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Greetings from Palm Coast magazine as we enter our 14th month of publishing here. We celebrated our anniversary last month, albeit rather quietly, and are ready to keep improving our content each issue as well as growing our page count. We've also got a number of special issues lined up to carry us into the new year starting with this month's section on the Flagler Auditorium, the county's premier entertainment venue. We've got an arts section coming up in October and a couple of different ideas for November (we haven't made a final decision yet) and then our second Christmas issue. And in January we're planning on debuting our Palm Coast Yearbook issue. We'll have a lot more details about these upcoming special issues soon and we invite anyone with an interest in any of these issues to contact us. We're especially concerned with making sure we include everyone in our yearbook issue, meaning organizations and clubs in particular, so please let us know who you are. Thanks.

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News Of The Palm Coast World



Remembering Heroes Fall Festival Set For September 24, 2022 at City Center

When her youngest son was killed serving in Iraq on July 24, 2003, Cathy Heighter's world was turned upside down. His death also set her on a new course she would never have imagined possible.

She quickly became one of the nation's most active and most effective advocates for veterans — including meeting twice with President George W. Bush to lobby for changes to what she said she couldn't believe were the "shockingly low" death benefit the families of military members killed on active duty received.

Ultimately, Heighter saw the passage by Congress and the signing of the bill by Bush of the federal Raheen Tyson Heighter Life Insurance for America's Troops Act in 2005 that mandated significant raises in the dollar amounts families are paid when a military member is killed on active duty.

Today, her efforts are focused on helping veterans in Palm Coast and Flagler/Volusia counties get connected with resources and support in her role as co-founder and executive director of the Palm Coast based Remembering Vets.

On Saturday, September 24, the community is invited to a full day of honoring and remembering heroes of all types at a Remembering Vets sponsored event at the Palm Coast Town Center at 800 Belle Terre Parkway (see page 9).

"We are going to be honoring veterans and first responders and Gold Star families (families who have a member that died on active duty)," Heighter said. But this year, the annual event is expanding.

"We are also honoring local community heroes that stepped up to the plate and above and beyond and way out of their way during this COVID-19 pandemic. From food service industry workers and health care workers, we want to honor them and make sure they know how valued they are."

Yes, her efforts were initially inspired by the shocking death of her son. He remains a key motivating factor. But for Heighter, her work supporting veterans and their families goes well beyond merely a personal quest.

"This has given my son's life and death more meaning,"

The event is scheduled for 10 AM To 6 PM and will feature a plethora of food trucks, the presence of fire and police personnel and equipment and a game area organized for kids are all planned.

Planned attractions at this point include the Traveling Vietnam Wall, the Iraqi Freedom Wall, the Enduring Freedom Wall, Star Wars life size characters, Robot Drones for photo taking, a petting zoo, Hay, and pumpkins, a Children's play area, bounce house, kids' games, corn hole etc.

You can learn more about Remembering Vets and the upcoming festival at their website www.rememberingvets.org.

Funding Approved For Southern Recreational Facility In Palm Coast

will better assist our community with its ever-growing need for recreation space."

Below is a map of the recreation facility as planned. Look for more details as they are released in upcoming issues of Palm Coast.

On August 15, the Flagler County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) awarded the City of Palm Coast a \$739,000 grant from the Flagler County Tourism Development Council (TDC) to aid in funding the construction of the Southern Recreation Facility.

"The community of Palm Coast was designed to be the perfect place to live, offering a balanced blend of the natural environment and recreational amenities. The pillar sports were tennis, golf, and watersports; these three amenities were designed to serve as magnets to attract potential residents and investors." George A. Libonate Jr. wrote in the Palm Coast Historical Society's newsletter years ago.

"As a place to explore, connect, and play — the Palm Coast Southern Recreation Facility will be both an asset to residents and a regional destination for tourists," said James Hirst, City of Palm Coast Parks & Recreation Director. "We are genuinely excited to see these enhancements come to life providing a home to many programs, events, and sports tournaments. The Palm Coast Southern Recreation Center



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FCSO Presents Safety Expo After Two-Year Absence

On September 17 European Village will host the Flagler County Sheriff's Office Safety Expo from 10 AM to 2 PM, an event that first happened in 2019 but was then postponed for two years due to Covid.

The expo will feature presentations and displays related to safety but will also offer many other attractions that are suitable for the whole family. There is no set schedule of events but rather the setup allows you to walk through and visit the dif-

On September 17 Europe- ferent displays and exhibits n Village will host the Flagler and experience the demonbunty Sheriff's Office Safety strations.

> There will be plenty of fun things for the kids too as Mc-Gruff the crime fighting doOg will make an appearance, the Fish and Wildlife Commission is bringing an alligator, the Police Athletic League will have activities for the kids, there will be fire engines and emergency vehicles as well as SWAT units, and way too many more attractions too list here so mark it on

Orchid Society Auction Coming September 22

The Flagler County Orchid Society members will be holding their annual orchid auction on Thursday, September 22nd at Trinity Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall, 156 Florida Park Drive in Palm Coast. Orchids for this year are being shipped from Kaliealoha Orchid Farm owned by Dean and Mary Monroe, professional growers/breeders on the big island of Hawaii for 26 years. The selection of plants will be mainly hybrid cattleyas and dendrobiums in four-inch pots. The society selects plants from Hawaii because growers there have higher quality plants than those that are commonly seen in stores in the area.

The auction will begin at 7 PM and the plants will be available at 6:30 PM for preview. Payments are accepted



in the form of cash or personal checks. The auction is our fundraiser which enables us to accomplish our mission of providing education on orchid culture and care, especially for the hobbyist grower.

For further information you may contact: Jeanne Long, 386-931-3152 or Faith Kaskisto, 386-264-4715.



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Turtle #17 Joins the Public Art Turtle Trail

The Palm Coast Arts Foundation unveiled TURTLE #17 on the public art Turtle Trail on Friday, August 5 at the Mala Compra Park in Palm Coast.

Artist Chance Hancotte completed Turtle #17 drawing inspiration from Dr. Rampa & Mr. Manop Rattanarithikul who contributed over 50 years to malaria research and entomology.

Mr. Rattanarithikul began painting at the age of 70 in his native Thailand. His art is based on a passion to understand the important role of the ensuring spirit of wonderful natural creations. "As a 4th generation



Floridian, my formative years were in the swamps of the Everglades. Thus, I am honored to help create this artistic tribute to our local swamp marshes."

