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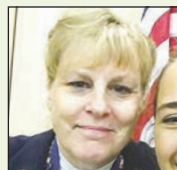
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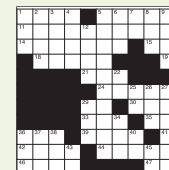
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Friends of the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall host terrace unveiling celebration

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Photos courtesy Kelly Brooks

Steve Gard, president of the Friends of the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall, cuts the ribbon.

Patrons of the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall now have a new spot to enjoy cocktails and conversation before, during and after shows, thanks to the Friends of the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall.

On Friday, Feb. 2, approximately 200 people joined the Friends of the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall and the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall staff to celebrate the official unveiling of the brand new 925 square foot outdoor terrace located adjacent to the Concert Hall. Festivities included a champagne toast, ribbon cutting, photo booth, dancing and live entertainment from The Chris Thomas Band.

Due to the successful fundraising efforts by the nonprofit group, the Friends of the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall presented the St. Johns County Cultural Events Division, which owns and operates the Concert Hall, with a \$50,000 check last November to fund the construction of the outdoor space. The outdoor deck, formally named the Friends of the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall Terrace, is located on the northern side of the Concert Hall and can accommodate approximately 125 people. The Terrace will

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2ND ALARMERS mark three years of assistance to St. Johns County Fire Rescue

By Angela Higginbotham
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Three years ago, former volunteer firefighter and St. Johns County resident Dave Kirschbaum created a volunteer organization he calls 2nd Alarmers. His vision was to provide assistance to St. Johns County Fire Rescue (SJCFR) both on and off the scene. Kirschbaum and his volunteers give their time freely in an effort to assist firefighters at major fires in St. Johns County.

“Supporting St. Johns County fire and rescue is our way of giving back,” said Kirschbaum. “The volunteers receive a text when there is a fire and those that can go help will be there to do whatever they can. We don’t do anything dangerous or anything that we aren’t qualified to do. We let those who are trained handle the main tasks and we are there to offer support.”

Currently, Kirschbaum’s organization has grown to approximately 30 volunteers who hand out bottled water and assist with other duties. One simple idea has helped St. Johns County Fire Rescue work more efficiently and stay hydrated at the scene. The 2nd Alarmers have assisted SJCFR at major residential fires and events at locations spanning the entire county.

Volunteers are trained by SJCFR to operate a rehab trailer, which is most often utilized at major fire or long term response events. The rehab trailer con-



St. Johns County Fire Rescue personnel fight fires; 2nd Alarmers provide support.



Photos courtesy 2nd Alarmers
2nd Alarmers at the rehab unit.

tains additional air bottles and equipment to refill the depleted air bottles of firefighters. The trailer also contains an ice chest with bottled water. As firefighters rotate out of a fire, trained 2nd Alarmers assist them in exchanging their empty air bottle for a full one, provide water for rehydration and refill the empty air bottles for future use.

2nd Alarmers take pride in operating the rehab trailer at SJCFR training exercises for the 18 fire stations of St. Johns County. The volunteers have also provided assistance at major St. Johns County events such as THE PLAYERS golf tournament and the New Year’s Eve St. Augustine Beach Blast. Community education is also an important role supported by the 2nd Alarmers for SJCFR. Hands-only CPR and fire prevention training at county



2nd Alarmers help St. Johns County Fire Rescue workers.

schools play a large role in their involvement in community outreach.

A registered 501c3 non profit, the organization started with former firefighters, but has grown to include retired and working members from all walks of life. The activities of the 2nd Alarmers are varied and expanding. Those interested in joining this organization are sure to find something of interest in an area they are passionate about.

2ND ALARMERS TAKE PRIDE IN OPERATING THE REHAB TRAILER AT SJCFR TRAINING EXERCISES FOR THE 18 FIRE STATIONS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY.

“We are always looking for more members. The more active, steadfast volunteers we have, the more we can do to help,” Kirschbaum said.

Volunteers must be at least 21 years of age to join. For more information, contact the 2nd Alarmers Association of St. Johns County at 2ndalarmers@gmail.com or call (904) 625-7579.

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Alumni sought for Fletcher All Class Block Party

The Fletcher All Class Block Party is scheduled for Saturday, April 21, 2018 beginning at 6 p.m. at the Beaches Museum. The party will include music, food and drinks and more than 800 fellow Senators and Fletcher friends. General admission is \$25 in advance or \$30 the week of the event; VIP



admission, which includes four drink tickets and VIP bar access is \$45 in advance or \$50 the week of the event. A reserved table is \$300 and includes eight General Admission and a designated reserved table for your group. Funds raised at the party will benefit the programs of the Beaches Museum including history exhibits, concerts, archives and collections, and preservation of historic buildings. For information about becoming an event sponsor, contact director@beachmuseum.org or (904) 241-5657 extension 113. Visit

<http://beachmuseum.org/events/120/fletcher-all-class-block-party/> to purchase tickets.

