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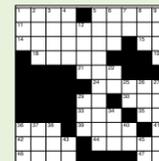
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Vicar's Landing donates car to Council on Aging

By NewsLine Staff
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Representatives from Council on Aging (COA) and Vicar's Landing joined forces on May 1 to enhance the programming of COA, as Vicar's Landing donated a 2013 Toyota Venza SUV to the COA.



Photo courtesy Vicar's Landing
Vicar's Landing donated a 2013 Toyota Venza SUV to the Council on Aging.

"The success of our organization is based on the wonderful support of partners like Vicar's Landing," said COA Executive Director Becky Yanni who has been with the organization since 2008 and executive director since 2013. "The vehicle will be used to supplement transportation in an already robust Meals-On-Wheels program. It will also be used to transport home health professionals who travel throughout St. Johns County visiting the elderly who need some care in their homes."

Bruce Jones, CEO of Vicar's Landing and a board member of COA since 2014 is fully committed to the partnership of the two organizations.

"Our mission at Vicar's Landing is to provide services of superior quality

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New Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra holds chartering event

By Angela Higginbotham
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The new Rotary club of Ponte Vedra celebrated being chartered as a new club on April 25, 2018. The chartering ceremony and installation dinner was held at Marsh Landing Country Club and featured a keynote speech by David Stovall. Stovall travelled from North Georgia and he is the 2018 - 2020 Rotary International Director-Elect. He oversaw the induction of members and the installation of the board.

Sponsored by the Ponte Vedra Beach Rotary Club, the Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra will meet on Tuesday mornings in the Coastal Oaks room at the Nocatee Clubhouse. Prospective members have been meeting since Fall of 2017 in an effort to build leadership and prepare for the chartering event and a key leadership team and a strong infrastructure were created. These leaders formed the first board for the club, which met from August to December and participated in a strategic planning session in January led by Kelly Sastre, club president.

"I am honored that I have been asked by Rotary District 6970 to lead this new club," said Sastre. "I am proud that our new club will increase the number



Photo courtesy Ponte Vedra Rotary Club

Michael Darragh, District Governor Nominee; Fel Lee, Past District Governor; Jeanette Loftus, District Governor-Elect; Kelly Sastre, president, Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra (holding the charter); and David Stovall, Rotary International Director Elect.

of Rotarians to lead the way as people of action, giving of their time, talents and treasure to make our world a better place."

Sastre has been a Rotarian for more than 22 years. She was president of the Coral Gables club in 2003-2004 and is a resident of Nocatee.

The Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra has 24 members, one of whom is an honorary member, past District Governor Russ Miller and District 6970 New Club Adviser. Of the 23 members, only five are

former Rotarians and the others are new to Rotary. The Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra is the only new club in Florida to become chartered this Rotary year.

"We are proud that this newest Rotary club will help us meet our overall mission of Service Above Self," said Billy Wagner, president of the Ponte Vedra Beach Rotary Club.

Visit www.facebook.com/rotaryclubof-pontevedra or email pontevedrarotary@gmail.com for more information about the Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra.



Photo courtesy The Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach
Arjola Miruku with the new Steinway Grand at The Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach.

There's a new Steinway at the Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach

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The Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach is a place for the community to create, understand, and experience the arts. Through exhibitions of local, regional and national artists, through exciting events and through quality arts classes, lectures and workshops, the Center brings art and people together in a special way.

Service to her community has always been an important goal for Arjola Miruku. A native of Albania who came to the United States when she was 12 years old, she returned home to Jacksonville after a successful career as a college professor at Texas Christian University and Texas Wesleyan University. Her plan was to give back to the community that had nurtured her.