Mr. Rattanarithikul saw that beauty too in his homeland of Thailand. His paintings showed the beauty of everyday life, but with a large mosquito added, as it is a large part of the daily life there. His studies and his paintings exemplify that the mosquito is an integral part of the complex natural beauty of our world. I hope my painting carries his message with simple realism and bold colors.

Celebrating their 70th anniversary, the East Flagler Mosquito Control District sponsored Turtle #17 to contribute to the public art Turtle Trail to honor this special occasion. Mr. Rattanarithikul and the East Flagler Mosquito Control District understand the delicate balance we have in our ecosystem and how the mosquito plays a role. Our turtle exemplifies the natural art of our beautiful Florida coast.

On October 15 the unveiling of Turtle #18 (the SEE turtle) will take place, sponsored by Tomoka Eye Associates and painted by blind artist, John Bramblitt of Denton, TX who plans to join us when we introduce the SEE turtle to the community.

Watch for news of more turtles to be hatched on the Turtle Trail in the coming months. A complimentary Guide to Outdoor Art created by the Flagler County Tourist Development office features the Turtle Trail and can be found at the Flagler Beach Historical Museum, 207 S. Central Avenue, Flagler Beach. Discover all the public art turtles on the Turtle Trail at www.palmcoastartsfoundation.com/the-turtle-trail

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Local Happenings



The Palm Coast Tiger Bay Young Executives organized a successful event on July 26 at the Oceanside Bar & Grill in Flagler Beach. The Tiger Bay Club is a non-partisan group of local business people and community leaders in the city.



The Flagler County Education Foundation, a non-profit organization dedicated to helping area schoolchildren, held its annual dinner/fundraiser on July 21 at the Club de Bonmont in Plantation Bay. The organization raised over \$70,000 on the night.



The Boss Ladies of Flagler County met on August 17 in Bunnell for aq fundraiser for the Old Glory Service Dogs. The group raised over \$700 for the organization. To find out more about the group, see their Facebook page.



The Referral Diamond Club held their weekly networking meeting on August 17 at Carrabba's in Palm Coast. The group provides leads for its members and has weekly presentations. For more information about the club contact Brad Ward at 386-283-0955.



The Professional Women of Flagler County held their monthly breakfast meeting August 5 at the Hilton Garden Inn. Guest speaker Lora Fickett talked about financial security. To find out more about the group, see their Facebook page.



The Perry Hall Inmate Detention Facility, run by the Flagler County Sheriff's Office, recently received a 2022 Innovation Award from the National Institute for Jail Operations for implementing inmate rehabilitation and skill-building programs.



The members of the Flagler County Detachement 876 Marin Corps League recently bid farewell to its Senior Vice Commandant Ron Gossard and his wife Carol who are leaving Palm Coast for South Carolina.



Refugees from Ukraine were welcomed by the Palm Coast Kiwanis Club recently at the Elks Club where they told stories of their experiences in the war-torn area where they lived. Lora Pavlenko, center right, was the president of the Kiwanis Club of Kiev.

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The Leads Into The Future networking group held one of its weekly meetings August 23rd at Carrabba's Italian Grill. The group is a lead referral group that is non-exclusive and always looking for new members. See their Facebook page for more information.



The Palm Coast Tiger Bay Club, a non-partisan group of local business leaders and interested citizens met August 24 at the Channelside facility in Palm Coast to celebrate the club's fourth anniversary. Founders Greg Davis and Don Madden, (photo above left, left and right sides, respectively) presided over the festivities. The club prides itself on welcoming members from both sides of the aisle and maintaining an air of civility in its discourse.

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Flagler County Master Deputy Crista Rainey was named the 2022 Law Enforcement Officer of the Year.

Sheriff Rick Staly said when she received the award, "MD Rainey has been excelling in her career with the FCSO, and we are honored to have her as part of our team. With a track record for proactive enforcement, combined with her professional and positive attitude, she is very deserving of this award. We are proud of her commitment to keeping our community safe, and she exemplifies the role of a Florida Deputy Sheriff.

So how did Master Deputy Crista Rainey receive this award? As a child in New Jersey, she always dreamed about being a police officer. In

an interview with Palm Coast Magazine, she said that she remembered her grandmother stitching together a police uniform for her. She said, "I went everywhere in that outfit." She always felt called to be in law enforcement but couldn't meet the age standards in New Jersey.

She had a childhood friend in New Jersey that moved to Florida well before she did. He always told her that she should come to Florida and become a police officer. After 40 years in New Jersey, she took his advice and left her friends, family, and everything to follow her dream of becoming a deputy.



Master Deputy Crista Rainey receiving the award for 2022 Law Enforcement Officer Of The Year.



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Now, she's with the Flagler County Sheriff's Office and couldn't be happier. MD Rainey said, "I picked up my whole life to do something I dreamed about as a kid. I'm doing what I love, and I enjoy doing what I love."

She told the story of a routine traffic stop that turned violent and led to the arrest of a wanted criminal on the run from Georgia law enforcement. Other officers said that she handled the situation calmly and effectively. She said that she "couldn't have done it without them."

She also told the story about a teenage girl that the Crisis Negotiation Team saved from jumping off the overpass of Interstate 95. The team worked to literally talk his girl off the ledge and bring her down safely. Unfortunately, the troubled girl didn't want salvation in the moment, but Rainey said the team worked together seamlessly to protect the girl. She said, "It was like the whole team knew the plan already, and none of us had spoken a word!"

After saving the girl the first time, the Crisis Negotiation Team had to save her nearly two months later. Because of her actions, a family in Georgia received justice for their loved one, and a girl was saved twice from suicide. MD Crista Rainey is the example of a true law enforcement officer and public servant.

MD Rainey tells herself daily, "I am a cop in this beautiful state. This is my dream, and I am happy." She attributes everything she now has in life because of the choice to move to Florida and follow her dreams. MD Rainey finished the interview with these inspiring words for others: Don't limit yourself. Do what you want to do with your life. Never be afraid to bet on yourself and follow your passion.

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Family Life Center Provides A Safe Haven

As part of our continuing series on non-profit organizations in our area, we're writing about the Family Life Center, located in Bunnell, and formed in 1987 for the purpose of providing temporary refuge to any adult and any accompanying minor or dependent adult among other related functions.

