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As summer envelops our fine beach town, there is no shortage of people, places and things to enjoy on 30-A. Within the pages that follow, we invite you to keep abreast of the excitement.

Whether it's an afternoon or evening of family fun at an old fashioned arcade (Attycat's), a beautiful meal at one of the area's famous seafood establishments, or a stroll to look at the local's finest artwork, this issue is sure to provide all these details and more.

The history and character of South Walton beach is one woven with interesting stories. At Thirty-A Review, we pride ourselves on continuing to tell these stories and celebrating the living legacy that makes 30-A and the surrounding area so special and noteworthy.

Until next issue, we wish you a lovely summer holiday and hope that the summer brings you new stories to tell as well.

Cheers, Miles K. Neimar

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Lauren Skowlund, Chris Skowlund, Melissa Skowlund and Kara Skowlund at the grand opening of the new Summer House Lifestyle location in Watersound Town Center.

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Theatre and Events in July and August



SEASIDE MONDAYS

Children's Theatre

An enchanting fairy tale brought to life by The REP Theatre! Step into the magical storybook world of Rumpelstiltskin where young Biddy, a humble peasant girl, must spin straw into gold. There is only one problem. Biddy has no magical powers! In a desperate race against time, Biddy forms an unlikely alliance with the mischievous trickster Rumpelstiltskin, who promises to help—if she can solve his mysterious riddle. This captivating twist on a beloved classic is packed with adventure and humor. A complimentary event made possible by the Merchants of Seaside. 6:30-7:30 p.m. Central Square.

TUESDAYS

Huck & Lilly

Join Huck & Lilly for a fun-filled evening of characters and music for kids and the grown-ups who love them! 5 p.m. in the Seaside Amphitheater, weather permitting. Central Square.

Kids Improv Bootcamp

Level up with Kids Improv Bootcamp! The REP not only performs and shares stories, but also shares the craft of storytelling and theatre arts with local and visiting students ages 5-12. In the popular Improv Bootcamp workshops, students jump into action by learning all the basics of improv comedy and performance with unique challenges, teamwork exercises and interactive theatre games. At the end of each week, improv students advance to the next stage in the Friday Friends and Finale showcase, where they show off their new and improved skills. 2-3:30 p.m. 216 Quincy Circle. Advanced registration is required. Tickets: \$25 and \$20 for **REP** Members

WEDNESDAYS

Live music with DJ30A

Enjoy an evening of music with DJ30A in the Seaside Amphitheater from 6 - 8 p.m. This complimentary music session invites you to relax and enjoy the music.

THURSDAYS

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FRIDAYS

Central Square Cinema

(starting July 11) Grab your blankets and chairs and head to the Seaside Amphitheater for a family movie under the stars. The movie begins at 8 p.m., weather permitting.

SPECIAL EVENTS

July 4 celebration, block party and concert July 4

The annual Independence Day Celebration in Seaside has fun taking place throughout the day! The block party is held from 9 a.m. -12 p.m. with The Rep Performance in front of the Post Office at 9 a.m., Emerald Coast Theater Company Musical Performance at 10 a.m., bike decorating contest at 11 a.m., a hot dog eating contest at 11:30 a.m., Sinofa Gulf Coast Pops concert at 7 p.m. and fireworks on the Gulf at 8:30 p.m.

Labor Day Weekend Concert Aug. 31

Details to come! 6-8:30 p.m. at Central Square.

ROSEMARY BEACH TUESDAYS

The Enchanted Carnival of Magic

Step right up! Come one, come all to Pittman Production's 2025 Enchanted Carnival of Magic! Share a whimsical evening of pure imagination with International Award-Winning, husband-and-wife magical variety duo, Julian and Melody Pittman. The Enchanted Carnival of Magic is where the impossible and the absurd collide - and nothing is ever quite what it seems! 7 p.m., St. Augustine Green/ Owners Pavilion.