Faithful Servant Missions "Run with a Mission" to be held in Nocatee

The fifth annual Faithful Servant Missions Run with a Mission 5k, 10k and 1 mile fun run will be held on Satur-

day, March 3 at 8:30 a.m. through the Nocatee Greenway Trails. Presented by Happy Trails 4x4, this race helps support programs of Faithful Servant Missions in Costa Rica. The race will be followed by a free family fun festival including a bounce house, balloon artist, food, prizes, silent auction, vendors and more. Register at runwithamission.com. Visit www.faithfulservantmissions.org for more information.

Scholarship available for St. Johns County college students

The American Association of University Women (AAUW) of St. Augustine is offering two \$2,000 scholarships to university/college students whose residence is in St. Johns County. Both male and female students who are full-time undergraduates or graduates at an accredited university/college with at least a 3.0 GPA may apply. Visit <https://staugustine-fl.aauw.net/scholarship/> for more specific details and an application form.

U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary announces safe boating class

About Boating Safely, an eight-hour class offered by the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 14-4, will be held on March 10 from 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. at the Palm Valley Community Center, 148 Canal Blvd. Attendees will learn in a classroom setting from highly experienced U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary instructors who will present subjects in clear terms, with demonstrations of boating basics, navigation, in-water survival, knot tying, federal and Florida boating laws and regulations and much more. A federal and Florida examination will be given at the conclusion of the class; passing the course pro-

vides a Coast Guard Auxiliary Course Completion Card and Florida Boating Safety Education ID Card. The cost is \$25 for training materials or two students can share course materials for a total of \$30. For Information and enrollment, contact Bill Vaughan at Boatsafely04@gmail.com or (904) 955-7077.

GTM Research Reserve announces Matanzas Inlet walk

A guided interpretive walk around the Matanzas Inlet, in partnership with the National Park Service, will be held on March 9, from 9:30 a.m. – 11 a.m. The guide will explain the inlet dynamics and movement of the sand as the sea constantly rearranges the shore. Participants will observe seashells and seabirds, along with learning about coquina rock, dune vegetation, heavy

minerals, mollusks, the cool habits of crabs and more. The event is free, but registration is required. Call (904) 823-4500 or visit www.gtmnerr.org for more information.



Photo courtesy GTM Research Reserve
Visitors learn about inlet dynamics and movement of sand as the sea rearranges the shore.

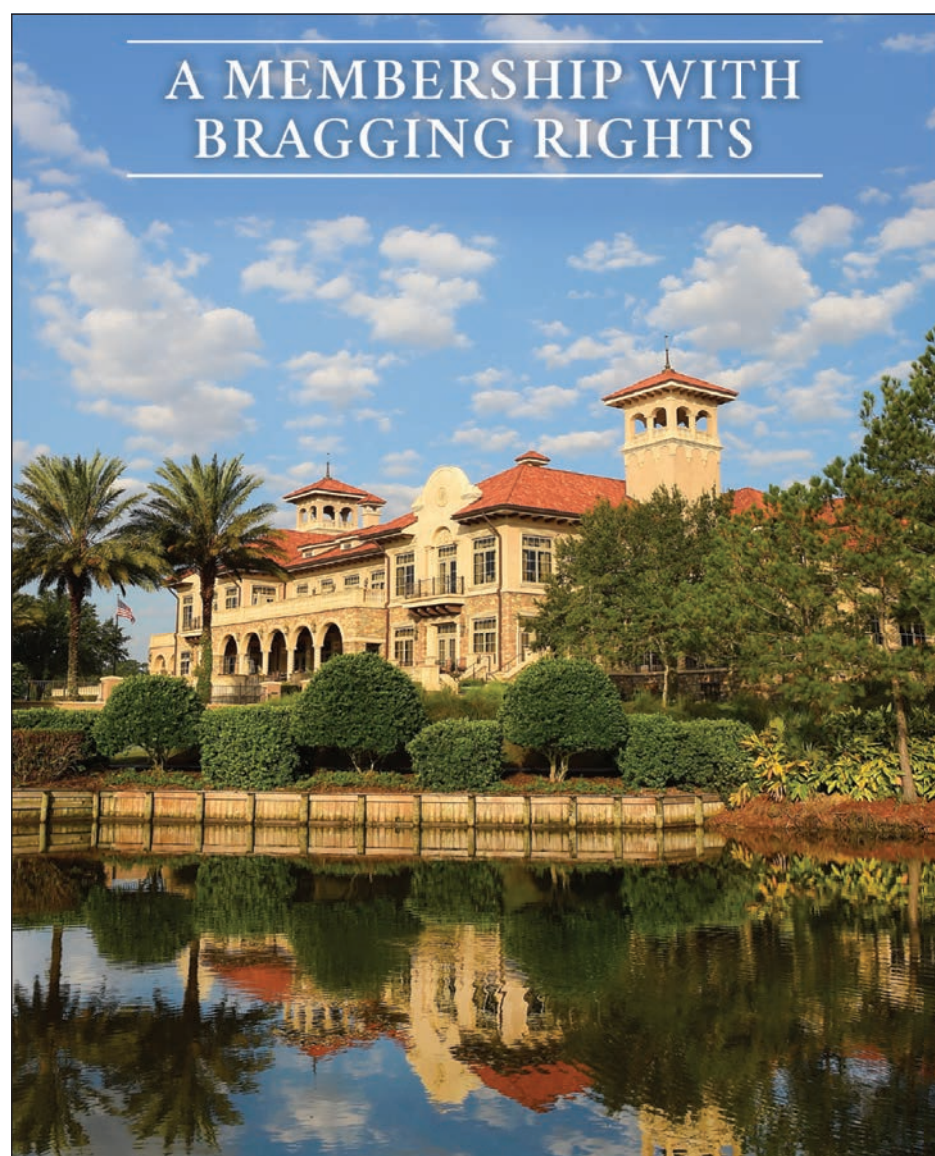
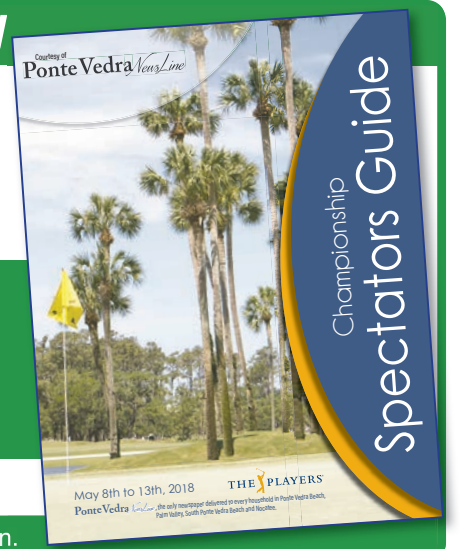
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save the date!

