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Palm Valley Academy students celebrate the Grand People in their lives

By Sara Bolden
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On Nov. 22, students in Diane Buckner's third grade class at Palm Valley Academy put on a very special experience for a "Grand" group of people at Buckner's annual "Grandperson Celebration." The celebration, now in its 13th year, is aimed at honoring special people in the children's lives — from grandparents, to extended family, to neighbors, to parents.



Photos courtesy Sara Bolden
Diane Buckner and her class.

Prior to the celebration, each student learned how to properly request and conduct an interview, including how to select appropriate interview questions, how to record answers, and how to exhibit proper interview behavior (such as active listening and making eye contact). After conducting their interviews, the students prepared a report on their grandperson, including information from the grandperson's childhood (such as their favorite subject growing up and what kind of grades they received in third grade). The reports were then displayed in a colorful mural outside the classroom that the honored guests could explore prior to the celebration.

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SOUPer Bowl unites community to help those in need

By Tiffany Merlo Phelps
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It is SOUPer Bowl time! Okay not Super Bowl, but Nease High School students are using the football theme at the Jan. 30 fundraiser from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m., hosted at Nease, to raise money and awareness about student hunger in St. Johns County. The goal is to feed eligible students across the county, providing food during the weekends and school breaks when some students would otherwise go hungry. This is the event's fifth year.

"It is such a feel-good event, a community event where everyone donates their time and energy to this cause," said Patti Ann Farrar, one of the event founders and the Chef Committee chairperson. "It is the Thursday night before the real Super Bowl, so we like to think about it as a tailgating event."

At the SOUPer Bowl, participants pay \$25 to taste signature soups from more than 20 well-known local chefs and also receive a commemorative ceramic bowl made by art students of Nease, Bartram Trail High School, Creekside High School, Palencia Elementary, PVPV/Rawlings Elementary, Valley Ridge Academy and The Webster School.



Guests with their selection of bowls.

Last year, Restaurant Medure Chef David Medure offered a tomato soup with charred eggplant and basil mousse and the Ice Plant of St. Augustine served a duck and white bean chili with black garlic sour cream. Sysco Jacksonville Inc. provided a bread and cheese table, disposable cups,

spoons and napkins as well. All three businesses donated their time and products from the very first year, and continue to do so



Participants receive a commemorative ceramic bowl made by art students of Nease, Bartram Trail High School, Creekside High School, Palencia Elementary, PVPV/Rawlings Elementary, Valley Ridge Academy and The Webster School.

"We might spend \$1,000 on this event. Everything else is donated. That is huge," said Farrar.

Nease students work all year to help provide food for 9,000 children all across the county who are eligible for the free and reduced program, said Farrar. Students, currently partnered with Hugs Across the County, meet every week to gather, organize and pack the food for local schools. In 2015, the SOUPer Bowl began when



Ice Plant - soup table.

organizers noticed that more than 100 students remained on a waiting list for weekend food, said Farrar.

"The SOUPer Bowl event is the perfect example of a support organization, local restaurants and the schools working



Photos courtesy Amrita Bhargava
Guests at the SOUPer Bowl.

at each event. The tasting event has raised \$120,000 in four years with all of the money going towards the cause. It costs \$250 to feed one student for one year, said Farrar.

together to provide for a need in our community," said Nease Principal Lisa Kunze. "Nease International Baccalaureate (IB) juniors gain leadership skills in hosting the event and also throughout the school year as they practice service above self by packing meals for elementary children. The IB program encourages students to be the change agents in their communities, so the experiences this event provides are extremely valuable to our students."

Former Nease parent Amrita Bhargava, also one of the event founders, said her children helped with the packing project and the SOUPer Bowl while at Nease. Both attended The Webster School, one of the schools for which Nease students pack meals.

"With the SOUPer Bowl, raising money is just one part of it. Another part is raising awareness. Since we live in an affluent county, people do not always understand how many children are in need," said Bhargava. "Once people know about it, they are willing to step up. This event was just a lot of hope and desire to do something for the kids in this county."

Bhargava said the entire school contributes to the event. The Design Academy creates an event brochure, the Art Department makes and coordinates bowl making, the Hospitality and Tourism Academy busses tables and stocks the water station, the Communication Academy produces an event video and the IB juniors handle publicity and work the event, she said.

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FAVORITE TREAT:

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FAVORITE FRIEND:

Casey and Keagan across the street, because they pull her around in a little blue cart and give her treats.

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

Jan. 6
Current Events Discussion Group
 10 a.m. (repeating event on Mondays)
 Amenities Annex, 625 Market St., Palencia
 adsilby@yahoo.com

Jan. 6
Beaches Toastmasters Club
 7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. (Repeating event on Mondays)
 Baptist Hospital Beaches, Wilson Epstein Building
 cgsm13@yahoo.com

Jan. 7
Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Ponte Vedra Chapter meeting
 10:45 a.m. – 1 p.m.
 pontevedrachaptersdar@aol.com

Jan. 7
Caregiver support meeting
 12 p.m. – 1 p.m. (repeating event on Mondays)
 Ponte Vedra Memory Care Center, 1048 A1A N.
 (904) 297-0061

Jan. 8
Ponte Vedra Democratic Club meeting, speaker Phillip Baber on "Unpacking White Supremacy"
 6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m.
 Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library
 Newcomers welcome;
 Facebook.com/PonteVedraDemocrats

Jan. 8
Newcomers Alumnae luncheon, speaker from Timucuan Ecological and Historic Preserve
 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
 Marsh Landing Country Club
 RSVP: brookemeister@msn.com

