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And the results of the 6th annual Best of the Best of Ponte Vedra are...

Once again, The Recorder has asked readers to tell us which businesses, nonprofits, practices and professionals are the Best of the Best of Ponte Vedra in the 32081 and 32082 ZIP codes. And once again, the readers have weighed in with their preferences.

Between May 17 and June 14, members of the community had the opportunity to nominate their favorites in several categories.

Beginning June 15, readers were invited to vote

on the nominees. More than 46,000 votes were cast.

After voting closed on July 29, it was time to find out who won. The votes were counted and the winners notified. Their names are listed in this special section.

Winners will be happy to know that the people in their community who rely on their goods and services selected them. It is a stamp of approval that recognizes winners' dedication and exceptionalism.

The Recorder wants to thank the voters who took the time to participate. The strong response reveals a community of individuals willing to add their voices to the public conversation and reward those who put forth their best efforts every day.

In the coming year, readers will want to keep this section handy. When seeking out a product or service for the first time, it's helpful to know which businesses other members of the community recommend.

Best of the Best

BEST NEW BUSINESS (OPENED IN 2023)

Beauty Ink and Beyond

BEST BOSS

Felicia Cox at First Horizon Bank

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BEST OVERALL RESTAURANT

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BEST OIL CHANGE

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BEST TIRE STORE

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Business

BEST ALTERATIONS

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BEST ART FRAMING COMPANY

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BEST BUILDING DESIGN COMPANY

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BEST CELL SERVICE
& INTERNET PROVIDER

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BEST CHILD CARE CENTER

Crosswater Christian Academy

BEST COPY SHOP

The UPS Store

Business

BEST DANCE STUDIO

Grace Conservatory of Dance

BEST DAY SPA

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BEST DRY CLEANERS

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Atlantic Ocean Transportation



BEST MARTIAL ARTS

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BEST MASSAGE/MASSAGE THERAPIST

Muriel Hattori
at Sawgrass Marriott

BEST NAIL SALON

BellaVi NAIL SPA

BEST PEST CONTROL

Kingfish Pest Control

BEST PET BOARDING

Forever Vets Animal Hospital
at Nocatee

BEST PILATES STUDIO

Transformation Pilates Studio

BEST SELF-STORAGE FACILITY

Compass Self Storage

Business

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BEST WEB DESIGNER

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BEST WEDDING PLANNER

Deb Chapin at Palm Valley Barn

BEST WEDDING VENUE

The Yards

BEST YOGA STUDIO

Yogi Fam

Community

BEST ARTIST

Ocean Sole

BEST ASSISTED LIVING

Vicar's Landing at Sawgrass

BEST BAND

Not Tonight I've Got The Blues Band

BEST BEACH CLUB

The Plantation at Ponte Vedra Beach

BEST CHARITY EVENT

Angelwood Celebration



Community

BEST CHURCH

Christ Church

BEST CIVIC CLUB

Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach

BEST COMMUNITY EVENT

The PLAYERS

BEST COMMUNITY TO LIVE IN

Nocatee

BEST COUNTRY CLUB

The Plantation at Ponte Vedra Beach

BEST EVENT ENTERTAINMENT

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BEST EVENT VENUE

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BEST GOLF COURSE

TPC Sawgrass

BEST GOLF PROFESSIONAL

David Schmutz Golf (The Yards)

BEST INDEPENDENT LIVING

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BEST KIDS CAMP

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The Yards



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I Noodle Ramen and Dumpling

BEST BAKERY

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BEST BAR

Pinspiration

BEST BARBEQUE

Valley Smoke

BEST BREAKFAST

Metro Diner

BEST BRUNCH

Argyle Restaurant

Eat & Drink

BEST BURGER

Metro Diner



BEST BUTCHER

NY Butcher Shoppe

BEST CAKE & DESSERTS

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BEST CATERING

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BEST CHEF

Chef Jonathan Blackford
at Argyle Restaurant

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BEST COFFEE SHOP

Foxtail Coffee Co.

