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MSD discusses ownership, maintenance of lots along A1A

By Anthony Richards

The Ponte Vedra Municipal Service District held its final meeting of 2023, and one of the major discussions dealt with the best way to approach a pair of lots that stretch from State Road A1A to Sunset Drive.

One of the lots has been kept up with over the years by a resident but the other has not and it has reached the point where it has gotten out of hand and questions have been raised about it by neighbors.

The lots were brought to attention by trustee Kitty Switkes at a previous meeting and put on the agenda for discussion at the Dec. 11 meeting.

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The Recorder's Entertainment EXTRA featuring TV listings, streaming information, puzzles and more!

A dazzling performance

Photo by Shaun Ryan



Nutcracker features cast of 150

By Shaun Ryan

About 150 dancers took the stage Saturday, Dec. 9, at UNF's Lazzara Performance Hall to present the Christ Church

Dance Ministry's 28th Annual Nutcracker. It was a wondrous evening that expanded upon Tchaikovsky's traditional ballet to include a host of dance styles performed to Christmas favorites.

Dancers between the ages of 3 and 85 treated the audience to the ever-popular story of Clara, whose uncle gives her a Nutcracker as a gift. Later, Clara dreams

her Nutcracker has come to life, and together they go on a magical journey, meeting a host of fanciful characters.

The dancers employed a number of styles in telling the story, including classical ballet, tap, hip-hop and acrobatics.

Marissa Jacobs danced the role of the

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Beach toll attendants sought

St. Johns County Beach Services will begin accepting beach toll attendant job applications between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Jan. 9, 11 and 12. Pay for attendants starts at \$12 hourly but goes as high as \$14 based on experience and the level of responsibility an attendant is willing to take on. Shifts will be around five hours long depending on the weather. The season will begin mid-February and end the last weekend in September. Toll attendants will be responsible for selling vehicle beach access passes and providing customer service for St. Johns County beach visitors. In 2023, Beach Services' nine booths have sold more than 74,000 daily and annual beach passes, with proceeds going toward funding for local law enforcement, marine rescue and maintenance of beach parks and beach access points. Some attendants will work from newly constructed booths during the 2024 beach season. Those interested in this seasonal position are encouraged to visit the St. Johns County Beach Services Office at 901 Pope Road to obtain and complete a job application. For more information, contact Dean Walker, beach toll supervisor, at jwalker@sjcfl.us or 904-209-0383.

Palm Valley Market every Tuesday

The Palm Valley Market is held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Tuesday inside the Palm Valley Community Center, 148 Canal Road. The market offers fresh produce, baked goods, local honey, tea, seasonal treats, soap, jewelry, plants and more.

Explore the beach at GTM Research Reserve

Join volunteers at the Guana Tolomato Matanzas National Estuarine Research Reserve

(GTM) for a beach exploration 9-11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 16. Collect seashells, search for shark teeth and learn about coastal wildlife. Meet at GTM Research Reserve Visitor Center, 505 Guana River Road, Ponte Vedra Beach. Wear comfortable closed-toe shoes. Hat, insect repellent, water and sunscreen are recommended. The event is free but online registration is required. To register, go to gtmnerr.org/visit/events.

— Compiled by Shaun Ryan

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- St. Johns County Beach Services Office, 901 Pope Road, St. Augustine

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County Commissioners vote to censure Joseph

Election comments at heart of issue

By Shaun Ryan

Four members of the St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners voted at their regular meeting on Dec. 5 to censure Commissioner Krista Joseph in relation to statements she made during the Nov. 21 meeting.

Commissioner Henry Dean made the motion, claiming that Joseph had given a “campaign speech,” which he believed had violated state statute.

He also moved that outside counsel be sought to work with the commission to “try to determine specifically whether

or not this violated state law” and make a recommendation on what, if anything, should be done.

Commissioner Christian Whitehurst seconded the motion.

Seven members of the public spoke to the issue, all opposing the motion. Some who spoke opposed the county spending taxpayer money to hire the outside attorney. Some interpreted the motion as a response to previous votes by Joseph that placed her at odds with others on the board.

It was an interpretation rejected by some of the commissioners.

“This is not about personalities,” said Dean. “It’s not about past votes or future votes of this commission. It’s about, in my opinion, what may be a violation of

state election law.”

In her defense, Joseph said she was reading off the Supervisor of Elections website and that she had consulted her attorney before speaking.

On Nov. 21, Joseph began her commissioner comments by giving a laundry list of grievances that the public might hold against the status quo and then mentioned the upcoming election. She didn’t get much further before other commissioners stopped her, after which she attempted to explain her comments.

County Attorney David Migut cautioned her at that time that she may have “crossed the line” with the board’s decorum and civility policy.

“Why can’t I say the election is within nine months, less than nine months?” Joseph said.

“I think that’s a fine statement,” said Migut. “You’ve already made that statement.”

That’s where the discussion ended. The statute referenced by Dean was 104.31 concerning “Political activities of state, county, and municipal officers and employees.” It is sometimes called Florida’s “Little Hatch Act.” Portions of the relevant rules and policies of the board mirror the statute.

The statute states in part that no county

officer shall use his or her official authority or influence for the purpose of, among other things, “influencing another person’s vote or affecting the result thereof.”

Whether Joseph’s comments ran afoul of that standard is a matter of interpretation, particularly since she didn’t actually complete what she might have planned to say.

On Dec. 1, Migut circulated an “inter-office memorandum on decorum and civility” to the commissioners referencing board rules and policies, the Little Hatch Act and other relevant passages in Florida Statutes. It also acknowledged that the county’s administrative code prohibits the use of the Government Access Channel (GTV) “to endorse an issue, candidate, specific person, company or brand name product for consumer use.”

An argument could be made that any commissioner endorsing any idea expressed at any meeting accessible to the public via GTV might be subject to this rule, even if made during the legitimate discussion by the board.

Because Dean’s motion passed, the Office of the County Attorney will seek the requested outside counsel to evaluate Joseph’s comments and provide an opinion to be brought back to the board at a future meeting.

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The county owns the lots, but it is believed that years ago an agreement was made between the county and the MSD stating that the county would take ownership of them, but the MSD would be in charge of maintenance.

However, it was also stated that it could have been a verbal agreement. None of the trustees were on the board when the agreement was initially discussed and made.

MSD attorney Wayne Flowers said that he recalls an agreement being talked about and made but said he would have to look back in his records and find the actual wording that accompanies it.

The MSD agreed to postpone a decision until the Jan. 8 meeting in order to have all the facts and wording.

According to Switkes, a Bush Hog would be needed to cut the property that has not been tended in years, and there is also a large pine tree in the middle of the property that she would like to have taken down.

“There’s about 8,000 square feet to take care of,” Switkes said.

In other news from the meeting, Beaches Energy will begin replacing all streetlights that go out with LED lights moving forward.

Trustee Brad Wester informed the board that he is working with St. Johns County deputies to help deter people parking their vehicles and blocking the entrance of the public beach access point located near the Jacksonville Beach line at San Juan Drive and Ponte Vedra Boulevard.

According to Wester, placing permanent concrete safety bollards at the entrance is a possible way in which to

go about deterring further parking in the area.

“We’re working on it,” Wester said.

Adding “no parking” signs on San Juan Drive from Solana Road to North Pablo Road was also discussed and is under consideration by the MSD.

Several trustees believed that if “no parking” signs are approved a similar approach should be taken as they did along Ponte Vedra Boulevard where signs stating “no parking” along the route are placed at the beginning and end of the

road in an attempt to eliminate the need for “no parking” signs throughout the roadway.

The topic of “no parking” signs on San Juan Drive will also be discussed further at the January meeting.

Flowers stated that there is a bill being proposed to the state legislature that if passed would require a referendum to take place in 2025, where the residents would vote to decide whether Ponte Vedra Beach would remain a special district.



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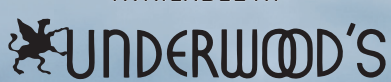
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Julie Dion is president of Dion Marketing, specializing in amusement, hospitality, retail and destination marketing. Her company has won numerous awards.

Julie Dion

As told to Shaun Ryan

Tell me about your background, your education and career. How did you select this line of work?

I grew up when there were only a few ways to consume media, and that was not that long ago! There were only four TV broadcast stations, including PBS; radio; out-of-home billboards; and print ads. These were the only ways that companies could advertise. As long as I can remember, I was drawn to print ads in my dad's Time magazines and to TV commercials that influenced what cereal I wanted my mom to buy. If Mikey from the Life Cereal commercial likes it, why wouldn't I? I am even one of those geeks who watch the Super Bowl just for the TV commercials.

I graduated from UNC-Chapel Hill with a degree in journalism with a concentration in advertising. My vision for myself was to become a copywriter creating clever jingles and ad campaigns at a large ad agency representing big national brands.

While my career path didn't turn out exactly like my limited vision was after college graduation, I did pursue a career in advertising and marketing. Fast forward over 30 years later, I have never looked back and have never regretted my decision! Working throughout the years with local, regional and even global companies and organizations with specific challenges and goals that we've had the opportunity to help has been very rewarding, far beyond my imagination.

What brought you to the First Coast?

My love for the beach is just as strong as my love for advertising. I grew up in the mountains of North Carolina but always wanted to live near the water. My parents paid for my college education but were not interested in paying out-of-state tuition. Lucky for me, a couple of years after graduating college, one of my friends moved to Florida, and she needed a roommate. So, voila, I packed up and moved to Jacksonville!

Tell me about Dion Marketing and what services it provides.

Dion Marketing helps businesses grow by helping them define their goals and develop a marketing plan to achieve those goals through strategic marketing tactics that we then manage, including email marketing, social media, digital and traditional advertising, public relations, branding and graphic design.

What do you like best about what you do?

I love being able to provide my staff with a career path that gives them the opportunity to do what they love doing and seeing them thrive whether it is writing a blog, creating a post, coming up with a new strategy or designing a new logo. As a company, I love getting positive results for our clients and achieving their marketing goals. It's what I live for.

Dion Marketing recently won the 2023 Best of Florida Marketing Award, a very significant achievement! What qualities do you believe propelled your company to the top?

Thank you. We are so honored to get the 2023 Best of Florida Marketing Firm award! Because the Best of Florida award is somewhat based on public votes, that tells me that people do think of us as one of Florida's



best marketing firms! Providing our clients with consistent efforts with positive results is something I am very proud of, and this award helps solidify this.

You've won some other significant awards, as well; five from the World Waterpark Association. Tell me about these awards and any other achievements you would like readers to know about.

The World Waterpark Association recognizes companies annually for marketing efforts. This year, we won five World Waterpark Association awards for client Daytona Lagoon, including Best YouTube Campaign, Best Billboard, Best Brochure, Best Print Ad and Best Poster. We've won 14 marketing awards from the World Waterpark Association since 2017 for our waterpark clients.

