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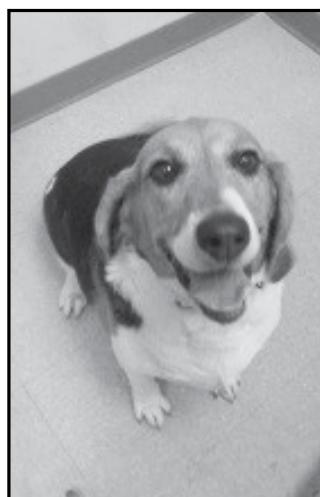


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Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach honors Deane Beman at annual Mineral City fundraiser

By Jon Blauvelt

The Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach hosted its annual Mineral City fundraiser on Saturday, May 4, at TPC Sawgrass.

Attended by over 500 people, the Gatsby-themed event honored former PGA TOUR Commissioner Deane Beman with the club's "Rock of the Community Award" for his efforts in making Ponte Vedra Beach the golf destination and community it is today.

"We are so honored to be here tonight and honor Deane Beman for his vision that transformed Ponte Vedra Beach," Rotary Club President Vickie Cavey said. "His vision that has contributed \$100 million to charity in Northeast Florida. His vision that has had a \$3 billion impact."

A four-time PGA TOUR champion, Beman is widely credited with transforming professional golf into a billion-dollar sport with an international following during his tenure as PGA TOUR commissioner. Central to Beman's vision for the TPC tournament network was the mandate that each tournament would be a 501c3 nonprofit, with tournament proceeds donated to area charities in recognition of the vital role local volunteers played in making the tournaments happen.

In addition to receiving the award, Beman and his wife, Judy, were presented with rutilated quartz cufflinks and a rutilated quartz necklace from Miriam's Jewelry.

"I want to say first, not only is it an honor to be here, but I also want to make sure to thank all of you here tonight to support the Rotary Club and the beneficiaries that are so important to this community," Beman said. "My many thanks to all of you who have contributed to tonight and contributed all year long."

The primary beneficiary of the fundraiser was Beman's charity of choice, Vision is Priceless, a nonprofit organization that works to improve the visual health of children and adults in Northeast Florida through education, vision screenings, treatment and referrals. The club's fundraising efforts will also benefit numerous other nonprofits and organizations in the area.

The Ponte Vedra Beach Rotary Foundation has distributed \$1.5 million to area nonprofits. Some previous beneficiaries of the Foundation include Beaches Habitat for Humanity, BEAM, Betty Griffin Center, Bright Holidays, Community Hospice and Council on Aging, among several others.

In addition to honoring Beman, the Rotary fundraiser also featured entertainment by The Groov, BSweet Entertainment and a Social Affair Dance Studio; decorations by Mugwump Productions; a diamond necklace giveaway thanks to Miriam's Jewelry; five antique cars; a silent auction; and more. The event was emceed by Channel 4 news anchor Kent Justice.

Sponsors included THE PLAYERS, Ring Power, Gary and Nancy Chartrand, John and Gail Casey, Bright and Randie Skinner, Carl and Judy Stoudemire, Joe and Brenda Adeeb, Advanced Disposal, Bono's, Killashee Investments, Miller, the PARC Group, Past Presidents of the Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach, EY, the Bailey Group, Mugwump Productions, Sight & Sound Productions and several others.

For more information on the Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach, visit www.pvbrotary.org.



ABOVE: Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach President Vickie Cavey presents former PGA TOUR Commissioner Deane Beman and his wife, Judy, with the "Rock of the Community Award" at the club's annual Mineral City fundraiser May 4 at TPC Sawgrass.

LEFT: Cavey enjoys the Gatsby-themed fundraiser.

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ABOVE: Marc Ressler, Todd Hickey and Rob Stursberg gather at the fundraiser.

LEFT: Tamara and Doc Renuart enjoy the dancefloor at the event.

Photos by Jon Blauvelt

Ponte Vedra resident named chair of Advancement Committee for Atlantic Aquarium

There's a buzz about a new project happening in town. "It's a really good project for Jacksonville," Ponte Vedra Beach resident Scott Grant said. "It's one of the coolest things you'll ever see. When it opens, you're going to love it."

Grant is the chairman of the Advancement Committee for the nonprofit organization, Aqua Jax, and the project he's referring to is the potential construction of the new Atlantic Aquarium in Jacksonville.

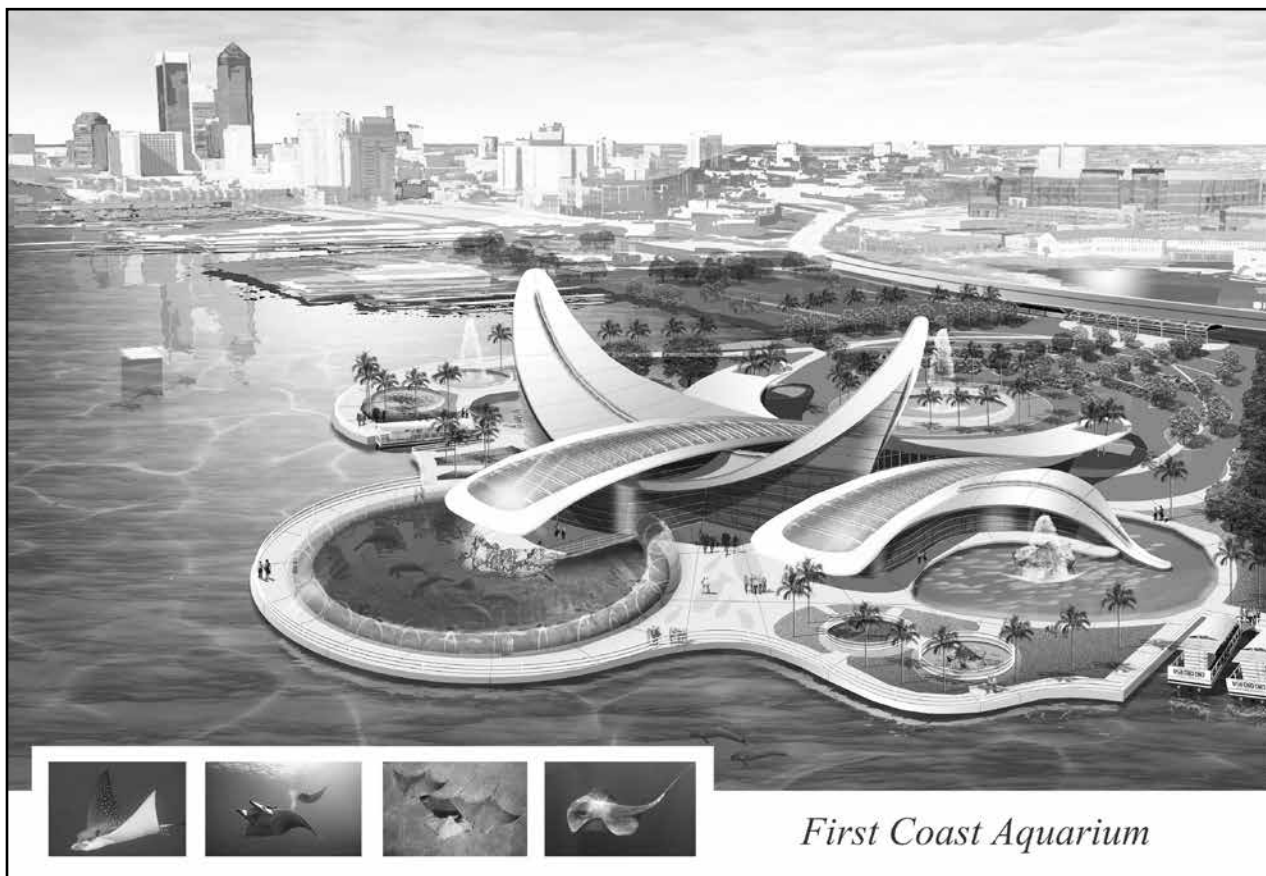
With a vision to break ground in 2021 at the Shipyards, the Atlantic Aquarium aims to be the coming attraction of Jacksonville. With a state-of-the-art structure and cutting-edge, eco-friendly technology, the Atlantic Aquarium would not only be a new form of entertainment, but also a new and interactive way to educate the community.

"We absolutely want to study water, climate, weather and wildlife and we absolutely want to be on the cutting edge of renewable energy," Grant said. There is even talk of pumping water from the Atlantic Ocean into the aquarium, cleaning it, and pumping it back out to the ocean in better quality than it came in."

Young great white sharks and manatees are confirmed to be part of aquarium exhibits, with penguins being a huge possibility, according to the deputy director of the Jacksonville Zoo. Most marine mammals, however, such as dolphins and whales will not be held in captivity as it is considered inhumane and unethical, Grant said, with the exception of therapy dolphins that will be available to Wounded Warriors and those suffering from PTSD trauma.

Grant refers to the aquarium as the "Solar-Powered Stingray," in reference to the solar panels on the wings of the diagram.

Grant manages investments for a living and is a firm believer that investing in this "solar-powered stingray"



First Coast Aquarium

Rendering by Haskell

A rendering shows the vision for the Atlantic Aquarium, which plans to break ground in the Jacksonville Shipyards in 2021. Ponte Vedra resident Scott Grant is the chairman of the Advancement Committee for the nonprofit organization Aqua Jax, which is funding and building the aquarium.

is well worth it and has the potential to generate about a billion dollars over 10 years.

"The talk right now is building it at the shipyards and when we build it, that whole area will revitalize before your very eyes," Grant said. "I mean hotels, restaurants, firms, businesses, everybody's going to want to be there because of this iconic structure on the St. Johns."

And new businesses mean new employment opportunities. Aside from job openings within the aquarium gift shop and cafes, jobs will open for marine biologists, ecologists and other environmental experts, Grant said.

"This is 20 million dollars worth of payroll. This is a big deal," Grant said, emphasizing the potential impact this will have on the city. "Eighty-eight million people come to Florida every year on vacation. 3.2 million of that come to Jacksonville. That's a huge potential market for us."

With Grant's confidence and determination, it's no

wonder he was hired as chair of advancement, but how is he so sure about this project?

"We have some advantages here that most cities don't," Grant said. "I mean, we're sitting on a major river right next to the Atlantic. We have opportunities to study aquatic life and different waters. And there are actual dolphins that come into the St. Johns. Wow, I never thought about that, free-range dolphins. Swimming right off the edge of this thing."

Another advantage is honestly, Scott Grant, himself. A fellow "Carpetbagging Yankee," as he likes to say, Grant moved to Jacksonville 14 years ago and wants to see it evolve. The countless research and case studies he's looked into all show signs of growth and prosperity.

"Dubuque, Iowa has a population of 95,000 and has 480,000 visitors to their aquarium every year," he said.

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Roscoe community marina requests approval to build

By Amber Lake

An applicant behind a potential community marina is seeking a zoning variance with the St. Johns County Land Development Code to allow for construction at 405 S. Roscoe extension, south of the Palm Valley Bridge.

According to the request for approval, the applicant is seeking a "relaxation" of the terms of code at the location, where a marina is prohibited from being constructed at the property. This is due to a 2002 marine study conducted by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, which determined where marinas would be the most environmentally sustainable and adequate for specific locations. In 2014, the county implemented the study into the Land Development Code. Currently, marinas are

allowed from the eastern shore from ICW Marker 51 south. The proposed location is north of ICW Marker 51, which requires a request for zoning variance.

Casey Dendor, St. Johns County Growth Management planner, said there is a distinction between "community" marinas and "regular" marinas.

A true marina, Dendor said, allows for charter fishing, sight-seeing, boat repair, fueling and is generally more "intense" than a community marina. The proposed community marina will only allow for berthing or storage of boats, although there is an attached retail building, which could be a "restaurant or tackle shop," Dendor said.

The applicant, represented by Bartlett & Faulkner, P.A., argues that the variance would not be contrary to public interest

because there is a lack of facilities to store boats in an area that has grown exponentially since the study was conducted. The applicant also mentions that the study makes no distinction between marinas and community marinas.

The project intends to include 75 slips of unenclosed dry berthing storage, which the applicant suggests will create less of an environmental impact. Twelve wet slips will line the Intracoastal Waterway, although they are only for boaters to tie up and visit the retail shop on the property and not for overnight use. Overall, the applicant claims the planned facility will "further the goals and objectives of the St. Johns County Comprehensive Plan to provide goods and services at a size and scale appropriate to serve the surrounding community."

Currently, there are no public boat

storage facilities along the Intracoastal Waterway between St. Augustine and the Duval County line. Dendor, however, told the Recorder that there is indeed another application for an actual marina, (as opposed to a community) proposed north of the Palm Valley Bridge. The second marina is currently undergoing a major modification to the application, after its initial 2004 PUD expired.

The proposal for the marina will go before the St. Johns County Planning & Zoning Agency on May 16 at 1:30 p.m. at the St. Johns County Auditorium located at 500 San Sebastian View in St. Augustine. The prepared staff report and supporting documentation will also be uploaded to www.sjcfl.us/Calendars+/gm.aspx for public view by the end of day Friday, May 10.

