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PREPARATIONS ARE UNDERWAY
The TPC Sawgrass Stadium Course buzzed with activity Monday, March 2 as workers readied the course for THE PLAYERS Championship week March 10-15 in Ponte Vedra Beach.

TO THE PLAYERS

Assistant golf professionals Bobby Betts (left) and Aaron McClelland help prepare the interior of the Fan Shop.

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WHAT'S THIS?



Do you know what this is?

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

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

Five readers correctly identified last week's photo as the sign for Tanks Sushi Bistro in Nocatee. The winner of the random draw was **Barbara Stark**. Congratulations, Barbara — you may pick up your prize at the Recorder office during normal business hours.



ADOPT A PET



CAT OF THE WEEK

Gemini was brought to the Pet Center as a stray. She is a 3-year-old female domestic short-hair. She is very sweet and lovable and has a pink heart-shaped nose. Come see Gemini at the Pet Center today. #53791



DOG OF THE WEEK

Ranger was brought to the Pet Center as a stray. He is a 3-year-old neutered male, treeing walker coonhound/pointer mix. He loves to be petted, going for walks and sniffing everything, and he is looking for a new fur-ever home. Come see Ranger at the Pet Center today. #53757

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

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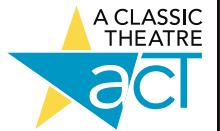
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New Gate gas station raises tension in Ponte Vedra Beach

Controversy surrounds necessity, aesthetic appeal of construction

By Amber Lake

Controversy is bubbling due to the recently proposed Gate station construction at 330 A1A North, The Shoppes of Ponte Vedra. Critics are saying the Ponte Vedra Architectural Review Committee and Ponte Vedra Zoning and Adjustment Board meeting was not properly advertised. In addition, the gas station will not be keeping with the requirements of the Ponte Vedra Overlay regulations in signage size, “destroying the aesthetic of the area,” according to a Change.org petition to reverse the decision granting a variance.

Almost 9,000 people have signed the website petition.

Cornelius Carroll, a Ponte Vedra Beach resident in opposition, said the PVARC meeting was “scheduled last minute” with “very little notice to the community for the week prior to Christmas.” Carroll also noted “only three of the five members of the ARC were present.”

Carroll added, “These variances will be used by nearby businesses and shopping centers to get bigger signs with more colors, bigger buildings, and less landscaping. Mark my words, if those decisions are not successfully opposed by the community, that stretch of A1A will look like Beach Boulevard five years ago and I believe property values will suffer as a result.”

According to Change.org, many residents have concerns with traffic issues as well. A few questioned if Ponte Vedra Beach had a “need” for more gas stations, citing the regular availability of pumps at those already built.



Image provided by St. Johns County Property Appraiser

A map outlines the proposed location according to the St. Johns County Property Appraiser website.

Currently, the owners of the Shoppes of Ponte Vedra have filed an appeal to the board’s decision.



Photo provided by the Henshaw family

Rep. John Rutherford with U.S. Naval Academy appointee Mitchell Henshaw.

Rep. Rutherford announces Naval Academy appointment

Mitchell V. Henshaw has accepted an appointment to the United States Naval Academy, U.S. Rep. John Rutherford announced. Henshaw will join the Class of 2024 in early summer.

Nominated by Rutherford, Henshaw competed first locally to obtain a nomination and then nationally to secure an appointment. The academy receives over 16,000 applications but only accepts about 1,200. Applicants are generally top students from every state in the country. The students serve as class leaders, are members of various honor societies, have impressive community service hours, play athletics and score between 1,230 and 1,520 on the SAT.

A student at The Bolles School, Henshaw boasts an academic career that includes 10 honor and seven advanced

placement classes, and he has over a 4.0 GPA. He has been a member of the varsity crew team for four years.

In addition, he is a member of the National Honor Society and the National Spanish Honor Society. He received a gold medal for the 2019 National Spanish Exam, earned his Eagle Scout Award and is a member of the Order of the Arrow, the National Honor Society for the Boy Scouts of America. He is also president of the Environmental and Save Our Seas clubs and is on the Character Committee and a New Student Ambassador.

Henshaw has amassed over 250 hours of volunteer service with groups like Dreams Come True and the Jacksonville River Keeper.

He is the son of Sarah and Jarrod Henshaw and lives in Ponte Vedra Beach.

BRIEFS

Beach toll booths open

Toll booths opened on March 1 at St. Johns County on-beach driving access points. From 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on-beach driving passes will be for sale at area toll booths.

Daily passes are available to purchase at the booths for \$10 for county residents and nonresidents and \$5 for disabled and active military.

Annual passes are also offered for \$50 for county residents, \$100 for nonresidents, \$40 for people with disabilities and for free with identification for disabled veterans.

Lifeguards will begin limited patrols in March, with full lifeguard coverage beginning Memorial Day Weekend. For more information, call (904) 209-0752.

St. Johns County Public Library launches WWI genealogy research study group

The St. Johns County Public Library and Denise Olson, president of the St. Augustine Genealogical Society, have created a World War I genealogy research group to assist people who would like to

know more about their military ancestry.

The group will meet from 12:30 to 2 p.m. on the first Tuesday of every month through May 5 at the Southeast Branch Library, 6670 U.S. 1 South, St. Augustine.

Participants will have access to and assistance with a variety of resources and records on military service. Everyone is welcome, but registration is required. Register in person at the Southeast Library or call (904) 827-6900.

Self-defense training to be offered at Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library

The St. Johns County Public Library and the St. Johns County Sheriff’s Office will offer a two-day self-defense seminar from 2 to 4:45 p.m. on March 19 and 20 at the Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library, 101 Library Blvd., Ponte Vedra Beach.

The course will allow participants to practice self-defense skills with members of law enforcement who have the knowledge and background to educate in personal safety practices. The training is free, but since space is limited registration will be facilitated through a lottery.

For more information or to enter your name in the registration lottery, call (904) 827-6950.

Blog writing scholarship announced

The Ponte Vedra Focus, a local community blog, is now accepting submissions for its annual \$1,000 scholarship.

For the second straight year, The Volen Group is sponsoring a blog writing scholarship open to all senior high school students in Duval or St. Johns counties who plan to continue their education after graduation.

Posts should be well-written, interesting articles about the greater Jacksonville community. Entries can be funny or serious. Topics can range from weekend

activities to traffic issues to shout outs for local favorite places. They can be about food or football or any other subject that has a relevant local theme. Some ideas have included great vegan restaurants, best places to thrift shop, “what I wish I knew when I moved here” and where to adopt a pet. The top five submissions will be published on the blog.

Deadline for submissions is March 15.

To apply and for more information, visit www.pontevedrafocus.com/scholarship/.

Phil Mickelson to reunite with family friend and cancer survivor at THE PLAYERS Championship Kids Zone

PGA TOUR star will also sign autographs for kids, teens at appearance

Pro golfer Phil Mickelson will be on site at THE PLAYERS Championship Kids Zone presented by Nemours Children's Health System on Wednesday, March 11 to reunite with Rue, a childhood cancer survivor and family friend who is a Nemours ambassador. At the

event, he will also sign autographs for children and teens who gather in the Kids Zone.

Before her third birthday, Rue, who lives in Jacksonville and is now 7, was diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukemia. In her honor, Mickelson, who is friends with Rue's family, donated funds to brighten up the room where children with cancer go for treatments.

Nemours Children's Health System is advancing its mission of promoting health

for children and teens with the launch of the Kids Zone, an active experience that will be open throughout the tournament this year. The youth-focused space, with engaging activities and pop-up events, is designed to give young attendees an interactive experience.

For this event, autograph cards will be provided for children and teens only to get signed. Mickelson will sign autographs from 9:30 to 10 a.m. during his appearance in The Kids Zone.



Photo by Micah Green

Phil Mickelson will make an appearance at THE PLAYERS Championship Kids Zone on Wednesday, March 11.

Area nonprofit hosts Topsy Tea Party to benefit foster youth

By Daniela Toporek

Guests of Fostering Connections St. Johns had the chance to “hop down the rabbit hole” and visit Fantasy Farms in Palm Valley for the organization's Alice In Wonderland-themed event, the Topsy Tea Party, on Feb. 29.

“This is our inaugural fundraiser to benefit our summer leadership program for our foster teens and our college scholarship at St. Johns River State College,” said Fostering Connections St. Johns founder Aubrie Simpson-Gotham. “We're working to endow a scholarship, so our foster youth are able to pay for their textbooks and expenses that aren't covered by the state.”

The journey started as soon as guests parked and ventured through the Fantasy Farms trails. Attire ranged from casual, to black-tie, to over-the-top Mad Hatter style, with women wearing mini formal top hats and vibrant-colored dresses.

Local businesses such as Sweet City Cupcakes and The Spice & Tea Exchange provided sweet snacks and cocktails for guests to indulge in, including Wonderland-themed cupcakes and “chaitinis” for the chilly evening.

More colorful cocktails awaited on the outdoor patio, along with a silent auction and a wall of envelopes to the side, each labeled with a specific number.

“Each envelope is labeled with a donation amount and you can donate to whatever envelope you want,” Simpson-Gotham explained. “If all the envelopes are full by the end of the night, we will have raised \$5,000 on this alone!”

Inside the Fantasy Farms doors, savory hors d'oeuvres such as cranberry brie rolls, bite-size steak with garlic and butter sauce and asiago-stuffed red potatoes, awaited guests.

Alice herself even stopped by — with the Red Queen, courtesy of Fairytale Headquarters. The two characters put their fictional differences aside to entertain and pose for photos with excited attendees and then danced the night away with music from Northeast Florida Inflatables.

After some “pregaming” cocktails and chatter, guests strolled the Fantasy Farms grounds, where parrots and cockatoos welcomed everyone with a sweet, “hello!” and lemurs climbed to the front of their cages,

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ABOVE: Alice and the Red Queen bow after “getting low” to the DJ's old school hits like “Get Low” by Lil Jon and the Eastside Boys.

RIGHT: Party guests Kat Stricker and Kristina Byrd pose with their “drink me” teacups provided at the party.

Photos by Daniela Toporek



Guests enjoy the ambiance at the Topsy Tea Party.

*Alex Bennett is a fitness specialist for The PGA TOUR.
A resident of Ponte Vedra Beach, he was just named one of Golf Digest's top 50 fitness trainers.*



Alex Bennett

Photo by Maggie FitzRoy

As told to Maggie FitzRoy

What does your job entail?

My main job is to help golfers stay healthy. And if they are struggling with mechanics then I make sure it's not a physical limitation. I do an assessment of 15 different moves in a golf swing.

If it is a physical limitation, then what?

Then we work on their mobility or stability. Also, I help players improve speed with the golf club.

Where do you work?

The PGA TOUR's Performance Center at TPC Sawgrass. It's located on the range right next to the practice tee.

What golfers do you work with?

I have people as young as 9 and as old as 72. Right now, I have 16 professionals: five on The PGA TOUR and three on the European Tour and the rest are on mini tours. I am the only fitness instructor located at The Performance Center. I work as part of a team with other golf instructors, swing instructors and a club fitter. There are six of us total.

What type of educational background do you have?

My college degree is actually in business, from Flagler College. And then I went back and trained with The National Academy of Sports Medicine as a professional fitness trainer. I also got my Corrective Exercise Science certification from them, too. I am also Level 3 Titleist Performance Institute certified.

How did you happen to choose your profession?

I played golf professionally after college and I broke my wrist two weeks before Q-School, which is the qualifying round of tournaments to get into The PGA TOUR. I had been already through a shoulder injury from golf, which was triggered by a history of playing ice hockey and basketball growing up. I definitely found my love for what I do now from the rehab process that I went through. Just learning all the functions of the body and how it can compensate for certain limitations. The trainer I was working with while training professionally was known as the Father of Golf Fitness, Randy Meyers, and he took me under his wing. He told me I should try doing this. He mentored me along. I went into training while I was still in the cast for my wrist.

How long did the training take?

About a year and a half. My parents were very supportive. My girlfriend at the time, who is my wife now, was very supportive.

Tell us about your family.

I grew up in Metro Detroit, Michigan. My father was in the auto industry. Mom was a stay-at-home mom who took me to all my sports. My wife, Kim, works in medical sales.

What do you do during the week of THE PLAYERS?

I will only work with my TOUR players who are in the tournament that week: Billy Horschel, Sam Ryder, Lanto Griffin and Doc Redman. I work with them pretty much before they tee off. It's a long week for me. It's fun, though; I enjoy it. But it's definitely busy.

What is most rewarding about your job?

As someone who has been through a bunch of injuries, helping people bounce back after injury is rewarding. And — teaching young kids proper body mechanics to prevent injuries in the first place.

