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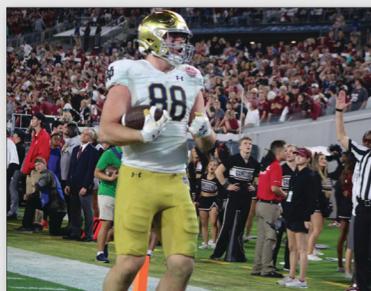
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Audience members take their seats for a screening at Lewis Auditorium for the Saint Augustine Film Festival. This year's festival runs Jan. 12-15. Read about it on page 26.

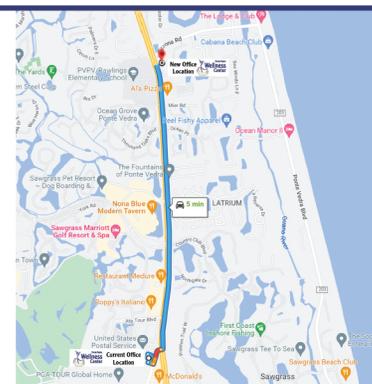
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BRIEFS

YMCA distributes toys

The First Coast YMCA distributed toys to more than 600 children in need throughout the First Coast this holiday season as part of its annual Holiday Giving Tree initiative.

For more than 30 years, the First Coast YMCA has supported local families through the Holiday Giving Tree. Christmas trees are placed at every local YMCA branch with ornaments with names of local children whose families need support during the holidays. YMCA members select a name from the tree, purchase the gifts on the list, and return them to the Y for distribution.

Community to open house for future parks planning is Jan. 9

St. Johns County Parks and Recreation will host an open house devoted to the planning and future development of multiple county parks from 6 to 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 9, at THE PLAYERS Community Senior Center, 175 Landrum Lane, Ponte Vedra Beach.

Parks and Recreation is developing a master plan for the parks. The county is collaborating with sports architecture and planning firm OSPORTS, along with its partners, Catalyst Design Group, CHW Professional Consultants and Perez Planning + Design, to help make this a reality.

During the open house, the OSPORTS design team will present an overview of the master planning process and ask for feedback from the community. Residents who attend will be encouraged to participate in a park programming and features exercise and to provide one-on-one input to OSPORTS team members.

To provide feedback, go to ppd.mysocialpinpoint.com/st-johns-county-four-county-parks/st-johns-county-four-county-parks-page-1. By completing a short questionnaire on the home page, residents can share what they would like to see at each of the parks and provide general comments.

All feedback received will be reviewed by St. Johns County and OSPORTS.

Givers Gala set for Jan. 28

United Way-St. Johns County's 6th annual Givers Gala, presented by The Hutson Companies, will be held at 6 p.m. Jan. 28 at Embassy Suites by Hilton, St. Augustine Beach. Tickets are \$200. RSVP by Jan. 20.

The gala will be a festive night of fun, inspiration and opportunity. The evening will honor local philanthropists, feature a lively auction hosted by Sen. Aaron Bean and showcase the performance band Bold City Classics.

For tickets and information, go to fundraise.givesmart.com/form/prdSYg?vid=wg1by.

Mussallem Beachfront Park meeting is Jan. 10

St. Johns County will host a community meeting for Mussallem Beachfront Park phase 3 improvements 5-6 p.m. Jan. 10 at the Mussallem Beachfront Park, 3365 Coastal Highway, St. Augustine.

Key features to be added to the park in this phase include a nature path, boardwalk, overlook, pavilion and restrooms. St. Johns County Parks and Recreation staff will be available to answer questions and share details about the new features and improvements.

Ponte Vedra Democratic Club to meet

The Ponte Vedra Democratic Club to meet Jan. 17 at Christ Episcopal Church's Westbury Hall, 400 San Juan Drive in Ponte Vedra Beach. Chat and chew at 6 p.m. Meeting begins at 6:30 p.m.

The featured speaker will be Steve Voguit, former history professor at Flagler College. The program will be: "Franklin D. Roosevelt, The Man, The Myth, and his lessons for today."

For more information, email jkary@verizon.net.

Palm Valley Market every Tuesday

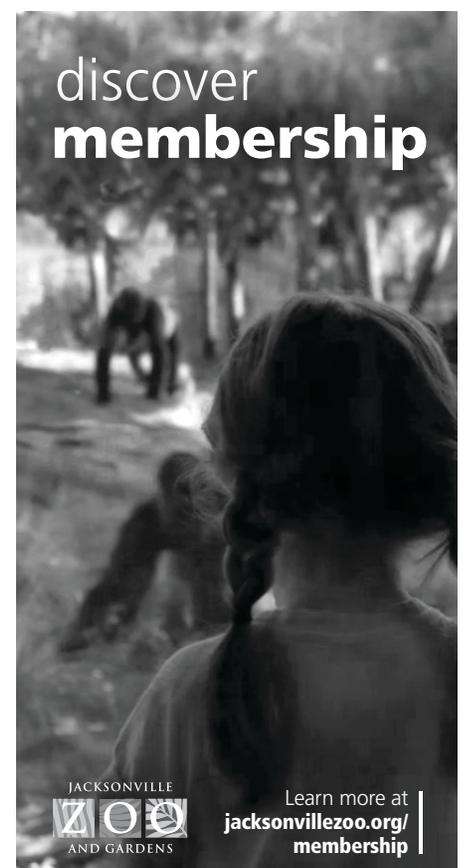
The Palm Valley Market is held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Tuesday inside the Palm Valley Community Center, 148 Canal Road.

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The market offers fresh produce, baked goods, local honey, tea, seasonal treats, soap, jewelry, plants and more.

Old Navy outlet opens near St. Augustine

Old Navy opened its newest outlet location at St. Augustine Premium on Dec. 10. This is the first store in St. Johns County and the fifth store in the greater Jacksonville metro area. It's also the first outlet store in the area. The new store has

more than 9,500 square feet of dedicated retail space.

Old Navy is a global retailer that offers fun, fashionable and affordable clothing for the entire family. It's also the first value retailer to integrate the shopping experience by offering the broadest assortment of women's sizes in stores and online, with no price difference.

In a statement, the company said it believes in the democracy of style and service for all, and value inclusivity, opportunities for youth and a future that's sustainable for its customers, employees and communities.

As part of its Imagine Mission, Old

Navy has partnered with Boys & Girls Clubs of America for decades to provide opportunities for kids and teens in need of mentorship and job training through the This Way ONward Program. The store is located at 2700 State Road 16.

Banquet to raise money for two scholarships

The inaugural Blue and White Community Scholarship & Black History Banquet will be held from 2 to 5:30 p.m. Feb. 18 at the Lincolnville Museum and Cultural Center, 102 M.L. King Ave., St. Augustine. Tickets are \$35 and can be purchased at tickettailor.com/events/

betaalphazeta/822076. They are also available by contacting Diana Jordan-Baldwin by email at nkmand1@yahoo.com. The phone number is 904-615-7719.

The purpose of this event is to provide two scholarships for 2023. One is for a graduating high school student in 2023. The second scholarship will be set aside for a Florida Technical College Student.

The banquet is sponsored by Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc. — Beta Alpha Psi Zeta Chapter and Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc. of St. Augustine.

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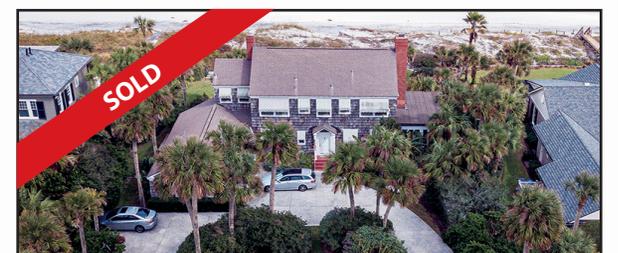
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GUEST COLUMN

The flu season is different this year — here's why

By Dr. Matthew Thompson

There's an unmistakable soundtrack this time of year, but the sounds of the holidays we've been hearing have nothing to do with Bing Crosby or Mariah Carey. Instead, they're the sounds of coughing, sneezing and sniffing as, once again, the influenza season is upon us.

And this year, there's more than one Scrooge of our respiratory systems.

Three's Company

In addition to the traditional influenza strains, we're seeing a rise in levels of Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) as well as a steady number of cases of COVID-19. Many patients are experiencing co-infection with any combination of these three diseases.

Why?

The first reason is our immunity. We needed to maintain our distance from each other during the pandemic to stop the spread of that virus. But that also meant our immune systems weren't getting their usual "workout" by being in contact with other people. This year marks the first year we've been fully back together and since we're being exposed

to more germs than last year, our immune systems haven't had the chance to strengthen yet.

Also, Florida and the Southeast United States have seen an increase in flu cases much earlier than the rest of the country, and we didn't have a lot of time to vaccinate. Each flu season is different, based on the dominant strains, and this year has definitely been unique.

Time to Fight

So how can we fight back? The first answer is simple: get a flu shot; they're easy and effective. Second, as soon as you start experiencing any symptoms (coughing, body aches, sore throat, etc.), get tested. The earlier we can recognize the symptoms, the more effective treatment will be. We offer free testing at 450 Atlantic Blvd. in Neptune Beach. Third, know that children and adults over the age of 65 are at a higher risk of infection, as well as people with underlying health issues and anyone who is pregnant or diabetic.

That last point is key: protecting those at the highest risk is our highest priority. We have to stay vigilant in taking the necessary precautions to keep our friends



and families safe.

So, if you're heading to any parties or family gatherings this year, remember to get your flu shot beforehand and if you or anyone you know starts to experience flu-like symptoms, go get tested right away to help stop the spread of the holiday soundtrack nobody wants to hear.

About the author

Dr. Matthew Thompson is a board-certified emergency room physician. He's the co-founder and chief operating officer of Jacksonville-based Telescope Health, which is a physician-led, health care solutions company focused on reducing barriers to care through innovation, human connection and technology.



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Dr. Garrett Schwarzman is a board-certified surgeon who recently joined Flagler Health+ Orthopedic Specialists. He is practicing at Flagler Hospital's St. Augustine campus and at Flagler Health+ Village at Nocatee.

Dr. Garrett Schwarzman



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Dr. Garrett Schwarzman recently joined Flagler Health+ Orthopedic Specialists, where he enjoys getting patients back on the field or court after suffering a sports injury.

As told to Shaun Ryan

Tell me what kind of treatment you provide, and maybe something about the types of injuries or conditions you most frequently see.

I mainly treat sports injuries. Especially ACL, rotator cuff and labral tears. I also really enjoy treating various hip pathologies, including labral tears and FAI.

You recently joined Flagler Health+ Orthopedic Specialists. Can you tell me about your education and career up to that point?

I went to the University of Wisconsin for my undergraduate studies in chemistry and history, the University of Illinois for medical school and my orthopedic surgery

residency, and then on to the Andrews Institute for my Orthopedic Surgery Sports Fellowship.