Longtime area resident Bob Tebow started the Bob Tebow Evangelistic Association in 1985. Since then, his ministry has taken numerous mission trips to the Philippines and has helped over 30 million people come to Christ. Tebow is also the father of legendary University of Florida quarterback Tim Tebow, as well as children Christy, Katie, Robby and Peter. He is married to his wife Pam.

Bob Tebow

Can you please briefly tell us about your background?

I became a Christian in 1964 at a Young Life camp. I was involved in Young Life in high school and then involved in Campus Crusade in college. Four of us, led by Ander Crenshaw, started Campus Crusade at the University of Florida. Then, I went off to seminary and got two degrees from Western Seminary in Portland, Oregon, a master's in divinity and a master's in theology. I came back here and started the Fellowship of Christian Athletes in Jacksonville. They had done some stuff a few years earlier, but it had kind of fallen apart, so it had to be raised up again. I did that for three years. Then, I was on the staff of Southside Baptist Church for three years as the minister of youth and discipleship. Subsequently, God called me to be a pastor, and so we started a church. I did that for three years. It was during that time that God called me to the Philippines. I made an initial trip to the Philippines and then moved my family there in the fall of 1985. I knew I wanted to go and preach the Gospel, train pastors and plant churches. We have since added an orphanage that we started in 1991. In 1994, we started taking young Americans and training them to preach the Gospel.

What inspired you to start the Bob Tebow Evangelistic Association?

That's a simple answer. God called me. I was driving to a city in Alabama to go speak that night. My daughter Christy was laying on the front seat asleep. My wife Pam was home with the three other ones. I was just driving along singing, minding my own business, when God took the peace of God away and troubled my heart and said, "You go." And I said, "OK, OK, I'll go." Then the peace of God returned. When I got home, I told Pam. She said she already knew it because God was also speaking to her. There wasn't any question for me. For her, there was a lot of questions. What about this? What about that? She wrestled with God for a while and finally said, "OK, I'll go."

When you reflect on the efforts of your ministry, what are you most proud of?

I don't need to be proud. I'm just a servant. It's not about pride. There are a lot of things I delight in. My daughter Christy and her husband Joey went with me on trips to the Philippines over 10 times, and they're now married and live in Asia. They're doing the same thing there that we were doing in the Philippines. There have been a lot of others who have become pastors and missionaries. There are a lot of miraculous things that have happened. So many God stories happen on every trip, that I can't even remember them all.

It's obvious that Tim and your children are caring like you. Where does that come from for you?

I didn't inherit that trait. I just responded to the Bible, what it says, how we're supposed to treat people, what we're supposed to do with people, etc. The New Testament is filled with things that tell us how we need to treat people. It's been a long, gradual process of trying to learn everything in the New Testament, applying it and loving people as Christ loved us.

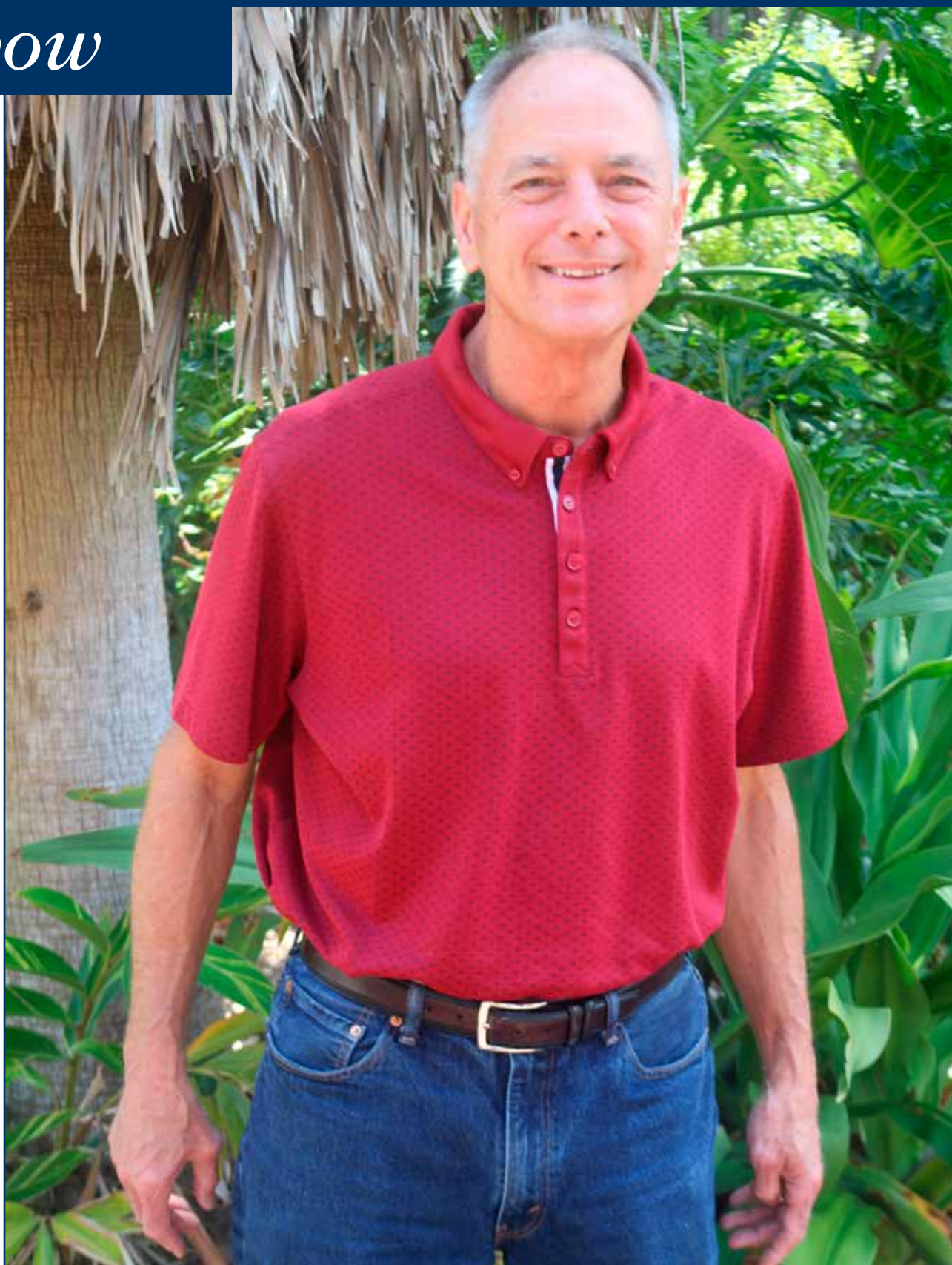


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What are you most proud of Tim for?

He's had a great impact. He had a big impact in high school, a really big impact in college and a big impact in the pros. I think that won't stop happening. I personally think he can hit in the major leagues, but nobody really asks my opinion. I'm Dad, so of course I'd think that. Even if he doesn't, he has enough things in his life to keep him busy. He has announcing football, his foundation, trips he can go on to other countries to preach the Gospel, etc. I don't know how he does what he does.

A lot of attention is given to Tim. What don't people know about the rest of your family?

They're all really neat people. Christy and her husband Joey are missionaries in Asia. Katie does a lot of ministry in Georgia. Robby is living in Arizona. He was a producer of the film, "Run the Race." He put his heart into it, did a great job on it and it turned into a really great movie. Peter is in Colorado, selling products that help people with wounds that do not want to heal. He also sells insurance and investments. Pam enjoys speaking for women's groups, nonprofit fundraisers and various events in many cities across the country. She just released a book she wrote on influencing women titled, "Ripple Effects."

Edited by Jon Blauvelt



ABOVE: Monique Burr Foundation for Children President and CEO Lynn Layton, Chef Roy Yamaguchi and Foundation Founder Ed Burr address attendees at “A Night at Roys” on April 30.



RIGHT: MG Orender speaks at the event.



BOTTOM RIGHT: Michael Thomasino and Sonia Heather and Mike Quick

Photos by Susan Griffin

Monique Burr Foundation for Children raises \$76,000 at annual ‘A Night at Roys’

The Monique Burr Foundation for Children raised \$76,000 at its annual fundraiser, “A Night at Roys,” on April 30.



Steve and Shaun Lourie

The event, held at Roy’s Restaurant in Jacksonville Beach, hosted more than 400 people and featured Hawaiian-influenced cuisine prepared by world-renowned Chef Roy Yamaguchi, tropical libations, fine wines, live music and a live and silent auction.

Funds raised at “A Night at Roys” will help the Monique Burr Foundation for Children in its efforts to teach children and teens how to keep

themselves safe from bullying, cyberbullying, child abuse (sexual, physical, emotional and neglect) and digital dangers through its MBF Prevention Education Programs.

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<p>'The Art of the Con: An evening with Anthony Amore at The Cummer Art scams, cons, and forgery! On May 9 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Cummer Museum, Director of Security at the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, Anthony Amore will share stories and insights regarding stolen and plundered art, thefts and how fraudsters are using online and television auction sites. With 15 years of national security, law and crisis management experience, Amore heads the ongoing efforts to recover 13 works of art stolen from the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum in 1990. The evening will begin with beer, wine and snacks before Amore's talk and Q&A session. Tickets are \$20 for members and \$40 for non-members with registration required. For more information or to register, call (904) 899-6038. The Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens is located at 829 Riverside Ave. in Jacksonville.</p> <p>Mother's Day Sip n' Shop at Rockaway Is mom a lover of all things plants and gardening? Take her to Rockaway Inc. in Jacksonville Beach on May 9 for a night catered to all the plant mamas out there. Rockaway will serve free Rockaway cocktails while guests can browse through all the sales and specials. The Mother's Day Sip n' Shop will run from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. For more information on hours and discounts, call Rockaway Inc. at (904) 853-6572. Rockaway Inc. is located at 510 Shetter Ave. in Jacksonville Beach.</p> <p>Vegan Dinner Adventure with Chef Rosaria Join Jacksonville Restaurant Reviews for an evening of extravagance as Chef Rosaria takes attendees through a culinary experience of local spring harvests. Chef Rosaria is known for using not only hyper local produce, but obscure plants and parts of plants that many don't know what to do with. The world is Chef Rosaria's garden and she knows just what to do with each and every ingredient. This event is hosted at the Pink Salt Restaurant from 7 to 9 p.m. on May 9. Pink Salt Restaurant is located at 6082 Saint Augustine Road in Jacksonville. Tickets are \$50 a person and sold through Eventbrite.</p>	<p>'9 to 5: the Musical' In a show that gained major popularity in the 80's, larger than life characters come alive on-stage at St. Marys Little Theatre's spring production of "9 to 5: the Musical." "9 to 5," is St. Marys Little Theatre's last show of the season and, as always, the community theatre ends with a blockbuster, featuring music and lyrics by Dolly Parton, herself. The production will run on the weekend May 10-12 at 7 p.m. with only 2 p.m. matinees on Sundays. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for kids 12 and under. To purchase tickets or more information, call Barbara Ryan at (912) 729-1103 or visit www.StMarysLittleTheatre.com. St. Marys Little Theatre is located at 1000 Osborne St. in St. Marys, Georgia.</p> <p>Mama Blue at Romanza Festivale Rekindle the Romanza at St. Augustine's Romanza Festivale of The Arts. Two weeks of daily events including 80+ concerts, shows, exhibits and much more at locations throughout the city. This event is about showcasing productions by dozens of St. Augustine's talented Arts and Cultural nonprofit organizations. Many events are free. The festival will run from May 3 to 12 in "America's Most Romantic City," from 7 to 9 p.m. Mama Blue will play at the Plaza De La Constitution on May 10 at 48 King St. in St. Augustine.</p> <p>Name That Tune Bingo at Brewz Come on out early and grab some free samples of local Ruby Beach brews. Get one on tap and get ready for a fun round of Name That Tune Bingo, where each song or artist will be a space on a player's card and each round gives them a chance to win Ruby Beach beers, swag and also some Brewz Bucks or merchandise. This event is hosted by DJ Se7en at Brewz on May 10 from 8 to 10 p.m. Brewz is located at 1011 Atlantic Blvd. in Atlantic Beach.</p>	<p>Girl Scouts informational meeting Girls Scouts Village Two in Ponte Vedra will be hosting an informational meeting to educate girls and families about the Girl Scouts robotics badges that can be earned, as well as teams that can be formed through the First Lego League. Coach K from Shiva Robotics will be there along with a local Brownie troop that started a team last year. The meeting will be May 11 at 2 p.m. at the Ponte Vedra Beach Library. This event is open to both registered Girl Scouts and non-Girl Scouts. Contact volunteer liaison Laura Byrne at jpglab@gmail.com for more information. The Ponte Vedra Beach Library is located at 101 Library Blvd. in Ponte Vedra Beach.</p> <p>27th annual 'Stamp Out Hunger' food drive The National Association of Letter Carriers' "Stamp Out Hunger" food drive will take place on May 11. USPS Postal Carriers collect non-perishable donations and deliver them to community food banks and shelters, including Mission House. Volunteers are needed at the Jax Beach Post Office to help load/unload, sort, and organize items that have been donated by the community from 5 to 8 p.m. Sign up to volunteer at by visiting www.SignUp.com/go/RxNEaDC. For more ways on how to help, call the Mission House at (904) 241-6767. The Jacksonville Beach Post Office is located at 1348 Beach Blvd. in Jacksonville Beach.</p> <p>2019 HAWKE 'Dine on the Wild Side' fundraiser The Humane Association of Wildlife Kare & Education, Inc. will be hosting its annual fundraiser at the St. Augustine Alligator Farm on May 11 from 5 to 9 p.m. HAWKE guests will enjoy exclusive use of the farm. Bring cameras for boardwalk tours and witness close-up Florida wildlife. Listen to live music from local conservationist and musician Bob Patterson and friends and enjoy dinner from Stalvey's BBQ. Veggie options will also be available. For ticket prices and more information, visit HAWKE's official website, www.hawkewildlife.org. The Alligator Farm is located at 999 Anastasia Blvd. in St. Augustine.</p>	<p>Mother's Day Brunch + Spring Market Join Wicked Barley's annual Mother's Day Brunch +Spring Market on Sunday, May 12 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Treat mom to a delicious, from-scratch Sunday brunch, live music and a variety of local vendors. Sip and Shop with local vendors from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Vendors include Bella Lina Bath, Couture Jems, LuEl, Merrily Baking It, Tea Nation USA, Zany Du Designs and many more. This event is located at Wicked Marley Brewing Company at 4100 Baymeadows Road in Jacksonville.</p> <p>Bob Seger & The Silver Bullet Band A roots rocker with a classic raspy, shouting voice, Bob Seger writes songs that deal with love, women and blue-collar themes. Seger is an example of a heartland rock artist, with a whole lot of soul. Seger has recorded many hits, including "Ramblin' Gamblin' Man", "Night Moves", "Turn the Page", "Still the Same", "We've Got Tonight", "Against the Wind", "You'll Accomp'ny Me", "Shame on the Moon", "Like a Rock", and "Shakedown." Seger also co-wrote the Eagles' number-one hit "Heartache Tonight" and his recording of "Old Time Rock and Roll" was named one of the Songs of the Century in 2001. Bob Seger and his band, the Silver Bullet Band will be at Daily's Place on May 12 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets range from \$84.75 to \$184.75 and are sold through Ticketmaster. Daily's Place is located at 1 Daily's Place in Jacksonville.</p> <p>God Bless Mothers sermon at Victory Lutheran Church Join Victory Lutheran Church and Preschool for a worship sermon on "Jesus Is Our Good Shepherd" and a celebration to honor mothers on Mother's Day. This event will take place Sunday, May 12 at 8 a.m. and again at 10:30 a.m. The church will be handing out flowers and handmade cards by the children and serving some desserts, while supplies last. In addition, attendees can enjoy a video of children talking about their moms. Victory Lutheran Church is located at 4651 Kernan Blvd S. in Jacksonville. Call (904) 642-8900 for more details or visit http://www.victorylutheran.org/.</p>

