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THE 600 CLUB



Nease girls basketball coach Sherri Anthony picked up her 600th career win in 33 seasons last Friday after the Panthers defeated Seabreeze High School 93-7. Flip to page 33 for more photos.

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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. All correct entries will be entered into a random drawing to win tickets for two adults and two children to the Jacksonville Zoo. In order to allow as many families as possible to win, participants are only eligible to win a ticket prize pack once every four months.

Five readers correctly identified last week's photo as the sign for Chico's. The winner of the random drawing was **Carl Merkling**. Congratulations, Carl — you may pick up your prize at the Recorder office during normal business hours.



ADOPT A PET



CAT OF THE WEEK

Matilda is a 3-year-old female spayed cat who was brought to the Pet Center as a stray. Because she's a stray, there may be some traits that are currently unknown. Come visit Matilda at the Pet Center today. #48214

Any new pet being introduced to a new home will need time to adjust to its new environment. Please reinforce house training and behavioral training, and be mindful of interacting with other pets.



DOG OF THE WEEK

Ginger is a 6-year-old female spayed beagle who is looking for a new home. Ginger is high heartworm positive. Be-

cause she is a stray, there still may be some traits that are unknown at this time. Come visit Ginger today at the Pet Center. #48287

St. Johns County Pet Center

Cat adoptions are currently \$15 and are being sponsored by the Friends of the Pet Center! They are usually \$30 for males and \$40 for females. Dog adoptions are \$45 for males and \$60 for females. Adoption fees include microchipping, neutering/spaying, rabies vaccinations and shots. The pet center is located at 130 N. Stratton Road in St. Augustine, off U.S. 1 between County Road 210 and International Golf Parkway. Business hours are Tuesday through Friday 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The center is closed to the public on Sunday. On Monday, the office is open by appointment only to claim a lost pet. **For more information, please call the St. Johns County Pet Center at (904) 209-6190.**

PUZZLE SOLUTIONS

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Solutions correspond to last week's puzzles.



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The Perfect Beach Escape

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A Sophisticated and Luxurious Retreat on Ponte Vedra Blvd

Ponte Vedra Beach / Oceanfront
 This impressive oceanfront home reflects that magical merging of beach living and architecture. Situated on 220ft of Oceanfront and designed by Residential Designs by Kevin Gray, Inc and built by Elwood Collier, this estate is a masterpiece of design and craftsmanship. It's location atop one of the highest natural sand dunes along the Florida coast (with the finished floor elevation is approximately 33.5' above sea level) allows owners the ultimate beach living experience. **4 bedrooms, 5 and 3 1/2 bathrooms \$8,750,000**



Exceptional Coastal Living at its Best!

Ponte Vedra Beach / Oceanfront
 This home is the epitome of southern charm with over 8,400 sq. ft. that showcase spectacular ocean views. The open living areas, including large formal dining room with grand fireplace, lend themselves to entertaining everything from large celebrations or simply enjoying intimate moments near a roaring fireplace. **5 bedrooms and 5.5 bathrooms \$6,100,000**



Oceanfront Oasis

Ponte Vedra Beach / Oceanfront
 Stunning 210 ft oceanfront estate on private gated 2-acre lot with 27 ft elevation. Impeccable, quality home with spectacular views throughout. **5 bedrooms, 6 full / 2 half baths \$5,750,000**

Local Rotary Club taking applications for 'Service Above Self' Scholarship

The Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach Sunset is currently accepting applications for the "Service Above Self" Scholarship (SASS).

Students enrolled as juniors or seniors at Ponte Vedra or Allen D. Nease high schools are encouraged to apply. Offered annually by the Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach Sunset, these \$1,000 scholarships are awarded to the top applicant from each school based on his/her application, which includes an essay about community service. Children of Rotarians

are not eligible to apply.

Details and the SASS application are available at goo.gl/forms/HAuBTJPijj-LaCcWv1. The deadline for receipt of all application requirements is March 14, 2019. The two scholarship winners will be notified by mid-April. Later, they will receive their scholarships at a dinner hosted by the Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach Sunset.

For additional information, contact the SASS chair, Paula Roderick, at paroderick1@comcast.net or call (904) 280-8933.

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\$340,000

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WILLOW COVE
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Beautiful David Weekley home with lake to preserve views! Features a split floor plan with 4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, an open kitchen, living room with glass sliders, wood floors throughout main living areas, & a screened lanai. MLS 976420

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SPYGLASS POINT
\$799,000

Modern coastal pool home with 3 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, & an open floor plan with stunning views of the 7th hole on the South Nine Course at Sawgrass Country Club. Recently renovated with a new roof, fresh paint, sliding glass doors, shutters, floors, updated kitchen, landscaping, & more. MLS 976495

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Resort-style condo situated along a pristine stretch of the gorgeous Ponte Vedra coast in popular Sawgrass Country Club. This remodeled 3 bedroom, 3 bath unit features sun-washed living areas, a wood-burning fireplace, & 3 terraces offering sweeping views of the tropical landscape & ocean! MLS 976175

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Everyone leaves a winner at Nease's SOUPer Bowl IV

By Amber Lake

SOUPer Bowl IV opened to a packed crowd at Nease High School on Jan. 31.

In its fourth year, the fundraising event has managed to bring the community together, support a good cause and give a taste of the area's best restaurants — all while being organized by some tenacious high school students.

This year's event managed to raise "well over \$30,000," according to Amrita Bhargava, one of the event's coordinators. The money raised will support the Blessings in a Backpack program in St. Johns County for students on free and reduced-price lunches. The program aims to support students who don't have access to nutritious meals during the weekends.

The "People's Choice" soup award was presented to St. Johns Technical High School, and was accepted by Chef Sherry Gaynor, the culinary instructor for the school. The soup featured was a chicken tortilla soup. Also served was a vegetarian jackfruit version.

The award for best soup was presented to St. Johns Technical High School by last year's "People's Choice" winner, Chef David Cressler, from the Sawgrass Country Club.

In addition, Valley Ridge Academy won the "Be the Change" competition, which was a coin collection competition aimed at raising money for the event and the Blessings in a Backpack program.

Every year, the SOUPer Bowl also offers commemorative bowls created by students for participants to enjoy. The bowls are donated to the event by Bartram Trail High School, Creekside High School, Nease High School, Palencia Elementary, The Webster School, PVPV/Rawlings Elementary, St. Johns Technical High School, Valley Ridge Academy and Wards Creek Elementary. Along with the "bowl" theme, Wild Ginger Pottery was at the event to demonstrate pottery throwing in action.



Organizers of Nease's SOUPer Bowl IV display a check totaling more than \$30,000, which represents the proceeds raised for Blessings in a Backpack.



Representatives of St. Johns Technical High School, which won the "People's Choice" award for best soup of the night, stand proudly at the SOUPer Bowl.



The Dean of Students at Valley Ridge Academy, Brian Gifford, accepts the award for the "Be the Change" competition. The award was presented by Shai Kothari and Sanya Bensal.



ABOVE: Attendees sample soups from all around Jacksonville, Ponte Vedra and St. Augustine.



A variety of soups were available from restaurants all around the area.



RIGHT: Commemorative bowls created by students lay on a table for participants to enjoy.



Sandy Woolley with Wild Ginger Pottery demonstrates throwing a bowl on the pottery wheel.

Photos by Amber Lake

Landrum Middle School's Best Buddies visit animals at Fantasy Farms

Landrum Middle School's Best Buddies group, under the direction of Sarah Newsome and her assistants, visited Fantasy Farms in Ponte Vedra for an outing on Jan. 12.

Ringtail lemurs, goats, silkie chickens, colorful parrots and especially Beamer the white horse and his companion Angie, the miniature horse, were preening for the Best Buddies. Lulu, the umbrella cockatoo, made lots of noise and climbed up and down her cage in excitement as the children encouraged her to talk. Everyone settled in at Roscoe's, the party house filled with toys,



Photo courtesy of Fantasy Farms

BEST BUDDIES continues on Page 11 **Best Buddies from Landrum Middle School visit Fantasy Farms on Jan. 12.**

BRIEFS

Road closure

Beginning Monday, Feb. 11, through Thursday, Feb. 14, the entrance and exit gates of the Sawgrass Players Club Association on Solana Road will be closed due to construction and paver installation, according to a notice sent by St. Johns County. The SR A1A entry/exit gate will remain open.

Change of location for MSD meeting

The Ponte Vedra Beach Municipal Service District (MSD) Board of Trustees will meet at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church in the Cultural Center on Monday, Feb. 11 at 6 p.m.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

My name is Damian May and I am one of the many faces of Alzheimer's. On Feb. 6, at the Alzheimer's Association's annual "Rally in Tally," I had the honor of meeting with Rep. Cyndi Stevenson to discuss making Alzheimer's a top legislative priority. Together, with more than 100 Alzheimer's Association advocates from across the region, we are united in making Florida a "dementia capable" state by working with our legislators to address specific needs to create a direct path to treatment and a cure.

As a health economist, it is critically important to me that we build community programs to help our caregivers help our patients with Alzheimer's. There is both a significant toll on human health, as well as the cost to care for all Floridians. The Alzheimer's Disease Initiative (ADI) provides critical support for our caregivers, which can and will, in turn, increase the health of our caregivers, as well as decrease costs associated with the very real human toll of Alzheimer's disease.

Together with the Alzheimer's Association, I support funding for the ADI, as these funds support the more than 1.1 million Floridians who provide daily unpaid care for those living with dementia. There are currently thousands of Floridians on the wait list for critically-needed respite care services, so I urge Rep. Stevenson to support this funding as well.

Damian May

Ponte Vedra Beach
Chair, Board of Directors – Central and North Florida Chapter of Alzheimer's Association



OPES HOSTS STEM NIGHT

Ocean Palms Elementary School (OPES) hosted STEM Night on Jan. 31. Third through fifth graders gathered to explore their scientific side and appreciate the work of their peers. Fifth graders were excited to explain their hypothesis and research found on their displays.

Photos courtesy of Pamela Matysiak



ROTARY CLUB HOSTS SJSO UNDERSHERIFF MATTHEW CLINE

St. Johns County Sheriff's Office Undersheriff Matthew Cline stands with Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach Sunset President Brian Anderson. Cline served as the Rotary Club's keynote speaker at their meeting on Jan. 29 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Ponte Vedra Beach. He discussed the state of the county, specifically touching on growth, the agency's new technology, traffic and more.

Photo by Susan Griffin



Richard Felder is the owner of Village Jeweler in Ponte Vedra Beach and an accredited master goldsmith and GIA certified gemologist.

Richard Felder

Can you please briefly tell us about your background?

I've been in the jewelry business for 52 years now. I have had my store here in Ponte Vedra for 32 years. I have been in Jacksonville for longer than that. I graduated from the New York School of Jewelry and became a goldsmith. Since then, with my years of experience and after taking a few different courses here and there, I have been designated as a master goldsmith. I'm originally from Charleston, South Carolina.

What do you enjoy most about your job?

I most enjoy making people smile. I try my best to do repairs and custom order work. We also do get to meet a variety of people of all ages. In addition, I like working with my hands.

When you reflect over your career, how has the industry changed?

The industry has changed a lot. When I first went into the jewelry business, it was a luxury item. And then in the 80s, 90s and into the beginning of the 2000s, it became more of not a luxury item but an everyday item. People are not into the gold and stuff as much as they used to be. It's beginning to more casual. Even my design work I've changed from more of a glamorous style to now very casual, everyday wear.

What do you recommend as a good Valentine's Day gift?

A good, popular gift right now seems to be silver-related or silver-looking items. You should look for something that is more of an everyday wear, instead of something that is a specialty wear, like what we used to sell that would be worn for a special occasion.

What do you enjoy most about living in Ponte Vedra?

I like the community because it is an upscale beach community. It features a laid-back, casual atmosphere. There have been times over the 32 years I've been here when it was little more of a dressy feel. Now, it's gotten very casual. That's what I like about it. It's not like you're in a big metropolitan area. Here I know my customers. I have a good, long base of customers who have been coming to me for a long time. We see each other on a daily basis at restaurants, the grocery store, etc.. The town has a personal feel, which I enjoy.

What do you enjoy to do in your free time?

My free time is very limited since I have a store that is open five to six days a week. But in the free time I do have, I like to do a lot of walking. I will go to different towns and cities to walk. I'll also walk the beach and areas here. I've been known to go 100 miles away just to do a 7- or 8-mile walk. I also have a little itch for nice cars, so I do go to car shows.