One of the biggest achievements so far for Dion Marketing was getting certified as a WOSB, which is a Woman-Owned Small Business, by the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA). The certification process is quite daunting, so getting that status can be rewarding since the SBA must set aside at least 5% of all contracting dollars for women-owned businesses each year. We've secured a couple of good marketing projects, including a digital advertising campaign for the U.S. Army, that we would not have had the opportunity to get without the WOSB certification.

Tell me about your team.

I love my team! They are young, hard-working and fun to be around. They understand like me that we are

not saving lives here at Dion Marketing, but we can certainly whip up a good tagline! The team is comprised of all women. It wasn't designed that way — it just happened. We've had men work for us in the past, but the longer we are in business, the more we have become an established woman-owned and women-operated business.

Most new hires start in our marketing coordinator role and work their way up from there. Kellee Zimmerman started as a marketing coordinator in 2016 and is now our senior account director, overseeing key accounts as well as ongoing employee training. Serena Bass is our senior designer who has been with Dion Marketing just as long. She started in 2016 as a part-time graphic designer. Other team members also have been given growth opportunities to be promoted. The number of our team members has fluctuated throughout the years from six to 11 people, depending on not only the number of clients but also how extensive the services are that we are contracted to provide.

What do you like best about living here on the First Coast?

What don't I love about living here on the First Coast? I'd say the water. Whether swimming in the ocean, boating on the Intracoastal, enjoying sunsets over the marsh or exploring so many areas along the St. Johns River, it was the water that brought me and has kept me here. As Leonardo da Vinci once said, "Water is the driving force of all nature."

Galo honored with Hibiscus Award at UF Health Flagler Hospital

Estefania Galo, a respiratory therapist at UF Health Flagler Hospital, has been honored with the Hibiscus Award for the professionalism and calming demeanor she demonstrates in the care of her patients.

The Hibiscus Award was instituted earlier this year to recognize non-nursing team members for their efforts in promoting the health care mission of UF Health St. Johns. The award is presented quarterly and complements the presentation of the DAISY Award, which is presented to a nurse who goes above and beyond in the care of their patients.

The patient who nominated Galo has asthma and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and has been admitted to the hospital many times during her life. In the nomination she calls Galo her “favorite respiratory therapist” and praises her for “an unsurpassed level of knowledge and professionalism.”

“Estefania always advocates for her patients’ needs,” said the patient. “While having difficulty breathing can be extremely painful and stressful,



Contributed photo

Estefania Galo recently received the Hibiscus Award.

she always has a calm demeanor and friendly disposition which makes a difficult time much easier. (Estefania) is excellent in her department and deserves this recognition.”

Galo’s nomination was among 73 recognitions submitted by patients, their families and UF Health St. Johns team members this quarter.

“Estefania’s exceptional care clearly has an impact on her patients, and she is a deserving recipient of the Hibiscus Award,” said Carlton DeVoght, president and CEO of UF Health St. Johns. “She represents the ideals that we had in mind when we launched the Hibiscus Award earlier this year — putting our patients first in their times of need.”

Galo received a crystal trophy, a Hibiscus Award winner’s pin, a gift basket, a \$250 cash reward, assorted baked goods from Maple Street Biscuit Company and Hibiscus-flavored ice pops from Hyppo.

“None of this would be possible without being a part of a great team,” said Galo. “We work closely together, and it is a real team effort.”

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Nutcracker

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Sugar Plum Fairy. Marissa has been studying with Felicia Rhoden, founder of Miss Felicia's Dance ministry, for 15 years.

Other key dancers included: India Hodge (Clara), Isabela Victoria (Snow Queen), Anya Ragatz (Ballerina Doll), Eva Lantzy (Spinning Top), Olivia Baldwin (Rat Queen and the Russian Princess), Maya Jones (Arabian Princess), Lauren Lineberger (Chinese Princess) and Rachel McManus (Spanish Princess).

All of the dancers, whether featured soloists or part of a group, delivered top-notch performances — something that must have taken a great deal of dedication and rehearsal. In addition to the many seasoned performers, the show featured some of Miss Felicia's youngest students, who easily charmed the audience.

As always, Rhoden and her instructors put together a show that, with such a large cast and so many variables, had to have been a tremendous challenge. And still, the result was nothing short of spectacular.

A great many people worked behind the scenes to make the performance a success. And perhaps the costume committee led by Carrie Lantzy deserves special recognition. The close attention to costuming gave the show a very high-end look.

It should be noted that the Christ Church Dance Ministry's annual Nutcracker is much more than an entertaining way to celebrate the holidays. Proceeds help support some very good causes.

As in past, the show supports Dreams Come True, Pediatric Hospice, St. Jude's Children's Hospital and an orphanage in Brazil.

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Fred Taylor and Tim Tebow talk as members of the Sporting Jax ownership group during the team name, crest and colors reveal on Dec. 12.



Erika Bjork, a JAXUSL Consultant, talks about what went into the creation of the team's logo and identity.

'ONE CREST, ONE CLUB'

Sporting JAX becomes name of new pro soccer teams

By Anthony Richards

The First Coast's latest professional soccer team officially has a team crest, name and colors following an

announcement on Dec. 13 that unveiled all three to the public.

Members of JAXSUL and the team's ownership group were on hand and announced that the new soccer teams will be named Sporting Club Jacksonville and will be abbreviated as "Sporting JAX."

The team's new colors will consist of a combination of blue, orange and yellow, which was chosen to help depict the

area's coastline and beach vibes.

Determining the team's crest, name and colors was a lengthy process that has been going on for months with several community meetings designed to get the feedback of the residents in what they thought would be the best way to have the team reflect the local culture.

The process included everything from public meetings and listening sessions to

discussions with local historians.

"What we got from the community has already been fantastic, and we hope you are proud of it and continue to want to get behind it," JAXUSL president and CEO Steve Livingstone said.

Listening to the community and getting a sense of what they were most

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passionate about in the local community was very important to the JAXUSL staff, because they want the team to represent more than just soccer.

“This is truly something that has been community driven from the start, and it’s great to see it all come to life,” said Erika Bjork, a JAXUSL Consultant. “There’s something special about this sport and how it brings the world and communities together.”

According to Bjork, a soccer team’s crest is meant to represent more than just another logo, but instead it represents a region or area where the team calls home.

“I had the fortunate opportunity to work with this group to help identify and find out the stories and what this community loves about this place,” Bjork said. “In soccer, we wear our crests over our hearts, we wave our crests in our flags and banners and lift it high when we raise our scarves. Now Jax has a crest of its own.”

The crest and name will be worn by both the men’s and women’s professional soccer teams associated with Sporting JAX, which was touted as the first time something like that would be taking place.

“One crest, one club,” said Tony



Allegretti, a member of the JAXUSL ownership group.

Other ownership group members in attendance were local sports legends Tim Tebow and Fred Taylor.

“To me, I’ve been able to see firsthand what sports can do for communities and what it can do for people,” Tebow said. “It’s so much more for me about the dreams and the individuals of a city that we love and call home. What you see when you look at this crest is hope, and why wouldn’t we want to give that to our community.”

For Taylor, he cannot wait to see the crest on jerseys and merchandise being worn by both the players on the field and fans in the stands, because that is when it will become so real.

“That will be exciting because it will show that all the commitment has come to fruition,” Taylor said.

Baptist Health hospitals receive straight A’s for safety

Baptist Medical Center Jacksonville, Baptist Medical Center South, Baptist Medical Center Beaches and Baptist Medical Center Nassau all received an “A” Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade for providing the highest level of safety in patient care. Considered the gold standard measure of patient safety, the scores were awarded by The Leapfrog Group, an independent nonprofit organization committed to driving quality, safety and transparency in health systems.

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Letter grades of “A” through “F” are assigned to hospitals across the country using calculations based on more than 30 national performance measures from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, combined with supplemental information Baptist Health voluntarily submits for the overall score.

Newly opened Baptist Medical Center Clay, the fifth adult hospital in the system, will be eligible for evaluation by The Leapfrog Group in 2024. The current distinction recognizes adult hospitals; the organization has a separate evaluation process for children’s hospitals.

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Veterans, families honored during Pearl Harbor Remembrance ceremony



The We Can Be Heroes Foundation did its part in carrying on the legacy of those who lost their lives at Pearl Harbor with a remembrance ceremony at the VyStar Veterans Memorial Arena in downtown Jacksonville on Dec. 10.

World War II veterans were in attendance and recognized during the celebration that also included patriotic music and presentations looking back at the events of Pearl Harbor and the effect it still has years later.

The official Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day was Dec. 7.

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Symphony's 'First Coast Nutcracker' returns for 51st year

Celebrating its 51st anniversary as a cherished holiday tradition in the community, the Jacksonville Symphony's "First Coast Nutcracker" returns to the Jim and Jan Moran Theater stage this weekend.

Shining with a new set, vibrant costumes, more than 100 community dance students and a tree that grows to 33 feet, this timeless masterpiece is the only local performance with a full,

live symphony performing Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky's score. From education to entertainment, the First Coast Nutcracker provides the whole family with everlasting holiday memories. Kevin Fitzgerald will conduct the symphony.

The Jacksonville Symphony's First Coast Nutcracker is presented by VyStar Credit Union.

Show times are: 8 p.m. Friday, Dec.

15; 2 and 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 16; and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 17.

The Jim and Jan Moran Theatre is located at 300 Water St., Jacksonville.

The Jacksonville Symphony is North Florida's leading music nonprofit offering live performances at Jacoby Symphony Hall in the Jacksonville Center for the Performing Arts and other venues throughout the area.

Led by President and CEO Steven

Libman and Music Director Courtney Lewis, the Jacksonville Symphony reaches more than 113,000 individuals through 125-plus performances each season. In addition, the Symphony provides music instruction for youth and operates the Jacksonville Symphony Youth Orchestras.

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Teen Club members build bikes to donate to deserving kids

The link in Nocatee recently launched a Teen Club under the dedicated leadership of Jeff Tawney, director of operations. With weekly meetups and engaging activities hosted at the link, the Teen Club is buzzing with energy.

At the heart of the club's ethos is empowerment. Each week, they invite inspiring guest speakers to address the teens on a range of topics, from future college plans and career paths to navigating the complexities of everyday life.

From its inception, the link Teen Club encouraged active participation from its teen members. Tawney threw down the challenge, urging teens to contribute ideas, suggest topics and propose activities for the weekly gatherings. Notably, the spirit of giving back and engaging in charitable endeavors quickly emerged as a central theme.

In the spirit of the season, December saw the realization of a heartwarming initiative: "Build a Bike."

Thanks to the generosity of three private donors — Rob Swymer, Wendy Mollo and Jeff Tawney — the Teen Club raised funds to purchase eight brand-new kids' bicycles. Collaborating with the local Nocatee bike shop, Bicycles Etc., the teens took a hands-on approach, learning the intricacies of building bicycles correctly



Photo by Jeff Tawney

Members of the link Teen Club recently gathered to build bikes for deserving kids.

and safely. The teens extended a big "thank you" to Drew and Tyler at the bike shop for helping guide the group.