"At the Center, our vision is to be a center for everyone to experience,

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On A1A in
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take 5

Library hosts coffeehouse event for teens

The Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library will host "Libraries Rock!" a teen coffeehouse on Wednesday, June 27 from 6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. The library is currently seeking performers, including emerging singer songwriters, vocalists, musicians, spoken word artists, rappers, acoustic groups, and magicians. Contact Youth Services Librarian Anne Crawford to sign up for a performance slot at ascrawford@sjcfl.us. All original material will need to be reviewed. The public is invited to this event, which is sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Summer reading and math volunteer opportunities

RSVP of St. Johns County is looking for community members to assist once a week in the summer reading or algebra programs in the St. Johns County School District. Hours are flexible, and can be scheduled around volunteers' vacations. Orientation for reading volunteers will be Thursday, June 7 from 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Orientation for algebra volunteers will be Friday, June 15 from 9 a.m. – 10 a.m. Both meetings will take place at the Fullerwood Auditorium, 10 Hildreth Drive in St. Augustine. Contact RSVP at (904) 547-

3945 or Cheryl.Freeman@stjohns.k12.fl.us to make a training reservation or for more information.

Art of Tracking class offered

County Naturalist AyoLane Halusky will lead an Art of Tracking class on Thursday, June 7 and Friday, June 8 at the Masters Tract Stormwater Treatment Facility, 7756 Hub Bailey Road in Hastings. This is a two-day class, from 9 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. each day. On the first day, attendees will learn some of the basics of tracking like ID, aging and simple movement in the earth. On the second day, Halusky will dive into advanced skills of tracking, where attendees can see stories unfold in the daily life of wild animals. Participants should plan for hydration, hunger, weather, sun, and bugs — and note there are no restrooms at this site. Contact ahalusky@sjcfl.us or (904) 814-0292 or (904) 209-0348 for more information about how to register.

Local women win club golf championships

The Plantation at Ponte Vedra Beach Ladies Golf Association (PLGA) held its annual Club Championship and President's Cup tournaments on May 2 and 3, with 18-hole rounds played to award

low gross and low net prizes. The 2018 PLGA Club Champion is Tama Calda-baugh, who posted a 149 to win this year's title. She scored five birdies during the tournament to garner the overall low gross prize. The winner of the 2018 PLGA President's Cup, with the Lowest Net score for the two rounds, is Beatriz Coles with a score of 143.



Photo courtesy Marianne McNee
The Plantation at Ponte Vedra Beach Ladies Golf Association Low Gross Champion Tama Calda-baugh with the PLGA President's Cup Low Net winner Beatriz Coles on May 3, 2018.

Ponte Vedra Woman's Club membership payment due

Payment for membership in the Ponte Vedra Woman's Club is due May 31 for existing and prospective members. Checks can be made out to Ponte Vedra Woman's Club and mailed to P. O. Box 957 Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32004. Membership is \$50 for renew-

als and \$60 for new members or \$500 for a lifetime membership. Interested women may also join online at www.pontevedrawomansclub.com; near the bottom of the home page is a button for "Become a Member." After May 31 a \$10 late fee is applied.

The Ponte Vedra Woman's Club is a 501C3 organization that supports local charities. Members have fun and meet new friends.



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around town

June 1

GTM Research Reserve new volunteer orientation

10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Environmental Education Center, 505 Guana River Road
(904) 823-4500

June 2

U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 14-7: About Boating Safely course

8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
NE FL Regional Airport Conference Center, 4730 Casa Cola Way
<http://abs.mysafeboating.com>

June 3

Chabad Beaches' "A Night in Morocco" annual gala

4:30 p.m.
One Ocean Resort, Atlantic Beach
Tickets: Dinner@ChabadBeaches.com or (904) 543-9301 or www.JewishDinner.com

June 4

Caregiver support meeting

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

June 4 – 8

Vacation Bible School: Game On!

