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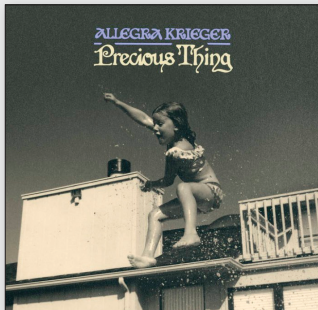
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BRIEFS

Speaker's topic: Protecting your privacy online

Raymond Wong will speak on "Protecting Your Privacy and Avoiding Cyber Crimes" on April 19 at the Ponte Vedra Beach Library.

The presentation is part of the Friends of the Ponte Vedra Beach Library Speaker Series.

Wong holds advanced degrees in computer science and telecommunications. He will share his professional experiences working with Wall Street and Silicon Valley clients. He will also discuss the latest guidance on protecting one's privacy and reducing chances of being a victim of cybercrime or malicious harassment.

Doors open at 6 p.m. and the program starts at 6:30 p.m. It is free and open to the public.

Author will discuss writing as therapy

People write memoirs for a variety of reasons: to preserve a family legacy, to gain insight into the past, or to heal from a traumatic experience. Chris Gabbard used a deeply felt personal loss when he wrote his memoir, and he'll discuss his journey in his talk, "Transforming a Cry of Pain into a Compelling Narrative" at the Saturday, April 9, meeting of the FWA Ponte Vedra Writers group.

The meeting will start at 10 a.m. at the Ponte Vedra Branch Library.

The Ponte Vedra Writers group is part of the Florida Writers Association, a statewide, nonprofit organization with nearly 1,500 members dedicated to the support of both aspiring and published writers in any genre.

The April 9 meeting is free and open to members and nonmembers alike. For information on FWA go to floridawriters.org.

Local United Way awarded federal funds

United Way of St. Johns County has announced that \$30,725 for Phase 39 and \$94,538 for Phase AR-PAR, in federal funds has been awarded to St. Johns County through the Emergency Food and Shelter National Board Program.

A local board made up of county, city and human services agencies along with United Way of St. Johns County will determine how funds are to be distributed among emergency food and shelter programs in the local service area.

Under the terms of the grant, local organizations whether nonprofit or government, may apply. Program funds can be used for food (served meals or groceries), lodging in a mass shelter or hotel, equipment necessary to feed or shelter people and one month's rent, mortgage or utility bill.

Qualifying programs may apply or obtain additional information by contacting Jenny Harvey at jenny.harvey@unitedway-sjc.org or 904-829-9721.

Volunteer opportunities with county boards, committees

The St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners provides residents interested in serving their community and participating in local government a variety of board and committee opportunities. The volunteer positions consider and make recommendations regarding planning and zoning issues, development projects, libraries, parks, recreation facilities and programs, and arts, culture and tourism matters. The following boards and committees are currently accepting applications:

- Cultural Resource Review Board (application deadline April 25)
- Land Acquisition and Management Program Board (application deadline April 25)
- Health & Human Services Advisory Council (application deadline April 18)
- Tourist Development Council (application deadline April 20)
- Arts/Culture/Heritage Funding Panel (application deadline April 18)
- Affordable Housing Advisory Committee
- Fire Code Board of Appeals

See the Boards and Committees webpage at www.sjcf.us/Boards to view the requirements and duties of each board and committee, download an application, or contact the Board of County Commissioners office at 904-209-0300 or jspencer@sjcf.us for more information.

Grocer offers COVID-19 boosters

Southeastern Grocers is now administering an additional Pfizer or Moderna booster vaccine to those age 12 and older who are immunocompromised and anyone age 50 and older, four months after their prior booster to further increase protection.

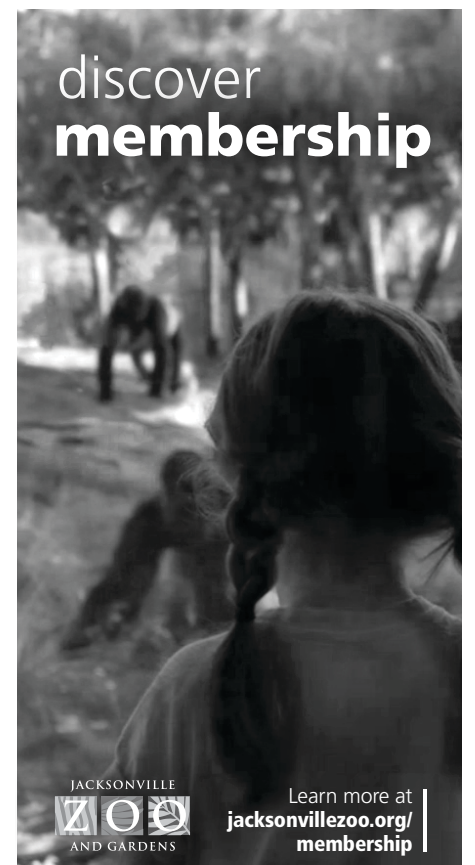
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Jacksonville port featured in Florida author's novel

The port of Jacksonville is a key setting in a new novel by Florida author Cal Massey. "Own Little Worlds," winner of the 2020 Kenneth Patchen Award for the Innovative Novel from the Journal of

Experimental Fiction, has recently been published by JEF Books.

A presidential campaign, an explosion on a Japanese cargo ship and unexplained murders figure into the plot of the shape-shifting novel, which turns into a play and back again.

Massey is a retired, award-winning journalist who lives in Flagler Beach.

For more on the novel, go to experimentalfiction.com/products/own-little-worlds.

LinkedIn is topic for upcoming Zoom meeting

Brooke Hammon, assistant director for the University of North Florida Career Services, will present a Zoom meeting

titled "Getting Started with LinkedIn" from 10 a.m. to noon April 29. Sign-in begins at 9:50 a.m.

Hammon will show how to make an effective LinkedIn profile that best highlights users' skills and professional brands.

Register in advance for this meeting at <https://us02web.zoom.us/join/9tZEtFu2qpjMoE9H7PPjvwEKLgEVewezcOUxV>.

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Patricia Bright

Patricia Bright of Ponte Vedra Beach Florida passed away April 1st, 2022 at the age of 97. She was born and raised in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and attended the University of Pittsburgh. She was married in 1952 to Richard Bright of Fredonia, PA. Right after marriage, Pat and Richard began moving (14 times) because of her husband's careers, first in the Air Force and then in the computer world.

Pat had an irreverent sense of humor which she utilized in her writings and loved to make people laugh. She was a voracious reader, and her friends commented that she had always had her nose in a book. Before marriage, Patricia's careers included modeling, various appearances in television commercials, and a movie filmed in Pittsburgh. Pat was also a weekend radio disc jockey featuring jazz. She met Richard when working as a patent law secretary. After marriage, her husband Richard was sent to the San Francisco area to fly in an F94 Fighter Squadron, and Pat worked for a patent lawyer in the city. "No kids as yet, a black MG, two salaries and lots of fun." Pat referred to that time as "halcyon" days.

When the military commitment ended, Dick joined a Bay Area computer company. As his career matured, they lived in San Antonio, Texas and Jacksonville, Florida. When transferring to international, Pat, Dick and their three children moved to Johannesburg South Africa and then Beirut Lebanon. When the first Six Day War started in 1967, they returned to headquarters in N.Y.C., and lived in Connecticut. They moved to Sydney Australia for seven years and then to Hong Kong for two years, where Dick was Singer

Business Machines Vice President of the Asia-Pacific region. Pat loved to travel, often by cruise ship, and her favorite countries (besides the U.S.) were Australia and New Zealand.

After returning to the U.S. and living in the Boston area, Pat re-entered the workforce in 1981 with Digital Equipment Corp. and retired as Executive Director of the Unigraphics CAD/CAM Software Users group. After they both retired, they moved to Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida, and Pat began writing booklets of their "Bright Adventures" and composing little poems. Most of her stories and verses have a humorous bent, and have been published in the Wall Street Journal, poetry magazines, the New York Times, and the local papers. Patricia also enjoyed drawing pastel portraits, shown in various art shows. Having grown up around the world, none of the Bright children knew exactly where "home" was.

Pat is survived by her sons: Randy

(Cindy) Bright of Layton, Utah and Bradley (Marna) Bright of Laguna Beach, CA; grandchildren: Fiona, Elias, Emma, Garrett, Kaleigh and Ryder; and great granddaughter, Ella. She was predeceased by her loving husband, Richard and daughter, Tracy of Los Angeles.

Patricia will be cremated at Quinn-Shalz funeral home and a Celebration of Life will be held in Ponte Vedra Beach in the Fall.

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Thomas "Tom" C. Bergmann

Thomas "Tom" C. Bergmann of Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida, passed away peacefully at McGraw Center for Caring Hospice on March 19, 2022, with his loving wife, Laura, by his side. Tom was born April 13, 1943, in Lake City, Florida, the son of Harold and Frances Bergmann.

Tom graduated from Columbia High School, Class of '61, where he studied hard, played football, basketball, baseball, ran track and served as Student Council President his senior year. Tom was an intelligent, hard-working gentle man graduating from Florida State University in 1965 with a Bachelor of Science degree (with honors – Beta Gamma Sigma and Alpha PSI) majoring in accounting.

Tom's quietly accomplished and rewarding long professional career began as a CPA joining the firm of Coopers & Lybrand (an international CPA firm). In 1972 he became Vice President and Secretary for Barnett Winston Company (REIT) and affiliated companies. From 1978 until his retirement, Tom was Executive Vice President and Partner of Stokes & Company and all affiliated companies.

A quiet man of few words, it is hard to say which of Tom's many interests he enjoyed most... just being at home, walking on the beach with Laura, being with friends and family, playing golf with

many friends, especially Don and Rob, motorcycles, car races (IMSA, NASCAR, Formula One), or traveling. He and Laura cherished the memories of many opportunities of extensive blissful travels together throughout the U.S. and many foreign countries, marveling at the beauty and blessings of God's creations.

"So much to say, so little space – In loving thoughts we often reach beyond the range of words."

A LIFE WELL LIVED – many of you now reading this were a part of it... Thank you.

Tom is survived by Laura (nee Price), his wife of more than 44 years; sister, Patty Melgaard; brother, Alan Bergmann (Carol); sister-in-law, Janet Price; step-mother, Sandy Price; nephews, Quinton Melgaard (Danielle), Richard Bergmann (Melissa), Russell Bergmann, Mills Bergmann; and cousin, Robin Green (Karen). He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Michael Bergmann; father-in-law, Clifford E. Price; and brother-in-law, Stephen Price.

The family wishes to express love and

appreciation to Dr. Alice Reed; McGraw Center for Caring Community Hospice (nurse Teresa Joyner, Rep. Therapist Miss Linda, Judy Hession and Brianna Costello); Drs. and nurses — Flagler Hospital; Mr. Hitch, Mr. Richardson; our Marsh Landing Country Club Family; many loving neighbors and friends; and Christ Episcopal Church.

A Memorial Service will be held at Christ Episcopal Church in Ponte Vedra Beach, FL on Thursday, April 21st at 2:00 p.m. with a reception following in Westbury Hall.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donations be made in Tom's name to McGraw Center for Caring Community Hospice or Alzheimer's Association. Please visit the online Tribute at www.quinn-shalz.com. Arrangements by



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Sheila Parker

2/7/1942 – 4/1/2022

Sheila was born in Galveston and grew up in Houston, was a Ponte Vedra resident since 1970 and a Highlands, NC summer resident since 1997.

Sheila is survived by her husband Richard, son Kelly, and sister Gwen Sanders of Lufkin, TX. She was preceded

in death by her parents, son Jason, and Dr. Glendon Sanders.

Shelia was a Baylor University graduate and while at college during the summers she served as a tutor to disadvantage girls in New Hampshire and later received her MBA from the University of North Florida. Before motherhood, Sheila had a great career as a buyer for Foleys in

Houston and Stix, Saint Louis.

Sheila was active in sports, church, and the community. She was past presidents of the Ponte Vedra Woman's Club and the Sawgrass Ladies' Tennis Association. Sheila was a wonderful mother, wife, and citizen. She had very fond memories of all her many tennis, golf, bridge, and neighborhood friends here and at Wildcat

Cliffs. Sheila completed the Jacksonville marathon, and seven river runs.

