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HALLOWEEN HAPPINESS



Students at Christ Episcopal Church Preschool gather after the school's annual Halloween parade on Tuesday, Oct. 30. For more photos, flip to page 27.

Photo by Jamie Sarnowski

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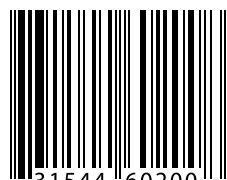
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WHAT'S THIS?



Do you know what this is?

Email your answer to jonb@opcfla.com by Monday at 5 p.m.

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No readers correctly identified last week's photo. As a result, we're going to give you all another chance to guess. Good luck!

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CAT OF THE WEEK

My name is Tori, and I am a 3-year-old female cat who was brought to the Pet Center as a stray, which means there may be some traits that are unknown at this time. Come visit me today here at the Pet Center! #45291



DOG OF THE WEEK

My name is Penne, and I am a 6-year-old female dog who was brought to the Pet Center as a stray. Since I'm a stray, there may be some traits that are unknown at this time. Come visit me today here at the Pet Center! #45232

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Pedestrian dies after collision with jeep on A1A

By Jon Blauvelt

According to Florida Highway Patrol (FHP), a 44-year-old woman died on Saturday night after she was hit by a jeep while walking across State Road A1A in South Ponte Vedra Beach.

A crash report from FHP states that Meredith L. Crosby of Green Cove Springs was walking in the westerly direction across A1A at the 2400 block of the road when a 2016 white Jeep Patriot

traveling south struck her. Taking place at about 9:08 p.m. on Oct. 27, the FHP report said Crosby was walking from a residence to her vehicle parked on the shoulder of the road when she walked into the path of the vehicle. She died on the scene.

According to FHP, the driver of the vehicle sustained minor injuries and was taken to Flagler Hospital in St. Augustine. FHP is continuing to investigate the incident.

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Photo by Samantha Logue

Vice President Mike Pence and Second Lady Karen Pence take the stage at a rally held in support of Republican gubernatorial hopeful Ron DeSantis on Oct. 25 in Jacksonville.

Vice President Pence rallies support for DeSantis in Jacksonville

By Samantha Logue

Vice President Mike Pence stopped in Jacksonville last Thursday, Oct. 25 to garner support for Republican gubernatorial candidate Ron DeSantis at a rally held at the Prime F. Osborn III Convention Center downtown.

The event was attended by several noteworthy Republican officials, including Rep. John Rutherford, Rep. Ted Yoho, State Rep. Cyndi Stevenson, St. Johns County Republican Executive Committee Chairman Jerry Cameron and Clay County Sheriff Darryl Daniels.

Also in attendance was Kellyanne Conway, counselor to President Donald Trump, who helped to fire up the crowd.

"Elections are fundamentally about choices," Conway said, "and as I look across ... the political landscape this year at different races, I can think of very few where there's such a stark contrast in the policy positions and the vision that is being put forth by the two candidates as I see in your governor's race this year."

The vice president agreed with that sentiment, stating: "My fellow Americans, the choice in this election in Florida couldn't be more clear. In Ron DeSantis you have a principled leader with a proven record who is ready to lead on day one to take Florida to even greater heights, and in his opponent, Andrew Gillum, you've got just one more voice in the resistance."

Adding that the Tallahassee mayor's policies were "more like Bernie Sanders' Vermont than the Sunshine State," Pence contrasted them against those of DeSantis, whom he characterized as a "cham-

pion" for Florida and the Trump agenda.

"It's a choice between tax hikes and tax cuts," Pence said. "It's a choice between jobs and mobs, between open borders and border security, dependence and independence. The truth is, it's a choice between resistance and results in the State House in Florida, and Florida needs to choose Ron DeSantis to get more results, and more jobs and more security in the next four years."

Also pointing to Gillum's support for the idea of abolishing Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Pence assured attendees that DeSantis would be an advocate for law enforcement in Florida, stating: "With President Donald Trump in the White House, with Rick Scott in the Senate, with Ron DeSantis as your governor, we will never abolish ICE. We will stand with the men and women of Immigration and Customs Enforcement as they enforce our laws, and I promise you, we'll secure our border, we'll build the wall and we'll fix this broken immigration system once and for all."

But even in noting the stark contrast between Florida's two gubernatorial candidates and their respective political parties, the vice president also took a moment to call for civility in a time of great political turmoil and division.

"In these challenging times in the life of our nation, where it seems like there's more division these days than any time in my adult life, it seems like people on television particularly focus all the time on what divides us as Americans," he said. "But we'll always believe — I know Ron

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Photo courtesy of the Gillum Campaign

Democratic gubernatorial candidate Andrew Gillum campaigns in St. Augustine on Sunday, Oct. 28.

Gillum makes case for governor at campaign event in St. Augustine

By Jon Blauvelt

Democratic gubernatorial candidate Andrew Gillum campaigned at an event in downtown St. Augustine on Sunday and urged those in attendance to "vote like our lives depend on it."

Speaking to supporters at the Plaza de la Constitucion, Gillum discussed what he believes is necessary to "put the state of Florida on the right path going forward." Joining him for the Oct. 28 event were Ges Selmont, a Ponte Vedra Beach resident and Democratic candidate for Congress in Florida's 4th District; Nancy Soderberg, a Democratic candidate for Congress in Florida's 6th District; Jaime Perkins, an Independent candidate for the Florida House of Representatives, District 17; and Nell Seymour Toensmann, the chair of the St. Johns County Democratic Executive Committee.

Gillum, who is currently the mayor of Tallahassee, started by addressing today's current political climate.

"Because of the degradation of our political discourse, we now see people taking to violent extremes as a way to express a political point," he said. "I will try to run this race every step of the way by giving voters something to go out there and vote for and not just against."

Among the several issues Gillum touched upon was a lengthy discussion on his goal to raise wages of teachers in Florida. He noted that teachers are responsible for cultivating and inspiring "the minds of our most precious gifts: our children." Yet, he said, the average

salary for teachers in Florida is the 45th lowest out of all 50 states. In addition to raising pay, Gillum said, if elected, he would work to integrate more skills training into public education so that kids have opportunities for blue-collar jobs in addition to white-collar jobs.

On a similar note, the Democratic gubernatorial candidate expressed his support for common sense gun reform to keep kids safe. He advocated for instituting a ban on "guns that can fire off 60 bullets in 60 seconds;" strengthening and requiring background checks for people who want to buy a gun and carry; and restricting gun access from domestic violence abusers.

Under a Gillum administration, he also said his team would work to "put the word protection back into our Department of Environmental Protection."

"This is our clean air, this is our clean water, these are our beaches and our ocean and there is no corporate profit, no corporate entity big enough to take that away from us," Gillum said.

Gillum additionally discussed his desire to expand Medicaid, transform transportation, ensure equal pay for women and protect women's right to choose, among several other topics.

As for his opponent, Gillum said Ron DeSantis' campaign has "only been run through negativity." In two debates, Gillum said DeSantis has had the opportunity to cast his vision for Florida but has instead talked about what's wrong with him (Gillum). In addition,

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Rutherford speaks at Alzheimer's Association forum

By Samantha Logue

Rep. John Rutherford (R-Fla.) was a guest speaker at a community forum hosted by the Alzheimer's Association this past Monday, Oct. 29. The forum, which was held at the Casa Marina Hotel in Jacksonville Beach, offered residents the opportunity to discuss their experiences with Alzheimer's and the various challenges faced by those who have the disease, as well as their caregivers.

Issues addressed at the meeting included the need for increasing public awareness about Alzheimer's, reducing the stigma associated with the disease, promoting health screenings and making resources more easily-accessible for caregivers.

In introducing Rutherford and opening the conversation, the Alzheimer's Association's statewide Vice President of Public Policy Michelle Branham emphasized that the mission to cure Alzheimer's could be supported by people of all means and backgrounds.

"Often times, in a divided world, it's really important to have a unifying thing that we work for," Branham said. "Alzheimer's is one of those unifying issues that we can all get behind, and we can all realize the importance and significance of moving important pieces of legislation forward."

Rutherford agreed, noting that bipartisanship was key in securing Congress' recent approval of a \$425 million increase in Alzheimer's and dementia research



ABOVE: Attendees discuss the challenges faced by individuals diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease and their caregivers.

LEFT: Rep. John Rutherford pledges to continue to fight for Alzheimer's research funding in Congress at a community forum hosted by the Alzheimer's Association Monday, Oct. 29 at the Casa Marina Hotel.

Photos by Samantha Logue

funding at the National Institutes of Health, and that it will also be instrumental in garnering support for the BOLD Infrastructure for Alzheimer's Act, which

focuses on improving early diagnosis of the disease, reducing risk, preventing avoidable hospitalizations and increasing the collection and analysis of data regard-

ing cognitive decline.

Adding that his own mother struggled with memory loss before losing her battle against colon cancer, Rutherford pledged to continue fighting for a cure on the national level.

"My heart just goes out to this population that's affected by this, so I am very honored to be in this fight in Washington, D.C. to help as much as we can to make funding available," he said. "I think it's really important that we begin to focus on these issues like cognitive decline. We need to study this; we need to capture data that we can actually use for caregivers and others."

Branham, praising Rutherford for his continued support, said, "It's really nice to have people care, but it's quite another thing to have people be champions. (We've) got a champion legislator in a leadership position that can really multiply our voices, and I think Congressman Rutherford does that so well. His heart is really in it."

Others in attendance also expressed their appreciation for Rutherford's support, including Darby Mueller, whose mother previously worked with the former Jacksonville sheriff, but has since been diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease.

"In the early days, I knew him as Sheriff Rutherford," Mueller said. "He did everything wonderful for this city and he continues to this day to do wonderful things, and I'm here just to thank him on behalf of my mom."



Photo by Samantha Logue

A line of rally-goers supporting Ron DeSantis forms outside the Prime Osborn Convention Center in Jacksonville.

DeSantis

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believes — there will always be more that unites us in these United States of America than will ever divide us."

Closing out his remarks, Pence encouraged attendees to get out and vote, stating: "I truly do believe with renewed Republican majorities in Washington, D.C.; with Rick Scott in the United States Senate; with Ron DeSantis and Jeanette Nuñez in the State House; with President Donald Trump in the White House; and with God's help, we will make Florida and America more prosperous than we could possibly imagine, we will make Florida and America safer than ever before and, to borrow a phrase, we will make America great again."

ELECTION NIGHT WATCH PARTIES

Election Day is next Tuesday, Nov. 6, and as the votes roll in, the eyes of the nation will turn to Florida to see the results of a couple key races. Those looking for a place to view — and potentially celebrate — the 2018 general election results as they are announced can do so at any of the following local watch parties:

St. Johns County Republican Party

Buffalo Wild Wings
318 State Road 312
St. Augustine, FL 32086
Starts at 7 p.m.

Trump Club of St. Johns County

Ocean Avenue Sports Bar
123 San Marco Ave.
St. Augustine, FL 32084
From 7 to 9:30 p.m.

Ponte Vedra Democratic Club

Coastal Oaks Clubhouse in Nocatee
77 Portsmouth Bay Ave.
Ponte Vedra, FL 32081
From 7 to 10 p.m.

St. Johns County Democratic Party

Royal St. Augustine Golf Club House
301 Royal St. Augustine Parkway
St. Augustine, FL 32084
Starts at 7 p.m.



Photo courtesy of the Gillum Campaign

Democratic gubernatorial candidate Andrew Gillum campaigns in St. Augustine.

Gillum

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Gillum called DeSantis' vision inconsistent and not in the best interest of the people.

Toward the end of his address, Gillum once again encouraged those in attendance to vote and discussed how this election is different compared to those in the past.

"When was the last time a Democratic nominee for governor campaigned the last nine days in this part of the state?" Gillum asked. "We haven't. This is different. I'm here because I believe your votes matter. You matter. I'm here because I want you to know I want to be your governor too."

Tim Forson is the superintendent of the St. Johns County School District.

Tim Forson

Can you please briefly tell us about your background?

I'm born and raised here. I've lived my entire life in St. Johns County, except for going away to college. I raised a family here; I have four adult children and two young children. I began as a teacher and a coach and moved through the organization. This is my 39th year in the St. Johns County School District.

What's your vision for the school district?

My vision is just to ensure that every student has a path that they can be successful on. When you're 40,000 students strong, that can mean a lot of different things to different children and different families. So, our goal is to try to be the right school district for each child.

What do you enjoy most about your job?

It's being in schools, getting to meet with students, getting their input and just having those conversations. It still goes back to where you start. You start because you enjoy being around students and being in that classroom environment.

What are some of the biggest challenges you're facing today?

I think one of them is a challenge we've faced probably for the past 10 to 15 years and that's growth. It's trying to stay ahead of the growth and make sure that we have all of the facilities that we need, that we respond in a way to have all the teachers and support staff that we need to serve our children. For us, that's a big task. We're talking about growing by more than a school a year. In the past 10 years, there's almost always been at least one major construction project underway. This year, we opened two K-8 schools that have that capacity of 1,500 students. I feel like, for the moment, we're in a good place.

What's the strategy for future growth?

I think one of the things we do well is we have a great growth management leadership and department, and they work hard to try to anticipate where that growth is going to be next. Where is the next stress going to be to our system? If we can get ahead by construction of a new school or additions to existing schools, we try to do that. Some of it is also rezoning students to get to keeping balance in schools. That's never popular for families and parents, but I think it's necessary as we move forward into the future.

How do you balance high expectations for students with mental health?

I think that's a balance point we're all looking for right now. In the past year, we've had numerous conversations with students, high school students especially, who have stressed the concern about the pace of their life, the number of things that are on their calendars and how they move forward and that expectation to be the very best and to be at the top. It's something that we have to help kids regulate better, to try to slow things down a little bit and be reflective. Understand that it's not a fast race; it's a matter of being what's right for every child. We've added resources in our school district to help on the mental health side. But a lot of times, that's responsive to kids who are already feeling stress. So, I think over time we have to do more and more on the social-emotional learning part of our schools and classrooms.



Photo by Jon Blauvelt

What is the district doing to keep kids safe?

Every school district in the state of Florida has had to work hard to deal with that in the past year. When you have a school shooting that's as close to home as one that occurs in Florida, it brings new attention to that. Even before the Parkland shooting, we were working hard to improve our facilities and to make sure check-in procedures were consistent and safe. I think the fact that we have armed personnel at every school helps moms and dads to know that we have somebody there to protect their child should something terrible happen.

