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REGION FINAL AWAITS

Ponte Vedra High School baseball players come out to congratulate closer Scott Griesemer after getting the final out in a 7-3 victory against visiting Stanton in the 5A Regional semifinals on Tuesday night. The Sharks have been on a hot streak in the playoffs, and will play the Milton/Mosley winner in the regional final on Wednesday, May 19 at Ponte Vedra High School.

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ADOPT A PET

DOG(S) OF THE WEEK

Hi! My name is Mali. I am a 4-year-old female English bulldog. I came to the shelter as an owner surrender. I will need a patient home that with older children. No young children. I get along with other dogs, not sure about cats as I have never met any. I also need to be housetrained. The shelter is already beginning to help me with that as well as teaching me how to walk on a leash! Please visit me soon and see what a sweet girl I am! #58599



Hi! My name is Sam. I am a 8-year-old male labrador retriever. Sadly, my owner of over six years suddenly found himself unable to care for me. I am a sweet old boy who is looking for a place to enjoy the rest of my life. I am very sweet and extremely gentle. I am housetrained, good with kids and other dogs. I do have a bit of an allergy and will require a special diet, but trust me, I am worth the little extra care I need. Come visit me at the Pet Center today! #21329

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

St. Johns County Pet Center

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

BRIEFS

St. Johns County Fiscal Year 2022 administrator's budget hearings

In conjunction with the annual budget process, members of the public are invited to attend the St. Johns County Fiscal Year 2022 administrator's budget hearings scheduled on May 24, 25 and 26 at the St. Johns County Agricultural Center, 3125 Agricultural Center Drive. Hosted by St. Johns County Administration and the Office of Management and Budget, the hearings will provide a departmental line

item review of the proposed Fiscal Year 2022 St. Johns County budget in its formative stage prior to its presentation to the Board of County Commissioners. The schedule for the hearings is as followed:

- 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday, May 24
- 9 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., Tuesday, May 25
- 9 a.m. to 2:15 p.m., Wednesday, May 26

If the hearings proceed faster than anticipated, the scheduled times may be adjusted accordingly. It is anticipated that one or more St. Johns County commissioners may attend

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Solutions correspond to last week's puzzles.



**SATURDAY, MAY 22
& SUNDAY, MAY 23**

9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Save the Date

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and participate in the budget hearings. For more information, call the Office of Management and Budget at (904) 209-0570.

St. Johns County short-term vacation rental ordinance

The St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners approved a new ordinance regarding short term vacation rentals on May 4. The ordinance addresses a variety of topics including short-term vacation rental occupancy, parking and trash collection. To review the new ordinance, go to www.co.st-johns.fl.us and click on the pdf link for the ordinance.

St. Johns Golf Club Patriots Golf Day fundraiser set for May 28

The St. Johns Golf Club is hosting Patriots Golf Day fundraiser lessons from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Friday, May 28, at 4900 Cypress Links Blvd. Patrons who make a minimum donation of \$20 will receive a 10-minute lesson with a PGA professional. To book a lesson time, email wtucker@sjefl.us. All proceeds will benefit Folds of Honor, an organization that provides educational scholarships to spouses and children of America's fallen and disabled service members. All who donate a minimum of \$10 will be entered into a drawing for golf equipment. For more information on Folds of Honor, go to www.foldsofhonor.org. For more information on the Patriots Golf Day Fundraiser, call (904) 209-0350.

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Teen boy arrested in slaying of 13-year-old St. Johns County girl



Tristyn Bailey, 13, was reported missing last Sunday morning. Her body was found in a wooded area later that evening.

By Shaun Ryan

A 14-year-old boy has been charged with second-degree murder in the slaying of Tristyn Bailey, 13, on Sunday, May 9.

Aiden Fucci of St. Johns was in custody Monday and was being held at the Department of Juvenile Justice, according to the St. Johns County Sheriff's Office.

Chief Medical Examiner Dr. Predrag Bulic determined that the cause of death was sharp force trauma by stabbing.

Bailey, who lived in north-central St. Johns County, was reported missing by her family at about 10 a.m. Sunday. She had last been seen around midnight.

The Sheriff's Office sent out a mass notification to the public, the media and community partners. The school district was also notified.

A resident of the community, hearing the



Aiden Fucci, 14, has been charged in Bailey's death.

report, began to look around the wooded area near his home and, at about 6 p.m., discovered a body later confirmed to be that of Tristyn Bailey. The body was found at the south end of a retention pond just to the east of the cul-de-sac of Saddlestone Drive.

Based on this and other information, authorities refocused their investigative efforts. They obtained numerous search warrants, which led to the location of multiple items of evidentiary value at the suspect's home, according to the Sheriff's Office.

The decision to charge Fucci with second-degree murder was made in coop-

eration with the State Attorney's Office. St. Johns County Sheriff Robert Hardwick said during a press conference Monday that there were no other suspects in the slaying.

Both Bailey and Fucci attended Patriot Oaks Academy, but there was no information Monday whether they shared any classes there.

Hardwick thanked members of the community who helped in the search for Bailey. He said people were lining the roads and walking the wood line. Some offered to donate food to the effort.

Hardwick said Monday the investigation was still in the earliest stages and that any new information would be shared with Bailey's family first and then become available to the public afterward.

In a statement, Hardwick asked people to keep the Bailey family in their thoughts and prayers.

Northeast Florida COVID-19 Economic Recovery Plan approved

The Northeast Florida Regional Council (NEFRC), a government agency that serves seven counties and 25 municipalities, announced Tuesday the official release of the Northeast Florida COVID-19 Economic Recovery Plan. The plan was formally approved through a unanimous vote of the NEFRC Board of Directors on Thursday, May 6.

The recovery plan, which outlines detailed recommendations for economic recovery, was developed by the Northeast Florida Economic Resilience Task Force, a policy group of more than 20 leaders from across the region representing local governments, regional economic development organizations, private sector compa-

nies and nonprofit organizations. The Task Force was made possible through Federal CARES Act funding allocated by the U.S. Economic Development Administration and awarded to the NEFRC in August 2020 to support economic resilience efforts related to the pandemic.

Task Force meetings facilitated in Spring 2021 identified policy recommendations across three priority areas: (1) infrastructure; (2) small business relief and support; and (3) equity. These recommendations ultimately informed the structure of the economic recovery plan.

"This plan reflects the efforts of more than 20 leaders from across the region who dedicated their knowledge, time

and expertise to a planning exercise that lasted for more than six months," said Beth Payne, chief executive officer of the NEFRC. "Included in this plan are recommendations that can assist local governments and partners in continuing on a successful road to recovery."

Recommendations included in the plan relate to expanding affordable broadband access, further developing public-private partnerships, strengthening mental health resources, expanding small business support services to rural areas and a wide array of other priority topic areas.

Upon release of this plan, the NEFRC will begin an implementation process that will involve community outreach,

presentations to local governments, and additional technical assistance activities. For more information about the Task Force and its recently published economic recovery plan, contact Sean Lahav, resiliency coordinator at slahav@nefrc.org

The NEFRC is an independent, regional government agency serving Baker, Clay, Duval, Flagler, Putnam, Nassau and St. Johns counties. It provides a regional perspective toward growth management, economic development, emergency preparedness, resiliency and community development to enhance the quality of life of Northeast Florida residents. For more information about the Northeast Florida Regional Council, go to www.nefrc.org.

FEMA approves funds to assist with dune enhancement project easements in county

The Federal Emergency Management Agency has approved funds to assist St. Johns County with partially restoring and rebuilding the sand dunes along portions of the coastline that were damaged by hurricanes Matthew and Irma.

The project is intended to enhance the dune system by adding sand to the seaward side of the existing dunes, planting sea oats and supporting vegetation and creating a more uniform front to the dune system.

If approved, and with adequate volun-

tary participation of homeowners, sand placement is anticipated to begin this summer and is projected to be completed by the end of the year.

The county is in the design phase and a separate firm, Waugh Law, has been recruited to assist owners of eligible oceanfront properties who would like to participate in the project by voluntarily granting a temporary easement.

There is no charge to participate and the easements do not allow access to front or side yards. Homeowners who wish to

receive additional dune protection at no cost may sign the short-term easement and return it to Waugh Law.

The county will be unable to enhance the dunes on properties that do not provide signed easements.

The deadline to submit signed easements is May 31. For assistance with an easement, call Waugh Law Firm at (321) 800-6008, or email cwaugh@waughpa.com.

For additional project information, go to www.sjcf.us/coastalprojects, email coastal-projects@sjcf.us or call (904) 209-0260.



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The St. Johns County Sheriff's Office players try to defend against a state champion girls soccer player during a soccer exhibition between the SJSO and the Ponte Vedra and Bartram Trail girls soccer team on Friday, May 7. The event raised money for the local Police Athletic League.

SJC Sheriff's Office meets PVHS, Bartram Trail girls soccer teams in showdown to benefit PAL

St. Johns County Sheriff's Office competed against the state champion girls soccer teams from Ponte Vedra and Bartram Trail high schools in a friendly exhibition game on Friday, May 6, at Drysdale Field in St. Augustine. The soccer showdown benefitted the St. Johns County Police Athletic League.

The St. Johns County Police Athletic League's mission is to "provide and coordinate programs and activities which contribute to the development of character, integrity, physical and mental fitness, citizenship, sportsmanship and personal well-being," according to its website.

The PAL was started in 1991 by Sheriff Neil Perry and works in cooperation with many local organizations such as the county recreation department, St. Johns County School District, United Way of St. Johns County, Juvenile Justice, state and national chapters and many others to offer programs



Photos by Paris Moulden

SOCCER continues on Page 11 **An SJSO officer tries to get the ball past a defender during last Friday's soccer friendly.**

Care urged during sea turtle nesting season

Sea turtle nesting season began May 1, and St. Johns County officials are asking residents, visitors and businesses to help protect natural habitat by observing all nesting season laws and regulations.

All beachfront properties are required to reduce their impact by eliminating interior and exterior lights that may disrupt nesting sea turtles.

Volleyball court lights at St. Johns County Pier Park will turn on at sunset and turn off at 9 p.m. during this time.

Beach visitors can also have a positive impact on nesting sea turtles by taking the following actions while enjoying the beach:

- Refrain from using fireworks and open fires.



- Remove ruts and sand castles.
 - Avoid using flashlights.
 - Avoid entering sand dunes and conservation zones (15 feet seaward of the dune line).
 - Refrain from using balloons.
 - Never approach sea turtles emerging from or returning to the sea.
 - Never push an injured animal back into the ocean. If an injured, sick, or deceased sea turtle is encountered, call the St. Johns County Sheriff's Office non-emergency dispatch line at (904) 824-8304.

For further information, call St. Johns County Habitat Conservation and Beach Management at (904) 209-3740 or go to www.sjcfl.us/hcp.

