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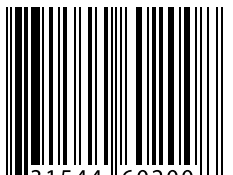
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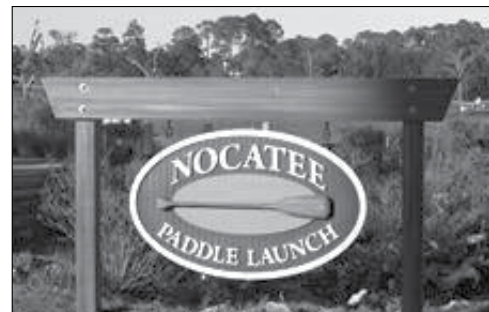


Do you know what this is?

Email your answer to kelly@opcfla.com by Tuesday at 5 p.m.

We'll throw all the correct answers in a hat and choose the winner with a random drawing. If we receive no correct answers, we'll award four Jacksonville Zoo tickets (two adults, two children) to the best wrong answer we receive.

Jim LaCour was randomly selected from the people who correctly identified the Nocatee Paddle Launch sign. Jim, please pick up your zoo tickets!



Better luck this week, guessers! And don't forget — incorrect but entertaining guesses might also be rewarded with a trip to the zoo.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Ms. Osborne,

Regarding your letter to the editor of March 3 in which you discuss the various reasons why a person might fall and what they should do. You urged me to "visit a physical therapist today." That tells me you didn't read my whole column of February 25. I specifically mention that I have been seeing a physical therapist (in fact, he is a doctor of physical therapy) and have had 12 visits so far, with at least 8 more to go. You also must not have read my articles written back in 2013 about how important and valuable "PT" is.

I had complicated and difficult knee surgery in 1986, when physical therapy was not as much in vogue then as it is today. I simply was told to do some stretches at home and did not have the advantage of a professional to work with me. I have been paying the price ever since. I have very poor, weak left leg muscles, and am working three times a week at a rehab center in Ponte Vedra to get stronger. My primary doctor has my bone density studied as often as Medicare allows, and I am hopeful that I will not fall again, but there are no guarantees.

Everyone is different: my 85 year old sister falls all the time but breaks nothing: she has osteoporosis. My 83 year old sister does not have osteoporosis but has recently broken her femur, and then her hip and is taking physical therapy. I've fallen several times in the last ten years and have osteopenia, and every time I've had therapy, and have recovered from whatever was broken. Perhaps others can take advantage of your suggestions re "Finding a Therapist" and the national database of local PTs. People are fortunate that today there are so many venues for people who need to be physically rehabilitated.

— Mims Cushing

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

St. Augustine Celtic Music & Heritage Festival

Break out your kilts and get ready for some highland games, live music and a whole lot of Celtic pride: The St. Augustine Celtic Festival returns St. Augustine March 11-13.

Kickoff events include a whiskey tasting and performance by Dublin's Irish Tenors and The Celtic Ladies on Friday, March 11. Tickets are sold separately from the Celtic Festival passes.

The whiskey tasting takes place on Friday, March 11 at 7 p.m. at Francis Field, 25 W. Castillo Dr., St. Augustine. Tickets are \$45. Seating is limited. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit www.celticstaugustine.com/whiskey-tasting.

Dublin's Irish Tenors and The Celtic Ladies will perform one-night only in downtown St. Augustine. This headlining concert for the St. Augustine Celtic Music & Heritage Festival will take place at 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 11 in Memorial Presbyterian Church, 32 Sevilla St., downtown St. Augustine.

Seating is limited for this event. Tickets are \$25 to \$60. Purchase tickets at www.celticstaugustine.com/special-friday-night-event.

The St. Augustine St. Patrick's Day Parade

The St. Augustine St. Patrick's Day Parade is Saturday, March 12 beginning at 10 a.m. The parade follows a route throughout downtown and ends at Francis Field just as the Celtic Music & Heritage Festival begins. For more information, visit www.celticstaugustine.com/st-patricks-day-parade.

The festival includes highland games, Celtic and local food offerings, Celtic merchandise, children's entertainment and live music by Celtic performers. The festival takes place on Saturday, March 12 from 11 a.m.-10 p.m. and Sunday, March 13 from 11 a.m.-7 p.m. at Francis Field, 25 W. Castillo Dr., St. Augustine. For more information, visit www.celticstaugustine.com.

St. Johns County Parks and Recreation hosting free Easter Egg Hunts

St. Johns County Parks and Recreation will host free Easter Egg Hunts at multiple park locations at 11 a.m. on Thursday, March 24. St. Johns County residents are invited to bring their children up to eight years old to participate at the following parks:

Veterans Park, 1332 Veterans

Parkway, St. Johns

Palencia Park, 405 Palencia Village Drive, St. Augustine

Treaty Park, 1595 Wildwood Drive, St. Augustine

Al Wilke Park, 6140 Main St., Hastings

Children must bring a basket for collection. Eggs and treats will be provided. A special appearance by the Easter Bunny will occur prior at 10:30 a.m. and again after the hunt. Parents are invited to bring their own cameras for photographs. For more information, call (904) 209-0377 or email jbaccari@sjcfl.us.

A Show & Dinner To Go at Arbor Terrace Ponte Vedra

Arbor Terrace Ponte Vedra is screening the Glen Campbell documentary, "Glen Campbell: I'll Be Me," about Campbell's journey through the stages of dementia, Tuesday, March 15 at 4 p.m. Snacks and drinks will be provided during the show. All attendees will receive a complimentary "take and bake" pizza to go after the showing.

Arbor Terrace is located at 5125 Palm Valley Road, Ponte Vedra Beach. To RSVP for the event, call (904) 834-7578 or email khether@arborcompany.com by March 11.

— Compiled by Carrie Resch

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MS Fundraiser at Bogey Grille 2016

Fifth annual fundraiser at Bogey Grille raises awareness, funds for Multiple Sclerosis

Carrie Resch
The Recorder

A community-driven event to raise funds to end multiple sclerosis is growing by leaps and bounds every single year. The fifth annual silent auction benefitting the National Multiple Sclerosis Society was held March 7 at Bogey Grille in Ponte Vedra Beach.

The event is held annually to coincide with MS Awareness Week, a nationwide campaign to raise awareness and research to help end multiple sclerosis.

"It's grown every year," said MS Society North Florida Chapter silent auction committee member and event co-founder, Elaine Wright. The annual fundraiser was started by Wright along with Bruce Reid and Linda Bushong-Reid.

Funds raised from the inaugural year exceeded \$7,000. Last year's event raised approximately \$18,000, and this year's event goal was \$20,000 – a new record. All proceeds benefit the National MS Society.

Silent auction items for this year's fundraiser included 238 items to bid on that were donated by local businesses including The BookMark, Wild Birds Unlimited, Trader Joes, Pineapple Post, Gregory's Jewelers, The Defenders Pest Control, Sweet Pete's, Natural Life, Ellie Bing and many more.

"We're just so thankful for the volunteers who put this event on every

single year to help raise funds to help end MS," Corrina Steiger Madrid, chapter president of the North Florida Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society said.

Event organizers were very appreciative to Bogey Grille owner, Derek Prince, for letting them use his facility to host this event for the fifth year in a row. Prince also donates a portion of the food and drink sales from the fundraiser night each year to the cause. Reid, who likes the idea of the event being a grassroots effort by the community, held in the community, said he is so thankful for Prince's generosity and the generosity of the businesses who donate items to the silent auction each year, as well as the community who turn out year after year to bid on items and help raise funds to end MS.

MS affects the central nervous system. The exact cause of the disease is unknown. Symptoms related to MS can include blurred vision, loss of balance, poor coordination, slurred speech, tremors, numbness, extreme fatigue, problems with memory and concentration, paralysis and blindness, according to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

The North Florida Chapter of the National MS Society serves 34 counties and 18,000 people affected by MS with local services and research to help find a cure for MS. Orange ribbons signify



Photos by Carrie Resch/The Recorder
MS Society North Florida Chapter silent auction committee member and event co-founders Bruce Reid and Elaine Wright with Corrina Steiger Madrid, chapter president of the North Florida Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. (Not pictured, committee member and event co-founder Linda Bushong-Reid.)



National Multiple Sclerosis Society, North Florida Chapter board member, Dan Baker and Bob Trkula.

MS awareness.

Upcoming events benefitting the MS Society include Walk MS: St. Augustine on April 9 and Walk MS: Jacksonville

on April 23. Bike MS: PGA Tour Cycle to the Shore is Oct. 22.

For more information about MS, visit www.nationalmssociety.org/FLN.

Republican Executive Committee hosts open house

The St. Johns County Republican Executive Committee hosted an open house at its new headquarters on Saturday, Feb. 27.

The new offices are located at 3149 US 1, N. To learn more or to sign up to volunteer, visit www.sjc.gop.

Pictured are Gary and Cheryl Howell, Bill Korach and Eddie Creamer.

Photo by Susan Griffin



IN REMEMBRANCE

Robert Daniel Fitzpatrick

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Steve Lourie is one half of the team bringing Coastal Wine Market & Tasting Room to Nocatee's growing Town Center. He and his wife and co-founder, Shaun Lourie, have combined their passion and expertise in opening CWM. Now, as residents and business owners in Nocatee, they are offering customers an elevated retail experience by presenting a diverse selection of exceptional wines, craft beers and artisan accompaniments available inside CWM's warm, rustic setting. The couple's own philosophy -- that wine is best enjoyed with company -- is what they believe sets them apart. With a grand opening slated for the spring of 2016, Coastal Wine Market & Tasting Room's sommelier wants everyone to know what they have to look forward to from its proprietors.

How did you get into the business — what made you want to open a wine market?

After visiting California's Los Olivos area, my dream of bringing the unique ambiance of West Coast wine tasting venues to the East Coast began taking shape. This is the concept we are bringing to CWM and to our customers –it's about the wine, its diverse culture, the eclectic nuances of wine making itself, and, of course, its presentation.

How long have you been in the wine business?

My career started out in the Food and Hospitality industry which quickly led to coordination of Corporate Dining Events where I was responsible for the purchasing of wines. This became the catalyst for my interest in the wine industry, its fascinating history and how people enjoy learning about its production. Shaun and I both agree that an interest in wine gains new perspective when it is shared with someone.

What can people expect from Coastal Wine Market and Tasting Room?