Many thanks to the staff at McGraw Hospice. She will be missed, but not forgotten. Celebration of life service will be held at the Christ Church Chapel in Ponte Vedra on April 8, 2022 at 11:00 am.



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Cory Darling is the administrator for St. Johns County's newest hospital, Ascension St. Vincent's, which is set to open in July at C.R. 210 and I-95. Originally from Michigan, Darling and his family have lived in Ponte Vedra since 2017.

Cory Darling

As told to Shaun Ryan

Tell me about your position with Ascension St. Vincent's. What are some of your responsibilities?

I joined Ascension St. Vincent's in November and serve as the administrator for the new hospital being built in St. Johns County. My role is currently focused on ensuring a smooth transition to opening in July. There are many components to that, including construction, equipment outfitting, staffing, community relations and provider relations. Thankfully, we have a great team of talented folks who are involved and doing a tremendous job. We also have incredible support as part of Ascension, one of the nation's leading health systems.

Once we open, my role will transition to "boots on ground" administrative oversight of the facility's day-to-day operations, responsible for ensuring that the hospital delivers high-quality, compassionate and convenient health care and fulfills our community's health needs. I'll also be responsible for meeting various organizational objectives and ensuring that our teams have all the support needed to be successful in their respective jobs.

I am incredibly thankful to be a part of such a great organization and look forward to opening in July!

What do you like most about what you do?

I believe that working in health care is a calling. While it can be difficult and have its challenges, it's ultimately incredibly rewarding. The perspectives that you get are immense — seeing people experiencing their best days and their worst days — and the opportunity to make an impact, be it big or small, is a true blessing. There isn't a day that goes by where I don't see someone giving their all on behalf of another person, probably a complete stranger, because they need them in that moment. No matter your role, everyone who works in a hospital has that ability and opportunity. Seeing it in action is always inspiring and what brings you back the next day.

Tell me about your background — your education, career, how you got to where you are today.

I'm originally from Michigan but moved south for school and obtained my BBA from Belmont University and my MBA from Vanderbilt University — both in Nashville, Tennessee. I have been working in health care for 16 years. During that time, I learned the "ins and outs" of hospital operations, gained valuable leadership experience and had the opportunity to work in five different markets around the country as my career developed. This all allowed me to land my current role with Ascension St. Vincent's in 2021 and be a part of building and leading a new hospital in my home community!

Prior to my MBA and career in health care, I actually spent a few years working on music row where I pitched songs for a music publishing company. While it seems like the complete opposite from health care, the opportunity to work with people of such varied backgrounds, talents and perspectives really helped me in my career in hospital administration. (And, it was pretty fun too!)

I know Ascension St. Vincent's is preparing to open a new facility on County Road 210. Tell me about that — what it will bring to the community, when it will open, that sort of thing.

The new hospital, being built at C.R. 210 and I-95, is scheduled to open this July. Despite all the recent

national issues with supply chain, staffing shortages, etc., the project has gone very well. This is a testament to the incredible work of our teams within Ascension, our facilities partner Medxcel.

The project, including the medical office building, is a \$175 million capital investment and certainly timely given the tremendous growth of the St. Johns County area and the clear need for more access to acute care services. In this first phase, our 150,000-square-foot, 56-bed hospital will provide general acute care services such as emergency services, short-term hospitalization, cardiovascular care, orthopedics and spine care, general surgical services, as well as laboratory and imaging services. The medical office building will contain various clinics offering services in cardiology, internal medicine, neurology, obstetrics and gynecology, and pulmonology.

All in, Ascension St. Vincent's will be hiring over 500 new associates.

Have you lived in this area for long? What do you like most about it?

We moved to Ponte Vedra in December of 2017 from Nashville, Tennessee. My family and I absolutely love it here! We have met so many amazing people and get to enjoy all the wonderful things that this area has to offer and have the chance to be outside all year round.

What do you like to do in your free time?

My free time is usually spent with my amazing wife, Brittany, and our two boys Will (11) and Wyatt (soon to be 9). We all play a lot of tennis and will fit in some fishing and golf when we can!



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Hollingsworth speaks about tax collector duties to Beaches Coalition

By Anthony Richards

St. Johns County Tax Collector Dennis Hollingsworth was the guest speaker at the Beaches Coalition meeting April 4, and it was clear that he loves the job and is always looking to improve it for residents.

“It’s not my office, it’s your office,” Hollingsworth said.

He has years of experience, having been working in some capacity at the tax office since 1978.

“I enjoy working, because everyday I get the opportunity to help someone,” Hollingsworth said.

In fact, he was a little late to the meeting because he had a situation that arose, and he had to help a young resident in the process of getting his driver’s license.

According to Hollingsworth, one of the misconceptions people have is when it comes to the tax collector’s office and its relationship with local government.

“We’re not part of the county government per say, but we work closely with the county,” Hollingsworth said.

Last year’s budget for the tax collector’s office was about \$7.2 million, which is used to operate four offices located throughout the county with 70 employees across the



The Beaches Coalition held its latest meeting April 4.

department.

According to Hollingsworth, the department had an 84.97% return on investment last year, which is the equivalent of roughly \$6.3 million. That money usually ends up going back to the local authorities and considered in next year’s county budgeting.

Part of the duties of the tax collector’s office is to manage five executive branches of state government, which includes the Department of Environmental Protection, the Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission, the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles and the Department of Revenue.

There are several things that the tax collector’s office has taken on over the years that Hollingsworth helped push and get implemented.

That includes, going into each high school and offering a driver’s education program that consists of phase one (the written test) and phase two (the physical test of driving skills.)

St. Johns County was a pilot county in the state to take over control of the driver’s license process in 1998, and it is something Hollingsworth prides himself in and the statistics seem to back that up.

According to Hollingsworth, they went from being rated 52nd among 67 counties in terms of the rating of drivers in the county to being now ranked atop the state in that category.

St. Johns County continues to be at the forefront of what other tax collector’s offices across the state are willing to do.

Another initiative that has been implemented is having trained personnel in the offices that can assist in teaching and making sure parents are aware of the proper ways to install and operate a car seat so that it can affectively do its job of providing the safety it is intended for.

The tax collector’s office can be reached by calling 904-209-2250, and he can be reached to assist in any questions by asking for Dennis.

Students in colleges, universities recognized

- Eva Hartwell of St. Augustine has been named to the provost’s list at Troy University for term three of the 2021-22 academic year.

- Maggie Burkhard, a member of the class of 2023 from St. Augustine, has been named to the fall 2021 dean’s list at Loyola University Maryland.

- Omicron Delta Kappa, the National Leadership Honor Society, welcomed 342 new initiates from 11 universities during February 2022. Local initiates are Caroline Durham of Ponte Vedra Beach at Elon University and Avery Cooksey of St. Augustine at Florida Southern College.

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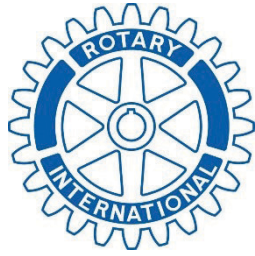
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Founder Ellen van Olden speaks with girls during an Empower the Girls program.

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Program empowers girls with college and life in mind

By Anthony Richards

Going off to college is an exciting time for high school seniors, but for parents that excitement is also mixed with some unease and the hope that their daughters can take care of themselves regardless of the situations that arise.

That is exactly what Ellen van Olden had in mind when she founded Empower the Girls, LLC in 2012, and what will be the goal when she hosts the program at Momentum in Ponte Vedra Beach from 2-5 p.m. May 1.

“It is meant to prepare teens and young women with practical life-saving skills,” van Olden said.

Not only is she a mom of daughters herself, but she has an extensive history working alongside her father in the 1990s with MOAB Training International, which specializes in programs designed to consult organizations and their employees on how to best manage aggressive behavior.

“I had the opportunity of working with some of the best law enforcement training officers in the country,” van Olden said.

She used her past experiences in the implementation of the program, which she went forward with as her daughters got in high school and she began discovering the risks that college campuses can pose to girls.

“One in five girls will be sexually assaulted on campus and one in eight raped,” van Olden said. “I knew all the things from all the years of training I had, and I wanted to give that back to my

girls.”

As a result, her program does not solely focus on self-defense techniques, but also seeks to give them a better understanding of what to look for in various scenarios that could take place.

The program also includes an active shooter component as one of the situations acted out.

She encourages high school students in the area to attend the program and invites mothers to join their daughters and experience the class together.

“I just love working with mothers and daughters,” van Olden said. “That’s at my heart. It’s a grassroots movement that I want to make sure their daughters grow up empowered so that they can navigate their world. Having moms in the class really opens up that conversation.”

Over the years, van Olden has seen the difference the program can make on girls once they go through the one-day training.

According to van Olden, just knowing what to do if confronted with a situation gives them a bump in confidence that they may not have had before. That assurance in turn fuels a nature of empowerment and allows them to live their life accordingly.

“The most important thing that we teach is to have a plan and a blueprint for a variety of situations,” van Olden said. “It’s very much like the mental preparation that an athlete goes through. We are blessed with our intuition and instincts, but it’s how you use it and what you put in your self-conscience.”

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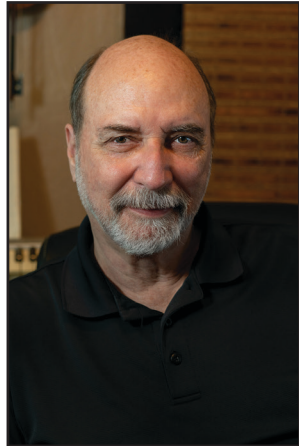
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Romanza Festivale set for April 29 to May 15

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Romanza Festivale of Music and the Arts, the renowned professional performance series with art, music and culture in historic St. Augustine, is celebrating its 11th year and includes more than 35 events and exhibits by dozens of independent nonprofit organizations and talent.

From April 29 to May 15, daily concerts, plays, dance showcases, art exhibits, opera, wine events and more will be featured.

Romanza Festivale is an annual collaboration by dozens of organizations and businesses in St. Augustine. Most events are free of charge and open to the public.

For general information, performers, schedules and locations, go to romanzafestivale.com.

According to key founders and board members of Romanza-St. Augustine Kathleen Vande Berg and Albert and Pat Syeles of St. Augustine, “The Romanza Festivale is teeming with real experiences in the real-world as stimulation, not escape. The unique Festivale, presented by artistic professionals in our communi-

ty, offers indigenous street level culture with active, participatory recreation that showcases the confluence of history, arts and culture which is unique to Florida in St. Augustine.”

Entertainment genres include music, heritage and culture, culinary and wine, dance, spoken word, theater, film, visual art and many additional productions at a diversity of local venues.

Headliners include Regina Torres in “Trouble in Tahiti,” a one-act opera by Leonard Bernstein, on April 29; Akia Uwanda in a “Tribute to the Ladies of New Jazz and Soul” on April 30; and Romanza Dance Kaleidoscope on May 6.

Well-known performance artists featured in and around the Festivale and attraction dates will include St. Augustine’s Community Chorus, Florida School of the Arts, River City Jazz Ensemble, St. Augustine Art Association Plein Air Art and Exhibit, Spanish Wine Tasting, Sam Pacetti, A Classic Theatre, First Coast Opera, the Music of Albert Syeles and a Chamber Music Series, among many more.



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New St. Johns County precincts and polling places to be announced

St. Johns County and the State of Florida recently completed the redistricting process. The following frequently asked questions will help voters prepare for the upcoming elections.

Is the redistricting process complete?

The Board of County Commissioners and the School Board adopted their new voting districts on Dec. 9. A map of the new districts is also available at votesjc.gov.

The largest changes in district lines occurred in District 1 and District 4, which have both been greatly reduced in size. Districts 2, 3 and 5 increased in size to balance the population across the districts.

The state legislature ended the 2022 legislative session on March 14. New Florida Senate and House districts were adopted and have been approved by the

Florida Supreme Court.

The new boundaries for congressional districts were adopted by the House and Senate; however, legal challenges have been made, and Gov. Ron DeSantis has said he will not sign the legislation. This may delay finalization of precincts and distribution of information to St. Johns County voters.

What is the Supervisor of Elections' role in the redistricting process?

Since voting precinct lines are based on County Commission and School Board district lines, precinct lines must now be redrawn based on the new districts. Many precinct numbers will change, and polling places are also under review.

Due to population growth in the county, precincts and polling places may be added in preparation for busy elections in 2022 and 2024. County staff is

working to finalize new precinct lines and polling places.

