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No readers identified last week's photo. As a result, we're going to give you all another shot! Good luck!

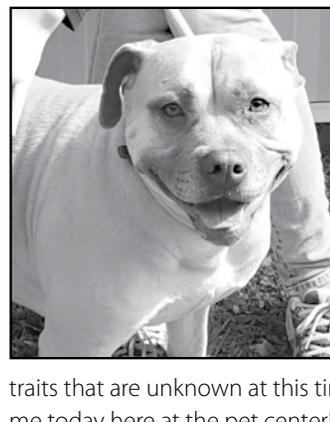
ADOPT A PET

CAT OF THE WEEK

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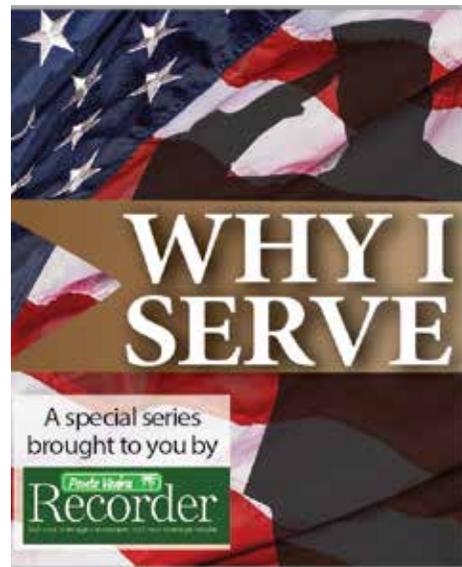
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Officials share accomplishments, insight at Chamber breakfast

By Jon Blauvelt

Safety and security, the economy and hurricane recovery were among the topics discussed by officials at the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce Politics in St. Johns Legislative Update on March 23.

Congressman John Rutherford, state Sen. Travis Hutson, state Rep. Cyndi Stevenson, state Rep. Paul Renner and St. Johns County Commission Chair Henry Dean addressed these issues, and several others, with business leaders from across the county at the event held at the Renaissance in World Golf Village. The update served as an opportunity for attendees to hear from state officials after the Florida legislature recently adjourned its annual session.

First, Rutherford focused on the economy, national security and infrastructure. The District 4 representative noted that Congress has extensively utilized the Congressional Review Act (CRA), which allows Congress to pull any regulatory recommendation back within a specific timeframe. In fact, he said Congress used the CRA process 15 times within the first six months and pulled \$4.5 billion out of the economy in regulatory changes.

Rutherford also discussed Congress' efforts to "plus up" the military, citing the \$700 billion military budget it recently approved. Among several other issues, Rutherford said he's working with FEMA and the Florida Division of Emergency Management to address beach renourishment.

Hutson followed Rutherford and discussed higher education and school safety. He spoke about the state's Bright Futures Scholarship, which will now



Photo by Jon Blauvelt

County Commissioner Henry Dean, state Rep. Paul Renner, state Rep. Cyndi Stevenson, state Sen. Travis Hutson and Congressman John Rutherford gather after addressing Chamber of Commerce members March 23 at the Renaissance in World Golf Village.

provide students with 100 percent tuition reimbursement if they qualify. Students can also qualify for tuition reimbursement of 75 percent.

Concerning safety, Hutson addressed what he called the "Parkland bill," or Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Act, which was signed into law by Gov. Rick Scott on March 9. He noted that those who threaten danger in a school setting will now be charged with a second-degree felony, with a maximum sentence of 15 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine.

Hutson added that funding is included in the legislation for metal detectors, single points of entry and better surveillance equipment, as well as mental health. In addition, the state senator addressed what he called the "Marshall Program," which allows certain school faculty/staff to be armed, provided that they complete 144

hours of training with the local sheriff's department, mental health evaluations, active shooter drills and other requirements. The only time these individuals would be allowed to pull the firearm out of the holster, Hutson said, is if someone said, "active shooter or active threat."

Hutson also noted that the legislation requires all individuals purchasing firearms from a licensed gun dealer to be 21 years old. The state senator noted that individuals under 21 can still purchase firearms via private transactions, such as at a gun show.

Renner addressed the state's tax package for this year. He noted that the legislature reduced the tax on business rent from 5.8 percent to 5.7 percent, which equates to \$27 million of savings per year.

Renner said the legislature implemented a change that allows those who lost their homes from Hurricanes Matthew and Irma

to receive a dollar-for-dollar tax credit. A disaster preparedness holiday was also added to allow individuals to prepare for storms, and sales tax exemptions were made available for farmers whose property is damaged from a storm.

Stevenson addressed several miscellaneous budgetary items. She said \$1 billion was budgeted for mental health and substance abuse, outside of what was allocated following the Parkland shooting. The state representative also said the budget provides \$65 million to support Florida's fight against the Opioid epidemic, as well as \$6 million to expand services for victims of human trafficking.

On a more local level, Stevenson said \$450,000 was invested to repair the breach at Summer Haven in St. Augustine, and 100 percent funding was approved for the expansion of the sanitary sewer in West Augustine. In general, she said \$62 million was allocated for beach restoration across the state.

Dean wrapped up the morning by discussing hurricane recovery and economic development. He said the county went through two Christmas holidays without receiving one dollar from FEMA. However, thanks to a recent letter from Hutson to Gov. Scott, the county recently received its first \$1 million, and the money is still coming, Dean said.

The county commissioner also called 2017 "gangbusters" in respect to economic development, citing the PGA Tour's decision to build a new worldwide headquarters in Ponte Vedra Beach.

"We're on the right track to move this county ahead even further in respect to economic development and business growth," said Dean.

Coming to America: Locals discuss solutions to national immigration issues

By Samantha Logue

The long-standing issue of illegal immigration has been a controversial topic throughout the United States for decades, often driving a wedge between those who view the subject from different sides of the political aisle. On Thursday, March 22, however, Jacksonville-area residents met at Palms Presbyterian Church in Jacksonville Beach to share their personal perspectives on the issue through civil and constructive discourse, exploring the pros and cons of three possible paths forward.

The first path discussed was that of total amnesty for illegal immigrants, offering them all a path to legal status. While undoubtedly the most lenient solution for

illegal immigrants, to many at the meeting, one of the biggest drawbacks of such a path would be its inherent unfairness to those who either already have or are still waiting to move here legally.

"Some people have been in the immigration system for 20 years, and somebody just gets to run across a line and we say it's OK?" asked Ruthie Smathers, a member of Palms Presbyterian. "I don't think that's fair."

Others, however, felt more conflicted on the issue, pointing out that many illegal immigrants have spent most of their lives here.

"It's such a delicate decision," said Myrna Cook, who hails from California. "Who's going to decide who's worthy?"



Photo by Samantha Logue

Locals discuss the many complexities of the United States' immigration issues at a March 22 meeting at Palms Presbyterian Church.

The woman who's been here for 30 years, working illegally, who's had children, husband, church, job. Is that person less likely to be a good citizen than a person who's been on the waiting list for 20 years? Who can decide and what's the criteria?"

The second path presented was the exact opposite of the first, proposing strict

enforcement of immigration laws, including the identification and deportation of all illegal immigrants.

"Impossible," Ann Weisz remarked regarding the idea of mass-scale deportation. "It's 11 million people. That's impossible."

Klauk uses life's challenges to help others

By Jon Blauvelt

Former professional golfer Jeff Klauk is determined to not let the adversity he has faced in life slow him down. Instead, the longtime Ponte Vedra resident is motivated to use his challenges to help others.

Klauk, who played on both the Web.com Tour and PGA Tour, has lived with Epilepsy since 2006. The neurological disorder characterized by unpredictable seizures changed his life, disrupted his successful golf career and has resulted in having brain surgery, with the most recent operation taking place in December 2017.

"They went in on the right side of the brain," said Klauk about the craniotomy. "That's where they think the seizures are coming from."

Now four months after the surgery, the former golfer is yet to have experienced a seizure and is channeling his experiences toward a cause that is close to his heart: the second annual Athletes vs. Epilepsy 1 Million Dollar Shootout.

Coming up this Monday, April 9 at The Palencia Club, Klauk's charity golf tournament raises funds and awareness for the Epilepsy Foundation's mission to overcome the challenges of living with the neuro-disorder, and to accelerate therapies to stop seizures, find cures and save lives. Last year, the event raised almost \$75,000 and included about 120 participants.



Photo courtesy of Jeff Klauk

Jeff Klauk stands with his wife, Shanna, at the Athletes vs. Epilepsy 1 Million Dollar Shootout in 2017. This year's charity event will take place Monday, April 9 at The Palencia Club.

According to Klauk, the tournament will feature nine par-3 holes and nine regulation holes. Each par-3 will feature a \$10,000 hole-in-one contest, and the golfers closest to the pin on the par-3 holes will qualify for the \$1 million shootout at Palencia's 18th hole. Other activities include pre-event putting contests for tickets to the Masters and a lunch and awards reception. The event will commence at 1 p.m. with a shotgun start.

Registration for the charity event is still open online at Athletesvsepilepsy.com. (More information can be found there as well.) An individual golfer can register for \$400, and a five-person team can do so for \$1,900. Sponsorship opportunities are also still available, and donations are encouraged by those who cannot attend.

"I'm looking forward to this year's event," said Klauk, who now works for Perfect Golf Event in Ponte Vedra Beach. "I want to try to have a great event and raise as much money as we can and help others out."

PZA meeting to cover Oak Tree development, medical marijuana

By Benjamin Naim

The next St. Johns County Planning and Zoning Agency (PZA) meeting on Thursday, April 5 features a zoning request for a new development in St. Johns County, as well as further discussion on the county's proposed ban of medical marijuana dispensaries.

The request is to rezone approximately 38 acres of land from Open Rural to Planned Unit Development to allow for a future 63-unit, single-family home subdivision called Oak Tree, located east of US Highway 1

North with access provided from Gun Club Road.

Also slated for the PZA meeting, Paolo Soria, the assistant county attorney for St. Johns County, will present a Land Development Code amendment regarding the county's proposed ban on medical marijuana treatment center dispensing facilities. The ban does not impact the cultivating, process or delivery of medical marijuana in St. Johns County to licensed individuals who need the substance for medical reasons.

On Feb. 20, the Board of County Commissioners voted to begin the pro-

cess of permanently banning medical marijuana dispensaries in the unincorporated area of St. Johns County. At the April 5 PZA meeting, the Board will either recommend to approve or deny the Land Development Code amendment to ban Medical Marijuana Treatment Center (MMTC) Dispensing Facilities.

The meeting will take place in the County Auditorium at the St. Johns County Administrative Complex, located at 500 San Sebastian View in St. Augustine. The meeting is open to the public.

Testasecca named School-Related Employee of the Year by SJCS

Miriam Testasecca, the executive secretary for the School Board of the St. Johns County School District (SJCS), has been named the SJCS 2018 School-Related Employee of the Year (SREY).

Testasecca's selection was announced by Superintendent Tim Forson at the SREY reception held March 15 at the World Golf Hall of Fame Museum. She was selected from 44 nominees for her exemplary job performance, dedication, interpersonal skills, leadership ability, training and contributions to the school district and the community.

Testasecca has been employed as the school board's executive secretary for six years and has 17 years overall with the school district. She serves all five board members with varied requirements and expectations, and her organizational skills enable her to handle multiple tasks of differing levels of complexity. She is also the bookkeeper for 19 internal district accounts and has never had a deficiency noted in an audit of those accounts.