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<p>Pottery open studio From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on May 13, work in Ponte Vedra's Cultural Center pottery studio. Artists can use four potter's wheels, slab roller, extruder, sculpture stands, and tables to create independently. Kiln use is available with prior consent for a \$35 firing fee. Space is limited and is first-come, first-serve. For more information, call the Cultural Center at (904) 280-0614. The Cultural Center is located at 50 Executive Way in Ponte Vedra Beach.</p> <p>First Coast Card Playing Club playing date The First Coast Card Club will host its playing date at a local St. Augustine coffee shop on May 13 at 1 p.m. The event is free to attend with walk-ins and guests welcome. Refreshments will be provided. Contact the club organizer at (904) 829-0643 to RSVP.</p> <p>'The McCartney Years' at the Alhambra Theatre & Dining Hailed by Sid Bernstein as "the best on the scene," "The McCartney Years" is a period-true, technically-stunning and explosive live concert show that performs the music of Paul McCartney spanning two decades from The Beatles to Wings. Songs include hits like "Hey Jude," "Jet," "Let It Be," "Band On The Run," "The Long And Winding Road," "Live And Let Die" and "Lady Madonna," all performed by a band that has entertained audiences worldwide and has a personal accolade from former Wings guitarist, Denny Laine. "The McCartney Years" will be playing at the Alhambra Theatre & Dining on May 13 from 6 to 10 p.m. Tickets are sold through sales.alhambrajax.com. The Alhambra Theatre & Dining is located at 1200 Beach Blvd. in Jacksonville.</p> <p>99¢ Bowling & Karaoke Party Bowling on a Budget? Assemble the crew and join Phoenix Bar & Bowling to enjoy 99¢ bowling. Attendees can also channel their inner rock star and sing their heart out on the covered patio. DJ Couey hosts the Karaoke Party from 9 p.m. to close and spins music videos as well. This event is every Monday from 3 p.m. to 2 a.m. at The Phoenix Bar & Bowling at 2600 Blanding Blvd. in Jacksonville.</p>	<p>G.Love & The Ries Brothers at Surfer the Bar Garrett "G. Love" Dutton is celebrating his 25th year as a touring and recording artist. With over 15 records released, G. Love has been an influence to artists such as Jack White, Jack Johnson, The Avett Brothers, Slightly Stoopid and many more. Join G. Love at Surfer the Bar on May 14 from 7 to 11:30 p.m. for a live performance with guests, The Ries Brothers. Doors open at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$35 and can be purchased at www.EventBrite.com. Surfer the Bar is located at 200 First St. in Jacksonville Beach.</p> <p>Paint n' Wine at The Wine Bar Relax, unwind, and get some creative juices flowing at The Wine Bar's "Paint n' Wine" event on May 14 from 7 to 9:30 p.m. The first glass of house wine is complimentary with a drink ticket. Sip away while creating a cosmic hummingbird to take home with step-by-step instruction. All materials will be provided. Painting will be done on a 16"x20" canvas. Price is \$30 per guest when registering online or \$35 at the door. Register online at www.EventBrite.com. The Wine Bar is located at 320 First St. N. in Jacksonville Beach.</p> <p>Bingo Tuesday at Mellow Mushroom Join Mellow Mushroom every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. for food, drinks, fun and prizes. Grab some good friends and family, and get ready a groovy time. Stick around after for late-night happy hour specials. Mellow Mushroom is located at 1018-2 Third St. N. in Jacksonville Beach.</p> <p>Family Bingo at Trasca & Co Eatery Join Trasca & Co Eatery for a family-fun evening every Wednesday. The popular restaurant will feature family bingo with pizza specials, craft beer specials and tons of fun. Family bingo runs from 6 to 8 p.m. For more information, call Trasca & Co Eatery at (904) 395-3989. Trasca & Co Eatery is located at 155 Tourside Drive in Ponte Vedra Beach.</p>	<p>Twilight golf league at St. Johns Golf Club Sign up a three-person, captain's choice team for St. Johns Club's drop-in every Wednesday evening at 5:30 p.m. The league runs through fall and costs \$17 for members and \$23 for non-members. For more information, contact Tommy Aycocock at taycock@sjcfl.us or (904) 209-0350. The St. Johns Club is located at 4900 Cypress Links Blvd. in Elkton.</p> <p>Creating a Culture of Impact seminar with United Way Learn from industry leaders how innovative technology and philanthropy are transforming the workplace. This event will help attendees discover what their company can do to thrive in the new era of employee engagement. The seminar will include tips like helping your company attract and retain top talent and enhancing brand reputation. To sign up, visit unitedwaynefl.org/impact. This event will take place Wednesday, May 15 from 3:30 to 5 p.m. at the Jessie duPont Center Lecture Hall, located at 40 E. Adams St. in Downtown Jacksonville. Networking and refreshments will be provided. For more information contact Sarah Henderson at (904) 390-3226 or sarahh@uwnefl.org.</p> <p>ImpactJAX Presents: State of Education Join the ImpactJAX public policy committee for the next "State of JAX" series on May 15 from 6 to 7 p.m. Hear from Superintendent of Duval County Public Schools, Dr. Diana Greene, Vice President of Online and Workforce Education at Florida State College at Jacksonville, Jana Koi, and Dr. Diane Yendol-Hoppe, Dean of Education at the University of North Florida. Panelists will discuss recent education policies, how they respond to change and how they work together to promote a quality educational system for the region. Tickets for the event are \$10 for non-members and free to ImpactJAX members. Advanced registration is required. ImpactJAX is located at 3 Independent Dr. in Jacksonville.</p>	<p>Boardwalk Talk: Dorothy Fletcher 'Jacksonville on Wheels' On May 16 at 6 p.m., The Beaches Museum will present Dorothy Fletcher at the historic Beaches Museum Chapel to present her book, "Jacksonville on Wheels," a comprehensive look at how the automobile impacted the Jacksonville area. Fletcher will talk about John Einig's "chug-chug" machine and how it marked the beginning of a car culture revolution that is still happening, like riderless cars, electric cars and car vending machines. Jacksonville participated in the latest models of technological innovations that the auto industry had to offer including the first roads, first bridges, dealerships and speed records. The event is free to Beaches Museum members with a suggested \$5 donation for non-members. The Beaches Museum is located at 381 Beach Blvd. in Jacksonville Beach.</p> <p>Give Blood at OneBlood donor centers Do some good in the neighborhood by giving blood or platelets at any OneBlood Donor Center starting now through May 23 and receive a "Be The Wave Of Change" t-shirt, plus a wellness check-up. For locations, hours and appointments Visit oneblood.org/donate-now or call 1-888-9-DONATE.</p> <p>Know Your GREEN Evening Talk There has already been several reports of algal blooms across the Lower Basin of the St. Johns River from Palatka to Jacksonville. Now's the time to take action and help raise awareness to get the green out! Join St. Johns Riverkeeper staff to learn what causes these blue-green algal blooms and why they're harmful for citizens and the river. We'll also teach you ways to help us reduce algal blooms. Light snacks and drinks will be provided. This event will be hosted on May 16 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Marine Science Research Institute at 2800 University Blvd. N. in Jacksonville.</p>

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“It worked in Chattanooga. It worked in Corpus Christi and it worked in the National Aquarium in Baltimore.”

Grant’s positive mentality is a huge ego-booster for the city.

“There are two points I can’t emphasize enough,” he said. “One is that this thing has to be the coolest thing that anybody’s ever seen. The other is that the biggest impediment is sort of that Jacksonville mentality of, ‘Oh, it’ll never get done. It’s just another one of them pipedreams.’ I’m brought on board predominantly to fight that and say, ‘Yeah, look, we can do this.’ And we can.”

Grant is focused and has the determina-

tion to make this aquarium happen, but what he doesn’t have yet is the proper funding and he’s not shy to discuss it.

“Right now, I need money,” he said. “Wells Fargo, for example, gives away \$485 million a year. I can’t go there and say, ‘Look at this cool picture. Give me \$200 million, and I’ll build it.’ I need to go in and really have something. I talked to a videographer last night. He wants to do a 3D virtual walkthrough, which would be huge. Haskell did those drawings for free, but people are going to want to get paid for 3D, virtual walkthroughs.”

The completion of the Atlantic Aquarium is still years away, but the beginning is coming at full speed thanks to Grant and Aqua Jax. After endless discussions of what’s next for Jacksonville, it’s refreshing to see someone who has done the



Rendering by Haskell

A rendering shows the vision for the Atlantic Aquarium, which plans to break ground in the Jacksonville Shipyards in 2021. Ponte Vedra resident Scott Grant is the chairman of the Advancement Committee for the nonprofit organization Aqua Jax, which is funding and building the aquarium.

research, the planning and stands with assurance that this will get done.

“If you blow people’s minds, the people

will come in droves,” Grant said passionately. “This is going to blow people’s

minds for sure. It has to.”



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Kevin Patrick Ryan, 51, of Jacksonville, died May 1, 2019. Arrangements by Quinn-Shalz, A Family Funeral Home & Cremation Centre.

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Carleen Shea, 77, of Ponte Vedra, died May 5, 2019. Arrangements by Quinn-Shalz, A Family Funeral Home & Cremation Centre.

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Local children invited to take part in cupcake contest

The Ponte Vedra Beach-based Womens Food Alliance is holding the second annual “Why I Like to Bake for My Family” Kids Cupcake Contest for children 8 to 12 years old.

Those interested in entering the contest should email a cupcake recipe and story about why they like to bake cupcakes for their family to Womens Food Alliance President Leigh Cort at leigh@leighcortpublicity.com. The recipe must include the child’s name, address, telephone and email (parent or guardian contact). Remember to include the cupcake recipe name and story. The email entry must be received by July 1, 2018. Entrants must be 8 to 12 years old.

The Womens Food Alliance will select the top 12 finalists by judging on originality, deliciousness, cupcake presentation, cupcake name and story.

The top 12 finalists will be invited to attend the official cupcake judging on Saturday, July 27, at 9 a.m. at JAX Cooking Studio. All children must be accompanied by an adult, and a minimum of eight cupcakes must be on a presentation serving plate. Each child must bring the cupcake’s name, recipe



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and the child’s name on a piece of paper to accompany the cupcakes.