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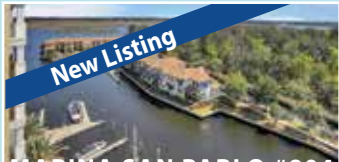
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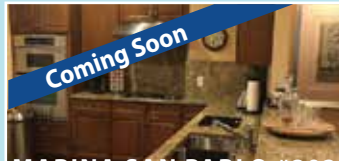
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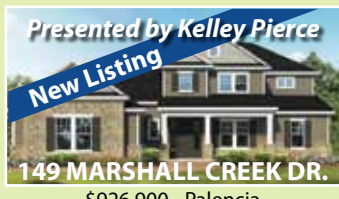
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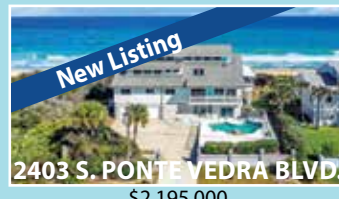
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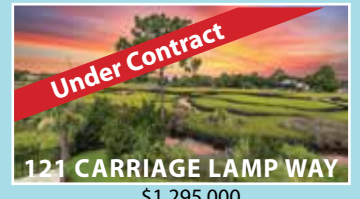
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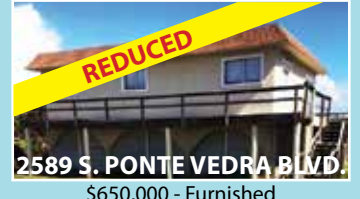
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<p>Teaching language to children with autism workshop Register for a free two-day workshop March 5 and 6, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., for parents and service providers learning to teach language to children with autism. Participants will gain a greater awareness of behavior analysis as a science of learning and acquire the understanding and application of the basic principles of applied behavior analysis. A focus will be on utilizing B.F. Skinner's analysis of verbal behavior to assist in the acquisition of language skills for children with developmental disabilities. To register for the workshop or for more information, visit www.thejerichoschool.org/community-outreach-program. The Saint Augustine Convention Center is located at 500 S. Legacy Trail in St. Augustine.</p> <p>'Bye Bye Birdie' at Christ Episcopal Church The Christ Church Creative Academy will put on the production of classic musical comedy, "Bye Bye Birdie," from March 5-7. Many of the lead actors are theater educators and students, and director Lee Hamby is managing director and cofounder of the Five & Dime Theater Co. in Jacksonville. For tickets, times and more information, visit www.christepiscopalchurch.org. Performances are in the Westbury Hall at Christ Episcopal Church, located at 400 San Juan Dr. in Ponte Vedra Beach.</p> <p>Open gym at Solomon Calhoun Center Bring the team and play ball during open gym hours at the Solomon Calhoun Center in Saint Augustine. The gym will be open to adults from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m., and students from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, through May 29. This program is free, but guests must bring their own basketball and sign in upon arrival. For more information, email Ashley Brown at abrown@sjcfl.us or call (904) 209-0379. The Solomon Calhoun Center is located at 1300 Duval St. in St. Augustine.</p>	<p>Sawgrass Pet Resort open house Pup owners can stop by Sawgrass Pet Resort on March 6 and 7, from 5 to 8 p.m., to meet the staff of Ponte Vedra's first dog day care and boarding resort. Guests can tour the resort, meet the team, enter to win a prize drawing and head home with a goody bag to take home. For questions or more information, call the resort at (904) 834-2198. Sawgrass Pet Resort is located at 8050 Sawgrass Village Circle in Ponte Vedra Beach.</p> <p>Loving Beethoven In celebration of Beethoven's 250th birthday, the Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach, in partnership with MIMMA (Interactive Music Museum in Malaga, Spain), is paying tribute to this milestone with the traveling musical installation, "Loving Beethoven." The exhibit will be at the Cultural Center from March 6 to May 27, with an opening reception taking place on March 6, from 6 to 8 p.m. MIMMA's design team created the installation using sizable individual spheres that when hugged allow guests to feel Ludwig van Beethoven's music through vibration. The spheres change color when touched, which creates a unique sensorial and immersive experience. The opening is free to attend with a suggested \$5 donation. For more information, visit www.ccpvb.org. The Cultural Center is located at 50 Executive Way in Ponte Vedra Beach.</p> <p>Sweet Life music festival Come celebrate the "Sweet Life" at the Seawalk Pavilion in Jacksonville Beach as it hosts the Sweet Life Music Festival of 2020. The Sweet Life is a contemporary Christian music festival that will feature a lineup of contemporary Christian musicians from noon to 8 p.m. For tickets or more information, visit www.sweetlifemusicfest.com. The Seawalk Pavilion is located at 75 First N. St. in Jacksonville Beach.</p>	<p>2020 First Coast Heart Ball With over 500 individuals from Jacksonville businesses and medical and philanthropic communities attending, the First Coast Heart Gala is an annual black-tie event benefiting the American Heart Association. It celebrates the association's efforts to build a foundation of health in the First Coast community. The event will take place Saturday, March 7, from 6 to 11 p.m. at the Sawgrass Marriott. The evening's festivities will begin with a reception that includes a silent auction, followed by an elegant dinner, program and a live auction. The evening will end with an after-party with live entertainment by KTG. For questions or more information, visit the event's official Facebook page titled, "2020 First Coast Heart Ball." The Sawgrass Marriott is located at 1000 PGA Tour Blvd. in Ponte Vedra Beach.</p> <p>Atlantic Beach's 'Tour de Parks' The Cultural Arts & Recreation Advisory Committee invites the Beaches community to join for the 2020 Atlantic Beach Bike Tour on March 7 from 9 to 11:30 a.m.. This year's ride is dedicated to Marina Kaplan. The Tour starts at Russell Park and registration is from 9 to 9:15 a.m. Participants will receive a map of the 10 public parks and will be escorted by the Atlantic Beach Police. A short closing ceremony, hosted by a local celebrity, will include each participant receiving a "Tour de Parks" memory photo. This event is not rain or shine, so check the COAB Arts & Recreation webpage at www.coab.us for information and updates. For questions, call the Recreation office at (904) 247-5828. Russell Park is located at 850 Seminole Road in Atlantic Beach.</p> <p>Military Veterans job fair The Clay County Board of County Commissioners will be at the Military Veterans Job Fair on Saturday, March 7 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at TPC Sawgrass. The fair is open to military veterans, retirees, reservists, active duty members and spouses. Area companies with current job openings will be on-site, so dress in business-casual attire and multiple resume copies. For questions or more information, call the Clay County Board of County Commissioners at (904) 269-6376. TPC Sawgrass is located at 110 Championship Way in Ponte Vedra Beach.</p>	<p>Blood Drive at Ponte Vedra Presbyterian Church The Big Red Bus will be parked in the Ponte Vedra Presbyterian Church's front parking lot Sunday, March 8, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. to collect blood donations. Donors will receive a free water bottle and \$10 e-card. To schedule an appointment, visit www.oneblood.org. Ponte Vedra Presbyterian Church is located at 4510 Palm Valley Road in Ponte Vedra Beach.</p> <p>Kanine Social: Girl Scout Cookies & Beer Satisfy those Girl Scout cookie cravings at Kanine Social on March 8, from noon to 2 p.m. The Kanine Social team has curated pairings to sip and savor popular Girl Scout Cookies and new beers. The event costs \$15 and includes a handful of cookies to pair with a flight of beers. Pairings include Lemonades and wheat beer, Tagalongs and brown ale, Samoas and Belgian quad and Thin Mints and a coffee stout. For more information, call Kanine Social at (904) 712-6363. Kanine Social is located at 580 College St. in Jacksonville.</p> <p>Yoga in the Gardens Wellness nonprofit Harmony is hosting a yoga practice at the Jacksonville Arboretum & Gardens from 11 a.m. to noon March 8. Enjoy a stress-free morning in nature, quieting the mind, engaging the body and restoring the spirit. This is a kid-friendly family event. Refreshments and snacks will be provided. No mat? No problem. Harmony has plenty to share. For questions or more information about the event or nonprofit, call Harmony at (904) 401-5929. The Jacksonville Arboretum & Gardens is located at 1445 Millcoke Road in Jacksonville.</p> <p>Sundays at Surfer the Bar Join Big Fish Power Yoga on Sundays for a free Music & Flow class at Surfer the Bar. The class is held upstairs at the bar and runs from 10 to 11 a.m. every week. Bring friends and family and enjoy brunch and mimosas downstairs following class. Register by visiting www.bigfishpoweryoga.com. Surfer the Bar is located at 200 First St. in Jacksonville Beach.</p>

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Monday, March 9	Tuesday, March 10	Wednesday, March 11	Thursday, March 12
<p>Bogey Grille's eighth annual MS silent auction More than 230 area retailers, restaurants and service providers will help kickoff the eighth annual National MS Awareness Week silent auction March 9, at Bogey Grille. The auction is from 6 to 8:30 p.m. and features vacations, gift certificates to more than 65 restaurants, jewelry, excursions and event tickets. The event is free and open to the public. All the proceeds will help more than 18,000 North Floridians impacted by MS. Bogey Grille is located at 150 Valley Circle in Ponte Vedra Beach.</p> <p>MOSH Mondays Experience all of MOSH's exhibits, interactive programming, hands-on activities, special discounts and more on MOSH Mondays, hosted each Monday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Promotions include buy-one-get-one-half-off admission for adults, a 10% discount on MOSH merchandise, memberships and birthday packages; additional screenings of "Molecularium" in the Bryan-Gooding Planetarium, scavenger hunts, interactive sessions and science shows with MOSH educators and more. For questions or more information, call Amy Chamberlin at (904) 396-6674, ext. 242 or email at achamberlin@themosh.org. The MOSH located at 1025 Museum Circle in Jacksonville.</p> <p>Full Moon Yoga Celebrate the full moon at 7:30 p.m., March 9, Bella Vida Yoga with a gentle practice including yin postures and more, led by yogis Dennis and Kathy Lang. The session will be accompanied by live guitar, sitar, Native American flute and crystal bowls. Cost is \$13 in advance and \$15 at the door. For tickets or more information, visit www.bellavidayoga.com. Bella Vida Yoga is located at 510 Shetter Ave. in Jacksonville Beach.</p> <p>Trivia at Mellow Mushroom Join Mellow Mushroom every Monday night at 7 p.m. for trivia with Trivia Nation. This event is free to play and there are prizes for the winners. Mellow Mushroom is located at 1018-2 Third St. N. in Jacksonville Beach.</p>	<p>THE PLAYERS Championship THE PLAYERS Championship, one of the PGA TOUR's most watched events, returns to Ponte Vedra Beach from March 10-15, at TPC Sawgrass. Witness the competition as this year's top players battle it out on the course. For tickets or more information, visit www.theplayers.com. Parking for THE PLAYERS Championship at TPC Sawgrass is located at 5387 Palm Valley Road in Ponte Vedra Beach.</p> <p>First Coast Newcomers Club card playing date The First Coast Newcomers Club will host its next card playing date and dinner in a private room in the St. Augustine Main Library on March 10. Arrive at 12:50 p.m. Card playing begins at 1 p.m. Bring refreshments to share. For the exact location, to join or for more information, contact the club organizer at (904) 814-9612.</p> <p>Kids' \$1 Tuesdays at Trasca & Co Eatery Take the kids out to eat and save some money every Tuesday at Trasca & Co Eatery. Children eat for \$1 with the purchase of an adult entrée. The special works for dine-in, takeout and deliveries. 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>Military Appreciation Day featuring The Chainsmokers Award-winning EDM duo The Chainsmokers will highlight the Military Appreciation Day Ceremony during THE PLAYERS Championship on Tuesday, March 10 at 5 p.m.. The performance will take place on the world-famous island green 17th hole. Tickets to the ceremony cost \$45 and can be found at www.ticketmaster.com. For more information, visit www.theplayers.com. Parking for THE PLAYERS Championship is located at 5387 Palm Valley Road in Ponte Vedra Beach.</p>	<p>Free youth golf clinic Join the Jacksonville Beach Golf Association again this year, as they continue the mission of "growing the game of golf." The golf clinic is free and open to the public and includes golf instruction with a PGA professional, food, prizes and a celebrity guest. For more information, visit www.jaxbeachgolf.org. The clinic is from 3:30 to 5 p.m. and will be hosted at the Jax Beach Golf Club, located at 605 Penman Road S. in Jacksonville Beach.</p> <p>'Fun & Fit with Fran' Everyone is welcome to the Ponte Vedra Senior Center March 11 to join this instructor-led class that covers a variety of activities from shuffleboard, corn hole, bocce ball, stretching and painting shirts. Instructor Fran will always "keep it fun, fresh and exciting," while attendees socialize and make new friends. This class is recommended for active seniors, but is complimentary for all. For questions or more information, call the center at (904) 280-3233. The Ponte Vedra Senior Center is located at 175 Landrum Lane in Ponte Vedra Beach.</p> <p>ABC Ponte Vedra premium wine tasting To celebrate THE PLAYERS Championship, ABC Fine Wine & Spirits of Ponte Vedra will host a "premium wine tasting" March 11 from 6 to 8 p.m., featuring select wines and spirits. Guests will also receive 15% off their purchase at the event. After the tasting, the store will also be hosting a cigar-smoker event. Tickets to the tasting can be found at www.eventbrite.com. ABC Fine Wine & Spirits is located at 175 Village Main St. in Sawgrass Village.</p> <p>Bards & Brews at The Silver Cow Bards & Brews is a spoken word/poetry open mic on second Wednesdays of the month at The Silver Cow. The open mic runs from 9 p.m. until close and is free and open to the public. The microphone is open to any level writer and performer. This week features two-time Emmy Award winning news producer and author Nikesha Elise Williams. For more information, visit www.facebook.com/bardsbrews. The Silver Cow is located at 929 Edgewood Ave. in Jacksonville.</p>	<p>Eric Johnson: 'Classics: Present & Past' at the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall Grammy Award-Winning guitarist Eric Johnson will return to the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall on his "Classics: Present & Past" Tour on March 12 at 7:30 p.m. Among Johnson's many accolades are a Grammy Award for "Cliffs Of Dover," a lifetime induction into the Guitar Player Gallery of Greats and his listing among the "100 Greatest Guitarists of the 20th Century" by Musician. Tickets are available at www.pvconcerthall.com. For questions or more information, call the venue at (904) 209-0399. The Ponte Vedra Concert Hall is located at 1050 A1A N. in Ponte Vedra Beach.</p> <p>Rainbow Kitten Surprise at the Florida Theatre Alternative rock band Rainbow Kitten Surprise will make its Florida Theatre debut March 12 at 7:30 p.m. With chilling harmonies, dynamic instrumentation and introspective lyrics, the band's genre-defying sound takes influence from artists like Modest Mouse and Kings of Leon, as well as Frank Ocean and Schoolboy Q. The band has over 75 million streams across digital platforms and notched over 45 sold out shows on its first U.S. headline tour. The band's live performances have led to standout sets at festivals such as Bonnaroo, Firefly, Shaky Knees and more. For tickets and more information, visit www.floridatheatre.ticketforce.com. The Florida Theatre is located at 128 E. Forsyth St. in Jacksonville.</p> <p>Thirsty Thursdays at Al's Pizza What's a better combination than pizza and beer? Every Thursday from open to close, Al's Pizza serves \$1.50 Yuengling Lager and house wines. Al's Pizza is located at 635 A1A N. in Ponte Vedra Beach.</p> <p>Free calendar listings for community groups and nonprofit organizations are published at our discretion on a space-available basis. Send your event at least 10 days before publication. Submit events to Daniela@opcfla.com or call (904) 686-3939.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Compiled by Daniela Toporek</p>