The Board of County Commissioners must also approve the new precinct lines, so Supervisor of Elections Vicky Oakes said she will schedule a meeting soon to request Board approval.

How does that affect me as a voter?

District lines affect representation of elected officials and the races that appear on the ballot. Precinct number and polling place may also change.

When and how will I be notified of these changes?

Once the work has been finalized, all voters in St. Johns County will be mailed a new voter information card. The cards will reflect new districts, precincts and polling places. Oakes said her goal is to mail these in May, but it may be June

depending upon what happens with the congressional districts.

Will these new changes affect the 2022 elections?

Yes. Candidates who wish to run for office must file their paperwork with the Elections Office, or the Division of Elections in Tallahassee, to obtain a position on the ballot. The deadline to file to run for office in the 2022 elections is noon on June 17, 2022.

How can I keep up with the changes and other pertinent election information?

Stay updated on the redistricting process by visiting votesjc.gov, emailing Oakes at voakes@votesjc.gov, or calling the Supervisor of Elections Office at 904-823-2238.

Ribault Garden Club plans Flower Show

The Ribault Garden Club in Jacksonville Beach has announced that its Flower Show is back. The 2022 theme is "The Bucket List."

The venue will have displays of unique and original floral designs, horticulture, botanical arts and educational exhibits.

The Flower Show is open to the public at no charge.

The club has been busy visiting members' gardens and digging and potting a

variety of native plants. Members have also been propagating plants over the last two years.

The Flower Show will be held 3-6 p.m. April 29 and 11 a.m.-4 p.m. April 30.

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Limelight welcomes new executive director

Limelight Theatre's Board of Directors has announced that Sherrie Provence is the organization's new executive director. Provence, having moved from Charleston, South Carolina, is now a St. Augustine resident and began her post in March.

For the last 30 years, Provence has either performed in or directed and produced theatrical events, and since 2015 has worked as a professor of theater and director for regional theater compa-

nies. She has owned and operated three theater companies as well as a production company where she worked with Turner Broadcasting, A&E Network and 20th Century Fox.

As an actress in film and TV, she has worked with several major stars. According to Provence, being a performing artist has given her a desire to help other artists realize their calling and distinguish themselves as compelling storytellers. Her goal has been to produce excellence in the artistic community through her work as a teacher-coach and a director.

Provence takes over the position from Beth Lambert, who announced her retirement in late 2021.

"Replacing an employee is rarely an easy process, but replacing someone like Beth Lambert, with an 18-year career at our organization, was obviously going to be a Herculean task for Limelight Theatre's Board of Directors," said Chris MacEwan, board president.

After a nationwide search resulting in nearly 100 applicants and more than four months of screening and interviewing, the board selected Provence.

"As excited as the board and staff have been to start the onboarding process with Sherrie, we're even more excited

to introduce her to our patrons and our community," MacEwan said. "She has a rich background in the performing arts as an actor, teacher and leader as well as a passion for storytelling that's infectious to those she meets. It's that passion that will drive the Limelight forward as we emerge from the worst of the pandemic and look to the future."

"For the last 18 years, I've watched this theater grow into the mighty company it is today," Lambert said. "I am so proud of all of the work we've accomplished together; community theater takes a village and we have quite the village."

She credited all of the actors, designers, crew members, volunteers, ushers, guild, students, teachers, patrons, donors, staff and board for Limelight Theatre's continued success.

"While I will miss the day-to-day, I am so proud to pass the torch to Sherrie," she said. "Her passion, experience and insight will help take Limelight to the next level. I welcome her with open arms and wish her all of the very best."

"What a thrill to be coming to a community already so supportive and involved in the arts," Provence said. "As a storyteller who very much feels called to what I do, I realize and appreciate what a rare opportunity it is to join a group of theater lovers who are so committed to bringing truth to life on the stage. I consider it one of my greatest honors thus far to be asked to be the next executive director at the Limelight, following in



Sherrie Provence

the footsteps of someone so loved and gifted as Beth Lambert. I am so excited to continue to build on what has been established and get to know and serve the beloved St. Augustine community."

Provence's tenure as executive director begins during the theater's 30th season, with four productions remaining: "Messiah on the Frigidaire" (Southern comedy), "Little Women" (classic musical), "Dial M for Murder" (murder mystery) and "Parade" (summer musical.) Her first full season as executive director, the 31st season, will begin in September.

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The winning team, High Tech Hunt of R.B. Hunt Elementary School.



Techno Titans from Timberlin Creek Elementary School won second place.



Stellar Stingrays from the Gamble Rogers Middle School won third place.

By Shaun Ryan

If there are supply chain problems in the future, they may be solved by former St. Johns County students.

As many as 100 of those students in grades four through eight demonstrated their solutions to mock package-delivery challenges Saturday, March 26, during a robotics competition at the link. The competition was patterned after the FIRST LEGO League contests, though it wasn't official.

The theme for the link's inaugural robotics competition, paralleling that of the FIRST LEGO League, was "Cargo Connect." Students working in teams programmed small robots to perform as many tasks as possible in two-and-a-half minutes on mats bearing routes for the robots to follow.

The eight participating teams, representing robotics clubs at seven local schools, chose which challenges they wanted to attempt from a pool of 16. For example, the robots might have had to pull a lever to retrieve cargo or transport it by truck or train to its destination. Careful coding was essential. One mistake could cause a robot to miss its mark.

The robots and kits needed to compete were sponsored by Northeast Florida Regional STEM2 Hub of Jacksonville.

But the robots' performances on the tables comprised only part of the competition. The teams were also judged on innovation projects associated with the theme, as well as the actual robot designs.

"They create a model, and then they present during the judging session and talk about how they came up with it and the iterations that they went through to get to their final product," said Diane Lawson, applied technology specialist for the school district.

The teams were also judged on adherence to core values, such as teamwork, discovery, inclusion, innovation, impact and fun.

"I think LEGO's great, because they include that core value piece where everyone is included," said Lawson.

Kendall Orians said his son Callen, who is in the sixth grade at Timberlin Creek Elementary School, was excited to compete.

"He gets to show off what he's been working on," Orians said. "A lot of times, kids don't get the chance to express themselves outside of sports and activities like that."

Team coach Justin Thornton, a teacher at Gamble Rogers Middle School, made a similar remark.

"With STEM and with kind of the 'nerd subjects,' there's no 'football game' every weekend," he said. "But this is that football game or that basketball game. This is their competition. This is why they practice."

Megan Fernandez, coach of the Crook-

ROBOTICS TEAMS

The teams competing in the link's first robotics competition were:

- **High Tech Hunt, R.B. Hunt Elementary School.** Coaches: Rebecca Welu, Beth Cleary, Mark Prado. First Place Winner.
- **Stellar Stingrays, Gamble Rogers Middle School.** Coach: Justin Thornton. Third place winner.
- **Brainstormers, Mill Creek Academy.** Coach: Tammy Bennett
- **Mechanical Mustangs, Mill Creek Academy.** Coach: Tammy Bennett
- **Techno Titans, Timberlin Creek.** Coach: Cara Smith. Second Place Winners.
- **Crookshank Bots, Crookshank Elementary School.** Coach: Megan Fernandez
- **KES Combobulators, Ketterlinus Elementary School.** Coaches: Bethany Hilbert, Trevor Cabrera
- **Mana-Bots, Otis A. Mason Elementary School.** Coaches: Joseph Thomas and Ashley Cothron



A robot follows its programmed path on one of the competition tables.

shank Elementary School team, explained the many things students learn in preparing for a competition like the one at the link.

"They're learning how to work together as a team," she said. "They're learning how to program the robot. They're learning to problem-solve. They're learning how to work with people that they might not always get along with."

As the judges convened to select a winner, link co-founder Raghu Misra presented a video from Railspire showing how programmers were using artificial intelligence to manage operations at railroad switching yards.

"This has been such a great thing for all of us," said Lawson. "Next year's going to be even better!"

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• **First Coast Art of the Past:** 9 a.m.-2 p.m. May 31-June 3. Ages 4-9. Members \$170, nonmembers \$180.

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• **Native Timucuan/French Interactions:** 9 a.m.-2 p.m. June 6-10. Ages 4-9. Members \$210, nonmembers \$225.

Study the early drawings of René Goulaine de Laudonnière and Jacques le Moyne of the peoples that were here before the Europeans. Create your own sketches, create a village, make a clay pot and make hard-tack.

• **Spanish Influences:** 9 a.m.-2 p.m. June 13-17. Ages 4-9. Members \$210, nonmembers \$225.

Create your own Spanish tiles, learn about the Flamenco and try some gazpacho.

• **Ocean Legends:** 9 a.m.-2 p.m. June 20-24. Ages 4-9. Members \$210, nonmembers \$225.

Explore sea monsters, mermaids and superstitions through art.

• **Early Transportation:** 9 a.m.-2 p.m. June 27- July 1. Ages 4-9. Members \$210, nonmembers \$225.

Learn about travel in the past and build some of your own mini 3D versions. Masted ships, hot air balloons sail cars and more.

• **Victorian Time Period:** 9 a.m.-2 p.m. July 5-8. Ages 4-9. Members \$170, nonmembers \$180.

Travel to the late 1800s to see what was in fashion. Also, take a closer look at optical illusions from that time and create your own. Flip books, zoetrope and other games will make the week tons of fun.

• **The Art of Science:** 9 a.m.-2 p.m. July 11-15. Ages 4-9. Members \$210, nonmembers \$225.

Look into the science behind colors, light, shadow, texture and more. Explore how some of this affects the architecture in our area.

• **Natural Science:** 9 a.m.-2 p.m. July

18-22. Ages 4-9. Members \$210, nonmembers \$225.

Learn how to make natural art. Leaf rubbings, natural suncatcher, using nature to make color and more.

• **Tourism Art:** 9 a.m.-2 p.m. July 25-29. Ages 4-9. Members \$210, nonmembers \$225

What are tourists and why do they visit our First Coast? Build your own First Coast treasure with shell art, hand-tinted postcards and other souvenir art.

• **First Coast Culinary Treasures:** 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Aug. 1-5. Ages 4-9. Members \$210, nonmembers \$225.

Learn about the cuisine and dishes central to our area.

• **First Coast Art Today:** 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Aug. 8-12. Ages 4-9. Members \$210, nonmembers \$225.

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Theater camps

• **Alhambra Theatre Camp:** 9 a.m.-2 p.m. June 27- July 8, with performance on July 11. Ages 8-17. Members \$510, nonmembers \$560. Held at The Alhambra Theatre & Dining, 12000 Beach Blvd., Jacksonville.

This is a two-week summer theater camp. Snack and water will be provided, but campers should bring their own lunches.

The musical will be "Twinderella." One complimentary ticket and one child's meal is included with registration. Refunds will not be offered to campers dissatisfied with their role in the play.

• **Nocatee Drama Camp:** 9:30-11:30 a.m. Mondays and Fridays during June and July (except July 4), with 15 classes and a final theater performance on July 29. Ages 8-17. Members \$420, nonmembers \$450. Classes held at Flagler Health, CareConnect+, 351 Town Plaza Ave. Suite 205, Ponte Vedra.

Dive into the world of acting through improv, monologues, scene work and more.



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After-camp care is held from noon to 4 p.m. for those who don’t want to leave the link after the morning camp is over. There will be arts and crafts, games, movies and more. The fee is \$125. Dates are June 6-10, June 13-17, June 20-24, June 27-30, July 3-7, July 10-14, July 17-21, July 24-28 and Aug. 1-5. A shorter week will be offered July 5-8 for \$100.



Culinary camps

• **Culinary — At the Core:** 9 a.m.-noon. Ages 6-12. Members and nonmembers \$250 per weeklong session.

Campers must register allergies.

Two weeklong sessions: June 6-10 and July 11-15.

Campers will learn kitchen preparedness, kitchen safety, proper food handling, hygiene, cross-contamination, measuring and proper food storage. Workbook with recipes included.

Campers should bring a refillable water bottle.

• **Culinary — Flavors of the World:** 9 a.m.-noon. Ages 6-12. Members and nonmembers \$250 per weeklong session. Campers must register allergies.

Three weeklong sessions: June 13-17, July 18-22 and Aug. 1-5.

Kids will make dishes from Mexico, the Mediterranean, Asia and Italy. Workbook included.

Campers should bring a refillable water bottle.

