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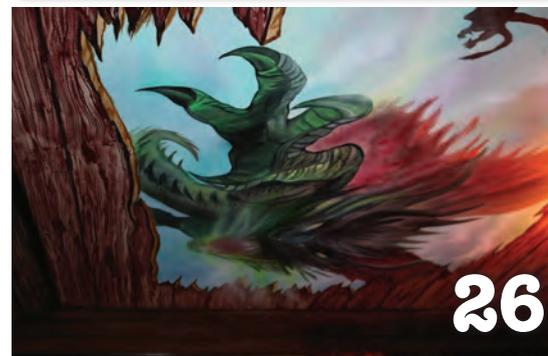
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**TONI
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Toni Boudreaux-Godwin is director of operations for The Brumos Collection, which is located at 5159 San Pablo Road South, Jacksonville. The collection, which had been closed during the pandemic, has reopened to the public.

Tell us about The Brumos Collection and what visitors can see there.

The Brumos Collection began as a private endeavor intended on showcasing both the cars and the men and women who worked tirelessly to push boundaries with the pursuit of bringing these incredible machines to life. Inventors, designers, engineers and drivers challenged the impossible to ultimately shape racing, mainstream automobiles and the cars of tomorrow.

Now, open to the public, it is our hope that the collection will create lasting memories and inspire a new generation to explore their interest in the past, present and future of the automotive industry.

As you enter the building you will notice the museum was designed to take guests through two unique experiences. The first section, what we call the Forerunners, fea-

tures open cockpit racers and early automotive innovations, with the oldest being an 1894 Peugeot.

Besides the cars, there are engines, vintage racing equipment and drivers' gear.

All the cars have digital kiosks that provide the car's history, vintage photographs and details on the car.

The second area is the Frontrunners section which includes Porsche race cars from 1953 to 2017. The cases in this section are filled with legendary race trophies and awards spanning decades. There is a little bit of something for everyone to explore in the galleries.

As director of operations for The Brumos Collection, what are your responsibilities?

Considering the size of our staff, my counterpart and I try to tag-team on many

of the responsibilities. But areas that I enjoy are community relations, working closely with vendors/partners, volunteer recruitment and training, along with managing events and, of course, the day-to-day operations and always staying focused on the mission.

The current pandemic has forced many visitor destinations to adapt in order to remain open. How has The Brumos Collection met this challenge?

We unfortunately closed after being open for only six weeks. However, the pandemic gave us the time to settle into our new space and really help us finalize procedures and fine-tune objectives for re-opening. We announced our re-opening for Jan. 21 and are thrilled to be able to welcome guests back to the Brumos Collection.



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ABOVE: A 1925 Bugatti Type 35 on display at The Brumos Collection.



LEFT: The interior of a 1923 Locomobile Model 48 Series 8 Sportif.

It is always interesting to learn how professionals make their way into unusual and very specialized careers. Can you tell us about your background and how you arrived at where you are today?

I have a bachelor's in PR with a minor in art history and a master's in public administration. I started my professional career working with nonprofits where I learned everything from development and member engagement to leadership, planning and event execution – all skills which led me to work for the SJC Chamber of Commerce, which introduced me to a unique and diverse business community. Both were stepping stones for the position I have now, which has allowed me to use my skill set to the fullest, and I'm very grateful for that.

How long have you lived in Ponte Vedra? Did you move here from somewhere else?

My father was military, which provided us the opportunity to move around quite a bit. I moved to Florida from Montana after working in Glacier National Park and earned my master's at UNF. I have lived in Ponte Vedra Beach since 2012 and have loved every minute of it.

What do you like most about living here?

There are so many wonderful things about living in Ponte Vedra Beach. For a fairly small coastal community, we have it all. Great restaurants, sprawling beaches, Guana, my favorite yoga studio (Titanium Yoga), upscale lodging, world class golf and the best residents. (Can you tell I worked for the Chamber?)

In your spare time, do you have hobbies or volunteer opportunities that you enjoy?

I serve on the board of directors for the Rotary Club of PVB, Art with a Heart in Healthcare and the Advisory Board for the Communications Department at UNF. In my free time, you can usually find my husband and I enjoying the beach, and when we aren't — we love taking little trips to Jekyll Island and Savannah.



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From having worked on her MBA, to serving on many North Florida boards in leadership positions, from the Chamber of Commerce to the Education Foundation, and being awarded many real estate top honors, Kim has a firm grasp on what it takes to sustain a thriving real estate business through whatever market cycle arises. Rock solid experience, adapting, being competent and forward thinking are key to navigating any market.

Kim is well versed in oceanfront, residential, international sales, golf course communities, estates, land development, commercial sales and development, equestrian and ranches, leases, consulting work with other real estate companies, and training new real estate agents... and has the many designations and education that go along with it. Kim also recently wrote and had her first book published.

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The former Hotel Alcazar, which was opened in 1888 by Henry Flagler, offers a unique ambiance that helps to make weddings memorable for the bridal party and guests. Because it can accommodate as many as 250, most invitation lists do not have to be whittled down.

