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Sometimes the good guys really do wear masks. A group at Sawgrass County Club is making sure their heroes on the frontlines of the COVID-19 pandemic will have new, colorful masks to help prevent the spread of the airborne virus.

Cheryl Younger Maduzia (left) and Teri Trotta (right) started the Facebook group, "Ponte Vedra: Making masks for Heroes" to make masks for hospitals, clinics and retirement homes. So far, the group has delivered 750 masks in the last two weeks, including 50 last Monday to Dr. Scott Covington (center), a general surgeon at Ascension St. Vincent's and Memorial hospitals. **Read more on page 5.**

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EDITOR'S NOTES

What's This?: Because of the COVID-19 crisis and the current closure of the Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens, the Recorder is suspending the "Do you know what this is?" contest until further notice.

Pets of the Week: Because the St. Johns County Pet Center is closed, the Recorder's Pets of the Week feature has been temporarily suspended. The feature will return once the Pet Center reopens.

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St. Johns County making continual adjustments to 'essential' services

Sheriff's office relying on self-policing during COVID-19 threat

By Don Crible

The 9 a.m. briefing last week for St. Johns County Sheriff's Office deputies and Public Service Assistants was interrupted several times by cars passing a few yards away on Mickler Road and the sounds of birds chirping.

In an abundance of caution — and to take advantage of spectacular springtime weather — the meeting was conducted in the parking lot at the substation at State Road A1A.

Unlike a few days earlier when the intersection was jammed with cars and people who wanted to enjoy one of the few beaches that wasn't shut down by COVID-19, the area was eerily quiet.

In a matter of days last week, St. Johns officials closed the beach and Gov. Ron DeSantis ordered residents to stay at home unless they have "essential" business.

Sheriff's office deputies and PSAs still are manning posts along the beach — both to en-

force the closure and the governor's order.

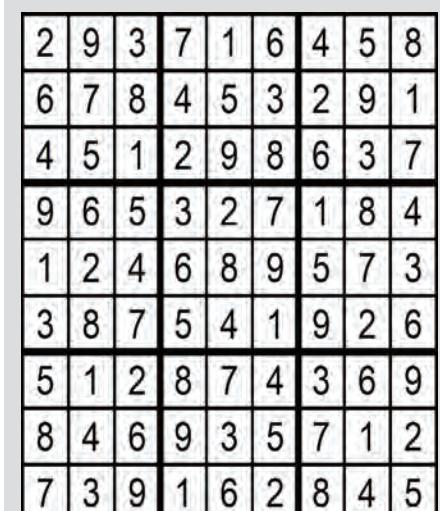
"We're putting them at six points," said SJCSO Commander Scott Butler. "Obviously, the beach is closed. We're putting them at certain points to make sure the citizens and the visitors don't come to the beach and hang out. All of this is for public safety. We're just trying to protect and keep our public safe."

That includes residents who live on the beach.

"The beach is closed. We ask them to please exit the beach," Butler said. "We're not writing anybody tickets; we're not putting anybody in jail. Most people get it. I suppose some people haven't heard about it yet. It's possible, but I don't know how that could be."

Many are unsure who and what business are considered essential. Regardless, Butler said his office will rely heavily on residents and visitors policing themselves.

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Solutions correspond to last week's puzzles.

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"That is going to be a hard thing to enforce," he said. "I don't think our deputies have the time to ride up and down the road and ask everyone 'Hey, what are you doing? Where are you going?'"

"I really believe, for the most part, our citizens will self-police themselves. They understand the seriousness of this virus. They want to stay inside and help get us past the peak of this, on the downhill side of this."

The governor ordered bars and nightclubs to be closed on March 18 and he directed restaurants to limit its dining room to 50% occupancy. Two days later, he

placed further restrictions on restaurants by only allowing take home or delivery menus.

The stay-at-home orders forced the closure of other businesses, unless they fall into a lengthy list of exempted people. Basically, those include law enforcement, firefighters and EMTs, medical workers, teachers, grocery and convenience stores, gas stations, auto mechanics, information technology workers, banks, delivery services, funeral homes, utility workers, military, farmers, trucking, plumbers, electricians, exterminators, builders, contractors, HVAC technicians, landscapers, cleaners and media.

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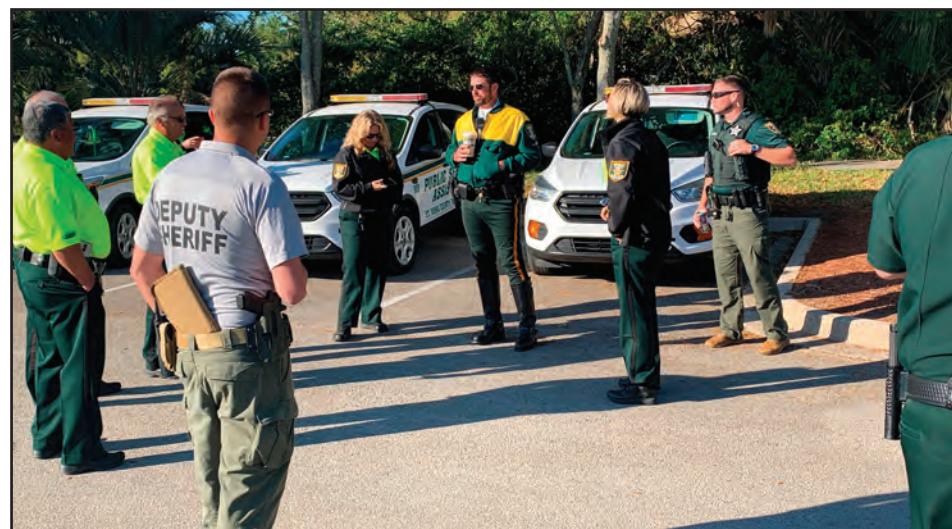


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Members of the St. Johns County Sheriff's Office hold a squad meeting in Ponte Vedra Beach.

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School district goes digital, suggests virtual graduation for class of 2020

By Daniela Toporek

Imagine being a high school senior right before the COVID-19 outbreak. After years of homework, quizzes, essays and tests, it's almost time to walk onto the stage, shake the principal's hand and grab that diploma to pursue the next chapter of life.

That is no longer the case for the class of 2020.

With the COVID-19 outbreak, schools have closed all over the country, leaving it up to online distance learning and virtual contact during the final months of the school year.

"This first week was getting everyone online," said St. Johns County Deputy Superintendent Brennan Asplen, explaining the first week is mainly for acclimating everyone to the new system. "Teachers are working through their lessons plans. We're just getting used to it all, trying to do video conferencing as well. The teachers are keeping track of who's getting connected and who's online. They've given students assignments, as well."

According to Asplen, St. Johns County uses Schoology, a third party company with educational platforms around the world and more than 20 million people registered.

The program already had glitches due to the additional 43,000 students simultaneously using Schoology in St. Johns County, but Asplen predicts most of the technical difficulties have been resolved.

"We're trying to schedule folks to log on at different times to help and last Thursday and Friday, we saw improvement," he said. "We're in good shape and should continue to run well."

But if anything were to happen, Asplen said they'd just continue to follow the lesson plan and communicate with students via phone calls, video chats and emails, using online textbooks, workbooks or whatever else needed to continue students' education.

Guidance counselors also are available to help students and parents who may need assistance or someone to talk to, whether about grades, credits or any personal issue.

"Other folks like the dean and athletic directors are all working to help support teachers," Asplen added. "They've helped make sure everyone's connected properly with providing any hard-copy materials, along with following the Florida High School Athletic Association guidelines until May 1."

As for high school seniors, it's still unknown on how St. Johns County will handle its graduations, but Asplen assures that they're trying to find a viable solution as soon as possible.

"We've been talking about alternatives, such as a virtual graduation. We're working through that and figuring that out now," he said.

The COVID-19 outbreak has led to uncharted waters for the St. Johns County School District.



Provided photo

According to Asplen, he is more than impressed by how the schools have reacted and adapted to the crisis, both quickly and efficiently.

"Thank you to our teachers and our school staff for working so hard and quickly over these past two weeks to transfer the curriculum to online," he said. "Thank you to our parents. Thank you to everyone. They've really done an amazing job. I'm so proud."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

School superintendent grateful for understanding, flexibility, dedication by students, parents

Dear SJCSD Parents and Guardians,

As you know, we are off and running in our online/remote learning. The work that has been done to transition to this environment in one week is well beyond my expectations. As with anything new and unknown, patience and flexibility are key factors in ensuring our students' success.

Our employees are outstanding, and I have watched them support each other to get this started. I feel blessed to be a part of the St. Johns County School District where in these uncertain times, our employees are constantly asking the question, "How can I help?" We have been guided by the Florida Department of Education to remain in an online school structure and keep schools closed through May 1, 2020. Thank you for your patience and flexibility.

On our very first day, we learned a lot about how well we were prepared and how dependent we are on outside systems. As expected, we had some difficulty with students being able to stay connected through a device. Today, we are seeing a marked improvement and have had high-quality introductory conferences between the teacher and students. Thank you for your patience and flexibility.

As a district, we have made the difficult decision to cancel all field trips and events through the end of the school year. High school graduations are still planned as scheduled, though we will continue to monitor and align with guidelines from the CDC and Department of Health. Regarding athletics, we are following guidance from the Florida High School Athletic Association, to suspend all athletic activities through Sunday, May 3. Thank you for your patience and flexibility.

In compliance with the behavioral guidelines from the CDC and the Department of Health it is not responsible of us to promote large congregations of students in the

same space, and I encourage all of us to be fully compliant within our homes and groupings of children. Social distancing is key to ending the spread of COVID-19, and we must each do our part. Thank you for your patience and flexibility.

Lastly, your engagement in this process to ensure that your children are involved in the online classroom has been amazing. We will continue to bring all students into online learning this school year. Please do not hesitate to communicate with your child's teacher or school if you are concerned about the lessons assigned or the response of your children to this type of learning. We are all learning together. Thank you, thank you for your patience and flexibility.

Sincerely,
Tim Forson
Superintendent of Schools
St. Johns County School District

Chamber of Commerce: The spirit of entrepreneurship will prevail over COVID-19

Fellow St. Johns County residents:

"It was an emotional day for me," said one of my staff members at St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce. "I was not ready for hearing the fear in their voices."