• **Culinary — Enjoying the Rainbow:** 9 a.m.-noon June 20-24. Ages 6-12. Members and nonmembers \$250. Campers must register allergies.

Campers will learn about the vitamins, minerals and health benefits in foods of different colors.

Activity sheets, recipes, helpful tips, student workbook and individual workstations for hands-on activity are included in the course. Each class offers nutritional education and activities.

Campers should bring a refillable water bottle with them.

• **Culinary — Enjoying the Rainbow:** 9 a.m.-noon July 5-8. Ages 6-12. Members and nonmembers \$200. Campers must register allergies. Campers should bring a refillable water bottle.

• **Culinary — Food is Our Culture:** 9

a.m.-noon. Ages 6-12. Members and nonmembers \$250 per weeklong session. Campers must register allergies.

Two weeklong sessions: June 27-July 1 and July 25-29.

Activity sheets, recipes, helpful tips, student workbook and individual workstations for hands-on activity are included in the course. Each class offers nutritional education and activities.

Campers should bring a refillable water bottle.



Math camps

• **Mathmagicians — Math & Chess:**

Four-week, half-day camp. Ages 8-11. Cost: \$750 per monthlong series. Instructor: Christopher John McLaughlin.

Two monthlong series: June 6-30 and July 5-28.

Session 1 morning program is 8:30-11 a.m. Session 2 afternoon program is 12:30-3 p.m.



Robotics camps

• **LEGO Robotics — CityBots:** 9 a.m.-4 p.m. June 6-10. Ages 7-12. Members and nonmembers \$350. Instructor: Ivan Ramirez.

Students will learn how to meet challenges associated with growth of cities using the modern technologies, robotics and programming. Campers will create the robots that help to make cities more comfortable, cleaner and safer. Campers should bring a refillable water bottle.

• **LEGO Robotics — CityBots:** 9 a.m.-4 p.m. July 5-8. Ages 7-12. Members and nonmembers \$300.

Campers should bring a refillable water bottle.

• **LEGO Robotics — Robots Mechanics:** 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Ages 7-12. Members and nonmembers \$350 per weeklong session. Instructor: Ivan Ramirez.

Two weeklong sessions: June 13-17 and July 11-15.

Robots, smart houses, internet of things, robotized factories and automatic smart functions — it’s a new world and an opportunity for children to learn about the future.

Campers should bring a refillable water bottle.

• **LEGO Robotics — “Star Wars”:** 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Ages 7-12. Members and nonmembers \$350 per weeklong session. Instructor: Ivan Ramirez.

Three weeklong sessions: June 20-24, July 18-22 and Aug. 1-5.

Campers will create, write programs and immerse themselves in the “Star Wars” universe through five different adventures.

Campers should bring a refillable water bottle with them.

• **LEGO Robotics — SUMO Bots:** 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Ages 7-12. Members and nonmembers \$350 per weeklong session. Instructor: Ivan Ramirez.

Two weeklong sessions: June 27-July 1 and July 25-29.

Build and program a SUMO Bot to compete with others. Campers should bring a refillable water bottle.



Teen Life Skills Summer Workshops

9 a.m. to noon. Ages 12-18. Cost: \$250 for each set of workshops.

There are four sets of workshops to choose from. The dates are June 6-10, June 20-24, July 11-15 and July 25-29.

School fills students with facts, numbers, history, math, writing skills and rudimentary sciences. But do our teens have the life skills to function in their day-to-day lives?

The link has partnered with leaders in the community for these Teen Life Skills workshops. Topics will include banking/finance, building a resume, mock job interviews, public speaking, building an online presence, social media awareness, life planning, etiquette and domestic skills.

Coding camp

Driving Dash & Dot Robots with Code: 9 a.m.-4 p.m. June 13-17. Ages 6-12. Cost: \$350.

Experiment with measurement, sensors and abilities to achieve awards. Get creative with robot dance parties and fashion shows. Create music with Dash’s xylophone. Draw with the robot’s marker attachment. Even shoot some hoops with

the launcher.

Campers will learn and practice coding concepts through each coding language compatible with Dash & Dot Robots: Path, Wonder, Blockly and Swift.

The main focus will be in using a block-based coding language called Blockly, a visual coding language that is rooted in Javascript code. Beginning coders will become proficient in the Blockly language as they learn the fundamentals of coding: sequences, algorithms, loops, events, conditionals, functions and variables.



Tumble Dance Camp

9 a.m.-noon. Ages 5+. Members and nonmembers \$200. Instructor: Reilly Hughes.

There are two sessions to choose from. The dates are June 13-17 and July 11-15.

Enjoy a fun day of dance, tumble, games and crafts. Bring a snack and refillable water bottle.




Fencing Camps

Olympic Style Fencing Camp: 9 a.m.-noon. Ages 6-13. Members and nonmembers \$250 per weeklong session. Instructor: Alan Chernomashentsev.


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Chocolate Covered Strawberries

Yield: 2 cups strawberries
12 oz. milk, dark or white chocolate
Sprinkles of choice
1-16 oz. package of strawberries

Layer a large sheet pan with parchment paper. Heat the chocolate in the microwave for 20-30 second intervals, stirring as needed until melted completely. Dip each strawberry into the chocolate followed by the sprinkles if desired. Place onto the sheet tray. Allow the berries to dry for 15-20 minutes in the fridge before serving. Enjoy!

Homemade Pasta

(Adapted from selfproclaimedfoodie.com)

Yield: 4 portions
1½ cups all-purpose flour
1½ cups semolina flour
4 eggs, beaten
4T. olive oil
4T. water
1 tsp. salt



In a large bowl, measure both flours and salt, stir. Add beaten eggs and using a fork begin to blend them into the flour mixture. Add the olive oil and water. Using your hands, mix until a dough forms. Take the dough out and knead it for 3-4 minutes, until when touched it springs back. Cover with plastic wrap and allow it to sit for at least 30 minutes. Remove the plastic and cut the dough into four pieces. Using your pasta maker, roll the slightly flattened dough through the thickest setting once, fold into thirds and put it through a second time. Again, fold into thirds and roll it one last time. This process helps the dough to form a large rectangle. Next put the rectangular dough down through the pasta maker using setting 3. Repeat this process again on setting 5. Lastly run the flattened pasta through the fettuccine side. Sprinkle each



handful of pasta liberally with additional flour so it does not stick together.

When ready to serve, heat a large pot of boiling, salted water on the stove. Add the pasta to the water and cook until al dente, approximately 1-2 minutes. Top with pasta sauce and serve. Enjoy!

teaspoons)
7 grams kosher salt (1 teaspoon)
338 grams warm water (1 1/4 cups + 3 tablespoons)
13 grams olive oil (1 tablespoon)

Combine the flour, salt and yeast in a bowl or the bowl of your stand mixer. Stir to combine. Add the water and olive oil and stir until a raggy dough forms. Turn

Pizza Dough (Master Recipe)

500 grams Tipo 00 or all-purpose flour (3 1/3 cups)
8 grams instant or active dry yeast (2

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2022 SUMMER Events

Tommy Hulihan Basketball is offering sports camp, basketball camp, basketball league, and basketball training this summer!

Sports Camp @ St. Paul's Gym, 215 5th St. N., Jacksonville Beach
Runs June 6 through July 29! 8 Sessions. Sign-up for the day, the week or the whole summer!
Sports camp is open for girls and boys 5 years old through rising 6th graders.
Hours: 8am-3pm Extended Care: 3pm-6pm
Cost: Sports Camp \$150 per week 8:00am-3:00pm. Extended Care 3pm-6pm \$50 per week.
Single Day Rates: Monday-Thursday \$35 per day. Friday -\$35 pizza party and T-shirt

Tommy Hulihan's Summer Basketball Camp
9am-12pm
2 Sessions for boys currently in 2nd-4th grade:
June 6-10 and June 27-July 1
2 Sessions for boys currently in 4th-7th grade:
June 20-24 and July 11-15

Beaches Basketball Summer League
Dates: May 28-July 30
Cost: \$150. Deadline to register Mon. May 1. (after this date price increase, if space available.) Open to girls and boys 3 years old through 5th grade (use current grade).

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LUNAFEST 2022 to support Tech Trek camps

The St. Augustine branch of the American Association of University Women is hosting LUNAFEST 2022 from 6 to 9 p.m. April 23 at the Lincolnville Museum and Cultural Center, 102 Martin Luther King Ave., St. Augustine. Tickets for the event and for virtual screenings are \$25 and may be purchased at lunafest.org.

Money raised will go to support AAUW Florida Tech Trek camps for eighth-grade girls who have demonstrated an ability in

science, technology, engineering or math.

Last year, 20 eighth-grade girls from St. John's County attended virtual Tech Trek camps. The students only pay a \$25 registration fee. The branch also raises money for college scholarships for students who have finished one or more years of college and live in St. Johns County.

Festival guests will enjoy a dessert bar during intermission. Water is complimentary and wine and beer will be sold by

Lincolnville Museum. Tickets for raffle baskets will be sold, with distribution at the end of the evening.

LUNAFEST is a traveling film festival celebrating, showcasing and championing women. This year's films challenge our perceptions about the world and spark conversation. Stories reflect the diverse perspectives of the filmmakers and their subjects. It is advised that some material may not be suitable for children under 13.

This year's festival is comprised of eight short films for a total running time of 80 minutes.

For more information about the films and their filmmakers, go to lunafest.org.

The mission of the AAUW is to advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education and advocacy. Information about the St. Augustine branch is available at staugustine-fl.aauw.net.

Recipes

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the dough out onto a floured surface.

Knead the dough by pushing with the base of your palm, then reforming it into a ball. Continue kneading for 8 minutes until the dough feels pillowy and has a smooth, stretchy exterior. If the dough is very sticky, add a small amount of flour while kneading. Alternatively: attach the dough hook to a stand mixer and start the mixer on medium-low speed, then allow the mixer to knead for 8 minutes.

After the kneading is finished, divide the dough into 3 equal pieces. Using floured hands, gently shape each half into



a boule (ball shape) by folding the dough under itself. Set each boule on a floured surface and dab

the dough with a bit of olive oil to keep it moist. Cover all boules with a damp towel and allow them to rise until doubled in size, about 45 minutes to 1 hour.

The dough can be used immediately. However, for the best flavor, transfer the dough to separate sealed containers, large enough for the dough to double in size again, and store in the refrigerator for 2 to 3 days. (Alex and I don't always do this, but we try when possible because it

makes for a noticeably nutty, unique flavor that truly is the best homemade pizza dough you've ever had.)

If you're using the dough after refrigerating: The day of serving, remove the dough from the containers, place it on a lightly floured surface covered with a towel, and allow it to come to room temperature before stretching, 30 to 45 minutes.

To stretch the dough, place it on a lightly floured surface and gently press it into a circle, flipping several times and adding a pinch of flour if it is too sticky. Once you have about an 8-inch circle, pick up the dough and gently drape it over the knuckles on both of your hands. Slowly rotate it around, allowing gravity

to stretch it into a circle about 11 inches in diameter. Do not overwork or fold the dough. If the dough starts to resist stretching, put it down and allow it to rest for a few minutes, at which point it will stretch more easily.

We bake our pizzas at 500F and use a pizza peel to transfer it to a preheated pizza stone in the oven: the bake time is around 5 to 7 minutes. See our pizza recipe posts for baking instructions.

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INK! helps fund schools' new outdoor classroom

INK! (Investing in Kids) recently helped fund a new outdoor learning space for students at Julington Creek Elementary at 2316 Race Track Road in Fruit Cove.

Grants provided by Wells Fargo through the Consortium of Florida Education Foundations and the Community First Cares Foundation funded the project.

According to Donna Lueders, INK!'s executive director, the Academy of Environmental Sciences and the Teaching Academy at Creekside High School collaborated with elementary school students in the service-learning project.

High school students built garden beds, added native landscaping, developed sensory experiences and created engaging lessons to share with younger students for a direct experience to teach and learn during World Water Day on March 22.

Student teaching took place in rotational groups throughout the morning and early afternoon activities with a "water passport" to track learning experiences.

Jeanette Murphy, Julington Creek Elementary School's principal, initiated the project and permanent outdoor learning plan in 2020 with Alicia "Ali" Pressel, St. Johns County School District secondary school science teacher at Creekside High

School and 2020-2021 St. Johns County Teacher of the Year.