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Thursday, Feb. 7	Friday, Feb. 8	Saturday, Feb. 9	Sunday, Feb. 10
<p>Everyone Can Conserve lecture GTM Research Reserve has partnered with St. Johns County Parks and Recreation for a free, family-oriented program on Feb. 7 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Learn about a different topic each month. Featuring reptiles, marine mammals, pollinators and more. These are educational programs that will feature live animals. Refreshments will also be provided. This event is at the Solomon Calhoun Center at 1300 Duval St. in St. Augustine. For more information, call (904) 823-4500.</p> <p>Breast Event Ever Come join RP's Fine Food & Drink on Feb. 7 at 5 p.m. for the first annual "Breast Event Ever." Two Titmice Vodka specials, food specials and raffles including a Stand-Up Paddle Board from Sunrise Surf Shop will be available. All proceeds of raffles and Two Titmice cocktails will be donated to a foundation that gives 100 percent of the money donated to help local patients fighting breast cancer. Mingle, have some cocktails and apps and help a great cause at 1183 Beach Blvd. in Jacksonville Beach.</p> <p>TEDxFSCJ for 'What are Human Rights?' Join TEDxFSCJ for "What are Human Rights?," a salon featuring speakers with first-hand knowledge of how human rights protect us all. This event will embrace both the local and global dimensions of human rights. The salon will address such questions as, the inherent and equal dignity of individuals regardless of gender expression, race, and nationality, the unprecedented discrimination and violence facing immigrant populations and how global warming threatens entire communities with irreversible harm. This event is on Feb. 7 at 7 p.m. at the Nathan H. Wilson Center for the Arts at 11901 Beach Blvd. in Jacksonville.</p> <p>Botox & Besties Exclusive treatments will be available at LASH Jax studio on Feb. 7. Appointments are from noon to 8 p.m. Treatments include Botox, B12 and Kybella. Call or email for an appointment at Hello@LashJax.com or (904) 758-1072. LASH Jax is located at 1500 Beach Blvd. in Jacksonville.</p>	<p>Catty Shack Friday night feeding This is a 45-minute guided walking tour with the opportunity to see resident animals. At 7:30 p.m., watch the feeding when Catty Shack hands out over 600 pounds of meat. Night feedings are held every Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 6 to 8:30 p.m. for more information and ticket pricing, go to cattyshack.org.</p> <p>'The Bridges of Madison County' Players by the Sea and The STAGE Fund present "The Bridges of Madison County." Music and lyrics for the play are by Jason Robert Brown and it is based on the book by Marsha Norman. This play is directed by Lee Hamby and Suzanne Hudson-Smith and will appear on the main-stage every Thursday through Saturday from Feb. 1 to 16. General admission is \$28. Players by the Sea is located at 106 Sixth St. N. in Jacksonville Beach.</p> <p>Opioid Training for Community Health Workers Northeast Florida AHEC is now actively recruiting Community Health Workers to attend a free opioid training on Feb. 8 from 10 a.m. to noon. Join to learn more about Safe Storage and Disposal of Prescription Drugs, Opioid Misuse, and Naloxone Use. This training will take place at 121 Financial Credit Union, located at 701 Riverside Park Place in Jacksonville. For more information contact Sherri Cheshire, NEFAHEC senior program manager, at scheshire@north-floridaahec.org or at (904) 482-0189. To RSVP call (904) 482-0189.</p> <p>New Year New You Empowerment Retreat Join this workshop for 24 hours of rejuvenation of the soul on Feb. 8 and 9. This workshop was designed to bring attendees a full understanding of self-love. Attendees will learn simple proven tools to help them achieve self-love, joy and happiness. This workshop is located at Residence Inn Amelia Island at 2301 Sadler Road in Fernandina Beach. Go to www.eventbrite.com for tickets.</p>	<p>Love Me True Rescue Love Me True Rescue, located at 5150 Palm Valley Road #403, will hold adoption events every Saturday between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. For more information, visit www.lovemetruerescue.com. The rescue is also looking for volunteers (18+). Interested suitors can contact Peggy Hatfield at peggyhatfield63@comcast.net.</p> <p>Aylas Acres adoption event Every Saturday, Aylas Acres will host a cats and kittens adoption event from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. This event will be held at Thriftique at 142 King St. in St. Augustine. It is suggested that potential adoptees fill out an Adoption Application at AYLASACRES.org for files and to streamline the adoption process. For more information call Laura at (904) 377-6733.</p> <p>SAFE Pet rescue event SAFE Pet Rescue will be bringing their mobile adoption van to the Ponte Vedra Pet Supermarket parking lot for a Valentine's Day adoption event on Saturday, Feb. 9, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be music and a bake sale, all to benefit SAFE Pet Rescue. Bring your friends, neighbors and family and walk, cuddle and, yes, best of all ADOPT!</p> <p>New Volunteer Orientation The GTM Research Reserve is offering an introduction to the volunteer program for interested parties on Feb. 9 from 10 to 11 a.m. For people who have a passion for learning and teaching, there are opportunities to work with the education program or volunteer with the research program as a citizen scientist. Learn about the background and history of the reserve, volunteer opportunities available, volunteer expectations and benefits, and tour the Visitor Center. GTM Research Reserve Visitor Center is located at 505 Guana River Road in Ponte Vedra Beach. For more information, contact Shannon Rininger at Shannon.Rininger@FloridaDEP.gov or call (904) 823-4500.</p>	<p>Sundays at Surfer the Bar Every Sunday, join Big Fish Power Yoga for a free Music & Flow class at Surfer the Bar. The class is held upstairs at the bar and runs from 10 to 11 a.m. every week. Bring friends and family and enjoy brunch and mimosas downstairs following class. Register under classes on bigfishpoweryoga.com. Surfer the Bar is located at 200 First St. in Jacksonville.</p> <p>Chinese Dumplings Festival Wrapping and eating dumplings on the Chinese New Year's Eve is believed to send away the old and welcome the new. Join the House of Leaf and Bean for the Chinese Dumplings Festival in honor of the Chinese New Year on Feb. 10. Learn to wrap dumplings and enjoy the creation. Choose between potato, sweet potato, tofu or chicken fillings. Enjoy a fun, guided session with the house chef. Two sessions times are available from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. and 4 to 5 p.m. Cost: \$20 per person. House of Leaf and Bean is located at 14474 Beach Blvd. in Jacksonville Beach. For more information go to www.houseofleafnbean.com.</p> <p>Swing Dance Sundays Swing Dance Sundays is a weekly event with free lessons starting at 7 p.m. at The Volstead. Attendees can either bring a partner or come alone. The Volstead is located at 115 West Adams St. in Jacksonville.</p> <p>Peter Pan Matinee Enjoy a new Jason Wood adaptation of an old favorite from a certain pirate's point of view. This is a staged reading with original songs and music. Two performances will be hosted at the Theatre Jacksonville on Feb. 9 and 10 at 2 p.m. Theatre Jacksonville is located at 2032 San Marco Blvd. in Jacksonville. This show is recommended ages 13 and up due to content and language. Tickets can be bought at web.ovationtix.com.</p>

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<p>Trivia at Mellow Mushroom Join Mellow Mushroom every Monday night at 7 p.m. for trivia with Trivia Nation. This event is free to play and there are prizes for the winners. Mellow Mushroom is located at 1018-2 Third St. N. in Jacksonville Beach.</p> <p>JAME Join JAME at the Cultural Center from Jan. 18 to March 2. JAME is an annual juried exhibition of CCPVB's Artist Members. Artist Members can submit in up to five works of art and outside judges select pieces as well as assigned prizes at the opening. The Cultural Center is located at 50 Executive Way in Ponte Vedra Beach.</p> <p>Shoot for the Stars The 11th Annual Morning Star School Golf Tournament will be hosted Monday, Feb. 11. This event will be located at San Jose Country Club at 7529 San Jose Blvd. in Jacksonville. All proceeds will benefit Morning Star School of Jacksonville. The school provides faith-based education for children in kindergarten through 12th grade with learning differences including specific learning disabilities, ADD, mild intellectual disabilities, processing deficits and high functioning Autism. Golfers will enjoy lunch, complimentary cocktails, games, prizes and a memorable awards dinner. Registration is \$150 per player. For more information call Maria Johnson at (904) 721-2144 or (904) 962-5080 or email development@morningstar-jax.org.</p> <p>Social media boot camp for real estate The No. 1 social media boot camp for real estate professionals is coming to Jacksonville for one day only, on Feb. 11 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and again at 12:30 p.m. Attendees can learn how to leverage social channels to capture referrals, increase sphere and gain more business. Easy tips, tricks and shortcuts will be available. Registration is free but space is limited. This event is located at 4888 Lenoir Ave. in Jacksonville.</p>	<p>Toddler Tuesdays Join Bravo Entertainment every Tuesday morning from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. for Toddler Tuesdays. During this time, the facility is reserved for the exclusive use of toddlers, ages 5 and under. One adult is admitted for free with each child's \$8 paid admission. Bravo Entertainment Center is located at 14985 Old St. Augustine Road in Jacksonville.</p> <p>Palm Valley farmer's market The Palm Valley farmer's market will be held every Tuesday from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Community Center at 148 Canal Blvd. in Ponte Vedra Beach. It features produce, seafood, jams, baked goods and peanut butter. For more information visit them on their Facebook page Palm Valley Farmers Market.</p> <p>Tapas Tuesdays Tap into Tapas Tuesday sponsored by VyStar Credit Union at the Cummer Café. Every Tuesday from 5 to 8 p.m. on the Cummer Café patio, take in the sunset while listening to local musicians with beer, wine, or artfully inspired tapas for sale at the Café. Reserve your table by calling (904) 899-6022. The Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens is located at 829 Riverside Ave. in Jacksonville.</p> <p>Starling Open House Join Starling at Nocatee for an Open House from 9 to 11 a.m. on Feb. 12. A continental breakfast will be served for attendees. Starling at Nocatee is located at 999 Crosswater Parkway in Ponte Vedra.</p> <p>Jumbo Shrimp job fairs Two job fairs will be hosted in February for 2019 seasonal food and beverage positions at the Baseball Grounds of Jacksonville. The Double-A Southern League affiliate of the Miami Marlins will host job fairs from both 9 a.m. to noon on Feb. 9 and 5:30 to 8 p.m. on Feb. 12 at the Baseball Grounds of Jacksonville. Interested applicants may find full position descriptions and an application form at www.jaxshrimp.com. Applicants may bring a completed application to the job fair. All applicants should be prepared to interview at the job fairs and are encouraged to bring a resume and dress appropriately.</p>	<p>Wine Wednesday at the Renaissance Join the World Golf Village every Wednesday evening in the Villagio Lounge from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. for complimentary wine and hors d'oeuvre tasting. Attendees can sample red and white wines from around the world and savor a chef-inspired appetizer to complement the wines. The World Golf Village is located at 1 World Golf Place in St. Augustine.</p> <p>Greenhouse Yoga Join Maggie's Herb Farm every Wednesday and Friday morning from 10 to 11:30 a.m. for a mindful Kripalu flow yoga practice in the greenhouse at Maggie's Herb Farm. Soothe body and mind in the fresh air, grounded on natural, river pebbles for a unique greenhouse yoga experience. Practice yoga surrounded by beautiful greenery, butterflies, herbs, hummingbirds and free-range chickens. Attendees are encouraged to bring their yoga mat, towel and water bottle. Pre-registration is not required. Maggie's Herb Farm is located at 11400 Country Road 13 N. in St. Augustine.</p> <p>Meeting of The Ponte Vedra Democratic Club Newcomers are welcome to join The Ponte Vera Democratic Club on Feb. 13 at 7 p.m. The club will meet at the Ponte Vedra Community Association Building, located at 148 Canal Building in Ponte Vedra Beach. More information can be found at Facebook.com/PonteVedraDemocrats.</p> <p>Valentine Holiday Lunch and Games Day Valentine Holiday Lunch and Games Day will be hosted by the First Coast Newcomers Club of Northeast Florida on Feb. 13. Lunch will be served at 12:30 p.m. The lunch will be hosted in a St. Augustine restaurant on US 1. Limited number of RSVPs are available. Contact Leanne Dally for more information on the venue or with any other questions at parrottrader@live.com or call (904) 829-0643.</p>	<p>Valentine's Day at Harvest & Reel The Embassy Suites by Hilton St. Augustine Beach Oceanfront Resort's signature restaurant, Harvest & Reel, is offering patrons a champagne toast and romantic decadent dessert for two, with the purchase of two dinner entrees on Valentine's Day, Feb. 14. Harvest & Reel is open from 5 to 10 p.m. For reservations, call (904) 461-9004. The restaurant is located at 300 A1A Beach Blvd. in St. Augustine Beach.</p> <p>"Lust, Love & Loss" Join a musical celebration of relationships benefiting Players by the Sea Theatre on Feb. 14 at Jax Beach Brunch Haus. This special cabaret fundraiser featuring the vocal talents of J. Daniel Altman and Regina Torres will take attendees through a musical journey of "Lust, Love and Loss" with songs from Broadway and Opera. Cocktail hour starts at 6 p.m. and a three course meal at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$100 per person. To purchase tickets, visit www.playersbythesea.org. The at Jax Beach Brunch Haus is located at 610 Third St. S in Jacksonville Beach.</p> <p>Collage Day School to host free parent/educator workshop on Reggio Emilia Approach Collage Day School is hosting a free parent/educator workshop on The Reggio Emilia Approach on Thursday, Feb. 14 from 2 to 3 p.m. onsite at 171 Canal Blvd. in Ponte Vedra Beach. Collage embraces The Reggio Emilia Approach, which is based on the concept that "intelligent children deserve intelligent teachers." Guests will learn about this movement along with the value it brings to early childhood education. This approach is an educational philosophy focused on preschool and primary education based on viewing young children as individuals who are curious about their world and have powerful potential. Email info@CollageDaySchool.org to make a reservation for the event (limited to 100).</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 Amber@opcfla.com or call (904) 686-3939.</p>

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Collage Day School is preparing to host Reggio Emilia representatives for parents and educators at a workshop on Feb. 14.