She was referring to the calls she made to our members and many local business owners facing COVID-19 circumstances. "Not ready" is how many of the business owners felt and how we all agreed at the time. How could we have been prepared for this? There is no roadmap. Even the business planners who had their emergency plans perfectly organized realized those scenarios were not relevant.

I appreciate the unprecedented difficulty our business members are facing. The entire Chamber Board and staff members understand the sudden abrupt stop that was put on business activity without any warning while companies were thriving and entering a promising tourism and spring season. Whether you poured all your life savings into a business start-up or you've been running an estab-

lished operation for years, the shock is there.

During a crisis, some businesses find themselves in a hot bed of innovation, and others have to temporarily or permanently close due to social distancing guidelines. Millions of Americans are applying for unemployment; and the CARES Act has increased benefits to the newly unemployed. The state and federal government has created a plethora of loans and grants to help small businesses and individuals. You can find details and guidance on the Chamber's website and additional helpful tips and videos. We are offering these tools to the public at our website, <https://www.sjcchamber.com/>.

And finally, here is the main reason that motivated me to move to this country from France more than 20 years ago, The Spirit of Entrepreneurship. This is the one thing that I believe will always prevail in America. You can beat it up, slam it with - you name it — hurricanes, pandemics, cyber-attacks — it will still find a way to sprout, pollinate and grow at a faster rate in places where government removes barriers and encourages it to prosper.

Local governments' role in accelerating entrepreneurship and encouraging a diversified economy will be critical for a fast and lasting economic rebound. Entrepreneurs will need to make their financial resiliency a priority as they are developing products or services. Workplaces and online platforms fostering and accelerating the connection between entrepreneurs, connecting minds, ideas, skills and resources will be more critical than ever before. Let's remember that products and services created are the life form of the minds of our dreamers and innovators, and people are the ultimate difference makers.

So, we welcome all to join us at the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce. Our mission is to help create a business environment and quality of life where people and businesses have the opportunity to prosper, and new businesses will find it attractive to locate in St. Johns County. Be safe and well.

Isabelle Renault
President/CEO,
St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce

Community group dedicated to creating medical masks, unity during time of need

By Don Coble

Dr. Scott Covington wasn't sure what to expect when he rode his bicycle onto a quiet street last Monday afternoon in the Sawgrass Country Club community.

He knew he was supposed to meet some local residents to pick up masks to help his co-workers at Ascension St. Vincent's and Memorial hospitals. What he didn't expect was an outpouring of love and appreciation that went far beyond a bag full of life-saving masks.

"I can't tell you what a difference this will make," the general surgeon said as Teri Trotta handed over 50 newly sewn masks. "The way we see it, you're giving us care. This will go a long way to keep a lot of people safe."

Trotta got the idea to make masks after talking to her niece in Washington, who was an emergency room nurse near King County — the epicenter of the country's first deadly breakout of COVID-19.

Even with more than 3,000 confirmed cases and 220 deaths in that county, the niece said there was a critical shortage of masks to prevent the spread of the airborne disease.

After finding a template and instructions online to make masks, Trotta started a Facebook page, Ponte Vedra: Making masks for Heroes.

"I figured there had to be a way," Trotta said. "I knew I could sew. I knew I could make masks. The next morning, we started on this."

Cheryl Younger Maduzia was the first to join the group.

"This is our therapy," she said.

In a little more than two weeks, the group has grown to 91 members on Facebook. More importantly, they've already delivered 750 masks to local hospitals and clinics.

For free.

"We went from zero to 750 in two weeks," Maduzia said. "And we're still going."

Maduzia dropped off 200 masks at Baptist Medical Center in Jacksonville early Monday. Trotta gave Covington another 50 later that day — with a promise they'll make as many as the hospitals need.

They've also made the colorful masks for MD Anderson Cancer Center, Adam's Acres, UF Health in Gainesville, UF Oncology in Fernandina Beach, Rainbow Pediatrics, Jacksonville Orthopedics, Meals on Wheels and Vicar's Landing senior living center.

Some in the group cut the masks from rolls of 100% cotton and flannel. Others work on straps, while there currently are 12 who sew all day to complete orders.

Susan Delony Parsons is in charge of procuring supplies.



Photos by Don Coble

Dr. Scott Covington (from left) puts on one of the masks made by Cheryl Younger Maduzia's and Teri Trotta's Making Masks for Heroes group.



ABOVE: These 200 masks were delivered to Baptist Medical Center on Monday.



RIGHT: Medical workers at Memorial Hospital approve of their new masks.

"We're always reaching out trying to find rolls of material and spools of elastic," she said. "This has become something that's really brought this community together. For us, this is about serving our community."

Trotta said she works as many as 15 hours a day at the sewing machine. The group has an online conference call at 6:30 a.m. to discuss new projects and provide updates. There has been such a demand, orders now are logged onto a spreadsheet.

The masks come in a variety of sizes and uses. Some are made specifically for

children. Others have tie straps, while others have elastic that stretches over the ears. And some, especially for health care workers in critical areas, are outfitted with filters.

All are bright and colorful. Covington said that makes a difference to people who work tirelessly.

"Sometimes you feel very annotative to the patient," he said. "Their faces lighten up when they see the bright, happy colors."

"Tell us what you want, and we'll get you more," Trotta said.

The group has been able to keep their

project afloat by local donations of money and materials. They clearly aren't as comfortable asking for donations as asking for where their help is needed most. But if you want to help, reach out to the group's Facebook page. Better yet, they're always looking for new members with sewing machines.

"This is all about creating joy in a time of uncertainty and in the face of social distancing and isolation," Trotta said. "Our mission is to serve the front-line medical workers."

One mask at a time.

Nearly two years into retirement, Ed Kuhl is still trying to figure out how to spend his day. There are golf balls to hit near his home at The Palencia Club in St. Augustine and fish to catch – a perfect reward for a long, distinguished career with The Main Street America Group. Forty-five years removed from a state high school basketball championship at Orlando Evans High and an appearance in the 1979 Final Four with Pennsylvania, Kuhl still is far from slowing down.

Ed Kuhl

As told to Don Coble

You played a significant role in what many still believe is the greatest stretch of dominant high school basketball in the Orlando area. What was that like?

Winter Park won the championship in 1974 (after four players at Miami Jackson were ruled ineligible), and we won it in 1975. Edgewater won it in 1976 and Boone in 1977. Back then, just about every team in Orlando was good. The hardest part was getting out of Orlando.

Describe the 1975 Evans team. Darryl Dawkins became the first player to go directly from high school to the NBA. You and a handful of players went on to play college basketball.

Of course, we had Darryl Dawkins. I was on the team, along with my brother Donnie. That was a special team. We won every game out of our conference tournament by more than 20 points.

You picked Penn. Why?

Because they had the best basketball program in the Ivy League. None of the Top 10 teams were recruiting me. I wanted to go to the Ivy League and Penn was really good back then.

Your team made the tournament in 1979. Most call your run the greatest Cinderella story in NCAA tournament history. Do you agree?

That was the first year where they had a play-in game after they expanded from 32 to 40 teams. We were the ninth-seeded team in a 10-team region. We beat Iona in the play-in game, then we beat the No. 1 team, North Carolina, at Raleigh. In the second game of the doubleheader, St. Johns beat Duke. People in North Carolina still call it Black Sunday. The next week, we played in Greensboro (North Carolina). They expected North Carolina and Duke, so the stands weren't half-full. We beat Syracuse; St. Johns beat Rutgers. Then we beat St. Johns to go to the Final Four.

What made that run so special?

I'll never forget that we beat three Hall of Fame coaches — Dean Smith at North Carolina, Jim Boeheim at Syracuse and Lou Carneseca at St. Johns — in a row to make it to the Final Four.

What was it like at Salt Lake City when you joined DePaul, Michigan State and Indiana State in the Final Four?

Of course, that's when Michigan State had Magic Johnson and Indiana State



Photo provided by Ed Kuhl

Ed Kuhl (center) poses with former Penn coach Bob Weinhauer (left) and former Penn teammate Kevin O'Brien during last year's 40-year reunion celebrating the 1979 team's Final Four appearance, still considered by most as the greatest Cinderella moment in tournament history.

had Larry Bird. We had 10,000 people coming to our practice. We got clobbered by Michigan State (101-67), but it was an incredible experience to be part of that Final Four.

Is there a special moment about your basketball career you won't forget?

They showed a 25-year classic replay

of the tournament when my daughter, Rachel, was 16. We watched the game together. I told her to watch it closely because it wasn't the kind of game they'd be showing a lot. I played five minutes in that game.

As a longtime athlete and sports fan, how are you responding to the lack

of live games caused by the postponements and cancellations for the COVID-19 pandemic?

It's not easy because this usually is the best time of the year. There were supposed to be NCAA games to watch. I miss watching golf. The opening day of baseball season. You can't just watch old classic games all the time.

Childcare providers: the essential workers of the essential workers

By Daniela Toporek

When “essential workers” come to mind, front liners such as medical workers and first responders normally pop into one’s head.

But behind the heroes who are fighting to regain normalcy for humanity, there are even more heroes who often go unmentioned, sacrificing time with their own families to take care of someone else’s.

These heroes are the nannies, babysitters and daycares offering services during the COVID-19 outbreak.

“Childcare and nannies are considered essential, so as long as we can work, we will remain open,” said Kristen Keller, owner of Twinkle Toes Nannies in Jacksonville. “Families who are now working from home still need our help with childcare. We also have a large clientele base that are medical workers, so our nannies are vital during this time. We’re even offering discounted rates to new clients that are essential workers.”

One of Twinkle Toes’ nannies, Rachel

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Bolles creates web page to commemorate Class of 2020

The Class of 2020 has watched plans for a celebratory senior season vanish before their eyes with the global spread of COVID-19. But The Bolles School is making sure these students receive the commemoration they deserve.

The School launched a new web page “Celebrating Bolles Seniors.” The page includes short reflections from Bolles seniors, recent news stories about their accomplishments, photo galleries of important senior gatherings from the 2019-20 school year and information about athletic commitment ceremonies and lifetime letter achievements. The school plans to unveil future surprises for students on the page as the year draws to a close. Images from the page are being shared through Bolles’ official social media accounts, putting senior students further out into the spotlight.

The school hasn’t decided if it plans to



Photo provided by www.bolles.org/celebrating-seniors

cancel graduation, but it wanted to make sure its seniors were recognized.