Pressel's expertise to lead the efforts includes teaching in the St. Johns County Career Academies program, the Academy of Environmental Sciences and Advanced Placement Environmental Science. She sponsors the Environmental Club and the Geospatial Mapping with a focus on project-based learning and STEM initiatives. Pressel is also a 2020 National Geographic Emerging Explorer.

Pressel implemented the St. Johns County School District's approved program with Creekside's Academy of Future Teachers instructor, Regan Ashker, on the "place-based learning" concept.

Also, Abra Murrell, Julington Creek Elementary clerk and local gardening enthusiast, was involved with teachers and students in designing and planting the new outdoor space.

The permanent installation includes outdoor areas with a "Wacky Watersheds" and Fun 2.0 space where students learn about the water cycle, watersheds and aquatic health through interactive lessons with resources from the St. Johns River Water Management District.

A "Nifty Natives" area features the importance of native landscaping in the community and about pollination through a student-developed sensory activity.

The "Rock N' Roll" location encourages students to understand rock cycles, rock types and the importance of limestone in the development of the Florida aquifer.

"Sifting through Soils" helps students to learn about soil layers and the importance of soil resources in water filtration.

"Green ThumbsUp!" features gardening basics and the opportunity for students to plant their own seeds.

Plans include the opportunity for additional local schools to implement similar learning environments and curricula. For more information contact Donna Lueders at 904-547-7120 or email Donna.Lueders@stjohns.k12.fl.us. Or go to inkstjohns.org.



Photos provided by INK!

Jeanette Murphy, Julington Creek Elementary School principal, initiated the project along with Alicia Pressel, science teacher at Creekside High School.



Deirdre Irwin, St. Johns River Water Management District water conservation coordinator, and Alicia "Ali" Pressel, St. Johns County School District secondary school science teacher at Creekside High School and 2020-21 Teacher of the Year.



A Creekside High School student assists younger students from Julington Creek Elementary.



Julington Creek students show their "Life Cycle of Native Plants" chart at the outdoor classroom.

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Camps

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Two sessions: June 20-24 and July 18-22.

In this Fencing for Beginners Camp, participants will learn basic skills, technique, rules, etc. Bring a snack and refillable water bottle.



Sapna Academy Creativity Camps

9 a.m.-1 p.m. Ages 4-15. Instructors: Johanna & Justin Lawson

There are four separate week-long sessions to choose from. The dates and prices are July 5-8 for \$150; and July 11-15, July 18-22, July 25-29 for \$200 each. Open to members and nonmembers.

At Sapna Academy, the self-directed learning approach to education is used to combine creativity and critical thinking. Throughout the week, kids will have the opportunity to participate in various art projects, immersive (virtual) field trips, creative storytelling, real world math, hands-on science/engineering activities, interactive games, imaginative play, performance art and more.

Each camper should bring a refillable water bottle, snacks and a sack lunch.



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• **All Sports Camp — Sessions:** June 6-10, June 13-17, June 20-24, June 27-July 1, July 6-8, July 11-15, July 18-22, July 25-29. Grades: K-6.

8 a.m.-3 p.m. Mondays-Fridays. Cost: \$150

3-6 p.m. Extended Care. Cost \$50.

There are also prices for early drop-off and single day rates. See the website.

Campers participate in a variety of team sports and age-appropriate activities, including basketball, soccer, flag football, kickball, tag and more. Campers are required to bring a lunch Monday-Thursday. If your camper will be in extended care, remember to provide an extra snack. Every Friday there will be a pizza lunch for campers.

• **Basketball Camp — Sessions:** June 6-10 for boys in grades 2-4, June 20-24 for boys in grades 4-7, June 27-July 1 for boys in grades 2-4, July 11-15 for boys in grades 4-7.

All times: 9 a.m.-noon. Cost: \$150 per weeklong session.

• **Basketball League —** May 28-July 30. Cost: \$150 by May 1, \$170 after May 1.

Register: register.ryzer.com/camp.cfm?id=209744

Gym locations: St. Paul's Gym, 212

5th St. North, Jacksonville Beach; and Beaches Chapel Gym, 610 Florida Blvd., Neptune Beach

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The summer day camp is available to rising fourth- through eighth-grade singers. Camp designed for treble voices (soprano and altos) only.

Early bird registration through April 30 is \$250. Registration starting May 1 is \$350.

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There will be no parent drop off/sign in. Each student will be issued two dashboard name tags and will be escorted to and from cars. All students, teaching artists and interns will be masked and social distanced for the duration of camp, and for all showcases/performances. The classroom will be disinfected before and after each class. Lysol and hand sanitizer will be available in every classroom. High touch surfaces will be disinfected before and after each class.

"High School Musical, Jr."

Grades: 4+
Rehearsals: 2-5 p.m. June 6-July 1
Black Box performances: 5 p.m. July 1 and 3, 2 p.m. July 2
Tuition: \$525

"Spaced Out!"

Grades: Kindergarten+
10 a.m.-1 p.m. Monday-Friday, June 6-10
Showcase: 1 p.m. June 10 in the Black Box
Tuition: \$175

"Something Rotten!" (Musical Intensive)

Grades: 8+
Rehearsals: 9 a.m.-1 p.m. June 27-July 15 (no rehearsal on July 4)
Rehearsals: 9 a.m.-2 p.m. July 18-July 22

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10 a.m.-1 p.m. Rehearsal
Performances: 7 p.m. July 21, 22, 23, 2 p.m. July 24
Tuition: \$625

"Winnie the Pooh, Kids"

Grades: 3+
Rehearsals: 10 a.m.-3 p.m. June 13-24
Performances: 5 p.m. June 24 and 25, 2 p.m. June 26
Tuition: \$525

"The Cheese Stands Alone"

Grades: Kindergarten+
10 a.m.-1 p.m. Monday-Friday, July 25-29
Showcase: July 29 at 1:00pm in the Black Box
Tuition: \$175

"It's a Jungle Out There!"

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Grades: Kindergarten+
2-5 p.m. Monday-Friday, July 25-29
Showcase: 5 p.m. July 29 in the Black Box
Tuition: \$175

"E-I-E-I-Oops!"

Grades: Kindergarten+
10 a.m.-1 p.m. Monday-Friday, Aug. 1-5
Showcase: 1 p.m. Aug. 5 in the Black Box
Tuition: \$175

"Nuts!"

Grades: Kindergarten+
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Summertime projects for kids

Summer slide is a concept that has been on educators' minds since 1996, when the first comprehensive study on the topic was published. Students lose significant knowledge in core subjects over the summer break, and those losses increase each year. There's much parents can do to help their children continue learning over the summer. Educational projects may be a good start. Here's a brief list of educational projects children can work on this summer.

- Conduct informal science experiments, such as growing the biggest vegetable or studying butterflies or insects that visit the backyard.
- Maintain a journal about adventures during summer vacation through personal narratives or even through creative

fictional accounts based on the child's experiences.

- Search for patterns in nature, such as those in shells or flowers.
- Learn about money by keeping tallies on souvenir purchases or the cost of items in stores.
- Calculate distances from home by using maps and mileage. Become amateur meteorologists, keeping track of changing weather patterns and which signs indicate precipitation.
- Stock up on summer reading books that everyone in the family can enjoy while sitting poolside or at the beach.
- Visit a museum or a local point of interest and learn about something historical.



Kid-friendly staycation ideas

Adults may see staycations as great opportunities to catch up on summer reading and finish projects around the house. Children, however, may not always approach time off at home with that same enthusiasm.

Parents confronted with the challenge of keeping kids happy and engaged during staycations can try these kid-friendly ideas to ensure everyone enjoys their time off, even if the bulk of it is spent at home.

kids can typically enjoy endless rides for one set price as opposed to having to purchase tickets for each individual ride.

• Find a place to swim. Whether it's a nearby lake or a day at the ocean, a week-day afternoon spent swimming is a great way to remind the family that a staycation is still a vacation. If swimming in a lake or in the ocean is not possible and you don't have the luxury of a backyard pool, purchase an inflatable pool (or two) that the whole family can enjoy.

• Embrace your inner artists. Parents can visit a local arts and crafts store and spend a day painting or making projects with their children. Choose a theme, like making jewelry or painting a family portrait, and then exchange your masterpieces or create a family art exhibit when the session is over.

• Go fishing. Fishing can be a fun activity for the whole family and a great way to get out of the house without breaking the bank. Create a competition to see who can catch the most and/or the biggest fish. If you catch fish that you're allowed to take home, involve the whole family in making a delicious fish dinner that night.

Staycations can be fun for the whole family, especially when parents take time to organize a host of kid-friendly activities.



• Hit the carnival circuit. Traveling carnivals are a staple of summer in many small communities. These special events feature rides, games and, of course, food. Families can make a night of it at a nearby carnival (one is no doubt within driving distance on just about any night in July and August). Budget-conscious staycationers can attend carnivals on bracelet nights, when both adults and

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Try these recipes for your Easter festivities

Easter is almost here, and it's time to think about some delicious dinner ideas. To help, here are a couple of recipes provided by Chef Cassandra Cotoia of Empowered Foody.

Herb Marinated Rack of Lamb with chimichurri sauce

Yield: 4 portions

- 2ea. lamb racks, trimmed, cleaned & cut in half
- 4T. chopped
- 4ea. garlic cloves, minced
- 1T. olive oil
- Salt and pepper, to taste
- 3-4T. Chimichurri Sauce (recipe follows)

In a small bowl mix the parsley, garlic and olive oil together until combined. Massage the marinade into the lamb and allow it to marinate in the fridge for at least two hours or overnight.

To Cook:

Allow the lamb to rest at room temperature, if possible, for an hour before cooking. Heat a large pan on high heat. Season the lamb liberally with salt and pepper. Add one tablespoon of olive oil to the pan along with the lamb and sear it for 3-4 minutes on each side until golden

brown. Place it on a wire rack on a lined sheet pan and bake for 10-15 minutes in a 400 degrees F oven until it reaches an internal temperature of 125 F-130 F (medium rare). Remove the lamb from the oven and allow it to rest for 5-10 minutes before serving.

To Serve:

Slice the lamb into double chops and top each piece with a drizzle of chimichurri sauce to serve.

Chimichurri Sauce

Yield: 1 cup sauce

- 3-4 cloves, sliced garlic
- 1 bunch parsley, leaves and small stems
- ½ bunch cilantro, leaves and small stems
- 1/2T. oregano
- 1tsp. red pepper flakes
- 1T. sherry vinegar
- ½-¾ cup olive oil
- Salt and pepper to taste

Place all the ingredients, except the olive oil into the food processor. Begin pulsing while adding the olive oil in a steady stream. Pulse until the mixture is well combined. Season to taste! Enjoy!



Sautéed Spring Veggies

Yield: 4 servings

- 1 bunch asparagus, trimmed, chopped into 1-inch pieces
- 2 pounds fava beans
- 1-pound young zucchini, sliced
- 2-3T. olive oil
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1T. fresh parsley leaves, chopped
- Salt and pepper, to taste

Heat a large pot with water on high heat. Blanch the asparagus and fava

beans for 2-3 minutes. Drain. Heat a large pan on high heat. Add the garlic and olive oil. Once the garlic begins to brown, add the zucchini and stir for 4-5 minutes. Add the asparagus and fava beans. Cook the veggies for an additional 3-4 minutes, add chopped parsley and season to taste. Enjoy!

From Chef Cassandra Cotoia of Empowered Foody
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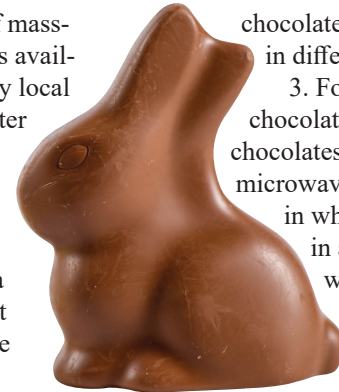
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Flagler Health+ Village at Nocatee is located at 351 Town Plaza Ave., Ponte Vedra Beach.

Make your own chocolate bunnies this Easter

While there are scores of mass-produced chocolate bunnies available for purchase, and many local chocolatiers also make Easter bunnies and other sweet treats, families may want to try making their own chocolate Easter bunnies this year. This can be a family-friendly activity that favors togetherness with the promise of a sweet reward.



chocolate bunnies or hollow varieties in different sizes.