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The mission of the Family Life Center is to provide essential support services to individuals and families to end domestic violence and sexual violence in Flagler County. And in addition to the purpose above, the center also is committed:

 To provide temporary refuge to any adult and any accompanying minor or dependent adult.

• To educate the community on the issues of violence in our society.

 To publicize the availability of the services of the corporation to the public.

•To maintain a commitment to break the cycle of violence that is perpetuated from generation to generation by maintaining an Outreach Program for children.

Basically, the Family Life Center is a private not-for-profit social service organization providing no-cost services to individuals and families experiencing domestic or sexual Violence. They are committed to meeting the needs of the community and recognizing the specific challenges faced by those in rural areas of Flagler County.

The Family Life Center strives to create an environment of safe and harmonious co-existence among families residing

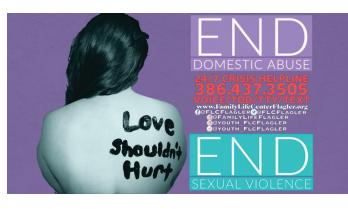


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Family Life Center

within its facility and throughout the Flagler County community, while providing an empowerment-based model of help that is self-directed by the survivor.

Family Life Center Outreach and Administrative offices are open 9 AM-5 PM, Monday through Friday. As always, Advocates are available 24 hours a day to assist victims of domestic violence and sexual assault via the Crisis Helpline. Also, at this time, Family Life Center is only accepting donations of unopened paper products, cleaning supplies, diapers, formula, other food items and gift cards. Please call 386-437-7747 to make drop-off arrangements for these items, or order from the Amazon needs list at https://a.co/g6YneUb to have the items delivered directly to them.





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Pertinent medicare questions answered by Debra Sephton

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Q: Do I need to enroll with Medicare if I have a Group **Health Plan?**

A: If you have medical insurance coverage under a group health plan based on you or your spouse's current employment, you may not need to apply for Medicare Part B or Part D at age 65. You may qualify for a "Special Enrollment Period" (SEP) that will let you sign up for Part B and Part D during:

Any month you remain covered under the group health plan and you, or your spouse's employment continues, and/ or the 8-month period that begins with the month after your group health plan coverage or the employment it is based on ends, whichever comes first.

However, if based on your or your spouse's group health plan, are not currently employed, and you decide to later enroll with Medicare after this 8-month period, you may incur a penalty when you do enroll with Medicare Part B and Part D.

Bottom line: if you or your spouse are not currently employed and collecting a paycheck, you do not have creditable coverage that avoids

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a Medicare Part B or Part D ficult? penalty should you decide or need to enroll with Medicare Part B and Part D in the future. Keep in mind that once you end your group health plan, you may not be able to get it back. There are many options to consider.

Q: Is there a cost for origi-

A: There are many options to consider when you are turning 65 or are newly eligible for Medicare. Having a broker is helpful. Find an independent, reputable broker - one who offers several insurance companies. These brokers/agents can compare

will be effective January 1st of the following year.

Q: When should I enroll with original Medicare?

A: If you're eligible at age 65, your Initial Enrollment Period (IEP) begins three months before your 65th birthday, includes the month you turn age 65, and ends three



nal Medicare?

A: Yes, the cost of your Medicare Part A (hospital insurance) and Part B (medical insurance) depend on your income and the length of time you were employed.

Q: As a broker, what do you charge and how are you paid?

A: As an independent broker, we never charge the client a fee. The insurance carrier pays us directly, if and/ or when you decide to enroll with a secondary plan to accompany your original Medicare.

Q: When you are turning 65, Medicare is so confusing, why do they make it so difprices and benefits for you based on your individual needs.

Q: When may I change my secondary plan?

A: Annual Enrollment Period (AEP) aka Open Enrollment is every October 15th through December 7th. This is the time you may change your Medicare Advantage Plan (Part C) and Prescription Drug Plan (Part D) to another plan that may suit your needs more effectively. Sometimes doctors drop in and out of the network or your prescriptions have changed, and a different plan may save you money for the following year. Once a change is made during AEP, it months after that birthday. If you don't enroll in Medicare Part B during your initial enrollment period, you have another chance each year to sign up during the General Enrollment Period (GEP) from January 1 through March 31, however, there are other variables pertaining to delaying Medicare enrollment timing which may incur penalties when you do decide to enroll.

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Historical Society Photos: What's There Now?











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Homeowners Corner

Making it through this insurance crisis by Madonna Clark

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crease in cost of living and everyday life, all you can think of "what's next". As a consumer and an Insur-

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various Podcasts, Insurance Journals, Florida Association of Insurance Agents and articles through the Florida Department of Insurance Regulations, I have written down

the following statistics that will give you better insight as to where Floridians stand in the current difficulties of finding insur ance, keeping insurance or being able to afford insurance.

• Between 2013 and 2020 Florida property insurers paid out fifteen billion in claims cost with only 8% being paid to consumers, while 71% was paid to attorneys.

• In 2019 Florida was only responsible for 8.15% of all United States

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 In 2020, financial reviews show property insurers reported \$1.6 billion in underwriting losses

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> • In 2022, there have been on average over 4,000 lawsuits each month

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your co-workers and see who they do business with. There will always be ups and downs in every situation and the insurance industry much like the rest



world is in a downward spiral but will bounce back.

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THE SHOW's THE THING

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The Flagler Auditorium's new season starts in October and will consist of 20 great shows, some that are completely new to the Auditorium and others that are old favorites

The Flagler Auditorium's 2022-2023 Season is finally in sight. Who will shine on this year's stage, and how does the Flagler Auditorium staff, led by Director Amelia Fulmer, turn a blank slate into a full plate of "can't wait to attend" performances?

That journey begins when she explores next season's available "pro" shows during bi-weekly Zoom meetings and agent conferences of the Florida Professional Presenters Consortium. Amelia shares the initial roster options with a sounding board of advisors: members of the Auditorium Governing Board who have volunteered to serve on a Selection Committee.

When interest is expressed

to Amelia, "she will then establish a contract price and furnish that information along with a short video for the committee members to review," says Auditorium Governing Board V.P. Priscilla Netts. "We provide her with feedback: positive, negative or neutral." They continue to work closely together over the course of several meetings to establish a roster for the coming season.