What do you enjoy most about living and working in St. Johns County?

This is a very fortunate place to live. I love St. Johns

County. I stayed here when I had choices to move elsewhere, but this is a place I wanted to raise a family. I love the school system and I'm proud of it, but I'm proud of the community as a whole. This is a just great place to raise a family, and that's what makes it a great place to live and work.

What do you like to do in your free time?

I have a 3-year-old and a 10-year-old at home, so I enjoy spending time with them. I also enjoy fishing and surfing and those kinds of things that I can do when I can. But most of it centers around being with my family.

Edited by Jon Blauvelt

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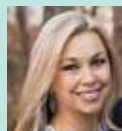
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<p>Florida Agricultural Museum farmers market This farmers market takes place each Thursday from 8 a.m. to noon. The market is located at the Florida Agricultural Museum at 7900 Old Kings Road N. in Palm Coast. Visitors are welcome to enjoy farm animals, local honey, flea market items, fruits, vegetables and local artisans.</p> <p>Yoga for Survivors The Y Healthy Living Center at the Ponte Vedra YMCA will host a Yoga for Survivors class Nov. 1 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>Breastfeeding 101 class This event, entitled "Breastfeeding 101: Getting Mom and Baby Off to the Best Start," will take place Nov. 1 from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at the Y Healthy Living Center in Ponte Vedra. The YMCA's board-certified lactation consultants will teach participants about the key elements to get breastfeeding off to the best start. The class will begin by separating facts from fiction and discussing health benefits for mother and baby. Other topics will include learning the feeding cues of babies, how long and how often to feed, how to know if the baby is getting enough, increasing milk supply and more. Register online by searching for "Breastfeeding 101 Class" on www.eventbrite.com.</p> <p>Jacksonville Symphony performance The Jacksonville Symphony will take an ensemble to the Beaches Museum Chapel Nov. 1. An appetizer reception will take place at 6 p.m. and the concert will begin at 7 p.m. The Symphony String Quartet will feature violinists Piotr Szewczyk and Jonathan Kuo, cellist Brian Magnus and violist Jorge A. Peña Portillo. Beaches Museum Chapel is located at 505 Beach Blvd. in Jacksonville Beach.</p>	<p>Cummer Beaches lecture series Cummer Beaches, an affinity group of the Cummer Museum at the Beaches, is hosting the last of the Italian lecture series with Dr. Debra Murphy Nov. 2 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Beaches Museum and History Park Chapel. The program is free and open to the public. For more information, visit www.cummermuseum.org/beaches or call (904) 899-6007.</p> <p>Artist Talk Butterfield Garage Gallery will feature artist Joyce Hutchinson for an Artist Talk event Nov. 2 at the First Friday artwalk at 6 p.m. Hutchinson has been an artist, owner and instructor of her own private art school for 20 years, as well as a self-published poet and writer. Her art focuses on experimenting and creating images that are diverse. The First Friday Art Walk will take place throughout the historic downtown area of St. Augustine and Anastasia Island.</p> <p>15th Annual Festival d'Vine Catholic Charities is hosting its 15th annual Festival d'Vine Nov. 2 from 6 to 9 p.m. at Treaty Oak Park in San Marco, located at 1123 Prudential Drive. The event serves as a primary fundraiser for the Catholic Charities Jacksonville Regional Office of the Diocese of St. Augustine, with all proceeds going toward the agency's six major programs.</p> <p>Caravaggio and Baroque Art Caravaggio and Baroque Art will be featured at Beaches Museum & History Park Nov. 2 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. The event will feature a lecture with slides by professor Deborah Murphy of the University of North Florida. Beaches Museum & History Park is located at 381 Beach Blvd. in Jacksonville Beach.</p> <p>Living Sustainably lecture series THE PLAYERS Community Center, located at 175 Landrum Lane in Ponte Vedra Beach, will host a Living Sustainably lecture Nov. 2 at 10 a.m. The series focuses on Northeast Florida's conservation efforts, plants, animals and beaches. Light refreshments will be provided.</p>	<p>Dinesh D'Souza Benghazi Tribute A Benghazi Tribute, entitled "America First," will take place Nov. 3 at 3 p.m. at the Hyatt Regency Riverfront, located at 225 E. Coastline Drive in Jacksonville. A VIP reception will take place at 1:30 p.m. The event will feature filmmaker Dinesh D'Souza, Congressman Ted Yoho and more. For more information, visit www.benghazitribute.org.</p> <p>Blood drive Freedom Boat Club in Jacksonville Beach is partnering with OneBlood to host a blood drive at Beach Marine Nov. 3 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Each person who donates blood will receive a free OneBlood fleece blanket, a wellness check-up including blood pressure, temperature, iron count, pulse and cholesterol screening, plus 10 percent off at Pierside Restaurant and a free boat ride. Freedom Boat Club's Jacksonville Beach location is located at 2315 Beach Blvd.</p> <p>Grand Wine Tasting Festival The seventh annual Grand Wine Festival with proceeds donated to Child Cancer Fund will take place Nov. 3 from 4 to 7 p.m. at Royal Palm Village Wine & Tapas, located at 296 Royal Palms Drive in Atlantic Beach. Special wine retail pricing on wines will be available for those who attend. Purchase tickets at Royal Palm or go online at www.904tix.com.</p> <p>Race for the Fallen The Race for the Fallen Glow Run is set to light up the night on Jekyll Island, GA at 6:30 p.m. Nov. 3. The race is a family-fun 5K or 1 mile night run/walk that allows every age and speed to GLOW at their own pace. Race proceeds will benefit the Police Benevolent Foundation. For more information and to register, visit www.raceforthefallen.com. The Police Benevolent Foundation is a tax-deductible 501(c)(3) organization established by the Southern States Police Benevolent Association (SSPBA) in 2005.</p>	<p>Lunch & Learn presentation Palms Presbyterian Church will host a Lunch & Learn event Nov. 4 in room 202 featuring Scott Grant's "Summer of '64" presentation. The church is located at 3410 3rd St. S. in Jacksonville Beach. The event will offer an opportunity to learn about an important period in Northeast Florida history. Lunch will be provided by Standfast Asset Management. RSVP by calling (904) 246-6427 or email melissa.clapp@palmschurch.org. For more information, visit www.palmschurch.org.</p> <p>Pablo-Mayport Cemetery Tour Join local history detective Johnny Woodhouse on a tour of the Pablo-Mayport Cemetery Nov. 4 at 1 p.m. Participants will have a chance to uncover the stories behind the tombstones of Elizabeth Stark, Henry Charles "Booty" Singleton, the King Family and others. Reservations are required. To reserve a spot, visit www.beaches-museum.org or call (904) 241-5657. This event is free to members with a \$5 suggested donation for non-members.</p> <p>Twilight prayer gathering A twilight prayer gathering will take place Nov. 4 at Ocean Front Park, located at 1st St. in Jacksonville Beach, at 5 p.m. The group will be praying for God's continued blessings on America and for healing division. All are welcome. Participants are encouraged to bring a candle.</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>Native Plant Hike Join Washington Oaks Gardens State Park on this two-mile hike to learn about the area's native plants Nov. 4 at 10 a.m. Participants are recommended to bring water and bug spray. The hike is free with admission into the park, which ranges from \$2 to \$5. Washington Oaks Gardens State Park is located at 6400 N. Oceanshore Blvd. in Palm Coast.</p>

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<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>Ask the Expert: Advance Care Planning Advance care planning helps people reflect on and plan for a time when they can't make health care decisions for themselves. It provides important guidance to designated health surrogates and doctors with no lawyers required. To be held Nov. 5 from noon to 1 p.m. at the Y Healthy Living Center in Ponte Vedra (170 Landrum Lane), this event is free and a YMCA membership is not required. Reserve a spot online at www.eventbrite.com/e/ask-the-expert-tickets-50143635965.</p> <p>Kids Free November at World Golf Hall of Fame Kids under 12 can visit the World Golf Hall of Fame & Museum for free during the month of November (offer valid for up to five children) with a general admission paying adult. No coupon necessary. The museum is open Monday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday noon to 6 p.m. The World Golf Hall of Fame & Museum is located at 1 World Golf Pl. in St. Augustine.</p> <p>Science club The Crazy Comets 4-H Science Club will meet at the Bartram Trail Library Nov. 5 from 5 to 5:55 p.m. Those in the fourth or fifth grade who love science are encouraged to attend. Space is limited. For more information and to register, contact club leader Shipra Panda at (904) 230-7571. The Bartram Trail Branch Library is located at 60 Davis Pond Blvd. in Fruit Cove.</p>	<p>Prenatal yoga Prenatal and postnatal yoga is designed to help women cope with the changing needs of their body before and after pregnancy and birth. The public is invited Nov. 6 at 6 p.m. to share individual experiences with other women and gain empowerment through yoga, meditation and guided visualization. This approach is gentle and safe for women in all stages of pregnancy, and once recovered from birth, but prior approval from a healthcare provider is advised. This event will take place at the Y Healthy Living Center, located at 170 Landrum Lane in Ponte Vedra Beach.</p> <p>Storytime at Nocatee Join Bookmobile staff for a storytime session Nov. 6 at 11 a.m. in the Nocatee Room of Crosswater Hall near Splash Park. Crosswater Hall is located at 245 Nocatee Center Way in Ponte Vedra. For more information, call (904) 827-6928 or email libbe@sjcfl.us or visit www.sjcpls.org.</p> <p>Nocatee Bookmobile A Bookmobile will be at the Publix at Nocatee Town Center, located at 120 Marketside Ave. in Ponte Vedra. For more information, call (904) 827-6928, email libbe@sjcfl.us or visit www.sjcpls.org. The Bookmobile will be in place Nov. 6, 13 and 27 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.</p> <p>Senior singles group Join local seniors for food and fun conversation Nov. 6 at South Beach Grill at 11:30 a.m. Call (904) 209-3655 to make a reservation. South Beach Grill is located at 45 Cubbedge Road in St. Augustine.</p> <p>Horticulture program This free horticulture program, hosted by the Garden Club of Jacksonville, will feature Terry Del Valle Nov. 6 at 10 a.m. The agent of the Duval County Extension office will speak on invasive plants in the garden and how to manage greenery. No reservations are required. This event will take place at The Garden Club of Jacksonville, located at 100 Riverside Ave.</p>	<p>Yoga at the church Grab a mat and enjoy a weekly yoga session at St. Paul's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church each Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. All ages and skill levels are welcome. St. Paul's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church is located at 465 11th Ave. N. in Jacksonville. Call (904) 249-4091 Ext. 103 for more information.</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 to 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>Wellness Wednesdays Join the River House, located at 179 Marine St. in St. Augustine, for Wellness Wednesdays from 11 a.m. to noon. Florida Health Care Plans will be discussing various health and wellness topics at the Nov. 7 session, in addition to giving away a ticket to a dinner and movie event. Call (904) 209-3655 to make a reservation.</p> <p>Jewelry beading class Fulfill the need to be creative by designing jewelry at this jewelry beading class with Shirley Nacey. The class will offer an opportunity to make bracelets and necklaces with intriguing beads. The class will feature a basic stringing lesson with beading wire and clasps/ crimps. From there, participants will advance to off loom stitching such as peyote, square stitch, netting and more. The four-week series will begin Nov. 7 at 1:30 p.m. Admission costs \$40 for River House members and \$45 for non-members. Space is limited, call (904) 209-3655 to register.</p> <p>'All Shook Up' Flagler College's Theatre Department will perform "All Shook Up" at Lewis Auditorium at Nov. 7 at 7:30 p.m. Visit http://www.flagler.edu/information-for-community-members/arts-culture/theatre-productions for ticket information.</p>	<p>Friends Fall Luncheon Friends of First Coast Opera will present a three-course luncheon Nov. 8 at 11:30 a.m. at La Cocina Internacional, located in the Castillo Real on St. Augustine Beach. The cuisine will be prepared by Norberto. Soprano. Lisa Lockhart will provide entertainment with arias. Luncheon tickets cost \$35 and include a raffle ticket. Seating is limited. Call (904) 461-8288 for more information.</p> <p>St. Johns County Fair Housing public meetings In conjunction with a fair housing study required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, St. Johns County is hosting two public meetings regarding fair housing for residents to provide feedback and complete a survey Nov. 8 at noon at the Health and Human Services Building, located at 200 San Sebastian View, and Nov. 8 at the Solomon Calhoun Community Center. The meetings will also provide information regarding the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice, which identifies specific barriers to fair housing and proposes recommendations for addressing those barriers. For more information on start times and more, call (904) 827-6897.</p> <p>Amy Ray at Ponte Vedra Concert Hall For more than 30 years, Amy Ray has been renowned as one half of the Grammy-award winning folk duo, Indigo Girls, and she's coming to the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall Nov. 8. Doors open at 7 p.m. and the show starts at 8 p.m. Ray is also a community activist and has had an independent label with Daemon Records since 1989. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit www.pvconcerthall.com or call the box office at (904) 209-0399. The Ponte Vedra Concert Hall is located at 1050 A1A N.</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 or call (904) 686-3939.</p>

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Water, wastewater rates increase for St. Johns County Utility customers in PV as part of 4-year rate adjustment program

By Jon Blauvelt

For the third consecutive year, water and wastewater rates for St. Johns County Utility customers in Ponte Vedra are increasing as part of a four-year rate

adjustment program approved by the St. Johns County Commission in 2016.

According to Frank Kenton, assistant Utility director of finance and administration, the new rates became effective Oct. 1 following notices that were sent

to customers, and the increase should be reflected on the first full billing cycle after the effective date. Kenton noted the rates have increased by 2 percent for water and 8.5 percent for wastewater. This is the third increase, he said, with one more

coming in October 2019. At the end of that term, Kenton said the rate structure will return to annual indexing.

The rate adjustment program is helping fund the Utility's new water reclamation facility at the PLAYERS Club site, which is adjacent to the Woodlands Creek neighborhood in Ponte Vedra Beach. According to the Utility, the new facility is consolidating three of Ponte Vedra's aged wastewater treatment plants into one state-of-the-art facility made of concrete that will last for 30 to 50 years.

"It will ultimately provide an advanced treatment wastewater facility that provides higher quality effluent," Kenton said.

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Jon Blauvelt
Editor

We're excited to be celebrating the Ponte Vedra Recorder's 49th anniversary on Nov. 7.

Since 1969, the Recorder has been Ponte Vedra's paper of record and has reported on the news

that is most important to you and your families. With consistent coverage on local government, business, education, religion, healthcare, lifestyle and everything in between, we're proud the Recorder is an award-winning paper that residents can open every Thursday morning for reliable, thoughtful and original reporting and insight.

