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David Weekley Homes' LaRocque model is just one of the numerous home styles available in Nocatee's distinctive Twenty Mile neighborhood. Photo courtesy of The PARC Group.



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Angelia Savage and her dog, Chewy.
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One of Us!

Angelia Savage

by JENNIFER LOGUE

Her career has taken her from nursing student at Jacksonville University to Miss Florida USA to working for Donald Trump. Eighteen months ago, however, Angelia Savage returned to her native Jacksonville and quickly made her presence known on the local scene. The former reporter for WPTV in West Palm Beach now serves as co-host of the Woman's Worth radio show on WOKV 104.5 FM, but is perhaps better known to local audiences as one of the co-hosts of The Chat on First Coast News.

Was being Miss Florida a dream of yours?

Not at all – I did it on a whim! I am not a pageant girl; I was almost done with nursing school and someone suggested I should try it. It was fun, because I won and ended up working for Donald Trump. He said, 'I think I want you to come to New York and work for me.' So I went to New York City and sold the apartments at the Trump International Building.

UNIQUE BEACHES PROPERTIES



MARSHFRONT

Custom built to take advantage of the Intracoastal marsh views, this 5br cul-de-sac home has the features everyone's looking for! Huge family room/kitchen/morning room spaces, a luxurious master suite with office, plus a bonus room/bath. Extra large 3-car garage.

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Stylish 4-story townhome on Harbourtown Marina, one of only 20 in Northeast Florida like this! Design includes 4th floor media/party room & balcony with amazing Intracoastal views. Includes spa, elevator & private 2-car garage. Boat slip available!

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Classic beach cottage with modern improvements offers dramatic ocean and beach vistas. Located on secluded Duval Drive, the 4br main home features wood floors, high ceilings, a very open floor plan & windows everywhere. The separate guest house adds to the charm!

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Entertainers' dream home! Unique private lanai includes serving bar, DCS grille, pebbletec pool and a huge terrace, with French doors opening to most of this one-story 4br home. High ceilings, stone floors, private guest suite, oversized 3-car garage.

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That was a lot of fun. I was just a Jacksonville girl going to a really big, busy city. I was also modeling and traveling a lot.

While flying to Palm Beach, I met a few girls on the plane who worked at Donald's Mar-a-Lago. They told him, 'We have to have her here. She's definitely a Florida girl. We have to have her here in some capacity.' So I ended up running the spa at Mar-a-Lago for six years before falling into a television job in West Palm Beach. I found I just loved it. It keeps you out in the community and up to date on all the latest that's going on to better the city.

What brought you back to Jacksonville?

I came back to Jacksonville to help my mother take care of my grandmother. She is 95 and she's in perfect health, but she likes to get out, go shopping and do things! It's been really nice to be back home and see all my friends.

I started working for WOKV on Woman's Worth Radio, a financial health and wealth program. My co-host, Jeannette Bajalia, is a financial planner and she really emphasizes the 'wealth and health connection,' which is great because that allows me to go back to my nursing training. As a cancer survivor, Jeannette is very much into health and holistic healing. She believes that it's important to keep yourself healthy because if you're not taking care of your health, your wealth will suffer later.

So I was doing the radio show, and The Chat invited me on the program as a guest. I guess it went well and I seemed to be a good fit,

because they took me on as a part-time host and now I'm a full-time host.

What is the best part of hosting The Chat?

This is the best job ever! I loved working for Donald Trump, but this job is great. We have so much fun on set. It's just nice to deliver the news that people want to talk about – everything from the political stuff that's going on in the world right now to local events. I love it.

Your former boss is racking up huge wins in primaries across the country. How was your experience working for Donald Trump?

It's really exciting to see him as a presidential candidate in the political arena as opposed to a boss. I thought he was the most fabulous boss. I learned so much from him. The three things I tell people about him is that number one, he is a really good troubleshooter. He's that person who fixes something before it breaks. He could walk through the spa and say, 'I think this needs to be redone, get somebody on it' and sure enough a week later it would be breaking. He is so good at that and I used to think, 'If I could do one thing, that's the thing I want to do well.'

The second thing is he's really funny. A lot of people don't get a chance to have that up close and personal perspective on him, but he's actually really funny. The last thing that I love about Donald Trump is that if there's a problem, he's really good at asking everyone their opinion. He will ask every single person what their opinion is and then



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he goes away, he thinks about it and he comes back with a resolution. As a presidential candidate, that is a great quality for him to have. That's what I take with me in my life now: I always ask everyone their thoughts on something before I make a change or a big decision.

From Miss Florida to spa director to news reporter and TV host, you've worn a lot of hats and had a lot of titles. Is there a title or role you haven't held yet that's on your bucket list?

I would love to be a chef. I love French food, because I love anything that has dips and sauces. I'm such a foodie, so I love really interesting food – not fancy food per sé, but very edible, real food. So I do love cooking; it's just that it takes so much time. It's very time consuming to make really nice dishes. But if I find a recipe I like, I'm pulling it out and making it. I made crab cakes from scratch the other night – they were so good! And I'm always learning something new, because on The Chat we have a lot of chefs as guests. We had one of the Top Chef winners on the other day and he was making amazing food. If we have a chef on the show, we're so excited!

On your resume, your list of special skills and interests includes skiing, yoga, skeet shooting – and welding?

I do all of the 'boy things!' Seriously, I love boy stuff; it's really weird. Anything a guy does, I love to do. I've ridden Harleys and I took welding classes when I was in high school. I thought, 'This will be a lot of fun. I'll get in the welding class with all of the guys.' I wish I could do it now, because I made so many great things from it – everything

from bracelets to tables to frames for mirrors that I still have. That's the great thing about welding: It lasts forever.

It's not uncommon for viewers to come to feel that they know the people they see on TV. What do you think viewers would be most surprised to learn about you?

I think when people see us on TV they think we always look like that. I have a really sporty side to me: I love playing golf, I love being out on a boat, I love being out in the sunshine. People may see a "pageant girl," but they don't think that I'd just pull my hair up in a bun and be out on the golf course.

I'm also the person that everybody comes to for encouragement, for sound advice, for a positive fix. Because that's me: I'm always upbeat, I'm always smiling and I always have good advice. So I love it when people come to me and ask for my advice. That means a lot.

I'm also a certified foster parent. While I don't have any children of my own, I just love kids and think every child deserves love and care. It's so unfortunate that there are so many kids out there who don't have that; they don't know what love is and they don't know what it feels like. So I'd like to be able to give love and care to a child in need.

What is your favorite way to unwind?

I'm not a sunrise girl. Because I'm so busy during the day, my favorite part of the day is the evening, where you're just sitting outside, enjoying an orange and pink sunset with a nice glass of Prosecco with cheese. To me, that is the perfect ending to the day.

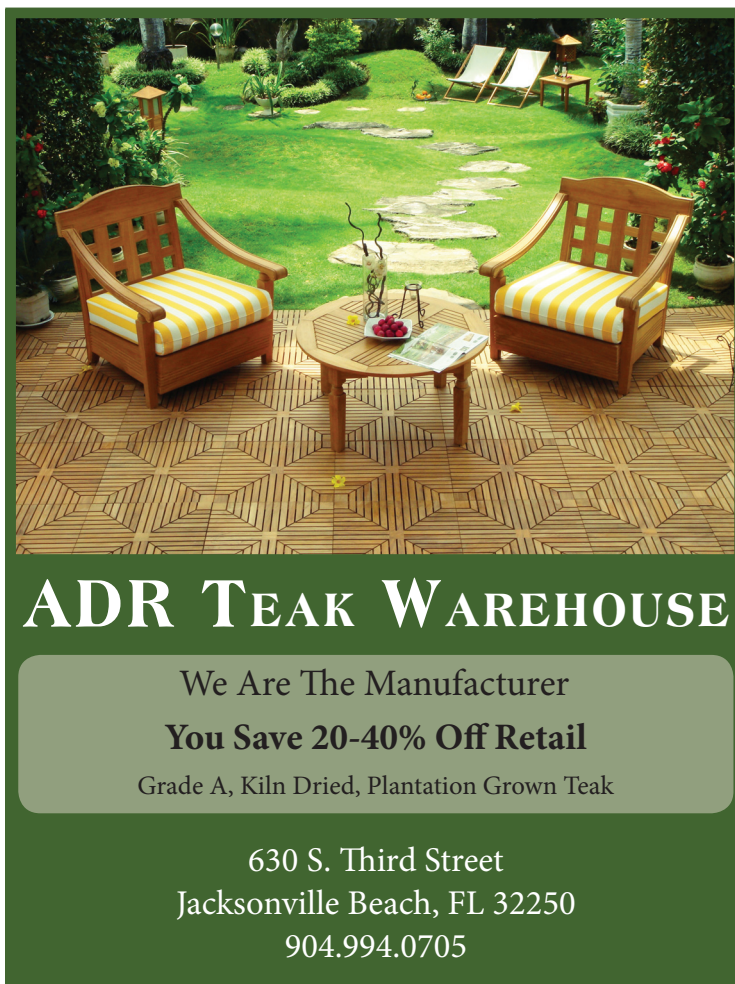


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Red Rose Ball

2016 event marks St. Vincent's centennial, funds mobile health ministry

by JENNIFER LOGUE

Photos courtesy of St. Vincent's HealthCare Foundation

A century of service to the North Florida community was celebrated recently, when St. Vincent's HealthCare marked its 100th anniversary at the hospital's 35th Annual Red Rose Ball.