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Collage Day School to host free parent/educator workshop on The Reggio Emilia Approach: 'Cultivating the early years'

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Landrum Middle School Best Buddies members talk to Lulu the umbrella cockatoo at Fantasy Farms during a visit Jan. 12.

Best Buddies

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and filled up on pizzas for lunch.

Best Buddies consists of volunteers who create opportunities for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Fantasy Farms is a nonprofit located at 194 South Roscoe Blvd. in Ponte Vedra with a primary focus of hosting charitable, corporate, wedding and other events, while maintaining an animal sanctuary. The nonprofit is hosting its next fundraiser on Saturday, April 6. Visit www.fantasyfarmsevents.org for more information.

Workshop

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Reggio teachers employ four major strategies exposing children to educational opportunities that encourage self-expression, communication, logical thinking and problem solving. Each child is tracked along a specific learning journey. Its flexible and child-centric learning approach allows children to be immersed and to explore their learning tasks in greater depth. Meet a representative from Emilio Reggio at the Feb. 14 event.

The Collage Day School is an academically challenging, independent day school with the goal of empowering “exceptional education.” It is not specifically for special needs children.

Collage Day School is a member of the North American Reggio Emilia Alliance and a member of the Reggio Children International Network. It is a diverse community of advocates and educators promoting and defending the rights of children, families and teachers of all cultures through a collaboration of colleagues inspired by the Reggio Emilia experience, who seek to elevate both the quality of life and the quality of schools and centers for young children.

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Reimagined DONNA Marathon returns to Northeast Florida Feb. 8-10

DONNA Marathon Weekend is being held this weekend, Feb. 8-11, with its start and finish in the heart of Neptune Beach and Atlantic Beach.

With Beaches Town Center now the epicenter of weekend events, locals and visitors have choices to shop, dine, relax and now race. Listed as Women's Running Magazine's "favorite charity race," 26.2 with DONNA The National Marathon to Finish Breast Cancer is the only marathon in the country dedicated to breast cancer research and care.

"We believe the Beaches Town Center, with its eclectic mix of shops, restaurants and entertainment, will provide runners with a unique beach destination experience," event founder Donna Deegan said. "This is what runners are telling us they want. A beautiful running venue and one that also offers a welcoming fan experience and exciting post-race celebration."

Now in its 12th year, DONNA Marathon Weekend events include a 5K, marathon, half marathon and race expo, all taking place on the island. Participants will continue to enjoy

Jacksonville's beach communities of Atlantic Beach, Neptune Beach, Jacksonville Beach and Ponte Vedra Beach. Marking a shift this year, the Intracoastal Bridge is no longer a part of the route. According to The Donna Foundation, that makes the Boston Marathon-qualifying course, already one of Florida's fastest, an even greater opportunity for setting new personal records.

"We are truly thrilled to welcome this amazing event to Neptune Beach," Neptune Beach Mayor Elaine Brown said. "Our community already embraces these runners with open arms, and I know our neighborhoods and our business community will go all out to support them and the wonderful cause they represent."

Atlantic Beach Mayor Ellen Glasser echoed those sentiments.

"Atlantic Beach is proud to welcome all DONNA runners to our city in 2019," Glasser said. "Get ready — along with our sister city, Neptune Beach, we will line our streets to cheer on runners warmly and loudly."

In supporting the 12th annual 26.2 with DONNA The Marathon to Finish Breast Cancer, we are eager to shine the light of our special communities on the effort to finish this disease."

The theme of the 2019 DONNA Marathon Weekend is #Together-WeWILL, aimed at inspiring everyone through the power of working together. According to The Donna Foundation, "it is a reminder that together we help our friends, family and community achieve monumental goals. Together, we push each other to run a little faster, walk a little further and give a little more, because together we can, and we will."

Since its inception in 2008, DONNA Marathon Weekend has raised nearly \$6 million in funding for The DONNA Foundation, supporting over 12,000 families living with breast cancer by providing assistance and support when it is needed most. The DONNA Foundation has also disbursed more than \$3.3 million of race proceeds to the Mayo Clinic Breast Cancer Translational Genomics Research Program.

MORE INFORMATION ON DONNA MARATHON WEEKEND

Registration for events open through Feb. 9

Online Registration continues through Saturday, Feb. 9 and on-site at the Expo during DONNA Marathon Weekend.

Participant drop-off and rideshare

All weekend, a designated area for drop-off and rideshare services (Uber, Lyft, etc.) will be available in the Expo parking area at 500 Atlantic Blvd. Approach the area from Atlantic Blvd. east.

Bicycle parking

All weekend, bicycle "valet" parking will be available at the Expo. Roll-up to the garden center entrance to park your bike.

Parking for Saturday races

The DONNA 5K and Family Fun Run will be held in the Beaches Town Center. Parking is available on a first come, first served basis from the Expo parking area.

For more information on The DONNA Foundation, visit www.thedonnafoundation.org.

Marathon Sunday shuttles

There will be FREE parking for all participants at the University of North Florida, Lot 18 beginning at 4 a.m. race morning. Continuous shuttle service to the start/finish will run from 4 a.m. to 4 p.m. Arrive early and allow time for traffic delays.

Road Closures

- Note that access to communities along the route may be inhibited for up to seven hours beginning at 6 a.m. on race day. Plan for delays.
- Access to Beaches Town Center may be inhibited beginning Friday, Feb. 8 at noon through Sunday, Feb. 10 at 7 p.m.
- Third Street northbound will be closed at Florida Boulevard Sunday, Feb. 10 from 7 a.m. until 8 a.m.
- Atlantic Boulevard westbound will be closed at 3rd St. to Royal Palms Drive Sunday, Feb. 10 from 7 a.m. until 8 a.m.

MARATHON WEEKEND EVENTS

FRIDAY | FEB. 8, 2019

Social Shakeout Run

This event is free and open to the public. Race founders Donna Deegan, Olympian and Training Director Jeff Galloway and Dr. Edith Perez will be participating in the run. A three-mile run/walk will begin at 8 a.m.

When: 8 a.m.

Where: Southern Grounds, 200 1st Street, Neptune Beach

DONNA Packet Pickup & Community Expo presented by Puma Biotechnology

This event is free and open to the public with complimentary parking included. Registration and packet pickup for all events will be available.

When: Open Noon to 6 p.m.

Where: 500 Atlantic Blvd., Neptune Beach

SATURDAY | FEB. 9, 2019

DONNA 5K presented by AXA and Jaguars Foundation/ Family Fun Run presented by Jaguars Foundation / DONNA 110 Ultra Marathon

5K participants earn a signature Running Ribbon medal and experience a reimagined 5K at the beach. DONNA ultra-marathon athletes also begin their 110 miles to finish breast cancer.

When:

- 6 a.m. – Registration and packet pickup opens inside the "K-Mart" Expo
- 7 a.m. – JAXSON DE VILLE arrives
- 7:30 a.m. – Warm up with David Garrard, former NFL Jacksonville Jaguars quarterback and owner of Retro Fitness, personal trainers of the DONNA.
- 7:30 a.m. – 110 Start
- 8 a.m. – 5K Start
- 9 a.m. – Family Fun Run Start

Where: Beaches Town Center, 0 Atlantic Blvd., Neptune Beach

DONNA Packet Pickup & Community Expo presented by Puma Biotechnology

This event is free and open to the public with complimentary parking included. Return for Day 2 of the DONNA Health & Fitness Expo. Shop, sip and sample from nearly 100 exhibitors.

When: 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Where: 500 Atlantic Blvd., Neptune Beach

SUNDAY | FEB. 10, 2019

26.2 with DONNA Marathon, DONNA Half Marathon, DONNA Booby Trap Challenge presented by FIS

The main event of the DONNA Marathon Weekend now starts and finishes in the heart of Atlantic Beach and Neptune Beach, and meanders through Jacksonville's four beach communities. A USATF certified and Boston Marathon qualifier, expect fast times in 2019 with a flatter, faster course design.

When:

- 4 a.m. – Shuttle Parking opens at UNF Lot 18
- 5 a.m. – Runner's Village opens
- 7:27 a.m. – Wheelchair start
- 7:30 a.m. – Start

Where: Beaches Town Center, 0 Atlantic Blvd., Neptune Beach

Amgen Runners' Village and Post Race Party

Plan to meet and celebrate with family and friends at the DONNA Post Race Party inside Amgen Runners Village. Enjoy a Mic Ultra, hot dogs courtesy of Sawyer Gas & Grill and recover with a massage in the CORA Sports Medicine Tent.

When: 8 a.m.-3 p.m.

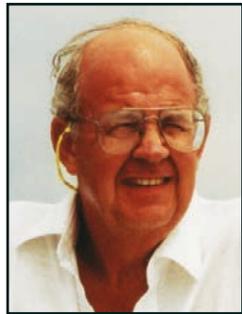
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OBITUARIES

Malcolm A. "Mal" Buckey

Malcolm A. "Mal" Buckey Jr., 82, of Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida, passed away on Sunday, Feb. 3, 2019.

Mr. Buckey was born in Chestnut Hill, Pennsylvania, the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm A. Buckey Sr. Prior to retiring to Ponte Vedra Beach, Mal Buckey lived in Philadelphia and Richmond, Virginia. He was a graduate of The William Penn Charter School and the University of Pennsylvania class of 1958. Well known in the financial business, Mal ended his professional career with Bank of America in Richmond in 2003. He served on many boards in banking, education and many other charities. He was a



Malcolm A. Buckey

member of the Country Club of Virginia, Farmington Country Club in Charlottesville, Virginia and Ponte Vedra Inn & Club.

He was predeceased by his parents, and his sister, Patricia

M. Buckey. He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Susan Gurney Buckey; their daughters, Nancy Buckey Rothacker of Dublin Ohio, Lisa Buckey Foley of Winnetka, Illinois; sons, M. Robert Buckey of Jacksonville and John Edmund Buckey of Napa, California; sons-in-law, Jack Philip Rothacker and Christopher Martin

Foley; sister, Barbara Buckey Grimes of Audubon, Pennsylvania; and four beloved grandchildren, Jake and Sarah Rothacker and John and Christopher Foley.

As a young man, he was an avid swimmer and diver, and throughout his life, he could be found on a golf course, sailing

on either the Chesapeake Bay or in the BVIs. He had many adventures with family and friends in Bermuda and many summers spent at Skytop Lodge and Club in the Poconos. He was always quick with

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Girl Scout cookie season underway

Girl Scouts of Gateway Council (GSGC) recently kicked off the 2019 Girl Scout Cookie program season.

Girl Scouts in the Northeast and North Central Florida region are currently taking orders through their Digital Cookie websites and in-person. Cookie booths with purchasing locations outside many local stores will follow beginning Feb. 9.

According to Girl Scouts of Gateway Council, over half (53 percent) of female entrepreneurs and business owners are Girl Scout alums. As a result, the organization says supporting Girl Scouts as they make sales and learn essential business skills is imperative to ensuring the country has a strong workforce and economy.

“Through the Girl Scout Cookie program, girls discover their inner leadership potential and use their earnings to power amazing experiences for themselves and their troops,” Gateway Council CEO Mary Anne Jacobs said. “Our girls learn the skills to become the next generation of female entrepreneurs and leaders.”

According to Gateway Council, the Girl Scout Cookie program’s benefits are many. A recent Girl Scout Research Institute study found that two out of three girls who participate in the program learn five essential life skills. These skills include goal setting, decision making, money management, people skills and business ethics.