I was interested to see that you were an accomplished athlete, which I imagine offers you greater insight into the field of sports medicine. Can you tell me about your athletic background?

I have always loved competing and being active. I swam and played football in high school and then was recruited to the crew team at Wisconsin. After my time rowing, I competed in marathons and triathlons, culminating in two Chicago marathons and a Half Ironman. I've also won a few snowboarding championships.

I was the team physician for Auburn University football, UIC basketball, the Pensacola Blue Wahoos minor-league

baseball team, and the WNBA Chicago Sky. I've also worked with Team USA Volleyball, Team USA gymnastics, and multiple high school teams in the Chicago and Pensacola areas.

What do you like best about what you do?

It is really rewarding to be able to help people get back on the field or court and enjoy what they love to do again. Helping people stay active throughout their lives is a great part of my job.

Where are you from originally? Have you lived in Northeast Florida long?

I'm originally from Chicago. My wife and I just moved to the area two months ago.

What do you like best about living in this area?

The beach and the nice weather are definitely major selling points. To be able to stay active and outside all year long is great. I love having no more freezing cold winters.

How do you like to spend your free time?

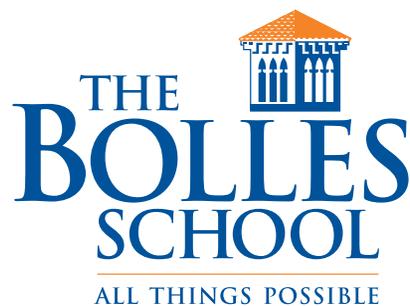
I enjoy cycling and running still and snowboarding when I can make it out west. Spending time with my wife and puppy and going hiking with them, too. We love going to the beach and going mountain biking on new trails in the area. I also really enjoy learning anything new, especially history or science.

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The Recorder's garden columnist Kathy Esfahani of Kathy's Creative Gardens & Nursery shares her tips for growing gorgeous gardens in Northeast Florida.

KATHY'S GARDENING GUIDE

Camellias

"Go confidently in the direction of your dreams." — Henry David Thoreau

By Kathy Esfahani



Kathy Esfahani

Winter has arrived in North Florida, and we still have several more weeks before spring planting to avoid the chance for additional frosts. But that doesn't mean you can't have color in your landscape now! Camellias are evergreen shrubs that brighten the cooler months with stunning, colorful blooms in January!

Camellias have adorned southern landscapes for around 200 years. Many types of Camellias are available and offer sizes ranging from dwarf varieties to the larger Camellia Japonica. These Japanese Camellias most often grow to heights of 6 to 12 feet but can be larger if older. They can reach 6 to 10 feet in width and produce flowers in white, pink, and red. Consider the growth potential for your selected Camellias when adding them to your landscape.

Because Camellias are low maintenance and can live for many years, they can be ideal landscaping plants.



Photos provided by Kathy's Creative Gardens & Nursery

Camellia shrub

Camellias prefer partial sun - ideally morning sunshine and afternoon shade. Plant them in shallow holes to expose the top of the plant's crown (the area of the plant where the stem meets the roots). Be sure your Camellias have at least 5 feet of space between them and other trees/shrubs so that they are not competing for water and nutrients. Camellias prefer well drained but consistently moist soil. Regular watering is essential, particularly during the first year after planting.



Flower of the Week

Camellia

Rainfall may be enough for more mature plants as long as extra water is given during dry periods. If needed, prune Camellias during summer months before new buds appear.

Camellias can serve many purposes in your landscape. Use them to establish a foundation for landscape beds, to create borders or hedges around your yard, or to accent with pops of color for winter months. Grouping several Camellia shrubs together can enhance their impact in a landscape.

Happy New Year!

Flower of the Week: Camellia

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

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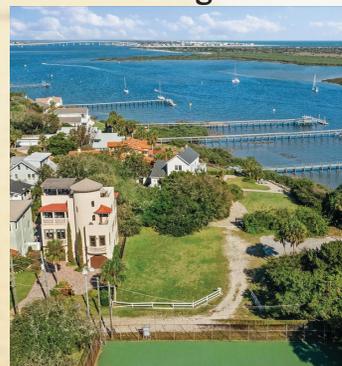
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Furyk Foundation, volunteers pack 5K bags of holiday meals for at-risk children

On Thursday, Dec. 8, The Jim & Tabitha Furyk Foundation, with support from AT&T, Feeding Northeast Florida, Conagra Bands, PepsiCo and Target, provided the food and supplies to pack more than 5,000 holiday meals for at-risk children in the greater Jacksonville area.

For the 11th year in a row, the foundation set up a volunteer experience for the community to pack bags with their families for children who are identified as food insecure in Duval and St Johns counties.

This hands-on opportunity secures a meal of canned ham, green beans, corn, mashed potatoes, stuffing, noodles, cornbread, corned beef, cream of mushroom soup, cream of chicken soup, canned sausage, apple sauce and candy canes for children who might otherwise go hungry during the long holiday break.

With help from the sponsors of Constellation FURYK & FRIENDS presented by Circle K, The Jim & Tabitha Furyk Foundation has been able to increase the number of bags from 500 the first year to 5,000 in 2022.

More than 90,000 food items were distributed.

Here's how the bags and food were divided up:

- 3,940 bags to Blessings in a Backpack students
- 385 bags to Guardian Catholic School families
- 300 bags to military families at NAS Jacksonville
- 100 bags to Family Links, Wolfson Children's Hospital
- 100 bags to MaliVai Washington

Youth Foundation children

- 36 bags to Daniel Kids families
- 30 bags to Community PedsCare families
- 20 bags to Hubbard House
- 11,000-plus food items went to stock pantries across Jacksonville for Jewish Family & Community Services and Feeding Northeast Florida
- 29 Duval, St. Johns and Clay County schools received holiday bags in the Blessings in a Backpack program
- Each bag was packed with 14 items, including: canned ham, turkey stuffing, mashed potatoes, green beans, corn, pasta, chicken noodle soup, cream of mushroom, Vienna sausage, corned beef, corn muffin mix, applesauce, Aquafina bottled water and candy canes.

Individual sponsors and table sponsors helped to raise more than \$20,000 to purchase additional food items for families.

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Among those who helped set up and load bags: Bolles lacrosse; Nease lacrosse; Providence Honor Society; Creekside Cheerleaders; CAA; TMM; Truist; Topgolf; Power Tee; Family Links; Wolfson Children's Hospital; Jacksonville Public Education Fund.

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Jacob, Judah and Isaac McCutchan line up to help pack food bags.



Tabitha Furyk is seen among many of the packed food bags.



Girls and boys Bolles Lacrosse teams helped with the effort.

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Jay Fund hosts holiday party

The Jay Fund hosted a holiday party on Dec. 10 for oncology patients of all ages and their immediate families. Guests reunited with old friends and celebrated the season. There were also special visits from Santa Claus and his elf and mermaid friends. The Jay Fund is a local nonprofit that provides financial, emotional and practical support for families tackling childhood cancer.

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Volunteers pack food for 1,000 students

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HUGS St. Johns recently kicked off its eighth annual No Hungry Holidays program with successful volunteer packing and distribution events to meet the needs of thousands of St. Johns County children. Each No Hungry Holidays bag includes 10 days of breakfast and lunch items, plus snacks, to help fight food insecurity over the long holiday break.

Nearly 100 students from almost every St. Johns County high school helped the HUGS team pack winter break food bags for more than 1,000 kids.

Volunteers packed items ranging from full boxes of cereal to pasta meals to hearty soups, all donated by Winn-Dixie Gives. Dozens of HUGS volunteers were then joined by Sheriff Rob Hardwick, his wife Kendell, and a hard-working team from the St. Johns County Sheriff's Office. The deputies loaded vans and trucks and helped community volunteers deliver the No Hungry Holidays bags to all 42 St. Johns County schools.

"We are a very tiny all-volunteer team, and we are so grateful for the huge-hearted assistance from our community of volunteers," said Brette Reiman, founder and director of HUGS St. Johns. "We also are very thankful for the incredibly generous food donations

from Winn-Dixie Gives, now in their second year of partnering with us to feed 1,300 kids."

HUGS has also received donations from the Bishops' Storehouse for the last several years.

No Hungry Holidays started as an idea in 2014 when a school counselor expressed concern about what many students would eat over the long winter break.

As one counselor said, "The holidays can sadly mean hunger for kids who depend on the school-based breakfast and lunch program."

School counselors, representatives from the Betty Griffin Center and the ASSIST homeless student program request bags from HUGS in November and then distribute the food bags to children right before the holidays.

One school counselor commented, "Several families have shared that without the food bags, their children would not have meals throughout the break."

HUGS is an all-volunteer 501c3 nonprofit that provides clothing, shoes, food, school supplies and full-size toiletries to thousands of St. Johns County children throughout the year.

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HUGS volunteers are seen with some of the food backs packed for more than 1,000 students who might otherwise have little or nothing to eat over winter break.



The team from the St. Johns County Sheriff's Office helped to deliver the No Hungry Holidays bags.

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Family delivers holiday joy to community home residents

Each year, the Alberico family honors family member Michael Alberico's memory by partnering with a local non-profit and raising funds and gift donations for those in need. This year, the Albericos selected The Arc Jacksonville, an organization serving adults with intellectual and developmental differences (IDD), to continue Michael's 'Ohana legacy.

The Alberico family announced their "Adopt a House this Holiday Season" campaign in August and on Dec. 21 delivered hundreds of holiday gifts and more than \$1,400 in monetary donations, bringing holiday cheer to the 44 residents at The Arc Jacksonville's five community homes spread out throughout Jacksonville.

"We are excited to partner with The Arc Jacksonville this year and provide personal gifts to their community home residents," said Jennifer Capri, Michael's sister. "As part of the IDD community, we felt Michael would be proud to give back to others that may not have the same level of family support. The Arc Jacksonville is a great organization to partner with and honor Michael's memory. We are so grateful to make their holidays a

little brighter."

"We were thrilled when the Alberico family reached out to us this summer and selected our community homes," said Janet Wesley, vice president, development at The Arc Jacksonville. "Our residents will be so excited to receive such an abundance of gifts and know that so many people in our community care."

Donations to The Arc Jacksonville in support of Michael's 'Ohana Holiday Drive and his memory can be made directly to The Arc Jacksonville at arcjacksonville.org/ohana.



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Jennifer Capri, Anthony Capri, Gianna Capri, Janet Lawrence (vice president, community homes The Arc Jacksonville) and Bobby Capri.



The Alberico Capri family with The Arc Jacksonville community home residents.

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Huge school turnout at holiday cleanup

It was another huge volunteer turnout for the Beaches Go Green holiday cleanup at Beaches Town Center: More than 300 volunteers came out for this holiday-themed giveback event.

