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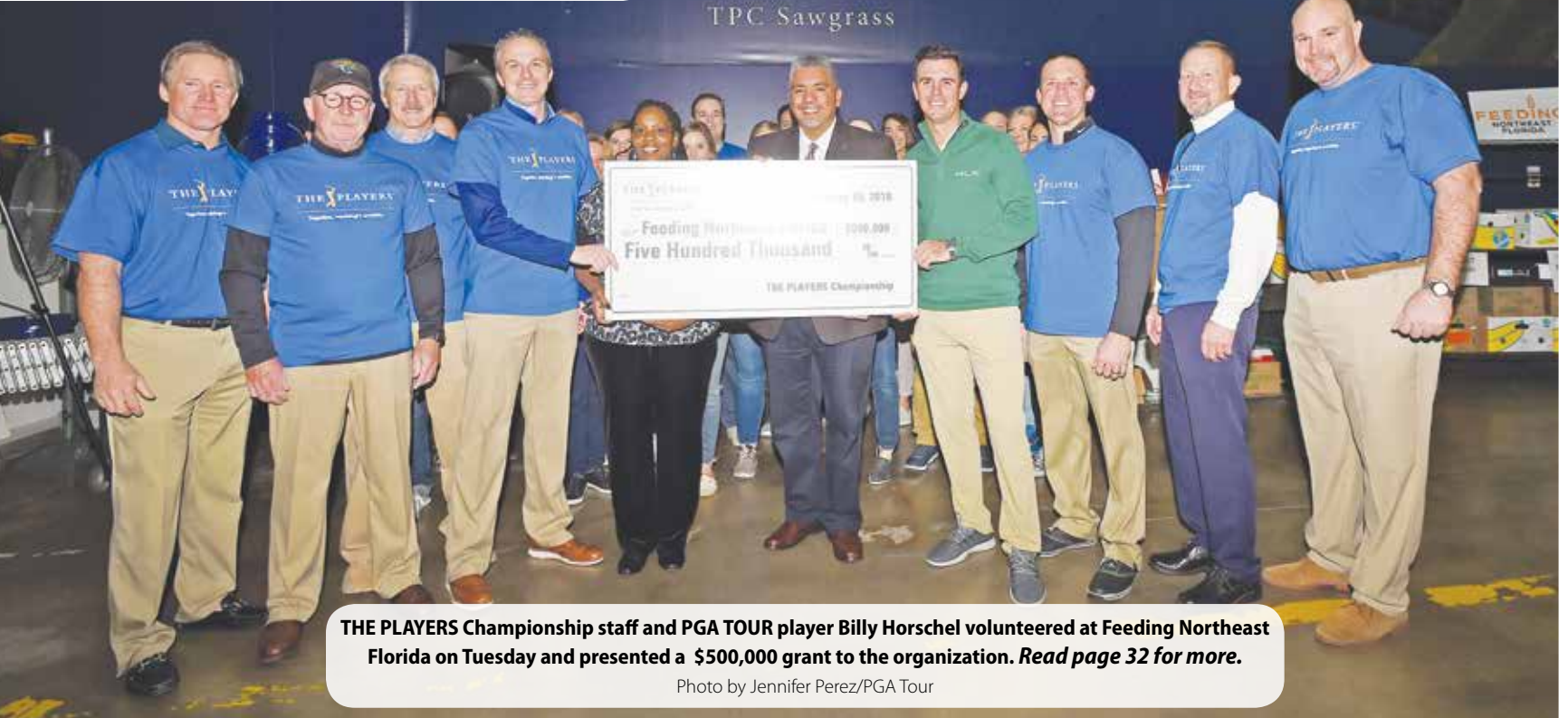
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Solutions correspond to last week's puzzles.

WHAT'S THIS?



Do you know what this is?

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

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

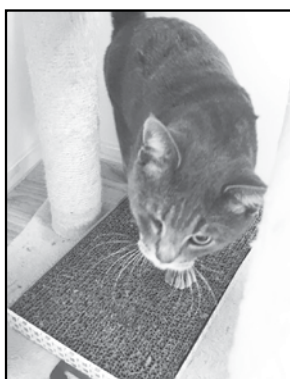
18 readers correctly identified last week's photo as the Brucci's Pizza sign. Good job, everyone! The winner of the random drawing was **Pete Hannigan**. Congratulations, Pete – you may pick up your prize at the Recorder office during normal business hours.



ADOPT A PET

CAT OF THE WEEK

My name is Arnold, and I am a 5-year-old male cat who is looking for a new home. I was brought to the pet center as a stray, which means there may be some traits that are unknown at this time. Come visit me today here at the pet center! #40986



DOG OF THE WEEK

My name is Thunder, and I am a 2-year-old male dog who is looking for a new home. I was brought to the pet center as a rescue after Hurricane Irma.



I am heartworm positive, so the adoption fee is waived, and the Friends of the Pet Center are willing to sponsor up to \$250 toward the treatment of the heart worms. Come visit me today here at the pet center! #40770

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

St. Johns County Pet Center

Cat adoptions at the St. Johns County Pet Center are \$30 for males and \$40 for females. Dog adoptions are \$45 for males and \$60 for females. Adoption fees include microchipping, neutering/spaying, rabies vaccinations and shots. The pet center is located at 130 N. Stratton Road off U.S. 1 between County Road 210 and International Golf Parkway. Business hours are Tuesday through Friday 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The center is closed to the public on Sunday. On Monday, the office is open by appointment only to claim a lost pet. For more information, please call the **St. Johns County Pet Center at (904) 209-6190.**



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Beach Living at its Best!
 The WaterMark offers spacious oceanfront terraces, secured lobby, two parking levels and private storage units. Completed in March 2005, this gated property includes private beach access, an ocean-side pool with a heated spa and secured, covered, ground-floor parking. **\$679,000**



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JAX BEACH
\$325,000
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FAIRFIELD
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County's vote on Oak Bridge development plans pushed to later date

By Jon Blauvelt

The county's final vote on development plans slated for the Oak Bridge Club will have to come another day.

According to St. Johns County spokeswoman Sarah Hand, the two agenda items concerning the development plans that went before the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) Tuesday, Jan. 16, have been "continued" to a later date and time that is to be determined. Hand said the applicant requested additional time to consider concerns brought forth by the board and community. The county spokeswoman noted that approximately 20 to 30 opponents of the development attended the meeting to express their concerns.

Golf course owner Alta Mar Holdings, LLC (the applicant) is seeking the county's approval of zoning and land use changes that would allow the company to sell six holes of the club's golf course for development into an age restricted residential community (55+) up to 330 units and four acres of commercial uses with a maximum of 15,000 square feet.

The plan is to sell the course's back 40 acres, with 23 of those acres to be developed, and reduce the course's holes from 18 to 12. The applications filed with the county specifically feature requests for changes to the Caballos del Mar Development of Regional Impact (DRI) and Players Club at Sawgrass Planned Unit Development (PUD), which would allow the property owners to allocate existing, vested development rights to the golf course.

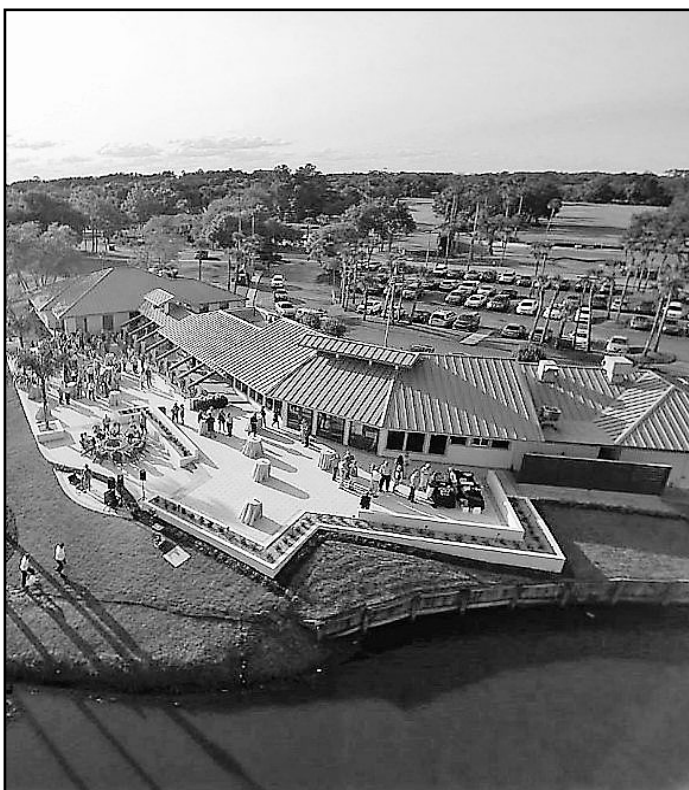


Photo courtesy of the Oak Bridge Club

The Oak Bridge Clubhouse

The Planning and Zoning Agency (PZA) unanimously recommended approval of the Oak Bridge applications in December.

Opponents of the development say it will lead to increased traffic and safety issues on the roads, decreased property values, a loss of wildlife, a loss of green space, an eyesore for the community and more. One particular group of Ponte Vedra residents has formed over the past year with the desire to purchase the property in question and preserve it as a community park. For more information on the vision of "Ponte Vedra Central Park," visit pontevedrarecorder.com.

David Miller and his partner and cousin Jeff Miller of Alta Mar purchased the mortgage note for the Oak Bridge Club in 2014 after the club's former operator went into default. Since then, the Millers have embarked on a now four-year journey to resurrect the property, develop a plan to raise capital and win over the public. Also visit pontevedrarecorder.com for more information on that journey and specific details on the plan.

Former Tax Collector's Office employee sentenced to six months in jail for defrauding customers

By Samantha Logue

St. Augustine Beach resident Melissa Bush, the former St. Johns County Tax Collector's Office employee who was arrested in August amid allegations of defrauding customers, was sentenced Jan. 9 by Circuit Judge Howard Maltz to serve 180 days in the St. Johns County Jail, and then five subsequent years of drug offender probation.

According to the warrant affidavit filed by the St. Johns County Sheriff's Of-

ice (SJSO), in a June 6 meeting with the authorities, Bush admitted to overcharging customers and taking the cash difference – which totaled more than \$13,000 from June 2013 to April 2017 – to support her illicit drug habits. On Nov. 30, however, she signed a plea agreement in which she pleaded no contest to the single charge of "scheme to defraud property valued under \$20,000." Although a count of "official misconduct" was also included in the affidavit, prosecutors never filed that charge

with the court.

Per the terms of Bush's agreement, adjudication of guilt was withheld, with the stipulation that she spend the latter portion of her incarceration in the jail's S.I.G.H.T. (Serenity, Integrity, Goals, Hope, Trust) drug intervention program. Bush will also be required to pay restitution for the cost of the investigation, which totaled \$17,389.

Bush worked at both the main office in St. Augustine and the branch office in Ponte Vedra Beach.

BRIEFS

Motorcyclist dies after crash on Palm Valley Road

A Jacksonville man died after a crash on Saturday, Jan. 13 in Ponte Vedra when his motorcycle struck a boat trailer at the intersection of Palm Valley and Davis Park roads.

According to the St. Johns County Sheriff's Office (SJSO), Shane Guidroz, 25, was transported to Baptist Medical Center South where he was pronounced deceased. Deputies said Guidroz was traveling east on Palm Valley Road in the left lane on Saturday evening when he hit the pick-up truck towing the trailer, which SJSO said was attempting to turn left onto Davis Park Road. The sheriff's office identified the driver of the truck as Kevin. G. Fagan, a 29-year-old from Palm Coast. He was uninjured.

SJSO said charges are pending based on further investigation.

Ponte Vedra woman dies in crash on U.S. 1

A Ponte Vedra woman died Thursday, Jan. 11, in a car crash on U.S. Route 1 near Race Track Road.

Louanne Pontecorvo, 59, was pronounced deceased at the scene, according to Florida Highway Patrol (FHP). She was traveling northbound in the outside lane of U.S. 1 when she hit a tractor trailer stopped at a red light at the U.S. 1/Race Track Road intersection. FHP said the front of Pontecorvo's 2016 Ford Escape collided with the right rear of the tractor trailer, causing the Escape to rotate in a counter clockwise direction before coming to a final rest in a ditch east of the road. The crash took place at approximately 9:55 p.m.

FHP is investigating why Pontecorvo failed to stop behind the tractor trailer. According to FHP's crash report, she was wearing a seatbelt. The report also states that results are pending regarding whether or not alcohol played a role in the crash.

Parking lot at Mickler's Landing could see major improvements

By Paris Moulden

The parking lot at Mickler's Landing Beachfront Park could see some major improvements and aesthetic upgrades.

A proposal being made to St. Johns County seeks to add picnic pavilions, a

new parking lot and additional landscaping to the popular oceanfront park on A1A in Ponte Vedra Beach.

According to Billy Zeits, assistant director of the St. Johns County Parks and Recreation Department, the project is "not currently approved or funded and is only

in the design and permitting stages."

The proposal specifically asks for the construction of two 520-square-foot, open-air pavilions, the repaving and striping of the existing parking lot, reconstruction of the walkover, construction of an overflow parking lot and new and addi-

tional landscaping at the parking area.

The next step for the proposal is to go before the Ponte Vedra Architectural Review Committee (PVARC), which is scheduled for Jan. 24, said Kim Del Rance of the St. Johns County Growth Management Department.