“Students in the Class of 2020 are facing an unprecedented senior year and we wanted to make sure they know how much we appreciate them and this situation,” said Bolles President and Head of School Tyler Hodges. “The Bolles Class of 2020 will go down in history as one of our community’s most resilient, adaptable and empathetic group of seniors. Despite the shortcomings and challenges the second semester of their senior year presented, these students have risen above and beyond – showing all of us how to live fully by The Bolles Way: Pursuing excellence through courage, integrity and compassion.”

The Bolles Class of 2020 accomplishments can be seen at www.bolles.org/celebrating-seniors.

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Sultzner, has been with her nanny family for the past five years, taking care of a 5-year-old girl and a boy who’s about to turn 3. The children’s father is a lawyer while their mom is a doctor, so Sultzner is needed now more than ever.

“Our day to day activities have definitely changed since both kids are not attending school,” Sultzner said. “Our once jammed-packed days filled with school, play dates, dance, beach days, zoo visits, etc., have come to a screeching halt. Our days are now filled with lots of outdoor time, stroller walks, virtual school and virtual play dates.”

Keller said the Twinkle Toes has been proactive in updating both, nannies and families, with precautions since the start of the outbreak, asking family members to inform the company when and if they are ill or running fevers.

“Both nannies and families have been very communicative if they are not feeling well and need to suspend services,” Keller said. “We have yet to see any cases be reported but are taking all the measures needed to keep it that way and to be prepared if that changes.”

In the meantime, Sultzner and other nannies are just trying to keep life for their children and themselves as normal as possible.

“The kids have been handling it well and I make it my goal to keep our daily routine consistent,” Sultzner said. “They ask for their friends and it’s hard to explain why we have to keep our distance, but we try to utilize FaceTime to make those connections. At this point I am taking it day by day.”

According to Keller, she, Sultzner and the entire company staff are practicing social distancing, handwashing and sending out CDC recommendations as soon as they are released, stating that “the health of our nannies and families is the number one concern.”

As for Sultzner, she’s completely comfortable with working as an essential employee.

“I am very thankful to still be working full-time, for not only the monetary benefits, but for my own mental health,” she said. “As a single woman, the thought of self-isolating through this pandemic is anxiety inducing, for sure, so I am happy to have my kiddos to keep me busy and needed.”

Stacey Hendershot selected as new campus head at Bolles

During this time of “new normal” at The Bolles School, Stacey Hendershot has been selected as the Ponte Vedra Beach Campus head, following in the steps of retiring Peggy Campbell-Rush this summer.

This decision follows months of interviews with highly qualified candidates from all over the country. The search team sought a vibrant, experienced and compassionate leader who could build upon the strong tradition of excellence on the Ponte Vedra Beach Campus and move it forward with an “All Things Possible” mindset.

Hendershot comes from Land-O-Lakes, where she has been the assistant head of Lower School at Carrollwood Day School. In this role, she served two lower school campuses and led the school’s lower division with scheduling, curriculum, professional development evaluation and diversity inclusion initiatives. Her more extended background, however, is as an independent and public school educator in Florida and



Stacey Hendershot

Michigan, where she taught first, second, fourth and fifth grades, as well as literacy and math intervention.

Hendershot has a Master’s degree in elementary education from Marygrove College

and a Bachelor of Arts in Education degree from Central Michigan University. In addition to being active in FCIS accreditation roles, she is trained in problem-based learning, Writer’s Workshop, Responsive Classroom and has been a staff trainer for technology integration, behavior intervention, SEL learning and classroom management.

Hendershot, her husband, Rob, and three children, Ian (15), Ella (12) and Camden (9) are planning to move to Northeast Florida this summer and she will officially begin her position on July 1.

VIRTUAL EVENTS

Social gatherings and events may be canceled, but passion and creativity is still alive and well.

Check out these virtual events hosted by the innovative artists, musicians, chefs and members of the community who are using the magic of the internet to find unique ways to bring everyone together during times of separation.

April 9

11 a.m.: Virtual Storytime with the St. Johns County Public Library
4 p.m.: Women’s Food Alliance meeting

April 10

11 a.m.: Virtual Storytime with the St. Johns County Public Library
5 p.m.: Women’s Food Alliance meeting
6 p.m.: DJ Aleks live-stream set
8 p.m.: Jacksonville Symphony performance

April 11

5:30 p.m.: Learn From Chefs: Sushi & Sides! with Chef Dennis Chan from Blue Bamboo
6 p.m.: DJ Aleks - live-stream set

April 12

8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.: Drive-In Easter service at Church of Our Savior
10:30 a.m.: Victory Lutheran Church’s Easter Sunday worship livestream

April 13

11 a.m.: Virtual Storytime with the St. Johns County Public Library

April 14

11 a.m.: Virtual Storytime with the St. Johns County Public Library

April 15

11 a.m.: Virtual Storytime with the St. Johns County Public Library
6 p.m.: Learn From Chefs: Fried Chicken (3 ways) & Biscuits with Chef Kenny Gilbert

April 16

11 a.m.: Virtual Storytime with the St. Johns County Public Library

OTHER

- Yoga Den will live stream online yoga classes every day this week for \$10. For the full schedule and more information, visit www.yoga-den.com/fleming-island-schedule and select, “All Locations.”
- The St. Johns County Public Library will host virtual story times at 11 a.m., Monday through Friday, on Facebook Live, featuring librarians reading stories from the library’s collection. The story times last approximately 30 minutes and are recorded and posted on the Library’s Facebook page for those who miss the live showing. For more information or to watch the live-stream, visit www.facebook.com/sjcpls.
- Jacksonville’s DJ Aleks will live stream sessions Fridays and Saturdays at 6 p.m. through his official Facebook page, @DjAleks. For questions or more information, call (904) 463-8763.
- The Jacksonville Symphony has joined multiple international orchestras in broadcasting music to help raise the spirits of the community during this time. Join in for a new broadcast every Friday at 8 p.m. on the Jax Symphony official Facebook and YouTube pages, or through its official website at www.jaxsymphony.org/live/.
- Learn From Chefs is a chance to support local chefs and Jax Restaurant Reviews while during social distancing while learning to cook incredible food all while safely social distancing.
- Each virtual class includes a recipe card for each course to keep, a 2-hour live web meeting to follow along with the chef and access to purchase ingredients from a local grocer and have them delivered (not applicable to all classes). To register or for more information, visit www.learnfromchefs.com
- Victory Lutheran Church will host an Easter Sunday worship live-stream at 10:30 a.m., April 12, on Easter morning. Access the live-stream through the Victory Lutheran Church official Facebook page, or through the church’s official website, www.victorylutheran.org. For questions or more information, call (904) 642-8900.
- The Women’s Food Alliance is hosting virtual meetings for members and nonmembers using the ZOOM app. For questions or more information, call WFA founder Leigh Cort st (351) 999-3713 or email leigh@leighcortpublicity.com

Compiled by Daniela Toporek

CLOSURES, UPDATES AND CANCELLATIONS

Due to the health and safety of the community, the following closures and cancellations have been made in St. Johns County and surrounding areas.

ST. JOHNS COUNTY

In the interest of public safety and in an effort to minimize the impact of COVID-19, the following St. Johns County facilities and programs are closed to the public or have been canceled until further notice.

- All St. Johns County libraries and the library bookmobile.
- All recreational facilities, recreational programming, recreational events, and all permitted events, including organized youth and adult sports, on St. Johns County property.
- The St. Johns County Ocean and Fishing Pier Gift Shop and all permitted events on associated County property, including the parking lot, volleyball courts and the pier pavilion.
- All events scheduled to occur at the St. Johns County Fairgrounds.
- All events scheduled to occur at the St. Johns County Agriculture Center.
- All events scheduled to occur at the St. Johns Golf Club.
- The St. Johns County Pet Center.
- All St. Johns County recycling and community collection events.
- All St. Johns County Fire Rescue community programming.
- All St. Johns County beaches.
- All boat ramps, parks, green spaces and trails remain open for the public to safely enjoy, the county said. For more information, call the St. Johns County Emergency Management hotline at (904) 824-5550.

■ St. Johns County Boards and Committees – Public Comment Call-in Participation
In accordance with Executive Order 20-69 and St. Johns County Emergency Proclamation 2020-03, St. Johns County Boards and Committees that meet during the COVID-19 health emergency may do so remotely under communication media technology and without a physical quorum of the members present. Members of the community who would like to participate in public comment during these meetings may do so by calling (904) 209-1265. The meetings can be viewed on GTV, Comcast cable channel 3, or online at www.sjcf.us. While all meetings remain open to the public to attend in person, St. Johns County facilities are under limited public access restrictions.

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A LOCAL LOOK AT THE PANDEMIC



Photos by Don Coble

People enjoy being outside on the water while maintaining social distancing.

If a picture is worth 1,000 words, there aren't enough words to express how St. Johns County is reacting to the threat, restrictions and closures caused by COVID-19. Here's a look at the pandemic through our camera lenses.

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Daily's treats customers to bag of groceries to help those affected by COVID-19

Each Daily's location, including local stores in Ponte Vedra Beach and Palm Valley, gave away 100 free care packages on April 3 to assist customers adversely impacted by the COVID-19 crisis.

In all, the convenience store chain that serves Northeast Florida gave away 2,000 care packages.

Included in the care package will be a pound of gourmet deli meat, a loaf of freshly baked bread from Village Bread, chips, sweet treats, and more.

Daily's said it recognized the hardship caused by the current, necessary restrictions on everyday life resulting in layoffs, furloughs, and reduced hours.

"This crisis impacts all of us, and it is in times such as these that our community can work together to lessen the impact that

is being felt emotionally, physically, and economically," said Aubrey Edge, CEO and President of Daily's. "We know there are many who suddenly find themselves in need, and Daily's is committed to serving our community. We do so by giving to those families whose jobs and livelihoods have been impacted in a negative way."

There were no requirements; the food was given on a first-come, first-served basis.

"We only asked that if you are not in need, please leave the meal for those who are," Edge said.

Daily's continues operating under normal business hours, taking necessary steps as stated by the CDC guidelines to provide the highest level of safety possible for our customers and employees.



Photo provided by Daily's

Cancellations

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Written or physical documentation for a meeting may be submitted to the Board of County Commissioners at 500 San Sebastian View, St. Augustine, FL 32084, or by email at sjcpublishing@sjcfl.us. For more information, call (904) 209-0300.

