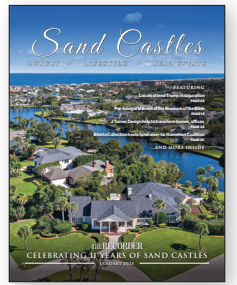


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Prescribed burns crucial in preventing Florida wildfires

By Anthony Richards

The recent wildfires in Southern California have led to an unprecedented scope of destruction and as a result, has thrust forest fire prevention into the forefront of the nation and the state of Florida.

According to the University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Services, prescribed fires are one of the most effective fire prevention tools available to and used by Floridians.

There was a prescribed burn that took place at the Guana Tolomato Matanzas National Estuarine Research Reserve near Nocatee a couple of weeks ago, and they can be spotted from miles away due to the smoke cloud they can create.

However, residents should not be alarmed, as Florida's ecosystems are highly dependent on recurrent fires, and many landowners rely on prescribed fire to manage their property.

A recent peer-reviewed document was published highlighting resources for private landowners, including educational websites, training opportunities and a database of forest management-related service providers.

The document can be found at www.edis.ifas.ufl.edu/publication/fr481.

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Eagle Scout earns prestigious conservation award

By Anthony Richards

The time Nicholas Storm has spent in Boy Scouts has been a memorable one, and as he transitions to the next phase of his life, the Eagle Scout earned the prestigious Boy Scouts of America Distinguished Conservation Service Award during Troop 277's January Court of Honor on Jan. 27.

Storm is receiving the award due to his numerous hours of service to the community through a pair of conservation-based projects.

The award is so prestigious that it has only been given to 1,200 troops throughout the 110-year history of the award.

He became a scout when he was



Photo by Anthony Richards

Ginger Feagle presents Eagle Scout Nicholas Storm with the prestigious Boy Scouts of America Distinguished Conservation Service Medal.

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BRIEFS

Castillo awarded Certified Autism Center designation

The Castillo de San Marcos National Monument has been awarded Certified Autism Center designation by the International Board of Credentialing and Continuing Education Standards, making it the first national park area to earn CAC status.

The St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce is leading an initiative to achieve Certified Autism Destination status for St. Johns County, ensuring that the area offers multiple certified options for entertainment, recreation and lodging. The certification signifies a commitment to inclusivity for autistic and sensory-sensitive individuals and their families.

Other Certified Autism Centers in St. Johns County include: City of St. Augustine Visitor Information Center, First Coast Cultural Center, Old Town Trolley Tours and associated attractions, Ponte Vedra Visitor Information Center, Sawgrass Marriott, St. Augustine Sailing, St. Johns County Cultural Council, St. Johns County Parks & Recreation and St. Johns County Visitors and Convention Bureau.

The Chamber manages a county matching grant to support certification for county tourism and hospitality businesses. Businesses can get more information and apply for the grant at sjchamber.com/autism-certification-matching-grant.

Lawmakers introduce Red Snapper Act

On Jan. 16, U.S. Reps. John H. Rutherford and Darren Soto, and Sen. Rick Scott introduced the bipartisan, bicameral Red Snapper Act to stop the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration from unilaterally closing the red snapper fishery in the South Atlantic until reliable and accurate data from the soon-to-be completed independent study, the South Atlantic Great Red Snapper Count, is incorporated into the stock assessment.

The Red Snapper Act is endorsed by the American Sportfishing Association, Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation and the Center for Sportfishing Policy, and Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

Career opportunities in Catholic education

The Diocese of St. Augustine is hosting a free career fair from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 8, at Bishop John J. Snyder High

School, 5001 Samaritan Way, Jacksonville.

This event is an opportunity for educators, administrative professionals and support staff to explore rewarding career opportunities at Catholic schools and early learning centers in the diocese. Representatives from schools across the Jacksonville area will be available to discuss open positions, answer questions and, in some cases, conduct on-site interviews.

"This is more than a career — it's a calling," said Marla Lazaro-Beyer, a human resource specialist for the diocese. "We are looking for individuals who want to make a difference by shaping the future in an environment that aligns with their faith and values."

Whether you're a seasoned professional or just beginning your career, this fair provides a chance to connect with schools dedicated to academic excellence and spiritual growth.

For more information, go to hr.dosafl.com/careers or contact Marla Lazaro-Beyer at 904-262-3200 or email mlazaro@dosafl.com.

Reservations to be taken for 'Coca Cola Millionaires'

"Coca Cola Millionaires," a presentation by Scott Grant, will be held at 6-8 p.m. Feb. 18 in the Nocatee Room at Crosswater Hall. The event is free and for Nocatee residents only. Resident ID cards will be required at check-in. Reservations will be taken, and the link will be available starting Feb. 1.

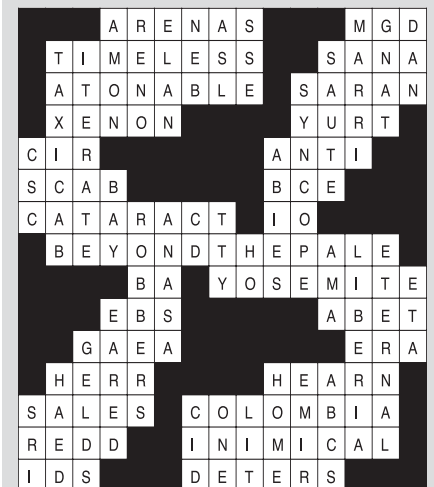
Website corrected for Share the Love auction

The website for the St. Augustine Humane Society's Share the Love auction is SAHSAuction.org. The site was incorrect in a previous announcement.

Portions of Watson Road to close for project

Beginning Feb. 10, portions of Watson Road west of U.S. 1 will see road closures for the construction of a new water transmission main. Starting at the intersection of U.S. 1 and Watson Road, a new sewer force main will be constructed along Watson Road to the end of the Deerfield Trace community. The pipe will extend further west to I-95, north to State Road 207, and connect to the new advanced Water Reclamation Facility.

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The Florida Forum Speaker Series to feature Hiaasen



Carl Hiaasen

The Florida Forum Speaker Series, presented by The Women’s Board of Wolfson Children’s Hospital, will welcome Floridian, journalist and novelist Carl Hiaasen on Feb. 12. The program begins at 7 p.m. at the Jacksonville Center for the Performing Arts. The moderator for Hiaasen’s program is Florida Times-Union columnist Mark Woods.

Hiaasen was born and raised in Florida. He has published 11 national bestsellers, including “Strip Tease,” “Stormy Weather,” “Lucky You,” “Sick Puppy,” “Basket Case,” “Skinny Dip,” “Nature Girl,” “Star

Island,” “Bad Monkey,” “Razor Girl” and his latest, “Squeeze Me.” “Bad Monkey” has been turned into a series starring Vince Vaughn on Apple TV. Hiaasen has also written several popular novels for young readers: His first, “Hoot,” won a Newbery Honor and was made into a feature film starring Brie Larson, Luke Wilson and Logan Lerman.

Hiaasen’s books have been published in 34 languages. His nonfiction work has appeared in many magazines, including Sports Illustrated, Playboy, Time and Esquire. Hiaasen began writing a regular column for The Miami Herald in 1985, covering everything from local issues like

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The four phases of construction are scheduled to last from February until August. These schedules may change if weather or unforeseen conditions occur during the construction.

East- and westbound traffic on Watson Road may be detoured to U.S. 1 using Datil Pepper Road. Residents’ access to their homes east of Datil Pepper should be unimpeded during the construction. Drivers are reminded to use caution in the area and follow all posted signs and crew instructions.

A public meeting to discuss project details and road closures will be held from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Feb. 5 at the Southeast Branch Library, 6670 U.S. 1 South, St. Augustine.

Palm Valley Market every Tuesday

The Palm Valley Market is held from 10 a.m. to 1 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.

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DEATH NOTICES

Eleanor Potts Corbett

Eleanor Potts Corbett, 88, of Jacksonville, Florida, died Jan. 24, 2025. Arrangements by Quinn Shalz Funeral Home & Cremation Centre. www.quinn-shalz.com. 904-249-1100

Joe Robert Dickerson, Sr.

Joe Robert Dickerson, Sr., 93, of Neptune Beach, Florida, died Jan. 22, 2025. Arrangements by Quinn Shalz Funeral Home & Cremation Centre, Jacksonville Beach, FL 32250, 904-249-1100, www.quinn-shalz.com

Elizabeth Hale Petway

Elizabeth Hale Petway, 83, of Atlantic Beach, Florida, died Jan. 27, 2025. Arrangements by Quinn Shalz Funeral Home & Cremation Centre, Jacksonville Beach, FL 32250, 904-249-1100, www.quinn-shalz.com



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Colleen Roberts Schneider

Colleen Roberts Schneider, 56, of Ponte Vedra, Florida, passed away on December 23, 2024, in Jacksonville, Florida, after a long illness.

Colleen was born on February 5, 1968, to Gloria and Adair Roberts in Richmond, Virginia. She spent her childhood in Hillsborough, New Jersey, alongside her younger brother, Jack, and younger sister, Martie. Colleen graduated in 1986 from Immaculata High School in Somerville, New Jersey, before pursuing studies in communications at Immaculata College near Malvern, Pennsylvania. She also furthered her education at Mercer County Community College in West Windsor

Township, New Jersey. Professionally, Colleen excelled as a Vice President at the American List Counsel in Princeton, New Jersey, where she worked under the mentorship of her dear friend Kim Lowenthal.