Because an Auditorium mission is to encompass arts education, Amelia strives to ensure the schedule includes performances that achieve that goal. So she is very enthusiastic about this season's addition of "Sleeping Beauty" by The National Ballet of Ukraine. Additionally, local dance students

of all ages will audition to be included in the internationally professional performance.

Of course, the "bottom line" is a major consideration when building the season schedule. Amelia makes verbal agreements for show's various costs, but cautions, "some are so expensive that if we don't pack the house, we might barely break even or even lose money."

Many bands like to reduce expenses and time on the road by "routing" the tours, which can provide savings for both the artists and the venues. Agents loosely plan a regional route their artists prefer, then contact the theaters in that loop to assess their interest. When the logistics work, the

tour costs are spread across more locations in fewer days, a savings which results in lower artists' fees for the venues.

This season the Auditorium gained an inadvertent bonus from routing. "Unless we have a last minute cancellation, we're always working a year in advance. So I was attempting to schedule "One Night of Queen" for the 2023-24 season," Amelia explains.

"Suddenly they had to rework their routed South Florida schedule due to a cancellation. so they offered us November 30th this year straight from Ft. Lauderdale." To be first regionally to present "One Night of Queen" this autumn (far in advance of their May 2023 show at the Florida Theater) should



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be a boost for sales and exciting for the audience.

Even after taking advantage of cost cutting and cautious scheduling, calculating the expense of a performance includes more than just the artist's asking price. Amelia and the agent negotiate that amount, but the contract riders Jack Neiberlein comments with a laugh, "Don't fall for the popular belief that contract riders are just about the requested color of the artists' M&Ms!" Assisted by Cole Sever, Jack analyzes every detail from staging requirements to specific lighting, sound, and power needs. The cost Amelia referred to is



must be scrutinized closely for other requests. "The need for specialized equipment could add \$10,000 in costs," Amelia explains. "Jack must be sure the act and equipment can fit on the Auditorium stage, but also determine at what cost."

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Auditorium Tech Director

often associated with "backline demands" that occur when instruments are requested. If they can't be fulfilled from the very good selection on hand, Jack turns to Orlando Backline for estimates on instrumental rental and delivery and sometimes picks items up himself to

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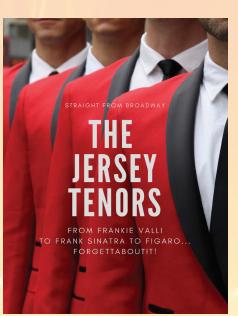
save money.

Jack points out that there are also abundant cost savings thanks to the talents and labor of FPCHS Guild members. Students assist in all arsound, lights, eas: stage creation, costuming, and "roadie" equipment set-up/ break-down duties. His seasoned, well-trained Guild students always win the appreciation of the oft-surprised tour crews.

With the contract riders' challenges not-

ed and adaptive costs added, Amelia finishes a pro forma spreadsheet for her advisory board, projecting potentials for loss or profit. Priscilla describes the Selection Committee situation, "The most challenging part is being able to provide entertainment that the public will like and that the auditorium can afford."

With both budgeting and "entertaining the public" in mind, future audiences are key. Amelia notes that our area is experiencing a dynamic change as audiences that have always enjoyed 50s and early 60s music are beginning to shift more toward late 60s and 70s groups. The task is to figure out



how to reach these audiences to help the potential newcomers "discover" the Auditorium.

To that end, a few shows from the latter eras are now being included. Amelia and the Selection Committee hope that the calculated risk of scheduling "outside the box" will pay off as happened with (Eagles Tribute Band) "Hotel California." The group developed a great following here and have transformed fans into recurring attendees.

Any risk in that approach is hopefully minimized by the incredible level of skill and musical talent of today's professional tribute bands. This season that includes "Hotel California", "Rumours" performing





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Fleetwood Mac, plus the Doobie Brothers Tribute "What a Fool Believes," and of course, the exceedingly popular "One Night of Queen."

Amelia laments that misunderstanding these groups can result in lukewarm sales, until ticket-buyers actually attend a pro show. "People assume

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(copied) costumes, and a full band. Also returning this year is "Always...Patsy Cline." What differentiates this performance from those in smaller venues is the full 8-piece band. Portrayed by Misty Rowe (Hee Haw, Happy Days) "this Patsy plays a real steel guitar that creates that real Grand Ole Opry type

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tribute acts are just impersonators. But these are artists, some with music degrees, who have spent their lives in this full-time job of training, rehearsing, studying and saluting the legends." Amelia adds, "Most of the time, tributes tell the artist's story with accompanying video, while singing you through their lives."

The Cher Tribute is a multi-media presentation. And like Cher, Lisa McClowry arrives with a rack of Bob Mackie

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sound," explains Amy. "It's actually a play. But she sings over 20 songs, so you know even though it is a music tribute, it is also a life story."

The return of "Always... Patsy Cline" is just one example of how the Selection Committee also strives to satisfy their core audiences by bringing back perennial Flagler favorites. And no one knows more about these artists and groups than "Back of the House" Coordinator Elaine Gonsalves. She en-

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thusiastically handles the artist's off-stage needs, provides or offers tips to lodging, food, comfort, and downtime activities. She loves welcoming back old favorites whose preferences are already as known to her as the tunes they perform.

Elaine estimates that over a third of this season's shows are time-honored friends of the Auditorium, and especially looks forward to Ted Torres Martin's return as Elvis.

"He works out of Vegas and is one of the best." Elaine says, "You close your eyes to listen, and will swear it is Elvis. He has been here before and shared the stage, but this year he will be by himself. He's that good." Elaine also eagerly anticipates the Bee Gees Tribute with their catchy memorable tunes with the twist of hearing the music performed by a different troupe of pros. This season it will be the renowned New York Bee Gees and she can't wait to hear the differences.

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The Auditorium's premier Encore Band is multiple Award-Winning Bronx Wanderers who Elaine says, "got their start here and always return home here." After performing classic 50's through 70's rock & roll sets, as they depart the Auditorium to resume their Las Vegas Residency, there are always calls of "Bye Elaine. See you next year."



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The season also celebrates returnees: Rocky & the Rollers, The Jive Aces, Celtic Angels Christmas, The Hit Men, and Steve Solomon, the rare non-musical act, known locally for his show: "My Mom's Italian, My Father's Jewish and I'm In Therapy." The comedian will bring the same humor "Home for the Holidays" this December.