Subsequently, judges will consider taste, creative use of ingredients and appearance. The judges are JAX Cooking Studio Pastry Chef Nancy Slatsky, Koek Cake Pastry Chef Verousce McKibbin and St. Francis Inn Cook Nancy Guarnieri.

Winners of the contest will win culinary prizes they can share with their family. The grand prize winner will receive a two-night family vacation for four at St. Francis Inn in St. Augustine (Sunday through Thursday based on availability); Sunday

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St. Johns County Public Library System invites students to apply for paid summer internship

The St. Johns County Public Library System is offering a paid summer internship for one rising high school junior, senior or college freshman starting June 5 and ending Sept. 23. Through the Inclusive Internship Initiative, students from diverse backgrounds are introduced to careers in librarianship and will work with mentors to develop a connected, community-based learning project to be completed over the summer. This internship will primarily take place at the Anastasia Island Branch Library in St. Augustine Beach on weekdays.

Applicants must have ability to travel to Chicago June 13-15 and Washington, D.C., Sept. 20-22.

A complete application packet must include a completed application, a letter of recommendation from a teacher, school official, community partner or librarian, and brief plan (no more than 150 words) for sharing what you will learn in the internship.

The deadline to apply is May 8. To learn more or to download the application, visit www.sjcpls.org/sjcpls-announces-public-library-association-inclusive-internship-initiative-program-internship or contact Heather Sostrom at hsostrom@sjcfl.us or (904) 209-3731.

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brunch for four at the Casa Marina Hotel in Jacksonville Beach; and a Kilwins ice cream social for 50 guests that includes waffle cones and toppings. The first runner up will receive Sunday brunch for four at the Casa Marina Hotel; a bountiful baking basket from Sugar Snob Chocolates; and a \$15 gift certificate to Mr. Potato Spread. The second runner up will win Sunday brunch for four at the Casa Marina Hotel and a \$15 gift certificate to Mr. Potato Spread. Every finalist will receive a Kilwins gift card for a specialty ice cream at Kilwins at the St. Johns

Town Center; a Peace Pie gift card for two ice cream Peace Pie sandwiches; and a Tropical Smoothie gift card valued at \$10.

There are no substitutions or transfer of prizes. Prizes are not redeemable for cash. By acceptance of prizes, winners consent to use of their names and/or photographs for publicity purposes without further compensation. Finalists will be notified by July 15.

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Oldenburg appointed to THE PLAYERS volunteer leadership team as vice-chairman

He joins four other vice-chairs who oversee the tournament's 2,100-plus volunteers

THE PLAYERS Championship announced on Tuesday that Tyler Oldenburg, a tournament volunteer since 2013, has been appointed as the newest volunteer vice-chairman. According to a press release from THE PLAYERS, Oldenburg joins the four existing vice-chairs who, along with 2020 Tournament Chairman Andy Carroll, lead the 2,100-plus volunteer force that makes the PGA TOUR's flagship event possible. With Oldenburg's appointment, he joins Carroll; First Vice-Chair Troy Smith; and vice-chairs Matt Welch, Houston Bowles and Lee Nimnicht.

"Tyler has held multiple leadership positions at THE PLAYERS within several committees, spanning from general parking and ecology to practice grounds, Birdies for the Brave Patriots' Outpost and Benefactor," Carroll



Tyler Oldenburg

Volunteer Services division, which supervises apparel, credentials, volunteer dining, office personnel, photography, supply, VIP parking, information, off-site shuttle and volunteer personnel.

"Volunteering at THE PLAYERS enables me to give back to the Northeast Florida community while surrounding myself with a sport I love, people I enjoy working with and a tournament that is truly one of the best sport-

said. "His strong work ethic, varied experiences as a volunteer and ability to lead others are extremely valuable assets for this position. I speak on behalf of all past tournament chairmen and my vice-chairs when I say we are thrilled to have Tyler join the volunteer leadership team."

As vice-chairman, Oldenburg will oversee the

ing events in the world," Oldenburg said. "It is an honor to be elected to this position, and I look forward to using my role on THE PLAYERS volunteer leadership team to grow the charitable dollars THE PLAYERS generates for local charities each year."

Oldenburg holds a Juris Doctor degree from Mercer University and a Bachelor of Economics from Emory University, where he was also a member of the university's golf team. Oldenburg is currently a shareholder at Marks Gray. In addition, he is active in other community endeavors and organizations, including the Deerwood Improvement Association, Deerwood Rotary and Deerwood County Club. His past involvement includes work with Morning Star School, Ronald McDonald House Charities of Jacksonville and the University of North Florida.

Oldenburg and his wife, Katelyn, live in Jacksonville with their two children, Andrew and Chloe.

THE PLAYERS 2020 is March 9-15 at TPC Sawgrass. More information about THE PLAYERS is available at THEPLAYERS.com.

Jim and Tabitha Furyk Foundation hosts packing event with help of Target executives

By Amber Lake

Thanks to initiatives such as the National School Lunch Program, students, regardless of their parents' income, are ensured a low-cost or free lunch each day that they attend.

But what about when they're not at school?

On May 1, the Jim and Tabitha Furyk Foundation teamed up with Target to help ensure that students in the community don't go hungry during summer vacation. With the help of executive employees at the Target on Marsh Landing Parkway, the team managed to pack 577 bags of food to be delivered to underprivileged students. Of that number, 200 bags went to John Love Elementary, and 377 went to Love Grove Elementary, both located in Duval County.

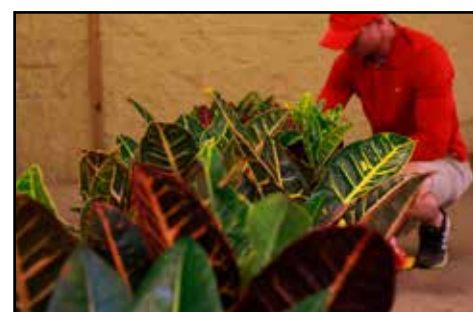
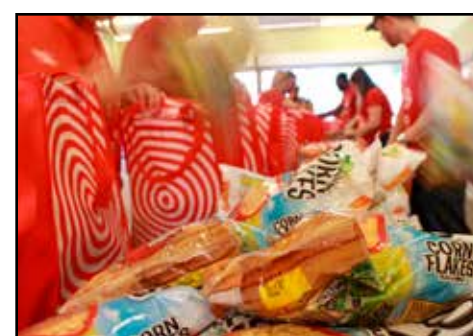
Each bag was filled with peanut butter, mac and cheese, oatmeal, cereal, ramen noodles, peach cups, granola bars, cracker snacks and a summer treat of ice pops. Target also provided each school with four new planters and 20 packets of seeds for summer gardening. In addition, the MaliVai Washington Youth Foundation received oatmeal, ramen noodles,



granola bars and ice pops for their pantry.

"We at the Jim and Tabitha Furyk Foundation are thrilled to be able to provide over 575 elementary students with food over the summer and we are grateful to the local Target executives who packed the bags," Foundation co-founder Tabitha Furyk said. "We hope to continue our partnership with Target to help the kids in our communities and ensure a successful future."

The Jim and Tabitha Furyk Foundation is a nonprofit charity founded by PGA TOUR golfer Jim Furyk and his wife Tabitha to help local families in need. To donate or find out more about the organization, visit jimandtabithafurykfoundation.com.



Photos by Amber Lake

The Jim and Tabitha Furyk Foundation teams up with Target executives on May 1 to provide bags of food for local, underprivileged students.



Mother's Day Gift Guide



Gift ideas for a great Mother's Day

Compiled by Daniela Toporek and Amber Lake

Let's face it: Moms have it rough. They're the lights that guide during darkness and the shields that protect when they sense harm nearby. And how do we thank them? We forget the dishes in the sink and accidentally drop laundry on the floor. (Ok, only sometimes.) Thankfully, the Ponte Vedra Recorder has your back with the best of the best that Ponte Vedra and the Beaches have to offer to spoil mom and plan for a loving and successful Mother's Day weekend.

VILLAGE JEWELER

Located in the Sawgrass Village shopping center, Village Jeweler was established in 1987 by master goldsmith and certified gemologist Richard Felder. Village Jeweler will be holding a sale throughout the week of Mother's Day so you can dazzle mom with their custom-made jewelry. Surprise her with a special piece chosen just for her or take her to the store so she can choose from the different necklaces, earrings, bracelets, rings and more offered at their store. For custom-made jewelry or more information, call Village Jeweler at (904) 285-4812 or visit www.villagejewelerofpontevedra.com.



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Underwood Jewelers is located in Ponte Vedra, San Marco and Avondale. Call (904) 280-1202 for the Ponte Vedra location or visit www.UnderwoodJewelers.com for a look at their retail and more information.

PAINTING WITH A TWIST

Sometimes all a mom wants for Mother's Day is some quality time with her family. Painting with a Twist offers multiple Mother's Day painting options for each location. The Ponte Vedra location is offering a \$35 dollar painting special for two canvases the Saturday before Mother's Day. What better way to express your love for mom than to make her some art like you used to as a child? And it's an original piece — priceless. For more information, visit www.paintingwithatwist.com



TPC SAWGRASS

For the first time in 12 years, TPC Sawgrass will be open Sunday, May 12, for Mother's Day, due to THE PLAYERS being moved to March. The clubhouse restaurant, NINETEEN, will serve brunch all day featuring many clubhouse favorites, including bourbon glazed roasted pork with grilled peaches, sweet cream pancakes with maple syrup and, of course, too many desserts to choose from. In addition, the organization offers a "Mother's Day Package" that includes two nights at Sawgrass Marriott Golf Resort & Spa, daily breakfast at the TPC Sawgrass Clubhouse, a

round on THE PLAYERS Stadium course, a \$200 Sawgrass Marriott Spa gift card and an additional 15 percent off at the Spa. The package is \$681 per person. For more information, go to tpc.com/sawgrass/vacations.

PONTE VEDRA CONCERT HALL

If mom likes to jam, take her out to the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall for a memorable music performance. Surprise her with tickets to upcoming shows, such as "Winehoused: The Amy Celebration," a tribute to the late Amy Winehouse on May 25, or Steve Earle and The Dukes in early June if she like to rock out to some country-rock and folk music. Regardless of the performance, the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall is sure to provide not just a live musical experience, but quality time and a great gift for mom. Call the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall at (904) 209-3746 for more information or visit www.pvconcerthall.com.

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MOTHER'S YOGA DAY WITH THE GODDESS CONNECT

Trying to still be healthy this Mother's Day? Community brand and platform, The Goddess Connect, is hosting a Mother's Day yoga session by the Jacksonville Beach pier on Saturday, May 11, at 8:30 a.m. for all the yogi mamas out there wanting to connect with the mind, body and soul. Refreshments will be provided, along with a post-yoga mimosa to



guests ages 21 and up. All mothers attending will also receive a special rose for their hard work on and off the yoga mat. Founder and CEO of The Goddess Connect Vaneshia "Vee" Smith will be running this mixed-level yoga session at 8:30 a.m. along with relaxing meditation. For more information, contact Smith at (904) 323-2383 or info@thegoddessconnect.com.

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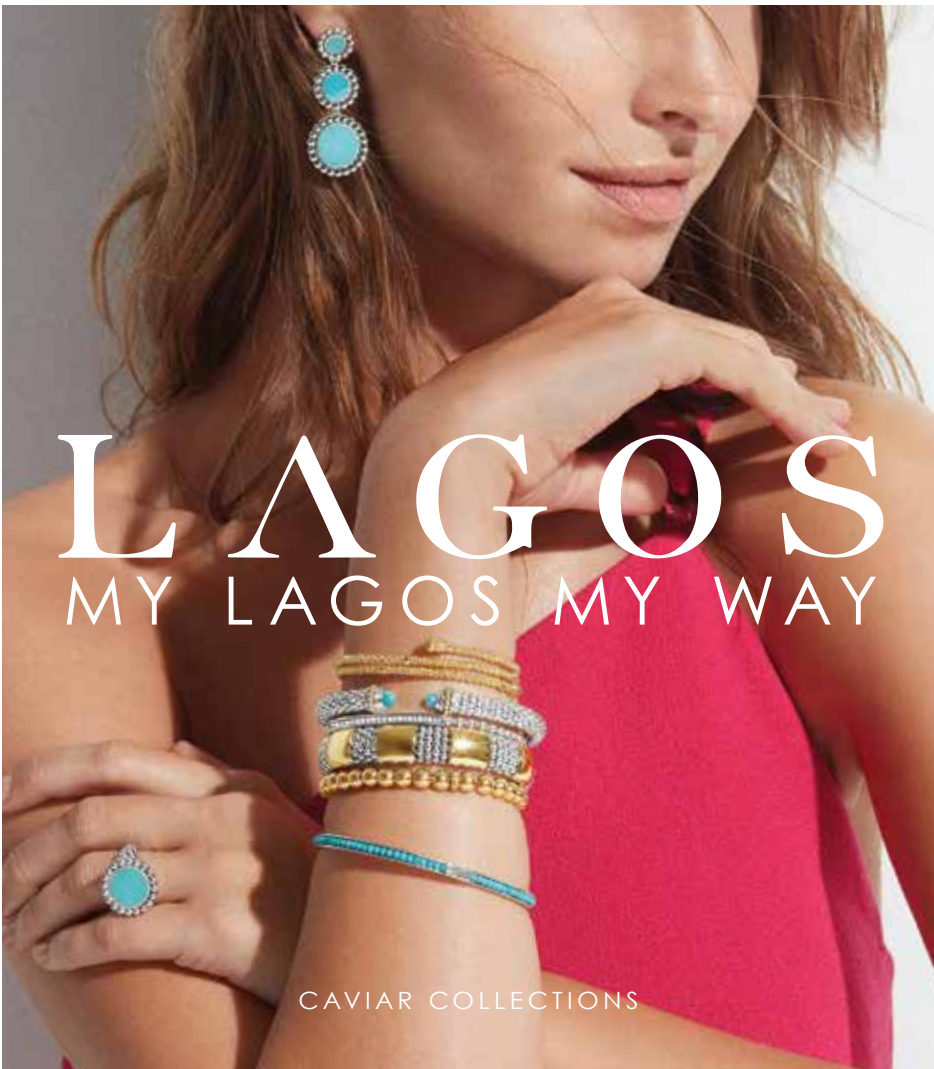
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The Les DeMerle Big Band, with Bonnie Eisele, will present the eighth annual Mother's Day Big Band Bash on May 12 at the Omni Amelia Island Plantation.

