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WHAT'S THIS?



Do you know what this is?

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

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

Only one reader correctly identified last week's photo, yet she was the winner of the ticket prize pack in late January. As a result, we're going to give you all another chance to guess so we can select a new winner. Good luck!

ADOPT A PET

CAT OF THE WEEK

Ashe is an 8-month-old female cat who was brought to the Pet Center to find a new home. Ashe is friendly



and playful; however, it is wise to give pets time to adjust in a new environment. Come visit Ashe at the Pet Center today. #48665



DOG OF THE WEEK

Ruby is a 2-year-old female mixed breed dog who is looking for a new home. She was brought to the Pet

Center as a stray, which means there still may be some traits that are unknown at this time. Come visit Ruby today at the Pet Center. #45896

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Solutions correspond to last week's puzzles.



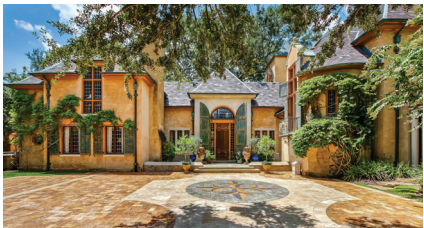
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The Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach Sunset is currently accepting applications for the "Service Above Self" Scholarship (SASS).

Students enrolled as juniors or seniors at Ponte Vedra or Allen D. Nease high schools are encouraged to apply. Offered annually by the Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach Sunset, these \$1,000 scholarships are awarded to the top applicant from each school based on his/her application, which includes an essay about community service. Children of Rotarians

are not eligible to apply.

Details and the SASS application are available at goo.gl/forms/HAuBTJPijj-LaCcWv1. The deadline for receipt of all application requirements is March 14, 2019. The two scholarship winners will be notified by mid-April. Later, they will receive their scholarships at a dinner hosted by the Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach Sunset.

For additional information, contact the SASS chair, Paula Roderick, at paroderick1@comcast.net or call (904) 280-8933.

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Olivia Love, 17, was involved in an accident on Jan. 2 when she fell from a golf cart and hit her head on the asphalt. She received serious brain damage from the fall.



Nease teacher uses math as tool to communicate with student after tragic accident

Olivia Love manages to bring out the best in people, even while in the hospital

By Amber Lake

Seventeen-year-old Olivia Love is a bright, bubbly teenager and Nease High School student who has a tight friend group and changes her hair color almost every other week. She is the type of girl who loves the people around her and makes friends with her teachers. She has a warm smile and uses it, often.

On Jan. 2, Olivia Love was riding in a Yamaha 2 passenger golf cart with the driver and two other passengers on State Road 16. At some point while driving, she fell from the rear cargo area and struck her head on the asphalt. She suffered potentially life-threatening injuries from that fall. Just like that, a smart, vivacious girl's life took a turn in an entirely different direction.

Currently, Love is learning how to speak again at the Shepherd Center in Atlanta. The clinic specializes in rehabilitation for people with acquired brain injuries and is one of the best in the county. Love is looking at a long, slow recovery. She will need multiple years of therapy to learn how to communicate and use her right leg. She will have to be taught how to understand language and form words all over again. Her sister, Danielle Love, has been posting regular updates about her condition on Instagram.

One thing that Danielle is sure to mention when speaking about positive outcomes is the wealth of support from the community. One such community member has stepped up to the plate in a way befitting of her position.

MAMA G

Kelli Gebauer is a math teacher at Nease High School.

She had gotten close with Olivia in geometry class and when she visited during "Excel" breaks to study in her room with friends. Gebauer is a school favorite; many students find her to be welcoming and stay at her class after hours. Enough so that she has earned the nickname, Mama G.

"You develop a better relationship with the kids, and you find out more about their personal lives," Gebauer said. "It got to the point where I'm kind of like a mother to my students. I am at that age now where they look at me like a mom, but not their mom. They will come to me and talk to me and ask me questions about their teenage problems."



Olivia Love (left) with stepdad Richard Borsody, mom Kathleen Borsody, brother Bobby Love and sister Danielle Love.

Olivia's family owns a bagel shop, Bite a Bagel, in St. Augustine. Gebauer went there often and eventually found out the owners were her parents. Since that realization, she has been close with the entire family.

When she found out about Olivia's accident, she said it hurt her as if it were one of her own biological kids. She went to the hospital the very next day, and she has been back many times since.

"She is such a great girl and has such a great personality," Gebauer said. "Fun-loving and easygoing. Just a sweet, sweet, sunshiny kind of person. I wanted to be the connection for the students at school to be able to send something if they couldn't get out there."

A TEACHER TEACHES HER STUDENT

On Jan. 17, Gebauer went to the hospital in Orange Park where Olivia Love was recovering. She brought "get-well" cards and gifts from the students at Nease. Olivia laid on the bed as her mother, Kathleen Borsody, and Danielle were speaking with the neurologist.

At that time, her recovery involved trying to get her to follow commands to understand her condition. Although her responses were weak, her family had just received the news that her brain stem was unharmed and maybe other areas of her brain were not as badly affected as previously thought.

While the neurologist was reviewing Olivia's case with her mother and sister,

Gebauer occupied herself with Olivia.

"She likes to touch your hand because she was sort of getting that kinesthetic feeling back," Gebauer said. "She was touching my hand and playing with the rings on my finger. It wasn't my place to listen in to what her mom and the neurologist were speaking about and she kept touching my finger one at a time. I said to her, 'Well, do you want to count?' At that time, she could look at you and kind of stare at you, but they were saying she wasn't following any commands."

So, Gebauer just did what came naturally to her, she taught her student. Gebauer touched each one of Olivia's fingers and counted one through five. When she was done, she asked her to do the movement by herself.

"I was just holding her hand and not touching her fingers," Gebauer said. "I said, 'All right, well, you're going to count for me. Are you ready?' She literally put her first finger up again like she was going to count in the order. Sometimes she would do her ring finger or pinky at the same time and I would say, 'No, do it again. You're going to count every single one of those fingers separately.' I would say the number again. Eventually she did all five fingers. In a row. On her own."

Gebauer called Olivia's mother and sister over to witness the experience. They cried as they saw Olivia count her fingers one by one. She was counting, responding, and mostly, showing them that she was still Olivia. Her mom said, "Leave it to the math teacher to get her to count again."

Olivia liked the game. After she counted to five, she rubbed Gebauer's hand to communicate to her that she wanted to play again.

"It was the coolest thing," Gebauer said. "She's told me numerous times that the math is hard. If you wanted my opinion, I mean, I'm not a doctor, but I think ... I think she knew it was me. I push the kids to whatever their ability is. So, when I ask them to do stuff in my classroom, they do it."

"Whether they want to or not, whether it's hard or not, I ask them," Gebauer continued. (With Olivia,) I don't really know what's going through her brain when it's had that much damage, but I really do think that she was trying to say, 'Hey, I know you're here. Watch me do this.'"

SJSO honors career of Brian Harrington with retirement party

By Jon Blauvelt

When Brian Harrington was a young police officer, he would get off duty, go home and listen to his scanner. If he was close to a call, he would leave his home, jump in his patrol car and respond.

“Now, I wouldn’t have done that, Brian,” remarked St. Johns County Sheriff David Shoar. “A man who cared so much not only about the job and the citizens but about his brothers and sisters. . . . Brian, today is our day to thank you.”

Shoar led the St. Johns County Sheriff’s Office (SJSO) Feb. 1 in celebrating the career of Harrington, who recently announced his retirement. Most recently the commander of SJSO’s Northeast District, which encompasses Ponte Vedra, Harrington served the agency for 23 years. Held at SJSO’s Squadroom in St. Augustine, the event also honored the retirement of Carol McCullar, a longtime employee of the Sheriff’s Office who served as executive assistant to the sheriff for 16 years, as well as in a few other positions over 31 years of service.

As noted by Shoar, Harrington started his career with SJSO in 1995 as a reserve. He was a road deputy from 1996 to 2001, a senior law enforcement officer from 2001 to 2004 and then a senior trained deputy from 2004 to 2005. He became a patrol shift leader, which is when he became a sergeant, and then served as cops coordinator from 2006 to 2011. He returned to the role of shift leader and then got promoted in 2012 to lieutenant. Shortly thereafter, he was appointed to SJSO’s executive staff as commander of Central Investigations from 2013 to 2015. He finished his career as the commander of the Northeast Division.

“I’d like to recognize for you and all these folks here and your family, you made it to a rank of commander, and that is not an easy thing to accomplish,” said 7th Judicial Circuit State Attorney R.J. Larizza, who presented Harrington with a plaque for his service. “You didn’t do it a use of who you knew or where you came from, you did it on your own. You worked your way up. For any person to work their way up and accomplish what you have, that is an inspiration.”

Harrington’s list of commendations is significant, receiving the Division Director’s Award in 1998, the Exceptional Service Award in 2001, the Lifesaving Award in 2001, the Guy White Award in 2003 (top cop of the year) and the Sheriff’s Commendation.

In addition to Shoar and Larizza, a few others provided remarks in honor of Harrington’s career. Deputy Keith Schiffer, the youth resource officer at Ponte Vedra High School who worked with Harrington for 20 years, reflected on a few experiences that were impactful to him. One of which was five years ago when Schiffer’s mother died from cancer. When he was at the podium of the church looking out at those in attendance to pay their respects, he



Brian Harrington, the former commander of the Northeast District for SJSO, gathers with his wife, Emelyn, and daughter, Kathryn, at his retirement party on Feb. 1 in St. Augustine.



ABOVE: 7th Judicial Circuit State Attorney R.J. Larizza presents Harrington with a plaque.

LEFT: St. Johns County Sheriff David Shoar reflects on Harrington’s career.

Photos by Jon Blauvelt

observed three deputies dressed in green, one of whom was Harrington.

“The respect that you conveyed that day in the church for this deputy and his family made a very deep impression upon

me and a memory I will always remember when someone speaks of Brian Harrington,” Schiffer said.

Schiffer also recalled numerous times when Harrington would take the time to

stop into Ponte Vedra High to simply say hello and check in. In addition, Schiffer said when he underwent a few surgeries over the past few years, Harrington called home and checked on him and his family.

“Little gestures like that tend to help us heal a little bit quicker,” Schiffer said.

SJSO Undersheriff Matthew Cline and Lt. Shawn Lee also recognized Harrington, with both providing gifts to the former commander. Chief Derek Barrs of the Florida Highway Patrol additionally presented Harrington with a plaque and made some remarks. Toward the end of the event, Shoar presented Harrington with his service weapon, as well as a watch and a letter written by the sheriff. As noted by Shoar, Harrington will also be receiving a letter from President Donald Trump in recognition of his service.

Before enjoying cake and refreshments, the event concluded with Harrington providing closing words.

“The big thing I would tell all of you is make sure you take care of each other,” said Harrington, who is being succeeded by Scott Beaver in the role of Northeast District commander. “There’s a lot going on out in the world. I still feel this place has this karma to it. It’s a family. Make sure you think of others first, if you can, and take care of each other in any way possible.

“Since I got promoted to executive staff and I had the privilege of being on executive staff, it’s not so much about your jobs and what you’re doing in life on the journey that we’re on, it’s the people you meet along the way,” Harrington added. “I just want all of you to know that. I thank all of you for being part of my life, and I have a treasure trove of memories of all of you. So, thank you.”

Tess Crosby is the director of marketing for Vicar's Landing.

Tess Crosby

Can you please briefly tell us about your background?

I grew up in New Jersey, worked in New York City for a sports marketing firm and moved to Jacksonville in 1988. I met my husband while I was working as the tournament director of a senior tour event in Indianapolis. Tim was the media director of the PGA TOUR and for a while, we dated long-distance. When I found myself flying to the wrong airport to meet him one weekend, we thought it was time to get to the same city. I had a career locally in advertising until I was hired by the Jacksonville Jaguars. I worked for the team through the first season and then retired to raise our two children, Taylor and Keenan.

What inspired you to work in senior living?

That's a crazy story. My daughter left for University of Florida, and my son got his license, so I thought I would get back to work—I've always loved to work. I was thinking about being a barista at Starbucks, but Tim reminded me I didn't make the coffee at home. A friend of mine told me about the job, but since I had no experience in the field, I thought it was a long shot. Vicar's Landing took a chance on me, and it proved to be a great fit.

What's your favorite part of your job?

The members; they are the most incredibly interesting and fun group of people, and I so enjoy helping associate members (wait list) find the perfect new home! I love having guests visit the community and exposing them to the premier community in North Florida and dare I say the state. Also, I couldn't ask for better people to work with—every department supports the efforts of marketing.

How has senior living changed during your career?

Members are moving in younger, and more couples are moving in than ever. The Baby Boomers have certainly arrived. We have seen an expansion of programs offered especially in terms of physical fitness to meet the needs of the group moving in. The renovations that took place three plus years ago not only changed the look of the community but also provided more space for great activities.

What do you enjoy most about living in Ponte Vedra?

My father once told me I lived in a vacation, and I agree. It was an amazing place to raise a family; it's such an outdoor experience with golf, tennis and the beach. I'm very blessed with the friends our family has made over the years—so many are like family to us. And coming from the North, the weather isn't too bad either.



Photo by Scott Smith/Monarch Studio

What do you like to do in your free time?

We are a sports-loving family so you can always find a game or tournament on at our house. Of course, I love when

the kids come over for a family dinner—although I don't do much of the cooking. That's Tim. I love being outside and try to keep in shape by walking and working out. I really look forward to one day in

the far future to retiring and getting back out on the golf course as a family. The members at Vicar's Landing have taught me how much fun retirement will be.

Edited by Jon Blauvelt

Rotary, Recorder recognize residents at 27th annual Local Heroes Awards

By Jon Blauvelt

The Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach and the Ponte Vedra Recorder recognized eight local residents for their contributions to the community last week at the 27th annual Local Heroes Awards.