Now, the Lightner is offering a new intimate wedding package for Sundays only that, for parties of not more than 100 guests, will capture the imaginations of engaged couples and their families. Available dates are reserved for celebrations to be held within the ensuing year.

The package includes exclusive access to several unique spaces for up to 10 hours. These include the historic pool area with its majestic three-story ceiling; the mezzanine and outdoor terrace, which are perfect for cocktails and more; the Otto Lightner Lounge, with its foosball table, flat-screen TV and dart board; and the Maria Jefferson Lounge, a luxurious suite with makeup stations and more.

For an additional fee, parties can add access to the Grand Lobby, with its exquisite crystal chandeliers and arched windows, and the first level exhibits, offering guests plentiful opportunities to enjoy the eclectic collection of antiquities there.

Amenities include gold Chiavari chairs, tables in a variety of sizes and designs, special lighting, a designated dance floor, private guest WiFi, history cards, day-of-event insurance, on-site security and more.

Prices range from \$17,000 to \$24,000, determined by the guest count.

Whether planning a traditional wedding celebration or reception or opting for the special Sunday package, the place to start is weddings. Wedding packages are managed by The Treasury Venue Collection.

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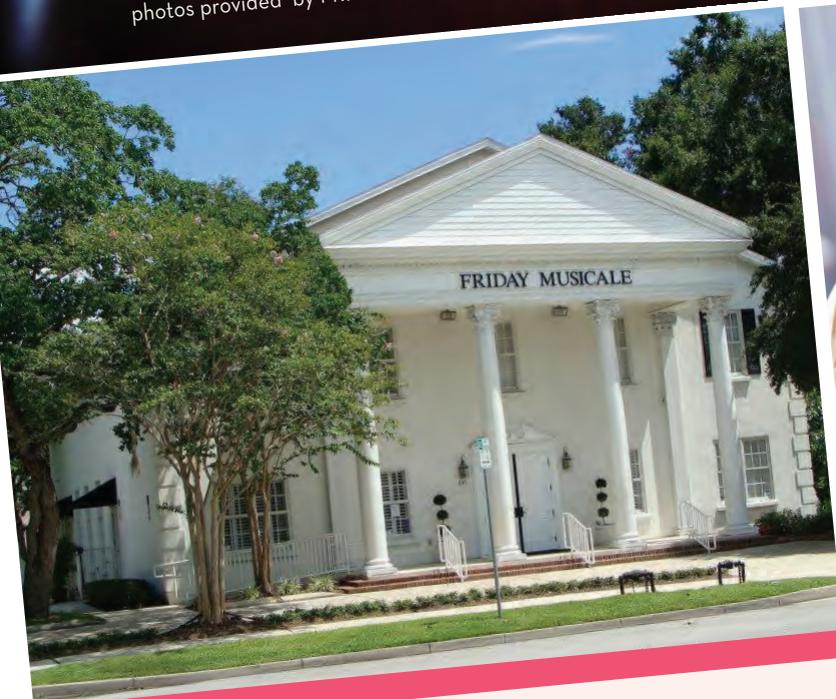
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A Piece of History

by HOLLY TISHFIELD

After more than 130 years in the community since its creation, the Friday Musicale located in downtown Jacksonville continues to be a popular wedding venue destination for couples looking for furnished auditoriums, grand foyers and an exciting piece of history.

In 1890, as an attempt to make friends that shared her same musical passion, Claudia L'Engle Adams began gathering friends in the parlor of her home on East Monroe Street. After three years of weekly meetings, a formal club was created in 1893 through a series of elections, with Mrs. Adams as its first president.

The present-day location of the Friday Musicale was not purchased until 1929, at 645 Oak Street, where it currently remains home to the Friday Musicale organization.

Today, the Musicale remains a heavily community based and non-profit organization. They host a number of events including corporate, charity, recitals and weddings. Since they are a nonprofit, all money raised through rentals of the two buildings goes towards music education for kids in the area.

Weddings at the Friday Musicale have always been lively and exciting. With two options for venues, eager couples can choose between The Auditorium, a furnished 1930's Colonial Revival style auditorium that accommodate 250 guests in theater-style seating, or The L'Engle Hall, a furnished hall that accommodates 90 guests seated at



tables with a dance floor and 150 guests in theater-style seating.

Jeff Tawney, the venue rentals manager at Friday Musicale, said that the halls closed down for about 7 weeks at the start of the pandemic, but opened again once the stay-at-home order was lifted. Now, the Musicale is open again and operating on a nearly-full basis, with multiple weddings and events booked for almost every weekend through the end of summer.

"We follow CDC guidelines, and local and state guidelines, as well, in terms of capacity," said Tawney.

In terms of larger wedding gatherings, Tawney said that guests have been fairly self-sufficient about capacity when it comes to their own events and enforcing the Duval County mask mandate.

"A lot of people who host events are doing their due diligence to scale back all on their own," said Tawney. "It is amazing to see the way people have just taken it upon themselves to make sure that their event is going to be safe."