1st
U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 14-7
7:30 p.m.
St. Augustine Yacht Club near the St. Augustine Lighthouse
(904) 460-0243

2nd
GTM Research Reserve new volunteer orientation
10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Environmental Education Center, 505 Guana River Road
(904) 823-4500

3rd
Fifth annual Run with a Mission 5K, 10K 1-mile fun run benefiting Faithful Servant missions in Costa Rica
8:30 a.m.
Nocatee Greenway Trails
runsignup.com/runwithamission

3th - 4th
Katz 4 Keeps cat adoptions
11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
935B A1A North
(904) 834-3223 or katz4keeps.org

5th
Sixth annual National MS Awareness Week silent auction
6 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Bogey Grille, 150 Valley Circle
Free / open to the public; (904) 285-7686
Caregiver support meeting
12 p.m. - 1 p.m. (repeating event on Mondays)
Ponte Vedra Memory Care Center, 1048 A1A N.
(904) 297-0061

Current Events Discussion Group
10 a.m. (repeating event on Mondays)
Donovan's Irish Pub, US Highway 1
adsilby@yahoo.com

6th
Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Ponte Vedra Chapter meeting
10:45 a.m. - 1 p.m.
pontevedrachapternsdar@aol.com
Parents with Hope (support for parents who have lost a child)
6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Ponte Vedra Valley, 4750 Palm Valley Road
www.pontevedravally.com/grief-support

7th
Toastmasters Club #5199 Ponte Vedra Beach
7:30 a.m. (repeating event on Wednesdays)
Players Community Senior Center, 175 Landrum Lane
carmenjsardinas@gmail.com

8th
Palencia Bridge Club plays Party Bridge
11 a.m. - 3 p.m. (repeating event on Thursdays)
Donovan's Irish Pub, 7440 US Highway 1
Diane Tamplin, (904) 808-7326
Shorebird Walk at Matanzas Inlet with St. Johns County Audubon Society
9 a.m. - 11 a.m.
Matanzas Inlet West Parking Lot, 8655 A1A S., St Augustine
www.stjohnsaudubon.com

9th
Food Truck Friday
6 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Nocatee's Splash Waterpark

April 14 About Boating Safely course
8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Palm Valley Community Center, 148 Canal Blvd.
RSVP to U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 14-4, (904) 955-7077

April 21 Duck Race - Making a Splash for Autism
9:30 a.m. gate opens/race at 10:30 a.m.
Adventure Landing, 1944 Beach Blvd.
https://jaxduckrace.org

April 21 McGala 2018 to benefit Ronald McDonald House
6 p.m.
www.RMHCJacksonville.org/events/mcgala

April 21 14th annual Katie Ride, benefiting the Katie Caples Foundation's organ donor education and awareness raising programs
7:45 a.m.
Atlantic Recreation Center, Fernandina Beach
https://katiecaplesfoundation.donordrive.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=donorDrive.event&eventID=535

April 30 Katelyn's Champions for St. Jude Golf Classic
10:30 a.m.
St. Johns Golf and Country Club
www.stjude.org/get-involved/find-an-event/dinners-and-galas/katelyns-champions.html

12th
Beaches Toastmasters Club
7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. (Repeating event on Mondays)
Baptist Hospital Beaches, Wilson Epstein Building
cgsm13@yahoo.com
Ponte Vedra Beach Municipal Service District Meeting
6 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library
www.pvmsd.org

13th
Friends of the GTM Reserve Board Meeting
5 p.m. - 6 p.m.
GTM Research Reserve Environmental Education Center
(904) 823-4500.
Lilies of the Valley widow support group
11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Ponte Vedra Valley, 4750 Palm Valley Road
www.pontevedravally.com/grief-support

14th
St. Johns CARES Kids meeting
6:45 p.m.
Primrose School, 785 Crosswater Pkwy., Nocatee
www.stjohnscares.org