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8th annual Mother's Day Big Band Bash set for May 12 at Omni Amelia Island Plantation

The Les DeMerle Big Band, featuring Bonnie Eisele, will present its 8th Annual Mother's Day Big Band Bash on Sunday, May 12, in the Amelia Ballroom at the Omni Amelia Island Plantation.

The benefit gala will feature a dinner and dance from 7 to 10 p.m., with a meet-and-greet with the musicians before the show from 6:30 to 7 p.m. The event will also include a silent and live auction.

The Les DeMerle Big Band will feature the big band classics of Glenn Miller, Count Basie, Duke Ellington and more. The 17-piece band includes Jacksonville

Jazz Festival Hall of Famers Bill Prince and J.B. Scott, plus other notable area musicians such as David Steinmeier and Marc Dickman.

Tickets for the event start at \$90. Visit www.ameliainlandjazzfestival.com for more information.

A not-for-profit corporation, the Les DeMerle Amelia Island Jazz Festival distributes proceeds toward a scholarship program to fund college education for aspiring jazz musicians and works to provide a rich, diverse jazz offering to the Amelia Island area.



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Nease NJROTC hosts military signing day

Nease NJROTC hosted its National Military Signing Day on April 30 for six graduating seniors receiving appointments to the United States service academies or full ROTC scholarships at public universities.

Six cadets signed letters of intent during a formal ceremony held on campus and attended by family, teachers and classmates.

“This is Nease NJROTC,” said Capt. Scott LaRochelle, Nease’s senior naval science instructor. “This is what we do — produce future leaders for the United States of America.”

The six appointments/scholarships are as follows:

■ Troy Barber of Ponte Vedra received a full Air Force ROTC scholarship to attend Florida State University.

■ Peyton Gustafson of St. Augustine received a full Marine Corps ROTC scholarship to attend Savannah State University.

■ Konnor Matthews of Ponte Vedra received a full Navy ROTC scholarship to attend Jacksonville University.

■ Sinead Morgan of St. Johns received an appointment to attend the United States Military Academy.



Nease NJROTC cadets Troy Barber, Peyton Gustafson, Konnor Matthews, Sinead Morgan, Brandon Mum and Erin Sass stand at attention during the presentation of Colors at National Military Signing Day on April 30 at Nease.

Photo courtesy of Nease NJROTC

■ Brandon Mum of St. Augustine received a full Army ROTC scholarship to attend Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University.

■ Erin Sass of Ponte Vedra received an appointment to attend the United States Coast Guard Academy Scholars program.

Nease is currently the top rated NJROTC program in Area-12 (northern Florida and the state of Georgia), and was the nation’s fifth ranked program in 2018.



Photo courtesy of DePaul School of Northeast Florida

Elementary and middle schoolers in the Beaches area participate in a color run at DePaul School on April 26 to celebrate neurodiversity.

DePaul School of Northeast Florida hosts color run to celebrate neurodiversity

A group of elementary and middle schoolers in the Beaches area recently threw a very colorful party to celebrate neurodiversity.

DePaul School, a local academy for students with dyslexia, hosted the Color Outside the Lines Fun Run (a 5K) on April 26 to celebrate the one in five kids with the learning difference.

Eighty runners started out wearing

pristine, white shirts for the 5K, and as they ran, were treated to music and splashes of colorful powder to celebrate diverse minds in the Jacksonville community.

DePaul is a nonprofit, grassroots school launched in 1980 that supports students with dyslexia in Duval, Clay and St. Johns Counties and beyond.

For more information about DePaul and dyslexia, visit www.depaulschool.com.

SJCSD Transportation Department seeks new bus operators

Due to continued growth in the area, the St. Johns County School District (SJCSD)’s Transportation Department is actively recruiting new bus operators, and is offering a \$1,000 sign-on bonus.

According to a press release sent on behalf of the district, St. Johns County is the eighth-fastest growing county in the country. According to a recent population estimate by the U.S. Census Bureau, the county’s population increased by 4.2 percent in just one year. And since more families with young kids are moving to the area, the district needs more bus operators to transport children safely to and from school.

“There are so many positives to driving a bus,” said Rebecca D’Alessio, bus operator, recruiter and instructor for the Transportation Department. “It’s a meaningful, purposeful and fun-filled job working with the kids and connecting with them. We like to say that we are the driving force of education.”

D’Alessio, a Massachusetts native who graduated from Worcester State University with a degree in geography and spent much of her adult life as a

crew member on a passenger ferry in Key West, said she never even considered working as a bus driver until she read an ad in the local newspaper.

“I was relatively new to St. Augustine and growing weary of working in the tourism industry,” D’Alessio said. “I knew that St. Johns County offered great benefits, and I really wanted a job with stability, flexibility and room to grow. Becoming a bus operator gave me all of those things plus they paid me to train for my CDL Class B license. I also love the diversity of working here. We have everyone from C-level professionals and retired public servants to great-grandmas and single parents.”

The district’s Transportation Department is accepting applications for full-time and part-time school bus operators. Training programs are held regularly throughout the year. Candidates must adhere to a strict list of requirements and will be given a \$1,000 sign-on bonus after working as a bus operator for 60 school days. For more information, visit www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/transportation/jobs or contact George Marsh at (904) 547-8818.



Photo courtesy of Pamela Riley

Students at Ocean Palms Elementary School gather on Monday in celebration of Teacher Appreciation Week. The students greeted teachers with posters, microphones and cardboard cameras in a Hollywood-themed event.

OPES celebrates teachers with Hollywood-themed event

Ocean Palms Elementary School (OPES) kicked off Teacher Appreciation week with lights, cameras and action.

This Hollywood-themed event was the talk of the town as paparazzi followed teachers on the red carpet going into school on Monday. Students held posters, micro-

phones and cardboard cameras to get into character.

The week is filled with fun as teachers discover who wins all kinds of gift baskets, including facials, movie tickets and even car detailing (right in the school parking lot). There will also be catered VIP events throughout the week.



Photos courtesy of Susan Samko

The choir at Ocean Palms Elementary School sings and performs using sign language at a recent breakfast to thank the school's volunteers.



Principal Tiffany Cantwell recognizes Secretary Kerry Fodor for being the "heartbeat" of the school, who welcomes every volunteer with a warm smile.

OPES expresses gratitude to volunteers

Ocean Palms Elementary School (OPES) recently thanked their volunteers by inviting them to a special breakfast.

The choir sang and performed using sign language. Volunteers were escorted to breakfast by Mrs. Fleck's second

graders and left with a homemade Otter spoon rest.

Principal Tiffany Cantwell recognized OPES Secretary Kerry Fodor for being the "heartbeat" of the school, who welcomes every volunteer with a warm smile. Fodor was in charge of organizing the breakfast.

Junior Achievement of North Florida seeks volunteers for Wi\$e Money Week

Junior Achievement (JA) of North Florida, along with Family Foundations, is looking for volunteers to join them for Wi\$e Money Week May 13-17.

Wise Money Week is a week of activities and events celebrating the importance of good money management and providing financial education designed to help families become wiser about money. During Wi\$e Money Week, community members will commit to one day of volunteering at a local elementary school, known as a JA in a Day. In total, 348 classes will be reached, introducing more than 7,000 students in kindergarten through fifth grade to financial literacy and work-readiness skills.

"We provide the training and the volunteer gets to go into the classroom to teach the students using our curriculum kit," said Steve St. Amand, president of JA of North Florida. "Volunteers don't need a background in finance to help. We will provide all the resources necessary and some guidance on working with the classroom teacher and communicating effectively with the students. It is a minimal commitment from the volunteer to make a significant impact in a child's future."

In Duval County, 11 schools will participate in a JA in a Day during Wi\$e Money Week starting May 9 and will continue through May 17. Each class will receive five 45-minute sessions from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. taught by community volunteers. Volunteers will be given training prior to their agreed upon day, which will include tips on classroom management, how to deliver the curriculum and how to communicate with teachers and students. The training session typically last about 45 minutes, and volunteers will also receive the program kit for their class. The kit contains a scripted volunteer guide, student activities and giveaway items to reinforce what is being taught.

Those interested in participating in Wi\$e Money Week can contact Teresa Smith at teresa@janfl.org or (904) 398-9944 extension 227. More information about volunteering for JA can be found at www.juniorachievement.org/web/ja-norflor/volunteer.

Junior Achievement's programs are designed for students from kindergarten to 12th grade to teach the principles of financial management and how to become career ready. The programs are taught by corporate and community volunteers who share their real-world experiences with the students to help them see how what they learn in the classroom can be used when they enter the workforce.

RSVP of St. Johns County offers summer reading and math volunteer opportunities

RSVP (Retired and Senior Volunteer Program) of St. Johns County is looking for community members to assist once a week in the summer reading or algebra programs in the St. Johns County School District.

Hours are flexible, and even if volun-

teers are traveling this summer, they can help out while they are in town.

Orientation for reading volunteers is Thursday, June 6, from 10:30 a.m. to noon at the Fullerwood Auditorium, located at 10 Hildreth Drive in St. Augustine. Orientation for algebra volunteers is Mon-

day, June 24, from 11 a.m. to noon at St. Augustine High School, located at 3205 Varella Ave. in St. Augustine.

"There are students who can greatly benefit from the help of those willing to give just a small amount of their time," RSVP Director Cheryl Freeman said.

"Assistance from community volunteers can make all the difference in helping these students succeed."

To make a training reservation or for more information, contact RSVP at (904) 547-3952 or Cheryl.Freeman@stjohns.k12.fl.us.

Ponte Vedra Library completes Library Programming Room project



The Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library has completed its transformation of the former PGA TOUR Media Room into a new Library Programming Room.

“To have our very own dedicated room for Library Programming is just the most amazing thing and certainly a wonderful surprise I didn’t see coming in nearly 16 years of service with the St. Johns County Public Library System,” said Anne Crawford, assistant branch manager and youth services librarian at the Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library, in an email. “It’s a model in other Library Systems, and I’m so glad it happened in ours!”

The new Library Programming Room is dedicated to storytime programming, crafting, teen gaming and more. The room is now home to the library’s gaming equipment, programming snacks and storytime programming materials.

The project was made possible by the Friends of the Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library and the county’s facilities maintenance department, which mounted the TVs and painted the room.

Photos courtesy of Anne Crawford

The Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library has transformed its former PGA TOUR Media Room into a new Library Programming Room.

Ponte Vedra Library reference librarian recognized

Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library’s Maribeth Wood was recognized at the Library System’s Staff Development Day May 1 for “making a great impact” in the Library System over the past year.

Wood, who is celebrating one year as the Ponte Vedra Library’s reference librarian, was responsible for writing the

winning grant that allowed the Library System to bring author Lisa Wingate to St. Augustine for a popular author visit and culminating event for the St. Johns Reads program. She partnered with Bartram Trail Branch Young Adult Librarian Carla

Wood also recently graduated from the

St. Johns County Leadership Academy, an eight-week course for 10 St. Johns County employees selected by their department head and presented by County Administrator Michael Wanchick.

Over the past year, Wood has introduced to patrons “Make and Take” crafting events; “Books and Bites” events combining reading, culture and food; and special speaker events. She has also continued popular favorites such as the Sisterhood of the Traveling Plants, Book Club, Bingo for Books and Adult Coloring Club.

A few of Wood’s upcoming programs include the following:

- **Make and Take: We All Scream for Ice Cream!** – Tuesday, May 14 at 2 p.m.
- **Turtle Talk** – Friday, May 17 at 10:15 a.m.
- **Books and Bites: Journey to Ancient Greece** – Tuesday, May 21 at 2 p.m.