Tawney also said the Musicale is seeing lots of interest in brides looking to get their weddings up and running again. The 2021-2022 wedding season is sure to be a busy one, with many people finally believing to see the proverbial light at the end of the tunnel.

On Saturday, Sept. 25, the Musicale will be hosting a "Wedding Fair," where excited brides-to-be can see for themselves the thrill of a wedding inside the historic halls.



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Picture Perfect

by HOLLY TISHFIED

They say that a photo is worth a thousand words, and on a day like your wedding day you no doubt want enough captured memories to write a novel, but who do you trust with a responsibility like that? Someone who can blend into the fray of a busy wedding and sneak images of all the important, little moments.

Adriana of Adriana Denise Photography, a Jacksonville resident, picked up a camera about 10 years ago and has not been able to put it down since. In the years since she first began photography she has captured breathtaking images of hundreds of people, newlyweds and couples included, at dozens of different locations both in Florida and around the country.

What began as a hobby quickly turned into a career choice. At first she began shooting with families, moving on to couples and eventually graduating to weddings.

In 2018, Adriana turned her hobby into a full time gig, dedicating time and patience into starting social media pages in an attempt to better sell her brand as a photographer, and show prospective clients a glimpse into her world.

Besides weddings, Adriana loves to photograph styled shoots, where she gathers models and partners with other local businesses to create posed images. This benefits not only the local businesses, such as flower shops and dress boutiques, but it also allows her to feed her more creative side.

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Adriana Denise (above) captured many special moments and scenery from the wedding of Lane and Rachel Pittman.

Photo by ADRIANA DENISE PHOTOGRAPHY



It was at a styled shoot that Adriana met local celebrity Lane Pittman, aka the “Florida Man,” and his fiancée Rachel. After an incredible shoot, the couple asked Adriana to photograph their actual wedding, which took place at the Fountain of Youth towards the end of 2020.

In terms of how Adriana composes a memorable photo, she said it all depends on the couple and the specific location. She plans out the locations ahead of time but has to wait until she gets behind the camera to really know what she is looking for. She prefers to capture love, not so much location.

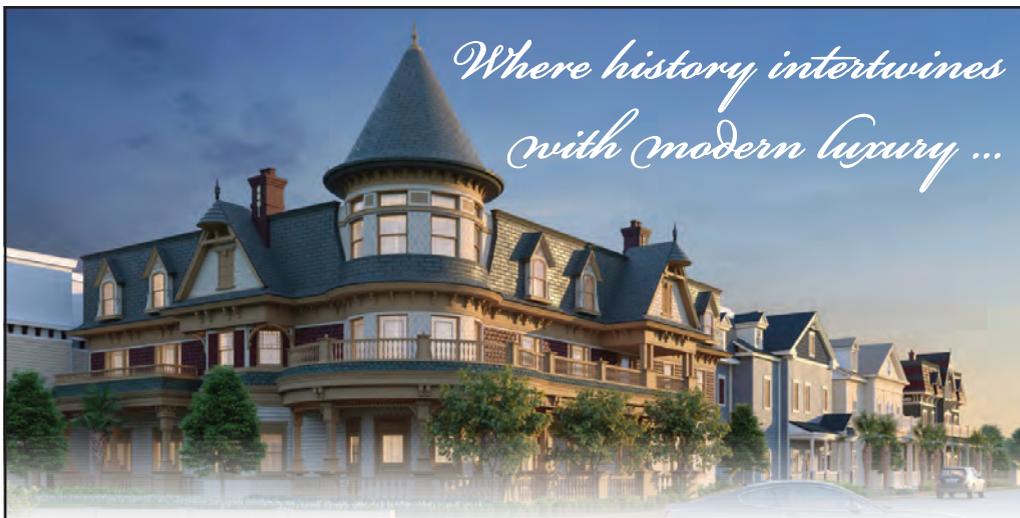
“I use the location to my advantage but it is not the highlight,” she said, “because my highlight is the couple.”

After capturing over 50 weddings since 2018 alone, Adriana confessed that shooting engagements still remains one of her favorite things to do.

“They are in love, they are super happy. It is so much easier to document the love between two people,” she said. “I am all about capturing moments.”

With the 2021-2022 wedding season picking up traction again in wedding bookings, Adriana remains grateful that she is able to make something she loves, something that began as a hobby, part of her full-time career.

“Being the one to capture a memory that lasts forever,” Adriana said, “is an honor.”



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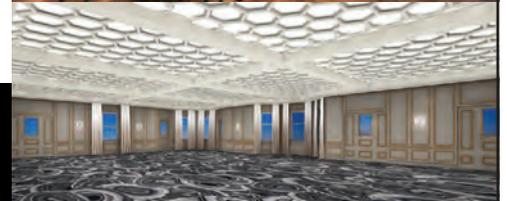


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The Wow factor

The Treasury on the Plaza combines grand style, historic charm, with focus on safety in current times

by HOLLY TISHFIELD | photo by BOW TIE PHOTOGRAPHY

The Treasury On The Plaza has long been a beloved venue of St. Augustine residents and out-of-state residents alike.