Building these bicycles also helped the teens to build a team.

The highlight of this initiative? All eight bikes were thoughtfully donated to fulfill Christmas wishes for deserving kids who

attend Abess Park Elementary and Stilwell Middle School.

The link Teen Club has brought great community activities such as the recent Reality Fair and the upcoming College Student Talks — Life 101, which will be held on Saturday, Dec. 16, at the link.

These free events are great for both

teens and parents to attend. Go to app@thelink.zone for more details and to register for this free event.

For more information on how to participate in the link Teen Club, contact Tawney at Jeff@thelink.zone.

The club wished everyone a merry Christmas.

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Tickets on sale now for Venardos Circus

Venardos Circus, a Broadway-style animal-free circus, is returning to St. Augustine just in time for the holidays. The show will be held at the St. Augustine Amphitheatre, 1340C A1A South, with its all-new “Let’s Build a Dream” tour from Dec. 20 through Jan. 1.

This season the cast will take audiences on a journey under the big top as it unveils a fresh, magical and all-new experience for fans. The show features some original music, amazing performers, stunning lighting and dazzling costumes.

The 2023 Venardos Circus is traveling with a new, custom-crafted, Italian-made red-and-white striped tent that offers expanded seating around a central stage for an immersive experience.

“Our cast and crew are thrilled to be returning to St. Augustine with a brand-new show,” said ringmaster and producer Kevin Venardos. “This story promises to amaze and inspire and may even tug at a few heartstrings. It takes heart, courage and tenacity to build a dream, but the outcome can be beautiful. That’s the message we hope to convey and share with the people of St. Augustine and the surrounding area.”

Guests can expect to be transported back in time to the center ring of a centuries-old tradition, but one that has been reinvented for the next generation.

Show schedule will be as follows:

- Wednesday, Dec. 20: 7 p.m. Opening night!
- Thursday, Dec. 21: 7 p.m.
- Friday, Dec. 22: 7 p.m.
- Saturday, Dec. 23: 2 p.m. bilingual performance, 5 p.m.
- Sunday, Dec. 24: 11 a.m., 2 p.m., 5 p.m. Christmas Eve
- Monday, Dec. 25: 2 p.m., 5 p.m. Christmas
- Tuesday, Dec. 26: 4 p.m., 7 p.m.
- Wednesday, Dec. 27: 4 p.m., 7 p.m.
- Thursday, Dec. 28: 4 p.m. sensory friendly, 7 p.m.
- Friday, Dec. 29: 4 p.m., 7 p.m.
- Saturday, Dec. 30: 2 p.m., 5 p.m.
- Sunday, Dec. 31: 11 a.m., 2 p.m., 5 p.m. New Year’s Eve
- Monday, Jan. 1: 11 a.m., 2 p.m., 5 p.m. New Year’s Day

Tickets: General admission tickets starting at \$16.95 for youth under age 12 and \$27.95 for adults. One babe in arms is admitted free with each paying adult. (One-year-old or younger per paying adult seated on a lap).

Premier gallery and VIP experience reserved seating are available. In the new larger tent, fans will still enjoy the intimate feel and proximity to the performers but with enhanced views of aerial acts due to the taller design of the tent. The VIP Experience will offer assigned seating closest to the stage with guests escorted to their positions,



provided with a special swag bag, and awarded with other special experiences.

Premier Gallery seating will occupy a multi-tier riser to provide greater visibility.

Go to Liveyourcircusdream.com for more information.

The circus performers are also the crew in this traveling tour, much like the original circus tradition. There are no animals in Venardos Circus.

Parking: Doors open an hour prior to showtime. Concessions available when doors open. Classic circus treats like popcorn, cotton candy, house-made all-natural pink lemonade, packaged candy and more are available for presale online or in the tent. Complete show schedule available at VenardosCircus.com.

What to expect on site:

- Parking area is flat so there is easy handicap access between the lot and the tent.

- Concessions are available but guests are encouraged to order online when purchasing tickets. Contactless payment options available.

- The main event lasts approximately 90 minutes, with a brief intermission.

The Venardos Circus has been touring the U.S. since its debut at the L.A. County Fair in 2014.

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KATHY'S GARDENING GUIDE

Poinsettia: The Christmas Star

"Blessed is the season which engages the whole world in a conspiracy of love." — Hamilton Wright Mabie



By Kathy Esfahani

The modern association of the poinsettia plant with Christmas evolved from a Mexican legend. The story describes a poor child on Christmas Eve gathering weeds along the road to decorate the church altar. When placed on the altar, the weeds turned into flowers of vibrant red and green colors!

Today, poinsettias are featured as a Christmas symbol, given as gifts and used as holiday decorations. Large plants can be arranged to frame a doorway or fireplace, while smaller poinsettias make beautiful centerpieces for tables and mantles. Also known as the "Christmas Star," these plants symbolize hope, joy, love and purity. They are not necessarily flowers but instead red-topped shrubs. The star-shaped leaves make poinsettias a natural fit for the Christmas



Poinsettia Centerpiece

celebration.

Poinsettias are in bloom during the holiday season, showing off vivid red leaves called "bracts" with small round flowers in the center of the stalks. Place the plants in a sunny window and water when the top half inch to inch of soil is dry. Be careful not to let a poinsettia sit in water as these plants are susceptible to root rot.

Some people are hesitant to have poinsettias around animals or children — the sap in these plants can cause sickness if ingested and/or cause a mild rash on the skin. Be sure to wash any affected area with soap and water. Animals that eat the leaves may be less energetic due to mild discomfort or an upset stomach. Typically, these symptoms

subside on their own, but owners may want to wait a couple hours before feeding to allow the stomach to settle. If sickness continues, it is always advisable to contact a veterinarian.

A poinsettia plant can live as long as one to two years or more if given the proper care! Although not always successful, it is possible to encourage regrowth during the next holiday season.

- For the first few months after the holidays (January through March), keep the poinsettia in a sunny location and water regularly. A houseplant fertilizer can be used during this time as new bracts appear.

- Spring months (April through May) are a resting period for poinsettias. After the leaves fade and drop, prune the stems back to no more than 4 inches and reduce the amount of watering.

- Begin increasing watering and fertilizing again during the warm summer months (June through September) to encourage growth. Replant the poinsettia in a larger pot with fresh soil. The plant can remain in a sunny area indoors or be moved to a partially shaded area outside.

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Flower of the Week

Poinsettia

- As cooler fall temperatures arrive, bring the plant indoors and reduce fertilizing.
- In early October, begin light treatment to encourage reblooming. Give the poinsettia at least six hours of sunlight combined with 12-15 hours of absolute darkness every day. Place the plant in a dark closet or cover with a cardboard box to achieve these dark hours. Water as needed during the hours of sunlight.
- Finally, as Thanksgiving nears, the poinsettia should begin to produce buds and new bracts. There is no longer a need for the hours of darkness — place the poinsettia in a sunny location and enjoy!

We hope you have a wonderful holiday season!

Flower of the Week: Poinsettia

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Kids invited to visit with Santa

Guild Mortgage and Gorgeous Florida Homes, brokered by eXp Realty, will host their inaugural "Visit With Santa" 6-8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 15, at the Gazebo in downtown St. Augustine in a joint effort to give back to the local

community. There will be a photo booth, face painting, a gift bag for every child and free photos with Santa and Mrs. Claus. Santa will be escorted by city firefighters. This event is free to the public.

Outside-the-box gift ideas for the ones that are difficult to shop for

Holiday shopping can be challenging when looking for gifts for people who seemingly have it all. A few outside-the-box ideas can make it easier to overcome that challenge.

• **Consider experiences.** If the person on your shopping list has just about every material possession one can imagine, giving unique experiences might be the way to go. The National Retail Federation confirms the shift in attitude, noting consumers across all age groups now

spend more on experiences than they did in years past.

• **Consolidate memories.** Technology continues to evolve, which means that the way music, videos and photos are captured and stored is always changing. Unless a person has older gear, it's no longer possible to watch a VHS tape featuring a family member's graduation ceremony or reprint photographs that are on film negatives. However, shoppers can work

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Children take a picture with Santa in front of a balloon display.

Santa makes visit at the link Christmas celebration

The link in Nocatee hosted a community Christmas party on Dec. 8. The festive celebration featured a visit from Santa Claus and a seemingly endless amount of Christmas cookies to enjoy. Winners of the link's gingerbread house contest were also announced, with Tierney Shaffer and family earning the top prize.

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Raghu Misra, Jeff Tawney and Elaine Raby with Santa Claus.



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Chamber gets festive with Jingle Mingle

The St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce Ponte Vedra Beach Division held its annual Jingle Mingle holiday social at Marsh Landing Country Club on Dec. 7. It was a festive night of networking, holiday spirit and door prizes.

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Liesl Savage and Pam Ducas.



Scott Maynard, Elizabeth Bernardino and Trudy Toche.



Photo provided by St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce

Budgeting for holiday light displays

The first question many homeowners have when it comes to lighting up their home for the holidays is: How much will it cost?

Christmas decorating can be an

intimidating feat, especially when you're working to stay in line with the year's most recent trends. Experts are already seeing shifts in the trends for this holiday season; Christmas Decor, a leading

professional holiday decorating company, has some expert tips on how to stay on top of the current holiday decorating trends while sticking to a budget.

"Holiday decorating should be

enjoyable," said James Murphy, owner of the Jacksonville Christmas Décor. "You can achieve a festive and trendy outcome without breaking the bank by making a few easy tweaks."

Colorful lights are in

This season, people are excited about multi-color lights, including red, green, blue and gold string lights, icicle lights, snowflake lights and vintage bulb lights.

"The biggest shift we have seen is a move away from warm yellow and bright white Christmas lights," said Murphy. "The trend includes options that are more colorful and playful."

While LED lights are almost always recommended due to their longevity and energy and cost efficiency, Christmas Decor advises that investing in high-quality LED lights can save you money in the long run and make it even easier to decorate with each year's trends, year after year.

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Standout exterior displays

Exterior display pieces add another boost to the standard string light decoration option. Industry experts are seeing the most demand for snowflake and reindeer displays, and some are even considering small gazebo installations. However, with all of the details required to create a successful display with these types of items, the bill can rack up quickly.

“The most important step is to plan ahead and buy or schedule any necessary equipment or services before peak demand begins,” advised Murphy.

However, even with advance notice and proper planning, intricate displays may not be feasible for every budget.

To keep these displays even more low-cost, Christmas Decor suggests prioritizing displays that do not require additional resources to create the full experience. This means straying away from inflatables and options that are pre-lit with inefficient bulbs.

A classic figurine always stands out, and even if it’s not pre lit, a single spotlight can be trained on it for an

elegant feature. Displays that are pre-lit, or even spotlights used to draw attention to a figurine, can be attached to a timer mechanism to ensure power is only used during peak times rather than all day or at times of the night when the decorations likely will not be seen by anyone.