Colleen had a gift for making those around her laugh with her sharp wit and brilliant sense of humor. She put people at ease and brought genuine care to all who knew her. Colleen's vibrant personality shone through her love of music, cinema, and art. Colleen's knowledge of music was unparalleled. She had an extraordinary ability to recall songs, artists, albums, and release years with remarkable precision. Her passion for music led her to an Alan Jackson concert in 1998, where she met the love of her life, John Schneider. The two were married on September 23, 2000, in Skillman, New Jersey. They welcomed their daughter Quinlan Adair Schneider in September 2001 and their son Emory John Schneider in August 2007. They built a beautiful life in Ponte Vedra, Florida, surrounded by family and friends.

On February 13, 2016, Colleen was given the gift of a lung transplant, at The Mayo Clinic Jacksonville, by a generous organ donor. Colleen knew life was precious, and she viewed her organ donor as her biggest hero. She celebrated her yearly transplant anniversary by expressing gratitude and encouraging others to become organ donors. In keeping with her loving and generous spirit, Colleen gave the gift

of life through organ and tissue donation.

Colleen is survived by her husband, John Schneider; her children Quinlan and Emory; her parents, Gloria and Adair Roberts of Ponte Vedra Beach; her brother Jack Roberts (Brette Taylor) of New York, New York; sister Martie Roberts (Matthew Lanese), and niece Susannah Lanese of New Milford, Connecticut.

Her legacy is one of laughter, love, and unforgettable memories.

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A Funeral Mass will be held on February 8, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. at Our Lady Star of the Sea, 545 A1A North, Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, financial contributions can be made to Donate Life America at: <https://give.classy.org/ColleenRoberts>. Please visit her online Tribute at www.quinn-shalz.com.

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Carlotta S. Ray

Carlotta S. Ray passed away peacefully on Sunday, January 12, 2025, in Jacksonville, Florida. She was born on March 29, 1940, in Lebanon, Tennessee to Roggie and Lucille Ray. She graduated in 1958 from Galatin High School and then attended Brenau College in Gainesville, Georgia, graduating in 1962 with a BA degree in English & Education. While at Brenau, she pledged Tri Delta Sorority. Upon graduation, she moved to Jacksonville, FL to pursue her teaching career. She taught English at Wolfson High School and was also assistant principal for curriculum. She became principal of Oceanway 7th Grade Center in 1980. From there, Carlotta was promoted to Director of K-12 Language

Arts, Reading and Foreign Language for the Duval County Public School System. She remained there until her retirement in 1997.

She is survived by her sister, Diane Ray Nelson of Hendersonville, Tennessee; nephew, Arby Nelson (Sinkyung); nieces, V Moore (Bill), Erica Salas (Melan), and Emila Nelson; 4 great nephews, five great nieces and a multitude of loving friends.

Carlotta was full of life and known for her vibrant personality. Her home was filled with good books, good friends, and interesting conversation. She was an avid traveler throughout her life and always game for an adventure. She was an inspiration to her students and will forever be remembered for her unmistakable laugh. We are all fortunate to have had her in our

lives.

A Celebration of Life Memorial will be held at Ponte Vedra Valley Funeral Home, 4750 Palm Valley Road, Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082 at 11 a.m. on Saturday, February 8, 2025. A reception will follow at the same location. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to Hospice of Northeast FL, The Alzheimer's Foundation, or The Center for Spiritual Living in St Augustine, FL.



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polluted rivers, the criminal justice system and animal welfare to national stories like the Deepwater Horizon oil spill, the Trayvon Martin case, Bernie Madoff's trial and Florida's presidential election woes. He has received numerous honors for his incisive journalism and commentary, including three Pulitzer Prize nominations, the Damon Runyon Award from the Denver Press Club and the Lifetime Achievement Award

from the National Society of Newspaper Columnists.

Tickets to the Florida Forum event start at \$85 each for general seating, \$115 for preferred seating, \$150 for one reserved Bronze-level ticket, \$300 for two reserved Bronze-level tickets, \$750 for two reserved Silver-level tickets and \$1,500 for four reserved Gold-level tickets. The purchase of a Silver or Gold ticket package includes invitations to the private reception honoring Hiaasen following the lecture. Patrons under the age of 30 may purchase Young Subscriber tickets for \$50 each. To purchase

tickets, go to thefloridaforum.com, call 904-202-2886, or email womensboard@bmcjax.com.

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Jessica Chard, owner of To the Moon Party Designs, brings creativity and joy to Nocatee through custom balloon designs and community events, making life's milestones even more memorable.

Jessica Chard

As told to Holly Tishfield

Tell me about your background.

I'm originally from Boise, Idaho. I lived in Minnesota for a few years, too. When I was about 12, my mom and my sisters started working at a party company, and I spent a lot of time hanging out with them, watching them. I got my BSN, my bachelor's of science in nursing, and I was a nurse for many years. I loved nursing. The altruistic component of nursing really kind of drew me in. I loved helping people, and I loved my community. When I graduated and was looking at different jobs, I noticed that there was a position in Jacksonville at the Mayo Clinic campus, so it was a no-brainer. We moved to Nocatee over a decade ago.

What drew you to Nocatee?

At the time when my husband and I moved here, there was nothing. Not even the S.R. 9B highway, but my husband heard it was a really promising area. We looked at one house and knew that was it for us. We moved in 2014 and got married at Crosswater Hall in 2015. It's been really awesome just seeing all the growth and the Nocatee community grow. I mean, it was very apparent from the moment that we got here that it was a special community. When I had my twins back in 2017, I joined a group in Nocatee that had a mom's meal program, so any new mom could just sign up for meals. The community did that for me and my husband every night. Nocatee is just such a special place. Definitely the best decision of our life.

How did you end up transitioning out of nursing?

One of the surgeons that I worked with at the Mayo Clinic opened up a clinic, so I eventually moved to clinic work before I had my first children. I absolutely loved it. And then, you know how they say, "When you make plans, God laughs?" That's exactly what happened because I got pregnant with twins, and I ultimately made the decision to stay at home to be with the babies. That was a wonderful decision, as well. Being at home with my girls was so important to me. In 2019, I got pregnant again, and a few years later I started To the Moon Party Designs.

Why did you open To the Moon Party Designs?

I think that I needed something for myself to get out of the house and to have something to do. I'm a creative person. I love art and being creative, so I thought, "What could I do that would really touch on that?" I thought about new moms, how they're always throwing parties, and figured I should start blowing up balloons as a side hustle. It turned out that there was a huge demand here and it blew up from there. I started blowing up balloons in 2021 and the rest is history.

How is To The Moon Party Designs involved with the community?

This year, I had the opportunity to partner with the link, which I'm really excited about. They've opened up the platform where I can do To the Moon Party Designs branded events in partnership with them, and it's been super fun. The one that I did most recently with them was the Festival of Trees. It was a super-successful event where we were able to highlight a



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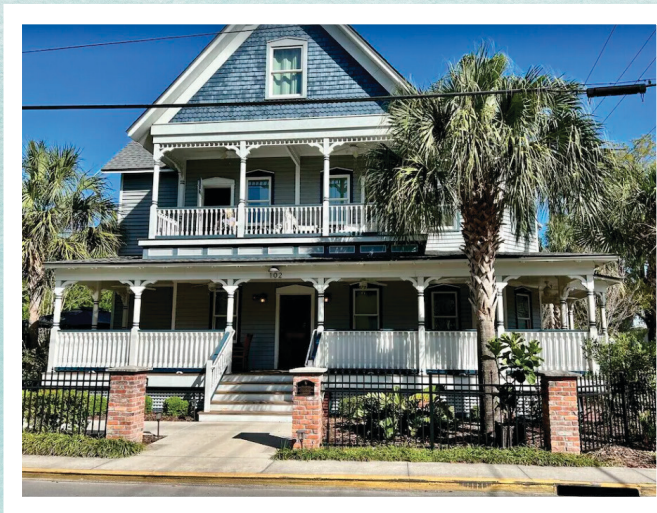
lot of the local businesses in our community, as well as the charities that are really important to our local community, and just create a space where people could come and create memories. This year my business is also launching our "Adopt a Grandparent" campaign and I'm excited for the Mahjong Galentine's Day event at the link on Feb. 21.

What's your favorite part about what you do?

For me, being a part of people's milestones, their birthdays, their milestone birthdays, their weddings, celebrations of life, graduations, baby showers, all of these really sweet and precious moments for a lot of people — I get really sentimental about that. They'll look back at those pictures and a little part of me will have been a part of it.



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A firefighter conducts a prescribed burn.



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Fire burns underbrush during a controlled burn.

Burns

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wildfires,” said document author Raelene Crandall, a UF/IFAS assistant professor of fire ecology.

The document was produced thanks to a collaborative effort between UF/IFAS School of Forest, Fisheries and Geomatics Sciences researchers and natural resources Extension agents, as well as regional and state fire officials.

The Florida Forest Service oversees one of the most active prescribed fire programs in the country. In an average

year, the Florida Forest Service will issue approximately 88,000 authorizations allowing landowners and agencies to prescribe burn over 2.1 million acres, with most of the burns occurring between December and March, due to the ideal combination of cooler temperatures and winds that are more predictable than other times of the year.

They have regulatory authority over all wildland fires in Florida. They oversee the state’s certified prescribed burner program, which provides training and oversight for burners.

The agency also provides assistance to landowners to meet resource man-

agement objectives, often in conjunction with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and Natural Resources Conservation Service.