Beaches Museum & History Park turns 40

By Samantha Logue

The Beaches Museum & History Park in Jacksonville Beach is turning 40, and the celebration is just getting started.

“We’re going to celebrate all year, because we do have several events throughout the year,” Executive Director Christine Hoffman said. “We’ll have a big focus on our 40th anniversary, but really throughout the year, in everything we do, we’ll be incorporating it.”

While the main building of the Beaches Museum didn’t open until 2006, according to Hoffman, the beginnings of the overall history park date back to the formation of the Beaches Area Historical Society 28 years prior.

“The idea of the Beaches Area Historical Society was presented by Mrs. Jean McCormick, in her home, on Feb. 22, 1978,” she said. “Mrs. McCormick’s intention was to ‘plan a future for our past’ through the creation of a society that would collect, preserve and disseminate material unique to the history of the Beaches community.”

Hoffman explained that, soon after the historical society was founded, the City of Jacksonville Beach received a gift of land from the Florida East Coast Railway under the condition that it be operated as a park. The idea for a historical park was



The Beaches Area Historical Society meets for the first time on Feb. 22, 1978. Front row from left: Lois Roberts, Edythe Chambers, Jean McCormick, Beryl Dryden and Dorothy Doggett. Back row from left: Ish Brant, Ed Shore, Bill Dryden, Charlie Howell, Virgil Deane and Frank Doggett.

then pitched to the historical society, and the rest was, quite literally, history.

“Once they had the land, they started acquiring buildings on the park,” Hoffman said. “We have the original post office

from what was Pablo Beach at the time, we’ve got the Mayport Depot, we’ve got a locomotive train and the section foreman’s house, which would’ve been the residence of the gentleman who was tasked with

making sure the train tracks were in repair. Those were the first buildings to come to the park, and then in 2006, they opened the museum, which is the two-story building that we have here now.”

In honor of its commitment to preserving and sharing the wealth of history in Jacksonville’s beach communities, the Beaches Museum & History Park not only offers free admission, but also makes an effort to bring the history to the public.

“We try to bring historic presentations and some of our exhibits out to other locations,” Hoffman explained. “We had (a presentation) recently at the Beaches library, just so people who may not have come into the museum can see some of the history that we have here.”

Currently, the museum has several upcoming events planned, including a concert by Ponte Vedra Beach native Chad Jasmine, a presentation on “The Beginning of the Ponte Vedra Inn & Club” and a new exhibit featuring the works of artist Lana Shuttleworth. For a complete listing of events, visit www.beachmuseum.org.

“We’re so much more than a museum,” Hoffman said. “We really want to be a cultural and historical hub for the Beaches community, and we’re so thankful for our members and people who support the museum and enable us to do all sorts of programming and educational activities.”

DeSantis enters Florida’s gubernatorial race after Trump endorsement

Republican Congressman Ron DeSantis announced his intention to run for governor of Florida on the Friday, Jan. 5 episode of the Fox News program, “Fox and Friends.”

The announcement of DeSantis’ entrance into the race comes on the heels of his recent endorsement by President Donald Trump on Twitter.

“Congressman Ron DeSantis is a brilliant young leader, Yale and then Harvard Law, who would make a great governor of Florida,” Trump wrote in a Dec. 22 tweet. “He loves our country and is a true fighter.”

Following the endorsement, a poll released by Remington Research Group showed DeSantis leading a hypothetical primary matchup with 28 percent of the vote.

“As you remember a few weeks ago, the president tweeted support for me as a candidate for governor of Florida,” DeSantis said. “So today, we’re going to be filing the paperwork to begin that effort. As a military officer, an Iraq veteran and a proven conservative, with the support of the president, I’m in a position to exercise the leadership that can build on the great work that Governor Rick Scott has done to advance economic opportunity, reform education and drain the swamp in Tallahassee that needs to be drained just like Washington. While this is an important step towards running for governor, an official campaign kick-off will take place later this month.”

DeSantis has served as the U.S. representative for Florida’s 6th District since 2013.



Rep. Ron DeSantis

Bolles president and head of school accepts position in Maryland

Bolles President and Head of School Dave Farace will leave Bolles’ top administrative post to accept the head of school position at his alma mater, Baltimore-based McDonogh School. Farace plans to remain in his role at Bolles through at least the end of the 2017-18 school year.

“I love everything about Bolles, particularly the people – the board of trustees is vision- and mission-driven; the faculty and staff serve children with an abundance of love and compassion; our parents and alumni are proud ambassadors of the school; and the students are a tremendous source of joy for me,” Farace said in a letter to the Bolles community Jan. 11. “I have a deeply rooted personal connection to McDonogh and the city of Baltimore – McDonogh is, simply put, home.”

Farace and his wife Becky are both from Baltimore and have family in the area. Farace’s first independent school experience was at McDonogh. He attended McDonogh for six years as a financial aid student, taught and coached there and was an administrator at the school. The Faraces developed deep connections to McDonogh as they were married in the school’s chapel and raised their young family on the McDonogh campus. Farace spent more than 12 years at McDonogh in various roles prior to taking top independent school leadership positions

at The Montgomery Academy in Alabama and at The Bolles School.

The Bolles School Board of Trustees named Farace the school’s eighth head of school in October 2014. During Farace’s tenure at Bolles, the school has achieved many successes such as the development and implementation of a strategic plan and the creation of a new campus master plan — including a new multipurpose gym on the Ponte Vedra Beach Campus, a new Treehouse Outdoor Learning Center on the Whitehurst Campus and the new Tarver Hall science building on the Bartram Campus. Farace also implemented a new rotating schedule and enhanced Bolles’ learning support services.

Chairman of the Bolles Board of Trustees Daniel Rice said the board has not yet determined Farace’s last day at Bolles, but said he expects Farace to remain in his role through the end of this school year. Rice said the board will begin the process to select a new head of school in the coming weeks.

“We wish Dave nothing but the best at McDonogh,” Rice said. “I want to thank him for his leadership, energy and passion, which has been unwavering during his time here. Dave has embraced our community and reinvigorated the many character traits that have always made Bolles a special place in our hearts.”

Amanda Webster is the design principal and president of Amanda Webster Design, and a longtime Ponte Vedra resident.

Amanda Webster

By Jon Blauvelt

Can you please briefly tell us about your background?

I have loved design since I was a child. I was educated at Florida State University (FSU) and began my career in commercial interior design. I gravitated to residential design and then began Amanda Webster Design (AWD), Inc. in 1995. For 23 years I have enjoyed an exciting, colorful variety of projects all over the country collaborating with my talented staff.

Which types of interior design projects does your team work on?

We are known for higher end, full scope interior design projects that include schematic design, design development, construction administration and full furnishings for new construction and also renovations. However, we sometimes do partial projects or just certain phases of projects, such as just furnishing a home. We also offer AWD lite services when we are able for those that need reduced scopes and lower budgets.

What distinguishes your studio from others?

Our desire to try new things and find new resources in order to capture a truly custom design. Although we can easily follow trends, we do not impose certain products, inventory or specific styles on our clients as each project is uniquely designed and specially ordered. We pride ourselves on being transparent, and we enjoy a team approach from the early stages with the client, architect and contractor all collaborating on the client's behalf. Proper planning is crucial to the success of the project. Our turnkey beautiful interiors are designed around the client's likes and needs, using the best subcontractors that Jacksonville has to offer.

What makes you so passionate about interior design?

It is both thrilling and gratifying to see creative energy and hard work result in living environments that are beautiful and inviting, and where overjoyed clients share that their expectations were exceeded on every level.

How has the interior design field changed over the course of your career?

Certainly, the shift from drafting to auto CAD in the late 1980s was a dramatic and beneficial change in its own right. But since then, we've seen an enormous impact from the internet, and digital computing in general, affecting everything from the ease at which we source products, to our streamlined bookkeeping, to social media, websites and other ways in which we showcase our work. This same technology even allows us to do entire projects anywhere around the country with few or no site visits.

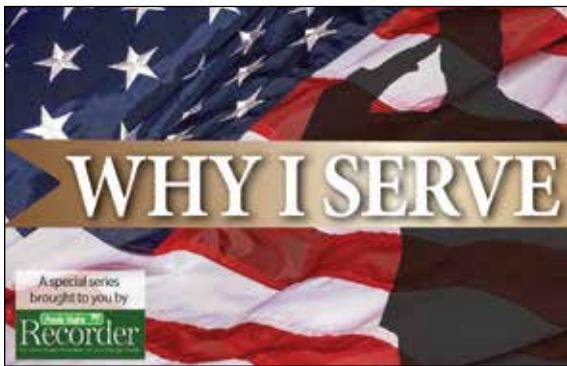


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What do you enjoy most about living in Ponte Vedra?

Living near the Ponte Vedra Inn & Club, I must admit my early morning workouts and walks on the beach at sunrise are such a gift. It is an incredible place to live: so beautiful, moderate temperatures and of course, the easy-going lifestyle and down-to-earth and fun, interesting people. I am filled with gratitude for this community. My husband and I and our two sons feel very blessed to have called this our home for the last 20 years.

To watch a video portion of the interview, visit pontevedrarecorder.com and click One of Us.



Why I serve

The Ponte Vedra Recorder is excited to introduce Why I Serve, a video series highlighting veterans and active service members of the U.S. military that reveals why they ultimately decided to serve and what the experience provided for them.

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| <p>Yoga for Survivors The Y Healthy Living Center at the Ponte Vedra YMCA will host a "Yoga for Survivors" class Jan. 18 at 11:30 a.m. Cancer patients, survivors, caregivers and others with range of motion and pain limitations are invited to join in this gentle and safe yoga practice, which is free and open to the public. Call (904) 202-5376 or visit www.baptistjax.com/ymca to reserve a spot. The Ponte Vedra YMCA is located at 170 Landrum Lane.</p> <p>An Evening with Governor Patrick Tonyn The Woman's Exchange will host an Evening with Governor Patrick Tonyn to celebrate the group's 125th anniversary Jan. 18 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. All funds raised at the gathering will go toward the Woman's Exchange scholarship fund that provides scholarships for women returning to college later in life. The cost to attend is \$35 per person; for reservations call (904) 829-5064. This event will take place at 143 St. George St. in St. Augustine.</p> <p>Grief support group at St. Paul's Catholic Church St. Paul's Catholic Church hosts a grief support group on the third Thursday of each month in Room 102 of the Family Life Center. The group is open to all who are grieving the death of a family member or friend; the next meeting is Jan. 18 at 7 p.m. For more information, call Kathy at (904) 553-8933 or Catherine at (904) 247-0665. St. Paul's Catholic Church is located at 578 1st Ave. N. in Jacksonville Beach.</p> <p>'Hubble' 3D at World Golf Hall of Fame IMAX theater Narrated by Leonardo DiCaprio, relive the journey of the Hubble Space Telescope including the launch, the setbacks, the dramatic rescues and more with "Hubble." This 3D film is showing at the IMAX Theater at the World Golf Hall of Fame Jan. 18 at 11 a.m. The theater is located at 1 World Golf Place in St. Augustine.</p> | <p>Coastal Wine Market wine tasting Coastal Wine Market & Tasting Room hosts Friday wine tastings from 6 to 8 p.m. at 641 Crosswater Parkway, Suite B in Ponte Vedra Beach. Taste six wines for \$10. For more information, call (904) 395-3520.</p> <p>Cannon Firing Demonstration at Castillo de San Marcos National Park Service volunteers and personnel demonstrate a cannon firing at the Castillo de San Marcos museum / monument every Friday, Saturday and Sunday at 10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. Rangers and volunteers demonstrate the weapons and relate the experiences of the colonial Spanish soldier of 1740s St. Augustine. Firing times are subject to change depending on weather conditions and staff availability. Castillo de San Marcos is located at 1 S. Castillo Drive in St. Augustine.</p> <p>David Phelps performance Grammy-winning recording artist David Phelps will partner with Cana's Voice to present The Big Voice Tour at Trinity Baptist Church Jan. 19. For performance times and to purchase tickets, visit www.imconcerts.com. Trinity Baptist Church is located at 800 Hammond Road in Jacksonville.</p> <p>St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce EDC quarterly breakfast The St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce Economic Development Council (EDC) will host a quarterly breakfast Jan. 19 from 8 to 9:30 a.m. at Renaissance World Golf Village Resort at 500 S. Legacy Trail in St. Augustine. The keynote speaker will be Don Fox, CEO of Firehouse of America, LLC. Register at www.sjchamber.com or call (904) 829-5681.</p> <p>Epic Marvel super hero experience Super hero action, thrills and drama will soar, smash and burst into Jacksonville with the debut of Marvel Universe LIVE! Age of Heroes. The newest production from Feld Entertainment will take place at the Jacksonville Veterans Memorial Arena Jan. 19 through 21. Visit www.marveluniverselive.com for more information.</p> | <p>St. Augustine Amphitheatre farmers market The St. Augustine Amphitheatre farmers market, which takes place every Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., features fresh produce, baked goods, seafood, handcrafted items and plants along with live entertainment. This event will be held at 1340 A1A S. in St. Augustine. Admission is free.</p> <p>Ponte Vedra YMCA open house The Ponte Vedra YMCA will host an open house each Saturday in January to help the community get a healthy start to the new year. For more information, visit www.FirstCoastYMCA.org or call (904) 265-1775. The Ponte Vedra YMCA is located at 170 Landrum Lane.</p> <p>Archaeological Institute of America meeting The Archaeological Institute of America, Jacksonville Society will meet at noon Jan. 20 in Building 51 at the University of North Florida to hear a lecture by Dr. Eric H. Cline entitled "1177 B.C. - The Year Civilization Collapsed." This lecture is free and open to the public and will be followed by complimentary refreshments in the Archaeology Lab. For more information, contact Melva Price at (904) 241-9411 or at aiajaxsoc@gmail.com. The University of North Florida is located at 1 UNF Drive in Jacksonville.</p> <p>Voter registration cookout 300 Concerned Citizens, a community group founded to encourage African Americans to become involved in the electoral process, will host a voter registration cookout Jan. 20 from noon to 3 p.m. at St. Paul Park, across from St. Paul AME Church at 100 Martin Luther King Ave. in St. Augustine. This event is free and open to the public.</p> <p>Teen gaming tournament: 'Smash Bros' Visitors ages 11 and up are invited to take part in a teen gaming tournament Jan. 20 featuring "Smash Bros" on the Wii U. Prizes and equipment will be provided by the Friends of the Library. This event will take place from 2 to 4 p.m. at the St. Johns County Library's Southeast Branch, located at 6670 U.S. 1 S. in St. Augustine.</p> | <p>Sandals, Shorts and Steel Drum Service Every Sunday from 11:30 a.m. to noon, St. Paul's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church invites guests to put on sandals and shorts for a more casual worship service featuring the tropical sound of steel drum music. The church is located at 465 11th Ave. N. in Jacksonville Beach.</p> <p>Blood drive The Ponte Vedra United Methodist Church will host a blood drive Jan. 21 in the church parking lot from 9 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Appointments are available but not needed; to sign-up, go online to www.oneblood.org, click on "donate now" and enter the church code "31016." The Ponte Vedra United Methodist Church is located at 76 S. Roscoe Blvd.</p> <p>Ancient dunes trail hike Enjoy a guided hike through ancient dunes shaded by a maritime hammock Jan. 21 at Anastasia State Park from 10 to 11 a.m. Guests can discover the park's natural communities while exploring the trail, which starts at the Hilltop Picnic Area near the parking lot. Suggested items include binoculars, comfortable walking shoes, a camera, drinking water, bug spray and sunscreen. This event is weather permitting and subject to cancellation. The hike is free with regular park admission, which ranges from \$2 to \$8. Anastasia State Park is located at 300 Anastasia Park Road in St. Augustine.</p> <p>St. Augustine film festival This four-day film festival takes place Jan. 18-21 from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. at various locations throughout St. Augustine, including the Corazon Cinema and Cafe, 36 Granada St.; Lewis Auditorium at Flagler College, 14 Granada St.; and the Gamache-Koger Theatre at 50 Sevilla St. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit www.staugfilmfest.com.</p> <p>'Fool for Love' at Limelight Theatre Sam Shepard's "Fool for Love," a western based in the Mojave Desert, is showing at the Limelight Theatre Jan. 21 at 2 p.m. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit www.limelight-theatre.org.</p> |