9 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Palm Valley Baptist Church, 4890 Palm Valley Road
Register at: (904) 285-2447 or office@pvbaptist.com

June 5

Parents with Hope (support for parents who have lost a child)

6 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Ponte Vedra Valley, 4750 Palm Valley Road
www.pontevedravally.com/grief-support

June 6

Toastmasters Club #5199 Ponte Vedra Beach

7:30 a.m. (repeating event on Wednesdays)
Players Community Senior Center, 175 Landrum Lane
carmenjsardinas@gmail.com

June 7

U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 14-7

7:30 p.m.
St. Augustine Yacht Club near the St. Augustine Lighthouse
(904) 460-0243

June 8

Food Truck Friday

6 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Nocatee's Splash Waterpark

June 11

Beaches Toastmasters Club

7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. (Repeating event on Mondays)
Baptist Hospital Beaches, Wilson Epstein Building
cgs13@yahoo.com

June 11

Ponte Vedra Beach Municipal Service District Meeting

6 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library FOL Room
www.pvmsd.org

June 12

Friends of the GTM Reserve Board Meeting

5 p.m. – 6 p.m.
GTM Research Reserve Environmental Education Center
(904) 823-4500.

June 12

Lilies of the Valley widow support group

11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Ponte Vedra Valley, 4750 Palm Valley Road
www.pontevedravally.com/grief-support

June 12

Adult Coloring Club

10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library
(904) 827-6950

June 13

First Coast Newcomers Club trivia evening/dinner

6 p.m. dinner / 7 p.m. trivia
Contact Lea for name of St. Augustine restaurant and to be added to attendee list
(904) 829-0643 or (904) 814-9612

June 14

Palencia Bridge Club plays Party Bridge

11 a.m. – 3 p.m. (repeating event on Thursdays)
Donovan's Irish Pub, 7440 US Highway 1
Diane Tamplin, (904) 808-7326

June 14

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

June 16

Nocatee Farmers Market: Island Invasion

10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Town Center Field, Nocatee

June 19

St. Johns CARES meeting

7 p.m.
Bartram Academy, 164 Everest Lane, Ste. 1
www.stjohnscares.org

June 26

First Coast Card Club – adult card players

1 p.m. – 3 p.m.
St. Augustine Main Library, 1960 Ponce de Leon Blvd.
(904) 829-0643

June 27

Libraries Rock! Teen Coffeehouse

6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
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Landrum's coach is national Coach of the Year finalist



Photo courtesy St. Johns County School District

Sherri Anthony from Landrum Middle School is a finalist for the National High School Athletic Coaches Association national coach of the year in the sport of basketball. Eight finalists from across the nation will be honored at the National High School Athletic Coaches Association's national convention at the Ramkota Hotel in Sioux Falls, S.D. on June 27, 2018. The highlight of the banquet will be the naming of the national coach of the year in 19 recognized sports categories. Coach Anthony was nominated for this national honor by her state's high school coaches' association, based on longevity, service to high school athletics, honors, championship years, and winning percentage. The nominees and finalists are evaluated by experts in the field of coaching using a sport-specific rubrics to assign points in each category. The National High School Athletic Coaches Association is the oldest coaches association in the nation and has been recognizing national coaches of the year since 1978.



This 'n That

By Mims Cushing
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Not a party animal and I'm ok with that. Are you?

I have a friend whose high school freshman son is the bane of his existence. Why? Because it looks like he is not going to grow up to become him.

"My fear," he says, "is that he will be a hermit and not have a lot of friends."

My friend, I'll call him Mark, is a hail-fellow-well-met kind of type. Very outgoing. Super friendly. Looking up that phrase on Google I find this. (I needed to check out the hyphens. Does the word really have that many hyphens? It does.) Slurping down the definition I find it is a "somewhat archaic English idiom referring to a person whose behavior is hearty, friendly, but usually in a superficial or insincere way." Interesting...

Mark doesn't have enough fingers, toes, and body parts to add up all the friends he has. Which is fine with me. If there is a party within a 20 mile radius from where he lives, he is out the door and on his way. Recently he asked me three or four times if I wanted to go with him to a party. I responded, three or four times, "No."

And then there are people like — I'll call his son Allen — who would rather ditch a party and cozy up with one buddy, or a great book or, because he is young, a hot game of tennis.