17th
Nocatee Farmers Market: Spring Fling
10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Town Center Field, Nocatee

17th - 18th
Jacksonville Orchid Society show and sale
10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Saturday; 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Sunday
The Garden Club of Jacksonville, 1005 Riverside Drive
Jaxorchidsociety.org

20th
St. Johns CARES meeting
7 p.m.
Bartram Academy, 164 Everest Lane, Ste. 1
www.stjohnscares.org
Newcomers of North St. Johns luncheon featuring Master Gardener Dottie Hudson
11 a.m.
Club Continental, 2143 Astor St., Orange Park
RSVP by March 12, sjaird@comcast.net

22nd
National Association of Railway Business Women (NARBW) with guest speaker Alicia Sullivan of Leading Source Property Solutions
6 p.m.
Location TBD
RSVP: (904) 945-0943 or narbiejax14@yahoo.com

31st
Easter Egg hunt (toddlers to age 12)
10:30 a.m.
Palm Valley Baptist Church, 4890 Palm Valley Road
Free event; www.palmvalleybaptistchurch.org



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Volunteers honored at Chocolate and Beyond

Chocolate and Beyond, a celebration of chocolate, desserts, and other culinary sensations, will be held Saturday, Feb. 24 from 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. at First Coast Technical College, 2980 Collins Ave. in St. Augustine. Guests will sample chocolate and other delicious creations from some of the area's finest restaurants and specialty shops, while enjoying contests and a silent auction, featuring restaurant gift certificates and tickets to attractions. Guests will also cast their vote for the People's Choice Award winner.

This event, celebrating its 25th year, is hosted by RSVP of St. Johns County. Proceeds assist the program in recruiting, placing and recognizing volunteers 55 years and older as they mentor and tutor students in the St. Johns County School District, and as they assist in preschool reading in the Head Start program and local child care centers. Last year more than 600 students received assistance from volunteers.

Tickets for Chocolate and Beyond are \$20 per person, and can be obtained by online at www.rsvpstjohns.com.

AARP Foundation Tax-Aide celebrates 50 years

For 50 years, tens of thousands of AARP Foundation volunteers nationwide and more than 4,000 from across Florida have helped older taxpayers prepare their annual federal income-tax returns at no charge. Until April 17, 2018, AARP Foundation will provide free tax assistance and preparation through its Tax-Aide program.

AARP Foundation Tax-Aide is the nation's largest free tax assistance and preparation service. Since its inception, the program has served more than 50 million taxpayers, including about 223,000 taxpayers in Florida in 2017. Taxpayers served by Tax-Aide volunteers received

almost \$49 million in earned income-tax credits in 2017.

AARP Foundation Tax-Aide volunteers are trained and IRS-certified each year to ensure they know about and understand the latest changes to the U.S. Tax Code. In 2017, the program's volunteers helped 2.5 million people navigate complicated tax codes, ensure proper credits and deductions, and file their federal and state tax returns.

AARP Foundation Tax-Aide is offered in conjunction with the IRS. Visit www.aarpfoundation.org/taxhelp or call toll-free 1-888-AARPNOW (1-888-227-7669) to find an AARP Foundation Tax-Aide site near you or to learn more, including which documents to bring to the tax site. In St. Johns County, the Main Library in St. Augustine and THE PLAYERS Senior Center in Ponte Vedra Beach are AARP Foundation Tax-Aide sites.

New executive director at the Cultural Center



Photo courtesy Ponte Vedra Cultural Center
Donna Guzzo

The board of the Ponte Vedra Cultural Center has chosen Donna Guzzo to be its new executive director.

A proven fund-raiser for the Cultural Center and other nonprofit organizations, Guzzo takes the Cultural Center's lead position at a pivotal time, as it embarks on a multimillion-dollar capital campaign for construction of larger headquarters to expand its many programs promoting the arts throughout St. Johns County.

"Donna Guzzo is extremely well connected to community leaders and has recruited substantial support for the Cultural Center," Ponte Vedra Cultural Center Board President Arthur Hayden said. "She is an accomplished businesswoman and, most of all, has demonstrated her passion for the Cultural Center's mission as the

leading provider of arts programs for this county."

Guzzo has been a board member for numerous nonprofits in Florida, Ohio and Colorado. In St. Johns County that includes the Women United of United Way, The Education Foundation (now INK), Character Counts!, the Jacksonville Children's Chorus, the Foreign Language Educators of Northeast Florida, and the PTO at several schools.

The Cultural Center, established in 1996, provides more than 180 programs ranging from arts classes, children's camps, workshops for adults and children taught by regional or national artists. Classes include drawing, printmaking, pastels, painting in all mediums and all skill levels, culinary, sculpture, clay, pottery, piano, violin, cello, ballet, glass-making and theater. Many of those programs are housed at the current Cultural Center facility at 50 Executive Way.

"What an exciting time for the arts in St. Johns County and for the Cultural Center," Guzzo said. "We have a significant role to play in the quality of life for long-time residents and newcomers of all ages. Whether they are artists, students or appreciative spectators, everyone can be uplifted by the diverse creativity this community offers."