LETTER TO THE READERS

THE PLAYERS Executive Director Jared Rice thanks supporters of event in honor of National Golf Day

Today we recognize National Golf Day, an observance that celebrates golf's economic and charitable impacts on communities, totaling more than \$84 billion and nearly \$4 billion, respectively. As PGA TOUR's flagship event, THE PLAYERS Championship is reflecting on the overwhelming support it receives from the Northeast Florida community that drives its success and contributions.

These past two years have been unlike any other in the more than 40-year history of our championship. Yet, fans and partners, alike, have continued to demonstrate how sports can unify and inspire with their understanding, respect and support of new practices, protocols, and priorities. Local businesses



Jared Rice, executive director of THE PLAYERS Championship

partnered with us to find creative ways to engage fans despite on-site adjustments and reduced capacities. Health professionals contributed to the development of safety plans carefully executed by staff and dedicated volunteers. Government and law enforcement leaders provided guidance and resources needed to ensure successful implementation. Our Proud Partners, Grant Thornton, Optum and Morgan Stanley, and corporate sponsors maintained their strong commitment to our mission of engaging, inspiring, and positively impacting communities.

In addition to showcasing the world's greatest golfers, THE PLAYERS Championship 2021 showcased the world's greatest community — our Northeast Florida home. Our ability to host this year's championship is a direct result of the support and contributions from all of you, the Northeast Florida community. Thank you.

We will build on these contributions to date with an even stronger commitment to diverse efforts, partnerships, and opportunities that can grow our sport, our business, and our community impact. As we join the nation in celebrating the good that golf does, we invite our Northeast Florida community — the most novice, curious, or experienced golfer — to engage in our sport in some way. We are convinced you will love it as much as we do. #MakeGolfYourThing

Jared Rice, Executive Director, THE PLAYERS Championship

Vicki Wyckoff is the president of the Beaches Council on Aging. She has held several volunteer positions with Beaches Community Kitchen, Feeding Northeast Florida, St. Vincent's Foundation, Southeast Guide Dogs and the Church of Eleven22. Wyckoff, who has three sons, lives at The Beaches with her husband Chuck and dog, Gus.

As told to Holly Tishfield

Can you please briefly tell us about your background?

My husband and I, along with our three boys, moved to Florida approximately 25 years ago from the Northeast. We were here for two weeks and decided that we were not leaving! I was very fortunate that I was able to stay home with our boys when they were growing up. That gave me the ability to use my time volunteering and serving in a variety of ways through educational, athletic and nonprofit channels.

What do you enjoy most about your role?

As our Beaches population continues to age (which it does), I am enjoying that I will be part of getting processes in place that will help people to age well. There are so many opportunities available for seniors to remain active and engaged if only they know about them. So, Beaches Council on Aging is working to be the conduit to help keep our seniors active, healthy and engaged.

What are some of the challenges that your industry is facing?

One of the largest challenges facing seniors today is isolation. This has been true historically but even more pronounced since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. Through our program, Dial-A-Ride, we have been able to be a reliable contact for so many seniors at the beach by providing them transportation, companionship and, at some points, a lifeline for necessities.

What are your primary roles/responsibilities?

My primary roles with Beaches Council on Aging are to oversee and provide direction to our board of directors and to work with our amazing Executive Director Lori Anderson. Our goal as an organization is to connect senior beaches residents to people, services and places that will improve their quality of life.

What do you enjoy most about living in the North Florida area?

Everything! Being from New Jersey, I absolutely love the warm/hot weather here. It is wonderful to be able to be outside so much of the time.

What do you like to do in your free time?

In my free time, I enjoy exercising, biking, gardening and spending time with my husband, Chuck, and our dog, Gus.



Photo provided by Vicki Wyckoff

Race to benefit local family is a big success

By Holly Tishfield

The Jager family, of Nocatee, have faced extraordinary struggles the past few months. Collin and Kelci Jager's two oldest sons, Lucah and Ian, were in a serious golf-cart accident. The accident left Lucah with a broken shoulder, which required three separate surgeries to fix, and left Ian with a head injury. Upon further inspection from doctors, Ian discovered he had a benign brain tumor (unrelated to the accident), which also required surgery to remove.

Right as the family of six were recovering from the trauma of the accident, Collin began to feel ill. He visited doctors, who ran dozens of tests, and diagnosed him with a very rare and very aggressive type of leukemia known as ALL.

The pandemic made the situation ever worse for the family, as they had to undergo rounds of treatment with extreme caution, and struggled to run their family-operated business.

Luckily, the Jagers' neighbor and close friend Rosario Arteaga knew that she wanted to find a way to help in any way she could.

"COVID-19 was full-blow; no one could truly support this family because the best thing we could all do was to stay away from them," Arteaga said.

Arteaga, with the help of other volunteers and a company known as Its Your Race, organized a Lace Up For Collin 5K race on May 8, just before Mother's Day. Arteaga said they decided on hosting



Photos provided by Rosario Arteaga

Collin Jager (right) speaks at the Lace Up For Collin 5K race to thank people for the support.



Photo provided by Its Your Race

Bob Massaglia finished in first place at the 5K.



A group of teen volunteers poses for a photo at the Lace Up For Collin race.

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Pristine Craftsmanship on Ponte Vedra Blvd.

Thoughtfully designed and showcasing exquisite craftsmanship throughout, this custom coastal home offers master suites on both floors, along with an office, loft area, ample storage and a flex space ideal for a 5th bedroom.

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St. Augustine Food + Wine Festival features celebrity chefs, wine tasting, bevy of barbecue, Mother's Day brunch and more

The inaugural St. Augustine Food + Wine Festival featured some amazingly fancy food, celebrity chefs, the best in barbecue, a Mother's Day Jazz Brunch and, of course, wine.

The four-day event began with the World Golf Hall of Fame Winemaker's Dinner on Thursday, May 6. The dinner offered six courses, each paired with a complementary wine. The meals were prepared by six different chefs — three guest celebrity/James Beard Foundation award-winning and nominated chefs and three outstanding local chefs — paired with a guest golf celebrity's wine. The dessert course was prepared by celebrity chef and author Maneet Chauhan, who is well-known for not only her specialized Indian cuisine, but her numerous stints on Food Network, including appearances as a judge in the popular "Chopped" series. Chauhan spoke at the event and mingled with fans afterward. There was also a silent and live auction held to raise money for the World Golf Hall of Fame and Jan Stephenson's Crossroads Foundation.

The second day of the event boasted several Epicurean Master Classes and the popular Smoke on the Walk, which

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ABOVE: Air Force service member Samantha Margeron (right) talks with celebrity chef Maneet Chauhan during the St. Augustine Food + Wine Festival Winemaker's Dinner last Thursday in St. Augustine. Margeron is stationed in Japan, and says she's a big fan of Chauhan and was excited to be able to meet her before returning to her duty station on Saturday.



LEFT: A silent auction was held during the Winemaker's Dinner. The silent auction raised \$15,400 for the World Golf Hall of Fame and the Jan Stephenson Crossroads Foundation.

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Photo by Susan Griffin

Representatives from Uptown Swinery serve up barbecue during the Smoke on the Walk event Friday, May 7.



Photo by Susan Griffin

Remedy Tree performs during the Smoke on the Walk event.

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Friends enjoy the inaugural St. Augustine Food + Wine Festival main event on Saturday, May 8, at the Walk of Champions at World Golf Village.



A musician performs for guests during the Mother's Day Jazz Brunch on Sunday, May 9.

Festival

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showcased some of the Southeast's most celebrated pitmasters and grill masters.

On Saturday, May 8, the main event was held outdoors at the Walk of Champions at World Golf Village. The afternoon featured culinary and beverage tastings, along with live music and a VIP lounge. Guests were also able to enjoy the Taste of the South Magazine Demonstration Stage featuring chef and beverage demos by celebrity and local chefs. The Walk of Champions and the World Golf Hall of Fame was filled with a variety of exhibitors, from artisans and farmers and boasted more than 300 varieties of beverages, including wines, spirits and beers.

The event culminated with the Mother's Day Jazz Brunch, which featured local jazz performers, lavish brunch spread with carving stations, a made-to-order omelet station, seafood station and a wide variety of desserts, as well as a bloody Mary bar, champagne and mimosas.

The festival's two primary charitable partners included the World Golf Hall of Fame, whose mission is to "celebrate golf and preserve the legacies of those who have made it great," and Jan Stephenson's Crossroads Foundation, whose mission is "to provide our disabled veterans and first responders with the tools they need to move forward in life" through the game of golf.



Guests visit the booth of the Casa Monica Resort & Spa, Autograph Collection, during Saturday's main event.



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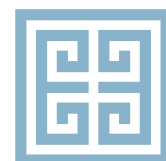
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OBITUARIES

Mary Alice Henderson Hassett, 1926-2021

Mary Alice Henderson Hassett passed away peacefully at her home in Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida on March 24, 2021. She was 94 years old. Mary Alice was preceded in death by her husband, Robert David Hassett. They were married for



Mary Alice Henderson Hassett

66 years before he passed in November 2015. She is survived by her four children, Holly Hassett of Arlington, VA, Timothy Michael Hassett of Asheville, NC, James Christopher Hassett

and his wife, Laurie, also of Arlington VA, and William Robert Hassett and his wife, Barbara, of Richmond, VA. Mary Alice is also survived by her beloved six grandchildren, who lovingly called her "Marmee": Michael, Kathryn, Hayley, Megan, Quinn and Christina, her grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren Carver, Rowan and Knox. She was also preceded in death by her parents, John and Norma Henderson of Culver, Indiana, and four of her five brothers and sisters, Robert Henderson, Helen Jane McKinstry, Bill Henderson and Norma (Teeta) Henderson. Her surviving brother, James Henderson, lives in Columbus, Indiana.


Mary Alice was born on August 14, 1926 in South Bend, Indiana the fourth of six children. She grew up in Culver, Indiana where her father, John Henderson, had a long, distinguished career at Culver Military Academy from 1919-1981. Mary Alice attended Culver Community Junior-Senior High School where she was a brilliant baton twirler. Following graduation, she enrolled in Denison University where she met the love of her life, Robert David (Hap) Hassett, following his return to campus after being wounded while serving in World War II.

She was a member of the Kappa Alpha Theta Sorority. Hap and Mary Alice married in 1949 and lived in Illinois, Pennsylvania and Kentucky before moving to Ponte Vedra Beach, FL in 1983 to start their own business. They opened Sea-Saw Children's Shop in Sawgrass Village which was close to their home and it was a very popular clothing store for many years. Mary Alice and Hap were very active members of Christ Episcopal Church in Ponte Vedra Beach for decades.

Mary Alice was incredibly devoted to her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, as well as her siblings and many nieces, nephews and cousins, all of whom adored her, too. She loved to dance to Glenn Miller (and cleared the floor with her brother Bill in high school and her son Bill on her 94th Birthday). She liked to take long walks on the beach with Hap and her family and enjoyed gardening and making family albums. She had many friends and helpful neighbors, and an incredible enthusiasm for life. Mary Alice was an accomplished business woman and was well respected by her retail colleagues. She always had a warm smile for everyone she met and had an infectious sense of humor. She loved playing cards, which she usually won, with family members and her dedicated caregivers. Mary Alice's family extends their sincere gratitude to all her caregivers and especially to Kimberly Dingler a devoted caregiver of 6 years who gave Mary Alice a great quality of life during her final years at home.