During the 2018-19 Girl Scout Cookie program, Gateway Council will sup-



Photo courtesy of Tami McClaran of Clockwork Marketing

The 2019 Girl Scout Cookie program season is underway. Girl Scouts in the Northeast and North Central Florida region are taking orders through their Digital Cookie websites and in-person, and Girl Scout Cookie booths with purchasing locations outside many local stores will follow beginning Feb. 9.

port the Greater Jacksonville Area USO with the Gift of Caring program. The Operation USO donation program allows customers to support active duty military personnel by purchasing packages of cookies to be delivered to service members and their families through the Greater Jacksonville USO Centers.

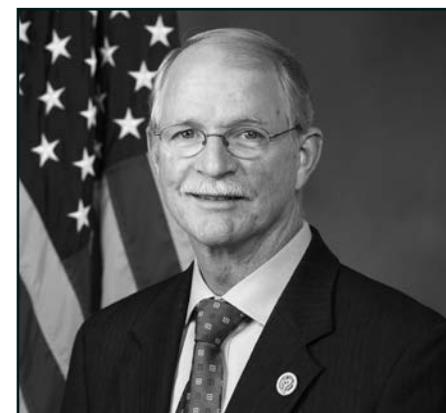
Gateway Council also offers outreach programs to girls in underserved communities who wouldn’t otherwise have the opportunity to be a part of Girl Scouts.

Gateway Council leaders believe every girl deserves access to the resources, role models and experiences necessary to fulfill her potential.

“Proceeds from the Girl Scout Cookie Program stay local,” Jacobs said. “When a customer buys a box of delicious cookies from a Girl Scout, they are making a direct impact in our community.”

This year, Girls Scouts in the North-

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Congressman John Rutherford

Rep. Rutherford to remain on House Appropriations Committee

Appointed to Veterans, Transportation and Homeland Security subcommittees

Congressman John Rutherford (FL-4) will continue to serve on the House Appropriations Committee in the 116th Congress.

He is appointed to the subcommittees on Homeland Security, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Transportation and Housing and Urban Development.

“I am eager to continue my role on the Appropriations Committee to ensure that precious taxpayer dollars are spent wisely while working to promote our national priorities, like a robust national defense, a secure border and enhanced resources for our veterans,” Rutherford said. “We have a solemn obligation to be good stewards of public funds and use the power of the purse to maintain the accountability of federal agencies and programs. I thank Ranking Member Granger for her leadership and the opportunity to serve with all our colleagues on this vital committee.”

House Appropriations Committee Ranking Member Kay Granger (TX-12) later made a comment about Rutherford’s reappointment.

“The perspective that John Rutherford brings to the Appropriations Committee from his distinguished career in law enforcement and public safety offers great insight and value,” Granger said. “His steadfast commitment to investing in national priorities in a fiscally responsible way will help the Committee fulfill its vital role in the legislative process.”

The House Appropriations Committee sets the federal government’s discretionary spending priorities by allocating funds to all federal agencies and conducting oversight of each department and program.

Obituaries

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a joke and took great pleasure in making people laugh, as many friends from all over the country can attest.

The Memorial Service will be held at 11 a.m., Friday, Feb. 8, 2019, at Christ Episcopal Church, 400 San Juan Drive, Ponte Vedra Beach.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Christ Episcopal Church Memorial Fund and Community Hospice- the Anne & Donald McGraw Center for Caring, 4266 Sunbeam Road, Jacksonville, FL 32257. Arrangements by Quinn-Shalz Family Funeral Home of Jacksonville Beach.



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Judy Bode Clark

Judy Bode Clark died Jan. 25, 2019 in Brusly, Louisiana. She was 78. She was a resident of Ponte Vedra, Florida, and a native of Hannibal, Missouri.



Judy Bode Clark

She was a retired bookkeeper. She is survived by two daughters, Lori Ann Clark and Joy Lee Clark; two sons, Jeffery Lynn Clark and John Leonard Clark; four grandchildren and one great grandchild.

She is preceded in death by her daughter, Lori Ann Clark; mother, Marjorie; and father, Tom.

Pallbearers were sons, Jeff and John Clark, and grandsons, Jeff, Joshua and Travis Clark. Honorary pallbearers were Sean Vergle and Andy Gauler.

Please share memories online at www.wilbertservices.com.

William Jay Holthouse

William Jay Holthouse, 79, of Jacksonville, died Feb. 4, 2019. Arrangements by Quinn-Shalz, A Family Funeral Home & Cremation Centre.

Norma Todd Ingalls

Norma Todd Ingalls, 92, of Ponte Vedra Beach, died Feb. 2, 2019. Arrangements by Quinn-Shalz, A Family Funeral Home & Cremation Centre.

Iris Caton Lees

Iris Caton Lees, 84, of Jacksonville, died Jan. 27, 2019. Arrangements by Quinn-Shalz, A Family Funeral Home & Cremation Centre.

William A. Potter

William A. Potter Jr., 50, of Atlantic Beach, died Feb. 3, 2019. Arrangements by Quinn-Shalz, A Family Funeral Home & Cremation Centre.

Liudmyla Rumiantseva

Liudmyla Rumiantseva, 66, of Jacksonville, died Feb. 1, 2019. Arrangements by Quinn-Shalz, A Family Funeral Home & Cremation Centre.

George M. Speyerer

George M. Speyerer, 78, of Jacksonville Beach, died Feb. 1, 2019. Arrangements by Quinn-Shalz, A Family Funeral Home & Cremation Centre.

Don Welde

Don Welde, 77, of Jacksonville Beach, Florida, died Jan. 25, 2019. Ponte Vedra Valley Funeral Home, Cremation Center & Cemetery – (904) 285-1130 – www.pontevedra-valley.com

New Del Webb community coming to Nocatee

Community will be separate from Del Webb Ponte Vedra

Del Webb, the builder of active adult communities for those ages 55 and older, has announced it has closed on 188 acres in Nocatee for phase one of Del Webb Nocatee, which is expected to release for sale this summer with prices starting in the mid-\$200s.

As stated in a press release from the company, Del Webb Nocatee will continue the “current success of Del Webb Ponte Vedra.” According to the release, Del Webb Ponte Vedra is nearing closeout for its single-family homes and condominiums with prices starting from the low \$200s.

Del Webb Nocatee will offer 854 homesites and include a seven-acre, resort-style amenity center with pools, tennis, pickleball, fitness and a 20,000-square foot clubhouse with numerous social activity spaces. According to Nocatee.com, the community will offer nine floorplans that range from 1,488 square feet to 3,700 square feet. Several homesites offer views of natural preserves in a quiet setting. The exact location of Del Webb Nocatee is to be determined.

Del Webb also announced its plans to build a community within the eTown master-planned community along State Road 9B near I-295 and the St. Johns Town Center. According to the release, the first 88 acres of Del Webb eTown are currently under development. The community will offer 346 homesites and include over 5 acres of resort-

style amenities, fitness paths and pocket parks. Del Webb eTown is also expected to release for sale this summer with prices starting in the mid-\$200s.

“Each community will provide residents a unique lifestyle of social and recreational offerings in addition to floorplans designed specifically with the active adult buyer in mind,” said Clint Ball, North Florida division president for PulteGroup, which encompasses Del Webb.

According to the press release, each community will be among the first in the country to launch the new lineup of villa and single-family floorplans offered by Del Webb. Join a VIP interest list by visiting DelWebb.com/eTown or DelWebb.com/Nocatee for more information as it is released.



Photo courtesy of Nocatee Ponte Vedra www.nocatee.com

UF Health is opening a family medicine and pediatrics office in Nocatee on April 1.

UF Health Family Medicine and Pediatrics to open in Nocatee

UF Health is opening a family medicine and pediatrics office in Nocatee on April 1, 2019. The primary care physicians live in Nocatee and welcome patients of all ages.

The new UF Health Family Medicine and Pediatrics office will be located in the heart of Nocatee, off Valley Ridge Boulevard at 203 Fort Wade Road, Suite 200. To learn more about its exact location, utilize the ‘Explore Nocatee’ tool (<http://explore-nocatee.com/#/local>).

Primary Care physicians’ bios:

Victoria Array, MD, has been a UF Health pediatrician for 28 years. She and her husband recently moved to Nocatee, and she is looking forward to treating children in her new community. Array enjoys developing long-lasting relationships with the parents of her patients and takes pride in guiding them through the different stages of childhood.

Katherine McMullan, MD, specializes in family medicine. She joined UF Health in 2018, and lives in Nocatee with her

family. McMullan takes a special clinical interest in women’s health, geriatrics and mental health. She is particularly passionate about exercise, nutrition, sleep and overall wellness.

Primary care services include:

- Annual checkups
- Chronic disease management
- Flu shots and vaccinations
- Geriatric care
- Minor procedures
- Sports physicals
- Well-baby visits

Additional services will be offered by UF Health specialists and include gynecology, podiatry, psychiatry and urology.

UF Health patients have access to MyUFHealth, a secure web portal that allows them to communicate with their providers, schedule appointments, request prescription refills, view test results and more.

For more information on Nocatee, visit www.nocatee.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN NOCATEE

Keep in mind these events taking place in Nocatee this coming weekend.

Food Truck Friday
Friday, Feb. 8, 2019 from
6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Splash Waterpark

Some of Jacksonville’s favorite food trucks will gather at Splash Waterpark to serve members of the community local, gourmet food and snacks. This event will feature live music by Andrew Sapin. Drinks will be available for purchase at the bar, including select craft beers and wines. There will also be a Kidzone with bounce house inflatables (weather permitting).

Family Movie Night
Saturday, Feb. 9 from
6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Splash Waterpark

Nocatee invites residents and their guests to come out and enjoy this month’s Movie Night celebrating the 80th Anniversary of “The Wizard of Oz.” Complimentary popcorn will be available for attendees to enjoy. Beverages and candy will also be available for purchase at the bar. Some seating is provided, but bringing chairs or blankets is suggested. Bug spray is

also recommended. This event is weather permitting. Email fun@nocatee.com to RSVP.



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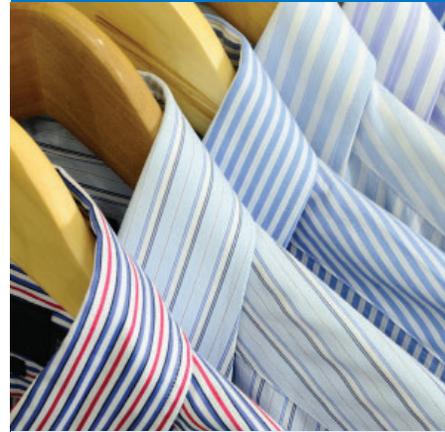
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east and North Central Florida region are selling eight varieties of Girl Scout Cookies. Do-si-dos, Samoas, Savannah Smiles, Tagalongs, Thin Mints, and Trefoils are \$4 per box. S'mores and gluten-free Toffee-tastic are \$5 per box.

To learn more about the Girl Scout Cookie program or to find a location by using the Girl Scout Cookie locator, visit

www.girlscouts-gateway.org/cookies. Girl Scouts of Gateway Council serves the Northeast and North Central Florida region where Girl Scouts are encouraged to unleash their inner G.I.R.L. (Go-getter, Innovator, Risk-taker and Leader) while striving to make the world a better place. To find out more about how to get involved with Girl Scouts, to volunteer or donate, visit www.girlscouts-gateway.org or contact TriciaRae Stancato at tstancato@girlscouts-gateway.org or (904) 421-3484.

Too Much on Your "To Do" List?