BEST COUNTRY CLUB DINING

Ponte Vedra Inn & Club

BEST DELI

Larry's Giant Subs

Eat & Drink

BEST FAMILY RESTAURANT

Beach Diner Ponte Vedra Beach

BEST FAST FOOD

Trasca & Co. Eatery/
Ponte Vedra Tap Room

BEST FROZEN YOGURT

Yobe Frozen Yogurt

BEST GROCERY STORE

Publix Super Market
at Sawgrass Village

BEST HAPPY HOUR

TPC Sawgrass

BEST HEALTH FOOD

McFlamingo

BEST ICE CREAM STORE

King of Pops

BEST ITALIAN

Poppy's Italiano

BEST LIQUOR STORE

ABC Fine Wine & Spirits
Sawgrass Village

BEST MEXICAN

Cantina Louie

BEST PIZZA

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BEST ROMANTIC RESTAURANT

Aqua Grill



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BEST WINGS

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Education

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BEST GUIDANCE COUNSELOR

Courtney Derisse,
School Counselor at PVHS

BEST MUSIC LESSONS

A1A Guitar Studio

Education

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Primrose School on Crosswater Parkway

BEST PRIVATE SCHOOL

Bolles Lower School
Ponte Vedra Beach Campus

BEST PUBLIC SCHOOL

Ponte Vedra High School

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Dr. Katie Falwell
at Collage Day School