Held Thursday, Feb. 7 at Marsh Landing Country Club, this year's event honored residents whose service to the community includes autism advocacy, volunteerism in local schools, alternative education for young people struggling with substance abuse, pancreatic cancer research and the support of children and adults living with disabilities.

Started in 1993 by former Rotary Club member Vic DiGenti, the event recognizes "unsung heroes" who give back to the community and reflect the spirit of the Rotary Club's motto, "Service Above Self."

The "Local Heroes" Class of 2019 includes:

BOBBY AND LESLIE WEED

Nominated by Dr. Don and Kim Sears, Bobby and Leslie Weed received a Local Heroes award for their efforts supporting families dealing with autism through the HEAL, or Helping Enrich Autistic Lives, Foundation.

Their efforts in the world of autism advocacy are personal. Their daughter is non-verbal and profoundly affected by autism. Raising her inspired the couple to



ABOVE: Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach President Vickie Cavey, Leslie and Bobby Weed and Recorder Managing Editor Jon Blauvelt

LEFT: Cavey, Amy and Howard Groshell and Blauvelt

Photos by Susan Griffin

start their foundation in 2004. Since 2007, the Ponte Vedra Beach-based foundation has awarded nearly \$2 million in grants providing summer camps, sports leagues and support groups; educational enhance-

ments and iPads for Exceptional Student Education (ESE) classrooms; educational seminars for parents, teachers and therapists; year-round fun recreational and social events for families and more.

HOWARD AND AMY GROSHELL

Also nominated by Dr. Don and Kim Sears, Howard and Amy Groshell were similarly recognized for their work with the autism community.

After raising a daughter with autism who is nonverbal but communicates through art and supported typing, the couple ultimately created Peace of Heart Community, which features a residential home for women with autism in Ponte Vedra Beach. The organization strives to offer a group home experience for autistic women that is person-centered, abundant in educational opportunities, providing of access to communication, community-minded and environmentally sustainable.

DAN RENAUD

Nominated by Dr. Thomas Hilton, Dan Renaud was honored for his work in the field of substance abuse and addiction.

He is the founder and current executive director of Florida Recovery Schools, which is also known as River Oak Center, the only sober high school in the Southeast United States supporting the

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DONNA Marathon Weekend champions announced

The 12th DONNA Marathon Weekend concluded on Sunday with nearly 7,000 runners from all 50 states and nine countries participating in multiple competitive race events, Feb. 8-10.

The winners for the 2019 DONNA 5K presented by AXA and Jaguars Foundation on Saturday, Feb. 9 are as follows:

■ **Men's 5K winner:** Steven Cartwright of Jacksonville (16:39)

■ **Women's 5K winner:** Carley Glasser of Jacksonville (18:51)

■ **Overall 5K Survivor winner:** Jennifer Hansen of Stillwater, Minnesota (22:14)

■ **Overall Women's GORUCK 5K winner:** Stephanie Gerena of Wayne, New Jersey (27:51)

■ **Overall Men's GORUCK 5K Winner:** Ramon Marzan of Grove City, Ohio (29:32)

The winners for the 2019 26.2 with DONNA Marathon, Half Marathon and Booby Trap Challenge presented by FIS are as follows:

■ **Men's Marathon winner:** Troy Dunkley of Jacksonville (2:52:12)

■ **Women's Marathon winner:** Meaghan Murray-Neuberger of Baltimore (3:00:19)

■ **Men's Half Marathon winner:** Christopher McCaffrey of Jacksonville (1:13:51)



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Finishers of the DONNA Half Marathon gather in celebration after the race.

■ **Women's Half Marathon winner:** Alli Gregg of Jacksonville (1:22:41)

■ **Overall Survivor Marathon winner:** Andi Sharp of Jacksonville Beach (3:46:12)

■ **Overall Survivor Half Marathon Winner:** Catherine Martin of Gainesville (1:33:43)

■ **Men's Marathon Hand Crank Winner:** Nick Navarro of Jacksonville (1:48:39)

■ **Women's Marathon Hand Crank winner:** Paula Steinke of Orange Park (1:48:37)

■ **Men's Half Marathon Push Rim Winner:** Steven Walker of Jacksonville (1:36:14)

■ **Women's Half Marathon Push Rim winner:** Yvonne Cooper of West Melbourne (3:22:39)

■ **Ultra 110 Marathon winner:** Marc Burget of Jacksonville (14:42:43, event record)

■ **Masters Men's Marathon winner:** Tracy McKinnon of Irmo, South Carolina (3:02:17)

■ **Masters Women's Marathon winner:** Karin Gould of Cornelius, North Carolina (3:17:49)

■ **Masters Men's Half Marathon winner:** Jeff Provenzano of Jacksonville (1:20:05)

■ **Masters Women's Half Marathon winner:** Julie Stackhouse of Jacksonville (1:25:54)

■ **Booby Trap Challenge Men's Marathon winner:** Scott Davis of Ponte Vedra (3:40:12)

■ **Booby Trap Challenge Women's Marathon winner:** Beth Boyer of Jacksonville Beach (3:46:49)

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Vickie Cavey, Dan Renaud and Jon Blauvelt



Cavey, Jean Langston and Blauvelt



LEFT: Isabella "Belle" Benson and her family

BELOW: Judith Zitiello gathers with her family and friends, as well as Cavey and Blauvelt.

Photos by Susan Griffin

Local Heroes

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educational needs of teens in recovery. Based in Jacksonville, River Oak was established as an independent, nonprofit 501c3 organization in 2014. The school offers a strong academic program incorporating 12-step principles to students ages 14 to 19 who are in recovery.

JEAN LANGSTON

Nominated by Cheryl Freeman, Jean Langston received a Local Heroes award for her 17 years of volunteerism in the St. Johns County School District.

Born in 1930, Langston is the daughter of Alice B. Landrum and a former teacher of 35 years who has lived in Ponte Vedra her entire life. Volunteering at schools in the Northeast portion of the county, most recently at PVPV/Rawlings Elementary School, she comes in every Thursday to

read aloud in a kindergarten class and helps first graders with phonics. According to Freeman, Langston's classroom support totaled 400 hours during the 2017-2018 school year.

ISABELLA "BELLE" BENSON

Also nominated by Freeman, Isabella "Belle" Benson was, like Langston, honored for her volunteerism within the local schools.

For three years, this Ponte Vedra High School student has been volunteering several hours a week at Ocean Palms Elementary School, despite a demanding schedule, across multiple grade levels, including kindergarten, second grade and third grade. Outside of her volunteerism, Benson is a member of the PVHS Link Crew — mentoring incoming freshman — and Best Buddies International Club — being a friend and support to students of varying intellectual levels — among many other extracurricular activities.



JUDITH ZITIELLO

Nominated by Michele McManamon and Joni Zwick, Judith Zitiello was named a Local Hero for her efforts with the JT Townsend Foundation and the Funk-Zitiello Foundation, despite her own journey with cancer.

Via the JT Townsend Foundation, Zitiello has supported First Coast children and

adults living with disabilities, as well as spinal cord injury research. Today, she serves as the managing director of the Funk-Zitiello Foundation, which benefits the JT Townsend Foundation and Mayo Clinic research specifically for pancreatic cancer research. The past two years, the Foundation has raised funds for these causes via its Champions for Hope Gala and Golf Classic.

OBITUARIES

Diana Bankhead

Diana O'Quinn Bankhead, 70, died Wednesday morning, Feb. 6, 2019, at her Ponte Vedra Beach home after a courageous battle with cancer.



Diana Bankhead

Diana was born March 16, 1948, in Callahan, Florida. She was a graduate of Callahan High School and Jones College. Diana was an active member of Palms Presbyterian Church.

She worked for Stockton, Whatley, Davin & Company, where she met the love of her life, Bill Bankhead.

Diana retired from Delta Air Lines after 31 years of service. She worked in reservations and ultimately became a supervisor in this department. After 9/11, the reservations office where she worked closed down. To maintain her seniority, Diana took a position at the Jacksonville International Airport working on the ramp as a baggage handler for six months. Her crowning achievement was celebrating six years of sobriety on Jan. 31, 2019.

Additionally, Diana was crowned Miss Callahan and was a runner up for Miss Jacksonville. Diana was a contagious soul who never met a stranger.

She was preceded in death by her father, Walter Henry O'Quinn, and mother, Beatrice Lenora O'Quinn of Jacksonville, and her loving husband, William G. Bankhead Jr. of 32 years. She leaves behind her sister, Patricia Perry, and brother, Robert O'Quinn; her caring children, William G. Bankhead III (Meghan Bankhead) and Brooke Bankhead Hnyla (Eric Hnyla); and two grandchildren, Eleanor and Ryan Hnyla.

A memorial service will be held Friday, Feb. 15 at 11 a.m. at Palms Presbyterian Church, 3410 South Third St., Jacksonville Beach, with the Rev. Dr. Thomas Walker officiating along with a reception to follow at the church.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be sent either to Palms Presbyterian Church or to the Mayo Foundation for Cancer Research, Mayo Clinic of Jacksonville, Attention: Department of Development, 4500 San Pablo Road, Jacksonville, Florida, 32224, in memory of Diana O'Quinn Bankhead.

Donald Clifton Powell

Donald Clifton Powell, 86, died peacefully accompanied by family on Jan. 30, 2019 at Signature Pointe Community in Dallas, Texas.

Don graduated from the University of Illinois in 1954 where he was a member of the Kappa Sigma fraternity. On Oct. 9, 1954, Don married Helen Muriel Fry. Don was on active duty in Panama with the United States Army from 1955 to 1957, when he was honorably discharged



Donald Clifton Powell

with the rank of first lieutenant. Don graduated with a Master of Business Administration, with distinction, from the Harvard Business School in 1959.

Don lived a truly international life. He was born in Buenos Aires, Argentina and spent his adolescent years in Lima, Peru and São Paulo, Brazil. After graduate school, Don and his family lived in Campinas, Brazil, before returning to the United States in 1971, settling in Greenwich, Connecticut.

Don had an accomplished career. The first segment was with Champion International Corp., including 10 years in Brazil, as chief executive officer and financial vice president of Champion's Pulp and Paper subsidiary near Campinas from 1961 to 1971. This was followed by 15 years in the U.S. where Don rose to senior vice president of the Fortune 100 company based in Stamford, Connecticut. Following early retirement, Don was named the dean of the Business School at the University of Toledo, allowing him to pursue his lifelong passion for education. The final segment of his distinguished career was with the Howard Hughes Medical Institute in Chevy Chase, Maryland. He then retired to Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida in 1995.

Don and his wife Helen created a family legacy of memorable gatherings every Fourth of July in Ponte Vedra Beach for over 30 years.

Don is survived by his wife, Helen, of 64 years; daughter, Jennifer Powell Baxter; son, Douglas Clifton Powell and his wife, Carol; brother, Andrew Foster Powell; and grandchildren, Daniel Clifton Powell, Benjamin Thomas Powell, Madison Knight Baxter, Anna Powell Wheelis and her husband Christopher, Ross Douglas Baxter and Emily Elizabeth Baxter. Don was a loving father, husband, grandfather and friend to all.

Don, we will always heed your favorite Brazilian word of advice, "juizo."

Donations can be made to Friends of the Library Ponte Vedra Beach, PO Box 744, Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32004.

James R. Spivey

James R. Spivey Jr., 32, of Corpus Christi lost his struggle with cancer on Feb. 8, 2019.



James R. Spivey

Rick was born in Charlotte, North Carolina on Nov. 11, 1986, and spent his formative years in Rochester, Minnesota, Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida and LaGrange, Georgia. He was a 2005 graduate of LaGrange High School where he excelled academically and as a member of the football and wrestling

teams. Rick had many proud memories of the great LaGrange High School State Championship football teams, on which he played as an offensive guard. He was named offensive lineman of the year his junior and senior years.

Rick enrolled at Tulane University two days before Hurricane Katrina struck New Orleans. He ultimately transferred to Texas Tech University where he graduated summa cum laude with a degree in mechanical engineering in December 2012. He then moved to Amarillo, Texas to become plant manager for the Elementis Corporation.

He was soon reunited with a former Texas Tech classmate from Amarillo, Renee Chancler, whom he married in 2016. In 2017, Rick and Renee welcomed into the world the joy of their lives, their daughter, Raylee. Together, they moved to Corpus Christi where Rick was promoted to the management team at the Corpus Christi Elementis Plant.

Despite many surgical procedures and treatment courses required in the eight years between his cancer diagnosis and his death, Rick became an honor graduate, successful plant manager, dedicated husband, father and friend.

Rick is survived by his wife, Renee Nichole Spivey; his daughter, Raylee Jane Spivey; his parents, James Richard and Katie Long Spivey of Phoenix, Arizona; and his loving, younger brother, Joseph Spivey of Atlanta, Georgia. Rick will be especially missed by his Amarillo family; Renee's parents, Kelly and

Bonnie Chancler, who loved and treated Rick as a son; and Renee's, brothers Justin and Brandon and their families.

He was adored and will be missed by many uncles, aunts, cousins, nieces and nephews in both families. Rick also leaves his many devoted friends and former classmates in the Red Raider Network who unconditionally and unfailingly loved and supported him throughout his illness.

The family wishes to thank Dr. Shiao-Pei Weathers, Dr. Sherise Ferguson and the staff of MD Anderson Clinic and Hospital, including the many nurses and therapists who cared for Rick and Renee.

The funeral service for Rick will be held at the Paramount Baptist Church in Amarillo, Texas, 3801 S. Western St. at 2 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 14 with Dr. Andrew Hebert officiating. Burial will be in Llano Cemetery. Arrangements are by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors, 2800 Paramount Blvd.