3. Follow directions to melt chocolate successfully. Some chocolates can be slowly melted in the microwave. A double-boiler method, in which the chocolate is melted in a bowl placed above a pan with boiling water, can help the chocolate melt consistently and prevent it from burning.

1. The first step to creating chocolate Easter bunnies is to select the type of chocolate you prefer. Bunnies can be made from white chocolate, milk chocolate, dark chocolate, or even a combination for a marbled effect. Chocolate melts, chips or chocolate couverture are widely available at specialty chocolate and food shops or craft supply stores, according to DoItYourself.com. This simplifies the bunny-making process. Some retailers also may sell bunny-making kits that pair the chocolate melts with the mold in one box for ultimate convenience.

2. Craft stores also have aisles devoted to culinary crafts. Browse to find an Easter bunny mold. Some may sell solid

4. Pour the chocolate into the mold and gently tap the mold so that it displaces air bubbles and helps the chocolate settle evenly into the design. Allow the chocolate to set up in the refrigerator. If your mold is hollow, you can seal the two halves of the bunny with a little melted chocolate on the seam.

Creativity can be unleashed when making homemade chocolate bunnies. Experiment with adding a few drops of peppermint oil or orange liqueur to customize the flavor. Before sealing hollow bunnies, place peanut butter or raspberry jam inside for a tasty surprise. Use colored candy melts to add colorful eyes or cheeks or to tint the inside of the bunny ears.



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Pensionmark, Blantons bring family culture to fiduciary process

Company handles St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce

By Anthony Richards

For the past two years Pensionmark Jacksonville has been handling the retirement plans of the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce.

The local office is family-owned and operated by Buck Blanton, who got his start in the insurance and investments-related field in 1981.

His wife Missy handles the communication and education side of things with employees, one of which is their son Tucker, who recently joined the business.

The Blantons have had a national affiliation with Pensionmark for about six years, which allows them the resources of a large company while maintaining a close-knit family atmosphere.

“We really wanted to keep our culture similar but also provide the latest and greatest,” Blanton said. “It’s been a good marriage for us.”

Part of that culture includes being able to easily adapt to the people they are working with by offering a hybrid

approach that embraces technology but does not completely abandon the in-person model, which allows them to help a variety of businesses regardless of a company’s average age of employees.

“We like to keep a high-touch environment present, especially in a time when so many are going fully in with technology,” Blanton said. “However, we’re not naive and we have the ability to offer either option depending on client preference. We have a true hybrid operation thanks to Pensionmark.”

The partnership with the Chamber has continued to grow in the past two years and Blanton believes it is only getting stronger.

“They needed more help with their retirement plans, because like most businesses they don’t do retirement plans for a living,” Blanton said. “We can focus on their plans, so that they can focus on doing the other things they are associated with.”

One of those things is helping promote local businesses throughout the county and doing so while keeping up with the growth taking place in the county.

He works closely with Chamber president/CEO Isabelle Renault and vice president Aimee Stafford to make sure



both entities are on the same page.

“Isabelle and everyone there are great people and easy to work with,” Blanton said.

According to Blanton, it is the “personal touch” offered that separates them from other companies.

An example of that, is that he puts his cell phone on all his business cards.

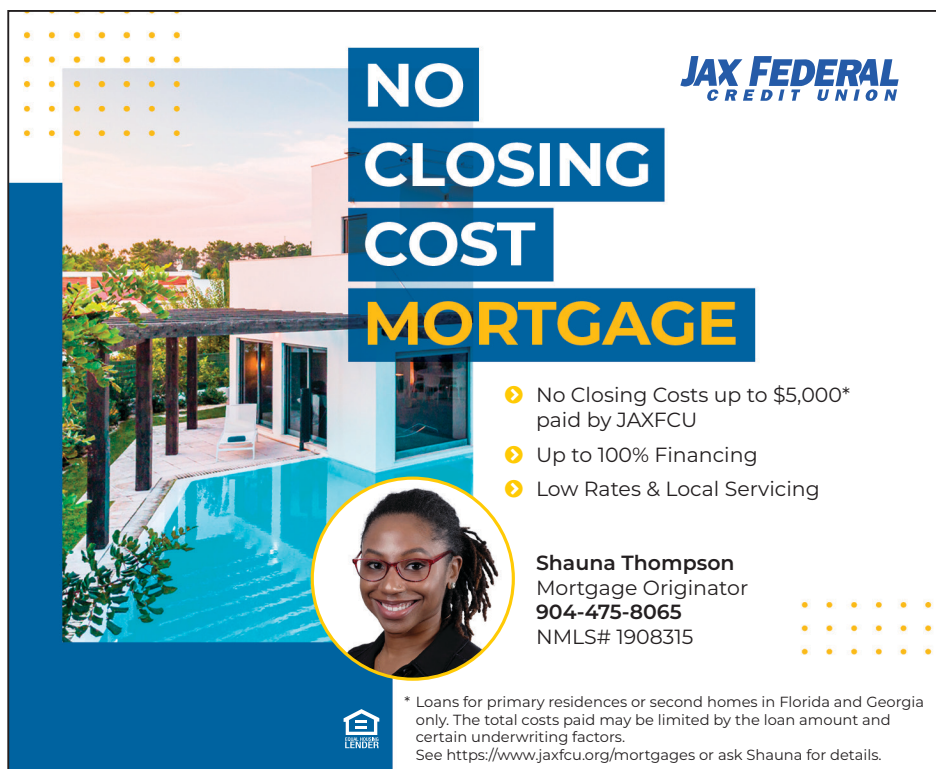
“That’s not a popular practice in business today, but we feel it is necessary because it lets them know that we’ve always got their back, as opposed to giving them a 1-800 number,” Blanton said.

Referrals and relationships are the major influencers that have allowed the company to expand its client base over the years.

They work with an array of businesses of all sizes, including some with only two employees and others with a staff of 100 to 1,000.

“No matter the size of the business, the issues are the same and the IRS doesn’t look at them any different,” Blanton said. “We can take over an entire company’s fiduciary process or just focus on certain parts where they need the most direction.”


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Spring clean your finances in 5 easy steps



Spring is considered a good time to deep clean your home. To really get your house in order, expand the tradition to include tidying your finances. Doing so can help alleviate stress and give you a sense of confidence. Here are five steps to help you organize and polish your financial life.

Toss paper and secure passwords.

It's easy to get mired in paper, even in the electronic age. Pull out the shredder and dispose of old bills and notices. If you store passwords on paper, consider mov-

ing them to a more secure password storage device for improved security. While you're at it, change your passwords to reduce your risk of getting hacked.

Assess your financial stability. Review your personal cash flow by preparing a summary of money coming in and money going out to pay bills, fund your lifestyle and handle emergencies during a set period of time. Calculate your assets and liabilities to get an estimate of your net worth. Watch for creeping living costs and look for opportunities to grow

earnings, reduce debt, slash spending and increase savings.

Streamline cards and memberships.

Use those gift cards accumulating in your wallet. Consider eliminating memberships that are not a good value. Close that old bank account if you no longer use it. Revisit rates for insurance policies, cable and phone contracts and other ongoing costs that may be renegotiated, bundled or improved by switching to a competitor.

Touch up your estate plan. Update your will or trust to ensure it reflects your wishes. Confirm that your beneficiary designations are current, especially if there's been a divorce, birth or death in your family. Protect yourself further by assigning a power of attorney and creating a living will and advance directive according to your personal wishes and state requirements.

Refresh your savings and investments. Make sure your emergency fund is sufficient to handle an unexpected setback. Check in on your retirement savings to determine if you're still on track. If you're earning more, consider saving more. Make saving automatic with each paycheck. If you have a 401(k) with a former employer, a rollover may offer more investment options and reduce your fees. Consider diversifying your invest-

ments to better align with changes in your life. Spring is a great time to meet with your financial advisor for your annual review and refine your financial plan based on evolving life goals and circumstances.



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Back after a two-year hiatus, the tour will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 9, and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, April 10. The event is rain or shine and is the signature fundraiser for RAP.

Founded in 1974 by Wayne Wood, RAP was formed with the aim of preserving the scenic, cultural and historic atmosphere of the Riverside and Avondale neighborhoods. This year's home tour features 10 properties, including historic homes, churches and architectural points of interest, celebrating the preservation work done in the Riverside Avondale community with an eye to inspiring future trends.

"The RAP Home Tour is not only a

community favorite, but also a critical showcase of what successful historic restoration looks like," said RAP Executive Director Shannon Blankinship.

Realtors Joy Walker and Jane Owen of Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Network Realty's Metro Offices of Avondale/Ortega and San Marco/San Jose are providing key support to the home tour. Walker, a former RAP Board member, is serving as this year's home tour chair, a position she has held for eight years. Owen is serving as this year's volunteer chair and is managing all of the volunteers participating in the home tour.

"We are pleased to support a wonderful tradition that celebrates the Riverside and Avondale communities," said Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Network Realty CEO Kevin Waugaman. "We hope everyone will celebrate with us at the RAP Home Tour."

Tickets can be purchased at 904tix.com/events/rap-home-tour-2022-4-9-2022-103206. They are \$20 for members in advance, \$25 for nonmembers, and are good for both Saturday and Sunday. For more information about RAP, go to riversideavondale.org.



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While there is no single action that can boost the collective confidence of retirees, there are several key investment mistakes that, if avoided, can help maximize retirement savings and provide confidence to those who are entering their golden years.

Pitfall 1: Failing to Maximize Your Contribution

If you can afford to do so, contributing the maximum amount to your employer-sponsored retirement plan will increase the chances that you'll reach your investment goal. The earlier you start, the better; it will allow your investments, and any potential earnings to grow on a tax-deferred basis.

Pitfall 2: Failing to Develop a Concrete Plan

Establishing clear goals that incorporate a time element (number of years until retirement) is necessary to create a relevant investment plan. Without such a plan, it is difficult to understand whether your savings will provide you with the living standard to which you've grown accustomed and for each year of your retirement.

Pitfall 3: Short-Term Investment Mindset

The stock market fluctuates; that's a fact. And in the short-term they face a relatively high risk of price volatility. But in the long-term stocks have historically delivered relatively stable earnings. So, selling off your holdings whenever the market takes a dip is a sure way to incur losses that impact your long-term goals.

Pitfall 4: The Quest for Perfection

Buying low and selling high is ever-green advice but trying to time investment decisions on when the market will be at its lowest or highest is risky business, often leading to missed opportunities. As per number 3 above, investing for the long-term can provide a more stable investment mindset.



Pitfall 5: Eggs All in One Basket

Some investors make the mistake of investing in just one fund or asset type, thereby subjecting it to high risk should the market impact their specific holding. Spreading your investment risk over a mix of assets can help manage potential loss during these sharp market swings. The key here is diversification to offset losses in a particular asset category.

With these pitfalls in mind, you are well-positioned to avoid the common mistakes of other investors and maximize opportunities for your retirement plan.