Jan. 8
Palm Valley Farmers Market
 1 p.m. – 4 p.m. (repeating event on Tuesdays)
 Palm Valley Community Center, 148 Canal Blvd.
 www.facebook.com/PalmValleyFarmersMarket/

Jan. 9
Toastmasters Club #5199 Ponte Vedra Beach
 7:30 a.m. (repeating event on Wednesdays)
 Players Community Senior Center,
 175 Landrum Lane
 carmenjsardinas@gmail.com

Jan. 9
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

Jan. 11
Family seining
 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.
 Guana Dam, 505 Guana River Road
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Jan. 13
Ponte Vedra Beach Municipal Service District Meeting
 6 p.m.
 Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library, FOL Room
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Jan. 14 - Feb. 18
Free Tobacco Free Florida Group Support Program
 Tuesdays, 6 p.m. – 7 p.m.
 Flagler Health+ Wellness Center, 120 Health Park Blvd., St. Augustine
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Jan. 15
Newcomers of the Beaches luncheon
 11 a.m. (repeating event, second Wednesday of each month)
 Marsh Landing Country Club, 25655 Marsh Landing Pkwy.
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Jan. 15
Ageing Parent Support Group
 6 p.m.
 First Atlantic Bank building, 100 Corridor Road S., Ste. 280
 Limited space; RSVP to Karen Feliciano, (904) 907-7880

Jan. 15
Ponte Vedra Beach Wednesday Book Club: "Educated" by Tara Westover
 11:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.
 Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library
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Jan. 15
Jacksonville Camera Club
 6:45 p.m.
 Shepherd of the Woods Church, 6595 Columbia Park Ct.
 www.jax.jaxcameraclub.com (repeating event, first and third Wednesdays)

Jan. 16
Adult Coloring Club
 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
 Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library
 (904) 827-6950

Jan. 18
Ponte Vedra Woman's Club Wine and Whiskey Tasting Fundraiser
 6 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
 A home in Marsh Landing
 \$95 per person; RSVP: pontevedrawomansclub.com

Jan. 18
Nocatee Farmers Market: Pirate Invasion
 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
 Town Center Field, Nocatee

Jan. 18
First Coast Newcomers Club Audubon guided tour
 8:30 a.m.
 Alachua County wetlands; \$5 per car
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Jan. 21
Edward Waters Concert Choir
 6 p.m.
 Crosswater Hall, Nocatee
 Sponsored by Friends of the Ponte Vedra Library; free and open to the public

Jan. 21
St. Johns CARES meeting
 6:30 p.m.
 Celebration Lutheran Church, 810 Roberts Road
 www.stjohnscares.org

Jan. 22
Ponte Vedra Beaches Coalition
 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
 Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library, 101 Library Blvd.
 www.PVBCoalition.org

Jan. 23
Savvy Job Hunters Ministry workshop: Must-Have Interviewing Tips and Mock Interviews
 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.
 Christ Episcopal Church, 400 San Juan Drive
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Jan. 24
United Way's third annual Givers Gala
 6 p.m. – 10 p.m.
 Casa Monica, 95 Cordova St., St. Augustine
 bit.ly/uw gala2020 for tickets

Jan. 26
Cummer Beaches' Celebrate! Gala
 6 p.m. – 10 p.m.
 TPC Sawgrass Clubhouse
 Register online: cummermuseum.org/event

Jan. 28
Ponte Vedra Beach Tuesday Book Club: "Tell Me a Story" by Cassandra King Conroy
 3 p.m. – 4 p.m.
 Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library
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Jan. 28
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Ponte Vedra Beach Library Speaker Series to feature artist Susanne Schuenke

German-American artist Susanne Schuenke will speak about her art as part of the Ponte Vedra Beach Library Speaker series on Tuesday, Jan. 14 at 6:30 p.m. in the FOL Room. Her fine oils and watercolors will be exhibited in the library entryway during the month of January. Her surrealistic artwork moves from lyric-narrative stories to philosophical themes and socio-political topics. The artist's aim is to connect the observer with beauty in colors and forms while presenting a rich offering of her intentions. Schuenke's paintings are exhibited in private, corporate and public collections in more than a dozen countries. The program is free and open to the public.

Outta Sight Band to perform at AAUW meeting

Outta Sight, a musical band from the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind, will perform at the Jan. 9 meeting of the American Association of University Women, St. Augustine branch. The program, open to the public, will take place at Amici Italian Restaurant, 1915 A1A South in St. Augustine at 11:30 a.m. After the performance there will be at luncheon at 12:30 p.m. at a cost of \$25 including tax and tip. Outta Sight members are mostly high school

students who have existing musical talent that they wish to develop further. The reservation deadline for the luncheon is Jan. 3. For reservations, contact Debbie Brinsfield at (904) 940-7379 or cdbrians@yahoo.com. Information about the organization is available at staugustine-fl.aauw.net, aauw.org and on Facebook, AAUW St. Augustine.

Cummer Beaches Gala announced

Cummer Beaches, an affinity group of the Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens, will host its annual Celebrate! Gala on Sunday, Jan. 26, at the TPC Sawgrass Clubhouse from 6 p.m. – 10 p.m. The evening's Roaring Twenties theme will reflect back on a period of good feelings with music by the Jacksonville University Jazz Orchestra, and include free valet parking, drinks, appetizers and elegant dining. The Cummer Museum Pop-Up Store will be available as well. The dress is black tie and tickets are \$175 for members of the Cummer Museum and Cummer Beaches and \$200 for guests. For more information, call Brittany at (904) 899-6007 or visit cummuseum.org/event to register online.