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The cost to attend is \$30; call (904) 202-5376 or visit www.baptistjax.com/hlc to reserve a spot.</p> <p>Concert series: Chad Jasmine's The Bath Party The Beaches Museum and Lazzara Family Foundation will host the first show of the Chapel Concert Series Jan. 22 at 7 p.m. "Punk," "rock," "psychedelic" and "alt" are all terms that have been used to describe Chad Jasmine's The Bath Party, which features Chad Jasmine, Marcus Parsley, Greg Isabelle, Scott Borland and Heather Fanton Nader. Concert Series tickets include admission to all five shows in the series and can be purchased for \$100. Individual tickets cost \$25 in advance and \$30 on the day of the show. To purchase tickets, visit www.beaches-museum.org/tickets or call (904) 241-5657. The Beaches Museum & History Park is located at 381 Beach Blvd. in Jacksonville Beach.</p> <p>Little Ones storytime class Sing songs, bounce along to rhymes and read interactive stories at this Little Ones storytime class taking place Jan. 22 from 10:30 to 11 a.m. at the St. Johns County Library's Southeast Branch. This class is designed to incorporate important skills from Each Child Ready to Read. The Southeast Branch is located at 6670 U.S. 1 S. in St. Augustine.</p> | <p>Tapas Tuesday The Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens presents Tapas Tuesday at the Cummer Cafe every Tuesday from 5 to 7:30 p.m. View the sunset on the Cummer Cafe patio while listening to local musicians and enjoying beer, wine or artfully-inspired tapas for sale at the Cafe. Reserve your table by calling (904) 899-6022. For more information, visit www.cummermuseum.org. The museum is located at 829 Riverside Ave.</p> <p>Prenatal Yoga Visitors are invited to share their pregnancy experience with other women and empower themselves through yoga, meditation and guided visualization. This approach is gentle and safe for women in all stages of pregnancy. Participants should bring a yoga mat, towel and water; there is a \$13 class fee per attendee. Call (904) 202-5376 for more information or visit www.baptistjax.com/ymca to register. This event will take place at 6 p.m. at the Ponte Vedra YMCA, located at 170 Landrum Lane.</p> <p>Sinusitis, allergies or the common cold? Meet the Beaches' new ENT specialist Dr. Benjamin Bush Jan. 23 at noon as he shares how to know the difference between nagging sinusitis, allergy or common cold symptoms and how to combat them. This free event, which will take place at the Ponte Vedra YMCA at 170 Landrum Lane, is open to the community. Call (904) 202-5376 or visit www.baptistjax.com/ymca to reserve your spot.</p> <p>Bookmobile: Publix at Nocatee Town Center A Bookmobile will be stationed at the Publix at Nocatee Town Center Tuesdays from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Visitors are invited to check out books, movies, music and more. The Publix at Nocatee Town Center is located at 120 Markside Ave. in Ponte Vedra.</p> | <p>Toastmasters Club Toastmasters Club #5199 of Ponte Vedra Beach meets every Wednesday at 7:30 a.m. at THE PLAYERS Community Senior Center. These meetings help attendees improve public speaking and gain leadership skills. The senior center is located at 175 Landrum Lane in Ponte Vedra Beach. Email Lucy Reep at lucyreep@gmail.com for additional information.</p> <p>Yoga at church Join St. Paul's by-the-Sea Episcopal for Yoga every Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. Attendees are encouraged to bring a mat to this yoga class, which is suitable for all skill levels and ages. St. Paul's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church is located at 465 11th Ave. N. in Jacksonville Beach.</p> <p>Life Enrichment Day Retreat The Life Enrichment Day Retreat is designed for those with memory changes who want to remain mentally, physically and socially active while giving caregivers and loved ones some free time for themselves. This program is offered daily at Arbor Terrace Ponte Vedra, located at 5125 Palm Valley Road. Life Enrichment Group is looking for volunteers who have a few hours a week to assist with those experiencing from memory loss. For more information, email life_enrichmentgroup@yahoo.com or call (904) 417-7354.</p> <p>'Listen Up' ensemble concert Members of the Jacksonville Symphony will perform a "Listen Up" Ensemble Concert in the Beaches Museum Chapel Jan. 24. Light refreshments will be served at 6 p.m. and the concert will begin an hour later at 7. Tickets cost \$15 and are available for purchase through the Jacksonville Symphony Ticket Office. Visit www.JaxSymphony.org/listen-up or call (904) 354-5547 for more information. The Beaches Museum Chapel is located at 505 Beach Blvd. in Jacksonville Beach.</p> | <p>Financial education class at Ponte Vedra Beach Library Karsten L. Jacobson, CFP®, will host a financial education class entitled "Tax Free Investing: It's Not What You Make, It's What You Keep" Jan. 25 from 11 a.m. to noon at the Ponte Vedra Library, located at 101 Library Blvd. Visitors can learn how certain investments and accounts can deliver tax-free income and keep tax payers in a lower bracket. RSVP on the phone at (904) 285-9898 or via email at Karsten.Jacobson@edwardjones.com. Seating is limited.</p> <p>Interactive workshop During this interactive workshop, Buddy Webster, Partner and Recruiting Consultant of LEADERS Professional Recruiting, Inc., will conduct mock interviews and provide important feedback and essential must-have interview skills for getting hired. The event is Jan. 25 from 9 a.m. to noon in the Parish Center Conference Room (second floor) at Christ Episcopal Church, located at 400 San Juan Drive in Ponte Vedra Beach. Register for the workshop by emailing Pam Ottesen at pottesen66@gmail.com.</p> <p>Caregiver support meetings A caregiver support meeting will take place Jan. 25 at the COA Coastal Community Center at 180 Marine St. in St. Augustine at 1 p.m. All caregivers are welcome. These meetings will provide a supportive environment for people who are experiencing similar challenges; they can share problems, ideas and solutions.</p> <p>Free calendar listings for community groups and nonprofit organizations are published at our discretion on a space-available basis. Send your event at least 10 days before publication. Submit events to ben@opcfla.com, post online at www.pontevedrarecorder.com using the automated form or call (904) 686-3939.</p> |

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Dorothy Oberg

Dorothy Ruth Oberg (nee Balazik), 97, died Jan. 9, 2018. She was born in Cleveland, Ohio, Dec. 1, 1920. She raised her family in Towson, Maryland, prior to moving to Ponte Vedra, Florida, where she resided at Vicar's Landing. She was on the Trust Committee at Vicar's Landing, a member of the Vicar's Landing Chorus

and also volunteered in both the Vicar's Landing Health Center and in the Boutique and Gift Shop.

She was the beloved wife of the late Richard G. Oberg; devoted mother of Richard G. Oberg Jr. (Kathy), Barbara L. Reber (late husband David), Phyllis J. Friend, Harriett A. Myers (Oliver), Marilyn L. Oberg-Olmi (Eugene) and Christopher S. Oberg (Diane); loving grandmother of 15 grandchildren; and great-grandmother of 29 great-grandchildren.



Dorothy Oberg

A private family service will be held in Towson, Maryland, where she will be laid to rest beside her husband.

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Arthur DeAngelis

Arthur James DeAngelis, 86, died Jan. 5, 2018. Ponte Vedra Valley Funeral Home, Cremation Center & Cemetery – (904) 285-1130 – www.pontevedravalley.com.

Catherine LeBlanc

Catherine Ann LeBlanc, 72, died Jan. 3, 2018. Ponte Vedra Valley Funeral Home, Cremation Center & Cemetery – (904) 285-1130 – www.pontevedravalley.com

Joseph Macaluso

Joseph "Joe" Macaluso, 87, died Jan. 11, 2018. Ponte Vedra Valley Funeral Home, Cremation Center & Cemetery – (904) 285-1130 – www.pontevedravalley.com.

Gary Mears

Gary H. Mears, 81, of Atlantic Beach, died Jan. 3, 2018. Arrangements by Quinn-Shalz, A Family Funeral Home & Cremation Centre.

Scott Nelson

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Anita O'Brien

Anita O'Brien, 82, of Jacksonville Beach, died Jan. 6, 2018. Arrangements by Quinn-Shalz, A Family Funeral Home & Cremation Centre.

Fernando Salas

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David L. Self, 88, of Atlantic Beach, died Jan. 2, 2018. Services under the direction and care of Quinn-Shalz, A Family Funeral Home & Cremation Centre.

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Tips on how to start getting organized



By Christine Stone
Special to the Recorder

January is the start of a new year with new resolutions, and one of the most popular is getting organized. The question I am often asked is, "Where do I begin?"

Christine Stone
Guest columnist

Most people tend to ignore clutter. When it multiples, they begin to feel stressed and overwhelmed. The key to getting organized is to remember, "It's never about having enough space, it's about simplifying your surroundings."

Here are some simple tips to motivate you to clear the clutter in the new year.

■ **Purge before you organize.** Once you have cleared the clutter, make a list of the storage items you need. Purchasing items you may not need only leads to more

clutter down the road.

■ **Keep "like" things together.** Go through your home and gather similar items, and put them in one place. If you have two things that serve the same function, keep the newer or better one and toss the other.

■ **Enlist the help of an organized friend or a professional.** Sometimes having someone to reassure you that it is okay to let something go helps simplify the task.

■ **Begin with one area at a time.** You want to be able to complete what you start so you can enjoy your newly organized space. It will motivate you to move to another area in your home. Start small but start somewhere.

■ **Make sure everything has a place.** If you take something out, make a habit of putting it back.

■ **Use clear containers and label them.** If you can't see something, you forget you own it and you buy more. It becomes a cycle of clutter.

■ **Sentimental clutter is the hardest to part with.** You may not want it, or want to keep it, because you feel emotionally tied to it. Ask yourself, "Do you want to live in the past or in the present?" **If you love something, display and enjoy it; if you don't, let it go.** Get rid of the guilt, and you will get rid of the clutter.

■ **Do not keep something just because you paid a lot of money for it.** Do you wear it? Do you love it? Don't let the price guilt you into keeping it. Consign it, donate it but don't let it become costly clutter.

■ **Keep a shopping bag in your closet.** When you put something on and you don't like how it fits, or the way you feel in it, do not hang it back up. Put it in the bag for consignment or donation.

■ **Gain space in your bathroom by getting rid of the stash of hotel toiletries collected from your travels.** They are taking up valuable cabinet space. Donate them to a homeless shelter.