Florida currently has two established prescribed burn associations, including the North Florida PBA. Members of the association work together to provide assistance, equipment and training to increase fire use on member land.

According to Crandall, in addition to clearing excessive vegetation that can contribute to the spread of wildfire, the prescribed burns also help maintain forest structure by reducing shrub growth and recruitment of trees into the upper

foliage layer.

The minimized tree canopy allows in more light, favoring plant diversity, and it is common to see more plants and animals in areas where prescribed fires have burned.

Crandall suggests that landowners new to prescribed burning start by reaching out to the Florida Forest Service.

“I hope this publication helps landowners find the resources that will most benefit them and increase the acreage of safe and effective prescribed fires on the ground,” she said.

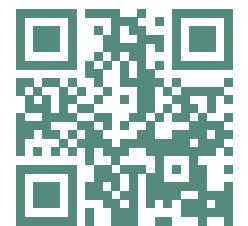


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Scout

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13 years old, which was later than most, but he quickly found a love for conservation and quickly moved up the ranks to Eagle Scout.

During that time, he discovered all the possibilities that being a Boy Scout presented, and it will be values that he will carry with him for the rest of his life.

“While a core to scouting is earning merit badges and advancing in rank, don’t be without enjoying scouting because there are tons that can capture your interest,” Storm said. “You need to find something you’re interested in, whether that’s aquatics, high adventure, being a summer camping counselor, delving into conservation or discovering the religious opportunities scouting offers. The main thing is finding something in scouting to better yourself, the community and the world.”

Ginger Feagle with Boy Scouts of America, served as Storm’s mentor during the process and was on hand to present him with the award during the ceremony.

According to Feagle, she first got a phone call from Storm in November 2021 where he expressed his interest in the award and they devised the two community projects, which included working with a professional adviser, a conservation committee and with a local organization in order to provide conservation back to the community.

By the end of the projects Storm had accumulated



Nicholas Storm thanked everyone who helped support his efforts along the way.

more than 700 hours of community service.

The first project involved building a prayer garden at Lord of Life Lutheran Church in Ponte Vedra Beach that was full of all native plant species.

“Not only did he just put the flowers in, but he had an outreach event where he invited the entire community to come out along with local conservation organizations to come out and talk about the importance of local species,” Feagle said.

The second project focused on removing invasive Chinese tallow trees that were harming local species on the church property as well.

“This is a national award, and Nicholas is only the fifth scout that I’ve worked with who has actually completed the project through its completion, which is an



Photos by Anthony Richards

The award presentation took place during Troop 277’s January Court of Honor on Jan. 27.

effort in itself,” Feagle said.

Storm will also transition to the Venturing program with Boy Scouts of America, which is a program intended to keep scouts involved through the age of 20 and offers different opportunities and a change in uniform from the classic, tan-colored Boy Scout shirt to one that is colored green.

“I’m just so very grateful for everyone who has supported me throughout my time in the Boy Scouts of America, and I look forward to future experiences as a venturer, as I have to say goodbye to this uniform,” Storm said. “I’m just excited to continue to help out and be an assistant scout master at this troop for whenever they need help with anything.”

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Bald Eagles spotted in Ponte Vedra Beach

Two Bald Eagles were spotted in a pine tree on LeMaster Drive on Jan. 24 and local resident Al Hollon took their photo. According to Hollon, the eagles can be seen perching occasionally in the area.

Photo by Al Hollon



Kumon center donates books to storm-damaged school

A book drive by the Kumon Math and Reading Center of Jacksonville-Fruit Cove collected about 510 books that were donated to the Cathedral School of St. Jude in St. Petersburg, which was damaged by hurricanes Helene and Milton last year.

“There was so much damage there from the flooding from the hurricanes,” said Kumon instructor Kimberley Teira, whose sister-in-law is a teacher at the school. “When she told me about it, it was just awful. I thought, ‘I can help. I can do something.’”

So, Teira put out a call to her parents and community to help. And they answered.

“I have the most amazing families,” she said. “One boy brought his favorite book and gave it to me. I was a little teary from that. And another parent went to a bookstore and brought a bunch of books to us from there. It was overwhelming.”

Kumon instructors and corporate staff in the United States, Canada and Mexico collect new and gently used books at their centers each year. As part of the international book drive, instructors designate local organizations that provide resources to families — such as children’s hospitals, local schools, literacy tutors and



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Kumon instructor Kimberley Teira stands next to thank-you letters she received after the book donation.

library fundraising groups — to receive the books. Since 2022, instructors have collected and donated 57,268 books.

“Together, we’ve made a lasting impact, one book at a time,” said Danielle Sabbagh, Kumon’s communication and event specialist. “These books have been distributed far and wide across North America, supporting access to education and literacy for countless communities.”

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KATHY'S GARDENING GUIDE

Snapdragons: More Than Just a Pretty Face!

"Flowers always make people better, happier and more helpful; they are sunshine, food and medicine for the soul." — Luther Burbank



By Kathy Esfahani

It is hard to resist squeezing the sides of a snapdragon bloom to watch its "jaws" open and snap shut! These flowers add beautiful color to your garden and are ideal to plant in cooler temperatures. Look for snapdragons in almost any color and height to suit your desired location.

Snapdragons have been a popular flower since the rise of the Roman Empire. Their botanical name, "Antirrhinum majus," means "like" (anti) and "snout" (rrhinum) in Greek and reflects the dragon-like appearance of the bloom. Originating in the Mediterranean, snapdragons were believed to guard against witchcraft or



Snapdragons

negative influences. Early Greeks and Romans would plant them around castle gates or even wear them as necklaces for protection. In the Victorian era, they had a more romantic edge — the gift of a snapdragon bouquet indicated a coming marriage proposal, and wearing them under clothing was believed to make a person more alluring. Snapdragons were brought to America as the colonists moved into the states. Other types of snapdragons have been created over the past century, one with a bloom resembling a butterfly and the other looking more like an azalea.

However, the traditional plant with the dragon snout bloom is still the most popular.

With their long stems, snapdragons are well-suited for bouquets, but they also have a variety of other uses. In early history, women boiled snapdragons and applied the infused water to their skin in hopes of rejuvenating a youthful appearance. The seeds were also made into an oil used similarly to butter. Both the flowers and the leaves of snapdragons have anti-inflammatory traits that can be helpful for healing wounds and/or ulcers on the skin. Although bitter tasting, snapdragons are edible and often used for garnishes.

Snapdragons are a popular annual that look wonderful in garden beds, as borders or in containers. Because they are deer resistant, snapdragons can provide color in areas where these visitors may wander or be scattered in vegetable gardens as a deterrent. Look for a sunny area with well-drained soil. For the first few weeks after planting, keep the soil around your snapdragons moist. Once the plants are

Flower of the Week



Snapdragon bloom

more established, water when the top layer of soil (approximately one inch deep) is dry. Regularly removing old blooms will encourage the plants to continue producing new flowers. Enjoy your colorful snapdragons outdoors, but don't forget to bring them indoors for beautiful cut arrangements!

Happy snapping!

Flower of the Week: Snapdragons

Please email Kathy at kcg.pvr@gmail.com for any questions or gardening tips you would like to see in the future. For more information and ideas, visit Kathy's Creative Gardens & Nursery, 196 N. Roscoe Blvd. The phone number is 904-655-7373.

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PGA TOUR, Pro Shop Studios announce creator series

Building on the success of the inaugural Creator Classic last August, the PGA Tour and Pro Shop Studios are raising the stakes in 2025 to launch a season-long sequence of events and content featuring the most prominent YouTube creators in golf. The creator series will unfold across three PGA Tour events throughout the 2025 FedExCup Season.

Last year's inaugural Creator Classic was staged the day before the season-ending Tour Championship at East Lake Golf Club, the finale to the PGA Tour's FedExCup Playoffs. Sixteen of the most dynamic YouTube creators competed in an individual stroke play tournament

on the back nine at East Lake that was broadcast live on the PGA Tour YouTube channel, ESPN+, Peacock and PGA Tour Fast channels. The event garnered more than 2.6 million views, was the No. 2 trending video on YouTube, and engaged nearly 60 million golf fans across all social media platforms during a four-week period.

In 2025, the PGA Tour and Pro Shop Studios will produce three additional events at the Tour locations below, each with its own individual competition format, name and player field, which will be announced in the near future.

- THE PLAYERS Championship,

PLAYERS Stadium Course at TPC Sawgrass: Wednesday, March 12

- Truist Championship, Wissahickon Course at The Philadelphia Cricket Club: Wednesday, May 7

- TOUR Championship, East Lake Golf Club: Wednesday, Aug. 20

More than 20 fan-favorite creators will participate across these three events, with some of the stars from the first Creator Classic returning to compete alongside new personalities.

"The inaugural Creator Classic served as a valuable testing ground as we look at new ways to connect with fans and creators," said Chris Wandell, PGA Tour senior vice president, media. "We are pleased with how the initial concept unfolded at the 2024 Tour Championship at East Lake Golf Club and are excited to offer fans even more creator-driven content this year across three iconic PGA Tour venues, including TPC Sawgrass, home of THE PLAYERS Championship, and Philadelphia Cricket Club, the 2025 host of the Truist Championship."

Similar to the Creator Classic, this year's competitions will be streamed live via the PGA Tour's YouTube channel as well as on ESPN+, the PGA Tour channel on Pluto TV, Roku, Samsung TV Plus, Prime Video, Fire TV, Tubi, Xumo Play and LG Channels as well as NBC platforms.