As a kid, my type of heaven was to play the piano all afternoon and read a good book. I do the same thing today. Minus

the piano. It's hard to practice piano if you don't have one.

Maybe it's geeky and maybe that's what I am, but I am a happy geek. A happy geek revolving around words. Actually, Merriam-Webster tells me the word for a person who loves words, not oddly enough, is — wait for it — a wordie!

The other day I came across the word "paraprosdokians." I like to think of it as an Armenian word, because it ends in "ian," but of course it isn't. "The Paraprosdokians are coming to dinner." Not.

Here is what it means: It's a figure of speech "in which the latter part of a sentence or phrase is surprising or unexpected in a way that causes the reader to reframe or reinterpret the first part." Paraprosdokians are frequently used in a humorous situation. "Where there's a will, I want to be in it." Another favorite is "Evening news is where they begin with 'Good Evening,' and then tell you why it isn't."

I have nothing bad to say about people who go to parties, but it pleased me no end to learn that Paul Newman disliked parties intensely. I'll bet he liked to read instead. And then I started discovering a ton of actors who don't like soirees and consider themselves homebodies.

I guess you could qualify me as a homebody. But I do take the garbage out.

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Tommy Hilfiger and the Bell-Bottomed Blues

By Scott Grant
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It was the summer of 1977. It is hard to even imagine that it was 40 years ago that I was headed off to college. I wanted to buy some new clothes to wear. As a father, it is interesting to me that I had my own money. I had a job as a busboy at a local restaurant called Pierce's in Elmira, N.Y. Pierce's is closed now, but back in 1977, it was the spot.

My first stop on my meager shopping spree was a downtown store called People's Place owned by Tommy Hilfiger. Tommy was a few years older than me and his store was a popular hangout. There weren't many stores in Elmira, or probably most places those days, owned by a kid who was barely old enough to vote. Locals, like me, took pride in his success.

Tommy and I knew each other, but he was a few years older and infinitely hipper. His dad and my dad were friends. I remember how sad Dad was when Tommy's father passed. People's Place sold "hippy" clothes and lots of blue jeans. Tommy had gotten a deal on a huge pile of blue jeans from some place in Asia. They were all bell-bottoms. I was headed off to Cornell and anxious to fit in with a bunch of kids from prep school. Fashion was changing. I wanted straight leg jeans and khaki pants and golf shirts with an alligator on them. Tommy was desperate to sell me cheap bell-bottoms. He knew that he had the wrong product for the times. I could see it in his eyes. I felt bad not buying something. Tommy was a local legend and hero to many of us. But, I had a limited budget (busboys don't make that much money.)

That winter, People's Place went out of business and I think Tommy ended up filing for bankruptcy. All of us local kids were sad. What is striking, in hindsight, is that failure was probably the best thing ever to happen to Tommy Hilfiger. It is also an object lesson. If you want to succeed, you need to be prepared to fail. Ray Kroc went bankrupt eight times before he bought the franchise rights to McDonalds. Lots of people expected that venture to be number nine. Tommy Hilfiger did what all successful people do. He got up, brushed himself off, and tried again. His next venture turned out to be wildly more successful than his first.

"The road to success is not easy to navigate," he says, "but with hard work, drive and passion, it's possible to achieve the American dream."

Passion matters. Every successful business owner I have ever met had tremendous passion for what they were doing. It was rarely about the money. For many, that passion took on the form of an almost epic quest. I manage money because I am passionate about it. I write this newspaper column because I am passionate about it. If you want to succeed in any venture in life, pursue that venture with passionate intent and be prepared to fail. If you are not prepared for failure, you will never succeed.

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appreciate, and better understand the arts," said Cultural Center of Ponte Vedra Beach Executive Director Donna Guzzo. "Arjola is the perfect example of carrying not only our vision but our mission, to bring the arts into the life of the community through Arts Education, Exhibitions, and Outreach, and by honoring a Donor-Driven Philosophy. We believe access to the arts is vital to a vibrant community."