With a grande ballroom spectacular enough to wow even the most seasoned wedding goers and a fully stocked bar inside of their original 1928 bank vault, The Treasury has hosted many happy couples throughout the years.

These days, wedding planning can be a little more complicated than usual. On a good day, excited couples' biggest concern may have been which in-laws not to sit next to one another, but now their worries stray to guest safety amidst a global pandemic that has plagued the world for nearly a year.

Brandy Boulette, director of operations for The Treasury On The Plaza, assures prospective clients that they have taken every step necessary to ensure events can still be held at the venue.

"The health and safety of not only our

clients, but our staff and vendors too, is of utmost importance to us," said Boulette. "It is our first priority."

One of the many steps The Treasury has taken is the installation of a state-of-the-art ventilation system, called an Air Scrubber, that destroys over 99% of surface and airborne contaminants.

"It was a big step for us because it was a big investment, but it was a great one because we are constantly having our air purified," she said.

In addition to the Air Scrubbers, staff at The Treasury have stepped up cleaning and sanitation efforts throughout the venue.

Every 45 minutes during an event staff members disinfect high-contact areas, such as bathrooms and food stations, to help ensure guest safety. Hand-sanitation centers have been placed at every doorway within the venue to give guests an easy opportunity to keep

their hands clean. Food and drink options are now individually wrapped, as opposed to being served buffet style, as yet another safety measure.

The venue is also fogged every morning before opening with a mixture that provides intense disinfectant, but is also safe for usage in places such as schools, daycare centers, and other spaces frequented by crowds of people.

"Our ultimate goal is operating safely," said Boulette, "but also still creating the dreams and visions that couples have always dreamt of."

The Treasury only hosts one event per day. When clients book an event package they receive access to all of the beautiful rooms within the venue such as The Grande Ballroom, The Vault Bar, The Grande Foyer, The Exchange Gallery, and more.

To discover more about the safety options and package options at this historic venue, go to www.thetreasuryontheplaza.com.



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'WINNING AMELIA' A WINNER

Auto show program wins Emmy for Gemstone Media

by SHAUN RYAN

"Winning Amelia," a one-hour program celebrating the 2019 Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance, has been awarded an Emmy for Best Event Coverage from the Suncoast Chapter of The National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences.

"We're very, very proud of the team and everybody's efforts that helped us achieve that," said Philip L. Green, president of Gemstone Media, the company that produced the program. "This is a really great honor."

"It is absolutely the most gratifying reward that you can receive for the work you do," said the program's executive producer, Ray Hays. "In our industry — broadcast television — there is no higher accolade."

"Winning Amelia" was broadcast on WJXT-TV and later on NBCSN.

In the wake of the program's success, the company produced a sequel, "Driving Amelia." It was also shown on WJXT-TV and NBCSN.

A WINNER

"Winning Amelia" features stories drawn directly from the 2019 event: a fully-restored Tucker 48, a custom-built Porsche 356 Outlaw owned by rock star John Oates and a panel of race car drivers discussing how they "bent" the rules.

One of the most compelling stories is that of a rare 1955 Mercedes Gullwing, which had been stored in a Ponte Vedra garage.

It had all its original parts and a serial number of 43. When contacted, the Mercedes-Benz Classic Center USA in Irvine, California, immediately became interested; coincidentally, the center was in the process of restoring Gullwing number 44.

Hays compared number 43 to the Rosetta stone. When crews from the center examined the car, they actually went back and corrected number 44.

Today, the Mercedes-Benz company in Germany keeps number 43 as a reference, but the valuable find also put in an appearance at 2019's Amelia.

TELLING STORIES

Capturing the highlights of an event like The Amelia requires a plan. That's something Hays is adept at — he has been covering the show every year since 2004.

On Friday and Saturday of the event, Hays records seminars where insiders speak about motoring and historic races.



Gemstone Media President Philip L. Green celebrates after the company won an Emmy for "Winning Amelia." Photo provided by PHILIP GREEN



Ray Hays, executive director of the Emmy-winning program "Winning Amelia," directs coverage of The Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance. Photo provided by RAY HAYS



The Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance is scheduled for May 20-23 this year. Register file photo

“It's not just a car show. It's really a celebration of all things motoring.”

RAY HAYS
Director of
"Winning Amelia"

On Sunday, the team records every car that receives an award, and other camera crews dig up stories around the show field.

After that, Hays and co-writer Mike Barile write the show's script.

SOURCE MATERIAL

Of course, The Amelia has a wealth of stories to tell.

"It's not just a car show," said Hays. "It's really a celebration of all things motoring."

He said there are automobiles and motorcycles at The Amelia that visitors will rarely see anywhere else.

Still, the experience level of the production crew is essential to creating a program like "Winning Amelia."

"We have over 200 years of collective experience in the broadcast television business," said Green, who started his own TV career in 1979.

Hays, who has been in the business for 52 years, began with a part-time job at a Jacksonville station when he was just 15 years old.