More than 520 people attended this year's event, held Feb. 12 at the Jacksonville Marriott at Southpoint. To honor St. Vincent's founding in 1916 by the Daughters of Charity, the theme of this year's ball was "Remembering Our History, Embracing Our Future." Sister Mary Agnes O'Neill offered the evening's invocation, while St. Vincent's President and CEO Dr. Mike Schatzlein delivered a celebratory champagne toast. The evening also featured dancing, a silent auction and a live auction that included a trip to Aspen, two first-class United Airlines tickets and a diamond necklace donated by Underwood's Jewelers.

Organized by St. Vincent's HealthCare Foundation, this year's Red Rose Ball raised nearly \$400,000 for the hospital's Mobile Health Outreach Ministry, which provides free medical care to residents across North Florida.

"The foundation is integral to the success of St. Vincent's mission," Foundation President Jane Lanier said. "We help provide the funding to assist those who are struggling in our community."

Through the Mobile Health Outreach Ministry, four units travel to neighborhoods across the region, providing health services to everyone from inner-city school children to migrant farm workers.

In 2015, the ministry provided 17,500 individual services to local individuals and families.

"We had a woman whose husband had lost his job and the family lost their health insurance," Lanier recalled. "When their young daughter received a diagnosis that required her to see a specialist, they didn't know what they were going to do."

Then a friend told the family about the Mobile Health Outreach Ministry. "She came and told us her situation and we just made everything happen," Lanier said. "We scheduled the appointments, made all the arrangements – and the family was just so grateful."

Other funded projects include providing housing for homeless patients and wheelchair ramps for those in need.

"Person-centered care is at the core of St. Vincent's mission," Lanier said. "We really focus on looking at the whole person; not just healing the physical condition, but all the needs – transportation, social and financial."

The key to the foundation's success, she added, are the numerous volunteers, donors and board members who have embraced that mission.

"We are just so blessed to have so many donors and board members and sponsors who really have a passion for helping others," Lanier said. "That's what real philanthropy is all about."



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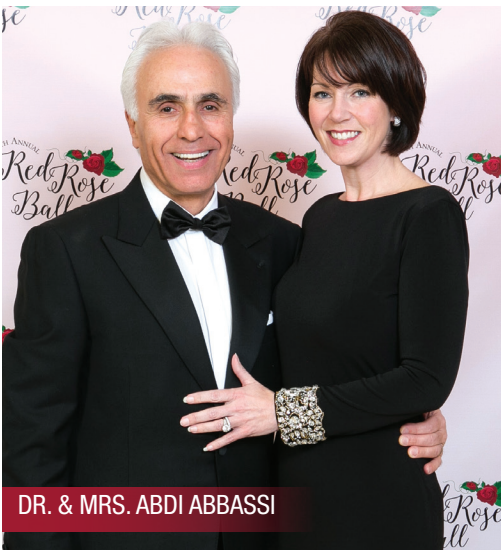
The Red Rose Ball takes its name from this painting donated by acclaimed Jacksonville artist Lee Adams to St. Vincent's in recognition of its service to the community.



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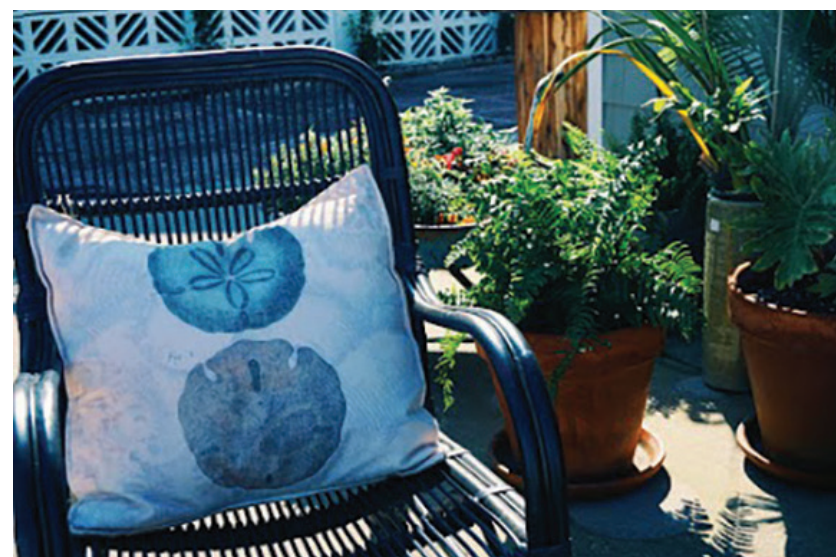
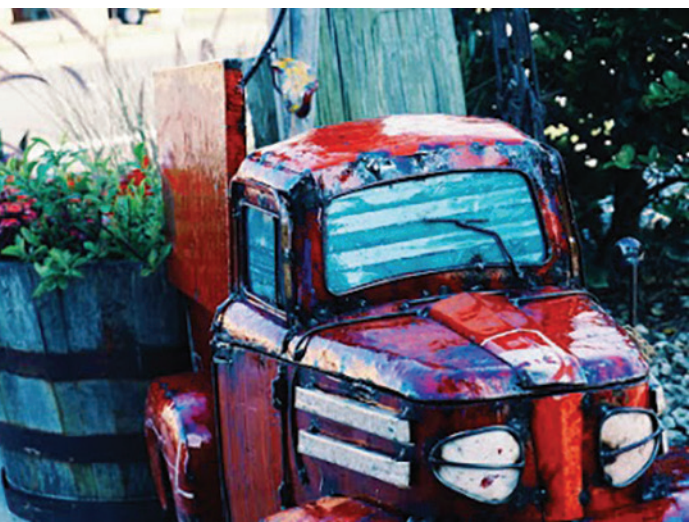


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Beachside boutique

SIDNEY CARDEL'S IS READY FOR SPRING

Story and photos by JASMINE MARSHALL



Spring and summer have arrived at Sidney Cardel's.

From the punchy florals to the cheeky signage adorning the walls, the beachside boutique helmed by the mother-daughter team of Cara Burky and Cathy Thomasson is ready for spring with an array of carefully curated home and garden décor that is equal parts modern and vintage, rustic and chic.

This season, visitors can expect to see a small shift in focus from indoors to outdoors, where Burky said the Jacksonville Beach store is expanding its inventory.

"We've always had garden decor but we're trying to expand on indoor and outdoor pillows, furniture and garden art," she said. "We're

really trying to keep finding fun and unique items that can transform your garden into something like a summer oasis."

While guests can still expect to see an eclectic mix of plush animals, coffee table books and jewelry, newer additions include a colorful collection of reclaimed garden art crafted from oil drums, cool-toned glass bottles and dark wicker patio chairs that give familiar garden staples a beachy twist.

"We really base our buying on what we like and what's unique – we try to find one-of-a-kind items that are trendy but still different," said Burky. "And our new items are fun, bright and funky! Perfect for the season."

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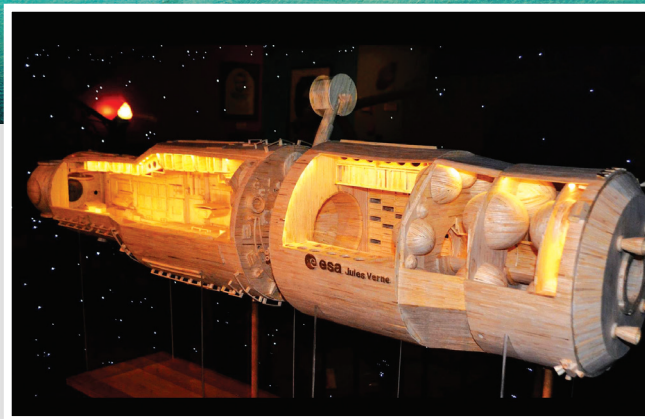
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2016 Summer Fun Guide

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SUMMER CAMPS OFFER FUN FOR EVERYONE

Like peanut butter and jelly or chocolate and marshmallows, summertime and camps are a natural pairing. When the nights get longer, the weather gets warmer, and kids are home from school for the summer, finding activities to keep them active and engaged can be tough. Luckily, the First Coast has a variety of summer camps to keep your little ones busy or even help them hone their talents or focus their studies.

Whatever your child's interest or needs, there is sure to be a camp that fits the bill. This is just a small sampling of the many camps our area has to offer. Registration for most camps is now open, so make

plans to make this summer your child or children's best summer yet!

◀ Episcopal School of Jacksonville Summer Camps

Episcopal School of Jacksonville offers sports, activities, arts and academics programs every summer for grades K through 12. Summer programs at Episcopal School of Jacksonville are all about fun and self-improvement. The classes give students the opportunity to enjoy the subject matter at a relaxed pace, with fewer students and greater teacher attention. The camps stress the love of the game, whether it be pole vaulting or dancing. The safe, secure environment at

Episcopal allows students and parents to focus on what is important: improving academics, athletics and fine arts skills. The school prides itself on being a small, close-knit community that welcomes anyone to join us.

Camps run all season from May 22 to July 31. Subjects cover everything from theology and study skills to paintball, fishing, fencing and public speaking. Camps offered also include two football camps with former Jaguars quarterback Mark Brunell. Visit www.esj.org for more information.

◀ Montgomery Presbyterian Center

Summer is a wonderful part of childhood, a time to play outdoors, to explore, to learn and make new friends. Montgomery has over 50 years of experience in making summer a magical time for children, rich with opportunities for children to discover themselves in a supportive, Christian community.