"These community events are a great opportunity for adults and students of all ages to be social with their friends, give back to the community and earn important community service hours," said Anne Marie Moquin, founder of Beaches Go Green. Student volunteers came from both Duval and St. Johns counties to help clean up. Schools represented were: Atlantic Beach Elementary, Bartram Trail High School, Beachside High School, Creekside High School, Fletcher High School, Fletcher Middle School, Jax Beach Elementary, Mayport Middle School, Nease High School, Ponte Vedra

High School, Providence School and more.

Students took advantage of photo opps with the Beaches Go Green's Plastic Monster while learning about plastic pollution. There was also a Giant Cigarette Butt costume from Tobacco Free Jax educating on the dangers of nicotine and the hazards of littering cigarette butts — the No. 1 most littered item on the planet!

More than 38 bags of trash and some large items were collected from the streets, sidewalks, landscape beds and parking lots in Beaches Town Center. More than 12,000 cigarette butts were also collected with the winning team collecting almost 5,000 butts alone. This community cleanup event contributed nearly \$20,000 to the beaches' area in volunteer and trash abatement values.

The newly elected Atlantic Beach mayor, Curtis Ford, came out and supported the event!

Event and food sponsors included Beaches Dentistry, Surfing Evolution & Preservation foundation, Florida Blue, Edie Williams State Farm, the Local restaurant, Sierra Grill and Donatos pizza.

As always, Beaches Go Green provided prizes for strangest items found and most cigarette butts collected. Prize sponsors: YogaMix, iRocker SUP boards, TrueEast, Southern Grounds, Whits Frozen Custard, Jax Beach Brunch Haus, Natural Life, DORO restaurant, One Ocean hotel, Jaffis, Poe's tavern and Eco-lux skin spa and Tobacco-Free Jax. Southern Swells Brewery saved grain bags for volunteers to repurpose to collect trash.

Arc Jacksonville launches program for those with intellectual differences, caregivers

The Arc Jacksonville recently announced the launch of a three-year pilot program to aid individuals with intellectual differences who face the challenges of Alzheimer’s disease and dementia on the First Coast, as well as their caregivers.

“Specialized Aging Support — Dementia Services for People with Intellectual and Developmental Differences” has been made possible thanks to a \$996,000 federal grant from the Administration for Community Living (ACL).

The new program launches in the spring of 2023 and will provide occupational therapy-based support for individuals with intellectual and developmental differences with or at high risk of Alzheimer’s disease-related dementia who live alone or with a caregiver. Program services aim to extend independence through sensory, occupational and other wellness therapies, and provide respite

for family and caretakers.

Grant funding will support caregiver training, aid in developing specific intervention methods to help manage dementia symptoms, provide screening for risk factors and offer therapeutic programming and activities for clients. This focus on caregiver education will provide family members with the skills and tools necessary for improved well-being and understanding of care.

Operating as a nonprofit organization, The Arc Jacksonville serves and advocates for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) to achieve their full potential and participate in an active community life. Arc programs serve adults with IDD from the transition period (ages 18-22) through the aging population. Through this program expansion, The Arc Jacksonville can reach individuals and families who may not already be receiving services.

“We work diligently every day to provide individuals of all abilities meaningful options to live, work and play,” said Kari Bates, president and CEO of The Arc Jacksonville. “We are honored to have been awarded this grant to expand our services, focusing on life-long care and wellness for individuals living with IDD and their caregivers.”

In collaboration with the National Task Group on Intellectual Disabilities Dementia Practices and the Down Syndrome Association of Jacksonville, The Arc Jacksonville seeks to ensure individuals with IDD and their families have the tools and training necessary to offset the challenges of Alzheimer’s disease and related dementias.

Additionally, the grant funds the creation of several new jobs at The Arc Jacksonville, including a certified occupational therapist, a program coordinator and direct support professionals.

“It is an honor to have an organization like The Arc Jacksonville working hard for individuals with intellectual differences in Florida’s 5th District,” said Rep. Al Lawson. “This grant will help support its current programming and allow them to expand to help even more people across our communities. I am immensely proud to have played a role in bringing this funding to Northeast Florida during my term in office.”

To learn more about this grant or The Arc Jacksonville, or to find support for yourself or someone you know, call 904-355-0156 or go to arcjacksonville.org

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Scout creates flagstone walkway for local church

What a difference a single day can make when Scouts gather to tackle an Eagle Scout level project.

The entrance into Lord of Life Lutheran Church at 276 N. Roscoe Blvd. was transformed Saturday, Dec. 10, when BSA Troop 291 Scout Sofia McIntosh oversaw the creation of a flagstone walkway out of nothing.

“We’ve never had a proper walkway into Lord of Life,” said church council President Sheila Kolesaire. “We walked over grass to a concrete pad and then entered the sanctuary. But we’ve been aware for a long time that this isn’t easy for people with mobility issues, or even women in high heels.”

Sofia approached Lord of Life several months ago to discuss what needs the church had and was excited to take on a significant project to enhance the appearance of the church and improve accessibility. Flagstone was chosen for its relative ease to install, longevity and beauty. Troop 291 is chartered with Lord of Life.

“We had a dozen Scouts from my troop and others come out for about 10 hours to do this project, which involved a lot of measurements and calculations for the amount of crushed stone, flagstone, sealant and other materials we’d need to do this,” said Sofia.

She raised money for the project, including asking relatives to give her money instead of gifts for her birthday so she could add it to the amount needed. Stone Plus of Jacksonville also discounted some items to contribute to this project.

This is the third project there by a Scout this year, including a prayer garden and a Little Free Library station by Sofia’s brother.

Lord of Life Lutheran Church is a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, one of the largest Christian denominations in the United States with more than 3 million members. Church service is held in a rustic building that was once a stable and sits on seven acres of land.



Sofia McIntosh moves a pile of flagstones during a project to create a walkway for the Lord of Life Lutheran Church.



A student works on the walkway.

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Scouts and other volunteers place the flagstones for the new walkway.



The finished walkway.



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St. Johns County Teacher of the Year finalists named

On Dec. 20, Investing in Kids (INK!) board members, staff and volunteers along with St. Johns County School District Superintendent Tim Forson and former Teacher of the Year finalists visited five local schools and recognized the following teachers as finalists for outstanding demonstration of instructional skills, student interaction, professional excellence and importance in the lives of hundreds of students.

Finalist recipients include **Tracy Clauson**, a seventh and eighth grade teacher at Sebastian Middle School with

more than 12 years of teaching students in English, Spanish, English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) and reading.

She also focuses on mentoring teachers through her work and certification in the Professional Development Certification Program (PDCP) and Clinical Education Training (CET). Clauson holds workshops for her colleagues while providing students with better teaching methods in all disciplines. Her specialization in the pedagogical approach is a learning process for teachers serving as mentors or coaches

while helping students achieve their goals as they learn and work together.

Clauson teaches her students through thinking, pairing and sharing and uses collective skills and expertise to accomplish tasks. Clauson resides in St. Augustine.

Amanda Devany teaches kindergarten through fifth grade at Osceola Elementary School with more than 12 years as an

educator in elementary education from kindergarten through 12th grades. She is certified in educational and instructional leadership, ESOL and reading. Her specialization in mentoring and professional learning communities (PLC) among teachers working in Title I schools has helped to meet the needs of students

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Tracy Clauson at Sebastian Middle School.



Amanda Devany at Osceola Middle School.

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Jacksonville Boat Show set for Jan. 27-29

The North Florida Marine Association has announced that the 75th Anniversary Jacksonville Boat Show will be held Jan. 27-29 at the Prime Osborn Convention Center in Jacksonville.

Dick Boger, 73, is one of the longest-standing current members of the North Florida Marine Association. He has been involved with the show since 1985 and is well acquainted with its history in Jacksonville.

“Back in the mid-’40s, the late Grace Rogers of Pier 17 Marine Shop decided to display a few new boats in the park-

ing lot of a gas station on the west side of Jacksonville,” he said. “That’s how this whole thing started. Then in 1947, a group of local businesses got together and built on Grace’s idea by creating an exposition for local boat dealers. Seventy-five years later, that exposition has become a true legacy in Jacksonville.”

The show’s early venues included the old armory on Market Street, Jacksonville Naval Air Station, the Gator Bowl and the Jacksonville Veteran’s Memorial Coliseum, where Boger remembers that the Coliseum’s low ceiling prevented

sailboat exhibitors from including full mast extensions on their boats. When the show was relocated to the Prime Osborn Convention Center in 1990, he said, it gained additional traction and has continued to grow as a mainstay event for the Northeast Florida boating, fishing and watersports community.

The show has continued uninterrupted since 1947, with one exception.

“The only thing that shut us down in three-quarters of a century was Covid-19,” Boger said. “That’s the only year we were not able to hold the boat show. Had it not been for the pandemic, we’d actually be celebrating our 76th boat show this year, not our 75th.”

The 75th Anniversary Jacksonville Boat Show, sponsored by VyStar Credit Union, will offer three days of water-related fun, family-friendly activities and educational seminars — as well as hundreds of boats and thousands of accessories for sale. Special giveaways each day will be awarded to commemorate the occasion. Boat show attendees will be among the first to see and board brand-new models of all types of watercraft, including fishing boats, cruisers, ski boats, pontoons, inflatables, personal watercraft and more.

Highlights include:

- All attendees will have the opportu-

nity to enter a free grand-prize drawing to win a 75 HP Honda motor, estimated value \$12,000, courtesy of Honda Marine and Big Boys Play Toys.

- Online ticket purchasers will be placed in a drawing to win a free Simrad Go9 Combo Package sponsored by Ride-Now Powersports Beach Blvd.

- Giveaways will be presented to the first 75 people through the door each day, including \$10 Daily’s gas cards, commemorative Richardson hats and face shields.

- Seminar presentations will be offered Jan. 28-29 by Dowe Thornton, senior marine specialist with Garmin Marine Electronics.

Boat show hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Jan. 27; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Jan. 28; and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Jan. 29. Admission is \$15 for adults; \$5 for children 12 and younger; and \$12 for seniors, military and first responders with ID. Food is purchased from the vendors and is not included with admission.

Prime F. Osborn III Convention Center is located at 1000 Water St., Jacksonville. Parking for the general public is \$5 per automobile per day.

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Nease among state finalists in STEM competition

Samsung Electronics America has announced that 300 public schools across America have been named state finalists in the 13th annual Samsung Solve for Tomorrow national competition. Representing the top 1,000 competition entrants, each state finalist has won a package of \$2,500 in technology and school supplies. These finalists advance to additional stages of the competition that will culminate in three schools being selected in May as national winners. They will receive \$100,000 prize packages.

One local school is among the state finalists: Allen D. Nease Senior High School in Ponte Vedra.