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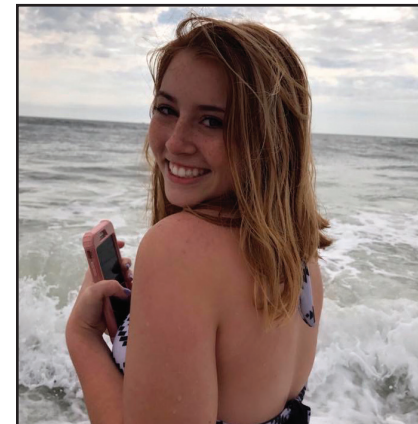
MOVING FORWARD

Presently, Olivia is brushing her teeth by herself, giving high-fives, waving, applying Chapstick and making silly faces to get her family to laugh. She can say “Ow,” when something hurts. Her family is teasing her, telling her they will finally be able to see what her real hair color is now that her head is shaved. She has a long road ahead of her.

Danielle, who has taken a semester off from college at the University of Central Florida to be with her sister, said the family is doing okay, “considering.” She uses the word “optimistic” when speaking of Olivia so often it resembles a mantra. She is trying to practice positivity. No matter what, Danielle Love works at focusing on the brighter side of everything that has happened.

“My parents are hanging in the best they can,” she said. “I think this whole experience under the worst circumstances has brought us closer together. We are just standing together to get through this — for her.”

Gebauer said when she finally gets to speak with Olivia again, she mainly wants to just, “talk to her about stuff that kids talk about.” She did add, however, “Of course I’ll make her talk about math. But we will also joke around. Maybe I’ll



“She is such a great girl and has such a great personality. Fun-loving and easygoing. Just a sweet, sweet, sunshiny kind of person.”

Kelli Gebauer,

Nease math teacher on Nease student Olivia Love (above)

say, ‘Now that you’re doing better, let’s do some math. You know math is a brain workout. Let’s get back on track.’”

Danielle Love asks that anyone interested in Olivia’s case or wanting to stay up to date with any fundraisers, follow her at @PrayersForOliviaLove on Instagram.

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A runner passionately finishes his race at the DONNA.

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■ **Booby Trap Challenge Men's Half Marathon Winner:** Mike Sperry of

St. Johns (1:57:18)

■ **Booby Trap Challenge Women's Half Marathon winner:** Jennifer Hansen of Stillwater, Minnesota (2:04:47)

The 13th Annual DONNA Marathon Weekend is set for Feb. 7-9 in 2020.

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Visitation was from 6 to 8 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 13, 2019, at Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home.

The family would like to encourage memorial contributions be sent to the James R. "Rick" Spivey Jr., Memorial Scholarship at Texas Tech University (<http://donate.give2tech.com/?fid=IA000399>, Rick Spivey Memorial Scholarship Fund).

Sign the online guestbook at www.boxwellbrothers.com.

Gary Burdette

Gary Burdette, 75, of Ponte Vedra Beach, died Feb. 5, 2019. Arrangements by Quinn-Shalz, A Family Funeral Home & Cremation Centre.

Eugene Gorr

Eugene Gorr, 88, of Ponte Vedra Beach, died Feb. 4, 2019. Ponte Vedra Valley Funeral Home, Cremation Center &

Cemetery – (904) 285-1130 – www.pontevedravally.com

James "Jim" Huba

James "Jim" Huba, 75, died Jan. 27, 2019. Ponte Vedra Valley Funeral Home, Cremation Center & Cemetery – (904) 285-1130 – www.pontevedravally.com

Roland S. Kennedy

Roland S. Kennedy, 90, of Atlantic Beach, Florida, died Feb. 8, 2019. Arrangements by Quinn-Shalz, A Family Funeral Home & Cremation Centre.

Paul Steighner

Paul Steighner, 75, died Feb. 2, 2019. Ponte Vedra Valley Funeral Home, Cremation Center & Cemetery – (904) 285-1130 – www.pontevedravally.com

Esther Williams

Esther Williams, 94, died Feb. 6, 2019. Ponte Vedra Valley Funeral Home, Cremation Center & Cemetery – (904) 285-1130 – www.pontevedravally.com

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Glorious lake, golf and sky views await the fortunate new owners of this Little Bay Harbor condominium. Rosy Mexican tile floors create interior warmth and handsome Plantation shutters, smooth-finish ceilings, updated kitchen counters, appliances and hot water heater plus a reverse osmosis water system add to the value. A wide staircase leads to both of the bedrooms on the second floor. Ensuite master with balcony upstairs and screened porch down allow space for reading or relaxing while savoring the sights. Added bonus is a 2-car garage with ample storage. This is a choice low-maintenance opportunity to enjoy the carefree Sawgrass lifestyle.

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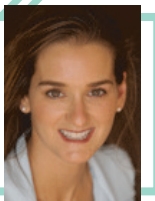


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New children's play center in World Golf Village announces grand opening

Sunshine Play + Learn, a new children's play center, recently announced it will hold its grand opening on Saturday, March 2 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Shops at World Golf Village.

Free for those who register for the opening event, families with children ages 6 and under can experience the newest indoor playground for kids. Snacks from Murray Bros. Caddyshack Restaurant and refreshments will be available, along with the chance to win giveaway prizes.

"I have two small daughters and have been looking for a place to bring them where they can be creative, imaginative and safe to explore," owner Lisette Perdomo explained. "When I didn't find that, I decided to create it myself."

Perdomo was inspired by the idea that creating a fun, friendly and safe environment for young children will help build a community of parents that can share and grow together.

"I also wanted to create a community of moms to share this motherhood journey together," Perdomo said. "It's a beautiful thing to be a mom, but it's not easy."

Aside from the indoor playground, Sunshine also offers a learning Rainbow Room and other areas where children will have the freedom to dress up, socialize, build and release some energy.

"The Rainbow Room can also



Photo courtesy of Kara Pound

Sunshine Play + Learn, a new children's play center in World Golf Village, is holding its grand opening event on March 2.

host private events such as birthday parties, baby showers, holiday events and everything else under the sun," Perdomo said. "We'll also have weekly classes and activities for both children and parents in our Rainbow Room such as music, sign language, Spanish, sensory, theater classes, and more."

Perdomo is excited to open her doors to both parents and children within the area.

Sunshine Play + Learn is located at

455 South Legacy Trail in St. Augustine and is open Tuesday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and is closed on Mondays.

Admissions and memberships vary and can be found at sunshineplay-learn.com or by calling (904) 878-7988.

Follow Sunshine Play + Learn on Facebook and Instagram at @SunshinePlayLearn.

Award-winning children's author visits Bolles PVB Campus

Award-winning children's book author Hena Khan spent Wednesday, Feb. 6 on the Bolles Lower School Ponte Vedra Beach Campus, sharing her works with students and inspiring them to share their own stories.

During her presentation to students, Khan helped them understand Muslim customs and traditions and shared how her childhood experiences influenced her books. Khan shared visual images to sharpen students' appreciation and awareness of Muslim practices while also building empathy for the cultural experiences of others. Students engaged Khan with many questions about the themes of her books and the writing and publishing process.



Photo courtesy of the Bolles School

Students from Bolles Lower School Ponte Vedra Beach Campus gather with award-winning children's book author Hena Khan, who visited the school on Feb. 6.

Khan's middle grade novel, "Amina's Voice," was named a Best Book of 2017 by Kirkus, NPR, the Washington Post and others. She is the author of "Zyad Saleem: Chasing the Dream," "Golden Domes and Sil-

ver Lanterns," "Crescent Moons and Pointed Minarets," "Under my Hijab" and many others, including a special book she wrote about famous literary monkey, Curious George, called "It's Ramadan, Curious George."

NOCATEE HAPPENINGS: UPCOMING EVENTS

Keep in mind the following events taking place in Nocatee this weekend.

Nocatee Bubbles and Sweets: Champagne, Bubbles, and Sparkling Wine Tasting
Friday, Feb. 15 from 7 to 9 p.m.

Nocatee Room

Nocatee is excited to host its first "Nocatee Bubbles and Sweets" champagne and sparkling wine tasting. This night will include a variety of champagnes and sparkling wines, a chocolate fountain and other sweets, and live music from Allana Southerland. Plus, attendees will receive a free champagne tasting glass. Tickets were made available for purchase in Resident Services starting Feb. 4 for \$25 per person (ages 21+). This event is open to residents and their guests. Tickets are limited and non-refundable.

Nocatee Farmers Market: Cruisin' Car Show
Saturday, Feb. 16 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Swim Club Green

Nocatee's monthly Farmers Market invites the community to enjoy a day of fun with the Cruisin' Car Show. This event will feature a classic car show by Sunshine State Chevilles, highlighting a variety of vintage cars of all makes and models. The Farmers Market features over 70 local vendors every month, selling everything from fresh produce, to crafts, jewelry, herbs, unique foods and more. Free face painting will also be available for little ones, along with crafts and a bounce house. Plus, the bar will be open for beer and wine purchases.

Jacksonville Jumbo Shrimp holds Martin Luther King Jr. essay contest for students K-12

In celebration of Black History Month, the Jacksonville Jumbo Shrimp are asking students what Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have A Dream" speech means to them.

The essay contest will reward the winning students with free tickets for their entire class to attend the Jumbo Shrimp's Jackie Robinson Day game on Monday, April 15, at 7:05 p.m., as well as a classroom visit by one of the Jumbo Shrimp mascots, Scampi or Southpaw.

The Jumbo Shrimp's essay contest is open to all K-12 students in Duval County, Clay County and St. Johns County. Submissions will be divided into three categories (Grades K-5, 6-8 and 9-12, respectively). All entries should be submitted by 5 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 28 to win@jaxshrimp.com, and must include the student's name, age, grade and school.

Following the submission process, each category will have their respective winners notified by email and announced on Friday, March 1.

For any questions regarding the essay contest, please contact Director of Community Relations Andrea Williams at andrea@jaxshrimp.com.

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Not your average newspaper, not your average reader

American Golf Memories Project helps individuals living with dementia to reminisce about their favorite sport

First-ever chapter in the U.S. launches in Ponte Vedra

By Amber Lake

Billy Dettlaff has been retired since 2009 after a 22-year career with the PGA Tour's TPC Network as a general manager, director of golf, regional director of operations and national director of golf, based out of TPC Sawgrass. In 1988, he attained the PGA's highest classification of PGA Master Professional #57, which is held by about 300 people who are recognized for making a significant effort to improve the industry of golf professionals. His father was a professional player and his family has been involved with the sport for over 110 years. He wrote a critically-acclaimed book called the "Doctors of the Game: A History of the Golf Profession," which is over 600 pages and traces the history of the golf profession through the masters of the sport.

It's safe to say that Dettlaff loves golf. He just can't get the game out of his head. Although these days, he is working on making that the case for everyone, especially those suffering from Alzheimer's and dementia.

Dettlaff is launching the American Golf Memories Project, the first chapter in the U.S. here in Ponte Vedra. The project is based on its sister program, Carnoustie Golf Memories, in Scotland, which is a leader in reminiscence therapy. This treatment is a tool that improves psychological health and well-being for those living with dementia or Alzheimer's. Dettlaff's program works to specifically target memories of the sport of golf. The smell of the green, moments in tournament history, the feel of the club are all associations that can be tapped into with the help of the Memories Project.

But why golf?

The Golf Memories Project puts like-minded individuals (which it calls "members") together to talk about and share stories of their mutual interest. Because of the stigma of dementia and Alzheimer's, focusing on the group as being a "club," rather than therapy, helps people feel comfortable participating. Sports reminiscence therapy falls under the umbrella of what is called a "socialization program," in which people with dementia gather in a group to participate in activities to improve memory with their peers. According to AARP.org, social interaction is key to warding off cognitive decline and can even improve the condition.

For many people, the impact of sports on their lives has been a significant one. Golf, especially, has appealed to many fans throughout the course of their lives — playing a major part in adolescence



all the way through retirement. There are, simply, a lot of memories to access. With that being said, there are other sports reminiscence therapy programs, including soccer, cricket, curling and rugby. More than anything, secularizing the sport fosters community within the group.

Barbara Levine was encouraged to bring her mother, Betty Fairchild, to the first American Golf Memories Project meeting. Fairchild, who is experiencing memory loss, had always been an avid golfer and at 96, she had many memories to share.

"It was a way to draw her out of her shell," Levine said. "She doesn't have a lot of other friends around to talk about those things. I was very happy to see her, you know, she has that spark of recognition every now and then but to see it in her eyes, it was pretty neat."

Fairchild participated in different activities at the meeting aimed at helping her recall the sport and any memories associated with it. She was shown cards with images of famous players through history and asked if she remembered their names. Other activities included going through the alphabet and naming something golf-related with each letter.

Dettlaff undertook the idea for the program after he saw a feature story about the Carnoustie Program on the



ABOVE: Billy Dettlaff stands in his study, surrounded by golf memorabilia. He started the first chapter of The American Golf Memories Project in Ponte Vedra Beach as his way of "giving back to the game."

Photo by Amber Lake

LEFT: Dettlaff stands with Betty Fairchild and Barbara Levine after the first session of The American Golf Memories Project at TPC Sawgrass in Ponte Vedra Beach.

Photo courtesy of Billy Dettlaff

New culinary services director joins The Palms at Ponte Vedra

By Jon Blauvelt

The Palms at Ponte Vedra has a new culinary services director.

Matthew Keenan took on the role in January after former director Darryl Young relocated to Buffalo, New York, to be closer to his family.

Executive Director Barbara Matteson said The Palms is grateful for Young's contributions and wishes him well. She also said they're pleased to have Keenan on board. Since joining The Palms, Keenan told the Recorder everything has been going well.

"I love working here so far," Keenan said. "I'm having a blast. The staff here is amazing — very tight-knit and family-oriented. And I really enjoy that."