The event Elaine is most passionate about features both an encore, a tribute band and a cause: Breast Cancer. On October 15th "Pat & Pink — A Salute to Women" returns to the Auditorium to perform as part of AdventHealth Palm Coast Foundation's annual Pink Army events to raise funds for breast cancer survival.

Amelia plans to introduce select participants of the previous Sunday's "Pink on Parade 5K" and also spotlight stories of how breast cancer impacts so many lives. Elaine emphasizes that all funds raised for breast cancer prevention, diagnosis, and treatment "will assist women right here in our local community." The Foundation's John Subers and Pam Bolter add that zero dollars are spent on administration costs.

Like last year, local women's groups will be invited to share information about their missions with attendees prior to the Rockin' songs of Pat Benatar and Pink. Another bonus will be the Auditorium "Coming Attractions" previews – and the Box Office will be open. Can't wait? Go to flaglerauditorium.org, call 386-437-7547, or stop by the Auditorium to learn the ins, outs and perks of the Supporters and Subscription programs. Member donations are always welcome. Support the arts.

– Teri Pruden

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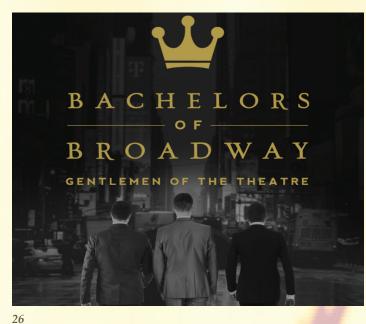
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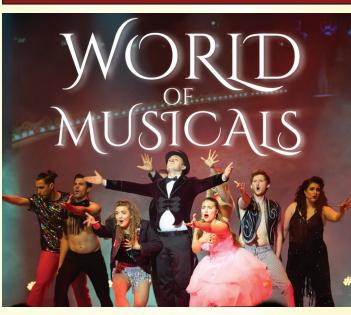
If you like thge lineup that the auditorium is presenting this seasn and you'd like to attend every show — in style — then you should look into purchasing a season subscription.

There are many benefits, including the fact that part of the purchase price is tax-deductible (the auditorium is a non-profit entity). And there are many benefits that go along with a subscription including premium seat selection, reserved parking, private backstage visits and many other features.

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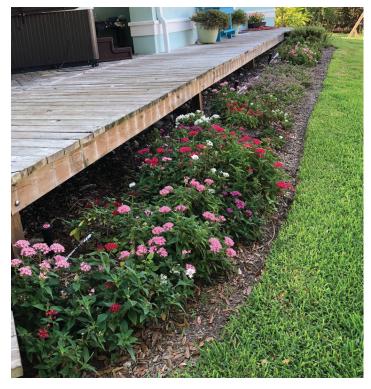


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Selection Of The Month

The Garden Club Of Palm Coast's Garden Of The Month







Beth and Kirk Swaggerty of S. Flagler Ave., Flagler Beach have been recognized as the September 2022 Selection of the Month by The Garden Club at Palm Coast.

The Swaggertys lived in Orlando area for 4 years before moving to Flagler Beach 20 years ago.

Their front yard consists of 3 island beds with various flowers such as: red, white and pink pentas, pink crown of thorns, firecracker bush, dwarf pink oleander, pots of aloe, red and white mandevilla, palm lily, and pineapple guava.

Adding to the diversity are: yellow and pink lantanas, agapanthus, plumbago, variegated triostar stromanthe, fire bush, pink crinum lilies, and coontie palm.

Sylvester and sabal palms, enormous live oaks, and 2 white bird of paradise provide



shade. Several palms have climbing philodendrons with their roots wrapped around the tree.

Located on Smith Creek in the back, there is a large mangrove area as well as trees and palms which Kirk has attached staghorn ferns and whimsical bird houses. For color there are Ti and triostar stromanthe, pentas, heather, crown of thorns, ginger and rosemary bushes. Bromeliads grow in several tree stumps.

The open back porch has potted Crossandra plants called Orange Marmalade and a large wooden box planted with red pentas. In the ground are red, pink, and white pentas, heather, rosemary, and red geraniums.

Sitting in the Adirondack chairs on their pier, one can enjoy the tranquility and even take an afternoon nap.



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That's why writing restaurant reviews is sometimes a difficult task. After having written hundreds of them, though, over the last 40 years or so I have found that sometimes there's very little vou can say about a restaurant that is positive. So what do you do? Normally, I just don't write about places unless I can offer something positive to my readers. It's not like readers pick up a magazine and want to read about someplace *not* to go to. We're looking for some place good to go to instead.

Occasionally, however, and it's happened once so far in the pages of this magazine, I write an article that is more negative than positive. This is also one of those reviews. I always do a lot of soul-searching before writing a less than complimentary restaurant review because I want to make sure I get things right. This isn't internet. You can't take something down once it's been printed.

Part of the reason I take this seriously is the history I have with restaurants, from working in them when I was younger to managing one much later in life and then owning one for five years. It's a tough profession and it requires a lot of work and

dedication which is why most people in the business have a great deal of pride in what they do and the food they put on their plates. I know I did.

So I respect the effort that goes into running a restaurant. However, just showing up for work is not enough. If you don't put great stuff on the plates then you probably won't be around for long. I thought that, based on the reputation of La Piazza and the online reviews I read that I would be in for a treat.

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don't think it represented great value for money but I wouldn't have felt badly about it either.

However. My appetizer was the beef carpaccio, a favorite dish of mine when eating Italian food and one that I always order if it's on the menu because it's usually a bellweather when it comes to the menu as a whole. If they get the carpaccio right, then usually the rest of the menu is also done well. The basic purpose of beef carpaccio is to highlight the flavor of the beef, not surprisingly.

The dish was created by Giuseppe Cipriani, a chef at Harry's Bar in Venice, in honor of the Italian painter, Vittore Carpaccio. The original recipe, which is still the best in my opinion, calls for laying very thin slices of raw beef on a plate that has a thin layer of olive oil. You then put a small amount of grated Parmesan and maybe a little salt and pepper on top. That's it. This way you can really taste the beef. However, people who

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don't understand the dish tend to pile stuff on top of it like La Piazza does.

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Here they put arugula and onions on top of the beef which takes away from the flavor of the beef. They've added a few capers too, which is common, and not a problem, but unnecessary. And they added Parmesan in the form of large slices that were hard and dry and didn't fit with the dish at all. The other problem was that there was probably only about two ounces of beef and it was rather salty for some reason. It was, basically, a poorly conceived and executed dish that was certainly not worth its \$18 price tag.