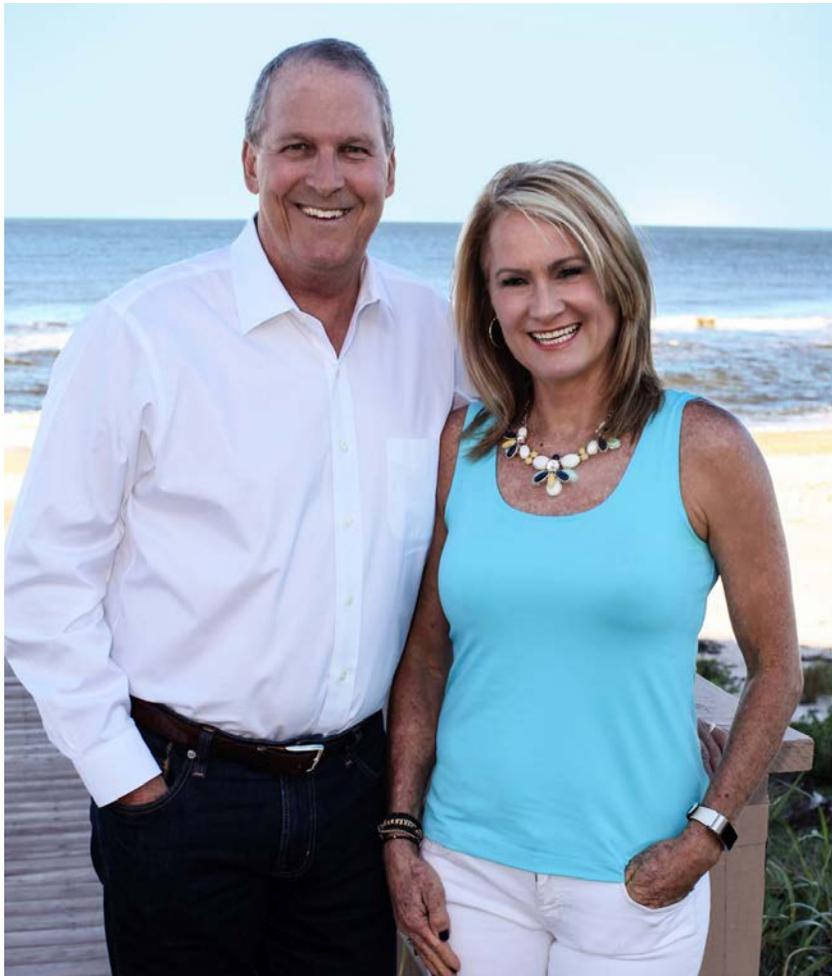


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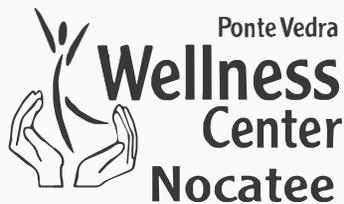
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Ponte Vedra Writers to host former CIA analyst for discussion on becoming more prolific writer

Dr. Edward Mickolus, who has published 35 books, dozens of scholarly journal articles and scores of newspaper articles, will speak at the next Ponte Vedra Writers meeting on Saturday, Feb. 16.



Dr. Edward Mickolus

Mickolus will share the secrets for becoming a more prolific writer. During his presentation, "How To Be(come) a Prolific Writer: Tips and Tricks on Writing and Publishing More Often Than You Think You Can," Mickolus will draw upon the secrets of numerous writers, including the famous and the justifiably unknown, to offer techniques attendees can use to increase their writing productivity. He'll also discuss time management methods for writers. Because the Ponte Vedra Library is closed and undergoing repairs, the group will meet at Christ Episcopal Church, located at 400 San Juan Drive. The meeting will start at 10:30 a.m.

Mickolus wrote the first doctoral dissertation on international terrorism while earning a Ph.D. from Yale University. He then served in analytical, operational, management and staff positions in the Central Intelligence Agency for 33 years, where

he was the CIA's first full-time analyst on international terrorism. He also analyzed African political, economic, social, military, and leadership issues; wrote political-psychological assessments of world leaders; and managed collection, counterintelligence and covert action programs against terrorists, drug traffickers, weapons proliferators and hostile espionage services.

His 35 books include a series of multi-volume chronologies and biographies on international terrorism; 12 book chapters; 100 articles and reviews in refereed scholarly journals and newspapers and presentations to professional societies; and 14 humorous publications.

The Ponte Vedra Writers group is part of the Florida Writers Association, a statewide, nonprofit organization with nearly 1,500 members dedicated to the support of both aspiring and published writers in any genre. The Feb. 16 meeting is free and open to members and non-members alike. For information on FWA, visit www.floridawriters.net.

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THE PLAYERS announces special ticket offer for college students

THE PLAYERS Championship is rolling out a new ticket offer for part-time and full-time undergraduate and postgraduate students to experience the PGA TOUR's flagship event at TPC Sawgrass at a special rate.

Undergraduate and postgraduate students with a valid student I.D. can purchase a \$45 Daily Stadium Pass (plus applicable taxes), Thursday through Sunday, March 14-17. This offer represents savings of 35 percent on Friday, Saturday and Sunday and 25 percent on Thursday.

"THE PLAYERS' move to March seemed like the perfect opportunity to introduce this new ticket offer, especially since our tournament dates align well with many colleges' and universities' academic calendars," said Jared Rice, executive director of THE PLAYERS. "This tournament has something for everyone, from the die-hard golf fan to the social scene seeker and the foodie, so I encourage college students to come out and experience the diverse experiences this tournament and the Northeast Florida area have to offer."

Here are some fast facts about the college student ticket offer:

- **Eligibility:** part-time and full-time undergraduate and postgraduate students with a valid I.D.

- **Link to purchase:** THEPLAYERS.com/tickets

- **Ticket Type:** Daily Stadium Passes (Thursday through Sunday); mobile tickets only

- **Price:** \$45 plus applicable taxes

College students who are still 18 years or younger can take advantage of the fact that youth 18 and younger are admitted free of charge when accompanied by a ticketed



Photo by Chris Norton

Sergio Garcia eyes up his next shot at THE PLAYERS 2018.

adult, and there is no limit to the number of youth fans admitted with that ticketed adult.

To learn more about THE PLAYERS, visit THEPLAYERS.com. Fans are encouraged to follow THE PLAYERS on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook and use #THEPLAYERS.

Simon Youth Foundation seeks applicants for scholarships

Since the inception of Simon Youth Foundation (SYF) in 1998, shoppers at Simon Malls, Mills and Premium Outlets have contributed millions of dollars to support SYF's mission to help students graduate. SYF is once again helping a deserving graduating senior living near St. Johns Town Center pursue a college education.

Simon Youth Community Scholarships are awarded in every community across the country that is home to a Simon Mall, Mills or Premium Outlets center. Students may apply until Feb. 20.

Scholarship recipients are eligible for a one-time, \$1,500 scholarship, which may be applied to tuition at an accredited college, university, vocational or technical school. Students who will be graduating high school in 2019 and live in the community surrounding St. Johns Town Center are eligible.

The Simon Youth Community Scholarship program is one facet of the Simon Supports Education initiative. As part of this initiative, visitors at Simon centers can purchase SYF VISA Simon Giftcards, redeemable wherever VISA is accepted. One dollar from the sale of each bright orange, SYF-branded card will go directly to support SYF and its mission.

"At Simon Youth Foundation, we are committed to helping students graduate and pursue their dreams through education," said Dr. J. Michael Durnil, president and CEO of SYF. "We strongly believe that cost should not prevent students from furthering their education. With the incredible support of our corporate partner, Simon, and its Simon Supports Education initiative, we are humbled to help eliminate this financial burden through SYF's scholarship programs."

In 2018, SYF awarded more than \$1 million in scholarships to more than 250 graduating seniors. Since 1998, SYF has awarded \$17 million in scholarships to nearly 4,800 students. The St. Johns Town Center has awarded scholarships to 12 high school seniors in Jacksonville through the Simon Youth Scholarship program.

In addition to the community scholarships, 11 regional awards called "Awards of Excellence" will be given to top candidates. The regions eligible are Atlanta, Austin, Boston, Chicago, Dallas, Indianapolis, Miami, New York/New Jersey, Orange County (CA), Orlando and Seattle/Tacoma. Additionally, one Award of Excellence will be awarded to an applicant from a Simon Premium Outlet. Students from these areas will have the opportunity to receive a \$10,000 award (\$2,500 for up to four years).

SYF's 2019 scholarship recipients will be selected by International Scholarship and Tuition Services (ISTS), a third-party partner. Applicants will be evaluated based on academic promise, financial need, written response, work experience and community and extracurricular involvement. Recipients will be notified in May 2019.

The Simon Youth Scholarship application period will remain open through Feb. 20. For more information, to confirm eligibility and apply for a Simon Youth Community Scholarship, visit syf.org/scholarships.

Local realtors sponsor \$1,000 scholarship with blog writing contest

The Young & Volen Team at Ponte Vedra Club Realty is sponsoring a blog writing scholarship open to 12th graders in St. Johns and Duval counties.

Students are asked to submit a 500-1,000-word blog post highlighting something interesting or informative about the community. The top five blog posts from all submissions will be published on the Ponte Vedra Focus Blog, a community blog covering the northeast Florida area.

The overall winner will receive a \$1,000 educational scholarship. The



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Gwinn Volen and Jayne Young at Ponte Vedra Club Realty are sponsoring a blog writing scholarship open to local 12th graders.

deadline for submission is March 15, 2019.

Gwinn Volen, founder of the Ponte Vedra Focus blog, and her business partner, Jayne Young, are excited to introduce this annual writing scholarship into the community.

"I have loved learning and writing

about our area over the past five years," Volen said. "I'm looking forward to reading a fresh perspective on the community through the eyes of local students."

For complete details and rules, visit www.pontevedrafocus.com/scholarship.




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Valentine's Day Gift Guide

With a week left until Valentine's Day, consider these local options for that special someone in your life.

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CLAUDE'S CHOCOLATE Valentine 16 Piece Bonbon and Truffle Collection

Sometimes a classic gift is both a romantic and nostalgic ode to celebrating your loved one. Although a time-honored tradition, this truffle collection is more than typical. Claude's chooses sixteen pieces of their best milk and dark chocolate bonbons, which are filled with hand-crafted ganache, nut and caramel centers. It's a sweet and simple gift that is sure to please. **\$24**



PUSSEY'S BAR AND GRILLE Valentine's Menu

Kick back with a low-key night at Pussey's Bar and Grille. The Caribbean-inspired restaurant is offering a special menu for the occasion so you can celebrate with your loved one in a fun and relaxed atmosphere. Choose a sharable appetizer (ahi avocado poke stack), two entrées (grouper oscar and roasted duck) and a sharable dessert (banana fosters) for a laid-back night you'll be glad you opted for. **\$65 per couple.**



TRASCA & CO. EATERY Be My Valentine Kids Breakfast: Feb. 9

Valentine's Day isn't just for couples, but for all your loved ones. Take your tykes to Trasca & Co. to show them some love with this fun, family friendly event. Enjoy bottomless Mimosas and hot cocoa while the kids make custom Valentine's crafts. This event will last from 8 to 9 a.m. and again at 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. **\$10 for breakfast; \$12 for bottomless mimosas**



LE MACARON Gift box

If you're going to give your Valentine a kiss this holiday, make it a French one with this assorted gift box. The collection includes both hand-painted hearts and lips from the local favorite French pastry shop. Choose from blackberry lips, raspberry ganache or strawberry balsamic flavors for a fun and sweet surprise for someone special. **\$30**



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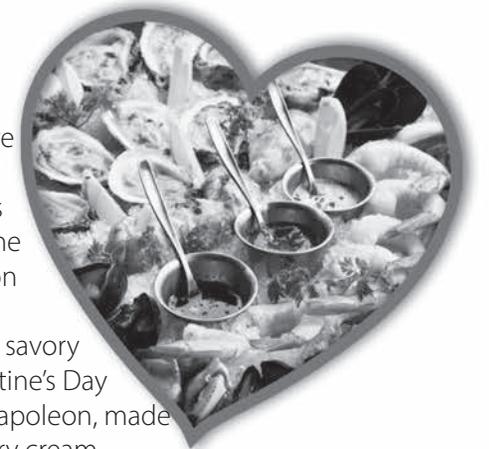
Lucky in Love

Take some time to relax with your partner in the lap of luxury at The Spa at the Ponte Vedra Inn & Club. When you book an appointment for the Lucky in Love couples spa experience for a Valentine's Day, it'll certainly be a day you'll always remember. For 180 minutes, you and your love can unwind together with a signature massage, facial and luxurious steam and soak. This rendezvous for two will be sure to bring you closer together by melting the rest of the world away. **\$612.**

Valentine's Day gift cards are also available at the spa
Feb. 9 through Feb. 14.

RESTAURANT ORSAY Sample the aphrodisiacs

It is already known that the food at Restaurant Orsay will already make you feel a bit more in love after tasting it. For a fun Valentine's Day twist on an already romantic evening, sample the menu's aphrodisiac offerings. Start with oyster's Orsay, the "house style" oysters topped with smoked salmon roe, preserved lemon, crème fraiche and micro greens. Next, try the cocoa rubbed venison for a savory way to enjoy cacao. Lastly, make sure your Valentine's Day includes fruit with the strawberries and cream napoleon, made with fresh Florida strawberries and a vanilla pastry cream. By having a nice glass of red wine to compliment the meal, you'll have hit some of the most seductive of nature's foods at one of the top restaurants in Jacksonville. **>\$100**



VILLAGE JEWELER Palm necklace by Lafonn

For a fun, tropical twist on a romantic gift, get your date this palm necklace by Lafonn at Village Jeweler. With Lassaie simulated diamonds, sterling silver and bonded in platinum, this necklace is a fun and unique way to step out of the heart-shaped box of Valentine's Day jewelry. A great gift for a special beach lover, the 34 simulated diamonds on this tree will sparkle like fresh dew on an early Florida morning. **\$100-\$300.**



Valentine's Day gifts for your No. 1 guy

As Valentine's Day approaches, the pressure is on to find ideal gifts for a special sweetheart.