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Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library Reference Librarian Maribeth Wood (center) receives a plaque recognizing her recent graduation from the St. Johns County Leadership Academy. Pictured alongside her is County Administrator Michael Wanchick and Library Director Debra Rhodes Gibson.

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Feed My Starving Children MobilePack event to return to Jacksonville area in August

For the second consecutive year, Ponte Vedra Presbyterian Church (PVPC) will host a Jacksonville Area Feed My Starving Children MobilePack event.

Packing event dates will be Aug. 15-17 at PVPC Fellowship Hall located at 4510 Palm Valley Road in Ponte Vedra Beach.

Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) is a Christian nonprofit ministry founded in 1987 devoted to providing nutritious meals to starving children in 70-plus countries across the globe. FMSC meals are hand-packed by volunteers and distributed through a network of localized partner organizations. According to a press release from the organization, nearly 1.2 million USA volunteers packed more than 333 million meals in 2018. This year's FMSC

goal is to provide 1 million meals a day for malnourished children worldwide.

Jacksonville area's 2019 FMSC MobilePack event will pack 147,000 lifesaving meals in three fun-filled days requiring over 800 volunteers. Volunteer online registration begins July 1.

Donations provide the nutritious food ingredients that go into these meals. Community supporters can aid this MobilePack event by making any online size contribution immediately.

Visit give.fmssc.org/jacksonville to donate, volunteer or for more information. You may also contact the Jacksonville MobilePack Co-Chairman Gary Graham at graham-gary@att.net to answer any questions.

NOCATEE HAPPENINGS: UPCOMING EVENTS

Food Truck Friday Friday, May 10 from 6 to 9 p.m. Nocatee Station Field

Some of Jacksonville's favorite food trucks will gather at the Nocatee Station Field to serve members of the community local, one-of-a-kind, gourmet food and snacks. This event will feature live music by the Paul Lundgren Duo. 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).

Mother and Son Field Day Saturday, May 11 from 10 a.m. to noon Nocatee Station Field

Nocatee mothers and sons (ages 4 and up) are invited to Nocatee's fourth annual Mother/Son Field Day. Participants push themselves to the limit with interactive games such as laser tag, kickball and more. Tickets are \$5 per son and can be purchased in Resident Services and online at 2019mothersonfieldday.eventbrite.com.

There will be a small service fee for any on-line purchases. Tickets are non-refundable.

Story Time with The Bookmobile Tuesday, May 14 from 11 a.m. to noon Nocatee Room

Nocatee is teaming up with the St. Johns Library Bookmobile to host a special event for little residents. Story Time will take place in the Nocatee Room and will feature a short, interactive story read by volunteers. Also, the Bookmobile will be on-site in the Welcome Center parking lot. RSVP to fun@nocatee.com.

Kids Kraft Day Tuesday, May 14 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Nocatee Room

This free resident only event will feature crafts that children can take home at the end of the day. Registration is mandatory as space and supplies are limited. This event is for ages 5 and up only. Residents can sign up online at may2019kkd.eventbrite.com.

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Ponte Vedra local Peter Makris ditches Facebook to Pay it Forward

PIFOR social media app plans
to make compassion viral

By Amber Lake

It's no secret that social media has become a major player in how people consume goods, interact with others, perceive the world, and in many ways, affect who they are.

While it has certainly allowed people to connect with others from all over the world and from all different backgrounds, the colossal cultural giant has also negatively impacted perceptions in more ways than one. Cyber bullying, unrealistic body standards and the culture of mass consumerism riddle the medium with enough psychological bombardment that many people have chosen to simply opt out. Others, however, can't seem to get enough.

Ponte Vedra entrepreneur Peter Makris dreams about being a social media influencer. Yet, he doesn't plan on selling you B-12 shots, smoothie bowls, loungewear, vacation packages or makeup palettes photographed with Snapchat filters. Makris is actually hoping he can just influence you to be a good person. Not exactly trending, right?

Pay It Forward, or PIFOR.org, is Makris' solution for social networking fatigue. The burgeoning new platform operates under the concept of nurturing a user's compassion by allowing for the propagation of kindness over a community of interwoven connections. One could say it's basically a benevolent Facebook (Or, perhaps, Empathy-gram or Tender?). The idea is that not only can users raise awareness for their own causes, but they can share their own contributions to the community, which in turn affects others to do the same.

Makris said he knows the concept works — simply because he's seen it firsthand.



Photo by Amber Lake

"It's really about connecting humans and about humanity, which is what I think we should get back to, and not the layers and layers of garbage."



Photo courtesy of Peter Makris

Peter Makris, founder and CEO of PIFOR.org and Ponte Vedra resident, visits with friend Isaac Gyamera in New York, where he met after striking up conversation during an Uber ride.

Want to be happy? Live in the moment



Harry Pappas
Columnist

By Harry
Pappas

There is now an emerging field in the area of economics known as "happiness" research. This comprises an absurd amount

of data that suggests that if we want to have stress-relieving, life-appreciating, joy-delivering, mood-lifting and butt-kicking happiness, then we should live in the moment.

To live in the moment means to be consciously aware of the present or "the now." In other words, we do not dwell on the past or be anxious about the future. Perhaps you are as foolish as I am in that I, of course, want happiness, but I cannot seem to forget about the past or be curious about the future. Regrettably, I seldom focus on the moment!

As we know, when we focus on the past, our feelings are often akin to shame, guilt or regret. When we think about the future, fear and anxiety repeatedly rear their ugly heads. Maybe you are wondering if I do not follow my advice, why should I pen a column on happiness equaling living in moment? That is a great question, so let me start by answering it. Here it goes: The best way to learn is to teach! Therefore, I am going to teach us how to be happy, so I can learn it, internalize it and most important apply it. Talk about shameless self-serving advice!

We do not have to take the academics' word for how to achieve happiness. Instead, we can just carefully observe our four-legged friends. Animals are in the present all the time, and their secret power is to pull us in with them. If you have a dog, I am sure you can

Reception at Underwood Jewelers recognizes \$5,000 grant to Angelwood

Underwood Jewelers in Ponte Vedra Beach hosted a reception May 1 to recognize the \$5,000 Community Impact Grant presented by the Jacksonville General Office of New York Life to local nonprofit Angelwood.

New York Life's Community Impact Grant program, which began in 2008, awards grants of up to \$25,000 to local nonprofit organizations, which are supported by New York Life agents and employees. Since the program's inception in 2008, nearly 600 grants totaling nearly \$7 million have been awarded to nonprofits across the country.

Guests at the reception enjoyed Italian food and drinks. They also had an opportunity to meet jewelry designer Ippolita Rostagno, as well as purchase tickets to win an IPPOLITA necklace with all proceeds benefitting Angelwood. New York Life representatives presented a check that helped fund Angelwood's Summer Day Camp for school-aged children living with developmental and intellectual differences.

Angelwood, Inc. is a Jacksonville based nonprofit that since 1993 has been serving children, adults, seniors and families living intellectual and developmental differences such as Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Down syndrome and Spina Bifida. Over the years Angelwood's services have developed in response to community needs. Angelwood provides support to over 300 individuals and their families in residential group homes, supported employment, adult day training programs and holiday and summer day camps. For more information, visit www.angelwoodjax.org.



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Clayton and Christy Bromberg, Robin Wahby, John Rutkowski, Rachel DuBois, Ippolita Rostagno and Diane Tuttle gather for a check presentation at Underwood Jewelers on May 1 recognizing a grant from New York Life to Angelwood.



Alexis Bohrer and Brandon Martin, Angelwood program participant

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relate. For example, even if I were only away from my home for 30 minutes, when I walked through my front door, my maltipoo (Bruiser) would get amazingly so excited to see me. It was as if he was saying, "You're here. I'm here. I love you and now I am going to pee all over the floor!" Talk about living in the moment! Yes indeed, contrary to most of their owners, dogs are concerned with what is happening to them right now, not what happened to them last week or what might happen next Tuesday.

Living in the moment appears so productive and especially easy, so why is it unbelievably difficult to accomplish for many of us? If Bruiser were alive, and he could talk, I suggest that he would bark out this word of wisdom: "Pops, the past ain't gonna change anytime soon. It is gone, and we can't do anything about it. On the other paw, the future is unknown. The only thing we can really enjoy and affect is the present moment. So, let's me and you keep it simple and have some fun!"

Speaking of simple, I have a friend with special needs. His name is Marc, and he has had an incredible influence in helping me change my perception of life. Marc's actions are a heart-warming reminder that simplicity is what brings true happiness. It does not come from our wealth, notoriety or our possessions. Marc shows me that happiness comes from the simple things embraced in the power of humility and compassion. Marc

shows me that happiness comes with holding on to our childlike curiosity. Marc shows me that happiness comes with not pretending to be something that we are not and embracing who we truly are. Yes indeed, Marc is truly special, because, just like Bruiser, he lives in the moment!

Lastly, I argue that if you know someone that truly has an awesome life, you can bet he or she has a black belt in living in the moment. Nevertheless, many argue, as I do, that it is hard work to find happiness. Or is it? Marc would say, "Bow Wow!"

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The idea came to him after a trip to New York, where he was visiting his family. He was headed back home one evening, and, just like any other night, he decided to call an Uber for a ride. That night a man named Isaac Gyamera picked him up.

“The conversation started flowing,” Makris said.

Gyamera is originally from Ghana. He left the county to come to America when he was in his 20s with his wife and parents. At first, he said the adjustment was really difficult.

“(There was) so many differences in the way (Americans) talk and their words,” Gyamera said. “Some are insults but others are not. It was the way they eat, the way they work. The way they react to people ... everything. It’s like if someone was sick and they were lying on the floor, over here you don’t go near that person? In Africa, if you see someone lying down on the floor (homeless), it’s right to help that person.”

When Gyamera met Makris, he had just had his son and was thinking about how he was going to celebrate his birthday with his family after his shift. With Makris he shared stories about his life in Ghana and his family, but he didn’t mention his birthday.

As they arrived at his destination,

Makris suddenly had the inclination to give Gyamera a substantial tip, about \$200 to be precise.

“Usually when I go up to New York I don’t spend a lot of money, so I had some extra cash in my pocket,” Makris said.

That gesture not only ensured Gyamera had a nice meal out with his family that night, it earned Makris a friend for life. Currently, the two text and call almost every day.

“It was a very happy day for me,” Gyamera said.

For Makris, the feeling of helping someone was almost addicting.

“The way society is now, all over the place people kind of box (other) people,” Makris said. “People that are different, you know, they assassinate their character and they don’t really know what’s (in their heart). People only look at people from the surface. So, I said, I think we need more goodness in this world.”

PIFOR.org differentiates itself from other social media platforms by only encouraging charitable causes and volunteerism. It allows users to easily find and participate in causes that are locally active as well as promote ones they believe in. Causes are registered within the database and vetted in order to keep accountability. Makris said there will be no direct fundraising on the site.

“It’s really about connecting humans and about humanity, which is what I think we should get back to, and not the layers and layers of garbage,” Makris said. “I

want to open my newsfeed in the morning and hear positive stories. (Lately the news) is all garbage. It just fills (the news-feed) and influences people in the wrong way. I want the reason why I bought the site is that you go on and you’re looking at stories that are uplifting and that’ll change your day. It will change it.”

Gyamera said he hopes that one day the application will help emotionally connect not only those living in the same neighborhoods and towns, but those living across the world.

“It’s not only Ghana, it’s so many countries,” Gyamera said.

For him, the hungry, poor and hurt in Africa might as well be his neighbors. Unlike most people, because he has seen it firsthand, he doesn’t feel any significant distance from himself and the devastation that also exists worlds away. Gyamera said he hopes the borders between people will lessen with technology aimed at shortening that distance.

“There’s so many countries,” he emphasized.

Yet, Gyamera knows that every act counts, just as it did for him the two years ago when he met Makris. Every small act that a person does causes a ripple effect that can go on longer than anyone could possibly imagine. In some cases, you might never even know that today just happened to be a complete stranger’s birthday. If you ask Gyamera, he likes to say often, “Everybody needs help, everybody.”

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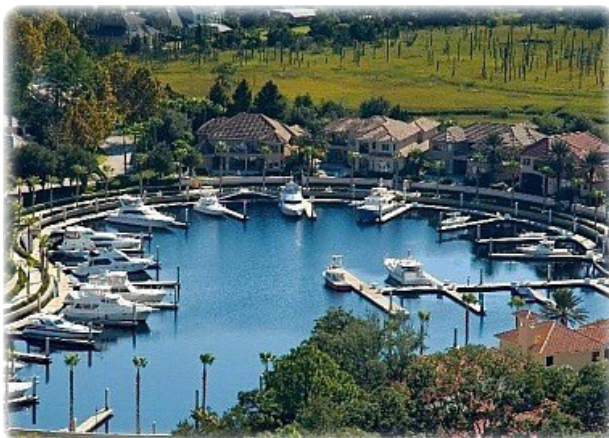
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The team from Beaches Gentle Dentists and representatives from the Beaches Division of the JAX Chamber gather on May 2 for a ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate the business' new membership with the Chamber.