BEST SCHOOL CLUB

Beaches Go Green

BEST SCHOOL TEACHER

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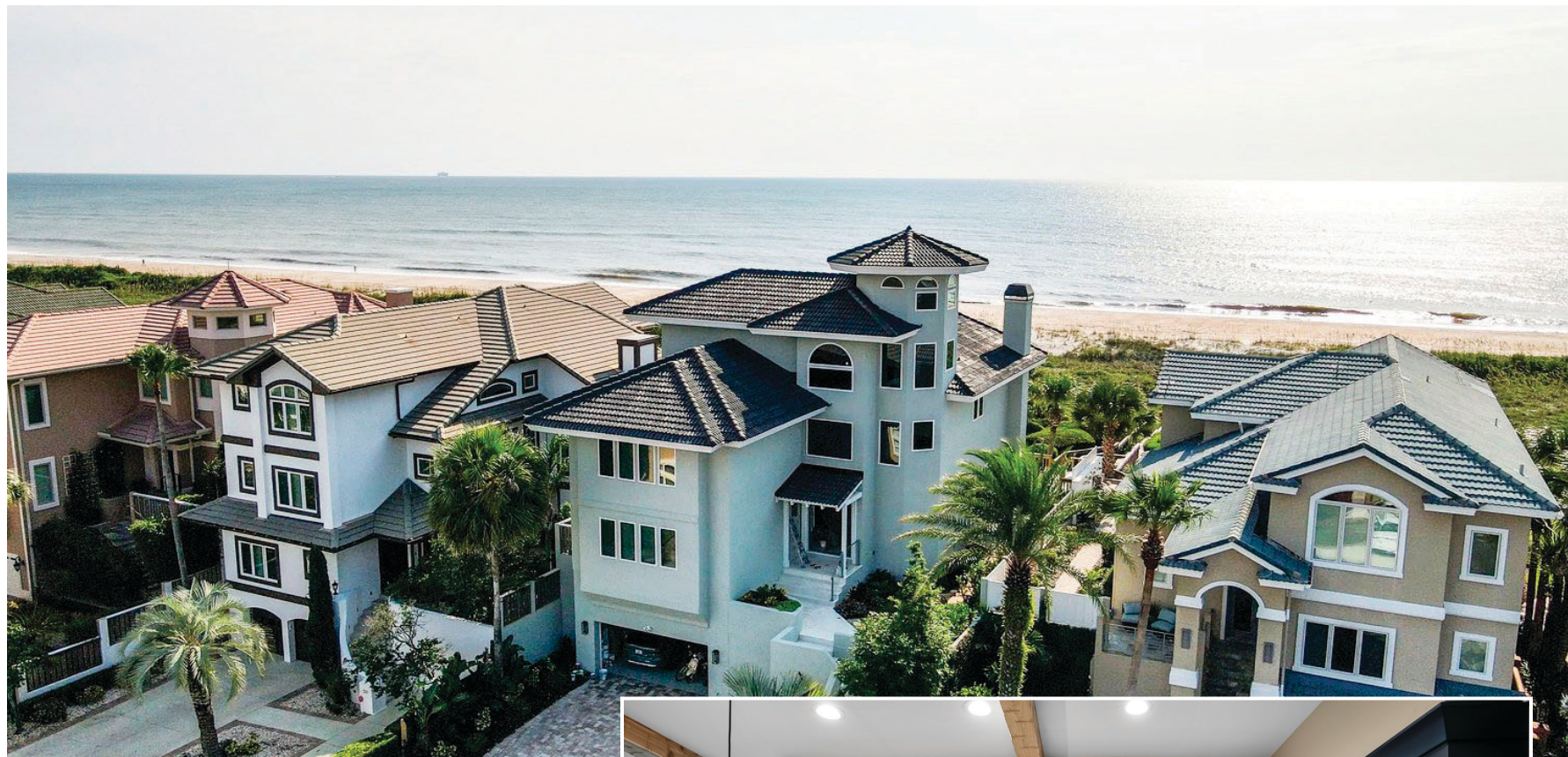
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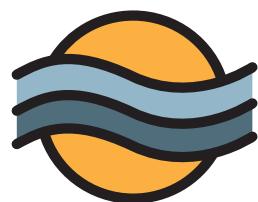
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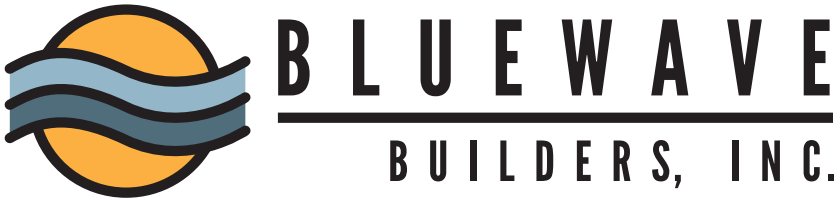
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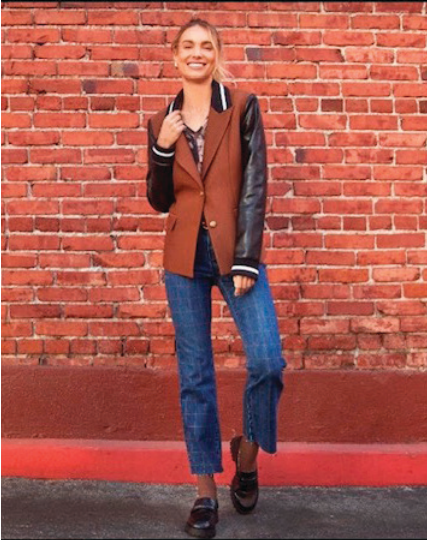
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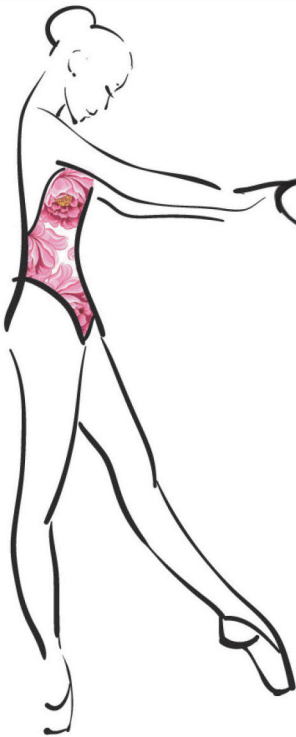