St. Johns County hosts annual "Treecycling" program

St. Johns County is hosting its annual Christmas "Treecycling" program for those who wish to recycle Christmas

trees after the holiday. Residents are encouraged to bring Christmas trees Monday, Dec. 30 to Sunday, Jan. 5, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. to the following locations: Davis Park – 210 Davis Park Road, Ponte Vedra Beach; Cornerstone Park – 1046 A1A North, Ponte Vedra Beach; Ron Parker Park – 607 Old Beach Road, St. Augustine Beach; Mills Field – 1805 Race Track Road, St. Johns; Al Wilke Park – 6140 South Main Street, Hastings; and First Tee – 4401 Cypress Links Blvd., Elkton. Artificial trees will not be accepted and trees should be free of decorations and debris. Designated areas and signage will direct participants where to drop off trees. Contact Nathan Otter at notter@sjcfl.us or (904) 209-0323 for more information.



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Q: In this age of expanded online shopping, do you have any tips for readers to prevent having their packages stolen from their front door?

A: We call these thieves “Porch Pirates,” and this type of crime is definitely getting more prevalent. I have a few tips to pass along to help prevent porch piracy:

Some folks have purchased a type of lockbox that allows packages to be secured inside it. Some are quite decorative and look nice on the porch.

Try to schedule your deliveries if possible. Some companies will allow you to give a window of time that you will be home and available to accept packages. Not all companies do this, but it’s good to inquire. Also, don’t schedule deliveries for when you know you will be out of town on a trip.

You can often give instructions for delivery when you make the order. Ask

the delivery person to leave the package in a less visible place, perhaps somewhere else than the front door.

Consider putting decorative items on your front porch like plants that could obscure the view of packages from the street. Porch Pirates tend to drive through neighborhoods and take advantage of easy situations.

Some homeowners have installed surveillance cameras, like the Ring doorbell. We’ve solved many a crime with these at the front door. They can act as a good deterrent to Porch Pirates.

Finally, it’s good to know your neighbors. Florida has a lot of neighborhoods with Neighborhood Watch programs; similarly, people could organize and perhaps have a stay at home resident or retired neighbor keep an eye out for and pick up packages.



Photo courtesy Nocatee

Nocatee Farmers Market features Shakespeare

The Nocatee Farmers Market: Shakespeare at the Market was held on Saturday, Nov. 16. Students from the University of North Florida performed two unique “Shakespeare in the Park” style productions of “A Midsummer Night’s Dream.” In addition, there was shopping from 70 local vendors, crafts, and a bounce house.



with St. Johns County School Board Member, Kelly Barrera, District 4

Q: Do you have an update on the implementation of the state-mandated mental health education for students?

A: With the state law that went into effect this year, we are required to provide five hours of instruction annually about mental and emotional health. A lot of time and effort went into developing the curriculum, with input from committees and stakeholders, due to the sensitivity of the subjects. All instruction is age appropriate.

Q: What specifically will be addressed?

A: In addition to the mental and emotional health component, there will be instruction in human trafficking and substance abuse, specifically vaping. I attended a consortium in November where I learned that the statistics for vaping have increased dramatically. Students think vaping is safe, but it’s not — and it has not been researched and vetted for long term effects. As a district, we are trying to educate and raise awareness of these important topics.

Q: Can parents learn about what their children will be taught in the classroom about these topics?

A: Yes. For parents’ edification, they can visit www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/mh-instruction and view videos of what their student will be taught in class. Parents need to know what and how the school district is handling this instruction because it’s different and new — and required by state law. There is no opt-out for this instruction.

Q: Can you tell us about the recent funds received by the school district from Florida Power and Light?

A: At our December board meeting, the district was presented with a rebate check for just over \$1 million from

FPL for our energy efficiencies. Specifically, the district installed more energy efficient equipment and also made upgrades at Bartram Trail and Pedro Menendez high schools. This money will go back into our facilities budget to help defray the costs of installing the energy efficient equipment.

Q: Do you have anything else to share with District 4?

A: I’d like to recognize the School Related Employees of the Year for District 4 schools: Javier Banos of Alice B. Landrum Middle School; Mike Oxborough of Allen D. Nease High School; Jessica Weeks of Ocean Palms Elementary School; Oona Sidoroff of Palencia Elementary School; Chris Parker of Palm Valley Academy; Selena Sheffield Finlay of Ponte Vedra High School; Laurie Jason of PVPV/Rawlings Elementary School and Andres Vega of Valley Ridge Academy.

I’d also like to congratulate the Cultural Council at Ponte Vedra Beach’s Sound Connections, which provides music therapy to many of our schools. They recently received the Outstanding Civic Organization award from the Association of Fundraising Professionals for their wonderful outreach.

Finally, the school board made a special proclamation at its early December meeting recognizing the 150th anniversary of the St. Johns County School District. We viewed many fascinating artifacts and special memories from the history of the district.

Q: How can our readers contact you?

A: They can email me at kelly.barrera@stjohns.k12.fl.us or call me at (904) 547-7510.



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with St. Johns County Commissioner Jeremiah Blocker, District 4

Q: Last month, we discussed the County Commissioners' disappointment in the way staff handled the Mickler's Beach shut down in a way that was not as the commission had instructed. On Nov. 19, the Board of County Commissioners voted unanimously to end County Administrator Michael Wanchik's contract due to "lack of confidence." Can you give us some insight into that decision?