St. Johns County Tax Collector Offices Closed Until Further Notice

In compliance with Governor DeSantis's Executive Order 20-91, all St. Johns County Tax Collector offices will be closed to the public until further notice. The Tax Collector encourages residents to complete eligible transactions online at www.sjctax.us. Most tax payments, registration renewals, and driver license renewals and replacements can be processed online or by mail. The Tax Collector also offers a drop box at each location and will be available by phone at (904) 209-2250 or email at taxcollector@sjctax.us. For more information, please visit the Tax Collector's website at www.sjctax.us.

St. Johns County EOC COVID-19 Citizens Information Hotline

The St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners declared a Local State of Emergency in response to COVID-19 on March 17. In response, the St. Johns County Emergency Operations Center has been elevated to a level two partial activation and the COVID-19 Citizens Information Hotline is now active between 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., seven days a week. St. Johns County residents can call the hotline at (904) 824-5550 for information regarding facility closures, program cancellations, and current St. Johns County COVID-19 guidelines.

St. Johns County Utility Customer Service/Billing lobby is closed, additional services available. The St. Johns County Utility Customer Service/Billing lobby is closed to walk-in customers until further notice. Their on-site drive through, drop box locations, and pay-by-phone options will remain open to accept payments and

provide services. Online bill payment and other utility services are also available at www.sjcfl.us/utilities. The Utility Department standard operating business hours are 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. For additional information, call Utility Customer Service at 904.209.2700.

UPDATED ST. AUGUSTINE POLICIES

The following decisions go into effect immediately:

- The City Commission agenda will be limited to only those items essential to city business. Items that are not time-sensitive may be postponed. In regards to public comment, and in lieu of physical attendance, the city encourages individuals to submit comments via email to cityclerk@citystaug.com which will subsequently be read into the public record. For those organizations receiving a recognition and/or proclamation from the City Commission, the city is requesting representation by one attendee. The city has also determined that non-essential staff will not attend public meetings in person, but will monitor meetings online through the city's website at www.CityStAugTV.com. In compliance with best practices of social distancing, city staff will be minimizing person-to-person contact by holding meetings through teleconference and online virtual meetings.
- Until further notice, to ease the burden of past due balances for utilities, the city will not shut off water service.
- Customers who wish to submit permit applications or pickup approved permits should not appear in person, but instead correspond via email to BuildingPermits@citystaug.com for Planning & Building permits, and PWpermits@citystaug.com for Public Works permits. Customers who wish to make payments for utilities or permits, should not appear in person, but instead call to make payment arrangements over the phone:

Customer Service (utility billing):
(904) 825-1037

Planning & Building (building permits, business licenses): (904) 825-1065, ext. 2

Public Works (right-of-way and site construc-

tion permits): (904) 825-1040, ext. 6
For further information, call (904) 293-3307.

UPDATED NOCATEE POLICIES

- In an effort to maximize compliance with State of Florida Executive Orders and other social distancing recommendations, CDD playgrounds and sports courts will remain closed until further notice. CDD playgrounds are in Greenleaf Park, Cypress Park, Twenty Mile Park, Twenty Mile Post, Addison Park and Lakeside Park. Currently, all CDD facilities are closed, with the exception of limited staffing of the Resident Services office. Closures include all pools and waterparks, all events, activities and rentals of Crosswater Hall, the fitness center, playgrounds and sports courts.
- Coastal Wine Market has canceled home delivery in effort to eliminate human contact. Gift cards can still be purchased via Venmo by sending the amount requested to @coastalwine. The decision to close our facilities is based on recommendations to reduce health risks associated with the COVID-19 virus by the St. Johns County Sheriff's Office, the St. Johns County Emergency Management and other local health officials.
- The Nocatee Welcome Center remains open, but a scheduled appointment is required. The Nocatee Welcome Center is currently not allowing Walk-In Visitors. Call (904) 924-6863 to speak with a Welcome Center representative for more information or to schedule an appointment.

Connect Virtually

View an online Nocatee Welcome Center Presentation and Tour via this link. A live chat feature is available on the page, and a Welcome Center Representative is available to answer any questions that you may have. The staff is available to answer questions and give presentations by phone at (904) 924-6863. Email any questions to welcomecenter@nocatee.com

FACILITY CLOSURES

- The St. Johns Golf Club, St. Johns County's beaches, parks, open green spaces, and trails remain open.
- In addition, Veterans Services, the Permit

Center, Health and Human Services, Utilities Services, and all other County business services remain open to the public and operational.

- The Beaches Museum is closed until further notice.
- The Cultural Center of Ponte Vedra Beach is closed until further notice.
- The Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens is closed until further notice.
- The Jacksonville Symphony has canceled concerts with possible livestream performances to be aired for the public.
- Ponte Vedra Concert Hall events were postponed until further notice.
- The Ponte Vedra Beach Rotary Club has canceled its upcoming events for the next eight weeks. In addition to regular weekly meetings, this will also include the Mineral City Celebration on May 9. The club still intends to honor this year's Local Heroes award recipients and will present their plaques privately.
- Publix has changed its store and pharmacy hours with all stores now closing at 8 p.m.
- The St. Augustine Lighthouse & Maritime Museum is closed until further notice.
- The St. Johns Golf Club is postponing all Sunday Junior Golf Clinics until further notice.
- The Times-Union Center for the Performing Arts is closed to the public until further notice.
- St. Johns County Public Libraries to host Facebook Live Storytime in response to COVID-19. St. Johns County Public Library will host virtual story times at 11 a.m., Monday through Friday, on Facebook Live. Youth services librarians will be reading stories from the library's collection. The story times last approximately 30 minutes and are recorded and posted on the Library's Facebook page for those who miss the live showing. For more information, or to watch a story time, please visit www.facebook.com/sjcpcls.

CALENDAR OF CANCELED/POSTPONED EVENTS

- April 9:** The St. Johns County Recreation Advisory Board meeting is canceled.
- April 11:** Freedom Boat Club community blood drive is postponed. Date to be announced.

Compiled by Daniela Topore

Local student earns \$1,000 scholarship for community-oriented blog post

Homeschool senior student Katherine Harland was selected as the recipient of the Ponte Vedra Focus Blog Writing Scholarship, sponsored by The Volen Group, Keller Williams Realty Atlantic Partners.

She will receive \$1,000 toward college expenses. The annual award recognizes an area high school senior who writes the most compelling community-oriented blog post.

Harland's article entitled, "Smile through the Miles: A Closer Look at Three Engaging Spots That Will Maintain Your Sanity while Running in Jacksonville" was selected from numerous entries. Harland's submission was inspired by her four years of running cross country and track for Mandarin High. Harland's article, along with the top entries, will all be posted on the Ponte Vedra Focus blog in the next few weeks.

Gwinn Volen, founder of the Ponte Vedra Focus blog and owner of The Volen Group said there were several standout submissions this year.



Katherine Harland

"I know spring is a hectic time for seniors," she said. "I was very impressed by the thought that went into the blog articles." This is the second annual scholarship offered by Ponte Vedra Focus and The Volen Group.

To read Harland's article, the other posts or more about the scholarship, go to www.pontev

Folds of Honor partners with K9s For Warriors to provide more resources for veterans

Folds of Honor, a nonprofit that provides educational scholarships to spouses and children of fallen and disabled Veterans, and Ponte Vedra-based K9s For Warriors, an organization providing highly skilled service dogs to disabled American heroes, announced a new partnership on April 6 that will allow for both organizations to provide a more holistic care for veterans and their families.

This collaboration will ensure that veterans participating in the K9s For Warriors program know more about Folds of Honor, as well as provide greater communication and cooperation between the two charities to provide resounding support for each other's missions.

"What an incredible partnership that will now expand the Folds of Honor name and services to even more veterans, and in turn, help even more families," said Lt. Col. Dan Rooney, CEO and Founder of Folds of Honor. "K9s For Warriors is an outstanding organization that empowers our warriors to return to life with dignity and independence, and we couldn't be more thrilled at this new coalition that will better the lives of those who have sacrificed so much for our country."

"Coming together with Folds of Honor is such an exciting next step for our organization, as it opens another avenue to support our country's warriors, helping them and their families continue to build their lives after they have sacrificed so much for our freedom," said President and Co-Founder Brett Simon of K9s For Warriors.

Contact lens use and coronavirus: Are wearers at higher risk?



S. Akbar Hasan, M.D.
Florida Eye Specialists

According to experts with the American Academy of Ophthalmology, protecting your eyes is crucial to slowing the spread of the new coronavirus. While it's rare, a new study shows that coronavirus may cause pink eye in a small number of patients, and the disease can spread through the eyes. This suggests that contact lens wearers — who touch their eyes more frequently than non-wearers — may be at higher risk. Here's what you need to know to limit your eye exposure, protect yourself, and help others.

HOW CORONAVIRUS CAN SPREAD THROUGH THE EYES

When someone with coronavirus coughs, talks, sneezes or even breathes, virus particles can spray into another person's face. You're most likely to inhale those droplets through your mouth or nose, but they can also enter through your eyes. In addition, you can become infected by touching something with the virus on it, such as a light switch or doorknob, and then touching your eyes.

CORONAVIRUS AND PINK EYE

Health officials believe viral pink eye, or conjunctivitis, develops in about 1 to 3 percent of people with coronavirus. Symp-

toms of pink eye include redness, swelling, or a discharge in one or both eyes. It is not common to develop pink eye from coronavirus. But, if you have any of these symptoms along with a fever and cough, if you've recently traveled from an area with a known outbreak, or if you've been in contact with someone who has a confirmed case, call your doctor.

Note that during our spring allergy season, pink eye can often be confused for normal allergies. If you have itchy or burning eyes only with no fever or cough, you're likely suffering from allergies caused by pollen in the air. Viral pink eye usually doesn't cause itching. Allergy sufferers are also likely to have other classic signs of allergies, like sneezing or a runny nose.

CONTACT LENS USE AND CORONAVIRUS

Contact lens wearers touch their eyes more than the average person, which can increase risk for contracting a virus. Especially with spring allergies and dry eye symptoms, contacts can exacerbate irritated eyes, causing you to rub. If you tend to touch your eyes a lot when wearing your contacts, consider switching to glasses. This can decrease irritation, and glasses will force you to pause before touching your eyes. Corrective lenses or sunglasses may also provide a small level of protection from infected respiratory droplets, although safety goggles offer stronger defense.