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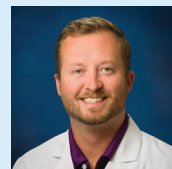
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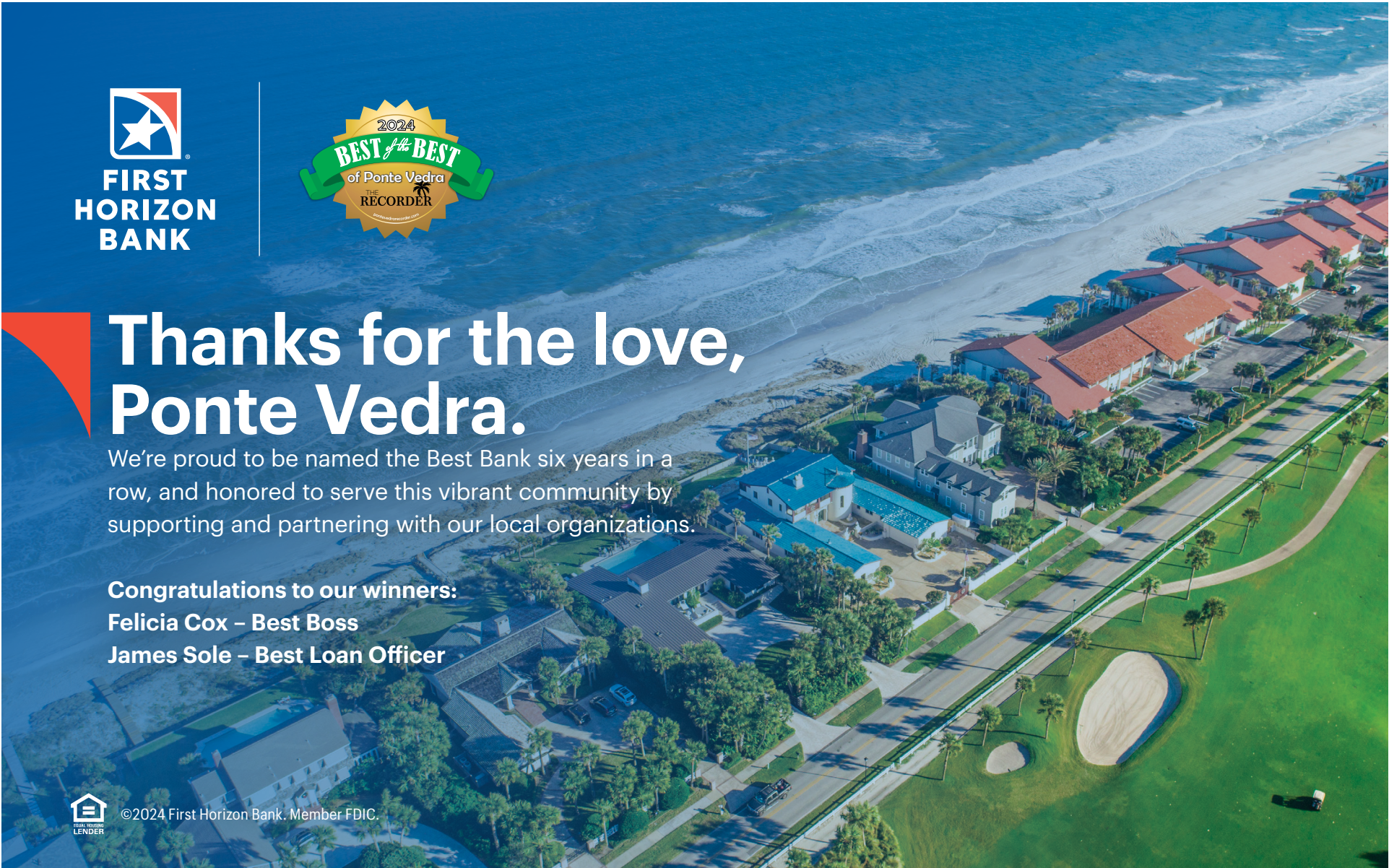
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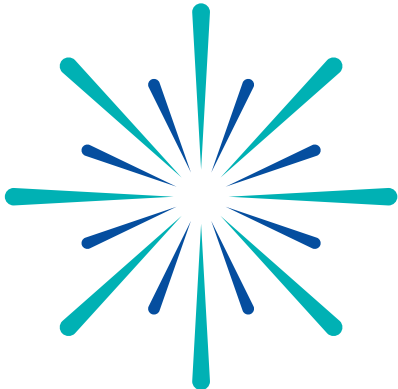
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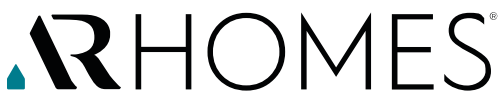
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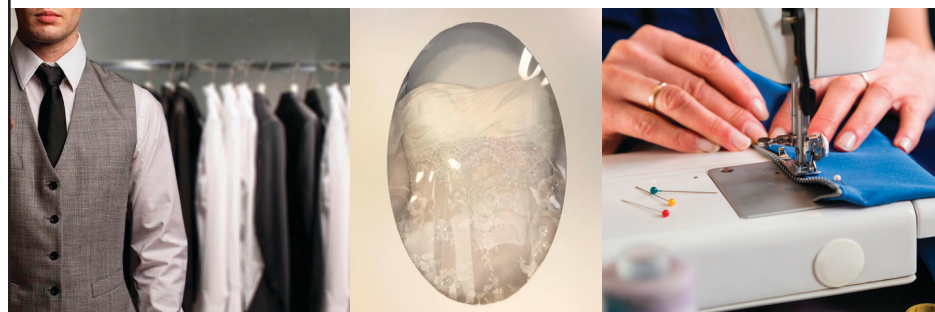
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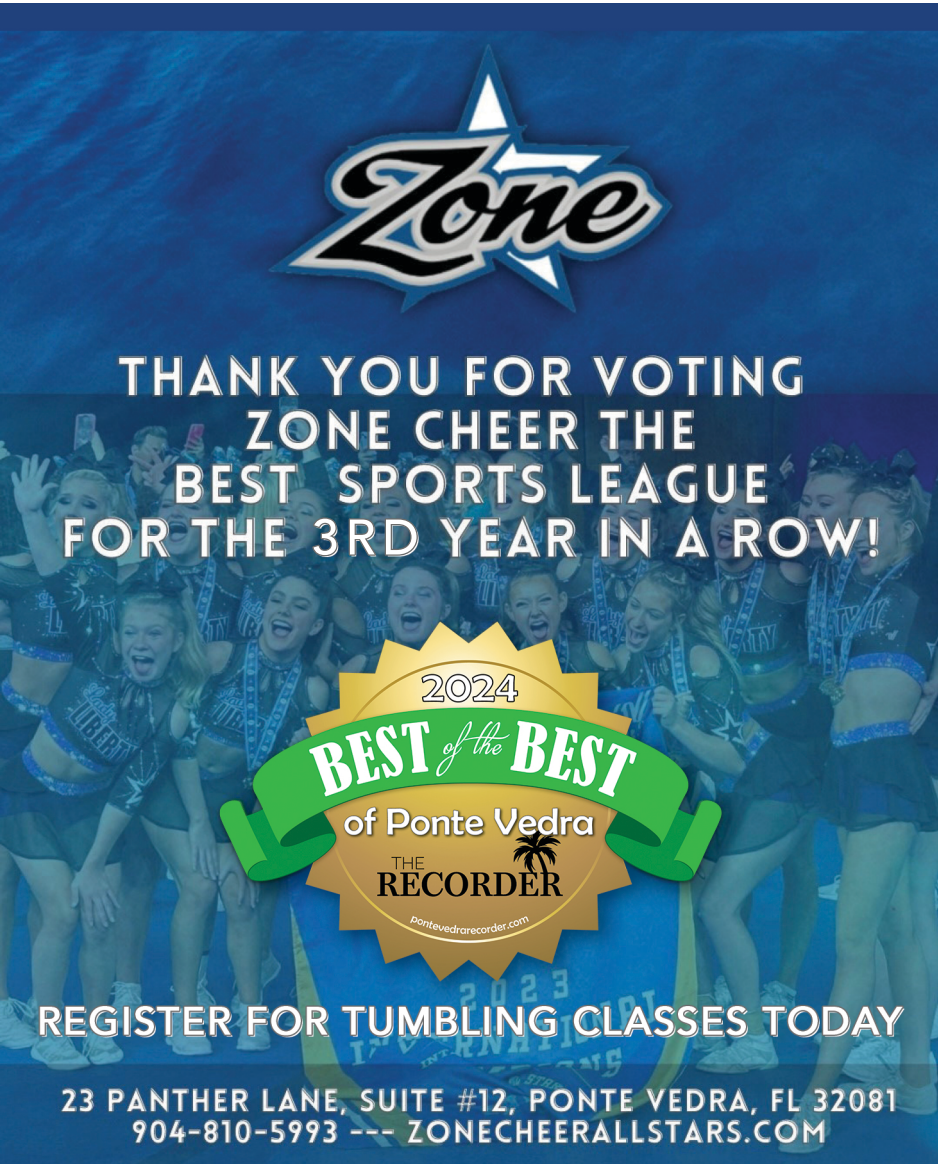
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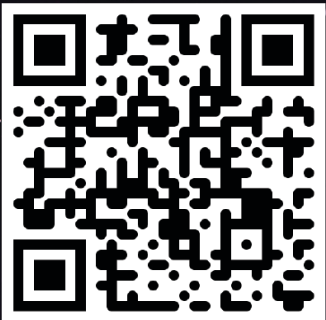
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"This incredible recognition is a testament to the dedication, passion and love that our visitors have shown us," said Payson Tilden, executive director of Ximenez-Fatio House Museum. "A special thank you to the Tourist Development Council, St Johns Cultural Council, Institute of Museums and Library Services, Americana Corner and the Jessie Ball duPont Foundation for their unwavering support."