■ **Find a system that works for you.** Beautiful, labeled boxes may look good, but if everything is a mess in a couple weeks, was it worth it? Decide what works for your everyday life. Being organized is not about being perfect, it's about implementing a system that works for you.

■ **Clutter is not just what is sitting on your counter tops or in a messy drawer. Take a few minutes every day, and hit the delete button when you check your email.** Saving all emails that are not needed leads to email clutter, which leads to stress.

Once you begin to clear the clutter, you will save time, money and create a peaceful, relaxing and stress-free environment for you and your family. Make this the year to finally clear the clutter in your home and in your life; it will be life changing.

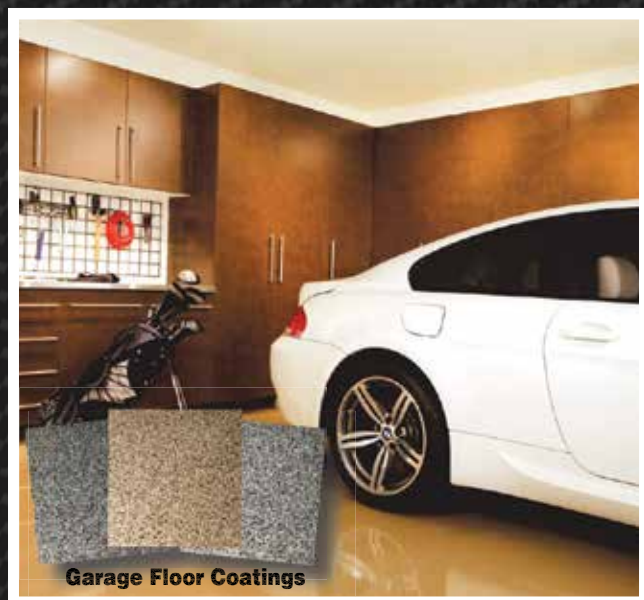
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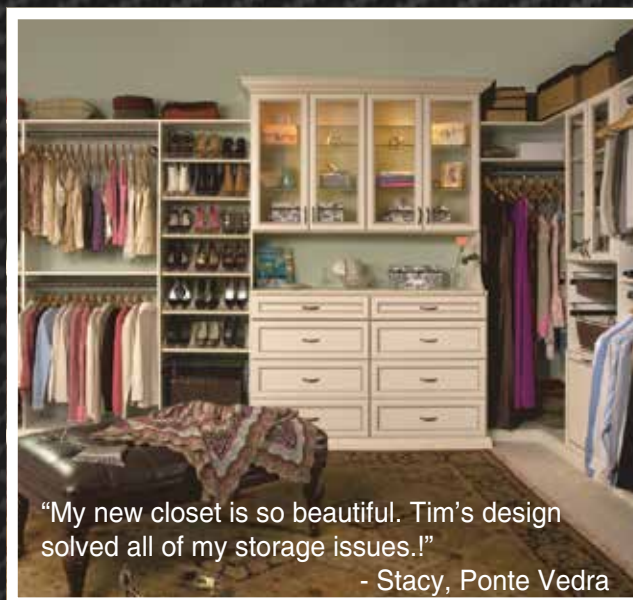
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It's more than just a garage!



By Tim Blin

Special to the Recorder

What door do you use to enter your home? If you're like the majority of homeowners, the answer is the garage. Some of you will say it's just a garage, but is it?

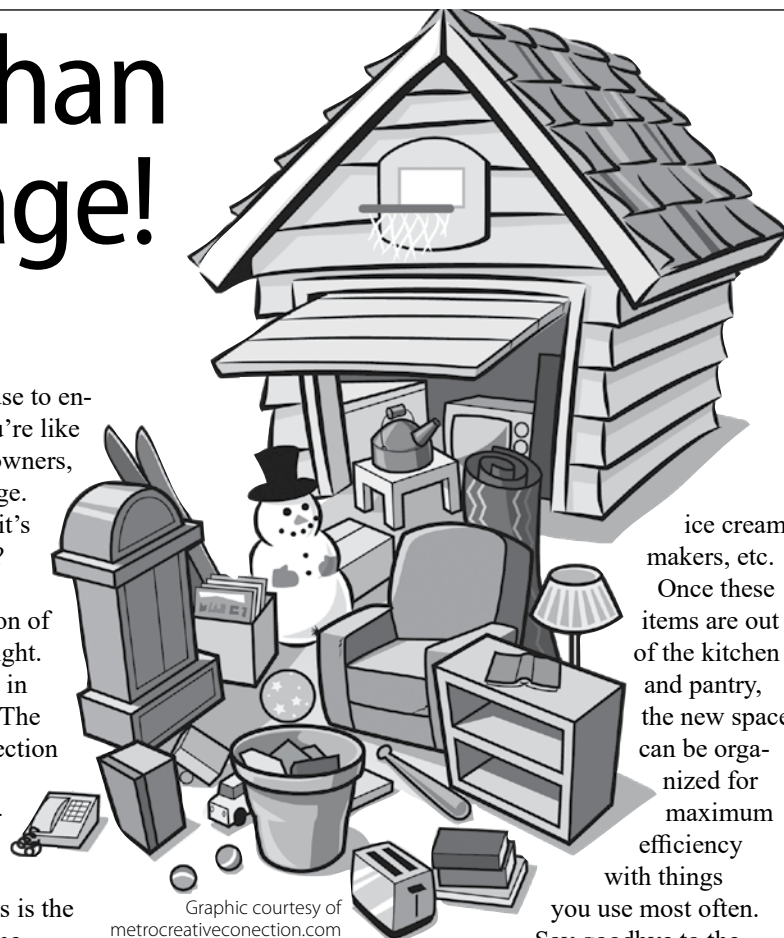
The garage is now considered an extension of your home with due right.

In many cases, the garage is the largest room in the house and must serve multiple purposes. The main purpose should be the storage and protection of very expensive assets: our "cars."

However, the garage also is one of the easiest places to gain storage, so the rest of the home can be more efficient. When you have a combination of cabinets and organizers, this is the framework for creating a truly organized home.

Free up space inside the home

The garage can store items that are taking up valuable space inside the home. Most kitchens or pantries do not have enough room to store our items. Cabinets in the garage can be used to store your belongings that are solely for special occasions. These are items like party platters, small appliances, bread makers, rice cookers,



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ice cream makers, etc. Once these items are out of the kitchen and pantry, the new space can be organized for maximum efficiency with things you use most often.

Say goodbye to the crammed cabinets and over-stuffed shelves.

As consumers, we have a fascination with warehouse stores and buy products in bulk. These bulk purchases make storage even more of a challenge. Having a cabinet in the garage dedicated to items like paper towels, toilet tissue, bottled drinks, etc., helps keep them from going into the home and taking up valuable space until they are truly needed.

Additionally, closets in the home have a tendency to be a collecting area for items that don't relate to the storage of our clothing. There are usually many items like luggage that could be moved to the garage to free up space for better use of our closets.

Organize your belongings

Just having the cabinets in the garage will not make you organized. Now, you must have a strategy that will get and keep you organized. If you do not have a plan, then you will be disappointed with the results and possibly go back to bad habits.

The first thing to do is an assessment of the items you do have. Do I keep, donate or throw away? Depending on how many belongings you have or how easily you can sort into categories will determine if you can do this yourself or if you require some assistance. If possible, having someone that is not emotionally attached to the items will help with the sorting process.

The organizing process may sound simple; however, if not done correctly, the space will not be maximized or function to fit your needs. This is where someone trained in organization will be worth the investment.

De-clutter, de-stress and enjoy

It is such a good feeling to actually get your cars in the garage and see your items neatly organized or hidden behind attractive cabinet doors. No matter the condition of the garage, this is the year to take charge of the space and not let your belongings control you.

It may seem like an overwhelming task, but the satisfaction of having your belongings in order will be very rewarding.

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Important factors to consider when redoing a bedroom closet

Article courtesy of Closet Factory

Making the decision to redo your bedroom closet is one you should be proud of, as the rewards you reap will last you a lifetime.

You're essentially given a blank canvas and an easel to create your art of organization. It can definitely feel overwhelming because of all of the possibilities. As a result, there are a few things to think about and prepare before starting the whole process. Remember, you want to make sure that you design the perfect bedroom closet, so being meticulous and on top of things is key!

You might be thinking that a new closet will accommodate all of the items that you already have, and that is absolutely true. However, great organization doesn't involve clutter and chances are that pieces of clutter exist among your belongings. Clutter can include old accessories and clothes that you simply don't wear anymore.

Not only do you want a good closet, you also want a closet that will help you be a better-organized person. Consider purging pieces of clothing that you don't wear or being a "good Samaritan" and donating them. After all, you want your closet to look great

holding the clothes that you actually wear.

There are several common configurations to bedroom closets. For example, there's one that looks like an L in which the door is on one half only and the rest of the closet is only visible by walking in. If you have one of these closets, a key point to think about is how you want your clothes to be displayed.

If you plan to have a hanging rod that displays all of your shirts and blouses, you're going to want to have that rod installed right in front of the door for easy access, while other less-frequently worn items can go deeper into the room. It really is just standing in front of your bedroom closet and imagining how you'll use it.

Are you the type of person who rotates clothes based on seasons? Maybe you'll want to design a closet system that makes it easy to swap out items. Also, maybe you aren't exactly the tallest person out there and need shelves that are adjusted to your height.

Only you know what you need, and some careful planning will allow you to create a bedroom closet design that you'll be proud of.

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Your kids don't want your stuff (really!)



Barbara Trapp
Guest columnist

By Barbara Trapp
Special to the Recorder

Like most baby boomers, I have stuff: stuff I bought, stuff from my parents, stuff from my grandparents and stuff I thought I was going to leave my child. I've learned over time, however, that my child doesn't necessarily want that stuff. Here's how it all started ...

The greatest generation and their stuff

My parents are part of the "Greatest Generation," a term coined by journalist Tom Brokaw. At least in my family, this also means they have the greatest amount of stuff.

A couple of years ago, I took time off to coordinate an extensive home renovation for my parents. They were not ready to downsize to an assisted living community, so as a compromise, improvements were made to their home in anticipation of a future sale.

To prepare, I had to declutter, discard obvious trash and move everything but large furniture out of the house and into the garage. There was something bittersweet about viewing mementos of the vibrant, creative life my parents had B.C., "before children." Still, I felt like a naughty child, weeding through their stuff while they waited out the process in a nearby hotel.

Once the work was complete, I returned clothing, linens, lamps, pillows, books and other accessories to original or new homes, with the excess stacked in the garage for sorting and purging later. Anything there would have to earn its space back in or be let go. Fast forward two years later and we are still purging; however, it is at a slower pace now that my father has been moved to a nursing home, and there are other matters to help my mother with.

Some of that stuff has filtered down to me. Combine that with my own stuff, and I thought I had plenty to hand down to my daughter. Several years ago, when I was in the process of clearing out and downsizing after a divorce, I learned she wasn't very interested!



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A before-and-after shot of a pantry organized by Barbara Trapp and Zen Your Den.

An important lesson about my stuff

My daughter was living on her own, and as I picked through my castoffs, I set aside items I thought she could use. Once a week or so I would drop off a few things outside her apartment, or if our schedules

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Organize your pre-retiree checklist



Karsten Jacobson
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Special to the Recorder

Like everyone, you want to enjoy a comfortable lifestyle when you retire. But a successful retirement doesn't just happen – it requires a lot of planning. And that's why it's a good idea to draw up a "pre-retiree checklist."

Such a checklist might look like this:

20 years before retirement: Try to estimate a "price tag" for your retirement, incorporating a variety of factors – where you might live, how much you might travel, what activities you'll pursue and so on. Then, assess if your retirement savings are on track to help you meet your expected costs. From this point, monitor your progress every year.

15 years before retirement: Although you're still fairly far away from retirement, you'll want to bring your goals and challenges into a clearer focus. For starters, try to establish a firmer target goal for the assets you'll need during retirement. Also, consider your legacy goals, and start developing your estate plans, if you haven't already done so. You might also explore methods of dealing with potentially enormous long-term care costs, such as an extended stay in a nursing home. Solutions to long-term care may become much more expensive later in life.

10 years before retirement: At this stage, in addition to reviewing your target asset and spending levels, you'll want to get more precise about how much income you can expect as a retiree, whether through your investments or retirement accounts (such as your 401(k) and IRA), or through some type of part-time work or consulting. Maintaining an adequate income flow is extremely important, because you could spend two or three decades as a retiree, and some of your expenses – health care in particular – will likely rise during the later years. It's important to plan for health care and long-term care, given the costs and ability to qualify for coverage later in life.

Five years before retirement: Reevaluate your investment mix to help reduce the risk of having your portfolio vulnerable to a market downturn when you plan to retire. Generally speaking, stocks and other growth-oriented investments are more volatile than bonds and other income-producing vehicles. So, you may want to consider shifting some – but certainly not all – of your investment dollars from the "growth" portion of your portfolio to the "income" side.

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Two years before retirement: This close to retirement, you'll want to pay particularly close attention to health-care expenses, so you may want to investigate Medicare supplemental policies. You'll also want to ensure that you have an adequate emergency fund to cope with unexpected costs, such as major home repairs.

In addition, you'll want to think about whether you should take Social Security right away, or if you can afford to wait until your monthly checks will be bigger.

One year before retirement: Now it's time for some key decisions: How much can you withdraw each year from your 401(k), IRA and other retirement accounts without running the risk of outliving your money? Have you lined up your health care coverage? And, finally, are you really set on retiring in a year or could you delay re-

tirement to improve your financial picture?