If you do choose to wear contacts, following proper contact care and hygiene

is more important than ever. Be sure to wash your hands with soap and water and dry them with a lint-free towel before handling your contacts. Use the contact solution recommended by your eye care professional, and replace your contacts per the recommended guidelines. Keep your contact lens case clean and replace it regularly as well, ideally once per month. Finally, minimize contact with water—remove lenses before showering or swimming, and do not rinse or store your contacts in tap water.

TIPS TO PROTECT YOUR EYES DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

We know there's a lot of concern about coronavirus, but common sense precautions can significantly reduce your risk of getting infected. Of course, the best thing you can do to protect yourself and your family is to practice safe social distancing. Wash your hands frequently, follow good contact lens hygiene and avoid rubbing your eyes. If you feel an urge to itch or rub, use a tissue instead of your fingers. Dry eyes can lead to more rubbing, so you may wish to use moisturizing eye drops, also known as artificial tears, to help. Always wash your hands before and after touching your eyes. And, new CDC guidelines also recommend wearing a non-medical mask or cloth face covering in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain (e.g., grocery stores and pharmacies).

If you end up developing viral pink eye, you can usually self-treat at home. Stop

wearing your contacts, and use a new pair when you're better—your old contacts may re-infect you if you wear them again. Stop wearing eye makeup and get new makeup when your eyes are healthy. Also try over-the-counter painkillers, lubricating eye drops, and a warm, damp washcloth over the eyes to reduce pain.

WHEN TO CALL YOUR OPHTHALMOLOGIST

You should call your ophthalmologist right away if your symptoms have continued for a week or more, or are getting worse. Also call your doctor if your eye is producing a lot of pus or mucus, you're having trouble seeing, you become sensitive to light, or if you have any other symptoms of an infection—like fever or cough.

For everyone's health and safety, ophthalmologists and other doctors are being urged to limit contact with patients during the coronavirus pandemic except for urgent or emergency care. Fortunately, many eye care providers like Florida Eye Specialists offer telemedicine visits, so you can schedule your appointment and talk to a doctor from the comfort of home. We know how important your vision is, so don't take any risks. If you have questions, call your eye care provider today.

S. Akbar Hasan, M.D., is a Ponte Vedra Beach resident and ophthalmologist at Florida Eye Specialists. For more information on Dr. Hasan or to schedule a virtual eye care appointment, visit FloridaEyeSpecialists.com.



HAPPY EASTER



The Church of Our Savior is hosting a Palm Sunday at 8:30 and 10 a.m., a Good Friday celebration at noon and Easter Sunday at 7, 8:30 and 10 a.m.

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Church of Our Savior stays hip while reviving retro-style gathering

By Amber Lake

When Gov. Ron DeSantis issued a statewide stay-at-home order on April 1, it listed religious services as “essential.”

The order prohibited any orders or conflicting actions by local officials curbing gatherings of 10 or more in response to COVID-19. The response has met controversy, with some Florida county officials feeling powerless to stop large gatherings and others calling for religious freedom in the face of a disaster.

With Palm Sunday already celebrated and Good Friday and Easter Sunday approaching, some churches are meeting in the middle by coming up with innovative ways to congregate.

Church of Our Savior, an Angelicin church in Jacksonville Beach, is keeping its gatherings socially in vogue while throwing it back old school with a “drive-in”-style sermon.

“It was really fun because we used beeping [car horns] to get some excitement from the congregation,” said Jen Crews, connection coordinator. “We waved to each other from the car. Even though we couldn’t touch each other, I still really felt it was exciting and fun to do. People really reacted well to participating in that way.”

The church hosted two drive-in-style services on Palm Sunday. Congregants

stayed in their vehicles and were instructed to turn their stations to 103.3 FM. On their radios, they heard Rev. David Ball’s sermon as he stood on a podium at the end of the field. Additionally, the sermon was live broadcast on YouTube and Facebook for those staying home.

“Our congregation is many people over 60 so we wanted to [keep them safe],” Crew said. “We know a lot of people are choosing to stay home, which is awesome and it’s the first time our congregation was able to see a live stream of our church. It was pretty exciting.”

The Church of Our Savior expects a pretty big turnout for their Easter Sunday event, making room for 105 cars and hiring the Jacksonville Beach police to direct traffic. Because of the serious and uncertain nature of the pandemic, many people are turning to religion to help them cope. According to Crews, many participants of their events were not part of their normal congregation, or even, their religious sect.

“I had a Baptist woman message me,” said Crews. “She said, ‘It just felt so great to be part of a worship service again.’ We are hoping for a big turnout on Sunday.”

The Church of Our Savior hosted Palm Sunday with two services. A Good Friday at noon and Easter Sunday at 7, 8:30 and 10 a.m. For more information visit www.church-savior.com.

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The Recorder has a new garden columnist, Kathy Esfahani, of Kathy's Creative Gardens & Nursery. Read her column for valuable garden-growing tips in Northeast Florida.

KATHY'S GARDENING GUIDE



"Our days will be full bloom again!"

ROSES, ROSES, ROSES!

Many roses are beautiful, but most varieties do take time to care for and maintain. Roses call

for at least six hours of sunlight and I recommended morning sun and afternoon shade, especially during the hot summer months. Roses love monthly fertilizing with specific rose fertilizer. This helps the rose bush create more blooms. For those who do not have a green thumb, knockout roses and dwarf knockout roses are very popular due to much lower maintenance. Roses can be for everyone!

Knockout roses come in a variety of colors, including pink, red, yellow and peach. Peach is the only fragrant rose out of the knockout family. Drift roses come in pink, peach, coral and yellow. A few other varieties that grow well in Northeast Florida are Jackson and Perkin's and Don Juan roses. They are a climbing hybrid tea rose



Photo provided by Kathy Esfahani

that grows beautiful in a vining fashion. As long as you take care of your roses with water, monthly fertilizing, and pruning, you will get many years of gorgeous blooms and happiness.

Email Kathy at kathy.creative.gardens@gmail.com for any questions or gardening tips you would like to see in the future.

Kathy's Creative Gardens & Nursery is located at 196 N. Roscoe Blvd. in Ponte Vedra Beach. (904) 655-7373

OBITUARIES

Sandra Jean Ackland

Sandra Jean Ackland, 87, of Jacksonville Beach, Florida, died April 2, 2020. Arrangements by Quinn-Shalz Family Funeral Home & Cremation Centre. www.quinn-shalz.com (904) 249-1100.

Drusilla D. Boyes

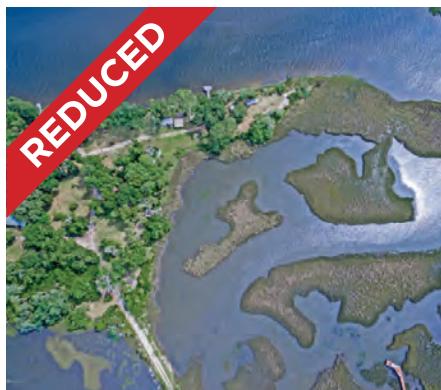
Drusilla D. Boyes, 91, of Jacksonville Beach, Florida, died March 28, 2020.

Arrangements by Quinn-Shalz Family Funeral Home & Cremation Centre. www.quinn-shalz.com (904) 249-1100.

Ken L. Murray

Ken L. Murray, 77, of Jacksonville Beach, Florida, died April 2, 2020. Arrangements by Quinn-Shalz Family Funeral Home & Cremation Centre. www.quinn-shalz.com (904) 249-1100.

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McFlamingo's team member Noah Hamlett sprinkles toppings on a mahi, mango and ginger salad.

Despite blow to service industry, local restaurants strive to keep afloat

By Daniela Toporek

Local businesses and restaurants are taking a blow as the COVID-19 outbreak continues to reap across the United States, leaving millions unemployed and fearful of what the future will bring financially.

But with the right staff, strategies and support system,

local restaurants have started to see a light of hope.

"March is a huge month with THE PLAYERS' and March Madness, so we really felt the impact immediately after THE PLAYERS' Championship was canceled that Friday," said Bogey Grill owner Derek Prince.

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Local accountant provides answers to questions about COVID-19 stimulus

Many have questions about the stimulus checks the U.S. government will start issuing in the next couple weeks.

Daysi J. Jacobson, CEO and founder of Daysi Jacobson Accounting in Ponte Vedra Beach, addressed many of the issues that have been affected by the current COVID-19 situation.

Direct payments: Americans who pay taxes will receive a one-time direct deposit of up to \$1,200, and married couples will receive \$2,400, plus an additional \$500 per child. The payments will be available for incomes up to \$75,000 for individuals and \$150,000 for married couples.

Unemployment: The program provides



Daysi Jacobson

\$250 billion for an extended unemployment insurance program and expands eligibility and offers workers an additional \$600 per week for four months, on top of what state programs pay. It also extends UI benefits through Dec. 31 for eligible workers. The deal applies to the self-employed, independent contractors and gig economy workers. S-Corp owners are eligible to claim unemployment

Mortgage payments delayed, you need to contact your lender and make the request

Payroll taxes: The measure allows employers to delay the payment of their portion of 2020 payroll taxes until 2021 and 2022.

Use of retirement funds: The bill waives the 10% early withdrawal penalty for distributions up to \$100,000 for coronavirus-related purposes, retroactive to Jan. 1. Withdrawals are still taxed, but taxes are spread over three years, or the taxpayer has the three-year period to roll it back over.

401(k) Loans: The loan limit is increased from \$50,000 to \$100,000

RMDs suspended: Required Minimum Distributions from IRAs and 401(k) plans (at age 72) are suspended.

CARES Act offers help for

investors, small business



Karsten Jacobson
Columnist

As we go through the coronavirus crisis, we are all, first and foremost, concerned about the health of our loved ones and communities. But the economic implications of the virus have also weighed heavily on our minds. However, if you're an investor or a business owner, you just got some help from Washington — and it could make a big difference, at least in the short term, for your financial future.

Specifically, the passage of the \$2 trillion Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act offers, among other provisions, the following:

■ **Expanded unemployment benefits** — The CARES Act provides \$250 billion for extended unemployment insurance, expands eligibility and provides workers with an additional \$600 per week for four months, in addition to what state programs pay. The package will also cover the self-employed, independent contractors and "gig economy" workers. Obviously, if your employment has been affected, these benefits can be a lifeline. Furthermore, the benefits could help you avoid liquidating some long-term investments you've earmarked for retirement just to meet your daily cash flow needs.