My entree was the Veal Milanese priced at \$30. Although they may have cooked this dish in accordance with its original recipe, the execution was flawed and the value for money was nonexistent. Veal Milanese is a slice of veal that is breaded and fried. The breading here was bland with little flavor but the real problem was that the breading was twice as thick as the veal which seemed to be not much thicker than the carpaccio.

Both of these dishes say to me that the people who own this restaurant have little concern for their customers. They may have cared at one point since they have hundreds of positive reviews on TripAdvisor from years past.

But as a diner I don't care what happened in the past or why. I only care about what's on the plate in front of me and what I have to pay for it and what I received at La Piazza was completely unacceptable at almost any price. While this is an admittedly subjective opinion, it is an honest one that's based on fact.

And I really can't imagine that many other people would have been happy with what I was served either.

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Entertainment

Local ptoductions of Assassins and Oliver and more tribute bands



The oldest and most violent means of seeking political redress is that of political assassination. It is also the plot for the Stephen Sondheim's musical **Assassins**. This musical will soon be at Palm Coast, Florida where it is being performed at City Repertory Theater from September 23rd to October 2nd. It will be directed by John Sbordone.

The music will be overseen by Ben Beck and contains two acts that run roughly two hours.

This musical retells the stories of successful and attempted assassinations of American presidents by nine infamous American assassins. Included in this number are such infamous Americans as Lee Harvey Oswald and John Wilkes Booth. There are among this group of singing madmen armed with guns, grudges, and tempers they cannot control are less well-known political assassins.

Assassins is structured as an anthology. Each assassin has his own number devote to his own plot. This allows for a great variety of settings. It also allows for a great variety of musical styles for number is done in the style of popular music from the time that particular assignation occurred.

Despite its name, the show narrators are not the assassins. Instead, two fiction characters serve that role. One is the owner of a shooting range at a fair, who gives the assas-

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sins their weapons. The other is the balladeer that musically introduces the assassin and his story. Spliced through the show are scenes in which the assassins meet and interact with each other.

Through the musical, shared motivations of the assassins are explored. They all possessed a sick desire to be famous. For instance, John Wilkes Booth was a terrible actor who was famous for his failed performances and the horrible reviews of his shows. Now he is infamous for shooting Abraham Lincoln. Giuseppe Zangara, who tried to kill Franklin Delano Roosevelt, desired to be photographed so he would be famous.

This group of madmen with guns also all shared very twisted motivations. Booth was fiercely loyal to the Confederate States of America and to its lost cause of slavery. He believed killing President Lincoln would strike a massive blow against the Union for the Confederacy. Lee Harvey Oswald was a communist. He killed John F. Kennedy for Kennedy was a staunch anti communist. John Hinckley Junior who failed to kill President Reagan believed doing so would make Jodie Foster fall in love with him.

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One of Charles Dickens most famous novels is his novel Oliver Twist. This is the story of a young boy named Oliver who was born in an orphanage. As a young man, he migrated to London seeking his fortune.

Now Oliver! is coming to Flagler Country. The novel is

not coming. Instead, the musical based on the novel is coming to Flagler Country. It will be performed at the Flagler Playhouse in Bunnell. and will run from September 22nd to October 9th. Les Ober directs it and Jens Olivia will direct the music with the choreography being



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done by Terri Williams.

The musical contains two acts. In total, the show runs for roughly two and a half. Oliver! was adapted the Dickens novel in 1960 by Lionel Bart. It contains a large ensemble cast primarily of children with several supporting roles for adults.

Oliver! has some very entertaining and lighthearted songs in it. For instance, the villain Fagin has his own number. In it, he debates if he should give up crime to become employed and get married. Another such example is the musical's opening number. In it, Oliver and the other boys at the orphanage sing about their dream of eating regular food instead of gruel.

Despite this, just as Charles Dickens original novel did. Oliver! deals with very mature themes. Chief among them is the perils of London's working class. The show is set in the 1820s. In London, most of the city's population resides

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in dirty and run down rooms in cramped buildings. These are unsafe and are also on the verge of collapsing and, in doing so, killing their occupants.

Another major theme is poverty. At the beginning of the musical, Oliver resides in a workhouse. This was a combination of orphanage and factory. Orphans as well as poor adults resided in them were they performed dangerous labor.

In London, Oliver is forced to survive on the streets. There he is taken in by a group of orphans. Their leader is an older boy called the Artful Dodger. They are a gang of pickpockets. Their employer Fagin, the villain, manipulates the boys and uses them to commit crimes and robberies across the city. As he is an orphan, Oliver believes his only options for survival are to either perform a dangerous job or become a criminal whose only prospect is a life of crime.



Tribute performances continue for the month of September at the Daytona Bandshell.

All performances begin at 7:15 PM. The Bandshell is located at 70 Boardwalk, Daytona Beach, 32118.

Tickets available online by going to the venue's website at www.daytonabandshell.com.

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Flagler Artists

Reflecting the master artist by Joseph Cogswell

Doreen Hardie is a local painter with a passion and love for reaching people. She started painting at a young age, working on landscape scenes in Jamaica. She never really received formal training; instead, she started taking a class with a retired professor who would one day become her mentor.

Over ten years, he taught her most of what she knows and influenced her work forever. Hardie didn't publicize her passion for art for a long time, going so far as to hide her pieces from others. In an interview with Palm Coast Magazine, she remarked, "No one at my job at the Jamaican Embassy in D.C. even knew about my passion." Her work remained hidden until she saw an ad for the First

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National Black Fine Art Show in New York.

Hardie related the story of her first attempt at joining an art gallery after taking the advice of a friend. They told her not to bury her talent, so she loaded up her gallery and drove to the show in New York. She was promptly turned down there because they did not allow artists to join the art show on the spot.



Eventually, however, she entered a show and was able to display her paintings. She sold many paintings at that show and started her career, selling in exhibitions in New York, Philadelphia, and Washington, DC. Her work eventually brought her to Florida, which reminded her of home. She's been here ever since.

Like her late mentor, Greek painter Antonis Karafyllakis, she considers herself a "semi-Impressionist." She uses her style to paint scenes of peace for her viewers. Her paintings speak the message of peace so well that she never really has to point it out. Routinely, her viewers tell her that her paintings seem to impart the message of peace directly to them. Hardie says, "I want to



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paint the peace that God paints on peoples' hearts."