In recognition of the occasion, we're including a special anniversary section in the Nov. 8 edition of the Recorder, and we're asking for your help. Do you have any old Recorder articles, photos or editions that hold a special place in your heart? Maybe it's an old photo of your son or daughter winning that science fair in fifth grade? Or maybe it's an article on your business opening many years back? Whatever it is, we want to see it and share in your nostalgia.

Please bring any keepsakes/submissions by our office at 1102 A1A North, Unit 108, in Ponte Vedra Beach or email them to me at jonb@opcfla.com. We'll plan to include your submissions in the section to reflect on our long-standing commitment to Ponte Vedra and your particular contribution to the community. The deadline for submissions is Monday, Nov. 5 at noon.

As always, thank you for reading and for your continued support. We wouldn't have made it to 49 without you!

NOCATEE HAPPENINGS

Baptist Health medical campus to open in Nocatee Town Center

Baptist Health is breaking ground on a new comprehensive health campus in Nocatee in early 2019 that will include primary care, specialty care and wellness programming.

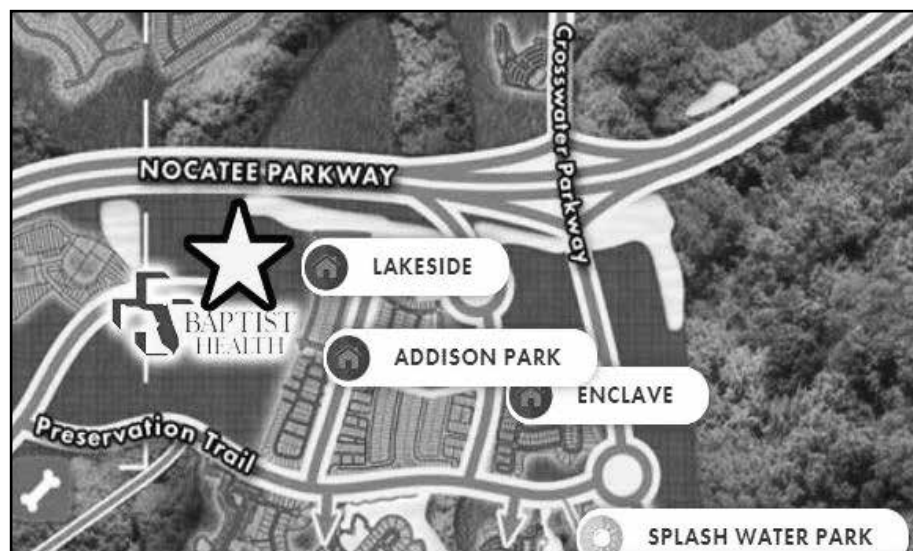
The facility will be located west of Nocatee Town Center and the Lakeside neighborhood facing Nocatee Parkway. The building will face a lake and be accessible via walking paths and golf cart paths in the community.

“The new health campus will provide Nocatee residents and adjacent communities access to expanded clinical services, tailored programming and state-of-the-art facilities,” said Keith Tickell, vice president of strategic assets/

real estate at Baptist Health. “Our goal is to design and plan based on the active, high-quality lifestyle already embodied by local residents.”

Baptist Health opened a Baptist Primary Care location in Nocatee Town Center in early 2015. Offering newly extended service hours and an expanded team of caregivers, this primary care office will relocate to the new building when it opens. A variety of services will be incorporated in the single location.

“Our vision is to create a highly convenient, innovative center for health care and wellness services for the whole family,” said Matt Zuino, president of physician integration at Baptist Health.



Map provided by Nocatee Ponte Vedra www.nocatee.com

Baptist Health is opening a new comprehensive health campus in Nocatee located west of Nocatee Town Center and the Lakeside neighborhood facing Nocatee Parkway.

According to The PARC Group, health care providers and educators on this new campus will focus on delivering interactive experiences and events designed for residents of all ages, including health and safety programming provided by THE PLAYERS Center for Child Health

at Wolfson Children’s Hospital. “Convenience is key,” said John Wilbanks, FACHE, executive vice president and chief operating officer at Baptist Health. “So we’re bringing together comprehensive services tailored to the needs of this vibrant community.”

Local chapter of Moms Demand Action hosts empowering women fundraiser for Betty Griffin Center

In recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness Month in October, the St. Johns County chapter of Moms Demand Action hosted a fundraiser on Wednesday, Oct. 24 in Nocatee for Betty Griffin Center. With the goal of empowering women in the community and in the shelter, more than \$2,500 and two carloads of supplies were donated as a result of the event.

About 90 women attended the shop and donate event, and in lieu of an entry fee, brought items from the shelter’s wish list — everything from food to towels, clothing and children’s items. The event showcased local women vendors, including several who have been affected by domestic violence, selling their products, handmade goods and services.

A raffle was held with items and gift cards donated by several local businesses, and the nearly \$1,000 raised from the raffle sales alone went to support survivors of domestic and sexual abuse. Additionally, vendors donated a portion from all sales to Betty Griffin Center, which is a local nonprofit organization that provides emergency shelter to abused women and their minor children and temporary shelter for rape victims in danger after the crime. All new donor gifts will be matched by The Delores Barr Weaver Fund Challenge Grant.

“It’s amazing what women can do when we lock arms for a cause,” said Kelly Aguirrechu, local group leader for Moms Demand Action. “In the short time that we’ve been a formal Moms Demand Action chapter, we’ve held a Meet the Candidates event open to all county residents, hosted a St. Johns County Sheriff’s officer to speak to the community about the Marjory Stone-

man Douglas Public Safety Act and now made a significant impact for a local shelter. A huge thanks goes to everyone who made this event happen and to everyone who came out to shop and donate. Your generosity is nothing short of extraordinary!”

Nicole Donnelly Pece, development director with Betty Griffin Center, expanded upon Aguirrechu’s comments.

“What a great way to showcase local women-owned businesses while giving back to survivors of domestic and sexual abuse,” she said. “Thank you to this supportive and giving community for helping hundreds of women, children and families in St. Johns County in their effort to find support and survive what are often traumatic experiences. We were able to shop, have fun and raise awareness.”

People who missed the event can still donate directly to the Betty Griffin Center at www.bettygriffincenter.org/donate.

The next Moms Demand Action local event will be a Sandy Hook candlelight vigil on Friday, Dec. 14 at 7 p.m. at Christ Episcopal Church in Ponte Vedra Beach. The event is open to the public. Interested residents are invited to join, and the group always welcomes moms, dads, grandparents, teachers, etc.

Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America is a grassroots movement of Americans fighting for public safety measures that respect the Second Amendment and protect people from gun violence. For more information on the local chapter, contact Kelly Aguirrechu at (305) 753-5837 or kaguirrechuFL@gmail.com.



ABOVE: Nicole Donnelly Pece, development director of Betty Griffin Center, and Kelly Aguirrechu, local group leader for Moms Demand Action, gather at the Moms Demand Action fundraiser in Nocatee on Oct. 24 benefiting the nonprofit organization.



Various vendors participate in the fundraiser, pledging to donate a portion of their sales to Betty Griffin Center.

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PONTE VEDRA WOMEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION ENJOYS ANNUAL PUMPKIN TOURNAMENT



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Robin Saltman, Jen Steinman, Jane Rollinson and MaryAnn Graham gather after winning first place in the Ponte Vedra Women's Golf Association's annual Pumpkin Tournament. Held Thursday, Oct. 25 at Ponte Vedra Inn & Club, "The Wonderful Witches of PVWGA" event included on-course games such as putting with brooms and "double trouble," which involved selecting two clubs to play a par 4 hole. The team of Trisha Haskell, Julie Bluett, Maria Ayala and Janet Strickland took home second-place honors. Over 30 golfers enjoyed lunch after the tournament with a special menu and treats provided by member Linda Lago and Ponte Vedra Inn & Club management.



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Monique Burr Foundation for Children, LENNAR host 21st annual Champions for Child Safety Pro Am Golf Tournament

Pro and amateur golfers join forces to benefit child safety, prevention education programs

On Monday, Oct. 15, the Monique Burr Foundation for Children (MBF) hosted the 21st annual LENNAR and MBF Champions for Child Safety Pro Am Golf Tournament Presented by Drummond, where 24 professional golfers teamed up with 96 amateur golfers to play for a cause.

The annual tournament raised more than \$187,000 for MBF's child abuse and bullying prevention education programs, which include MBF Child Safety Matters and MBF Teen Safety Matters.

The tournament took place at the Palencia Club in St. Augustine and was chaired by honorary chairmen and pro golfers Fred Funk, Jim Furyk, Mark McCumber and tournament chairman MG Orender. The multi-day event, which started with a pairings party the night prior, included several course contests, including a \$1 million shootout, six hole-in-one contests and a pre-event putting contest, luncheon and awards reception.



Photo by Ingrid Wilson Photography

Tournament chairman MG Orender, MBF President and CEO Lynn Layton, MBF Chairman Ed Burr and tournament honorary chairmen and pro golfers Mark McCumber and Jim Furyk display a check for MBF for \$187,000 that was raised at the LENNAR and MBF Champions for Child Safety Pro Am Golf Tournament Presented by Drummond on Oct. 15.

“To date, the Monique Burr Foundation for Children has trained more than 3,000 facilitators, who have reached more than 2.5 million children with our programs,” MBF President and CEO Lynn Layton said. “Our success is in large part thanks to our golfers and volunteers. We are so grateful for their continued partnership and sponsorship of child safety. Together, we continue to do more and create new programming to reach even more children and youth.”

The big winners for the day were England-Thims and Miller, Inc. who were accompanied by pro golfer Garrett Willis.

Based in Jacksonville, MBF's prevention education programs educate and empower

students and all relevant adults with information and strategies to prevent, recognize and respond appropriately to child sexual abuse and other types of child abuse, as well as bullying and cyberbullying.

MBF follows polyvictimization research, which states that if a child is victimized in one way, they are much more likely to be victimized in another. In the near future, MBF plans to unveil its new MBF Athlete Safety Matters™ program. The program was first announced at the annual A Night at Roy's fundraiser and is in response to the overwhelming need to protect child and youth athletes.

Visit www.mbfpreventioneducation.org for more information.

Spa at One Ocean is offering free services to cancer patients Nov. 5 for Sparks of Light Day

On Monday, Nov. 5, from 1 to 6 p.m., The Spa at One Ocean Resort & Spa will offer healing gifts complimentary to those currently undergoing cancer treatment in honor of the fourth annual Sparks of Light Day.

Born out of a daughter's experience watching her mother fight a 13-month battle with cancer and the joy that beauty treatments evoked, Sparks of Light is an annual, one-day event begun by nonprofit organization Faye's Light, during which spas around the country offer free services to those battling cancer.

On Nov. 5, The Spa at One Ocean will offer patients their choice of a 50-minute, marine-inspired service, with options including a Signature Massage, Ocean Mist Facial, a Beachcomber Manicure or Pedicure.

Appointments may be made through Spa Director Beverly Fox-Crismond by calling (904) 853-2316 or emailing beverlyfox-crismond@oneoceanresort.com.

“Sparks of Light is an event that our associates look forward to every year,” Fox-Crismond said. “It is an honor to give back to the community and we look forward to welcoming and pampering those individuals undergoing cancer treatment.”

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LOCAL ROTARIANS GATHER AT WHISKEY JAX FOR WORLD POLIO DAY



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Mark Farrell, the president of the Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach; Michael Phillips, the president of the Rotary Club of Jacksonville-Oceanside; Kelly Altosino-Sastre, the president of the Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra; and Brian Anderson, the president of the Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach Sunset, gather at Whiskey Jax in Jacksonville Beach for World Polio Day on Wednesday, Oct. 24. Attendees of the fundraiser, which was organized by Beaches Rotaract, celebrated Rotary International's efforts toward eradicating polio, as well as fellowship and networking. Every dollar raised at the event will be doubled by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

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OBITUARIES

Jean Benner

Jean Tobin Benner, 92, of Jacksonville, died Oct. 21, 2018. Arrangements by Quinn-Shalz, A Family Funeral Home & Cremation Centre.

Carmen Bierman

Carmen Ann Bierman, 67, died Oct. 18, 2018. Ponte Vedra Valley Funeral Home, On-site Cremation Center & Cemetery – (904) 285-1130 – www.pontevedravalle.com.

Patricia Cunningham

Patricia Cunningham, 86, died Oct. 8, 2018. Ponte Vedra Valley Funeral Home, On-site Cremation Center & Cemetery – (904) 285-1130 – www.pontevedravalle.com.

Lee Anne Doane

Lee Anne Doane, 47, of Jacksonville, died Oct. 17, 2018. Arrangements by Quinn-Shalz, A Family Funeral Home & Cremation Centre.

Isabelle Fehrs

Isabelle Fehrs, 94, died Oct. 16, 2018. Ponte Vedra Valley Funeral Home, On-site Cremation Center & Cemetery – (904) 285-1130 – www.pontevedravalle.com.

Gerald Irwin

Dr. Gerald Irwin, 91, died Oct. 18, 2018. Ponte Vedra Valley Funeral Home,

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Charles Kelso

Charles E. Kelso, 90, of Jacksonville, died Oct. 12, 2018. Arrangements by Quinn-Shalz, A Family Funeral Home & Cremation Centre.


Betty Mitchell

Betty Gwaltney Mitchell, 86, of Jacksonville Beach, died Oct. 16, 2018. Arrangements by Quinn-Shalz, A Family Funeral Home & Cremation Centre.

Harold Neville

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Dr. Camarda's Weekly Wealth Nugget
THE INVESTMENTS PATH FORWARD (PART 2 OF 4)

The global trade situation is improving. Deals are inked with South Korea, Mexico and a contentious Canada, and talks with Japan and Europe look like they're hustling to the finish line. That leaves China as the 600,000-pound dragon in the room. Relations on all levels with China are at modern low points. Besides the tariffs game of chicken, China's been subverting North Korea and other sanctions, aggressively challenging our military's planes and ships, and allegedly implanting spy chips on computer motherboards it exports to us. While the relationship's complicated, for trade at least we expect some normalization sometime next year. China needs our markets far more than we need it. There is no doubt that the Trump Trade Doctrine has disrupted many investment plans after a very prosperous 2017. The US is by far the most important economy in the world, and many folks think it's about time it exerted more of its considerable influence in its own behalf. This seems to be happening, and we think in the end it will be very good for investors.