A funeral service will be held at the time of burial, which will be at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, VA at a later date where she will be laid to rest with her beloved Hap, who was buried there in 2016. In lieu of flowers, the family welcomes donations to the Council on Aging in St Johns County, FL as an expression of sympathy. Donations can be made online at www.coasjc.org, over the phone by calling 904-209-3700 or via check made out to COA. Please include "In Memory of Mary Alice Hassett" in the memo line of the check or in the comments when you make the donation online. The mailing address is: COA, 180 Marine St., St. Augustine, FL 32084. The Council on Aging Mission is an advocate for the elderly to provide quality of life and companionship. They also provide Meals On Wheels Services. A celebration of life gathering will be held on May 20th at 6:30 pm on Ponte

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Soccer

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to the youth of local communities, the website said.

Friday's soccer friendly was a good example of community support, with a strong turnout and the involvement of local high school teams. Regardless who won — it was the Bartram and PVHS teams in a landslide — the event is one of many fundraisers the Sheriff's Office has been involved with to continue the local PAL's mission. PAL also offers more than 10 programs and camps each year. To learn more about PAL's mission or to get involved. go to www.stjohnspal.org.

Obituaries

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Vedra Beach just South of the Ponte Vedra Inn and Club. Please Call 904-250-2563 for details. Condolences may be shared at: Hardage-Giddens Funeral Home, 1701 Beach Blvd, Jacksonville Beach, FL 32250 and via Hardage-GiddensBeachesChapel.com.

Alice J. Gartland

Alice J. Gartland, 99, of Jacksonville Beach, Florida, died May 6, 2021. A service will be held at 11 a.m., Friday, May 28, 2021, at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church. Interment will be held in Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Va. Arrangements by Quinn-Shalz Family Funeral Home & Cremation Centre (904) 249-1100, www.quinn-shalz.com.

Richard Harris Gould

Richard Harris Gould, 85, of St. Augustine, Florida, died May 3, 2021. Ponte Vedra Valley Funeral Home, Cremation Center & Cemetery – (904) 285-1130 – www.pontevedravalle.com

Harold Gruen

Harold Gruen, 89, of Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida, died May 2, 2021. Ponte Vedra Valley Funeral Home, Cremation Center & Cemetery – (904) 285-1130 – www.pontevedravalle.com

Race

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a race because they needed to find an event that could be safely held outside, with the pandemic in mind, and because of Collin's love of outdoor activities such as sports and fishing.

"We decided to find a way to show [the Jagers] that we were still there, even

though we could not be there physically," she said.

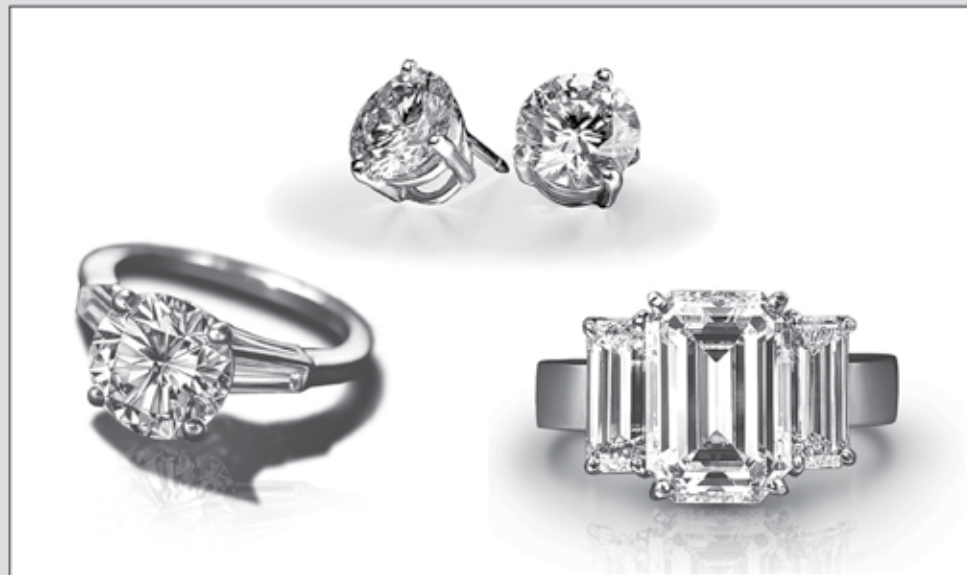
Over 250 participants showed up to the race, which was hosted in Nocatee, along with a boatload of volunteers and sponsors. Arteaga said that the goal was to raise around \$4,000-\$5,000 for the Jager family, and they easily surpassed that goal. All money raised from the race will go directly toward supporting the Jager family as Collin undergoes the next few

years of chemotherapy and possible stem-cell-transplant options.

The top three overall winners in the race were Bob Massaglia with a time of 18:01, Charlie Johnson with a time of 18:19, and Stacy Voils with a time of 20:09.

Arteaga said they plan to make the Lace Up For Collin race an annual event, so that they can keep supporting the Jager family for however long it takes.

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Underwood's, MDRT support Angelwood at Roberto Coin Trunk Show

For the sixth year in a row, Underwood Jewelers has partnered with Angelwood to donate a piece of jewelry in conjunction with one of its designers.

This year, a pair of Roberto Coin double-diamond hoop earrings (retail value \$2,950) were donated, and tickets to win them are available at the Ponte Vedra Beach Underwood's location. The cost is \$20 per chance or three chances for \$50.

On Thursday, May 6, the earrings were unveiled during the Roberto Coin Trunk Show at Underwood's in Ponte Vedra Beach. The event showcased Roberto Coin's jewelry and drew attention to Angelwood, which serves children, adults, seniors and families living with intellectual and developmental differences such as autism, cerebral palsy, Down syndrome and spina bifida.

Angelwood was also presented with a \$10,000 Quality of Life grant from the Million Dollar Round Table (MDRT) Foundation at last Thursday's event. MDRT is recognized internationally as the standard of excellence in the life insurance and financial services business. The MDRT Foundation was created in 1959 to provide MDRT members with a means to give back to their communities. Funds raised by MDRT members and industry partners were awarded to Angelwood for renovations to make the kitchen of one of the nonprofit's group homes more accessible.

The winner of the diamond earrings will be drawn at the Angelwood annual celebration, "Soaring Possibilities," on Aug. 21, at the Sawgrass Marriott in Ponte Vedra Beach.

For more information, go to angelwoodjax.org.



Photos by Susan Griffin

ABOVE: John Rutkowski (from left), Rachel DuBois, Robin Wahby, Diane Tuttle and Clayton Bromberg present a \$10,000 grant to Angelwood from the MDRT Foundation during the Roberto Coin Trunk Show last Thursday at Underwood Jewelers in Ponte Vedra Beach.



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BELOW: Robin Wahby, John Rutkowski and Dee Wagner



Sara Wagener, of Angelwood, provides information about the nonprofit at last Thursday's event.

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Coastal Wine Market features Bryan Page in Winemaker Series

The Coastal Wine Market and Tasting Room in Nocatee held its Winemaker Series event featuring winemaker Bryan Page on Monday, May 10.

The event offered up a four-course food-and-wine pairing, along with a reception featuring a charcuterie spread paired with a 2019 Blood and Rose Rose.

The four courses included a tuna poke with a 2016 Divina Comedia malbec; a Bulgagi beef tenderloin with a 2016 The Divva merlot; a blackened-scallop bacaloo with a 2017 PLU red blend; and a “surf and surf” mushroom fettucini alfredo paired with a 2016 Vine/Vein Cabernet Sauvignon.



Ben Bobbitt, Joyce Barry and Coastal Wine Market owner Steve Lourie



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ABOVE: Steve Lourie and featured winemaker Bryan Page



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Don't be distracted by the markets' obsessions



Ric Schilling
Columnist

There has been a great deal of activity by the new administration in Washington that has impacted the financial markets.

One day we celebrate the success of the COVID vaccines and the next day we dread the possibility of new taxes on businesses and individuals. Another day, we see solid corporate earnings for Q1, followed by a day when corporations are chastised for their employment and environmental performance. The markets' activity has been complicated by GameStock, Tesla and BitCoin, all of which are subject to tremendous speculative investing.

It's certainly not an environment that rewards calm and rational investment styles; it encourages constant trading (using platforms such as Robinhood) and a choice-of-the-day mentality. So, for those of us who have a longer-term focus than a week or a month, what steps might we

take to protect ourselves while still seeking solid returns?

First, don't be distracted by the markets' obsession over a particular stock or sector; look for long-term trends rather than the tip of the day. Three sectors seem to warrant attention — technology related to 5G data transmission speeds, health care (given our aging population with the Baby Boomer generation inching closer each day to retirement if not already fully retired) and environmental related to the move from carbon-based fuels to other alternatives.

Second, don't forget that value investing — investing in dividend paying stocks — has typically outperformed growth investing — companies which reinvest their profits in the business — over longer time periods. While it is hard to argue with the success of the FAANG stocks (Facebook, Amazon, Apple, Netflix, Google), these companies may have a difficult time continuing to produce record profits in the face of government anti-trust concerns and the ongoing emergence of competitors. In football, the quarterback that completes a

lot of shorter passes generally scores more points than the one who completes an occasional 60-yard pass but gets intercepted frequently.

Third, diversification has always been the key to risk management but that is not a concept being touted by many investment gurus these days. They tout their "next Amazon" pick of the day and convince people to go all-in on that stock. Problem is that they are wrong at least as many times as they are right and the losses could easily outweigh the gains. Owning a bit of a number of companies and/or sectors may not bring the best quarterly gain every time but will deliver consistent results over time.

Finally, don't forget about low-risk investments such as fixed indexed annuities and life insurance as part of your strategy, particularly if you are saving for or living in retirement. Sooner or later, the bull market we've been in since the spring of 2009 will experience a correction and the magnitude of that correction could be quite significant given the imbalances in the market that currently exist.

Owning some investments that will not be impacted by a correction both offers peace of mind that your retirement won't be decimated and the freedom to invest your risk funds a bit less conservatively than would otherwise be the case.

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Derby betting for a good cause

Annual Kentucky Derby event benefits Community Hospice & Palliative Care

By Holly Tishfield

Continuing its ninth year with the tradition, the Community Hospice & Palliative Care Foundation hosted its Derby Run benefit on May 1, coinciding with the 147th Kentucky Derby.

Guests and sponsors were invited to dress in their best derby outfits (floppy hats highly recommended) and join the foundation at Tringali Barn in St. Augustine for an evening of food, fashion and fun.