"Mrs. Testasecca is totally responsive and supportive to our needs as a school board, and as individual board members," School Board Chair Bill Mignon said. "She helps to keep us all on track and the service she provides is invaluable. Her loyalty and commitment to the school district and the community is a reflection of her steadfast dedication."

In addition, Testasecca has been mentoring two students for the past four years and is also the district office wellness coordinator. She has volunteered her time to run exercise and weight loss programs for district employees and is active with fundraising projects for the district's ASSIST program and The Shriner's Hospital for Children.

Testasecca's name and information packet has been forwarded to the Florida Department of Education as SJCS's representative and for consideration as the SREY representative at the state level.

Immigration

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Others also expressed concern over possible abuses of power by the authorities while conducting their investigations, as well as the potential hampering of law enforcement due to an increased fear among illegal immigrants, making them less likely to report other crimes.

The question of whether federal funding should be denied to "sanctuary cities," cities that grant asylum to illegal immigrants, was also raised, with many voicing support for such a measure.

"I don't think people should be allowed to break the law on top of a law that's

already being broken," Smathers said. "We should try to create a better system, because the impression that leaves on society is that it's OK to break the law."

The final course of action discussed was one of compromise, both recognizing the contributions of immigrants to American culture and history, but also acknowledging that the current system is broken and imposes a burden on society. This path would moderate the flow of immigrants entering the country – both legal and illegal – and focus on strengthening the bonds among American citizens, regaining the national sense of identity and helping newcomers to assimilate into that identity.

For some, assimilation was their primary concern.

"Immigration, for our country right now, it's such a central focus," said Suneeta Chanan-Khan, who is herself a legal immigrant from Pakistan. "I love the fact that it gives us the opportunity to dip into the global pool of intelligence, and energy, and art and all the wonderful things that are part of human society, but my biggest concern is a preservation of the culture, which is what attracts immigrants to begin with."

Others at the meeting, however, felt it was more important that Americans spend more time learning about other cultures.

"I truly feel that Americans need to learn another language; they need to study it in school," said Nancy Caulfield, who spent years abroad working for the U.S.

Department of State. "There are so many people who've immigrated and people throughout the world who speak English and another language. Americans are going to fall behind because they can't compete, because they expect everybody can speak English."

Although multiple different views were shared throughout the course of the meeting, many attendees left with a sense of optimism for the United States' ability to find a reasonable and practical solution.

"I think there are ways that this can be done in a very positive manner, but as you have all said, it's a mess right now," said Betty Engle. "We all just need to search for and seek out new ways of dealing with it."

Laura Morey is a public relations professional, founder of SimpleSolutionsDiva.com, actor and Ponte Vedra resident.

Laura Morey

Can you please tell us about your background?

I am a freelance public relations professional with more than 20 years of experience, but I have been involved in acting for years. I consider myself very lucky to have the opportunity to do both; it fulfills both sides of my personality. As Simple Solutions Diva, I've been featured on CafeMom.com and have been a featured lifestyle contributor on WTLV-TV/NBC 12 First Coast Living.

My husband and I moved to Jacksonville from Boston in 1995, and moved to Ponte Vedra Beach in 2000. My college-aged daughters were born and raised here, went to elementary and middle school here and both graduated from Ponte Vedra High School.

What is Simple Solutions Diva? What inspired you to start it?

SimpleSolutionsDiva.com is a website for simple solutions for around the home, kitchen, garden and more. As the host, I present simple how-to videos to make life easier, whether it is a simple recipe, a DIY project or just a great idea for organizing. I host, film and edit every video, and the majority of videos are filmed in and around my home. I'm self-taught, so it is interesting to see the quality of the videos change over the years.

My acting agent asked me to create a website to show off my home shopping channel demonstration skills. As a self-described "Domestic Diva," I was always looking for ways to do things at home that saved me time and energy. It just seemed to be a natural step to create something about making things easy around the home for others!

What's your best advice for people who are trying to simplify their lives?

For me, life is all about spending quality time with my family, so that is what drives me to find creative ways to do things simply. When you simplify your life – reducing clutter in the home, streamlining a recipe so it takes less time to make – you are creating space for what is important to you. So, my best advice for simplifying anything in your life is to find what is blocking you, negatively distracting you or holding you back from doing what you really enjoy and tackle that in a manageable timeframe. Maybe it is the pile of junk sitting on your desk that gives you anxiety, or your cleaning chores that really need to get done, but it isn't your favorite thing to do. Break up the project in small bites.

As an example, one of the most difficult things for me to do on Simple Solutions Diva was a video series called "Clear The Clutter." I teamed up with a professional organizer and we tackled my VERY cluttered crafts closet. I was so surprised how upset I was during the process. Once I finished the project, I couldn't believe how much lighter I felt afterwards. It made me realize how important it is to keep things simple.



Photo by Jon Blauvelt

What do you enjoy most about living in Ponte Vedra?

I think Ponte Vedra has that great, small town feel, where you know so many people. When I was growing up, my family moved every few years for my father's job. The idea of my children living in the same town for most of their childhood was important to me.

I love how people get involved in Ponte Vedra – we aren't afraid to spearhead volunteer projects, get involved with our schools or come together to support our community and our neighbors. In Sawmill Lakes, my neighbors and I created several community events 18 years ago and it is fantastic to see them still going strong! Our annual Sawmill Lakes July Fourth Bike Parade and our Easter Egg Hunt are great

memory-making events for our children.

And Ponte Vedra is constantly evolving and growing, so it has been fun to see it change over the last 18 years.

What do you like to do in your free time?

I love to garden in my back yard – I think I, personally, might keep Ace Hardware in Ponte Vedra in business! My husband and I also enjoy travel, something he jokingly calls the annual "Keep The Love Alive Tour." At this point, I think my husband could have a second career as a travel planner!

Edited by Jon Blauvelt

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210 DEER COLONY
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Under Contract
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\$1,339,000

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\$1,328,000

9110 MARSH VIEW CT.
\$1,199,000



128 LAMPLIGHTER
\$1,189,000

Under Contract
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\$1,099,000

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\$1,049,000

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\$895,000

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Registration now open for nation's leading NICU leadership forum in Ponte Vedra

Synova Associates, a conference and consulting organization that caters to the education and advancement of nurse leaders, is hosting its 22nd annual Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) leadership forum April 22-26 at the Sawgrass Marriott Golf Resort & Spa in Ponte Vedra Beach.

"We're very excited about the upcoming NICU Leadership Forum, because our attendance has grown every year, meaning that we're extending our reach to help more NICU nurse leaders learn new ways to address their complex environment," said Chrissy Burke, partner at Synova Associates.

This year's conference theme, "Leadership: Finding Joy in the Journey," will focus on improving the work environment by fostering staff satisfaction and fulfillment. The evidence-based curriculum will offer a variety of tracks, guest speakers, presentations and peer-to-peer networking opportunities.

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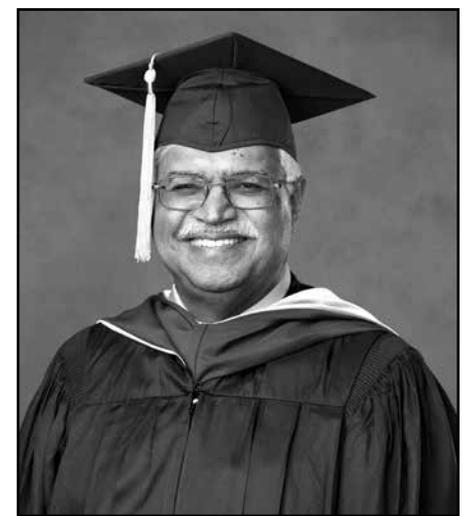
NICU nurse leaders gather at a previous Synova Associates Annual Nurse Leadership Forum, which this year is being held April 22-26 at the Sawgrass Marriott Golf Resort & Spa in Ponte Vedra Beach.

and Abbott Nutrition Health Institute offer need-based scholarships for nurse leaders otherwise not able to attend.

Synova Associates was formed in 2010 by Cathy Bush, Chrissy Burke, Sandy Chapman and Barbara Greer, who have been organizing the NICU Leadership

Forum meeting since its inception in 1996. Synova's goal is to provide innovative solutions for nurse leaders through education and consulting services.

For more about the NICU Nurse Leadership Forum or about Synova Associates, visit www.synovaassociates.com.



Dr. Shyam Paryani

Local executive earns top healthcare management credential

Ponte Vedra Beach resident Dr. Shyam Paryani recently became a Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives (FACHE), the nation's leading professional society for healthcare leaders. Paryani is a clinical professor at University of North Florida and CEO of Medical & Dental Consultants.

"The healthcare management field plays a vital role in providing high-quality care to the people in our communities, which makes having a standard of excellence promoted by a professional organization critically important," said Deborah J. Bowen, FACHE, CAE and president/CEO of ACHE. "By becoming an ACHE Fellow and earning the distinction of board certification from ACHE, healthcare leaders demonstrate a commitment to excellence in serving their patients and the community."

Fellow status represents achievement of the highest standard of professional development. In fact, there are just over 9,150 healthcare executives who hold this distinction. To obtain Fellow status, candidates must fulfill multiple requirements, including meeting academic and experiential criteria, earning continuing education hours, demonstrating professional/community involvement and passing a comprehensive examination. Fellows also are committed to ongoing professional development and undergo recertification every three years.

For more information regarding the FACHE credential, please contact the ACHE Division of Member Services by calling (312) 424-9400, emailing contact@ache.org or visiting ache.org/FACHE. Or contact Paryani at shyam.paryani@meddentconsult.com or (904) 445-0358.



LOCAL ROTARY DISTRICT RECEIVES RECOGNITION FOR YOUTH EXCHANGE EFFORTS

Jeff Hart, chairman of Rotary Youth Exchange (RYE) District 6970, is shown accepting the Rotary/NAYEN GOLD Certificate Award presented to District 6970 at the North American Youth Exchange Network Conference on March 15 in Omaha, Nebraska. RYE District 6970 was recognized for its commitment to excellence and dedication to continuous improvement. District 6970 has the largest number of exchange student participants within Rotary Youth Exchange Florida, Inc. Each year, over 9,000 high school students participate in the Rotary Youth Exchange program worldwide, learning a new language and experiencing a new culture, through the efforts of Rotary volunteers.

Photo courtesy of Jeff Hart

Mission House hosts Vicar's Landing residents

On Thursday, March 22, Mission House hosted 20 residents of Vicar's Landing who support the Beaches homeless day facility.

"Some of the residence had not seen Mission House since the remodel, completed in 2015, and some are not able to drive," said Lori Anderson, Mission House executive director. "Thanks to event sponsors Lynn Klopff and John Tissue, we were able to have the Vicar's bus bring our friends here."

Guests were given a tour of the new facility and free clinic and treated to appetizers donated by Mangroves Catering, which is owned by Greg Thompson (www.mangrovescatering.com).

"It means a lot for us to have our donors see what their donations are doing to help those in need," added Anderson. "They are the reason we assisted 94 men and women into housing last year. Because of the generous community support, we accomplish our goal of getting those affected by homelessness into housing and getting a roof over their heads."

Discussion at the event included the Mission House \$1 million endowment goal that is currently at \$659,000 in pledges and gifts.



Photo provided by Lori Anderson

Vicar's Landing residents who support Mission House travel by bus to visit the Beaches homeless day facility on March 22.

"We only have a short way to go to make our goal to assure hope for the future of Mission House," said Anderson. "We've been here for 21 years and want to make sure we are here for many, many more helping those in need."

Visit www.missionhousejax.org/mission-house-endowment for more information.