US stocks are overpriced by many historical measures, and foreign stocks are cheap. Risks of a US market correction are high, and the drops we've seen in early October may be just the beginning of a bumpy period ahead. The market – priced for perfection in some ways – seems to have finally gotten the message that interest rates are really going up, and this will have significant economic impact. The stock market seems to be getting interest rate religion, and that will impact prices as rising interest costs dampen profits, business and the general economy.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

A current Andrew Gillum advertisement shows him stating that not one individual or small business person will pay one dollar of the billion bucks that he will tax large corporations to pump into education. Money on trees is a recurring fantasy.

For a corporation, taxation is a cost of doing business, just like salaries and benefits, suppliers' prices, research funding and the interests of the shareholders in dividends, the balance of which, relating to revenue and profit, impact stock appreciation. That is reality.

Faced with an increase in taxes, the balance and even the survival of a corporation depends on finding a new and undisruptive balance. Corporations must redistribute those new irreducible tax costs.

Who does Mr. Gillum want to gore? If

pay or benefits are cut, employees leave, productivity slumps and retraining costs follow. If suppliers are squeezed, the misery is simply redistributed to their management. If research is cut, competitors jump out ahead stealing revenue. If dividends are cut, shareholders suffer and while many sell their shares, the asset value of the remaining owners drops. For large corporations, that is in the millions of individuals.

Guest what Mr. Gillum, those are all people.

I have lived in two socialist countries, Mr. Gillum. When the government taxes, people pay. I can see you coming. You just want corporations to do your redistribution for you.

Douglas C. Worth, Ponte Vedra Beach

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Have you been in public recently and been forced to breathe in a cloud of e-cigarette smoke? That cloud is an aerosol and it's not harmless.

As a heart and stroke survivor at the age of 51, my health is my top priority and I deserve to breathe clean air. Secondhand smoke increases the risk of acute coronary events, strokes and a variety of other serious diseases and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) responses. As I worked 32 years as a paramedic and now am a stroke survivor, I fought to survive and now refuse to be a bystander as our air is polluted with harmful chemicals.

Thanks to the people of Florida who passed a constitutional amendment in 2002, smoking isn't allowed in most indoor workplaces. Amendment 9 would modernize that amendment by prohibiting the use of e-cigarettes in Florida

workplaces where smoking isn't allowed — this includes public places like restaurants and indoor shopping malls.

We've made great strides in public health policy, but a lot has changed since 2002 including the development of technology, like e-cigarettes, that weren't considered at the time.

Vote yes on Amendment 9 to ensure smoke-free workplaces are truly smoke-free.

Carl Shank, St. Johns County stroke survivor/American Heart Association volunteer

Editor's note: Amendment 9 also "prohibits drilling for the exploration or extraction of oil and natural gas beneath all state-owned waters between the mean high water line and the state's outermost territorial boundaries."

Wastewater

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According to the Utility, the three facilities to be phased out include the current treatment plant at the PLAYERS Club site, the Sawgrass wastewater treatment plant and the Innlet Beach wastewater treatment plant. The new facility will cover residents living in the southern end of the Ponte Vedra service area. Marsh Landing, according to the Utility, will continue to utilize its own wastewater treatment facility. The project, which is expected to be complete in mid-2020, will cost about \$30 million.

The St. Johns County Utility covers about 80 percent of the Ponte Vedra service area, with JEA covering the remainder in the northeast section of town near the Ponte Vedra Inn & Club. JEA told the Recorder that there are no plans announced to raise rates for its water/wastewater customers in Ponte Vedra.



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Lend an Ear Outreach hosts gala at 3 Palms Grille

By Benjamin Naim

Lend an Ear Outreach hosted a masquerade party on Thursday, Oct. 25 at 3 Palms Grille in Ponte Vedra Beach.

The fundraising event featured Air Force ROTC cadets welcoming guests at the entrance, live music, drinks, food, games, raffle prizes, a wine toss and more. The main goal of Lend an Ear Outreach is to provide the gift of hearing by furnishing hearing aids to those with limited or no means.

“The mission for Lend an Ear has never changed,” event emcee Parker Cates said. “We have always had the same purpose, and we always have new ideas.”

Although the nonprofit has struggled in the past, Cates said, the organization has been recently rejuvenated and is making a real impact on the lives of those without the means to treat their hearing loss. In particular, Cates said Lend an Ear Outreach helps keep kids in school by offering them hearing aids that allow them to learn in the classroom like other students.

“There are kids all over the country that go to school and drop out of school because they can’t hear,” Cates said. “Teachers never know this. Kids won’t raise their hands, they’re ashamed. But that’s not going to be the case in St. Johns County.”

Cates added that Lend an Ear is working with the St. Johns County School District to make sure students with hearing loss are given a chance to succeed academically.

“In our initial meetings we identified 900 homeless children in St. Johns County,” Cates noted. “We didn’t believe it. It was crazy. I



ABOVE: Scott Hetzinger and Lynn and Frank Fuller enjoy the Lend an Ear Outreach gala at 3 Palms Grille on Oct. 25.



LEFT: Attendees get in line for food and drinks at the gala.

Photos by Benjamin Naim



Airforce ROTC cadets are honored for their service at the Lend an Ear gala.

believe 150 of those (children) have hearing deficiencies.”

Cates ended his speech by asserting that Lend an Ear can make an even bigger impact in the near future, and the organization’s working relationship with the district is just the beginning. Following Cates, local teachers offered remarks on how the nonprofit is changing the lives of their students.

For more information on the nonprofit, visit www.LendAnEaroutreach.com or email Lendanear@Vicarslanding.com.



Angel and Ryan Sangalang

Council on Aging to host Christmas on the River Nov. 18

Council on Aging (COA) will host its annual Christmas on the River event on Sunday, Nov. 18 from 5 to 8 p.m. at the River House in St. Augustine.

With the theme of “A Worldwide Journey of Wine Tasting & Gift Giving from the Heart,” this event includes wine tastings from Carrera Wine Cellar, fair trade gifts from Amistad, a festival of wreaths and other decorations, delicious food and seasonal music.

All proceeds benefit COA’s Care Connection program, which utilizes the talents of community volunteers and the generosity of community supporters to fill the gap between subsidized services and the needs of the community.

“Providing these services to our seniors is crucial to their independence,” COA Executive Director Becky Yanní said. “I can’t think of a better way to bring the community together around the holiday season to support such a worthy cause!”

Council on Aging is still accepting sponsorships. The different sponsorship levels include: \$60 to be an auction sponsor, \$250 to be a Ruby Sponsor (includes two event tickets), \$500 to be an Emerald Sponsor (includes four event tickets) and \$1,000 to be a Diamond Sponsor (includes eight event tickets). All sponsorships include numerous recognition opportunities. Tickets are available for purchase for \$50 each.

For more information, contact Development and Communication Manager Tom Torretta at (904) 209-3637 or ttorretta@stjohnscoa.com. The River House is located at 179 Marine St. in St. Augustine.

St. Johns County Bahá’í Community to celebrate ‘Festivals of the Twin Holy Birthdays’

Members of the St. Johns County Bahá’í Community will celebrate the “Festivals of the Twin Holy Birthdays” on Friday, Nov. 9 and Saturday, Nov. 10 to recognize the births of two central figures of the Bahá’í faith.

The two successive holy days are the birth of the Báb — the Prophet-Herald of the Bahá’í faith, on the first day of Muharram in the Islamic calendar (20 October 1819) — and the birth of Bahá’u’lláh, the prophet-founder of the religion, on the second day of Muharram (two years prior, on 12 November 1817).

The commemoration will begin on Friday morning from 9 a.m. to noon with family activities including painting rocks for the Bahá’í Rock Garden. Lunch will be served. There will be a devotional program and music at 7 p.m., and dessert will be served. On Saturday at 7 p.m., a devotional program will be held followed by music and dinner. All events will be held at the Northeast Florida Regional Bahá’í Center at 5034 Greenland Road in Jacksonville. The public is welcome to attend; no donations will be accepted.

Information and directions are available by calling Holly Nadji at (904) 994-9799.

Obituaries

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Marie Plattel

Marie Edith Plattel, 95, died Oct. 4, 2018. Ponte Vedra Valley Funeral Home, On-site Cremation Center & Cemetery – (904) 285-1130 – www.pontevedravally.com.

Richard Quina

Richard Davison Quina, 94, of Ponte Vedra Beach, died Oct. 13, 2018. Arrangements by Quinn-

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Margaret Gillies Wolfe, 99, of Atlantic Beach, died Oct. 10, 2018. Arrangements by Quinn-Shalz, A Family Funeral Home & Cremation Centre.

Cynthia Yates

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Nease NJROTC promotes 119 cadets at fall awards ceremony

Nease NJROTC held six distinct promotion and awards ceremonies throughout the day on the campus parade deck on Oct. 23, recognizing the cadet corps for exceptional performance during the first quarter.

Of the 24-cadet battalion, 119 cadets earned promotions for successfully passing a rigorous promotion exam and meeting minimum community service hour requirements. Additionally, more than 800 individual awards were presented for exceptional performance and achievement in the areas of community service, school service, physical fitness and participation on one or more of the program's competitive teams.

Cadet company commanders directed formal military ceremonies throughout the school day during their respective class periods. As part of their hands-on leadership training, cadet company commanders organized, planned and executed the entire ceremonies. Active duty recruiters from the United States Army, Marine Corps and Navy, along with a retired Army colonel, assisted in the presentation of awards.

"Attending (Area-12) Leadership Academy last summer helped me prepare for moments like this," Bravo Company Commander Teagen Pettit said. "Sitting in a classroom and learning how to put on a major ceremony is one thing, but actually leading one in front of the parents and school administrators was both nerve-racking and exhilarating."

In addition to Pettit, Company Commanders Sinead Morgan, Christopher Oliver and Hayden Rowe led their cadets in ceremonies replete with the formal customs and courtesies seen in active duty events.

Parents were invited during the ceremony to pin the new ranks on their cadet.

The most prestigious awards presented during the day were the Sailors of the Quarter awards — given to the top performers from the past quarter. Cadets Elkhan Bagirov, Kaitlyn Boggs, Olivia Kerrick, Isabella Rivera and Yuan Tian received those awards.

Nease NJROTC has been recognized as the No. 1 NJROTC unit in Area-12 (northern Florida and state of Georgia) for five of the past six years, and was the No. 5 Most Outstanding Unit in the Nation in 2018.



LEFT: Nease NJROTC Bravo Company Commander Teagan Pettit (front right) salutes the flag during the presentation of colors at the fall promotions and awards ceremony on Oct. 23.

RIGHT: Deanna McInerney pins on the cadet/petty officer first class rank insignia on her son, Nease NJROTC Cadet James McInerney.

Photos courtesy of Nease NJROTC



LEFT: Nease NJROTC Naval Science Instructor Duane Hanson presents the Sailor of the Quarter award to Cadet Kaitlyn Boggs.



ABOVE: Nease NJROTC Senior Naval Science Instructor Scott LaRochelle pins on the cadet/petty officer second class rank insignia on Emily Stanley.



Cadet Isabella Rivera, one of the Sailor of the Quarter recipients, salutes after receiving an award during the ceremony.



Cadet Harley Shuster stands alongside her grandfather Richard Messer after he pinned on her new rank of cadet seaman.



Proud parents Chennell Ramos and Navy Petty Officer First Class Shaeme Ramos pin on the rank insignia cadet/petty officer second class on their son Tariq.



Natalie Shaw pins on the cadet/petty officer second class rank insignia on her daughter, Nease NJROTC Cadet Kaitlyn Ramsey.



Platoon Commander Lillie Merkle leads Charlie Company 1st Platoon during the ceremony.



ABOVE: Newly promoted cadets Amber and Abigail Vidler proudly stand alongside their grandfather Robert and mother Carolyn during the Nease NJROTC fall promotions and awards ceremony.

RIGHT: Sgt. 1st Class James Estes pins on the rank of cadet/seaman apprentice on Cadet Juan Cervantes.





Photos by Robert Leverock

Ponte Vedra High School's Ocean of Sound performs its "Mistress of All Evil" finals performance at the Golden Eagle Classic on Oct. 13.

PVHS Ocean of Sound marching band has strong start to competitive season

The Ponte Vedra High School Ocean of Sound marching band started its competitive season off on a high note in October, placing second out of 14 bands at The First Coast Marching Invitational on Oct. 6 at Nease High School, and successfully defending its title as Grand Champion at the Fleming Island Golden Eagle Classic on Oct. 13, both FMBC Regional Band Competitions.

The band took the field at the Golden Eagle Classic featuring its 2018 show, "The Mistress of All Evil," based on "Maleficent" and the classic "Sleeping Beauty" fairytale. The Ocean of Sound was the only band to receive a Superior rating during its preliminary performance in all categories: Music, Visual, General Effect, Percussion, Auxiliary and Drum Major. For its finals performance, the band received awards for Best General Effect, Best Visual and Best Music, contributing to an overall score of 75.40 and edging out the Spruce Creek High Steppin' Hawks, a Class 5A band.

The prior week at The First Coast Marching Invitational, the Ocean of Sound won the 4A class in preliminaries and took Best Music, Visual Performance and General Effect. In finals performance, the band earned second place with a score of 72.8, just behind Class 5A band Sebastian River High School's 75.5 score.

Expectations for the band are high this year as it reflects on its breakout 2017 season when it secured Grand Champion awards in two FMBC Regional Band Competitions and placed ninth out of 14 bands in Class 4A semifinals at the state FMBC Championships.

"Last year was such a terrific year for this group and we're building off of that momentum," Band Director Jermaine Reynolds said. "We still have a lot of work to do to prepare for State in November, but these early performances prove that we're not a one-season wonder. We know we are only as good as our last performance and are pushing ourselves to have our best run every single time we take the field."

The Ocean of Sound is comprised of 107 musicians and 13 color guard, having graduated 22 seniors in 2017 and welcomed 28 freshman this year. In his third year as PVHS band director, Reynolds attributes the band's growth and success to many things including hard work and dedication by the students, his staff including Auxiliary Director Lauren Nock, and the many parent volunteers and band boosters who make



Drum Majors Holly Anderson (from left), Camilo Victoria and Riley Jet



Ocean of Sound soloist Alex Latzko and brass musicians

the program possible.