Miruku's ambitious plan resulted in the Play Academy of Arts (PLAY), a holistic approach to music. To augment this unique type of artistic education, Miruku identified the Cultural Center almost three years ago to be the home base for PLAY. Since her formative years were in Ponte Vedra, Miruku felt strongly that The Cultural Center is the heartbeat of Ponte Vedra. Therefore, despite the distance, she makes the long daily commute from Riverside because she feels that the Cultural Center's mission aligns with her own.

"I'm not a stranger to this community. This community has given me a great

deal, and now it's my turn to give back and plant lasting seeds in the place that gave me so much," Miruku said.

Miruku's passion and hard work has resulted in a distinctive program now serving more than 30 students each week.

PLAY's success has encouraged a fourth piano to be added at the Center: a Steinway Grand valued at more than \$40,000. Although the piano ultimately is for sale, students have the opportunity to work and perform on this finest of instruments with a worldwide reputation for excellence. The Cultural Center is currently home to four pianos.

"The students are very fortunate to have such a caring teacher like Arjola," said Guzzo. "She makes it a part of her everyday life to connect the community to the center. This is the fourth piano she's arranged to have available at the center. This isn't part of her job and she calls these students her kids."

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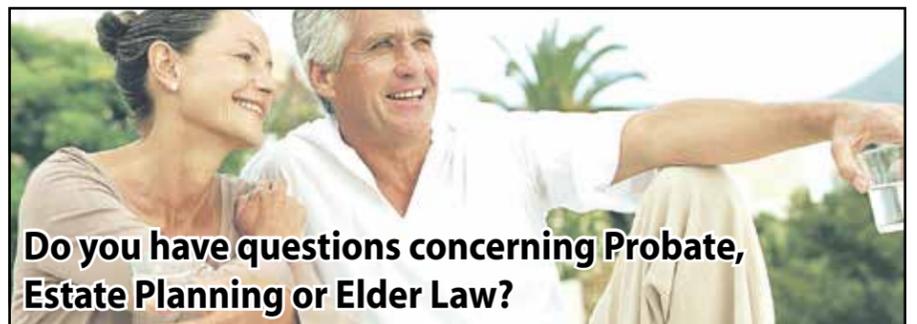
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Ryan Dexter

By Ken Gillespie
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Where were you at 4 a.m. this morning? Most likely in the sack. Not so with Ryan Dexter. The alarm clock's bell signals the start of his weekday schedule (6 a.m. on weekends). He scampers out of the bed, finds his running gear, then heads out the door to join three other guys as they do their ritual eight-mile run through Nocatee. The "RunNoc" group is often joined by Dexter's faithful four footed Weimaraner, Brody. Dexter believes this early routine physically and mentally preps him for the day's challenges.

This Willowcove resident is a lifelong fitness buff, having more than 80 marathons and ultra races under his belt. Staying in shape allows him to enjoy related pursuits such as helping coach football at Valley Ridge Academy and serving on the race committee for Nocatee's annual Apryle Showers 10K run.

A love for physical conditioning is shared with wife Christina, Cat for short. She serves as the fitness coordinator at Nocatee's workout facility, also as a personal trainer for residents. Cat Dexter has completed 10 Iron Man Triathlons, events which demand a combo of swimming, biking and running, covering a total of 140.6 miles. Even their three teenage sons' names reinforce the family's devotion to motion ... Dash, Chase and Cruz.

Q: So what do your days look like after the morning run?

A: I work full time as a professional engineer, licensed in Civil Engineering in 48 states, specializing in complex wood structures for a national firm based in Madison, Wis., where we lived for 14 years. When we moved to Florida almost four years ago, my employer agreed that I could become their first remote worker, staying in touch electronically. I've since come to know a number of men and women who live in Nocatee and work remotely. You need discipline to keep to task, but it's a great way to live...no commuting.

Q: What brought you to Nocatee?