Festive holidays on a budget

A strict budget does not have to take away from a festive season. Small cost-saving efforts can create a bit of relief,

but if more involved decorations are not attainable, minimalistic decor is both incredibly affordable and very on-trend for Christmas 2023.

Though not all families have the budget for string lights on every tree and eve, a simple DIY wreath on the front door and solar-powered lights woven atop bushes or around a patio railing create the perfect pairing that is budget-friendly, eco-friendly and a neighborhood standout.

Planning ahead and keeping your end goal in mind is key.

“Remember that the goal is to create a merry and magical atmosphere, and that you don’t have to spend a fortune to do this,” said Murphy. “With the right tools and advanced preparation, you can achieve your decorating dreams without breaking the bank, and you may even create a longer lasting or more eco-friendly design, too.”

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Tips for organizing a workplace gift exchange

• Defer to company rules.

Companies may have guidelines in place that govern gifting. Check employee handbooks or company policies, which may dictate spending limits or even prohibit gift-giving.

• Keep it holiday nonspecific.

Companies feature staff from various cultures, ethnicities and religious backgrounds. Therefore, resist any urge to affiliate the gift exchange with a specific holiday.

• Decide on a spending limit.

Set a firm spending limit. A range of \$15 to \$20 may be affordable to most, and ensures a nice gift. However, if yours is a laid back environment and everyone is lighthearted, you can have gag gifts or set a silly amount for laughs, such as purchasing gifts only at the local dollar store.

• Do not pressure participation.

Engaging in a company-wide gift exchange should be completely voluntary. Only those who choose to participate will exchange with others. The easiest way to do this is to collect the gifts, then hand out grab bag numbers, enabling all participants to grab a random gift from the bag or table. Also, gifts should not be highly personal or anything that may be viewed as offensive.

• Exchange at the party.

If an office party is part of the plan, the gift exchange can take place there at a certain point in the festivities where it will be convenient for all involved.

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Chez L'Amour offers holiday cocktail recipes

Chez L'Amour, an upscale eatery and music club at 45 San Marco Ave., St. Augustine, has created the following cocktails for readers to make at home. Though closed Christmas Day, Chez L'Amour will be open for an extended brunch on Christmas Eve from noon to 8 p.m. Learn more at bitesbubblesandjazz.com and follow along on social media @ [bitesbubblesandjazz](https://www.instagram.com/bitesbubblesandjazz).

Sunny Side of The Street

2 oz Clarified Pineapple and Lime Cordial

2 oz Dry Gin
¼ oz Blanc Agricole Rhum

Instructions: Combine ingredients in a mixing glass, stir with ice to chill and dilute. Strain into a chilled cocktail glass or coupe then garnish with skewered cotton candy grapes.

“One of our signature cocktails; we love Sunny Side of The Street because it’s almost confusing visually. Served up in a coupe or cocktail glass with the skewered grapes, it comes out looking like a dirty martini, but drinks like a funky gimlet of sorts.” — Nick Hausman, beverage director



Cat's Meow

1 ½ oz Ginger Syrup
1 oz Lemon Juice
2 oz Seedlip Spice 94
1 oz Still water

Instructions: Combine ingredients in a rocks glass, add ice, massage to combine. Garnish with candied ginger chips.

“One of our spirit-free cocktails; the combination of citrus, ginger, and the Seedlip Spice 94 provide a wonderfully refreshing yet Earth-spiced cocktail.” — Nick Hausman, beverage director



Instructions: Combine all ingredients in a shaker tin, shake with ice, then fine strain into a chilled coupe or cocktail glass. Garnish with orange zest and grated cinnamon.

“Orange Colored Sky is one of the featured cocktails on our upcoming dessert menu. For the coconut cream, we’re making our own, but you could use something like Coco Lopez thinned out with a little warm water. And while we’re making our own vanilla vodka, you can find some good ones at any liquor store.” — Nick Hausman, beverage director



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Michelada

½ oz Lime Juice
1 ½ oz Chamoy
1 oz Bloody Mary Mix
12 oz (1 can) Mexican Lager

Instructions: Combine ingredients (minus the lager) in a rimmed pint glass, add ice, and briefly stir to combine. Top with lager and garnish with candied Datil salt, a lime wedge and pickled celery.

“A classic Mexican beer cocktail thought to have originated in about the 1960s, Michelada roughly translates to ‘my ice-cold beer.’ Generally served with lime and some array of fruit and chilis. We make our own Chamoy and Bloody Mary Mix, but you can find both at most stores.” — Nick Hausman, beverage director



C'est Tea Bon

9 oz Bourbon
9 oz Earl Grey Tea Syrup
6 oz Lemon Juice
6 Dashes Angostura Bitters
12 oz (1 can) Congaree & Penn Farm Cider

Instructions: Combine ingredients (minus the cider) into multiple shaker tins, shake with ice to chill, and dilute. Strain into a punch bowl, then stir in the cider. Add some large rocks and garnish with an array of dehydrated fruit and grated nutmeg. Serve in individual punch cups over ice. Serves 4 to 6 people.

“Largely inspired by one of my favorite punch bowls from the mid-18th century called the Bombay Government Punch, C'est Tea Bon provides a communal drinking experience, being bold yet drinkable.” — Nick Hausman, beverage director



Orange Colored Sky

1 ½ oz Spiced Coconut Cream
1 oz Orange Juice
2 oz Vanilla Vodka

SenioRitas raise record funds with 2023 tournament

By Shaun Ryan

This has been a very successful year for the SenioRitas, which is part of the Rita Foundation. On the 24th anniversary of the SenioRitas Tennis Tournament at Sawgrass Country Club on Oct. 13-15, the group raised \$242,000 in donations, surpassing all previous years. All proceeds from the tournament go to breast cancer research and patient services.

In addition, the all-volunteer group's endowments generated another \$85,000 in 2023.

To date, the SenioRitas have raised more than \$2.8 million. This funding supports Mayo Clinic research, Baptist Medical Center Beaches, Baptist M.D. Anderson, the Buddy Bus mobile mammography unit and the Dignicap patient support initiative, which provides a device that helps reduce hair loss during chemotherapy.

The Buddy Bus, operated by Baptist Health, makes mammograms available to women who may otherwise lack access. Because the average risk of a woman in the United States developing breast cancer at some point in her life is 13%, according to the American Cancer Society, and because many women have no symptoms, screening is critical.

The bus travels throughout the six counties in Northeast Florida: Baker, Clay, Duval, Nassau, Putnam and St. Johns. It can be requested to visit work sites or events; go to baptistjax.com/services/womens-health/breast-health/buddy-bus.

The SenioRitas Tennis Tournament, held at the Sawgrass Racquet Club, was sold out and drew more than 300 participants from multiple states. It also included an auction party on Oct. 10 at The Yards and



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The SenioRitas Tennis Tournament drew more than 300 participants this year.

other events.

The overarching Rita Foundation has donated more than \$6.3 million to breast cancer research since 1996. It was named the 2023 Outstanding Foundation by the Association of Fundraising Professionals Florida, First

Coast Chapter, having been nominated by the Baptist Health Foundation, Mayo Clinic and the University of Florida Health.

For further information, go to www.the-rita-foundation.org/senioritas.

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Local soccer teams set to do their part to give back with Holiday Cup

By Anthony Richards

Nease boys soccer is hosting the third annual Holiday Cup on Dec. 21 with a pair of matchups as four local teams get together for a good cause and competitive soccer.

The day will begin with the Mandarin High Mustangs facing the Bishop Kenny Crusaders at 5:30 p.m. and it will be followed by an in-county contest between the Nease Panthers and the Creekside High Knights at 7:20 p.m.

Both games will feature free admission for all those who attend, but donations are highly recommended and will go toward supporting the efforts of Soaring High Community Outreach and Ronald McDonald House.

Soaring High Community Outreach is a

program based at Valley Ridge Academy that strives to provide summer camps, after-school programs and holiday gifts to students in need.

Ronald McDonald House has several charitable programs associated with it that have the goal of helping families physically, emotionally and economically during their health care journeys.

In the first year, Nease and Creekside got together to play a game that served as the fundraiser and then last year it grew to two games and that will be the format once again this year, as the effort has grown over the years.

However, one of the main areas where Nease head coach Fred Hallett would like to see it continue to climb is the amount of donations brought in due to the event

taking place.

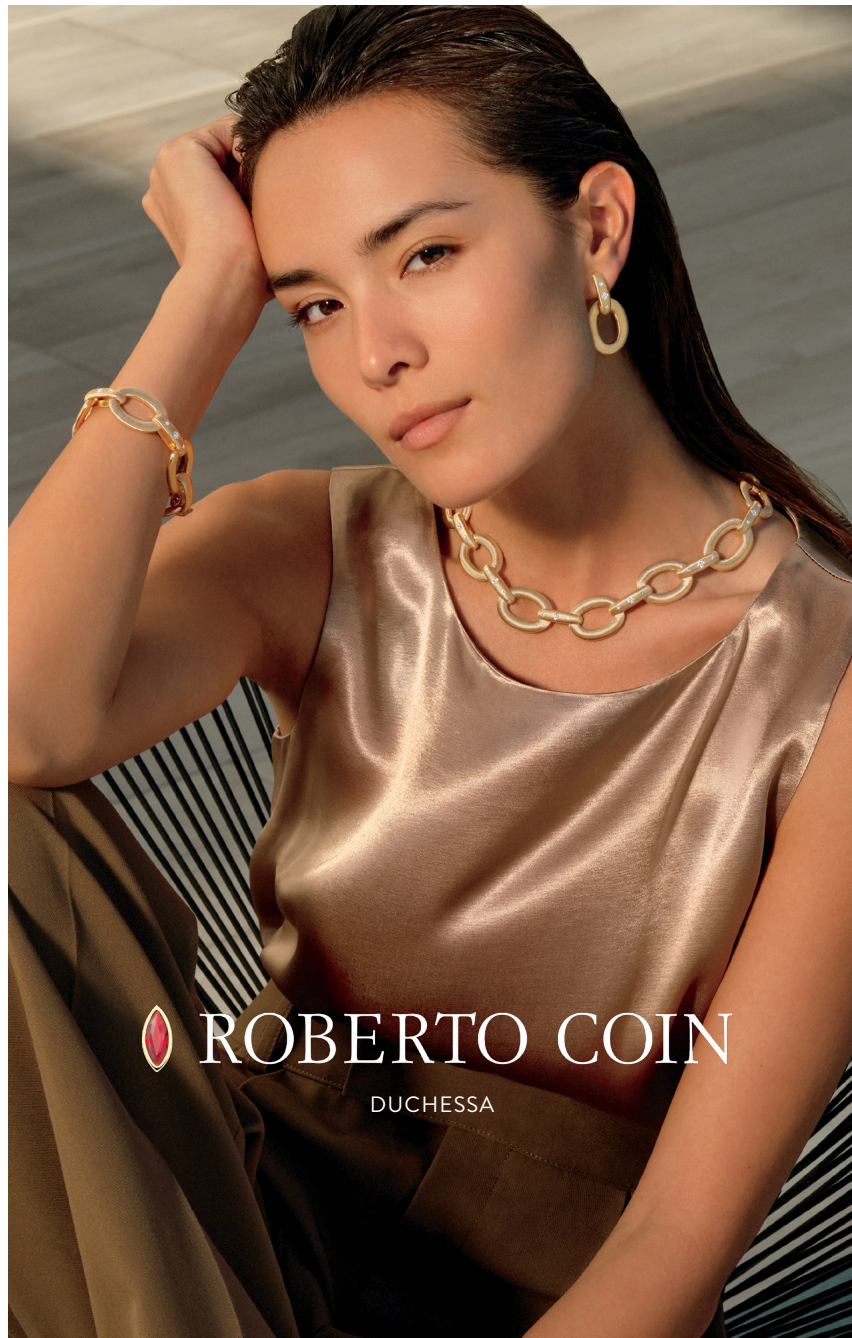
Cash and Venmo donations will be accepted at the gate and throughout the event, as well as new and unused bedding, stuffed animals, blankets and gift cards from Publix or Walmart.

