.5 million sales tax revenue and provided 29,000 jobs with \$730.7 million in compensation.

Fiscal Year 2017 was the seventh consecutive year of positive tourism growth, according to the Visitors and Convention Bureau. Across all measures, the lodging industry had another record-breaking year, with average occupancy up 1.2 percent, average daily rate (ADR) up 3.4 percent, revenue per available room (RevPar) up 4.6 percent and demand growth up 4.5 percent.

The keynote speaker of the event was Richard Gonzmart, the fourth generation “caretaker” of the Columbia Restaurant Group, which owns Columbia Restaurant. Columbia Restaurant opened on St. George Street in 1983, bringing an authentic flavor along with an economic boom to Florida’s

Historic Coast. Gonzmart talked about overcoming challenges to achieve your dreams. He was also presented with an award recognizing his industry leadership and philanthropy supporting hundreds of organizations serving youth and cancer research.

Erin Francis-Cummings, president/CEO of Destination Analysts, also shared research at the event on the state of the tourism industry with insights on where and how individuals look for information when making travel decisions, what influences and inspires those decisions and predictors of what lies ahead for tourism in both the state and country.

In addition, Lightner Museum received the first ever Tourism Impact Award for its “Dressing Downton: Changing Fashions for Changing Times” exhibit. The award is given to individuals or organizations within the tourism community that have made a significant and immediate economic impact on the growth of the tourism industry and the destination as a whole. According to the Visitors and Convention Bureau, Lightner Museum was successful in garnering international publicity that increased awareness of Florida’s Historic Coast. And the economy benefited in a big way with record visitation when the exhibit was on display between October and February.

For more information visit the Visitors and Convention Bureau website at www.FloridasHistoricCoast.com.

New safeguards on brokerage accounts aim to protect seniors from financial scams



Dan Armstrong
Guest Columnist

By Dan Armstrong
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Special to the Recorder

New rules have been put in to place to protect seniors with brokerage accounts from financial scams that could drain the accounts before anyone notices.

As the population ages, elder financial abuse is a mounting problem. Vulnerable seniors can become victims of scammers who convince them to empty their

investment accounts. According to the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA), its senior help line, which opened in April 2015, has received more than 12,000 calls and recovered more than \$5.3 million for seniors whose investment funds were illegally or inappropriately distributed.

In response, FINRA has issued two new rules designed to help investment brokers or advisors better protect seniors’ accounts from financial exploitation. The rules, which went into effect in February 2018, apply when opening a

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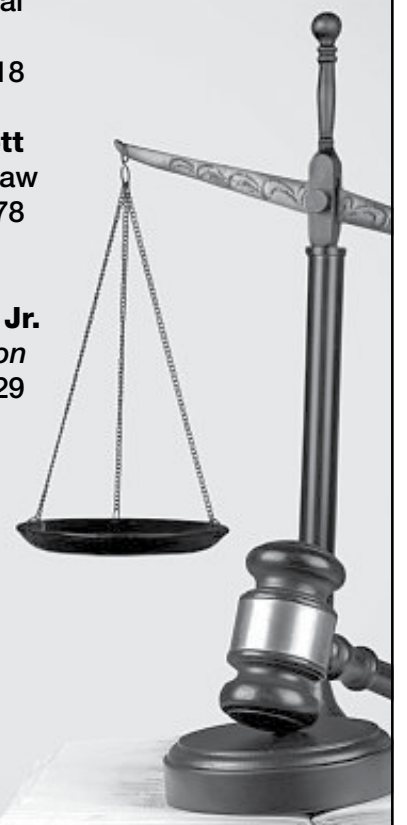
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MAINSTREAM BOUTIQUE HOSTS STYLING SESSION WITH CELEBRITY STYLIST

Mainstream Boutique of Ponte Vedra owner Carla Miles stands with nationally recognized fashion expert and celebrity stylist George Brescia, who visited the local business for styling sessions on May 14 and 15. Brescia, who is also the author of "Change Your Clothes, Change Your Life," mingled with guests and offered personal style sessions to local shoppers during his visit. The stylist has worked with top fashion and beauty leaders including Ralph Lauren, Donna Karan, Tommy Hilfinger and the fashion directors at Bloomingdale's, Bergdorf Goodman and Lord & Taylor.