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ABOVE: Members of the Adult Coloring Club at the Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library meet Feb. 20 in the library's Glass Room.



RIGHT: Gail Hilliker displays book-marks that have been completed and laminated.

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Adult Coloring Club relieves stress and offers socialization

By Maggie FitzRoy

Phyllis Gallagher likes to color birds. Gloria Montesino likes to color flowers. Omaira Castejon likes buildings. And Gail Hilliker likes “variety.” The women are all members of the Adult Coloring Club at the Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library, which is free and open to adults of all ages who like to create pretty pictures.

The club started out “as a house on fire” about five years ago, “and it hasn’t cooled down,” said Hilliker, an original member.

“It’s amazing how the books have different styles,” Hilliker added about the coloring books for adults that the library provides, along with markers, pencils, gel pens and crayons in every color of the rainbow.

“All they need to do is bring their imaginations,” said Anne Crawford, assistant branch manager and reference and adult services librarian. Coloring clubs are “a trend in libraries that is sweeping the nation,” she said. “It’s an opportunity for people to come together and be authentic and destress. Because coloring has been proven to help people destress and decompress and relax.”



Omaira Castejon likes to color pictures with buildings.

The club meets in the library’s Glass Room the first Tuesday of every month from 1 to 3 p.m. and every third Thursday from 10 a.m. to noon.

The library plays soft classical music and offers refreshments during coloring time. The Friends of the Library Ponte Vedra Beach funds the club and its materials, which include coloring books with removable pages that range in style from simple to complex, from the “Beauties of

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Gloria Montesino holds up a picture she has finished as Phyllis Gallagher looks on.

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Nature” to “Art Nouveau Vogue.”

Members can also color bookmarks and greeting cards and have them laminated.

“I gave Christmas bookmarks to my whole family,” said regular Barbara Nailler. “I think coloring is good for eye hand coordination. As you get older, you need to work on your fine motor skills.”

Luci Satterelli said she also enjoys the camaraderie. “It’s a good time to socialize,” she said. “You get a lot of people who are fun and kind.”

Whether they care “to be chatty” or “more introspective,” Crawford said members write it in their calendars and look forward to coming.

“It’s been very popular,” Crawford said. “It started out once a month and then went to twice a month” for that reason. “It has an enthusiastic following, but newcomers are always welcomed.”

Tea Party

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investigating who, in addition to them, was making all the racket.

“They’re so social,” a party guest exclaimed as she and her group ventured into the Fantasy Farms car garage, where antique vehicular gems are displayed.

As it turned out, the Tippy Tea Party did not raise \$5,000 through the envelope wall, but it did raise \$7,000 for the Fostering Connections St. Johns in total.

“I think it was a great turn out for the first event,” Simpson-Gotham said. “It was a great opportunity to connect with



Photos by Daniela Toporek

Alice in Wonderland-themed cupcakes by Sweet City Cupcakes were ready to be sampled by guests.

like-minded supporters. And it was just a wonderful opportunity to connect the community, get them involved and spread awareness about foster care.”



The Red Queen and Alice battle it out at the Tea Party over a quick domino match.



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Not your average lunch ladies

The 'lunch dudes' of Palm Valley Academy serve up cafeteria staples in style

By Amber Lake

"There's your headline," said Chris Parker, food service manager at Palm Valley Academy. "Not your average lunch ladies." He breaks out laughing. Then he says it again, in case it was missed.

It's clear the "lunch dudes" behind the counter at the Palm Valley Academy dish out more than mac and cheese, which happens to be that day's special. They are cracking jokes and slapping each other on the back. They make shoving large stainless-steel spillage pans full of green beans into the oven look like fun. And it is — to them.

Greg Cominski didn't take well to retiring after being a juvenile probation officer and subsequently found himself in the K-8 school's cafeteria not too long after. Cominski said he walked into the interview for the position stating, "I have no experience at all — so I got no bad habits." Surprisingly, that worked, and he has currently been with the school for the past year. Of the three, Cominski possesses the rawest enthusiasm for being a lunch dude. His excitement and energy rivals that of his customers, saying, "being positive and

saying hello to a kid that looks like they're struggling," is the highlight of his day.

Javier Torres spent most of his career serving in the military, working as a food service technician. After 15 years in the service, spending time touring Iraq and Afghanistan, Torres decided he wanted to do something less demanding, although he wanted to stay in food preparation. "After getting burned out from the service," Torres said, "I decided to do something 'light' that also entailed giving back to the community." Torres said one of the most important aspects he loves about his job is being able to provide excellent customer service for even the smallest of customers. "They appreciate it, they really do," Torres said. "You can see it on their little faces."

The leader of the pack, Parker, announces today's special (mac and cheese) saying they are making 130 pounds of macaroni and cheese that day and they expect all of it to get eaten. "It's a very popular special," he said.

Parker's background was in the restaurant industry, previously owning a restaurant and lounge in Savannah, Georgia. Tired of the late hours, he has found his niche in the cafeteria, where he started working in 1996. Parker said he has seen a lot of changes go through school lunch preparation since he first started. "Kids are starting to see stuff for the first time here," he said. "Fresh fruits and vegetables. It's



Photo by Amber Lake

Greg Cominski (from left), Chris Parker and Javier Torres prep the day's (extra) special.

offered every day. Kids are more open to trying them or even just asking, 'what's that?'"

Although Parker said the industry has somewhat stepped back from the "made from scratch" preparation style of his early days, he is seeing steps being taken toward reducing sodium and making vegetables a necessary element of what's offered since the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010.

"The mac and cheese we serve today is low sodium," Parker said. "Some people liked (the initiative) and some didn't. I

look at it from the perspective of a food service manager and you're serving kids healthier stuff now, so maybe that will last a lifetime."

It's clear Parker, Torres and Cominski all are devoted to their jobs on something other than a superficial level: Torres, for serving his community. Cominski for brightening an overlooked kid's day and Parker for advocating healthy eating. They work well together.

"How we interact with each other, it's like my second family," said Torres. "I love these guys."

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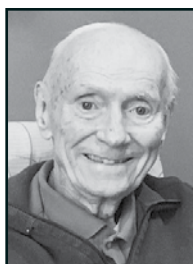
OBITUARIES

Frederick William McNabb Jr.

Frederick William McNabb Jr., 87, died Friday, February 21, 2020, following a long battle with Alzheimer's. He leaves his wife of 63 years, Elizabeth; sons, F. William III (Katie), Mark (Sue), Rob (Setsuko); daughters, Mary (George) and Trish; 14 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren.

Fred was born in Lowell, Massachusetts, on November 24, 1932, and grew up primarily in Hartford, Connecticut.

Always a top student, he graduated Phi Beta Kappa from the University of Rochester in 1954, where he met his wife,



Frederick William McNabb Jr.

Betsy. Fred attended Yale Law School, which was interrupted by a two-year stint in the US Air Force. He served in The Office of Special Investigations, rising to the rank of Captain.

After completing his studies at Yale, where he was an editor on the Yale Law Journal, he joined Nixon Hargrave, Devans and Doyle in Rochester, NY, as a practicing attorney. In 1964, he joined Goldman, Goldstein, Kessler and Underberg as partner and trial attorney. After 12 years of private practice, Fred moved to Boston and served as Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary for Continental Investment Corporation.

In 1974, Fred became General Counsel at GAF and moved the family to New Canaan, Connecticut, where he and Betsy lived for 20 years. Fred ended his career as Senior Vice President and General Counsel of MacAndrews and Forbes.

A member of the New York Bar Association, American Bar Association and American Society of Corporate Secretaries, he was named to Who's Who in America in the mid 80's. With all of his academic and professional accomplishments, Fred was most proud of his faith and family.

A devout Catholic, Fred volunteered countless hours to the Archdiocese of

Rochester and St. Thomas More Church.

After retiring from professional life, he and Betsy split time between Ponte Vedra, Florida, and Grantham, New Hampshire. They enjoyed traveling, frequent visits from family and grandchildren, golf and social activities at Marsh Landing Country Club, the Jacksonville Jaguars and the Jacksonville Symphony. They were fortunate to have their youngest daughter, Trish, and her three children close by.

Services will be private. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Community Hospice and Palliative Care, Jacksonville. Please sign the online guestbook at www.pontevedravalley.com.

Chester Frantz

Chester Frantz, 95, of Ponte Vedra, Florida, died Feb. 25, 2020. Ponte Vedra Valley Funeral Home, Cremation Center & Cemetery – (904) 285-1130 – www.pontevedravalley.com

James A. McKelvey

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Thomas Patrick O'Connell

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ABOVE: Chocolate and Beyond guests Mallory Gouldi and her daughter Maisie debate over their favorite ice cream offered at the fundraiser.

RIGHT: St. Augustine resident Anne Tessier talked her daughters Jackie Diani (left) and Mary Anne Richards (right) into attending the fundraiser, mentioning they all work in education and are excited for the cause.

Photos by Daniela Toporek



For the love of chocolate

By Daniela Toporek

Is gluttony really a sin if it's for a good cause?

On Feb. 29, TASK (Teacher's Aid for Student Knowledge) held its 27th annual fundraiser, "Chocolate and Beyond," to raise money for the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program of St. Johns County.

Held at First Coast Technical College in St. Augustine, the fundraiser featured sweet and savory treats from a variety of local businesses, showcasing their chocolates as attendees chatted and nibbled on samples being served.

"It's a great event for RSVP and the community," said TASK Board Member Sara Garcia-Malone. "I love it and we love throwing it on."

The event also included a silent auction, with items ranging from floral gift baskets to Jacksonville Jaguars merchandise, a "guess the number of chocolates" contest and a 50/50 chance raffle.

"It wasn't very hard, but I was thrilled," said Anne Tessier after she won a small prize for spinning a "Wheel of Fortune." Tessier was at Chocolate and Beyond with her daughters, Mary Anne Richards and Jackie Downing.

"She talked us into coming and we're having a fun day," Richards said. "We love the band," she said of a student jazz



Chocolate brownies by the Raintree Restaurant in St. Augustine are ready to be sampled.

band that had guests tapping their feet.

"And this is for such a great organization and cause," said Downing. "We didn't know about it until we came. My mom knew about it and we all work in education and are teachers."

RSVP is a collective of seniors and retired community members who volunteer to mentor and tutor students from kindergarten through 12th grade. The organization also helps teach preschool students to read.

"This is my 20th year at Chocolate and Beyond," said Cheryl Freeman, RSVP director. "We've had and still do have volunteers from the Ponte Vedra area because we have schools there. Some volunteers also come to St. Augustine. Whatever works for them, and we're just so appreciative for everything they do."

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KIDS SPRINGIN' FOR FUN Guide

Hey kids, dream of being in show biz? These camps are for you

This summer, the Apex Theatre Studio in Ponte Vedra Beach will offer theatre camps and intensives for students ages 7-18. Camp offerings will include a variety of programs, including the studio's seventh annual musical theatre production of "Godspell;" the Bard Bus, a traveling Shakespeare company; a daily camp called Ready! Set! Go! for students interested in all aspects of theatre — and the Northeast Florida stage premiere of a Disney contemporary classic, "Moana Jr."