WEDNESDAYS

Snow White

Enjoy another well-loved classic fairytale brought to life by The REP Theatre. Join Snow White on her thrilling adventure through the enchanted forest as she escapes the clutches of the Evil Queen. Along the way, she befriends seven lovable dwarfs and discovers the true meaning of friendship and kindness. This enchanting version of the classic Brothers Grimm fairytale features a heartwarming story, unforgettable characters, and many laughs. 6:30 p.m., St. Augustine Green/Owners Pavilion



THURSDAYS

Moonlight & Movies and Face Painting

Bring the family for a wholesome and fun movie night under the stars! Blankets and lawn chairs are welcome! Come early and get your face painted. Enjoy popcorn and the best hot dogs on the beach from Dog Man Du. Face painting starts at 5 p.m., movie at 8 p.m. on Eastern Green.

FRIDAYS

Trucker Hat Bar

Join us for some crafty fun on the green! Create your very own custom trucker hat to commemorate your trip to the beach. This event is for children and teens only. Hats are limited to 150 each week. 9 a.m. – 12 p.m., East Long Green

SPECIAL EVENTS

Fireworks!

Join us for a star-spangled celebration, with fireworks from the Western green! 9. p.m.

July 4th bike parade and block party

July 4

Start bright and early with a bike decorating contest and breakfast at 7:30 a.m. followed by the bike parade at 8:30 a.m. and a block party from 8:30 -10:30 a.m., where the winners of the bike decorating contest will be announced. Special sweet treats will be available from Kona Ice as well as face painting, airbrush tattoos, balloons, colored hair spray and more.

Labor Day Weekend Concert

Aug. 30

Featuring Rumours ATL: A Fleetwood Mac Tribute. 7 p.m., St. Augustine Green

ALYS BEACH

Wine + Song at NEAT

Enjoy an evening of wine tastings and live music. 6 p.m.

SPECIAL EVENTS

July 4 celebration

July 4 Start out the day with a donut eating contest, sponsored by Charlie's Donuts at the Alys Beach Amphitheatre at 9 a.m. Then enjoy a Fourth of July concert with Bay Kings Band and fireworks Show Presented by the Merchants of Alys Beach from 6-9 p.m. at the Alys Beach Amphitheatre.

Back to School event

August 6

Enjoy a back to school event with The Story of Us, a Taylor Swift Tribute Band, Presented by the Merchants of Alys Beach from 5-7 p.m. at the Alys Beach Amphitheatre

Labor Day Concert

Aug. 31 The Labor Day Red, White, and Blues Concert will feature Blue Mountain Blues, presented by the Merchants of Alys Beach. Alys Beach Amphitheatre, 6-8 p.m.

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local dining

Bubbles and sweets Cava & Cakes combines two indulgences at Gulf Place by Tess Farmer

ust steps from the white sand beaches and turquoise waters of Scenic Highway 30-A, a new kind of Celebration is taking root—one that combines the joy of freshly-baked sweets with the effervescent charm of sparkling wine.

Cava & Cakes, a boutique dessert and coffee shop premium ingredients and thoughtful founded in 2022, has quickly become a beloved stop, offering cupcakes, custom cakes, croissants, coffee-and of course,

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Jillian Raines to

of travel.

Owners Will and Alison

and

Cupcakes are the star of the sweet treat menu



Find creative baked treats at Cava & Cakes

"Will has always loved Cava, I've always loved cupcakes and Jillian's baking is something really special," said Alison Nazarowski.

"After a trip to Spain, we were inspired to bring the Florida-based roaster that supports flavors and feel of that experience back home-to create a manatee conservation efforts. place that feels festive, indulgent and joyful," she added.

Their vision has clearly resonated. Within a year of the experience here," said Alison. opening, Cava & Cakes expanded into a larger kitchen space in Gulf Place to keep up with demand.

Located on Spires Lane, a buzzing corner of the emerging Manatee Coffee is not only delicious, but it supports a cause Gulf Place food scene, the new shop offers room to grow we love."

both their bakery operation and their presence as a celebratory destination on the west end of 30-A.