CWM seamlessly blends a wine and beer shopping experience with the comfort and relaxing atmosphere of a winery tasting room. We want our customers to immerse themselves in the taste and psychology of wines and craft beer. Come in and leisurely browse our offerings while enjoying a glass of wine, or an IPA. You may also choose to relax at one of our table tops with your beverage and converse with our staff who will be happy to help you in determining the best selections for you, your occasion, or gifting.

What's something you want everyone to know about your business?

You might say we're a retail store with a twist. CWM is a destination where you can be confident in getting qualified advice, buying the best of wines and craft beers, and, if you choose, learn about their history as well. There's no pretense, no presumptions at CWM – we're just happy to have everyone over to see what we're about! We want our customers to feel as if we're entertaining them in an intimate, relaxed wine cellar.

What do you enjoy most about your job?

We get to create a culture of conversation and camaraderie. We have the opportunity to meet the residents of Nocatee and its surrounding communities. And, we love the idea of being a part of the commercial and residential growth in St. John's County by offering people a new and exciting community venue. We intend to capture good feelings at CWM. We look forward to having you over.thing and to be together. We just hope to capture that feeling.

— Jasmine Marshall/ The Recorder

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Rubio stumps at outdoor rally in Nocatee

Florida Senator courts votes for March 15 primary

Kelly H. McDermott
The Recorder

“It always comes down to Florida, doesn't it?”

With this statement and several impassioned pleas, Republican presidential candidate Sen. Marco Rubio drove home just how vital Florida will be to the success of his campaign at a rally in Nocatee on Tuesday evening.

Rubio's delegate count lags behind competitors Donald Trump and Sen. Ted Cruz. The winner of Florida's Presidential Preference Primary on March 15 will take all 99 delegates.

Rubio was joined in Nocatee by an estimated thousands of supporters, as well as St. Johns County Clerk of Courts Hunter Conrad and St. Augustine City Commissioner Todd Neville.

“The Democrats know that I will win,” Rubio said, receiving cheers from those gathered. “I cannot wait to run against Hillary Clinton because Hillary



Republican candidate for president Sen. Marco Rubio took to the crowd after his speech for selfies with those assembled.

Clinton is unqualified to be president of the United States.”

The Florida-raised Rubio spoke about his time in the state house, where he cut taxes and attempted even deeper cuts through tax code reform.

Ahead of the rally, Rubio's campaign announced backing from many Northeast Florida officials, including Jacksonville City Council members, Florida Representatives and Senators, Jacksonville Mayor Lenny Curry, Jackson-



Photos by Susan Griffin

Rubio spoke at the Farmers Market Field in Nocatee on Tuesday evening.

ville Beach Mayor Charlie Latham and Atlantic Beach Mayor Mitch Reives.

Tuesday's rally was Rubio's second on the First Coast in a week, with the first at the Morocco Shrine Auditorium in Jacksonville on March 5.

Almost, Maine

'Almost, Maine' returns to Players by the Sea Theatre

Carrie Resch
The Recorder

Back by popular demand, “Almost, Maine,” a romantic comedy written by John Cariani set in suburbia Maine that explores the bonds and boundaries of love, is returning to Players by the Sea Theatre in March.

“Almost, Maine” was presented as a limited engagement run in March of 2015. The play, directed by Bradley Akers with a cast featuring Ricky Watson, Drew Brown, Kat McLeod, Megan Georgeo, Kaiti Barta and Grant Williams, is broken down into nine vignettes that all connect in some way. Northern lights, produced by special effects above the audience's head as a tool of engulfing them into the world, serve as transitional pieces from one vignette to the next.

When it came to deciding on scenery for the play, Akers notes that many theatre groups will create lavish scenescapes for this particular play, but in his vision for the story, he wanted to focus on the words.

“This play is about the words. [John Cariani] wrote really beautiful dialogue; he created really cool relationships, so in turn, it's really stripped down, and

it's all about the one on one or the one on twos that happen in the play,” Akers said.

Although the play, which is the most produced play in North American high schools, is described as a comedy, Akers points out that the playwright will say that it's actually very tragic.

“It's very funny – it's a very charming, and beautiful and sweet play,” Akers said. “But love is kind of tragic too – not getting what you want and falling out of love (and sometimes falling in love) is hard to do and it gets a little tragic. I think that's why this play works - because it's so real,” he said.

“Anybody and everybody can relate to something in the play whether they've fallen in love, whether they've been married, divorced, separated... It's a really interesting piece that I think is really a strong piece of theater that lets a director, actors, designers really do something unique and interesting with – something to dig your teeth into too. It's a play for everybody,” said Akers.

During the run of the show, visual artist Anthony Whiting will have his work featured in the Grune Family Gallery. Whiting will be in the gallery during the pre-show of the March 12



Drew Brown (Chad) & Ricky Watson (Randy)

performance. The theatre is also having a coat drive for new or gently used coats during the length of the performance – a nod to the play which is set on a cold winter's night. The coats will be donated to the Mission House.

“Almost, Maine” is the sixth production of Players by the Sea Theatre's milestone 50th season. In celebration of the 50th season, an exhibition exploring the past 50 years of the theatre, which was founded in 1966 by three Beaches couples who shared a love for the theatre, is on display at the Beaches Museum & History Park. “Lights Up: 50 Years of Players by the Sea” opened Feb. 25 and will be on display through



Photos by Bradly Akers

Drew Brown (Lendall) & Kat McLeod (Gayle)

April 24. For more information about the exhibition, visit www.beaches-museum.org.

Performances are March 11 and 12, 17-20, and 24-26 at 8 p.m. with Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. General admission tickets for all performances are \$23; \$20 for students, seniors and military. Thursday student nights offer half price admission with a valid student ID. Three shows remain for this season's performances: a political drama “All the Way” (April 22-May 7), a family-friendly comedy “Shipwrecked! An Entertainment” (June 3-18), and a musical “Memphis” (July 22-Aug. 13).

For more information or to purchase tickets, call (904) 249-0289 or visit www.playersbythesea.org.

Nocatee Happenings: The latest news from Nocatee

Nocatee joins the fight against breast cancer

Jasmine Marshall
For The Recorder

When bikers for Susan G. Komen's Race for the Cure lined up Mar. 5 at the start line, the sun had only just barely begun to cast its rays over the horizon. Once seven o'clock struck, they were on their way -- weaving through Nocatee with the encouragement of their teammates and passersby.

The inaugural ride was one of many events scheduled by the Susan G. Komen foundation and the first to take place in Nocatee, spurred on by a promise to end breast cancer and better the lives of those affected by it.

It was also the start of a community's dutiful call to action.

According to Susan G. Komen North Florida's executive director, Delores Wise, eighty women in the area are diagnosed with breast cancer each month -- and over a third of those cases are diagnosed late-stage.

"We realize the importance of coming to the counties in order to help get the word out about how breast cancer is impacting North Florida," Wise said.

And there was no better place than Nocatee's winding trails and long routes to accommodate the race. With rides

ranging from 10 miles to 64 miles, bikers were more than eager to put their feet to pedals for the cause.

As part of the day's festivities, participants were treated to tee shirts, music and family activities, including a touching walk through a paper tulip garden dubbed "Suzy's Garden," where heartfelt messages were drawn onto pink flower cutouts in celebration and remembrance of breast cancer patients. The messages -- and the turnout of over 100 registered bicyclists -- served as a touching reminder of the community's outpouring of support.

"The community's response exceeded our expectations. We had 125 registered Riders, which most Ride events do not achieve for several years," Wise remarked. "The Riders provided extremely helpful feedback, so that we can continue to improve upon this event. We have already set the date for next year - March 4, 2017.

But as the pink flags, ribbons, tents and flowers sprinkled throughout the lot showed, the most important thing for everyone involved was to raise awareness.

"Breast cancer kills and our best defense at this time is early detection," said Wise. "It is our duty -- our obligation -- to North Florida to educate the women



Photos by Jasmine Marshall

Bikers for Susan G. Komen's inaugural Ride for the Cure take off in waves for rides ranging between 10 and 64 miles.

and men in our five-county service area about breast cancer and provide access to breast health care."

To learn more about upcoming events with Susan G. Komen's North Florida branch, visit www.komennorthflorida.org.

Location announced for new Nocatee school

Kelly H. McDermott
The Recorder

The PARC Group, Nocatee's master developer, announced last week that the St. Johns County School District's newest K-8 school will be located adjacent to Nocatee's Twenty Mile neighborhoods, off of the Nocatee Parkway. Construction of the school, built on land donated by Nocatee, is slated to begin this spring. The School District will determine zoning of students to attend the new school in the fall of 2016.

This new school is the third school site donated by The PARC Group to the school district. The second, Valley Ridge Academy, opened its doors for the 2014-15 school year, and Ponte Vedra High School, the first, opened in 2009.

"Education is an important cornerstone of the Nocatee lifestyle," said Greg Barbour, Chief Operating Officer of The PARC Group, Nocatee's master developer, in a news release. "This new school reinforces

that the Nocatee lifestyle incorporates all of its residents' needs, from education to health, wellness, recreation, worship, employment and more."

The school was first announced on Dec. 9, 2015, as the St. Johns County School Board confirmed plans for three new schools in the northern part of the county.

School zoning is reviewed every fall, before the school year begins, and many Nocatee students are expected to attend the new school. This is the second K-8 school to join the community. Valley Ridge Academy in Nocatee immediately implemented portable classrooms to accommodate demand in its first year.

Nocatee continues to grow at a rapid pace, celebrating its 4,000th home sale in 2015. Nocatee experienced a 30-percent increase in sales over 2014, the highest year-on-year percentage growth of the top three fastest-growing communities in the United States.



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Shark Goalie Wyatt Schuyler makes a good save.

Ponte Vedra stickmen continue to win

Jerry Norton
The Recorder

The Ponte Vedra Sharks lacrosse team faced archrival Nease on the road Friday night and came home with a 15-11 win.

Ponte Vedra jumped out to an early lead seven seconds into the match on Andrew O'Dare's goal. Three minutes later CD James scored to put the Sharks up by two. The Panthers would answer with a goal by Hunter Kobin but Matt Keeler, O'Dare and James pushed the Sharks advantage to 5-1. Goals by Nease's Joey Oliveira and O'Dare made the score 6-2 at the end of the first half.