When gifting the men in their lives, others may be hard-pressed to find an ideal gift for the guy who seems to have it all. Even though a small study published in *Psychology Today* determined that gifting men is seemingly easier than gifting women — regardless of who is doing the buying — there's a prevailing stereotype that men are hard to buy for. That said, these suggestions for men's gifts may get the creative gifting juices flowing.

■ **Luxury shave kit:** More men are realizing that indulging in quality grooming items does not require checking manliness at the door. In fact, it is quite trendy for men to use products entirely geared toward their skin and hair types, with more masculine scents to boot.

■ **Portable record player:** If he's a music buff and has collected vintage albums through the years, give him a modern way to play them. A wireless, Bluetooth-enabled turntable can be a heartfelt and practical gift.

■ **Whiskey-inspired gifts:** From whiskey barrel-faced watches to jumbo ice wedges to chill without watering drinks down, whiskey gifts are definitely trending upward. Of course, a good bottle of single-malt is



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certainly a winning go-to gift as well.

■ **Ticket stub organizer:** Whether he's a sports fan, a concert-goer or collects stubs to other events and outings, provide an organized way to preserve those memories.

■ **Wireless phone charger:** Tame that cord clutter with a gizmo that can quickly charge his phone and have him ready to take your calls or receive your texts.

■ **Noise-cancelling headphones:** Remove ambient sounds from his day, especially when commuting, traveling or working in his cubicle.

■ **Stub Hub gift card:** Gift him with the perfect way to catch up on

live games.

■ **Leather gloves:** Leaving home when the weather is frightful can be a challenge. But warm, stylish gloves may help the process along. Look for gloves that also have touchscreen compatible tips, so that he doesn't have to remove the gloves to send that "I love you" text.

■ **Pixel heart mug:** This heat-changing mug is ideal for gamers who realize you need full health, or hearts, to make it through game play — or the workday. The heart illustration turns red when it's filled with a hot beverage. This mug is available from Kikkerland on Amazon.

Sentiments the color of roses are meant to convey

Roses are a popular gift on Valentine's Day. When accompanied by a box of chocolates, a bouquet of long-stemmed roses is sure to make a sweetheart smile on Feb. 14.

Few people may know that the color of a rose is meant to convey a certain message. As a result, even the most head-over-heels-in-love man or woman may not be saying what they mean to say when giving roses. If that special someone has a favorite color of rose, then it might be wise to give that color regardless of what tradition suggests. But when sweethearts have no such preferences, it might be best to keep this guide, courtesy of ProFlowers®, in mind.

Red: Red roses say "I love you." Red is symbolic of love, especially romantic love. Red also symbolizes beauty, courage and respect.

Pink: Pink is a popular color on Valentine's Day, but sweethearts should know that pink roses say "Thank you," which makes them a better choice for friends than lovers.

White: White roses say "I am the one for you." White symbolizes true love, purity, innocence, reverence, humility, youthfulness, and charm.

Yellow: Yellow roses say "We're friends and I care about you." Joy, gladness, friendship, delight, and remembrance are just a few of the sentiments yellow conveys.

Yellow with red tip: Yellow roses may be best for friends, but yellow roses with red tips say "I'm falling in love with you."

Orange/coral: Another awe-inspiring color, orange/coral roses say "I want you in my life." This color indicates desire, enthusiasm and fascination.

Red and white together: A mixed bouquet of red and white roses says "We are a great match."

Peach: Peach symbolizes intimacy, telling a lover, "Let's make this a memorable Valentine's Day."

Different color roses say different things, meaning Valentine's Day celebrants can find a rose to convey any message they hope to send.

Enjoy Valentine's Day even when the babysitter's busy

Come Valentine's Day, couples are anxious to enjoy time spent with the one they love — whether it involves a dinner at a restaurant or a few hours of uninterrupted conversation at home.

Parents who rely on babysitters and caregivers to tend to children while they get a night out may find that their sitters are also celebrating on Valentine's Day. This leaves parents of children of all ages potentially wondering how to celebrate with kids in tow.

Here are some ideas to get started.

BREAKFAST CELEBRATION

Who says Valentine's Day love and affec-

tion is restricted to the evening? Make use of your time by tinkering with the schedule so that you can enjoy one-on-one moments in the morning or afternoon while children are in school or at daycare. Enjoy a couple's breakfast or brunch, followed by a massage.

MEET FOR LUNCH

If you can't spare a day off from work, make a point to meet for lunch at a place halfway between your offices. This is yet another kid-free opportunity to enjoy meaningful conversation and time spent as a couple.



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LET THE KIDS HELP

Enlist the kids to give you the night off from dinner, or have them select the perfect take-out menu for a Valentine's Day dinner. Children do not always have the opportunity to give back to their parents, and on Feb. 14 they can step up their

game. Move up bed times a little so the kids are tucked in early enough to allow you to cuddle on the couch.

CATCH UP ON FAMILY TIME

Children are a shining example of their parents' love for one another. Use Valentine's Day as an opportunity to skip other obligations, including extracurricular activities, and have a family day. Watch a movie together and enjoy a picnic.

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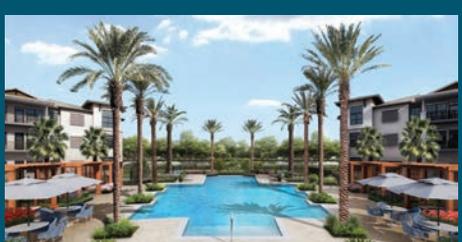
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Catering and wine by Savour Sensations



Standfast Asset Management President and CEO Scott Grant addresses attendees of the Chamber "After Hours" event held at his office on Jan. 30.



Dr. Thomas and Dr. Alexis Romero

Photos by Susan Griffin

Standfast Asset Management hosts Chamber 'After Hours'

Standfast Asset Management hosted an "After Hours" event for the Ponte Vedra Beach Division of the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce on Jan. 30.

Hosted at the business' office at 100 Executive Way (Suite 114) in Ponte Vedra Beach, attendees enjoyed networking, beverages and hors d'oeuvres. Catering was provided by Savour Sensations.

For more information on the Chamber of Commerce, visit www.sjcchamber.com.

Charitable giving options under new tax law

By Dan Armstrong
Special to the Recorder



Dan Armstrong
Guest Columnist

The new tax law makes it harder to claim a tax deduction for charitable contributions. While charitable giving should not be only about getting a tax break, if you want to get a tax benefit from your contributions, there

are a couple of options.

The Tax Cut and Jobs Act, enacted in December 2017, nearly doubled the standard deduction to \$12,000 for individuals and \$24,000 for couples. This means that if your charitable contributions, along with any other itemized deductions, are less than \$12,000 a year, the standard deduction will lower your tax bill more than itemizing your deductions. For most people, the standard deduction will be the better option.

If you still want to maximize the tax benefits of charitable giving and you have the financial means, one option is to double your charitable donations in one year and then skip the donation the following year. For example, instead

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Recent Chamber Economic Development breakfast focuses on transportation

The St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce Economic Development Council (EDC) hosted its quarterly breakfast on Jan. 25 at the World Golf Hall of Fame at World Golf Village. Transportation trends, near-term projects and the role of transportation in economic development were discussed by Jeff Sheffield, executive director of North Florida Transportation Planning Organization (NFTPO).

"Transportation goes beyond building roads," Chamber President and CEO Isabelle Renault said. "We need to focus on using technology and data sharing to increase mobility in order to increase efficiency without having to invest more heavily in major construction infrastructure."

The next EDC quarterly breakfast will be Friday, April 26 at Shell Hall inside the World Golf Hall of Fame at World Golf Village. Jason Barrett,

CEO and president of Flagler Hospital, will be the keynote speaker. He will discuss changes to Flagler Hospital and the healthcare industry.

To register for the next event, visit www.sjcchamber.com and go to the calendar of events. Admission is \$40 for chamber members. Non-chamber members may call Erin Johnson at (904) 829-5681 to register.

To find out more about the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce or to become a member, visit www.sjcchamber.com, call (904) 829-5681 or find them on Facebook at www.facebook.com/sjcchamber. For more information about Jeff Sheffield's presentation, visit www.sjcchamber.com/edc-quarterly-breakfasts. For additional information about the North Florida Transportation Planning Organization, visit northfloridatpo.com.



Isabelle Renault, president and CEO of the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce, joins Jeff Sheffield, executive director of the North Florida Transportation Planning Organization, and Mike Davis, chairman of the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce Economic Development Council (EDC) Executive Committee, at the Jan. 25 EDC Quarterly Breakfast.

Photo courtesy of the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce.

Village Arts hosts Winter Evening Open House

Village Arts Framing and Gallery hosted a Winter Evening Open House Jan. 25-26 to provide event attendees with an opportunity to meet the gallery's artists and learn about their inspiration in creating their artwork.

Guests at the event saw the work of three new artists to Village Arts: Lisa Cederberg, Tina Guarano Davis and Kerri Keene. Attendees also enjoyed light refreshments.

For more information on Village Arts, visit villageartspvb.com/index.html.



Local artist Keri Keene



ABOVE: Local artist Lisa Cederberg stands with Village Arts Owner Pamela Keegan at the gallery's Winter Evening Open House on Jan. 25.

LEFT: Lynne Sumner and Arlene Vandroff

Photos by Ed Johnson

Attorney Logan K. McEwen joins Marks Gray, P.A.

Marks Gray, P.A. recently announced that Logan K. McEwen has joined the firm.

McEwen practices in the areas of commercial litigation, intellectual property and real estate. He represents individuals and businesses on a variety of issues and commercial matters from transactional reviews, contract drafting to business organization review.

"We are very pleased to start the New Year with Logan," said Frederick H. Kent, III, president of Marks Gray, P.A. "He is a fine attorney and brings a wealth of experience to the firm."

McEwen was a founding partner of McEwen DuBovis P.A., which focused on business, property, intellectual property and insurance law. McEwen also



Logan K. McEwen

served as a law clerk with the Division of Alcohol Beverages and Tobacco, where he represented the agency at hearings, drafted declaratory statements and performed legal research.

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When more people vote, democracy wins



Janet Johnson
Guest Columnist

By Janet Johnson
Special to the Recorder

Voting is an essential part of democracy. That it even needs to be said is mind boggling, but that is where we are in America.

A bill was recently proposed in the United States House of Representatives, For the People Act, which contained a slew of reforms, among which was a

proposal that election day be a federal holiday. Sen. Mitch McConnell called it a "rewrite" of the rules of American politics for the benefit of the Democratic Party. Huh? People voting benefits one party?

That is not what the framers of the Constitution thought. "The time, places and manner of holding elections for senators and representatives, shall be prescribed in each state by the Legislature thereof; but Congress may at any time make or alter such regulations." Article I, section 4, clause 1.

Despite this power, in the United States, there are no federal laws mandating that employees get time off to cast their ballots. When faced with the choice of taking unpaid time off of work to vote, and the

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If you are taking required minimum distributions from an IRA, another option is to donate those distributions directly to charity through a qualified charitable donation. The distributions won't be included in your gross income, which means lower taxes overall. The donation must be made directly from the IRA to the charity and different IRAs have different rules about how to make the distributions.

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Breath tests in Florida: Reliable, or science fiction?



Lee Lockett
Guest Columnist

By Lee Lockett
Special to the Recorder

Most of us know that the legal limit in Florida is a .08. But how many of us really know what that means?

The legal description is 0.08 or more grams of alcohol per 210 liters of breath. Thus, if the breath machine registers a person's breath alcohol level to be at or above this threshold, the state will attempt to admit this evidence at trial against the

accused. But just how does the breath machine work and how does it analyze one's breath for alcohol concentration? The only goal of this article is education, not to sway your thinking one way or the other on the accuracy of the breath machine. Of course, we can only touch on the basics of breath testing, as it's impossible to cover everything in one article.

Although we must talk a little physiology, I'm going to merely skim the surface here because I don't want your eyes wandering off to the next page just yet. The way that alcohol molecules find their way into your breath is through a process known as diffusion. This is where alcohol in the blood travels to the breath via the alveoli (thin-walled sacs that fill the lungs). The goal is to try and obtain, through exhalation, deep lung air from the subject.

Reliability of the sample, however, could be compromised where residual alcohol in the mouth is present, which could result in a false positive result. Breath test operators attempt to

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Berkshire Hathaway HSFNR adds Lisa Ann Loiacono to Ponte Vedra/Nocatee office

Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Network Realty (HSFNR) recently announced the addition of Lisa Ann Loiacono to its Ponte Vedra/Nocatee office.

Loiacono joins Florida Network Realty as an experienced agent, having worked for over five years in Northeast Florida. Previously working at another local brokerage, Loiacono has a background in residential sales, especially in Jacksonville, The Beaches, St. Augustine and the Palm Coast area.