According to Hallett, the game and event is a unique opportunity not just to give back and help the community they call home, but it also presents the players with an outlet to make a difference and do so playing the game they love.



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Nease faced Creekside in last year's Holiday Cup and will do so again on Dec. 21.



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Nonprofit aims to end hunger

As the end of the year approaches, Hunger Fight invites the public to be a part of something greater than themselves.

"Join us in making a difference, in rewriting the narrative of childhood hunger and illiteracy in our community," the nonprofit stated. "Hunger Fight is more than an organization; it's a movement, and you are an essential note in the melody of change."

Go to HungerFight.org to make a year-end donation supporting Hunger Fight's ambitious capital campaign and be a beacon of hope for those in need.

"Share our vision, spread the word and let the spirit of giving illuminate the path toward a hunger-free community," stated



the nonprofit. "Our capital campaign is more than just bricks and mortar; it's a manifestation of our collective vision for a hunger-free community. By supporting Hunger Fight, you are investing in a legacy that transcends mere buildings. Together, we can open hearts, transform lives and build a legacy of compassion that resonates for generations to come."

The organization thanked those who consider Hunger Fight in their year-end giving.

"Your generosity is the catalyst for a brighter tomorrow, and together we can orchestrate a symphony of change that echoes through the very heart of our community," according to the nonprofit.

Sontag Foundation awards \$2.25M for research

The Sontag Foundation has announced the three winners of its Distinguished Scientist Award, a \$750,000 grant awarded through a competitive scientific review process. These three scientists, with the potential to make a significant impact in the field of brain cancer, are selected to join the prestigious network of Sontag Foundation award recipients.

To date, the foundation has invested more than \$65 million dollars to launch the careers of young scientists at academic medical institutions throughout North America.

The following Distinguished Scientist

Awardees will receive \$750,000 to advance their research on brain cancer:

- Dr. Kyle P. Eagen, Baylor College of Medicine
- Dr. Leyuan Ma, University of Pennsylvania/Children's Hospital of Pennsylvania
- Dr. Deblina Sarkar, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

"It is great to see these three scientists join our 66 previous Distinguished Scientist award winners to help advance new technologies and defeat this horrible disease," said Rick Sontag, president.

"I am humbled and grateful to be a Sontag Foundation DSA awardee," said

Eagen. "It is not often that a scientist can pursue a new research direction, but support from the Sontag Foundation will allow my lab to do just that. When embarking on a new adventure it is important to have great people around you. I am particularly excited to become a part of the Sontag community so I can interact with other outstanding investigators to generate new ideas to better understand and treat brain tumors."

In February, the foundation will host its 21st annual scientific summit in Amelia Island, bringing current and past awardees together to engage in collaborative

conversations to drive science forward to make a difference in the field of brain cancer and in the lives of brain cancer patients.

The keynote speaker will be Capt. Robert "Hoot" Gibson. Gibson served as a fighter pilot, test pilot and Navy astronaut for more than 50 years before becoming a pilot for Southwest Airlines in 1996. He's flown five space flights, four of them as the mission commander. Gibson has received numerous awards and was inducted into the Astronaut Hall of Fame in 2003 and enshrined in the National Aviation Hall of Fame in 2013.

Post 129 donations top \$100K

American Legion Post 129, located in Jacksonville Beach, donated nearly \$107,000 to area nonprofits over the past year.

The organization's largest commitment was \$30,000 donated to suicide prevention nonprofit Here Tomorrow, part of a three-year commitment of \$90,000 to fund a veteran peer counselor to work individually with veterans. With the help of the seed investment from the Legion, Here Tomorrow now has four veteran peer counselors working with more than 60

veterans in need of services.

Other nonprofits that received funding included Wreaths Across America, Fletcher High School Women Athletics and the Lions Club of Jacksonville Beach.

"Thanks to our legion members, along with business sponsors and other individuals who support our events and programs each year, we're proud of the positive impact we're making in our beaches communities and in support of our veterans throughout Northeast Florida," said Post 129 Commander Joe Maichle.

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with a company that will transfer media onto a new format, such as a thumb drive or in a cloud-based account. This can be a heartfelt gift for someone who wants to reminisce.

• **Food or beverage subscription.**

Everyone needs to eat (and drink), so there is always a need for tasty offerings. Introduce loved ones to new foods with various subscriptions. If a person is missing flavors from a home country, have delicacies shipped so the recipient can

enjoy a taste of their childhood.

• **Make a family cookbook.** Enlist the help of other family members and compile beloved family recipes. Utilize a cookbook publishing service to compile all of these recipes together. Then gift recipients can revisit their favorites time and again.

• **Trace family lineage.** If the gift recipient is a history buff or is interested in his or her family tree, then a membership to an ancestry service could be an ideal gift. Individuals can spend hours uncovering distant relations and studying their family history in the process.

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Donna Guzzo, Byron Miller and Sherry Mahoney recently returned from a humanitarian mission in Honduras.



Donna Guzzo helps people in Honduras to get cleaner water.

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Local Rotarians improve lives in Honduras

Donna Guzzo, president and CEO of First Coast Cultural Center, president and CEO of Language Exploration Enrichment (L.E.E.) St. Johns and United Nations Ambassador of Sustainable Development Goals recently returned from a humanitarian mission to rural villages in Honduras.

Guzzo traveled to the Central American region with Sherry Mahoney and Byron Miller, fellow members of Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach. They helped to provide clean water projects, improve latrine facilities, install filtration systems and additional projects in Chichimora, Comayagua, Danli, La Palilleria and Maraita. Through Guzzo's organizations, she provided educational and art supplies to children and schools in the rural locations.

Guzzo, Mahoney and Miller also focused on teaching local children and adults, village leaders and local school teachers about Water and Sanitation & Hygiene (WASH) methods initiated and funded by worldwide Rotary Clubs, Rotary International and Pure Water for the World programs.

WASH projects include services such as renovating toilet facilities and introducing fresh, clean water through household filtration systems for food preparation, drinking, personal hygiene and handwashing, among others.

"For example, the importance of clean and fresh water for handwashing is saving and changing lives," said Guzzo. "Children are able to survive their early years due to the elimination of water-

borne diseases. We also provided the villagers and school leaders with deworming medications for overall health reasons."

Guzzo stated the water filtration systems are designed with containers, filters, sand and tubing, which after time, cleans the water. Water sources originate from local ponds, streams and rivers which are used for various forms of unsanitary purposes.

Additionally, Guzzo, a Latina and fluent Spanish speaker, helped the United Nations with its goal to bring potable water to people in rural communities. In her role with the L.E.E. Spanish program, she and the organization's Vice President Janet Robles will incorporate key activities from the trip into the Spanish curriculum by teaching Northeast Florida children about the culture of Honduras and its people.

According to Mahoney, who is the enterprise clinical nutrition manager at Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville, the American group also educated Hondurans about the importance of girls staying in school after puberty, and to feel safe with privacy in the bathrooms.

"Prior to the recent sanitation improvements, girls had to stay home when menstruating," said Mahoney. "Now, with outdoor latrines more suitable for the girls, there is better school attendance."

The process of the projects involves partnerships with local nonprofits and Rotary International Clubs where Rotarians volunteer within their budgets.

Guzzo, Mahoney and Miller plan to



Donna Guzzo with two of the Honduran children.

monitor the projects for three years with documentation and photos from the village leaders as an indicator that funds have been appropriated and maintained by the local communities.

According to Guzzo, Honduras is being characterized as a migratory passage for people traveling north from Central America, the Caribbean, Africa and beyond.

"Migration through Honduras has continued to evolve, with hundreds of thousands of migrants crossing the borders every day representing nine different nationalities," said Guzzo. "Delivering safe water, sanitation and hygiene programming is imperative to meet the unprecedented needs placed on local communities."

For seven days, Guzzo and her team travelled approximately two hours by truck from the more populated towns where they stayed to the rural mountain villages. Hygiene kits were also distributed to men, women and children in the villages.

According to Miller, who recently retired from the water purification industry in the U.S., as one of life's important necessities, water is pivotal in determining poverty status.

"Access to clean water can increase food security and the probability of gaining employment," said Miller. "Unfortunately, more than 2 billion people lack access to clean water, leading to millions of medical conditions with cholera and a plethora of neglected tropical diseases. We helped to prevent waterborne illnesses, prioritize the importance of clean water and counteract negative health trends. Unfortunately, the lead organization, Pure Water For The World (PWW), after 24 years of service is closing due to lack of funding. However, there are private individuals and companies looking to continue the efforts. We hope that more grassroots efforts will improve the lives of people in poverty by granting them access to clean water and proper sanitation."

As an educator, Guzzo will include #TeachSDGs global goals and activities from throughout Central America with a myriad of activities at First Coast Cultural Center and L.E.E. classes in 2024.

"Through education and studying different cultures, we can help to promote human rights and dignity, remove poverty, and develop sustainability," she said.

For more information, contact Guzzo at 904-280-0614, ext. 1201, or email dguzzo@firstcoastculturalcenter.org. Or go to firstcoastculturalcenter.org and leestjohns.pbworks.com.

Underwood team provides happy Christmas



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Sgt. Richard White received \$1,200 to bring Christmas to Underwood Jewelers' chosen family this year — the seventh that the Salvation Army has found a family in need for the Underwood Jewelers team. Money is raised throughout the year to supply the family with a whole Christmas experience, including the tree, decorations, dinner and their complete wish list. A few years ago, a man visited the store to thank everyone because his family was the team's first. He said it meant a lot to him and wanted to let them know.

Beach ride helps cancer patients



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A local group brought people together Dec. 2 to ride bicycles for a good cause, a new event called Cycle For Cancer. Chemo Noir helps Jacksonville-area families in their fight against cancer, paying bills and covering medication — the daily things that matter. On Dec. 2, they led a group for a 5-mile beach ride from the Jacksonville Beach Pier to One Ocean and back. The event's goal was to raise more than \$20,000 to help local families. With the help of supporters like Baggett Law, Chemo Noir expects to exceed that goal.