A: As background, I came into my role as a commissioner open minded about the county administrator and county attorney, the only two county employees that directly answer to the county commissioners. I felt it was important to understand how they work and felt that in general, the county administrator had done great things for the county. But in a variety of instances, the wishes of the board were not being carried out by staff and I felt it was time for a change. This was a big decision, but I have the responsibility to answer to the voters.

It's never pleasant to have to fire someone publically, but under the Sunshine Law, that's the only way we could do it. I understand that not everyone agrees with this decision, but that's the conclusion I came to. I presented it to the board and they voted unanimously and I think that speaks for itself.

Q: The county commission has named Hunter Conrad to be the interim county administrator. What happens next?

A: I felt if I was going to recommend to relieve the county administrator of his duties, it was wise to have a plan to present publically to my fellow commis-

sioners. They had the opportunity to shoot it down if they wanted to. I felt it was important to have an outside leader to navigate us through the coming months.

Q: It seems Mr. Conrad plans to serve truly in an interim capacity, as he has been open about his plans to run for election for his former position as Clerk of Courts. When will the search begin for the permanent county administrator?

A: His political ambitions are not my concern. My concern is to have the county managed effectively. We will begin looking immediately for the permanent person, both internally and externally. I think it's important to cast a wide net and find the best person to do the job. In fact, one of Hunter Conrad's tasks is to map out a process to find his replacement in the most efficient and judicious way possible.

Q: Do you have anything else to share with District 4?

A: I'd like to wish everyone a Happy New Year and assure everyone that our county employees are all still hard at work and government continues to move forward. I have every confidence we will find the right person for the county administrator position.

Q: What is the best way for our readers to contact you?

A: Readers can email me at bcc4j-blocker@sjcfl.us or call me at (904) 679-2620.



with St. Johns County Supervisor of Elections Vicky Oakes

Q: This year is an election year. What can voters expect?

A: Happy New Year! We at the elections office are off to a busy start. It's already election time. We are looking ahead to the March 17 Presidential Preference Primary. There will be four Republican candidates and 16 Democrat candidates on the ballots.

It's very important to note that Florida is a closed primary state, so if you are registered to vote as non-partisan, or one of the minor parties, you cannot vote either the Republican or the Democrat ballot in the Presidential Preference Primary.

Q: What if someone would like to change their party?

A: This can be done prior to Feb. 18 in order to vote in the Presidential Preference Primary. The easiest way to do so is online at www.votesjc.com.

Q: What can you tell us about the Vote by Mail option?

A: It's not too early to request a Vote by Mail ballot. The deadline will be 10 days prior to the election. We actually will be sending out the first batch of Vote by Mail ballots to military members overseas that have requested them on Feb. 1. On Feb. 6, we begin mailing ballots to all other eligible voters who have requested them.

Q: Will there be Early Voting for the Presidential Preference Primary?

A: Yes. The Early Voting dates are March 7 – March 14 from 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. daily at our normal six Early Voting locations. In Northern St. Johns County, you can vote early at the Julenton Creek Annex and the Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library. Our elections office in St. Augustine serves as an Early Voting location as well.

Q: Are you in need of poll workers and how does one become a poll worker?

A: We always need poll workers. There is an online application form on our website under the "Election Information" tab. The deadline to apply is Jan. 15 for the March 17 Presidential Preference Primary and Early Voting. We will hold training classes in February and once trained, we hope our poll workers will work all of the elections in the year.

Q: What is the best way for our readers to contact you?

A: Readers can email me at voakes@votesjc.com or call me at (904) 823-2238. Our website, www.votesjc.com also has a wealth of information.

SOUPer Bowl cont. from pg. 1

Bhargava's son, Rohan, now a University of Florida freshman, said he was so impacted by the SOUPer Bowl and the food packing that he now sits on the Blessings in a Backpack Regional Board, another organization that Nease has partnered with in the past to provide weekend food. Rohan said that he offers the board a student perspective, and the goal is to continue to expand the program to other schools in need.

"The weekly food packing grew into so much more with the SOUPer Bowl. It has become more of a community event," said Rohan.



Sawgrass - soup table.

Tickets can be purchased ahead of time at www.StudentsTackleHunger.org and will also be sold at the door.

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In the Arena

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Football rivalries run deep. Many of those go back decades. The annual Florida-Georgia game is so well attended by exuberant fans that it has been dubbed the “World’s Largest Cocktail Party.” Some football rivalries divide families almost as deeply as the Civil War. It has been said that the annual Auburn-Alabama game, a tough fought rivalry known as the “Iron Bowl,” has caused more divorces than any other sporting event in history.

One of the oldest rivalries in football, and all of sport, is the Army-Navy football game, first played in 1890. This year’s game was the 120th iteration. The game has a long, rich history. Teddy Roosevelt attended the game in 1901 in Philadelphia. Army won that game 11–5. In 1926, the game was held in Chicago and the field it was played on was officially renamed “Soldier Field” during the game. That game ended in a 21–21 tie, with undefeated Navy being acclaimed National Champion. In 1963, the game was almost cancelled due to President Kennedy’s assassination. Jackie Kennedy insisted the game be played, saying her husband would have wanted it that way. The game was postponed to Dec. 7, Pearl Harbor Day. Roger Staubach led Navy to victory and then on to a national championship meeting with Texas in the Cotton Bowl.

The two greatest games in the rivalry took place during World War II, in 1944 and 1945. Both games were dubbed in turn as the “Game of the Century.” It is odd to think of the service academies being opened during that great War, but they were. President Franklin Roosevelt expanded the number of both students at the Academies in the years leading up to World War II. In 1944 and 1945, Army and Navy both entered the games undefeated. Both of those games were perceived at the time as battles for a national championship.