■ **Direct payments** — Individuals will receive a one-time payment of up to \$1,200; this amount is reduced for incomes over \$75,000 and eliminated altogether at \$99,000. Joint filers will receive up

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Charity: There is a new provision that provides an above-the-line deduction for charitable contributions, plus, the limits on charitable contributions are changed.

Small business relief: \$350 billion is being dedicated to preventing layoffs and business closures while workers have to stay home during the outbreak. Companies with 500 employees or fewer that maintain their payroll during coronavirus can receive up to 8 weeks of cash-flow assistance. If employers maintain payroll, the portion of the loans used for covered payroll costs, interest on mortgage obligations, rent, and utilities would be forgiven.

For more information, go to floridajobs.org/rebuildflorida/businessrecovery.

The Madness of Nikola Tesla, humanity, rush on toilet paper



Scott A. Grant
Guest Columnist

Late in life, as he sank deeper into insanity and fell in love with a pigeon, Nikola Tesla developed an unhealthy obsession with the numbers 3, 6 and 9. He would, for instance, not enter a building until he had walked three

times around the block. His fetish for those three numbers came to rule his life. He could not eat unless he had 18 folded napkins. He insisted that hotel maids give him 18 fresh towels each day. When they asked him why, he just stared at them blankly.

Which begs the question, why 18?

Perhaps it is because 18 is the least common multiplier of the three or because the numbers 3, 6, & 9 add up to 18? Or maybe both. People do strange things, often, for strange reasons. Think about the toilet paper.

The recent hoarding of toilet paper and other things is an example of mass hysteria. It seems as if the entire country has descended upon the grocery shelves like a plague of locusts. The biblical overtones are not missed by "end-timers." In contrast, Tesla's mania was unique to himself. This is not the first-time humankind has hoarded items both mundane and precious. In the 1600s, people all over Europe went crazy for Tulip Bulbs. At the height of Tulip Mania, a single bulb became as dear as a house.

The current shortages at the grocery

stores reminds me of stories of rationing during World War II. Lots of things were rationed: rubber, coffee, silk, tin, sugar and gasoline. Some of these items were already in short supply from hoarding by a panicked public. Right after Pearl Harbor there was a tremendous run on flashlights and batteries, for instance. The lowest level of gasoline rationing provided a coupon for three gallons a week. The highest level of coupon allowed the holder to buy unlimited amounts of gasoline. There was a public outcry when Congress voted themselves the unlimited coupons.

In the late 70s gas became dear again. People lined up around the block to fill their cars. In some places you could only get gasoline, if they had any, on alternate days of the week depending on whether you had an odd or even numbered license

plate. People often behaved badly in the lines. We see some people today behaving badly. Quarantine fever makes us do strange things, often, for strange reasons. History says we come through this, but we do come not through it unchanged. One of the hopes, of course, is that we come out of this battle more united.

When you look at climatic events in the history of our Nation, they always have a lasting effect. The Great Depression, World War II, the Great Recession; all of these events had a profound effect on the way we lived and what we valued. The Great Depression haunted us for decades. I remember my grandmother reusing tinfoil and wondering why. Those events changed our culture in ways that may have

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CareerSource NE Florida now has paper applications for reemployment assistance

Career Centers in eight locations will make paper applications available to Northeast Florida residents who don't have Internet access or struggle to get through on phone lines for assistance.

CareerSource Northeast Florida, the regional workforce development organization, will be making available paper Reemployment Assistance (unemployment) applications from the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity. A limited number of applications will be available for pickup in front of eight CareerSource NEFL Career Center locations starting last Monday.

Along with applications, people can also pick up pre-addressed envelopes with the applications, fill them out at home, and send them in the mail to DEO for processing. The applications will be available in both English and Spanish. The organization is initially printing 10,000 applications.

To ensure the safety of visitors and

employees, the applications and envelopes will be available outside the centers for self-service. No staff will be available onsite.

CareerSource NEFL locations:

St. Johns County

525 State Road 16, Suite 109, St. Augustine

Duval County

Downtown: 215 N. Market St., Jacksonville

Gateway: 5000 Norwood Ave., Suite 2, Jacksonville

Southside: 11160 Beach Blvd., Suite 111, Jacksonville

Clay County

1845 Town Center Blvd., Suite 150, Fleming Island

Nassau County

96042 Lofton Square Court, Yulee

In addition to the hard copy applications, the Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) has developed a downloadable application that is available on its website, www.floridajobsresources.com. It is also available in Spanish. Workers can download the document and mail it to DEO at the following address:

Florida Department of Economic Opportunity

P.O. Box 5350

Tallahassee, FL 32314-5350

Although during the COVID-19 Pandemic CareerSource NEFL offices and Career Centers are closed to the public, its staff is working remotely, providing services over the phone to job seekers and businesses.

CareerSource Northeast Florida, operated by First Coast Workforce Development, Inc., is responsible for providing a trained workforce to the employers in Baker, Clay, Duval, Nassau, Putnam and St. Johns coun-

ties. First Coast Workforce Development administers an annual budget of more than \$20 million. For more information, visit careersourcenefl.com.

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First Florida Credit Union empowers team members to support small businesses

Local-based credit union joins #LocalStrong initiative

First Florida Credit Union is taking steps to catalyze support for local businesses during the COVID-19 crisis by joining the #LocalStrong initiative. The

Jacksonville-based credit union will participate by distributing \$5,000 among its 198 team members across the state to spend with local businesses starting in April.

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**Aqua Grill: 395 Front St.,
Ponte Vedra Beach**

Aqua Grill is offering complimentary delivery by staff with 5-mile radius and \$30 min order. Curbside pick-up is available from 5 p.m. until 8:30 p.m.

**Barbara Jean's on the Water:
15 S. Roscoe Blvd., Ponte Vedra Beach**

Barbara Jean's is currently doing takeout orders and has expanded its services for delivery in the Ponte Vedra and Palm Valley area. To place an order or inquire if your address is covered, call the restaurant at (904) 280-7522.

**Bogey Grille: 150 Valley Circle,
Ponte Vedra Beach**

Bogey Grille will continue to offer takeout and is partnering with Delivery Dudes for delivery. Additionally, the restaurant is now offering alcohol to go. Staff is ready to take your orders and will bring them out to your car. Call (904) 285-5524 for placing orders.

**JaxSpice: 311 3rd St. N. #104,
Jacksonville Beach**

Jaxspice located at Jax Beach is open for takeout orders. The authentic Indian restaurant is open Monday and Wednesday-Friday from 1-9:40 p.m. and Tuesday from 5-9:40 p.m. Call (904) 853-6217 to pick it up. The restaurant will also deliver at the curbside to your car, and offers delivery through Bite Squad, Diveliry Dude, Uber Eats and Door Dash.

**Lulu's Waterfront Grille: 301 Roscoe
Blvd. N., Ponte Vedra Beach**

Lulu's Waterfront Grille, which serves fresh local seafood and other Southern-accented fare, is open daily from 11 a.m.-8 p.m. for delivery and curbside takeout. Call (904) 285-0139 to place order or for more information.

**McFlamingo: 880 A1A N., Suite 12,
Ponte Vedra Beach**

McFlamingo is offering free delivery for Ponte Vedra Beach, Nocatee and Jax Beach. Curbside pick-up is also available. To order, call (904) 834-2331. The restaurant is also offering dining al fresco.

**Memphis Jax BBQ: 10870 U.S. 1 S.,
Ponte Vedra Beach**

Memphis Jax is open for takeout or delivery. The restaurant encourages customers to order online at www.memphisjaxbbq.com or call (904) 342-0078.

**Mulligans: 45 PGA TOUR Blvd.,
Ponte Vedra Beach**

Mulligans is introducing Mix & Match Meals for two. Sandwiches are \$8, burgers are \$10 and entrées are \$12.50 each. Entrées include a side salad with dressing of choice. The deal excludes steak and family style entrées. Order on the website for curbside pickup or delivery with Delivery Dudes. The kitchen is open until 10 p.m. nightly.

**Palm Valley Fish Camp:
299 Roscoe Blvd. N., Ponte Vedra Beach**

Offering takeout, including most beer and wine. Call (904) 285-3200.

**Palm Valley Outdoors Bar & Grill:
377 S. Roscoe Blvd., #2,
Ponte Vedra Beach**

Palm Valley Outdoors will remain open for business, however, it is operating under food truck-type protocols. The restaurant will not have any tableside service available as of now but encourage customers to go up to our counters at the inside and outside bars to order any and all food, alcohol and other beverages that will be packaged in a to-go capacity. The patio will remain open. The restaurant will still be offering dockside delivery as well as curbside delivery. Call Palm Valley Outdoors at (904) 834-7183 and orders will be brought directly to customer's vehicle or boat.

**Pieology Pizzeria: 641 Crosswater
Parkway E., Ponte Vedra Beach**

The pizzeria offers takeout, curbside pickup and delivery for its menu. For delivery, the restaurant encourages customers to order online at www.pieology.com/menu/custom-pies.

NOCATEE HAPPENINGS

Coastal Wine Market donating portion of gift card proceeds to Red Cross

Coastal Wine Market & Tasting Room in Nocatee is donating a portion of its proceeds from the sale of gift cards to The American Red Cross to help out during the COVID-19 crisis.

"Thank you to all who have purchased CWM gift cards," Coastal Wine Market wrote in an email. "Your purchase enables us to support those in need during this trying time. We remain optimistic this all shall pass sooner than later."

If interested in buying a digital gift card, Venmo your email and desired amount to Venmo account @coastal-wine. Digital gift cards will be sent via email.

For more information on Coastal Wine Market. Email info@coastalwinemarket.com or visit www.facebook.com/coastal-wine market.

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Poppy's Italiano: 832-1 A1A N., Ponte Vedra Beach

Poppy's will be offering drive thru pick-up and delivery. Customers may inquire on the website at poppysitaliano.net or call (904) 273-7272 to place an order.

Pussers Bar and Grille: 816 Highway, A1A N., Ponte Vedra Beach

Pussers is offering free delivery. Call ahead at (904) 280-7766 or view the takeout menu at bit.ly/33xh5Yz. Delivery provided by Uber Eats.

Ruth's Chris Steak House: 814 A1A N., Suite 103, Ponte Vedra Beach

Now through April 5, purchase an eGift Card online worth \$100 or more and earn a 25% bonus card to use on a future visit. To purchase, visit bit.ly/33sfsKr. Additionally, the restaurant is offering takeout. Call (904) 285-0014 to place an order or to inquire about delivery options.