The annual Solve for Tomorrow competition challenges public school students in grades 6-12 to explore the role science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) can play in addressing some of the biggest issues in their local communities.

The competition is designed to engage students in active, hands-on learning that can be applied to real-world problems — making STEM more tangible and showcasing its value beyond the classroom.

“As a company and as individuals, STEM is incredibly important to Samsung — we depend on STEM-savvy people to envision, implement and engage with innovative STEM-dependent

products and services,” said Michelle Crossan-Matos, chief marketing, citizenship & communications officer, Samsung Electronics America. “Between 2019 and 2029, the number of STEM jobs are predicted to grow 8%, a higher rate than non-STEM jobs. But while STEM skills are key to a 21st century workforce, we know that national test scores in STEM subjects like math have fallen by the largest margin in 30-plus years. Solve for Tomorrow was designed to provide schools and teachers with an innovative, problem-based learning approach to STEM education to boost student interest, proficiency and diversity in STEM. This fresh crop of impressive state finalists is proof that we’re succeeding.”

Ann Woo, senior director, corporate citizenship, Samsung Electronics America, noted several significant trends in the program proposals submitted this fall.

“Every year’s entries provide a window into the concerns and aspirations on the minds of that cohort of middle and high school students,” Woo said. “A common theme this year is ‘connecting’ — whether that’s connecting people to people, peer to peer, across generations, or even around the globe. In fact, one school’s entry is based on its connection with a school in Ukraine — proposing a solution for providing solar power to students in a

war-ravaged community. Climate change, school/student safety and mental health are other top issues of concern for this year’s problem-solvers.”

“Giving students a voice in real-life issues affecting their communities allows them to see firsthand the change they can create in the world,” said Harry Preston, computer science teacher at Baltimore’s Green Street Academy, a state finalist in this year’s competition and a 2021-22 national finalist. “We find our students are more engaged in our lessons and excited to learn new subjects when they are given the opportunity to learn through the kinds of hands-on experience Solve for Tomorrow delivers.”

State winners will be announced in February.

Next Steps

Teachers and students at each state finalist school are now asked to submit lesson plans detailing how their proposed STEM project will address the identified community issue.

Based on those plans, 50 state winners will be selected to receive a prize of \$20,000 in technology and supplies and advance to the next phase of the competition. Each state winner will also be given a video kit to help document their project in action.

One of the 50 state winners will also be named the Sustainability Innovation Award winner, receiving an additional \$50,000 prize package of eco-conscious classroom technology.

From those video submissions, 10 national finalists will be chosen to pitch their project to a team of judges. Seven national finalists will each receive a \$50,000 prize package and three national winners will each be awarded the ultimate prize package worth \$100,000.

More information on the competition and competition phases is available at samsung.com/us/solvefortomorrow.

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Teresa McCormick at Valley Ridge Academy

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and families in low socioeconomic communities.

Devany educates her peers about the importance of understanding challenges in the classroom while building relationships, developing and maintaining relationships with stakeholders, families and teachers to understand the social-emotional and academic needs of students. She resides in St. Augustine.

Teresa McCormick, a seventh and eighth grade social science teacher at Valley Ridge Academy has more than 15 years of experience as an educator. She is certified to teach students in sixth through 12th grades in social science, U.S. history, geography, reading, gifted programs and ESOL. Her teaching philosophy focuses on conveying information to students while keeping them involved and entertained.

McCormick develops a collaborative learning experience to make each lesson memorable by providing materials with key elements to foster each student's independent critical thinking. She resides in St. Augustine.

Brianne Seplocha, is a fifth-grade teacher at Picolata Crossing Elementary School with more than 14 years of teaching experience. She is certified to teach elementary education in

kindergarten through sixth grades, gifted programs, reading and ESOL. Her teaching philosophy includes creating an environment for all students to have a safe, motivating learning place, centered around high expectations.

Intentional student engagement and practices comprise the foundation of Seplocha's classroom methods with students who are presented with a purpose, instruction and an opportunity to practice newly acquired understandings. Her show-what-you-know review games method with students is based upon a learning community concept. She resides in St. Augustine.

Gomati Sutaria is a fifth-grade teacher at Liberty Pines Academy with more than eight years of experience in elementary education, reading and ESOL. Her degree in Instructional Leadership and Organization Development (ILOD) has equipped Sutaria with the knowledge to serve as a mentor to teachers. She focuses on her training and expertise in classroom management to establish strong connections and relationships with her students.

Sutaria provides a consistent and structured classroom with meaningful instruction where students will work hard knowing they are safe, valued and respected. Sutaria resides in St. Johns.

The Investing in Kids (INK!) 2022-2023 Teacher of the Year campaign



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Brianne Seplocha at Picolata Crossing Elementary School.



Gomati Sutaria at Liberty Pines Academy.

is a special recognition program to honor educators in St. Johns County public schools. The St. Johns County Education Foundation, which operates as INK!, hosts the annual campaign to acknowledge and commemorate excellence in teaching, and emphasize the importance and impact of the profession.

The countywide awards program builds community awareness of the region's best

educators. The announcement of the St. Johns County District Teacher of the Year will be made Feb. 2 at the World Golf Village Renaissance St. Augustine Resort.

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Golf tournament raises \$422K to protect children

The Monique Burr Foundation for Children (MBF) has announced that the 2022 Dream Finders Homes MBF Champions for Child Safety Pro Am Golf Tournament, presented by Vallencourt Construction, raised a record \$422,000 to support prevention education programs for children.

“On behalf of the youth and communities we serve, I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to the golfers, sponsors, donors and volunteers that made the golf tournament a tremendous success,” said Tanya Ramos-Puig, MBF chief executive officer. “The tournament helped us raise much-needed funds to support MBF’s life-changing work. The commitment and investment of our supporters help our efforts to protect children and remove obstacles to accessing prevention education — not just in Florida, but all over the world.”

Held at The Palencia Club in St. Augustine, the annual tournament benefiting the foundation offered corporate teams and individuals the opportunity to golf with professional golfers. Since the golf tournament began in 1997, it has raised more than \$5 million.

The foundation’s programs protect youths from bullying, digital dangers, various forms of abuse, exploitation and human trafficking. This year alone, the



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The 2022 Dream Finders Homes MBF Champions for Child Safety Pro Am Golf Tournament, presented by Vallencourt Construction, raised a record \$422,000 to support prevention education programs. Pictured from left: MBF board member Austin Burr, Honorary Chairman Mark McCumber, MBF Founder and Chairman Ed Burr, Tournament Chair M.G. Orender, Honorary Chairman Jim Furyk, and MBF board member Garrison Burr.

foundation has served 2 million children thanks to the generosity of donors and supporters.

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Beaches Energy keeps class current on electrical issues

Beaches Energy Services visited grade four students on the Bolles Lower School Ponte Vedra Beach Campus to reinforce lessons taught in their energy unit and for the robotics team's research projects.

Bolles instructional technology specialist Andrew Nation organized the experience to allow students to get an up-close perspective of how energy moves through the grid as well as how lines are repaired after storms and hurricanes.

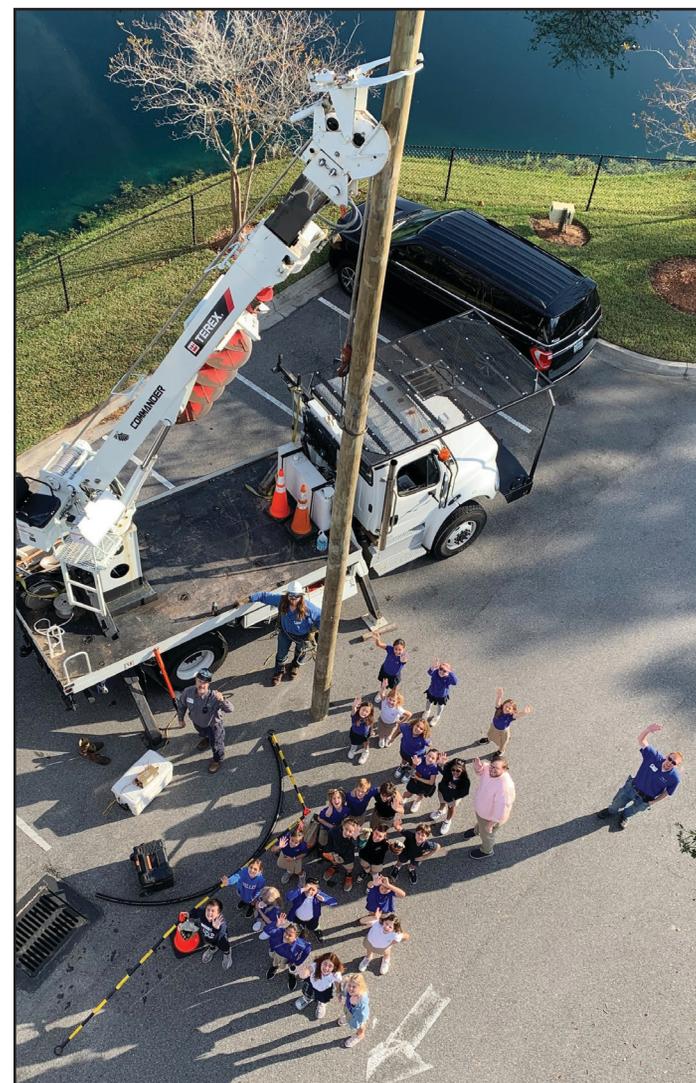
The crew showed the danger of live power poles, demonstrated climbing techniques, allowed students to explore their vehicles and taught them about line worker safety.



Stacey Hendershot, head of the Bolles Lower School Ponte Vedra Beach Campus, and a group of fourth-graders, learn about electricity from a Beaches Energy Services crew.

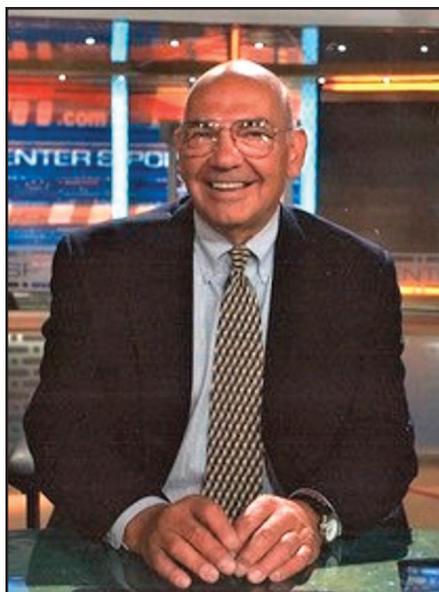


A line worker demonstrates utility pole climbing skills.



Photos provided by the Bolles Lower School Ponte Vedra Beach Campus
Fourth-graders gather at the Bolles Lower School Ponte Vedra Beach Campus to learn about electricity from the professionals.