Navy was led by two players who had transferred from Alabama after that school dropped football in 1943. Army, armed with two future Heisman Trophy winners Doc Blanchard and Glenn Davis, known as “Mr. Inside” and “Mr. Outside,” won both games. General Douglas MacArthur, the only non-president to be given a state funeral,

was so excited after the 1944 win that he telegraphed that he had “stopped the war to celebrate your magnificent success.”

Another even older rivalry exists between Harvard and Yale. That game has been played since 1875. Teddy Roosevelt attended the second game as a student. This year’s contest was interrupted by a climate change protest. Students and recent alumni staged a sit-in on the 50-yard line chanting the derisive “OK, Boomer!” and demanding that both schools divest their endowments out of fossil-fuel companies. It struck me because it was not the first time that I have seen protests demanding divestiture. Beginning in the ‘60s, students led protests against apartheid, demanding universities divest their holdings in South Africa.

Other movements over the years sought divestment from tobacco companies and other perceived social issues. One thing that I have learned in almost 40 years as a professional investor is to avoid companies that are under political or cultural pressure.

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Scott Grant’s book, “The Merchant of Death is Dead: True Stories of the Progress of Humanity,” in which he shares some of his favorite columns, is now available: <https://tinyurl.com/tm7tj65>. Over the last 14 years, Grant has been a regular columnist for two newspapers and has perfected several history presentations. After two years of touring the local northeast Florida civic clubs, museums, and schools, he was asked to produce a book. This is his first publication. He is delighted to share his knowledge of history and investments.



Get organized and improve workplace productivity

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Staying organized and increasing productivity at work go hand in hand.

Many working professionals aspire to be as productive as possible. In working environments where employees are forced to wear many hats, efficiency can help workers meet their deadlines and get tasks accomplished.

Organization can help professionals keep track of their work assignments and stay on schedule. Staying organized does not come naturally to everyone, and those finding it difficult to juggle various assignments at once can try the following strategies to stay organized and increase their productivity.

- Stop multitasking. While it can seem counterintuitive for people with a lot on their plates to stop multitasking, researchers at the University of Utah found that performance suffers when people try to do more than one thing at a time. While researchers discovered that a small percentage of people they dubbed “supertaskers” were capable of multitasking without adversely affecting their performance, the vast majority of people should avoid trying to tackle more than one task at a time. Professionals can work on different projects throughout the day, but allot time for each project rather than trying to work on several at once.
- Schedule each day. Establishing a schedule and making it as accessible as possible is another way to stay organized and increase productivity. Professionals can make use of scheduling apps on their tablets or smartphones, even setting alerts so they do not forget about projects or meetings. Routinely check the schedule throughout the day, marking off tasks as they’re completed.

· Cut back on time spent in meetings. A 2014 survey from AtTask conducted by Harris Poll reported that American workers at companies with 1,000 employees or more spend just 45 percent of their workdays tending to their primary job duties. Survey participants reported spending 40 percent of their time in meetings, tending to administrative tasks and dealing with interruptions. In lieu of in-person meetings, professionals can discuss projects via mass emails, which can be a much more efficient means to organizing and discussing a project than sitting in a room several times per week.

· Take breaks throughout the workday. Busy professionals may feel as though they don’t have time for breaks during a typical workday. But such breaks can benefit workers in ways they might be unaware. For example, the Association for Psychological Science notes that research has shown that building breaks into a workday helps professionals stay sharp and productive. And when workers take their breaks matters, too. Researchers at Baylor University discovered that mid-morning breaks were more beneficial than late afternoon breaks.



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School Briefs

PVPV Rawlings students learn about recycling

The Ponte Vedra High School Beaches Go Green Club presented a program in November to all of the fifth graders at PV Rawlings Elementary School. The focus was on “Refuse, Reduce, Reuse and Recycle” and the dangers of single-use plastic pollution.



Photo courtesy Anne Marie Moquin

Ponte Vedra High School Beaches Go Green students took their message to PVPV Rawlings Elementary School.

“The fifth graders were so engaged and asked great questions,” said Kim Decker, Beaches Go Green Parent Liaison. “We are optimistic that these educational talks will make a huge impact on future generations.”

All of fifth graders and their teachers received large reusable SIC water bottles to put the Refuse and Reuse principles into practice.

Palm Valley Academy students raise money with Bobcat Bolt and Color Run

Palm Valley Academy students ran a combined 8,844 laps — or 1,106 miles — in the school’s second annual Bobcat Bolt and first annual Color Run. The Bobcat Bolt is a donation-based fun run event that raised funds for the school, while encouraging school spirit and promoting healthy physical activity.



Photo courtesy Stephanie Carlos

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Kindergarten through seventh-grade students raised money to fund school

enhancements including the construction of a shaded area with picnic tables to serve as an outdoor classroom and lunch space, adding new devices to each classroom, and a protective windscreen and landscaping along the fence lining Nocatee Parkway. These improvements were identified by parents, students and faculty in a recent survey to be the greatest needs for the school.

Fundraising began two weeks prior to race day, and students collected donations from 580 cities, 49 states and three countries. Each classroom chose a theme and was led by a parent volunteer. Kathryn Rogers’ kindergarten class raised the most money earning them a VIP party at Bravo Entertainment Center for the whole class.