This will be our first summer in our newly expanded location, which allows us to increase our program offerings. We think of it as adding an extra table at a summer gathering so we can offer more things for students to feast upon," said Ian Mairs, managing director.

The Ready! Set! Go! Monday through Friday camp experience will explore all aspects of theatre making. Workshops will include: Improvisation, Musical Theatre, Stage Combat and Acting for the Camera. Families will be invited to the studio every Friday for a sharing time. The camp will present the "Palm Valley Follies" variety show on Thursday, June 18, featuring musical numbers, theater games, stage combat sequences and scenes and monologues featuring camp participants. Students can elect to attend camp on a weekly basis or for the full session, June 1-19.

The seventh annual musical theater intensive will

produce the feel-good Broadway classic, "Godspell," an entertaining and thoughtful telling of the Gospel according to St. Matthew. Auditions are slated for Sunday, March 8 and will begin at 3 p.m. Students need to sign up at the Apex website under auditions. Performances will be June 26 and 27 at the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall and July 2 and 3 at St. John's Cathedral in Jacksonville.

The Bard Bus, the studio's traveling Shakespeare company, will bring its fast paced and hilarious production of "Twelfth Night" to a host of venues around the region, with stops in Atlantic Beach, Springfield and closing out the production at the Backyard Stage at the St. Augustine Amphitheatre. "This is the third year we have been able to bring Shakespeare to the community and it feels less like a play and more like a party," said Raines Carr, artistic director for the production. Auditions are slated for Sunday, April 5.

The summer will close with a newly adapted version of Disney's contemporary classic "Moana Jr.," which tells the story of Moana and the village of Motunui. A heartwarming coming-of-age story, it follows the strong-willed Moana as she sets sail across the Pacific and will feature performers ages 10 to 15. Auditions are Tuesday, May 19 and performances will take place on July 24 and 25 at the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall.

For more information visit apextheatrejax.com.



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PVHS students take part in annual state Chinese Competition

Special to the Recorder

Ponte Vedra High School students recently competed in the 15th annual Florida State Chinese Competition in Orlando, becoming one of the few public high schools in the state to do so.

At the competition, students competed as individuals and a team against other students studying Mandarin Chinese across the state. PVHS is the only high school in St. Johns County to offer Mandarin Chinese as a foreign language credit.

Yan Li, Chinese language teacher at PVHS and vice president of the Florida Chinese Teachers Association, prepared her students for the competition. Li is the only Chinese teacher in St. Johns County and teaches at Ponte Vedra High School and Landrum Middle School. She has led the students to participate in the Florida State Chinese Competition for the past eight years.

"I love taking students every year," Li said. "This kind of thing really engages the students and the parents to learn more about the culture."

The students practiced each week for months preceding the event. Meeting each Thursday, students memorized speeches and countless facts about Chinese culture.



Photo provided by Hope Daughtry

PVHS Chinese language students pose with teacher Yan Li (center) during a trip to Orlando to participate in the Florida State Chinese Competition.

Students prepared for a reading, listening, cultural and speaking assessment related to their particular level for that year. Additionally, a chosen team of four students competed against the other schools in an annual jeopardy game, specifically assessing the students on their cultural knowledge.

"Chinese competition is the highlight of my year," said PVHS student Callista Campbell. "The jeopardy game is surprisingly intense, but everyone knows we are here just having fun at the end of the day!"

Working alongside her students, Li allows them to grow in their knowledge through the friendly competition. The stu-

dents are also led by the two co-captains of the Chinese Competition team, Hope Daughtry and Maggie Dykstra. As student leaders and second-year attendees of the competition, Daughtry and Dykstra helped their 15 peers get familiar with the content and prospective events.

"It is amazing how much the program has grown since I started studying Chinese freshman year," Daughtry said. "I love how the competition gets not only my peers excited about studying Chinese, but it also shows my parents how much I love it. Engaging my school by cheering us on and engaging the community by just letting people know how much passion we have is truly inspiring."

Dykstra added, "It is really a lot of fun, getting together and having a friendly competition. I loved seeing the new faces and making so many friends. It's cool to have that shared study and bonding over it with students from all across the state."

The students' parents also love how the competition engages their students in their studies.

"My daughter is the coolest nerd ever for being involved in this," said Rachel Daughtry, Hope's mother. "It is so cool to see so many amazing kids joining together and having fun. It's crazy to think they all learn this awesome language."

High school students 'think global, act local'

By Christine Rodenbaugh

Ponte Vedra High School senior Chase Magnano is one of 234 students recognized nationwide as Distinguished Finalists for their impressive community service activities by The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards, a nationwide program honoring students in grades five through 12 for outstanding volunteer service. Magnano will receive an engraved bronze medallion.

The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards is conducted by Prudential Financial in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals.

"In our 25th year of honoring young volunteers, we are as inspired as ever by the work students are doing to address the needs of a changing world," said Charles Lowrey, chairman and CEO of Prudential Financial Inc. "We hope that their resolve, their initiative and their perspectives on society's challenges move others to consider how they can make a difference, too."

Magnano cofounded Teens Helping Refugees Integrate Via Engagement, also known as JaxTHRIVE, a nonprofit organization that has provided more than 85 refugee students in the Jacksonville area with programming focused on English, STEAM and career and life skills. Magnano's efforts include raising more than \$50,000, recruiting volunteers, collaborating with other local community organizations and establishing JaxTHRIVE chapters in several schools.

The catalyst for the initiative was an experience Magnano had on a family vacation to Germany the summer before his sophomore year. They stopped in Hamburg and, through a family friend, were invited to share an Eid al-Fitr dinner with Syrian refugees. Eid al-Fitr marks the end of Ramadan, the Muslim holy month of fasting.

"I was pretty nervous going into it," Magnano said.

But the family's son, about Magnano's age, was wearing a Star Wars t-shirt. Both were surprised at how much they had in common — Star Wars, TV shows and even the same songs in their playlists. He said they ended up talking the rest of the night.

"He was from the other side of the world," Magnano said. "There were so many similarities. It doesn't matter where you're from. Everyone is so alike when you come down to it."

That was the most memorable part of the trip, Magnano



Photo provided by JaxTHRIVE

Ponte Vedra High School senior Chase Magnano cofounded JaxTHRIVE, a nonprofit whose volunteers tutor refugee students in the Jacksonville area.

said, and it stuck with him after returning home. He wanted to find a way to get involved, to help the local refugee population and meet more interesting people like the Syrian refugee Star Wars fan he connected with in Hamburg. He said he wanted to "think global, act local."

Magnano had heard about World Relief, a government organization that partners with local churches and community-based organizations to provide support for immigrants and refugees who are seeking a place to call home. It's common for kids recently resettled in America to fall behind in academics because of language and culture barriers, as well as gaps in attending school. Magnano volunteered to help with English and get them caught up.

"I think education is one of the best pathways to a good future," said Magnano, who describes himself as a math nerd. "Being able to show someone else math is cool is exciting. It's kind of fun, really. They're smart, but there's a language barrier. Sometimes they can learn a month of math in four hours."

Magnano's longtime friend, Grace Freedman, also volunteered and the duo wanted to find a way to continue volunteering throughout the year — on Saturdays. They were able to organize volunteers to help, but World Relief suffered a budget cut and was no longer a viable partner. The possibility to continue tutoring student refugees seemed to be over. A local non-government organization, Kim's Open Door, stepped up to help. The privately funded nonprofit somewhat filled the gap World Relief budget cuts had left, but the program had to be scaled back.

Magnano and Freedman started JaxTHRIVE as a way to raise funds to have the impact they wanted. To date, more than 200 volunteers have donated 500 hours to help 85 refugee kids.

"In another bit of crazy perfect timing, I competed on Who Wants to Be a Millionaire," Magnano said. "I came back with prize money from that and wanted to do something better than going on a shopping spree. I used a portion of the winnings as seed money."

Volunteering with World Relief, Magnano and Freedman were able to establish a rapport with other like-minded people and gain their trust. They worked alongside Kim's Open Door, which resulted in support for infrastructure, transportation and access to kids. The Girl Scouts have volunteered through their gold and silver projects. They just started a GoFundMe page with a link from jaxthrive.net. The Ponte Vedra High School lacrosse team, meanwhile, held a camp to teach the sport, which was unfamiliar to most of the refugee students.

"It was great to see all the kids connect around the sport," Magnano said. "Barriers between anyone faded away as they bonded over common interest."

JaxTHRIVE has held two community galas that have not only raised money, but also brought awareness to the difference between refugees and immigrants. Magnano wants people to understand what these students are going through. In addition to being the new kid from across world, they're not at grade level. Tutoring helps them catch up.

"They've taught me more than I could have taught them," he said. "About resilience — coming from somewhere so different and experiencing extraordinary hardships. They come through with a good attitude, ready

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EARLY REGISTRATION FOR NEW STUDENTS TO ST. JOHNS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT HAS BEGUN

The St. Johns County School District began early registration for the 2020-2021 school year on March 2 for children new to the school district, including those who will be entering kindergarten.

Early registration can be completed online at www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/student/enrollment or by visiting the student's assigned school website. To find the assigned school, residents need to enter their street address on the Attendance Zone Locator at www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/zoning/.

To be eligible for public kindergarten in the SJCS, children must be 5 years old on or before September 1 and must reside in St. Johns County.

Other requirements for registration include:

- Birth certificate/guardianship documents
- Documentation of a health examination performed within one year of enrollment
- Proof of completed required immunizations on Form DH680
- Proof of residence per the Residency and Guardianship Policy located at www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/student/residency/

For more information regarding registration, call the Student Services Department at (904) 547-7598 or the assigned school.



Photo provided by Jacksonville Country Day School
Liam Wong portrays Spanish astronaut Pedro Duque.

Ponte Vedra Beach student portrays Spanish astronaut

Liam Wong, a sixth-grade student at Jacksonville Country Day School and a Ponte Vedra Beach resident, recently portrayed Spanish astronaut Pedro Duque at his school — in costume and while speaking Spanish.

He was a part of the Hispanic Wax Museum, a school project that showcased the language and presentation skills of 6th graders, many of whom have taken Spanish for over six years at JCDS.

Visitors saw a cast of famous Hispanics, including Pablo Picasso, Frida Kahlo and other celebrities who told their life stories in Spanish with a push of a button.

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About 13 area schools have JaxTHRIVE chapters to help refugee students catch up to grade level in English and other subjects.

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to learn or to have fun. They have good energy, good light. Especially when you might think they may not have that good energy because of all they've been through.

"I realize the problems I'm dealing with are temporary; they're small. The kids remind me to bring that light and to remain positive," he said.

Cofounder Grace Freedman graduated last year and is attending Yale. Magnano graduates with the Class of 2020 and has been accepted to Princeton. When the pair began JaxTHRIVE, they committed to

being at every event to make sure it was running as smoothly as possible. As chapters in about 13 area schools formed, other students stepped up to lead and they are just as excited as Magnano and Freedman. This year, the push has been to get people thinking about how JaxTHRIVE runs day to day and finding leaders to continue the initiative. Working with them, there is a succession plan for next year.

"I never understood the value of teaching," Magnano said. "Until you start doing it, you never see how profound the impact will be. It's been really, really incredible to work with such a great group of kids."

For more information or to support JaxTHRIVE, visit jaxthrive.net.