In addition to Friday night football halftime performances, the band will be taking its production to the Florida Bandmasters Association MPA event on Oct. 27 at Bartram Trail High School and the Echoes of Excellence FMBC Regional Competition at Middleburg High School on Nov. 3 where they will also be defending their Grand Championship title before heading to State.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

NEW GRANDPARENT PROGRAM AT THE WEBSTER SCHOOL SEEKS VOLUNTEERS

The Webster School and Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) of St. Johns County are partnering to begin a School Grandparent Program.

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Students will have another smiling face to greet them, and it will be a fun and engaging opportunity for senior volunteers. For more information, call Cheryl Freeman of RSVP at (904) 547-3952.

HUGS ACROSS THE COUNTY SEEKS VOLUNTEERS

Ponte Vedra Beach-based nonprofit organization Hugs Across the County is looking to add to its community of volunteers to help provide clothing, shoes, food, school supplies, mentors and more to St. Johns County kids.

Girls empowerment program at Murray Middle School

Hugs is supporting the school counselors at Murray Middle School in providing a monthly empowerment lunch program for 40 of their students who face homelessness, parent incarceration, substance abuse and more.

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- Purchase an \$18 copy of the Wowsdom workbook for a student on the Amazon Wish List at a.co/adEKpqM
- Consider sponsoring lunch one month.
- Write an encouraging note to a girl in the program each month.

For more information, email info@stjohnshugs.org

Year-round and winter break food programs

Hugs is working hard to address food insecurity and help ensure local kids have the food they need through two programs:

■ **Year-round, school-based food pantries:** Consider holding a community or business food drive to help stock much-needed pantries at five St. Johns County schools. Hugs provides kid-friendly, nonperishable breakfast and lunch items each month, and appreciates any donations or collections.

■ **No Hungry Holidays:** Now in its fourth year, Hugs expects to provide 10 days of breakfast and lunch items for more than 700 local kids to eat over the long winter break. It cannot do this program without community support and seeks neighborhood or business collections. Hugs plans to collect through mid-November until packing/delivery day on Dec. 11.

For more information on helping with a food program, email info@stjohnshugs.org

For more information on Hugs Across the County or volunteer programs, go to www.stjohnshugs.org, or visit the organization on Facebook at www.facebook.com/hugsacrossthecounty, on Instagram at [stjohnshugs](https://www.instagram.com/stjohnshugs) or on Twitter at [stjohnshugs](https://twitter.com/stjohnshugs).

Bolles PVB first graders initiate new Skype relationship with South American travelers

As part of their continued focus on the continent of South America, students at the Bolles Lower School Ponte Vedra Beach Campus had the opportunity to communicate via Skype with a couple traveling the continent on Oct. 23.

Called “The Great Untold EDU,” the program is an outreach of two former Semester-at-Sea students of PVB Lower School Head Peggy Campbell-Rush, who was a Semester-at-sea dean several years ago. The pair — Valerie and Bryce — is

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Students at the Bolles Lower School Ponte Vedra Beach Campus Skype with a couple traveling South America on Oct. 23 as part of their study on the continent.

on a yearlong exploration of Central and South America, traveling primarily by converted van. They are currently in Peru, but will also be in some of the more remote regions of the continent, including the Galapagos Islands. Connecting with students via Skype, the travelers aim to make global learning interactive, personal and in real-time.

First graders sat in the Ponte Vedra

Beach Campus Library to listen and ask questions. PVB Teacher-Librarian Christina Karvounis said she coordinated the activity through the students’ library class. First-grade students will continue to Skype with their traveling friends throughout the school year. First graders on the Bolles Lower School Whitehurst Campus also are expected to make periodic visits with “The Great Untold EDU.”

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Area students receive exclusive tour of Nocatee Spray Park

The latest amenity expansion at Nocatee is inspiring the next generation of construction professionals on the First Coast.

In October, high school students from Duval, Clay, Putnam and St. Johns counties who are interested in construction-related careers were invited to take a behind-the-scenes look at the ongoing development of the new Nocatee Spray Park.

“The Nocatee Spray Park offers students a truly unique opportunity to witness a wide range of construction work all in one place,” said Mo Rudolph, director of planning and development at The PARC Group, the developer of Nocatee. “This is a case study in state-of-the-art, complex construction. We’re building one structure made entirely of concrete block, one made from timber, and one from steel — not to mention the tallest water slide tower in Northeast Florida.”

The PARC Group partnered with the Florida First Coast Chapter of the Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC), the Northeast Florida Builders Association (NEFBA) and Carlton Construction to host the event. ABC volunteers reached out to area schools with career and technical programs related to construction, and 90 students from nine schools attended.

Inspiring future construction professionals at critical time for the industry

Students toured various aspects of the active construction site, including the custom-designed bandshell and stage, commercial food service building,



ABOVE: High school students from Duval, Clay, Putnam and St. Johns counties receive an exclusive tour of the new Nocatee Spray Park, which is slated to open within the next few months.

LEFT: The PARC Group partnered with the Florida First Coast Chapter of the Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC), the Northeast Florida Builders Association (NEFBA) and Carlton Construction to host the tour.

Photos courtesy of Nocatee

20,000-component spray playground and office and restroom buildings. Several contractors working on the job — many of whom graduated from the NEFBA apprenticeship program and local high schools — spoke to students about career

opportunities in the construction industry, and they also heard from the construction manager and the project’s superintendent.

“The construction industry is experiencing a labor shortage,” said Karin Tucker Hoffman, president/CEO of

ABC’s Florida First Coast Chapter. “More than 80 percent of ABC members report having trouble finding appropriately skilled labor. And it’s not getting better: Commercial construction is projected to face a deficit of 1.1 million workers over the next decade. That’s why we’re committed to workforce development and educating young people about the high-paying and rewarding career opportunities in construction through events like this.”

Representatives from NEFBA also provided students with information about its apprenticeship programs. The trade association sponsors four-year apprenticeship training for local students in the areas of carpentry, electrical, HVAC and plumbing.

A one-of-a-kind amenity

The Nocatee Spray Park is the first and only of its kind in the region. The four-story, above-ground, interactive spray playground will serve as the centerpiece of the latest major amenity expansion at Nocatee.

The Spray Park will feature a 42-foot water slide tower, five slides, the Blue Water Bar & Grill and a resort-style beach. With more than 100,000 square feet, the park is the largest addition to the master-planned community since its founding more than a decade ago.

The Nocatee Spray Park will be located between the Nocatee Community Park and Nocatee Swim Club, on the eastern side of Crosswater Parkway. It is slated to open within the next few months.

OPES STUDENTS CREATE ARTWORK FOR AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH



Photo courtesy of Susan Samko

The students in Mrs. Wine’s class at Ocean Palms Elementary School recently collaborated to create a colorful work of art in Mrs. Rodriguez’s art class. The artwork will be featured at the district office to celebrate Autism Awareness Month in April. The students painted paper in the style of renowned illustrator and writer Eric Carle; the vibrant shapes were pieced together to form a rainbow. Silhouettes of each student completed the piece.

How to create a positive study environment at home

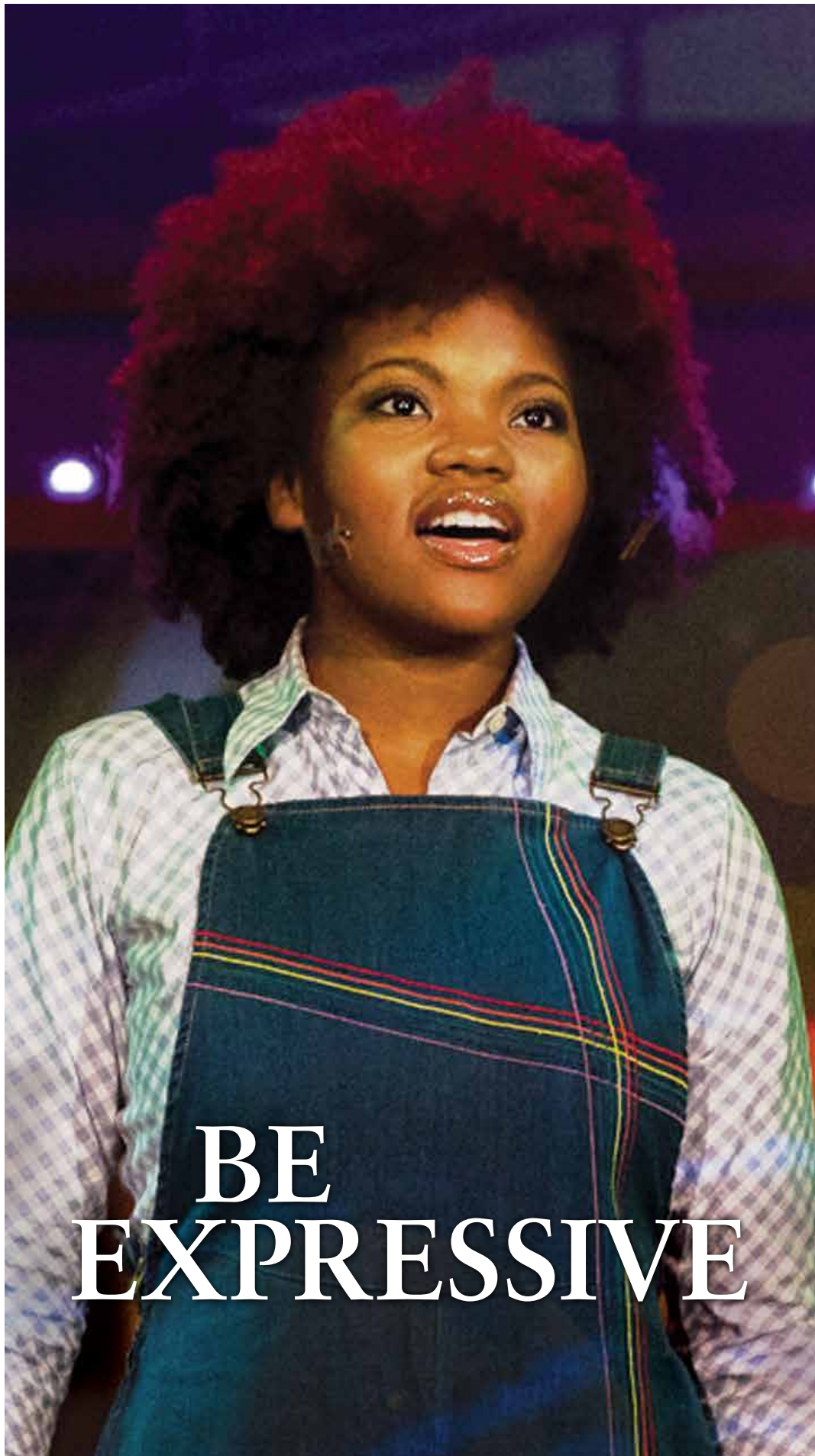
A student’s academic performance is influenced by a host of factors, including the learning environment both inside the classroom and at home. While students may have only limited control over the environment in their classrooms, they and their parents can do much to create home study environments that are conducive to learning.

■ **Create a “distraction-free” zone.** Today’s students are inundated with distractions. Whereas students were once most distracted by radios, televisions and the great outdoors when studying at home, nowadays kids must also find time to focus on their studies with their tablets and smartphones just a stone’s throw away. When choosing a study area at home, parents can designate a “distraction-free” zone where no televisions, radios, tablets and smartphones are allowed. Children are increasingly dependent on their smartphones and tablets,

and while such devices can sometimes prove useful to students, that benefit is often outweighed by the distraction they present. When kids study at night, be sure they turn off their smartphones and only use their tablets as study aids.

■ **Emphasize organization.** Various organization techniques can help kids be more efficient when studying. Encourage kids to separate their learning materials by subject, and keep a calendar or daily planner at home listing when their assignments are due and which days they will be tested. Encourage youngsters to keep their home study areas tidy as well, as unorganized areas can make it harder to focus or force kids to spend some of their study time cleaning up.

■ **Establish quiet hours at home.** Quiet hours at home while kids are studying can help them better



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Ocean Palms Elementary School students and faculty showed off their book character costumes on Friday, Oct. 26, during their annual Literacy Parade.

The event concludes OPES' Red Ribbon Week celebrations. Unopened Halloween candy will be collected from Nov. 1-5 for Mayport USO troops.

Photos courtesy of Ocean Palms Elementary



Photos courtesy of Liz Duggan

Preschoolers at the Goddard School in Ponte Vedra Beach participate in the 2018 Goddard School Preschooler-Approved Toy Test in late September.

Local Goddard School preschoolers test toys as part of national program

Preschoolers at the Goddard School in Ponte Vedra Beach recently took on the job of a lifetime as toy testers.

Now in its 11th year, the 2018 Goddard School Preschooler-Approved Toy Test engaged children from infants to 6 years old to play with interactive toys during a week in late September while teachers observed and documented how the toy rated among the judging criteria (interactivity, skill development, creative inspiration and more). Joining the Ponte Vedra Beach location in the program

were 49 other Goddard Schools across the country. Participating notable toy brands included V-Tech, Leap Frog, Play Monster, Manhattan Toy Company and many more.

The preschoolers then cast their votes to determine the Top 10 Preschooler-Approved Toys, which will be announced in November.

The Goddard School in Ponte Vedra Beach is located at 45 Executive Way. For more information on the Goddard School, which is celebrating its 30th anniversary, visit www.goddardschool.com.

Best-selling novelist Lisa Wingate to hold book signing at World Golf Village

As part of the St. Johns County Public Library System's annual community-wide reading program, St. Johns Reads, best-selling novelist Lisa Wingate will make a personal appearance at the World Golf Village Saturday, Feb. 23, 2019, at 2 p.m.



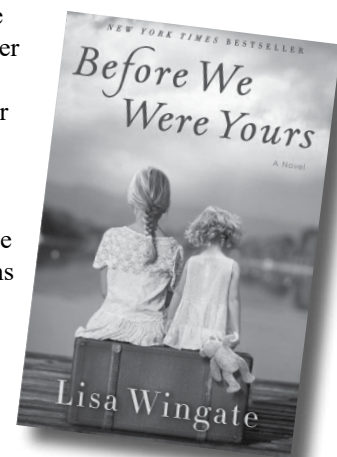
Lisa Wingate

Wingate's appearance will be funded in partnership with the seven Friends of the Library Groups, as well as \$5,000 grant award from the Florida Humanities Council (FHC) through a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH).

The author of 30 books, Wingate will be reading from "Before We Were Yours," discussing her work and her process for researching and writing. Books will be available for purchase and signing.