Ocean of Sound wraps up award-winning year

On Nov. 23, 2019, the Ponte Vedra High School Marching Band, “Ocean of Sound,” traveled to the Florida Marching Band Competition in Daytona, for the band’s last performance of their 2019 show entitled “Odyssey.” The students put on a fantastic performance and capped off a terrific season.



Photo courtesy Joanna K. Aman

Ponte Vedra High School’s Ocean of Sound

Band director Jermaine Reynolds and his staff put together a modern and visually engaging show, which quickly became a judges’ favorite at the various competitions the band attended. The band places second at the Central Florida Marching Arts Invitational, won the Golden Eagle Classic in Fleming Island and won the Kingdom of the Sun Marching Band Festival, where the judges scored the Ocean of Sound as “Distinguished” for General Effect, Percussion, Auxiliary, and Drum Major.

New members make up almost 30 percent of the band and the Ocean of Sound’s many wins and continued im-

provement throughout the season gave everyone a tantalizing glimpse of what the band can accomplish next year as they continue to practice and develop.

Landrum Middle School holds science fair

On Friday, Nov. 22, more than 50 students representing 65 different projects competed at the annual Alice B. Landrum Middle School science fair. Categories included Chemistry, Behavioral Science, Physics and Life Science. Twenty-five projects were awarded prizes.



Photo courtesy Elizabeth Paul

Eighth grade student Carter Magnano won first prize for his study entitled “Polyhydroxyalkanoate Biodegradable Plastics: A New Hope or Another Hoax?”

For the Chemistry category, eighth grade student Carter Magnano won first prize for his study entitled “Polyhydroxyalkanoate Biodegradable Plastics: A New Hope or Another Hoax?” Eighth

grader Graysen Gaskin’s project “The Influence of Language in Eyewitness Testimony” won first prize in the Behavioral 1 Category. For the Behavioral 2 category, eighth grader Althea Maya Uy won first place with her study “Judging a Book By Its Cover.” First prize in the Physics category was earned by Noah Bartfield (eighth grade) with his study “Can An EEG Based Toy ‘Mindflex’ Be Used to Turn A Lightbulb On and Off Using Mind Control?” Eighth graders Garrett Davidsen and Hunter Calamari won first place in the Physics II category for their project “Does Height Affect the Distance a Sinker Weight Submerges into a Non-Newtonian Fluid?” Finally, in the Life Science category, first place was awarded to seventh grader Samay Patel for his study entitled “Removing the Seed Coat: Beneficial or Detrimental?”

Category winners and other selected high-scoring projects will advance to the Regional Science Fair that will be held on Feb. 5, 2020 at First Coast Technical College in St. Augustine. Winners from this competition could earn the opportunity to compete in the 65th State Science and Engineering Fair of Florida on March 24 – 26 at the Lakeland Center in Lakeland.




Birthday cake wows Ocean Palms teacher



Photos courtesy Pamela Riley

Ocean Palms Elementary School’s fifth grade teacher Tamara Kennedy recently celebrated her birthday in style. Her completely edible cake featured some of her favorite classroom books thanks to mom, Stephanie Marciani. No one wanted to cut this beautiful cake.



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Get to Know . . .

Ryan and Sara Badeau

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Photo courtesy Sara Badeau
The Badeau family

Nocatee wellness coaches Ryan and Sara Badeau were living in Ohio a year ago, working their home-based business, when they realized that they really wanted to live near the beach and had nothing holding them back. They no longer wanted to be stuck in the house five months out of the year, so they took a trip with their three girls to North Florida in search of a house with the help of a realtor. After looking around in St. Augustine and other areas, they had given up and decided to just call the trip a vacation and stopped officially searching. Then Ryan, now a licensed real estate agent with Keller Williams, pulled out his phone as they sat at the St. Johns Town Center. That's when he spotted a development called Nocatee. They took a drive and found Addison Park at Nocatee Town Center and fell in love with the houses and knew they had found home. Sara saw families on golf carts going by, so they decided to see where everyone was headed, ending up at the Nocatee Splash Waterpark where they discovered that it was "Prospect Day." They were given a pass to enjoy the day at the park where they met two families from Ohio. Those families showed them all around and remain close friends today. Three months later and before the Ohio winter could hit, they moved to Addison Park — into the exact home they had first admired.

Q: What do you like about living in Nocatee?

A: It is hands down the best family friendly town. Everyone is in the same boat, and everyone is so nice and welcoming. We have better friends here than we did in Cincinnati. It is amazing because Nocatee has so many family friendly amenities and events.

Q. Tell me about ways you like to be involved in the community.

A: Sara works with the MOPS (Moms of Preschoolers) group, and she also started the 3's learning playdate group. Educational playdates are planned for once a week and we take turns at different homes in the group. We incorporate different themes such as painting, the alphabet or movement plus a snack, usually meeting for an hour.

Ryan runs a men's boot camp called F3, a national fitness, fellowship, and faith group that meets Monday through Saturday. It is free and open to all men. It is a good way to get healthy and active as well as develop friendships.

Q. You refer to yourself as entrepreneurs with an e-commerce and social retail business. Share a little more about this please.

A: We work for Modere, a company that sells clean living products. We are both health and wellness coaches. We choose to live a life a little different than most people. Entrepreneurship certainly isn't for everyone, but for us, it's the most important piece of our puzzle called life. It allows us to tuck pockets of work in and around our family. We

wake up early to do work before the kids wake up. We work during nap times, and we stay up late getting things done after the girls go to bed. For us, it's a system that maximizes our quality time with our girls.

Q: What hobbies do you and your family enjoy?