Sandwich Man Deli: 1110 A1A N., #102, Ponte Vedra Beach

The deli is currently open and doing pick-up orders only. Call (904) 285-9660 to place an order.

Timoti's Seafood Shak: 152 Crosswater Parkway, #18, Ponte Vedra Beach

Timoti's is currently doing takeout only until further notice. Online orders can be conveniently placed on their website at www.timotis.com/order-online.

Trasca & Co. Eatery: 880 A1A N., Suite 12, Ponte Vedra Beach

Trasca & Co Eatery is offering neighborhood pop-ups in order to bring meals to neighborhoods. Additionally, the restaurant will be offering curbside service and lunch delivery from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., dinner prepared meal delivery will be offered from 2-4 p.m. and pop-ups will be from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Anyone interested in hosting Trasca for a popup in their neighborhood is encouraged to call (904) 395-3989.

Tropical Smoothie: 830 N. A1A, Suite 1, Ponte Vedra Beach

Tropical Smoothie is open for takeout. Order online or call (904) 280-4044 to place an order.

Two Dudes Seafood Restaurant: 268 Solana Road, Ponte Vedra Beach

Call (904) 273-5595 to place an order for either pick-up or delivery. Staff will bring your food to your car or deliver for \$5 within a 5-mile radius and \$20 minimum order. Two

Dudes is also currently delivering beer, wine and cocktails. Visit www.twodudesrestaurant.com for their menu. Additionally, all first responders, military and health industry professionals receive 25% off all take-out and delivery orders.

V Pizza Palm Valley: 154 Canal Blvd., Ponte Vedra Beach

V Pizza's curbside cocktail bar is open for business. The restaurant is extending its "adult lemonade" stand hours to 2-8 p.m. every day. V Pizza is also selling its wine by the bottle for half off and curbside pick-up orders for menu items. Call ahead at (904) 473-5218. If you have any special requests or would like to place a cocktail order ahead of time send an email to dan@drinksidecar.com.

Woody's Bar-B-Q in Ponte Vedra: 226 Solana Road #1, Ponte Vedra Beach

Woody's is open for drive-thru, curbside pickup, delivery and online ordering. Visit woodys.com/locations/ponte-vedra/ to place an order or call (904) 280-1110.

Zoes Kitchen: 240 Highway A1A, Ponte Vedra Beach

To order pickup or delivery, go to Zoes Kitchen website or ZK app: bit.ly/33vWR1f. Zoes Kitchen closes at 8 p.m. and is also available on DoorDash.

To add your restaurant to the takeout and delivery guide, email paris@opcfla.com and provide restaurant name, location and a brief description of services offered.

Restaurants

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Erik Osel, owner and chef of new local eatery McFlamingo, said they noticed a huge change just last week, at the end of March and beginning of April.

"There were more and more people with gloves and face masks and significantly less business during lunch hours," Osel said. "It's kind of weird, the whole industry is at dismay, but we're remaining positive. We're just fortunate to still sell fresh products."

McFlamingo focuses on healthy, yet hearty ingredients to craft unique, flavorful and filling salads, among other entrees. With many businesses limiting their hours and delivery schedule, Osel is thankful for what he's still able to get.

"We used to get tri-colored cauliflower for our salads," he said. Now, we can only get white cauliflower."

The restaurant also offered salmon and mahi, but choosing quality over quantity, Osel removed mahi from the menu for now to keep up with the McFlamingo standards.

"Our vendor wasn't able to meet the standards," Osel said. "Most vendors reduced the times that they drop off their product. Mondays would be our double delivery day. Now, it's down to just one."

Another downfall is restaurants have had to deal with the reduction in staff.

"We had 40 employees. Now, we're down to about six to eight," Prince said. "We screen them, check their temperatures and make sure they're feeling OK, and following orders from the CDC and health department."

Prince said those still on staff are staying

as positive as they can, cleaning, painting and renovating areas around the restaurant, projects that normally couldn't get done during the day.

Ponte Vedra's Aqua Grill owner, Cary Heart, had to do the same by cutting down to 25% of his original staff. But despite the struggles, Heart praised them all for their hard work and positivity.

"Things are going well as far as the circumstances," he said. "The staff is doing an incredible job. We've been here 32 years and have never seen anything like this. We want to be supportive of the community seven days a week and give them the option to dine at one of their favorite restaurants. We're helping the staff make a living as much as we can, and we want to step up when things get difficult."

Aqua Grill "stepped up" last Sunday and provided a free meal for hospitality

workers in the area. Heart wants to provide the same for medical workers and first responders.

"We want to do this again with health care workers and see if anyone would want to help donate with us. We could provide 25 meals and someone else could provide another 25 meals and donate it all to those working in health care," he said.

Osel and the McFlamingo staff are in for the cause as well, stating that if any guest wanted to order meals for healthcare workers, McFlamingo would offer special discounts and deliver the meals to the workers.

"We're really fortunate that we have amazing support from the community and people that know us," Osel said. "The last few weeks, they've been coming out, keeping the lights on for us. So, we just want to say thank you."

Credit Union

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First Florida Credit Union joined #LocalStrong when challenged by another credit union last week. Organization leadership said it hopes other credit unions will step up to the challenge as well to create an industry-fueled wave of direct economic impact for those struggling during this uncertain time.

"Our team is committed to enriching

people every day," said First Florida Credit Union CEO Brent Lister. "There is no better time to put our money where our motto is and support #LocalStrong. We understand what these small businesses are up against and hope that our spark will ignite a larger movement across the region and beyond."

As part of #LocalStrong, First Florida Credit Union team members will use \$25 Visa gift cards to make a difference with acts of kindness ranging from donating to a local food bank or charity to buying grocer-

ies for an elderly neighbor. They can also purchase goods, services, or gift cards from their favorite local businesses as well as subscriptions to support community-based publications and journalists.

Team members are asked to make their purchases or donations following CDC guidelines for social distancing and current municipal orders.

In addition to the #LocalStrong initiative, First Florida Credit Union has rolled out relief efforts for its members who are experiencing financial hardships. The credit

union also offers free financial education to anyone through short, interactive courses on a wide variety of financial topics on its website. For more information, visit FirstFlorida.org.

First Florida Credit Union, headquartered in Jacksonville, operates 16 branches throughout the state of Florida. The organization's guiding mission is to support its members' financial aspirations by providing affordable financial products and services. For more information, visit www.firstflorida.org.

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to \$2,400, which will be reduced for incomes over \$150,000 and eliminated at \$198,000 for joint filers with no children. Plus, taxpayers with children will receive an extra \$500 for each dependent child under the age of 17. If you don't need this money for an immediate need, you might consider putting it into a low-risk, liquid account as part of an emergency fund.

■ **No penalty on early withdrawals** – Typically, you'd have to pay a 10% penalty on early withdrawals from IRAs, 401(k)s and similar retirement accounts. Under the CARES Act, this penalty will be waived for individuals who qualify for COVID-19 relief and/or in plans that allow COVID-19 distributions. Withdrawals will still be taxable, but the taxes can be spread out over three years. Still, you might want to avoid taking early withdrawals, as you'll want to keep your retirement accounts intact as long as possible.

■ **Suspension of required withdrawals** – Once you turn 72, you'll be required to take withdrawals from your traditional IRA and 401(k). The CARES Act waives these required minimum distributions for 2020. If you're in this age group, but you don't need the money, you can let your retirement accounts continue growing on a tax-deferred basis.

■ **Increase of retirement plan loan**

limit – Retirement plan investors who qualify for COVID-19 relief can now borrow up to \$100,000 from their accounts, up from \$50,000, provided their plan allows loans. We recommend that you explore other options, such as the direct payments, to bridge the gap on current expenses and if you choose to take a plan loan work with your financial adviser to develop strategies to pay back these funds over time to reduce any long-term impact to your retirement goals.

■ **Small business loans** – The CARES Act provides \$349 billion to help small businesses — those with fewer than 500 employees — retain workers and avoid closing up shop. A significant part of this small business relief is the Paycheck Protection Program. This initiative provides federally guaranteed loans to small businesses who maintain payroll during this emergency. Significantly, these loans may be forgiven if borrowers use the loans for payroll and other essential business expenses (such as mortgage interest, rent and utilities) and maintain their payroll during the crisis.

We'll be in a challenging economic environment for some time, but the CARES Act should give us a positive jolt — and brighten our outlook.

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seemed unimaginable a few years before. They also became something we shared, a common disaster overcome, again much like World War II or the gas crisis.

During the gas crisis of the late 1970s, there was rampant inflation. Mortgage rates went up to 15%. For years after that event and to this day, American's panic at the word inflation. It was a painful

time. The Covid-19 virus is also a painful event. It will change us. It will change the way we eat, shop, work, and play for years to come. Years from now, our children will tell their children about the Coronavirus quarantine. Hopefully, it will also unite us as we move forward bravely into the uncertain future.

Scott A. Grant is a local author and historian and frequent contributor to the Recorder. By day, he is President of Standfast Asset Management.

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Slow summer may lead to a hard-rocking fall at Concert Hall

By Amber Lake

The Ponte Vedra Concert Hall currently might be gathering dust, but it's certainly not been forgotten, according to Dianya Markovits, public relations manager. In fact, the unusually quiet venue is saving steam for a pretty rowdy couple of months.

As of right now, the majority of shows are being re-scheduled between September through November, creating a densely populated calendar of eclectic performances.

"The vast majority of [concerts] are being re-scheduled," Markovits said. "Touring is a big part of an artist's income. As much as we're disappointed that they're not coming, they're just as disappointed because they just lost out on their income."

Of the 23 shows that have been postponed, 18 have been re-scheduled. According to Markovits, they currently only have two cancellations – Tower of Power and The Weight.

The venue is also offering full refunds to customers that can no longer attend. Expect a long wait on a refund from Tick-



Photo provided by Ponte Vedra Concert Hall

etmaster, however, as the global distribution company is looking at an unprecedented amount of refunds and call-ins.

Currently, it's hard to imagine rocking out in such a bright, physically interactive future, however. Without any real evidence of a clear end to the pandemic or the timeline of the curve social isolation will produce, a looming question mark is

held over every event in the foreseeable future. Especially for those directly affected, particularly the "gig" economy, which relies heavily on events and restaurants.