A: The weather, the ocean, and the schools. Cat and I tired of the snowy frigid Wisconsin winters. I had relatives in Florida and had visited them in the past. With three teens, schools are important, so we researched and found St. Johns County to be the number one ranked education system in the state. I see this teaching excellence up close through our three boys and also as an advisory board member of Nease High School's Stellar Academy of Engineering. Additionally we have found a bunch of great welcoming people here, allowing an active social life.

Q: If you have any spare time what do you enjoy doing?

A: I'm blessed with energy and have always been curious about learning new things. I'm a bit of an entrepreneur. Since relocating to Florida I've earned a real estate license. In my first part-time year I've



Photo courtesy Ryan Dexter
Ryan Dexter

worked with buyers and sellers in seven deals, including the sale of what may be the most expensive residential property in Nocatee at \$1.5 million. And of all things, I have a sideline of refinishing garage floors with epoxy coatings, 15 jobs and counting. My very first was for Cat, fixing up our garage so she could have a nicer space for working out at home. I think the manual aspect of this work provides a welcome break from engineering detail.

Q: You wanted to share with our readers one other very unique pastime...

A: Pinball! Go figure... Remember one of Elton John's early hits, "Pinball Wizard?" He was on to something. In our home's second floor bonus room there are five colorful, bell-pinging pinball machines. I play with my sons, but Cat has not become a fan. There's something about these man-crafted coin-op machines that appeals to the mechanical tinkering side of me. I'm not alone in this fun addiction. As a member of the "904 Silver Ball Rollers" I meet up with a group of men and women who rotate monthly among our different homes for competition and a good time. It's a great release!

Vicar's Landing cont. from pg. 1

to members who choose the outstanding lifestyle and exceptional healthcare available to them in our community," said Jones. "Partnering with COA is just the right thing to do for our community of seniors."

This is not the first time that the two organizations have collaborated. The Vicar's Landing community already supplies lunches to the Ponte Vedra Memory Center four times a week. The center serves as a memory care center for St. Johns County seniors, primarily from Ponte Vedra Beach, who suffer from early memory loss and/or changes in cognition. There they are able to attend the Integrative Memory Enhancement Program. With more than 25 percent of the population of St. Johns County age 60 or older these programs will become even more essential.

But that's not the end of the partnership. While at Vicar's Landing Yanni noted that the organization is in need of a refrigerator and microwave and these items will be delivered to Council on Aging through another donation by Vicar's Landing.

In 2016 Vicar's Landing resurrected Lend An Ear, a program that provides used and refurbished hearing aids to people experiencing hearing loss who would otherwise not be able to afford a hearing aid.

"Studies prove that hearing loss can result in isolation disinterest and depression," said Jones. "As our mission at Vicar's Landing is to help people maintain an independent lifestyle, helping those with hearing loss fits in with a continuation of our goals for the senior population."

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Salt Water Fishing

Live bait and artificial lures

By Capt. Kirk Waltz
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The art of choosing the right bait, whether it's alive or a lure, is really something that gets overlooked. It's not supposed to be something you anguish over and stress about. I believe the age old "match the hatch" rule — using bait that most closely resembles what is in the water — truly simplifies the choices.

Here are some points to ponder and tips I feel that will make your angling experience successful as well as fruitful.

Artificial lures: There are many types on the market so try to stick to lures that look natural. Look at the area you are fishing and try to observe what the local fish are feeding on. Are they eating shrimp, small fish, or just flies? If the water is dark choose darker colors; if it's clear water use lighter colored baits that look natural. Here are some more favored types that can be effective for trout, redfish, jack crevalle, ladyfish, snook, cobia, barracuda, kingfish, dolphin, and most striking fish.

Soft plastic jerkbaits: Many types are on the market and here are a few I recommend: Gulp, DOA, MirroLure, Saltwater Assassin and Berkley Power baits

Spoons in silver and gold: Good types that can be deadly are Clark, Diamond, Johnson, and Dardevle

Crank baits: These closely resemble small fish and the better ones that I have caught fish with are Bomber Long-A, MirroLure, Rapala, Rat-L-Trap, and Sebile. These lures are diving lures and should have a lip or planning appendage on the front.