Ponte Vedra dancers, instructor win accolades at First Coast Classic

Five Ponte Vedra women were among the contestants of the 28th First Coast Classic Dancesport Championship March 8-10 at the World Golf Village Renaissance St. Augustine Resort, each of them earning first place in multiple dance events.

Contestants Jeanne Cason, Janet Collins, Susan Johnson, Tracy Rooney and Teri Seacrest competed with their instructor, Allan Alday of Dance Alday in Ponte Vedra Beach. The ladies competed in the Pro-Am division in American Smooth (waltz, tango, foxtrot, Viennese waltz), American Rhythm (cha-cha, rumba, swing, bolero, mambo), International Latin (cha-cha, samba, rumba, Paso Doble, jive) and Club Style (hustle, salsa, West Coast swing, bachata, merengue), ultimately earning the Second Top Studio award for Dance Alday and the Third Top Teacher award for Alday himself.



FAR LEFT: Janet Collins, Teri Seacrest and Susan Johnson were among the contestants from Dance Alday in Ponte Vedra Beach.

LEFT: Ponte Vedra resident Susan Johnson and dance instructor Allan Alday pose with their trophy at the First Coast Dancesport Championship last month.

Photos courtesy of Janet Collins

OBITUARIES

Mary Kelly

Mary Foley Kelly, 77, died on March 30, 2018, Good Friday, reuniting with her husband, who passed on Good Friday 2017.

Known affectionately as Molly by her friends (Mamu to her grandchildren), Molly was born April 8, 1940 in Brooklyn, New York. She attended the Academy of the Sacred Heart High School, and Marymount College in Manhattan where she graduated with a degree in communications. Growing up, she spent her summers in Shelter Island, surrounded by friends and family, a time she remembered fondly and where she first met her future husband, Ray Kelly, around the age of 8.

Molly and Ray married on May 10, 1964, in New York City. They moved to Ponte Vedra in 1970, where they built their life and raised their three daughters. She was an avid tennis player and a renowned entertainer. Best known for their famous Christmas Eve parties, every year she and Ray opened their home to friends for a Christmas cocktail and buffet dinner. This tradition went on for 20-plus years, until she and Ray decided it was time for her to hang up her apron, tuck away her recipe for her famous cheese noodles and opt for a quiet drink at the Inn to celebrate the holiday.

In the early '90s, Molly got her real estate license and joined Stockton Realty. She and Ray also bought a summer home in Linville, North Carolina, where Molly traded in her tennis racquet for golf clubs. Six months after swinging

her first club, Molly got a hole-in-one, much to the chagrin and absolute frustration of Ray. She spent the last years of her life enjoying the warm winters of her hometown of Ponte Vedra Beach and the mild summers and fresh air of the mountains. She loved traveling, especially cruising with her husband and friends.

Molly is survived by her three daughters, Grace Gambel (Patrick), Jean Brown (Greg) and Elizabeth Kennedy; and her eight grandchildren, starting with the eldest, Patrick Ryan Gambel; Mary Ellen Gambel; Katherine Grace Gambel; Grace Elizabeth Brown; Teresa Ann Brown; William Raphael Brown; Kayla Grace Kennedy; and Shane Patrick Kennedy. She is also survived by her siblings, Samuel John Foley and Michael Francis Foley; brother- and sisters-in-law John Stephen Kelly, Geraldine Ann Kelly and Kathleen Eleanor Kelly; nephew Samuel John Foley (Diane) and niece Samantha Foley Davidson (Ty); and grandnephews Samuel and Connor Foley. She is preceded in death by her husband, Raphael Michael Kelly; her parents, Samuel and Grace Foley; and sister-in-law Kathleen Foley.

A Memorial Mass to celebrate Molly's life will be held at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church, 545 A1A North, Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida, at 11 a.m. on Friday, April 6, 2018. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Community Hospice & Palliative Care, 4266 Sunbeam Road, Jacksonville, FL 32257. Please visit the online tribute at www.quinn-shalz.com. Arrangements by Quinn-Shalz Family Funeral Home.



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Ilma Milam

Maria Teresa Caya de Balmaseda y de Echeverria from Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida, died on March 26, 2018. She was a native of San Sebastian, Spain, and grew up in Madrid and San Sebastian, the daughter of the late Excellency and Most Illustrious Cesar de Balmaseda y d'Ortega and the late Excellency and Most Illustrious Caya de Echeverria y de Alcayaga de Balmaseda. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Arthur W. Milam, her son, Steve de Balmaseda Champion, and her step-son, Terence Y. Milam. She was also preceded in death by seven brothers and four sisters, all from Madrid, Spain.

She is survived by her two sons, George Champion III (Jill) of La Jolla, California, and Robert Cesar de Balmaseda Champion (Lenka) of Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida; and two step-children, Robin A. Milam (Shelby) of Lake Oswego, Oregon, and Melissa M. Ekblom of Washington, D.C.; seven grandchildren, George D. Champion and Arthur E. Champion of La



Ilma Milam

Jolla, California, Robert M. Champion of Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida, Elizabeth (Alex) Desjardins of New York, Alexandra (Jordan) Angel of Los Angeles, Christine (Blake Vogel) Milam of Oakland,

California, and William Milam of Boulder, Colorado; five great grandchildren, 23 nephews and nieces and several great-grandnephews and nieces from Madrid, Spain.

She attended the Convent of the Assumption in San Sebastian, Madrid and Paris, and received her Baccalaureate from Institute San Isidro in Madrid, and special studies in European history and art

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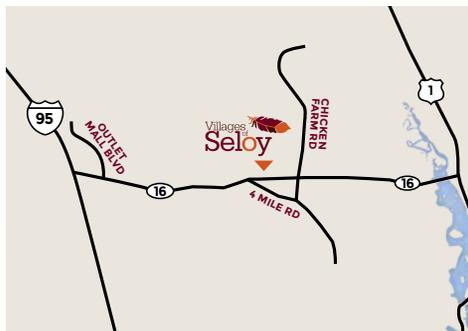
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Fantasy Farms to host first fundraiser April 14

Fantasy Farms Exotic and Domestic Animal Preserve will host an evening featuring food, fun, dancing and entertainment at its first fundraiser, Tropical Fantasy Night, on April 14 from 6 to 10 p.m.

Join Joanna Ursal's Dance troupe as it performs around the farm with calypso rhythms. The event will also feature music and a



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cash-only bar offering tropical drinks, wine, beer and non-alcoholic beverages. Guests can additionally stop by the garage to check out vintage classic cars, such as the 1954 MG Roadster. A silent auction will feature autographed sports memorabilia.

For more information and to purchase tickets, go to www.fantasyfarmsevents.org.

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NOCATEE HAPPENINGS



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Opening in 2020, Crosswater Park (shown bottom left) will be located between Coastal Oaks and the new Crosswater neighborhoods.

Crosswater Park coming to Nocatee in 2020

A new amenity is coming to Nocatee in 2020.

Crosswater Park, to be nestled between Coastal Oaks and the new Crosswater neighborhoods, will feature a pool with lap lanes, sand volleyball court, large

playground, event lawn and an open-air pavilion. The new amenity will also offer a small and large dog park, as well as designated electric vehicle parking and bike racks.

Construction will begin in late 2018.

NOTEWORTHY EVENTS

Apryle Showers Race

April 7, 7:30 a.m.

Splash Waterpark

The second annual Apryle Showers Run will take place April 7, with proceeds benefiting the Apryle Showers Foundation. Apryle Showers is a nonprofit organization serving individuals, ages 30-55, currently undergoing treatment for cancer. The organization offers services that help foster hope, healing, restoration and peace to people fighting for their lives. Visit <http://www.apryleshowers.org/> for more information.

St. Johns County Sheriff's Office Women's Personal Safety Class

April 9/16, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Nocatee Room

St. Johns County Sheriff's Office will be teaching a free women's self-defense class for female Nocatee residents, ages 12-18. The session on April 9 will focus on awareness and general safety and security. The session on April 16 will focus on basic techniques, such as targets, strikes, kicks and escapes. Participants must attend both nights of classes.

Kids' Kraft Day

April 10, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

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Residents can drop off their children for an afternoon of crafting and creativity at Kids' Kraft Day. This free resident event will feature crafts that children can take home at the end of the day. Registration is mandatory as space and supplies are limited.



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at the La Universite' Libre de La Sorbonne in Paris. She traveled extensively in all of Europe, Russia, North Africa and South America, and had a great curiosity of the culture and history of other countries. In 1993, His Majesty King Juan Carlos I of Spain bestowed on her the Medal of "Dama del Merito Civil." She was responsible for bringing the Columbus Caravels, "La Santa Maria, La Pinta and La Niña," to St. Augustine through her longtime acquaintances with the Spanish royal family and the Spanish ambassador, His Excellency Jaime de Ojeda. She was vice chair (1988 to 1993) and chairman (1989-1992) of the International Committee of the Columbus Hemispheric Florida State Commission; from 1989 to 1993, she was vice chairman for Spanish Affairs of the St. Augustine/St. Johns County Columbus Commission; she was also a trustee and served as secretary/treasurer of the Historical St. Augustine Preservation Board in 1989. She authored several books, which she donated to several universities, libraries and schools. She also wrote several articles promoting the Spanish heritage, the founding of St. Augustine and Spain's contributions to the United States. She was a member of the Commission, El Presidio de San Augustine from 1998 through December 2000,

and her contributions in promoting the Spanish heritage and founding of St. Augustine were recognized by the City of St. Augustine and St. Johns County.

She was a member of, and active in, Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church and served on the council of the church from 1988 to 2010, wherein she resigned due to failing health.

At the request of the Consul General of Spain in 1990, she founded and was president of the Florida Order of Granaderos and Damas de Galvez and founded the St. Augustine/Jacksonville chapters. She was Damas President of the Jacksonville Chapter until 2005 and continued to work very hard on the educational committee, which sponsors a scholarship at the University of North Florida.

She was chairman of United Fund of Ponte Vedra and St. Augustine area from 1964 to 1966.

She was a trustee of the Board of Directors of the Museum of Science and History from 1982 to 1985. She was also one of the founding members of the Women's Board of the Jacksonville Wolfson Children's Hospital in 1976 and was also on the Women's Board of the Jacksonville Art Museum.

Since the 1960s, she was on the board of the Jacksonville Symphony Guild and was vice president and coordinator of the Symphony Association activities from 1968 to 1987. She was a volunteer of Beaches Hospital Auxiliary from 1972 to 1978 and was on the Cummer Gallery Council from 1983 to 1987. She was on the board of trustees and co-founder of the Ponte Vedra Beaches Cancer Unit, and served as treasurer in 1987, vice president in 1988 and on the executive committee until 1998. She was co-founder of BRASS, Ponte Vedra Beach.

She was a member (2002-2008) of the Modern Art Council of MOCA-Jacksonville, a member (1999-present) of the

Toqueville Society (United Fund) and a member (1998-present) of the Ponce de Leon Society. She was also a member of the "De Paul" Society of St. Vincent's Hospital. She was also a member of the Ponte Vedra Inn & Club, The Lodge & Club and the River Club.

In 1992 and 1994, she received state and national awards from the Daughters of the American Revolution for best speech and program of the Quincentennial Year. She was nominated by the Girl Scouts of Gateway Council as one of the Women of Distinction in 2009, honoring her accomplishments in community service.

A visitation was on Monday, April 2, 2018, at Hardage-Giddens Oaklawn Chapel. A Mass of Christian Burial was held at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida, with Father David officiating on April 3, 2018. The family suggests that, in lieu of flowers, a contribution be made to the Steven de Balmaseda Champion Memorial Fund:

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Jerry H. Doster, 69, of Jacksonville, died March 18, 2018. Arrangements by Quinn-Shalz, A Family Funeral Home & Cremation Centre.