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brokerage account or updating information for an existing account.

First, the broker or investment advisor must ask the investor for the name of a trusted contact person. This is someone the broker can contact if there are questions about the account. The trusted contact is intended to be a resource for the broker to address possible financial exploitation and to obtain the customer's current contact information and health status or learn about any legal guardian, executor,

trustee or holder of a power of attorney.

The second rule allows a broker to place a temporary hold on disbursements from an account if those disbursements seem suspicious. This rule applies to accounts belonging to investors age 65 and older or investors with mental or physical impairments that the broker reasonably believes make it difficult for the investor to protect his or her own financial interests. Before disbursing the funds, the brokerage firm will be able to investigate the disbursement by reaching out to the investor, the trusted contact or law enforcement.



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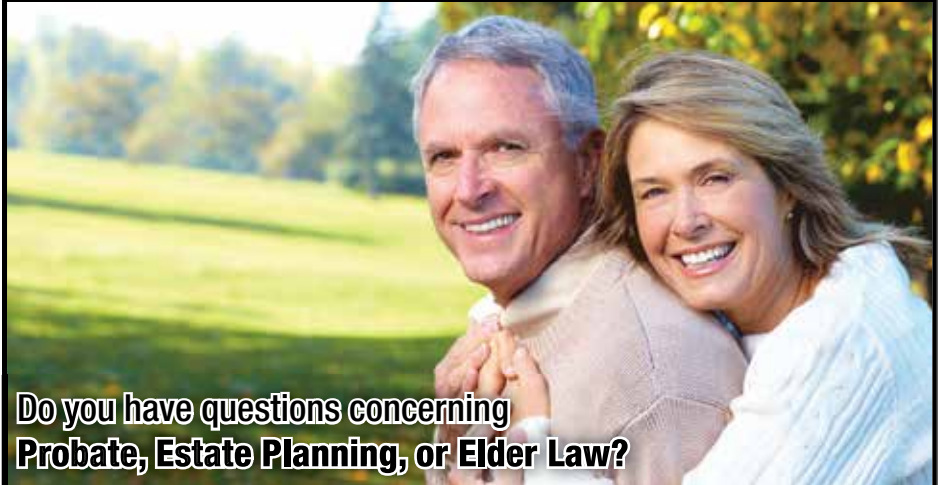
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Ponte Vedra Family YMCA hosts Chamber 'Before Hours'

The Ponte Vedra Family YMCA hosted a "Before Hours" event for the Ponte Vedra Beach Division of the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce on Wednesday, May 16.

The event served as an opportunity for attendees to network and enjoy breakfast before heading to work.

RIGHT: Representatives from the Ponte Vedra Family YMCA and St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce Ponte Vedra Beach Division gather during the Chamber "Before Hours" event on May 16 at the YMCA.

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Professionalism and ethics in the legal community



By Joseph Alan Alvarez, Esq.

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Joseph Alan Alvarez, Esq.
Guest Columnist

As a young family law attorney with Zisser Law, PLLC, I am extremely lucky to have the mentors (Elliot Zisser, Barry Zisser, Jonathan

Zisser and Katie Johnson) that I have.

One thing my mentors continuously remind me of is to practice with professionalism, respect and proper ethics. Not just because our profession demands it, but because these reminders are indicative of good reputations. Without these tools, lawyers will be fighting an uphill battle for whichever law he or she may be practicing.

I recently had the opportunity to defend a husband accused of domestic violence based on his wife's belief that the husband was mentally ill. The husband is a veteran.

The husband securely locked years of his medical/military/psychiatric records in a non-marital safe that he only had access to. This alone gave the husband "an expectation of privacy." Any lawyer will agree a party requesting health records, let alone psychiatric records, has an extreme burden to meet for a party to produce their personal medical records. In my case, the wife's lawyer advised her to break into the husband's safe and retrieve the records, so that they could create their case against the husband.