"Helping people is what I love to do, and there isn't a greater feeling than helping people buy or sell a home; it's incredibly rewarding to me," Loiacono said. "When looking for a brokerage, I was looking for a company where I could grow — and when I found Florida Network Realty I knew it was where I wanted to work. I know the support they offer to all of their agents will help me grow both professionally and personally."

Originally from New Jersey, Loiacono and her family moved to Jacksonville



Lisa Ann Loiacono

more than 20 years ago, and she's lived and worked in the area ever since.

Loiacono also owns her own entertainment business, Spectrum Music Entertainment & More, providing DJ services for weddings, parties, etc. She has also been providing music, fun, and recreation at children's

schools and daycare centers. Working as a DJ and donating her time for goodwill, she has become the well-known Mrs. Bubbles in the Jacksonville community.

"I am excited to announce that Lisa has decided to join the Ponte Vedra/Nocatee office of Florida Network Realty," said Holly Hayes, broker/manager of the Ponte Vedra/Nocatee office. "With Lisa's strong background as an experienced Realtor, I am sure that she will be able to take her career to new heights here with us at Florida Network Realty."

For more information, Loiacono can be reached by phone at (904) 403-7585 or by email at Lisa.Loiacono@FloridaNetworkRealty.com. Visit her website at www.LLoiacono.FloridaNetworkRealty.com.

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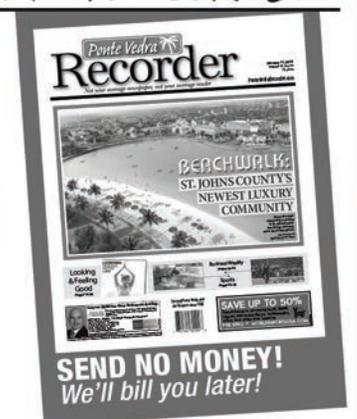
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prospect of standing in long lines to cast a ballot, almost half of all Americans choose not to vote, as seen in the 2016 presidential election. Some countries, including Belgium and Turkey, have compulsory voting laws, according to a November 2018 article on Business Insider.

Why is any of this controversial? Last November, here in Florida, 64 percent of voters overturned the state's constitutional voting ban on ex-felons. Amendment 4 automatically restores voting rights for people convicted of certain felonies after they have completed their sentences, including any probation or payment of restitution. Amendment 4 does not apply to those convicted of sexual offenses or murders. Before Amendment 4, the only way someone convicted of a felony in Florida could get his or her rights restored was to wait five to seven years and then apply to the governor for clemency. The average person waited up to 10 years just to get a response to his or her application, according to a November 2018 article in the Orlando Sentinel.

Both red and blue states have lifted barriers to the ballot for those who have served their time. 1.4 million Floridians will now be eligible to vote because of Amendment 4. These are our neighbors,

friends and relatives.

So why not make it easier to vote? State lawmakers across the country have either filed or pre-filed at least 230 bills expanding access to the ballot for millions, according to a recent article on Governing.com. In fact, laws aimed at increasing voter access have outpaced laws designed to make it tougher, and allegedly more secure, to vote. The For the People Act would put in place nationwide automatic voter registration, promote online voter registration, require same-day registration for federal elections, stop some voter purging and restore voting rights for ex-felons. Automatic voter registration, where voters have to opt out of registering to vote when they visit a DMV, has been enacted in 16 states and the District of Columbia, per Governing.com. Seventeen states and D.C. allow same-day registration.

Why shouldn't this appeal to all political parties? If politicians don't welcome expanding access to the ballot box, maybe they are not "for the people"?

Janet Johnson is a criminal defense attorney in Jacksonville who practices in state and federal courts. White collar crimes, including fraud, embezzlement and tax evasion, are among her areas of expertise. She is rated AV Preeminent on attorney rating website Martindale-Hubbell and has been named to the American Institute of Criminal Law Attorneys' Top 10 Best Attorneys list. Johnson is also a legal analyst for CNN and HLN.



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reduce this possibility by performing what is known as the “20-minute observation” to ensure against regurgitation, which causes alcohol to travel up into the mouth area.

In Florida, the police must collect two breath samples that are within a .02 agreement of each other. Thus, where the first test registers a breath estimate of .10, the second sample can be as far off as a .08 or a .12 and the estimates are deemed valid. The two samples do not (and rarely are) need to be the same. To give you a real-world analogy, this is akin to buying a scale for your bathroom, taking it home and getting on it and it says you weigh 100 pounds. Then you step off, step back on and it then says you weigh 120 pounds. Is that an acceptable range of accuracy?

The breath machine uses infrared light absorption to analyze the breath sample. Once the breath sample moves through the breath tube and into the sample chamber, the alcohol molecules will begin to absorb portions of the infrared light. The more alcohol molecules there are in the sample, the more light will be absorbed, which in turn will trigger a higher breath alcohol estimate.

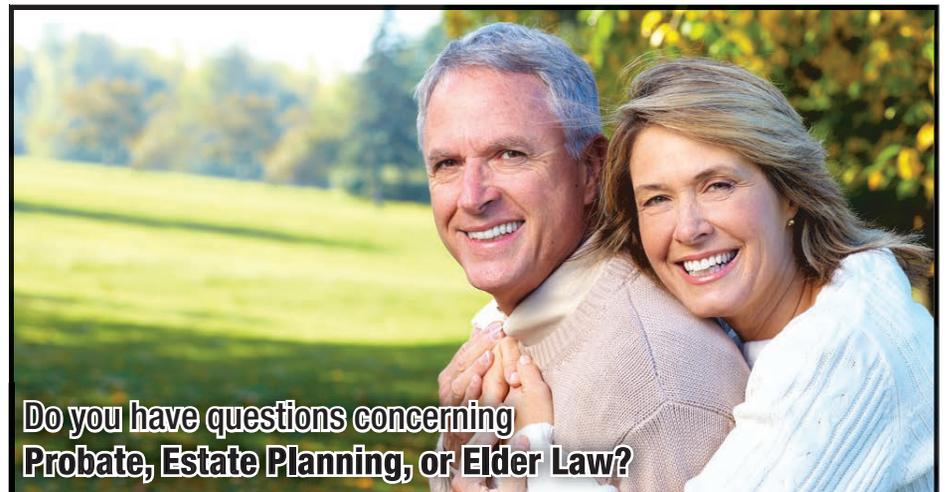
Devices such as cell phones cannot be anywhere near the breath machines while a test is being conducted due to the radio

frequency interference that may also compromise the test. Thus, if an officer inadvertently leaves his/her phone in their pocket while in the breath test room, reliability issues could surface.

Other issues that may call into question the accuracy of the test are “purge fails.” This is where the machine was not able to clear the sample chamber of a breath or control test sample before the next test is run. If the problem is not identified, the results of any subsequent tests would be invalid. Although the machines are in theory supposed to be able to safeguard against these issues (through display messages), that does not always occur.

A person arrested for DUI in Florida has the right to request the more reliable blood test if they first agreed to the breath test. Otherwise, blood tests are generally only obtained where there is an accident involving serious injuries or death. Simple misdemeanor DUI cases will rarely involve a blood test unless the circumstances are such that the administration of a breath test is impossible or impractical.

In sum, it’s important to understand the inner workings of the breath machine before deciding whether you should blow. Although your license will be suspended if you refuse, your license will also be suspended if you agree to the breath test and you blow over a .08. Of course, the best advice I can give anyone is to never drive impaired. That way you can forget all this science talk!



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The Zombies to play Ponte Vedra Concert Hall Feb. 20 ahead of Rock & Roll Hall of Fame induction

By Jennifer Logue

Special to the Recorder

When The Zombies last performed at the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall in January 2018, the band was wrapping up another successful U.S. tour fueled by a resurgence in popularity for the group known for such 1960s hits as “She’s Not There,” “Tell Her No” and “Time of the Season.”

When the band returns to the concert hall Feb. 20, they do so as 2019 inductees into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame. On March 29 — 50 years to the day that “Time of the Season” topped the U.S. charts — The Zombies will join Stevie Nicks, Janet Jackson, Radiohead, Roxy Music, The Cure and Def Leppard for the formal induction ceremony to be held in Brooklyn, New York. It’s an honor that, as the group sang in “This Will Be Our Year,” “took a long time to come.”

“When the band first started way back in 1961, I would never have dreamed of this kind of recognition,” lead singer Colin Blunstone said. “And even after all these years, it’s still a thrill to be nominated by such a respected and revered institution!”

It’s recognition that seems all the more remarkable given The Zombies’ circuitous route to music success. After enjoying chart-topping hits in 1964 and 1965 with “She’s Not There” and “Tell Her No,” the band struggled to maintain that momentum, hampered by poor management. By the time the group’s second album, “Odessey and Oracle,” was released in 1968 and “Time of the Season” became a hit a year later, the band had already split up and its members moved on to other projects.

It wasn’t until 1999 when Blunstone and fellow Zombie Rod Argent decided to team up for a handful of performances that The Zombies began to rise again. Soon, the duo — backed by a new band that included Argent’s cousin, former Kinks bass player Jim Rodford — were touring again. Much to their



Photo by Jennifer Logue

The Zombies’ Colin Blunstone sings during a performance at the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall in 2016. The Zombies will next play at the Concert Hall on Feb. 20.

surprise, there was a huge fan following for the early Zombies hits, and after receiving permission to use the name from the surviving members of the original group, The Zombies were born again.

Since then, the reconstituted Zombies have toured virtually non-stop, gaining new legions of fans — many of whom weren’t even born when the band first topped the charts in the 1960s. The group’s popularity has also benefited from the use of Zombies hits in countless commercials, films and TV series — “This Will Be Our Year” concluded the recent second season of “The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel” — as well as the plaudits of well-known musicians such as Tom Petty, Paul Weller and Dave Grohl.

“The last 12 months have been extraordinary!” Argent said. “We’ve had a panoply of lovely comments ... from so many favorite and iconic artists — many of whom have taken the trouble to come along to watch a show in one of the four U.S. tours we’ve undertaken during that period. To our amazement, they’ve even quoted us as a major influence!”

The Zombies will perform at the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall Wednesday, Feb. 20 at 8 p.m. (doors open at 7 p.m.). For tickets, visit www.pontevedraconcerthall.com.

Jacksonville Symphony to be joined by Florida Ballet for spring family concert

On Sunday, Feb. 10, the Jacksonville Symphony will be joined by the Florida Ballet for their Spring Family Series Concert, “Young Person’s Guide to the Orchestra.”

Preceded by family-fun crafts and an instrument zoo, the Symphony performs two Family Concerts a season. These abbreviated concerts last less than an hour with tickets starting at \$10.

The concert will begin at 3 p.m. and pre-concert crafts and activities will begin at 2 p.m. The event will take place in the Times-Union Center for the Performing Arts’ Jacoby Symphony Hall.

Music Director Courtney Lewis will lead the orchestra for this Family Series Concert. Lewis and the Symphony will be joined on stage by the Florida Ballet.

Celebrating its 40th anniversary in 2018 as a nonprofit arts organization in Jacksonville, The Florida Ballet serves over 25,000 community members annually through the education and art of classical ballet. Well known for its instruction offered through its Training Center and Conservatory programs, the organization is nationally recognized as one of the top dance institutions in Northeast Florida.

In addition, The Florida Ballet presents over 50 performances annually across the region and Southeast Florida, as well as provides dance opportunities through community outreach initiatives in area public schools, libraries, hospitals and retirement communities.

Complete with a narrator, Benjamin Britten’s “Young Person’s Guide to the Orchestra” is designed to introduce the sights and sounds of the orchestra and gives audiences of all ages a tour through each section: strings, woodwinds, brass and percussion.

The program will also feature an arrangement of Debussy’s “Children’s Corner.” Written in the early 1900s, Debussy dedicated this work to his young daughter, Claude-Emma. It is performed with six movements that Debussy wrote to depict child-like scenes including that of an elephant, porcelain doll and a shepherd with his flute. The performance will close with Grieg’s Peer Gynt Suite No. 1. Although patrons may not know it by name, the “Morning Mood” and “In the Hall of the Mountain King” movements are sure to be recognized by audiences of all ages. The Symphony will be joined by The Florida Ballet for this closing work.

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Nease holds a Senior Night ceremony for seniors Peyton Carter, Tia Robinson, Kiya Turner, Mary Thompson and Camille Hobby, before the team's game against Seabreeze High School on Feb. 1.

Nease coach Sherri Anthony wins 600th game

Lady Panthers continue impressive season

Nease girls basketball coach Sherri Anthony achieved her 600th career win in 33 seasons last Friday, Feb. 1, when the Lady Panthers (25-1) defeated Seabreeze High School 93-7 at home.