This checklist isn't exhaustive – but it can give you a good idea of the various issues you'll need to consider on the long road to retirement. And the sooner you start planning and organizing for that journey, the better.

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aligned, I would hand them to her in person.

One afternoon, as I used my head to knock on her door (my arms laden with "gifts"), she opened the door, stepped outside and shut it behind her.

"Moooooom!" she railed. "Whatever it is, I don't want it, don't need it and don't have room for it. I don't want your stuff!"

I have to admit: I was a little hurt. She wouldn't even let me walk through the door! Still, this was a learning moment: My kid didn't want my stuff.


Protecting future generations from your stuff

My daughter's reaction to my well-meaning, but unwanted "gifts" changed my mindset for hanging on to anything I don't need, use or love. Since she is the only child/grandchild/niece in the family, everything from me, my parents and my brother will trickle down to this one, already overwhelmed millennial. I want to protect her from the impending avalanche of things as I purge generations of stuff and help others to do the same.

Here are some tips for reducing your stuff that I learned through this experience:

- Downsize before you have to.
- Sort and let go of the excess FIRST, then organize what's left.
- Saving items to pass down to your kids? Offer them now, or mark these items with their name on a sticker. If neither of you wants these items, let them go.
- Weed out family photos, discarding duplicates or save for an upcoming family event for others to take. Write names, dates and places on the back of those you keep.
- Let young children select the school work they want to save at the end of each year.
- Grown children should be given these items to do their own purging.
- Be aware that EVERY family has big brown furniture.
- Acknowledge that you really CAN'T take it with you.

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Nease to host third annual SOUPer Bowl

On Feb. 1, the Nease High School cafeteria will be transformed into an epicure's delight when the school welcomes the community to its third annual SOUPer Bowl from 6 to 8 p.m.

Accomplished chefs from across the area are joining forces once again to serve some of their finest creations in a memorable soup-tasting event. The proceeds from the evening support First Coast Blessings in a Backpack, a program that serves students on free and reduced lunches in school. While dependent on the school meals for their nutrition during the week, many of these children do not have guaranteed meals waiting for them at home over the weekend. First Coast Blessings in a Backpack steps in to fill that gap by sending food home with these students who are at risk of hunger. The event has successfully raised more than \$60,000 for Blessings over the last two years.

The consequences of hunger in schools range from the inability to concentrate to poor academic performance. Extensive studies have shown that grades are better, and morale higher, when students do not have to worry about an empty belly.

"Hunger should not be a worry or challenge for today's youth," said Kimberly Ward, managing director of First Coast Blessings



Attendees of previous SOUPer Bowl events enjoy the culinary and philanthropic event, which is scheduled for Feb. 1.

Photos courtesy of SOUPer Bowl

Johns County should go hungry has been the driving force behind the SOUPer Bowl event. Nease students have been packing food for school children at Webster Elementary for over seven years in the only student-led and organized program in the area. However, about two years ago, matters came to a head when it was discovered that the available funding would be insufficient to feed the

in a Backpack. "It is important that, as a community, we do everything we can to feed them. I have seen the direct and powerful

impact that this program has on the students, as well as the families and school as a whole." The hope that no child in St.

rising numbers of students in need at Webster Elementary.

As a result, the SOUPer Bowl event was envisioned and implemented by a group of parents, students and administrators at Nease to cover the deficit. Over 100 students now combine talents from the Hospitality & Tourism, Digital Design, International Baccalaureate and Television Production academies at Nease to tackle hunger in the county schools.

The SOUPer Bowl is sustained by restaurants like The Ice Plant, Trasca & Co., M Shack, Blue Bamboo, Gator's Dockside, Sawgrass Marriott and The Sawgrass Country Club, who have been part of the event from the start. Joining the SOUPer Bowl effort this year are restaurants like the Peony Cafe & Bistro, Two Creeks and 5th Element. Over 20 restaurants will be at the event this year. In addition, every guest can pick a specially handcrafted bowl made by a St. Johns County student to take home as a memento from the event.

Tickets for the event are \$25 per person. Both ticket purchases and donations are accepted and can be made on the website or Facebook page. Business sponsorships are still available by contacting info@studentstacklehunger.org. For tickets, information and participating restaurants, visit www.StudentsTackleHunger.org.

ROTARY CLUB OF PONTE VEDRA BEACH INDUCTS NEW MEMBERS



Photo by Jon Blauvelt

Pat Shea, second from left; Jessica Evans, center; and Kent Justice, second from right, were inducted into the Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach at the club's meeting last week. Joining the new members from left to right are club President Billy Wagner, who is sponsoring Shea; George McCaughan, who is sponsoring Evans; Jennifer Logue, who is sponsoring Justice; and Chuck Day. Rotary encompasses 1.2 million professional men and women serving in 33,000 clubs around the world. In the Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach's 35 years of service, it has donated nearly \$1.2 million to area charities.

LOCAL AARP TAX-AIDE VOLUNTEER LEADER HONORED



AARP Foundation Tax-Aide's Florida State Coordinator Rebecca Bachman honors Gene Bartels of Ponte Vedra Beach with the title of "Tax-Aide Fellow" for his service to the community on Jan. 13. Bartels is known to hundreds of elderly and low-income taxpayers as the leader of AARP Foundation's Tax-Aide program in Jacksonville.

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Author Steve Berry will be at the Ponte Vedra Library on Jan. 22.

Bestselling author Steve Berry to visit Ponte Vedra Library

International bestselling author Steve Berry returns to the Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library's Book Talk Café program on Monday, Jan. 22 at 6:30 p.m. to talk about his latest thriller, "The Lost Order."

The book is another action-packed Cotton Malone thriller mixing little-known historical fact with a healthy dose of speculative fiction, and pits Malone against two factions of a clandestine organization from the Civil War era. The Knights of the Golden Circle was the largest and most dangerous secret organization in American history. It amassed millions in stolen gold and silver, supposedly buried in hidden caches across the United States.

Aside from discussing "The Lost Order," Berry will share details of his next Cotton Malone thriller, "The Bishop's Pawn," due out in April 2018. In this timelier novel, Malone returns to his first case as a former Justice Department lawyer, investigating the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Book Talk Café is presented by the

Friends of the Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library, and is free and open to the public. The author will sign copies of his books at the conclusion of his talk.

'Music with a Beat' free concert

The Dr. Gerson Yessin Music Series returns to the Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library on Tuesday, Jan. 23 at 6:30 p.m. with a return visit by renowned percussionist Dr. Charlotte Mabry. Fellow percussionist Greg Hersey, a University of North Florida (UNF) graduate with a master's degree in percussion performance, will join her.

Mabry was honored as a Gerson Yessin Professor and a Distinguished Professor of Music at the University of North Florida, where she taught for many years. She was a principal percussionist with the Jacksonville Symphony for more than 20 years. Hersey was Mabry's student and became a friend and musical partner.

This concert is free and open to the public. The doors will open at 6 p.m.

Mystery author Roger Johns to hold book signing at Bookmark Jan. 22

Mystery author Roger Johns will visit The BookMark Jan. 22 from 2 to 4 p.m. to meet readers and sign copies of his new book, "Dark River Rising."

In this debut novel, Baton Rouge Police Detective Wallace Hartman is called to the scene of a particularly gruesome murder where the body of a known criminal has been found in a deserted warehouse. When federal agent Mason Cunningham arrives on the scene, Wallace expects a hostile takeover of the case, but when a scientist with ties to the victim goes missing from a government lab, she needs Cunningham's federal connections as much as her

local insight, and the two form an uneasy partnership.

Roger Johns is a former corporate lawyer and retired college professor with law degrees from Louisiana State University and Boston University. During his nearly two decades as a professor, he served on the editorial staffs of several academic publications and won numerous awards and recognitions for his teaching and scholarly writing. Johns was born and raised in Louisiana; he and his wife Julie now live in Georgia.

The BookMark is located at 220 1st St. in Neptune Beach.

UNF ranked in top 40 'Best Online' bachelor's programs by U.S. News & World Report

The University of North Florida (UNF) is ranked among the top 40 colleges and universities in the country for "Best Online Bachelor's Programs" in U.S. News & World Report's 2018 Best Online Programs ranking list, which includes data from nearly 1,500 distance-education degree programs nationwide.

UNF, ranked No. 31, rose 17 spots from last year's ranking and is the only local higher education institution listed among the rankings in this category. The university also appeared on the "Best Online Education Programs" list, a graduate-level ranking. Only degree-granting programs offering classes entirely online were considered. For more information on the "Best Online Programs," ranking list, visit www.usnews.com/online.

"It's very rewarding to have U.S. News & World Report rank our bachelor's and our graduate education online programs among the best in the nation," said UNF President John Delaney. "Faculty in our online programs are committed to this form of program delivery and have developed course materials and teaching methods that are second to none."

U.S. News assessed schools based on four general categories: student engagement (including participation in courses that allow students opportunities to readily interact with instructors and fellow classmates), faculty credentials and training (including doctoral and tenure-track faculty and formal training for faculty in distance education), student services and technology (including diverse online learning technologies, career guidance and financial aid resources) and peer reputation (including industry opinions that account for intangible factors on program quality that is not captured by statistics).

"UNF continues to support the development of high-quality online courses

and programs to meet student demand," said Dr. Deb Miller, UNF senior director for Academic Technology and Innovation. "Our focus is on online courses that promote high levels of student interaction and developing programs that expand access to the university's excellent offerings."

UNF's Doctor of Clinical Nutrition (DCN) program is leading the way in distance learning. The fully-online DCN program is an advanced doctoral program emphasizing leadership, advanced evidence-based practice and research.

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The university's online graduate education programs include Doctor of Nursing Practice; Doctor of Nursing Practice in psychological-mental health; Doctor of Clinical Nutrition, Master of Science in American sign language/English interpreting; Master of Education in educational leadership: instructional technology track; Master of Science in nutrition and dietetics; Master of Science in criminal justice; RN-BSN bridge track, as well as Graduate Certificates in early childhood education, health informatics and teachers of English to speakers of other languages.

UNF's No. 31 ranking in the U.S. News & World Report list comes shortly after the school received other national designations, including Kiplinger's Personal Finance's "Best College Value of 2018," 2018 "Best in the Southeast" by Princeton Review, 2018 "Best Regional" University by U.S. News & World Report, 2018 "Best Colleges" by College Factual and the 2017 Higher Education Excellence in Diversity Award from Insight into Diversity magazine.

Event set to recognize educators in St. Johns County

INK! (Investing in Kids), in partnership with THE PLAYERS Championship, Beaver Toyota St. Augustine and Carlisle Interconnect Technology, will honor St. Johns County teachers and rookie teachers of the year at INK!'s annual celebration on Jan. 24 at The Renaissance in World Golf Village from 6 to 9 p.m.

The event honors all outstanding edu-

cators who have dedicated their lives to impacting and shaping young minds. For tickets or to sponsor a teacher, please contact Donna Lueders, executive director of INK!, at (904) 547-7120 or donna.lueders@stjohns.k12.fl.us

INK! invests in students and teachers within the St. Johns County School District (SJCS). For more information, please visit www.ink-stjohns.org.



St. Johns County Center for the Arts at Murray Middle School to hold Arts Information Night

Fifth-grade students interested in drama, dance, visual arts, band or chorus are encouraged to attend Arts Information Night for the St. Johns County Center for the Arts (SJCCA) at Murray Middle School (MMS) from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 25 at MMS in the auditorium.

Students wishing to apply to SJCCA at MMS must be fifth graders residing in St. Johns County during the 2017-18 school year. The application process includes an audition requirement. Auditions will be held Monday, Jan. 29 during the school day, and the audition schedule is posted at <http://www-mms.stjohns.k12.fl.us>. Current St. Johns County School District (SJCSD) students may apply online through Home Access Center (HAC). Applications will be accepted Jan. 18 through Feb. 8.

Fifth-grade students who reside in St. Johns County but do not currently attend a SJCSD school must pre-

register as a potential student (home schooled, virtual school, private school). Parents are encouraged to visit the school district's website for the required preregistration documentation at www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/student/enrollment. The completed documentation must be taken to the elementary school that the child is currently zoned to attend, where parents will receive a paper application to complete. The school will fax the completed form to the Career Education Office for processing.

All students participating in auditions will be notified of their acceptance status by email near the end of February. School bus transportation is only provided for students zoned for MMS. Families not zoned for MMS will be responsible for providing their child's transportation to and from school.

For more information about the SJCCA at MMS, call (904) 547-8472.

ULA MISSION ENGINEER VISITS OCEAN PALMS ELEMENTARY



Photo courtesy of Pamela Riley

Fourth-grade students at Ocean Palms Elementary School (OPES) recently had the opportunity to learn about rockets, satellites and space when they were visited by guest speaker Tyler Strickland, a flight design and mission engineer for United Launch Alliance (ULA). Using virtual reality viewers, the students watched a recent rocket launch and were inspired to learn more about space and improve their problem-solving skills through teamwork.