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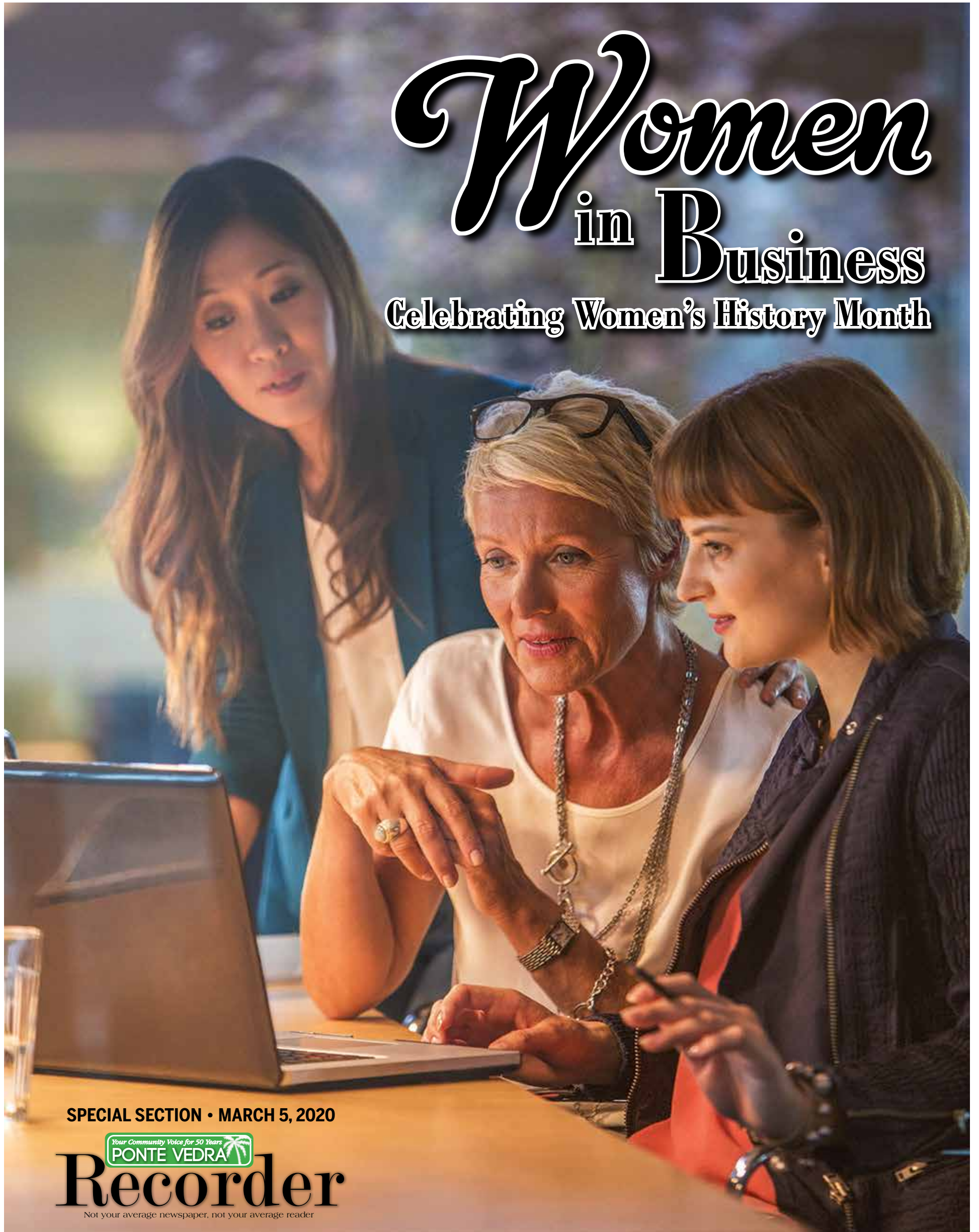
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Tabitha Furyk to receive 'Rock of the Community Award' from Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach



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Tabitha Furyk will be presented the "Rock of the Community Award" on May 9.

Award to be presented May 9 at annual Mineral City Celebration

Local philanthropist Tabitha Furyk will receive the 2020 "Rock of the Community Award" at the Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach's annual Mineral City Celebration, to be held Saturday, May 9 at the Sawgrass Marriott Resort.

Furyk, wife of PGA Tour champion Jim Furyk, will be honored for her impact on Ponte Vedra Beach through the Jim and Tabitha Furyk Foundation, which helps children and families in need. She and her husband live in Ponte Vedra Beach with their two children.

"Tabitha Furyk is a true champion in her own right for local kids and families," noted Vickie Cavey, president of the Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach. "Through her role as co-founder of the Jim and Tabitha Furyk Foundation, she has been active in our community, leading efforts to improve the lives of those in need."

Through events such as the annual Furyk & Friends Concert and Celebrity Golf Classic, Cavey noted, the Furyk foundation raises funds

for its Hope for the Holidays and These Kids Can Play programs while also supporting a number of worthwhile organizations, including Community PedsCare, Blessings in a Backpack and Wolfson Children's Hospital. Tabitha Furyk has also been the driving force behind Operation Shower: Held each year in conjunction with THE PLAYERS Championship, the baby shower provides gifts and supplies to expecting mothers who are on active duty with the military or whose husbands are deployed.

"The Rotary Club created the Rock of the Community Award to recognize individuals who dedicate themselves to making a positive impact on Ponte Vedra Beach," Cavey said, "and Tabitha Furyk is amply deserving of this honor."

The Mineral City Celebration is the signature annual fundraising event for the Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach. Proceeds from the event benefit more than two dozen local nonprofit organizations and charities, including the Beaches Dial-a-Ride program, Mission House, BEAM, HEAL, the Council on Aging and more. As this year's Rock of the Community Award honoree, Tabitha Furyk has chosen Alex's Dragonfly Coalition as her designated charity. For tickets or more information, visit www.mineralcitycelebration.com.



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7 years strong, Womens Food Alliance is Leigh Cort's legacy to 'hard working, creative, dynamic, caring women'

RIGHT: Leigh Cort, Womens Food Alliance founder and president at the Feb. 26 tea.



By Maggie FitzRoy

Amy Morales' homemade chocolate sauce always won her rave reviews, so 10 years ago during the recession, she began giving it to friends for Christmas instead of buying gifts.

Birthing out of the new financial reality she and her husband, who worked in the construction industry, found themselves, Morales eventually decided to turn "Amy's Amazing Chocolate Sauce" into a business she calls "Sweets for the Soul."

Coming from a career in education, Morales had no idea how to get the word out about her business until joining Womens Food Alliance, an organization that according to its mission statement, "cultivates and advances networking, education, and collaboration for women in the culinary and hospitality industry in the Northeast Florida region."

"They accepted me as a product in process, which I thought was great," said Morales, who gave a talk about her sauce and passed out samples at an afternoon alliance tea party Feb. 26 at the South Ponte Vedra Beach oceanfront home of one of its members.

For Womens Food Alliance Founder and President Leigh Cort, helping Morales promote her business was what it is all about. Cort has been helping support women in the food and hospitality industries for seven years. And through organic growth, the alliance has gone from an original eight members to 135, and growing, today.

Members come from all facets of the hospitality industry and include chefs, restaurateurs, hotel owners, wholesale bakers, food service professionals, caterers and more.

Membership has even branched out from Northeast Florida to Southeast Georgia, South Florida, New Orleans and even as far away as Sitka, Alaska, because the organization is so diverse and unique.

Laddie Dwyer, a talent and music agent, has owned an entertainment company for 50 years.

Mimi Lan is a chef specializing in Vietnamese food with global influences.

Kelly Mabry owns Tropical Smoothies of Nocatee.

Pat Mack, a food writer and successful cookbook author, comes to monthly gatherings from Cocoa, Florida. She was among the 23 members to attend the tea party at Ocean Blue, a beachfront home owned by Linda Granfield, which is available for rent for family reunions and similar group events, and which members got to tour.

"I drove two and a half hours to get here," Mack said. "I wouldn't miss it because there is nothing else like it in the culinary industry."

Mack is also a huge fan of Cort, whom she has known for years. "Leigh is an absolutely fabulous person, glamorous and exciting," Mack said. "What she has done with Womens Food Alliance—month after month coming up with fabulous programs—it's camaraderie, it's friendship, it's networking. We are all learning and sharing."

"I try to fill our events with our members' current successes and challenges, so we can help them," said Cort, who has worked in various capacities in the hospitality industry for 40 years.



ABOVE: Samples of Amy's Amazing Chocolate Sauce.

BELOW: Womens Food Alliance members network with each other during the tea.

Photos by Maggie FitzRoy



Members of the Womens Food Alliance get to know each other at the tea.



Womens Food Alliance member Hillary Lake (left) chats with new member Amy Morales, who gave a talk about her chocolate sauce at the event.



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The Recorder has a new garden columnist, Kathy Esfahani, of Kathy's Creative Gardens & Nursery. Read her column for valuable, gorgeous garden-growing tips in Northeast Florida.

KATHY'S GARDENING GUIDE



Kathy Esfahani
Columnist

"The earth laughs in flowers." – Ralph Waldo Emerson

PALM TREES

As we see all around us in Florida, palm trees are a popular staple for our landscaping. The very tall, thin palms you see everywhere are sabal palms (also known as cabbage palms) and are native to the state.

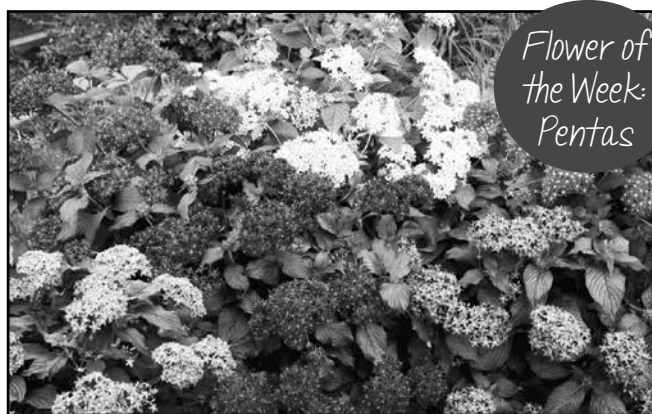
However, there are many other beautiful types of palms that can flourish in our zone. Here are a few of our favorites at Kathy's Nursery:

Sylvester Palms (Phoenix Sylvestris): These are one of our most popular sellers. They come in a variety of heights to fit most landscapes and create a beautiful ambience. They have a neat diamond-cut trunk, but as they are large trees that need to be planted a distance from the home.

Queen Palms: These palms are stately, with bright glossy leaves that are gorgeous in the wind. Their fronds cascade over, which creates a tropical vibe. Bright orange dates hang in ornamental clusters. They are common around patios and pools and areas of relaxation.

Bismarck Palms: These silvery blue-green palms are show-stoppers, with their huge fronds and robust trunks. Their fronds can span up to 16 feet. They are fast growing and thrive in full sun, making them a focal point of your landscaping.

Robellini Palms (Pygmy Date Palms): This miniature palm is slow growing and allows you to have a palm closer to your home. Popular at the end of driveways or front



Flower of the Week: Pentas

doors, robellinis are soft and feminine in look and feel.

Sago Palms: These wide trunk palms are dark green and lush. They will not grow to be too high, with large cones of seeds growing out of the middle. The seeds are poisonous to pets, so keep them away from fur-friendly homes.

European Fan Palms: These palms are very hardy and slow growing. They are not sensitive to cold weather and grow 8-15 feet tall. Their fronds are fine textured, which makes them stick out in landscaping, and they can range from dark green to silver in color.

Majestic Palms: This palm loves humidity, which is perfect for our Northeast Florida climate. Their fronds can be full, fanning out to 15 feet in height. They are also slow growers that don't mind some shade, but love water and naturally wet areas.

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Jacksonville Arboretum hires PVB resident as executive director

The Jacksonville Arboretum & Gardens Board of Directors hired Ponte Vedra Beach resident Dana J. Doody as executive director for the nonprofit organization.



Dana J. Doody

Doody brings more than 13 years of non-profit experience to the position and most recently served as director of development with the North Florida Land Trust, where she raised more than \$3 million. She is also a Florida Master Naturalist, Uplands Graduate.

"As a board, our primary goal is to grow the arboretum into a sustainable organization and fully develop our botanical gardens while adding more impactful programs," said JAG Board President Ron Whittington.

"We felt Dana had the right skill set to help us achieve these goals, while sharing our vision and a real passion for the arboretum."

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Women may need extra steps to reach financial security



Karsten Jacobson
Columnist

International Women’s Day 2020 is observed on March 8. This special day celebrates the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. Yet women still face gender barriers as they seek to achieve their financial goals.

How can you address these challenges?

To begin with, you need to be aware of what you’re up against. The wage gap between men and women has closed somewhat, but it hasn’t disappeared. Full-time female employees earn about 82% of what men earn, according to the Census Bureau. Over a 40-year career, a woman who worked full time would lose, on average, more than \$400,000 because of this wage gap, according to the National Women’s Law Center.

Furthermore, a woman turning age 65 today can expect to live, on average, until age 86.5; for a 65-year-old man, the comparable figure is 84. Those two and a half years can amount to a lot more living expenses.

Plus, by taking time off from the workplace to raise children and care for elderly family members, women often end up with lower balances in their 401(k)s and IRAs than men.

So, what can you do to help even the playing field, in terms of building adequate resources for retirement? Here are a few suggestions:

■ **Contribute as much as possible to your retirement plans.** During your working years, put in as much as you can afford to your 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored retirement plan. Most people don’t come anywhere near the 401(k) contribution limit (which, in 2020, is \$19,500, or \$26,000 if you’re 50 or older), and you might not be able to reach it, either, but

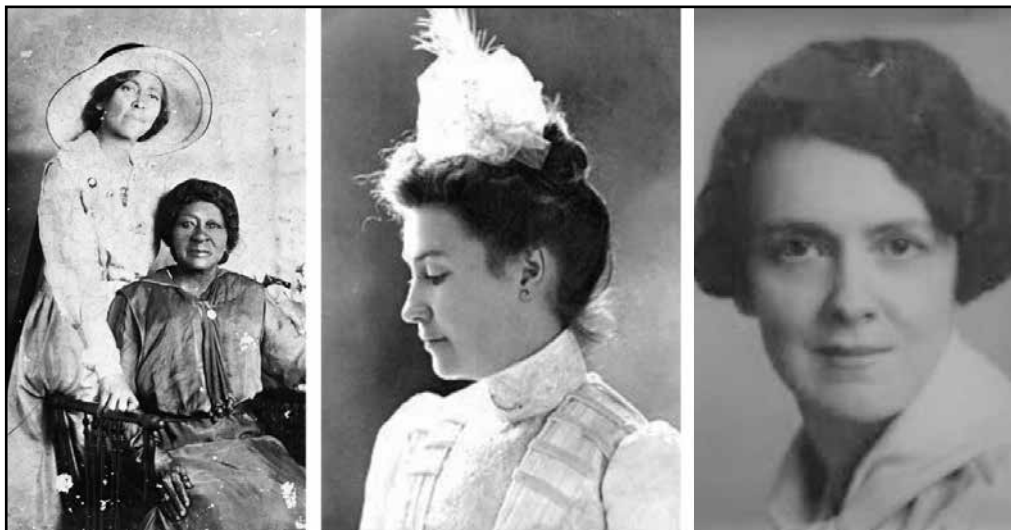
strive to do the best you can. And every time your salary increases, bump up your annual contribution. If you are able to “max out” on your 401(k), you may still be able to contribute to an IRA. If your income exceeds certain limits, you can’t contribute to a Roth IRA, which offers tax-free withdrawals of earnings if you meet certain conditions. But you may still be able to fund a traditional IRA, although the tax deductibility may be reduced or eliminated.