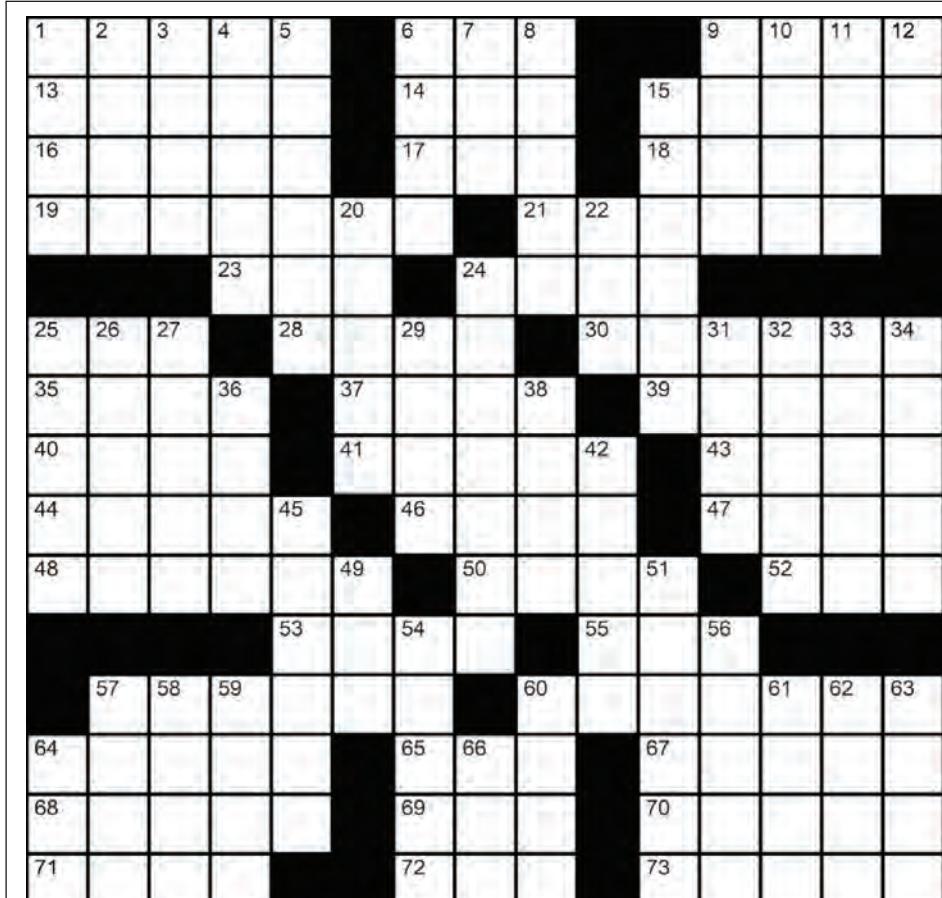
"Everyone is holding their breath and is certainly hopeful that at the end of this month we will be able to look back and say we curbed so much of the damage that could have been done" Markovits said.

"We are sincerely hopeful that this doesn't go into September. We're ready, however, and we will wait and do whatever it takes to get as much rescheduled with being compliant and safe as our guidelines give us."

In between daydreaming of seeing a favorite artist live at the venue, Markovits said she encourages fans to follow them on social media, as well as the St. Johns County Cultural Council, who are hosting fan discussions and promoting local music weekly on Facebook Live.

"A lot of people have been going online and seeing some of their favorite artists playing in their living rooms," Markovits said. "To me, that has been such an amazing gift of our modern technology that you can sit there and watch Graham Nash in his living room singing to you in yours."

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- Beneath, to a poet
- Bird-to-be
- Not slouching
- *Koko or Digit
- *George or Marcel
- Langley agency
- Can of worms
- Pine juice
- Up to the task
- Most recent
- Furnace output
- Gives a helping hand
- Veranda in Honolulu
- *European sea eagle
- Waterwheel
- Ladder cross-piece
- *Valued for its down
- Steelers' Chuck
- Genealogical plant?
- Treat for Dumbo
- Hoofbeat sound
- "To ____ is human"
- Jim Carrey's 1994 disguise
- Garden cultivator
- *Roger or Peter
- *Rocket or Rascal
- "Random" audience member
- Mozart's "L____ del Cairo"
- Resin-producing tree
- Like haunted house
- Time delay
- City in Germany
- Not a bee
- Pilot's deadline
- Not those
- Pirates on a plank?
- Black and white treat
- *Papa or Mama
- Clown act
- Perennial garden flower
- Iris holder
- *Babe or Wilbur
- Fraternity letter
- Politician's barrelful
- Curved molding
- Famous Australopithecus
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- Hoofbeat sound
- "To ____ is human"
- Wilma and Fred's hometown
- *Dolly
- Eagle's nest
- *Giant or Red
- *Simba or Elsa
- Queen of Hearts' pastry
- Accustom
- Not so crazy
- *Detroit mascot
- Not quite an adult
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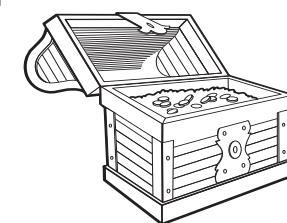
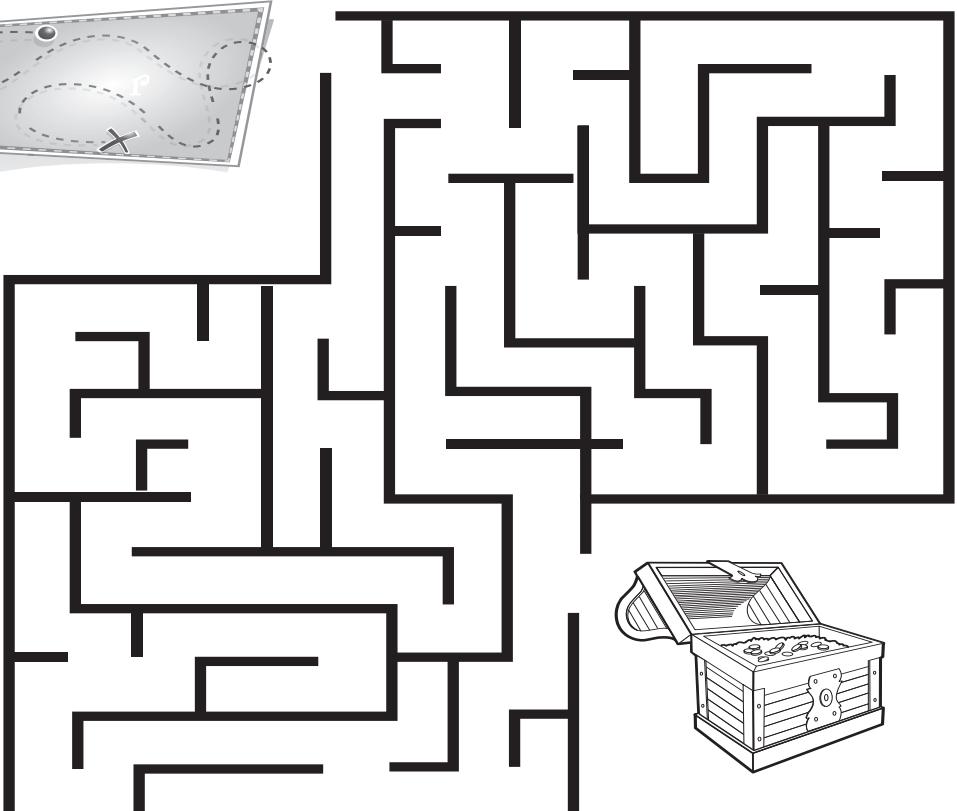
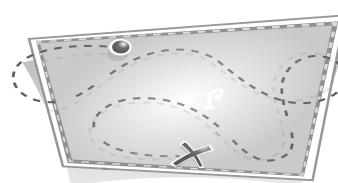


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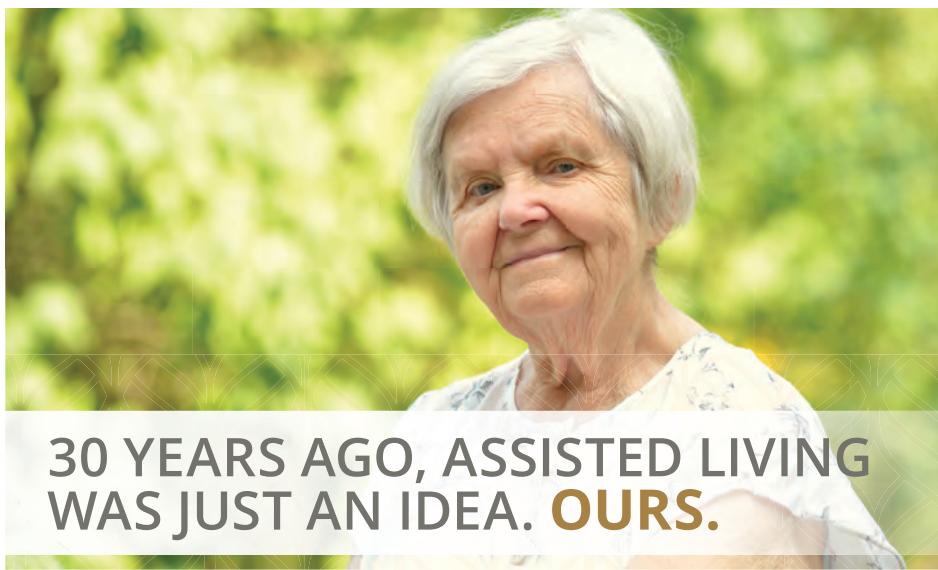


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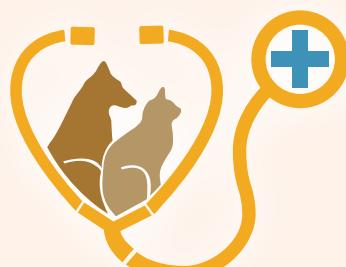
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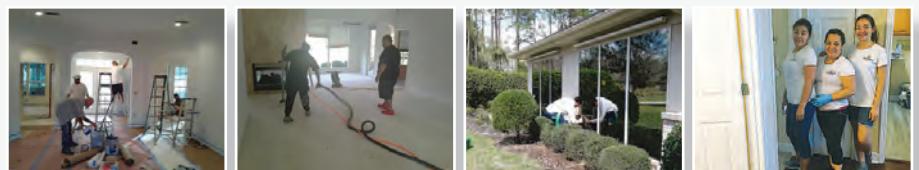
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