The Sharks threatened to run away with the game early in the third quarter opening up a 10-3 advantage but the Panthers offense came up strong scoring four unanswered goals. From there on the teams traded goals. Nease closed to within three, 12-9, on Oliveira's second goal before the Sharks iced the game with three goals in the final 5 minutes.

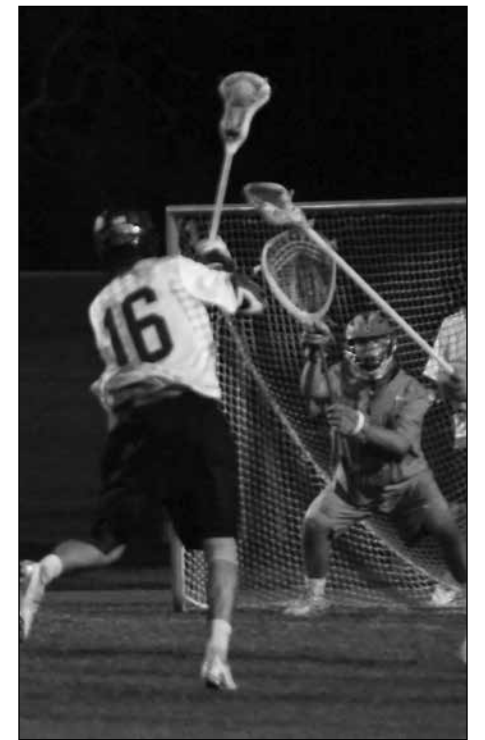
O'Dare and Reid Smith lead the Shark with scorers with 4 goals. CD James



#7 Tyler Schaffer of Nease checks #7 Reid Smith. and Matt Keeler added 2 while Jack Burk, Clay Welch and Ben Buchanan each scored a goal. Later in the week the Sharks topped Bartram Trail 16-6 to improve to 11-0 for the season.

Shark scorers were Reid Smith and Matt Keeler with three scores. James, Welch and Devin Naidoo scored twice and O'Dare, Buchanan and David Hoffman scored single goals.

Ponte Vedra plays at home on Wednesday March 9th against Episcopal at 7:30 pm then meets Jupiter on Friday March 11th at 7:30 pm.



Joey Oliveira takes a shot at the Shark goal.

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<p>Beaches Museum 10 year anniversary Join The Beaches Museum as they celebrate their 10 year anniversary on Thursday, March 10 from 6-8 p.m. The presentation begins at 6:30 p.m. In March, 2006, the Beaches Museum was opened to the public bringing decades of work by the Beaches Area Historical Society to its new home. With a permanent exhibit about Beaches history, temporary historic and art exhibits and an extensive archives and collections, the Beaches Museum has become not only a landmark in the community, but an important resource to visitors and residents. For more information or to RSVP, contact Chris Hoffman at director@beachesmuseum.org or call (904) 241-5657 extension 113.</p> <p>Life Enrichment Group The Life Enrichment Group is a program designed for those with memory changes who like to stay active mentally, physically and socially while allowing caregivers and loved ones some free time for themselves. This program is offered weekdays from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at Ashford Court, 1700 The Greens Way in Jacksonville Beach. For more information, call (904) 568-8174, or email life_enrichmentgroup@yahoo.com.</p> <p>Beaches Luncheon The JAX Chamber Beaches Division Beaches Luncheon is Thursday, March 10 from noon-1:30 p.m. at Casa Marina Hotel and Restaurant, 691 N. First St., Jacksonville Beach. The speaker will be Jake Gordon, CEO, Downtown Vision. The cost is \$20 with advance online registration, \$25 at the door. For more information or to register, visit www.myjaxchamber.com.</p> <p>Evenings at Whitney lecture The Evenings at Whitney Lecture Series hosted by the University of Florida Whitney Laboratory returns Thursday, March 10 at 7 p.m. with the program titled Kids Curing Cancer through Diet with guest speaker Alana O'Reilly, associate professor at Temple University School of Medicine's Fox Chase Cancer Center. The lecture will take place at Whitney Laboratory, 9505 Ocean Shore Blvd., St. Augustine, FL. Reservations not required, and parking is free. Call (904) 461-4000 for more information.</p>	<p>'Natural Currents' exhibition "Natural Currents" featuring the recent paintings by John Bunker and the Sculptural forms of Brian Frus will be exhibited in the main Gallery of the Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach from Feb. 26 to April 8. The Cultural Center is located at 50 Executive Way, Ponte Vedra Beach. For more information, call (904) 280-0614 or visit www.ccpvb.org.</p> <p>Celtic Festival Whiskey Tasting The St. Augustine Celtic Music & Heritage Festival Whisky Tasting kickoff event is Friday, March 11 at 7 p.m. at Francis Field, 25 W. Castillo Dr., St. Augustine. The whiskey tasting will include a presentation by the Jameson Brand Ambassador, Scott Cahill from Ireland. During the presentation, you'll savor different whiskeys as you hear the background of each. You'll also learn the history and facts about the different regions and the whiskeys. Tickets are \$45. Tickets are sold separately from the Celtic Festival passes. Seating is limited. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit www.celticstaugustine.com/whiskey-tasting.</p> <p>MOSH \$5 Fridays Every Friday, come to MOSH to enjoy \$5 admission and extended hours. The museum will be open late every Friday until 8 p.m. (Note: Additional discounts or coupons are not permitted.)</p> <p>Dublin's Irish Tenors & The Celtic Ladies Dublin's Irish Tenors and The Celtic Ladies will perform one-night only in downtown St. Augustine. This headlining concert for the St. Augustine Celtic Music & Heritage Festival will take place at 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 11 in Memorial Presbyterian Church, 32 Sevilla St., downtown St. Augustine. Seating is limited for this event. Tickets are sold separately from the Celtic Festival passes. Tickets are \$25 to \$60. Purchase tickets at www.celticstaugustine.com/special-friday-night-event.</p> <p>Live Music at Table 1 Table 1 at 330 A1A N will host Way Back Wednesday live starting at 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>The Beaches League of Storytellers The Beaches League of Storytellers, a 30 year old organization for adult story tellers, will meet on Saturday, March 12 at 10 a.m. in the Community Hall of Pablo Towers, 115 Third St., Jacksonville Beach. "What do you want your children and grand children know about your childhood?" We'll be working on personal story telling and visitors are encouraged to come with a short personal story to tell. Any adult interested in the ancient art of storytelling is welcome. There will be stories, a workshop and discussions. For more information, visit www.beachesstorytellers.com or call Marianne at (904) 280-2976.</p> <p>St. Patrick's Day Parade The St. Augustine St. Patrick's Day Parade is Saturday, March 12 beginning at 10 a.m. The parade follows a route throughout downtown and ends at Francis Field just as the Celtic Music & Heritage Festival begins. For more information, visit www.celticstaugustine.com/st-patricks-day-parade.</p> <p>Celtic Music & Heritage Festival The sixth annual Celtic Music & Heritage Festival is March 11-13. The festival includes highland games, Celtic and local food offerings, Celtic merchandise, children's entertainment, and live music by Celtic performers. The festival takes place on Saturday, March 12 from 11 a.m.-10 p.m. and Sunday, March 13 from 11 a.m.-7 p.m. at Francis Field, 25 W. Castillo Dr., St. Augustine. For more information, visit www.celticstaugustine.com.</p> <p>'A Facility for Living' at Limelight Limelight Theatre presents "A Facility for Living" March 4-26 on the Matuza Main Stage. Joe Taylor, a retired actor, moves into a prison-turned-elder care facility shortly after the demise of Medicare and the election of Dick Cheney as President in this dark comedy. The play is rated PG-13 (Adult themes and language.) Show-times are 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday; 2 p.m. Sunday matinee. The theatre is located at 11 Old Mission Ave., St. Augustine. For more information, call (904) 825-1164 or visit www.limelight-theatre.org.</p>	<p>St. Augustine Record Fair The Spring 2016 St. Augustine Record Fair is Sunday, March 13 from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. The annual St. Augustine Record Fair is a free, family-friendly event and is open to the public. Music lovers and collectors are invited to the St. Augustine Amphitheatre to shop thousands of music-related items including new and used vinyl records, CDs, posters, turntable equipment and supplies, memorabilia, collectibles and more. Live music and DJ sets by Jake Brown will take place throughout the day plus children's activities including a bounce house, face painting and more will keep the entire family entertained. Food and beverages will be available for purchase from several on-site food trucks as well as the Amphitheatre Concessions. Ample free parking will also be available. For more information, visit www.staugamphitheatre.com.</p> <p>Natural Life Music and Arts Festival The Natural Life Music and Arts Festival is Sunday, March 13 from 11 a.m.-8 p.m. at Metropolitan Park, 1410 Gator Bowl Blvd., Jacksonville. Admission to the festival is free; VIP tickets are available for purchase. The festival includes live music performances, Crafters market, food vendors, and a warehouse sale. Proceeds benefit the Natural Life for Children 501(c)3 organization to be donated to local children's charities. For more information, visit www.naturallifemusicfestival.com.</p> <p>Collection Tour Join the Cummer Museum of Art and Gardens us on Sundays for a guided tour of our permanent collection. The tour is free with the cost of admission. The museum is located at 829 Riverside Ave., Jacksonville.</p> <p>Practice with Purpose at Big Fish Yoga Practice with Purpose is an all-level yoga class offered on Sundays from 4-5 p.m. at Big Fish Power Yoga. The fee for the class is a \$5 cash donation that goes to the charity that Big Fish Power Yoga has selected for the quarter. Big Fish Yoga has relocated to the South Beach Regional Shopping Center in Jacksonville Beach at 3852 South 3rd St. For more info. call (904) 372-0601.</p>