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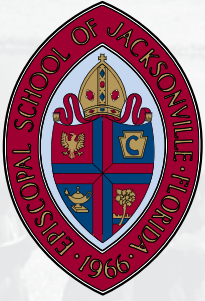
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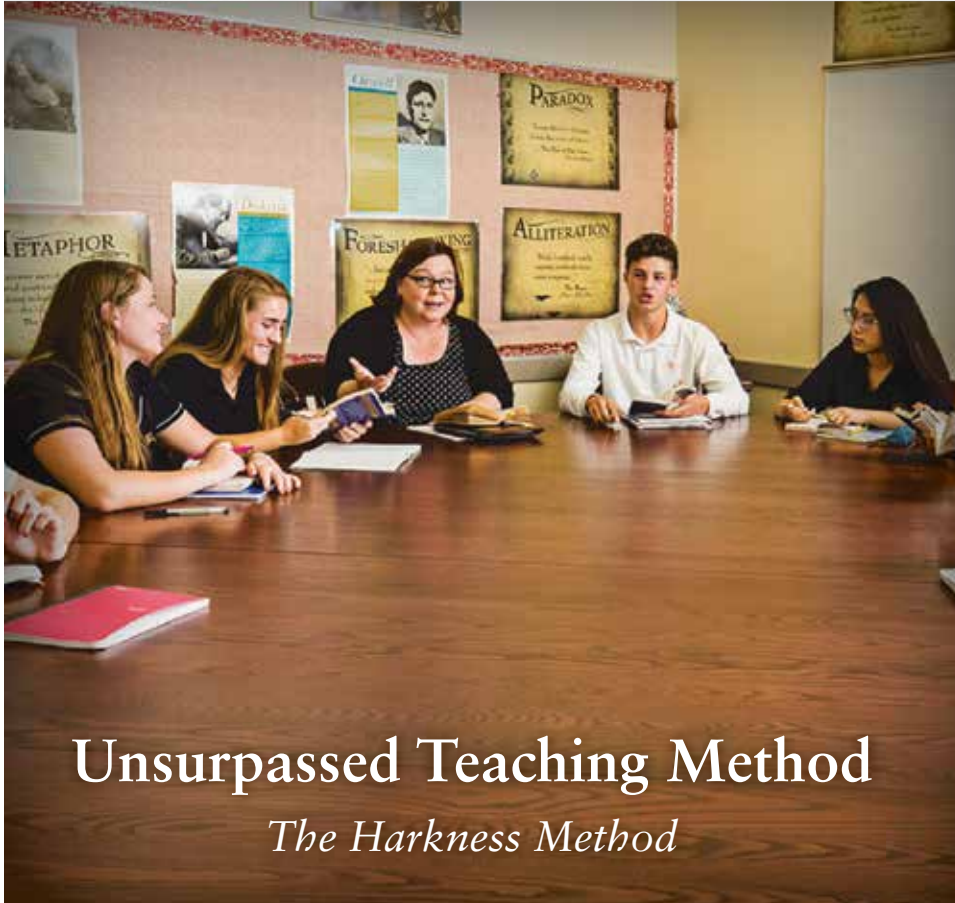
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Alhambra's 'Marvelous Wonderettes' a toe-tapping trip down memory lane

By Samantha Logue

From crinoline skirts to go-go boots, the Alhambra Theatre & Dining's production of the off-Broadway musical "The Marvelous Wonderettes" is an endearingly nostalgic salute to a bygone era.

An off-Broadway "jukebox musical" written by Roger Bean, "The Marvelous Wonderettes" is set to a soundtrack of classic chart-toppers such as "It's My Party," "Sincerely," "Lollipop" and "Dream Lover." The four-woman show pays homage to the female singing groups of the 1950s and '60s, while also providing subtle commentary on the drastic social attitude changes – particularly among women – between the two decades.

The show begins in 1958 at the Springfield High "Super Senior Prom," for which The Marvelous Wonderettes – a singing group comprised of students Betty Jean Reynolds, Cindy Lou Huffington, Missy Miller and Suzy Simpson – have been called upon to perform. The four prom queen contenders sing and sway through a list of Billboard hits, all the while revealing each of their own personal experiences with love. Set 10 years later at their high school reunion, the second act of the show brings the Wonderettes back together to divulge how the years have molded and changed their perspectives on love, for better or worse, once more in four-part harmony.

In retrospect, the juxtaposition of the two acts – each set in a different decade – makes the generational differences in the female approach to romantic relationships all the more striking. In 1958, the girls are young, besotted teenagers, full of love and optimism for what the future holds. Ten years later, however, they have grown more experienced in the



ABOVE: The Wonderettes, Erica Lustig as Missy Miller (from left), Juliana Davis as Cindy Lou Huffington, Lindsay Nantz as Suzy Simpson and Kayla Thomas as Betty Jean Reynolds, reunite for their 10-year high school reunion.

LEFT: The Marvelous Wonderettes perform at the Springfield High Super Senior Prom.

Photos courtesy of the Alhambra Theatre & Dining

ways of men, and are just beginning to realize that love, without respect, cannot last.

Considering the show only has four cast members and offers little in the way of plot, the Alhambra ensemble indeed does a "marvelous" job of developing each individual character from one act to the next. For example, Juliana Davis does a remarkable job of transforming the self-absorbed Cindy Lou

into a reformed and remorseful friend, while Kayla Thomas' portrayal of the perpetually-betrayed Betty Jean is both sympathetic and delightfully comical all at once.

Running at the Alhambra Theatre & Dining through Feb. 4, "The Marvelous Wonderettes" is an upbeat trip down memory lane. Those looking for a night of nostalgia (and excellent food) should see it if they have the chance.

Renowned soprano Renée Fleming to perform at the Symphony Gala Jan. 20

World-renowned soprano Renée Fleming will make her Jacksonville debut at the Jacksonville Symphony's 2018 Gala Saturday, Jan. 20 at 7 p.m.

Fleming, who has been hailed as the "possessor of the most sheerly beautiful soprano voice on the planet," (The Telegraph) will perform a combination of famed classical works, including Puccini's "O Mio Babbino Caro" from "Gianni Schicchi" and Richard Strauss' "Four Last Songs." The program will also feature works from the beloved musical "My Fair Lady" and Gershwin's well-known "Porgy and Bess."

"I'm delighted that Renée Fleming is joining us for our 2018 Gala for her first appearance in Jacksonville," Music Director Courtney Lewis said. "Her talent is unparalleled, and I know her performance will enrapture all those in attendance."

The first classical artist ever to sing "The Star-Spangled Banner" at the Super Bowl, Fleming is a four-time Grammy winner and has been sought after on numerous distinguished occasions, from the 2006 Nobel Peace Prize ceremony to performances in Beijing during the 2008 Olympic Games. In 2014, she sang in the televised concert at the Brandenburg Gate to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall. In 2012, in an historic first, she sang on the balcony of Buckingham Palace in the Diamond Jubilee Concert for Queen Elizabeth. A ground-breaking distinction came in 2008 when Fleming became the first woman in the 125-year history of the Metropolitan Opera to solo headline an opening night gala.

In 2018, Fleming will make her Broadway musical debut in a major revival of Rodgers and Hammerstein's "Carousel." Her 2017-2018 recital and concert schedule spans the globe, including Budapest, Vienna, Amsterdam, Brussels, Paris, London, Madrid, Helsinki, Tokyo, Hong Kong, Beijing, Seoul, Houston, Chicago, Los Angeles and New York.

The 2018 "Evening of Grandeur" Gala will feature a VIP Reception, concert, VIP dinner and an After Glow Party. A limited number of VIP tickets are available for this concert and can be purchased by calling Kyle Enriquez at (904) 354-4092. Concert-only tickets start at \$75 and can be purchased at JaxSymphony.org or by calling the Symphony ticket office at (904) 354-5547.

Ponte Vedra Concert Hall to host bluegrass ensemble The Travelin' McCourys Jan. 20

The Ponte Vedra Concert Hall will host bluegrass ensemble The Travelin' McCourys with guest Wild Shiners Saturday, Jan. 20.

The band features Ronnie McCoury on mandolin, Rob McCoury on banjo, Jason Carter on the fiddle and Alan Bartram on bass. The Travelin' McCourys recently played with the Allman Brothers at Wanee Fest and at Warren Hynes' An-

nual Christmas Jam, an invitation only southern rock homecoming. They've also performed with Phish and have a scheduled tour with Lee Boys.

Wild Shiners has been called a "face-melting Americana" quintet and stands by that. With banjo, fiddle, flatpick guitar, upright bass, and drums, the Wild Shiners are never ones to shy away from a groove. The boys in the band play high

energy bluegrass-inspired rock and roll.

Tickets for the performance at the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall are available for purchase at the box office, www.ticketmaster.com, all Ticketmaster outlets or by phone at (800) 745-3000. Doors open at 7 p.m. The show starts at 8 p.m.

For more information, visit www.pvconcerthall.com or www.thetravelinmccourys.com.

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County administrator addresses SJC's troubling financial state, urges engagement at Chamber luncheon

By Jon Blauvelt

According to County Administrator Michael Wanchick, St. Johns County is offering its residents a quality of life that isn't sustainable financially, and something needs to change to ensure the county can balance its budget moving forward.

"Right now, we are not priced correctly in the market," said Wanchick on Jan. 11 to members of the Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce Beaches Division and the Ponte Vedra Beach Division of the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce at a luncheon at Sawgrass Country Club. "The demand for what we are offering is going up, but our ability to collect revenue is going down."

Wanchick said the financial state of St. Johns County has been stressed for the better part of 10 years. He noted that in 2005/2006, the county was issuing about 4,000 single family residential building permits per year, with ad valorem increases at 20 and 22 percent. Today, Wanchick said, the county is issuing the same number of permits, but with property taxes down, its collections are at 8 percent.

Wanchick said St. Johns County is one of the few counties in the state with a sales tax of 6 cents, which he said is low compared to others. He also noted the county doesn't charge a 5-cent gas tax or franchise fees, and its bed tax is only at 4 cents.



Photo by Jon Blauvelt

St. Johns County Administrator Michael Wanchick, St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce President/ CEO Isabelle Renault, Atlantic Beach Mayor Ellen Glasser, Jacksonville Beach City Manager George Forbes, Jax Chamber Beaches 2018 Division Board Chair Christine Wier, Brandon Starks of Fields Auto Group, Chamber PVB Division Director Toni Boudreaux and Brian Zehren of Fields Auto Group, gather following the Jan. 11 joint Chamber luncheon (Not pictured: Neptune Beach Mayor Elaine Brown).

Wanchick said the county is adding over 10,000 residents per year, which is 4,000 less than the population of the City of St. Augustine. With this continued growth and lack of revenue, he said he wouldn't be surprised if conversations start to take place on implementing fees for individual

services, like recreation programs and libraries.

Wanchick said the county has been able to "skate" in the past because developers were willing to make major investments prior to the housing crash, citing Nocatee as an example. Now, he said today's cir-

cumstances are making developers more reluctant to do so.

As a result, the county administrator said St. Johns County will have to make a difficult decision soon.

"How do you balance your budget?" he questioned. "Is it better to reduce our quality of life with lowered taxes? Or is there some level of tax or increase acceptable to preserve or enhance our quality of life?"

As this decision becomes more imminent, Wanchick said it's more important than ever for residents to become involved with their local government. He said lack of community engagement is the most significant challenge for local government, and that needs to change so that elected officials like him are not left in a position to guess about issues that affect residents' quality of life.

Wanchick also touched on hurricane recovery and said the county has invested \$10 million into Summer Haven over the past 10 years to maintain the area's beach and roads. The county administrator said that investment is gone and only a few dozen homes remain as a result of the recent hurricanes and storms. His fear is that other parts of the county and coastline will face similar problems if a comprehensive and active coastal management plan is not implemented.

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Mainstream Boutique owner Carla Miles

Mainstream Boutique hosts Chamber 'Before Hours' event

Local business professionals in the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce Ponte Vedra Beach Division gathered at Mainstream Boutique before work Wednesday, Jan. 10 for breakfast and networking.

Located at 880 A1A North (Suite 4), Mainstream Boutique features stylish women's retail clothing and accessories at non-boutique prices.

For more information on the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce, visit sjcchamber.com.



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Bill and Linda Adams

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Businesses rally to support local charity

By Jon Blauvelt

Several area businesses are coming together to support a local charity that helps breast cancer patients with treatment costs.

The charity is the CancerKare Fund, which was established by Ponte Vedra residents Bill and Linda Adams, and the businesses have pledged their support to the organization's second annual "Night of Wine & Roses" fundraising event Thursday, Jan. 25 at the Nocatee Welcome Center.

"My wife was touched by breast cancer," said Doug Otto, a Nocatee resident and director of General Services Administration sales and services for Allegion, a manufacturer of security products that is sponsoring the CancerKare Fund event. "We firmly believe we should support causes that raise funds to help rid us of that disease that affects thousands of women every year. We definitely look to the communities we're in and look to take an active role."

Linda Ash, of the Ash & Rose Real Estate Team at the Watson Realty Corp. office in Nocatee, agrees and said she wants to be on the "ground floor" of this growing event.

"I think it's great community involvement, and it goes for a great cause," said Ash, whose team has been in real estate

for a year-and-a-half.

To be held from 6 to 10 p.m., the "Night of Wine & Roses" event will once again benefit The DONNA Foundation and be attended by Donna Deegan. Last year, the event raised \$5,000 for the foundation. The Adamses created the CancerKare Fund following Linda's own battle with breast cancer to help other women and men affected by the disease.

Brad King, a mortgage broker at loanDepot, said Bill and Linda have embraced the charity's cause, and that's why he's happy his company is sponsoring the event.