"Before We Were Yours" is a story told from dual viewpoints:

a 12-year-old girl in 1939 Tennessee struggles to keep her siblings together after having been taken away from their parents; a successful prosecutor with a bright future returns to South Carolina to care for her ailing father and starts to uncover the mysterious past of her grandmother. A brutal tale told with deep emotional connections and tenderness, the book is energized by the journey to where these two stories intersect. Having already spent more than 50 weeks on the New York Times' Best Seller List, "Before We Were Yours" has struck a chord with readers who have enjoyed this tale of families, love, loss and triumph of the human spirit.



Wingate's appearance at the World Golf Village will cap a month of programs and events centered on reading and discussion of "Before We Were Yours." The book is now available in multiple formats throughout the St. Johns County Public Library System. For further information or to place a hold on this book, call the nearest branch library or visit www.sjcpls.org.

Study

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absorb their coursework, and that may lead to improved performance in the classroom. While it's important that a kids' study areas remain distraction-free, it can also help if distractions outside those areas are minimized. Keep televisions and other potentially noisy distractions turned off while kids are studying. If you want to catch up on a favorite television show or watch a movie, do so on your tablet instead of the television, connecting earphones so kids are not overhearing anything while they're trying to study.

■ **Keep healthy snacks on hand.** Hunger can be just as distracting as electronics or noisy housemates, so keep healthy snacks on hand. In lieu of unhealthy fare like potato chips or empty calories like pretzels, keep your home stocked with fruits and vegetables and protein-rich snacks like Greek yogurt. Such snacks will quell kids' hunger pangs while also providing a boost of energy.

Christ Episcopal Church preschoolers enjoy Halloween parade

Christ Episcopal Church hosted a Halloween parade for its preschool students on Tuesday, Oct. 30, allowing the little ones to dress in their cutest and spookiest Halloween costumes.

Parade participants walked through the preschool's playground area, posed for photos and enjoyed the Halloween festivities. Following the parade, the youngsters went back to their classrooms for a post-event, Halloween-themed snack.

Christ Episcopal Church is located at 400 San Juan Drive in Ponte Vedra Beach. For more information on the preschool, visit www.christepiscopalchurch.org or call (904) 285-6371.



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Christ Episcopal Church preschoolers enjoy the school's annual Halloween parade on Tuesday, Oct. 30.

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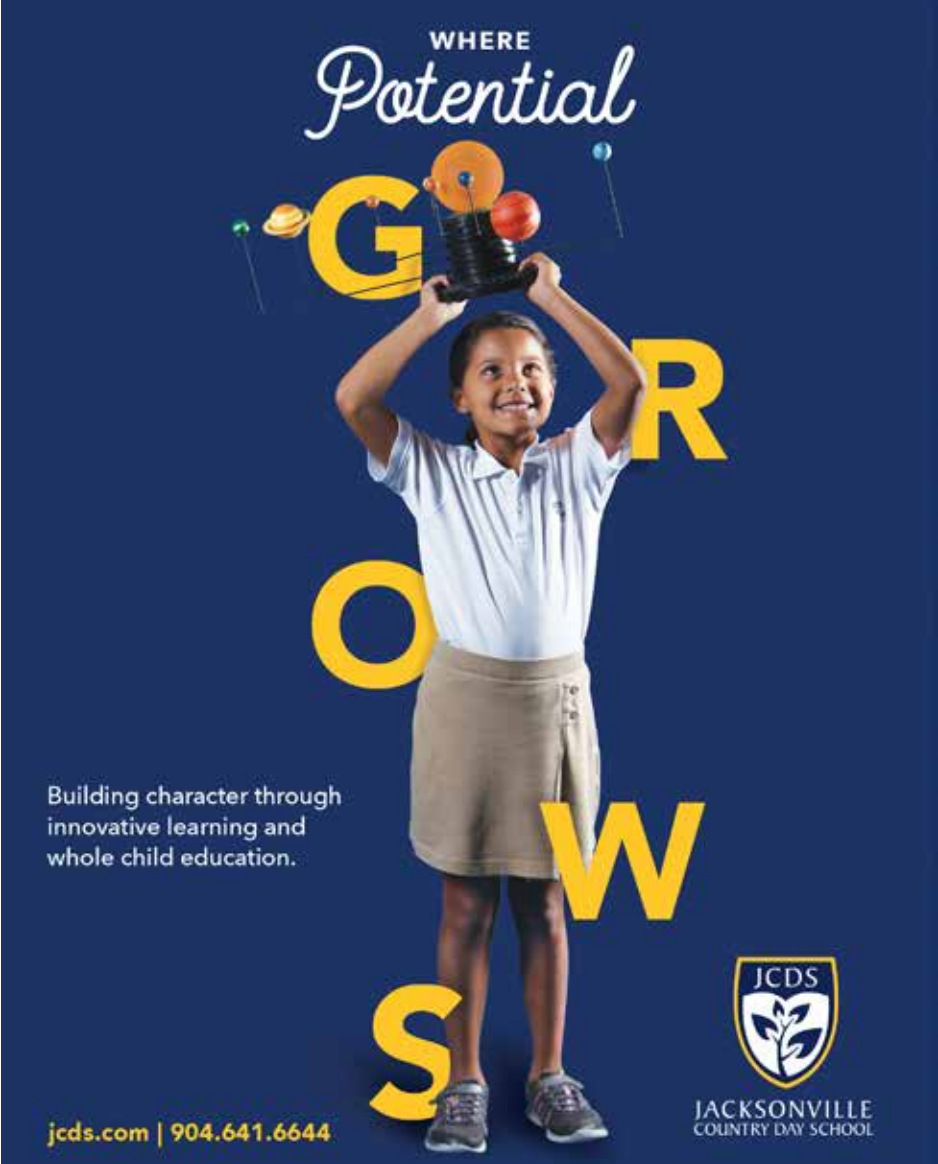
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UNF president identifies four pillars of success, discusses plan to grow university at local Rotary Club

By Jon Blauvelt

University of North Florida (UNF) President Dr. David M. Szymanski addressed the Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach last week to discuss his four pillars of success and how he plans to build those pillars at the nearby university.

Speaking to the club at its Oct. 25 meeting at Marsh Landing Country Club, Szymanski identified a sense of community, uniqueness, ambition and perfection as the four qualities that consistently characterize successful people and organizations. Szymanski became the president of UNF in spring 2018.

As for community, Szymanski said successful people and organizations understand the importance of giving back. He noted that this is especially important to today's younger generations.

"The balance that used to be work and then give me some vacation time is now work and how can I make a difference," explained Szymanski, who previously served as the dean of the Carl H. Lindner College of Business at the University of Cincinnati, as well as the director of the Center for Retailing Studies and a professor of marketing at Texas A&M University.

Szymanski said UNF will work hard to build bridges in the com-



Photo by Jon Blauvelt

University of North Florida (UNF) President Dr. David M. Szymanski addresses the Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach Oct. 25 at Marsh Landing Country Club.

munity, noting that internships will serve a vital role in doing so and asking those at the Rotary meeting to consider UNF students when making such decisions.

"We want to create these pipelines, but we also want to make sure they're smarter and better prepared and they have a context for learning that's different from everyone else in the country," said Szymanski, who oversees

six colleges, over 17,000 students, nearly 600 full-time faculty members and over 1,200 staff members as president.

Szymanski said successful organizations also have a "certain spirit in the room" that sets them apart from others. With the university, he said he's not interested in other institutions and being like somebody else. Instead, he said he's determined to make UNF

unique, leveraging, for example, the university's presence in Jacksonville and opportunity to work with businesses in the region that other public universities in the state don't have access.

In addition, Szymanski addressed the importance of being ambitious. He said UNF will not settle with being the best institution within a 3-mile radius or within the region. The president

wants the university, instead, to be the best institution in Florida.

"We want it to be so good that you want to come here from wherever it is you are in the country," he said. "We have a responsibility within the community to make Jacksonville a better city. We need your help, but we have that opportunity and we have that commitment."

Lastly, Szymanski said being successful is ultimately about seeking perfection and being a "10." He said UNF must strive to achieve that status because everybody has choices in life, and if the university isn't a 10, prospective students, employers and other partners will choose to go elsewhere. To spread that vision/expectation among the faculty/staff at UNF, Szymanski said it starts with creating the dialogue and then awarding people who are excellent.

Overall, Szymanski said he is excited to be at UNF.

"UNF is great," he said. "It has a great foundation. We have phenomenal, phenomenal students ... The other part that's really exciting is that people think positively about the institution in the community..."

"We have great things to build on, but we're not satisfied," Szymanski continued. "You get up every morning thinking about how you can be better."

Princeton Review recognizes UNF as one of best colleges in Southeast

For the 10th consecutive year, the University of North Florida (UNF) is one of the best colleges in the Southeast, according to The Princeton Review. The nationally-known education services company has recommended UNF in its "Best in the Southeast" list for 2019.

Only 143 colleges and universities in 12 Southeastern states made the "Best in the Southeast" list for 2019. The list is part of the company's website feature, "2019 Best Colleges: Region by Region."

"We're thrilled that UNF is being recognized as an all-around outstanding academic institution within the Southeast

by The Princeton Review," UNF President David Szymanski said. "This prestigious recognition affirms the tremendous on-going effort UNF has put forth to build one of the finest universities in the Southeast region."

The Princeton Review editors made their selections based on data the company collected from its survey of administrators at several hundred colleges in each region as well as its staff visits to schools over the years and the perspectives of college counselors and advisors whose opinions the company solicits.

We chose UNF and the other outstanding institutions we name as 'regional best' colleges

primarily for their excellent academic programs," Princeton Review's Editor-In-Chief Robert Franek said.

UNF said the Princeton Review survey asks students attending the colleges to rate their own schools on several issues — from the accessibility of their professors to the quality of their science lab facilities — and answer questions about themselves, fellow students and campus life.

According to UNF, the Princeton Review doesn't rank the 660 colleges in its "2019 Best Colleges: Region by Region" list hierarchically or in various categories. The 143 colleges that The Princeton Review chose



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The University of North Florida (UNF) is one of 143 colleges and universities on Princeton Review's "Best in the Southeast" list for 2019.

for its "Best in the Southeast" 2019 list are located in 12 states: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia.

UNF added that the Princeton Review also designated 225 colleges in the Northeast, 129 in

the West, and 159 in the Midwest and four abroad as best in their locales on the company's "2019 Best Colleges: Region by Region" lists. Collectively, the 660 colleges on The Princeton Review's "regional best" list constitute about 25 percent of the nation's 2,500 four-year colleges.

How art benefits young brains

Art enriches lives and can be used to connect people from all walks of life. Among the many additional benefits of art is its effects on young people and the development of their brains.

The American Association of School Administrators notes that neuroscience research has shown that the effects of the arts on a young brain's cognitive, social and emotional development can be profound.

■ **Art helps to wire the brain.** The AASA notes that especially young children spend much of their time playing, and that play often includes forms of art such as singing, drawing and dancing. These artistic activities engage various senses and help to wire the brain so it can learn. As children age, these seemingly basic activities remain essential for young brains.

■ **Art helps children develop their motor skills.** Dancing and other movements that might be prompted by exposure to art help children develop motor skills. Motor skills are necessary for kids to perform important and necessary daily tasks while also promoting independence.

■ **Art helps kids learn to think.** The AASA notes that art can be a valuable tool in instilling essential thinking tools in children,

including the ability to recognize and develop patterns, the ability to form mental representations of what is observed or imagined and the ability to observe the world around them.

■ **Art can improve memory and focus.** The AASA cites studies that listening to music can stimulate parts of the brain responsible for memory recall and visual imagery. In addition, background music played in a classroom has been shown to help students remain focused while completing certain learning tasks.

■ **Art can positively affect how students approach other courses.** Studies have shown that incorporating arts into core curriculums can have a number of positive effects on students' overall academic performance and benefit students socially. Studies indicate that students involved in such integrative programs are more emotionally invested in their classes and work more diligently than those not studying in such conditions. In addition, students may learn more from one another when the arts are integrated into core curriculums than when they are not.

Art is often mistakenly seen as a strictly fun component of children's education. But the effects of art on young brains is considerable, helping young people develop in ways that may surprise many men and women.



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Local vendors are often a go-to choice when couples are planning their wedding ceremonies and receptions. As the “shop local” movement grows in popularity, weddings present a prime opportunity to embrace this movement.

Familiarity

Local vendors will be familiar with the area and possibly even the location where the wedding will be held. That can

help couples avoid having to give directions, discuss venue protocols and handle other tasks that must be worked out with non-local vendors.

For example, local photographers familiar with a particular venue will know all of the best places to get shots, and some vendors may have preexisting relationships with venue representatives that could ensure wedding day operations go smoothly.

Proximity

Local vendors can meet with brides and grooms more readily throughout the planning process, making things less stressful on the happy couple. This also makes it

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Staff of the Sawgrass Marriott Golf Resort and Spa are presented with a certificate designating the resort as a Certified Autism Center on Wednesday, Oct. 24. Pictured from left: IBCCES President Meredith Tekin, Sawgrass Marriott Director of Human Resources Michelle Criswell, Sawgrass Marriott General Manager Todd Hickey and IBCCES Director of Strategic Partners Jaclyn Fratus.

Sawgrass Marriott is first Florida resort to become Certified Autism Center

By Samantha Logue

Seeking to better accommodate guests with autism and other related cognitive disorders, the Sawgrass Marriott Golf Resort and Spa in Ponte Vedra Beach recently partnered with the International Board of Credentialing and Continuing Education Standards (IBCCES) to become a Certified Autism Center — and the first resort in Florida to do so.

Sawgrass Marriott Director of Human Resources Michelle Criswell said the certification, which was announced to resort staff at a quarterly meeting on Oct. 24, would help to ensure all guests were equally cared for.

“All of us at the Sawgrass Marriott Golf Resort and Spa are committed to creating brilliant experiences to each and every one of our guests every day,” Criswell said. “Being a resort, this may include families or individuals with autism or sensory needs. We are excited to partner with IBCCES to become certified and obtain the resources to assist with guests in this space and ensure they have a memorable experience.”

Based in Jacksonville, IBCCES provides research-based training and certifications for professionals around the world in the areas of autism and other cognitive disorders, and according to IBCCES President Meredith Tekin, earning and retaining the Certified Autism Center designation requires an ongoing commitment on the part of an organization toward serving the autism community.

“They have to have 80 percent of their client-facing staff certified,” Tekin explained. “They go through a training

program, it’s evidence-based, and we have an advisory board of experts from neurologists to special education, to individuals on the spectrum, so our programs are really high-quality.”