Rotary Club's "Service Above Self" Scholarships available for local high school students

Cynthia King, president of the Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach Sunset, has announced that the club again plans to award two "Service Above Self" \$1,000 scholarships to local high school students. Eligible applicants must be a junior or senior at either Allen D. Nease or Ponte Vedra High Schools, have demonstrated an outstanding commitment to community service, and exemplify the Rotary motto, "Service Above Self." Eligible students will be evaluated on the required application, scholastic achievement, community service, and an original essay on Rotary's ideal of "Service Above Self."

Application packages are available through the students' Guidance Departments and must be received no later than March 3, 2018. The scholarship may be used at any accredited two or four-year college or university, vocational institution, or for a one-year certification program of study. Children of Rotarians are not eligible.

Contact Scholarship Chair Paula Roderick at (904) 280-8933 or email paroderick1@comcast.net for more information.

St. Johns County 2017 Employee of the Year announced



Photo courtesy St. Johns County
Wendy Hicks, St. Johns County Employee of the year

Wendy Hicks, Solid Waste Manager, was selected by the St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners as the 2017 Employee of the Year. Hicks was recognized for her dedicated service to the residents of St. Johns County.

The award was presented at the annual St. Johns County Employee Service Awards Ceremony celebrating dedicated staff with up to 35 years of service in the county.

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Your Vote Counts

By St. Johns County Supervisor of Elections Vicky Oakes

2018 is already shaping up to be a busy election year. Mark your calendars now: the Primary Election is scheduled for Aug. 28 and the General Election is Nov. 6.

There will be a number of important races on the ballot this year beginning with the federal offices; Senator Bill Nelson and Congressman John Ruthenford's terms are both ending. On the state level, Florida voters will elect a new governor and cabinet members. State Rep. Cyndi Stevenson is scheduled for reelection as are a number of judges. Local offices that will appear on the ballot are County Commissioners Seats 2 and 4, and School Board Districts 1, 3 and 4. All of the special districts such as the St. Augustine/St. Johns County Airport Authority, Anastasia Mosquito Control District and St. Johns Soil and Water Conservation Districts and all community development districts have board members up for reelection this year. A detailed listing of those offices can be found on our website, votesjc.com, under the candidate information section.

Elections ahead

A number of candidates have already signed up to run for office. They are circulating petitions and have begun raising and spending money to bring about their election to office. Candidates must keep a separate bank account from their personal monies for their campaigns and file monthly reports with our office. These campaign reports are public record and available on our website.

The Division of Elections accepts documents for candidates filing for multi-county and state offices. You can check these list by visiting their website, dos.myflorida.com/elections.

The deadline for candidates to file for federal offices is May 4. State, county and local candidates have a deadline of June 22.

Once the June 22 deadline passes, we will know which candidates will be on the ballot in the Primary, and which candidates will go directly to the General Election.

Visit votesjc.com often to see who is signing up, and how races are shaping up for the fall elections.



with St. Johns County Property Appraiser Eddie Creamer

Q: Short term rentals, especially through services like Airbnb, are becoming more and more popular. Can you let us know if there are any tax or property implications to renting out one's home?

A: Recently, St. Johns County moved up to #11 in the state for revenues with Airbnb, so certainly short term rentals are proving popular. The first thing a homeowner must do before renting out their home is to register with the Tax Collector's office, because all short term rentals, even through Airbnb, are required to collect and pay the county's bed tax. If they don't, the property appraiser is required by Florida statute to lien the property for the amount of taxes not paid plus a substantial penalty and interest.

Q: What about if a property is homesteaded?

A: If your property is homesteaded, you still must pay the bed tax — and you are subject to losing your homestead if you rent out your home for too many days per year. The statute says that in order to maintain homestead, you can rent your home for no more than 30 days each year or 60 days over a two consecutive year period. Furthermore, if you rent for more than six months in a year, your property would be considered a commercial venture and taxed as a business.

Q: What happens if you lose your homestead?

A: Well, not only do you lose the deduction in assessed value, but you also lose the 3 percent cap by which your property value may increase in a given year, along with the portability provision, which allows a homesteaded owner to move up to \$500,000 of the "Save Our Homes" benefit from one Florida home to the next.

Q: What is your suggestion if people are interested in renting out their home on a short term basis?

A: I recommend that they contact us at the Property Appraiser's office upfront so we make sure they understand what they are getting in to. We want to make sure homeowners understand the ramifications and we can help them navigate around the pitfalls.

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Track star saves the day

By Jesse Hagy
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Ponte Vedra High School track star Gabriela Fasanelli knows full well that unexpected challenges often arise when competing or practicing on the track. Bad weather abounds. Injuries crop up. And as Fasanelli can also tell you, one must also be on guard for a visit from the notorious *als agkistrodon piscivorus*, a venomous pit viper more commonly referred to as the water moccasin.



Photo courtesy Jesse Hagy
Gabriela Fasanelli at signing day.

One day while at practice someone noticed a snake by the track. Fasanelli ran over expecting to find a common and non-poisonous garter snake; however, it was something much more dangerous. Its triangular head and the iconic eye of a pit viper revealed its identity as a water moccasin. Fasanelli and her coach sprung into action, and she eventually killed the snake with a swift and powerful throw of the shot put.