Keenan most recently taught advanced culinary arts at Virginia College in Jacksonville, which shut down all its campuses across the country in December 2018. Prior to that position, he taught culinary arts at a high school for children with special needs in New Jersey. A Charleston native, Keenan's background also includes a job as a dietary manager there at a long-term nursing facility. In addition, he owned and operated his own restaurant in the Charleston area.

Starting his career in the Navy in 1995, Keenan worked as a cook for eight years in Norfolk, Virginia on the USS George Washington and at a Naval hospital in Charleston. He also worked at a Naval weapons station in Charleston, serving 4,000 meals a day. Keenan's wife is now in the Navy, and her service was the impetus for their moves to New Jersey and Jacksonville. The couple currently lives at NAS Jacksonville, where Keenan's wife is based, but is building a house in St. Johns.

Since joining the team in January, Keenan told the Recorder he's been working on creating a culinary vision that is based around fresh foods. The overall goal, he said, is to create an experience that is as close to five-star dining as possible.

"We treat it as a restaurant," he said. "They (the residents) order off a menu. We plate and garnish just like you would see in a restaurant. That's the goal. ... This is their home, and I want them to feel comfortable here. I don't want them to be complaining about food or any-



Photo by Jon Blauvelt

Matthew Keenan is the new culinary services director at The Palms at Ponte Vedra.

thing like that. ... So far, we're on the right track."

Keenan noted that he meets with the residents once a month. The first time they met, he said he had a long list of notes. At their second meeting last week, however, he said the list was much smaller.

"They're really accepting the new menu, and they're loving it," Keenan said. "And they're giving me their input."

Keenan's culinary team of 15 is working on the fourth week of new menus this week. Their menu on Monday, for example, consisted of French dip sandwiches for

lunch and jambalaya for dinner.

Moving forward, his goals include building the community's herb garden in the courtyard, which is a project he plans to include the residents in. He also hopes to bring in guest chefs and produce expos to entertain and educate the residents. In addition, Keenan is working on organizing cooking classes. Overall, the new culinary services director is excited for what's to come at The Palms.

"It's just a passion," Keenan said about culinary arts. "I love watching people smile when they eat good food."

Age-related macular degeneration: Understanding your diagnosis



By Dr. McGregor N. Lott

Ophthalmologist at Florida Eye Specialists Special to the Recorder

Dr. McGregor N. Lott
Guest Columnist

As many as 11 million people in the U.S. currently have some form of age-related macular degeneration

(AMD) — a number that is expected to double to nearly 22 million by 2050.

AMD is an incurable eye disease that is the leading cause of vision loss in the country. The condition, which is most common in adults 55 and over, centers around the macula, the part of the eye that is used to see fine detail.

Every February, we focus on spreading awareness of this sight-stealing disease during Age-Related Macular Degeneration Month. It's important to understand the

varying types and the ways you can detect and prevent the condition.

DISTINCTION BETWEEN TYPES

There are two distinct types of AMD: "dry" and "wet." While both can result in significant vision loss, they affect the macula in different ways.

The overwhelming majority of AMD patients suffer from the "dry" type of the disease, which is characterized by the presence of yellow deposits in the macula. As these deposits accumulate, patients experience reduced vision and eventual central vision loss. Patients with dry AMD will often first notice blurred vision or a central blind spot that gradually increases in size over the span of a few years.

Patients with wet AMD, however, will experience symptoms at a much more rapid pace, with some noticing a dramatic change seemingly overnight. Wet AMD, which only affects about 10 percent of

patients, is caused by fluid leaks from abnormal blood vessels in the eye. As the fluid pools up underneath the retina, the macula is slightly lifted, causing vision distortion.

Signs and symptoms to look for in both types of AMD include difficulty distinguishing colors and recognizing fine details. But while dry AMD is often associated with a growing blind spot, wet AMD patients are more likely to notice trouble seeing straight lines.

FUTURE OF THE DISEASE

While there is no cure for AMD, researchers continue to uncover solutions to preserve vision in patients. Current treatment options range from diet changes to anti-angiogenic drugs.

A major clinical trial sponsored by the National Eye Institute found that a modified combination of vitamins and minerals can actually help to slow the progression

of vision loss in some AMD patients.

In addition, recent breakthroughs in research, including a study from the University of Liverpool, show evidence of specific genetic markers in those with AMD. While this exciting new research is paving the way for the development of targeted genetic treatments for the disease, it will likely be many years before these new findings translate to trusted therapies.

The single most important thing that you can do to protect yourself from AMD is to visit your eye doctor annually. Early detection is crucial, so take note of any symptoms in your vision and seek medical help at the first sign of any noticeable changes.

Dr. McGregor N. Lott is an ophthalmologist with Florida Eye Specialists. He is fellowship-trained in medical retina and has been practicing ophthalmology for nearly 15 years. For more information, visit FloridaEyeSpecialists.com.



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Insurance can protect your aspirations



Karsten Jacobson
Columnist

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You probably already know that life insurance can protect your family if something were to happen to you. But you might not realize the many ways in which insurance can help you preserve your plans for the future — whether for yourself, the next generation or those charitable groups you support.

Specifically, life insurance can potentially help you address several areas, including the following:

- **Help in covering final expenses:** The proceeds of a life insurance policy can provide immediate funds at the time of your death to pay for your funeral costs, your debts and your final income taxes.

- **Transfer wealth (with potential tax advantages):** Some wealth transfer vehicles carry significant tax consequences. But the proceeds from life insurance are typically free of income tax, so if your death benefit is \$1 million, your heirs will receive the full \$1 million. (Consult with your tax advisor about all potential tax consequences beneficiaries might face.)

- **Provide charitable gifts:** You can use life insurance in various ways to support charitable organizations. One option is to donate a policy you may no longer need. Either you or the charity would continue paying the premiums, but the charity would become both the owner and beneficiary of your policy. Alternatively, you could purchase a permanent life insurance policy and donate it to the charity, which could then use the policy's cash value when you're alive and receive the death benefit when you die.

- **Help fund a revocable living trust:** Depending on your situation, you might

want to establish a revocable living trust as part of your estate plans. A revocable living trust helps you avoid the time-consuming, expensive and public process of probate. And, among other benefits, a living trust allows you to distribute your financial assets over time, and in amounts that you specify — which may be quite appealing, if, for example, you'd rather not give your children a large amount of money at once. Life insurance can help fund your living trust — you just need to name the trustee (which may well be yourself while you're alive) as the owner and beneficiary of the policy. You will need to, however, consult with your legal advisor before creating and funding a living trust.

- **Help cover long-term care costs:** You may never need any type of long-term care, but if you do, you'll find it quite expensive. It now costs, on average, more than \$100,000 per year for a private room in a nursing home, according to the 2018 Cost of Care Survey, produced by Genworth, an insurance company. Medicare typically pays little of these costs, so the burden will fall on you. To avoid using up your financial assets — or, even worse, having to rely on your adult children for help — you may want to purchase insurance. Some life insurance plans offer long-term care coverage, either through a special “rider” or by accelerating your death benefit, but you might also want to consider a traditional long-term care insurance policy.

As you can see, one of the most flexible tools you have is life insurance. Start thinking soon about how you can put it to work.

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Golf Channel. He was so inspired by it that he flew there to discuss the potential with Lorraine Young, a former social worker who spearheaded the project, and the recently deceased Dr. Michael Ego, who was managing research on sports reminiscence therapy for implementation in the states.

With the support of TPC Sawgrass, Dettlaff is now hosting meetings for American Golf Memories Project at the TPC Clubhouse every fourth Monday of the month. Dettlaff wants to make clear, however, that there is no cost to participate in The Golf Memories Project. The program is entirely self-funded by him as his way of “giving back to the game.”

In addition, Dettlaff has named the first inaugural chapter of The Golf Memories Project in honor of his friend and renowned golf course designer, Pete Dye, who designed the “world’s most terrifying tee shot,” the par-3 17th hole of the Stadium Course at TPC Sawgrass. Dye was inducted into the World Golf Hall of Fame in 2008 and has been stricken with Alzheimer’s since 2015.

Dettlaff wrote to Pete’s wife, Alice Dye, a prolific golf player and architect who helped Pete with the design of the Island Green, to ask her if he could name the chapter after him.

“I got a little short answer after only 45 minutes,” Dettlaff said. “She said, ‘It would be an honor for Pete.’”

On Feb. 1, shortly after this interaction, Alice Dye died at the age of 91, after a long and illustrious career. Today, the official name of the program is The American Golf Memories Project, The Pete Dye Chapter at TPC Sawgrass.

Dettlaff continues his work to honor both the sport and the Dyes with the program.

“After Betty got back on the bus with Barbara, I had the greatest sense of accomplishment,” Dettlaff said after his first session with Fairchild. “What a sweet human being. The fact that an hour and half of time brought back memories of a game that we both love, it’s a hard feeling to explain, but it felt important.”

Above everything, Dettlaff said he just wants to see the sport bring joy to people again.

“When I asked her what her favorite club was, (she answered) without hesitation,” Dettlaff said. “She said proudly, ‘It’s my seven iron.’ On her face, when she remembered, it was just a gentle smile.”

The American Golf Memories Project will be hosted every fourth Monday of the month at TPC Sawgrass. The cost is free to attend. RSVP to Dettlaff at amgolfmemoies@gmail.com. Spouses and caregivers of members are welcome to attend.



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Veterans honored with patriotic show at Silver Creek



Unique U.S. musical group Letters From Home performed for more than 85 St. Augustinians of all ages at Silver Creek Senior Living Community on Thursday, Jan. 24.

The USO (United Service Organization)-style show honored the sacrifices of veterans and the generations that supported them and featured music and dancing from the 1940s, 1950s and 1960s.

“Silver Creek was proud to host such a heart-warming event that celebrated history and music and brought the St. Augustine community together for great entertainment, food and fun,” said Jill Hecker, director of sales and marketing at Silver Creek. “The community enjoyed Letters From Home so much, we’re already planning to invite the show back.”

Letters From Home, a music and dance trio, travels the country, honoring veterans, active military heroes and their families with the goal of reviving patriotism through music.



Photos courtesy of Silver Creek

USO-Style performers Courtney Groves and Erinn Dearth of Letters From Home entertain a crowd of more than 85 at Silver Creek Senior Living on Jan. 34.

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Event attendees enjoy the performance from Letters From Home.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT RIVER GARDEN

River Garden, a nursing and care community in Jacksonville, is hosting the following events in March.

MARCH 12 “Leaving a Legacy” with Susan Brandenburg

Susan Brandenburg is an award-winning biographer who has partnered with many local leaders to pen personal and family histories. For this community event, she’ll be sharing some of her writing techniques so that attendees, too, can begin writing their autobiography as a legacy. The 90-minute interactive program begins at 10 a.m. and will be hosted at River Garden Cohen Auditorium, located at 11401 Old St. Augustine Road in Jacksonville. RSVP to kbell@rivergarden.org or call (904) 288-7855.

MARCH 24 River Garden 73rd Anniversary Day Festival

River Garden is hosting its 73rd Anniversary Day on Sunday, March 24. Festivities begin at 3 p.m. The event will feature entertainment, face painting, barbeque, a bounce house, clowns, pony rides and more. Plus, the River Garden Auxiliary will be hosting two fundraisers: Tombola and the second Annual Vintage Heirlooms and Jewelry Sale. The event will take place at River Garden, located at 11401 Old St. Augustine Road in Jacksonville.

RECENT EVENTS AT THE STARLING AT NOCATEE

The Starling at Nocatee has been busy with numerous events and activities over the past few months. Here’s a quick snapshot of all the fun.



The Starling at Nocatee enjoys a recent happy hour.



The Spark dancers perform for residents of the Starling.



Residents of the Starling at Nocatee decorate a Christmas tree.



A resident at the Starling at Nocatee makes a spring wreath.



Residents at the Starling at Nocatee enjoy a recent happy hour event.

UPCOMING COUNCIL ON AGING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

The Grand Tasting Event

Sunday, Feb. 17 from 2 to 5 p.m.

The Grand Tasting event of the St. Augustine Spanish Wine Festival will be held at the River House. The event, which will benefit Council on Aging, will feature a taste sampling of more than 100 authentic Spanish wines along with hors d'oeuvres and Spanish music by guitarist Dennis Fermin.

The Grand Tasting event is a part of the St. Augustine Spanish Wine Festival, which celebrates the 500th birthday of Pedro Menéndez (St. Augustine's founder) and Spanish wines.

"If anyone wants to immerse themselves in Spanish wine, then the St. Augustine Spanish Wine Festival is the way to do it," said Joseph Boles, president of the St. Augustine Spanish Wine Festival Board of Directors. "Remember, our founder, Pedro Menéndez, arrived on our shores with 800 casks of wine, one for each person."

The St. Augustine Spanish Wine Festival began in 2012 to connect St. Augustine to the city's Spanish history through a series of events that feature Spanish wine, cuisine and culture while also raising money for local charities. Since the festival began, more than \$325,000 has been donated to local charities.

Tickets to the Grand Tasting are \$75 per person and are available to purchase at www.SpanishWineFestival.com or by calling (904) 460-8763. The River House is located at 179 Marine Street in St. Augustine.

Forward Leadership Class

Wednesdays, March 6 through April 10, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Attend Forward Leadership class and find out how Supervisor of Elections Vicky Oakes decides how many ballots to print and what happens to them once voters cast their vote. Designed to equip active adults, age 50 and over, with insights and first-hand knowledge to enhance positive change in the community through advocacy and volunteerism, this six-week program takes attendees behind the scenes of education, healthcare, tourism, history and government in St. Johns County.

Attendees will have the opportunity to meet the movers and shakers who make where they live "tick" and ask them personally about issues that concern them. Among other leaders, there will be the opportunity to ask St. Augustine Mayor Shaver what her visions are for St. Augustine, discuss with Tax Collector Dennis Hollingsworth his perspective on county growth and ask questions to St. Johns County Sheriff David Shoar about innovative ways the department is solving crimes.