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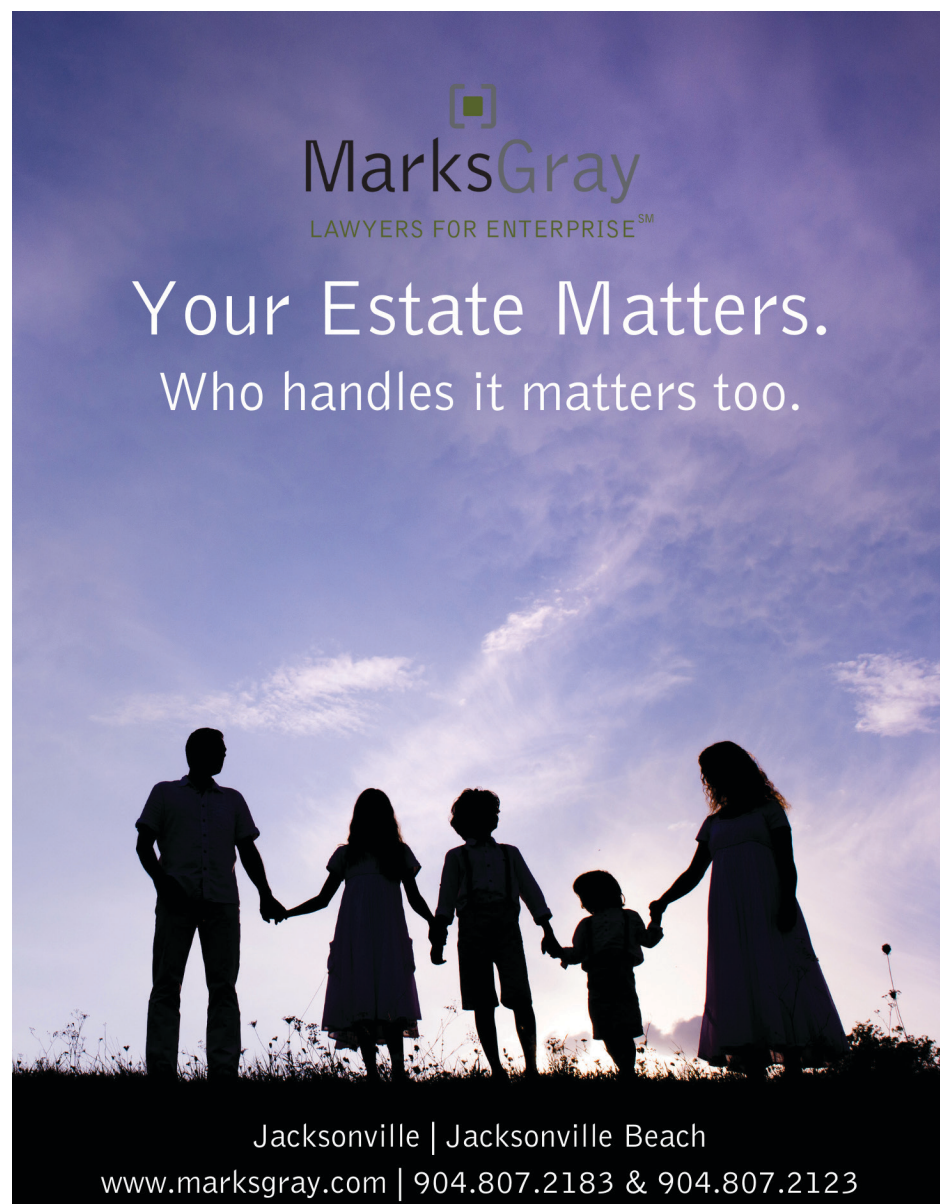
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tag! Children’s Museum of St. Augustine names director of development



Paige Van Tuyl

Kim MacEwan, executive director of tag! Children’s Museum of St. Augustine has named Paige Van Tuyl the nonprofit’s new director of development.

Van Tuyl will be responsible for overseeing the organization’s fundraising, managing relationships with the company’s stakeholders and financial partners, planning fundraising events and presentations, encouraging contributions and developing opportunities for financial support through grants and sponsorships.

She is currently focused on raising funds for the facility to become one of the most unique children’s museums in the United States and a critical part of arts and sciences enrichment for students and adults.

For more than 20 years, Van Tuyl has vast experience with nonprofit development and sustainability through leadership, direct fundraising, stewardship, donor development and cultivation in the arts, education, animal welfare, social justice and helping nonprofits to achieve sustainable financial independence.

She most recently served as the executive director of the Lynda Fairly Carpinteria Arts Center located in Carpinteria, California, while helping the nonprofit become a leading small-town community arts center in the country.

She was formerly the development officer of Girls Inc. of Greater Santa Barbara, California; event director for the Santa Barbara Museum of Art; and served as development liaison and art director at the Jewish Federation of Greater Santa Barbara.

Van Tuyl is a native of Santa Barbara and attended Santa Barbara High School. She holds a bachelor’s degree in the history of art and architecture from the University of Santa Barbara.

She is a member of Rotary International and resides in St. Augustine.

tag! Children’s Museum will be the first cultural institution built in Northeast Florida in more than 20 years and is anticipated to have an estimated \$2.7 million annual impact on the community. tag! will enrich the lives of an estimated 300,000 area students and engage 95,000 expected visitors annually at Arapaho Avenue in St. Augustine.

The initial groundbreaking for tag! was

held in October 2021 for the community resource, local destination, educational laboratory and advocacy setting for children.

Phase 1 – Discovery, which has been supported by a gift from The Newman Family Foundation, will include a collection of indoor and outdoor spaces with the Lastinger Big Backyard, the Florida Blue Healthy Gardens, The Cofrin Family Tree Story Garden and The PLAYERS Championship STEM programming.

Corporate partners and stakeholders currently include Dr. Jimmy and Karen Glenos, The Platt Family, Danielle and Gene Fraser, The Junior Service League, The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida, The Bozard Family, and Mindy and Nick Cevera.

Fundraising efforts for the museum are ongoing and the \$8 million capital campaign provides families, businesses, and others the opportunity to invest in the future of Northeast Florida. The organization is currently \$2 million from reaching their Capital Campaign Goal.



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Local roots evident in Krieger's latest album

Album cover pays homage to time in Ponte Vedra

By Anthony Richards

Although Allegra Krieger is in New York City trying to make it in the music industry with a career as a singer/songwriter, it is her time spent growing up in Ponte Vedra that continues to inspire her music.

The 26-year-old recently released her third album in March and not only is the music inspired by her past, but the album's cover is a photo of her as a child diving into a pool at their former Ponte Vedra home.

"I love that picture because I'm in midair and it's like I'm equally joyful and scared at the same time," Krieger said. "It's a perfect moment."

According to Krieger, she falls into the folk/songwriter genre with her music stylings, as she wants people to find meaning in her work and see it more than just a catchy tune.

"I want people to find a sense of hope and an understanding that it's the small things in life that happen every day and find depth in that," Krieger said. "I just try to be honest with my music. It's a very cathartic thing for me, and I would do it even if I wasn't pursuing a career."

She works nights as a bartender in New York City, and often finds time in the mornings to sit down with her guitar and a bunch of coffee to work on possible

song lyrics.

Performing live and going on tour is something she was not able to do the past couple of years, but she recently wrapped up her first tour since the pandemic, hitting stops such as Los Angeles, New Mexico, Austin, Texas and New Orleans.

"It was pretty exhausting, but it was nice to get back out," Krieger said. "I was able to stay with friends when I could along the way."

Throughout the tour, she drove herself which offered plenty of time to think and even come up with ideas that may spark future songs.

Her latest album was recorded in California, where she spent seven days recording 10 songs.

"I write a lot and I feel it's helpful for me to play the songs in front of an audience, because you get an idea of how songs are received and which ones people enjoy," Krieger said.

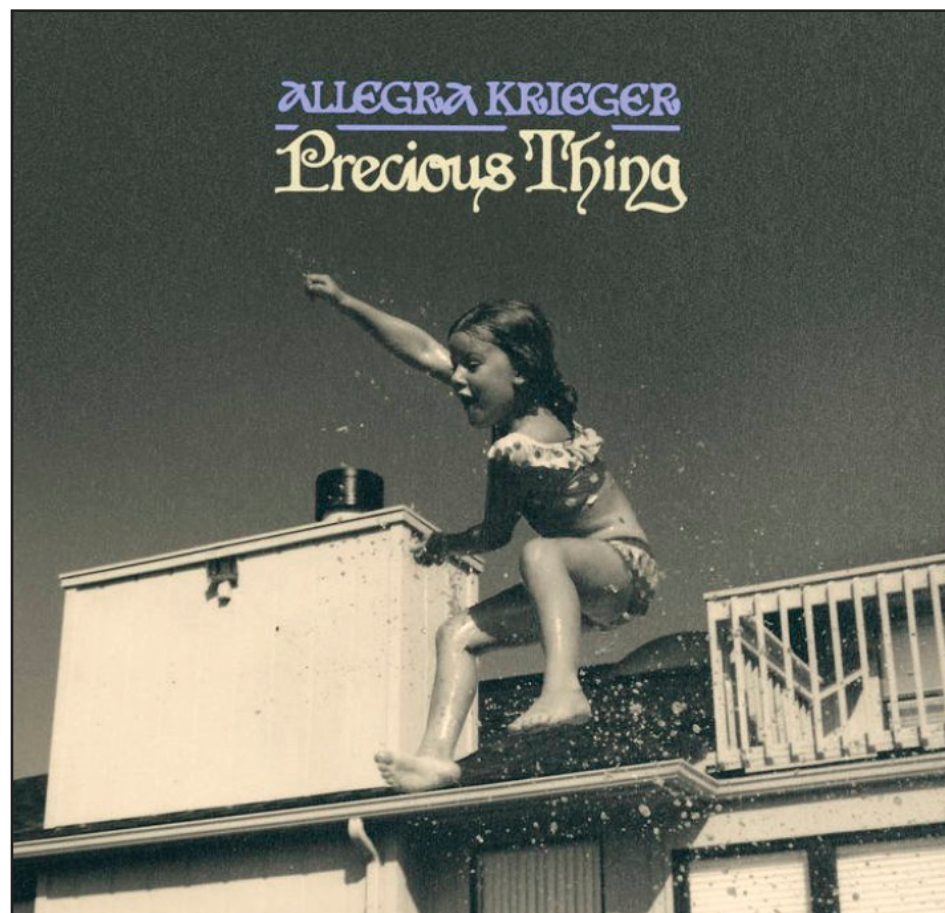
She has found over the years that how she approaches the show can vary based on the audience she is playing for.

"There's a lot of variety in my songs, and I feel like I can cater my set depending on the situation," Krieger said.

Music has always been something she has been interested in and learned to play classical piano at an early age as part of a chorus program at Christ Episcopal Church in Ponte Vedra Beach.

Her mother also spent time teaching kindergarten at the church.

Krieger's latest album is called "Precious Thing" and can be found by going to all the music downloading platforms and allegrakrieger.com.



Photos courtesy of Allegra Krieger

Allegra Krieger recently released her third album called "Precious Thing," which features a photo of her as a child diving into a pool at their former home in Ponte Vedra.



Allegra Krieger considers her music to be among the folk genre.



Allegra Krieger recently returned from her first tour since the COVID-19 pandemic.

PAM Jam plans Mayday for Moms event

PAM Jam Florida First Coast will present Mayday for Moms from 1 to 5 p.m. May 1 at 137 King St., St. Augustine. The event celebrates "the arts, Mother Earth and mothers in Heaven and on Earth."

Participating venues include ArtBox Gallery, Butterfield Garage Art Gallery and WildHeart Boutique. The event will benefit local organizations that help

"moms in distress": Matanzas Riverkeeper Litter Gitter and hopefullhandbags.org and the Two TitMice Vodka Foundation, through which the Carol Whitney Green Memorial Scholarship will be awarded to a local poet, artist or musician battling breast cancer and facing financial hardship.

The event will feature music from Sis-

ters Caragh & Camille and jazz band Teal Cabana Club; poetry readings by Natalie Beltrami, Patricia Konover, Lee Weaver and others; original poetry and artwork, clothing, jewelry and more for sale; a meet and greet with live models; PAM Jam videos; and a gift raffle.

For a \$5 donation or a handbag filled with necessities for Hopefull Handbags,

attendees will receive a raffle ticket for Heart for the MayPole. For a \$20 donation or a receipt from ABC Fine Wine & Spirits for a bottle of Two TitMice Vodka, attendees will receive five raffle tickets.

Those who cannot attend the event can donate to the fundraisers at pam-jam.com.

Guzzo wins 2022 Dr. Gail Pflaster ROWITA Award

The St. Johns Cultural Council has recognized Donna Guzzo, executive director and CEO of First Coast Cultural Center, as a leading woman in the arts who has profoundly influenced the artistic environment in St. Johns County.

Guzzo was recognized with the Dr. Gail Pflaster ROWITA (“Recognizing Outstanding Women in the Arts”) Award on March 26.

Guzzo was among three local women named as ROWITA recipients with awards, custom ceramics and floral bouquets, plus speaking opportunities. Additional women receiving recognition include Teresa Radzinski, trustee for the Lightner Museum, philanthropist and supporter of the arts and renowned museums, and managing director with Bank of America; and Jane Sims, Tale Tellers of St. Augustine founding member and professional storyteller, educator and fine arts promoter.

According to Joe Bryant, chairman of the board for First Coast Cultural Center and president and partner with Triserv Appraisal Management Solutions, he is especially proud of Guzzo for receiving the award, and her tenacious and entrepreneurial spirit in business as the leader of the Jacksonville Beach-based nonprofit.

“The organization has experienced great growth in services and programs, plus donors and philanthropy for children and adults to experience the arts. Donna’s honor as a ROWITA recipient personifies her as a true servant leader,” said Bryant. “One of our largest programs is the Sound Connections Music Therapy Outreach Program, which is music therapy for children with special needs. I attended two classes with Donna and saw the phenomenal impact this program does for these wonderful kids.”