James Gelsomino

James Vito Gelsomino, 72, of Jacksonville Beach, died March 22, 2018. Arrangements by Quinn-Shalz, A Family Funeral Home & Cremation Centre.

Quinton Gray

Quinton Edwin Gray, 83, of Jacksonville, died March 20, 2018. Arrangements by Quinn-Shalz, A Family Funeral Home & Cremation Centre.

Charles Huggins

Charles Tully Huggins Jr., 75, of Jacksonville, died March 20, 2018. Arrangements by Quinn-Shalz, A Family Funeral Home & Cremation Centre.

Ronald Markis

Ronald M. Markis, 71, died March 17, 2018. Ponte Vedra Valley Funeral Home, Cremation Center & Cemetery – (904) 285-1130 – www.pontevedra-valley.com.

Douglas McNeill

Douglas Warren McNeill, 75, of Ponte Vedra Beach, died March 17, 2018. Arrangements by Quinn-Shalz, A Family Funeral Home & Cremation Centre.

Robert Ouellette

Robert Charles Ouellette, 87, of Atlantic Beach, died March 23, 2018. Arrangements by Quinn-Shalz, A Family Funeral Home & Cremation Centre.

Calvin Tuggle

Calvin Gene Tuggle, 85, of Ponte Vedra Beach, died March 20, 2018. Arrangements by Quinn-Shalz, A Family Funeral Home & Cremation Centre.

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By Samantha Logue

With the school year winding down, parents are preparing for the summer, seeking out answers to the perennial question of how to keep the kids entertained. Luckily, there's always something to do on the First Coast! From the academic to the adventurous, a variety of summer camps will be offered this year by local businesses, helping kids to be kids and moms and dads to stay sane until school starts again.

SPORTS & ADVENTURE



Jacksonville Basketball Academy

Led by Providence High School Basketball head coach Jim Martin, Jacksonville Basketball Academy summer camps focus on teaching boys the fundamentals of basketball, including ballhandling, shooting, passing and defense and helping to bring their game to the next level. Offering various camps for boys in grades three through 12, the camps cover a range of skill levels, from beginner to elite. For more details, visit www.jacksonvillebasketballacademy.com.

Jax Surf Camp

Jax Surf Camp, hosted by Jax Surf & Paddle in Atlantic Beach, will host surf and paddleboard camps for kids ages 6 through 16 throughout the spring and summer months. The camps will include surf fundamentals and instruction, as well as paddleboarding, yoga, beach sports, races and more. A pizza party will also be held on the last day of camp, and all surf camp graduates will receive goody bags. Kids have the option of attending half-day, full-day or single-day camps. Snacks and refreshments will be provided at all camps, and lunch will be included with full-day camps. Registrants must already know how to swim. Visit www.jacksonvillesurfandpaddle.com for more details.



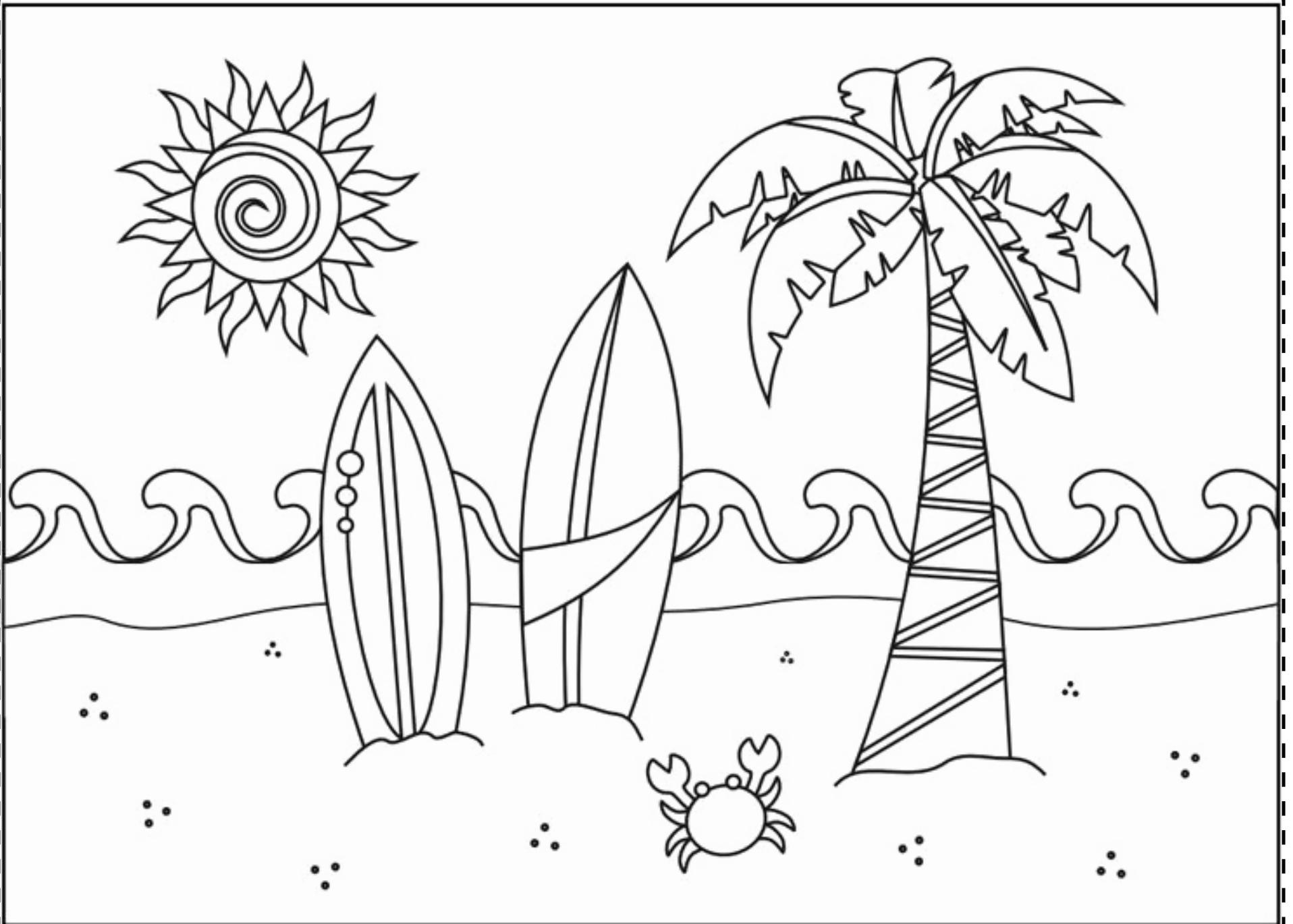
Witt Tennis

Witt Tennis' 2018 summer programs, to be held in Ponte Vedra, will offer tennis training for athletes of all skill levels. Led by nationally-recognized Coach Danny Witt, the lower-level program for ages 5 through 12 focuses on teaching kids fundamentals, technical skill development, agility, balance and coordination, while the "high performance" level for middle to high school students is more competitive. Kids should come prepared to work hard and have fun. Witt Tennis programs will run throughout the months of June and July. Visit www.witttennis.net or contact info@WittTennis.net for additional information about costs and registration.



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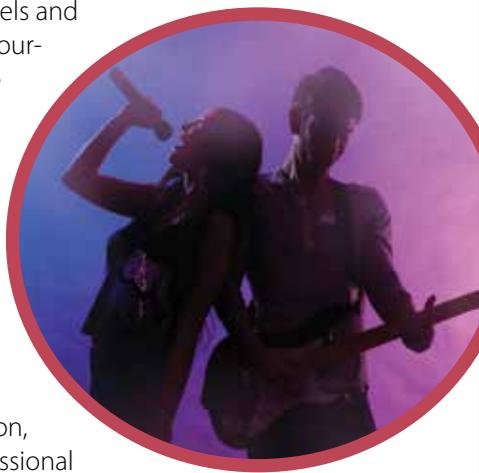
Summer Musical Theatre Camp



Elementary, middle and high school students from across the country make their way to St. Augustine each summer to participate in this musical theater camp. Now in its 24th season, the camp offers kids ages 5 to 18 the opportunity to take part in a full-scale musical production. Starting in June, this summer's lineup will include productions of "Les Misérables" for high school students, "The Pinocchio Show" for ages 5 to 11 and "Seussical" for middle and high school students. For registration and additional information, visit www.summermusicaltheatrecamp.com.

Bach to Rock Music Camps

Bach to Rock, located in Jacksonville Beach, will host several music-focused summer camps this summer for various age groups. The Rock Band program, for ages 7 and up, places students in bands according to their age and skill levels and teaches them how to play in an ensemble while encouraging the development of original material. The Glee Club is an ensemble that emphasizes reading music, intonation, listening skills, rhythm and vocal technique, and allows students to embrace their inner stars while singing in harmony to choreographed numbers. Kids in preschool through first grade will enjoy Rock City World Tour, which teaches the basic concepts and movements associated with playing music, such as fast and slow, sound and silence, high and low, as well as singing and playing major scales. Meanwhile, in Recording Arts: ProTools and Production, kids age 10 and up will have the chance to use professional equipment and technology to gain recording experience and create original music. For registration and additional information, visit jacksonvillebeach.b2rmusic.com.



Jax Cooking Studio



For budding young culinary chefs, Jax Cooking Studio will offer two weeks of cooking camps this June. A total of four camps will be offered—two for kids ages 7 through 12, and two for teens ages 13 to 18—and students will choose between the themes of "International Street Food" and "Food in the Movies." Throughout this week-long camp, kids will learn basic cooking skills while working in a team-oriented environment.

At the end of each day, kids will be able to eat their creations, and at the end of the week, they will also have the opportunity to take part in a cooking competition, preparing meals using their newly acquired knowledge and skills. For more information about Jax Cooking Studio's two summer camps, visit www.jaxcookingstudio.com.

Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach

The Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach offers youth arts camps and workshops from early June to early August. Online registration and details are to come for summer arts programs. Overall, workshops focus on a variety of different arts projects. Spring Break workshops, which were held for ages 4 to 8 and 9+, focused on animals, people, landscapes, still lives and more. Visit www.ccpvb.org/index.php for more information.





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Throughout summer 2018, Jacksonville's Museum of Science and History (MOSH) will host Discovery Camps to encourage K-8 students' curiosity through exploration of the museum. Kids will learn about the ocean and its inhabitants, experiment with their senses, explore the inner workings of the human body and become architects, engineers, astronauts and more. Camps will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. For registration and additional information, visit themosh.org/educate/discoverycamps.

WinShape Camp

In partnership with Chick-fil-A, WinShape Camps offer kids around the country all the fun of traditional summer activities, while also building character and encouraging personal and spiritual growth. From athletics to the arts and sciences, WinShape Camps offer a variety of activities for kids to enjoy, including archery, gymnastics, team sports, cooking, painting, musical theater and more. First Coast kids will have the opportunity to experience WinShape Camp this summer at either Crosswater Community Church in Ponte Vedra, or the Church of Eleven22 in Jacksonville. For additional information, visit camps.winshape.org.



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Photos courtesy of Emily Suarez

Ponte Vedra native Emily Suarez is organizing five weeks of theater camps this coming summer in Jacksonville.

Ponte Vedra native sets out to produce kids theater camps for second consecutive year

By Jon Blauvelt

Emily Suarez, a Ponte Vedra Beach native, is organizing a series of theater camps for kids in Jacksonville this summer for the second consecutive year.