Community Hospice & Palliative Care was founded in 1979 and is an innovative national leader in palliative and hospice care, as well as a provider of programs and services to meet the diverse needs of the communities it serves. Over its 42-year history, the foundation has served over 220,000 adults and children in Baker, Clay, Duval, Nassau and St. Johns counties, while recently adding an additional 11 areas to that roster, including Gainesville, Lake City, Palatka and their surrounding communities. The foundation said it is committed to improving the quality of life for patients and their families.

The recent Derby Run was the foundation's first in-person event since the COVID-19 pandemic began, and assistant executive director Janet Reagor said finally seeing each other again was a feeling like no other.

"It was truly [incredible] just being around friends again," she said. "It was so good to see people and see that they are doing okay."

Guests placed bets on horses competing in the Derby as early as April 27, and bet all the way through the end of the racing. Along with the betting and a small silent auction,



Photos provided by Janet Reagor

Guests at ninth annual Derby Run on May 1 at Tringali Barn in St. Augustine watch the 147th running of the Kentucky Derby.



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Beaches COA names Kathryn Latham president emeritus

The Beaches Council on Aging recently recognized Kathryn Latham's leadership, naming her president emeritus.

In 2014, Latham attended a fundraiser to keep Dial-A-Ride, a Beaches Council on Aging program, operating. Dial-A-Ride was struggling to survive at the time and the board of directors' leadership couldn't provide the level of energy needed to keep the service afloat.

Recognizing the service's importance, Latham soon joined the nonprofit's board. Two years later, she became board president and helped engineer Dial-A-Ride's turnaround into a financially secure service that provides safe and reliable transportation for the senior and disabled citizens of the Beaches communities.

There were multiple accomplishments during her tenure as president (2016-2020). Two vehicles were acquired, the organization's first executive director was hired, the Beaches first senior expo (Engage At Any Age) was launched, the service expanded into Ponte Vedra Beach and Mayport and resources were secured for the acquisition of two additional new vehicles.

"When I joined Beaches Council on Aging, I was impressed by Kathryn's knowledge of the Beaches community and her enthusiasm for her role on the BCOA Board," said Vicki Wyckoff, Beaches Council on Aging president. "I have learned so much from her and am very grateful to keep her active with BCOA via per position as president emeritus."

"Everything we accomplished during my tenure as president, I attribute to God and the citizens of our beach communities," Latham said. "It's very humbling to be a part of such a compas-



Photo provided by the Beaches Council on Aging
Beaches Council on Aging past president Kathryn Latham (right) is named president emeritus.

sionate and giving community."

When asked what her greatest accomplishment was, she said, "There are many noteworthy, quantitative items I could list but I think the single biggest accomplishment is our impact on the senior community. Providing safe, reliable transportation can ease a huge burden, but I also think knowing you have an army of people ready and waiting to help provides a great deal of comfort and security. The Beaches Council on Aging and Dial-A-Ride have been there for the large events, such as hurricane evacuations and grocery delivery during the pandemic, and we've been there for what would appear to be something small, like taking a brother to see his sister every week."

Latham, a native of Lake City, earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of North Florida. She moved to Jacksonville Beach with her husband Charlie in 2010. She currently works for American Family Insurance Group as a commercial lines product analyst.

For more information or to make a donation to support the service, go to beachescoa.com or call (904) 246-1477.

Ways to help, and get help, in fight against Alzheimer's

Ponte Vedra Gardens Alzheimer's Special Care Center supports the Alzheimer's Association and local efforts to raise awareness and funds for education and research.

Alzheimer's is a fatal disease of the brain that causes problems with memory, thinking and behavior. It is the most common cause of dementia, a general term for the loss of memory and other abilities serious enough to interfere with daily life. While Alzheimer's is not part of normal aging, age is the greatest known risk factor for developing the disease.

Research is still evolving, but evidence is strong that people can reduce their risk by making key lifestyle changes, including participation in regular physical activity and maintaining good heart health. More information can be found at the following links:

■ Alz.org/10ways – Learn more about 10 ways to love your brain.

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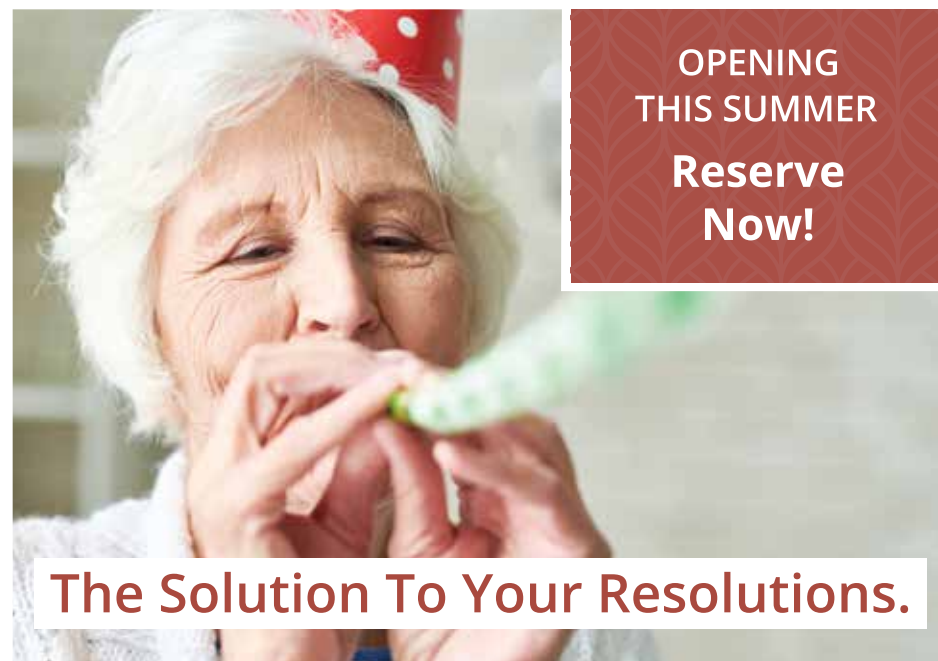
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Stephanie Bozard (from left), Lindsey Taylor, Grace Looney, Jane Boles attend the annual Derby Run benefiting Hospice & Palliative Care on May 1 at the Tringali Barn in St. Augustine.



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Derby Run

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guests could also honor a loved one with a donation to the Horse Shoe Society, which allowed them to hang a horse shoe or a ribbon on a decorative door with their

loved one's name on it. Altogether, the 2021 Derby Run raised nearly \$45,000, which will go directly towards benefiting seniors in the community, and over the past nine years of Derbies, the foundation has raised almost \$420,000 total.

"It could not have been a nicer evening," Reagor said.

Alzheimer's

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■ Alz.org/education – Free online workshops including "Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia."

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Ponte Vedra Gardens has scheduled the following fundraising events this year and invites the community to join in the effort to raise funds for research, education and the journey to a find a cure.

■ **Forget -Me -Not Flower Fundraiser** – Going on now. Stop in and buy flowers in honor of your loved one.

■ **Resident Art Auction** – June 7 through June 11.

■ **2nd Annual Car Wash** – 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 6.

The Walk to End Alzheimer's is scheduled in Jacksonville for Nov. 6. Interested parties can join the Ponte Vedra Gardens team or create their own.

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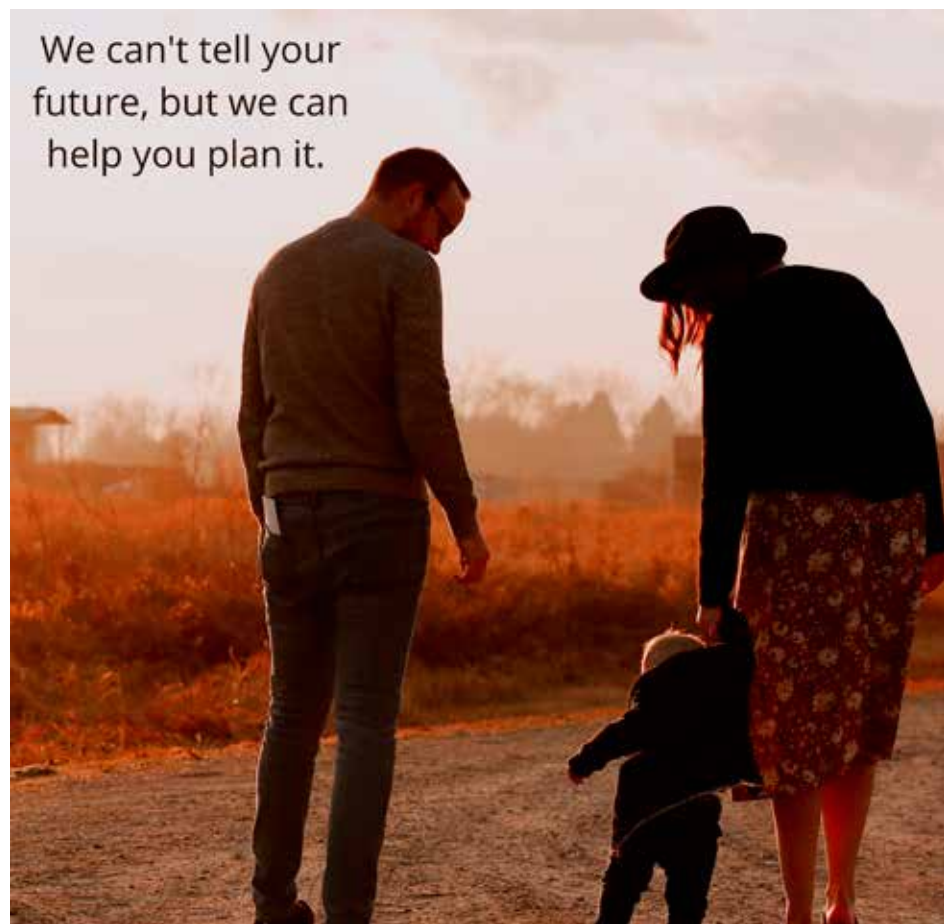
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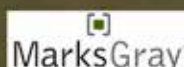


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Starling at Nocatee residents get taste of Las Vegas, enjoy visitors from sheriff's office and celebrate Cinco de Mayo

Things have been very busy at Starling at Nocatee Independent Living. The memory care and assisted-living community had a fantastic evening bringing Las Vegas to Starling Independent Living at the end of April.

Starling at Nocatee residents played craps, roulette and blackjack and tried their luck on the slot machines. Starling Independent Living had some fantastic prizes sponsored by local businesses, so residents turned their winnings into raffle prizes.

Starling also had several visits from the St. Johns County Sheriff's Office in the last few weeks. SJSO officers educated Starling

residents on fraud prevention, introduced them to one of their K9s and Sheriff Rob Hardwick came to talk to residents about St. John's County. The residents are looking forward to their next visit with the SJSO officers at their Coffee with a Cop event at the end of the month.

Starling also had a great Cinco de Mayo celebration last week, as well, with live Flamenco guitar music and margaritas for all. Some residents dressed in their authentic apparel from Mexico, including a beautiful sombrero. Residents and staff enjoyed an afternoon filled with laughs, pictures and memories.



Residents at Starling at Nocatee Independent Living celebrate Cinco de Mayo on May 5.