The series will be produced to the quality of a premium broadcast, featuring live ShotLink powered by CDW scoring/data, Trackman shot tracing and rich, on-screen graphics. For those looking to experience the excitement in person, each of the three events will be accessible via

a Practice Round ticket.

The first Creator Classic was a testament to the growing power of YouTube golf and how fans engage with the sport. Combining the authenticity and relatability of digital creators with the production value of the PGA Tour, the event introduced a dynamic new way to experience golf.

Following the success of the Creator Classic, the PGA Tour in November introduced the Creator Council, a group of top creators in the golf space that will work alongside the PGA Tour to cultivate fan engagement strategies and collaborative content opportunities, as well as the evolution of events like the Creator Classic and those planned for 2025.

Pro Shop Studios, the production company behind the Netflix hit series "Full Swing," will partner with PGA Tour Studios to run on-ground and broadcast production. Spearheading this effort with Greg Hopfe, senior vice president and executive producer of "PGA Tour Live," are Emmy-winning producers and "Full Swing" creators Chad Mumm and Mark Olsen, and creative executives KP Anderson and Kiley Homan.

"This announcement marks an exciting next step in Pro Shop's mission to unite golf and culture in fresh, innovative ways," said Mumm, co-founder of Pro Shop. "Building on the success of the Creator Classic, this series expands our partnership with the PGA Tour as we showcase the unique power of digital creators to engage new audiences and cement golf's growing presence in the cultural mainstream."

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Shelter and Shade Project groundbreaking Feb. 20

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St. Johns County Council on Aging (COA) has announced that a groundbreaking ceremony for its Shelter and Shade capital improvement project will be held at 9:30 a.m. Feb. 20, at COA headquarters, 180 Marine St., St. Augustine. The public is invited to attend the ceremony.

The \$1.28 million phase one of COA's Shelter and Shade project will raise the elevation of the building entrance at 180 Marine St. and construct a covered portico and other improvements to provide shelter from the elements and ease of access for senior participants. The facility is home to COA's Coastal Community Senior Center, the Sunshine Center, COA's therapeutic adult daycare center and COA administrative offices.

In November, COA announced receipt of a grant of \$545,000 from the Delores Barr Weaver Legacy Funds at The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida that provided the balance of funds necessary to begin construction of phase one of the project.

"We are very excited to break ground on this project to create more ease, more comfort and improved quality of life for seniors in our community," COA Executive Director Becky Yanni said. "We cannot thank Delores Barr Weaver and all of our donors enough for their generosity in



making these improvements possible. We look forward to honoring our donors and partners in this project at the ceremony."

St. Augustine's A.D. Davis Construction will oversee the improvements, designed by Open City Architecture and Marquis, Latimer + Halback, Inc. In 2009, A.D. Davis Construction built River House, COA's lifelong learning center and events venue at 179 Marine St., directly across from COA headquar-

ters.

Phase two of the Shelter and Shade project will refinish and screen the outdoor deck for Sunshine Center adult daycare participants, so they may sit outside in the shade year-round and enjoy nature therapy in COA's garden. Landscaping and additional outdoor seating will also be installed, so that participants walking to and from the center may sit, rest comfortably and relax.

To contribute to phase two of the project, contact COA Development Manager Amy Robinson at 904-209-3700 or arobinson@coasjc.org. Donations may also be made online at coasjc.org/donate.

For more information on the comprehensive programs and services COA provides for older adults and caregivers in St. Johns County, go to coasjc.org, or call 904-209-3700.

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A woman on the beach in the 1930s or '40s.



People gather at American Beach.

Exhibit will celebrate American Beach

The A. L. Lewis Museum at American Beach will present the temporary exhibition, “Sankofa: Looking Back to Go Forward,” Friday, Jan. 31, through Feb. 28.

This special show celebrates 90 years of a legacy of despair, hope, pride, joy and preservation in the faces, the voices and the memories of the intergenerational American Beach residents and the indelible spirit of the “Beach Lady,” MaVynee Oshun Betsch (nee Marvyne Elisabeth Betsch).

“Sankofa: Looking Back to Go Forward” is nine decades of a journey through photos, documents, stories and echoes of American Beach sounds.

In addition, join the A. L. Lewis Mu-

seum at American Beach on the first day of Black History Month, Feb. 1, from noon to 4 p.m. for a 90th Celebration, an old-fashioned American Beach family gathering with music, storytelling, games and of course, a visit to “Sankofa: Looking Back to Go Forward.”

Museum hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 1-5 p.m. Sunday. The A. L. Lewis Museum at American Beach is located at 1600 Julia St., American Beach. This exhibition was made possible through the generosity of Bing Kegler.

Ninety years ago, A. L. Lewis, president of the Afro-American Life Insurance Co. and its Pension Bureau, created a



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Cars are parked on American Beach in this historic photo.

company-owned residential beach resort. Founded in 1935, the American Beach Resort rose from the sands on Amelia Island to become a destination for Black hope,

pride and joy. Lewis’s vision for what American Beach should provide his people is captured in his own words: “recreation and relaxation without humiliation.”

The “Beach Lady” was born on Jan. 13, 1935, 18 days before the official opening of the American Beach Resort on Jan. 31, seemingly gifting her a legacy she was destined to preserve and protect American Beach. Although, the “Beach Lady” was only 12 years old when Lewis died, it was she among all of his descendants, who laid claim to and helped sustain his and American Beach’s legacy until her death.

Learn more on the museum’s website: www.allewismuseum.org.

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Cereset brings brain balancing technology to Ponte Vedra

By Holly Tishfield

On Jan. 22, community members and brain-balancing fans braved the chilly North Floridian temperatures to attend the grand opening of Cereset, a new wellness facility bringing the power of relaxation to Ponte Vedra.

Zwick, a local real estate agent with more than 20 years in the game, never dreamed of leaving behind a successful career, but after developing insomnia and discovering the healing capabilities of Cereset technology, she knew it was time for a change.

"I told several people, if God Himself had come down and told me that I'd pass on my book of business that I'd worked on for 20-plus years, I'd have rolled my eyes," Zwick said. "This was completely unplanned."

After undergoing Cereset's education programming, Zwick and her husband have been overjoyed to take clients and make a meaningful difference in their lives.

"My absolute favorite part is watching the transformation of that client from their first time to their fourth or fifth session," Zwick said. "I'm honored to have a part in facilitating that."

Cereset, which is short for "cerebral reset," is a technology that helps relax, rebalance and reset the brain thanks to the help of your own brain echoes. Zwick and her husband, who were educated on the technology by Cereset experts before they could begin seeing clients, place non-invasive sensors on different parts of the head that pick up on the electrical signals running through the brain. These electrical signals are echoed back into the brain in a specific manner, balancing the brain's hemispheres and leaving clients relaxed and reset.

When clients book an appointment, Zwick will discuss



Photo by Susan Griffin

Joni Zwick at the grand opening of Cereset

medical history to ensure the Cereset services are a good match, lead clients to a private room with a zero-gravity chair and invite them to relax as the Cereset technology works its healing properties.

The research on Cereset's capabilities has been developed over the last decade, with more than 100 clinical trials conducted between Wake Forest School of Medicine and similar research facilities available for potential clients to read on the Cereset website.

"That's what I love about Cereset," Zwick said. "It doesn't do anything to you — just facilitates your own brain fixing itself. With a balanced brain, you can do just about anything."

Cereset is intended for clients of any age. Cereset's technology is used to treat clients with insomnia, chronic stress, anxiety, depression, anger, addictions and more.

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Ascension St. Vincent's St. Johns County is inspiring the next generation of health care leaders.

Students from the Biomedical Sciences Academy at Beachside High School spent the day at the hospital recently. They learned about different careers in health care and participated in several interactive sessions, including CPR, imaging, orthopedics and more.

"I think it's really exciting to see all of these nurses and doctors and medical professionals walking by here," said Alyssa, a student in the program. "So, I can't wait to learn more about this stuff and hopefully find my own career here."

Dr. Philip Rothberg, a general surgeon at the hospital, shared his personal story and career path with the students and answered questions.

"It means so much more to be here today, to give them this experience than it could ever be behind their desk or in a classroom setting," said Kendra Stone, program director for the Beachside High School Biomedical Sciences Academy.

The school and hospital have collaborated to share this hands-on experience with students since the hospital opened in 2022.

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Students learn about imaging.



A student learns about splints.



Dr. Philip Rothberg spoke to the Beachside students.

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'She saved my life'

Jacksonville resident Dawn R. had been experiencing the painful side effects of Peripheral Neuropathy for years. "My feet and legs were extremely painful and my doctor told me there was nothing they could do. He said I would have to take Gabapentin for the rest of my life."

Peripheral Neuropathy is the pain, discomfort and numbness caused by nerve damage of the peripheral nervous system. Dawn explained that daily tasks like opening doors and using the bathroom were overwhelmingly painful. "How can you live for the next 30 years when you don't even want to get out of bed to do simple things?"

She was experiencing the burning, numbness, tingling and sharp pains that those suffering with neuropathy often describe. "The way I would describe it... it's equivalent to walking on glass." Dawn hadn't worn socks in five years and was wearing shoes two sizes too big so that nothing would "touch" her feet.