■ **Use Social Security wisely.** You can start taking Social Security as early as 62, but your checks can be larger if you wait until your full retirement age, which will likely be between 66 and 67. And if you’re married, you may be able to choose between claiming your own benefits or receiving 50% of your spouse’s benefits, which could help you if your spouse has considerably higher earnings. (Your spouse does not lose any benefits if you choose this route.)

■ **Look for every opportunity to save and invest.** As mentioned above, women often lose out on some retirement savings when they take time away from the workforce to raise families and eventually become caregivers for elderly parents. But even if you aren’t working full time, it doesn’t mean you have no chance to boost your retirement savings. If you can do any paid work, whether it’s part time or as a consultant, you can contribute to an IRA – and you should.

It’s not easy to overcome the structural disadvantages women face when seeking to reach financial security. Taking advantage of the savings and investment possibilities available can help you make progress toward your goals.

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Remarkable Women of North Florida subject of Lunch and Learn

Former Jacksonville Historical Society Executive Director Emily R. Lisska will speak about some of the significant women who helped shape Jacksonville’s future by their tremendous achievements at a Lunch and Learn event.

The Remarkable Women lecture will

be held Wednesday, March 18 from 11 a.m. to noon at Old St. Andrew’s Church. Box lunches must be reserved. Old St. Andrew’s Church is located at 317 A. Philip Randolph Blvd. in Jacksonville. Admission is \$15 per person.

For questions call the JHS office at (904) 665-0064.

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“In the food industry,” Cort said, “I’m one of them.”

Cort transitioned into the hospitality industry in her late 30s after a career as a singer and actress in New York City. Beginning in New York and then through the years she took on a variety of roles, including planning celebrity events, working in the hotel industry and founding a frozen food company.

In the 1990s, she was director of marketing and special events at Sardi’s in New York’s theater district, planning parties for celebrities such as Katherine Hepburn and Jerry Lewis.

In 1995, she moved to St. Simons Island, Georgia and, shortly after that, spent five years at the Ritz Carlton on Amelia Island as director of catering.

“That put me in the heartbeat of Jacksonville,” Cort said. “It put me into the growing culinary scene of North Florida.”



Photo by Maggie FitzRoy

Longtime Womens Food Alliance member Laddie Dwyer (left) chats with founder Leigh Cort.

In 2000, Cort resigned and move to St. Augustine, launching her public relations company, Leigh Cort Publicity, which she still operates, specializing in historic inns

and hotels.

In 2013, Cort said she realized a strong desire to give back to the hospitality industry, which had “been so good to me,” and

founded Womens Food Alliance as a result.

But the real catalyst, she said, was her adult son, Jeff Serebin, who was battling brain cancer in New Jersey at the time.

“I couldn’t be there,” Cort said. “I had my PR business and I was up all night worrying and crying.”

Needing to do something with her grief-fueled energy, one night in the middle of the night she got up and wrote the mission statement for Womens Food Alliance. The next morning, she invited eight “fantastic women,” including a food photographer, food writer and restaurateur, to join her for dinner at Ocean 60 in Atlantic Beach to discuss the organization.

All said they wanted to join.

And the female food alliance has been growing and going strong since then.

Serebin lost his fight with cancer and Cort sees it as a tribute to him, her beloved “foodie” and “eater.”

It is also, “my legacy to hard working, creative, dynamic, caring women,” she said. “It is my favorite project in my entire life, and I say that with love.”

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Named as a “Woman of Influence” by the Jacksonville Business Journal in 2018, Doody previously worked as an account manager for the Jacksonville Regional Chamber of Commerce, where she created the Health Council, one of the chamber’s most successful councils.

She also worked with the Cystic Fibro-

sis Foundation, where she oversaw three events and added a new event in Gainesville; CF Climb, which was well-received by the organization and participants.

Doody grew up in Jacksonville and attended Florida State College at Jacksonville. She is also a graduate of the Presidents Program of Sandler Sales Institute.

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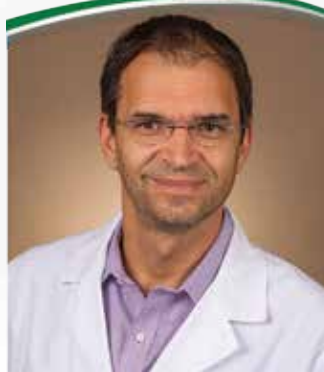
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New neighborhoods in Nocatee hold grand opening celebration, Realtor preview

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Hangar One Bistro owner Rainer Pereira Da Silva renovated the location and added a full bar, with local craft beers and liquors from the St. Augustine Distillery.



Calebe (left) and Rainer Pereira Da Silva pose at the entrance of the restaurant.



Photos by Daniela Toporek
Chef Tiago Joaquim gets his culinary inspiration from his Brazilian heritage.

New St. Augustine eatery takes flight at regional airport

By Daniela Toporek

St. Augustine's newest industrial-themed restaurant is taking "dinner with a view" to a whole new level — or altitude.

Hangar One Bistro, located at the Northeast Florida Regional Airport off U.S. 1 in St. Augustine, offers a sleek yet casual steampunk-esque environment with quality-sourced cuisine and views

of the airport runways.

The eatery and full bar hosted a soft opening on Feb. 26, offering a variety of samples from their menu, as well as a chance to talk to the owners and chef — along with an open bar of bottomless mimosas.

The eatery served samples of its wagyu slider with white cheddar and bistro sauce, quickly becoming a signature favorite as guests swiped each burger as

fast as the kitchen could plate them.

"They didn't last long at all," said Hangar One guest Raymond Hall.

For more veggie-friendly options, the eatery also offers bistro pies that come with either a vegetable or chicken filling. Regardless of the choice, Hall's wife Ana thinks there is no wrong answer.

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Oh no, here we go again!



Harry Pappas
Columnist

If you are looking for reasons to be worried, there are plenty of headlines to light the fuse. Frankly, I believe scary is a perfect word to describe what is going on, but periodic crises are inevitable and

recovery always follows. As we know, fears about the coronavirus have driven stock prices considerably lower indicative of the Dow Jones Industrial Average, with a whopping 3,583-point drop last week, which proved to be the worst week since 2008.

Although, it might be hard for many to believe how quickly the market has declined in such a short period, it does not surprise me in the least. Candidly speaking, I suggest last year's incredible performance for the stock market put a lot of us in a state of complacency. Therefore, this corrections (usually defined as 10% pullback) are a just a normal part of investing regardless of the severity. Regardless of the common place of corrections, they are intended to scare the snot out of us and this one is arguably doing just that. However, one thing about market corrections is they eventually stop. The problem, of course, is figuring out when. When we witness a downturn in stocks, it reminds most of us just how emotionally difficult successful investing is, especially in a 24-hour-news-cycle environment. It is challenging even for the most disciplined investor to patiently wait for long-term results when his or her portfolio is being pummeled. Therefore, I understand the temptation to believe in doom and gloom, especially since the trauma of 2008 caused many to succumb to post-traumatic stress disorder.

I am writing this narrative, on Monday March 2, at the close of trading with the Dow roaring back from the Coronavirus sell-off with its largest gain since 2009 advancing over just shy of 1,294 points or 5.1%!

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National physical therapy clinic opens in Nocatee

By Daniela Toporek

National physical therapy clinic CORA Physical Therapy hosted a ribbon-cutting Feb. 13 to celebrate the opening of its new Nocatee location off Town Plaza Avenue.

Jammas Jax and The Icee Spot food trucks parked in front of the new location, greeting guests at Cora's entrance.

Inside, guests were welcomed by the Cora staff, where they gave a tour of the clinic and explained its services to the Nocatee community.

"We have 14 locations across

Jacksonville, and this is our third in St. Johns County," said Susie Parker, CORA's physician marketer. "We can treat 'toes to nose.' Anything from concussions, joints, vestibular, anything orthopedically along the spine, hips, knees, post-op, anything."

Neighboring vendor Aesthetix Plus stopped by to support the new business, along with future Nocatee juice bar and local business Clean Juice, which offered samples of different juices and information about their opening in summer 2020.



Photo by Daniela Toporek
Physician Marketer Susie Parker (left) and Director of the PVB Division for the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce Karen Everett pose inside the CORA Nocatee clinic entrance.

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A server at the Loon's Nest Bar & Grill waits on a Cypress Village resident at the newly renovated bar (pictured at right).

Cypress Village unveils newly updated Loon's Nest Bar & Grill

Cypress Village recently hosted a grand opening for the community's newly updated restaurant and bar space.

Residents and guests enjoyed sampling featured menu items from the Loon's Nest Bar & Grill as well as the Sandpiper Café, which reopened after a period of renovations. Among the menu items featured at the grand reopening were ribeye steak, bronzed scallops, a new Quinoa Power Bowl and numerous appetizers.

The renovations consisted of enlarging and updating the restaurant and bar along

with opening up the main event hall to be included in one space. The improvements will allow residents to dine in an updated open concept space overlooking the water. Improvements were also made to the kitchen.

"The new kitchen space will definitely allow us to cook dishes we could never have dreamed of before," said Thomas Rivers, director of dining services. "I am very excited for the opportunity to provide something that the residents have been waiting a long time for."

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Of course, nobody can say with certainty that we hit a bottom last Friday and that today is a sigh of relief and the beginning of a recovery higher. My cloudy crystal ball is telling me that the pain is not enough for a bottom, which, to me, suggests that we have more downside in stock prices. But then again, what do I know; I am just a financial advisor.

However, there is one thing that I do know with incredibly high certainty and that is those of us who can control our fear are arguably the ones who will not become one of the Wall Street casualties.

Let's all keep the faith that we will soon win the battle over the coronavirus, which should put our economy back on sound footing and push the stock market higher.

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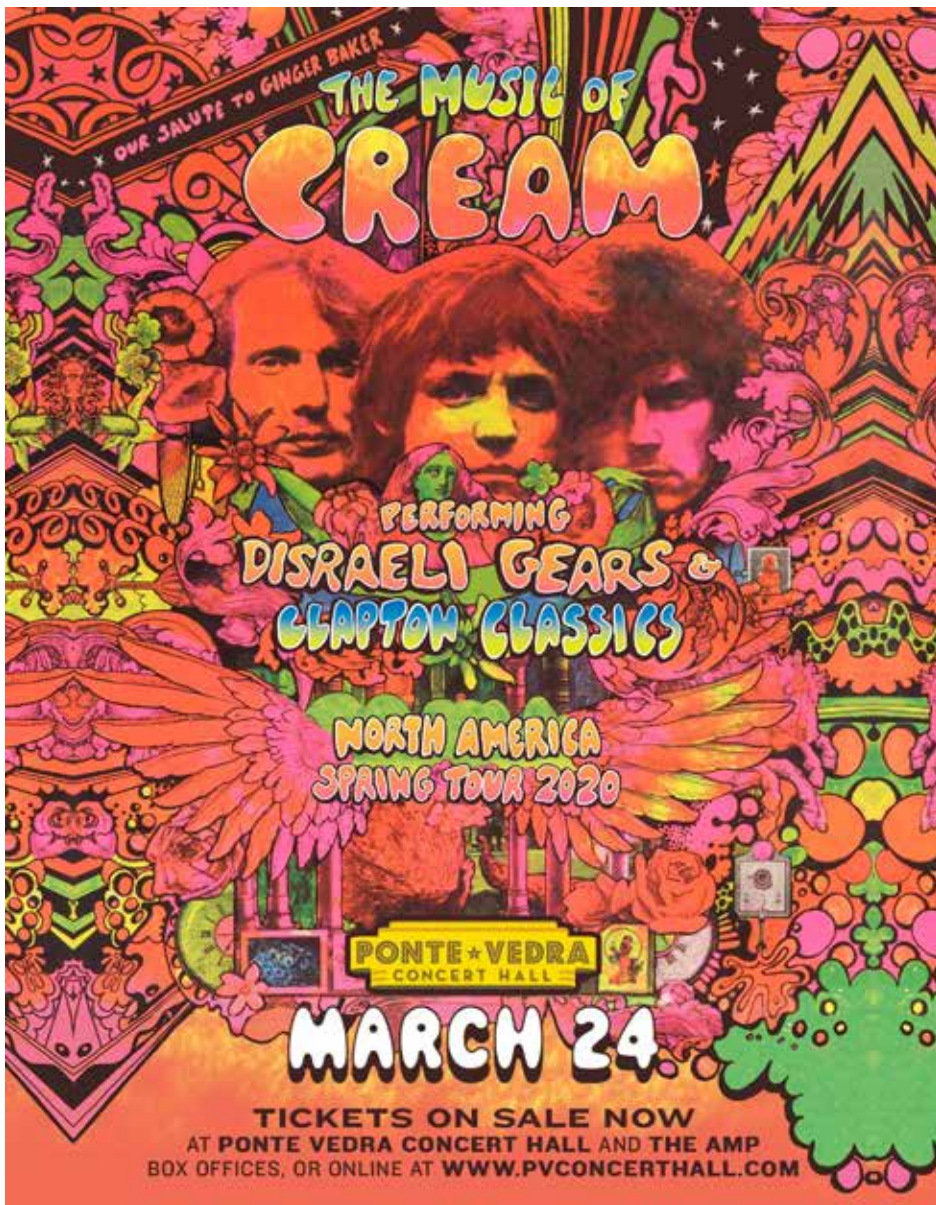


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Airport staff and guests sample all the goods from Hangar One Bistro.