For more information on how to apply, call Sue Richerson, program manager, St. Johns County Council on Aging at (904) 209-3631.

River House Book Club

Second Tuesday of each month from 3 to 4 p.m.

Joining a book club is a great way to be consistent in reading, delve deeper into books and make some great friends. Meeting at the River House, this group is complimentary and made possible by the St. Johns County public library book mobile.

March 12: "Basket Case" by Carl Hiaasen

Dinner and a Movie at the River House

Third Thursday of each month at 4:30 p.m.

In addition to dinner, guests will receive a soft drink and popcorn. Beer and wine are available at an additional cost. Advanced payment and registration are required. Call (904) 209-3655 to reserve a seat. The cost is \$15 for River House members and \$20 for nonmembers.

Senior Singles Group

First Tuesday of each month

Join local seniors for food and fun conversation on the first Tuesday of each month at various restaurants. Call (904) 209-3655 for reservations.

March 5: Back 40 at 11:30 a.m. Located at 6101 A1A S. in St. Augustine.

April 2: Columbia Restaurant at 11:30 a.m. Located at 98 St. George Street in St. Augustine.

Grief Support Group

Third Tuesday of each month from 10:30 a.m. to noon

For those that are grieving over the loss of a loved one, this support group welcomes those to join the monthly bereavement group where attendees can share thoughts, memories and issues about these special people. This complimentary support group is led by Rhona (Ronnie) Botnick, a bereavement counselor with over 25 years of experience. Call (904) 209-3655 to join this support group. It is held at the River House.

French Classes (Levels 1 & 2)

Wednesdays

Discover France and the French Language with this interactive 6-week course that will help attendees learn basic French language skills and understand French culture through role-playing, storytelling and a situational real-life learning environment. This language and culture class will be taught by a native French instructor, Denise Baudinet, who has traveled worldwide and strengthened her interest in expanding multicultural communications and understanding. Call (904) 209-3655 to register or for more information about this six-week session. The cost is \$30 for River House members and \$35 for non-members. The River House is located at 179 Marine Street.

Spanish Classes (Levels 1, 2, & 3)

Thursdays

Join this group at the River House on Thursdays for this six-week session to learn the language of Spanish. Participants will

also enjoy learning about Spanish culture in this fun and interactive class. The cost is \$30 members and \$35 non-members. Call (904) 209-3655 to register and to find out more information about dates and times.

Pen and Ink Art

Mondays March 4 through April 1 from 10 a.m. to noon.

Join this group at the River House for a five-week fun and informative art class. Students with basic skills and knowledge in the composition of ink drawings will be completing their own masterpieces by the end of the course.

Bring a preferred type of ink pen (ink brush, ballpoint, or nips) and paper. Instructor Suzanne Peters has studied various forms of art all over the world and she is excited to share her passion. The cost for the class is \$30 for River House members and \$35 for non-members. Call (904) 209-3655 for a reservation.

Tech Tuesdays for iPhone & iPad

Every Tuesday from March 5 to April 23 from 1 to 2 p.m.

Join this group at the River House for Tech Tuesday sessions that focus exclusively on iPhones and iPads with instructor Kai Long. Attendees will need to bring their iPhone or iPad with them. The cost for this seven-week course is \$50 for members and \$60 for non-members. For reservations, call (904) 209-3655.

March 5: iPhone/iPad Basics

March 12: iPhone/iPad Camera & Photo App

March 19: iPhone/iPad Editing Photos & Videos

March 26: Using Maps & GPS

April 2: Using Contact Folder

April 9: Using Safari (Search Internet/Bookmarks/Reader View)

April 23: Using Siri & Ways to Save Battery Life

Watercolor Painting

Thursdays March 7-28 from 10 a.m. to noon

Attendees should bring a picture of something they would like to paint (photo, landscape, animal) and join this group at the River House for this fun and informative art class.

Instructor Jaime Bernstein has over 20 years of teaching experience to guide attendees in creating their own masterpiece.

The cost for the class is \$25 for River House Members and \$30 for nonmembers. Call (904) 209-3655 for a reservation

Suggested supplies can be found at Michaels Craft Supply Store:

- Folk artsy sponges
- Watercolor paper (9x12 or 8x10)
- White plastic paint palette
- 12 pack of tubed watercolors
- Variety pack of watercolor brushes
- Fan brush (size 6 or 8)
- Set of 12 watercolor pencils

Meditation with Grace

Wednesdays April 3-24 from 11 a.m. to noon

Join this group at the River House for a peaceful meditation class for beginners. This class will teach attendees effortless techniques that will help them with visualization practices, proper uses of breath, listening techniques and various ways to relieve stress and anxiety.

Instructor Grace Mazzola is excited to introduce everyone to the beautiful and useful art of meditation.

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Mondays April 8-29 at 1 to 3 p.m.

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Flow Yoga Class

Tuesdays from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. and Wednesdays from 1:15 to 2:30 p.m.

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Scrabble Club

Thursdays from 1 to 4 p.m.

Newcomers are always welcome. There is no charge to River House activity members and \$4 to non-members. Call (904) 209-3655 for more information. The River House is located at 179 Marine Street.

Gypsy Skirt Dancing

Mondays from 10 to 11 a.m.

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Legally Speaking Lecture Series

Fridays from 10 to 11 a.m.

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Sept. 6: Rights of a Debtor

Oct. 4: Spouse in a Nursing Home...Do You Have to Go Broke?

Nov. 1: Do You Need a Living Will and How Can You Avoid the Need for a Guardianship?"

Dec. 6: How to Handle Your Kids

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Area residents enjoy the 2018 Chocolate and Beyond event. This year's event is scheduled for Saturday, March 2, from 2 to 4 p.m. at First Coast Technical College.

Chocolate and Beyond set for March 2

Proceeds to benefit Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) of St. Johns County

Chocolate and Beyond, a celebration of chocolate, desserts and other culinary sensations, will be held on Saturday, March 2, from 2 to 4 p.m. at First Coast Technical College.

Guests will sample chocolate and other creations from some of the area's finest restaurants and specialty shops. Items such as hotel and restaurant gift certificates, sports memorabilia and admission tickets for lo-

cal, fun attractions will be available for bid at a silent auction. This year marks the 26th anniversary of Chocolate and Beyond.

The event is produced by TASK (Teacher's Aid for Student Knowledge), and benefits the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) of St. Johns County. Proceeds allow RSVP to recruit, professionally train, place and recognize its nearly 150 volunteers throughout all 40 schools in St. Johns County, while supporting its 40,000 students and more than 2,500 instructional staff members.

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<p>Valentine's Day at Harvest & Reel The Embassy Suites by Hilton St. Augustine Beach Oceanfront Resort's signature restaurant, Harvest & Reel, is offering patrons a champagne toast and romantic decadent dessert for two, with the purchase of two dinner entrees on Valentine's Day, Feb. 14. Harvest & Reel is open from 5 to 10 p.m. For reservations, call (904) 461-9004. The restaurant is located at 300 A1A Beach Blvd. in St. Augustine Beach.</p> <p>"Lust, Love & Loss" Join a musical celebration of relationships benefiting Players by the Sea Theatre on Feb. 14 at Jax Beach Brunch Haus. This special cabaret fundraiser featuring the vocal talents of J. Daniel Altman and Regina Torres will take attendees through a musical journey of "Lust, Love and Loss" with songs from Broadway and Opera. Cocktail hour starts at 6 p.m. and a three course meal at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$100 per person. To purchase tickets, visit www.playersbythesea.org. The at Jax Beach Brunch Haus is located at 610 Third St. S in Jacksonville Beach.</p> <p>Collage Day School to host free parent/educator workshop on Reggio Emilia Approach Collage Day School is hosting a free parent/educator workshop on The Reggio Emilia Approach on Thursday, Feb. 14 from 2 to 3 p.m. onsite at 171 Canal Blvd. in Ponte Vedra Beach. Collage embraces The Reggio Emilia Approach, which is based on the concept that "intelligent children deserve intelligent teachers." Guests will learn about this movement along with the value it brings to early childhood education. This approach is an educational philosophy focused on preschool and primary education based on viewing young children as individuals who are curious about their world and have powerful potential. Email info@CollageDay-School.org to make a reservation for the event (limited to 100).</p>	<p>Catty Shack Friday night feeding This is a 45-minute guided walking tour with the opportunity to see resident animals. At 7:30 p.m., watch the feeding when Catty Shack hands out over 600 pounds of meat. Night feedings are held every Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 6 to 8:30 p.m. for more information and ticket pricing, go to http://cattyslack.org.</p> <p>'The Bridges of Madison County' Players by the Sea and The STAGE Fund present "The Bridges of Madison County." Music and lyrics for the play are by Jason Robert Brown and it is based on the book by Marsha Norman. This play is directed by Lee Hamby and Suzanne Hudson-Smith and will appear on the main-stage every Thursday through Saturday from Feb. 1 to 16. General admission is \$28. Players by the Sea is located at 106 Sixth St. N. in Jacksonville Beach.</p> <p>Paranormal Cirque Cirque Italia is presenting Paranormal Cirque, a dark and wicked show which premiered last year in the USA. Paranormal Cirque is an innovative and unique production and will be premiering the newest shows in the First Coast region beginning Thursday, Feb. 14-17 at the St. Augustine Outlets. For more information about times and tickets, visit www.paranormalcirque.com. The St. Augustine Outlets are located at 500 Outlet Mall Blvd.</p> <p>Peter Max: The Retrospective 1960-2019 A newly-curated collection of artist legend Peter Max's paintings will be on exhibition and available for acquisition in a presentation at Gallery 725. Previews of the exhibition begin on Saturday, Feb. 16 with a special Uncreating event planned on Friday, Feb. 15 from 6 to 8 p.m. There are two very special gallery receptions planned on Saturday, Feb. 23 from 5 to 8 p.m. and Sunday, Feb. 24 from 1 to 3 p.m. All events are free, however RSVP's are required. Call (904) 345-9320 or email gallery725@gmail.com for reservations. Visit www.gallery725.com for more info. Gallery 725 is located at 725-5 Atlantic Blvd. in Jacksonville.</p>	<p>Aylas Acres adoption event Every Saturday, Aylas Acres will host a cats and kittens adoption event from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. This event will be held at Thriftique at 142 King St. in St. Augustine. It is suggested that potential adoptees fill out an Adoption Application at AYLASACRES.org for files and to streamline the adoption process. For more information call Laura at (904) 377-6733.</p> <p>Fitness Fusion First Coast YMCA is partnering with the Jaguars Foundation and Bold Events to bring Jacksonville's largest group exercise event, Fitness Fusion, to Daily's Place on Saturday, Feb. 16 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The free event is open to everyone in the community and will provide on-site childcare for families. The event will offer something for everyone, including a mashup of group fitness favorites, free YMCA childcare, bounce houses, slides and games, plus the NFL Play 60 Football Challenge for adults and children hosted by The Jaguars Foundation. For more information about Fitness Fusion and a full workout lineup, visit FCYMCA.org/events. Daily's Place is located at 1 Daily's Place in Jacksonville.</p> <p>Princesses on Ice On Saturday, Feb. 16, Jacksonville Ice and Sportsplex will be hosting Princesses on Ice. This family-friendly event features ice skating with the Princesses, a private meet-n-greet and photo ops. Pre-registration is \$10 online and \$12 at the door the day of the event. Space is limited and tickets at the door are not guaranteed. Pre-registration and more details can be found online at jacksonvilleice.com/specials-promotions. Four popular princesses well-known from children's movies and fairy tales will be in attendance for Princesses on Ice. Children and parents will get the chance to meet each princess, ask them a few questions, get an autograph and take a photo. The registration fee includes all activities, including the cost of the skate rental. Children are encouraged to dress up as their favorite princess. Jacksonville Ice and Sportsplex is located on the corner of I-95 and Emerson at 3605 Philips Highway in Jacksonville.</p>	<p>Sundays at Surfer the Bar Every Sunday, join Big Fish Power Yoga for a free Music & Flow class at Surfer the Bar. The class is held upstairs at the bar and runs from 10 to 11 a.m. every week. Bring friends and family and enjoy brunch and mimosas downstairs following class. Register under classes on bigfishpoweryoga.com. Surfer the Bar is located at 200 First St. in Jacksonville.</p> <p>Swing Dance Sundays Swing Dance Sundays is a weekly event with free lessons starting at 7 p.m. at The Volstead. Attendees can either bring a partner or come alone. The Volstead is located at 115 West Adams St. in Jacksonville.</p> <p>Hockey Week Across America Jacksonville Ice & Sportsplex will join ice rinks across the country to celebrate Hockey Week Across America from Feb. 17 through 24. The week-long celebration was created by USA Hockey to engage the hockey community in celebrating hockey at all levels and exposing the sport to new audiences. Each day of Hockey Week Across America will include a theme. Visit jacksonvilleice.com for more information about the events. Jacksonville Ice and Sportsplex is located on the corner of I-95 and Emerson at 3605 Philips Hwy in Jacksonville.</p> <p>Presidents Day Weekend at the Hall of Fame Enjoy learning about Presidents George H.W. Bush and Dwight D. Eisenhower while taking a scavenger hunt that enters attendees to win a Hall of Fame package. This event will run from Feb. 16 to 18. The World Golf Hall of Fame is open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 6 p.m. Visit www.worldgolfhalloffame.org for more information. The World Golf Hall of Fame is located at 1 World Golf Place in St. Augustine.</p>