Cava, the Spanish sparkling wine made using the same method as Champagne, is central to the concept. Its crisp, fruity flavors and delicate bubbles make it a natural partner to sweets-and a memorable way to mark a moment. Whether you're toasting a milestone, wrapping up a vacation, or treating yourself after a sun-soaked beach day, Cava adds that special touch.

"Cava is fun, festive and pairs beautifully with our desserts," said Nazarowski. "We wanted to create a place where people could celebrate the big moments-or the

little ones-with something indulgent and memorable." The bakery menu reflects that

ethos. Jillian's cupcakes are the star of the show, crafted fresh daily with flavor pairings. The six house cupcake flavors-Wedding Cake, perfectly curated Chocolate Wedding Cake, Birthday Cake, Cookies & Cream, Peanut Butter Cup and Chocolate Lovers-The idea offer something for everyone, while seasonal flavors rotate throughout the year to reflect local ingredients, tastes and celebrations.

In addition to cupcakes, the shop features a growing menu of baked goods, including buttery croissants and muffins, all made in-house.

For coffee lovers, Cava & turn a dream Cakes proudly serves a full coffee bar menu featuring espresso, iced lattes, cold brew and house drip coffee-all made with beans from Manatee Coffee Company, a

> "The coffee is a huge part of "We wanted everything we serve to have heart and purpose, and

But Cava & Cakes isn't just about daily indulgences-it's quickly become a go-to destination for custom celebration cakes. Jillian's artistry and attention to detail have made her a sought-after cake designer for birthdays, weddings, anniversaries and gender reveal parties. With a growing number of custom orders, the new Gulf Place kitchen has allowed the team to expand their offerings and better serve clients throughout 30-A and beyond.

"There was a real need on this side of 30-A for custom cakes and special treats," said Raines. "We're honored to help families celebrate the moments that matter most."

The charm of Cava & Cakes lies not only in the quality of its offerings, but in its atmosphere—bright, welcoming, and made



Six house cupcake flavors plus seasonal rotating flavors offer something for everyone

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> for memory-making. Whether you're sipping a cold brew on the patio, ordering a cake for a milestone celebration or clinking glasses of bubbly with friends, it's a place that captures the essence of joy at the beach.

"We are honored to play a small part in making memories together here in one of the most beautiful beaches in America," said Nazarowski. "It means so much to us when people choose Cava & Cakes to help celebrate their special moments."

With its sparkling spirit, coastal charm and irresistible treats, Cava & Cakes is redefining how we celebrate-one cupcake and one glass of bubbly at a time.

Cava & Cakes

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local dining

Fresh seafood, family tradition and coastal nostalgia Capt. Anderson's Restaurant has served the community for more than 65 years

or more than six decades, Capt. Anderson's in Panama City Beach has stood as a landmark for fresh seafood, family tradition, and coastal nostalgia. Since opening in 1958, the restaurant has been a beloved staple, drawing generations of families to enjoy the finest Gulf Coast seafood while soaking in the sights and sounds of the bustling docks at Grand Lagoon.

The Patronis family, with their Greek roots and strong ties to the community, have been the heartbeat of Capt. Anderson's, making it a destination not just for its delicious food, but for its deep commitment to preserving the coastal ecology of the area.

Since opening in 1958, the restaurant has been a beloved staple, drawing generations of families to enjoy the finest Gulf Coast seafood while soaking in the sights and sounds of the bustling docks at Grand Lagoon.

Working hand-in-hand with fishermen and others who make their living harvesting the Gulf and Bay waters, the family has maintained a steadfast dedication to protecting the natural bounty of the region. This philosophy has been woven into the very fabric of Capt. Anderson's, making it a place where fresh, local seafood isn't just a menu feature, but a core principle.

It is this legacy of sustainability and dedication to fresh ingredients that has set Capt. Anderson's apart. Known for serving more fresh, local seafood than any other restaurant in Florida, the restaurant has earned the praise of national publications and the loyalty of its customers, many of whom return year after year.

"The sight of the fishing fleet unloading their catch just outside the restaurant is one of the many ways we continue to connect diners to the rich history and tradition of the Gulf Coast," said Anna Patronis Moon, granddaughter to one of the original Patronis founders.