"I appreciate the offer to do so," said King, whose loanDepot company is the fifth largest retail mortgage lender and second largest non-bank lender in the U.S. "I'm looking forward to helping them grow this event in the future."

The fundraiser this year will most prominently feature a lottery for a \$100,000 Jaguar F-Type British limited-edition car courtesy of Fields Auto Group. According to Bill Adams, only ticket holders get a chance to win the car, and they must be there in person. To enter the lottery, each ticket holder will enter a five-digit number of his/her choice into a laptop. A cloud-based software program will then run the lottery and provide im-

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The Ash & Rose Real Estate Team at the Watson Realty Corp. office in Nocatee and loanDepot are two of several businesses supporting the "Night of Wine & Roses" event.

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mediate feedback if a ticket holder wins or loses. Bill will hold onto the winning number and reveal it to the audience at the end of the night if no one wins.

In addition to the lottery, the event will feature live music and food from Chef Tony of Publix Aprons Cooking School, Dick's Wings and Grill, Dunkin' Donuts, Claude's Chocolate and wine from Coastal Wine Market & Tasting Room. Flowers from Kuhn Flowers will also adorn the venue.

For the second consecutive year, the CancerKare Fund will present two awards: the "Breasty" award, which acknowledges individuals who contribute to the fight against breast cancer, and the "Fight for Life" award for a breast cancer warrior. Ponte Vedra Plastic Surgery's Dr. Brett Snyder — who performed Linda's reconstructive surgery following her mastectomy and guided her through aftercare, surgery and recovery — will once again present the "Breasty" award. Zettie Beverly — the recipient of last year's "Fight for Life" award and a two-time survivor

of breast cancer who also has rheumatoid arthritis — will present this year's award to this year's recipient.

Because the event touches so many people affected by cancer, luxury home-builder Pineapple Corporation is happy to support the charity's cause.

"Being philanthropic is part of our underlying foundation," said Amanda Johnson, marketing consultant for Pineapple Corporation, which is responsible for building the Vista at Twenty Mile in Nocatee. "We always look for opportunities to give back."

Many others will also be giving back at this year's "Night of Wine & Roses." An auctioneer will auction off several luxurious and exciting items, and Bill Adams, a local artist, will raffle off one of his paintings. In addition, the event will include a silent auction, with participants including Ponte Vedra Wellness Center, Daily's, Napoli's Pastaria, Hair Cuttery, Pieology, Beach Diner, The Loop and Mainstream Boutique.

Other sponsors include NasCarts, Michaels, RE/MAX Specialists PV and VyStar Credit Union, among others.

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for more information or to buy tickets (\$30). All proceeds support the fight against breast cancer. The event is open to all people who have been affected by the disease or want to support the CancerKare Fund's cause. Independent donations are welcome.

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Ball brings more than 35 years of experience to Berkshire Hathaway

Kathy Ball has joined the Ponte Vedra/Nocatee office of Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Network Realty.

Ball joins the Ponte Vedra office from another local brokerage with more than 35 years of experience working as a realtor, and specializing in dealing with relocations, first time

home buyers and luxury homes.

“The single-agent model of business that Florida Network Realty offers allows me to run my business the way that I want,”

Ball said. “I love being able to help my clients find their dream homes, and sell their homes to realize their dreams. By doing this, I am also realizing my dreams, and the support that Florida Network Realty offers their Realtors allows me the highest level of representation for my clients.”

Prior to becoming a realtor more than 35 years ago, Ball was also the owner of a local floral design company. When not working, she enjoys painting, singing and dancing and she has also been in various musical theater productions and sung in numerous choirs.

For more information, Ball can be reached at (774) 454-1321 or at Kathy.Ball@FloridaNetworkRealty.com.



Kathy Ball



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David Ross and Keian Ross enjoy some MOD Pizza at its new Jacksonville location.

MOD Pizza celebrates first location in Jacksonville

MOD Pizza celebrated its first location in Jacksonville with a grand opening event Dec. 19.

100 percent of all pizza sales on opening day were donated to the Boys & Girls Club of Northeast Florida. The first 52 attendees were treated to one free artisan-style pizza.

MOD serves individual, artisan-style pizzas that are made on-demand in minutes using fresh-pressed dough and signature sauces. Customers can create their own pizzas and salads, using any combination of over 30 featured toppings, or they can choose from a menu of MOD classics for a fixed price of \$8.17. The restaurant is located at 12547 Bartram Park Blvd in Suite 201.

Director of Economic Development Kirk Wendland; Vice President of Operations for MOD Pizza Florida Brick Kerge; President/CEO of the Boys and Girls Club of Northeast Florida Paul Martinez; General Manager MOD Pizza Jacksonville Jason Gilmartin; Director of Community Engagement for MOD Pizza Florida Lois Marino; Director of Marketing and Strategic Projects for BBX Capital Terry Frank; Vice President of Real Estate Retail Brands for BBX Capital Angie Kenyon and the MOD Squad all attended the ribbon cutting ceremony.

MOD Jacksonville is now open Monday through Sunday from 10:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. To learn more about MOD, visit www.modpizza.com.

Aqua Grill to host Luck + Love Dinner Feb. 7

To celebrate the Lunar New Year and Valentine's Day, Aqua Grill is teaming with Chef Mimi Lan to host a modern Vietnamese dinner on Wednesday, Feb. 7 at 6:30 p.m.

Chef Mimi Lan calls her food VIGLO, Vietnamese with global influences, combining Vietnamese flavors with familiar ingredients, and adding a twist from other culinary worlds to create new, hybrid dishes.

A VIGLO event is a five-course dinner that includes a cocktail and amuse-bouche, with each menu carefully planned. No VIGLO menu is repeated. What's so special about this upcoming dinner, said Aqua Grill, is the authenticity of the dishes chosen not just for their taste but also for their symbols and meanings behind the theme: Lunar New Year and Valentine's Day. The rarity of each dish also makes the dinner special, the restaurant added, especially the final course “Cao Lau,” a special noodle dish only available in Hoi An, Vietnam. The chef and her husband carried this noodle on the plane from their recent Vietnam trip for this particular event.

Aqua Grill Executive Chef Mike Thomashunis will be working on this culinary event. To sign up for this dinner, which is \$95 per person, visit Aqua Grill or register at eventbrite.com (search VIGLO).

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Updates from other officials

In addition to Wanchick, other local officials attended the luncheon to speak about their respective cities.

Atlantic Beach Mayor Ellen Glasser

said business is on a “really good trajectory” in her city, noting that over 150 business licenses were issued last year. On another note, she discussed her efforts to reduce the speed limit on Mayport Road from 45 to 35 mph. She wore a button at the luncheon that is in memory of a 12-year-old boy that was recently killed on the road.

Neptune Beach Mayor Elaine Brown discussed a master plan for Jarboe Park that features a trailhead for the East Coast Greenway, connecting it to trails that will ultimately link Atlantic Beach, the greenway, Neptune Beach and Jacksonville Beach. She also said Neptune Beach is thinking about selling city hall and its police department in the central business district and moving to a new location. In addition, Brown said the Kmart will soon be developed, and that landscape programs are currently in the works to make the Beaches Town Center more attractive. She noted that 48 new parking spaces have already been added on the right of way in the town center.

Jacksonville Beach City Manager George Forbes said he believes a bill will be proposed to the city council that will allow medical marijuana facilities in Jacksonville Beach “as long as they're as a permanent use in major commercial zones.” In minor commercial zones, he said they would be allowed as a “conditional use.” Forbes also noted that three new hotels may be coming to Downtown Jacksonville Beach within the next two to five years. He said two have been approved just north of Casa Marina.

Overall, Forbes said the City of Jacksonville Beach is in “excellent financial condition,” and will be out of debt in two years.

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'Partners with Panache' celebrate 20 years

Petersen, Whitaker continue to make mark on local real estate market

By Paris Moulden

A 20-year professional partnership is impressive in any field, much less the competitive, always-changing world of real estate.

But Wanda Petersen and Kelly Whitaker have made it work, and this year, the current RE/MAX Unlimited agents are celebrating their 20-year anniversary as partners in the real estate market.

Petersen and Whitaker first met after Petersen moved to the Ponte Vedra area and their sons became friends while attending elementary school at PVPV-Rawlings. Both left other careers – Petersen was a teacher and Whitaker worked in marketing – to pair up to become among the top agents in the Beaches and Ponte Vedra area, and they have the accolades and relationships to prove it. The partners are in the RE/MAX Hall of Fame and were awarded the company's Lifetime Achievement Award this year.

The pair started their real estate careers at The Plantation Club location back in 1998, and have been at RE/MAX Unlimited for more than 10 years.

Petersen said when they started, it was



Photo by Paris Moulden

Wanda Petersen and Kelly Whitaker have accumulated a lot of honors throughout their 20-year partnership in real estate.

rare to see real estate teams, but the two just clicked. Whitaker said their shared values also contribute to their success as a team.

With 20 years in the field, both women have seen a lot of ups and downs in the market, many changes in the Beaches and Ponte Vedra areas and have met a lot of interesting characters.

"You can write a book on the stories," Whitaker said.

Petersen said they've also learned a lot along the way.

"You learn not to judge people by the

cover, and to listen," she said. "It's about what they want, not what you think they should want."

Adapting to change in the market, and with customers' desires, is key to their success.

"That is kind of our theme, because we've really been able to be flexible and change with the times," Petersen said.

One of the biggest changes they've seen in the market over the last 20 years is the rise of the master-planned communities, like Nocatee.

Petersen said she expects the popularity

of communities like Nocatee to continue to grow.

"That to [buyers] is the Florida lifestyle," she said. "Actually, over the last few years, I feel we see less people drawn to the beach. It's more about the other amenities for their families."

Another unique aspect of working real estate in a beach market is the growing concern over hurricanes, especially given the recent impacts of Hurricanes Irma and Matthew. Whitaker said some buyers won't even want to look at houses that suffered hurricane damage.

But storms haven't put a damper on the duo's passion for what they do, and neither foresee leaving anytime soon.

"I don't know what else I could do that I would enjoy as much," Whitaker said. "This is enough variety where you're never bored."

The biggest benefit in their 20 years together has been the bonds they've built along the way.

"Our job is being in great relationships," Whitaker said. "What better way is there to make a living?"

The two maintain regular contact with their clients, and they say one of their primary goals isn't just to sell someone a home, but also to become a friend.

"We're just thankful for all our great customers who have helped us along the way, and let us serve them and be part of their life," Petersen said.

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Tips for throwing a successful theme party

Entertaining a diverse groups of friends or even family members may challenge party hosts to find methods that encourage their guests to mingle. One of the most effective ways to break the ice is to give a party its very own theme.

Themed parties have a built-in conversation starter: the theme itself. Socializing can increase when other games or themed components are included in the festivities. Here are some ways to make a theme work for you.

■ **Introduce the theme with the invitations.** Let guests know that there will be a party theme by mentioning it on the invitations. In fact, the invitations may tie into the theme. For example, palm tree invitations can indicate a Hawaiian barbecue. If costumes or specific clothing is suggested, be sure to indicate that on the invitations so guests can plan accordingly and decide whether or not to participate.

■ **Coordinate the music.** Guests will feel more comfortable if you have a steady amount of music playing in the background. Find music that fits with your theme, such as music from the 1970s for a disco party. Keep the volume



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moderate while guests are arriving and getting to know one another. Later on, the volume can be turned up for dancing.

■ **Arrange seats for conversation.**

Avoid lining up a bunch of seats along a wall or in a straight line. Instead, group a few chairs around a snack table facing one another so that guests are encouraged

to chat instead of spending the night as wallflowers.

■ **Lead by example.** If you want others to get involved and have fun with the party theme, you should lead the way. Be sure you are dressed for the occasion and participate in any games or activities that you have planned. If you want guests to get up for a round of karaoke, be the first person to belt out a tune.

■ **Decorate the home or venue.** Ensure guests know there is a specific theme by decking out the party space with the right accessories. The decor can add to the fun factor and give guests even more opportunities to converse over clever knick-knacks, signs or elaborate backdrops.

■ **Don't forget the food.** Tie your food choices into the party theme, offering foods that are theme-specific or renaming foods so they coordinate with the theme. Cheese-and-crackers platters can get fun makeovers if you use cookie cutters to cut the cheese into shapes. By thinking creatively, you can find even more clever ways to keep guests smiling and satiated.

Theme parties make it easy to tie various elements together and break the ice when guests are invited to mingle.

Some considerations for entertaining outdoors

Outdoor parties have a flair all their own. Entertaining outside means being able to enjoy the fresh air, sun and extra space that the great outdoors allows. Here are a few tips for your next outdoor party.

Select and prepare the space

Many homeowners host parties for friends and family in their backyards. Whereas other spaces, including parks, require the transport of food and other supplies, backyards offer the ultimate in convenience, allowing homeowners to cook foods in their kitchens and then carry items directly to the backyard.

Backyards are not always set up or equipped for events, and preparation will be required to turn the yard into a party-worthy area. Plan a day for cleanup. Remove toys, tools and debris. Be sure the grass is mowed and clippings are removed. Address any tripping hazards and make sure there is an easy path in and out of the party, as well as to the restrooms. Take inventory of tables and seating options and rent or buy extra seating if necessary.