OBITUARIES



James J. Allegro

James J. Allegro passed away peacefully at The Bailey Family Center in St. Augustine, FL on December 31, 2022, at the age of 88.

Allegro was a devoted husband and father, a highly successful businessman and a respected member of his community. A man of deep faith and great integrity, his high ethical standards were an example to all who knew him. He served as a valued and supportive role model to his large family, business associates and friends, touching many with his wise

counsel, sage advice, and kindness.

Born in Chelsea, MA to first generation Italian immigrants, Allegro was awarded a full football scholarship to the College of the Holy Cross where he was designated a Holy Cross "Iron Man" by The Boston Globe. Upon graduating he joined the U.S. Marine Corps and attended Officer Candidate School in Quantico, VA where he played defensive tackle for the Marine Corps. Commissioned a Captain, he was assigned to a Marine Fighter/Attack Squadron as an Ordinance Officer.

At the time of his retirement Allegro held the position of EVP Operations and CFO of ESPN. Here he worked with some of the best television executives in the business and combined his financial and entrepreneurial spirit with theirs to build ESPN from a one channel novelty to the communications behemoth it is today. Prior to ESPN, Allegro spent 14 years with Capital Cities/ABC, Inc.

Allegro took special pride in several of his career accomplishments. In 1992 he was instrumental in the creation of the ESPY Awards Show, serving as Executive Producer of the first shows. That same year he started ESPN radio and in 1993 was involved in one of the first expansions of the brand when ESPN2 was launched. Allegro served on the ESPN Board of Directors and, upon

retirement, he became a consultant to the company. His proudest accomplishment was his active involvement in the founding of the ESPN V Foundation dedicated to cancer research whose mantra is "Don't Give Up, Don't Ever Give Up!" The V Foundation has raised over \$310M for cutting-edge research grants. Allegro served as Emeritus Director of the Foundation until his death. Locally, he had been involved with the St. Gerard Campus, The Boselli Foundation, The St. Francis House and The Bailey Family Center for Caring.

Allegro shared 37 years of marriage with his cherished wife Lesley. He is the beloved father to eight children: Leslie, Christine, Jim Jr. (Jennifer), Pauline (Steve), Deborah, Julie (Mike) and Greg (Mary Jane) and predeceased by his much-loved daughter Eileen, special grandson Jamie, and his first wife Antrese. He leaves 14 grandchildren.

Visitation to be held at St. Anastasia Catholic Church in St. Augustine, FL (5205 A1A S.) on Thursday, January 12, 2023, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. The funeral Mass will be celebrated on Friday, January 13, 2023, at 11 a.m. Arrangements made by Ponte Vedra Valley Funeral Home. Memorial donations may be made to the V Foundation for Cancer Research, 14600 Weston Parkway, Cary, NC 27513 or <https://www.v.org>.

DEATH NOTICES

Anthony Constantino

Anthony Constantino, 92, of Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida, died Dec. 30, 2022. Ponte Vedra Valley Funeral Home, Cremation Center & Cemetery — 904-285-1130 — www.pontevedravally.com

Douglas Edward Cope

Douglas Edward Cope, 96, of Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida, died Dec. 30, 2022. Arrangements by Quinn-Shalz Family Funeral Home & Cremation Centre. 904-249-1100 www.quinn-shalz.com

Robert William Cruickshank

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Marjorie "Joan" Farrell

Marjorie "Joan" Farrell, 91, of Saint Johns, Florida, died Dec. 29, 2022. Ponte Vedra Valley Funeral Home, Cremation Center & Cemetery — 904-285-1130 — www.pontevedravally.com

Roberta Lonnquist

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AT THE LINK

New business makes derivatives trading easy

By Shaun Ryan

For businesses that are not mega-corporations, a fluctuating marketplace can be a source of great suspense. That's because an unpredictable downturn in price can prove devastating, especially in manufacturing or in agriculture, where crops must be planted far in advance of any reliable financial forecast.

But there is an answer: derivatives trading. It safeguards the producer against unmanageable losses. For the investor, it's a gamble made in hopes of an eventual payoff.

For this process to play out, however, there must be a marketplace or exchange, a neutral place that makes the trade possible. And, unless a business is extremely large, it can't get a seat at the table.

Enter Outcome Trading, the brainchild of Steven Hertzberg and Peter Harrigan. The former is an aerospace engineer by education with three decades of experience in launching startups. The latter is a financial expert with 35 years of experience.

Outcome Trading makes it possible for investors to trade in derivatives for these smaller concerns, thereby insulating them against falling prices.

"We are the exchange," said Hertzberg. "We simply facilitate all of this."

The company's income is derived from fees it charges for facilitating these transactions.

The idea for Outcome Trading originated in 2013 in San Francisco. Hertzberg began to attend meetups with a dozen or so others, most of them working in technology. These informal meetings of like-minded people broached a number of topics. In these discussions, Hertzberg and Harrigan began to see the potential in derivatives trading. Though the size of the individual businesses to be traded was small, the market as a whole was gargantuan — in the quadrillions of dollars.

The men shopped their idea to venture capital firms in



Photo by Shaun Ryan

Steven Hertzberg relaxes outside the link where he maintains a dedicated desk for his business.

Silicon Valley but found these companies didn't understand finance. In Chicago and New York, they approached financial firms but found these companies didn't understand the concept being proposed.

"We were like in no man's land for several years," said Hertzberg.

They spent those years developing their idea. A key component was the creation of Grey Swan Digital, a company that created the technical platform that would help realize two of the main goals: making the trades extremely easy for investors and making representation inexpensive for producers.

Due to embedded intelligence, the technology does all the hard work. Potential investors need only draw a line on a chart to determine desired earnings and how much risk is acceptable. It is so easy, virtually anyone can do it.

"What you draw on that curve is what you're going to get," Hertzberg said. "I don't need to know anything. I don't need to know any jargon or anything about derivatives trading. I just need to know price and how much I'm going to get if it goes to that price."

Hertzberg and Harrigan maintain a YouTube channel with a number of related videos, but for the beginner who simply wants to understand how the process works, the best place to start is perhaps at youtube.com/watch?v=Rv33tmfFEF8.

In two minutes, the viewer can become a derivatives trader. It's literally that easy.

Hertzberg is a native of Southern California. He was educated at Purdue University and even before earning his bachelor's degree was already working on the development of the Apache helicopter. He went on to launch 13 startups across a spectrum of industries and eventually found his way to San Francisco, which was where things were happening in the tech industry.

He credits Raghu Misra, co-founder of the link, with inspiring him to move his family across the country to Nocatee.

"I've been virtual for 25 years; COVID didn't change my life at all," Hertzberg said. "But when I found this place, I was here in November (2021) trying to scope out where I was going to move my kids. I wanted to be close to the beach, and I had to have good schools for my kids."

He found all he was seeking in this area, but the last piece in the puzzle fell into place on the last day of his visit to the area, a Saturday when Misra showed him around the link, a co-working space and incubator at 425 Town Plaza Ave., Ponte Vedra.

It was the right fit, and today Hertzberg has a dedicated desk at the facility.

To learn more about Outcome Trading, go to OutcomeTrading.org or twitter.com/outcometrading.

Grocer closes 2022 with \$6.75M donated to local communities

Southeastern Grocers Inc. (SEG), parent company and home of Fresco y Más, Harveys Supermarket and Winn-Dixie grocery stores, has seen a big year of community impact and growth.

In 2022, the grocer provided value to its customers to help minimize the impact of inflationary pressures and donated \$6.75 million to support organizations that serve people in need.

To support its communities throughout the year, SEG, together with the SEG Gives Foundation, donated more than \$700,000 and 14 million pounds of food to help alleviate hunger, as well as \$2.55 million to support crucial emergency assistance, disaster preparedness and relief programs both locally and in support of the citizens of

Ukraine.

The grocer also donated more than \$1.25 million to Folds of Honor, providing more than 250 educational scholarships to the children and spouses of fallen and disabled military service members; provided 30 non-profits with funds totaling \$300,000 through the grocer's Romay Davis Belonging, Inclusion and Diversity Grant Program; and donated an additional nearly \$2 million in support of various military, health and local community initiatives.

SEG continued to focus on its transformational journey in 2022 by renewing and growing its fleet of stores and has completed renewals for more than 80% of its existing stores. This past year, the grocer unveiled 51 re-

modeled stores and introduced 17 new liquor stores and two new Winn-Dixie locations in Florida. In December, SEG unveiled its first ground-up Winn-Dixie store built in more than a decade to the Grand Cypress neighborhood in St. Johns County.

The grocer and its foundation also reacted quickly to support the local community when Hurricane Ian hit Southwest Florida by dispatching mobile pharmacies, opening its Pine Island Winn-Dixie store to the local community for free groceries and providing recovery essentials to more than 2,000 impacted families.

In addition, Store Brands named SEG its Retailer of the Year and presented the grocer with an Impact Award for community service and local impact.

GUEST COLUMN

Tools available for family business transitions

Transitioning your family business to your heirs may sound simple enough, but in fact, doing it successfully can prove difficult. To help improve your transition's chances for success, consider family business governance.

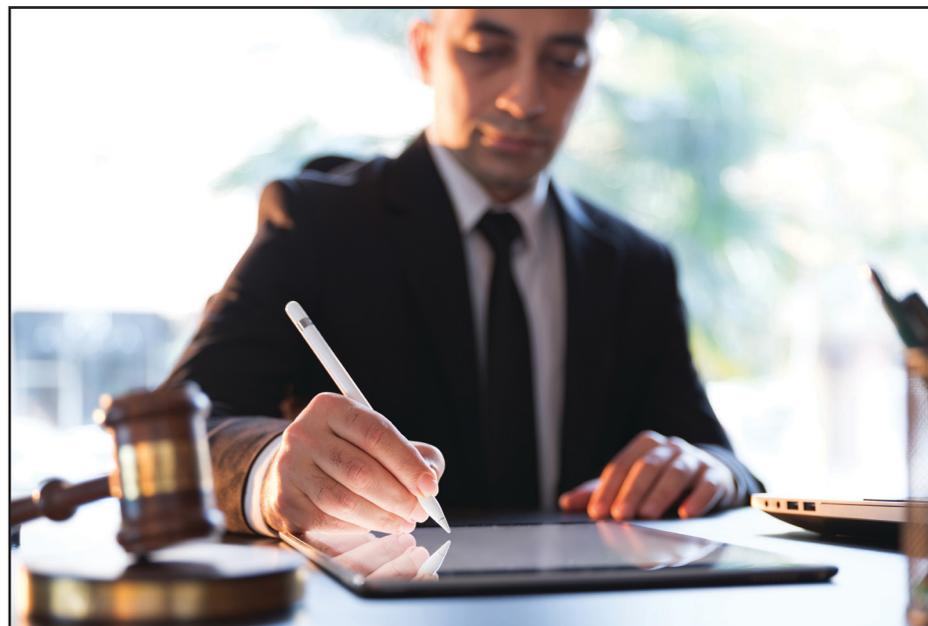
This is a system of correlated tools and actions to support the next generation with controlling, owning, and operating the business. It also puts in place a framework that contains business protocols, describes how future ownership changes occur, and establishes a precedent for making business decisions.