A: We love anything that has to do with our girls, Lexi, 4, and twins Lily and Livy, 3. We love the beach, park hopping and the splash park. The girls dance at Grace Conservatory of Dance, and we are members of Crosswater Community Church. Anyone who knows us, knows that we are always together.

Q. What is your life philosophy?

A: We both come from families that struggled financially, spiritually and relationally. Broken marriages, addiction, abuse, you name it, it was there. We know how precious time is as a commodity and how little time we truly get with the ones we love. Our kids spell love, "T.I.M.E." The most important thing that we can ever give them is not toys, or presents, it is our time. That's why we always focus on our relationship as a family and as a husband and wife. This is the reason that we moved to Nocatee. We are here to set a new example for our children of what is possible. We know that our past doesn't determine our future, so the cycle ends here. Our philosophy is "It ran in our family, until it ran into us."

Grand People cont. from pg. 1



The students' reports were displayed in a colorful mural outside the classroom.

At the start of the celebration, the children, dressed up for the occasion, escorted the grandpersons into the classroom and presented their honored guest with a beautiful fall-colored mum. The children and guests then rotated through various activities, including a reading station, keepsake craft station, and a photography station. After the stations, the honored guests returned to their assigned seats where the children served them a breakfast of tea, croissants, and fruit. During breakfast the children put on a wonderful show consisting of poetry and songs. Afterwards, the grandpersons each received



Children enjoyed spending time with their grandperson.

a surprise raffle prize to take home (such as candles, blankets, and cookies). The celebration concluded with each child individually serenading their grandperson to the song "You'll Be In My Heart." At the end of the morning there was not a dry eye in the house.

This special celebration is the brainchild of Diane Buckner, a Ponte Vedra Beach resident who has been teaching for almost 25 years, including the last 14 years in St. Johns County. Although the celebration requires a lot of work behind the scenes, Buckner — who has been recognized in the past as a Teacher of the Year — said it is all worth it in the end. Parents of children in her class agree.

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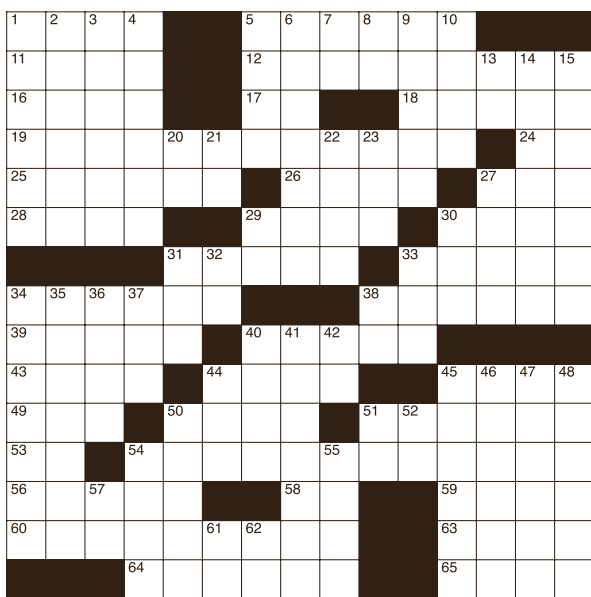
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5. Soft blue-gray mineral
11. Algerian coastal city
12. A healthy redness
16. El __, border town
17. Part of the mind
18. Female body part
19. Atrocities
24. You can call Paul Simon this
25. Copyread
26. Large integers
27. Large, flightless bird
28. Bread and whiskey are two
29. Indicate pain or discomfort
30. Worry
31. Wild goats
33. Belittle
34. More supernatural
38. Wakes up
39. Intestinal pouches
40. Popular dance

CLUES DOWN

1. More silly
2. Adult beverage
3. Iron used for lofting
4. Noses
5. Smile
6. One who examines closely
7. Lethal dose
8. Denotes past
9. "This Is Us" actor Fitch
10. Dabbling ducks
13. Polish beer
14. A type of cat
15. Shows respect for
20. Of I
21. Commercial
22. Chai and chamomile are two
23. Lodging option
27. Geological times
29. Unit of electrical inductance (abbr.)
30. Where G-men work
31. Hot beverage
32. One of the six noble gases
33. Southern constellation
34. South American nation
35. Suitable for use as food
36. The back

37. I (German)
38. Blood group
40. Fit to stand trial
41. Praise excessively
42. Female's title
44. EU predecessor
45. Acutely insightful and wise
46. Disguised
47. Improved the appearance of
48. Generator
50. The real __, the genuine article
51. Male's title
52. Home of the Hawkeyes
54. About aviation
55. At all times
57. Military peace officer
61. College degree
62. Indicates position

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Solve the code to discover words related to cold weather. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 9 = s)

A. 6 13 16 9 14
Clue: Cold covering

B. 10 23 10 23 26 25 9
Clue: Cylindrical ice

C. 9 26 10 23 22
Clue: Slippery

D. 7 8 9 14 4
Clue: Windy

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- AIR MASS
- ALTITUDE
- ARCTIC
- BAROMETER
- BLACK ICE
- BLIZZARD
- CLIMATE
- COLD
- CONDENSATION
- CRYSTALLIZATION
- DEGREE
- FOG
- FREEZING
- FRONT
- FROSTBITE
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Exploring Graceland and the Ghosts of Elvis

By Debi Lander
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Elvis Presley shook the music industry in the 1950s. He rattled and rolled his way to the top, becoming the King of Rock' n' Roll. I, however, was battling traffic on a drive toward Memphis. I kept hearing the lyrics of Paul Simon's Graceland playing in my head, "I'm going to Graceland, Graceland — in Memphis, Tennessee, I'm going to Graceland."