2021 CHANGE

The date for this year's Amelia has been changed to May 20-23 in hopes that this will allow more time for the COVID-19 vaccine to be distributed.

Tickets and event packages purchased directly from the Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance Foundation will be carried forward to corresponding events during that week.

For information, go to www.ameliacconcours.org.

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'Tis the Season-ing

Local entrepreneurs hit the hot button with special blend of spices

Lauren Urban Glenn and Zack Glenn are the creators of Datilgator, which has developed quite a following on Kickstarter.

Datilgator's seasonings include Cajun, Cajun X 2 and many more flavors.



The datil pepper (left) is the main ingredient in Datilgator's line of seasonings.

It's a family affair. ... It's a spectacular success story that has just begun. ... It's an exciting journey for a local couple who believe in each other. ... It's a miraculous Kickstarter "Projects we Love" that put Datilgator in first place on Kickstarter's home page and first place on its food page within three days of introduction.

Ponte Vedra native Lauren Urban Glenn and husband Zack Glenn are the creative team who couldn't be more surprised with the meteoric excitement and acceptance of their fledgling company Datilgator. The seven-part collection of artisan seasonings was introduced only a few months ago in October 2020 after tackling mountains of research, testing and development of their magical recipes. They crafted their all-natural spices/blends for home cooks and professional chefs because people are looking at cooking and eating as an extension of their own creativity.

Zack is a dazzling scholar of how one can adapt complex culinary ingredients into a tablespoon of Datilgator, and make a simple dish into a standing ovation. He inherited his passion for cooking from his father. The original Cajun Datilgator seasoning is a tribute to his father Larry's "famous" Cajun Shrimp dish that he began making in the 1990s. Both Zack and Lauren come from two families of entrepreneurs who have injected them with the punk and spirit of giving it "all you've got!"



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Lauren's unbounded marketing and event creativity is the perfect balance to Zack's foodie soul. The unique and vibrant artistry of their bottling and cleverly designed labels comes from her discerning attention to detail as they collaborated on the hand-crafted small artisan batches of Datilgator. The parents of two young children, Azalea and Troy, they solidly agree that their finest hours of working together happen as soon as the children go to bed.

"I think over the years our best ideas have come from moments when we've brainstormed as a team," Lauren said. "We are both pretty opinionated and while our opinions don't always match up, I think it's from those times when we are working as a team to find a solution or a game plan, that we create awesome ideas!"

Timing and destiny crept into the Glens' life when they both found that their full-time careers — Zack a professional photographer and Lauren a full-time mother and special event producer — came to a resounding halt. This was the opportunity to give 100% of their time to figuring out how to transition into their dream of Datilgator. It was not a clear and easy path. Consider a lengthy list of certifications that required jumping through hoops from new product licensing, attorneys, permitting, finding a commercial kitchen, storage of ingredients and bottles, FDA rules, state permitting, sales tax information, Florida Department of Agriculture, studying food safety and ... ON and ON and ON!

One of the most fascinating challenges was learning how to cultivate the elusive little datil pepper, which is the primary “heat!” that would eventually take the place of Larry Glenn’s Cajun shrimp recipe’s cayenne pepper. Luckily Lauren’s father, Steve Urban, introduced them to the datil pepper — two influential fathers adding to the “family affair” that was speedily taking form. They began giving TLC to their own plants at home, experimenting with different ways to dehydrate and crush the datils (important knowledge) so that they could choose a licensed datil pepper distributor for Datilgator. The plan was to make Larry’s awesome recipe of 15-plus ingredients into just one seasoning — Datilgator Cajun!

Finally, it was time to discover how Kickstarter could really work, and wow, did it! Zack’s videos and outreach to possible backers were hot. They did their homework and the seasonings were irresistibly and alluringly presented to the immediate world. Together Lauren and Zack achieved their start-up goal in only three days! Sky-rocketing from the original goal of \$5,000, they generated more than \$20,000 of advance sales in a few days. They sold out before they delivered the first bottle and people were already asking for more and sending them photos of all the dishes they loved to create with it. It was a watershed moment for the Glenns, giving them the confirmation and confidence to move forward with the ultimate goal of bringing Datilgator to grocery stores, restaurants and consumers!

Today, working with a co-packer in Florida to meet their demand and maintain a perfect, consistent quality, the Glenns are free to continue creating an expanded line of Datilgator, doing the sales and marketing while moving into food arenas that they never dreamed of a few months ago. They laughingly recall every test they ran that meant another tasty meal for family and friends, which is what kept them on track to refining the look, taste and versatility of the incredible flavors of Datilgator, which include Original Cajun; Cajun x 2 (for the wildly hot palate); Taco Lime; Twisted Lemon; Sweet & Spicy; Best Burger; and Datil Pepper Powder.

Although it’s easy to visit Datilgator online and order your favorite flavors, Lauren and Zack encourage locals in Northeast Florida to support their brick-and-mortar retail partners too. Currently they are found in Ancient Olive in St. Augustine, Hagan Ace Hardware stores, Hoby’s Honey in Mandarin, Hot Stuff in St. Augustine and Safe Harbor Seafood in Atlantic Beach.