Frequently used tools

There are several tools that can be employed as part of a family business governance system, including:

A **buy-sell agreement** is a legally binding contract that stipulates how an owner's share of a business may be reassigned if triggering events occur, the price that will be paid and the payment structure.

A **family employment policy** document can be kept within the family for private use or incorporated into the business's human resource documentation. It sets expectations for heirs, spouses and



extended family members about such issues as how they can obtain employment in the business, the requirements to attain key positions, the compensation standards to be used, and incentive language for family members.

A **distribution or dividend policy** is key in setting expectations with family members regarding what distributions

they should expect to receive from the business. Business owners must balance the need for cash to maintain or grow the business with the desire to receive distributions.

A **professional board of directors** is a governing body that helps oversee the business and makes major decisions. A board generally comprises three, five or

seven professionals from various industries that have the subject matter expertise to assist the company strategically.

A **family board or council** is a group within the family — or may include the entire family — that comes together to make decisions about the business on the family's behalf.

A **company mission statement** can be valuable to your employees and your family as it addresses the business's purpose and vision and can help guide future company leaders.

Your **estate plan** can address ownership, control, distributions and several other factors.

The business's governing documents should be reviewed at the same time the family business governance system and tools are put in place. Revisions to these documents or corporate resolutions stored in the corporate minutes may be needed to align these documents with the company's governance system.

Helping ensure a successful transition

Transitioning the family business to the next generation is much more than

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KidStrong helps children ‘win at life’ with healthier lifestyles

Photos by Anthony Richards

New location coming to St. Johns in spring 2023

By Anthony Richards

A new year also means a new look on life for a lot of people, as they begin to think of ways to have a healthier lifestyle.

There are many ways to approach a healthier way of life from the food we eat to the types of activities we choose to do in our free time.

For those families looking to develop healthy habits for their children, that is where KidStrong comes in.

“Our mission is to help kids win at life,” said Chloe Retton, head coach at the KidStrong Southside location. “It’s a program that focuses on a child’s brain, physical and character development. “We want to prepare kids to succeed not just here at KidStrong but in life



KidStrong is a fitness center that puts the focus into not only developing active and healthy children physically and mentally.



Children can take part in KidStrong classes from walking to 11 years old.

outside and beyond.”

KidStrong is a fitness center that puts the focus into not only developing active and healthy children physically and mentally. They have a location coming to St. Johns in spring 2023.

“Each month we have a different character trait that we work on, as well as a different physical milestone,”

Retton said. “The curriculum changes each month and kind of builds upon the previous.”

One of the ways they go about preparing them for the world is by having a public speaking portion of the class, where the children are asked to stand up and talk to the rest of the class.

“That’s been a huge thing to see, because at first some kids are nervous to even stand up in front of everybody,” Retton said. “We push them out of their comfort zone but are there the whole way to help them through it, and by the end of the month they are standing up

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'Home Diagnosis' hosts visit St. Augustine

An episode for season three of the PBS TV series "Home Diagnosis" was filmed in St. Augustine in December in conjunction with the St. Johns Housing Partnership.

The upcoming season is all about disasters, natural and human-made, and building resilience, making Florida a perfect setting.

"Home Diagnosis," created by Atlanta-based home performance experts Grace and Corbett Lunsford, is the first-ever series on the physics, chemistry and microbiology of homes,

airing on public television stations nationwide.

"Our TV show is all about educating homeowners to ask for proof the work was done right and proof they got what they paid for," Grace Lunsford said. "And about showing building pros that there's a path for making a better living doing better work for happier clients, using measured performance."

Past episodes included "The Proof Is Possible Tour" in season one as they used diagnostic testing and their high-performance tiny house on wheels

"#Tinylab" to solve mystery problems of all types in homes, new and old, in cities across America. That's when Housing Partnership Executive Director Bill Lazar met the Lunsfords, as St. Augustine was the kick-off city in 2016.

"Their 'Home Diagnosis' show, and YouTube 'Home Performance' channel aims to educate everyone about the science of homes," said Lazar. "Healthy homes are what we strive for in our construction of new green-certified affordable homes. A green and healthy

home supports the well-being of the people living there in many different ways."

Season two told the story of the science of homes over 13 episodes as the Lunsfords built their own 3,000-square-foot forever home in Georgia's capital city.

"My goal is to package building performance so it can easily be understood and used by professionals and consumers alike, for better buildings worldwide," added Corbett Lunsford.

KidStrong

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and speaking in front of a group, which I know at that age, I wouldn't have been doing that," Retton said.

Although the primary focus is the children in the class, it is not lost that the support of family plays an important role, so family members are involved in segments of the class as well.

"We have an app that parents can also use to keep track of everything that their kids are doing," Retton said.

There are also certain challenges that are presented to the children each month giving them an opportunity to earn points and recognition.

During the month of December, the challenge topic was giving back and those in the classes were asked to donate items either to KidStrong locations or other ways around the area.

"We're trying to build a community," Retton said.

There are a variety of classes offered depending on a child's age, with classes involving children 3 years old and younger also having a parent on the

floor taking part side-by-side with their child during the activities.

"It's incredible to see the bonding that takes place," Retton said.

There is no designated age to start the program, as the only requirement is that the child has mastered walking.

The oldest age class offered is for children 9 to 11 years old, which consists of a more advanced curriculum both in the type of thought-provoking questions and the workouts used.

According to Retton, consistency is everything whether it is an adult or a child, and that is what KidStrong

strives to achieve with its program.

"If you and I don't go to the gym consistently, we're not going to hit our goals and improve like we want to or see those results we want," Retton said. "The kids that come in once or twice a weekly regularly can really start to see the improvement, and it just makes me want to cry sometimes knowing where they've come in even a short amount of time."

The KidStrong location in St. Johns is currently being built. It will be located at 1385 St. Johns Parkway Suites 102 to 104.



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2022 Stock Market Review

By Scott A. Grant

It will come as no surprise to anyone that 2022 was a tough year for the stock market. It was a tough year for the economy. Gas prices spiked and inflation, long dead, rose from the grave to make everything more expensive. All you needed to do was go the grocery store to see the damage. I bought some eggs the other day and asked myself, “What happened?”

Many are not sorry to see 2022 come to end. The whole world took a beating. As bad as it was here in the United States, there were worse places to live, many worse places. Imagine you lived in the Ukraine or the Congo, for instance. But 2022 is over. It is a new year with all of the new hope that a new year can bring.

I am a student of the stock market. I am a student of investing. Looking back on 2022 it is interesting to look at some of the winners and losers. Surprisingly, in a year where the market was down almost 20%, there were winners. The

best performing stock of 2022 was Occidental Petroleum. I guess it is not shocking that in a year where the price of oil spiked dramatically, the best performing stock would be an oil company. Occidental was up 164% on the year. Other oil stocks also performed well, but OXY was the king.

The word Occidental means “western.” It is the opposite of oriental, which means “eastern.” Occidental has a long, colorful history. It was run for decades by a man named Armand Hammer. Hammer had close ties to the Soviet Union. He engaged in lucrative trade with the Russians at a time when most U.S. entrepreneurs were banned. Most of that trade went through the Port of Jacksonville.

A handful of other company stocks also did well in 2022, notably Merck & Co., a pharmaceutical manufacturer. Merck stock rose from \$70 to \$111, which is a pretty nice gain. Other stocks that were up for the year included a number of food companies like Campbell Soup, Pepsico, General Mills, Coca-

Cola and Kellogg. I owned all of the companies that I have mentioned so far, but I also owned some others that did not do as well. Amazon, Microsoft and Google were all down substantially for the year, for instance.

The worst performers for the year included the online furniture seller Wayfair and crypto-token exchange Coinbase Global which both lost 83% of their value in 2022. I guess Wayfair stock wasn’t just what you needed in 2022. Coinbase’s decline mirrored the collapse of the crypto-token fad that once enraptured the unsophisticated. I did not and would not own either of these stocks. But, as I said earlier, I owned some things that went down.

So, what does this tell us about 2023? As a student of the market, I can tell you that the top performing stocks of any given year are rarely the top performers the next year. That goes for worst performers as well. If I were looking for a one-year trade, and I rarely am, I would peruse the list of the worst performers and pick out a strong company that did



Scott A. Grant

poorly and bet on it to recover. I still would not buy Wayfair or Coinbase, but that’s just me.

Scott A. Grant is a writer and professional investor. He is a long-time student of the stock market. He welcomes your comments at scottg@standfastic.com.

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transitioning shares. A well-thought-out and documented plan that addresses ownership, control and operations helps build a strong governance system for your business. This system, combined with communication with the next generation, can be key to helping ensure your transition’s success.

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Saint Augustine Film Festival set for Jan. 12-15

The 13th annual Saint Augustine Film Festival will be held Jan. 12-15 at St. Augustine venues — Lewis Auditorium and Gamache-Koger Theater at Flagler College, and the Alcazar Room at St. Augustine City Hall (Lightner Museum). More than 50 independent and international films will be on numerous screens throughout the city.

The festival is organized by Gregory von Hausch, the CEO of the acclaimed Ft. Lauderdale International Film Festival. Films will include dramas, comedies and documentaries from all over the world, as well as films from independent U.S. filmmakers.

“We are so excited to be screening films in beautiful downtown St. Augustine during Nights of Lights,” said von Hausch.

The Saint Augustine Film Festival has a reputation of featuring films that aren’t usually available in North Florida. The films chosen are created by talented independent filmmakers from around the globe.

The festival introduced its new mascot, Film Buddy, at the St. Augustine Christmas Parade on Dec. 3. As the SAFF ambassador, Film Buddy is on a mission to invite locals and visitors to attend the film festival.

Also new this year, a high school video competition will take place, with student entries from St. Augustine and St. Johns County.

Film festival passes are available at staugfilmfest.com. The all-access pass is \$250 and includes all parties, events and film screenings. The all-films pass is \$100 and includes all films in screening



Attendees mingle in the Lightner Museum during the opening dinner at a past Saint Augustine Film Festival.

venues. The all-Lewis pass is \$75 and includes all films in Lewis Auditorium at Flagler College.

Volunteers are needed to help at all screenings. Contact Leslie Lacika at leslacika1@gmail.com to volunteer for the 2023 festival. An orientation session will be held prior to the festival, where volunteers will get an official festival crew T-shirt; and volunteers will receive free tickets to attend films playing at Lewis Auditorium for those who commit to at least two four-hour shifts over the weekend.

For sponsorship information, go to staugfilmfest.com/sponsors.