Elvis was born in 1935, in a two-room house built by his father, grandfather and uncle in Tupelo, Miss. They were very poor. When Elvis turned

13, his father moved the family to Memphis in hopes of finding a better job. But Elvis had bigger dreams — he intended to become a legend. Armed with his guitar and influenced by images of Captain Marvel in a comic book, Elvis envisioned himself with the character's signature lightning bolt, hairdo and cape.

Determined, in 1954, Elvis recorded a record at Sun Studios, and by 1955, RCA signed him to a contract. In 1957, the young star, at age 22, bought himself a house and named it Graceland.

I have to admit, I'm wasn't a huge Elvis fan, but I was curious. I'd heard about the 2017, \$45 million, 200,000-square foot state-of-the-art Elvis Entertainment complex. I just had to go.

Graceland Tours: Your budget might get rattled when you see the admission prices, but based on a full day's entertainment, just roll with it. Graceland is the most visited house in America after the White House. About 21 million have toured Graceland since it opened to the public in 1982.

Tours inside Graceland are self-guided.



Costume displays

You're loaned an iPad and headset and listen as John Stamos and Lisa Marie (Elvis' daughter) provide information. Enter through the front door flanked by stained glass panels. Then, walk around and see the living room, music room,

parents' bedroom, dining room and kitchen before going downstairs. There, you stop in a billiard room and the TV room with three televisions, so Elvis could watch the major networks just like President Johnson. Proceed back up to view the Jungle Room, really just an animal-themed space. The public cannot visit the bedrooms on the second floor.

Tourists exit the rear and meander through Vernon's office (Elvis' Dad), who handled his business affairs, the stables, handball court, trophy room and memorabilia. The path leads to the graves of Elvis and his parents. By the time you get there, you have

embraced the King. Before the renovation project, that was the end of the tour, but trust me, your experience is far from over.

By today's standards Graceland remains a lovely but dated home, indeed not an extravagant showplace. That's the thing, you do feel welcomed into Graceland as if Elvis himself were inviting you to sit and talk. It's his humbler side, and seeing it for yourself is memorable.

The Elvis Entertainment Complex: A bus shuttles you back to tour the Presley Motors Automobile Museum, The Entertainer Career Museum, and Elvis Discovery Exhibits. You'll discover the flamboyant entertainer who loved being on-stage. The cars displayed include, among others, the legendary pink Cadillac, a 1975 Ferrari, 1973 Stutz Blackhawk and cars from his movies.



The Jungle Room



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Graceland

The costume displays show off the star's incomparable outfits, nearly all in the jumpsuit style with large jeweled belts and capes. Often a video of the concert plays in the background.

The space devoted to gold and platinum records and numerous awards truly overwhelms. The walls soar high overhead laden with glittering records and memorabilia. If you have energy left, you can tour Elvis' two airplanes. Plan on a full day to take everything in.

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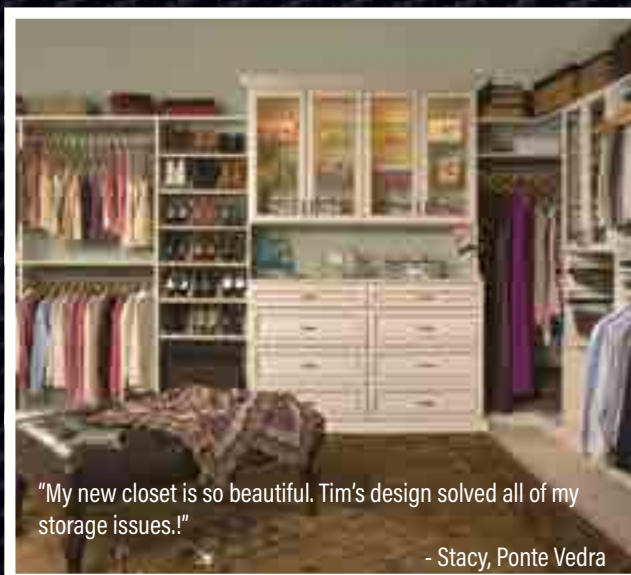
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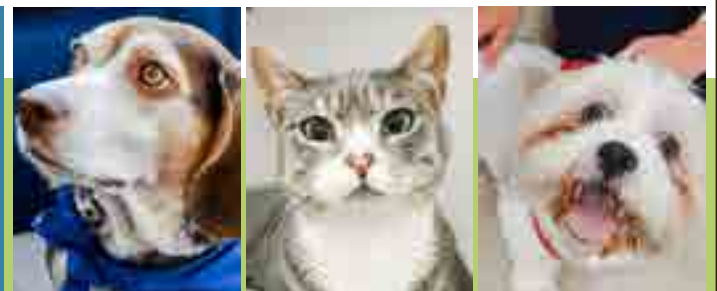
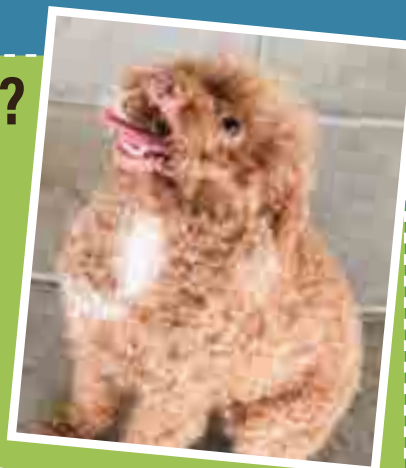


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