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<p>Trivia at Mellow Mushroom Join Mellow Mushroom every Monday night at 7 p.m. for trivia with Trivia Nation. This event is free to play and there are prizes for the winners. Mellow Mushroom is located at 1018-2 Third St. N. in Jacksonville Beach.</p> <p>JAME Join JAME at the Cultural Center from Jan. 18 to March 2. JAME is an annual juried exhibition of CCPVB's Artist Members. Artist Members can submit in up to five works of art and outside judges select pieces as well as assigned prizes at the opening. The Cultural Center is located at 50 Executive Way in Ponte Vedra Beach.</p> <p>Cocktail Workshop Join the Volstead to finally feel comfortable asking the question, "Would you like that shaken or stirred?" on Feb. 18 from 7 to 8 p.m. The Volstead bartenders and a sponsored spirit will teach attendees how to make classic cocktails while discovering the history behind them. This workshop will help attendees learn new skills, enjoy their creations and show off newly acquired talents by playing bartender at the next event they attend. No bartending experience is required but reservations are encouraged. Tickets can be found at 904tix.com. The Volstead is located at 115 West Adams St. in Jacksonville.</p> <p>Zoo Career Awareness Day Children passionate about wildlife and interested in a career at the Zoo should be sure to join the Zoo Career Awareness Day on Feb. 18 at 2 p.m. Zoo Awareness Day is a unique table event for elementary, middle and high school students to learn about Zoo careers. Students will have the chance to meet one-on-one with Zoo staff from different areas of the Zoo who will recommend college programs, discuss how volunteering, interning and related work experience can give them an edge and explain what they do in their day-to-day job duties. The more a student knows about what positions exist at the Zoo, the easier it will be for them to plan their course of study and land that dream job. This event is free but RSVP at www.surveymonkey.com/r/ZooCareerAwarenessDay. The Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens is located at 370 Zoo Parkway in Jacksonville.</p>	<p>Toddler Tuesdays Join Bravoz Entertainment every Tuesday morning from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. for Toddler Tuesdays. During this time, the facility is reserved for the exclusive use of toddlers, ages 5 and under. One adult is admitted for free with each child's \$8 paid admission. Bravoz Entertainment Center is located at 14985 Old St. Augustine Road in Jacksonville.</p> <p>Palm Valley farmer's market The Palm Valley farmer's market will be held every Tuesday from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Community Center at 148 Canal Blvd. in Ponte Vedra Beach. It features produce, seafood, jams, baked goods and peanut butter. For more information visit them on their Facebook page Palm Valley Farmers Market.</p> <p>Florida Blue free Tuesday at the Cummer Each Tuesday evening from 4 to 9 p.m. enjoy free admission to the Cummer Museum and its historic gardens, thanks to the generous support of Florida Blue. Guests can enjoy free admission to the galleries each Tuesday evening and the Cummer Café is also open for Tapas Tuesday sponsored by VyStar Credit Union. The Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens is located at 829 Riverside Ave. in Jacksonville.</p> <p>Quit Smoking Now class Celebrate the New Year Tobacco Free. Join North Florida AHEC for a free Quit Smoking Now class at Flagler Hospital Wellness Center. Classes meet once a week for six weeks. The next class is on Tuesday, Feb. 19 from 11 a.m. to noon. Free patches, lozenges and gum is available. Free quit plans, workbooks, water bottles, stress balls and other tools for smoking cessation are also given to attendees. Call Northeast Florida AHEC at (904) 482-0189 to register and learn more about classes near you. Flagler Hospital Wellness Center is located at 120 Health Park Blvd in St. Augustine.</p>	<p>Wine Wednesday at the Renaissance Join the World Golf Village every Wednesday evening in the Villagio Lounge from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. for complimentary wine and hors d'oeuvre tasting. Attendees can sample red and white wines from around the world and savor a chef-inspired appetizer to complement the wines. The World Golf Village is located at 1 World Golf Place in St. Augustine.</p> <p>Greenhouse Yoga Join Maggie's Herb Farm every Wednesday and Friday morning from 10 to 11:30 a.m. for a mindful Kripalu flow yoga practice in the greenhouse at Maggie's Herb Farm. Soothe body and mind in the fresh air, grounded on natural, river pebbles for a unique greenhouse yoga experience. Practice yoga surrounded by beautiful greenery, butterflies, herbs, hummingbirds and free-range chickens. Attendees are encouraged to bring their yoga mat, towel and water bottle. Pre-registration is not required. Maggie's Herb Farm is located at 11400 Country Road 13 N. in St. Augustine.</p> <p>Marietta McCarty at The BookMark Bestselling author Marietta McCarty will appear at The BookMark on Wednesday, Feb. 20 at 7 p.m., to present her memoir, "Leaving 1203: Emptying a Home – Filling the Heart." In "Leaving 1203," McCarty walks readers through the unenviable task of emptying out her family's home of more than fifty years following the death of her mother. The Bookmark is located at 220 First St. in Neptune Beach.</p> <p>Downtown Wine Down Join the Cowford Chophouse rooftop bar for the Downtown Wine Down, a monthly happy hour and cocktail mixer held on Feb. 20. Live entertainment will include a performance by Aaron Thomas and Soulo Lyon of The Band Be Easy. Additionally, guests can enjoy food and drink specials, a giveaway for a \$100 Cowford Chophouse Gift Card and a complimentary cocktail. Doors open at 3:30 p.m. and the roof will be closed to the public until 9:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15 and can be bought through Eventbrite. The Cowford Chophouse is located at 101 East Bay Street in Jacksonville.</p>	<p>College Fair The Ponte Vedra High School PTO is presenting its annual College Fair at the school on Feb. 21 from 5 to 7 p.m. Representatives from an estimated 100 colleges are expected to be on hand to meet with students and their parents. Additionally, two breakout sessions, "Money for College" by the Florida Department of Education and "College Admissions: What You Need to Know" with local advisor Amy Sack will be offered twice at 5:15 p.m. and 6:15 p.m. The event is free and open to the community. Students are encouraged to pre-register for automation, a one-step process that shares their profile with all the schools of their choosing at the fair. That link can be found at www.gotocollegefairs.com/florida. Ponte Vedra High School is located at 460 Davis Park Road in Ponte Vedra.</p> <p>Grief support group A grief support group meets on the third Thursday of every month at St. Paul's Catholic Church in Room 102 of the Family Life Center, 578 First Ave. North, Jacksonville Beach. The group is for men and women who are grieving the death of a family member or friend. The next meeting will be on Thursday, Feb. 21 at 7 p.m. For information, call Kathy at (904) 553-8933 or Catherine at (904) 247-0665.</p> <p>Girls Night: The Musical "Girls Night: The Musical" is a touching and hilarious "tell-it-like-it-is" musical that takes audiences on a journey into the lives of a group of female friends. Audience members can't help but laugh, cry and even find themselves singing and dancing in the aisles as some of the most popular hit songs of the 80s and 90s, making this musical a fan favorite. Hosted by the FSCJ Artists Series, this event will run from Feb. 21 to 23 at the Times-Union Center for the Performing Arts. Tickets can be bought at fscjartistsseries.org.</p> <p>Free calendar listings for community groups and nonprofit organizations are published at our discretion on a space-available basis. Send your event at least 10 days before publication. Submit events to Amber@opcfla.com or call (904) 686-3939.</p>

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Local residents attend a Community Caregiving event on Jan. 31 hosted by the Alzheimer's Association and St. Johns County Council on Aging at the River House in St. Augustine.



David Huckabee, vice president of programs at the Central and North Florida Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association, speaks with an event attendee.

Photos courtesy of the Alzheimer's Association

Local caregivers pampered at Alzheimer's Association Community Caregiving event

Seeking to provide much-needed rest and relaxation to those caring for individuals living with Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia, the Central and North Florida Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association, in partnership with the St. Johns County Council on Aging, hosted "Community Caregiving: An Evening for Caregivers," on Jan. 31 at River House in St. Augustine.

"Serving as a caregiver for someone with dementia is one of that hardest jobs a person could be called to perform," said Cari Eyre, senior program manager for the Alzheimer's Association's Central and North Florida Chapter. "While the vision of the Alzheimer's Association is a world without Alzheimer's disease, we are also focused on providing care and support to those who provide care for their loved ones. I'm so grateful to the Council on Aging and all of our community partners who helped us bring so many valuable resources to those in need."

The event offered local caregivers the opportunity to indulge in being pampered with on-site massages. Attendees also

learned more about Alzheimer's disease and the unique experiences that these caregivers go through thanks to guest speakers Joseph L. Boles Jr., a local elder law attorney, and Dr. Octavio Santos, a clinical neuropsychology fellow at Mayo Clinic.

"The role of caregiver does not come with an easy-to-read instruction manual," said David Huckabee, vice president of programs for the Alzheimer's Association Central and North Florida Chapter. "We are always happy to have the chance to work with our great community partners to put on events such as this one. Our hope is that by providing much needed care and support to caregivers in the St. Augustine area, they will know that they are not alone in their struggles and that they have resources to turn to when needed."

An evening that focused on her own self-care was much needed for Palm Coast resident Lorraine Baeza, who cares for her mother living with Alzheimer's disease, and her husband, who has undergone several surgeries over the past year,

"I was so happy to have the opportunity to attend," Baeza shared. "Dr. Santos was very helpful and informative; I was able to learn a lot while taking some time away for myself."

According to the Alzheimer's Association, an estimated 1.1 million Floridians provide daily unpaid care for persons living with dementia, and there are currently thousands on the wait list for critically-needed services.

The Alzheimer's Association's mission is to eliminate Alzheimer's disease through the advancement of research; to provide and enhance care and support for all affected; and to reduce the risk of dementia through the promotion of brain health. In addition to offering programs like the Community Caregiving event, the Central and North Florida Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association has resources available for the many individuals and families impacted by Alzheimer's disease. For more information, visit www.alz.org or call (800) 272-3900.



Dr. Octavio Santos, a clinical neuropsychology fellow at Mayo Clinic, addresses attendees of the Community Caregiving event.

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Babysitting tips for grandparents

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One of the great joys that comes from having older children is the ability to welcome and love grandchildren. Grandchildren are points of light in people’s lives and provide the exuberance and excitement that reminds you of your own youth. Grandparents often are thrilled to be involved in the care and upbringing of their grandkids. Some may also live with their grandchildren to help take some pressures off of adult children.

Babysitting is one way that grandparents can be a frequent fixture in their grandkids’ lives. If it’s been some time since you cared for little children, it’s well worth it to take a refresher course in child care.



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MAKE SURE IT’S SAFE

Conduct a safety audit of your home if grandchildren will be coming over to your place. Are outlets secured with covers?

Are medications you may be taking out of reach? Do you have gates to block stairs or restrict access to certain rooms? Modifications may be needed.

ASSESS YOUR HEALTH

Chasing after children can be a workout. Be sure you are up for the challenge and have the stamina. If you have any medical conditions that can impair judgment or reaction time, you might want to reconsider babysitting.

TAKE DIRECTIONS

The way you parented may not be the same way your own children parent. Be humble and follow their lead with regard to instructions. The parenting guide *Apt Parenting* advises that you should ask about the eating and sleeping habits of the child. You may have to defer to your own children’s guidelines on discipline and behavior.

LEARN WHAT’S NEW

Many things regarding childcare have changed in the last 20 years, including safety laws and guidelines. Be sure you are up to date on these changes. And if you aren’t certain about something, ask. This involves everything from crib bar widths to car seat installation.

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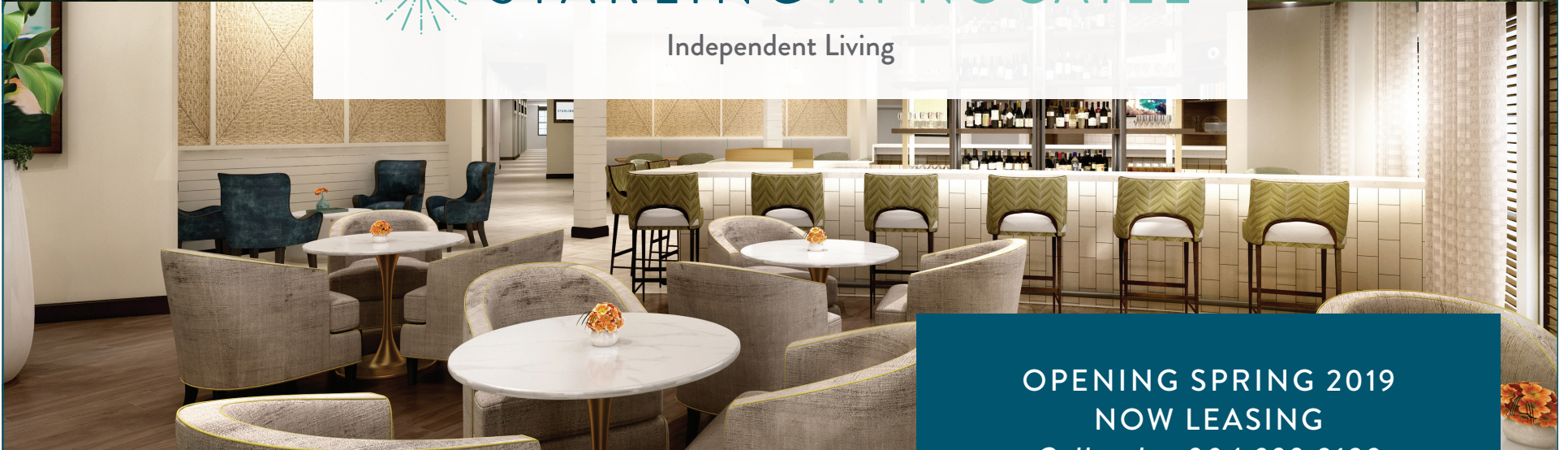
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Trasca & Co. Eatery has merged with KC's Kitchen. Pictured is Karina Coryell, the former owner of KC's Kitchen, and Sara Frasca, who opened Trasca & Co. Eatery in 2015.