Montgomery Presbyterian Camp, Conference and Retreat Center was established in 1957 on 167 wooded acres on three spring-fed lakes. Owned by the Presbytery of St. Augustine, Montgomery exists to provide unique programs in a setting which gives youth and adults the opportunity to experience the love of God through Jesus Christ in ways that deepen faith and increase the appreciation of, and service to each other. The camping ministry at Montgomery is an extension of the Christian education programs of the Presbytery of St. Augustine and of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

Overnight camps up to two weeks begin June 19 and run through July 29. Camps are available for all ages starting with first graders, and including a "You and Me" camp for parents and kids and a family camp. On site camps begin June 26.

Montgomery is located at 88 SE 75th St., in Starke, Fla. Call (352) 473-4516 or visit montgomerycenter.org for more information.

◀ The Village Academy and The Village Academy North

Village Academy and Village Academy North are offering specialty summer camps for children ages 4-13 with either full or partial day camps. Summer day camps begin June 8.

Camp Have-a-Blast includes daily swimming, field trips, overnight adventures, art, cooking, and science experiments during 10 themed weeks of fun at The Village Academy. This summer themes include: Hawaii, Hollywood, Pirates, Stars and Stripes, Christmas in July, Olympics, Sports, Wacky Tacky, and End of summer celebration. The academy also boasts two swimming pools, an indoor air-conditioned gym, arcade room, and arts & crafts room. A two-week minimum commitment for the camp is required. A version of the camp geared toward ages 4 and 5 called Junior Camp is available for younger campers.

Village Academy North is offering Boom Science, STEM, and Curiosity camps.

The Village Academy and Village Academy North are located in St. Augustine at 145 Lewis Point Rd. and 5970 US 1 N. respectively. For more information about The Village Academy, call (904) 797-5909 or visit www.village-academy.com. For more information about Village Academy North, call (904) 824-7997 or visit www.village-academynorth.com.

◀ Nocatee Summer Camps

Nocatee is offering weekly themed summer camps for Nocatee residents beginning the week of June 6 through the week of Aug. 1. The camps feature a range of activities from unique arts and craft projects to team building, nature walks on Nocatee's Greenway Trails, sports, swimming and water games.

Camps are for children ages 5-12. The weekly camps are scheduled Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The camp fee is \$175 per child, per week. A discount applies for siblings; the additional sibling fee is \$150 per sibling, per week.

Before and after care is available for an additional fee in the morning from 8 to 8:30 a.m. and in the afternoon from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. The fee is \$50 per week for before and after camp care.

- › June 6-10 - Artful Antics
- › June 13-17 - The Great Outdoors
- › June 20-24 - Science Adventures
- › June 27-July 1 - Fun and Fitness
- › July 5-8 - Water Works
- › July 11-15 - All Star Sports
- › July 18-22 - Carnival
- › July 25-29 - Camp's Got Talent
- › August 1-5 - Summer Camp Olympics

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◀ Keystone Behavioral Pediatrics Summer Programming

Keystone Behavioral Pediatrics offers summer programming for special needs and typically developing children.

There are two programs for preschoolers: KCDC Summer Camp, an inclusion camp for typically developing kids and high-functioning kids with special needs from 18 months through kindergarten and KCDC Summer VPK, a free voluntary pre-kindergarten program for kids who reside in Florida and turned four by Sept. 1, 2015.

For more information about KCDC summer programs, call (904) 619-6071, ext. 139 or email norton@keystonebehavioral.com.

There are also two different programs for ages 5 to 22 years old.

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For more information about Keystone Success Through Change Camps and the Keystone Summer Program, call (904) 619-6071 or email summercamps@keystonebehavioral.com.

◀ Crosswater Community Church

For the second year in a row, Crosswater Community Church is bringing the WinShape Camp for Communities program to Ponte Vedra. . Camp will take place July 25-29 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Camp is for children who have completed first grade through children who have completed eighth grade.



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For more information call Previn at (352) 473-4516, or visit

www.montgomerycenter.org/summer

WinShape Camp offers 21 different activities for campers including crafts, archery, flag football, dance, science, gymnastics and more.

Crosswater Community Church is located at 211 Davis Park Road, Ponte Vedra. For more information, call (904) 824-9800 or visit www.crosswaterchurch.net.

◀ Alhambra Theatre and Dining Summer Theater Camp

Is your child a tad dramatic? Help them hone their flair for theatrics with a two-week summer theater camp presented by The Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach and Alhambra Theatre and Dining.

There are two separate camps, one for children ages 9-12 and one for children ages 13 and up. Experienced actors or newbies are welcome to attend camp. Camp will culminate in a three-course served dinner and final performance from campers. A dinner ticket for the camper plus one family member is included with registration.

Ages 9-12: June 20-July 1, performance on July 5

Ages 13 and up: July 11-July 22, performance on July 25

Camp takes place from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Alhambra Theatre & Dining, 12000 Beach Blvd., Jacksonville.

To register for the camp, call the Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach at (904) 280-0614. Visit www.alhambrajax.com/events/summer-theater-camp for more information.

● Summertime activities ●

Campers don't get to have all the fun! There are plenty of other activities in and around town that the whole family can enjoy.

◀ The Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens

The Cummer Museum of Art & Garden's Art for Two children's workshop is offered on select dates from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Art for Two is for children ages 3 through 5 and their favorite adult. Each month features a different art project based on The Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens permanent collection or an exhibition. The cost is \$15 per pair for members; \$20 per pair for non-members.

Upcoming Art for Two classes:

- › April 16 – Florida Landscapes
- › May 14 – Animal Hunt
- › June 11 – Summertime Fun
- › July 9 – Storms Coming
- › Aug. 13 – Moonlight Cityscape

Art Adventures is offered the third Saturday of every month from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Art Adventures is for children ages 6-12. Each month features a different theme and focus on different art techniques such as painting, printmaking, collage or construction. The cost is \$10 for members; \$15 for non-members.

Upcoming Art Adventures classes:

- › April 16 – Archipenko
- › May 21 – Tactile Tactics
- › June 18 – Jacksonville Parks
- › July 16 – Printmaking
- › Aug. 20 – Still Life

Class size is limited. For more information, call (904) 355-0630 or email education@cummuseum.org. The museum is located at 829 Riverside Ave. in Jacksonville.

◀ ArtFusion at MOCA and Hemming Park

The Museum of Contemporary Art Jacksonville in downtown Jacksonville offers classes for children and their parents or adult

caretaker during the Downtown Art Walk held the first Wednesday of every month from 5 to 8 p.m. The classes are held in the classroom on the fifth floor of the museum.

Additionally, ArtFusion at Hemming Park takes place the first Sunday of the month from noon to 4 p.m. at Hemming Park (located directly across the street from the museum.)

ArtFusion is taught by one of MOCA Jacksonville's professional art educators and features an art project inspired by the museum's permanent collection or featured exhibition. Children who take part in Art Fusion in Hemming Park receive free gallery admission.

MOCA is located at 333 N. Laura St. in Jacksonville. For more information, call (904) 366-6911, email education@mocajacksonville.org or visit www.mocajacksonville.unf.edu.

◀ City of Jacksonville Beach Moonlight Movies

Catch a movie under the stars. The Jacksonville Beach Moonlight Movie series kicks off April 22. The movies are free and are shown on a large screen on stage at the Seawalk Pavilion. Movies start at 9 p.m. Bring a lawn chair or a blanket and picnic before the movie. A vendor will be on site selling popcorn, candy and beverages.

▶ April 22: "Finding Nemo"

▶ May 13: "Inside Out"

▶ May 20: "Max"

For more information, including restrictions, visit www.jacksonvillebeach.org.

◀ Ripley's Believe it Or Not

If you're looking for something out of the ordinary, Ripley's Believe it Or Not offers that and much more.

Make plans to visit Ripley's this summer to see its brand new Space Oddities gallery which opened March 12 with an "Out of this World" grand opening party.

The Space Oddities gallery is a two-story exhibit featuring: a giant replica of the International Space Station made entirely from matchsticks, the rover featured in the movie "Armageddon," an erector set model of the lunar landing pad, and more.

"Star Wars" fans will want to check out the cast of the film carved into the heads of crayons, some of Chewbacca's fur from the original movie and a female Boba Fett replica.

Ripley's is open 365 days a year from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. with adjusted hours for Thanksgiving and Christmas days.

Ripley's Believe it Or Not is located at 19 San Marco Ave., St. Augustine. For more information, call (904) 824-1606 or visit www.ripleys.com/staugustine.

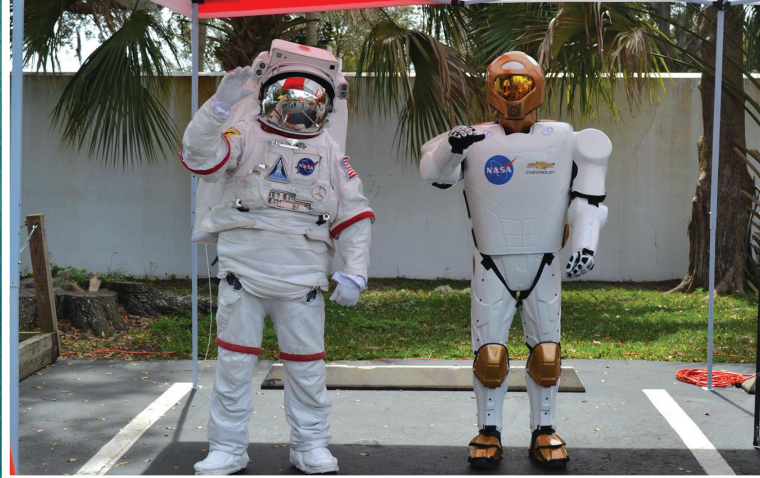
◀ Destination: DINO at the Jacksonville Zoo & Gardens

Like the "Land of the Lost," the dinos made their triumphant return to Jacksonville on March 5.