As one of the largest seafood restaurants in Florida, Capt. Anderson's has grown over the years to accommodate up to 725 guests, with the restaurant serving over 250,000 diners six nights a week during its 11-month season.

"The dishes are an ode to the region, with charcoalbroiled red snapper, grouper and steaks taking center stage,



The seafood platter at Capt. Anderson's includes a stuffed deviled crab, scallops, golden friend shrimp, fresh fish and the option to add broiled Florida lobster. along with fried crab fingers, grilled Bay shrimp and a range of homemade breads, desserts and our famous Greek salad," added Patronis Moon.

For the Patronis family, the restaurant's menu is a reflection of their Greek heritage, with flavors that span generations and cultures, bringing together family traditions and fresh, local ingredients.

The family's hands-on approach to the restaurant's success is something to behold. For nearly five decades, founders Jimmy and Johnny Patronis took alternating shifts to ensure Capt. Anderson's ran smoothly. One brother worked the day shift, while the other worked the night shift, switching roles the next day.



The dining room, which can accommodate large parties and families, overlooks the docks.

The tireless commitment to their work and the restaurant's customers created a standard of excellence that continues today, as the next generation of Patronis family members steps in to continue the tradition.

Their dedication has become a model for the staff, many of whom have been with Capt. Anderson's for over 25 years. It is this consistency and loyalty that has helped make Capt. Anderson's not just a restaurant, but a Gulf Coast institution. Capt. Anderson's commitment to their guests has not gone unnoticed. Over the years, it has garnered numerous accolades, including being named one of America's Top 50 Restaurants, winning the "Best Seafood Restaurant" award from Southern Living and receiving Wine Spectator's "Award of Excellence."

For 15 consecutive years, Capt. Anderson's also claimed Florida Trend's Golden Spoon Award before being inducted into the Florida Restaurant Hall of Fame in 2005—an honor reserved for only the most distinguished eateries in the state.



The classic dish surf-and-turf at Capt. Anderson's

Patronis Moon is also the resident sommelier and is on hand to help guide guests through the wine list, ensuring the perfect pairing for every dish.

"Whether you're savoring a perfectly grilled piece of red snapper or indulging in a decadent dessert, the wine list is sure to elevate the dining experience," added Patronis Moon. "We source wines from all over the world to bring a unique experience to our diners here."

Beyond the accolades and the famous dishes, what truly makes Capt. Anderson's special is the atmosphere. Located on the Grand Lagoon, the restaurant offers breathtaking views of the docks where the fishing fleet unloads its daily catch. Guests can sit back and take in the sights and sounds of the water while enjoying a meal that connects them to the heart of the Gulf Coast.

Whether dining in or ordering online ordering for carry-out, in every bite, there's a piece of history, a taste of the Gulf and a family legacy.

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Shelf Life

John-Mark Gleadow's art touches on emotional connections of literary classics BY JESSICA HOLTHAUS BADOUR

pehind the hyperrealism of the oil paintings John- are always painted on a panel, then photographed and Mark Gleadow constructs is a vision technical precision with storytelling. The heart of Mark Gleadow constructs is a vision blending these stories often centers on other media: books, music, movies and television series.

Gleadow's now-iconic Bibliotheque Series renders "shelves" of vividlypainted book spines, arranged by theme, personal connection or commission. For nearly two decades, this work has brought him widespread recognition, not only for its masterful execution, but for its emotional resonance.

"I was trying to make the portraiture more interesting," he recalls about starting the works that would become the Bibliotheque Series. "The book spines were just a creative way to do that. It gained popularity quickly."

The Delaware native did not set out to become an artist. majored in mechanical engineering.

He loved the design aspect of engineering, then took an intro to painting course and found himself painting on weekends. A prize in an undergraduate art show, and encouragement from his father, nudged him in a new direction.

"My parents were very supportive," he says. "I started out doing the starving artist thing for a while, submitting inception, a natural continuation of a long-standing work all over God's creation.