Trasca & Co. Eatery reinvigorates itself with help of former KC's Kitchen owner

By Amber Lake

Trasca & Co. is a popular, locally-owned restaurant opened in Ponte Vedra Beach by Sara Frasca in 2015. The fast-casual style eatery is known for its "Panino" sandwich, which was invented by Frasca's grandmother in 1974. Three generations have perfected the Panino, which is made from meats and cheeses wrapped in thinly pressed dough and baked golden brown.

It's hard to imagine it gets better than that.

Recently, however, the company has merged with Karina Coryell, the former owner of KC's Kitchen. KC's has been a staple in Ponte Vedra for providing prepared food and catering with a focus on whole, natural foods. Now that Trasca & Co. has blended their concept with Coryell's vision, the restaurant has significantly more options on the table.

"We are two companies merging and also two business women merging," Coryell said. "Our mission is still the com-



Photo by Amber Lake

With the help of Coryell, Trasca & Co. Eatery now offers breakfast, which includes fresh baked bagels.

thing when on the move. Also, it has expanded its catering options and ability. They now offer a "corporate lunch box" for businesses wanting to cater for employees, and

munity. We both live here and have eight children between the both of us. That's what Trasca is, community-driven and family-driven."

Trasca has already undergone changes with the merging. The restaurant now offers breakfast, which includes healthy options such as chia bowls and yogurt with granola and fresh berries. The eatery also added a breakfast Panino, fresh-baked bagels and Bold Bean coffee.

"We are trying to grow our overall footprint," Frasca said. "KC's Kitchen is a very authentic form of whole food. So whole grains, organic. We want to do everyday meals made healthier."

Other aspects of KC's Kitchen are rolling over to Trasca. The restaurant has made available "Grab and Go" meals for anyone wanting to get some-

Don't say why me; say try me!



Harry Pappas
Columnist

By Harry Pappas

If you are going through a tough time, as if life just sucker-punched you, this narrative is for you. I sincerely hope that my words lend comfort and encouragement as you ride out your storm.

One of the greatest lessons adversity has taught me is how others feel when tragedy hits. My experience with hardship and obstacles has made me more compassionate for others who are going through their difficulty, which is the reason for me penning this narrative.

While nobody gets an immunity card that lets us skate through life unharmed, how we deal with setbacks can make or break us. I find it remarkably interesting, as I learn from those who deal with obstacles properly (winners), compared to others who repeatedly handle the adversity by singing the "woe is me" song (losers). Many winners believe that trials and sufferings have a purpose and that during their troubles, they have the faith that something bigger and better is on the other side!

I suggest that our misfortunes are one of the most effective tools of strengthening our faith and character. Isn't part of the excitement of overcoming our hardships looking back at all the obstacles that we overcame and the pain we endured? Don't our struggles make the victory that much more satisfying and rewarding? Hard times are a beautiful thing, and we should carry our black and blues proudly. Regrettably, it took me far too long to realize that difficulties are a valuable part of life, and through my pain and suffering, I would develop the mental capacity to endure life's toughest battles.

The primary reason why most people have difficulty climbing out of the abyss is that "enemy" likes to plant his cancer of doubt. Billy Alsbrook, one of my favorite Christian motivational speakers, maybe said it best: "The enemy will attempt to inject us with a deadly disease called doubt. This contagious cancer is a dream killer set on murdering your future. We must destroy, annihilate and uproot all traces of it from our life."

Second annual Womens Food Alliance Hospitality Social Expo to be held Feb. 26

The Ponte Vedra Beach-based Womens Food Alliance is hosting its second annual Hospitality Social Expo on Tuesday, Feb. 26 from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Morocco Shrine Auditorium in Jacksonville.

The event will allow attendees to taste, sip and mingle with others. Thirty-three exhibits will be featured representing restaurants, chefs, cruises, caterers, wineries, staffing, entertainment, bakers, décor and parties.

The event costs \$20 to attend and is open to the public. A portion of the proceeds of the Expo will be donated to the Clarke Schools for Hearing and Speech.

To purchase tickets, go to www.WomensFoodAlliance.com and click on the purple banner.

Chamber Ponte Vedra Beach Division Director Toni Boudreaux-Godwin and Sawgrass Country Club Director of Membership Services Janet Collins stand in front of the rendering for the new Sawgrass Country Club clubhouse, which is projected to be complete in late fall 2020.

Photo courtesy of the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce



Sawgrass Beach Club hosts Chamber 'Before Hours'

The Sawgrass Beach Club hosted a "Before Hours" event for the Ponte Vedra Beach (PVB) Division of the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce on Wednesday, Feb. 6.

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they also plan on opening a full customizable menu at the start of March. In addition, the restaurant will be remodeling its look in accordance with the rebranding.

The focus will still be on fresh and homemade. The two women feel equally about the importance of establishing a healthy, whole food restaurant.

"We make everything from scratch," Coryell said. "Everything. Our dressings, our dough. Our chicken, we bake. Soups never come from a bag to warm up. It makes a huge difference. We don't buy anything ready-made."

Frasca said bringing on Karina is a "pretty big deal" for them.

"We will have a new partner and new offerings," Frasca said. "We are reinvigorating Trasca. I guess you could say we are new and improved."

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When the messenger of misery pays me his seemingly regular visits, I immediately think, “Destroy the enemy within,” which empowers me to whisper (sometimes scream) the following, “Hello enemy, allow me to introduce myself. I am Harry, the warrior, the champion. You have no control over me, as I know that greatness is on the other side of this pain. I will never tap out to pain. Instead, I will embrace it, as pain is my friend! I will feed the beast and starve the doubt!”

Perhaps your current storm is due to someone doing you wrong. If so, is your instant reaction resentment, anger, instead of forgiveness? If it is the former, then rest assured that the enemy is joyful, as you are in his world doing exactly as he desires! When we truly wrap our mind around this notion, changing our behavior to a winner’s mentality should be effortless.

According to Mr. Alsbrook, “Not forgiving, is akin to emotional incarceration, spiritual self-imprisonment that is behind invisible bars and we are the only one that can provide the release date!” Maybe Confucius was spot on when he said, “To be wronged is nothing, unless you continue to remember it.”

The sage’s statement reminds me of what I read some time ago: Holding onto resentment is like taking rat poison and waiting for the rat to die! Oh my, did I repeatedly devour rat poison?! As a recovering grudge holder, I would not rest until I was sure someone else felt as badly as he or she made me feel. I would cling to bitterness until it made me physically sick all the while believing in my asinine methodology!

When doom and gloom enter our lives, I suggest that we focus on another simple task: progress. I don’t care if it is our diet, our faith, our relationships, our finances, our health or our job, let’s make daily progress to become better and then watch the magic appear in the form of improved

mood, outlook on life and happiness. Allow me to close this heartfelt message with a fact that only Rocky Balboa could so eloquently convey:

“The world ain’t all sunshine and rainbows. It’s a very mean and nasty place. And I don’t care how tough you are, it will beat you to your knees and keep you there if you let it. You, me or nobody is going to hit as hard as life. But it ain’t about how hard you can hit, it’s about how hard you can get hit and keep moving forward ... That’s how winning is done. Now, if you know what you’re worth, then go out and get what you’re worth. But you gotta be willing to take the hit, and not pointing fingers saying you ain’t where you are because of him, or her, or anybody. Cowards do that and that ain’t you. You’re better than that!”

Yes indeed, Rocky! It’s about how hard we can get hit and keep moving forward! Adversity is never a time to give in, but a time to dig in! Keep advancing, my friends!

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The Zombies' Rod Argent: Band is 'absolutely thrilled' by Rock and Roll Hall of Fame induction

By Jennifer Logue

Special to the Recorder

When Rod Argent got the news that The Zombies had been selected for induction into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, the founding band member's mind went back to the day in 1956 in St. Albans, England, when his cousin first played him "Hound Dog" by Elvis Presley.

"I was 11 years old and my life changed in three minutes," Argent said in an interview with The Ponte Vedra Recorder. "It spun my world around."

Argent's cousin, Jim Rodford, was 15 at the time, and already playing in the local band The Bluetones.

"I thought I just had to get in a band, but at the time all my musical idols — Ray Charles, Elvis, Miles Davis — were in America and it just seemed like such an enormous goal," Argent said. "To think that all these years later, The Zombies will be on the same roster (in the hall of fame) as those artists, it just feels fantastic. We are absolutely thrilled."

Best known for their 1960s hits "She's Not There," "Tell Her No" and "Time of the Season," The Zombies had been eligi-



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The legendary British Invasion band The Zombies will be inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame March 29. From left: original band members Chris White, Hugh Grundy, Rod Argent and Colin Blunstone.

ble for hall of fame induction since 1989. Yet it was only in the past five years that the band had been nominated and received serious consideration — a fact Argent said

is due in no small part to The Zombies' loyal — and growing — fan base.

Over the course of the fan voting period, Zombies fans submitted more than 320,000 votes for their favorite band — surpassing the vote totals received by artists such as Janet Jackson, Devo, Radiohead and numerous other artists. And while the top five bands in the fan vote each only received a single extra vote on the induction ballot, Argent believes the strong fan showing bolstered The Zombies' chances.

"Our fans were absolutely relentless in their voting — in fact, while other bands' voting fell off as the voting went on, ours actually went up," Argent observed. "I do think the (hall of fame) voting members look at the fan vote and it made a difference."

AN INFLUENTIAL BAND

The Zombies first performed in Northeast Florida on July 24, 1965, when they appeared at the Jacksonville Memorial Coliseum on a bill that featured The Beach Boys, The Shangri-Las, The Searchers and Lesley Gore. Sitting in the audience that day, attending his very first rock and roll concert, was a 14-year-old boy named Tom Petty.

"Tom told us about attending that concert," Argent said of the 2002 Rock and Roll Hall of Fame inductee. "He remembered us performing 'Summertime' and that to his mind, we stood up above all the other acts. He was a big supporter of ours."

Petty — who covered The Zombies' "I Want You Back Again" — wasn't alone in his admiration for the band. Other acts that have credited The Zombies as a major influence include such diverse artists

as Paul Weller, Susanna Hoffs, Zoëy Deschanel and Dave Grohl of Nirvana and Foo Fighters. Eminem famously sampled "Time of the Season" on his "Rhyme or Reason," and today, Zombies tunes regularly show up in movies, commercials and TV series.

To what does Argent attribute the timeless quality that gives The Zombies' songs such staying power?

"I've gone through my life loving all strands of music," said Argent, listing Bach and Stravinsky alongside Elvis, Miles Davis and Little Richard as early musical influences. "The Zombies never consciously copied anybody, but I suppose those influences all found their way indirectly through the filter. And as a result, The Zombies didn't sound like anybody."

Argent also credits the influence of Zombies lead vocalist Colin Blunstone, with whom he founded the band as teenagers in 1961.

"Colin and I have often said that he grew up learning to sing by singing my songs, and I grew up learning to write by writing for his voice," Argent told The Recorder. "That connection has certainly affected my writing — I imagine his voice in the back of my mind."

Another major influence who will be on Argent's mind at the hall of fame induction ceremony: Jim Rodford, the cousin who introduced him to rock and roll back in 1956. Rodford later joined the most recent incarnation of The Zombies after playing with his cousin in the 1970s post-Zombies band, Argent, and for 18 years with The Kinks. He was with The Zombies a year ago when the band concluded their tour at the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall; he died a week later as a result of a fall at his home in England.

"Jim was a mentor to me," said Argent, noting that Rodford provided the musical equipment for The Zombies' first rehearsal in 1961. "He was a huge presence, a huge energy, a huge inspiration."

After the hall of fame induction on March 29 — 50 years to the day that "Time of the Season" topped the U.S. charts — The Zombies will head back into the studio to write and record a new album. In fact, fans attending the band's Feb. 20 Ponte Vedra Concert Hall performance may receive a sneak preview of one of the new songs if it's ready in time, Argent said.

"I love the idea of playing things live — that's what excites us," he said. "There's nothing as exciting as getting involved in something creative. We just have a genuine enthusiasm for what we do."

The Zombies will perform at the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall Wednesday, Feb. 20 at 8 p.m. (doors open at 7 p.m.). For tickets, visit www.pontevedraconcerthall.com.

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PVHS boys basketball ends regular season with win over Nease **Page 36**

Webb Simpson predicts THE PLAYERS to be 'even bigger' in March

The PLAYERS 2018 champion returns to TPC Sawgrass for THE PLAYERS Media Day

By Jon Blauvelt

THE PLAYERS 2018 champion Webb Simpson said on Monday he believes the Ponte Vedra-based tournament will become an “even bigger” event now that it has shifted back to March.

“One thing that is going to bring even more prestige to this event is when it used to be in May, we already had a very big event on the calendar, the Masters,” said Simpson, who was in Ponte Vedra Beach on Monday for THE PLAYERS media day. “Now it’s in March. So, I think the season — every tournament is a big tournament, but this is the first really big

tournament of the year, and I think that’s special knowing that when the guys come here, they know that the best players in the world are going to be here for the first time maybe all season competing for the trophy.”

Simpson addressed media alongside THE PLAYERS Executive Director Jared Rice at the TPC Clubhouse following the annual Charity Challenge on the Island Green 17th hole.

Considering the date change, Rice said the impact on ticket sales has been positive. He said THE PLAYERS is out-pacing where they were last year by about 10 percent, so his team feels that the market



Photo by Jon Blauvelt

The PLAYERS 2018 champion Webb Simpson discusses the tournament with Executive Director Jared Rice at THE PLAYERS Media Day on Monday at TPC Sawgrass.

is aware of the change. He also noted that the tournament is seeing significant engagement from Charlotte, Atlanta and Orlando, as well as purchases out of Chicago and New York.