Suarez grew up near PVPV-Rawlings Elementary School and graduated from the Douglas Anderson School of the Arts. Now, she is a sophomore at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, and working with other college theater students to produce camps held at the 5 & Dime theater in Downtown Jacksonville. The group of camp counselors refers to itself as Shortstack Theatre Company, and its mission is to teach the next generation of budding, local stars.

Among the enhancements slated for this summer's camps, said Suarez, is an increase in the number of weeks offered to kids. This year, the Shortstack team is holding five weeks of camps, compared to three last year. After receiving feedback from campers and parents, the group will now offer two weeks of the Flapjacks Theatre Camp for the youngest participants (ages 5-10) and two weeks of the Silver Dollar Musical Theatre Camp for rising sixth to 10th graders. In addition, the Shortstack team is refocusing the Hotcakes Acting Camp — also for rising sixth to 10th graders — so that it is more improv-based.

“We really just were able to take what we did last year and find all the feedback we could and make them better and more fun and see what more we could offer them,” said Suarez.

The Flapjacks Theatre Camp will be held July 2-6 and July 30 to August 3. The group's most popular camp, Suarez



Suarez (second from left) gathers with the other counselors of Shortstack Theatre Company.

said Flapjacks provides participants with exposure to theater and focuses on storytelling via the use of crafts and games.

Scheduled for July 9-13, the Hotcakes Acting Camp also incorporates games, said Suarez, but instead the camp focuses on quick thinking, becoming comfortable with impulses and following them. The improv-based camp concludes with a “Whose Line Is It Anyway”-style showcase.

The musical theatre camp, which will be held July 16-27, allows participants to participate in several group numbers, or solos if they're interested. Suarez said a choreographer comes into the camp and teaches the group a big dance number.

Each camp includes about 12 to 20 kids, noted Suarez, and varies in cost

from \$200 for the Flapjacks and Hotcakes camps, to \$425 for the Silver Dollar Musical Theatre Camp. In addition to the Ponte Vedra native, the camp counselors include five other college students enrolled in theater-related programs across the country.

Suarez encourages those in the Beaches community to look into the Shortstack camps, even if they are located far from their homes.

“I know parents can gravitate towards not driving their kids 30 minutes away to go to camp,” she said. “I always like to push that it's worth it. ... For me, camps are what sparked me doing this for the rest of my life and finding what I love to do.”

For more information on the camps, visit the5anddime.org/education.

Tips for helping kids find a hobby that's right for them

Much like adults can benefit from participating in hobbies, children can reap rewards from engaging in hobbies.

According to the Child Development Institute (CDI), hobbies give children a chance to express themselves. The CDI also notes that hobbies can play an important role in children's self-discovery and boost their self-esteem.

Some children may discover hobbies on their own, requiring little if any assistance on the part of their parents. For example, some kids may display an interest in music that parents, even those with no such musical inclination, can foster by purchasing certain instruments. But some children may need a little more prompting, and parents of such boys and girls can take certain steps to help their youngsters find rewarding hobbies.

■ Involve kids in your own hobbies.

Kids look up to their parents and often want to emulate what their mothers and fathers do. If possible, involve children in your own hobbies. Gardeners can teach their youngsters how to grow and tend to a garden, while painters can host family painting nights where everyone is encouraged to create their own masterpiece. Parents whose hobbies are more adult-oriented, like woodworking, can still involve their children. For example, work with children to design a new item, then show them how the item goes from paper to finished product; just avoid allowing them to use any unsafe tools or machines.

■ **Let kids choose an activity.** While some children might take to hobbies their parents favor, others might need to be given some freedom to find their own activities. Afford youngsters this chance, recognizing that it might take some time before kids find an activity that genuinely sparks their passion.

■ **Be a source of encouragement.** Some hobbies may prove more difficult than kids first imagined, requiring some perseverance before they can be enjoyed fully. In such instances, observe youngsters while they engage in the activity. If they appear to be enjoying themselves but are periodically frustrated, encourage them to keep trying. If kids appear to be disinterested in overcoming any struggles, then they might benefit by pursuing another hobby.

■ Don't hesitate to focus on fun.

Hobbies can teach kids valuable lessons and provide a sense of fulfillment, but it's important that parents not overlook the importance of fun in regard to their children's hobbies. Hobbies can provide children with the same respite from busy schedules that they do adults, and that break should be as fun as possible.



Photo courtesy of Jacksonville Country Day School

Sixth grade student and Ponte Vedra resident Cortlyne Jones competes in the Greek Olympics at Jacksonville Country Day School.

JCDS students bring Ancient Greece back to life

Students at Jacksonville Country Day School (JCDS) recently competed in field games such as relays and tug of war as part of the school's Greek Olympics.

For over 20 years, the event has been a signature tradition for sixth grade students at the school, helping them retain information that was taught in the classroom, as well as promoting healthy activity and teamwork.

The Greek Olympics are just one part of the culminating experience for the sixth-grade study of Ancient Greece. This year, students also learned Greek dancing, in addition to the traditional "Gods and Goddesses" feast of Greek food that featured food made by parents.

"JCDS families are the best," said sixth grade lead teacher Nancy Hockenbery. "They share their rich culture, including food, stories and even dancing. This helps to bring the experiences alive for our students. We also had a debate between 'Athens' and 'Sparta,' which was a new

activity this year."

The culminating day for the students' study of Ancient Greece brings the events that happened so long ago to life. "Music, theater, art, philosophy, architecture, the sciences and math can all be traced to Ancient Greece, which was also the birthplace of democracy," Hockenbery added.

The students have been studying Ancient Greece throughout the school year from a variety of angles, including art, language arts, physical education and even in the library and lunchroom.

"The requirement to dress in authentic costumes, coupled with the physical activities, is appealing to sixth graders and makes learning fun," said Head of School Pat Walker. "The Greek Olympics are a much-loved tradition at JCDS and another example of the creative ways teachers engage students to optimize learning."

Consider these steps to encourage your kids to volunteer

Volunteering benefits people of all ages but can be especially beneficial to children.

In a review of 60 studies on child engagement, Child Trends found that children who participate in civic engagement programs are likely to be more involved in school, to graduate from high school and to hold more positive civic attitudes than those who do not get involved in such programs.

Getting kids to volunteer as they progress through adolescence may not be so difficult. In its 2014 analysis of volunteering trends, Child Trends found that 39 percent of 12th grade students volunteered at least once a month in 2014 compared to just 27 percent of eighth graders.

Older students might feel compelled to volunteer to improve their college admissions applications, but parents can take steps to get their younger children excited about the prospect of volunteering.

■ **Set a positive example.** Young children want to emulate their parents, so moms and dads who volunteer may find ready and willing partners in their children. Parents can inform their children when they volunteer and why they do so before bringing kids along to join them.

■ **Don't forget fun.** Young children may be more likely to embrace volunteering if the activity is fun. Kids might not find it too fun to sit next to their parents while mom and dad balance a soup kitchen's books, but a beach cleanup excursion or a trip to refurbish an inner-city park may inspire kids to spend a lifetime giving back to their communities and helping the less fortunate.

■ **Keep it simple.** Kids may not enjoy volunteering activities that consume too much time or make them feel exhausted. As kids grow older, parents can encourage them to embrace more challenging activities and/or commit more time to volunteering. But keep things simple with especially young children or older children who have never before volunteered.

■ **Try and try again.** It might take some trial and error before parents find volunteering opportunities their children truly enjoy. When volunteering with children for the first time, be careful not to commit to more than one day. If children enjoy themselves, then parents can commit more time. If kids do not seem excited by an activity, parents won't feel guilty or let the charity down by not returning.

SJR State registering for summer courses

Registration for St. Johns River State College summer sessions is underway.

Three sessions will be offered, with summer classes to be held May 9 to Aug. 10, Summer A classes May 9 to June 22 and Summer B classes June 27 to Aug. 10.

Orientation is required for all new students before registering for classes; details will be provided to students once their application has been processed.

The course schedule for all summer sessions is available online at SJRstate.edu/courses.html.

For more information regarding registration and courses offered, contact the numbers listed below or visit www.SJRstate.edu.

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St. Augustine artist offers unique face painting experiences for kids across First Coast

By Jon Blauvelt

With summer just around the corner, an award-winning body paint artist in St. Augustine is offering face painting experiences that will add color, both literally and figuratively, to kids' parties.

Heather Aguilera, of Heather's Living Art, has over 20 years of painting experience as a featured artist and teacher at face painting conventions. Her business offers face painting for birthday parties, theme parties (princess, pirate, monster, super hero, etc.), picnics, fundraisers, sports events and other kids-related get togethers.

Perhaps most unique, however, Aguilera offers children's portrait parties or private sessions, that include both face painting and a photo shoot.

According to the artist's website, this service is only for small group parties of one to eight children, and costs \$50 per child.

Outside of the private sessions, Aguilera's rates are \$100 per hour with \$200 minimum required.

For more information, visit heatherslivingart.com or contact Aguilera via email at heatherslivingart@gmail.com or phone at (786) 797-4544.