ABOVE: Residents at Starling at Nocatee Independent Living try their hand at some blackjack during a casino game night held at the community in April.



LEFT: A SJSO officer and his K-9 partner make a visit to the Starling at Nocatee.

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Vicar's Landing celebrates Run for the Roses with Derby hat contest, mint juleps and more

Vicar's Landing held a Kentucky Derby party on Saturday, May 1.

Because of social distancing, the party was broken up into three separate areas at Vicar's. Residents were able to have dinner and watch the annual run for the Roses in the dining room, auditorium and Blue Heron Café. Big screens were available in all areas, and the evening included betting and a Derby hat contest. Special Derby hors d'oeuvres and mint juleps were served, along with a traditional Derby dinner. Twenty-four lucky (or talented) Vicar's residents were winners of the Derby betting, and three residents were winners of the Derby Hat Contest.

The two biggest Derby winners were Ms. Randa Lewis and Dr. John Woodard.



Residents of Vicar's Landing enjoy the festivities during a Kentucky Derby party May 1.



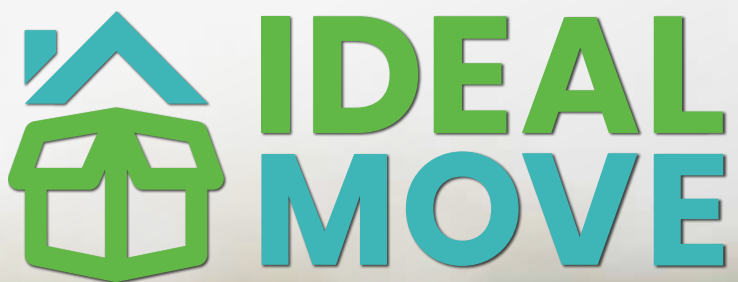
ABOVE: Members of Vicar's social committee, Sonia Barsamian, Mary Maxwell and Betsy Leighninger, served as judges for Derby hat contest.



Mary Ann Stone (from left), Penny Conway and Ginny Roemhild were the three winners of the Derby hat contest.



LEFT: Mary Jean Zimmerman and Quentin Wood
Photos provided by Vicar's Landing



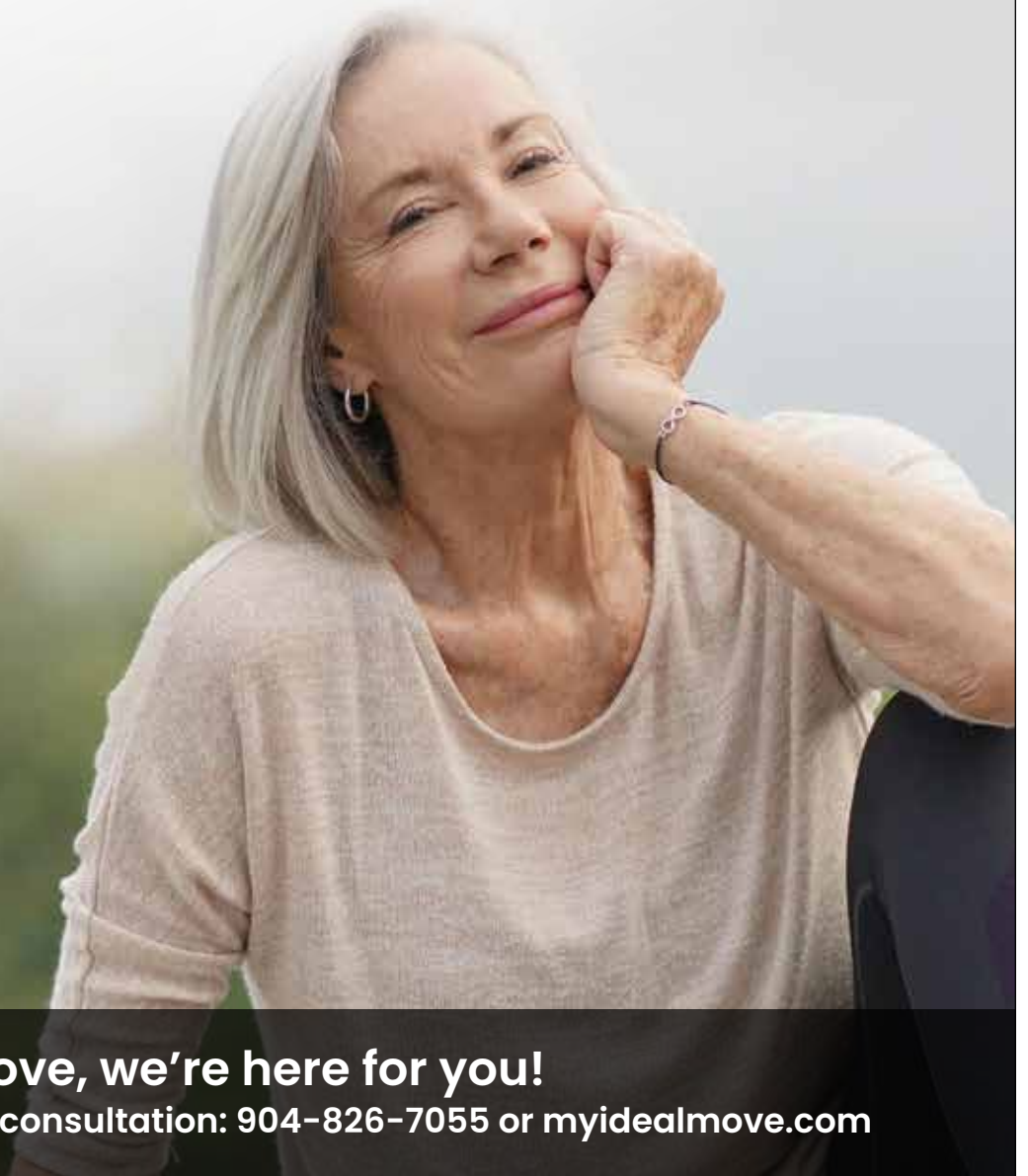
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Cypress Village holds art show, book signing with famed journalist

There have been lots of exciting things for residents at Cypress Village lately.

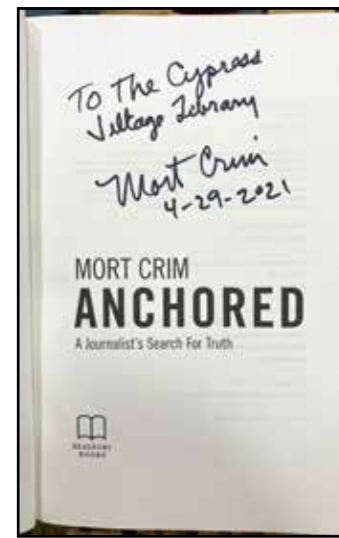
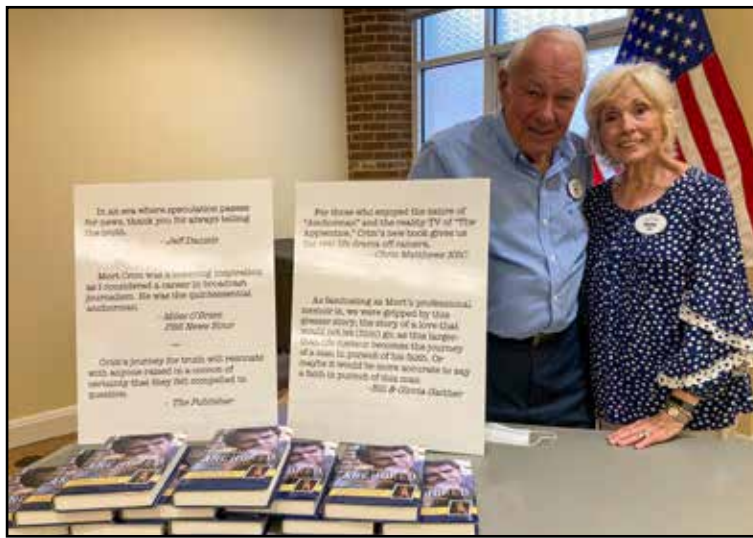
Saturday, May 1, the facility hosted its Spring Art Show, featuring more than 50 pieces of artwork created by residents. The Spring Art Show and reception took place in Egret Hall.

The staff loved being able to feature the amazing artworks that residents have created and look forward to being able to enjoy them for the next two months while they are on display. Last week, Cypress Village had a book-signing by resident Mort Crim, the original anchorman that the Will Farrell movie “Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy” was based on. Crim shared his experience writing his new memoir, “Anchored: A Journalist’s Search for Truth,” with fellow residents at the community.

Crim has reported on major conflicts around the world for more than four decades. Crim’s memoir takes readers behind the camera to show what life was like when the local anchorman was as revered as the professional athlete. The Crims have been residents at Cypress Village for almost six years. They also donated a signed copy of his newest book to the Cypress Village Library for all to enjoy.



Residents at Cypress Village look at some of the artwork on display for the Spring Art Show, which was held Saturday, May 1.



FAR LEFT: Cypress Village residents Mort and Renee Crim pose with copies of Mort’s new book, “Anchored: A Journalist’s Search for the Truth.”

LEFT: Crim signed copies of his book for Cypress Village residents as well as for the community’s library. Photos provided by Cypress Village



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Through song and crafts, students show love for elderly

By Shaun Ryan

At a time when so many people are experiencing social isolation, some students from Ponte Vedra High School are bringing joy to the residents of a local assisted living and memory care community. And two sisters — one a PVHS student, the other an alumna — have been leading the effort.

Before the onset of the coronavirus, the students' Senior Connections club would meet monthly with residents of The Palms at Ponte Vedra, primarily its memory care facility, to do crafts and sing songs.

For Siya and Mira Bhutani, it was a continuation of something they began years ago while living in the United Kingdom.

Then, COVID-19 necessitated a cessation to in-person visits. Still, the students found ways to carry out their mission, which Siya said, was to “put a smile on the residents’ faces and make them feel happy.”

GETTING CONNECTED

The sisters first demonstrated their love of serving the elderly after moving to London from their native India several years ago.

“Mira and I used to go to a care home near my school,” said Siya. “We would



Photo provided by Siya and Mira Bhutani

Siya and Mira Bhutani prepare to sing for residents of The Palms at Ponte Vedra. Prior to the COVID-19 outbreak, they would visit the assisted living and memory care community in person.

play ukulele and the guitar and sing for the residents.”

The girls would organize games, such as mini-bowling, and because this was England, they would pass around tea at tea time.

In 2018, the girls’ family moved to Ponte Vedra where Siya and Mira sought opportunities to continue their work.

“I knew I had to get involved and give back to the community and spend time with the elderly,” Siya said.

At PVHS, she met Senior Connections club founder Grace Littler and quickly joined. Though Mira was in middle school at the time, she too got involved.

In addition to the club activities, the Bhutani girls would visit the residents

on their own to play music and sing. Of course, it meant learning some new songs.