Unfortunately, Dawn's story is all too familiar for the over 3 million people in the U.S. suffering from Peripheral Neuropathy. While each of our patients are unique, they all come to the clinic with similar stories: They aren't sleeping at night because of the burning in their feet. They have difficulty walking, shopping, or doing any activity for more than 30 minutes because of the pain.

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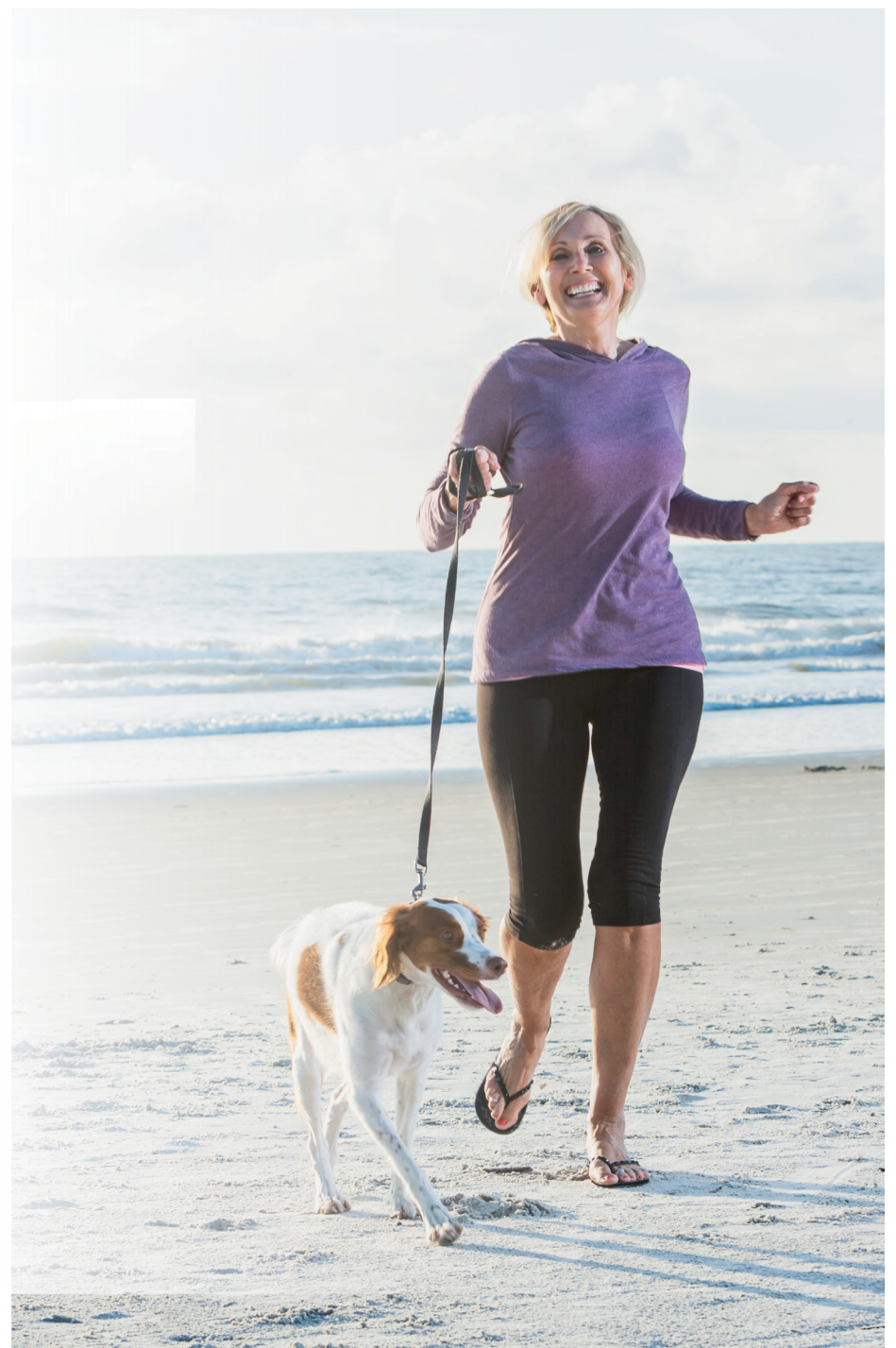
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Baptist MD Anderson to launch cellular therapy, stem cell program

As part of Baptist Health's ongoing work to advance cancer care in Northeast Florida and Southeast Georgia, the health system is launching a Stem Cell Transplantation and Cellular Therapy Program at Baptist MD Anderson Cancer Center.

This innovative program will offer life-saving treatments for hematologic (blood) cancers and other serious conditions using the body's own cells and will be launched in two phases:

1. Chimeric Antigen Receptor T-cell (CAR-T) in the first quarter of 2025
2. Stem cell transplantations in late 2025

"We deeply value the trust our patients place in us, and we aim to provide them with the best possible experience and the widest range of treatment options available," said LeeAnn Mengel, vice president and administrator of Baptist MD Anderson. "This program will allow us to offer innovative, potentially lifesaving therapies, ensuring patients receive the cancer care they need close to home."

Phase One: New frontier in cancer therapy

Phase one of the program will introduce CAR-T therapy, which is a form of immu-

notherapy that reprograms a patient's own T cells (white blood cells) to recognize and eliminate cancer cells more effectively. T cells are collected from the patient's blood, genetically modified in a lab, and then reintroduced back into the patient's body. This therapy has shown considerable promise in treating blood cancers such as leukemia, lymphoma and multiple myeloma, offering hope to patients not responding to traditional treatments.

Cellular therapies like CAR-T therapy are revolutionizing the treatment of blood cancers and other diseases. Unlike traditional cancer treatments that use drugs, radiation or surgery to target tumors, cellular therapies harness the body's own immune system to detect and eliminate cancer cells. They can be used in addition to traditional cancer treatments or serve as alternatives for patients not responding to conventional treatments.

"This is a new frontier in cancer therapy," said hematologist oncologist Dr. Maxim Norkin, who will serve as the medical director of the Stem Cell Transplantation and Cellular Therapy Program. "These cutting-edge therapies are improving outcomes for patients with previously hard-to-treat

cancers."

Addressing the potential impact of cellular therapies, medical oncologist Dr. Tom Dragovich, head of the division of cancer medicine at Baptist MD Anderson, said: "Although they were used for blood and bone marrow cancers, we're now seeing some promising results in patients with sarcomas and certain types of brain tumors. With ongoing clinical research, we believe this type of treatment will be used successfully for many more types of cancer."

Phase Two: Stem cell transplantations

Phase two of the program will introduce stem cell transplantations in late 2025. These will be performed in a special inpatient unit currently being renovated at Baptist Medical Center Jacksonville.

Stem cell transplantations help restore the body's ability to produce oxygen-carrying red blood cells and rebuild the immune system, especially after intensive treatments like chemotherapy or radiation. It involves replacing damaged or diseased stem cells found in peripheral blood or bone marrow with healthy ones from either the patient or a donor.

Grateful patients Bob and Patricia Pa-

quette from Hilton Head, South Carolina, have endowed the program ensuring its future with a gift of \$1 million in addition to supporting other funds they established to help fuel innovation at Baptist MD Anderson. The couple previously established the Hematological Cancer Medical Fund, aimed at supporting the malignant hematology team with a focus on bone marrow transplants, and the Robert L. Paquette Jr. and Patricia A. Paquette Hematologic Malignancy Fund, which aids research, training and patient education in blood and lymphatic cancers.

Initially, CAR-T therapy and stem cell transplantations will be offered to a very select group of patients, with plans to expand the program and make these treatments more widely available within a year.

"The program represents a transformative step in advancing cancer care in our community and beyond, providing treatments here in Jacksonville that have previously been available only at selected university medical centers," said Dr. Bill Putnam, medical director of Baptist MD Anderson. "As an academic-community hybrid, our cancer center is fulfilling our region's need for access to these lifesaving therapies."

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Holmes named UF Health senior vice president, Gainesville regional president

By Greg Harrison

Michael D. Holmes, M.S.A., has been named UF Health senior vice president and Gainesville regional president, effective March 17.

Holmes most recently served as executive vice president and chief operating officer of the 1,541-bed Yale-New Haven Hospital, which includes the Smilow Cancer Hospital, the Yale New Haven Children's Hospital, and the Yale New Haven Psychiatric Hospital, making it one of the largest hospitals in the country. It is the primary teaching hospital for the Yale University School of Medicine and the Yale School of Nursing.

"We are excited to welcome Michael to our UF Health executive leadership team," said Stephen J. Motew, UF Health's president and system CEO. "His deep expertise and forward-thinking approach will play a pivotal role in advancing our mission to provide exceptional care to those we serve. With a proven track record of success and a passion for improving patient outcomes, he will help us further strengthen our network and ensure we continue to meet the evolving



Michael D. Holmes

needs of our communities with compassion and excellence."

Over the course of his career, Holmes has held a variety of other senior-level management positions, including as ex-

ecutive vice president and chief operating officer of Franciscan St. James Health, president and chief operation officer of St. Luke's Hospital (part of Ascension Health's St. Vincent's Health System in Jacksonville), and as an executive leader for 19 years with Trinity Health, among other roles.

He earned his bachelor's degree in public health administration from Indiana University — Bloomington and a Master of Science in administration from the University of Notre Dame. In addition, he has recently served as a board member of the United Way of Greater New Haven, among a variety of other community

volunteer roles. Holmes also is a member of the American College of Health Care Executives and the National Association of Health Care Executives.