Farm Share receives donation from LDS Charities

Latter-day Saint Charities, the humanitarian arm of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, recently donated funds to Farm Share in time for them to purchase turkey, ham and sides for the organization's annual Thanksgiving giveaway event. LDS Charities was one of many groups coming together to support Farm Share in this effort that was held Nov. 18.

The one-time payment was estimated to provide key ingredients to 2,500 households in order to provide a meal on the holiday.

Established in 1991 as a Food Bank, Farm Share is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that works daily to serve food-insecure Floridians by providing the food and

support they need. Farm Share distributed more than 104 million pounds of food to more than 23 million households residing in all of Florida's 678 counties in 2022.

"LDS Charities and local church missionaries and members have enjoyed participating as volunteers at Farm Share food giveaways and separate food support through grants for many years," said Stephen Heywood, stake president of the Florida Jacksonville East Stake of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. "This is an important relationship for our members and the community."

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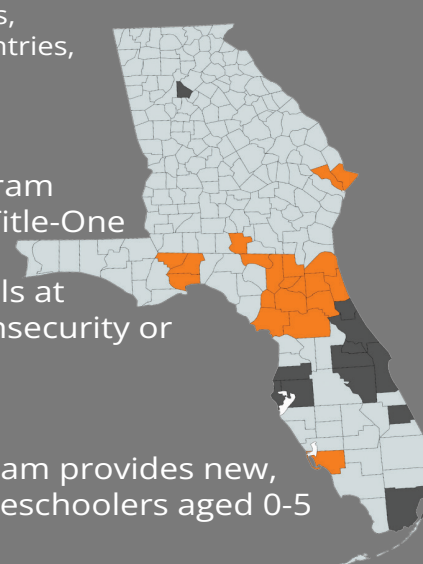
Hunger Fight's feeding program delivers weekend meals to Title-One students. These students receive free or reduced meals at school but often face food insecurity or hunger at home.

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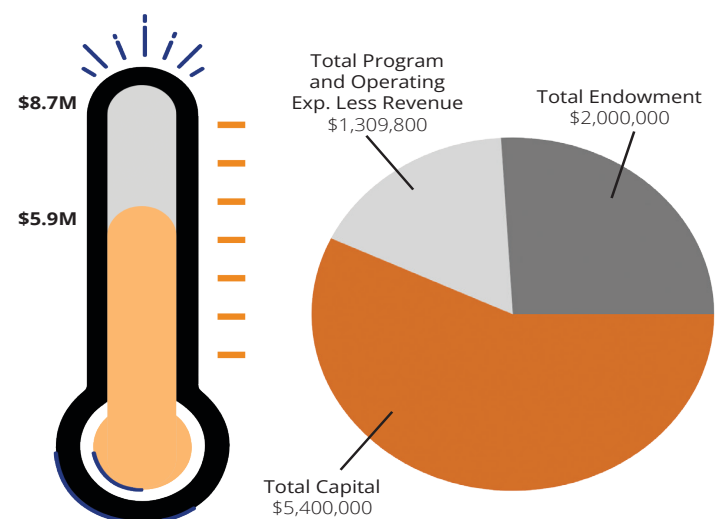
Hunger Fight's literacy program provides new, age-appropriate books to preschoolers aged 0-5 years.

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OBITUARIES



James M. Hill

James M. “Jim” Hill, 83, of Ponte Vedra Beach, FL, passed away peacefully at home on Thursday, December 7, 2023. Jim was born November 13, 1940 in Steubenville, Ohio, the son of the late Jesse “Bill” Hill and Mary Rea Hill. He

spent the last 33 years of his life living in Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida enjoying golf, the beach and his many new friendships established here. Previously, Jim lived in Steubenville, Ohio and Flanders, New Jersey. Jim was married to his loving wife, Patricia Ann “Patty” Barna Hill for the past fifty-four years. He was a beloved husband, son, brother and uncle.

Jim is survived by his loving and devoted wife Patty; his brother Patrick (Becky) Hill of Charlotte, North Carolina; several nieces and nephews; and his faithful companion, Ruby. Jim was preceded in death by his parents, his sister, Martha Rea Cecelones, and his brother, William E. “Bill” Hill. Jim adored his family and embraced the Barna family as his own. He and Patty were kind and generous hosts, welcoming countless family and friends to their many homes throughout the years.

At the young age of 25, when their father died suddenly, Jim went from being brother to step up and fill the role of surrogate father to his youngest brother, Patrick (then, only age 8). Jim guided

Patrick into adulthood, taught him many useful skills such as how to throw a football, how to hit a golf ball and how to select a fine wine to pair with dinner. Jim also served as an excellent role model demonstrating how a man should conduct himself in marriage, with family, and in life.

Family fun included everything from Jim’s nieces’ giggly slumber parties in Steubenville and rides in the MG ragtop “Batman” car, to the epic Jersey shore reunion and spring breaks (and even a honeymoon) in Ponte Vedra Beach — Jim knew how to show us a good time! He introduced happy hour to two generations of nieces, nephews and their friends — first Shirley Temples, then graduating to fine wine and cheese on the beach. He always made sure we had green beer on St. Patrick’s Day. He taught us all how a steak should be properly cooked — medium rare. We all have white knuckle memories having been entrusted to drive Uncle Jim’s precious Mercedes, Cadillac or whatever sporty car he happened to have in the garage. Because of Jim’s

generosity, many of us got to see our first PGA tour, go to our first professional football game, watch our first Broadway show or eat our first fancy five-course meal.

In Florida, Jim established a successful business, J.M. Hill and Associates, serving as a manufacturer’s representative for the automobile industry. Jim also served in the Ohio National Guard. An avid golfer, Jim spent much of his free time on the golf course with friends perfecting the traits of patience, concentration, and confidence with the game.

We are all so very blessed to have had this wonderful man in our lives and will think of him every time we raise a toast of Famous Grouse.

Please visit his online Tribute at www.quinn-shalz.com.

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Luncheon topic: COA

Coastal Friends will host two Council on Aging of St. Johns County representatives at its Jan. 3 luncheon from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Marsh Landing Country Club, 25655 Marsh Landing Parkway. Executive Director Becky Yanni and Development Manager Amy Robinson will speak about COA’s mission and the programs and services it’s offered since 1973.

Reservations must be made in advance by contacting the luncheon chairman at bartshar@comcast.net as soon as possible. The deadline for checks to be received is Dec. 28. This luncheon is open

to the community, members and guests.

Formed in 1998, Coastal Friends is a social club that consists of women who live in Ponte Vedra Beach, Jacksonville Beach, Neptune Beach, Atlantic Beach, Nocatee, Jacksonville, St. Augustine and the surrounding area.

Some of the activities offered are adventures and outings, book club, bunco, canasta, happy hour, lunch in, periodic lunches at local restaurants, mah jongg and wine socials.

Monthly luncheons are held on the first Wednesday of every month except for July and August.

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OBITUARIES



David Stanford McWilliams

David Stanford McWilliams was born in Jacksonville on August 22, 1979, during Hurricane David. Mom and Dad

initially considered other names, but David it was to be! He was taken from this world on December 2 unexpectedly, to the great sadness of those who knew and loved him.

Blessed with a white tuft of bangs since elementary school, Dave was the level-headed, statesman of the family. He was exceptionally close to his mother, Paula, until she passed too young when Dave was only 13. David spearheaded the integration of his stepfamily, being closest in age to all three of his stepsisters, and old enough to feel the many sacrifices of blending families — namely, his own bedroom! David was close to all his family members, always reciprocating the love and respect offered to him.

Dave attended Nease HS and graduated from University Christian in 1998. He studied at Belmont Abbey College in NC. He spent his working life in the restaurant businesses at the beaches and Jacksonville, most recently at R.P.McMurphys

and Poe’s Tavern.

David was incredibly kind, conscientious, and selfless. He was extremely well read, and could hold a conversation with anyone on nearly any topic, from Shakespeare to world politics. He had an uncanny ability to put anyone and everyone at ease with his wit, humor, and humility.

If you ever met Dave, his presence was prominent. Not for the unique white streak in his hair but because he was a staple in Ponte Vedra Beach where he was raised. His quick wit was remarkable — he could quote verbatim from nearly any 80’s comedy movie — always at the right time. Dave often made people smile just by entering the room. From recommending the perfect wine to pair with your meal, to sparking 12 rounds of political debate, his passion was to make people happy and comfortable regardless of who they were.

Preceding him in death was the love of

his life, Lisa Thompson, and his mother, Paula. He is survived by his brothers Peter, Rob and John, his sister Anne, his stepsisters Alison Cherenek, Katy Pradella, and Anne Inge, his father Jack, stepmother Kathy and his loyal and loving dog Jules.

A memorial service for David will be held on Friday, December 22, 2023 at 10 a.m. at Christ Episcopal Church, 400 San Juan Drive, Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082. Interment will be private. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Christ Church Foundation. Please sign the online guestbook at www.pontevedra-valley.com



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Each of the five finalists will receive prize money, with \$50,000 going to the national champion and \$12,500 to each of the four runner-up restaurants. Winnings are shared between the restaurant managers and team members.



Photos courtesy of St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce

The St. Augustine Culver's location has been recognized among the burger chain's top-five restaurants and as a result is a gold finalist in the company's annual Crew Challenge.

St. Augustine Culver's nationally recognized during ceremony

By Anthony Richards

Culver's has more than 900 restaurants across the United States, but its St. Augustine location is standing out among the best.

The location has been recognized among the burger chain's top five restaurants and as a result is a gold finalist in the company's annual Crew Challenge.

The challenge is an initiative that recognizes a location's overall operations, including the makeup and effectiveness of its staff.

The St. Augustine Culver's has only been in business for nearly three years, but owner-operators Garth and Lisa Darton have instilled a consistent tradition of excellence and customer satisfaction during the time.

"We're so proud of the incredible team members that work so hard to

make our guests happy every day in St. Augustine," Lisa Darton said. "It's rewarding to see their efforts acknowledged and to know that our guests are receiving the service and experience they deserve every time they visit Culver's."

Part of the Crew Challenge includes restaurants competing in the areas of quality, service, cleanliness, hospitality, community outreach and team member training and development. The winner will be announced at Culver's annual convention in Orlando in January.

"We believe in going the extra mile to make our guests happy, and that starts with our phenomenal team members," Craig Culver, co-founder of Culver's, said. "It's our honor to recognize the St. Augustine team for the exceptional job they continue to do in the restaurant and the community."

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prize money, with \$50,000 going to the national champion and \$12,500 to each of the four runner-up restaurants.

Winnings are shared between the restaurant managers and team members.

Although the winner will not be announced until next month, making it to the top-five is quite the achievement and Culver's management and the Dartons realized this.

As a result, the team members at St. Augustine Culver's were honored in a ceremony on Dec. 12, including a visit from CEO Rick Silva and co-founder Craig Culver.