Twenty-five species of life size and life-like animatronic dinosaurs will be on display at the Jacksonville Zoo & Gardens through July 4.

The cost is \$4 per person for non-members; \$3 per person for members. Zoo admission is not included. Zoo admission or membership must be purchased to enter Destination: DINO. Once inside the zoo, a shuttle will transport you to the iconic gates of the dinosaur animal exhibit.

The zoo is located at 370 Zoo Parkway, Jacksonville. For more information, visit www.jaxzoodinos.org.



Exciting Summer Programs with Your Child in Mind

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HOME AND PATIO

Show

Spring Home & Patio Show brings fresh home and gardening ideas

by CARRIE RESCH

The Spring Jacksonville Home & Patio Show took place March 3-6 at the Prime F. Osborn III Convention Center.

The annual event is held each year to showcase vendors featuring home improvement and gardening ideas. The event also included cooking demonstrations, a food truck rally, and celebrity guests including Alison Victoria of DIY Network's "Crashers," Andy and Candis Meredith of HGTV and DIY Network's "Old Home Love" and Lucy Farmer from HGTV's "Beach Flip."

Exhibitors included Pratt Guys; Tower Garden; Monkey Bars; Phantom Screens; and Transform Abilities, a budding program through The Arc Jacksonville that allows adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities to earn a fair wage through the creation and sale of furniture and home décor accessories made from reclaimed and recycled materials.

The Fall Jacksonville Home & Patio show is slated for Sept. 29 - Oct. 2.



Bill Adams with Brandon and Brittany of Transform Abilities, a budding program through The Arc Jacksonville.



Andy and Candis Meredith of HGTV and DIY Network's "Old Home Love."



Debra and Bill Logeson of Beer Mutts dog treats made from the spent grain at Jacksonville Beach's Green Room Brewing.



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Estate homes set on large lots amid peaceful settings are a hallmark of Nocatee's new Twenty Mile neighborhoods. Photos courtesy of The PARC Group.





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TWENTY MILE

by JENNIFER LOGUE

When Shelli and Bob Goldberg first began thinking of relocating their family from Massachusetts, they focused on three prime considerations to help guide their search.

“We wanted to move somewhere warm, somewhere with no snow and somewhere with no state income tax!” Shelli Goldberg quipped.

After whittling their options to Texas or Florida, Goldberg came across the Ponte Vedra community of Nocatee while doing an online search. She soon fell in love long-distance with Nocatee’s location, lifestyle and amenities – particularly the newly opened neighborhoods of Twenty Mile. Located just west of the Intracoastal Waterway, Twenty Mile features larger home sites and estate homes set against a backdrop of thousands of acres of preserved forests and wetlands. With split-rail fencing, mature oak trees and home sites with water or preserve views, Twenty Mile offered the serene setting the Goldbergs were seeking following Shelli’s battle with breast cancer.

“We saw the plans for The Island at Twenty Mile through





Tranquil setting:
Bob and Shelli Goldberg's home in The Island at Twenty Mile features a palette of tranquil teals, green and beige and a variety of custom features.
Photos by Jennifer Logue

ICI Homes and I said, 'There's our lot right there!' she said. "We put a deposit down without ever having been here."

After a quick trip to visit Nocatee and the Beaches area in person, the Goldbergs began working with ICI Homes to customize their Twenty Mile estate home. The family moved into the home in September 2015.

"I love the trees, the preserve and the feeling of being in the middle of nowhere," Goldberg said. It's very peaceful here."

A HISTORIC HAVEN

The Goldbergs aren't the first residents to discover the picturesque solitude of Twenty Mile. The area has a long and rich history of serving as a haven for settlers that dates back to the 1500s, when French and Spanish explorers established colonies at Fort Caroline and St. Augustine, located 40 miles apart. To break up the arduous trek through the treacherous swamps and wilderness, the explorers established a resting place at the halfway point in their journey. The spot soon became known as Twenty Mile and the path they forged between the two colonies became known as Twenty Mile Road.

Over the years, Twenty Mile continued to serve as a haven for everyone from Civil War soldiers and runaway slaves to Depression-era moonshiners seeking refuge among the swamps and forests. The Davis Family later purchased more than 50,000 acres of the area for the family's Dee-Dot Ranch.

OLD-FLORIDA FEEL, MODERN AMENITIES

Today, some 14,000 acres of the area is home to Nocatee, which includes four distinctive Twenty Mile neighborhoods: Twenty Mile Village, The Crossing at Twenty Mile, The Pointe at Twenty Mile and The Island at Twenty Mile. Twenty Mile Village, for example, features two- to six-bedroom homes up to 3,700 square feet with prices starting in the mid \$200s. Homes in The Island at Twenty Mile, meanwhile, range from 3,500 to more than 6,000 square feet, offer four to nine bedrooms and begin in the low-600s.

While each of the Twenty Mile neighborhoods features a rustic, "Old Florida" feel, they also share a wide range of modern amenities. Twenty Mile Park features a community swimming pool, playground, dog park, athletic fields and covered event pavilion. A new K-8 school in the A-rated St. Johns County school district is also slated to open adjacent to Twenty Mile for the 2017-2018 school year.

Twenty Mile residents also have access to the full array of Nocatee amenities, including the popular Splash Water Park, greenway trails, community parks, kayak launch and more. Events such as the monthly farmer's market and ongoing kids' activities also help foster a sense of community, Shelli Goldberg said.

"We love the Nocatee lifestyle - there is always an event to go to or activities to do," she said. "I tell my friends, 'There are so many events in Nocatee, we have to go on vacation to get a rest!'"

A CUSTOM EXPERIENCE

With four growing boys and a husband who works from home, Goldberg said she appreciated the ability to customize her ICI Home to suit the family's needs.

"ICI went above and beyond for us," she said. "This was our first time building a house and we were expecting the worst. But ICI exceeded our expectations in every way."

In addition to a spacious office for Bob Goldberg's business, the



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The Island at Twenty Mile - Home builders include ICI, Standard Pacific and David Weekley Homes. Photos courtesy of The PARC Group.



6,200 square-foot home features six bedrooms and six baths. With high ceilings and an open floor plan, the home's entryway opens into a spacious area with a formal dining room and formal living room that offers views through the home to the screened-in pool and water views. A palette of tranquil teals, green and beige created by noted interior designers Sisler Johnston evokes a coastal feel that carries through to the fireplaced family room that opens to the luxury kitchen area.

The home's customization is apparent in what Goldberg calls the her favorite room: the "family studio." Set adjacent to the first-floor pool bath, the attractive yet functional space features customized wood cabinetry lockers where her four boys can stash their backpacks, coats and school supplies. The room also features two computer stations, a large central island for doing homework and the

family washer and dryer.

Other notable customizations include two "secret rooms." A built-in bookcase in the upstairs hallway is actually a door that leads to a storage room, and what appears to be a large closet in the second-floor family room opens to reveal a hidden gaming room for the kids.

So taken is the family with their Twenty Mile home and the Nocatee lifestyle that the family has already succeeded in convincing another family member to relocate here as well. When Shelli Goldberg's mother accompanied her on a trip to visit Nocatee during the homebuilding process, the pair made an impromptu visit to Del Webb Ponte Vedra, Nocatee's 55 and over community. Her mother purchased a lot on the spot.

"Moving here was the best decision we ever made," Goldberg said. "We love it."

Who's Who ON THE FIRST COAST

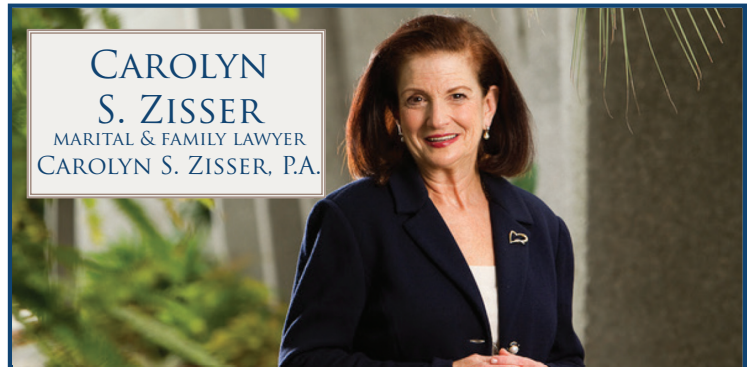


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Tim Tebow Foundation Executive Director Erik Dellenback (left) and Tebow. Photos courtesy of Fran Ruchalski

CELEBS ATTEND GALA, PLAY GOLF TO BENEFIT *Tim Tebow Foundation*

by MIKE BONTS
Special to the Register

The Tim Tebow Foundation recently hosted its 6th annual Celebrity Gala and Golf Classic at TPC Sawgrass in Ponte Vedra Beach, raising more than \$1.65 million for its outreach initiatives.

The event kicked off Friday night at the TPC Sawgrass Clubhouse with an exclusive star-studded gala. Celebrities and event sponsors posed along the red carpet in front of flashing cameras from the media.

Celebrities in attendance spanned the worlds of sports and entertainment, from sports legends including Tebow, Urban Meyer, Marcus Allen, Archie Griffin and Chipper Jones; to Hollywood A-listers, such as Ashley Benson, Ryan Good, Anthony Mackie, Ashley Greene and reality TV stars from Duck Dynasty.

Former Major League Baseball star Gary Sheffield auctioned a vacation at his home in the Bahamas. ESPN's Tom Rinaldi was the gala emcee.