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<p>Caregiver Support Group The Players Caregiver Support Group meets every Monday 12:00-1:00 p.m. at The Players Senior Center, 175 Landrum Lane in Ponte Vedra Beach. Kimberly Weir of Heartland Hospice facilitates a weekly discussion of current concerns and issues of caregivers. It is a great opportunity for caregivers to share resources and ideas. For more information, call (904) 280-3233.</p> <p>Sunshine Center Volunteers The adult day center located in the Coastal Community Center is seeking creative volunteers to assist with simple arts & crafts projects with seniors Mondays through Fridays from 12:30-2:30 p.m. For info, call (904) 209-3686.</p> <p>Mental Health Recovery Support Support is free to the public and facilitated by Georgia, Florida Certified Peer Specialist, Whitney Bolin. By appointment only M-F, contact at (770) 403-4991 or whitneybat76@gmail.com. In addition, she facilitates a MH Recovery Group at Flagler Hospital from 2- 4 p.m. every Tuesday.</p> <p>Republican Club Meeting The Republican Club of Greater St. Augustine is meeting from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. at 250 Brainard Dr. in St. Augustine. Meetings are held the second Monday of every month and are open to all registered Republicans. There is no charge for attending. For more information, visit republicanclubgsa.com or email information@republicanclubgsa.com.</p> <p>Sawgrass Women's Club Meeting The Sawgrass Women's Club meets the second Monday of the month at 10:00 am at Sawgrass Country Club Golf Club. For more information, email Susan Summers at sritchiesummers@aol.com.</p> <p>For The Love of Driving Volunteer drivers are needed to assist seniors in achieving their mobility goals in St. Johns County. Transportation needs range from trips to the grocery store and classes to spousal hospital visits or social activities. If you are interested, please contact the Mobility Manager at the Council on Aging, 904-315-6505, or email Katie Arnold at karnold@stjohnscoa.com.</p>	<p>Arbor Terrace Life Enrichment Group The Life Enrichment Group Day Program takes place every Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at Arbor Terrace Ponte Vedra, 5125 Palm Valley Road, Ponte Vedra Beach. The group is designed for those with memory changes who would like to stay active mentally, physically and socially. For more information, call (904) 497-4346 or visit www.at-pontevedra.com.</p> <p>Sunset Rotary Club weekly meeting The Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach Sunset meets Tuesdays from 6-7:15 p.m. at the Hilton Garden Inn. Community leaders are welcome to attend. For more information, call Club President Ron Mott at (904) 460-7092 or email HOJRON@aol.com.</p> <p>Palm Valley Farmers Market The Palm Valley Farmers Market takes place every Tuesday from 1:30-5:30 p.m. at the Palm Valley Community Center, 148 Canal Blvd. in Ponte Vedra Beach.</p> <p>Habitat for Humanity volunteers Habitat for Humanity of St. Augustine/St. Johns County is currently seeking qualified homeowners. Habitat does not give away homes for free. Instead, homeowners pay an affordable monthly mortgage payment and we help build them a simple, decent place to live. If you know someone who might benefit from Habitat homeownership, please refer them to our website. To find out more about how you can donate, volunteer, or qualify visit habitatstjohns.org.</p> <p>Kingdom Advisors Beaches Group You are invited to attend a monthly Kingdom Advisors presentation at the Caduceus Consulting offices on Tuesday, March 15 from 7:30-8:30 a.m. Ron Blue will address the important question, "How much is enough?" And, how does a person's Christian faith influence their financial decisions? Open to anyone interested in managing their life and finances according to biblical principles. Caduceus Consulting is located at 238 Ponte Vedra Park Drive in the Griggs Group building. Contact Rick Weaver at (904) 718-2507 or Rick@caduceusconsulting.com to attend.</p>	<p>PV Professionals Networking Group The Ponte Vedra Professionals Networking Group meets every Wednesday from noon-1 p.m. at Mulligans, 43 PGA Tour Blvd. in Ponte Vedra Beach. For more information, call Gloria at (904) 635-6103, visit www.pvpng.com, or email pontevedrapng@gmail.com.</p> <p>Ponte Vedra Toastmasters The Ponte Vedra Toastmasters Club offers opportunities for developing your leadership and communication skills. Join us on Wednesdays at The PLAYERS Community Center at 175 Landrum Lane. The meeting starts promptly at 7:30 a.m. and lasts one hour. Want to know more? Contact Lucy Reep at 904-607-3695 or contact-5199@toastmastersclubs.org</p> <p>'Big River' at The Alhambra Tony Award Winner "Big River: The Adventures of Huckleberry Fin" will be performed at Alhambra Theatre & Dining Feb. 18-March 20, Alhambra Theatre & Dining is located at 12000 Beach Blvd., Jacksonville. For more information or to purchase tickets, call (904) 641-1212 or visit www.alhambrajax.com.</p> <p>Travel Training Program The Council on Aging announces a Travel Training program designed to assist seniors in learning to ride the Sunshine Bus. If you are curious about expanding your transportation options or you would like to increase your confidence as a bus rider, let one of our trained volunteers assist you in navigating routes, reading time tables and making transfers. If you are interested, please contact the Mobility Manager at the Council on Aging, (904) 315-6505, or email Katie Arnold at karnold@stjohnscoa.com.</p> <p>Annual Activity Member Become an Annual Activity Member at The Players Community Senior Center! There are so many reasons to become a member: discounts on fee-based classes, designated events and Coastal Travel, complimentary participation in a wide variety of scheduled activities, to name a few! Please call Darlene Mahany at 280-3233 for all the details.</p>	<p>North Beaches' Art Walk The North Beaches' Art Walk is from 5 p.m.-9 p.m. at the Atlantic and Neptune Beaches' Town Center. For more information, call First Street Gallery at (904) 241-6928 or Archway Framing and Gallery at (904) 249-2222 or visit www.nbaw.org.</p> <p>Grief support group A Grief Support Group meets on the third Thursday of every month at St. Paul's Catholic Church in the library of the Family Life Center at 578 First Ave. North in Jacksonville Beach. The next meeting will be Thursday, Dec. 20, at 7 p.m. The group is for adults who are grieving the death of a family member or friend. For more information, call Kathy at (904) 553-8933 or Catherine at (904) 247-0665.</p> <p>Adventures in the Arts Adventures in the Arts takes place Thursday, March 17 at 2 p.m. at the Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library, 101 Library Blvd., Ponte Vedra Beach. The meet-up includes a hands-on collage workshop presented by Joyce Gabiou, an award winning multimedia artist. Space is limited so please call Jan at (310) 779-3887 before March 12 to reserve your spot. This free program is made possible by FOCUS Cummer and the Friends of the Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library.</p> <p>Coffee on the Coast The JAX Chamber Beaches Division Coffee on the Coast is Thursday, March 17 from 8-9 a.m. at Balanced Physician Care, 115 Professional Drive, Suite 104, Ponte Vedra Beach. The cost is \$5. Advance online registration requested. For more information or to register, visit www.myjaxchamber.com.</p> <p>Live Music at Table 1 Table 1 at 330 A1A N will host the Gary Starling Jazz Band live starting at 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>Free calendar listings for community groups and nonprofit organizations are published at our discretion on a space-available basis. Send your event at least 10 days before publication. Submit events to carrie@opcfla.com, post online at www.pontevedrarecorder.com using the automated form or call (904) 686-3939.</p>

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Ponte Vedra girls lacrosse continues winning season

Brette Reiman

Community submission

The Sharks Girls Lacrosse team had another strong week with three wins in a row against two Georgia teams and Fleming Island High School.

PVHS vs Cambridge High School (Georgia)

Ponte Vedra kicked off the week as hosts to Georgia's Cambridge High in the Shark Tank. Senior Emma Dotsikas led the scoring with six goals. Seniors Jade Gordon, Jordan Grune and junior Tess Reiman each added two goals each.

Senior Bri Feldman and sophomore Sarah Thomasson each tallied a goal. Emma Dotsikas led draw controls for the game with three, and Tess Reiman led ground balls with four.

Draw controls were spread across the team with wins on the circle from Jade Gordon, Bri Feldman, Paige Reed, Lenda Thompson, Tess Reiman, Maddie Silva, Sarah Thomasson and Alex Hess. Senior goalie Tatiana Lathion had seven saves.

Final Score: Sharks 14 - Cambridge 12

PVHS vs. Lassiter High

Saturday afternoon the Sharks traveled to Bartram Trail to take on Georgia's Lassiter High School. Senior goalie, Tatiana Lathion, had a fantastic day in the goal with 11 strong saves.

Emma Dotsikas led scoring with seven goals, and Tess Reiman followed her lead with 4 goals for the game.

Bri Feldman, Laney McGriff, and Sarah Thomasson each scored one goal. Tess Reiman and Sarah Thomasson led ground balls for the game with four each.

Great showings included a beautiful turnover by sophomore Alex Hess, and ground ball controls by junior Maddie Silva.

Final Score: Sharks 14 - Lassiter 7

PVHS vs. Fleming Island

Ponte Vedra faced Fleming Island High School in the Shark Tank on Thursday night. Awesome teamwork helped spread the goals among many athletes, resulting in a decisive 20-4 victory. Senior Emma Dotsikas led scoring with five goals and four assists to teammates. Junior Tess Reiman tallied four goals, and sophomore Sarah Thomasson scored three goals.

Bri Feldman, Jade Gordon, Lenda Thompson, Ellie Lecker each hit the back of the net twice. Emma Dotsikas and Sarah Thomasson led draw controls for the night with six and five, respectively. Senior Tatiana Lathion had another strong night with seven saves in goal.

Final Score: Sharks 20-Fleming Island 4

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Watson Realty Corp. received multiple prestigious Marketing Awards from Leading Real Estate Companies of the World® (LeadingRE), an international network of more than 500 top real estate firms. The awards were presented at the network's Annual Conference, held during the LeadingRE Conference Week, which attracted an impressive audience of over 2,000 real estate professionals from more than 20 countries.

The award-winning entries in the Internal Promotions, Business Cards, Letterhead and Specialty Marketing, Consumer Materials and Interactive Media categories were chosen based on creativity, quality and overall presentation and effectiveness.

Watson received the 2nd place award for Internal Promotions, recognizing outstanding marketing of LeadingRE programs to the company's internal audience; 3rd place award for originality in interactive media; Honorable Mention award for originality in consumer materials and the Honorable Mention award for superior Business Cards, Letterhead and Specialty Marketing in recognition of its creative and effective collateral materials.

"We are very excited to win these distinguished awards," said Kim Touch-



ton, marketing director of Watson Realty Corp. "It was a great honor to be recognized among hundreds of entries from the best in the business."

"These days, the most effective real estate marketing does so much more than simply promote the features of a home. The best marketing tells a story, whether it be the story of a home or a community or the distinctive personality of a real estate company," said LeadingRE President/CEO Pam O'Connor. "The companies winning one of our marketing awards have mastered this approach, providing useful information to home buyers and sellers in a truly engaging

and compelling way."