Before participating in the Charity Challenge, Simpson walked around the course and said it’s in “phenomenal shape.” Living at Quail Hollow in Charlotte, North

Carolina, since 2010, Simpson said he’s familiar with the overseeding process that TPC Sawgrass has undergone, and he’s impressed. He noted that chipping around the greens is usually tough, but now it’s going to be easier, which he said will make the players happy.

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Photo by Chris Condon/PGA Tour

THE PLAYERS 2018 champion Webb Simpson gathers with participants of THE PLAYERS Charity Challenge on Monday at TPC Sawgrass. Simpson helped Davis Roche win the event and claim the \$10,000 first-place prize for the JAGA Scholarship Trust.

Simpson helps reigning JAGA Amateur Champion win THE PLAYERS Charity Challenge

Representatives of 15 charities competed on Monday in THE PLAYERS Charity Challenge, a long-standing tradition that is part of THE PLAYERS Media Day. THE PLAYERS 2018 champion Webb Simpson ultimately helped reigning JAGA Amateur Champion Davis Roche win the event and claim the \$10,000 first prize for the JAGA Scholarship Trust.

Hosting other PGA TOUR professionals, local celebrities and representatives chosen by each charity, the challenge took place on the famed Island Green 17th hole at THE PLAYERS Stadium Course. Each charity’s player hit two consecutive shots followed by Simpson trying to land one on the Island Green. The closest of the three was recorded for each charity. Roche, a 23-year-old graduate of Valdosta State University where he played four years on the golf team, was

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Webb Simpson attempts a shot at THE PLAYERS Charity Challenge.

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closest to the pin in Round 1. The \$10,000 prize goes to the JAGA Scholarship Trust, which was established in 1974 and has generated approximately \$1.75 million in college scholarships for 350 young men and women affiliated with JAGA's 40-member clubs in North Florida.

Billy Horschel, five-time PGA TOUR winner, 2014 FedExCup champion and Ponte Vedra Beach resident, was closest to the pin in Round 2, winning \$5,000 for Feeding Northeast Florida.

The results were as follows:

1. JAGA Scholarship Trust, Davis Roche, JAGA Amateur Champion – 5 feet 4 inches
2. Walk Off Charities, Frank Frangie, 1010XL – 5 feet 11 inches (round 1), 12 feet (round 2)
3. Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation, Stephen Joost, Firehouse Subs – 6 feet 4 inches (round 1), 26 feet 9 inches (round 2)
4. Feeding Northeast Florida, Billy Horschel, five-time PGA TOUR winner and 2014 FedExCup champion – 10 feet 7 inches (round 1), 8 feet 6 inches (round 2)
5. The First Tee of North Florida, Josh Scobee, former Jacksonville Jaguar – 11 feet 1 inches
6. Wolfson Children's Hospital, Aron

Price, Web.com Tour member – 12 feet 3 inches

7. Tesori Family Foundation, Toby Ragland, College Golf Fellowship – 12 feet 11 inches

8. Boselli Foundation, Tony Boselli – 13 feet 9 inches

9. K9s For Warriors, Brett Simon, K9s for Warriors – 19 feet

10. North Florida Junior Golf Foundation, Mike Broderick, Head Golf Professional, Sawgrass Country Club – 19 feet 6 inches

11. Epilepsy Florida, Jeff Klauk, former PGA TOUR member – 19 feet 10 inches

12. St. Vincent's HealthCare Foundation, Ben Hayes, former US Naval Academy Golf Team Captain – 23 feet

13. Special Olympics of Duval County, Ryan Luck, Special Olympics Participant – 23 feet 3 inches

14. Champions for Hope, Gary Williams, Golf Channel – 27 feet 4 inches

15. Tom Coughlin Jay Fund Foundation, Curtis Dvorak, First Coast Living host – 38 feet 4 inches

During the Challenge, Firehouse Subs co-founder Robin Sorensen also thanked THE PLAYERS for a \$50,000 grant given to the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation after the 2018 tournament. The donation allowed them to award a grant to the Jacksonville Beach Fire Department to purchase life-saving equipment.



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THE PLAYERS
2018 champion Webb Simpson donates a sand wedge to TPC Sawgrass that he used on Saturday of last year's tournament on the 11th hole. Holing out for eagle, the shot extended his lead at the time to eight strokes.

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Regarding differences between March and May, Simpson noted that he hit a few shots at No. 11 on Monday. The same shot he made on Saturday of last year's tournament — when he landed the ball about halfway to the hole and it rolled out about 40 feet — he said he had to fly maybe 15 feet short of the hole on Monday.

“So, there’s a lot of things that will change,” he said. “The fairways here are known to be really tight, and they are, but with softer fairways, they’re going to play a little wider. I’m going to hit different clubs off probably four or five holes.”

Prior to the question and answer session with Rice, Simpson donated his sand wedge from the 2018 tournament to TPC Sawgrass that he used on that 11th hole shot on Saturday. Holing out for eagle, the

shot extended his lead at the time to eight strokes.

Also during the session with Simpson, Rice discussed some of the changes for this year's tournament, including a new Nicklaus Gate entryway; enhanced ride-sharing due to a new space for ridesharing closest to the Fred Couples gate; and a branding campaign that features enhanced colors and a new sterling silver trophy dripped in 24-karat gold vermeil thanks to a partnership with Tiffany & Co.

In addition, TPC Sawgrass Head Chef Azhar Mohammad unveiled a new dish named after Simpson and chosen by the defending champion, continuing an annual tradition. To be featured on the TPC Sawgrass menu through tournament week, the Simpson Sandy is a sandwich with barbecue brisket on soft potato bread with carrot, jalapeno slaw and fried onions.

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Reese Russi of Ponte Vedra drives with the ball in the Sharks' 56-38 win over the Nease Panthers on Feb. 8. Russi had 19 points, four assists, five rebounds and a pair of steals.

PVHS downs Nease in regular-season finale

By Jim Moyes

Special to the Recorder

Ponte Vedra defeated Nease 56-38 last Friday, Feb. 8 in the second round of their annual rivalry before yet another near capacity crowd at the Shark Tank.

It was Senior Night for the Sharks and veteran head coach Bud Beech's seniors delivered in a big way, scoring all but two of the Sharks' point total.

Ironically, the opposite held true for Nease. The Panthers' underclassmen scored all but two of their 38 points scored, with junior Miguel Solis netting 14 points and freshman Logan Ryan adding 11.

With the victory over their archrivals, the Sharks atoned for an earlier 57-48 defeat to the Panthers on the Nease home court.

Reese Russi was the shining star for the victorious Sharks with 19 points, four assists, five rebounds and a pair of steals that resulted in 2-pointers, as the hosts won their second game in a row heading into this week's playoffs.

Five senior Shark players were honored before the tipoff with Nease and all contributed to the victory. Johnny Corlazzoli, Luke Martin, Logan Conway and Ben Houser joined Russi in the starting lineup, and it appears that all five are

now playing at the top of their game. Houser (15 points) and Martin (10 points) were again in double figures in the scoring department to complement Russi's 19 tallies.

Corlazzoli brought toughness and leadership to the court while notching seven points, in addition to playing a steady game as the point guard, while Conway was a defensive stopper in the victory.

After a close first quarter that saw the Sharks take a narrow 17-15 lead after the first eight minutes of action, the Sharks pulled away to take a comfortable 35-24 lead at the halftime break.

Ponte Vedra then stretched the lead to 47-35 after three quarters before the Sharks nearly shut out the Panthers in the fourth period. There was less than a minute remaining in the final quarter before the young Panthers were able to put points on the board as the Sharks outscored Nease 9-3 over the final eight minutes of play.

Another near capacity crowd was on hand for the traditional rivalry contest, and when the final buzzer sounded, the enthusiastic PVHS student body on hand flooded the floor to congratulate their victorious classmates.

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Nease football coach leaving for Bishop Kenny

By Paris Moulden

Nease head football coach Tim Krause is leaving the Panthers to take the head coaching position at Bishop Kenny High School.

Krause, who has coached at Nease since 2014, was an assistant at Bishop Kenny for eight years, including seven as offensive coordinator.

"My family and I are really excited about going back to Bishop Kenny as it has been a special place for us," Krause said in an email to the Recorder. "I get the chance to work for a principal and athletic director who I have had a great relationship with for a long time and build upon an established program with great tradition. BK is the perfect fit for me at this point in my life and I can't wait to get started."

Krause, who led the Panthers to the district championship in 2015, will take over the Crusaders' program March 1, replacing Bobby Raulerson.

"I have truly enjoyed working at Nease and I am going to miss the relationships I had forged with our players and staff,"

Krause said. "I am leaving there incredibly grateful for the opportunity and I know that those kids will be extremely successful going forward. I owe a debt of gratitude to our athletic director, Matt McCool, who has worked tirelessly to make improvements to our facilities and get our coaches whatever they needed to be successful."

Over the past three years, Krause has also led Nease's Victory Day event, which offers students with special needs from area elementary schools the opportunity to participate in drills and spend quality time with Nease football players and staff. Krause said he hopes to start a similar tradition or program at Bishop Kenny.

McCool said the search for a new head coach is in the process and the school is looking for someone who possesses similar qualities to Krause, particularly when it comes to character.

"We want somebody who's going to be involved with our young people on more than just a football level," McCool said. "We're looking for an upstanding person first, and a coach second."



Nease coach Tim Krause watches drills during the third annual Victory Day event at Nease on Dec. 7, 2018. Krause is leaving Nease after five seasons to take the head coaching job at Bishop Kenny.

Photo by Paris Moulden

SPORTS BRIEFS

Nease girls basketball

The Nease girls basketball team used a 23-9 second-quarter run to defeat Middleburg 61-41 last Thursday, Feb. 7 and claim the 7A District Championship. The Lady Panthers will take on Columbia High School in the regional quarterfinals on Thursday, Feb. 14 at Nease at 7 p.m.

Nease girls soccer

The Nease girls soccer team's season ended last Friday, Feb. 8 when the Lady Panthers lost 4-2 in the regional semifinals to Bartram Trail. Nease advanced to the regional semifinals for the first time in 11 years and finished with its best district record (5-1) in 11 years.

Nease boys soccer

The Nease boys soccer team fell to Fletcher 2-0 on Feb. 6 in the regional

quarterfinals. The Panthers finished the season 13-4-2.

Ponte Vedra boys soccer

The Ponte Vedra boys soccer team beat Stanton in a shootout last Saturday, Feb. 9 in the regional semifinals. Before this edition of the Recorder went to the printer, the Sharks played Arnold on Wednesday in the regional finals.

Ponte Vedra girls soccer

The Ponte Vedra girls soccer team lost to Gulf Breeze on Tuesday 3-1 in the regional finals. The Lady Sharks finished the year 15-6-2.

Ponte Vedra girls basketball

After losing to Menendez 58-41 last Thursday, Feb. 7, the Ponte Vedra girls basketball team is playing at Eastside Thursday, Feb. 14 in the regional quarterfinals.

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Sharks

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The win over Nease capped a very productive week for the Sharks. On Feb. 4, the Sharks took a St. Augustine team — enjoying its best season in a decade — into overtime before dropping a 77-74 decision to the host Yellow Jackets.

At the start of the second half against St. Augustine, Coach Beech, after weeks of juggling his lineup, started an all-senior lineup to begin the second half and that decision has quickly paid big dividends. After dropping eight of their last nine games, the Sharks bounced back the following night with a convincing 77-70 win over Fletcher.

Conway gave the Sharks a huge boost in the Fletcher victory with a career high 18 points, 13 of his tallies coming in the game's first eight minutes of play. Corlazzoli came a point shy of also notching a career high with his 12 points while sophomore Caden Fordham came off the bench to tally a season best eight points.

The Sharks have received double digit scoring all season from seniors Ben Houser, Luke Martin and Russi, and with Conway, Corlazzoli and Fordham lifting up their game, the Sharks are hopeful of pulling off a surprise in the playoffs.



The Ponte Vedra seniors and their family gather on Senior Night before playing Nease on Feb. 8.

Photo by Jeff Heineman/The Image Caddy

The Sharks got off to a good start this week as they scored more than 70 points for the third time in their last four games while downing Menendez 76-59 Monday night to advance to the semifinals on Wednesday.

Senior guard Johnny Corlazzoli led Pon-

tedra with both with his shooting and his passing. Corlazzoli notched a season high 14 points, but it was his sharp passing of the basketball that was an eye-opener.

The 10 assists in a single game was second only to the 13 assists dished off by Jackson Johnson in 2013 against Bartlesville in Oklahoma.

If not for normally high scoring Reese Russi scoring but one more point, the entire starting five for the Sharks would have reached double figures.

Ben Houser netted 16 tallies, Luke Martin had 15, Logan Conway had 11 and Russi had nine to complement Corlazzoli.

Before the Recorder went to the printer, the Sharks played district top seed and final four qualifier from 2018 Palatka last night in the district semifinals at Clay High. If the Sharks should pull off the upset of the Panthers, they would then play the winner of Wednesday's game between Clay High and Matanzas for the district championship on Friday.

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2004 Hyundai Sonata
LX Leather
\$1988



2005 Ford
Focus ZX4 S
\$2988



2007 Pontiac
G6
\$3988



2003 Mercury
Mountaineer Luxury
Leather
\$4988



2008 Nissan Rogue
SL Leather
\$4988



2005 Dodge Ram
1500 SLT Quad Cab
\$5988

OVER 250 VEHICLES PRICED UNDER \$10,000



2005 Honda Accord
EX-V6 Leather
\$5988



2009 Cadillac SRX
Luxury
\$5988



2005 GMC Yukon
Denali AWD
\$7988



2014 VW Jetta SE
Leather
\$7988



2012 Jeep Compass
Latitude Leather
\$9988



2014 Mitsubishi
Outlander SE
Touring Leather
\$11988