Lauren is happy to be back in Northeast Florida with her family and her best friend, partner and hubby Zack who grew up in Maryland. She recalls her colorful high school years at Nease when, in 2003, she was awarded “Local Hero of the Year” by the Ponte Vedra Rotary for community service. She hasn’t lost her charming sense of humor, especially since she is now Datilgator’s owner and chief excitement officer.

Zack cherishes his family relationships too, recognizing, “Datilgator is a culinary blend of two-family traditions that will bring you closer to your family and friends. Cooking should be fun, delicious and shared. Datilgator is a great place to start. We’ve done the hard work so you can keep your cooking simple. The future looks bright with more exciting blends coming to market!”

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Boarded by Chef Vince offers custom charcuterie boxes, boards and grazing tables for all types of events. And First Coast residents are invited to get ...

On Board

by HOLLY TISHFIELD

North Florida is no stranger to up-and-coming businesses. Residents and newcomers alike try their luck on the shores of the First Coast by opening small shops, restaurants and food trucks in the hopes of making it big. Two St. John's County residents have recently joined this group of hopefuls by opening their own catering business, specializing in the ever-popular charcuterie boards and grazing tables.

Chef Vince Pollaci and his wife, Tabitha, opened the proverbial doors to their business just a few months ago, at the beginning of November, dubbed Boarded By Chef Vince.

Boarded By Chef Vince offers an extensive variety of charcuterie boards, brunch boards, grazing tables and charcuterie boxes. Each order is unique, specifically customized for clients depending on allergies, preferences and seasonal availability.

Depending on the size of the board, Chef Vince goes about selecting the assortment of meats, cheeses, fruits and nuts. As a trained chef and graduate from the Art Institute of Jacksonville, Tabitha Pollaci says Chef Vince is perfect for the job.

"He builds everything based on what's in season and what the clients have requested specifically," she said. "He knows the best flavor profiles."

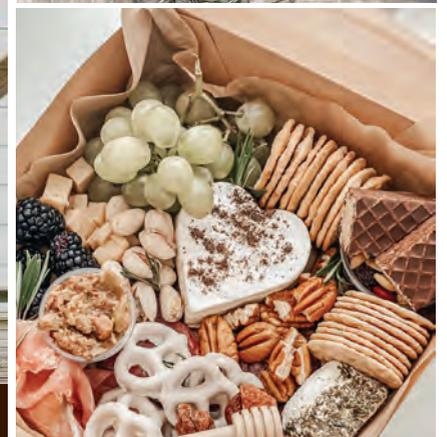
Launched just in time for the busiest season of the year, the Pollacis knew that they wanted to customize their boards to fit what clients would be looking for.

"As we entered the holidays, we tried to think of ways we could highlight the beauty of charcuterie, so we came up with the wreath," said Tabitha.

The Grazer charcuterie option, a classic board from the Pollaci's collection, feeds 4-8 people whereas a smaller board such as The Mini would feed 1-2 people. Each board comes with a wide selection of sweet and savory foods arranged in aesthetic perfection to be both



Chef Vince Pollaci and wife Tabitha, with their two children, opened Boarded by Chef Vince in November.



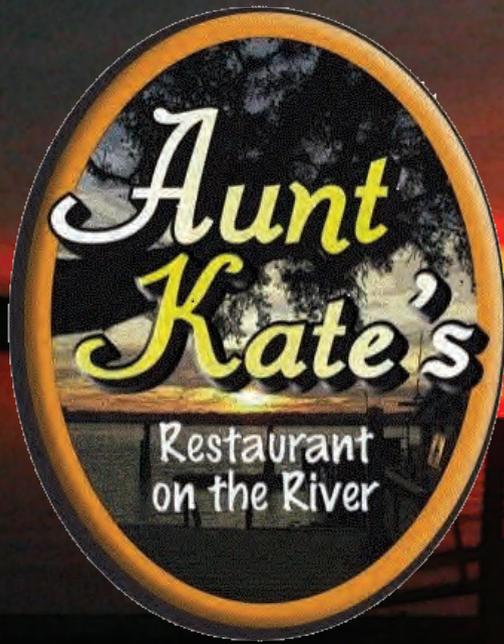
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a beautiful and delicious addition to any event or dinner party.

Along with catering options, Boarded By Chef Vince also offers "Ship-Cuterie," a personalized to-go charcuterie board available in two sizes. The Starter, a 12-by-12-inch slate cheese board with meat, cheese, honey, jam, olives and other accompaniments could make a wonderful gift or surprise for a loved one.

For larger scale events, such as brunch, the Pollacis can provide a Grazer Board or a Grazing Table. The Grazer Board for brunch includes pastries, spreads, fruits, bagels and other sweets for up to 14 people. The Grazing Table for brunch can serve over 15 people, and is personalized with accompaniments depending on the season and the size of the party.

This family-owned-and-operated catering business operates primarily through their website and social media accounts, although they hope to have a brick-and-mortar storefront one day in the future. You can find more about the board selections at boardedbychefvince.square.site or go to Instagram at [@boarded_by_chef_vince](https://www.instagram.com/boarded_by_chef_vince).