Holmes said he shares in UF Health's vision for optimizing collaboration across the clinical enterprise to bring the best in compassionate care and world-class outcomes to UF Health's patients and communities.

"I'm looking forward to collaborating

with everyone at UF Health to make a meaningful difference," Holmes said. "I am committed to fostering a culture of collaboration across our clinical network, where every team member works together to deliver the highest standard of care. By uniting our strengths and expertise, we will continue to optimize outcomes, ensuring that every individual who comes to us receives the world-class care they deserve."

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Preserve at Bannon Lakes final phase released



A site map for The Preserve at Bannon Lakes

The Northeast Florida Division of PulteGroup has announced the release of its final phase of homesites at The Preserve at Bannon Lakes, a new construction community offering single-family homes from the mid \$300,000s within the Bannon Lakes master-planned community in northern St. Johns County.

“Our success at The Preserve at Bannon Lakes is a result of the community’s appealing location, recreational offerings and the incredible value that Pulte offers,” said Justin Cook, president of PulteGroup’s Northeast Florida Division. “The community offers a prime location that’s close to nature, shopping, golf and beaches, and residents of all ages enjoy family-friendly amenities and single-family homes on preserve and water-view home sites.”

The Preserve offers 40-foot, 50-foot and 60-foot homesites and 16 single-family floor plans, ranging in size from 1,509 square feet to more than 4,100 square feet.

Pulte’s home designs include two to six bedrooms and two to six bathrooms with thoughtfully designed spaces, sophisticated upgrades and spacious modern living. Four decorated model homes are open to visitors and quick move-in homes are available.

Bordered by 20,000 acres of pristine preserve land, yet only half a mile from Interstate 95, Bannon Lakes offers a variety of amenities including a resort-style pool, clubhouse, fitness center, pickleball and sport courts, a dog park and more. Bannon Lakes is zoned for the A-rated schools in the St. Johns County Public School District including Mill Creek Academy and Toco Creek High School. Bannon Lakes is a natural gas community and features a fiber network with fast, reliable internet.

Bannon Lakes is located at International Golf Parkway and Bannon Lakes Boulevard. For more information, call 904-604-7254 or go to www.Pulte.com/Preserve-Bannon.

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Invest more confidently in volatile markets

Written by/for Wells Fargo Advisors

When financial markets fluctuate, perhaps in reaction to world events, inflation or a change in interest rates, even the calmest investors can start to question their financial strategies.

But volatile markets can present opportunities to review and reaffirm investment strategies, says Tracie McMillion, head of global asset allocation strategy for Wells Fargo Investment Institute.

“Financial markets are frequently volatile — that’s their nature,” she says. “Even so, during periods of uncertainty, investors may start to question their investment decisions. Having a plan in place can provide the guard rails to help steer through and beyond the volatility.”

In addition to reaffirming and focusing on your plan, here are some strategies you can use to help weather economically turbulent times.

Match your investments to your time horizon

The simplest way to feel more comfortable about your investments is to align them with your financial calendar, no matter what happens in the financial world this month or year.

For example, do you need some of your money fairly soon or want it close at hand in case of an emergency? If so, McMillion says you should consider investments such as cash holdings and short-term bonds that shouldn’t lose much, if any, value over the short term.

On the other hand, if you won’t need some of your investment money until you retire multiple years in the future, equities or longer-term bonds are worth a closer look. Those investments carry more risks



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but also offer potentially better returns.

Know what to expect from your investments

Some investors lose confidence because they don’t fully understand how their investments work. In that case, McMillion says, some knowledge of typical asset behavior is a good thing.

Consider reading up on different types of investments and asking questions of your financial adviser. Once you know how your investments are more likely to perform in certain financial markets, you can help ensure that your investment strategy is in line with your tolerance for risk.

Tune out the noise

By “noise,” McMillion means the

constant barrage of financial reports and other news events from the 24/7 news media. “Investors usually don’t need to react to the everyday financial news, no matter how topsy-turvy things may seem,” she says. Keep your long-term goal in mind.

Regularly revisit your plan

There’s no such thing as a completely set-it-and-forget-it investment strategy, McMillion says. It’s always smart to check in regularly with your investment adviser.

“Your life circumstances may change, or your financial goals could shift,” she says. “You can feel much more confident that your investments are doing their job if you review them regularly with your adviser.”

All investing involves risk including the possible loss of principal. Investing in stocks involves risk, and their returns and risk levels can vary depending on prevailing market and economic conditions. Investments in fixed-income securities are subject to market, interest rate, credit and other risks. Bond prices fluctuate inversely to changes in interest rates. Therefore, a general rise in interest rates can cause a bond’s price to fall. Credit risk is the risk that an issuer will default on payments of interest and/or principal. This risk is heightened in lower-rated bonds. If sold prior to maturity, fixed-income securities are subject to market risk. All fixed-income investments may be worth less than their original cost upon redemption or maturity.

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St. Johns County receives award for restoration project

St. Johns County received the Northeast Florida Regional Council’s Resiliency Award for the completion of the Parks and Recreation Department’s Alpine Shores Grove Park Shoreline Restoration Project.

“There continues to be engaging and transformational work happening across Northeast Florida,” Northeast Florida Regional Council CEO Beth Payne said. “It is an honor to celebrate those projects and initiatives that enhance local communities in the region.”

The \$908,681 project at Alpine Groves Park (2060 S.R. 13, St. Johns) involved the design, permitting and construction of a rock revetment to stabilize the shoreline. The area’s environment resources were mapped out, then a system was designed and engineered to stabilize the bluff and restore the shoreline with native plants to preserve the wetlands ecosystem. The plantings will not only preserve the natural elements of Alpine Groves Park but also protect its shoreline from future erosion and the poten-

tial impacts of rising water levels.

“Alpine Groves Park is one of the jewels of the St. Johns County park system, and this project was vital to keeping it for future generations to enjoy,” Parks and Recreation Director Ryan Kane said.

NEFRC says the project was selected for the Resiliency Award because it demonstrated how an area can utilize resilient strategies to preserve some of its unique natural assets. While not the first use of a nature-based solution in the

region, it stands out as a milestone in St. Johns County and an effective and intended use of the funds from a program dedicated to resiliency. The project can serve as a demonstration of how nature-based solutions can be integrated into future County programs.

“We are thrilled to announce the successful completion of this project, which would not have been possible without the invaluable support of the Board of

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Diocese to host free job fair

By Anthony Richards

The Diocese of St. Augustine is hosting a free career fair on Saturday, Feb. 8, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Bishop John J. Snyder High School located at 5001 Samaritan Way in Jacksonville.

The free event presents an opportunity for educators, administrative professionals and support staff to explore rewarding careers at Catholic schools and early learning centers in the diocese.

Representatives from schools across the area will be available to discuss open positions, answer questions and, in some cases, conduct on-site interviews during the job fair.

“This is more than a career—it’s a calling,” said Marla Lazaro-Beyer, a human resource specialist with the diocese. “We are looking for individuals who want to make a difference by shaping the future in an environment that aligns with their faith and values.”

From professionals with years of

experience or those looking to begin their career in education, the fair will provide a chance for both schools and prospective employees to connect and start a relationship that can lead to helping achieve academic and spiritual growth.

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JAX Chamber of Commerce names Small Business Leaders of the Year

The JAX Chamber of Commerce has selected 11 Northeast Florida business leaders for 2025 Small Business Leaders of the Year. The selections were made by the Chamber councils, the Beaches Division, NextUp JAX and Venture Services. One of the 11 business leaders will be named the overall 2025 Small Business Leader of the Year during a breakfast reception presented by TD Bank at Florida Blue Conference Center on Feb. 11.

Here are the 11 chosen:

- Randi Beesing, Any Lab Test Now — Jacksonville. Health Council
- Danielle Cleary, Heartspace Art. Three Rivers Council
- Regent Ducas, Easy Edit Video. South Council
- Marc Fraga, Smash My Trash of Jacksonville. Transportation & Logistics Council
- Sam Harding, Intent Sales & Marketing. Jacksonville IT Council
- Calonda Henry, Broad Horizons Speech

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- Sonya Marchisillo, Pinnacle Communications Group. Arlington Council
- DJ Remark, BloodScribe Creations. Downtown Council
- Andrea Reyes, Reyes Legal, PLLC. NextUp JAX
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County Commissioners and St. Johns County administration, as well as the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, through their award to the county of a Resilient Florida grant,” Project Manager Tim Connor said. “A heartfelt thank you to Public Works for their unwavering dedication during project delivery, as well as to INTERA Inc. for their expert design and engineering and S.E. Cline Construction for their professional efforts. This collective partnership was key in ensuring the project’s success, and we look forward to its positive impact on our community.”

St. Johns County was recognized for

the project at the 21st Annual Regional Awards for Excellence and Elected Officials Luncheon on Jan. 9.

“This shoreline restoration project was a significant success for the future of Alpine Groves Park,” Natural Resources Superintendent Nathan Otter said. “By stabilizing the shoreline, we are safeguarding the park and its amenities, ensuring that they remain a space for everyone to enjoy. St. Johns County is proud to be recognized with the Resiliency Award from the Northeast Florida Regional Council for this important project.”

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Jessica Racaniello, left, and Eliza Kiss



Mary Elizabeth Schubert, left, and Eliza Kiss



Kyle Geary, left, and Katie Timoney

REVIEW

Limelight's 'Crimes of the Heart' a true tour de force

Cast, crew stage must-see show

By Shaun Ryan

If you haven't seen Limelight Theatre's latest production, "Crimes of the Heart," there may still be time — but you'll need to act quickly. The show closes on Sunday, Feb. 2.