Lo and behold, when the husband went to his safe to retrieve his records, he found his safe broken into and his records gone. He immediately called the police and the wife stated in the police report that she was only doing what her "attorney had advised." She also stated that the records "were at her attorney's office," and that her attorney "was making copies of the records for their case." I am sure people reading this, with no legal background, know that the advice given wasn't the correct advice.

I filed a motion to have opposing counsel disqualified for a number of reasons, and requested the court to issue a protective order for the benefit of my client. The court granted my requests when it entered its 11-page order. The majority of the order was about opposing counsel not having the professionalism, respect and proper ethics the Florida Bar demands us lawyers to have.

St. Augustine Distillery wins Drammie Award for 'Best Whiskey Distillery Tour' in North America

St. Augustine Distillery was named "Best Whiskey Distillery Tour in North America" at the 2018 Drammie Awards.

The local distillery was one of over 300 nominations for 25 award categories voted on by more than 2,000 people from around the world. Philip McDaniel, the co-founder and CEO of St. Augustine Distillery, said he was "completely overjoyed, honored and flattered" to win the award.

"I'm just so incredibly grateful to all our staff who have worked so hard to continue to get better each and every



Photo courtesy of St. Augustine Distillery

Guests at St. Augustine Distillery enjoy a tour, which was recently recognized by the 2018 Drammie Awards.

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Not only was I proud to be on the right side of this case, but I could not help but think of my mentors as I was reading the 11-page order. Lawyers cannot undo what they have already done. As much as

lawyers, including myself, want to bypass certain procedures/avenues for their cases, it is our duty as professionals to not seek a shortcut. Our legal profession demands this. It is when we seek the shortcuts, which are contrary to our professionalism, respect and ethics, that we then lose the only thing that matters most: our reputation.

Distillery

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day,” he said. “They were the heart and soul of winning this award, everyone in the company really, so I’m overjoyed and incredibly grateful. While we’ve been fortunate to win numerous medals for our spirits and the historic preservation of our home, this award is perhaps the most rewarding since it was voted on by the world’s leading whiskey enthusiasts.”

Founded in 2012 by ForWhiskey-Lovers.com contributing editor Kevin Erskine, the Drammie Awards heap praise and accolades on top distilleries around the world. In 2017, Kentucky’s Buffalo Trace Distillery won the same award and in 2016, the winner was Maker’s Mark. “Since opening in March of 2014,

we’ve hosted over 600,000 visitors, sampled more than 2 million cocktails and have received more 5-star TripAdvisor reviews than any distillery on the Kentucky Bourbon Trail,” said McDaniel. “Recently, our Port Finished Bourbon won the Platinum Medal – Best in Class for the 2017 SIP Awards, the only international spirits competition that includes consumers as judges. This award is another milestone in the extraordinary growth of our young company. We could not be more proud of our team.”

The St. Augustine Distillery is open seven days a week with gift shop hours from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and tour hours from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Distillery tours are free, include a free tasting and begin every half-hour. For more information, call (904) 825-4962 or visit www.staugustineidstillery.com.



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Nease girls basketball coach adds to list of accolades

By Paris Moulden

Nease High School girls basketball coach Sherri Anthony has had many accolades in her 30-plus years of coaching, and now, she can add national coach of the year finalist to the list.

Anthony, who is entering her 32nd season at Nease and has accumulated more than 500 wins with the Lady Panthers, is one of eight nominees for the National High School Athletic Coaches Association's (NHSACA) National Coach of the Year award in the sport of basketball. Anthony was nominated by Florida high school coaching legend Ed Kershner. In January, Anthony learned she had won the Coach of the Year award for the Southeast region and would be a finalist for the national award.

"I'm very blessed to be able to represent coaches from the Southeast, and especially our area, because we've got some



Photo courtesy of St. Johns County School District
Nease girls basketball coach Sherri Anthony

great coaches and we've got some great teams," said Anthony, who is also the dean of students at Landrum Middle School.

The NHSACA coaches of the year will be named during a ceremony on June 27 in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and Anthony said she is honored to be a part of the event.