The Celebrity Golf Classic also was a popular stop for PGA Tour pros – including Billy Horschel, Zach Johnson and Jim Furyk – as well as musicians The Band Perry, Chris Tomlin and Javier Colon.

“Tonight is about coming together,” Tebow told guests. “Coming together as a team to change lives around the world.”

The event also offered a unique opportunity to see firsthand the foundation's outreach initiatives, as members of the Tim Tebow Foundation family, such as W15H kids and Night to Shine guests, participated in the events throughout the weekend. A special highlight occurred when W15H child, Robyn, shared a sentimental letter to Tim on the impact of her special W15H experience with him this past fall.

The gala progressed through emotional and powerful addresses from Executive Director Erik Dellenback and Tebow, a live auction that raised significant funds and ultimately concluded with an intimate performance from country Grammy® Award-winning superstar sibling trio, The Band Perry.

Saturday, the stage was set at the TPC Sawgrass Stadium course for a day full of laughs, hugs and, of course, golf. More than 3,000 spectators came out to the event to interact with their favorite celebrities and watch the participants compete on and off the golf course.

Hole 17's lip sync competition was certainly a top highlight. Guests watched participants perform their best Dubsmash prior to hitting their shots on the famed island green hole. For the third consecutive year, the team led by Danny Wuerffel, University of Florida's Heisman Award-winning quarterback, ultimately took home the trophy.

Bobby Boaz, meanwhile, won the golf ball drop grand prize sponsored by Coastal Spine and Pain Center: two tickets to the 2017 Gala and tickets to the 2017 Golf Classic.

In addition to ARS, Jockey and ALE Solutions were Elite Sponsors.



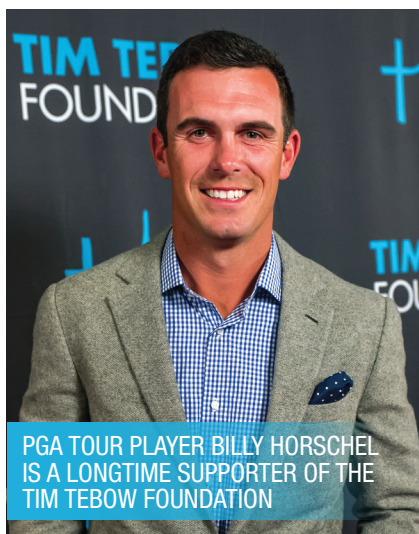
FORMER MLB STAR GARY SHEFFIELD AND HIS WIFE GOSPEL SINGER DELEON RICHARDS



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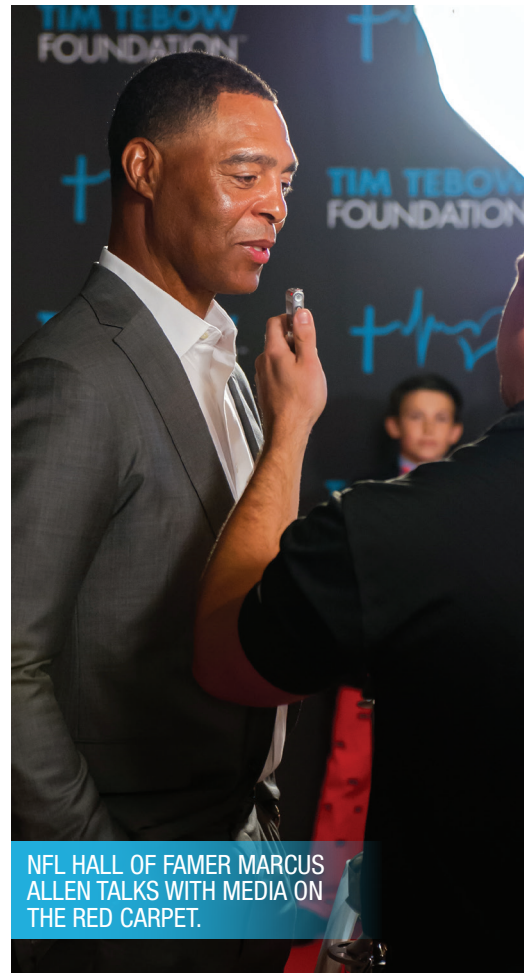
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PGA TOUR PLAYER JIM FURYK (LEFT) AND OLE MISS FOOTBALL COACH HUGH FREEZE



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Rockaway Garden Center's new succulents section features a colorful Southwest mural.

Succulents

BRING SOUTHWEST STYLE TO LOCAL LANDSCAPING

Homeowners seeking a simple yet stylish way to spruce up their landscaping or brighten their home may want to consider one of the latest home gardening trends: succulents.

Derived from the latin word “sucus” meaning “juice,” succulents are thick, fleshy plants that have the ability to store water in their leaves or stems, such as the well-known cactus. But cacti are just the beginning of this collection of plants that are both striking and surprisingly low maintenance, local gardening experts say.

“Succulents don’t need a lot of water, they grow well both inside and outside, and they really only need to be fertilized about once a year in the summer,” said Greg Burghardt, owner of Rockaway Garden Center in Jacksonville Beach. “We’ve seen a real trend in customers wanting more succulents to create a kind of Southwest feel in their landscaping.”

To that end, Rockaway recently created a new succulents section of its expansive garden center. Complete with a 360-degree colorful Southwest desert mural, the center was a focal point of Rockaway’s recent “Blooming into Spring with Bubbly!” reception, which celebrated the start of spring by highlighting a variety of attractive succulents. Rockaways also provided succulent centerpieces for last weekend’s Springing the Blues festival.

“Succulents are a great plant for a novice gardener,” Burghardt noted. “For about \$50, you can get a container, some plants and fertilizer, and you can build from there.”

Simple succulent tips

Rockaway Garden Center offered the following tips on growing, caring for and decorating with succulents:

Growing

Want to get more succulents without buying more plants? Work with what you have, experts say. Because succulents can be bred from a parent plant, home gardeners grow their own succulents. Simply cut a leaf from the lower third of a succulent and let it dry for up to a week. Then plant the leaf in succulent soil and mist it until moist every few days. Watering may be reduced in approximately six weeks when roots begin to appear.

Caring

Because they retain water in order to survive in dry, desert climates, succulents don’t require as much maintenance and care as other plants, gardeners say. To help your succulents thrive, position them in places where they’ll receive plenty of bright light. Be sure to use cactus or succulent soil – which helps prevent rotting by keeping roots dry – and apply fertilizer only in summer. The summer season is also the time to provide more water for your succulents; just be sure to allow them to dry between waterings.

Decorating

Succulents’ ability to retain water and their need for little maintenance make them well-suited for indoor decorating. For a simple yet striking centerpiece, place some cactus soil in a small planter or mason jar and add two or three succulent plants in contrasting colors. Succulents also make attractive wreaths: Simply buy a wreath frame at a craft store and attach cuttings from your succulent plants. And because succulents come in a diverse array of colors, it’s easy to take a traditional planter and give it a sophisticated, contemporary twist by using a variety of succulents.

Spring Gardening Planner

Rockaway Garden Center offers the following tips for the upcoming spring gardening season:

> APRIL

What to plant: Now that spring is in full bloom, it’s time to plant fruit trees, berry plants, okra, berry plants and warm-season vegetables such as cucumber. This is also a good time to plant basil, sage, rosemary and other warm-weather herbs.

What to do: Nourish your plants and turf.

> MAY

What to plant: As the weather grows warmer, it’s time to focus on plants

that can take the heat, such as sweet potatoes, southern peas and wax begonia.

What to do: Now’s the time to keep an eye out for insect damage, particularly for chinch bug damage to St. Augustine turf. In addition, be on the lookout for damage to ornamental plants caused by mites and thrips.

> JUNE

What to plant: Heat-loving plants such as palms and lima beans should be planted now, along with succulents and perennials such as shrub roses, salvia and Mexican sage.

What to do: Keep an eye out for nutrient deficiencies as well as drought stress on lawns and plants.



Trompe L'oeil

OFFERS LUXURY SALON EXPERIENCE IN NOCATEE

by JENNIFER LOGUE

Trompe L'oeil Salon's Nocatee location has been open for about a year now. But owner Sheri Beltran said she knew more than six years ago that she would one day open a salon in the growing master-planned community.

"When I bought my first home in Nocatee, I saw the master plan," said Beltran, who this year celebrates her 20th year in the hairstyling industry. "I saw the potential for growth and that's when I knew that I wanted to open a salon here someday."

Beltran recently moved to a new home in Nocatee, in fact, that is even closer to her new salon. "My mother and I bought houses next door to one another," she said. "I love the convenience of being able to walk to work."

Since opening her second Trompe L'oeil Salon – the original location is on A1A North in Ponte Vedra Beach – Beltran said the business has gained numerous new clients who live in Nocatee.

"People are really excited to have a luxury salon right in their own backyard," she said. "It's a real high-quality salon experience."

Particularly popular with Nocatee clients right now is bayalage, a hair painting technique. "Bayalage offers very natural looking highlights,"

Beltran said. "It also grows in a lot more naturally than a typical foil highlighting."

Bayalage services start at \$85; haircuts at Trompe L'oeil start at \$55 and color services start at \$65.

Beltran is also well known for her dry hair cutting technique. "Dry cutting offers seamless layering," she said. "You don't get that shelf look; everything just blends together beautifully."

Overseeing operations alongside Beltran is her husband, Carlos Beltran. A master cutter and colorist, Carlos Beltran sees clients at the Ponte Vedra Beach location. Each salon has a staff of seven hairstylists.

"I think one of the reasons we're successful is that we deliberately keep our team small," she said. "We invest a lot of time and energy into educating our staff."