Aviles Street Festival
Noon to 9 p.m. Sept. 8

The City of St. Augustine will celebrate its 459th anniversary on Sept. 8. In addition,



Welcome to the Ximenez-Fatio House Museum.

tion, the Aviles Street Festival celebrates the 100th anniversary of its sister-city relationship with Aviles, Spain. The bond began in 1924 when St. Augustine citizens returned the remains of its founder, Pedro Menendez, to Aviles.

Experience a vibrant street party with strolling musicians, artists, re-enactors, dancers and unique food and drink offerings. The street will be adorned with flags, flowers and decor. Rediscover the charm of Aviles Street and explore its



The Ximenez-Fatio House Museum at night.

rich history and cultural heritage.

Visit landmarks like the newly re-opened Father O'Reilly's garden, the Ximenez-Fatio House Museum, the Kirby-Smith House and the Spanish Hospital. Enjoy local specialties at the many restaurants located on this historic street and explore the art galleries and shops.

"The Aviles Street Festival will not only honor the 100th anniversary of our sister-city relationship with Aviles, Spain, but we also hope to bring awareness



Contributed photos
The Ximenez-Fatio House Museum by day.

to the fact that Aviles Street here in St. Augustine, Florida, is the oldest platted street in the continental United States," said Tilden. "The street is quaint, historic and filled with wonderful galleries, boutiques, restaurants and museums. It is worth a visit."

St. Augustine Book Festival
Sept. 21

The second annual St. Augustine Book Festival will be held on Sept. 21. The festival will feature a variety of authors, including local and national writers, and will include book signings, readings, and discussions. The festival is free and open to the public. For more information, visit www.staugustinebookfestival.com.

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