The Crew Challenge starts each year with all Culver's locations participating and the process includes narrowing it down throughout the months that follow to 90 and 40 before reaching the final five as part of the yearlong competition.

Named along with St. Augustine in the 2023 top-five are locations in Harrisonville, Missouri; Hartland, Michigan; Murray, Kentucky; and Sierra Vista, Arizona.

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Key questions to answer to help plan to pay for retirement

Written by/for Wells Fargo Advisors

Your retirement could last 20 years or more. Now could be the time to ask yourself, “What do I want to do when I retire?”

It’s an important question to ask sooner rather than later, as the answer could impact your retirement savings plans, so that you can align the retirement you want with the retirement you can afford. The first two steps in that process are: 1.) decide what you want to do, and then 2.) determine the potential costs.

The answers to these questions could help you take the first step toward creating the retirement lifestyle you hope to achieve.

What will I be doing during my retirement days?

- Do I plan to continue working past age 65 or after I reach my full retirement age? Full time or part time?
- Are there hobbies I want to pursue that will either cost money or make money?
- Is there volunteer work that may also have costs associated?
- Do I plan to travel?
- Are there things I enjoy doing that have related costs?
- What are the activities that make up my ideal retirement day?

Where will I be living in my retirement years?

- Will I stay in my current home or downsize to a smaller home or a rental property?
- Will I move to a retirement community or assisted living facility?
- Will I sell my home and replace it



Pictured from left to right: Jamie Seim, Matthew Guevara, Evonne Heykens and Stephen Foody.

with an RV or other alternative living option?

What situations might occur that could impact my retirement expenditures?

- What health care coverage do I need for my specific health conditions?
- Do I have an emergency fund for unexpected situations such as a health care crisis or loss of property due to a natural disaster?
- What if I stop working sooner than expected?
- What happens if I experience a significant loss of income?

What are the barriers that are keeping me from investing?

- I have nothing extra to invest.

- I have education loans or other debt.
- I don’t know how to start an investment plan.
- I have time to start saving later.

Next steps:

- Prepare rather than panic. Review the questions above and create an outline from your answers. That outline will give you the framework to calculate the income you may need to support your retirement lifestyle.
- Make the decision to adjust your spending patterns today. Choose something that you really don’t need and redirect that amount to a savings or investment account. Take advantage of the growth potential over time. Pay yourself first instead of spending money on something that will not support your

future retirement needs. Creating that nest egg now could lessen your stress about money.

- Start or add to an emergency fund. Even if the amount seems very small, it is important to take the first step. As that amount grows and the saving behavior becomes a habit, you will likely gain confidence and momentum in your investment activities.

- Meet with your financial adviser to review your answers and turn your outline into a plan that will help you work toward your goals. Your adviser has planning tools and other resources to help you identify your retirement income needs.

- Revisit your plan on a regular basis. Over time, your goals may change because of new opportunities or unexpected events. Periodic reviews can help you assess your progress and fine-tune your strategy.

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Hubel appointed president of Baptist Medical Center Clay



Ed Hubel

Ed Hubel, FACHE, is returning to his roots in Clay County to serve as hospital president of Baptist Medical Center Clay, effective Monday, Dec. 18. Hubel

has been serving as interim president of Baptist Clay since mid-June.

Hubel joined Baptist Health in 1996 and has been hospital president of Baptist Medical Center Nassau since 2016. Hubel has been overseeing both community hospitals for the past five months. Under his leadership, Baptist

Nassau has received an A rating in patient safety 12 consecutive times and is a 5-star rated hospital by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

“Ed’s health care experience and humble leadership style make him the perfect fit for Baptist Clay, our newest community hospital,” said Matthew A. Zuino, executive vice president and chief operating officer of Baptist Health. “We know Ed’s compassion and experience will enable the outstanding Baptist Clay team to deliver the best possible care and experience to the community.”

Baptist Medical Center Clay opened on Fleming Island in December 2022 with 101 patient rooms, a 20-room maternity center, a Neonatal Intensive Care Center, advanced heart care and

top-ranked cancer care provided by Baptist MD Anderson Cancer Center. Baptist Clay Medical Campus opened in 2013 as a Baptist Health/Wolfson Children’s Emergency & Imaging Center.

Hubel has served in numerous roles at Baptist Health, including assistant administrator of operations, administrator of surgical services, director of patient care operations and service line lead for Baptist Health Orthopedics.

Prior to health care, Hubel was in the aviation industry and received a Bachelor of Science from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. He also holds a Master of Science in health care administration from Columbia Southern University. He is board-certified and a

fellow of the American College of Health Care Executives.

Hubel and his wife, Kristie, currently reside in Fernandina Beach, and plan to move back to Clay County next year. Hubel is passionate about servant leadership, his faith and community.

“I am overwhelmingly grateful to be appointed to this position,” said Hubel. “Having grown up in Orange Park, Clay County holds a special place in my heart. I have seen this special community grow and change through the years, and I look forward to continuing to provide the amazing care Baptist Health is known for in Northeast Florida.”

Zuino will serve as interim hospital president for Baptist Nassau as a search is conducted in 2024.

Benchmarks of Success

A look at major career changes in the area



Abram named informatics leader to know

Deborah Abram MD, chief medical information officer (CMIO) of Baptist Health,

was named on Becker's Hospital Review's list of CMIOs and chief nursing informatics officers (CNIOs) to know for 2023. The list celebrates the work of information officers whose work "leads to more efficient health care delivery and ultimately improves the patient and provider experience."

A specialist in pediatric medicine, Abram has more than 35 years of leadership experience in a hospital environment. She is board certified in clinical informatics and has extensive experience in medical informatics, quality and change management. Formerly the CMIO of Wolfson Children's Hospital, she assumed her current role with oversight across the health system in 2020.



Sherman returns to local real estate firm

Haley Sherman, a Realtor with more than 20 years of experience, has returned to the Ponte

Vedra office of Berkshire Hathaway Homeservices Florida Network Realty. A specialist in new home construction, Sherman has personally overseen the creation of seven homes spanning three states in the last decade.

A graduate of Georgia Southern University with a degree in marketing and sales management, Sherman brings a blend of academic expertise and first-hand experience to her role.

For inquiries or to schedule a consultation, contact her at 678-925-0399, Haley.Sherman@FloridaNetworkRealty.com or HSherman.floridanetworkrealty.com.

The Ponte Vedra/Nocatee office, located at 333 Village Main St., Suite 670, Ponte Vedra Beach, is managed by Holly Hayes, who can be reached at 904-802-0432, Holly.Hayes@FloridaNetworkRealty.com and floridanetworkrealtycareers.com.



Alivia Care CEO recognized by Florida Trend

Susan Ponder-Stansel, president and CEO of Alivia Care Inc., has been recognized as one of the prestigious Florida

Trend Florida 500 honorees. This accolade acknowledges Ponder-Stansel's outstanding leadership and significant contributions to Florida's business landscape.

The Florida Trend Florida 500, an annual list compiled by Florida Trend magazine, celebrates influential individuals who have demonstrated excellence in their respective fields across the state. Susan Ponder-Stansel's inclusion in this select group of 27 leaders in the "health sciences" category underscores her impact on the health care sector and her commitment to driving positive change within the industry.

Alivia Care is the non-profit parent company of 10 subsidiary corporations that provide care to patients and their families living with serious or advancing illnesses in North Florida and South Georgia.

Husband-and-wife team join real estate firm

The L & L team, a husband-and-wife real estate duo, has joined Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Network Realty's Ponte Vedra/Nocatee office. Luis and Laura Villarroel have a combined wealth of experience and a passion for helping clients achieve their dreams of home ownership.

Laura Villarroel is a seasoned broker associate with a real estate career going back to 1991. Luis Villarroel, a retired FBI special agent and former U.S. Marine Corps helicopter pilot, brings a blend of dedication, integrity and expertise to the world of real estate.

Contact the L & L team at 609-731-6211 (Laura) or 609-731-3111 (Luis) and laura@discovervilanobeach.com or luis@discovervilanobeach.com or go to www.discovervilanobeach.com.

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Four join realty team

Four Realtors have joined the team at Davidson Realty, a full-service real estate operation that serves Jacksonville, St. Augustine, Ponte Vedra and St. Johns County. Each previously worked in a different line of work prior to becoming Realtors.

Kevin Thomas had a 20-year career as an entrepreneur in pharmacy advertising, and is originally from Nashville, Tennessee. Clay B. Martin has an MBA from Florida Atlantic University and joined Davidson after a 29-year career in medical device sales. Christina Treadway has been licensed since 2017 and is a former financial advisor. Theo Dimitrakopoulos was born in Greece and moved to Jacksonville at 8 years old; he previously worked in food service/beverage sales.

Learn more about Davidson Realty at davidsonrealtyinc.com.



Courtney Boneta

Boneta joins real estate firm

Courtney Boneta has joined the Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Network Realty Ponte Vedra

office.

With more than five years in real estate, Boneta has been successful during the industry's highs and lows. The rollercoaster of the COVID-19 era saw her business thrive in the fast-paced landscape of real estate sales. Adapting swiftly, she embraced technology and evolving market demands, experiencing significant success. Selling real estate in today's market has allowed her to fine-tune her skills and strategies to continue her success in the ever-changing market.

For more information, contact Boneta at 904-891-8873, Courtney.Boneta@FloridaNetworkRealty.com or CBoneta.FloridaNetworkRealty.com.

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In the Arts

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Artist Svetlana Shorey joins PASTA gallery

The Professional Artists of St. Augustine (PASTA) Fine Art Gallery, 214 Charlotte St., St. Augustine, has welcomed a new artist, Svetlana Shorey, to its membership. Shorey will exhibit for sale her intricate oil landscapes and floral arrangements and watercolors, and offer commissioned portraits.

Born in central Russia, Shorey began painting at a young age. Her early work was reflective of traditional Russian decorative painting and iconography and the use of gouache, tempera and watercolors. Along with her four-year degree in the arts, she also began to teach art to elementary through high school students and bring her skills and talents to the Moscow Textile industry.

Upon moving to the U.S., she pursued her arts while teaching at Ezra Academy in Woodbridge, Connecticut. She has additionally taken classes in interior decorating and design before making the move to Florida.