Follow The Saint Augustine Film Festival on Facebook and on Instagram at @saintaugustinefilmfest.



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Festivalgoers gather at the Lightner Museum.



Festival attendees gather for a party.



Festivalgoers take their seats for a screening at Lewis Auditorium.

Haskell Co. founder donates eight works to Princeton museum

The Haskell Co.’s Preston H. Haskell III has made a leadership gift toward the creation of the new Princeton University Art Museum, to be recognized with the naming of a new education center in that facility. He is also making a gift of art that is one of the most significant gifts in the museum’s history, including eight canonical abstract paintings from his private collection.

Haskell is founder and chairman of the Haskell Company, an engineering, architectural and construction firm in Jacksonville that he established in 1965. Haskell graduated from Princeton in 1960 with a

degree in civil engineering and received an MBA from Harvard in 1962.

Haskell’s gift is one of several major alumni commitments in the Venture Forward campaign that have enabled the construction of the new Princeton University Art Museum, located at the heart of the Princeton campus on the site of the previous museum, roughly doubling the space for the exhibition, conservation, study and interpretation of the Art Museum’s collections. While the museum’s expansive collections include more than 114,000 works of art from cultures spanning the globe, no

more than 2% of these could be on display at any time in the former building.

Construction on the museum, which began in 2021, is expected to be complete by late 2024. Additional major gifts to the museum will be announced over the next year.

When the museum reopens, it will include eight masterpieces of abstract painting from Haskell’s collection, constituting one of the most significant gifts of art in the museum’s history, including:

- Willem de Kooning, “Woman II,” oil on paper mounted on canvas, 1961

- Helen Frankenthaler, “Belfry,” acrylic on canvas, 1979

- Hans Hofmann, “The Chair,” oil on panel, 1944

- Hans Hofmann, “Composition #3,” oil on canvas, 1952

- Joan Mitchell, “Aires pour Marion,” diptych, oil on canvas, 1975-76

- Gerhard Richter, “Abstract Painting (613-3),” oil on canvas, 1986

- Jean-Paul Riopelle, “Terre Promise,” oil on canvas, 1960

- Mark Rothko, “Untitled,” oil on paper mounted on canvas, 1968

Canvas, Stage and More

A look at what's happening in the arts locally.

Sisters In Crime group to meet

The Saturday, Jan. 7, meeting of the Northeast Florida Sisters in Crime will feature the last of three mini-workshops. The group will review and critique mini-workshop 1: Streaming Consciousness and mini-workshop 2: Developing Characterization. The meeting is open to those interested in writing, promoting and enjoying crime fiction. It begins at noon at the Ponte Vedra Library FOL Room, 101 Library Blvd., Ponte Vedra Beach.

Award-winning saxophonist to perform locally

The Friends of the Ponte Vedra Beach Library will present the Noel Catura Jazz and Blues Ensemble on Jan. 10 at the Crosswater Hall, 245 Nocatee Center Way, Nocatee. The concert starts at 6:30 p.m. with doors opening at 6 p.m. The performance is part of the Dr. Gerson Yessin Music Series. Reservations are required.

Friends members can register by email to lekleiman@gmail.com. Others may register online on the Nocatee site: residents.nocatee.com/event/FriendsoftheLibraryConcert22.

Catura is an award-winning saxophonist and Selmer Paris endorsed artist. He has been a professional musician, composer, arranger and educator in the San Francisco Bay area for 40 years. He performs in many genres, including blues, jazz, funk, Latin and rhythm-and-blues. He has performed with Mary Wells, John Lee Hooker, Bobby Womack and others. He has performed at the Apollo Theater, Royal Albert Hall and other major venues.

Gauthier to perform Jan. 10

Acclaimed singer-songwriter Mary Gauthier will perform at Cafe Eleven, 501 A1A Beach Blvd., St. Augustine, on Jan. 10 in support of her recently released album, "Dark Enough To See The Stars."

The album follows Gauthier's debut book, "Saved by a Song: The Art and Healing Power of Songwriting," and "Rifles & Rosary Beads," her 2018 album that earned a Grammy nomination for Best Folk Album and an Album of the Year nomination from the Americana Music Association.

For tickets and information, go to originalcafe11.com/mary-gauthier-jan-10-2023.

Music season at Beluthahatchee begins Jan. 15

Acoustic music duo Ron and Bari Litschauer will kick off the eighth season of Sundays At Stetson's concerts at 2 p.m. Jan. 15 at Beluthahatchee Park.

This will be an outdoor event. Feel free to bring your own chairs. A \$10 donation per attendee is requested to help support performers and continue to present Florida acoustic music. Reservations are not required for this event.

Beluthahatchee Park is located at 1523 S.R. 13 in Fruit Cove, just south of the intersection at Roberts Road.

Prodigy artist to visit for Jacksonville exhibition

Gallery 725 will present "Advait: Through the Lens" Jan. 20-29. Works by this 9-year-old renowned contemporary artist will be exhibited and available for acquisition at the gallery.

Advait's art has a global footprint — he started painting at eight months of age, held his first solo exhibition at age 2, and by age 8 he had won the Global Child Prodigy Award.

Advait's work has been exhibited in London and New York alongside modern masters including Pablo Picasso, Henri Matisse and Joan Miro. He is the youngest TEDx speaker of India, presenting in November 2022. These major milestones have earned him the "prodigy" tag by the BBC, among other international media outlets, making him one of the youngest artists ever to achieve this worldwide recognition.

Meet-the-artist receptions are planned for 1-4 p.m. and 6-9 p.m. Jan. 28 and 1-4 p.m. Jan. 29. All receptions are complimentary and open to the public; RSVPs are highly recommended at gallery725@gmail.com or 904-345-9320.

The gallery is located at 13475 Atlantic Blvd. Suite 6 in Jacksonville.

— Compiled by Shaun Ryan



ON STAGE

A roundup of musical acts appearing before Feb. 6 at local venues

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- **Donna The Buffalo** — 8 p.m. Jan. 5
- **Marc Broussard** — 8 p.m. Jan. 10
- **Geoff Tate's 2023 Big Rock Show** — With special guest Mark Daly. 8 p.m. Jan. 11
- **Mason Jennings** — 8 p.m. Jan. 13
- **Ricky Skaggs & Kentucky Thunder** — 8 p.m. Jan. 20

- **The Voice of The Moody Blues Justin Hayward** — With special guest Mike Dawes. 7:30 p.m. Jan. 24
- **Big Band of Brothers** — A celebration of the Allman Brothers Band. 8 p.m. Jan. 25
- **Leo Kottke** — 8 p.m. Jan. 27.
- **An Evening with Ottmar Liebert & Luna Negra** — 8 p.m. Jan. 28
- **The Brit Pack** — 8 p.m. Jan. 29
- **Warren Zeiders** — 8 p.m. Feb. 3
- **Tom Rush** — 8 p.m. Feb. 5

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Image from The Ponte Vedra Concert Hall

Ricky Skaggs & Kentucky Thunder will perform at 8 p.m. Jan. 20 at The Ponte Vedra Concert Hall.

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The Furyks to receive Deane Beman Award at Celebration of Golf Feb. 22

After a two-year hiatus due to the Covid-19 pandemic, Northeast Florida's Celebration of Golf Banquet will once again be held on Feb. 22 at the spectacular new Sawgrass Country Club clubhouse in Ponte Vedra Beach.

The highlight of the evening will be the presentation of the Deane Beman Award. It will be presented to Jim and Tabitha Furyk, and former PGA TOUR Commissioner Deane Beman will be on hand to honor the Furyks.

The Celebration of Golf is an annual gathering that brings together people from all facets of the golf community – players, leaders, promoters, supporters, clubs, volunteers, pros, amateurs, juniors, superintendents and other organizations come together to recognize and honor those who have made contributions to area golf, both on the golf course and off.

It is co-sponsored and organized by the Jacksonville Area Golf Association and the Northern Chapter of the North Florida PGA, with the support of the Jacksonville Women's Golf Association and the North Florida Golf Course Superintendents Association.

Proceeds from the Celebration of Golf will support the tax-exempt JAGA Charitable Trust, which annually awards scholarships to college-bound students who have affiliations with JAGA and its 40 member clubs from the area.

This will be the seventh time the banquet has been held. The six prior banquets



Contributed photo

Tabitha and Jim Furyk will be presented the Deane Beman Award at the Celebration of Golf event Feb. 22 at Sawgrass Country Club.

were sellouts and approximately 325 people attended the last banquet in 2020 at TPC Sawgrass. The new clubhouse at Sawgrass Country Club seats more than 200 guests.

Tables and individual tickets will go on sale on January 10 via JAGA's BlueGolf platform, and with fewer seats available, those interested in purchasing tables and seats are encouraged to begin making

group plans immediately.

There will be tables that seat eight and 10 available and individual tickets will also go on sale along with the group options. All table and individual seats are priced at \$125 per person.

JAGA member golf clubs and facilities are encouraged to purchase tables of eight or 10 and invite their general manager, director of golf/head golf professional, course superintendent, club president, golf committee chairs, and JAGA club director(s), and their wives/significant others, or any combination of the above listed.

Attendees who wish to support the charitable trust with additional contributions will also have the opportunity to do so.

In addition to the Deane Beman Award, individuals from the following organizations will be recognized:

- Jacksonville Women's Golf Association
- Jacksonville Area Golf Association
- Northern Chapter of the North Florida PGA
- North Florida Golf Course Superintendents Association

It will mark the first time the banquet will be held at Sawgrass Country Club. The first five dinners were held at Timuquana Country Club before the event moved to the World Golf Hall of Fame in 2018, San Jose Country Club in 2019 and TPC Sawgrass when it was last held in 2020.

Holiday basketball tournaments recap

By Anthony Richards

The winter break was a busy time for local high school basketball teams, as both Ponte Vedra and Nease took part in holiday tournaments and held their own.

It was a very merry Christmas for the Nease Panthers, who were champions of the Lido Key Beach bracket as part of the Tampa Bay Christmas Invitational held at Wiregrass Ranch Sports Complex in Wesley Chapel.

The Panthers defeated nearby Tampa Bay Tech 63-60 in overtime to sweep the three-game showcase after trailing 33-24 at halftime of the championship game.

However, the Panthers came out on fire in the third quarter and outscored the Titans 14-4 in the frame en route to the comeback victory.

Senior Camryn Robinson led the way with a game-high 24 points and was joined in double figures by freshman center Madelyn Ray with 14 points and sophomore McKenna Owens adding 10 of her own.

The Nease boys basketball team won three of the four games they played in the Hitchcock's Challenge hosted by Alachua Santa Fe.

The Panthers took care of business with victories over Miami Killian (53-42),

Jacksonville University Christian (51-37) and Hialeah Gardens Mater Academy Charter (65-57), with their only loss coming in a narrow 45-43 defeat against host and eventual event champion Alachua Santa Fe.