Five things about Gabriela Fasanelli

Favorite Band

Zac Brown Band

Favorite Movie

Ferris Bueller's Day Off

Favorite Class

Anatomy and Physiology

Favorite Hobby

Going to the beach

Career of interest

Medical Field

Fasanelli has been tearing up the competition on the track and the field as well since her freshman year. She placed seventh at the AAU Junior Olympics in Detroit, Mich. in the heptathlon, which is made up of seven events. To qualify for the Junior Olympics, she placed first in the heptathlon at the regional qualifier in Clermont, Fla.

She said her favorite event of the seven is the 100m hurdle because it is fast, but also technical.

Throughout her track career she has sustained injuries to her hip, quadriceps, and hamstring.

"Each of these injuries fueled me to work harder than before to get back to doing what I love," she said.

To prepare for meets she not only attends practice, but also trains at the gym and visualizes her races to strengthen her mental state for the track.

Throughout her high school career Fasanelli has received Captain's Awards and Most Outstanding Female Athlete for sprints, jumps and hurdles.

Fasanelli is not just a star on the track, but is equally impressive in the classroom. She believes that time management is key when trying to balance school and a sport. She will continue her track career at Dartmouth College.



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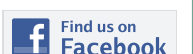
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Ocean Palms students build roller coasters for STEM Night



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Building paths for marbles to race, climb, and loop brought physics to life for third grade students at Ocean Palms Elementary on Thursday, Feb. 2 during STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) Night. Parents and Principal Tiffany Cantwell observed as students used cones, boxes, pipe insulation and lots of duct tape to learn first hand about the principles of energy and laws of motion. Pictured are Cantwell and KC Riley.



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Nocatee Farmers Market welcomed the Sauce Boss



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The community was treated to a special performance on Saturday, Jan. 20, at Nocatee's monthly Farmers Market. Bill "Sauce Boss" Wharton entertained the crowd with his high energy, gumbo stirring concert and at the end, served up his tasty gumbo. Attendees also enjoyed shopping from more than 70 local vendors, crafts and face painting for the kids.



Photo courtesy Bruce Reid

Silent auction kicks off National MS Awareness Week

The sixth annual 230-item silent auction kicks off National MS Awareness Week, on Monday, Mar. 5, at Bogey Grille, 150 Valley Circle in Ponte Vedra Beach. The event, free to the public, raised more than \$20,000 in 2017, supporting programs and services for the more than 18,000 people in North Florida impacted by multiple sclerosis. The silent auction, featuring vacations, excursions, restaurants, services, tickets, sweets and wine, and jewelry and art, is from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Also included is a 50/50 drawing. A portion of Bogey Grille's food and beverage sales will be donated to MS.



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Daylight Saving – not Savings – Time is coming

On Sunday, March 11, 2018, we will set our clocks forward by one hour. Daylight Saving Time. And be advised, it's not "Savings." It's singular!

Springing ahead means losing an hour of precious sleep. All those magazines about how to get a good night's sleep are keeping me up at night. A gazillion people wrestle with their innocent sheets and pillows in their quest for sleep, glorious sleep. "Sleep tight..." What does that mean? Does it mean you are clenching your fists and squeezing your body? Isn't that counter productive? You should relax your muscles, not sleep tight; you should sleep loose, which of course some people will take the wrong way. The rest of the sentence is "...and don't let the bed bugs bite."

Theories abound regarding the meaning of "sleep tight." Eons ago mattresses were built with ropes that had to be pulled tight so the restorer would get a taut bed and good support. So, really, it's not the sleeper but the bed that should be tight. Perhaps sleeping tight means the bed bugs will find it harder to get into your ... crevices. Night clothes should be "tight" so those pesky bedbugs will not find openings to wreak havoc with unsuspecting sleepers.

Ellen DeGeneres says the only way you can sleep like a log is to curl up in your fireplace. I would never fit in my fireplace. Actually the phrase "sleep like a log," the internet says, was initiated because the sound of sawing logs sounds like snoring.

"Sleep like a top" is another bit of advice we tell bedders-to-be. Spinning tops date back to 1250 B.C. When tops spin "the precessional effect causes its axis to remain stationary and it can appear to be still, that is 'sleeping.'" (Internet). That sentence is a bit complex

for me. Whatever. It actually makes me be a bit ... sleepy.

If you want to read about sleep, a book from Demos Health Pubs might provide some help. Try Robert S. Rosenberg's "Sleep Soundly Every Night, Feel Fantastic Every Day: A Doctor's Guide to Solving Your Sleep Problems." Laid out in an easy-to-follow format, the book uses self-checks that may help pinpoint the causes of your insomnia.

I feel bad for folks who can't sleep properly. Perhaps they have tried the tricks to lure us into nodding off: Read, but don't read in bed. Drink milk. Don't snack in bed after dinner. Eat dinner early. Don't have lights on. Don't have a TV in your



bedroom. Put Eliza in another room. Don't have animals in your bedroom. Use the bedroom only for sleep and ... you know... that other thing — breakfast in bed.

You can spring for a sound machine. It's supposed to lull you to

sleep. I got one for \$10. The sound of "brook" and "rain" made my bladder long for the bathroom. The other two noises, "dockside" and "ocean," have screeching seagulls so noisy I'm sure they're on my ceiling, readying to swoop down on my head.