Her faith in God inspires most of what she does. In a world of confusion and chaos, she believes that the only true peace can come from God, which is why she paints what she does. Hardie wants her paintings to be the doorway that leads others to the peace that Jesus Christ offers. She says, "Some people preach the Word, others write the Word, and others sing the Word, but God wants me to paint the Word."

In her eyes, God is the master artist, and He is the one who has guided her through every situation. He has given her every award, accolade, and opportunity. "Without Him," she says, "I would be nowhere!"

Her foundational scripture, which she prints on all her business cards, is Psalms 19:1. It reads, "The heavens tell of the glory of God. The skies display his marvelous craftsmanship." Hardie wants to remind



everyone, "There is a God!"

She currently has a display at the Ocean Center in Daytona Beach, which will be up for an entire year. She also wanted everyone to know about the Sea Spirits Gallery in St. Augustine, which has many of her pieces. She says, "They've been so kind to me, and I want to show them some love." For those interested, you can see more of her work at www.doreenhardie.com.

- Joseph Cogswell



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Events, Meetings, Classes, etc.

Events

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Palm Coast Farmer's Market September 3, 10, 17, 24 @12-4 PM

European Village, 101 Palm Harbor Pkwy, Vendors include sellers of seafood, meats, dairy products, nut butters, many varieties of crafts and a lot more every Sunday.

First Saturday Creative Bazaar Arts & Crafts Market

September 3, 1500 Central Avenue, Town Center. Produced by The Palm Coast Arts Foundation, this is a bazaar flea market feauring arts and crafts every first Saturday of the month. Located at **Book Club**

September 2, 10:30-11:30 AM, first Friday of the month,

Palm Coast Community Center, free. Do you love to read? Each month will have a designated genre. You select and read a book that falls within the monthly category. Book suggestions are available on our website if you need a little help. That month we will

The activities that we have listed here that are presented by the city's park and Recreation Department are only a fraction of the total activities that occur on a regular basis. There is a

truly impressive variety of activities, classes and other events that this department produces — their catalog is 38 pages. So go to https://www.palmcoast.gov/parks-and-recreation or scan the OR code to see a lot more.



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meet to share our impressions, reactions, and feelings. June: Reader's Choice. Go to www. parksandrec.fun/adults to sign up.

Italian American Club Bingo Mondays & Tuesdays, 45

Old Kings Road, doors open at 3 PM on Monday with free dinner served. Tuesdays, doors open at 10 AM and free lunch is served. Call 386-445-1893 for more information.

Palm Coast Arts Festival Saturday, Oct. 22, 11 AM-5 PM, Central Park at Town Center. The Palm Coast Arts Festival is an artist expo featuring art from around the area. Come on out and explore art created using different mediums by a variety of artists in our area. Paintings, carvings, sculptures and more will be showcased. Food and entertainment will also be there. Website:palmcoast.gov/events

Meetings

New Jersey Social Club

Wednesday, September 28, 1 PM, Palm Coast Community Center. Social club for former New Jersey residents with a monthly meeting on the fourth Wednesday of each month. For more information, contact membership chair Penni Knapp at 386-246-6904.

Activities

15th Annual Intracoastal Waterway Cleanup

Sept. 5-9: Wednesday-Friday, Supply Pick-Up, Saturday, Sept. 10: Cleanup Day, 8 AM-1 PM, Palm Coast Community Center. Volunteers can protect and enjoy nature by cleaning up the city walkways and

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The Jersey Tenors Nov. 18, 2022 - 7 PM



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Rumours A Fleetwood Mac Tribute Feb. 3, 2023 - 7 PM



The Beat Goes On Cher Tirbute Mar. 7, 2023 - 7 PM



The Celtic Angels Christmas Nov. 25, 2022 - 7 PM



The Sounds of Soul Jan. 15, 2023 - 7 PM



Ted Torres Martin as Elvis Feb. 14, 2023 - 7 PM



Swingtime The Jive Aces Mar. 12, 2023 - 7 PM

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One Night of Queen Nov. 30, 2022 - 7 PM



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The Modern Gentlemen Feb. 24, 2023 - 7 PM



The New York Bee Gees Mar. 21, 2023- 7 PM



Steve Solomon Dec. 8, 2022 - 7 PM



The World of Musicals Jan. 25, 2023 - 7 PM



The Hit Men Feb. 26, 2023 - 7 PM



Rocky and the Rollers Apr. 15, 2023 - 7 PM





Sleeping Beauty Home for the Holidays The National Ballet of Ukraine Jan. 4, 2023 - 7 PM



Bachelors of Broadway Jan. 29, 2023 - 7 PM



Hotel California A Salute to the Eagles Mar. 1, 2023 - 7 PM



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waterways. Pre-registration includes a t-shirt, bag, water bottle, and cleanup supplies. Supplies can be picked up at the Community Center from Aug. 30-Sept. 3. We'll meet at the Community Center on Sept. 4 for Cleanup Day. Join us after for a fun awards ceremony where we'll see what everyone found! Snacks are provided. Register: parksandrec.fun/events

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Embroidery UFO Stitch-A-Long Sept 6, 7, 8, Cut Up & Sew, 160 Cypress Edge Pkwy (City Marketplace) Do you have a project that is languishing in a project box just waiting for some quality stitching time? Give new life to your UFO and feel the satisfaction of an empty project box. Is there a new embroidery project that you have been thinking about trying? Do you want to get a jump start on holiday presents? Join us on Tues/Wed/ Thurs, September 6,7, and 8 during shop hours (10 to 4:00). There will not be any planned instruction or agenda, but we can cheerfully lend a helping hand and friendly advice to each other. You will set up your machine the first day and leave it ready for the three next days. Fee: \$30. **Embroidery Club - The Kim**berbell Exclusives: Aug 18th Come join our new Embroidery Club. For the first six classes we will be using the new Kimberbell digital dealer exclusive designs for July through December 2022. These designs are ONLY available to authorized dealers. If you are interested in growing your embroidery knowledge but have not had a basic class on how to use your machine, PLEASE reach out so we can set up a 1-on-1 class. We want you to feel comfortable using your machine before the first



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Ringo Starr and his All-Starr Band are coming to the St. Augustine Amphitheather on September 15. Joining Ringo will be Edgar Winter, Colin Hay, Hamish Stuart, Warren Ham, Greg Bissonnette, Greg Rolie and Steve Luthaker.

day of class :) The class fee includes designs, fabric, embellishments and education. Fee: \$30.