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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 April 5 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>Spring Exhibition by the Jacksonville Watercolor Society This exhibition at The Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach will display works by the Jacksonville Watercolor Society. The Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach, which is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., is located at 50 Executive Way. For more information on the center and its exhibits, visit www.ccpvb.org.</p> <p>Throwback Thursday: 'The Voices' at the Corazon Cinema and Cafe A likable guy pursues his office crush with the help of his evil talking pets, but things turn sinister when she stands him up for a date. This film is showing at the Corazon Cinema and Cafe at noon. Admission costs \$10, which includes a meal, popcorn, small drink and showing of the movie. The Corazon Cinema and Cafe is located at 36 Granada St. in St. Augustine. For more information, visit www.corazoncinemaandcafe.com.</p> <p>Essential oils: Raindrop Technique Inspired by the Lakota Indians, Raindrop Technique uses therapeutic oils for balancing and rejuvenating the mind and body. Guests are invited to take part in this program April 5 from 6 to 7 p.m. at the Anastasia Island Branch Library, located at 124 Seagrove Main St. in St. Augustine Beach.</p> <p>Larkin Poe at Beaches Museum Chapel Larkin Poe will perform at the Beaches Museum Chapel April 5 at 7 p.m. Individual tickets cost \$25 in advance and \$30 on the day of the show. For more information, visit www.beachesmuseum.org or call (904) 241-5657.</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>River House Chorus Enjoy the mental, physical and spiritual benefits of group singing with the River House Chorus. This Council on Aging event will take place Fridays from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at 179 Marine St. in St. Augustine. Instructor Diane Milesko will be on hand to inspire singing and a passion for music. For more information, call (904) 209-3655 email tabo@stjohnscoa.com.</p> <p>'Nature Reconstructed' exhibit at Beaches Museum & History Park The Beaches Museum & History Park is hosting "Nature Reconstructed," an exhibit by Lana Shuttleworth, until June 3. Shuttleworth uses common plastic castoff materials, particularly traffic safety cones, to create landscapes and sculptural figures that challenge the viewer's comprehension. This event is free to museum members with a suggested \$5 donation for non-members. For more information, call (904) 241-5657 or visit www.beachesmuseum.org. The Beaches Museum & History Park is located at 381 Beach Blvd. in Jacksonville Beach.</p> <p>Cummer Amelia Garden Walk 2018 Join Cummer Amelia April 6 from 1 to 4 p.m. for the fourth annual Garden Walk at the Amelia Island Plantation, which supports school tours for Nassau County third- and fourth-grade students to visit the Cummer Museum. The event includes a walking tour of four home gardens, art demonstrations, live music and refreshments. For more information, contact Wendy Mayle at (904) 899-6007 or wmayle@cummuseum.org. This event will take place at the Omni Amelia Island Plantation.</p>	<p>Weaver First Saturday Free for All at Cummer Museum The first Saturday of each month at the Cummer Museum is a Free for All, thanks to the support of J. Wayne and Delores Barr Weaver. Guests can enjoy free admission, along with art-making activities for all ages in the Cummer Gardens, live music and a docent-led tour at 2 p.m. For more information, call (904) 899-6038. The Cummer Museum is located at 829 Riverside Ave. in Jacksonville.</p> <p>Children's shorebird nesting Children from the third grade and up will learn about the unique birds nesting along the beaches April 7 with St. Johns County Audubon at Nease Beachfront Park, located at 3171 Coastal Highway in Vilano from 10 a.m. to noon. Contact Kelly Ussia at kussia@sjcfl.us or (904) 209-0335 for more information.</p> <p>Kristi Lee Schatz poetry workshop This workshop will offer a guided tour into the workings of the unconscious mind at MOCA, in classroom 1 on the fifth floor from 2 to 2:50 p.m. By connecting the bridge from the highly symbolic unconscious mind to the conscious mind, one can discover and dissolve mental blocks that hinder creativity. This event is part of Jax Poetry Fest. For more information on other workshops taking place in the area, visit www.JaxPoetryFest.com.</p> <p>St. Augustine Art Association spring members show This exhibition at the St. Augustine Art Association showcases work created by the association's members. The exhibition is free and open to the public Tuesday through Saturday from noon to 4 p.m. and Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m. The St. Augustine Art Association is located at 22 Marine St.</p> <p>Apryle Showers Run The Apryle Showers Run will take place April 7 at 7:30 a.m. at Nocatee Splashpark, located at 245 Nocatee Center Way in Ponte Vedra Beach. Visit www.apryleshowers.org/events.html to register.</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>National Library Week The St. Johns County Public Library System will invite residents and visitors to celebrate National Library Week April 8-14. Every year, libraries across the nation set aside one week to honor the importance of libraries and how they enrich communities. For more information on events and programs, visit www.sjcpls.org.</p> <p>Book signing with Phil King The Explorer's Outpost at the Colonial Quarter will host a book signing with St. Augustine author Phil King April 8 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. King was a military photographer, magazine photojournalist, songwriter, traveler and historian. His popular book, "Saint Augustine Carriage Tour," features historic images. His new novel, "Rising Love: A Spiritual Journey," features characters destined to share danger, love and spirituality. For more information, visit www.explorersoutposts.com. This event will take place at 21 St. George St. in St. Augustine.</p> <p>Florida Chamber Music Project event Schubert's String Trio in B Flat, D. 471 and Quintet for Piano and Strings in A, D. 667 "The Trout" with guest artists Hyunsoon Whang and Jason Lindsay will perform at the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall April 8 at 3 p.m. Admission costs \$25. The Ponte Vedra Concert Hall is located at 1050 A1A N. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit www.pvconcerthall.com.</p> <p>Salt Air Farmers Market The Salt Air Farmers Market will feature home-grown produce, creative art and more April 8 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The market takes place at 9505 Oceanshore Blvd. in St. Augustine. For more information, visit www.saltairfarmersmarket.com</p>

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<p>Caregiver support meetings The St. Johns County Council on Aging will host caregiver support meetings Mondays (except holidays) from noon to 1 p.m. at the Ponte Vedra Memory Care Center at 1048 A1A N. For more information, call Paulette Kozlowski at (904) 209-3674 or email pkozlowski@stjohnscoa.com. The meetings will provide a supportive environment for people who are experiencing similar challenges in which they can share problems, ideas and solutions.</p> <p>MOSH Mondays The Museum of Science and History's MOSH Mondays feature discounts including buy-one-get-one-half-off admission for adults, 10 percent off MOSH-branded items in the museum shop, 10 percent off memberships when signing up in-person and 10 percent off birthday packages when signing up in-person. MOSH Mondays also feature rotating weekly programs. MOSH is located at 1025 Museum Circle in Jacksonville. Visit www.themosh.org for more information.</p> <p>Fit4mom class Moms and their little ones are invited to join instructors from the Fit4Mom local group to learn about the the benefits of exercising during pregnancy and post pregnancy. Attendees are encouraged to bring their own stroller. Registration is required for this free class. For more information and to register, call (904) 827-6900. This event will take place April 9 from 11 to 11:45 a.m. at the Southeast Branch library, located at 6670 US 1 S in St. Augustine.</p> <p>'Ready Player One' at IMAX Theater at World Golf Hall of Fame In a virtual world called Oasis, a teenager finds himself competing in a treasure hunt against ruthless foes after the game's founder dies and the fortune that he leaves behind is the grand prize. This film is showing at the IMAX Theater at World Golf Hall of Fame April 9 at 1:15 p.m., 4:15 p.m., 7:15 p.m. and 10:15 p.m. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit www.worldgolfimax.com.</p>	<p>Jewish book club for women Chabad at the Beaches will present a women's book club on April 10 at 7:30 p.m. The club offers an opportunity for women to meet new people, share thoughts and opinions and hear other insights. Attendees will discuss "Outwitting History" by Aaron Lansky at the next meeting, taking place at Dunkin' Donuts in Ponte Vedra. For more information, call (904) 543-9301, email info@chabadbeaches.com or visit www.ChabadBeaches.com.</p> <p>Volunteers needed Volunteers are needed at THE PLAYERS Community Senior Center Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the kitchen. The center is looking for upbeat volunteers to help with new spring and summer programs. Contact Amy leach at (904) 209-3686 or email aleach@stjohnscoa.com for more information. The PLAYERS Senior Center is located at 175 Landrum Lane in Ponte Vedra.</p> <p>Woman's Exchange luncheon series The Woman's Exchange of St. Augustine, located in the historic Pena-Peck House, will host a luncheon series April 10. Reservations are now open and available for the popular garden-style gatherings scheduled for April 10, 13, 17 and 20. A payment of \$31.95 is required. Call (904) 829-5064 between the hours of 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and Sunday at 10:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. to make a reservation.</p> <p>Mike Campbell at Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library The disappearance of aviator Amelia Earhart and her co-pilot Fred Noonan has been shrouded in mystery for years. Mike Campbell, the author of "Amelia Earhart: The Truth At Last," is looking for answers. Campbell will reveal "the long suppressed truth" about the Amelia Earhart mystery at a Ponte Vedra Forum program April 10 at 6:30 p.m. at the Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library, located at 101 Library Blvd.</p>	<p>Tai Chi class at House of Leaf & Bean Strengthen the body and satisfy the soul at this April 11 Tai Chi class featuring Deirdre, a certified instructor with the Tai Chi for Health Institute. Class begins at 11:30 a.m. at House of Leaf & Bean, located at 14474 Beach Blvd. in Jacksonville.</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>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. For more information call (904) 417-7354 or email life_enrichmentgroup@yahoo.com.</p> <p>Instructional art session Vilano Beach Art Programs will offer an instructional art session at the North Shores Improvement Association Community Center on Vilano Beach each Wednesday through June from noon to 3 p.m. For more information, visit vilanobeachfl.com/a1a-multi-use-trail/14-events/49-art-program or call Sarah Carrigan at (847) 899-0808.</p> <p>Elder abuse awareness and prevention This interactive and comprehensive training session is designed for community members and professionals who interact with older adults. Attendees will learn about types of abuse, risk factors and indicators of abuse, as well as mandated reporters and the reporting process. This event will take place at the Fullwood Auditorium, located at 10 Hildreth Drive in St. Augustine.</p>	<p>Art of Cooking series: Homegrown Saturiwa Trading Company and Chef Jamey Evoniuk with the Cummer Café, the Chef's Garden Catering & Events and the Candy Apple Café & Cocktails, will team up to share recipes, small bites and preparation techniques that showcase the freshness of locally-sourced produce. The event will also feature cocktails and an explanation into the methods of production by Jacksonville-based Manifest Distillery founder David Cohen. For more information or to register, call (904) 899-6023.</p> <p>Story time at Trout Creek Guests are invited to bring their preschoolers to an interactive story time with the Library at Trout Creek Community Center, located at 6795 Collier Road in St. Augustine. The event will take place April 12 from 11 a.m. to noon. Contact Josh Bratovich at jjbratovich@sjcfl.us or (904) 209-0320 for more information.</p> <p>Yoga for Survivors The Y Healthy Living Center at the Ponte Vedra YMCA will host a Yoga for Survivors class April 12 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>Meditation session in the Zen Room Visit House of Leaf & Bean's Zen Room April 12 at 7 p.m. for a guided meditation session to calm the mind and center the soul. House of Leaf & Bean is located at 14474 Beach Blvd. in Jacksonville. For more information, visit www.houseofleafnbean.com/calendar.</p> <p><small>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.</small></p>

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Students portray historical figures in Bolles Lower School Wax Museum performance

Students at the Bolles Lower School Ponte Vedra Beach Campus recently took on the roles of historical figures in the school's Grade 2 Wax Museum performance.

Held March 22, the performance was the culmination of several weeks of study, beginning in early January when students learned about historical figures. Students then studied facts about the character they'd chosen to portray, from their childhood interests to their biggest achievements in life.

In class, students painted portraits of their subjects. In the final weeks, students considered how they might portray their characters onstage, writing scripts and developing costumes and props that would best tell their story in a performance setting. The final result was a colorful Live Wax Museum show directed by music teacher Stacey Posick.

A wide range of characters were represented, including Sacagawea, Martin Luther King Jr. and Steve Jobs. About 30 second grade students practiced the art of public speaking by sharing their historical findings on stage.



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Registration open for Just Tri It! Kids Triathlon

Registration is still open for the St. Johns County Parks & Recreation Department's 2018 Just Tri It! Kids Triathlon on Sunday, April 15.

This non-competitive event, which will be held at the Solomon Calhoun Center in St. Augustine, gives everyone the opportunity to participate in a triathlon. All children currently enrolled in kindergarten through eighth grade are welcome to participate. Races incorporate swimming, biking and running, and vary in distance by age group. Registration closes Saturday, April 14 at 3 p.m. The event also features a free Tot Trot 100-yard dash for children ages 5 and under. Registration for that activity can be done April 14 and 15 at the Solomon Calhoun Center.

General registration is \$30 until April 13, with each additional child from the same family costing \$15. Late registration on April 14-15 will be \$40, with each additional child from the same family costing \$20.

With each athlete registration, parents must include one of the following to prove the child is a proficient swim-

mer: USA Swimming team name and head coach's email address or phone number; previous triathlon experience, with details concerning the name and date of the most recent event; and a photocopy of a YMCA swim test card, which is available at any YMCA location. No child who must be assisted during the swimming portion will be allowed to compete in the triathlon.

Parents are responsible for supplying their kids with bike helmets, swim goggles, sunscreen and anything else they need for the event. Training wheels on bikes will not be permitted, and parents are not allowed to assist their kids on the course at any time.

The first heat of the triathlon begins at 8:30 a.m. on April 15. The first 150 children to pick up their race packets will get a Just Tri It! tee shirt, and every child that completes the race will get a medal for his/her accomplishment. Early packet pickup for the triathlon is 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on April 14 at the Solomon Calhoun Center. Visit www.sjcf.us/Recreation/Youth/JustTriIt.aspx for more information and to register.

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Tips on preparing for summer camps

Summer camp season is just around the corner, and many people put off summer camp planning until it is too late.