And this is a show you won't want to miss.

It's the story of three sisters who are back together in their hometown of Hazlehurst, Mississippi, for the first time

in years. The catalyst for this reunion is the youngest sister's shooting of her husband, but over a two-day period, a whole backstory of the sisters' complicated relationship comes to light.

The sister behind the gun is Babe Botrelle, played by Eliza Kiss in her Limelight debut. As the play evolves, we learn that her reasons for attempting to kill her husband are very complex and that she's found herself in an extremely difficult position to defend herself.

The other sisters are Lenny Magrath, played by Jessica Racaniello, a lonely homebody whose birthday nearly gets lost in all of the drama, and Meg

Magrath, played by Mary Elizabeth Schubert, who returns from California after failing to make it big as a singer.

The dynamics between the sisters take the audience on a kind of roller coaster ride of emotions, revelations and shifting allegiances. The sisters care deeply about one another but are often thrown into conflict as the plot plays out. And there's one heart-stopping moment that seals the audience's emotional investment in the characters.

"Crimes of the Heart" was written by Beth Henley and won a Pulitzer Prize in 1981. It was made into a movie starring Sissy Spacek, Diane Keaton and Jessica

Lange. It goes without saying that the play is well written — no one wins a Pulitzer by accident — but "Crimes of the Heart" succeeds best when staged with a very good cast.

And the Limelight's cast is absolutely top notch. Every word spoken, every action taken is believable. Never once does the audience catch a performer performing. Never once does one realize that an actor has moved to a mark predetermined in the blocking.

The result is a strong sense of authenticity. The characters are really speaking to one another. They react to what is said without seeming to have heard the lines before. One can read their unspoken thoughts just by looking at their faces.

The sisters go from squeals of joy reminiscent of the days when they were young girls to resentment, embarrassment, tears and anger.

In an interview prior to the show, director David Buchman praised the professionalism of his cast, particularly the three women in the lead roles.

"They're just amazing," he said. "I would work with all of them again in a heartbeat."

He also had praise for the other members of the cast: Katie Timoney, who plays the resentful cousin Chick Boyle; Chad Boyd, who plays awkward attorney Barnette Lloyd; and Kyle Geary, who plays Doc Porter.

Each is completely believable and further enhances the authenticity of the play. Indeed, every performance is strong. Even when Boyd and Timoney are called

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Artists Jubilee Festival planned at Mission Nombre de Dios

The Diocese of St. Augustine invites parishioners and the community to celebrate the 2025 Jubilee Festival of Artists and the World of Culture, a major event of Pope Francis’s 2025 Year of Hope Jubilee. Hosted at the historic Mission Nombre de Dios in St. Augustine, the celebration runs from Feb. 1 to March 16 and offers a rich program of events centered on art, beauty and faith.

A key feature of the festival is the premiere exhibition, “On the Path of Beauty,” showcasing the original works of Roger Bansemer, the 2024 Florida Artists Hall of Fame inductee. Known for his thoughtful landscape paintings and storytelling, Bansemer is also the producer and co-host of the PBS series “Painting and Travel,” which has aired on more than 300 public television channels for 13 seasons. His collection, displayed at the Mission Museum, invites viewers to reflect on the awe and wonder of God’s creation, inspiring a sense of unity and hope. The exhibit runs daily from Feb. 1 through March 16, with free admission and parking.

The festival begins with the A Plein Air Artists Invitational and unfolds from Feb. 1 to 20. Local and visiting artists are encouraged to paint the mission’s picturesque and historic grounds. Artists can check in at the Mission Museum and paint



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Roger Bansemer, the 2024 Florida Artists Hall of Fame inductee, will showcase original works during the 2025 Jubilee Festival of Artists.

between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. daily, capturing the beauty of this sacred space while reflecting on their creative processes.

An opening reception is scheduled for Sunday, Feb. 9, from 1 to 3 p.m., at the Pilgrim Center. The reception will include an opportunity to meet Roger Bansemer

and other participating artists, a time for fellowship and an artist’s blessing to honor their creative contributions.

The closing event for the Jubilee of Artists and the World of Culture is on Sunday, Feb. 16, from 3 to 3:45 p.m. Elizabeth Gessner will give a brief lecture

about the sacred artwork at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Augustine, followed by a free public tour.

“Through his expansive vision and artistic service, Bansemer has become a powerful agent of hope,” said Elyse Brady, exhibit curator and Cathedral Basilica Creation Care Ministry member. “With every brushstroke, he gives us a glimpse of the mysterious unity and beauty of all that surrounds us.”

“The Jubilee of Artists and the World of Culture” reflects Pope Francis’s vision for the Jubilee Year as an opportunity to encounter beauty and rediscover patience, hope and joy in creation. In his 2023 Address to Artists, the Holy Father remarked, “Artists remind us that the dimension in which we move, even unconsciously, is always that of the Spirit. Your art is like a sail swelling with the wind of the Spirit and propelling us forward.”

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For more information, including artist guidelines for the plein air invitational, contact Elyse Brady at cathedralecolony@gmail.com or artistelyse@yahoo.com.

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Concert to feature Hollywood Bowl Orchestra principal conductor

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The Jacksonville Symphony presents “A Journey Through Symphonic Americana” on Feb. 6 and 7, led by Thomas Wilkins. As part of the Symphony in 60 and Coffee Series, there will be a one-hour concert Thursday, Feb. 6, at 6:30 p.m. and Friday, Feb. 7, at 11 a.m. in Jacoby Symphony Hall.

Wilkins is principal conductor of the Hollywood Bowl Orchestra; the Boston Symphony’s artistic partner for education and community engagement; and principal guest conductor of the Virginia Symphony. He holds Indiana University’s Henry A. Upper Chair of Orchestral Conducting, established by the late Barbara and David Jacobs as a part of that university’s Matching the Promise Campaign.

Wilkins has received many awards and has led orchestras throughout the United States, including the New York Philharmonic, Chicago Symphony Orchestra, Los Angeles Philharmonic and many others.

“It’s always a tremendous pleasure to work with the Jacksonville Symphony,” said Wilkins. “During my first visit a few seasons ago, I fell in love with them as artists and people, almost immediately. Now to return to this glorious concert hall, with this rich kaleidoscope of American music will be yet another delicious treat.”



The American pieces featured in this program include George Whitefield Chadwick’s *Finale from Symphony No. 3*, Morton Gould’s “*American Symphonette No. 2*,” Aaron Copland’s “*Appalachian Spring Suite*” and Leonard Bernstein’s *Overture from “West Side Story.”*

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upon to gin up the drama or comic elements, they never become caricatures.

The audience will feel that they know these characters from their own lives.

“I stand at the back of the theater every night,” said Buchman. “I listen to what people are saying: ‘Oh, that’s like me and my sisters,’ ‘That’s like me and my brothers.’ People are seeing themselves in this.”

“*Crimes of the Heart*” is a dramedy — a mingling of drama and comedy. And some of that comedy may surprise the audience.

“You’re going to find yourself laughing at things that you couldn’t believe you’d laugh at,” said Buchman. “Those are my favorite kinds of shows to do.”

This isn’t about comedians rattling off jokes. It’s about real life and the often-comic elements that arise from real life — even in its darkest moments.

To prepare, the cast put a lot of effort into character development.

“We worked really hard on the accents,” Buchman said. “We didn’t want to come across as ‘*Mama’s Family*.’”

A great effort was made to enhance the verisimilitude of the production. Buchman and the others went so far as to research the weather in Hazlehurst on Oct. 23-24, 1974, when the play takes place. (If you’re curious, it was 73 de-



Chad Boyd, left, and Mary Elizabeth Schubert

grees during the day and a high in the 50s at night.)

The set is so realistic, the audience may feel as though they are inside someone’s home. Much of the credit goes to the late Dom Grasso, who unfortunately passed away as the show was in rehearsal.

Grasso designed Limelight sets for about 17 years, and his work on this show is critical to the audience’s buy-in.

And each prop adds to the authenticity of the set. Even the rarely glimpsed snack cakes in the cupboard are turned so that no UPC symbol or bar code can be seen; those things didn’t exist in 1974.

Even though the audience cannot see



Photos provided by The Limelight Theatre
Jessica Racaniello, left, and Kyle Geary

them, kitchen items fill the cabinet drawers. That way they make realistic sounds when someone roots through them.

Costumes, too, play a role in the play’s authenticity. One character even wears a wig styled to resemble the Farrah Fawcett look that was so prevalent at that time.

“I’m so proud of this show,” Buchman said. “I’m proud of these performers and the work that everybody has done.”

It’s worth noting that the show’s ending packs an emotional punch, both uplifting and in some ways poignant. It would be a crime to divulge more other than to say the idea was genius.

“*Crimes of the Heart*” deals with some adult themes and may not be appropriate for audiences younger than 17.

Tickets are \$35. There are also senior, military and group rates. For tickets or more information, go to limelight-theatre.org. Phone: 904-825-1164.

Limelight Theatre is located at 11 Old Mission Ave., St. Augustine.

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Sharks complete season sweep of Panthers

Photos by Anthony Richards

By Anthony Richards

The Ponte Vedra High Sharks swept the boys basketball season series against the rival Nease High Panthers with a 61-48 home victory on Jan. 24.