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A peek at some fresh, new styles and looks local shops and boutiques will be featuring this spring

by HOLLY TISHFIELD

COTTONWAYS



Bring life to your spring wardrobe with new styles from Cottonways, a Melbourne-based sophisticated clothing line with shops in Fernandina Beach, St. Augustine, Vero Beach, and Winter Park. Try pairing one of Cottonways' Silk Jackets, available in Butterfly, Spring Rain, and Bird of Paradise over a Zizi tunic for a beach-chic look fit for those Florida sunshine kind of days.

FIG & WILLOW



At Fig & Willow, a trendy boutique in Neptune Beach, they love adding a fedora to any spring outfit for an adorable finishing touch! The Winnie Fedora is their latest obsession. It features a wide brim, comes in four neutral colors, and is a steal for only \$44.

A unique children's boutique

by HOLLY TISHFIELD

Bringing quality and comfort to the market of children's boutiques, Teri-ann Wigfield and her husband opened their new store, Jet & Ivy, in St. John's County just a few short months ago, but the journey has not been an easy one.

Wigfield and her husband have spent over 25 years in the retail field, and when they moved to Northeast Florida from their home in Manhattan, they knew that fulfilling their dream of owning a boutique was a no-brainer.

"There are so many new families," said Teri-ann Wigfield, "there are so many new people."

Indeed, The Forum at Greenbriar was so new when the Wigfield's moved into their store that only one or two other storefronts were open in the area. Now, though, it seems that life is on the up. With new communities and shopping centers popping up every day in St. John's County, the Wigfield's found a perfect opportunity to bring their cool and chic-casual children's clothing to town.



Before the pandemic hit, the Wigfields were set to open Jet & Ivy in May of 2020, but once things became serious with the virus, their plans had to come to a halt. They ended up waiting six months before finally opening the doors to Jet & Ivy.

According to Teri-ann they were already receiving freight, already set to bring their items to the public, before their opening was delayed.

"We are very, very grateful that we were even able to open in November," said Wigfield.

At the moment Jet & Ivy is open and ready for business, offering the community a wide selection of unique and stylish children's clothing.

Teri-ann Wigfield's own clothing line, in addition to the other vendors Jet & Ivy carries, preaches a "no-itch" philosophy, meaning that the clothing is all tag-less and as soft as possible, made of organic materials and almost entirely sourced from products made in the U.S.

The shop offers variations of both boys' and girl's clothing, including polo shirts, cargo shorts, dresses, and jackets.

Accessories such as shoes, headbands, and scrunchies are also popular sellers at the store. And to match the fur-babies alongside their human counterparts, Jet & Ivy carries a matching petwear line.

So far the reaction from the community has been wholly positive, with happy customers spreading news about the small store through word of mouth.

"Being small, I can work faster to what the need is of the customer," said Wigfield.

In upcoming months, Jet & Ivy expects to carry a new infant wear line of clothing, along with receiving their shipments of new spring clothing for all ages.

CARLA'S SHOES & ACCESSORIES



Just in time for the new season, Carla's Shoes and Accessories received its new P448 sneakers, a design that is currently wildly popular in Italy. The shoes retail for \$298 and make a unique addition to any wardrobe.

JOHN CRAIG CLOTHIER



Spring fashion means bold colors and unique wardrobe choices, which is exactly what John Craig Clothier in Ponte Vedra is serving up with their line of L.E.N items. L.E.N belts offer handcrafted buckle options, and the finest leathers in a variation of colors.

ROSENBLUM'S



Offering a new twist on classic style, Rosenblum's introduced a new collection of belts from Zambezi Grace, an eclectic brand creating their accessories from Nile crocodile leathers, available in a variation of colors and styles.

JET & IVY



This new children's boutique in Nocatee is serving up an adorable Heart Collection, with infant sizes through girls 14. The shop offers children's clothing for boys and girls, as well as accessories.

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TAKING ART TO NEW HEIGHTS

story and photos by PARIS MOULDEN

It's hard to miss the Riverside-area home owned by Hugh Tibbitts and Tom Bright. Their personalities, appreciation for art and love for friends and family are apparent as soon as you see the drawings and signatures painted on the house.

When Tibbitts decided he wanted to the inside of home to look as unique and remarkable as the rest of the house, he contacted his friend a popular Jacksonville-based horror artist Jerrod Brown.

The only caveat they gave Brown was not to make it so scary their grandchildren would be afraid to visit, but other than that, Brown had free reign. Then Tibbitts and Bright went to Savannah for the weekend with no clue of what they would see when they got home.

Brown said it was initially discussed to give the ceilings a wood-grain look, but when he went to the house, he had other ideas.

"I've done wood-grain work before when I was a scenic artist for theme parks and things like that," Brown said. "Wood-graining kind of bores me anyway, so I thought if I open this up and put some pictures in there, then it would be less wood-graining for me to do."