Parents should keep in mind that camps begin registration early in the year and have specific cutoff dates for enrollment. Parents who want to beat the crowds this year can use these tips to help plan a summer camp agenda.

■ **Attend an orientation seminar.**

Take the time to visit prospective camps for a tour, and use this open house as an opportunity to learn more about the programs offered. If available, find a camp employee to discuss your child's eligibility for enrollment. Some camps may offer webinars for convenience.

■ **Fill out the enrollment package completely.** Each camp has their own requirements for registration. Expect to submit some personal information, including a medical background and proof of insurance, names and numbers of emergency contacts, and any other pertinent information as it applies to the camper. This may include allergies, fears, physical



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or mental disabilities or even preferences in camp courses.

■ **Establish payment schedules.** Summer camps vary in price. The American

Camp Association says camp costs range from \$100 to more than \$1,500 per week. However, many accredited camps offer some sort of financial assistance for chil-

dren from families with limited financial means. If cost is a factor, be sure to broach the subject.

■ **Prepare children for the physical challenges a camp may present.** Summer camp activities may be rigorous, and campers may need to be cleared by a physician before starting. Be sure to schedule your child a physical and bring along any pertinent forms. Children also can increase their levels of physical activity compared to the often sedentary nature of winter. Such preparation can prevent injuries when engaging in outdoor and physical activities.

■ **Shop for supplies.** Camps are likely to provide a list of requirements with regard to clothing and other equipment campers will need. Make sure kids have enough shorts, T-shirts, socks, athletic shoes, swimsuits, toiletries and other camp necessities before they leave.

■ **Keep children in the loop.** Engage children in the planning process to help alleviate their fears and get them excited about summer camp.

GameTruck offers videogame party experience and more to First Coast communities

GameTruck, a mobile videogame and overall kids' party vehicle, is available for booking in Jacksonville.

The party truck can be used for kids' birthday parties, corporate events, team building activities, videogame tournaments, school events and field trips, community events and more. It features HD televisions, modern consoles such as Xbox One, PS4, Nintendo Switch and Wii U, over 100 videogames and a

game coach to help participants learn to play.

Now in their fifth year of running Gametruck Jacksonville, Daniel and Kim Goodman have added new activities to diversify the experience, such as laser tag and bubblesoccer.

First Coast residents can book their own GameTruck session by visiting www.gametruckparty.com. For more information, call (904) 900-0880.



Photos courtesy of GameTruck

GameTruck Jacksonville offers a videogame party experience, laser tag and bubblesoccer.





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The Ponte Vedra High School Chinese competition team gathers in February at the 13th annual Florida Statewide Chinese Competition held at Belen Jesuit Preparatory School in Miami.

Ponte Vedra High School students participate in statewide Chinese competition in Miami

By Katherine Bi-Ji
Special to the Recorder

The Ponte Vedra High School Chinese competition team recently competed in the 13th annual Florida Statewide Chinese Competition held at Belen Jesuit Preparatory School in Miami.

The team of students arrived to the event Feb. 23. On the first day after a banquet dinner, the preliminary round of “Jeopardy!” took place. Categories included Chinese medicine, culture, food and stories/tales. Ponte Vedra went

against Gulliver Preparatory, St. Andrew’s and St. Edward’s, and ultimately placed second with \$2,600 by answering Double Jeopardy and Final Jeopardy correctly.

The students’ monetary amount found Ponte Vedra in third overall, and an opportunity to advance to finals. The final round consisted of 11 schools and new categories including Han Dynasty inventions, ancient history and people. Ponte Vedra ended up with no money after wagering all of its earnings and answering the Final Jeopardy incorrectly.

The academic competitions took place

on Saturday, Feb. 24, with Katherine Bi-Ji (9), Hannah Gundelfinger (12), Elliot Kantor (9) and Melissa Lukawitz (9) participating in level two; Livi Bowers (10), Chris Cavaliere (11), Catherine Culiton (10) and Maddi Paxton (10) in level three; and Philip Kinder (12) in level four. There were three parts to the tests, including a speaking, reading and writing portion. Scores and school results have not officially been revealed. The students devoted countless hours of preparation to the event and received instruction from Mrs. Li.

Massive bounce house coming to Jacksonville

The Big Bounce America, which its company refers to as the world’s largest bounce house ever assembled, is coming to Jacksonville’s Celestial Farms April 6-8.

The attraction features 10,000 square feet of inflatable activity, including a basketball court, obstacle course, slide and ball pit outside the structure. A professional DJ located on a stage at the center of the bounce house spins a soundtrack with nightclub quality sound, lights and even blasts of confetti. There are also free activities for non-bouncers, including classic field games.

Tickets are sold per session, with sessions split by age. Prices vary from \$9 for anyone attending the toddlers session, up to \$25 for the special adults only session.

Hours are from 1 to 6:30 p.m. on April 6 and from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. on April 7 and 8. Celestial Farms is located at 13958 Duval Road in Jacksonville (32218).

Visit thebigbounceamerica.com for more information. Visit www.showclix.com/event/bba-2018-jacksonville-6l for tickets.



Photo courtesy of The Big Bounce America

The Big Bounce America is coming to Jacksonville’s Celestial Farms April 6-8.

How to make the most of family vacations

Family vacations can seem like daunting endeavors to organize, but careful planning makes it possible to simplify the process, so more time can be spent resting, relaxing and having fun.

Child-friendly hotel

One of the “musts” when booking a family vacation is finding the right accommodations. This often means booking rooms at family-friendly hotels. Things to look for when seeking hotels include amenities like swimming pools and recreation areas, nearby parks and other attractions that kids can enjoy, and easy access to stores that sell necessities.

When booking a room, request one that is close to the elevator or the breakfast buffet. If you have youngsters who nap or go to bed early, try to book adjoining rooms or one-bedroom suites. This way, the kids are tucked in but accessible, allowing adults to enjoy their downtime.

Plan the trip together

Get the entire family involved when planning a vacation and let children who are old enough to have a say in some of the travel plans. Let kids choose some activities, pick some restaurants or even select which seats to sit in on the airplane.

Pack as lightly as possible

Pack light and, if possible, buy some necessities when you arrive. Few things can be as headache-inducing as dragging along extra luggage with kids in tow. Choosing a hotel or resort with laundry facilities can be advantageous to active families who may get messy along the way.

Allow for downtime

While it’s beneficial to have an itinerary, leave some moments for spontaneity and rest. You don’t want to return home so tired from the trip that you need another break. Use downtime as opportunities for kids to lead the way.

Travel off the beaten path

Mature children may like sights and sounds that aren’t necessarily designed for kids. So, while it may be tempting to stick to big-name resorts that cater to families, there’s plenty of enjoyment to be had exploring lesser-known islands or villages. And while you’re at it, introduce children to native cuisines so they can broaden their culinary palates.

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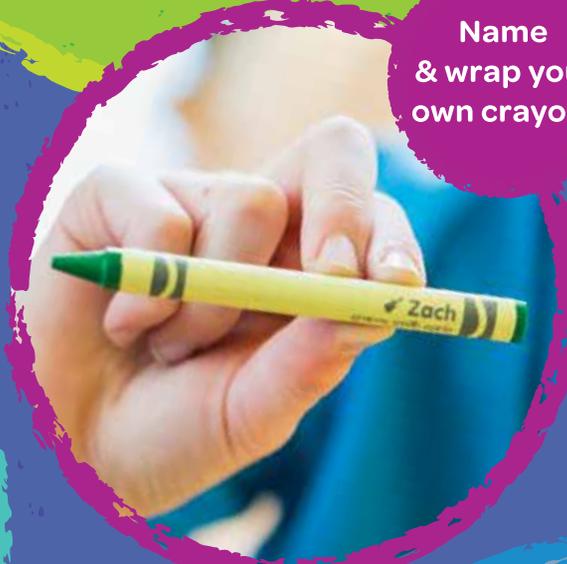
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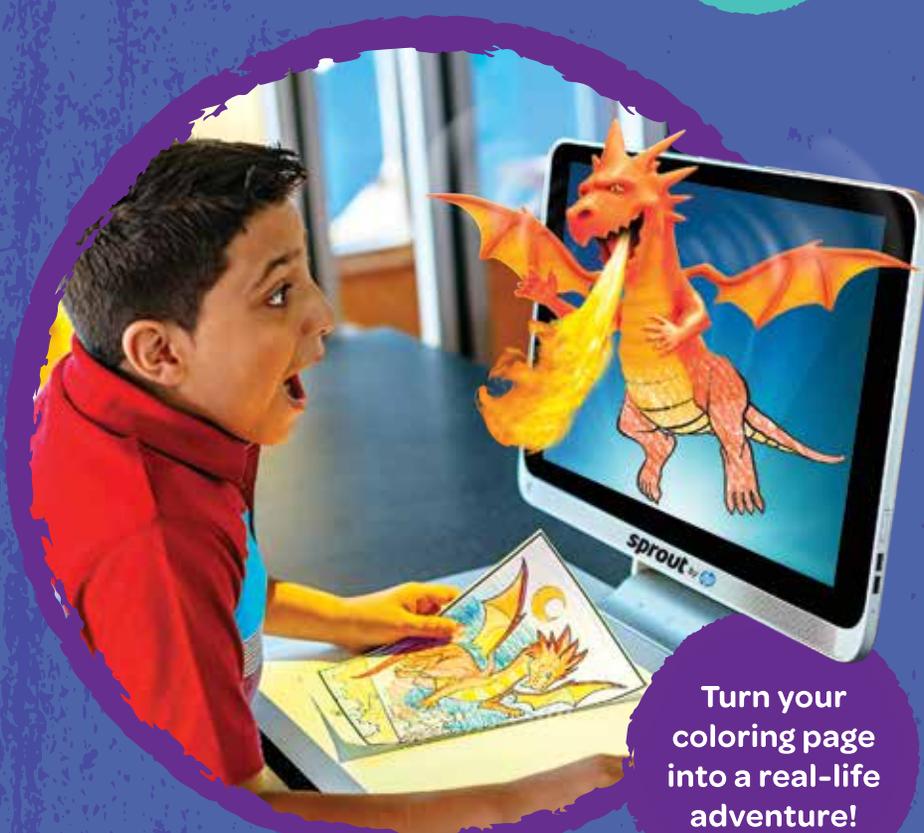
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Jacksonville Symphony to bring together Brahms and Bruckner

The Jacksonville Symphony and music director Courtney Lewis will perform four concerts April 5-7, featuring symphonies by Johannes Brahms and Anton Bruckner.

At the time that Brahms and Bruckner were writing the symphonies performed for this concert, those who loved their music were at odds over the different styles found in their compositions, according to the Symphony. It was unimaginable to pair Brahms and Bruckner together on a single concert, but a century-and-a-half later, the Symphony will present them on one program.

The Regency Centers Symphony in 60 Series returns for the last time in the 2017-18 season on Thursday, April 5 at 6:30 p.m. This concert will feature Johannes Brahms' Symphony No. 3.

The Florida Blue Masterworks concerts will take place April 6 and 7 at 8 p.m. In addition to Brahms' Symphony No. 3, the concert will feature Anton Bruckner's Symphony No. 7.

The Raymond James Coffee Concert on April 6 at 11 a.m. will feature Bruckner's Seventh Symphony. Coffee concerts present an abbreviated Masterworks program and offer complimentary coffee and cookies in the lobby before the concert begins.

Canadian violinist Jeffrey Dyrda will join Lewis and the Symphony on stage for all four performances. Event attendees will also see Dyrda on April 13 and 14 when the Symphony presents Windborne's Music of David Bowie. Dyrda has performed across the Americas, Europe and Asia in a variety of musical roles.