Provide shade and shelter

Every party host hopes for good weather when entertaining outside, but it is best to have a contingency plan in place just in case Mother Nature does not cooperate. Awnings and patio umbrellas can only do so much, and it may be necessary to install pop-up tents or stationary gazebos to protect guests from the elements. Think about renting tents from party supply companies, which usually will erect the tents and take them down after use. Even if the weather will be pleasant, have spots where guests can escape the sun.

Keep food temperatures consistent

If you plan to offer buffet-style cuisine, arrange for serving dishes that will keep foods hot or cold as needed. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration's Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition advises that it is important to keep foods safe when entertaining outside. Cold foods should be kept in coolers or served on beds of ice. Use hot chafing dishes to keep hot foods

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A few tips on how to make children's parties special

Successful kids' parties can contribute to children's happiness. Savvy adults can adhere to the following strategies to make kids' parties successful.

Aim for fun, not perfection

Recognizing that the fun kids will have does not directly correlate to how extravagant a party may be can help parents avoid unnecessary party elements that kids may not even notice or appreciate. Though it's a simple formula, parents may find that food-plus-cake-plus-activity equals success.

Don't overbook

Keep guest lists to a minimum, especially if peers from school or other youngsters are invited. Generally speaking, the younger the crowd, the smaller the guest list. A small guest list reduces the likelihood of meltdowns, excitability and the number of well-meaning parental chaperones who will want to stay and watch over their kids. Parties that are too large

can be overwhelming for the guest of honor, too. Popular party location vendor iPlayAmerica suggests following the "age plus one" guideline. According to this approach, if the child is turning 5, invite six kids.

Stick to a certain time and time limit

First, select a time of day when children will be rested and able to enjoy the entire party. Many party planning experts say that a party between 90 minutes and two hours is adequate. Anything longer than that and kids' attention may start to wane. Especially young children may benefit from even shorter parties. Children can become acclimated, play and eat food and treats within this time. An exception to the rule may be a pool party or one that has another predetermined activity, such as ice skating or bowling.

Kids' parties are an entertaining way for friends and family to come together to celebrate milestones. Keeping them simple and organized are keys to successful parties.

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at a serving temperature at or above 140 degrees Fahrenheit. Refrigerate or refreeze foods within two hours or after one hour if it is above 90 Fahrenheit outside.

Plan for insects

Entertaining outdoors means sharing the space with insects and animals. Ants can

be a nuisance, but wasps and bees can be harmful, particularly if a person is allergic. Use repellent candles around the entertaining space to keep bugs away. Home improvement centers sell bug traps to keep bees and other insects away. Netting on tents or a screened-in area also can keep guests comfortable.

Partying outdoors can be convenient and fun. But hosts still must take steps to ensure their guests have a safe and enjoyable time.

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PGA Tour's Horschel and THE PLAYERS volunteer with Feeding Northeast Florida, make \$500,000 donation to nonprofit

By Benjamin Naim

Four-time PGA Tour winner Billy Horschel took a break from the golf course Tuesday, Jan. 16, to volunteer at a Feeding Northeast Florida warehouse and announce a half million-dollar donation to the nonprofit on behalf of THE PLAYERS Championship.

Horschel teamed up with Feeding Northeast Florida volunteers and PLAYERS Championship staff to box, store and organize food for families in need to start the event. Afterward, the PGA Tour winner promised to contribute thousands of dollars to the nonprofit at a press conference.

"As a player on the PGA TOUR, we get to see first-hand how our tournaments benefit the communities where we play," Horschel said prior to the check presentation. "As a resident here in the Jacksonville area, I'm proud of the work THE PLAYERS does for organizations like Feeding Northeast Florida. To further my commitment to Feeding Northeast Florida, I will pledge \$1,000 for every birdie and \$5,000 for every eagle I make during THE PLAYERS 2018, and I ask those who are able, and willing, to make a donation with me."

Later, Horschel announced that THE PLAYERS Championship will make a \$500,000 grant donation to Feeding Northeast Florida as the press snapped photos of a ceremonial check. The nonprofit's interim CEO Frank Castillo was thrilled with the donation.

"This generous \$500,000 grant from THE PLAYERS will allow us to continue investing in organizations that help break the cycle of poverty, giving local children and families, seniors and veterans hope for a better future," Castillo said. "We are proud to partner with THE PLAYERS — an organization dedicated to positively impacting Northeast Florida."

The organization estimates that the \$500,000 grant will equate to 3 million meals for Northeast Florida residents who are struggling to put food on the table.

Furthermore, Chantrae Cottingham — a recipient of Feeding Northeast Florida's



Photos by Benjamin Naim

Billy Horschel announces THE PLAYERS' \$500,000 grant at a check presentation/press conference.



ABOVE: Horschel works with other Feeding Northeast Florida volunteers to organize and box food for families in need.

LEFT: Volunteers box food at a Feeding Northeast Florida warehouse.

partner agency Daily Manna Serving Center — delivered an emotional speech on how charitable initiatives save lives. Cottingham relocated to Jacksonville to get a fresh start after battling drug abuse.

"My fresh start was not easy," she said. "I had no transportation, and jobs were not easy to come by. With little money, I had no idea how I was going to take care of myself. Knowing that I couldn't do this on my own, I reached out to some other charitable organizations and because of their help, I was able to secure a job as a school crossing guard."

Despite having a steady source of

income, Cunningham struggled financially and could barely feed herself. After being directed to Daily Manna Serving Center, Cunningham said she received desperately-needed help in the form of a box with a variety of foods.

"Every food group was represented," she said. "They gave me so much food and said, 'See you next week.' I was shocked, I was amazed that I could go back and get more after all they gave me that one time."

In addition to job security, Cunningham sought an education and an ensuing career in the field of logistics. In December 2016, she earned an Associate in Science degree

from Florida State College at Jacksonville after graduating at the top of her class — but she suffered a setback.

"I survived several strokes and so far, I have not been able to use my degree," she said. "I've been going to therapy three times a week."

Cunningham may not be cleared for work yet, but she described her life today as "much better" thanks to the efforts of THE PLAYERS Championship, Feeding Northeast Florida and her surrounding community. She summarized her experience with Daily Manna Serving Center in two words: "life saver."

Food insecurity in Northeast Florida

According to data provided by Feeding Northeast Florida, 20 percent of Duval County's population, and about 13 percent of St. Johns County's population are food insecure. Meanwhile, the child food insecurity rate is 23 percent for Duval and 19 percent for St. Johns. Castillo said the numbers reflect a real problem.

"In my opinion, the food insecurity issue is nothing short of an economic problem," Castillo said in an exclusive interview with the Recorder. "If you believe my premise that the meal gap totals \$160 million in our community in terms of a budget shortfall with families, then think of the ramifications of that ... In addition to that economic shortfall, the direct cost of insecurity to help is almost \$800 million, which means food insecurity has almost a \$1-billion impact in Northeast Florida."

Feeding Northeast Florida distributed more than 12.5 million meals in the community in 2017, Castillo said. The nonprofit hopes to exceed last year's totals in 2018.

"More than anything, we are focused on saving full-service organizations more money than we did last year," Castillo said. "If we saved them 5 million last year, we want to save them 5-and-a-half million this year because that's where the investment needs to be made. The issue of food insecurity cannot be addressed in isolation."

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Ponte Vedra wrestlers find success at Army Duals Tournament

The Ponte Vedra Sharks wrestling team posted a 6-2 record at the Army Duals Tournament hosted by Terry Parker High School this past weekend.

The Sharks had victories over the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind (42-30), Stanton (42-30), Fernandina Beach (44-24), Westside (42-33), Pedro Menendez (39-23) and Palatka (41-18), with losses to Mandarin and Orange Park.

Leading the Sharks was Gavin Riccobono (8-0) with four falls and three tech falls. Other key contributors were Preston Turner (7-1), Rett Maritato (6-0), Alex DeAlmeida (5-1), Evan Merry (7-1), Ethan Baur (7-1), and Troy Maritato (6-0).



ABOVE: The Ponte Vedra wrestling team gathers following a successful performance at the Army Duals Tournament at Terry Parker High School this past weekend.

LEFT: The Sharks' Gavin Riccobono celebrates a victory at the Army Duals Tournament.

Photos courtesy of Ponte Vedra Wrestling

St. Johns County Police Athletic League begins registration for baseball

After a decade-long hiatus, baseball is returning to the St. Johns County Police Athletic League.

The league is offering divisions for ages 4-18, and has also affiliated with Cal Ripken and Babe Ruth Leagues, whose divisions are based on the style of play and age groups.

The St. Johns County PAL baseball/softball leagues offer the experience, quality, service and support expected from the local Police Athletic League.

The season is slated to run from the end of March to mid-June.

To register, visit www.stjohnspal.org. The cost is \$65. For more information, email Sheldon York with the St. Johns County Police Athletic League at syork@sjso.org.

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Purdue freshman Cole Bradley captures JAGA First Coast Amateur

Cole Bradley of Purdue University displays his trophy after winning the JAGA (Jacksonville Amateur Golf Association) First Coast Amateur last weekend. The 18-year-old Bradley finished with a 4-over-par 220 total at host Hidden Hills Golf Club.

Bradley's mother is from Jacksonville and his father, Rob, was an assistant coach at the University of North Florida, before heading to the University of Alabama for one year and then onto his first head coaching job at Purdue in 2013.

Chase Baldwin of Jacksonville won the mid-amateur competition for tournament contestants age 25 and above.



Photo courtesy of JAGA

Horschel

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Castillo also noted that the organization is distributing healthy food that won't compound the difficulties faced by food insecure families. According to the CEO, 57 percent of those served by the nonprofit are working families with either full or part-time employment in the household, 87 percent live in permanent housing and 20

percent have at least one family member who is serving or has served in the military.

Feeding Northeast Florida offers food and resources to pantries, soup kitchens, homeless shelters and residential programs throughout Northeast Florida. A few agencies the group has worked with include Beaches Emergency Assistance Ministry (BEAM), Salvation Army, Barnabas Center, Trinity Rescue Mission and more. For more information on the organization, visit www.feedingnefl.org.

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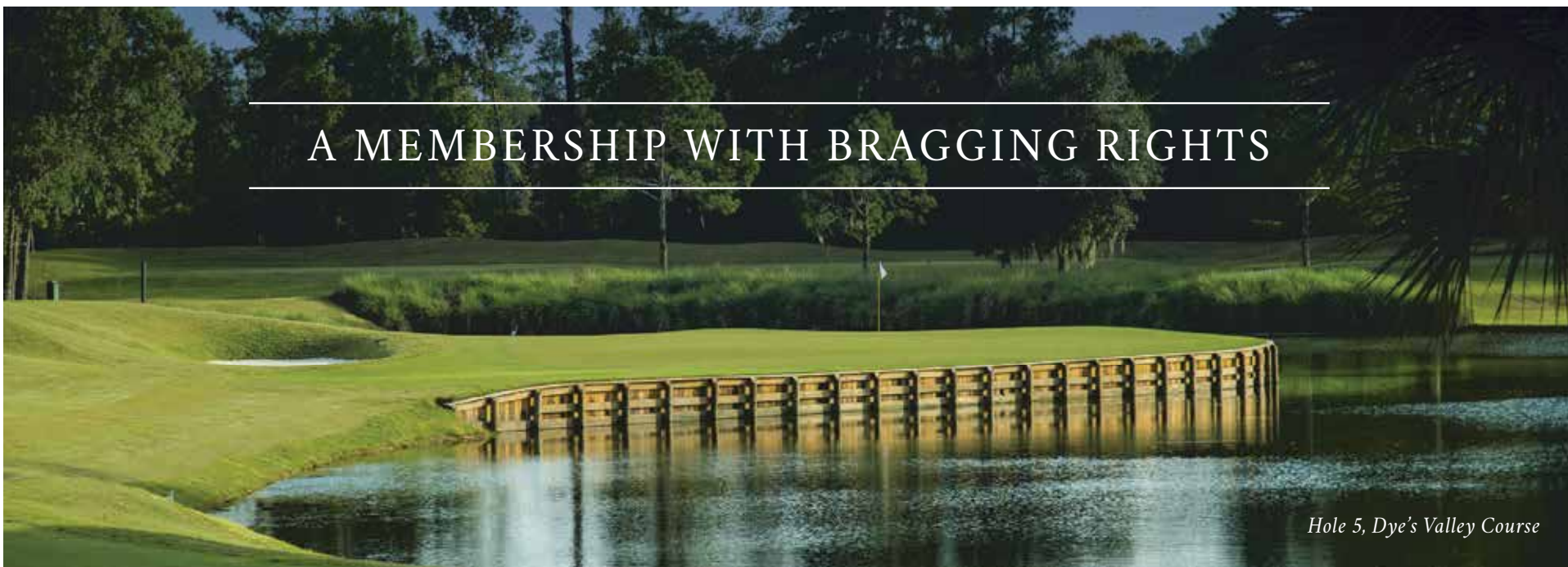
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By Jon Blauvelt

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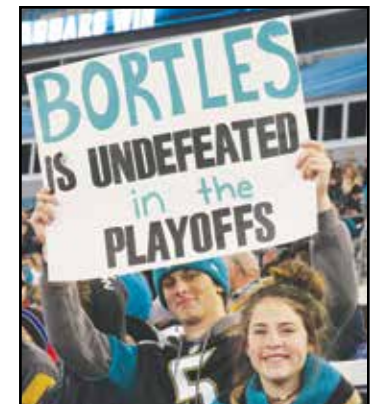
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