Watson was also recognized as the LeadingRE.com #1 Overall Website Traffic Leader, which honors the brokerage that generated the most traffic from their website to the other affiliates of the Leading Real Estate Companies of the World® network worldwide by offering local website visitors the opportunity to search for properties in other parts of the country and the world.

Watson was presented Institute's Outstanding Participation Award, which recognizes the brokerage that demonstrated the most in-depth company engagement in LeadingRE's cutting-edge

learning platform, Institute. The company's participation reflects its commitment to continuous improvement of skills and competency and to generally raising the bar in the real estate profession for their sales associates and managers.

"We are proud to be recognized among this elite group of firms by Leading Real Estate Companies of the World®. It is a true honor," said Carlotta Lanschoot, executive vice president of Watson Realty Corp. "Receiving these awards is a testament to our exceptional commitment to utilizing our network's wide range of services and programs to continue delivering legendary quality service."

"The companies recognized with our prestigious Program Awards have shown a real commitment to maximizing specific services available to them through their affiliation as a way to extend the scope of their offerings," LeadingRE President/CEO Pam O'Connor said. "We are pleased to pay tribute to these outstanding companies for their focus on excellence and their exemplary participation in our global community."

Watson was also awarded the Website Quality Certification (WQC). Watson

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Pictured are hosts Adam Wolf, President, and Danielle Wolf, Vice President, Business Development.

Health & Wealth open house

Wolf Retirement hosted a Health and Wealth open house event on Feb. 18, offering the community a chance to enjoy a chair massage from Massage Green, wine tasting from Wine Decadence and entertainment from local blues and rock band, Flat Black.

The event also included a raffle for prizes geared towards staying healthy

and enjoying life in 2016. Community partners from the Jacksonville Blood Alliance, the American Heart Association, TBI-Traumatic Brain Injury Awareness and others were also in attendance at the event.

Wolf Retirement is located at 4230 Pablo Professional Court, Ste. 101 in Jacksonville.

Clare Berry named to NEFAR's Circle of Honor

Northeast Florida Association of Realtors held its Installation of 2016 Officers and Awards Gala, Navigating Relevance Through Professionalism, on Jan. 20, 2016, at the Jacksonville Marriott. Ponte Vedra Beach Realtor Clare Berry received one of NEFAR's most distinguished awards, its Circle of Honor, at the awards ceremony.

The award recognizes a member for many years of exceptional service and contributions to the community and the state, as well as to the real estate profession.

Berry is active in many civic and charitable organizations,

including THE PLAYERS Championship, Ponte Vedra Beach Rotary, Leadership Jacksonville, BEAM, Episcopal School of Jacksonville, Beaches and Cummer Museums, St. Johns County Chamber - Ponte Vedra Division, Junior League, Florida Master Naturalists and Audubon.

Her real estate contributions have included chairing the NEFAR Education Committee and the Northeast Florida Multiple Listing Service, and volunteering for a number of Realtor committees and think tanks.

"I'm so honored to receive this award from my peers,"

said Berry. "It's a blessing to love what you do as much as I do, both in my career and in my volunteer activities. I'm lucky enough to do this work in exciting and beautiful north-east Florida, where every day we enjoy a fantastic quality of life."

Berry has been a Realtor in this area for 30 years. After working for a large general brokerage, and later a developer, she opened her boutique firm in 1993 in Ponte Vedra Beach at The Shoppes of Ponte Vedra.

For more information, visit www.clareberryrealestate.com.



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Realty Corp.'s website, WatsonRealty-Corp.com, earned the certification after receiving high marks in a number of critical areas relating to website performance, including usability, design and content, interactivity, customer service and mobile responsiveness. The evaluation was conducted by Virtual Results, LLC, a real estate internet and social marketing firm selected by LeadingRE to review the websites of participating members.

Available only to firms affiliated with LeadingRE, the WQC is awarded based on specific measurements that are updated each year based on the latest in internet marketing strategies and evolving consumer preferences. To maintain the certification, companies must be re-certified every two years.

"We created the WQC to raise the bar in online marketing and recognize the companies that are demonstrating best practices with their websites," said Leading Real Estate Companies of the World® President/CEO Pam O'Connor. "The 136 companies that earned the WQC this year have not only mastered the technical components, but they have also shown superiority in providing highly local content, up-to-the-minute information on homes, and responsive customer service."

"At Watson Realty Corp., we have always strived to provide the highest level of service to the public," said Joe Balla, director of information technology at Watson Realty Corp. "We are very pleased to receive this recognition from the LeadingRE since the internet has become such a substantial part of the real estate industry."

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This is the 14th annual BookMark/NOW event to celebrate Women's History Month and the 9th year for the "Rona Recommends" program. It is a great way to enjoy lively conversation and get great reading recommendations, and to find out more about Women's History Month.

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Bullying and suicide: it's real

Bullying today is a problem throughout the world. But right here in our own country, the numbers from bullying related suicides are increasing. Over 14% of high school students have considered suicide and 7% have actually attempted it. An astonishing 30% of students are either bullies or victims of bullying.

Bullying is intentional, emotional, or physical harm. The link between bullying and suicide is very strong. Suicide is the third leading cause of death in teens according to the Center For Disease Control. It results in about 4,400 deaths per year. Children that are bullied are approximately 9% more likely to consider suicide according to Yale University Studies.

Unfortunately, too many parents still look at bullying as "just part of being a kid." A (Toughen you up attitude). However, it's way more serious than that. This is a severe problem, which leads our youth to many negative life long issues.

Parents often don't take the link



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between bullying and suicide seriously enough. Bullying related suicides could be linked to many different types of bullying: physical, emotional, cyber or sexting bullying, or even suggestive bullying, which is circulating embarrassing photos or spreading negative and untrue messages around about a person. Bullying may be tormenting, hitting, kicking, verbal abuse, shoving, extorting money (telling a child to hand over their lunch money or they will be beat up).

Warning signs of suicide can be: a child acting depressed or sad, staying home from outside social events or activities with friends, trouble eating or sleeping, or loss of interest in their favorite activity or sport, constantly talking about death, giving away some

of their favorite possessions, comments such as, "the world would be better off without me."

If you notice such behavior from your child or any other young adult, get them to be seen by a counselor, doctor, or nearest emergency room right away.

The problem is many times the child is too embarrassed to admit to being bullied and sometimes when they do mention any of these comments, they are not taken seriously enough.

In the meantime, if you are with someone who may possibly be suicidal, encourage them to talk about it, be loving, understanding, and supportive. Make sure to lock away any medicines and weapons. Then, let the professionals decide whether or not the child is in such danger.

96% of bullying occurs in schools, if a teacher or principal does not give you or your child any satisfaction with the bullying problem then notify the police and or get an attorney involved.

Of course, all friends and siblings tease one another from time to time in

a playful and normal way. But when it starts to become unkind or hurtful, this is where it crosses the line to bullying. It is at this point that it must be STOPPED!

When speaking to your children about the dangers of bullying, make sure you also talk to them about the other side of bullying, making sure to educate your child that THEY should never be the one to TEASE or BULLY.

Educating our children about the dangers of bullying begins at home. Bullying leads to senseless deaths from distraught children or young adults.

If you suspect bullying of any kind immediately contact the appropriate people or authorities and don't be afraid to get involved.

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Kids, community pitch in to support music therapy program

Claire Fodor
Small Steps member

Last Friday was not only Ponte Vedra Softball Club's season opener, but also the kick off for PVAA's Change for a Change youth-led campaign to raise money for the Music Therapy Program serving special needs students in Ocean Palms, PVPV-Rawlings and Valley Ridge. Music Therapy is provided free of charge to special needs students in these Ponte Vedra schools thanks to the efforts of the Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach. Fundraising is crucial to keep this program in place for the future. The goal is 100% participation from PVAA players who are asked simply to pocket change from around their home through April 30th. No door to door solicitations are allowed.

Change for a Change is led and run by Small Steps, a local youth-led service group, whose young members support their schools and community through independent projects they develop and lead. Small Steps is rais-

ing awareness in the community of the CCPVB Music Therapy so that this new and vital Outreach Program can continue. Small Steps' projects are no cost because they repurpose, reuse and recycle donated items. 100% of all donations stay local and support Ponte Vedra special needs students.

Jessica Richardson, Principal of Ocean Palms Elementary School and President-Elect of the Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach, says, "I could not be more excited about the partnership that has been formed between PVAA and Small Steps to support the continuation of Music Therapy in three of our St. Johns County schools. A goal for the Small Steps program is to generate awareness of community needs through youth leadership. The Change for a Change program is a perfect example of how one idea from one Ponte Vedra student can grow exponentially with community collaboration. Small change, collected by many people, will make a big difference for the students



who benefit from Music Therapy each week."

Small Steps only partners with sports clubs and organizations whose leadership clearly supports a 'players first' or 'students first' philosophy. The support of the PVAA leadership for this philosophy was clear with Commissioner John Wicker's statement, "We feel an important part of our job as a 'community organization' is to educate our players with 'life skills'. Being humble and compassionate while helping others is an important life skill we teach. Your program is a great example of teaching those skills and paying it forward."

Amy O'Brien, Competitive 14U North Florida Stealth Coach, says "Ponte Vedra Girls Softball is proud to partner

with Small Steps. Change for a Change is led by a female student leader and role model. I think it is important that young girls have as many people to look up to as possible. I am excited for this fundraiser as a teacher and a coach, and I am looking forward to our teams raising money for this great cause!" As an ESE paraprofessional, Michelle Campbell, 12U North Florida Stealth Coach, has personally witnessed the benefit of music therapy.

In the next few weeks, every Ponte Vedra Soccer Club team needs one or two players to lead their team's collection of change. Those PVSC Team Leaders will be advised when to pick up their team's donation jar and

Sisler Johnston Interior Design awarded contract to design model at Tamaya

Sisler Johnston Interior Design has been awarded the contract to provide interior design services for ICI Homes' Serena model at Tamaya. The model is located in the new Bella Nika neighborhood at the master-planned community, which is located off Beach Boulevard midway between Kernan and Hodges boulevards in Jacksonville.

Sisler Johnston Interior Design is responsible for the model home's interior specifications and selections including furnishings, décor, wallcoverings, window treatments, carpeting, countertops, lighting and decorative hardware. The model is planned for opening in April 2016.