He added that Guzzo and the First Coast Cultural Center staff work hard to provide the program in six different St. Johns County schools, working with hundreds of children with special needs.

“We fund the programs for St. Johns County District Schools,” said Bryant. “This effort, among many more is what puts Donna on the map as an empowered woman and role model who helps so many.”

ROWITA honorees on March 26 were also recognized, including St. Johns County arts professionals Roxanne Horvath, a preservation architect and artist, arts advocate and member of the City of St. Augustine City Commission; Dr. Leslee Keys, assistant professor of humanities, director of historic preservation at Flagler College and a leader in the conservation of historical and architectural resources; Carole Prior, an award-winning drama instructor, Teacher of the Year, artist, writer and director; Leslie



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Donna Guzzo accepts the Dr. Gail Pflaster ROWITA Award.

Robison, a Kenan Distinguished Associated Professor of Liberal Education in Art at Flagler College, arts advocate and artist; and Karla Wagner, film aficionado.

“I am honored to be a part of our local history at this year’s ROWITA awards and proud to be at the first function at The Waterworks historic building and venue since the St. Johns Cultural Council and the City of St. Augustine restored the circa 1898 structure,” said Guzzo. “The honored women and those who attended to support them celebrated many legendary professionals who have worked tirelessly to promote the arts in St. Johns County. First Coast Cultural Council works closely with partnering organizations and nonprofits along with people who give of themselves and their donations to provide the arts for innumerable children and adults.”

First Coast Cultural Center hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday with after-hour appointments available. Classes and programs are held at 3972 3rd St. South, Jacksonville Beach and at CareConnect+, 351 Town Plaza Ave. in Nocatee.

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• **The Music of Cream** — 8 p.m. April 9. Features family members Kofi Baker and Will Johns. Performance honors the original band’s landmark album, “Disraeli Gears.”

• **Samantha Fish** — 8 p.m. April 10. With special guest, Django.

• **Drive-By Truckers** — 8 p.m. April 12. With special guest Lynda Loveless.

• **Tab Benoit** — 7:30 p.m. April 16.

• **Steve Hackett** — 7 p.m. April 19. Former Genesis guitarist. This is a new date for a rescheduled performance.

• **Don Felder** — 8 p.m. April 20. Former Eagles singer/songwriter.

• **Colin Hay** — 8 p.m. April 24. Former Men at Work frontman, songwriter and vocalist. This is a new date for a rescheduled performance.

• **Houndmouth** — 8 p.m. April 28. With special guest Sam Filitreau.

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• **Bon Iver** — 6:30 p.m. April 14. With special guest, Dijon.

• **Beartooth: The Below Tour Part 2** — 6 p.m. April 19. With Silverstein, The Devil Wears Prada and ERRA.

• **Planet Band Camp featuring Three Days Grace** — 6 p.m. April 21. With Black Veil Brides, Ice Nine Kills and more.

• **Styx** — 7:30 p.m. April 22. With special guest Night Ranger.

• **Billy Strings** — 5:30 p.m. April 29, 30 and May 1. Performances over three nights.

• **Adam Lambert** — 7 p.m. May 4. Tours as lead singer with Queen.

• **Rex Orange County** — 7 p.m. May 5.

• **Koe Wetzel** — 7:30 p.m. May 6. With special guests Tim Montana & Dylan Wheeler.

• **Primus** — “A Tribute to Kings” — 8 p.m. May 7. With special guest Battles. Primus will perform Rush’s “A Farewell to Kings” in its entirety.

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Future, present of Sharks girls lacrosse share field during Riptide Day

The Ponte Vedra Sharks girls lacrosse team welcomed children from the Ponte Vedra Lacrosse Club to take part in the Riptide Day festivities prior to the home contest against Creekside March 29.

“It was such a fun night, with over 50 little laxers from (Ponte Vedra) Riptide sharing the field with us during announcements and the National Anthem,” Sharks head coach Jen Conway said. “The stadium was full of positive energy!”



Ponte Vedra junior Lily Darnell is swarmed by Riptide players.



Photos by Jeanmarie LaManna

Junior Stephanie Watson is high-fived as she runs through a tunnel of Ponte Vedra Lacrosse Club players during the school's Riptide Day March 29.



Riptide players run onto the field alongside the Sharks.



Ponte Vedra head coach Jen Conway shares a few words with Sharks and Riptide players prior to the game.



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Ponte Vedra boys soccer holds banquet

A magical season, that ended with a trip to the final four, was remembered by the Ponte Vedra High boys soccer team during its banquet ceremony March 24.

“The teammate bonds this year were outstanding and something that I’ll miss,” senior Aaron Novak said.

Photos by Carol Greenwald



The varsity squad went undefeated during the regular season.



Senior varsity captains Aaron Novak, Michael Hilbert and Cade Greenwald.



Banquet tables were lined with soccer-themed decorations and a framed photo of the team after their district championship victory was given to each player.



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Billy Horschel APGA Tour Invitational announces field, more

Six-time PGA TOUR winner and 2021 BMW PGA Championship winner Billy Horschel has announced that the Billy Horschel APGA Tour Invitational presented by Cisco will return to THE PLAYERS Stadium Course at TPC Sawgrass on May 4-6.

Inside the ropes, the second-year event on the Advocates Professional Golf Association (APGA) Tour will include an 18-player field competing for a \$125,000 total prize purse, the largest in APGA Tour history, with the winner also receiving an exemption into the Korn Ferry Tour's BMW Charity Pro-Am.

Outside the ropes, the tournament will provide business development opportunities for the players as well as opportunities for business leaders to learn from the players and their stories of perseverance and determination.

"My goal last year was to create a tournament that not only gave these young players an opportunity to compete on a world-class golf course for a substantial prize, but to also connect them with leaders in the business community," Horschel said. "With the vision and support from Cisco, we hoped to help support each player's journey, provide them with resources and create an experience that I hoped would benefit each player on their path in the professional game."

The event will include an initial day of a pro-am, a trip to PGA TOUR Superstore to help the players with equipment and other needs, seminars and other development opportunities all with key partners and industry leaders.

The companies and partners supporting the event or that will be a part of the business development efforts includes Cisco, BDO USA, Body Armor, Duvel Moortgat USA, Farmers Insurance, Garden of Life, PGA Tour Superstore, PGA TOUR, Polo Golf Ralph Lauren, Spartan Investment Group, The Concession Golf Club, The Exeter Group, Titleist and Velocity Global.

The competition will challenge the players with 36 holes at THE PLAYERS Stadium course, home of THE PLAYERS Championship.

"We are thrilled to continue our support of this APGA event and build on the success it had last year," said Mark Patterson, SVP and chief of staff to the chair and CEO at Cisco. "We are focused on supporting individuals like Billy Horschel and organizations like the APGA who are acting boldly and deliberately to accelerate fairness, inclusion, and equitable access to opportunity. Together, we will take another step forward toward



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Ryan Alford, left, and Billy Horschel at TPC Sawgrass.

achieving our purpose to power a more inclusive future for all."

"It is exciting to offer an exemption into the Korn Ferry Tour's BMW Charity Pro-Am presented by TD SYNEX for the winner of the Billy Horschel APGA Tour Invitational presented by Cisco," said Korn Ferry Tour President Alex Baldwin. "Our tour prides itself in providing a pathway for professional golfers to achieve their dreams and reach the PGA TOUR, and we're honored to work alongside Billy Horschel and the APGA Tour in an effort to provide meaningful playing opportunities to help diversify the golf landscape."

The APGA Tour was established in 2010 as a nonprofit organization with the mission to bring greater diversity to the game of golf. The APGA Tour Board of Directors works to accomplish this by hosting and operating professional golf tournaments, player development programs, mentoring programs and by introducing the game to inner city young people. In addition to conducting up to 17 tournaments awarding more than \$500,000 in prize money and nearly \$100,000 in bonus money in 2022, the APGA has organized a Player Development Program to aid young minority golfers as they work to chase their goals in professional golf.

The 18-player field will consist of 12 players from the APGA Tour Player Development Program: Ryan Alford, Aaron Beverly, Marcus Byrd, Mulbe Dillard IV, Michael Herrera, Kamaiu Johnson, Mahindra Lutchman, Willie Mack III, Trey Valentine, Davin White, Rovonta Young and Andrew Walker; amateur golfer Troy Taylor II; and exemptions Olajuwon Ajanaku, Kevin Hall, Joey Stills, Wyatt Worthington and Gregory Odom Jr.

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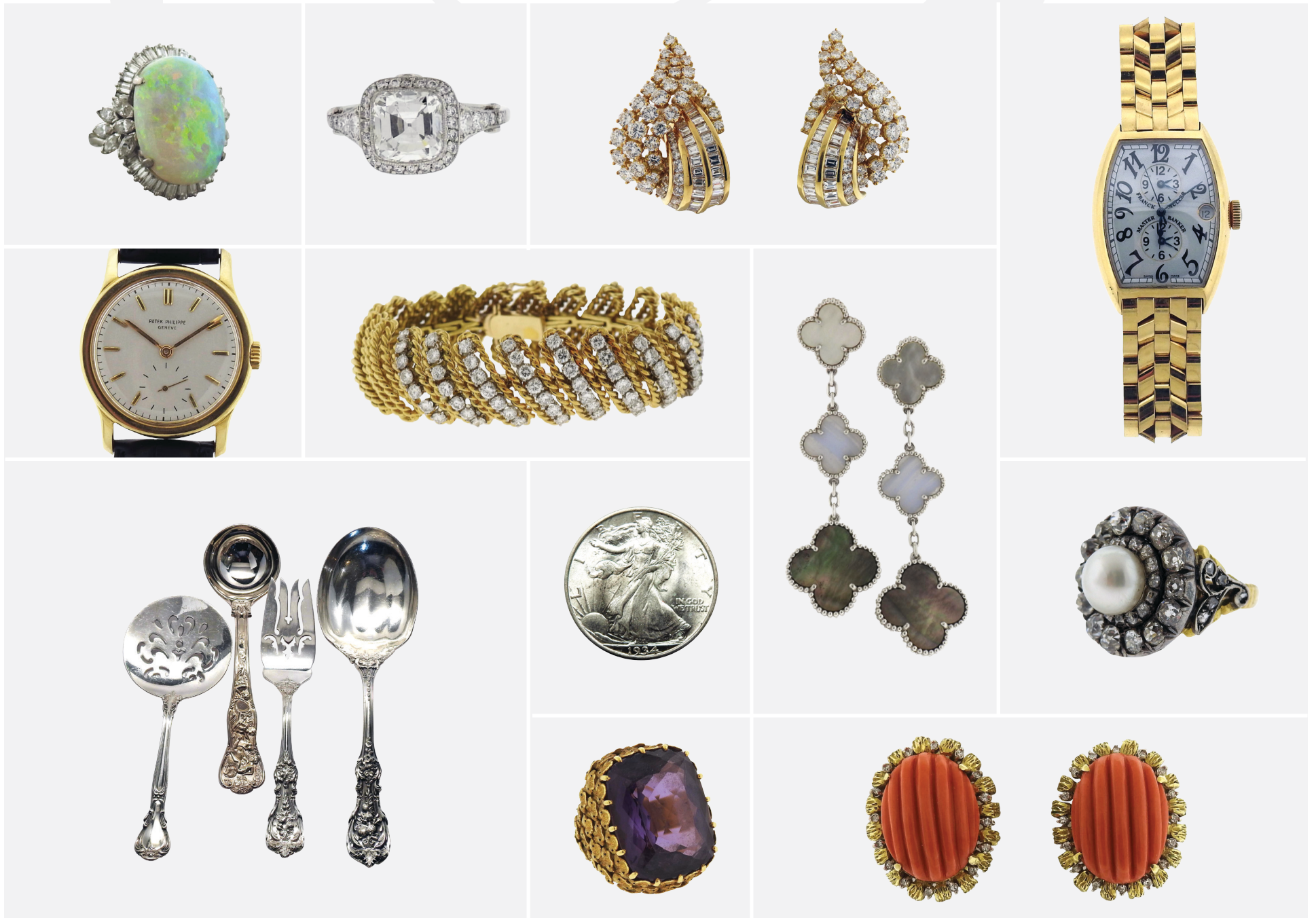
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