“In the U.K. and in India, I had never heard of ‘You Are My Sunshine’ or ‘Polly Wally Doodle,’” said Siya.

Fortunately, the community’s Life Enrichment Director Marylee Lewis had a booklet from which they could learn these favorites from the past.

“When we played music, a lot of (residents) stood up and danced,” Siya said. “I think that just makes me so happy and so fulfilled.”

CHANGES

2020 forced the sisters and the whole club to adapt to change.

For one thing, both Siya and Littler were graduating. If the club was to continue, it would need someone to take up the reins. Because Mira would be in the ninth grade in fall and because she had been actively involved, she was the perfect choice.

This year, she is the president of the club, which has 22 members.

The pandemic brought another challenge. The students could no longer meet with the residents.

So, the club members made craft items for the residents and dropped them off

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Senior communities offer lifestyles

Resort-style amenities, onsite dining, planned activities are some benefits often provided

Living life to the fullest does not need to stop when adults near or reach retirement age. Age-restricted housing communities once bore the stereotype of having limited recreational options and dated surroundings. But modern senior homes and facilities are all about catering to active lifestyles — with some communities offering resort-like amenities and pristine properties. Furthermore, certain communities provide niche offerings for people who are looking for something even a little more different.

Eligibility to live in these communities varies, but generally speaking one resident in the home must be age 55 or older. According to research by TRI Pointe Homes, of the 75 million people who comprise the Baby Boomer generation who are eligible for age-qualified communities, more than 32 million would consider living in such a community. The website 55places.com, which specializes in promoting age-restricted communities, indicates Florida has the most age-restricted communities in the country, followed by New Jersey.

Choosing an age-restricted community requires consideration of a host of factors,

including the amenities residents most desire and the cost of a facility. The following factors can help people decide which community is most suitable for them.

■ **Style of home:** Homes built in retirement communities are designed to be comfortable and convenient for aging residents. Many are single-floor units. Certain communities may be comprised of apartments, condos or townhouses, while others may be single, detached residences.

■ **Amenities:** When comparing age-restricted communities, consider the amenities available. Do they include on-site dining, transportation, travel assistance, pools, fitness centers, walking trails, or outdoor sports facilities? Some communities have “aging in place” amenities, which means residents can move from independent living to assisted living to skilled nursing care as their needs change. Make a list of interests and then match them to a community that fits your needs.

■ **Costs:** Costs vary considerably. Investopedia advises seniors to consider the community's location and what is being offered, as these factors will affect costs. In addition to rent or mortgages, most communities also have monthly maintenance or homeowners association fees that need to be compared and considered.

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Siya (left) and Mira Bhutani stand outside The Palms at Ponte Vedra, where they and other students have brought joy to the residents via song and crafts.

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Sisters

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with Lewis. In November, they made goody bags and filled them with assorted chocolates. In December, they made personalized wooden ornaments and wrote residents' names on them. They made posters for winter, spring and St. Patrick's Day. For Valentine's Day, they made giant chains of hearts, also inscribed with residents' names.

"It's been a challenge," said Mira, "but I think we've done pretty good so far."

In addition, Mira and Siya – who is studying biology on the pre-med track at the University of Florida – launched a YouTube channel for the residents to watch. On the channel, the sisters perform the songs residents love.

The channel is a hit. Siya said Lewis told her that the residents enjoy seeing the sisters "on TV."

"I thought that was really cute," Siya said.

The enrichment that the sisters and all the Senior Connections club members bring to the residents no doubt helps at a time when they may not be able to visit with grandchildren.

But these young volunteers gain something similar in return: a relationship they might have with a grandparent.

"When we moved to the U.K., we didn't have our grandparents anymore because they were back in India," said Mira. "And we saw the elderly as kind of our grandparents. They were just so lovely, and I enjoyed just spending time with them. And as much as they felt happy, I felt even happier to be with them."



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Planning ahead can prevent injuries and help the person with the disease to feel more relaxed and less overwhelmed should an emergency situation occur.

Due to the pandemic, being prepared for such extraordinary circumstances may look a little different than in previous years. The Alzheimer's Association offers additional guidance, including:

- **Plan ahead.** Due to COVID-19, existing safety plans for disaster situations may have to be adjusted. If the person lives in a residential facility, learn about its disaster/evacuation plans and who is responsible for evacuating the person in the event of an emergency. Be sure plans accommodate specific needs, such as personal

protective equipment, a walker or portable oxygen.

- **Put together an emergency kit** in a watertight container and store it in an easily accessible location with important legal and medical documents, extra clothing, face masks, cleaning supplies, identification items and an extra supply of medications. Make sure medical and health records are accessible and attainable by people other than the primary caregiver.

- **Stay current on evacuation plans.** Many states at risk for natural disasters, such as hurricanes, have adjusted evacuation plans due to the pandemic. This may mean less room is available at shelters or new shelters may have been added. Keep up with updated plans from state and local public agencies as it may affect your action and available resources and facilities. When appropriate, share the diagnosis with others, such as hotel or shelter staff, so they can better assist.

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and women call for unique communities. If standard age-restricted communities do not fit the bill, 55places.com says there are specialized offerings for people who

spend retirement in an RV; desire homes that align with their heritage; communities just for postal workers; or communities tied to a local college to continue lifelong learning.

Age-restricted retirement communities are evolving and many specialize in catering to active lifestyles.



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Jim Furyk and Circle K Vice President of Marketing Tom Harman announce the partnership.

Circle K named presenting sponsor for new PGA TOUR Champions event

Constellation Furyk & Friends tournament set for Oct. 4-10 at Timuquana Country Club

Tournament officials have announced a five-year partnership with Circle K as the presenting sponsor of this fall's inaugural Constellation Furyk & Friends, set for Oct. 4-10 at Timuquana Country Club.

As presenting sponsor of the annual PGA TOUR Champions event hosted by Jim and Tabitha Furyk, Circle K brings its in-store experience to the golf course along with fan enhancements,

on- and off-site promotional activations and dedicated charitable efforts benefiting local military organizations.

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Virtual job fair to be held May 20

A virtual job fair will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, May 20. Hosted by the Career Source Northeast Florida in partnership with the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce, the event will feature hundreds of job opportunities with a "virtual room" dedicated specifically to St. Johns County employers.

Job seekers can register for the free online event at bit.ly/virtualjob520. The first hour is reserved for high school seniors, and everyone is welcome from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Employers from across Northeast Florida in a variety of fields with open positions at all levels of experience will participate.

Employers interested in participating can register at bit.ly/empvirtual520. The registration site provides tips and guidance for success.

"We are proud to partner with CareerSource Northeast Florida so that job seekers and employers can meet in a safe and effective virtual setting," said Isabelle Renault, president, St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce. "Upon registering, job seekers will find the option of entering a St. Johns County 'room' to explore opportunities. They will also be able to access virtual booths based on the industry they want to work in."

Uptown Swinery's new space offers upscale Southern food

Bananas Foster pancakes topped with vanilla wafer crumble, pulled pork eggs benedict, wild boar kabobs and a bowl of Southern-inspired ramen – menu items such as these set Uptown Swinery apart from many other restaurants.

Previously known as Le Pavillon, the newly renovated restaurant located at 45 San Marco Ave. in St. Augustine invites guests to gather around their bar crafted with refinished wood from 1883 and enjoy a slice of homemade cheesecake, a signature dessert that has been served at the site for more than 40 years.

"We're excited to offer this space for locals," explained Katrina Hammock, general

manager at Uptown Swinery. "After our renovations were completed last year, we had to shut down almost immediately due to COVID-19 and never got the chance to share our new space. Our location in the heart of Uptown St. Augustine makes our eatery the perfect place to enjoy brunch and share a charcuterie board with friends and family. Our chef, Chef Mike Baublitz, puts his whole heart into the food he creates."

Farm-to-table dining is at the forefront of Uptown Swinery's expansive menu. The restaurant is proud to source its ingredients from the Southeast region, with Florida-raised eggs and ingredients such as wild boar coming straight from Uptown Swinery's very

own farm located in town.

Guests are invited to feast on seasonal fare and sip specialty cocktails crafted with house-made ingredients, including fresh-squeezed lemonade, and the local-favorite, Datil pepper jam. Each dish is Southern-inspired with a twist.

"I love cooking," said Baublitz. "There isn't one menu item that I enjoy making more than another. I love it all! Having the chance to create these beautiful dishes is what I'm in the business to do, and I'm always looking for new ways to create. If we're unable to get a seasonal ingredient, I'll find a way to make the dish work using what we have available locally."



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Chef Mike Baublitz creates upscale Southern cuisine at Uptown Swinery.



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Tournament

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“We are tremendously proud to establish this partnership with Constellation Furyk & Friends,” said Tom Harman, Circle K South Atlantic vice president. “We look forward to the inaugural event, rooted in the ideals of great generosity, sportsmanship and giving back to the community. We are very excited about the event’s future with Circle K as presenting sponsor. This new partnership enables us to raise awareness and create a memorable event providing a family-friendly atmosphere that will keep people coming back year after year, while developing our brand in the Jacksonville market.”

Tournament officials also announced a new fun and interactive venue, the Circle K ParTee Porch. Open to all ticket holders, the venue will offer views of multiple holes, including the green at the par-4 11th hole, the par-4 12th tee and the par-3 7th hole. The Circle K ParTee Porch will also include birdie beer specials each day of competition for birdies made on No. 7, a putting green, and many other food and drink specials.

“We are thrilled to welcome Circle K into our Constellation Furyk & Friends family and look forward to the fun and unique activations it will bring to this brand-new event,” said foundation President Tabitha Furyk. “It was very apparent early on that Circle K would be a perfect

fit given our aligned focus on creating world-class experiences and making an impact in the Jacksonville community.”

A resident of Northeast Florida for more than two decades, Jim Furyk, together with his wife, Tabitha, launched their foundation in 2010 to bring awareness and funding to charities throughout the region.

In September 2020, Jim Furyk joined Arnold Palmer and Bruce Fleisher as the only players to win their first two starts on PGA Tour Champions.

In addition to his 17 career PGA TOUR titles, Furyk represented the United States on seven Presidents Cup teams and nine Ryder Cup teams, highlighted by his 2018 captaincy in Paris. The former University of Arizona golfer, who notched a major championship title at the 2003 U.S. Open, became the first player in PGA TOUR history to post 58 when he did so in the final round of the 2016 Travelers Championship. To date, he is the only player in history with two sub-60 rounds in PGA Tour-sanctioned events. (The other was 59, at the 2013 BMW Championship.)

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What to do with a BORED Kid



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Children ages 8-16 can participate in the popular horse camp and learn basic horseback-riding skill, as well as grooming, tacking and more.

Florida Agricultural Museum to host 2 summer camps

In 1983, a group of concerned agriculturalists and historians, with the help of Agricultural Commissioner Doyle Conner, established the Florida Agricultural Museum in Tallahassee. In 1997 the museum moved to its current 460-acre home in Flagler County with all the original buildings. The mission behind establishing the museum was to preserve Florida's agricultural past, and currently the museum is also active in the conservation of heritage livestock including rare Florida Cracker cattle, horses and sheep.