It did not take long for the Sharks (15-8) to jump out to a comfortable lead on the night after a 35-point first half to fuel a 35-22 halftime lead.

Junior Trace Westercamp had a memorable night all around with 20 points, including two from long range.

However, his production did not stop on the offensive end of the court as was a defensive force around the rim with seven blocked shots and altering even more attempts by the Panthers (9-13), while also grabbing eight rebounds.

Maddox Palmer and Alex Katsikas joined Westercamp with double figures scoring with 14 and 10 points, respectively.

Katsikas' shooting prowess was on display from long range with three makes from beyond the arc on the night.

Senior David Sanchez Barrera had a game-high seven assists to help orchestrate the Sharks' 61-point effort.



Maddox Palmer scored 14 points for the Sharks against the Panthers.

For the Panthers, it was a couple of underclassmen that stood out with sophomore Luke Lindsay having a breakthrough night with 16 points and Chase Phifer scoring 12.

Lindsay had three steals along with three more from freshman Owen Evans who is starting to leave his mark defensively.

In his final rivalry game against the Sharks, Nease



Nease senior Jack Kuhl (No. 0) scored 10 points in his final game played against the rival Sharks.

senior Jack Kuhl tallied 10 points.

The Panthers will wrap up the regular season on the road against Toco Creek High beginning at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 31, while the Sharks face Ribault High in the Shark Tank at 7:30 p.m. on the same night.

These will be the last games prior to the district tournaments which are scheduled to start on Monday, Feb. 3.



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Passion to win never gets old, while technology races into future at Daytona

By Don Coble, Clay Today

DAYTONA BEACH — All five of Hurley Haywood's victories in the Rolex 24 at Daytona came in a Porsche. Last Sunday's 24-hour race at the Daytona International Speedway was also conquered in a Porsche.

That's where the similarities end.

The interior of Haywood's Porsche Carrera RSR in 1973, 1975 and 1977 and Porsche 935/79 in 1979 and Porsche 962 C in 1991 were basic with a seat, steering wheel, gas pedal, clutch, brake pedal and turbocharger dial.

Mechanics, not machines, made engines. Car bodies were fitted and hung by hand. Their cars were fast but delicate. If they got pushed too hard, they pushed back.

Haywood knew how to use restraint and be fast — all simultaneously. By staying off the curbs, out of the infield grass, avoiding contact with other cars and pushing the engine, Haywood spent more time on the track while others were on pit road.

"The car that usually wins is the one that spends the least time on pit road," the St. Augustine resident said.

Haywood and Peter Gregg won the 1973 race by 22 laps — more than 78 miles. Haywood and Gregg returned in 1975 to win by 15 laps; Haywood joined John Graves and Dave Helmick to win by two laps in 1977; and he worked with Danny Ongais and Ted Field in 1979 to win by a remarkable 49 laps. The victory in 1979 was so overwhelming that the car had a partially blown head gasket and a seized turbocharger. Ongais parked the black Porsche on the track apron 100 yards short of the finish line for the final seven minutes. When he saw the checkered flag at the 24-hour mark, the car spewed white smoke and chugged across the line for the victory. The second-place Ferrari 365 GTB/4 for John Morton and Tony Adamowicz still lost by 174.44 miles.

Haywood's last 24-hour victory in 1991 included co-drivers Frank Jelinski, Bob Wollek, Henri Pescarolo and Louis Krages (a.k.a. "John Winter"). The car completed 18 laps more than the second-



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Hurley Haywood won the Rolex 24 at Daytona a record-tying five times, as well as the 24 Hours of Le Mans three times.

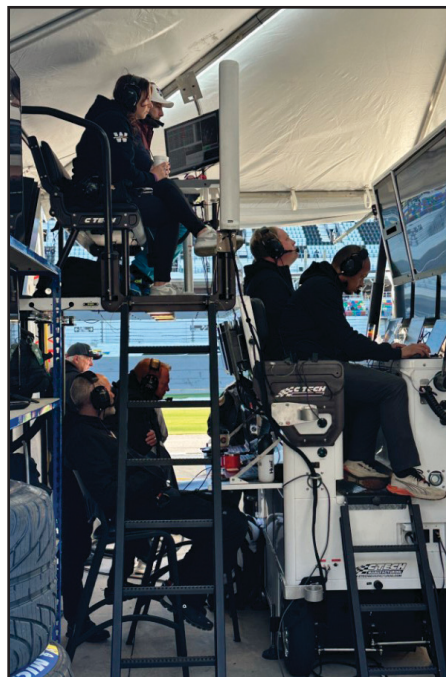


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Every aspect of the current-day sports car is monitored by a group of engineers on pit road.



Photo by Michael L. Levitt for IMSA

This is what a driver has to monitor during a race. Hurley Haywood said driving today is like playing a video game.

place car.

Decades ago, a car's success depended more on a driver. Now it's based as much on technology, strategy and driving, Haywood said.

Haywood has a record-tying five 24-hour wins at Daytona. He also has three 24-Hour of LeMans victories and two at the 12 Hours of Sebring.

Those types of cars — and blowout finishes — are gone. They've been replaced with banks of computer screens, engineers, carbon fiber and composite bodies pressed by robotic machines to be lightweight, strong and meet exact expectations.

"The configuration has not changed, but the conditions have changed," the

76-year-old legendary driver said at last weekend's twice-around-the-clock race.

"The new generation of drivers, manufacturers look at the guys that are really good at video games, because the video games give you so much information that you have. You have to adapt to that information. You have to do it very quickly if you want to win that video game.

"Same thing with the race car. You've got a lot of information coming to you, and you have to adapt to what that information is telling you to do."

A Penske Racing Porsche 963 driven by Filipe Nasr, Nicky Tandy and Laurens Vanthoor led a race-best 307 of 781 laps. Nasr had to make three passes for the lead in the final two hours, including one

with 21 minutes remaining against the No. 6 Penske team car driven by Matt Campbell. Following the last pass, Nasr drove away to a 1.335-second victory against the Acura ARX-06 driven by Tom Blomqvist after Campbell's faded to a third-place finish.

The top three cars were on the lead lap. Previous to last Sunday's finish, at least four cars have been on the lead lap at the checkered flag in the previous five years.

Haywood and Scott Pruett are the only drivers to win five 24-hour races at the Daytona International Speedway. Haywood also has three victories at the 24 Hours of LeMans and two at the 12 Hours of Sebring.

"The cars will do a lot more than they did back in the day that I was racing, and the end result is it makes better racing," he said. "So, when you finish a 24-hour race and you have [five] cars on the lead lap, the sanctioning body is doing something right. Because the cars are so strong, you can be very aggressive on the racetrack. If we were doing that when I was driving, the chances of damaging our car would be pretty great. Now they don't have to worry about that so much, because the cars are really strong. The engines are strong."

At the same time, Haywood said the evolution of the prototypes has led to more competitive racing, which has expanded IMSA's fanbase. This weekend's crowd around the 3.56-mile circuit that utilizes portions of the superspeedway's high banks and a twisting course filled the rest of the track's infield.

When they raced, Haywood said the crew had tires and gas on pit road. They slept in a sleeping bag in the car trailer and snacked on McDonald's hamburgers.

Today's teams have engineers monitoring computers in the car. Teams also have a nutritionist; most have a masseuse on standby and utilize a hyperbaric chamber to keep drivers at their peaks.

"I think all that information adds to the level of stress and commitment to the driver," Haywood said. "He must race competitively against equally performing cars while also dealing with radio communication. To me, that's a distraction. I was focused 100% on driving. I didn't have to worry about all the other things. I had a standing rule to not talk to me on the radio unless I asked a question or was on fire."

Haywood admitted he would always be one of the biggest sports car racing fans. He observes technology, speed and competitiveness with appreciation and awe. He knew cars were sure to change. So were the drivers.

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ACROSS

1. Where entertainers perform
7. Miller beer variety
10. Ageless
12. River in SE Europe
13. Able to be repaired
14. Type of wrap
15. Atomic #54
16. Type of tent
17. U.S. Treasury position
18. Opposed to
19. Protective covering
21. Bridge building degree
22. Clouding of the lens
27. Priestess of Hera loved by Zeus
28. Unacceptable
33. Mr. T's "The A-Team" character
34. American national park
36. One point south of due east
37. Assist in a crime
38. Greek mythological personification of Earth
39. A major division of geological time
40. German courtesy title
41. English family dating back to Norman times
44. Discounts
45. South American nation
48. Former Milwaukee Buck Michael
49. Hostile
50. Passports and drivers licenses are two
51. Discourages from doing

3. Energy, style and enthusiasm
4. Bird's beak
5. Language
6. Midway between south and southeast
7. Punjab village
8. Small biting flies
9. Sportscaster Patrick
10. A way to get around
11. Repeat
12. A way to cook with fat
14. Temporary loss of consciousness
17. Reciprocal of a sine
18. Fir tree genus
20. "Transformers" director Michael
23. Criminals who steal

24. Genus of leaf-footed bug
25. Music product
26. "Talk to you"
29. Santa says it three times
30. Doctors' group
31. African nation
32. Ageless
35. When you hope to get somewhere
36. Worn
38. Deprives of vigor
40. Used to have (Scottish)
41. Where you live
42. Muslim ruler title
43. Basics
44. Type of drug (abbr.)
45. Spanish soldier
46. It precedes two
47. Illuminated

SUDOKU

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Level: Intermediate

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

DOWN

1. Supreme god of ancient Egyptians
2. Nevada city



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