Beaches Gentle Dentists hold open house, ribbon-cutting ceremony with JAX Chamber

Beaches Gentle Dentists hosted an open house and ribbon-cutting ceremony with representatives from the Beaches Division of the JAX Chamber on May 2.

Attendees enjoyed refreshments and a tour of the facility. The celebration marked Beaches Gen-

tle Dentists' new membership with the Chamber.

Located at 3316 Third St. S., #101, in Jacksonville Beach, the dental clinic opened in October 2018 with several innovative approaches to healthcare. Visit www.gentledentists.com for more information.

Local Morgan Stanley financial advisors named to prestigious Forbes Magazine list

Morgan Stanley recently announced that Dennis Rosa, Andy Baggs, Neil Powell and Bill Dixon have been named to Forbes Magazine's 2019 list of America's Best-in-State Wealth Advisors.

All are senior vice presidents and financial advisors of the Lighthouse Wealth Management Group in the firm's Ponte Vedra Beach Wealth Management office. According to a press release from Morgan Stanley, Forbes' Best-in-State Wealth Advisors list comprises a select group of individuals who have a minimum of seven years of industry experience.

The ranking, developed by Forbes' partner SHOOK Research, is based on an algorithm of qualitative and quantitative data, rating thousands of wealth advisors and weighing factors such as revenue trends, AUM, compliance records, industry experience and best practices learned through telephone and in-person interviews.

"I am pleased that Dennis, Andy, Neil and Bill are representing Morgan Stanley," said Alby Toto, branch manager of Morgan Stanley's Ponte Vedra Beach office. "To be named to this list recognizes their professionalism and dedication to the needs of their valued clients."

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more about the home-buying process.”

During the Mega Open House weekend, everyone is welcome to tour homes for sale throughout Northeast Florida.

Visit OpenHouseNEFlorida.com for a list of open houses. For more information about Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Network Realty, visit www.FloridaNetworkRealty.com or call (904) 296-6400.

Amy Juve joins Ponte Vedra/Nocatee office of Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices FNR

Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Network Realty recently announced the addition of Amy Juve to the company’s Ponte Vedra/Nocatee office.



Amy Juve

She will be a great addition to our Florida Network Realty team, and she is ready to hit the ground running in her real estate career.”

For more information, Amy can be reached by phone at (904) 651-1895 or at Amy.Juve@FloridaNetworkRealty.com. Visit her website at PVJaxLuxuryHomes.com.

The Ponte Vedra/Nocatee office is located at 333 Village Main St., Suite 670, in Ponte Vedra Beach.

“I’m pleased to welcome Amy to the Ponte Vedra Office,” said Holly Hayes, broker/manager of the Ponte Vedra/Nocatee office. “Amy comes to us with years of experience at the Barnett division of Interline Brands in sales and customer service.



Clare Berry (center), with Episcopal’s incoming Alumni Board President Heather Rainey Moseley (left) and Episcopal Head of School Adam Greene, receives the Episcopal School of Jacksonville 2018-19 Alumna of the Year Award April 26 during Reunion Weekend.

Photo courtesy of Episcopal School of Jacksonville

Area realtor Clare Berry receives Episcopal School of Jacksonville Alumna of the Year Award

The Episcopal School of Jacksonville presented the 2018-19 Alumna of the Year Award to local realtor Clare Berry, class of 1973, during the school’s Reunion Weekend opening night party April 26.

The award is given to an alumna or alumna who has consistently provided exemplary service to Episcopal by enhancing the mission, success, stature and well-being of the school.

“Clare’s enthusiastic and energetic

support of Episcopal has long been appreciated by everyone she works with on campus,” said Heather Rainey Moseley, Episcopal’s incoming alumni board president who presented the award. “We are deeply thankful for her giving spirit, and the way she champions the school no matter where she is or what she is doing. We know she does it out of the deepest love for Episcopal.”

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According to a press release from the dental practice, "Dr. Yash" practiced dentistry in India. She is a member of several leading dental health organizations, including the American Dental Association, the Academy of General Dentistry, the Academy of Laser Dentistry and the Florida Dental Association.



Dr. Yasodhara Vadlamudi

She is married to Hemakumar Vadlamudi. They live locally and are excited about raising their family in the community. Dr. Yash's interests include cooking and travel.

Vadlamudi joins a team of dental health professionals at Jax Beaches Family Dentistry with a philosophy

that is "a healthy mouth leads to a healthy body." Per the press release, Vadlamudi believes this to be true and shares the practice's commitment to compassionate, high quality dental care.

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Berry, a Ponte Vedra Beach resident, has been involved in the school as an alumna, parent and Board of Trustees member. She is a member of the Fifty by 50 Society of Lifetime Leadership Donors, the Great Oak Society of Leadership Donors and the 1966 Society of Consecutive Year Donors. Her realty company, Berry & Co. Real Estate, supports the school through the corporate partner program as well.

Berry has served the school as an alumni class representative for many years;

served as a Reunion Weekend committee member; been a Career Day speaker; and hosted a Career Launcher intern. She has also been a Parent of Alumni Episcopal Fund chair and advisory chair.

Berry served on the Board of Trustees for seven years, during which time she was on the following committees: executive committee; admissions committee, chair; marketing committee, chair; and buildings and grounds committee. She was also the Lead the Way capital campaign major gifts committee chair and a core committee member.

Berry and her husband, Vance, have one son, Vance, who is a member of the Class of 2005.

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UNF student elected president of National Student Nurses' Association

Douglas Davis, a senior in the Brooks College of Health's School of Nursing at the University of North Florida, was recently elected president of the National Student Nurses' Association (NSNA), the nation's largest pre-professional membership organization.



Douglas Davis

Davis, a combat veteran of the United States Army, will serve as chair of the NSNA Executive Committee; member of the NSNA Finance Committee; member of the Council of State Presidents Planning Committee; and as an ex-officio member of the FNSNA Foundation Board of Trustees with his new role as president. According to a press release from the university, this is the fourth time a UNF student has held this national nursing leadership role.

"UNF's School of Nursing continues to stand out amongst all other colleges; we're proud to say Doug is our fourth national president in the past 16 years," said Dr. Judy Comeaux, program director for the UNF School of Nursing's regular

prelicensure program, in the press release. "A record not only for the University but also for NSNA as the organization has never had these many presidents from one school."

A St. Augustine resident, Davis has served in various leadership roles prior to his election,

including serving in the Florida Nursing Student Association as the Northeast Region 2 member, as well as the Legislative and Policy chair. After his election, he participated in two legislative advocacy trips to Tallahassee and Washington D.C.

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Apex Theatre Studio releases Summer Series

The Apex Theatre Studio Inc., in partnership with the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall and The Amp, will present the Apex Theatre's sixth annual summer theater series on select dates between June and July. Tickets for all events are currently on sale.

The season will begin with the return of the Ultimate 80s Dance Party on Friday, June 7, from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. at the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall. Guests can expect to hear a variety of 1980s pop and soul favorites during the three-hour event, which will include a live DJ, a silent auction and retro-themed dance lessons.

The event will spark memories of moussed hair, ragged tees and the restless beat of soundtracks from movies such as "St. Elmo's Fire," "The Breakfast Club" and "Sixteen Candles," as well as memorable dance tunes from artists such as Whitney Houston, George Michael, Depeche Mode, Yaz and more. Guests are encouraged to don clothes that create the sparkle, grunge and humor of the era.

"Torn jeans, fishnets, gloves and denim are all welcome," Managing Director Ian Mairs said. "The hair needs to rise and shine."

Tickets for the event are \$30. Proceeds from ticket sales will benefit the Apex Theatre Studio summer productions.

Roxie and Velma, the duo from the hit Broadway show, "Chicago," will take center stage at the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall June 20-30, while an enchanting gallery of fairies, foresters and fools people take over the Backyard Stage at The Amp in "A Midsummer Night's Dream" July 16-17.

The Fosse-inspired musical, "Chicago," examines fame, fortune and faking it with non-stop dance moves, witty banter and a sentimental nod to the days of vaudeville. The production is under the direction of AJ Allegra, artistic director for the NOLA project, a professional, regional theater in New Orleans. It features Ponte Vedra resident (and a rising junior

in Florida State University's musical theatre program) Gena Heylock as Roxie, the darling but deadly femme fatale, and Kayelin Leonhirth (University of Florida) as Velma Kelly, her partner in crime.

The company's Bard Bus offering (a Shakespearean production), "A Midsummer Night's Dream" renders an 80-minute, high energy version of a romantic rave, replete with music, magic, puppetry and clowning.

"For me, the play explores the games we all play to give and receive love in its many forms," remarked Raines Carr, artistic director for the production.

Pre-show performance activities include food trucks, improv games and opening sets from Northeast Florida bands Bad Dog Mama (July 16) and Folk Is People (July 17). Last year, the production played to capacity, so guests are encouraged to arrive early. On each evening, the pre-show performance starts at 7 p.m., and the show starts at 8 p.m.

Tickets are \$15 for general admission and \$10 for students and seniors.

Apex Theatre's annual summer series features a company of young artists from Northeast Florida schools, seasoned pros and a group of visiting young artists from the top college theater programs in the country who make St. Johns County their temporary summer home.

For young artists between the ages of 8-14, the Apex Theatre Studio Inc. is the only training program in Northeast Florida that provides a challenging and enriching training program specifically for the intermediate to advanced level theater student through challenging interactions with an expert faculty, a range of programming and a commitment to excellence.

Tickets for Apex Theatre Studio summer productions are currently available at the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall and The Amp Box Offices, ticketmaster.com and all Ticketmaster outlets.

Electric rockabilly band Billy Bob Thornton and The Boxmasters to perform at Ponte Vedra Concert Hall July 15

Billy Bob Thornton and The Boxmasters will play at the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall on Monday, July 15, according to a press release distributed by the music venue on Monday.

Consisting of actor, musician and drummer Billy Bob "Bud" Thornton, J.D. Andrews on bass, guitars and vocals, and Michael Wayne Butler on guitars and lap steel, Billy Bob Thornton and The Boxmasters put a unique spin on the genre by adding a dash of British Invasion-era rock to the mix.

In late 2017 and 2018, The Boxmasters teamed up with legendary engineer/producer Geoff Emerick for an album that Emerick has called, "one of the most exciting projects I've worked on since The Beatles." The album, "Speck," will be released on June 7 through KeenTone Records /Thirty Tigers. Emerick, however, died on Oct. 2, 2018, before the album was released.

Known for taking over the engineer's chair on The Beatle's albums "Revolver," "Sergeant Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band" and more, Emerick added a familiar sonic touch to the sound of The Boxmasters, who have been Beatles and British Invasion fans. His work on albums by Badfinger, The Zombies, America and Paul McCartney, among many others, have always been huge influences on The Boxmasters.

According to the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall, "Speck" touches on all of The Boxmaster's influences, including The Beatles, The Byrds and Big Star, but there are new sonic touches as well. Ukulele, cardboard boxes and the Beatle's famous "tea towels on the drums" trick pop up on songs throughout the album.



Photo courtesy of The Amp & Ponte Vedra Concert Hall

Billy Bob Thornton and The Boxmasters will play at the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall on Monday, July 15.

"Geoff really did an amazing job on the mixing of this album and did it in a way that you recognize sounds you've known all of your life, but at that same time are in a new way," J.D. Andrews said. "And I really loved being able to sit back and enjoy the mixes of an album instead of sweating every tiny detail of every song."

Billy Bob "Bud" Thornton said the album deals with everything from personal relationship to politics to social issues.

"The theme being that we are all specks in this universe trying to navigate it, during trying times in the world we

still have our own loves, desires, problems and dreams as individuals," Thornton said. "We're just little humans. No matter what our standing is in society."

The Boxmasters have also been working on finishing another long-awaited project titled, "And Then We Drove," as well as contributing music to an upcoming independent feature film titled, "Spare Room."

Tickets for the Boxmasters' show go on sale Friday, May 10, at 10 a.m. They range in price from \$59 to \$69, and are available at the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall and The Amp Box Offices and at ticketmaster.com.

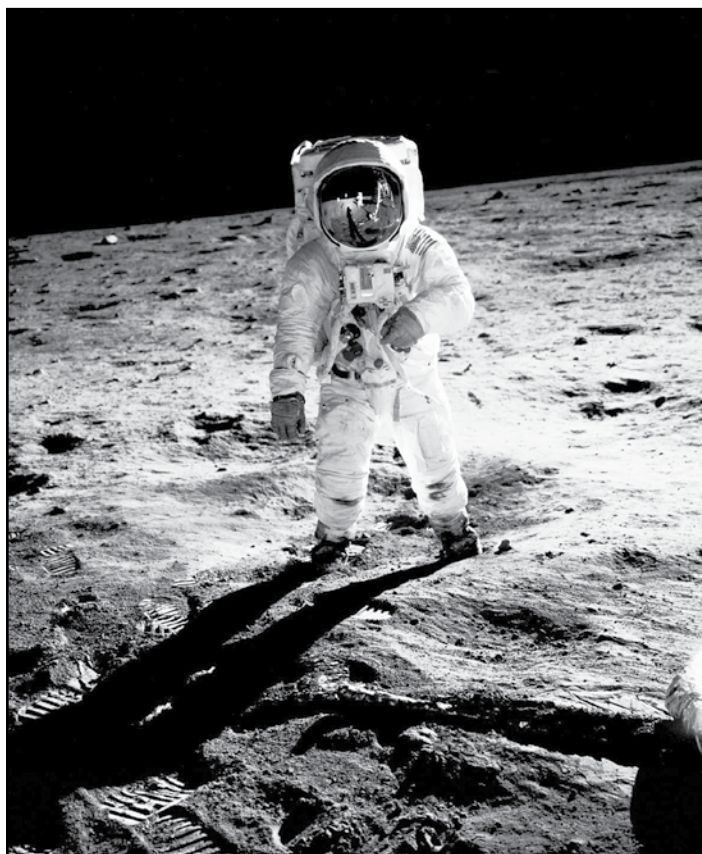


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The St. Augustine Orchestra will perform “Out of this World” May 10 in tribute to the 50th anniversary of the Apollo 11 voyage to the moon.