If that wasn't reason enough to celebrate, the win marked the 100th victory for this year's class of seniors, who, coincidentally, were honored before the game for Senior Night. The group includes Peyton Carter, Kiya Turner, Mary Thompson, Tia Robinson and Camille Hobby.

Robinson led the Lady Panthers in scoring against Seabreeze with

22 points, while Turner and Hobby each contributed 19. Hobby also had 10 rebounds, while Turner tallied 12 assists and 14 steals.

The Lady Panthers' success continued on Tuesday night when they defeated White, 83-17, in the first-round district tournament game. Junior Cecilia Molis led Nease in scoring and rebounds with 14 points and six boards. Turner added 12 points, four rebounds, six assists and seven steals.

Nease plays Middleburg on Thursday, Feb. 7, at home in the second round of the district tournament. The game will start at 7 p.m.



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Nease girls basketball coach Sherri Anthony is recognized for winning her 600th career game in 33 seasons after the Lady Panthers defeated Seabreeze 93-7.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Nease girls soccer

After losing to Bartram Trail 2-1 in the district finals on Jan. 31, the Nease girls soccer team (12-6-2) rebounded with a dramatic, double overtime victory over Fletcher on Tuesday in the regional semifinals.

With a final score of 1-0, senior Bella Kober scored the deciding goal. According to reporter Clayton Freeman of the Florida Times-Union, the win marked the program's first playoff win since 2008.

Nease boys soccer

The Nease boys soccer team (13-3-2) fell to Fleming Island, 4-2, in the district finals last Friday, Feb. 1. The team played Fletcher in the playoffs on Wednesday after this edition of the Recorder went to the printer.

Ponte Vedra girls basketball

The Ponte Vedra girls basketball team (15-8) defeated Clay on Tuesday, 57-17.

The Lady Sharks started off hot and took an 11-point lead after the first quarter. Ponte Vedra continued its pressure after halftime with strong passing to take command of the game.

The Sharks were led by the inside post play of junior Hayden Oats with 11 points and the passing and efforts of sophomore Trish Balser with 10 pts to control the second half.

Ponte Vedra takes on Pedro Menendez at Clay High School in the district finals on Thursday.

PVHS BOYS SOCCER WINS DISTRICT TITLE



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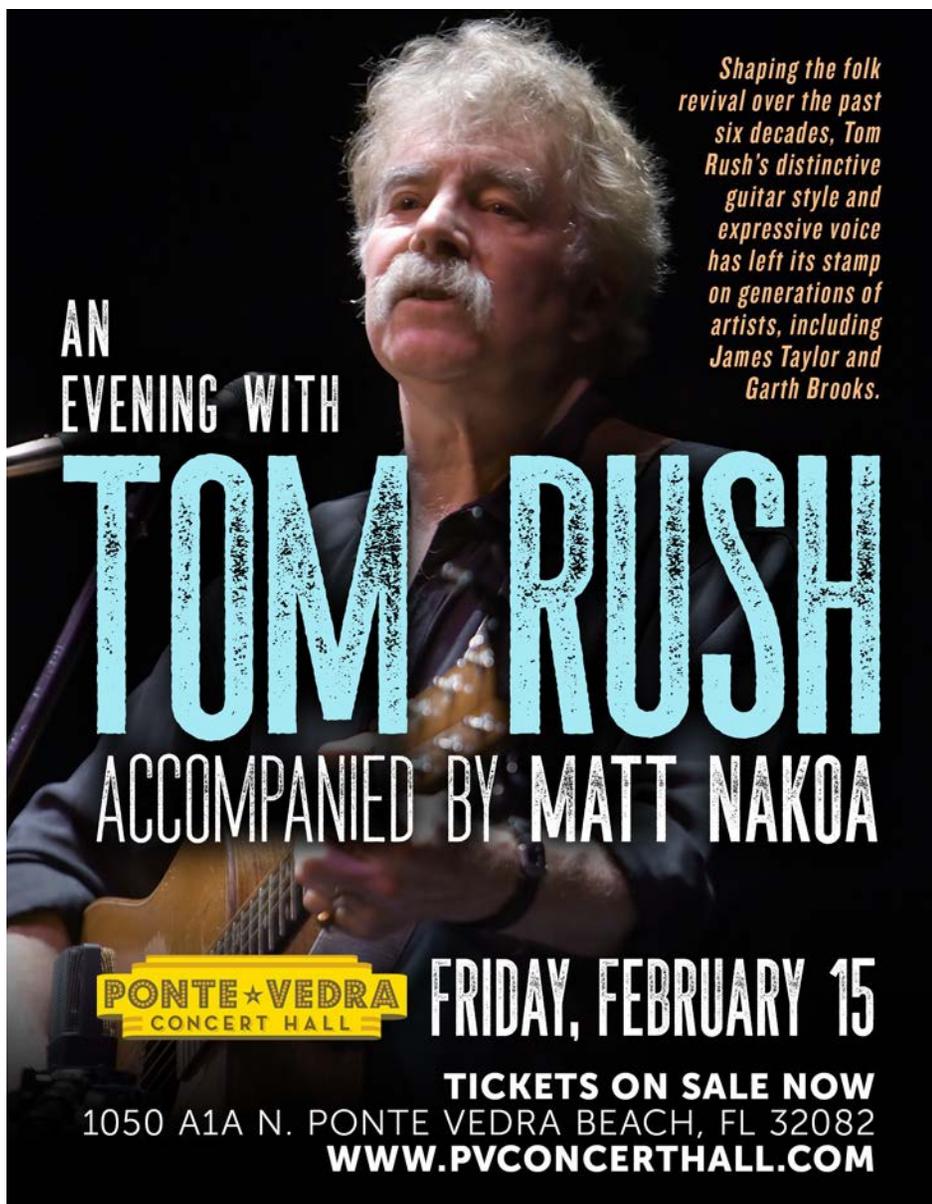
The Ponte Vedra boys soccer team gathers in celebration of its district title after beating Ridgeview, 3-0, last Friday, Feb. 1. The team played Paxon on Wednesday in the regional quarterfinals after this edition of the Recorder went to the printer.

PVHS GIRLS SOCCER CLAIMS DISTRICT TITLE



Photo courtesy of Ponte Vedra High School Athletics

The Ponte Vedra girls soccer team celebrates its district title after defeating Pedro Menendez, 2-1, on Jan. 31. The team subsequently beat Suwannee, 6-0, in the Region 1-3A quarterfinal on Tuesday. The sharks will play Stanton in the regional semifinal on Friday.



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Nease senior Zachary Fifield makes a layup for the Panthers, who defeated Matanzas, 56-45, in the final game of the St. Johns River Athletic Conference (SJRAC) Tournament last Saturday, Feb. 2. Fifield finished with 11 points, six rebounds and four assists.

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Nease tops Matanzas in SJRAC Tournament

In the final game of the St. Johns River Athletic Conference (SJRAC) Tournament last Saturday, Feb. 2, the Nease boys basketball team (9-17) defeated Matanzas 56-45.

The Panthers got out to an early lead and never looked back. Senior Zachary Fifield and junior Isaiah Fernandez led

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PVHS Swim & Dive team celebrates historic season

The Ponte Vedra High School (PVHS) Swim & Dive team achieved its best season in school history, breaking seven PVHS records at the 2A Florida State Championships in Stuart, Florida.

Coming off district wins for the boys and girls teams and a boys regionals win, which was the first in PVHS school history, the team sent five male swimmers, five female swimmers and a female diver to the state championships.

The results were as follows for the boys team:

- Max Milicevic (senior) — Second place in 100 freestyle; new school record with 46.66 time; also finished in 10th place in 50 freestyle; new school record with 21.75 time

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The Ponte Vedra Swim & Dive team gathers at the 2A Florida State Championships in Stuart, where they broke seven school records.



Max Milicevic and Andrew Relihan



Photos courtesy of Tanis Milicevic

The boys 200 free relay team of Cleburne Wilson, Igor Kazhuro, Andrew Relihan and Max Milicevic finished in third place with a new school record.



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The boys 400 relay team of Igor Kazhuro, Nicholas Cox, Max Milicevic and Andrew Relihan finished its race with a new school record.

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PVHS wrestling falls to Bolles

The Ponte Vedra High School wrestling team travelled to Bolles on Jan. 30 and fell 40-38. Despite starting the match 18 points behind due to forfeits at 170, 220 and heavyweight, the team marched back to make it competitive, yet it ultimately proved to not be enough.

Adding to the excitement in the final match of the evening, Troy Maritato moved up to 195 pounds, was leading 14-4 and had his opponent decked on the mat ready for a match-tying pin when time ran out.

Alex de Almeida had an impressive comeback win/pin at 138 pounds, and Rett Maritato put away another opponent with a surgical second-period pin. Preston Turner contributed an 11-4 decision, while Steven Kowitzki, moving up a weight class, refused to be pinned by an experienced wrestler, thus denying Bolles a much desired six points at 132 pounds. At 145 pounds, Bolles declined to send out their wrestler against Ethan Baur, conceding Ponte Vedra six points.

On the first-year wrestler newcomer front, Ponte Vedra recorded pins from Mikey Stephens at 113 with a "cement job," and Simon Mann at 126 with a "wrist and half nelson."



ABOVE: Troy Maritato puts his Bolles opponent in the "banana split." Maritato won the Jan. 30 match 14-2.



LEFT: Alex De Almeida squares off against his Bolles opponent on Jan. 30. De Almeida won by pin.

Photos courtesy of Ponte Vedra High School Wrestling

Swimming

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■ Andrew Relihan (senior) — Fourth place in 200 freestyle; new school record with 1:42.79 time; also finished in fifth place in 100 freestyle with 47.27 time

■ Nicholas Cox (senior) — Eighth place in 200 individual medley; new school record with 1:57.55 time; also finished in fourth place in 100 backstroke; new school record with 52.35 time

■ Boys 200 free relay — Cleburne Wilson, Igor Kazhuro, Andrew Relihan and Max Milicevic — Third place; new school record with 1:26.68 time

■ Igor Kazhuro (senior) — 12th place in 100 fly

■ Boys 400 free relay — Igor Kazhuro, Nicholas Cox, Max Milicevic and Andrew Relihan — New school record with 3:10.61 time

The girls team sent the following swimmers/diver to state finals:

■ Lilly Lewis — 100 free, 200 free relay and 400 free relay

■ Holly Cox — 200 free, 500 free, 200 free relay and 400 free relay

■ Riley Hagy — 500 free, 200 free relay and 400 free relay

■ Kaitlyn Copland — 200 free relay

■ Hannah Outcalt — 400 free relay

■ Kate Zehil — Diver — Fourth place

Following the conclusion of the fall sports season, Max Milicevic, Andrew Relihan, Nicholas Cox and Kate Zehil were recognized at an awards banquet recognizing top athletes in Northeast Florida.

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ACROSS

- Indian black tea
- Elmer to Bugs
- Glorify
- Head of a mosque
- E.T. transporter
- This was his name-o
- Mental portrait
- Chlorofluorocarbon, abbr.
- French novelist Zola
- *Related to puzzle theme
- Way to absorb
- Lobe locale
- H. H. Munro's pseudonym
- Rap sheet abbr.
- Hungarian bagpipe
- Deeply hidden within self
- Initiation ceremony, e.g.
- Made with stitches
- Venus neighbor
- Crucifix
- Cerberus' domain
- Petri dish filler
- Young hooter
- Fraternity recruitment season
- Type of shark
- ____ Grove, MN
- Corset rod
- Animal's nose
- Number one
- Second solfa syllable, pl.
- *Flowery Valentine's gift
- *Between girlfriend and wife
- Liquid drug container
- Planet ruler in the movies
- *Blast from Harry's past, movie
- Caterpillar hairs
- Easter lead-in
- Human social group
- *Tied upon marriage
- Kith partner
- Wild plums

DOWN

- Gulf V.I.P.
- Clash of heavyweights
- NBA action
- Lake scum
- Dionysus' follower
- Mussolini, with II
- On vacation
- Cuckoo for what puffs?
- *Romantic ride
- Anisette, for short
- Tangerine plus grapefruit
- "Easy ____ it"
- *Kind of wish
- *Puppy love
- Do biathlon
- Woodworker's byproduct
- *Cupid's ammo
- Native of American Great Plains
- Circular island of coral

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- *First word
- Smelled offensively
- Hat-tipper's word
- Angry growl
- Donated life-saver
- Lounge, like in the sun
- Interest in a venture
- A sign
- *Heart ____
- "____ no good"
- "Harper Valley PTA" star
- African tea
- Hatchling's home
- Shade-loving plant
- Harry Belafonte's daughter
- Greek muse of history
- Tiny tube
- River in Bohemia
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- *"Can't take my ____ off you..."
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Nease

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Nease opened the SJRAC Tournament with a 43-25 loss to Bartram Trail on Jan. 29. Two nights later on Jan. 31, however,

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