This summer, the Florida Agricultural Museum will be hosting two camps for children, a theater camp and a horse camp.

The theater camp, dubbed the Fuzzy

Mouse Players, will invite children to tap into their creative side. Unlike ordinary theater camps, the Fuzzy Mouse Players will not be working from a pre-set script or working with existing costumes/set pieces. For each of the two one-week camps, children will create their own play, and in turn create their own set pieces and costumes.

"We are not like other theater companies [because] we are not working with a play, we are working with a theme," said Amy Lake, head of the theater camp.

The first week's theme will be "Once Upon a Time in the Old Caldwell Barn," while the second week's theme will be

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Learning chess can be a fun and engaging activity

By Holly Tishfield

When looking for summer camps to enroll their children in, some parents might not be immediately drawn to the idea of a chess camp, but the curriculum at this local after-school enrichment program might just change their minds.

Reb Phillips created the Knight School about five years ago after falling in love with the concept one of his college friends had created. This concept involved teaching chess in a fun, fast and dynamic environment with a curriculum unlike normal.

“The things that chess teaches,” said Phillips, “the puzzle solving, the complexity of the game and the way it makes kids immediately engage ... it is amazing to me.”

Before the pandemic hit, the Knight School offered after-school programs at nearly 40 schools within the St. Johns and Duval counties, with around 400 kids enrolled, but they were forced to switch to online programs once the schools shut down.

The virtual classes turned out to be a blessing in disguise, according to Phillips, because the Knight School was able to



Photos provided by Reb Phillips

Kids challenge one another at an intense but fun game of chess with the Knight School's supervision. The Knight School teaches kids the complexities of chess while keeping the environment fresh and fun.

grow due to new, online resources.

Now the Knight School is only in a handful of schools for after-school programs but is gearing up for a very busy summer of camp programs.

Knight School summer camps will be offered at five different schools within the two counties, with week-long programs where kids will be taught the ins and outs of the complex game while also developing their social skills.

“Not only is it this critical thinking

game, but also a very fun and social activity for the kids to engage in,” said Phillips. “It just activates their brain on a whole other level.”

The Knight School's summer camp programs are already filling up but do still have spaces available. On top of their camps, the school also offers private lessons (either in person or via virtual outlets) that include one-on-one sessions and a more in-depth opportunity to learn the complex game of chess.

Camps

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“Once Upon a Time in the Faraway Forest.” Lake said that campers will play fun, introductory theater games, get to know their counselors, and then set out creating their own play. Once the kids formulate ideas, Lake will work to turn those ideas into a script. Children will then have the hands-on experience of building set pieces (of cardboard and other materials), and their own costumes. Performances of each play will happen at the end of the coordinating week with a performance free for the public.

The horse camp, which is one of the museum's most popular programs, is best suited for new riders and children between the ages of 8-16 years old. For the weeklong program, campers will learn horse safety, equine behavior, identification of breeds, grooming, tacking up, ground handling and other basic riding skills.

Campers are also encouraged to pack bathing suits for fun days such as sprinkler days and their end of the week lake party, where the horses will join in on swimming.

For more information on the camps, which take place outdoors in the Caldwell Barn and have limited capacity, go to floridaagmuseum.org.

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Social media challenges can be entertaining, but exercise caution

Social media is ubiquitous, with new platforms cropping up each year. Social media can be an outlet for communication and is designed to bridge the distance between users around the world. Many children growing up today have never been without social media, and parents continue to try to educate themselves about how to keep their children connected and safe.

Social media challenges are a relatively recent phenomenon, the most notable of which may be the Ice Bucket Challenge that helped to raise awareness about the disease ALS. Participants poured buckets of ice water over their heads and the heads of others. The stunt went viral and many people around the world ended up donating money to ALS research as a result. Since then, many different challenges have emerged, most of which have become lighthearted and entertaining ways to escape boredom or unite people in support of a good cause.

FUN CHALLENGES

Flip The Switch was started by singer and musician Drake in 2020 that had two people participating in a video. A person in the foreground looks in a mirror while the person in the background dances to Drake's "Nonstop." When the song reaches the lyrics, "Look, I just flipped the switch, I don't know nobody else that's



Photo by metrocreativeconnection.com

doin' this," the lights go out and when they're back on the people in the video have switched places. Some also switch their clothes.

A previous social media challenge known as the Bird Box Challenge involved people being inspired by Netflix's meme-worthy original movie "Bird Box." Individuals blindfolded themselves while attempting daily tasks.

Newer challenges on the popular

TikTok app have people replicating dance moves or lip-synching to popular songs. The Until Tomorrow challenge asks people to post embarrassing photos of themselves.

THE DARKER SIDE OF CHALLENGES

Most social media challenges are created with fun in mind, and children and parents are joining in on the entertainment. But like other aspects of social me-

dia use, challenges have a potential dark side as well. According to the Daily Mail, 130 teenagers committed suicide due to a challenge called The Blue Whale. In this challenge, young participants embarked on a series of feats over 50 days that became more complicated and dangerous as time went on, causing injuries to animals and participants.

The Miami Herald reported last year that children were injured from the Skull-breaker Challenge, which was a challenge involving two pranksters and an unsuspecting individual, who had his or her feet kicked out from under while jumping in the air.

Other dangerous challenges have involved kids playing with fire, erasing their skin with pencil erasers and balancing on the top of cars while they were in motion.

COMMUNICATION NEEDED

Families can have open conversations about social media use and touch on the popularity of new challenges — pinpointing what is safe and what is not. Parents are urged to always monitor kids' social media use so they can stay up-to-date about any challenges their children are considering.

Kids can be encouraged to speak to their parents or adults at school about pressures from peers to engage in challenges that may make them leery.

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Players by the Sea resumes New Voices program

2 'Voices Unheard'-themed showcases set for May 13-16

Players by the Sea community theater is bringing its New Voices program back to the stage. Created in 2016 and inspired by new play development programs across the country, New Voices aims to develop the next wave of American voices in the Jacksonville area.

In previous years, the program selected one-to-two established or aspiring playwrights to embark on a year-long developmental journey and pairs them with mentors who help guide the process from conception to final draft. The program culminates in a fully mounted production of their new play.

As the COVID-19 pandemic continued to take center stage, Players by the Sea reimagined New Voices and pivoted to a virtual process. This year's theme is "Voices Unheard." Players by the Sea selected three playwrights through a blind submission process and began a 12-week development and writing journey. Through mentorship, workshopping and writing sessions, two of the selected playwrights are now ready to rehearse and showcase their 45-minute short plays that uplift and highlight the voices of the unheard. The third selection will be released later this summer as a special presentation.

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"GOD'S GOD" WRITTEN BY KEN PEDERSEN

"Do you sometimes wonder about what really happens once you die? What if you

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Photo provided by Jennifer Logue

Popular musical "The Music Man" runs through June 13 at the Alhambra Theatre & Dining.

Review: Alhambra's 'The Music Man' the quintessential American musical

By Jennifer Logue

Special to the Recorder

We've got talent, right here in the River City.

And it's on full display in The Alhambra Theatre & Dining's new production

of "The Music Man," which opened May 6 at the Jacksonville dinner theater. With a stellar cast, great choreography and one of the best-loved musical scores of the 20th century, "The Music Man" is one of the best all-around productions to grace The Alhambra stage.

If there were a contest, in fact, to name the quintessential American musical, "The Music Man" would be a top contender. Set in 1912 in the small town of River City, Iowa, the show begins on

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arrived in the afterlife and you discovered that God himself was praying for a better life? That is the situation we encounter in ‘God’s God.’ GG delivers an avant garde exploration of what might happen once we ‘meet our maker.’ Its world is populated with a passive agnostic, a prickly non-believer, a deity overwhelmed by his day-to-day responsibilities and the angels

that run the place. ‘God’s God’ examines the role of hope, belief and purpose in a 30-minute package that seeks to get its audience to reconsider how their choices here on Earth might best bring out the divinity in all us.”

The two showcases will be performed at 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, May 13-15, and 2 p.m. Sunday, May 16.

Tickets are \$20. To purchase tickets or for more information, go to www.players-bythesea.org or call the box office at (904) 249-0289.



Photo provided by Jennifer Logue

Popular musical “The Music Man” runs through June 13 at the Alhambra Theatre & Dining.

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the Fourth of July, as the local residents celebrate Independence Day — unaware that their sleepy hamlet will soon be turned upside down thanks to the arrival of Professor Harold Hill (Thom Bradford).

A smooth-talking traveling con man, Hill’s current scam involves selling boy’s bands — a feat he accomplishes by creating a “need” for said band by stoking fears over the arrival in town of a pool table (“Trouble”). He soon has worried mothers forking over their cash for instruments, instruction booklets and uniforms — but until the goods arrive and Hill can skip town, he has to avoid the skepticism of the town’s mayor (Alec Hadden) and its frosty librarian/music teacher, Marian Paroo (Kathryn Nash).

While “The Music Man” is set at the turn of the last century, the themes it explores have remained surprisingly current. In the charismatic Professor Hill, who excels at manufacturing a need for his unnecessary product, one can see echoes of today’s infomercial pitchmen. (“But wait! There’s more!”) The show also offers shrewd observations on small-town life — from gossiping women (“Pickalittle”) to fear of outsiders (“Iowa stubborn”). And it does so with a near-perfect score: From “Trouble” and “Seventy-six Trombones”

to “The Wells Fargo Wagon” and “Till There Was You,” “The Music Man” offers up one musical theater standard after another.

The Alhambra’s cast displays great chemistry — a fact that is perhaps due to this production being a family affair. As Professor Harold Hill and Marian Paroo, real-life husband and wife Thom Bradford and Kathryn Nash embody their parts perfectly. As con man Harold, Bradford evokes just the right combination of tricky con man and troubled conscience, as he finds himself for the first time second guessing his choice of profession. Bradford’s vocals also are wonderfully reminiscent of the great Robert Preston, who originated the role on Broadway and starred in the popular feature film version.

Nash is equally well-suited to the role of Marian, and her lilting soprano is one of the best vocal performances the Alhambra has seen in years. Nash’s mother and brother also share the stage with her and Bradford in this production.

As Mayor Shinn, Alec Hadden provides just the right amount of clueless pomposity, while Trey Murphy as young Winthrop Paroo is a standout on his songs, including “Gary, Indiana.” The show also features great choreography that is particularly faithful to the film version.

Much like Professor Hill’s stay in River City, The Alhambra’s production of “The Music Man” has been extended through June 13. See it if you can.