"I'm just going to be proud to be there, and representing not only Nease, but the whole Southeast region and the state, because there are so many people out there who are worthy of this," Anthony said. "I'm just going to be very humbled and honored to be standing there."

As part of the nomination process and determining the finalists, Anthony was asked to submit a presentation on what made her a coaching success. Among the things she highlights is her "foundation of faith and fairness," the importance of relationships and loyalty and the ability to change and persevere.

"They're going to ask us why we think our program has been so successful, and it's going to start with the coaching staff and the administration's support and the parents' support," said Anthony. "We try to really emphasize that we have to have the community involved, helping each other, and teamwork and camaraderie. You've

got to have all those pieces before you can start worrying about X's and O's."

Anthony's presentation details the job of "coach," which she said is much more than the title may suggest. According to Anthony, it's a "labor of love."

Anthony also credits the unwavering love and support of her late parents for her success.

"My father was my mentor when it came to basketball and coaching, and my mother was my rock and biggest fan," said Anthony. "If it hadn't been for them, I would have never had what I had. When they were alive, they didn't miss one game, not high school, not college, not when I was coaching."

Anthony also emphasized the importance of loyalty, not just to a school, where she's been for 31 years, but as a team and a friend. That message starts with the

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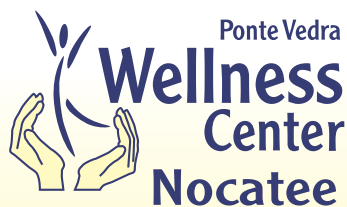


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coaching staff, especially longtime assistants Bernie Blue, Nease's track and field coach who has been with Anthony from the beginning, and Nicole Bence.

"It's been a great opportunity over the years to work with them," said Anthony. "I can't say enough about them. ... We've been together long enough; we can really say we've grown this program into something we're proud of."

She also hopes the loyalty and camaraderie the coaching staff has built translates to the players.

"That's what we want for them to see," said Anthony. "The loyalty to each other, the loyalty to the game, to the school. That it's something that should be applied to all those things, to your family, your friends, your job."

And in 31 seasons of coaching girls basketball, Anthony has seen a lot of changes in the sport.

"This generation of players is so different from the last generation of players," she said. "They have all these distractions, like social media, that we didn't have 10 years ago, much less 20 or 30 years ago. We have to play a lot more teams, a lot more games. It's just evolved, and we had to evolve with it to be successful."

Anthony also realizes the unique challenges in coaching girls and recognizes the importance of the message that is

being sent.

"I want them to feel they're capable of doing anything they put their minds to," she said. "I think it's perfect timing in our culture right now that girls do feel empowered, that they do feel like that if they put the same hard work in, they should benefit and get the same credit."

She's also been fortunate to witness the growing appreciation for girls and women's basketball, as well as better access to basketball camps, weight rooms and greater competition — and the opportunities that come with it.

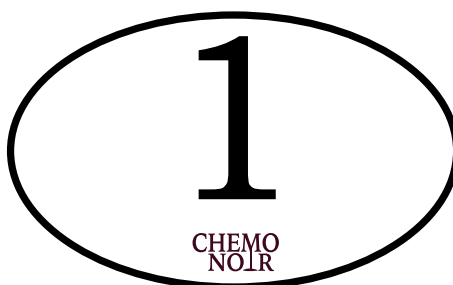
"There are still some changes I'd like to see, but, overall, I think they've gotten way more opportunities than they've ever had," said Anthony. "It's been awhile, but it's come a long way since I graduated (college)."

But the main thing Anthony hopes to reinforce is that the success of Nease's program is a shared one, based on her relationship with God, her family, her coaching staff and the school where she has spent most of her 36-year coaching career.

"I just wanted to be sure and give the Nease administration credit for supporting me in this endeavor and throughout the year," said Anthony. "I think God's been very good to me. I've been allowed to stay in the same place long enough to build something."

Regardless of what happens at the national awards ceremony on June 27, Anthony has already proven she's a winner on and off the court.

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