Adding that organizations must also become recertified every two years, Tekin said the ultimate goal of the training program is to help individuals with autism, as well as their companions, to feel just as comfortable and cared for as other guests when traveling to destinations like the Sawgrass Marriott.

“It’s really important for families to have a safe space where they feel they’re going to be understood and just have options, because there’s still a lot of stigma out there,” she said. “For them to have a place that they can go and feel like they’re actually on a vacation and enjoy themselves and know that the staff can help them if they need to, it is a huge weight off their shoulders.”

With the resort now counted among those “safe spaces,” Sawgrass Marriott General Manager Todd Hickey said obtaining the Certified Autism Center designation was just another example of his staff’s commitment toward “putting people first.”

“We really think that being trained to comfort and take care of people who have autism or are on the spectrum in some way, parents and children alike, it’s really going to be a treat for us to be able to provide special care for them and make them feel comfortable and able to enjoy a fabulous vacation here at the Sawgrass Marriott Golf Resort and Spa,” he said.

The merchant of death is dead

What the inventor of dynamite can teach us about investing



Scott A. Grant
Guest Columnist

By Scott A. Grant
Special to the Recorder

Alfred Nobel, the inventor of dynamite, rose from his bed one morning to read his own obituary.

He did not like what it said. To his dismay, the obituary was headlined, “The Merchant of Death is Dead.” It sounds more lyrical in the original

French, “Le Marchand de la Mort est Mort.”

Nobel held 355 patents and had accumulated a vast fortune in the arms business. The obituary in the French newspaper was not kind. “Dr. Alfred Nobel,” it announced, “who became rich by finding ways to kill more people faster than ever before, died yesterday.” Of course, the obituary in the Paris newspaper was a mistake. Alfred Nobel was still very much alive. It was not Alfred who had died; it was his brother, Ludvig, who had passed away in Cannes in the year 1888.

It is said that the cutting rebuke of the false obituary inspired Alfred Nobel to change his future legacy and in so doing change the future of the whole world. Nobel had invented dynamite in 1867. It had many useful applications, but it was also used for war. He had naively hoped that the invention might prevent war.

“My dynamite will sooner lead to peace than a thousand world conventions,” he prophesied. “As soon as men will find that in one instant, whole armies can be utterly destroyed, they surely will abide by golden peace.”

It was not to be so in Nobel’s lifetime or after his eventual demise. War became deadlier.

Mark Twain’s death was falsely reported not once, but twice. After the first, he is reported to have quipped “the reports of my death are greatly exaggerated.” After the second, Twain would publish an article in Harper’s Weekly humorously asking “such journals and periodicals as have obituaries of me lying in their pigeonholes, with a view to sudden use some day,” to forward them to him in New York so that he could edit them, “not for facts, but their verdicts.” In much the same vein, Nobel set out to change the verdict of history. When he died in 1895, he left his entire fortune in trust to fund annual prizes in chemistry, physics, literature,

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Underwood Jewelers Forevermark event highlights 'exceptional' diamonds

Underwood Jewelers in Ponte Vedra Beach hosted a special event on Tuesday, Oct. 9 to educate clients about Forevermark's Exceptional Diamond Collection.

"It's a diamond that's responsibly sourced, beautiful and rare," store manager John Rutkowski told the Recorder after the event. "It has to go through more vigorous steps to be deemed exceptional. There are only two cutters in the world that can cut an exceptional diamond."

Customers at the event also learned how the De Beers-branded diamonds are responsibly sourced, how De Beers gives back to the communities it sources diamonds from and how the company traces diamonds from the ground to the retailer. Forevermark USA President Charles Stanley was in attendance.

Underwood Jewelers is located at 330 A1A N., Suite 204, in Ponte Vedra Beach. Call (904) 280-1202 for more information.



ABOVE: John Rutkowski, Charles Stanley and Clayton Bromberg gather at a special event at Underwood Jewelers in Ponte Vedra Beach on Oct. 9 that focused on Forevermark's Exceptional Diamond Collection.

LEFT: Julie and Josh Spalten

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Danelle Kensbock and Diane Price



Laura Kisse and Natalie Peery



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Savings

Couples who travel for their weddings and employ local vendors will not have to pack as much. Using local vendors eliminates the need to bring along bulky dresses, decorative items, flowers and much more. Plus, couples don't need to pay to transport and house vendors brought along from back home.

Environment

Individuals who take great strides to conserve resources by reducing their energy consumption and protecting the environment often find that shopping local is beneficial. Local vendors are more likely to source their materials from other local businesses, reducing their carbon footprints along the way. For example, local caterers may rely on local farmers for their foods, affording couples the chance to host eco-friendly or even farm-to-table weddings.

Customization

Working with local vendors often translates into getting more personalized service and attention than mass retailers or merchants can provide.

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David Vigil, Robert Franskousky of LPL Private Wealth host Chamber 'After Hours' event

By Jon Blauvelt

David Vigil and Robert Franskousky of LPL Private Wealth hosted an "After Hours" event for the Ponte Vedra Beach Division of the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce on Wednesday, Oct. 24 at their office on Ponte Vedra Boulevard.

Held on the business' deck overlooking the water, the event featured food catered by the Lodge & Club and live music from string guitarist Richard Kuncicky. Vigil and Franskousky took an opportunity to introduce themselves and their business, as well as discuss the latest news in the market. Overall, Franskousky said it was a very productive event.

"It gave us an opportunity to let people know what we do and who we are," Franskousky said. "It was a really good evening with a lot of camaraderie and business discussions."

Located at 574 Ponte Vedra Blvd., LPL Private Wealth is the only full-service private wealth practice on Ponte Vedra Boulevard. Both Vigil and Franskousky have been financial advisors for over 15 years.



Tammy Barr and Gloria Dongara

Being involved in the community via events like the Chamber "After Hours" event is important to the practice. Their community involvement is also seen on the first Saturday of each month when the practice offers free paper shredding from 10 to 11 a.m. in its office parking lot. Known as "Shred Hour," Vigil and Franskousky said the event has become a big success, allowing people to stay close to home to shred their important papers, free of charge. The next "Shred Hour" is coming up this Saturday, Nov. 3.

"It's a great way for us to meet people in the community," Vigil said. "We feel very fortunate to be part of the community in which we serve."



ABOVE: Chamber Ponte Vedra Beach Division Director Toni Boudreaux-Godwin and Tesh Upadhyaya, David Vigil and Robert Franskousky of LPL Private Wealth gather at the Chamber "After Hours" event held at LPL on Oct. 24.



LEFT: Robert Franskousky and David Vigil address attendees of the Chamber "After Hours" event.

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medicine, and, most notably, peace.

The Nobel Prizes have been awarded annually since 1901. Famous recipients include Albert Einstein, Teddy Roosevelt and Martin Luther King Jr. One obvious lesson of this tale is that it is never too late to change your life and your legacy. Each of us has the power to change our futures. Ask yourself what you would like your obituary to say about you and then shape the rest of your life to make that happen. One thing you can do to improve your legacy is to be a wise investor. When Alfred Nobel passed away in 1895, he left the foundation around \$8 million. He instructed that “the capital, converted to safe securities by my executors, is to constitute a fund, the interest on which is to be distributed annually as prizes.”

What fascinates me is the money. When Nobel dies in 1895, he leaves 94 percent of his estate valued at 31.5 million Swedish kroner, or a little over \$8 million, to the Nobel Foundation. That isn’t much money. Sure, 8 million is still a tidy sum today and was an even tidier sum in 1895, but compared to the great industrialists of the era, it is pocket change. Railroad Tycoon Cornelius Vanderbilt was worth around 175 million upon his death in 1877; Andrew Carnegie \$485 million; and John D. Rockefeller around \$1 billion. When JP Morgan died in 1913, he left an

estate of \$68 million. Andrew Carnegie remarked, “and to think he wasn’t even a wealthy man.”

Nobel is remembered not for the vast fortune he accumulated, but for the way he put that money to work after his death. The Nobel Foundation distributes the income from the trust annually to prize winners in five categories. The first prizes were not awarded until 1901. Not surprisingly, Nobel’s heirs contested the will. They wanted the 8 million for themselves. It is doubtful they would have done as well with the money. Over the years, the prize committee has awarded millions of dollars to the winners. In fact, this year alone, the total prizes will exceed 50 million kroner, more than the entire value of Nobel’s estate.

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Time to think about year-end investment moves



By Karsten Jacobson, CFP®

We've still got a couple of months left in 2018, but it's not too soon to start thinking about some year-end investment moves that might benefit you. Here are a few possibilities (although not all will apply to your situation):

Karsten Jacobson
Columnist

■ **Add to your IRA.** For the 2018 tax year, you can put up to \$5,500 into your traditional or Roth IRA (assuming you are eligible), or \$6,500 if you're 50 or older. If you haven't reached this limit, consider adding some money. You have until April 15, 2019, to contribute to your IRA for 2018, but why wait until the last minute?

■ **Increase your 401(k) contributions.** You already may be investing in your 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored retirement plan, but you might be able to bump up your contributions for the rest of the year, if it's allowed. Of course, you should always put in enough to earn your employer's matching contribution, if one is offered.

■ **Take your RMDs.** If you are 70½ or older, you must start taking withdrawals — called required minimum distributions, or RMDs — from your traditional IRA and your 401(k) or similar retirement plan. Generally, you must take these RMDs by Dec. 31 every year. But if you turned 70½ in 2018, you can wait until April 1, 2019, until you take your first RMD. You will then, however, have to take a second RMD (the one for age 71) by Dec. 31, 2019. Taking two RMDs in one year could give you an unexpectedly large taxable income for the year, possibly bumping you into a higher tax bracket and affecting the amount of your Social Security benefits subject to taxes. So, if you are considering delaying your first RMD, consult with your tax advisor.

■ **Make changes in response to life events.** In 2018, did you experience a major life event, such as a marriage, divorce or addition of a child? Or did you change jobs or retire? Any of these events could lead you to adjust your investment plans, so now may be the time to do so, possibly with the help of a financial professional.

■ **Review your investment mix.** At least once a year, it's a good idea to review your investment mix to ensure it's still suitable for your goals and risk tolerance. Sometimes, even without your taking any action, your portfolio might change in ways you hadn't expected. For example, suppose you wanted your portfolio to contain 60 percent stocks and 40 percent bonds and other investments. After a period of rising prices, though, the value of your stocks may have increased so much that they now occupy 65 percent of your portfolio — which means you may be taking on more risk than you had originally intended. Consequently, you may need to rebalance your portfolio to get back to your original 60 percent to 40 percent ratios. (Keep in mind that these figures are just for illustration; everyone's ideal portfolio mix will depend on their individual situations.)

These aren't the only year-end moves you may want to consider, but they can help you close out 2018 on a positive note. Plus, they can serve as a reminder that you need to be vigilant as you keep working toward your financial goals.

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Lisa Wargo, Mary Anne Pearl, Angie Cleary, Dr. Karen Wolf, Glo MacDonald, Jean and Dave Gleason, Dr. Scott Pearl and Mac MacDonald gather at a wine tasting event held at Two Dudes Seafood Restaurant in Ponte Vedra Beach on Sunday, Oct. 28. Proceeds supported S.A.F.E. Pet Rescue, which has saved over 14,000 dogs, puppies, cats and kittens in its 10 years of existence. Attendees of the event enjoyed wine and food from Two Dudes, a silent auction, a raffle and live music from Monkey Wrench.

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LULAMAE HOSTS FUNDRAISER IN SUPPORT OF BEACHES RESOURCE CENTER



LulaMae Owner Jodi Corwin and Beaches Resource Center Coordinator Laura Acker gather at LulaMae's "Sip n' Shop" fundraiser on Thursday, Oct. 25 in Jacksonville Beach. The event benefited Beaches Resource Center, with 15 percent of all sales being donated. Attendees of the fundraiser enjoyed champagne, snacks, jewelry by Beyou giveaways and more. The Beaches Resource Center is one of seven Full Service Schools of Jacksonville is a neighborhood-based collaboration designed to remove non-academic barriers to a child's success in school. All services are free and include behavioral help for children, individual/family counseling, mentoring, parenting help and substance abuse counseling.

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Realtors of Coldwell Banker Vanguard Realty in Ponte Vedra Beach to hold sidewalk sale benefiting Mission House

A sidewalk sale to benefit Mission House will be held by Realtors of Coldwell Banker Vanguard Realty of Ponte Vedra Beach from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 4.

The sidewalk sale will be held in front of the Coldwell Banker office located at 240 Ponte Vedra Park Drive. This will be the third sale held by local Coldwell Banker Vanguard Realty Realtors to benefit Mission House.

Funds raised from this event will assist in Mission House's ongoing efforts to care for the area's homeless by providing meals, clothing and a place to shower and gain counseling and other needed medical attention.

The sidewalk sale is coordinated by Realtors and their associates participating in the Coldwell Banker Vanguard (CBV) Cares Program, which holds events annually to benefit local charities. Donations for the sidewalk sale are welcome and can be made by contacting Realtor and CBV Cares Mission House Fundraising Coordinator Carole Bayer at (904) 860-5000.

For more information on how to assist Mission House and the homeless, visit www.missionhousejax.org. For more information on this event, contact Realtor and CBV Cares Program Chair Cindy Nordman at (904) 285-5000 or Mission House Fundraising Coordinator Carole Bayer at (904) 860-5000.

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Artist Erin Gregory stands with her art at Stellers Gallery at Ponte Vedra Beach on Oct. 5 for the gallery's opening reception of its fall exhibition.

Photos by Susan Griffin

Stellers Gallery introduces fall exhibition at reception

Stellers Gallery at Ponte Vedra Beach held an opening reception on Friday, Oct. 5 to kick off a fall exhibition featuring the work of painters Erin Gregory and Shawn Meharg.

As a gallery favorite, Gregory's focus emphasizes contrast and variety within the composition of each painting. She vividly captures the light and color of her subjects in florals, landscapes and figures. She paints in acrylic and oil with close-up and distant bold colors, and

lively layers and washes. Throughout Gregory's career, she has had numerous one-woman shows and participates in many group exhibitions. Gregory has received numerous awards for her art and has been featured on many blogs and in a variety of magazines.

Meharg has been showing at Stellers Gallery since beginning his fine art career. As another gallery favorite, his work focuses on the

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Stellers Gallery at Ponte Vedra Beach Owner Hillary Whitaker and Gallery Director Courtney Tinsesz Hill

Local writer wins Royal Palm Literary Award

Ponte Vedra resident Laura Holian recently won a Royal Palm Literary Award (RPLA) at the Florida Writers Association (FWA)'s four-day conference in Altamonte Springs.