The only way I can get to sleep is if you give me a general anesthetic every night, which doctors frown upon. If I need a "general" before surgery, I always warn the anesthetist, "Don't take it personally, but I'll not count backwards from 100. Numbers annoy me, and besides I'll probably be out before I can start counting." The last time I needed a general anesthetic I was sound asleep before the doc weaved his magic spell. They say reading something boring can help you get to sleep. Perhaps this column has done that for you. In which case, sleep tight. Or sleep loose. Or whatever.

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Get to Know . . .

Paula Roderick

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Paula Roderick

Paula Roderick's life story could easily be made into a page-turner book. From her youth in a small farm town in Ohio where she didn't travel outside the state until becoming a Rotary Youth Exchange student at age 16, to a distinguished military career that included many female "firsts," the stories are numerous and noteworthy. But she believes that the most important thing she has ever done is mentor youth exchange students for Rotary International.

It all began with her own youth exchange experience in 1966 when she lived in Skelleftehamn, Sweden, 60 miles south of the Arctic Circle. When she returned home, her parents relocated to Florida and she began her senior year at Winter Haven High School with her fellow students believing her to be a Swedish student there on exchange, so strong was her Swedish accent.

After graduating from the University of Florida with a political science degree, and right in the middle of the Vietnam War, Roderick joined the United States Air Force as an officer. She points out that at this time women made up less than 2 percent of the military overall. In time, she married Major John P. Roderick, USAF, in Alexandria, Va., whom she says she knew she would marry after their first date. Today, they are both retired lieutenant colonels and the proud parents of daughter Kati, whom they adopted from Russia 24 years ago.

1) Why did you want to be a Rotary Youth Exchange student?

It's very difficult to explain why you want to do this — but to someone who also wants to be an exchange student,

they understand. I say we are all "Exchangers" and it is like a calling. It's not necessarily about the travel, it's more about discovering other cultures and other people ... but more importantly about discovering ourselves.

2) What are the benefits of being a Rotary Youth Exchange student?

Students who are exchangers don't really change when they come back from overseas, but they do grow up very quickly. They learn what they are capable of doing on their own, despite having a support network. We find that these students mature quickly and have improved judgment, decision making abilities and self confidence. They tend to be more successful with college interviews and college scholarship applications because of this maturity.

3) Can you share a memory from your time in the Air Force?

There are so many. I was one of the first 15 original air traffic training officers at the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs at the time when women were being integrated into the service academies. I worked in Washington D.C. as the first woman officer assigned to the Air Staff (HQ USAF) at the Pentagon and later had the opportunity to work with General Colin Powell when he was a one-star general. Also, during the Reagan administration, I had a front row seat to the initial talks with the Soviets that were the precursor to talking about more important things, like the arms race. During my second tour of Germany, I was the first, last and only woman to serve as

flight commander, 86th Missile Wing, for the Ground Launch Cruise Missile. Ironically, when I returned to the Pentagon for my final tour, my job by that time was to get rid of the very missiles I had commanded.

4) What do you enjoy doing in your spare time?

I am a voracious reader and I read a minimum of three books a week. I'm also the Outbound Chair for Rotary District 6970's Youth Exchange Program, responsible for recruiting, selecting and training high school students from our district to go overseas. Our family has hosted nine exchange students and we enjoy visiting and being visited by them.

5) If you could take three items (not people) to a deserted island, what would they be?

I'd take my e-reader. Then my practical side would need to bring a fire starter. And finally a surfboard, so I could get off the island. If I couldn't get off the island with the surfboard, at least I could be entertained!

Friends cont. from pg. 1

feature a full bar and access to local food trucks offering concert attendees several food options.

Steve Gard, president of Friends of the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall since 2012 said, "I'm grateful for the generosity of the Friends members that made the outdoor deck possible. I believe that the deck will enhance the experience of those attending events at the Concert Hall by creating a place where people can socialize with their friends while not disturbing those listening to music inside."

The Friends of the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall is a group of local citizens

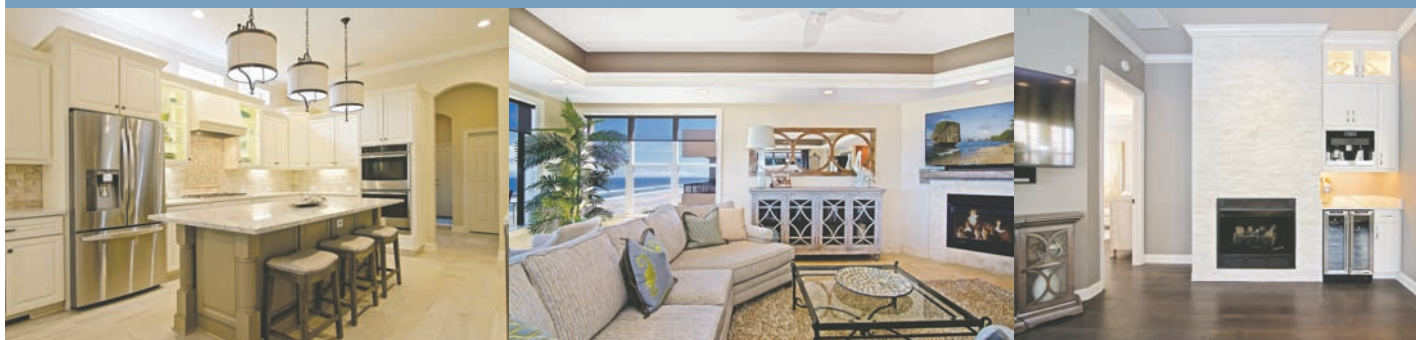
who formed the organization to support the Concert Hall in Ponte Vedra Beach, which opened in February 2011. Membership, as low as \$50 annually, is open to patrons interested in supporting quality performing arts programming that enhances cultural activities in the community.