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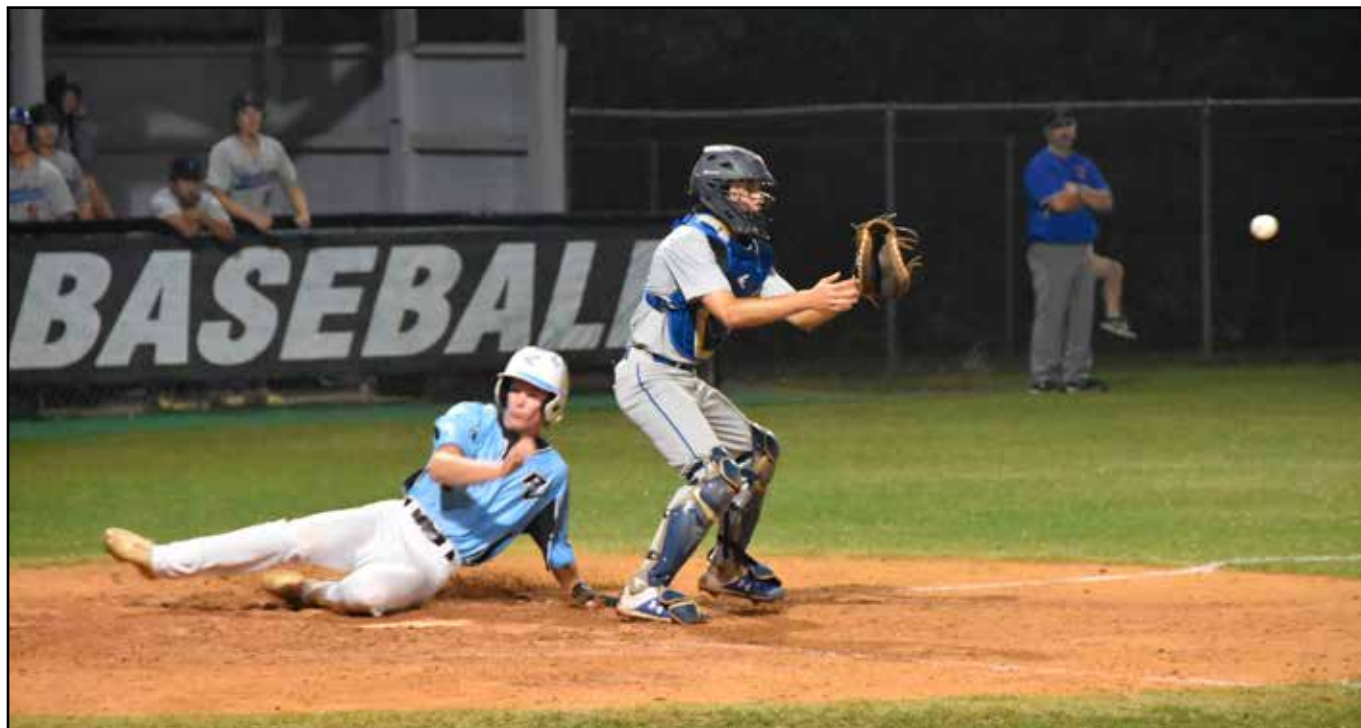


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A Ponte Vedra player slides into home against Stanton in the 5A Regional semifinals on Tuesday night at Ponte Vedra High School.

Sharks advance to regional final

Ponte Vedra baseball continues hot streak, beats Stanton in 5A semifinals

By Jim Moyes

Special to the Recorder

Ponte Vedra defeated Stanton 7-3 at Shark Park on Tuesday evening to advance to its first regional final since its state championship run in 2013.

The Sharks broke a 1-1 tie in the fourth inning by scoring four runs, and then used the pitching duo of freshman Matt Hoag and senior Scott Griesemer to earn its third consecutive victory in the FHSAA playoffs.

Veteran head coach Tom Stanton was more than pleased with his team's win over a Stanton team that had earlier nipped the Sharks 2-1.

"I like the way we're playing now," said Stanton, the only head baseball coach in PVHS history. "Our focus has

always been to play our best ball at the end of the season, and I feel we're doing exactly that at this time."

Stanton may have surprised some Sharks followers when he started freshman Matt Hoag in the contest instead of his leading pitcher on the season, UNF commit Griesemer.

"That was our plan all week," said Stanton. "Hoag has become a very advanced pitcher of late, and we were

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Successful run ends at state semis for PVHS girls lacrosse

By Paris Moulden

The Ponte Vedra girls lacrosse team met its goal of making the Final Four, but fell short of the state championship game, falling 18-8 to Lake Highland Prep on Friday, May 7, in Kissimmee.

The Lady Sharks (174) rushed out to an early lead before the Highlanders rallied.

"It's really hard to end such a successful season on a loss," coach Jen Conway said. "I know the team was down about that, but we had our banquet (Monday night), and I just reminded them how fun and how special our season was. We went about as far as you possibly could."

Lake Highland Prep came into the game undefeated and was the defending state champion. The Highlanders lost 11-9 to American Heritage in the state final.

"We had the chance to play a really seasoned experienced team, so that kind of helps them going forward," Conway said.

Another loss for the Sharks will be the nine seniors on the team who are graduating, but Conway said they've left a lasting impression with the players who are left.

"I think the excitement of this season has sparked the younger players, so we'll use that as a motivation to prepare and train to get there again," Conway said.

Ponte Vedra boys tennis team marks winning season

By Shaun Ryan

Maybe it was the inspiration of a tennis great or maybe it was just great tennis, but the Ponte Vedra boys varsity tennis team went all the way to the state competition in April with 12 wins and only a single loss.

The streak ended only when Ponte Vedra came up against one of the top teams in the nation: Doral Academy, which went on to become the state champions.

"We had a good season," said Ponte Vedra coach Fredo Weiland. "Obviously, we fell a little bit short of our goal; our goal was to win state. But we got there, so we're pretty happy about that."

The team's only loss during the season

was to one of the top teams in the state, Spruce Creek, 4-3. The team also beat The Bolles School twice, 4-1 and 4-3.

"That's not an easy thing to do," Weiland said.

Among the team's wins was a 5-2 victory over powerhouse Episcopal School of Jacksonville.

The Ponte Vedra boys went on to win every match at the district and regional levels before advancing to state.

One of Ponte Vedra's stand-outs was Andrew Kelly, who only lost one match all year — that to Sami Ozzor of Spruce Creek, who went on to win at the state level.

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The Ponte Vedra High School boys varsity tennis team, pictured in Orlando at the state series, from left: Ofek Blank, Captain Matthew Peters, Callum Searle, Andrew Kelley, Grant Price, Captain Ryan Gummerman and coach Fredo Weiland with the Tony Trabert racket.

Photos provided by Fredo Weiland

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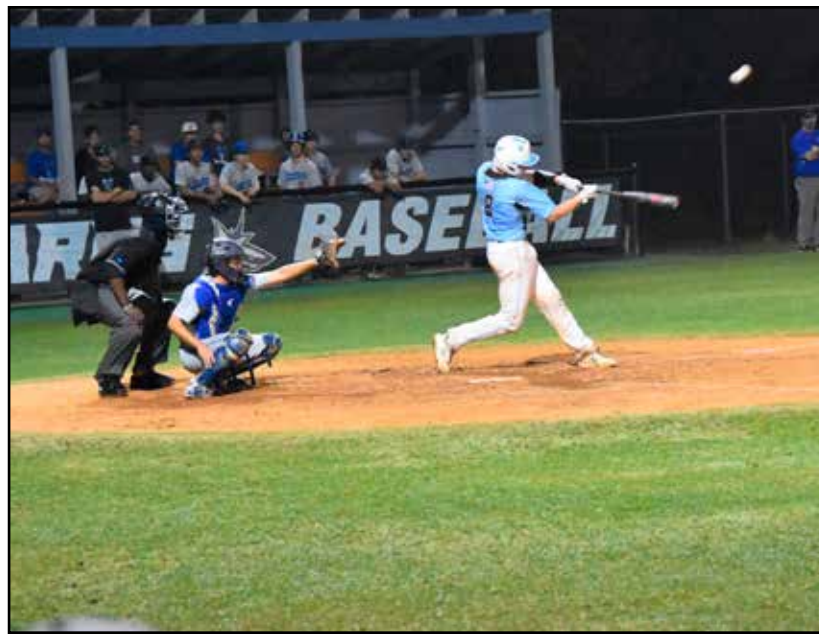
confident he would deliver. Griesemer has been pitching all season on six-to-seven days' rest and we felt it best to have him in reserve to finish out the game."

The plan worked to perfection as the flame-throwing Hoag allowed just one run in four innings to earn the win before giving way to Griesemer, who only had to use 27 pitches over the final three innings to get the save.

Griesemer once again was the hitting star for the victors. He went a perfect 3-3 at the plate with two RBI and has now belted out six hits in his last seven at-bats. Junior catcher Mac Wilkins had a perfect day at the plate for the Sharks with a double, two walks and a sixth-inning sacrifice fly that knocked in the final run.

The visiting Blue Devils did not go down quietly as they rallied to score two runs in their half of the seventh inning to make the game much more interesting.

"We got caught up in the dream late in the game as many of our players lost their focus," Stanton added. "However, I'm real proud of our guys and we're looking forward to our regional final game here next week."



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Ponte Vedra Mac Wilkins hits against Stanton on Tuesday night. Wilkins drove in the final run of the game for the Sharks

In addition to some timely hitting and excellent pitching by the Sharks, with the exception of a couple of seventh-inning errors that contributed to the two Stanton runs, the defense has also been very solid during the late-season hot streak. Add it all up and the Sharks have high hopes that they can advance to the Final Four when they play host to the winner of the Milton/Mosely game.

The first pitch in the Region 5A Championship is scheduled for 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 19 at PVHS.



PVHS closer Scott Griesemer celebrates the final out of the game.

Tennis

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Kelly "played the match of his life" at the state level, said Weiland, beating Doral's top player.

The score was 8-8 and Kelly's opponent missed both of his serves. Kelly had match point and dove for a volley, a move Weiland said he hasn't seen more than a few times in all his years playing tennis.

Kelly's opponent hit it out, and Kelly won the point.

Unofficially, the late tennis legend Tony Trabert joined the team in its quest for victory.

Trabert, a 10-time major champion and 1970 International Tennis Hall of Fame inductee, died Feb. 3 at the age of 90 at his home in Ponte Vedra Beach. He had been a high school teammate of Weiland's father, Dick Weiland, in 1946-47. They attended Walnut Hills High School in Cincinnati, Ohio.

"So, I had stayed in touch and sort of got to know him," Weiland said.

In fact, Ponte Vedra High School named its tennis center after Trabert in 2016.

Trabert died just after the start of the 2021 season.

"It was very sad for me and a lot of people in the community," Weiland said. "So I told the guys about Tony at the beginning of the season. I brought out some old wood rackets; one of them was Tony's racket. It was a signature Tony racket with his picture on both sides."

At the first match, Weiland carried Trabert's racket and said, "Tony's going to be a part of us this season."

After that, someone always carried the racket at each match.

Looking ahead, Weiland is optimistic.

"We have a young team," he said. "Only one of our top players is graduating. That's promising."

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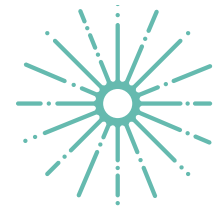


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