Hugh Tibbitts (left) and Tom Bright stand in front of their dragon hallway mural painted by Jerrod Brown.

Then Brown had to decide what kind of pictures it would be.

"I thought about it; that maybe I could do some UFOs up there or maybe a galaxy with planets," he said. "Then, for some reason, I started thinking about dragons coming in. I don't know where it came from, it just popped into my head."



So, for four days, Brown transformed the ceilings of the home into what could be a scene from “Game of Thrones.” The ceilings feature dragons breaking through the ceiling, with other images in the background. Their eyes shimmer through the openings, their claws ripping away at the wood. Brown even painted a dragon tail running through the back hallway. Brown used glow-in-the-dark paint on the dragon eyes, so it the glare is even more prominent when the lights are dim.

Unlike Michaelangelo, Brown didn't have scaffolding to lay on as he painted, so the job was also a physical challenge.

“I thought my arm would be sore, but I mostly felt it in my neck from looking up the whole time,” Brown said.

But the effort was worth it when his friends returned home.

“They walked in and they just kept looking at the ceilings with their mouths open in awe,” Brown said of Tibbitts’ and Bright’s reaction.

Tibbitts said when the curtains are open, their neighbors probably think there’s something wrong with them because they’re always walking around staring at the ceiling.

“It was a lot of fun,” Brown said of the project. “I enjoyed it.”

Brown’s next venture is preparing for a 2023 showing at the Karpeles Manuscript Museum in downtown Jacksonville. The show will pay homage to “The Monster Times,” a newspaper from the 1970s that featured photos of different horror characters.

“I’m going to recreate these covers and paint them, so that’s what the show’s going to be about it,” Brown said.

For more information on Brown's artwork and future showings, go to www.southpawcreation.wix.com/horror-artist.

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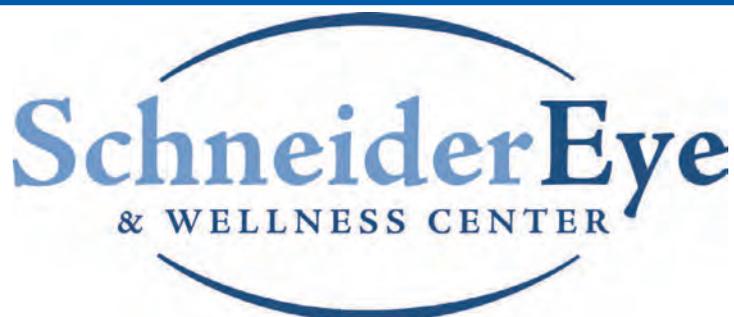


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A NOD TO *Nostalgia*

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SUN-RAY CINEMA BRINGS BACK THE DRIVE-IN THEATER TO DEAL WITH PANDEMIC

The historic building in downtown Riverside at 1028 Park Street has gone by many names throughout the last 94 years, and been home to many different things. It began as a movie theatre, then became a playhouse, a night club, and for the last decade or so North Florida residents have come to know and love it as Sun-Ray Cinema.

When the pandemic struck last March, and businesses around the country closed their doors, co-owners of Sun-Ray Cinema Tim Massett and Shana David-Massett knew they wanted to find a safe way to bring people the movies they loved.

So at the beginning of last spring they partnered with property owners and vendors in the area to put together a temporary drive-in movie theater, where guests could stay in the safety and comfort of their own vehicles while still getting the full movie theater experience.

This month, Sun-Ray Cinema announced to excited fans and newbies alike that they were opening a new, permanent drive-in movie theater, in addition to their classic location, at 869 Willowbranch Ave.

“People really want to see new content, and they really want to get out of the house,” said Shana David-Massett, “but they also really want to feel like they are making a decision that is safe by their family.”



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SUN-RAY CINEMA



Now that Sun-Ray officially owns their own equipment and no longer needs to rent items from outside vendors, David-Masset said they can be much more relaxed with their movie showings, and offer guests week night options as well as weekends.

“We are more and more being introduced to the population in a way we were not before,” said David-Masset, referring to the newfound attraction of Jacksonville residents to the drive-in.

Despite the fact that many movie theater brands are struggling right now, such as Regal Cinemas closing all 536 of their national locations in October, David-Masset said that places like Sun-Ray do not fall into the same category as other big name theaters.

“It has been fascinating to me, the concept of nostalgia surrounding drive-ins,” she said. “We are nostalgic for a lot of things right now, our friends and family for one thing. Drive-ins just give people the good feels when they think about it.”

Sun-Ray Cinema’s new, permanent drive-in features a 50-foot screen on a cozy lot tucked between the Riverside and Murray Hill neighborhoods. The theater will primarily show new movies, and offers a variation of concessions such as hot dogs and popcorn, food trucks, and delivery of pizza from their Pizza Cave back at the original theater.

David-Masset said that they feel extremely fortunate to bring the joy of movies to the community once again in these uncertain times.

“There are few blessings these days that you can ignore,” she said. “Our creativity is a blessing, our capacity to work hard and to problem solve is also a blessing that has gotten us this far.”



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