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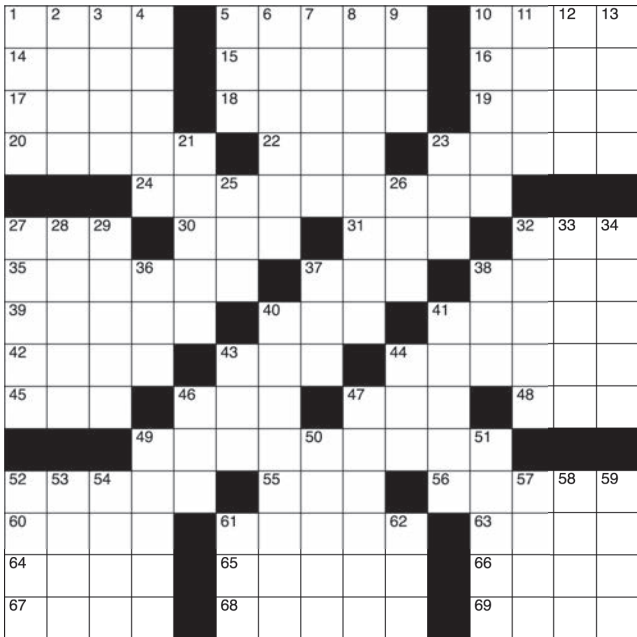
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- 1. "ER" actress Leslie
- 5. Hebrew name for Babylon
- 10. Newts
- 14. Leaf angle
- 15. Dravidian language
- 16. Ridge on nematodes
- 17. Monetary unit
- 18. Determined the tare
- 19. Unfreeze
- 20. Merits
- 22. World's oldest broadcasting organization
- 23. Vacation spot
- 24. December 25
- 27. Ottoman military command
- 30. Resin-like substance secreted by insects
- 31. A.C. Comics female supervillain
- 32. Insect linked to honey
- 35. Opinion
- 37. In the middle of
- 38. Basketballer Yao
- 39. Remove lid
- 40. Pressure wound therapy
- 41. Fabric
- 42. Witnessed
- 43. Defunct European economic organization
- 44. "Hotel California" rockers
- 45. When you expect to arrive
- 46. "Sleepless in Seattle" actress Ryan
- 47. Danish airline
- 48. Insecticide
- 49. Scientific instrument
- 52. Type of seal
- 55. Israeli city __ Aviv
- 56. Cavalry sword
- 60. Ottoman title
- 61. Gurus
- 63. Cold wind
- 64. Predatory reptile (abbr.)
- 65. New Jersey is one
- 66. Divulge a secret
- 67. Finely chopped mixture
- 68. Actress Zellweger
- 69. Romanian city

CLUES DOWN

- 1. "Dark Knight" actor
- 2. S. African plants
- 3. Castle in County Offaly, Ireland
- 4. White (French)
- 5. Morsel
- 6. Semitic language
- 7. Areas outside cities
- 8. Crackling
- 9. Cub
- 10. Landmark house in Los Angeles
- 11. Red Hot Chili Peppers bassist
- 12. Mineral
- 13. Late night host Myers
- 21. Pull along
- 23. Not good
- 25. British Air Aces
- 26. Upset
- 27. Maltreatment
- 28. Nocturnal, cat-like animal
- 29. Hollyhocks
- 32. Shelter
- 33. Finished
- 34. Discharge
- 36. "X-Men" actor McKellen
- 37. Beloved dish __ and cheese
- 38. Holds coffee
- 40. Languish
- 41. Quenches
- 43. Electric fish
- 44. Consume
- 46. Type of school
- 47. Erase
- 49. Educate
- 50. "Transformers" actress Fox
- 51. Spiritual leader
- 52. Every one
- 53. Site of the Taj Mahal
- 54. Welsh village
- 57. Weapon
- 58. Geological times
- 59. S. Asian crops
- 61. Soviet Socialist Republic
- 62. Witness

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Solve the code to discover words related to frozen foods. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 3 = r)

A. 16 3 23 23 12 23 3
Clue: Chilly place

B. 16 3 26 21 1
Clue: Ice crystals

C. 25 26 11 7
Clue: Frigid

D. 16 11 10 9 26 3
Clue: Taste

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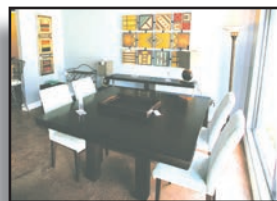


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