St. Augustine Orchestra concert May 10 to focus on outer space in tribute to moon landing

The season finale concert of the St. Augustine Orchestra, “Out of this World,” will be a tribute to the 50th anniversary of the Apollo 11 voyage to the moon, with a selection of other-worldly tunes that highlight people’s long love affair with the universe.

The concert is part of the Romanza Festivale of the Arts and will take place Friday, May 10, at 8 p.m. at the Lightner Museum. The St. Augustine Orchestra is completing its 57th season.

Just over 100 miles south of St. Augustine in July of 1969, the rocket set off from Cape Canaveral, and the world watched what seemed like an impossible feat to land on the moon. A few years earlier, in 1966, “Star Trek” debuted on TV, captivating people’s imagination of what could be “out there.”

The St. Augustine Orchestra concert will include music from “2001: A Space Odyssey,” “Apollo 13,” “Wicked,” “Close Encounters of the Third Kind,” “ET the Extra-Terrestrial,” “Star Trek,” “Star Wars”

and Debussy’s “Clair de lune.”

“We are excited to be performing such an enjoyable selection of music that will remind the audience of how frequently outer space has captured our imaginations,” Maestro Scott Greggs aid. “We’re so lucky living here in St. Augustine that we can still see rockets after blast off and enjoy beautiful nighttime skies.”

Some lucky attendees of the event will be taking home a package of astronaut freeze-dried ice cream from the Kennedy Space Center. The Orchestra will make a random draw from among ticket holders that evening.

Tickets for the show are \$22 for adults over age 18; \$12 for youth 11 to 17 years old; and free for youth 10 and under. Tickets are available for purchase at staugustineorchestra.ticketleap.com/season-finale. Tickets may also be available for sale at the door if the concert isn’t sold out. The box office opens at 7:30 p.m. with general seating.

Jacksonville Symphony ‘boldly going where no one has gone before’

Orchestra teams with Bold Events for performance of ‘Star Trek Live’ at Daily’s Place amphitheater May 11

er whose mission of vengeance threatens all mankind. If humanity would survive, a rebellious young officer named James T. Kirk (Chris Pine) and a coolly logical Vulcan named Spock (Zachary Quinto)



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Photo courtesy of Jacksonville Symphony

The Jacksonville Symphony is partnering with Bold Events to present the fourth installment of the Daily’s Place Symphony Series, “Star Trek Live,” on Saturday, May 11.

Director J.J. Abrams re-exhilarated the iconic “Star Trek” franchise with one of the most exciting blockbusters in recent movie-going history — “Star Trek” (2009). Orchestras and audiences can reach warp speed together as they experience composer Michael Giacchino’s thrilling score performed live to picture with the Jacksonville Symphony ... and boldly go where no one has gone before. Symphony Associate Conductor Nathan Aspinall will lead the orchestra at Daily’s Place amphitheater at 7:30 p.m.

The story takes place aboard the USS Enterprise, the most-sophisticated starship ever built, as a novice crew embarks on its maiden voyage. Their path takes them on a collision course with Nero (Eric Bana), a Romulan command-

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must move beyond their rivalry and find a way to defeat Nero before it is too late.

Composer Michael Giacchino has credits that feature some of the most popular and acclaimed film projects in recent history, including "The Incredibles," "War for the Planet of the Apes," "Ratatouille," "Star Trek," "Jurassic World," "Rogue One: A Star Wars Story" and "Coco." His 2009 score for the Pixar hit "Up" earned him an Oscar, a Golden Globe, the BAFTA, the Broadcast Film Critics' Choice Award and two

GRAMMY Awards.

This event will be the fourth concert in the Daily's Place Symphony Series, a first-of-its-kind partnership between the symphony and Bold Events, a sister company of the Jacksonville Jaguars. Previous performances include a sold-out performance of "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone" in October 2017, a joint performance with three-time Grammy-winner and hip-hop guitarist, Wyclef Jean, and the world premiere of "Rudy" In Concert.

Tickets for "Star Trek Live" can be purchased at www.dailysplace.com and www.jaxsymphony.org. Tickets start at \$19.



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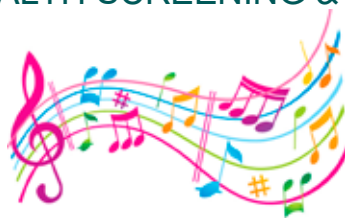
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The Ponte Vedra boys lacrosse team gathers after defeating Bolles May 3 in the regional final. The Sharks will play Jupiter Friday in the state championship final four in Boca Raton.

Ponte Vedra lacrosse tops Bolles, advances to state final four

After defeating Bolles 20-3 on May 3 in the regional final, the Ponte Vedra boys lacrosse team is headed to the state championship final four.

The Sharks (22-1) will take on Jupiter

(18-4) Friday at 4 p.m. in Boca Raton. Ponte Vedra defeated Jupiter 11-2 on March 30. The Sharks are ranked No. 1 in the state and No. 2 in the nation, according to MaxPreps. Jupiter, who defeated

Cardinal Mooney 14-13 in overtime in the previous round, is ranked No. 2 in the state and No. 16 in the nation. In the

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Lady Sharks lacrosse players receive recognition

The Ponte Vedra girls lacrosse team has received the following recognition from the First Coast Girls Lacrosse Coaches Association (FCGLCA):

- Trish Balsler: All-District
- Lexi Johnson: All-District

- Alex Schupler: All-District
- Sami Lowinger: First Coast Honorable Mention
- Sami Meyers: First Coast Honorable Mention; U.S. Lacrosse All-Academic
- Caroline O'Neil: U.S. Lacrosse

- North Florida Jackie Pitts Award
- Lexie de Roziere: All First Coast
- Abbey Watson: All First Coast; U.S. Lacrosse North Florida All-American
- Ella Madson: All First Coast; U.S. Lacrosse North Florida All-American

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Sharks baseball to play for district championship against Ridgeview

By Jim Moyes
Special to the Recorder

The Ponte Vedra baseball team (16-10) will face the Ridgeview Panthers (12-11) Thursday night at Sharks Park in the district championship.

Attempting to defend their 2018 district championship, the Sharks earned their way into the title game with a decisive 9-0 shutout victory Tuesday night against Menendez. Tony Roca,

who had earlier defeated Menendez 7-1 with a school-record 19 strikeouts, was sharp again Tuesday against the Falcons.

Roca struck out 11 batters and allowed but one hit as the Sharks improved their season record to 16-10. Scott Griesemer was a perfect 3 for 3 for the winners, while Brody Maynard had a double, two walks, a sacrifice fly and three RBIs to help lead the Sharks' attack.

Ridgeview earned their way into the district final with a dramatic 4-2 victory over Clay in a game that went 11 innings.

JU women's golf coach leaving program

Jacksonville University (JU) Senior Vice President/Athletic Director Alex Ricker-Gilbert recently announced that women's golf head coach and Nocatee resident Jennifer Borocz has decided to leave the program.

"We are extremely grateful for the positive impact that coach Borocz has had on our women's golf program, athletic department and university," Ricker-Gilbert said in a press release distributed by JU. "This is a bittersweet announcement. I can speak for the entire department when I say that we are sad to see someone of Jennifer's caliber move on, but we are happy that she will remain in Northeast Florida with the opportunity to spend more time with her wonderful family.

According to the press release, Borocz is hoping to spend more time enjoying family life after building the women's golf program up since taking over as head coach prior to the 2012-13 season. She became the first dedicated women's coach in the program's history and during her tenure, the Dolphins have seen a number of school records fall, including the



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Jennifer Borocz

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PVHS senior places 3rd in Florida for Division 3A pole vaulting

Ponte Vedra High School senior Matthew Quintal placed third in the state for Division 3A pole vaulting at the Florida High School Track & Field State Championships on Saturday at the University of North Florida.

Quintal jumped 14 feet, 3¼ inches to finish in third place. During the season, he set a new school record at 14 feet, 7½, and placed first in the district meet.

Quintal has been part of the Ponte Ve-



dra Track & Field team for four years. He recently signed to be part of the University of Notre Dame Track & Field team.

Ponte Vedra senior Matthew Quintal placed third in the state for Division 3A pole vaulting at the Florida High School Track & Field State Championships on Saturday at UNF.



Photos by John Fleming and Peter Merlini

Borocz

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lowest team scoring average in a season, the top-10 lowest team tournament rounds, the top-six lowest two round scores and the top-15 lowest three-round totals.

JU won three tournament titles, including two in the 2017-18 season, tied for the most in a single season and was the best in individual scoring categories in the program's history on a year-in-year-out basis.

Under Borocz's tutelage, Jessica Welch became the first women's golfer at JU to qualify for NCAA postseason play, as well as the first and only ASUN Golfer of the Year and ASUN Scholar-Athlete of the Year in the program's history. The team has also achieved its best conference tournament finishes since the program was formed in 1985, four years running, and achieved the first-ever top-100 Golfstat finish in program history in 2017-18.

"I would like to thank President Cost and Alex Ricker-Gilbert for their support during my time at Jacksonville University," Borocz said. "Most importantly, I would like to thank the players that I've been so fortunate to coach. Their hard work and dedication brought the program to new heights, both on and off the course.

"I can't thank them enough for their tireless dedication to JU Women's Golf. This was an extremely difficult decision,

but I feel we've laid a solid foundation for the program and I am confident it will be successful well into the future. JU has meant so much to my family and we are incredibly grateful for the opportunities JU provided us."

The team has also excelled in the classroom, earning the WGCA All-Scholar Team GPA Award after posting the highest team GPA in the country (3.924) in 2016-17, the only team to have over a 3.9. Seven members were honored individually as well by the WGCA, with Megan Collins, Michelle Forsland, Amanda Detmer, Louise Persson, Maria Brunzell, Maria Juliana Fueyo and Welch all receiving recognition for their academic achievements. Most recently, this team earned the Outstanding Team GPA Award at the JAXPYS for the fourth consecutive year, awarded to the team that recorded the highest GPA among the 20 sports under the Dolphin banner. Previously, the team received the Dolphin C.U.R.E Award, presented to the team with the most service work completed, in 2017, and the D.B. Milne Sportsmanship Award in 2018.

Borocz will remain an advocate for the program and as an ambassador for women's golf in Northeast Florida. She has already provided some input as the department begins its search for a new leader of the program and will continue to support the program throughout the hiring process.



Photos courtesy of Tracy Lee

The Matanzas 5000 team presents a check for \$20,100 to St. Johns County high school and middle school cross country and track programs.

Matanzas 5000 raises \$20,100 for area cross country track programs

The Ancient City Roadrunners Matanzas 5000 event has raised \$20,100 for St. Johns County high school and middle school cross country and track programs. Checks were presented in a ceremony on April 30 at Ponte Vedra High School.

The PVHS Cross Country and Track Team was presented a check for \$2,400, which included a donation of \$2,100 plus \$300 for the Most Participants Award.

The 2019 Matanzas 5000 was held in January with the help of title sponsor, First Coast Rehabilitation.

First-place finish times

Men: Andrew Colley and Matt McClintock (tie), 14:26

Women: Joanna Thompson, 17:05

Prize money awarded: \$3,600

\$20,100 donated to the following cross-country track programs

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School with Most Participants (\$300): Ponte Vedra



Photos courtesy of PVHS Lacrosse

Senior attack Patrick Dotsikas cradles the ball for the Sharks against Bolles. He led Ponte Vedra in that game with four goals.

Sharks

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other semifinal game, St. Thomas Aquinas (18-3-1) is taking on Bishop Moore (17-5). Ponte Vedra defeated Bishop Moore 10-8 on April 5 but has not played St. Thomas Aquinas this season.

In the regional final against Bolles, Ponte Vedra jumped out to a quick lead

in the first several minutes with two goals and never looked back. Senior attack Patrick Dotsikas led the Sharks with four goals. Junior midfielder Freddie Amato and senior midfielder/attack Tony Rossi each had three goals. Junior midfielder Dylan Hess and senior attack Jack Dowd each had two goals and two assists, while junior long-stick midfielder Tommy Zitiello led the team with six groundballs.

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