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“I’ve already had about three of these,” she said, laughing, as she pointed to one of the veggie pies.

“The filling is salpicão,” said Hangar One’s chef Tiago Joaquim. Salpicão is a Brazilian dish with chicken and other herbs.

Joaquim is from Brazil, as is Calebe Pereira, husband of Hangar One owner Rainer Pereira Da Silva.

Da Silva is a German-born pilot who runs the flight school at the airport, Florida Flyers, and is also the man behind the eatery. He was inspired to fuse the cuisines for a place where guests and

students can relax and socialize.

“It was really lacking a restaurant for the customers and pilots that fly in,” Da Silva said about the airport. “I thought it was a great opportunity. I initially turned in my concept in 2016, and we couldn’t really decide on common ground. I came back in 2019 with a different concept. It was accepted and here we are.”

Da Silva and his team remodeled the entire location, creating two indoor patios for the view and a full liquor bar, adding St. Augustine craft beers and liquor from the St. Augustine Distillery.

Da Silva is running a restaurant out of a regional airport, but he’s doing it with a local mindset.

“We want to stay local,” he said, “and support local businesses like us.”

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“I was a client at CORA and got to know the staff,” said Clean Juice co-owner Sam Lacey, who owns the franchise alongside his wife, Angie. “They knew we were opening the juice bar and invited us to come and market with them, so here we are.”

Another CORA patient, Nocatee resident Jennifer Borgio, runs with PRS Running Club. The club has a partnership with CORA. Members run from CORA locations and in exchange, CORA supports them during races, according to Borgio, especially the Gate River Run.

“They’ll come out and give us free screenings, assessments and ‘ASTEM,’” Borgio said. “ASTEM is a plastic tool that goes on the skin and helps break up adhesions in the body. It helps keep us healthy. We love CORA, so we had to come out and say hello.”

CORA’s Sports Medicine Coordinator Courtnie Breland said the clinic prides itself in “serving the community and serving everyone. We take all insurances. We can do cash pay. We work with high deductibles and make payment plans. We won’t turn anybody away.”

Parker said she takes pride in representing CORA.

“We have the best staff,” Parker said. “We treat head to toe, we take over 4,000 insurances and our motto is to treat everyone - the whole community,” she said. “I work for CORA because I believe in CORA.”

For more information, visit www.coraphysicaltherapy.com/location/nocatee-florida.

Cora Nocatee is located at 465 Town Plaza Ave., Suite B in Ponte Vedra Beach.



The CORA staff prepares for the ribbon-cutting ceremony Feb. 13.



ABOVE: Clean Juice owners Sam and Angie Lacey stop by the CORA opening to support their neighbors and offer juice samples.

LEFT: CORA’s sports medicine coordinator Courtnie Breland poses in front of the CORA entrance.

Photos by Daniela Toporek

A brief history of influenza



Scott A. Grant
Guest Columnist

In October 1918, Cpl. Harry MacKerell and his comrades in the 314th Infantry Regiment crouched down in their trenches awaiting the order to attack the spike-helmeted troops of the Kaiser awaiting across no-man’s land.

Each man said his prayers. They knew that they would encounter fierce resistance and that many of them would not return. What they did not know, what they could not know, was that World War I was less than a month from ending.

Up and down the line, other Americans made similar preparations. Col. Douglas MacArthur readied the men of the 42nd Rainbow Division, the first to set foot in France. Lt. Col. George S. Patton prepared to lead his tanks forward. He would literally lead them on foot into the battle where he would be wounded. Behind the lines, Capt.

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ABOVE: New Nocatee neighborhoods Pioneer Village and Freedom Landing at Crosswater made their debut Feb. 8 with a family-friendly grand opening for the community.

LEFT: A classic car collection was displayed at the grand opening.

Photos by Susan Griffin

Nocatee neighborhood hosts grand opening and tour of model homes

By Daniela Toporek

New Nocatee neighborhoods Pioneer Village and Freedom Landing at Crosswater made their debut Feb. 8 with a family-friendly grand opening for the community.

Located at the Pioneer Village Model Park at 100 Pioneer Village Drive, the grand opening event lasted from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and featured “fun for the whole family” with live music and a barber shop quartet, life-sized yard games and a tour of 13 model homes.

The celebration had a classic car display, strolling magicians, stilt walkers, balloon animals, food and drinks and even a St. Johns County fire truck parked there for the occasion.

Guests were also given a Crosswater “passport” that they could exchange for a free lunch voucher after the tour, once all passport locations were stamped or signed off.



The St. Johns County Fire Department paid a visit to the grand opening and brought out a fire truck for display.



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Nocatee hosts Realtors preview for upcoming neighborhoods

Realtors were invited to get a sneak peek of the newest Nocatee neighborhoods at the Crosswater at Nocatee Realtor Preview on Feb. 6.

Hosted from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., the event offered Realtors free valet service from Pioneer Village, located 2.5 miles south of Splash Water Park. There, 13 model homes were ready to be toured.

After touring the homes, agents had the opportunity to hop aboard a tram and go on

a behind-the-scenes driving tour of Crosswater Park, slated to open to the public this summer.

Realtors were then taken to tour the models at Freedom Landing, where a southern-inspired lunch was served and catered by Sawgrass Events.

The Realtors' preview also served as preparation for the official grand opening of the neighborhoods that was hosted Feb. 8 for the public.

ABOVE: New Nocatee neighborhood Pioneer Village at Crosswater made its debut Feb. 8 with a family-friendly grand opening for the community.



RIGHT: Diane Farmer, Cyndi King and Cherie Hughs pose behind one of the model homes at Freedom Landing.

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A model home boasts a screened-in lanai.



The Realtor Crosswater at Nocatee Preview offered lunch and fruity snacks catered by Sawgrass Events.



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Beacon Lake community amenity center honored at Laurel Awards

The Northeast Florida Builders Association's Sales and Marketing Council recently honored BBX Capital Real Estate with a silver Laurel Award for best community amenity center for the Lake House at Beacon Lake, the lakefront lifestyle community in northern St. Johns County.

"We are honored to receive this recognition for Beacon Lake's Amenity and Fitness Center," said Bruce J. Parker, managing director for BBX Capital Real Estate, Beacon Lake's master developer. "Beacon Lake House is the center of social activity for the growing community of Beacon Lake. We appreciate the accolades from our industry peers, and we hope it will encourage everyone to visit our community, learn more about living at Beacon Lake and join the hundreds of



Photos provided by Beacon Lake

Bruce J. Parker (left) and Danielle Simpson accept the silver Laurel Award for Best Community Amenity Center, presented to BBX Capital Real Estate for the Lake House at Beacon Lake.

families that love living here."

Designed to reflect the community's nautical theme and coastal aesthetic, the 8,200-square-foot, New England-style Lake House Amenity and Fitness Center is the heart of the Beacon Lake community.

Beacon Lake is located on the south side of County Road 210, between U.S. 1 and I-95. For more information, visit www.BeaconLake.com

GreenPointe receives Laurel Awards for EvenTide, TrailMark marketing

GreenPointe Communities was honored by the Northeast Florida Builders Association Sales and Marketing Council with three Laurel Awards recognizing marketing campaigns for its TrailMark and EvenTide developments. GreenPointe received the best consumer event and best digital marketing campaign for TrailMark and the best 30- to 60-second commercial for EvenTide.

"We are honored to receive this recognition for successfully communicating the exceptional settings and competitive differences at our communities of TrailMark and EvenTide," said GreenPointe Communities Marketing Director Gaynelle James. "GreenPointe Communities is esteemed for creating communities that offer a lifestyle and environment where people want to live. We appreciate the accolades from our industry peers, and we hope it will encourage everyone to visit and learn more about our unique communities."

Located in St. Augustine, TrailMark promoted its "recreation-first" lifestyle by hosting a touch-a-truck community

event. More than 2,000 residents and prospective homebuyers viewed more than 20 trucks – including dump trucks, monster trucks and St. Johns County Fire & Rescue vehicles – while also enjoying summer inflatables, games, face painting, food trucks, model home tours and giveaways.

To generate attendance, GreenPointe and its creative and media partner, Ruckus Advertising, implemented a digital campaign one month in advance across multiple platforms, including digital billboards, banner ads, email distributions and social media. By the morning of the event, more than 1,000 attendees had registered and more than 2,000 attended.

For the 30- to 60-second commercial, Harlee + Dakota Visual Storytellers was tasked with capturing the serene lifestyle of EvenTide, a new luxury 23-home community located along Ponte Vedra Boulevard. The video is featured prominently on the EvenTide website and has been shared across social media channels and in eblasts to both prospects and the Realtor community.



Photo provided by St. Augustine Distillery

Presenting the "Dave Pickerell Memorial Craft Member of the Year Award" to Philip McDaniel is Bourbon Authority Fred Minnick (left) and Huber's Starlight Distillery CEO and Founder Ted Huber (right).

St. Augustine Distillery CEO and cofounder receives national award

More than 350 spirit industry professionals met in Louisville, Kentucky on Feb. 18 for the Distilled Spirits Council of the United States' Inaugural Conference Awards dinner.

At the event, Philip McDaniel, cofounder and CEO of the St. Augustine Distillery, received the Dave Pickerell Memorial Craft Member of the Year award.

Within the industry, Pickerell is considered the "Johnny Appleseed of craft distilling," and the award is given to a leader in recognition of their efforts in advancing the craft distiller community and supporting the association with

advocacy efforts.

Pickerell played an important role in kickstarting the modern craft spirits movement, mentoring and consulting for more than 100 distilleries around the world, including the St. Augustine Distillery.

"Dave was someone who would help anybody for any reason if he believed in what you were doing," McDaniel said during his acceptance speech. "We are so grateful to our amazing employees, community investors, family and our incredible and loyal customers and fans ... and most of all to Dave, without whom we could have never opened our doors."

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Harry S. Truman prepared his battery of heavy artillery. That battery would drive back a German counterattack.

The battle of the Meuse-Argonne was the deadliest American campaign up to that time and the second deadliest in U.S. history. Twenty-thousand American soldiers would die before the battle ended and it would only end with the Armistice that would end the War on Nov. 11, 1918.

World War I was one of the bloodiest wars of all time and the combatants faced hardships beyond the imagination. Twenty million lost their lives.

But what they did not know and could not know as it drew to an end, was that a far deadlier menace was stalking them and every other person on Earth.

Sometime in 1917, what came to be called the Spanish flu began to ravage the World. This strain of Influenza was misnamed. It did not come from Spain. At the time, experts felt it originated in France or Boston or Haskell County, Kansas.

Today, most experts agree that it started in China and was initially transmitted from a bird to a pig. Sound familiar? The deadliest influenza pandemic of all time raged across the globe for three years, from 1917 into 1920.

Death tolls were difficult to calculate at the time and estimates range from 17 to 100 million people, with most of those estimates centered around 40 to 50 million.

In other words, the flu that soldiers carried home with them to every country in the world killed more people than the

war itself.

This influenza outbreak was particularly harsh on indigenous populations, wiping out a quarter of the population of Samoa and entire Inuit villages in Canada and Alaska. So many died in the U.S. that life-expectancy was cut by 12 years. The death total in the United States was 675,000, about 6% of the total population. Globally, the Spanish Flu pandemic was the worst of all time and infected over half a billion people, or one-third of the world's population.

Since then there have been other influenza outbreaks — swine flu, avian flu, Asian flu, Hong Kong flu, and Russian flu. None of those were as brutal as the one that spawned in the trenches of Europe.