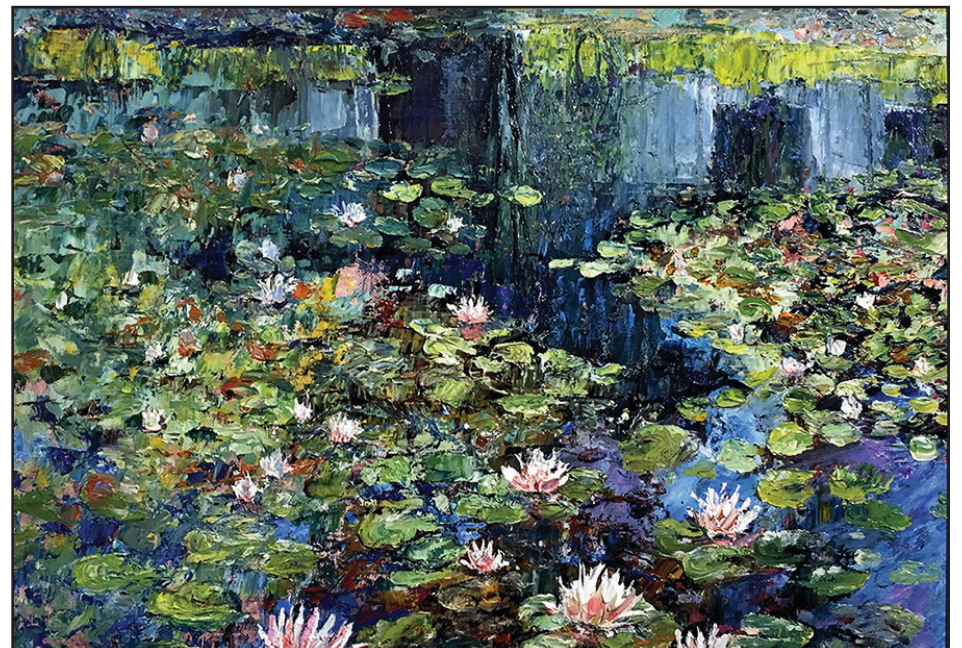
She continues to create commissioned works from portraits to mural paintings, faux finishes and other custom artwork



Svetlana Shorey at work on a new painting.

for businesses and private residences. She employs both oils and watercolors and will feature both in the gallery on alternating months.

“I would describe myself as an adventurous artist with an unremitting curiosity and admiration for the phenomenon of sunlight and moonlight, and for all of Mother Nature’s creations or revelations,” Shorey said. “This is why I



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“Lily Pond,” 16-by-20 oil.

decided to dedicate my entire artistic mind to reflecting on the beauty of our world. I believe that this would be a powerful inspiration to anyone who sees my artwork

and especially for those who need positive reassurance.”

See Shorey’s work at pastagalleryart.com or go to lanasgallery.com.

Student artists show off work at Crisp-Ellert Art Museum

The Crisp-Ellert Art Museum (CEAM), 48 Sevilla St., St. Augustine, on the Flagler College campus, hosted an Art Portfolio Exhibition on Thursday, Dec. 7, for a collection of the



Visitors visit the Crisp-Ellert Art Museum to see the student artists’ work.

school’s soon-to-be graduates.

With 13 students earning their Bachelor of Arts degree, and one earning a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree, the museum’s exhibition halls were lined with a unique selection of pieces for the public to enjoy.

Since each of these student’s portfolios are showcased, this exhibition housed a multitude of art forms including hand-built ceramics, crochet pieces, oil paintings, illustrations, photography, printmaking and more.

“While these exhibitions are a bit of a whirlwind event, they’re truly a great

opportunity for students to show off their hard work,” said Julie Dickover, director of CEAM.

With the pieces only on display for two days, the museum flooded with people hoping to admire the portfolios before they would be taken down. These 14 students were able to share

their work with family, friends, peers and even locals who just stopped by to see what all the fuss was about.

Learn more about upcoming events at the Crisp-Ellert Art Museum at flagler.edu/information-for/community-members/arts--culture/crisp-ellert-art-museum.



Guests examine the work of one student.

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Swindell to headline PLAYERS Military Appreciation concert

Multi-platinum country music star to kick off tournament festivities at TPC Sawgrass

Four-time ACM Award winning superstar and longtime PGA TOUR fan Cole Swindell will headline THE PLAYERS Military Appreciation Day concert, tournament officials announced Tuesday. The multi-Platinum singer-songwriter will rock the famous Island Green for an evening of excitement in honor of local service members on March 12.

“I had the opportunity to play the Stadium Course at TPC Sawgrass this past fall and got to scope out where the concert will take place, and I got chills just thinking about it,” said Swindell. “To play a show on the most famous hole in golf is a dream come true.”

Throughout his career, Swindell has racked up 12 No. 1 singles as an artist — 13 as a songwriter — as well as 12 certified-platinum singles, a platinum-certified debut album, a platinum-certified sophomore effort, a gold-certified third entry and a gold-certified fourth album.

His massive, Grammy Award-

nominated hit, “Break Up In The End,” was named the 2019 NSAI Song of the Year, and most recently, his three-time platinum chart-topper, “She Had Me At Heads Carolina,” garnered three ACM Awards for Single of the Year and Song of the Year (as both a songwriter and artist), an iHeart Music Award for Country Song of the Year and received a nomination for Musical Event of the Year at this year’s CMA Awards.

“We are thrilled to welcome an artist of Cole’s caliber to TPC Sawgrass,” said Lee Smith, executive director of THE PLAYERS. “He’s an incredible talent and his passion for the sport of golf just adds to the excitement of the week. I know he’s going to put on a great show for our fans and do an incredible job honoring our men and women in uniform.”

The concert will immediately follow the Military Appreciation Day ceremony, which begins at 4:30 p.m. Admission to Swindell’s concert is free with the purchase of Tuesday tickets, which are available for purchase at THEPLAYERS.com/tickets. Parking passes are not included and must be purchased separately.

More information on THE PLAYERS military programming can be found at THEPLAYERS.com/military.



Photo courtesy of The PGA Tour

Country Music star Cole Swindell will headline THE PLAYERS Military Appreciation concert in March.

Mixed media workshop offered

The Professional Artists of St. Augustine (PASTA) Fine Art Gallery, 214 Charlotte St., St. Augustine, will offer a mixed media workshop with Linda F. Hawkins.

The workshop will be held from 3:30 to 6 p.m. Jan. 15. The cost is \$65 and includes all taxes, fees and materials. Sign up at pastagalleryart.com/events.

“This class will make you comfortable with using mixed media to create a beautiful and colorful hummingbird,” Hawkins said.

Using watercolor, paint pens and collage, students will also learn how to transfer the provided photo reference onto the watercolor paper and paint negatively for interesting backgrounds. No previous painting or drawing experience is necessary.

Hawkins has been involved in the arts from a young age. She has a degree in media advertising arts, a BFA from

the University of North Florida and a Master of Arts from the University of Florida. She pursued a career in the advertising arts for various companies and as her own business providing clients with art from concept to finish. She has worked with art leagues, galleries and watercolor societies in Virginia, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida. She has been a member of the Virginia Beach Arts Center, South Carolina Watercolor Society, Gibbes Museum Art Center, Bethune Arts Center, Dahlonga Art League, Georgia Watercolor Society, Atlanta Artist Club.

Currently, she is a member of the Jacksonville Watercolor Society, the Art Guild of Orange Park, Jacksonville Coalition for the Visual Arts and the Florida Watercolor Society.

Linda’s watercolors are on display and for sale at the PASTA Fine Art Gallery.

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Furyk & Friends continues to make mark with another award

By Anthony Richards

After only three years, Constellation Furyk & Friends has gone from an upstart tournament with a promising future to being recognized by the PGA TOUR as one of its best.

Furyk & Friends was named the 2023 President's Award winner at the PGA TOUR's annual tournament meetings at La Quinta Resort & Club in Palm Springs, California, on Dec. 6.

The award was one of only four PGA TOUR Champions awards presented during the meeting.

"Constellation FURYK & FRIENDS, presented by Circle K, has distinguished itself as one of the top tournaments on our tour in only three years," said Miller Brady, PGA TOUR Champions president. "This event provides a first-class experience for fans, players, caddies and staff, while also making a tremendous charitable impact in the North Florida community. The consistently excellent efforts of the tournament team coupled with the dedication and passion that Jim & Tabitha Furyk have in leading this event makes this a standout stop on PGA TOUR Champions and a fantastic winner of the 2023 President's Award."

There were several intangibles and approaches that made Furyk & Friends stand out from other tournaments on the schedule.

Over the past three years, Furyk &



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Furyk & Friends staff members receive the President's Award during the 2023 PGA TOUR tournament meetings on Dec. 6.

Friends has shown consistency when it comes to being a strong sales performer that has generated more than \$4 in revenue from local hospitality and sponsorships.

According to the PGA TOUR, it is also one of the most fan-friendly events on the PGA TOUR Champions since its inception featuring a variety of possibilities for upgrading for general admission ticket holders to experience the tournament.

Jim and Tabitha Furyk have continued to state how the goal of the tournament is not

just to provide top quality golf, but also to bring the community together while also giving back in a variety of ways.

That mission has been achieved through the first three years of the event, as it has raised more than \$4 million in charitable giving during that time.

This is not the first award Furyk & Friends has been granted as it continues to rack up the awards in its short period of existence.

Previously, the tournament won the

2022 Players Award and was the winner of the inaugural PGA TOUR Champions Social Media Award, for the consistently creative efforts across its social media channels.

However, not only has Furyk & Friends been recognized by fans as a favorite, but the players have voiced that they feel the same way, and Timuquana Country Club, the host of tournament, is routinely listed by players as one of the top courses on PGA TOUR Champions year after year.

Sharks, Panthers in midst of undefeated girls soccer seasons

By Anthony Richards

The start of the soccer season could not have gone better for the girls soccer teams at Ponte Vedra and Nease high schools.

Both teams remain undefeated halfway through the season and have their sights set on even more success down the stretch.

The Sharks are 8-0-1 and in the midst of an eight-game winning streak since a 2-2 draw against St. Johns Country Day School in the season opener.

During the winning streak, the Sharks looked dominant and have outscored opponents 37-1 in the process.

The one goal was surrendered during a 3-1 victory over Bishop Moore on Nov. 21, while the other seven wins have all been shutouts, including a 6-0 triumph on the road against Toco Creek on Dec. 12.

Another impressive stat the Sharks have is a record of 4-0-1 on the road, which shows the mental strength of the group to excel regardless of where they play.

For the Panthers, victories have also been the norm so far this season, as they have a record of 7-0-2, as they got off to a hot start with five straight wins out of the gate, including a 2-1 victory over a strong Mandarin High squad on the road in the second game of the season.

Although the Panthers are still winning, they have been experiencing closer contests of late with a 2-2 tie against Stanton on Dec. 5 and a 2-1 win against Sandalwood on Dec. 12.

However, despite the closer contests of late, the Panthers are still outscoring their opponents 30-6 on the season.

The Panthers have had several contests that they have controlled on both sides of the ball, including four shutouts on the season and during those contests they have averaged 4.5 goals in those games.

Just like the Sharks, the Panthers have been road warriors, with a record of 5-0-1 away from the Panther Den.

The way the schedule has worked out

early on, the Panthers have only played three games at home and that trend will not change with only two of their final seven games at home.

Those two home contests will be back-to-back as the Panthers will face Fernandina Beach High on Jan. 9 and Menendez High on Jan. 11. Both games will start at 6:30 p.m.

The Sharks and Panthers do not have a game scheduled against each other this year, but it would be very interesting if they because of the fact that both squads look poised not just to make the playoffs but to have a legitimate chance to make some noise once they get into the tournament.

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