Holian's winning entry, "Sick Day," won first place for Published Creative NonFiction. The Royal Palm Literary Awards competition is a service of the Florida Writers Association established to recognize excellence in members' published and unpublished works, while providing objective and constructive written assessments for all entrants. The annual FWA competition, which received 420 qualified submissions, was RPLA's 17th.

"This is the most competitive RPLA we've ever had," RPLA Chairperson Chris Coward said. "The RPLA administrative team, judges and entrants did an amazing job."

In all, the competition covered 26 adult genres and five youth genres, with published and unpublished entries considered separately.

"A win at any level can help any writer market their manuscript or published book, and the detailed feedback from the judges is invaluable for all entrants," Coward said.

At 1,500 members strong and growing, the Florida Writers Association is a non-profit 501(c)(6) organization that supports the state's established and emerging writers. Membership is open to the public.

"We are fortunate to have the Florida Writers Association, which provides authors with many resources to assist us throughout our writing process," Holian said.

For additional information, visit the FWA website at floridawriters.net. Visit www.facebook.com/lauraholianauthor for more details about Holian.



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Ponte Vedra resident Laura Holian is the recent winner of a Royal Palm Literary Award (RPLA) at the Florida Writers Association's annual conference in Altamonte Springs.



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Annie Hertler, Anna Genest, Laurie Casse-day, Patrice Evans and Susan Pardue of the Florida Chamber Music will perform a concert celebrating America on Nov. 18 at the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall.



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Florida Chamber Music Project to celebrate America with patriotic concert on Nov. 18

The Florida Chamber Music Project (FCMP) will perform a concert celebrating America on Sunday, Nov. 18 at the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall.

This second concert of the season will feature a pre-concert presentation by the Matanzas Voices at 2:30 p.m. with the musical portion of the program beginning at 3 p.m. The FCMP will play O'Connor's String Quartet No. 3, "Old Time," and Dvorak's "American Quartet" String Quartet No. 12 in F major.

The Matanzas Voices is an oral history project documenting life and work on the Matanzas River. The group tells the story of the diverse communities that lived there creating the connection between the past and future.

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Brett Dennen with special guest Erin Rae to perform at Ponte Vedra Concert Hall Nov. 2

Singer-songwriter Brett Dennen is performing at the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall on Friday, Nov. 2 with special guest Erin Rae. Doors for the show open at 7 p.m., and the concert starts at 8 p.m.

According to the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall, Dennen has incorporated his love of music, the outdoors and wine into his live tours. Not only has he embarked on a venture developing wine, Dennen annually hosts a mountain town ski Lift Series in the winter that combines music, travel and environmental activism. In the summer, his beach Vacationer Series supports local environmental preservation. Dennen's

music career began around the camps of the Sierra Nevada mountain range — a retreat to which he would eventually return for inspiration on "Smoke and Mirrors."

Also according to the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall, Dennen's 2006 release, "So Much More," launched him as a discovery artist and drew frequent comparisons to troubadours like Paul Simon and Tom Petty. In 2008, his "Hope for the Hopeless" didn't stray too far from the songwriter's comfort zone, though a partnership with producer John Alagia (Dave Matthews Band, John Mayer) led to a high level of production not yet heard on any of his albums. In 2011, Dennen's "Loverboy" was his biggest departure to date: a danceable collection of songs influenced by the road and recorded by a studio filled with friends and imperfect takes.

Erin Rae, whose genre-fusing mix of traditional folk and indie-rock has landed her collaborations with artists like Margo Price and Andrew Combs — not to mention critical acclaim from Rolling Stone, NPR and the BBC — is finally stepping out into the spotlight with her new album, "Putting On Airs." The album is out now on Single Lock Records.

Tickets for the show cost \$24 in advance and \$28 the day of the concert.

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making of art, which aids him in recalling forgotten moments of his past. The traces of time represented in the paintings are often occurrences or interactions with people or nature as formative snapshots in an elaborate sequence of events, leading to the present. Meharg worked as a theatrical scenic artist and designer throughout many branches of the entertainment industry and began his journey as an artist in 2001. His work shows a diversity of style and subject, all involving the reflection and absorption of light.

The week of the opening reception, Stellers also hosted a fundraiser in which artwork from both Gregory and Meharg was raffled off. Proceeds benefitted Art with a Heart in Healthcare, a nonprofit organization that provides personalized fine art experiences that enhance the healing process for patients and their families.

Stellers Gallery at Ponte Vedra is open Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and on Saturday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, call (904) 273-6065.

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Director and Violinist Susan Pardue said. “They are two very different takes on American music.”

A reception will follow the concert where concert attendees can meet the members of the Chamber Ensemble, Matanzas Voices and St. Augustine Historical Society.

Show tickets may be purchased at

the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall and St. Augustine Amphitheatre Box Offices, all Ticketmaster outlets, individual ticket purchase link and by phone at (800) 745-3000.

FCMP was founded five years ago. Joining Pardue in the group are violinists Patrice Evans, Anna Genest and Annie Hertler and cellist Laurie Casseday. All are members of the Jacksonville Symphony.

Visit flchambermusic.org for more information.

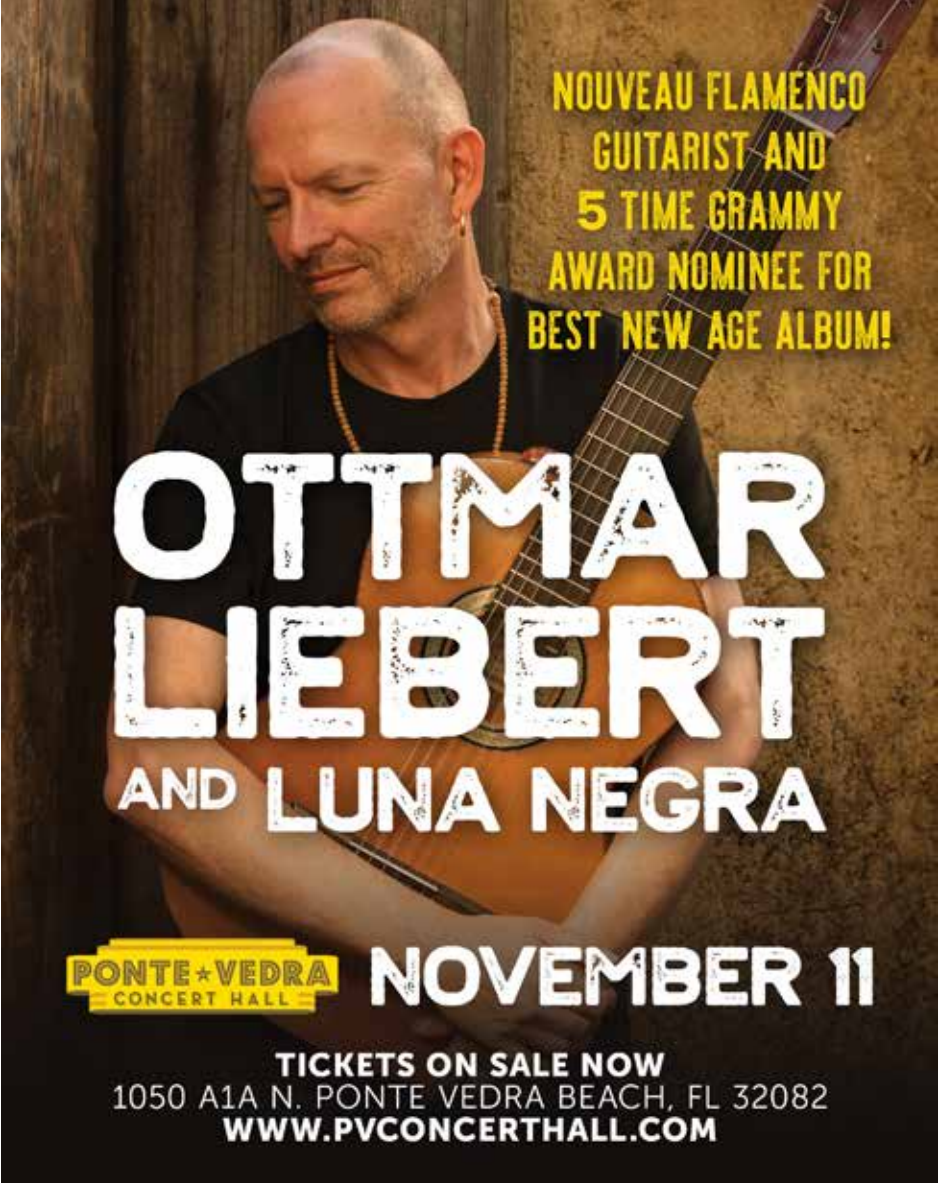


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Nease routs Englewood to extend winning streak

After a rough start to the season, Nease seems to have found the right formula, shutting out Englewood 35-0 Friday, Oct. 26, to win its third game in a row.

The Panthers dealt with several injuries early in the season, including to starting quarterback Preston Staples, whose return Oct. 12 after missing five games has helped propel Nease's surge.

"Having Preston healthy has obviously provided a spark for our offense," Nease coach Tim Krause said. "He has done a great job executing and made a number of individual plays. His leadership and energy has helped us to be a much more confident team in all three phases."

Krause also credits the other seniors on the team for guiding the late-season turnaround.

"I could not be more proud of our

seniors and our team leadership," he said. "Winning three in a row after a rough start is a testament to their character and work ethic. It takes a special group of people to rally around each other and continue to work when things are difficult."

The Panthers (3-6, 3-1 District 4-6A) are now tied with St. Augustine and White atop the district standings heading into the regular-season finale against visiting Bartram Trail at 7 p.m. Friday.

"We had to win some big district games to get to this point, including a win over a rival in St. Augustine," Krause said. "This week we are focusing on Bartram Trail and doing whatever we can to win and improve our point total for the playoffs. With the new system there are a number of things outside of our control, so we are focused on what we can do."



Photos by Jerry Norton

Ponte vedra's Caden Fordham (16) intercepts a pass and returns it for a touchdown during the Sharks' 42-13 victory over Bolles last Friday.

Sharks shock Bulldogs

By Jerry Norton

The football showdown between Bolles and Ponte Vedra for a final playoff spot was expected to be a close and exciting game. Except for the first 24 minutes, the result was not what was expected as the Sharks dismantled the Bulldogs, 42-13, last Friday night at the Shark Tank, scoring 35 points after falling behind 13-7 in the second quarter.

Bolles did little with its first possession and punted the ball away. The Sharks moved 88 yards in 13 plays — seven on runs by Campbell Parker. The touchdown came on a Jack Murrah to Logan Conway pass for 27 yards.

Bolles answered with a six-play drive of its own to tie the score at 7-7. Then, the Bulldogs took the lead after a pass interference and personal foul penalty against the Sharks proved costly. The Dogs, however, missed the PAT, leaving the Sharks on the short end of the 13-7 score. Many in attendance thought the missed extra point would be critical, but it made little difference in the outcome.

Bolles intercepted a Sharks pass but almost immediately fumbled it away. Mike Soncrant recovered for the Sharks, who used the possession to take the lead. Murrah found Reese Russi in the middle of the end zone for the score. Ponte Vedra led 14-13 with three minutes left in the half.

Three minutes was more than enough for the Bulldogs to move to a first down on the Sharks' 15-yard line. Three plays later though, the Ponte Vedra defense

forced a 31-yard field goal attempt.

Tommy Zitiello blocked the kick, leaving Ponte Vedra up 14-13.

Despite a 47-yard Murrah to Conway completion, the Sharks were forced to punt on their first possession of the second half. Caden Fordham's kick pinned the Bulldogs at their own 8-yard line. Cole McCormick's subsequent interception, plus a flag against the visitors, gave the Sharks a first down at the Bolles' 3-yard line. Cobi Myers ran in for a touchdown, resulting in a 21-13 Ponte Vedra lead midway through the third quarter.

Not surprisingly, the Sharks attempted and recovered an onside kick. Ponte Vedra's Max Schalit recovered and three minutes later, Parker bulldozed over from a yard out. The Sharks led 28-13, but that would change very quickly when Fordham picked off a Bolles pass and returned it 36 yards for the touchdown to put Ponte Vedra up 35-13.

Bolles turned the ball over on downs on their own 48 to start the fourth quarter. Again, Murrah hit Conway for 40 yards and a first down at the Bolles 15-yard line. After Parker moved it five yards closer, Murrah flipped it to Conway for the Sharks' sixth and final touchdown of the night.

Any hope the Bulldogs might have had to close the gap slipped away on Mathews Webster's interception and 60-yard return.

Ponte Vedra finishes out the regular season with a non-conference home game against Creekside at 7 p.m. Friday.



The Recorder met this week with Ashley Burke, the co-captain of the Ponte Vedra girls golf team, to discuss her performance at regionals, where she finished with a personal best 77. The interview also covered her team's recent performances, her role as co-captain and more.

What's it like to be co-captain of the Ponte Vedra girls golf team?

Being co-captain is a great honor. It's something that I was looking forward to my freshman year of high school. It's something that I'm honored to have. I love leading a great group of girls and it's such a learning experience and it's something I hope to take with me for the rest of my life.

You've been playing the best golf of your career lately. What was it like competing at regionals and finishing with a score of 77?

Regionals was definitely a tough competition. We all had to play good. I'd have to say, during one of my interesting rounds, I



Ashley Burke
Golf, Ponte Vedra High School

just tried to stay focused. It felt different because I was in the moment; I wasn't thinking of my shots and because of that I was able to pull out a great score — 77 — which is definitely my lowest. Towards the end is when you have to stay focused the most. It was hard, especially with the other girls, there was some good golf out there. But thankfully me and all the other girls on my team were able to pull out a good score and get first at regionals.

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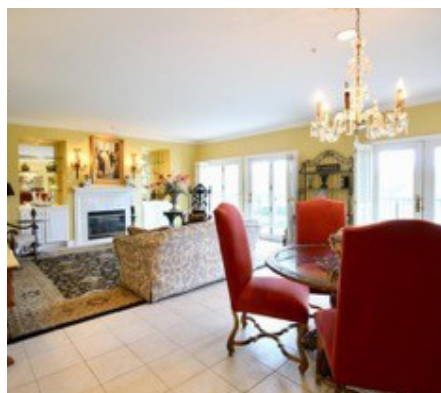
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