Today we are faced with a new flu threat, the coronavirus. I just read a poll that said over 39% of beer drinkers had stopped drinking Corona beer for fear of catching the virus, which is nuts! (You cannot get the coronavirus from drinking Corona or any other beer. Unless, of course, you are sharing that beer with someone already infected.)

As I write this, the stock market has tumbled on fear of the virus.

My reading of history says that the fear is probably likely greater than the reality and I urge you not to allow yourself to be ruled by fear.

Oh, and in case you are wondering, Harry MacKerell is my grandfather's older brother. He survived the war and the virus. He came home to Philadelphia and together, he and my grandfather, Alexander, founded a very successful reinsurance business.

Emmet Cahill, Irish tenor, star of Celtic Thunder, to return to Beaches



Photo provided by St. Paul's Catholic Church

Irish tenor Emmet Cahill will perform at St. Paul's Catholic Church on March 6.

Emmet Cahill, often referred to as "Ireland's most exciting young tenor" and principal vocalist with the PBS Irish music group Celtic Thunder, is slated to perform a pre-St. Patrick's Day concert at St. Paul's Catholic Church in Jacksonville Beach at 7 p.m., Friday, March 6.

The concert will feature traditional classics from the Emerald Isle, including "Danny Boy" and "An Irish Lullaby," as well as church hymns "Be Thou My Vision" and "Amazing Grace" and Broadway and movie favorites. Cahill will also take audience requests during a song request medley segment of the concert.

"I like to perform songs that have humanity to them, that tell a story," Cahill said. "People want to feel connected to what I'm doing. They want to go away feeling that they've had an experience themselves. Through my songs and my stories, I want to make the audience laugh and cry."

The 29-year-old from Mullingar, County Westmeath, Ireland has been a principal vocalist with Celtic Thunder since 2011, performing in over 700 shows across the United States, Canada, Australia and Ireland.

Awards and accolades include being named "Tenor of the Year" by the Irish Music Association in 2013, "Most Promising Young Tenor" by the John McCormack Society in 2010 and "Most Promising Young Singer" as an opera student at the prestigious Royal Irish Academy of Music in Dublin.

Tickets are \$30 - \$45 and may be purchased online at www.emmetcahill.com/tour-dates/ or at the door at St. Paul's Catholic Church at 435 1st Avenue North, Jacksonville Beach.

Apex Theatre Studio to present 'The Addams Family' at Ponte Vedra Concert Hall

Apex Theatre Studio will present the silly and spooky Broadway musical hit, "The Addams Family," on April 17-18 at the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall.

Performances will be at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, April 17, and at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 18.

"The Addams Family" is a comical feast that embraces the wackiness in every family. The show is based upon The Addams Family characters created by Charles Addams in his single-panel gag cartoons, which depict an offbeat family with an affinity for all things macabre. In this original story, the macabre Addams family is put to the test when outsiders come to dinner, hurling Gomez, Morticia, Wednesday, Pugsley, Uncle Fester and Lurch headlong into a night that will change the family forever.

"We are currently blessed with a company of musical theater performers who all share the same skewed sense of humor. This show is a natural fit for them," said the show's director, Ian Mairs.

The cast is headlined by DJ DeJesus

(Gomez), Gabby Parker (Morticia), Olivia DeMaio (Wednesday) and Charlie Pennella (Pugsley). The company of 20 young artists make up the advanced level musical theater workshop at Apex Theatre Studio.

Apex Theatre Studio is a nonprofit performing arts training center celebrating its fourth year in operation. Apex fosters young artists with a passion and curiosity for acting, singing, dancing and stagecraft through a series of master classes, intensives, readings and theatrical presentation. Apex will offer a full range of summer classes at their studio located at 5150 Palm Valley Road, Unit 205 in Ponte Vedra Beach to support young actors in the Northeast Florida area. Summer classes, intensives and workshop schedules are available at www.apextheatrejax.com.

Reserved seating tickets for "The Addams Family" are available for purchase at the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall and St. Augustine Amphitheatre box offices and ticketmaster.com.

For more information on Apex Theatre Studio, visit www.apextheatrejax.com.

EGOT winner John Legend to return to The AMP in August on 'Bigger Love Tour'

The St. Augustine Amphitheatre recently announced the return of multi-platinum-selling, Oscar, Emmy, Tony and 11-time Grammy award-winning singer-songwriter John Legend and his "Bigger Love Tour," featuring special guest The War and Treaty on Wednesday, Aug. 19.

Legend last performed to a sold-out crowd at The Amp in May 2017.

Legend has garnered 11 Grammy Awards, an Academy Award, a Golden Globe Award, a Tony Award and an Emmy Award, making him the first African-American man to earn an EGOT.

Legend has released six celebrated albums including, "Get Lifted" (2004), "Once Again" (2006), "Evolver" (2008), "Love in the Future" (2013), "Darkness and Light" (2016), and "A Legendary Christmas" (2018). Legend starred in NBC's "Jesus Christ Superstar Live in Concert" in 2018, winning an Emmy for Outstanding Variety Special. Legend joined "The Voice" for Season 16 (2019), winning with his mentee Maelyn Jarmon and returned as a judge for Season 17. He is also a partner in Get Lifted Film Co., serving as an executive producer for "Southern Rites," "United Skates," WGN Ameri-

ca's "Underground," and films "Southside with You" and "La La Land." As a philanthropist, Legend initiated the #FREEAMERICA campaign in 2015 to change the national conversation surrounding the country's criminal justice

policies and to end mass incarceration.

Tickets for John Legend with special guests The War and Treaty are on sale at the St. Augustine Amphitheatre and Ponte Vedra Concert Hall box offices, as well as all Ticketmaster outlets.



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John Legend will perform at The Amp on Aug. 19.

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Congressman John Rutherford (left) poses with Ponte Vedra High student Shannon Brady, who won an honorable mention in the The 4th Congressional District High School Art Competition.

Area students compete in U.S. House of Representatives art competition

The 4th Congressional District High School Art Competition recently concluded on Feb. 19 with a ceremony hosted by Congressman John Rutherford at the Art Gallery at the Deerwood Campus of Florida State College of Jacksonville.

Students, teachers, parents and family members attended the ceremony and helped celebrate the winners.

Every year, members of the U.S. House of Representatives sponsor a nationwide competition to encourage and recognize the artistic talents of the young people in their communities, and more than 650,000 high school students nationwide have been involved with competition since it began in 1982.

A local panel of jurors selects one winning art piece from each Congressional District, which is then displayed for one year in the Cannon Tunnel of the U.S. Capitol. The Washington Exhibit includes winning artwork from all participating districts nationwide.

Jacksonville area schools and teachers participating included: Atlantic Coast High, Thom Buttner and Kelly Delaney; Bishop Kenny High, Lauren Doran; Douglas Anderson School of the Arts, Hilary Hogue; The Episcopal School of Jacksonville, Mark Zimmerman; Fernandina Beach High School, Joy L. Keith; Allen D. Nease High, Megan Welch; Ponte Vedra High, Edwin Consunji; Providence School, Cathy B. Dixon and Sandalwood High, Kim Collier.

At the ceremony, honorable mentions were awarded to:
Emma Richmond, Providence School, for her colored pencil drawing "Serenade of the Ocean."

Amelia Packard, Episcopal School of Jacksonville, for her photograph "Ghost of a Dancer."

Shannon Brady, Ponte Vedra High School, for her colored pencil and marker

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A watercolor painting by guest artist Don Andrews

Jacksonville Watercolor Society to host spring show, exhibit at cultural center

Jacksonville Watercolor Society will present its spring show through April 26 at the Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach.

The show will feature an exhibit by 2019 JWS Artist of the Year R. Tunj Weiss. An opening reception will be held March 6 at the cultural center, where an awards ceremony will be held March 29.

Jurors for the JWS Spring Show include nationally known watercolor artist Don Andrews, who also will conduct a painting workshop March 25-27. Known for his figure and landscape paintings, Andrews

has garnered numerous awards in national watercolor competitions, including three awards from the American Watercolor Society and two Best of Show awards from the New England Watercolor Society. He has conducted painting workshops throughout the United States, Canada, Mexico, Europe and Africa for more than 30 years.

The cultural center is located at 50 Executive Way in Ponte Vedra Beach. For more information on the spring show or workshop, call (904) 540-4040 or visit www.jacksonvillewatercolorssociety.org.

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drawing “Weight of the Worlds.”

Victoria Burdick, Providence School, for her colored pencil drawing “Flicker.”

Ellie Reed, Episcopal School, for her acrylic paint on canvas “Ethnic Physicalities.”

Micole Arias, Sandalwood High, for

her watercolor and gold foil work “Fly Away.”

The winning piece was an oil pastel and colored pencil drawing by Providence School student Hunter Weeks, titled “A Map of Remembrance.”

“Through participation in the arts, students learn to appreciate and accept the differences they find in the world around us,” Rutherford said. “I am proud to showcase the talented students of the 4th Congressional District.”

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First Tee to kick off nationwide summer registration at THE PLAYERS

Youth golf clinic, mentoring to highlight nonprofit's programs

The First Tee will kick off registration for its summer youth golf program during THE PLAYERS Championship, to be held March 10-15 at TPC Sawgrass in Ponte Vedra Beach.

Fans around the country watching THE PLAYERS can register their children to participate with First Tee chapters offering programs at more than 1,200 locations. Trained coaches deliver the programs to kids and teens, helping build self-confidence, inner-strength and resilience, and equipping them with tools that they can apply in school, their careers and whatever they set out to do.

The nonprofit youth development organization also

will be a featured charity of THE PLAYERS Championship at TPC Sawgrass, showcasing how its programs help young people build character through the game of golf. Highlights of the week include:

The 17th Hole Challenge: Throughout the week, guests can test their skills and self-confidence on a replica of the TPC Sawgrass Stadium Course's famed par-3 17th hole. Fans will have the option to purchase a third shot or a First Tee Fast Pass, with proceeds benefiting First Tee of North Florida.

Youth Clinic with PGA TOUR pros: On Monday, March 9, PGA TOUR professionals will join with First Tee of North Florida to host a youth clinic at the 17th Hole Challenge.

Girls Golf Mentoring Event: On Tuesday, March 10,

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Ponte Vedra Beach Triathlon to return to Mickler's Landing twice in 2020

Game On! Race Events plans to bring the Ponte Vedra Beach Triathlon back to Mickler's Landing in May and October.

The Ponte Vedra Beach Triathlon is slated for Sunday, May 31 and again on Sunday, Oct. 11.

The events will feature an Olympic distance duathlon, aqua-bike, and triathlon (.93 mile swim, 24.8 mile bike, 6.2 mile run) and Sprint distance duathlon and triathlon (.25 mile swim, 12.4 mile bike, 3.1 mile run).

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47. Rare find
48. Campus VIPs
50. Razor-____
52. *Lowest seed
54. In good health
55. 2017 Oscar-winning animated film
56. "____ for thought"
59. Essential oil derived from iris
60. Nasal input
61. Pre-swan state?
62. *NCAA basketball team with most titles
63. *7 seed opponent in round 1
64. Prospector's mother

DOWN

1. *Top seed
2. Abbreviation on a bathroom door
3. Precedes drab
4. Part of an eyeball
5. Vexed
6. Eastwood's ____ Harry
7. Quarrel
8. *Lowest seeded team to win championship
9. Part of ideal
10. Fit for a skinny one
11. Mightier than sword?
13. Give to St. Vinny's
14. Yarn store unit

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19. Does like Matryoshka
22. *An airball doesn't do it to either rim or net
23. Outdoes
24. Thing of the past
25. One of the Muses
26. *Final ____
27. India's sacred flower
28. *Like last eight
29. More sure
32. Like Bob Ross' hair
33. Layer
36. *Cavaliers' state
38. Make amends
40. Slow-witted
41. Demosthenes, e.g.
44. Waits for approval, e.g.
46. Being of service
48. D in LED
49. Former prisoner
50. Rigid necklace
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Ponte Vedra boys lacrosse takes on Cardinal Mooney in the annual Moe's Classic on Feb. 29 at Jacksonville University.

PVHS lacrosse dominates in Moe's Classic matchup

The Ponte Vedra High School boys lacrosse team continued its defense of its state championship in domineering fashion with a 14-3 rout of Cardinal Mooney (Sarasota) in the annual Moe's Classic on Feb. 29 at Jacksonville University.

The Sharks, who jumped out to a 3-0 lead in the first 5 minutes against the perennially top-10 ranked Cardinals, improved to 6-0 with the win. Freddie Amato scored five goals for PVHS, Joe Taraboletti added four goals and an assist

and goalie Nolan Parlette finished with eight saves. Avi Israel and Andrew Ewalt combined to win 12 out of 17 faceoffs for the Sharks.

PVHS will next travel to the Baltimore/D.C. area to face two top 20 nationally ranked teams. The Sharks will play Gilman School in Baltimore on Thursday, March 5 and Boys Latin of Maryland on Saturday, March 7. While there, the defending state champions will also take a tour of the White House.

First Tee

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Morgan Stanley will host girls from First Tee of North Florida in a private event focused on mentorship and financial literacy with LPGA professional Cheyenne Woods and local Morgan Stanley leaders.

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Triathlon

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