Sewing Studio: Every Monday

(10:30 - 4:30) This is a day for you to work on all those projects you haven't had time to finish up! Come in and have fun working and sharing YOUR work, knowledge and talent with each other. We love to see what you can do! We have people here to help you with your projects and/or any struggles you may encounter. Sewing machine rentals are available but you must reserve one ahead of time. Fee: \$10

Intermediate Pickleball

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Wednesdays, Aug. 17-Dec. 29, 8-10:30 AM, Holland Park Tennis Courts Intermediate Pickleball is designed to improve your game against up-andcoming players. Building upon the skills learned in Beginner's Pickleball, this program is meant to be progressive and designed for more advanced players that are looking to improve their game. 18+ years, free. Register: parksandrec. fun/athletics

Adult Pickleball Tournaments Saturdays and Sundays, Oct. 15-16; Nov. 19-20, 8 AM-4 PM, Holland Park Tennis Courts The tournaments are played in a double-elimination style format and feature men's and women's doubles

and mixed doubles play. Players should be level 4.0 and

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under only. It will be played in a Round Robin style format for seeding on Saturday and then Sunday will be tournament-style play. 18+ years, \$40/person Register: parksandrec.fun/ athletics

Beginner's Pickleball

Tuesdays and Fridays, Aug. 16-Dec. 30, 8-10:30 AM, Holland Park Tennis Courts Do you want to learn how to play in a fun and friendly atmosphere? Try out our Beginner's Pickleball. A minimum of 4 pre-registered participants is required to provide an instructor. Please register early. Paddles, balls, and nets are available for use. 18+ years, free. Register: parksandrec.fun/athletics Ladder League Pickleball Thursdays, Sept. 8-Oct. 27, 8 AM-12 PM, Holland Park Tennis Courts Welcome to our new Pickleball Ladder League. In this format, players at 2.5-3.5 play levels can compete against players with similar skill levels each week. For 8 weeks players will be placed in groups of 4 in the order of their ranking on the ladder for match play. 18+ years, \$5/ person. Register: parksandrec. fun/athletics

Open Gym Volleyball

Mondays & Wednesdays Session 1: Aug. 15-Oct. 12 Session 2: Oct. 17-Dec. 21, 7-9:30 PM, Indian Trails Middle School, Bring your friends or meet new ones in this co-ed

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volleyball program. New teams are created weekly. We use two nets, with teams rotating in and out of play. One net is for competitive style play and the second net is for recreational style play. 18+years, \$30/session or \$ 3/drop-in Register: parksandrec.fun/ athletics

Open Gym Basketball Tuesdays & Thursdays Session 1: Aug. 16-Oct. 13 Session 2: Oct. 18-Dec. 22. 7-9:30 PM, Indian Trails Middle School, Play some hoops with your friends or meet new people. This adult co-ed basketball program is a non-competitive, recreation program. 18+ years, Fee: \$30/session or \$3/drop-in. Register: parksandrec.fun/athletics Golf

Palm Harbor Golf Club Annual Passholder Discount Card Nov. 28, 2022-Jan. 1, 2023, **Palm Harbor Golf Club** The Palm Harbor Golf Club Annual Pass Holder discount card "Early Bird" sale starts November 28, 2022. Enjoy the extra benefits of the Annual Passholder card early bird sale and receive a complimentary 18-hole round of golf, range tokens, advanced reservation privileges, and much more! Card benefits begin Jan 1, 2023. Fee: \$175 Register: Please visit the Palm Harbor Golf Club Palm Coast Historical Society Nine & Dine Outing Monday, October 17, 3:30-5:30 PM Golf, 5:30-7:30 PM Dinner, Palm Harbor Golf Club Do you know the historical significance of the Palm Harbor Golf Club? One of the first properties developed in Palm Coast, Palm Harbor was designed to attract residents and

other developers. The outing

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includes nine holes of golf and a meal afterward at the Green Lion Cafe. Proceeds benefit the Palm Coast Historical Society, 16+ years, \$50/golfer. Register: palmcoasthistory.org

Live Happenings

Concerts

St. Augustine Amphitheater, 1340C, A1A S., St. Augustine, 904-209-3746. Sept 4 — Dispatch & O.A.R. Sept 9 — Matisyahu **Sept 10** — Billy Currington with special guests Noah Guthrie and Matt Koziol Sept 15 — Ringo Starr and His All Starr Band Sept 18 — Conan Gray Sept 19 — Jack White The Supply Chain Issues Tour with special guest Cat Power Sept 27 — Earth, Wind & Fire **Oct 6** — The War On Drugs **Davtona Bandshell**

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Elton John Tribute September 23 — Nuthin' Fancy, Lynyrd Skynyrd Tribute September 24 — Wall Of Echoes, Pink Floyd Tribute **European Village Live Music** Fri, 2nd — Mike & Vin 6-10 Sat, 3rd - Ian Opalinski 7-10 Fri, 9th — Ataraxis Duo 7-10:30 Sat, 10th — Resting Beach Face 7-10 Fri, 16th — Clayton Sturgeon 7-10 Sat, 17th – Shaker Jones duo 6:30-10:30

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Danielle at 386-843-0443 for more information.

Boss Ladies Of Flagler County September 20, 5-7 PM,

Oceanside Beach Bar & Grill, Flagler Beach. Networking event. See their Facebook page for more information.

Coffee And Contacts Network September 16, 8 AM,

Lohman's Funeral Home, Palm Coast. Monthly networking group. Call Vanessa Cole at 904-417-8419 for more information.

Leads Into The Future

September 6, 13, 20, 27 @ 9 AM, Carrabba's Italian Grill, Weekly networking meeting of local business owners. See www.facebook.com/groups/ leadsintothefuture for more information.

To have your group's activities listed in this section, send an email to palmcoastmagazine@gmail.com

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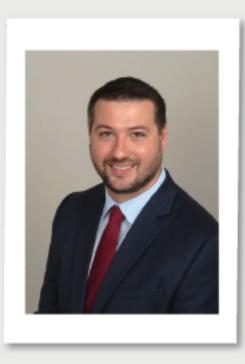
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