In addition to sending stylists to train at Bumble and bumble in Orlando, Trompe L'oeil holds regular on-site training sessions to familiarize stylists with the latest trends and techniques.

"Social media has also been huge in educating our staff," Beltran said. "It allows us to keep up with what stylists are doing with cuts and color all over the world. There are so many new products that deal with everything from frizzy hair to smoothing treatments, it's just a very exciting time to be a hairdresser."

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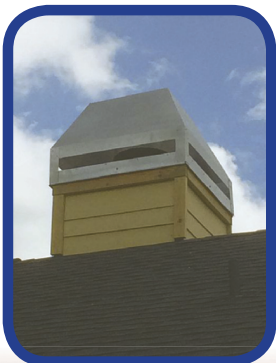
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*Art
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**HOBNOB
DEBUT**

by JASMINE MARSHALL

With chic, minimalist décor and artistic flair, new Brooklyn eatery HOBNOB opened its doors March 25 with a special preview that highlighted the restaurant's artwork.

Guests were treated to the unveiling of a commissioned art piece by Brian Frus, an assistant professor of fine arts at Jacksonville University's College of Fine Arts, with the help of students in the visual arts program. A collection of glass orbs in varied hues of blue, the piece cast light and color across the ceiling above HOBNOB's lounge, contributing to the restaurant's contemporary ambiance.

"I'm so excited about how this installation is going to play about the lights and decor at night," said Frus. "I can picture people enjoying a drink underneath it."



Photos by
Jasmine Marshall

Also on display is a Murano glass-infused mosaic by Philadelphia-based artist Carol Soritz Shelkin and a cascading wave-like pattern installed against the ceiling courtesy of Studio 9 Architecture, LLC, Designmind and River City Contractors. Edible masterpieces available at the preview included signature drinks crafted by Beverage Manager Marlon Hall and food prepared in a kitchen helmed by Head Chef Roger Regulacion. Owners Ellen and Alan Cottrill and General Manager Ted Hayes round out the leadership team behind the trendy haunt.

Hawaii native Regulacion brings with him experience gleaned at Bistro Aix, Galangal Thai Cuisine and Roy's Hawaiian Fusion – experience that is evident in signature dishes such as Ahi Poke Tuna, Hawaiian French Toast and Shrimp and Longanisa Pancit.

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CHILDREN'S HOME SOCIETY HONORS

volunteers

Story and photos by JASMINE MARSHALL

Jacksonville's Buckner branch of the Children's Home Society of Florida is no stranger to acts of kindness.

The nonprofit organization, which aids thousands of children and families, relies on the support of numerous volunteers to achieve its mission. To recognize and honor that support, the Children's Home Society honored its volunteers at an awards luncheon hosted by the Buckner division's board of directors.

On a picturesque day in March, beneath the breezy shelter of a tent dotted with tables set for their guests of honor, third grader Braden Hankins took the stage with a hand over his heart. With squared shoulders, he faced the crowd and brought a microphone to his mouth to say the Pledge of Allegiance. Met with the awe and applause of the crowd, he scampered back to his mother, Latanya Hankins, clutching her skirt.

Braden is one of many children who've experienced the generosity of the Children's Home Society. His mother recalled one Christmas when the efforts of the society meant her children would wake up to the gifts they'd wished for because of a teacher who reached out to

her after helping Braden in school.

"We're very grateful for all the help we've received," Hankins said. "It didn't hit me until we were walking out to her car and she opened her trunk to all those toys ... it showed that she listened to him. And Braden recalled all the things he'd said to her and was reminded that people were listening to him. That's a wonderful thing. So we just wanted to say thank you."

That thank you resonated with the audience as the society recognized several of the community's advocates, including Russ Thomas as the R. David and I. Lorraine Thomas Child Advocate of the Year; ADDT .LC as Corporate Citizen of the Year; Representative Cyndi Stevenson for Public Official of the Year; Anne and Sam Langley as Volunteers of the Year and Deborah and Freddie Dempsey for Foster Parents of the Year. Their commitment, organizers said, has helped the organization continue to break the cycle of neglect.

"These are people who've done a lot of good with and for the organization," said Kent Berry, board chairman of the Children's Home Society of Florida. "And we feel they should be recognized."



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AMELIA ISLAND
Concours d'Elegance

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The 21st Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance 2016 was held March 10-13 on the 10th and 18th fairways of the Golf Club of Amelia Island adjacent to the Ritz-Carlton in Amelia Island, Fla.

Legendary racing driver Hans-Joachim Stuck kicked off the event by driving onto the field in one of his former race cars, the Porsche 962C that he co-drove to an overall win at Le Mans in 1986. Concours highlights included Saturday's RM Sotheby's classic car auction, Friday's Gooding Company auction that featured the Jerry Seinfeld Collection and Sunday's display of classic cars. The 2016 Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance also celebrated the 100th Anniversary of BMW.

Judges awarded Best of Show Concours of Elegance to the 1930 Rolls-Royce Phantom II Town Car from the Nethercutt Collection. Best of Show Concours de Sport went to the 1952 Pegaso Z-102 BS 2.5 Cupula Coupe owned by Evert Louwman.

Off the show field, attendees enjoyed seminars on BMW Drivers of the Ultimate Driving Machine and the Power Brokers. The BMW Drivers seminar featured racer and broadcaster Tommy Kendall moderating a panel of racing greats who shared stories from their years racing for BMW. The Power Brokers seminar featured top engine builders from NASCAR, Sports Cars, Open Wheel Racing and Drag Racing discussing how engines and competition changed with technology through the years. Panelists included Boris Said, David Cowart, David Hobbs, Bill Auberlen, Sam Posey, Brian Redman and Hans-Joachim Stuck.

"This is a great way to connect with enthusiasts, great way to connect with our customers, give our designers some ideas for the

future and really just have a great weekend," said Rob Moran with Mercedes-Benz USA.

Many manufacturers debut new cars at the event.

"These are things that people haven't seen outside of auto shows, so it's actually the first time consumers that aren't in an auto-show type of environment are able to look at the car and enjoy them," said Allyson Witherspoon with Infiniti USA.


The Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance has become one of the premier classic car showcases worldwide under the guidance of its founder and chairman, Bill Warner.

"Diverse doesn't begin to describe Amelia 2016," Warner said. "We let our passions shape Amelia, so the field has a unique flavor that even hard core racers tell us they really love."


This year's event attracted capacity crowds nearing 40,000 and more than 320 cars and motorcycles into 43 classes from 10 different countries. The first show two decades ago opened with only 163 classic cars and about 2,000 visitors. So popular, in fact, was this year's Concours d'Elegance that all 3,500 rooms in local hotels, motels and vacation home rentals were booked through March 21, Amelia Island Convention and Visitors Bureau President Gil Langley said.

Plans for the next Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance are already underway, with the 22nd annual event scheduled to be held March 9-12, 2017.



Since its inception in 1996, the show's foundation has donated more than \$2.75 million to Community Hospice of Northeast Florida, Inc., Spina Bifida of Jacksonville and other charities on Florida's First Coast.



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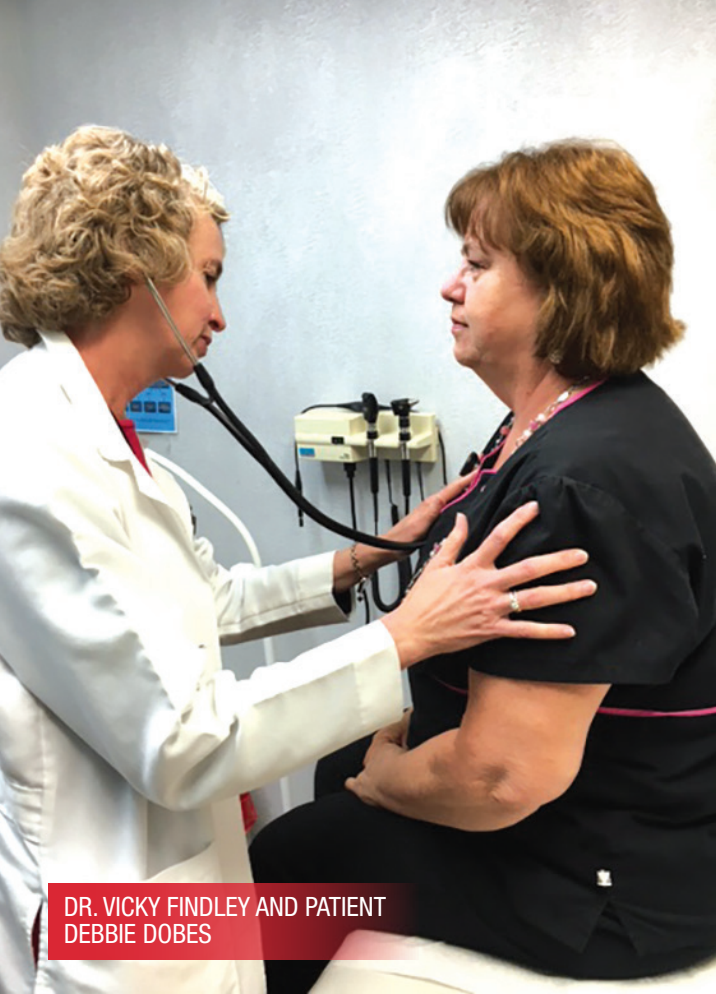
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Volunteers in medicine

by JENNIFER LOGUE



DR. ANNIE AND GEORGE EGAN
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MEDICINE FUNDRAISING RECEPTION
AT THEIR ORTEGA HOME

A \$100,000 challenge grant from noted First Coast philanthropist Delores Barr Weaver succeeded in jumpstarting the annual fundraising drive for Volunteers in Medicine, a Jacksonville nonprofit that provides free medical care to low-income working individuals and families.