"The Serena is an extremely livable home showcasing the exceptional quality, style and value of ICI Homes," said Judith Sisler Johnston, president of Sisler Johnston Interior Design and allied member, American Society of Interior Designers (ASID). "Tamaya is a magnificent community offering beautiful homes with a Mediterranean flair, world-class recreational amenities and a convenient location near top rated schools and the beach."

The new model, which has four bedrooms and a home office, features open spaces that connect the kitchen, dining, entertainment and outdoor living areas together for family living and entertaining. The home's design will reveal a comfortable modern style and a cool neutral color palette highlighted by emerald green and topaz accents.

Sisler Johnston Interior Design offers comprehensive interior design services for commercial and residential clients. The company specializes



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Girl Scouts celebrate 104 years of building girls of courage, confidence, character

Gateway Council to host Girl Scouts Birthday Bash in downtown Jacksonville

For 104 years old, Girl Scouts are looking pretty good.

On March 12, 1912, Juliette Gordon "Daisy" Low assembled 18 girls for a meeting in Savannah, Ga., and ever since, Girl Scouts have been blazing trails and developing leaders. Each year, from March 6-12, Girl Scouts celebrate Daisy and her troop with a week of service and Girl Scout activities, culminating in a birthday celebration.

To celebrate its own rich history across 16 counties of North/North Central Florida, Gateway Council will host a Girl Scouts Birthday Bash on Saturday, March 12, 4-6 p.m., at Hemming Park in downtown Jacksonville. Girl Scouts and their families will come together to mark the day with activities, entertainment and, of course, birthday cake!

"The birthday celebration demonstrates the significance of Girl Scouts. Our local celebration brings together girls from 16 counties in Florida and Girl Scouts everywhere with one mission: to make the world a better place," said Mary Anne Jacobs, CEO of Girl Scouts of Gateway Council. "We celebrate the founding of Girl Scouts and being a part of something bigger – the world's largest girl-serving organization. Happy birthday!"

Highlights of the celebration will include activities and a science experiment by MOSH, as well as entertainment from a mother-daughter DJ team.

Because Girl Scouts make the world a better place, attendees at the event will support a service project to create birthdays-in-a-bag, including cake mix

and icing, party supplies and hand-made birthday cards. The bags will be distributed to food pantries around Gateway Council to share the birthday cheer.

Girl Scout Week began with Girl Scout Sunday on March 6 and concludes with Girl Scout Sabbath or Shabbat on Saturday, March 12. On Girl Scout Sunday and Sabbath, girls wear their uniforms to worship services. In addition to the council-wide event, girls celebrate within their troops and communities with flag ceremonies, community service activities or displays and projects highlighting the history of Girl Scouts.

To help celebrate Girl Scouts, the Chick-fil-A location at 9980 Southside Blvd., Jacksonville, has invited troops in Gateway Council to paint the restaurant's windows in a Girl Scout theme. Then, on March 12, Girl Scouts' birthday, any girl who visits the restaurant in uniform will receive a free small IceDream Ice Cream cone.

About Girl Scouts of Gateway Council

Girl Scouts of Gateway Council serves nearly 13,000 girls in grades K-12 and adults in Northeast/North Central Florida. The service area includes Alachua, Baker, Bradford, Clay, Columbia, Dixie, Duval, Flagler, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Levy, Nassau, Putnam, St. Johns, Suwannee and Union counties. For information on how to join, reconnect or donate to Girl Scouts of Gateway Council, visit: www.girlscoutsgateway.org or call (904) 388-4653.

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simple instructions from the field-house. After collecting weekly donations from their team, the donation jar would be returned to the field house the weekend of April 30th. Small Steps asks that you please encourage your PVSC player to step up and lead for their team. Thanks to Napoli's

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Ponte Vedra nine tops Episcopal

Jerry Norton
The Recorder

The Sharks' baseball team spotted Episcopal six runs in the first two innings then roared back to defeat the visitors 12-7. The big blow for the Sharks came off the bat of Quinton Brehm in the form of a third inning grand slam home run that put Ponte Vedra up 7-6.

Episcopal scored four runs in the first on four hits and two walks. Then added two more in the second on a hit batsman and two hits to lead 6-0.

Jack Layrisson started the Sharks three-run comeback in the second with a leadoff triple to left. An error and two hits later the Sharks had three runs and trailed 6-3.

The Ponte Vedra third inning started with lots of help from the Episcopal pitching staff--the first four Shark batters walked. Jacob Young, the Sharks' leadoff batter walked but was caught stealing. Then JD Norris, Eric Alman and Layrisson each walked to set the stage for Brehm. Quinton got a pitch to his liking and hammered it over the left field fence to put the Sharks up 7-6. In the meantime the Sharks relief pitcher Jack Hahnemann kept the visitors off the scoreboard over the next two in-



Jack Hahnemann pitches in relief for the Sharks.

nings. The Sharks padded their lead in the fourth with three runs on a pair of hits an error and a bases loaded walk to Layrisson. They added a run in the fifth on Kevin Mauro's single and Young's rbi single, then scored the final run in the sixth on an error, Brehm's single and an rbi single by Zack Chappell.

After a brief period of wildness in which he walked two and hit a batter, Mark Mixon pitched the final two innings allowing one run and striking out three.



Sandon Witt of the Sharks slides safely into second.

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The Shark baserunner slides safely back to first.

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Lady Sharks' softball streak ends

Jerry Norton
The Recorder

The Lady Sharks saw their 8-game winning streak come to an abrupt end last week in a 14-0 shutout at the hands of Orange Park.

Ponte Vedra was never in the game and played poorly in every aspect. It was a game they should easily forget and they did just that rebounding against Ridgeview on Michelle Holder's 10-0 no-hitter. The bats that were so quiet against Orange Park came alive at Ridgeview. The Sharks collected 17 hits, including four by Maddie Sypniewski, three by Taylor Bradshaw, two by Farley Callaghan, Claudia Cotto and Elizabeth Fox. Holder struck out 14 and the defense played flawlessly behind her.

Later in the week Ponte Vedra participated in the Lady Raider Invitational Tournament in Alachua where they took home the Tournament trophy winning three of four games. After losing the opener to George Jenkins 10-5, the Sharks unleashed an impressive offense attack against Lake Gibson and Buchholz scoring 23 runs on 27 hits in the two games, including home runs by Callaghan, Leone, Fox and Quinlan



Photo by Chris and Jerry Norton
Kiley Hennessy has her eyes to the pitcher as she makes contact with a pitch.

Richmond. Nicole Johnson picked up the wins for the Sharks.

Ponte Vedra completed play in the Lady Raider Invitational on Saturday

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Taking a back seat



Sheila Weinstein
Grow Old With Me

Have you ever sat alone in the back seat of a car or van on a long drive while others ahead are chattering away to each other? If so, think a minute about how that felt? Maybe you were just fine with it.

But, maybe you felt a little isolated? Unnoticed? Superfluous?

And that is how I have been feeling of late. Redundant.

I just celebrated my 79th birthday and so I am now in my 80th year. And that fact is difficult to take in. I could say, "My goodness! Where did the years go?" Okay. "My goodness! Where did the years go?"

But it's really not so much that they slipped by without me noticing. I noticed. I had some amazingly wonderful years, and some I'd give back in a heartbeat. Some days, when I look in my magnifying mirror to put on my makeup, my mind wanders, and I see not only me but my husband as we meandered through vineyards in France, played tennis, oohed and ahed over his phenomenal sauce for the Thanksgiving turkey, (he never allowed us to call it gravy) bought our first home, built our last, and all the jumble of a life well lived in between. And always, I had his love and support. He was the head of our family as I was its heart and hands. Together it was good.

Since he left me in mind and body I've spent a long time getting to know who I am without him. Finding my place in life alone I have become supremely independent. But there is also something constantly missing. My partner, by my side, to love, talk to, complain to, take strength from, and for brief moments feel better for the safety of his arms. And the loss seems greater as I age alone. I miss my own personal someone who loved me unconditionally. I have had to fit myself into a new life of my own making and it has been good, but being accustomed to aloneness does not necessarily mean loving it.

What'll I do?

Bonnie Talley
Quiltlady

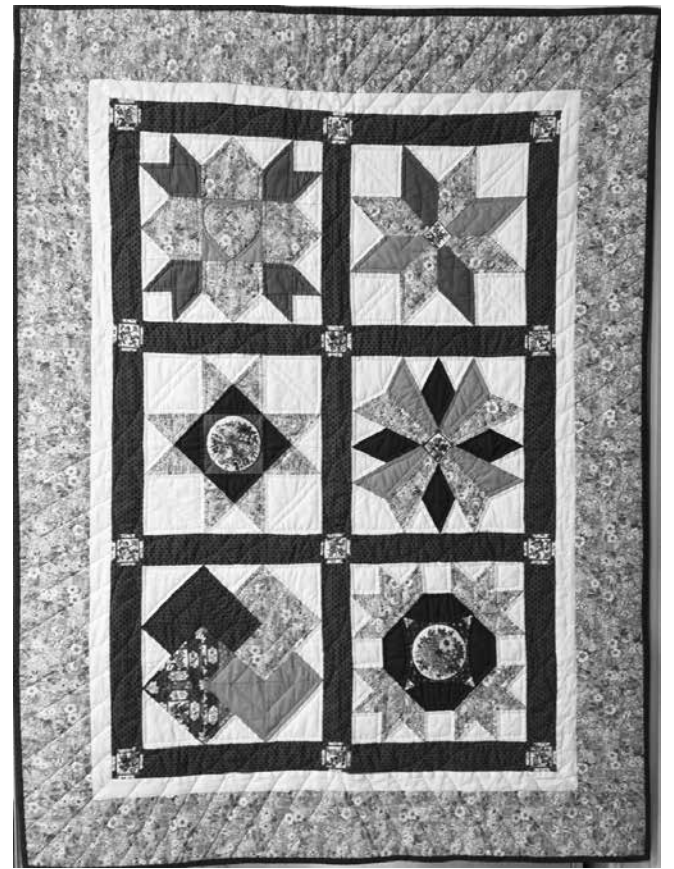
"What'll I Do?" is the name of an oldie but goodie popular music piece that was written by Irving Berlin in 1923, but might be remembered by folks who watched the last TV episode of "CHEERS." The song goes, "What'll I do when you are far away and I am blue, What'll I Do?" There are so many widows and widowers, nowadays, that "What'll I Do?" could become their theme song. For ladies learning how to do things that are so foreign to them, such as filling the gas tank on the car, buying new tires, or even worse, buying a new car, it is quite scary, for sure.