Nease scored more than 50 points in each of its wins and had an average margin of victory of 11 points in those contests.

Ponte Vedra High's boys and girls basketball teams both got experience playing in a tournament atmosphere as well, which they hope will come in handy come district tournament and postseason time.

The Sharks girls squad played in the Jim Clark Tournament hosted by Bishop Moore Catholic High School in Orlando and earned a 49-31 victory over Eustis. Their two losses to Apopka and Lake Mary were by three and seven points respectively.

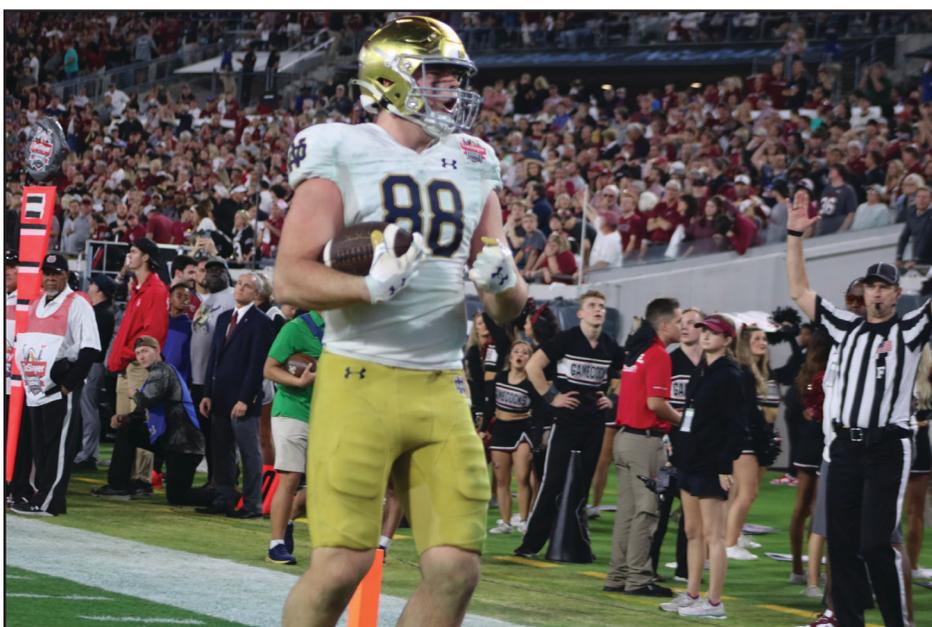
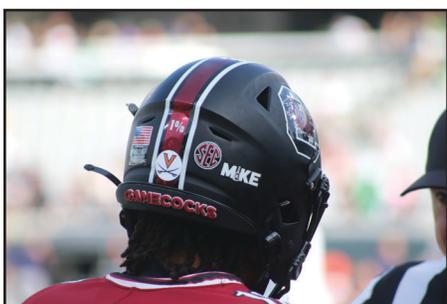
The Ponte Vedra boys ventured out of state to play in the St. Andrew's Holiday Showcase in Tybee Island, Georgia where they went head-to-head against some of the stiffest competition in Georgia.

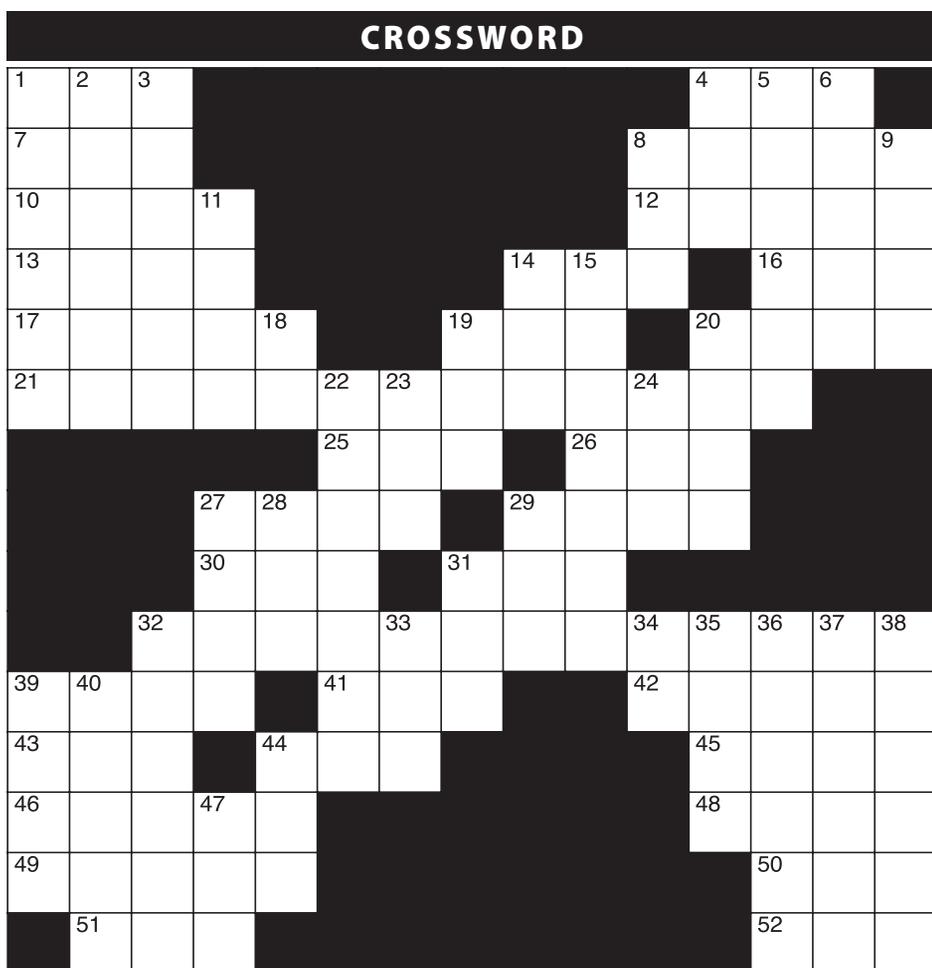
Senior Isreal Nuhu combined to score 55 points in three games during the showcase.

Gator Bowl atmosphere full of pageantry and tradition

The Notre Dame Fighting Irish defeated the South Carolina Gamecocks 45-38 to win the 78th Annual TaxSlayer Gator Bowl Dec. 30. The following are photos of the festivities surrounding the game as well as the action on the field and the celebrations in the stands.

Photos by Anthony Richards





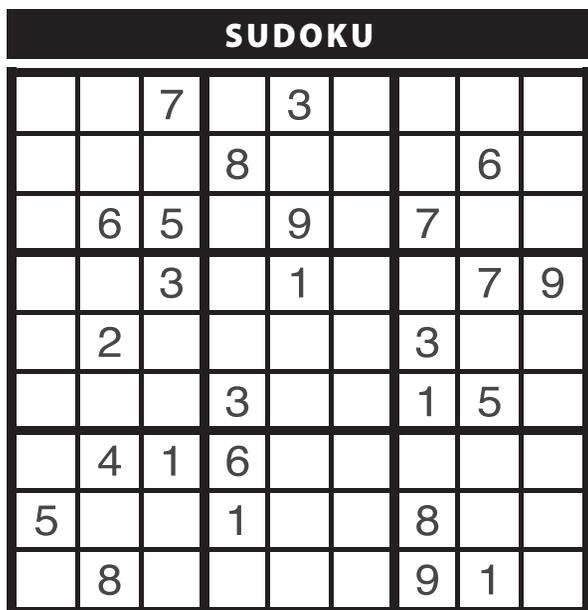
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- 1. Basics
- 4. Swiss river
- 7. Constrictor snake
- 8. Building occupied by monks
- 10. Discount
- 12. Deal a blow to
- 13. Relating to the ear
- 14. Thyrotropin
- 16. Loud, unpleasant noise
- 17. Large intestines
- 19. Move with a curving trajectory
- 20. Witnesses
- 21. You need both to live
- 25. Dash
- 26. Network
- 27. Dig
- 29. C. European river
- 30. Supplement with difficulty
- 31. Corporate executive
- 32. Carroll O'Connor's onscreen wife
- 39. No variation
- 41. Airborne (abbr.)
- 42. "Heidi" author
- 43. Affirmative
- 44. Pie ___ mode
- 45. W. Asian country
- 46. Grotesque or bizarre
- 48. Delicacy (archaic)
- 49. Textile
- 50. Denial
- 51. Electronic data processing
- 52. Attempt

DOWN

- 1. Engulf
- 2. Waterside hotel
- 3. Printed cotton fabric
- 4. Defensive nuclear weapon

- 5. One who follows the rules
- 6. Lace up once more
- 8. Fire byproduct
- 9. Hankerings
- 11. Outer
- 14. One-time aerospace firm
- 15. Seafood
- 18. Commercial
- 19. Epoxy hardener (abbr.)
- 20. Samoan monetary unit
- 22. Type of gland
- 23. Arrest
- 24. Check
- 27. Past participle of be
- 28. Alias
- 29. A major division of geological time
- 31. Kids programming channel (abbr.)
- 32. Joked
- 33. Helps little firms
- 34. Roman numeral 50
- 35. Impressive in size or scope
- 36. Domineering leader
- 37. A person who delivers a speech
- 38. One after 89
- 39. Young hawk
- 40. The scene of any event or action
- 44. A team's best pitcher
- 47. Integrated data processing



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Price, Kamal sign letters of intent

A signing celebration was held Dec. 21 for two Ponte Vedra High School football players.

Senior Trooper Price, son of Steve and Jodie Price, signed a national letter of intent to play football at Colgate University.

Price was a two-year starter for the Sharks at linebacker. He made 114 tackles this past season. He finished his high school career with 444 tackles. He was an FACA all-district performer at linebacker this past season and was selected to play in the FACA All Star game.

Senior Kingston Kamal, son of Erin Schaal, signed a national letter of intent to play football at Southeast Missouri State University.

Kamal was a three-year starter for the Sharks at defensive end. He finished with an average of 4.8 tackles per game.

His senior season was cut short due to an injury.

Both schools are NCAA Division 1 members of the championship subdivision.

Colgate University competes in the Patriot Conference. The Raiders boast 10 conference titles, 11 play-off appearances and one national title in their history.

Southeast Missouri State University competes in the Ohio Valley Conference. The Redhawks finished the 2022 season with a 9-3 record, a conference title and a national play-off appearance.

The signing celebration was held at Mr. Chubby's Wings in Ponte Vedra Beach.

— Information from Jim Moyes



Photos courtesy of Jodie Price

Kingston Kamal and Trooper Price share a moment with their defensive coaches after signing to play college football.



Kamal and Price's Ponte Vedra teammates were on hand at Mr. Chubby's Wings to celebrate with them.

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