Through the Delores Barr Weaver Fund Challenge Grant, donations made at the nonprofit's recent Annual Fund Kickoff Reception were matched dollar for dollar up to \$100,000. Held at the Ortega home of George and Dr. Annie Egan, the cocktail reception marked the start of the organization's yearly fundraising efforts, which ultimately raised nearly \$150,000. With the addition of the Weaver challenge grant, the total contributed reached nearly \$250,000.

"Mrs. Weaver has been a contributor (to Volunteers in Medicine) in the past," said Mary Pat Corrigan, the nonprofit's CEO. "She wanted to support our mission, and she wanted to encourage other people to support our mission as well through the challenge grant."

Guests attending the cocktail reception also had an opportunity to hear from one of the organization's patients. Jacksonville resident Debbie Dobes told attendees how losing her job left her without health insurance at a time when she was dealing with several medical issues. While she eventually found another job, she still did not have access to health insurance.

After learning about Volunteers in Medicine, Dobes made an appointment to be treated for severe bronchitis. Shortly before her appointment, she learned her eldest son had died.

"Those people at Volunteers in Medicine were the kindest, most gentle people with me," Dobes said. "I've worked in the medical field for a very long time and never have I been treated so kindly and so

gently, especially with my son passing."

Moreover, the clinic didn't stop at treating her bronchitis. "They got me in to see a psychologist to deal with (my son's death)," she said. "They also got me an appointment with a nutritionist as I was overweight and my blood sugar was high.

"They don't just treat your medical problems," Dobes continued. "They treat your mind, body and soul. And they're not doing it for the money. They do it because they care."

Dr. Annie Egan, who hosted the reception with her husband, said Dobes' remarks touched the hearts of those in attendance, many of whom were physicians.

"As doctors, we're involved in person-to-person care – we don't often get to hear the global perspective of how people got where they are," Egan said. "Debbie gave everyone present a profound understanding of the challenges that low-income, working people face in accessing health care. It was a very powerful testimonial."

FILLING A NEED

Volunteers in Medicine was founded in 2003, Corrigan said, by local medical professionals who saw a need in the community.

"There were health care options for working people who could afford insurance through their employer and options for people who qualified for government assistance," Corrigan said. "But there wasn't an option for the hard-working individuals and families in the lower-income brackets who didn't have access to or couldn't afford insurance."

Drawing on their contacts and colleagues in the local medical community, Volunteers in Medicine was born. Today, more than 230



Photos courtesy of Volunteers in Medicine

doctors, nurses and non-clinical health care professionals volunteer their time to provide free medical care to working individuals who lack health insurance. In order to qualify for services, families and individuals must work at least 20 hours per week and have an annual income between \$13,000 and 250 percent of the federal poverty guidelines (\$29,500 for an individual). Last year, 1,500 local residents received free medical care through a total of 4,600 medical appointments.

“Our patients are the people who do your hair and nails, everyone who touches your food or takes care of your children, retail workers, small business owners – they really run the gamut,” Corrigan said. “That’s why we’re here. We serve the people who serve us.”




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Project SOS Founder and CEO Pam Mullarkey Robbins (right) poses with volunteer Bonnie Wohlgemuth and a Teddy Bear puppy from Pet World that fetched \$2,700 in the charity auction.



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PROJECT SOS

Grand Anchor Gala

More than 300 guests “set sail” for a worthy cause March 5, when Project SOS (Strengthening Our Society) held its annual Grand Anchor Gala at the Marriott Sawgrass Convention Center. The annual charity fundraiser supports Project SOS’s efforts to impact the lives of 10,000 First Coast middle- and high school students.

Guest auctioneer Sen. Aaron Bean kept the audience entertained while raising money by auctioning off a variety of items to the highest bidder. Comedian Jan McInnus, meanwhile, kept everyone laughing as she shared true stories from her life and family.

“The evening was a huge success, Grand Anchor Gala Chairperson Sue Stepp said. “Everyone went home with a smile on their face wanting to return next year.”

Beaches Chapel School Administrator Edi Wohlgemuth also spoke about the pressures today’s teens face. Wolgemuth noted that when she and her husband were dating, they gave volunteer presentations to teens on how to have a healthy relationship. The couple have now been married for 20 years and have five children who are participating in Project SOS programs at their schools.

Gala proceeds will enable Project SOS to create videos for its Envision: On Line Learning program. Designed specifically to reach teens through new technology, the videos help teens develop the critical life skills needed in today’s world.

“We want to get them right where they live — on their smartphones,” Founder and CEO Pam Mullarkey Robbins said. “They can access these critical life skills anywhere, anytime and share with their friends.”

Project SOS launched its new web-based initiative at the annual gala. Bernabe Murguia, a youth development specialist who has expertise in graphics and marketing, is creating animated whiteboard-style videos that bring to life the nonprofit’s lessons, such as goal setting, life boundaries, refusal strategies and how to handle bullying or sexual pressure. Each video features an animated story about a youth who is facing a problem in his/her life. The solutions are given so teens can learn how to get through their problems and not resort to depression, bullying, cutting, drugs or even suicide.

“Teens are facing real problems and Project SOS has real solutions,” Robbins said. “What every teen needs to know is that they are valuable and irreplaceable. All their problems can be solved without resorting to unhealthy choices.”



(L to R) Some of the donors for the new Envision: On-Line Learning for teens are: Jimmy Stockton, Dr. Richard Stewart, Donna Griffin, Pam and Bruce Robbins, Ruth Conley and her daughter Debbie Bower, and Patricia and Frank Japour from the LaRose Foundation.



Bonnie Wohlgemuth (center) holds the puppy donated by Pet World owners Sharon Welsh and Michael Kassnoff.



Silent auction item bidders view some of the 69 baskets worth over \$44,000 donated from area business partners who care about our students. All proceeds support Project SOS’s programs for middle and high school students.



THE JAY FUND WINE TASTING GALA SERVED UP A VARIETY OF WINES AND DELECTABLE CUISINE.

To the cheers and support of hundreds, Tom Coughlin's Jay Fund brought together local business and community leaders for a Wine Tasting Gala at the Wells Fargo Center in downtown Jacksonville.

Now in its 20th year, the foundation hosted the annual gala as part of Coughlin's ongoing mission to assist families dealing with childhood cancer. The foundation takes its name from Jay McGillis, a young football player Coughlin coached at Boston College. After witnessing the struggles the McGillis family faced when Jay was diagnosed with leukemia, Coughlin vowed to help other families battling childhood cancer.

Hundreds of Jacksonville's community members showed their support at the gala, which has raised more than \$1.5 million in recent years for families in Northeast Florida and Southeast Georgia. Among the night's supporters were Jaguars' coach Gus Bradley and team mascot Jaxson de Ville, both of whom stopped to chat and pose for pictures.

In addition to sampling more than 200 world-class wines, guests enjoyed a

caricaturist and selfie booth and a slew of vendors from local, acclaimed restaurants, including community favorites Sbraga and One Ocean.

"I love it!" said Niki Williams of Peterbrooke's Bake Studio. "There's just so much positivity and everyone's having a good time."

Visitors were welcomed not only to taste the plethora of wines available but also to sample foods and bid on auction items that included everything from fine jewelry to sports attire and memorabilia.

The night was capped off with impromptu photoshoots complete with feather boas, glitter-coated top hats and oversized sunglasses, courtesy of Selfie Jax.

"There's just such great energy here," said Selfie Jax event coordinator Dawn Hennessey, operating the photobooth. "It's fun and it's for a good cause."

Since its inception in 1996, Tom Coughlin's Jay Fund Foundation has awarded more than \$6 million in grants to families in Northeast Florida and the New York/New Jersey metropolitan area.

JAY FUND WINE TASTING GALA BRINGS COMMUNITY, BUSINESSES TOGETHER

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NORTHEAST FLORIDA

Veg Fest

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CARRIE RESCH

This year's Northeast Florida Veg Fest drew a record number of vendors, a record number of vegan foods served and a record number of attendees – an estimated 10,000 to 12,000 people.

The sixth annual Northeast Florida Veg Fest was held Saturday March 5 at Riverside Park in Jacksonville.

Sponsored by the Jacksonville-based grassroots organization The Girls Gone Green, the event included a vegan pie-eating contest, live music, food samples, cooking demonstrations, merchandise vendors and animal rescue and animal advocate group booths.



GastroFest

Story and photos by
CARRIE RESCH

GastroFest, presented by GastroJax, Inc., a non-profit organization created to foster and preserve local cuisine by educating the public about local food and beverage sources, local restaurants, and North Florida dishes, was held Saturday March 19 at Hemming Park in downtown Jacksonville.

The inaugural event was launched last year, and this year's second annual event continued to draw thousands of "foodies" from Northeast Florida who descended upon the park to sample culinary creations from some of the area's top restaurants, listen to live music, and peruse marketplace vendors.

Special ticketed workshops were also held, including an Ethiopian coffee brewing demonstration by Ibex Ethiopian Kitchen, a sourdough bread making workshop by Community Loaves, a vegan wine tasting and vegan charcuterie by Fresh Jax, a mead-making demonstration, a homebrew competition, and panel discussions and lectures at nearby MOCA Jacksonville.





Natural Life

MUSIC & ARTS FESTIVAL

Story and photos by CARRIE RESCH

The 2016 Natural Life Music & Arts Festival took place Sunday March 13 at Metropolitan Park in Jacksonville.