I did have a delightful experience buying a new car this past week, however. It will never be a worrisome thing at all to me ever again. The secret is to have someone with you such as a son or grandson or both who know all the terminology about cars. Some terms such as "Doppelkupplung" or "tIptronic" went right over my head. I had no clue what in the world the salesperson was talking about, except that I thought he might be speaking another language; he actually was using German terminology. When asked if I would like to test drive the new car, I said, "Of course!" When asked how many miles I usually put on a car in a year, I had to quickly calculate my number of trips to the grocery store in a week, times 52 weeks. This brought a laugh from all involved in this transaction.

I have always been a "car person." I love cars. My first husband was an

antique car 'nut' as they are lovingly known to be. After his getting his first antique car, I was surprised to find out that 'No one has just one antique car.' Needless to say, we ended up with about five beautiful antique cars. What fun they were. I learned to drive all of them and had a delightful time driving different ones of them to church or social functions. I even had clothes that were suitable for the era of each car. Driving a 1929 Pierce Arrow in a pair of 'pedal pushers' would have looked a little strange; or driving a 1920 model Cadillac that was a seven passenger touring car, I had to be dressed in very fancy 'flapper duds.' Thus, now that I have a new car, don't you think I deserve a new wardrobe? Well, maybe not.

Lap robes for the older cars were a must. The heating systems were not the best. My quilted throws were the answer to this problem. I even sold them with the cars when we sold them. There are so many car enthusiasts 'out there,' now, that quilted throws are back in style at classic and antique car shows. To have an authentically restored or original car, one must have quilted throws for the cold weather. My favorite quilted



throw is a pieced 6 block quilt that is finished about 42" X 56." This includes sashing, inside border, and outside border and binding.

Pictured is one of my first quilted throws. The 12" quilt blocks are: Ohio Star, Weathervane, Card Tricks, Eight Point Star, Japanese Poppy, and Hands All Around; of course, any traditional quilt blocks could be used.

If you would like to learn how to make this quilt, I will be happy to share the patterns with you if you will attend the Ocean Wave Quilters Guild meeting the second Friday of any month at the The Players Community Center off Palm Valley Rd., behind the Shell station at 10:00 – 12:00. I would consider it a pleasure to have you attend.

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Fifty shades of coloring happiness

People are coloring! Of course children color, but grown-ups are reigniting their love for picking up a marker and lessening tension and feeling their stress levels drop. Why?

"It makes me happy!"

"Makes me feel like a kid again."

"It feels like I'm working my creative juices."

"It stops me from thinking about my pain."

It's very relaxing and better than meditating."

"I can do it with my little girl (or boy or grandchild)."

As a child, you may have spent hours with coloring books that had animals, cartoon characters, holiday scenes, fairytale scenes. I must have gone through dozens of books and colored my way through days of happiness and sad. Coloring books for grown ups are more abstract. Nature books have complicated mazes with intricate floral designs and they take a fair amount of attention to stay on task.



Mims Cushing
By the Way...

This past summer Parade magazine's cover featured "The New Joy of Coloring: Cheer up, chill out, and get your creative juices flowing with this summer's hottest trend" by Hillari Dowdle. You can download parade.

com/coloring for free pages ready for you to color. Parade tells us you can instagram your creativity with #colormeaparaade. Pinterest has loads of boards for coloring. There's a Facebook page called "Coloring for All!" which has more than 4,000 members.

Coloring books are inexpensive, ranging from \$6, \$11, \$13, and up. Coloring instruments can be fairly pricy or you can get a box at a Dollar Store. You can't use the crayons we once used. They are too thick for most of

the slim-line art books of today. Many pages are fairly sophisticated. The first one I bought last summer was a book of post cards called Secret Garden, reminiscent of the dreamy book My Secret Garden by Francis Burnett.

In mid-October I counted 36 different coloring books on one table in Barnes and Noble. Titles ranged from *Enchanted Forest*, *Color Me Happy: 100 Coloring Templates that will Make You Smile*, *The Day of the Dead*, *Barons Beautiful Copycat Books* to copy, which had a colored picture on the left, and then you can color in the same "look" on the right. There is *Zen Doodle*, *Secret Paris*, *Color Me Calm*, *Fantastic Cities*, *Japanese Designs*, *Art Nouveau*, the *Anti Stress Coloring Book*. Mandalas are very popular, as are architecture, fanciful animals, botanicals. A book called *Stress Less Coloring: Paisley Patterns* gives you a "hypnotic variety." If you like Mary Engelbreit, look for the *Color ME Coloring Book*. Of course the internet will offer you choices

galore. *Animal Kingdom* published by Lark Crafts has sold over a million copies worldwide. There's a "Game of Thrones" coloring book too. And a mindfulness coloring book.

Workshops at New York's Omega Institute are led by P.C. Turczyn, a mandala artist who encourages students to color as a way of opening up creativity. But places right here in town offer coloring opportunities too.

I was at a senior center when I noticed that members could pick up coloring books and pens in at the art room. I was in a rush, and I didn't have a chance to see what they had. The next time I was back there, they were all gone. Jump on the coloring train, color, and watch your stress disappear.

The winter glums are still around some of the time, so while you're waiting for spring, try a coloring project. You might also enjoy it during the doldrums of summer days when it's too hot to go outside.

Grow

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I left New York and my son and daughter-in-law, and came back to more family in Florida. I had hoped there would be lots of time spent together, time I couldn't share when I was living elsewhere. But I soon became aware that they are all extremely busy and leading healthy, productive lives. Which I am happy about. That said... I have been trying to figure out exactly what my place is in my family at this time and in this place as yet again I try to make a life for myself.

Before I wrote my last column, titled "Matriarch," I asked individual family members if they thought of me as the Matriarch of our family. I expected that they would say, yes. Only my grandson did. The responses from the rest were more like questions about the meaning of the word, which I think speaks for itself. I thought I was asking because I was writing a column on the subject but when I had a really good think about it, I realized that it was because I am unsure about what exactly is my role at this point in my life. It is obvious that I am not needed as I once was, and that is a good thing for my children and for me. Yet, it feels sad, as all transitions do, whether they are necessary or not. And this one seems harder than others because of my age and the fact that there is less ahead than behind, and therefore less time to

spend with family.

Often, at family dinner parties, I've found that the conversation is nothing to which I can contribute. I have been told that I sit too quietly and seem depressed. That I should just jump into the conversation more. Why?

I am a woman of substance. I am intelligent and if I'm asked a question I can answer. I listen. I hear, and if I don't speak it's because I have nothing to add, not because I'm depressed or upset. Their lives and experiences are different. It would be nice if they asked more about mine...what I'm thinking, doing, writing about? They are having adventures. And I love that they are. I am having surgeries. I don't love that I am, but I'm still vital and interested.

One day, there may be a family conversation about my feelings and theirs. They will be different, of that I'm certain. But, bottom line... there's no blame here. The onus is on me to make certain that I keep on making my own life as rich as I can and that I not rely on anyone else to make me feel less alone or valued.

So there you have it. There's nothing like a vintage whine! Maybe you think that's what I've done here. But just maybe some of you out there feel something similar. In any case I leave you with this...

"Am I getting older, or is the Supermarket playing great music?"

Author unknown



The Orange Park baserunner is safe as Shark first baseman, Lauren Storable stretches for the throw.

Photo by Chris and Jerry Norton

Streak

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with a 7-4 win over Suwannee. Holder struck out four and was the winning

pitcher for Ponte Vedra. Sypniewski and Callaghan smacked home runs for the Sharks.

The Sharks return to district action on the road against Orange Park on Tuesday March 8th and Clay on Thursday March 10th.



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MARCH GARDENING

What to do, when?

Kelly H. McDermott
The Recorder

With warmer weather approaching and more sunshine on deck, it's the perfect time to be outside in St. Johns County. Lawn and home improvement stores are slammed on the weekends in Northeast Florida as residents scramble to get the latest gadgets, the best nursery plants and everything else they need to start dressing up outdoor spaces.

If you have a garden or are interested in starting one, you may feel intimidated walking down the aisles of plant nurseries. Sure – the flowers, shrubs, trees and vegetables are thriving there. But will they work in your garden? And when you should plant them?

Luckily, it doesn't take a green thumb to keep your garden and lawn healthy all year long.

There is plenty of advice to be had online, but one of the very best sources for our area comes from the University of Florida, which provides a free yearly calendar about what to plant when, along with advice on what to do for your existing plantings each month: <http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/ep451>

Here is their advice for March and April, so you can get a head start on planting!

March

Annuals/Bedding Plants: In March, Dianthus and other cool-season annuals will continue to flourish. Consider planting warm-season annuals such as angelonia, wax begonia and zinnia at the end of the month.

Bulbs: Plant dahlia, canna and gloriosa bulbs in March for spring and summer flowering. Provide stakes as needed to support growth.

Herbs: March is the time to plant and grow edi-



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Gardening

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ble ginger. Plant rhizomes in well-drained soil in full to part sun.

Vegetables: Begin planting warm-season crops, such as beans, tomatoes, squash and corn, early in March for a late spring harvest. On the off chance that we receive frosty weather again, be sure to protect these crops.

Azaleas: Prune your azaleas when they have finished blooming to reduce their size and improve their form.

Shrubs and trees: Wait to prune until you see new growth on your shrubs and trees.

Palms and shrubs: Fertilize palms, azaleas, camellias and other ornamental shrubs if needed in March. Choose a fertilizer in which at least 30% of its nitrogen is slow release.

Irrigation: Now is the time to check your sprinkler system for problems such as broken or misaligned spray heads.

April

Annuals/Bedding Plants: New varieties of coleus do well in sun or shade and provide vivid colors and patterns for months. Plant them in early April.

Bulbs: April is an ideal time to plant many bulbs. Consider blood lily, caladium or canna. Louisiana iris and others make beautiful cut flowers.

Herbs: Plant heat-loving herbs, including basil, oregano, sage, Mexican tarragon and rosemary, in April.

Vegetables: Continue planting warm-season crops. Mulch well to prevent weeds and provide irrigation if rainfall is lacking.

Pests: April is the time to start monitoring landscape plants for aphids that feed on tender new growth.

Beneficials: Identify and conserve beneficial insects. These insects should be encouraged in your yard!