Devoted to social projects and music education, Dyrda has mentored at the Academia Filarmonica de Medellin in Columbia and served in South Korea as a concertmaster for a World Peace Orchestra comprised of musicians from a multitude of UN countries.

All concerts will take place in the Times-Union Center for the Performing Arts in Jacoby Symphony Hall. For more information or to purchase tickets, call the ticket office at (904) 354-5547 or visit www.JaxSymphony.org.



A dress made out of newspaper is modeled as part of the Douglas Anderson School of the Arts' "Coming to America" fashion line.



A model poses in a fantastical dress from designer Laura O'Neal's "Oracle of Seasons" fashion line.



A dress fashioned from painted canvas is modeled on the runway. Photos by Samantha Logue

Love Your Mother Eco Fashion Show makes Ponte Vedra Beach debut

By Samantha Logue

Last Saturday, March 31, the 10th annual Love Your Mother Eco Fashion Show was held at Marsh Landing Country Club in Ponte Vedra Beach. Produced by the Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach, the fundraiser was a celebration of "Mother Earth," featuring fantastical outfits fashioned from various recycled objects and materials.

"We gather here today to celebrate creativity as we fulfill our mission for the Cultural Center," said Donna Guzzo, executive director of the Cultural Center. "And our mission for the Cultural Center is to bring the arts into the lives of the community in three categories: art education, exhibits ... and, very close to my heart, the outreach program that we do—music therapy for children with special needs."



St. Johns County Commission Candidate Dick Williams takes in the show with his wife, Linda.

Held in St. Augustine in previous years, this year marked the show's Ponte Vedra Beach debut. Twelve designers and design groups participated in the event, including opening show designer Lucero Gleaton, 9-year-old Ayla Gray of Ayla's Industrials,

the Douglas Anderson School of the Arts, Jennifer McManaway, Donna McCarthy, Halle Elizabeth, Laura O'Neal, Robin Hottinger, Erin Healy Designs, St. Augustine Fashion Week Founder Brittany Alphonso, Ejo Fox, Colleen Loughlin, Susan Cafiso and Juliana Koutouzakis. Materials used included aluminum cans, plastic bags, newspapers, bubble wrap, dryer lint, unlucky lottery tickets and more. The show concluded with the Cultural Center's custom line, "The Painter," designed by Koutouzakis and artist Mario Della Penta using painted canvases.

Professional photographs of the show's outfits are currently on display at the Cultural Center for visitors to view and purchase and will remain on exhibit through April 21. For more information about the Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach, visit www.ccpvb.org.

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Ballet Palm Beach to perform in St. Augustine April 21

Ballet Palm Beach, the professional ballet company of the Palm Beaches and Treasure Coast, will soon travel to St. Augustine for a mixed bill performance at Flagler College's Lewis Auditorium on Saturday, April 21, at 7:30 p.m.

The evening will open with Balanchine's "Who Cares?" Set to music by George Gershwin, the ballet evokes the exuberance of New York City with romantic pas de deux, syncopated group numbers and virtuosic solos. Next on the bill is "The List," by former Alvin Ailey dancer and choreographer Christopher Huggins. This tribute is set in 1940s Germany amid the throes of the Holocaust. In Huggins' words, it is a "haunting glimpse into the lives of a Jewish family of four—from their kitchen table to their end."

Finally, Ballet Palm Beach rounds off the evening with "Space Between Words" and "Saint-Saëns Suite." "Space Between Words" is an intricate, contemporary-styled piece by Floridian choreographer, Donna Murray. It is set to music by minimalist composer Arvo Pärt. "Saint-Saëns Suite," a neoclassical work choreographed by Ballet Palm Beach Artistic Director Colleen Smith, aims to embody Saint-Saëns' sparkling music while showcasing



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Ballet Palm Beach dancers strike an elegant pose in "Talisman."

the versatility and strength of the company dancers.

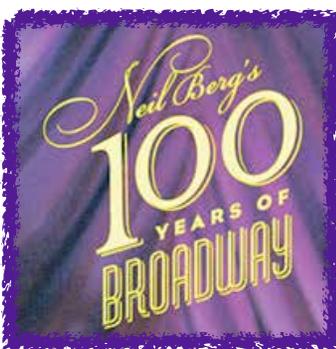
Tickets start at \$19; student and group deals are available. To purchase tickets, call (561) 814-5598 or 1-800-297-8309, or visit www.balletpalmbeach.org.



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Friends of First Coast Opera to host musical luncheon April 17

The Friends of First Coast Opera will host a musical luncheon Tuesday, April 17 at 11:30 a.m. at the Marsh Creek Country Club in St. Augustine.

The event will feature a silent auction and raffle ticket with each luncheon, which costs \$35 per person.

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Business owners unite to help each other, senior community

By Benjamin Naim

A group of local business owners working with the senior community has come together to support each other's efforts and give back to the area's senior population.

Known as Ponte Vedra Senior Advocates (PVSA), the group was established last year by Ponte Vedra Home Care owner Seth Movsovitz.

"I had a couple of close friends in the industry and we were communicating and sharing some of the things that were going on in our businesses," Movsovitz said. "The group grew naturally because we were basically supporting each other and helping each other out with the businesses, and we decided, 'Let's go ahead and form a group.'"

PVSA, explained Movsovitz, opens the lines of communication with other professionals in the field of elder care. In doing so, the local business owner noted that group members are educating each other on the various services available to seniors in the area, and seniors are getting connected to the services they need.

"Ponte Vedra is one of the most beautiful places in America and there are quite a few people who come here to retire," he said. "We want this community to have the resources available



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so that these people can have the quality of life they're looking for in their later years."

Movsovitz said he started the group primarily to support business owners in elder care-related fields. Knowing what other businesses can provide to the community "is a real plus," he added, and every PVSA business owner needs a personalized network of resources to

offer clients and their families.

PVSA members own a business in the senior care field and work with the elderly in some form or fashion, Movsovitz said. The Ponte Vedra Home Care owner noted that prospective group members don't need a referral.

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How long will my savings have to last in retirement?



Ric Schilling
Columnist

By Ric Schilling

One of the issues discussed frequently when completing a retirement planning session with a client is how long one expects to live.

Now, we all recognize that our life spans are not totally in our control.

While we can extend the length of time we are likely to live by practicing healthy lifestyles, that is not a guarantee that we will live longer. Conversely, we see people every day who live very long lives yet not in a particularly healthy way. So, the question remains: How long should I assume my savings would have to last in retirement?

There are several ways to address this conundrum:

1. You can assume you will live to 100 and develop a savings accumulation and distribution strategy to support that assumption. This is the most conservative approach, since very few people live to 100 or more, so it is likely to generate the largest asset transfer to heirs but also requires the largest pre-retirement funding.

2. You can assume you will live approximately seven years beyond the life spans of your parents, which is the rate that each generation is exceeding the previous generation on average, and plan your accumulation and distribution strategy accordingly. This is a less conservative approach than the age 100 idea; thus it will likely produce a smaller wealth transfer to heirs at death and require less pre-retirement funding.

3. Your independent financial fiduciary can project, using some of the latest planning software, your expected lifespan by factoring in your personal health status, family history, occupational and environmental factors and the age at which you expect to retire. This is a more sophisticated approach than the previous two. Yet there is not sufficient data to say with relative certainty that it will produce a more accurate result for the population at large.

Over the years, my position on this issue has consistently been to err on the side of assum-

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Aqua Grill to celebrate 30th anniversary

On Sunday, April 15, from noon to 4 p.m., Aqua Grill will celebrate its 30th year of business in the Sawgrass Village Shopping Center in Ponte Vedra Beach with a party, which will include complimentary food and live music.

"If you had told me 30 years ago that I would still have a restaurant operating in 2018, I'm not sure I could've pictured this," said Cary Hart, sole owner of Aqua Grill since its inception in 1988. "With the

redevelopment of Sawgrass Village in 2015, we were given the opportunity to reinvent ourselves with a new building and contemporary restaurant concept. We continue to evolve in our community because of the loyalty and support we receive from our customers. This has been a great place to raise my family, and I hope to serve my community for many more years to come."

Each anniversary, Aqua Grill contin-

ues its support of local charities with a donation. This year, the restaurant will donate proceeds from drink sales, auctions and raffles to benefit the Kate Amato Foundation. Dedicated to the advancement of pediatric cancer research, the Kate Amato Foundation's mission is to fund innovative research to find safer, smarter treatments for children with cancer, with a goal of accelerating the pace of progress and saving lives.

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- 15. Target of crime
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ing longer life spans and planning accordingly. If you are correct, you will be less likely to run out of money in retirement, a situation we all wish to avoid. If you are wrong, your spouse or other heirs will simply inherit more money than was expected – not an entirely bad outcome. I hope this helps you think through this challenging issue.

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The BBVA Compass team joins representatives from the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce Ponte Vedra Beach Division for a ribbon cutting ceremony on March 21 to celebrate the bank's recently enhanced services.

BBVA Compass celebrates enhanced services with ribbon-cutting ceremony

BBVA Compass Bank in Ponte Vedra Beach celebrated its recently enhanced services with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Wednesday, March 21, which was attended by representatives of the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce Ponte Vedra Beach Division.

In addition to the ribbon cutting, attend-

ees of the event enjoyed networking, door prizes, beverages and hors d'oeuvres. BBVA Compass is open Monday to Thursday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon. It is located at 155 Corridor Road. Call (904) 564-8060 for more information.

Seniors

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"We don't particularly care for that model and that's not what we're about," he said. "We all have our strategic alliances with other members and other groups in the senior care industry that we refer to and rely upon to be a part of our own networks."

PVSA consists of Mary Daniel from Claim Medic, Sheri Parkinson from Med Equip Solutions, Heather Jackson from Jackson Personal Financial Services, Mary Quinn Shalz from Quinn-Shalz family funeral home, Helen Stern from Del Mar Designs, Rebecca Cooper from The Homestead Advantage and Dave Steiglitz from Oasis Senior Advisors.

"We meet once a month," Movsovit said. "If one of the owners is having an issue with possibly some employees or if someone has a marketing idea they want to run by the group, they're free to do so with all of us."

PVSA's next regularly-scheduled meeting will take place April 24 at Pusser's in Ponte Vedra. According to Movsovit, the first 30 to 40 minutes of the monthly meetings are set aside to discuss the state of each member's company.

The group will hold its first event, entitled "Navigating the Waves of Aging," at Beach Diner in Ponte Vedra Beach on

Wednesday, April 18 from 4 to 5 p.m. The event will offer attendees a chance to ask questions about confusing medical bills, durable medical equipment, senior living options, home care and more while enjoying coffee and cookies.

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Lady Sharks fall to Creekside

The Ponte Vedra softball team lost to Creekside 7-1 on Tuesday, April 3 at the Shark Tank. Scotland David's triple and Michelle Leone's single accounted for the lone Ponte Vedra run.



Catherine Beaton pitches in relief for the Sharks against Creekside.



ABOVE: Michelle Leone delivers a base hit to drive in the Sharks' only run.



LEFT: Kiley Hennessey makes the throw to first on a ground ball.

Photos by Jerry and Chris Norton

Hope at Hand's Charity Golf Classic set for April 23

Hope at Hand will be hosting its 7th Annual Charity Golf Classic on April 23, at the Ponte Vedra Inn & Club.

Prizes will be available to the winners of several contests during the event, which begins at noon. Tickets are \$200 per golfer and will also be available for purchase the day of the event.

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