The free event drew thousands of attendees who lounged in the grass field on blankets or in chairs to listen to live music.

For a fee, children could participate in "crafternoon," which featured different craft stations where children could make crafts such as tie-dyed t-shirts, leather bracelets, hula hoops and other throwback crafts. The festival also included

local and out-of-town marketplace vendors, food trucks and the annual Natural Life sample sale.

Natural Life, a Jacksonville-based company that sells colorful clothing, bags, jewelry, home décor and gift items bearing positive affirmations, was founded by Pattie Hughes, a Ponte Vedra Beach resident. The festival is organized by not-for-profit Natural Life for Children. One of the goals of the festival is to raise awareness and funds for local charities benefitting children in need.

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Sunny skies, non-stop entertainment and boatloads of seafood helped this year's St. Augustine Lions Seafood Festival break records for both attendance and fundraising. An estimated 30,000 people attended this year's event, held March 4-6 at Francis Field in downtown St. Augustine.

With a smorgasbord of seafood delights available, attendees feasted on everything from blue crab burritos and conch fritters to wild salmon, jambalaya, paella and more. Additional menu options included non-seafood fare such as BBQ, pizza, snacks and desserts. The event also featured more than 100 artists and crafters who offered their handmade wares for sale. From homemade artisan soaps and artwork to intricately colored glass art, the festival attracted artists from across the South.

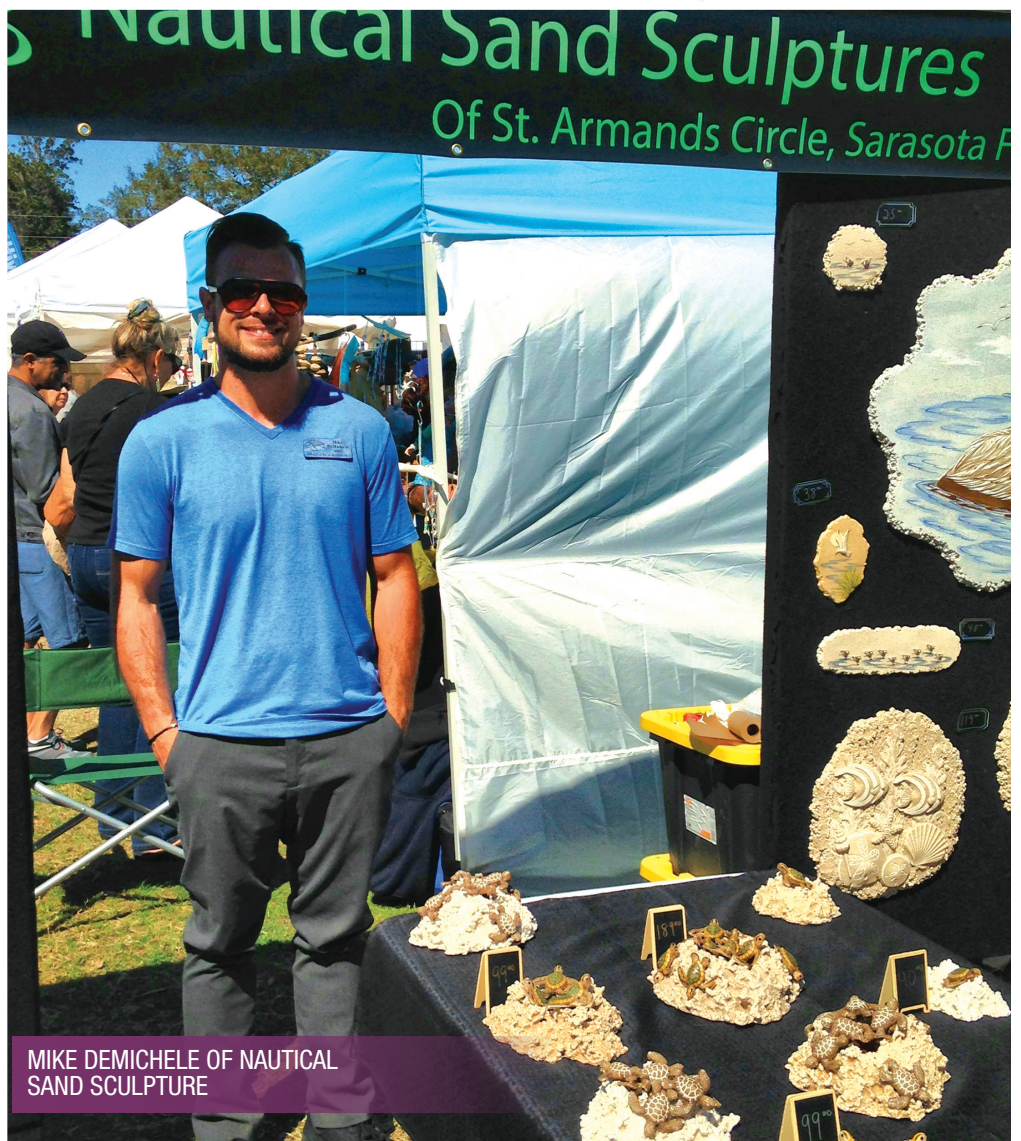
On the main stage, a full schedule of musical acts kept festival attendees entertained, including rising singer-songwriter Christian Lopez, who performed both Saturday and Sunday. Other acts included the Florida State Bluegrass Band, Lonesome Burt and the Skinny Lizards and Linda Cole, niece of legendary Nat King Cole. There were also plenty of activities to keep young festivalgoers amused: From meeting fairy tale princesses and jumping high in the air on trampolines to carousing with swashbucklers at the Pirate Village, kids' activities continued throughout the three-day festival.

"Attendance was up 50 percent over last year's festival," noted Lion Dominic Mercurio, head of the event's organizing committee. "Thanks to the support of the local community, we raised over \$200,000 to support the St. Augustine Lions Club's charitable activities in St. Johns County."

In addition to providing free eye exams to thousands of local children each year, Mercurio added, the St. Augustine Lions provide college scholarships to local youth as well as financial support to numerous non-profit organizations serving St. Johns County.



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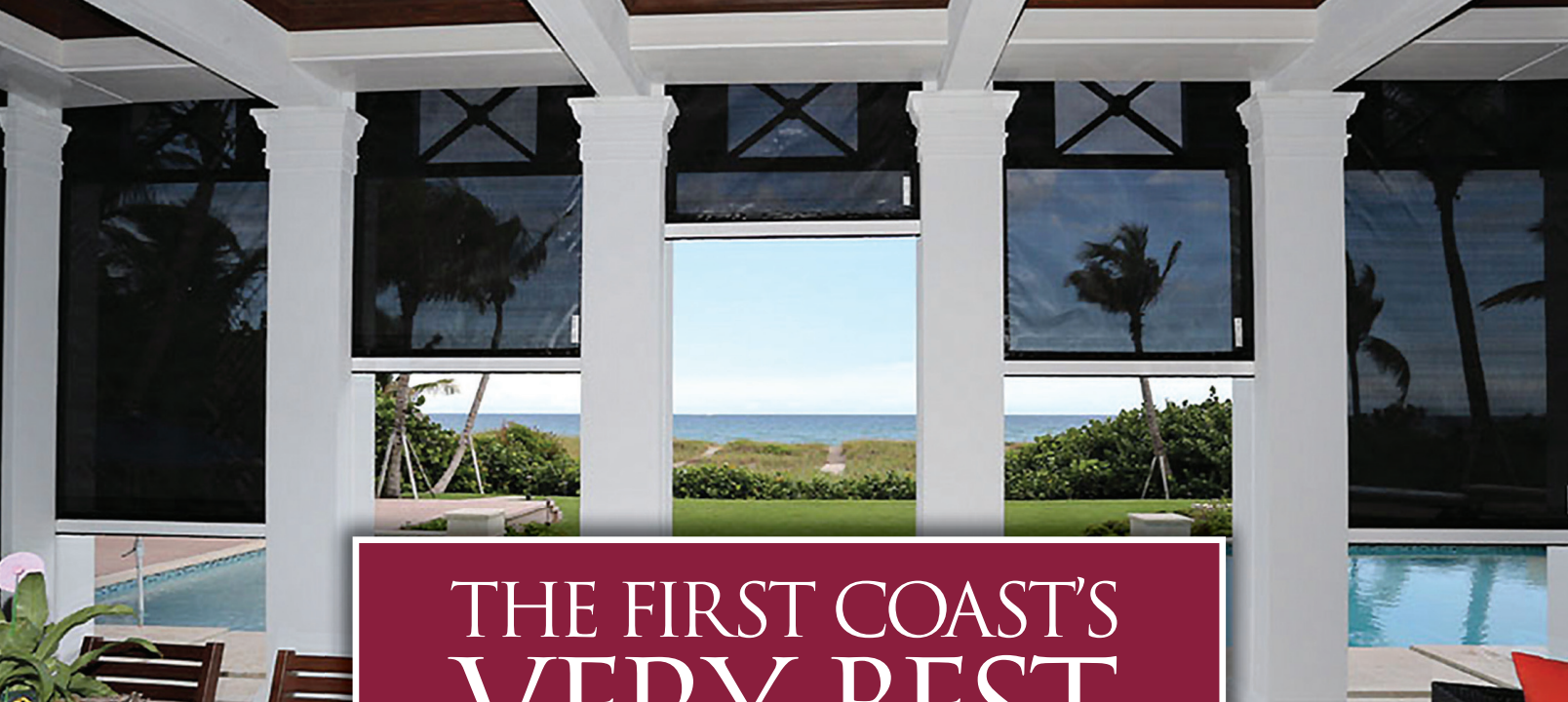
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