Perennials and bulbs: Divide clumps of bulbs, ornamental grasses or herbaceous perennials to expand or rejuvenate garden beds or to pass along to friends.

Lawn insects: If you're experiencing lawn woes, be sure to rule out cultural problems, such as lack of water, that resemble insect damage before applying a pesticide.

Lawns: Apply fertilizer after new growth has started—usually mid-April for north Florida.

Shrubs: Choose from a wide variety of shrubs to add to the landscape in April.

Trees: Consider planting a spring-blooming tree, such as fringetree (*Chionanthus virginicus*), Carolina Silverbell (*Halesia carolina*) or redbud (*Cercis canadensis*).

Mulch: Add mulch to minimize weeds and conserve moisture during dry weather, starting in April. Organic mulches break down and add nutrients to the soil.



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5 insects that keep your garden healthy

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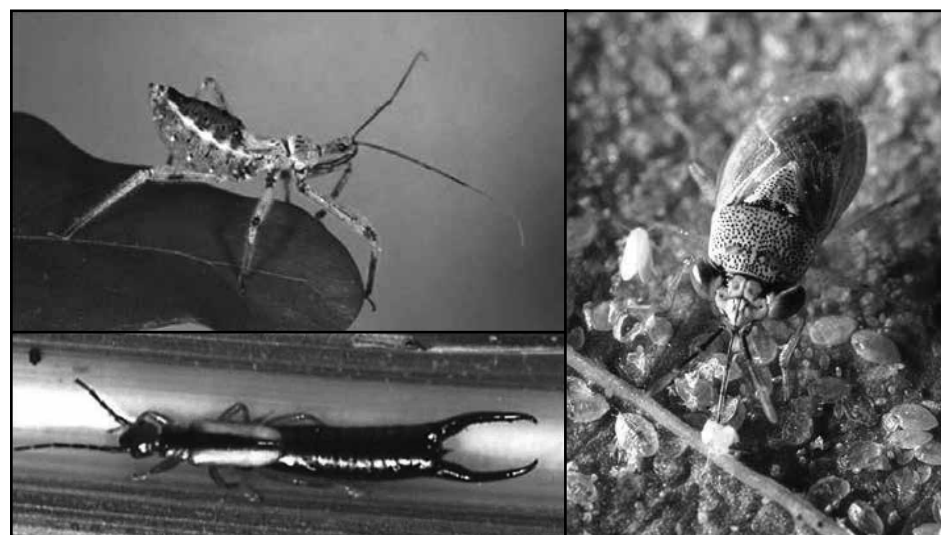
If creepy crawlers in your garden give you the creeps, it may be time to re-assess the insects around you. Many of the insects that call your lawn and garden home are beneficial, and can help to control pests and problems in your yard.

We all know that lady bugs, bees and butterflies are great garden companions – not to mention the fact that they're generally nice to look at. But what about their less appreciated counterparts: the ugly bugs doing the dirty work in your lawn?

Assassin Bugs: Assassin bugs (Reduviidae) are common across Florida and are just as stealthy and deadly as

their name would imply – to pests. Assassin bugs are ambush predators that eat a wide variety of the baddies in your garden, including other insects like flies and caterpillars. Assassin bugs attack with strong beaks, and can actually deliver painful bites to humans – so give these insects space and let them do their job without interfering.

Green Lacewing: Don't let the delicate name and appearance of this insect fool you: green lacewings are predators that feed on a wide variety of small insects like mealybugs, psyllids, thrips, mites, whiteflies, aphids, caterpillars, leafhoppers and insect eggs. Many gardeners and farmers actually buy and release green lace-



wings to help with pest control, so be kind if you happen to see these insects in your garden for free.

Big-eyed Bug: Big-eyed bugs (*Geocoris* spp.) are great assets for your crops, ornamental plants and your lawn. These predators stalk their prey and eat insect eggs, other bugs, small caterpillars, flea beetles and mites.

Earwig: Earwigs may look like tiny nightmares, but they're a dream come true for your lawn, where they live and prey on pests like chinch bugs, mole crickets and sod webworms. Earwigs get big – up to one inch –

with mean-looking pinchers on their abdomens. Ugly as they are, according to the University of Florida, in lab studies they consume a whopping 50 chinch bugs a day!

Syrphid Fly: Syrphid or “hover” flies include about 900 different species and have the ability to hover in extended flight, and can even hover backwards. Syrphid flies resemble wasps and bees but do not sting. Their larvae are beneficial predators that eat harmful aphids. Adults also help with the cross pollination of some plants.

Improve your outdoor space with retaining walls

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When you picture a retaining wall, do you imagine it holding back dirt? That's the most common use for retaining walls - to address elevation changes and prevent erosion. But concrete segmental retaining wall (SRW) units are multi-purpose landscaping tools with many more uses.

Site planners, engineers, landscape architects, designers, developers and builders have long relied on SRWs to manage sloping properties, provide more usable space, or create stadium seating. Homeowners, too, have discovered retaining walls can be used to create functional outdoor features, says Scott Arnold, manager of Villa Landscapes in St. Paul, Minnesota.

“Because segmental retaining walls are both durable and beautiful, landscapers and homeowners can use them to create outdoor seating, raised patios and other features,” says Arnold. “They are the perfect building block to create grill islands, outdoor kitchens and so much more.”

Most SRWs are easy to install, which is an important consideration for both landscape professionals and do-it-yourselfers, Arnold said. With retaining wall systems, homeowners and landscapers can create freestanding walls, seat walls, columns, stairs, planters and other features without the need for special units.



Stunning seating

While commercial installers often use SRW units for amphitheater and stadium seating, retaining walls can also be used to create beautiful and durable outdoor seating on a smaller scale, from freestanding walls that double as seating, to two-tiered seat walls. VERSA-LOK SRWs can be used to easily create a curved “couch” seating area that works well as a solution around a patio and fire pit for fall evenings.

Ditch the deck

Raised patios built with retaining wall units are a low maintenance option to replace aging wooden decks that require continual maintenance. Villa Landscapes designed a raised deck replacement in Minnesota with SRWs from ground level to 42-inches tall to support a paving stone patio. Stairs also built with SRWs connect the patio to the home and yard.

The result was a beautiful, spacious and low-maintenance patio with the

added advantage of a clear view of the backyard. Willow Creek Paving Stones pavers were used for the patio, surrounded with a contrasting course of river rock that serves as a visual and physical boundary as well as a space for potted plants.

Create curb appeal

Where the yard meets the driveway, retaining walls can be installed as a barrier to protect the lawn from damage caused by tire tracks, plowing or deicing. A tiered arrangement that addresses a slope in the yard adds space for plants and shrubs. Freestanding walls are often built along property lines on corner lots to prevent unwanted traffic from cutting across the yard.

Columns created using retaining wall units can be paired with any style home, from classic to contemporary, to add curb appeal. When the front entryway is freshened up with seat walls and other features, the space functions like an old-fashioned porch for visiting and other outdoor activities.

A place for plants

Tree rings and planters built with retaining wall units create a tidy solution around hard-to-maintain areas, such as shallow-rooted trees and other problem spots. Planters and tree rings can function as usable space for perennials, annuals, vegetables and herbs.

SRWs such as VERSA-LOK can be used to create planter walls up to 4-feet tall without the need for geogrid reinforcement. VERSA-Green, a plantable wall system that mimics a hanging garden, provides a stunning living wall solution.

Build a backyard

A homeowner in Apple Valley, Minnesota, nicknamed her unmowable back yard “Billy Goat Hill” because there was no yard space and no safe way to access her garden and fire pit at the top. Plus, erosion was a continual problem.

Devine Design Landscapes of Rosemount, Minnesota, solved the problem by excavating for a small back yard and creating tiers of retaining walls with offset stairs, patio landings and seat walls. The result was a small, usable backyard space with safe access to the hilltop and ample planting space for perennials.

“With VERSA-LOK, I could use the same block to build the retaining walls, steps and seat walls,” says Paul Devine, owner of Devine Design Landscapes. “The pinned system provides a high ratio of weight per square foot of wall face plus extreme flexibility in design. Back-locking lip walls are not as structurally sound as a pinned system, and hollow blocks do not provide the stability required for large tiered walls.”

THEME: THINK SPRING

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1. Boat load
6. Line of work
9. Stairway alternative
13. Hitler's mistress
14. High or low card
15. Country on Samoan Islands
16. Stiff hair or bristles
17. Kan. neighbor
18. Holy See loyalist practicing different rites
19. *Daylight ____ time
21. *Spring is a symbol of this
23. Much of this about nothing?
24. "Stop!" to marchers
25. Feather glue
28. World's largest continent
30. To show off
35. Functions
37. Jittery
39. End of a poem
40. *Before you spring clean you make one?
41. Manet's and Gauguin's contemporary
43. Seaside bird
44. **"Spring to mind" or "Spring into action," e.g.
46. Table mineral
47. Equal
48. Correspondence friend
50. Part of ROM

52. *Spring is a cure for ____, acr.
53. As opposed to "want"
55. Pine juice
57. *Vernal event
61. *Japanese spring blossom
64. Knucklehead
65. Wear and tear
67. Made cow noise
69. Old hat
70. June honoree
71. Muscat resident
72. #23 Across, pl.
73. Mama sheep
74. Relating to Scandinavia

DOWN

1. *Masters Tournament network
2. Mars, to the Greeks
3. "Pro" follower
4. Exotic jelly flavor
5. Iroquois tribe
6. "More ____ for the buck"
7. *It dissipates in spring
8. Striped equine
9. Raja's wife
10. Gulf V.I.P.
11. Castle's line of defense
12. Beaten by walkers
15. Difficult to detect
20. Red-____ like Rudolph
22. Hermy the

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24. Wasted-looking
25. *Popular spring flower
26. Comment to the audience
27. Pine product
29. *____ of March, or March 15
31. "The ____ Go Marching"
32. Part of eye containing iris, pl.
33. Marilyn Monroe's given name
34. Pronged, as in three-____ fork
36. "Cut that out!"
38. Ivy League school
42. Bills under mattress
45. Like "The Martian" mission
49. DiCaprio to his friends?
51. Nature spirit in Greek mythology
54. Ooze out
56. Movie trailer, e.g.
57. Cocoyam
58. Leg muscle
59. "Do ____ others as..."
60. Frosts a cake
61. Formally surrender
62. Lion's warning
63. Strong desires
66. Horror movie series
68. One of a set of dice

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