Spinner baits: These look like the combination of a spoon and a jig. This lure has a very high vibration level which excites

the fish at times and produces violent strikes. Blakemore, Bluefox, and Redfish Magic.

Bucktail jigs: The jig most closely resembles a darting minnow and the most popular ones are used by me and countless pro anglers. Sometimes these are great in combination with soft plastics. My favorites are Spro, TBS Jigs, and Sebile. Occasionally I even tip these with live bait like a minnow or shrimp.



Photo courtesy Capt. Kirk Waltz
Big Sheephead

Top water plugs:

The top water lure is used for floating or twitching on the surface of the water. Some have a cupped area in the front which when pulled with a quick jerk produces a lot of surface commotion. My preference is Sebile, MirroLure, Bomber Long -A, and Rapala.

Popping bugs: The popping bug closely resembles a shrimp or a bug of some type on the water. It also can be twitched and produce quite a bit of surface commotion. Blakemore and Betts are my first choice.

Flies: The fly is used mostly for casting with a fly rod. The most popular are hand tied and found at many specialized fly shops. Muddler Minnow, Woolly Bugger, Turkey in the Straw, and the Prince Nymph are favorites. Flies can be effective for both salt and freshwater.

Many of the above lures can be purchased at any of the big box stores like Walmart, Academy Sports, Cabela's, Bass Pro Shops or your local tackle shop.

Check back next month for Part 2: Live Bait.

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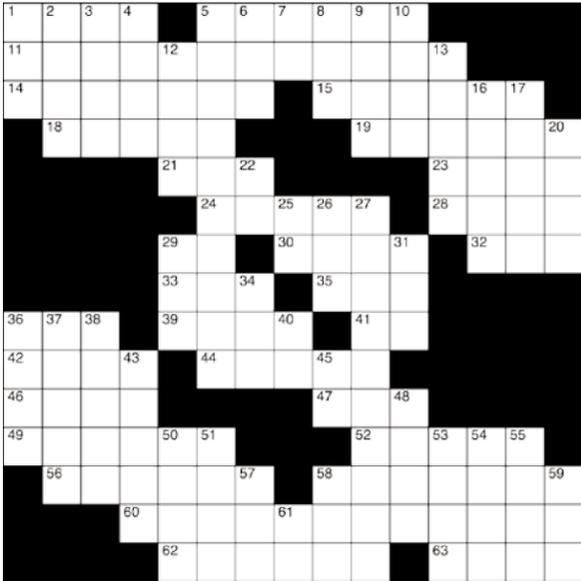
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 - '69 World Series hero
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 - Pop
 - Rapper ___ Hammer
 - Senses of self-esteem
 - Hormone that stimulates the thyroid
 - ___ Farrow, actress
 - Electronic data processing
 - Baby talk (abbr.)
 - Slender, snake-like fish
 - Air Force
 - Computers
 - Ecological stage

- Wings
- In the course of
- Laid back
- Jewelled headdress
- In slow tempo
- ___ Falls
- Corrections
- Periods in one's life
- Hyphen
- NFL great Randy
- Ireland
- Palm trees
- Fungal disease
- Tall plants with slender leaves
- Affirmative! (slang)
- Potato state
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- A way to develop
- Associations
- Woman (French)
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- Brew
- One who leads prayers
- Indigo bush
- Burn with a hot liquid
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- Scads
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Student writer graduates

By Martie Thompson
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Ponte Vedra NewsLine strives to encourage student journalism and designates student reporters at each of the local high schools. Some of the students, who are selected from aspiring applicants at the beginning of the school year, have a goal of becoming a journalist, while others just enjoy writing about their school's happenings.

The end of the school year is the traditional time of progression for seniors who will be leaving high school for new adventures and it is the same for Ponte Vedra NewsLine's student writer.

Meet a graduating writer from Ponte Vedra High School who has been a part of Ponte Vedra NewsLine's editorial team and is now moving on, leaving a legacy of high quality and engaging writing for the next student reporter:

Jesse Hagy has written the PVHS Sports column for the past year. While at Ponte Vedra High School, he was a member of the varsity swim team all four years, serving as team captain his junior and senior year. He is an accomplished swimmer with many accolades and was District 2A champion in 100 breaststroke multiple times as well as fourth place finisher at the state swim meet his senior year. He broke the school record for three years in a row in 100 breaststroke. He also swam year-round for the Ponte Vedra Beach YMCA club team, where he qualified and competed



Photo courtesy Jesse Hagy
Jesse Hagy

at the YMCA national swimming competition.

Hagy was a founding officer for the PVHS Children's Miracle Network Club, as well as a member of the National Honor Society, the Science Honors Society, and an AP Scholar with Distinction. He served as editor of the school newspaper, the Tiburon, his senior year.

Next year, he will attend Bates College in Lewiston, Maine, where he was recruited for swimming. His major plans are undecided, but he plans on a future in either politics or national security.

Hagy said, "My favorite quote on life is by Pericles: 'Time is the wisest counselor of all.' This quote holds true for anything including journalism. I believe this will help future journalism students because some people expect to produce amazing pieces for anything they write, but it takes time to learn from mistakes and experience; and in the end that is what will make someone a better writer."

[Editor's note: If you attend Ponte Vedra or Nease High School and are interested in being a student writer next year, email editor@floridanewsline.com for more information.]



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Ponte Vedra High School and Bartram Trail High School raised money for the Children's Miracle Network.

Sharks raise funds for Children's Miracle Network

By Jesse Hagy
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On April 20, Ponte Vedra High School's Children's Miracle Network Club held its third annual Dance Marathon and raised more than \$14,000 for Wolfson Children's Hospital and UF Health. The Children's Miracle Network Club Dance Marathon is the main fundraiser for the national non-profit organization Children's Miracle Network. Dance Marathons take place at universities and schools, raising funds for children's hospitals across the country. Students participate in various activities including basketball, balloon games, dancing and more.

Ponte Vedra High School, the first high school in the county to form a Children's Miracle Network Club and host a Dance Marathon, teamed up with Bartram Trail's Children's Miracle Network Club for the second year in a row to hold a joint marathon. Students from both schools met over the summer to take a tour of Wolfson's Children's Hospital in order to get a better understanding of why it is so important to raise money.

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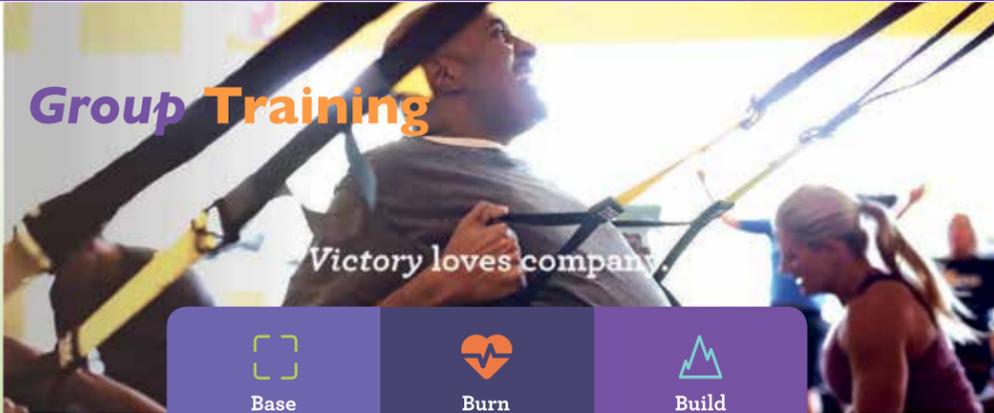
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