By the time he received his BFA in Painting in 1999, Gleadow sold his first work and was represented by a gallery conceptually rich artists we've had the honor to represent,"

in D.C. Early paintings focused on stills and portraits. Since then, he's created more than 40 major works in the series, each taking roughly six months to complete.

He is often questioned about how he achieves such details using "only" oil paints.

Some think there must be 'cheating' involved, digital or otherwise. I do use a straightedge ruler, but beyond that, it's three weeks of graphite drawings, very thinly done, before I paint. – John-Mark Gleadow

"Some think there must be 'cheating' involved, digital or otherwise. I do use a straightedge ruler, but beyond that, it's three weeks of graphite drawings, very thinly done, before I paint," he explains. "The drawing is no longer visible after the layers of paint are completed. My originals

printed on canvas as limited editions."

While Gleadow's pieces are collected across the U.S. and abroad, he has a special connection to Florida's 30-A.

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"Creation" oil on panel. 24"x 48" available at Curate30c

Following a congressional nomination to West Point, he son and daughter are always trying to get us to move here full time," he said.

> Despite his success, Gleadow remains grounded: "We always tell the kids, 'This is not normal or typical.' I get called a genius at a show, and then come home and take out the trash," he quips. "This is just dad."

> Curate30a Gallery has represented his work since its relationship with gallery owner Gary Handler.

> "John-Mark is one of the most technically gifted and

Handler says. "His work resonates deeply with our collectors-not just because of its visual brilliance, but because of the stories it tells. That emotional connection is what art is all about, and John-Mark delivers it time and again."

Gleadow notes his music pieces in particular seem to resonate with 30-A'ers.

"The music pieces seem to transport people," he says. "It takes you back to a different place, and for each person, that's a unique journey."

Indeed, music plays a big role in Gleadow's life and work. His Bibliotheque paintings often feature iconic

albums and musicians alongside literary classics. He's taken on commissions as varied as a French collector's homage to comic book heroes and family pieces, where each member selects their favorite titles to include.

For this summer's show at Curate30a, Gleadow plans to unveil a Florida-centric piece, "Creation," along with a surprise created specifically for the region.

"I think these will resonate with the audience here," he says. "It's a thoughtful community, and the kind of people who connect deeply with the work."

That connection is made even more impressive by the fact that Gleadow is colorblind, a fact that often surprises collectors when they see his bold palette.

"I think my colorblindness pushes me to use more saturated colors so I can differentiate them," he explains. "I keep the colors in the same place on my palette and sometimes my family helps describe a shade so I can 'see' it with them."

Now based in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia with "We spend a few months in Florida each year, and my his wife, teenage son and daughter, Gleadow works from his "man cave" studio in the mountains.

Looking ahead, he's exploring new formats of single-

book paintings, allowing collectors to build a custom "bookshelf" over time. He continues to push himself with larger, more numerous portraits in his works, too. For aspiring artists, he advises, "Go with

vour heart and vour vision," distinguishing yourself by representing the world as you see it. John-Mark Gleadow and his wife, Susan. "You really need to

follow with your gut on most things in life and artwork should be no different."

RTIST SHOW

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A Design Experience Summer House Lifestyle opens new, larger interior design studio and lifestyle boutique

fter 12 successful years in Uptown Grayton Beach, Summer House Lifestyle has officially opened the doors to its stunning new location in Watersound Town Center. The expanded space is more than just a move-it represents a bold step forward for the beloved interior design studio and lifestyle boutique founded in 2011 by designer Melissa Skowlund.

The new storefront, nestled in the heart of Watersound, spans an impressive 4,100 square feet, nearly doubling the brand's former retail space. With more parking, a thoughtfully-designed interior, and an attached design bar, the new location offers clients an elevated and personalized experience, whether they're browsing the boutique or collaborating one-on-one with a designer.

"We want to provide an experience

that is more than just a storefront, but a place that helps to create beauty large or small in the lives of our customers," said Skowlund. "Watersound is the perfect location for our existing clientele and offers them an all-in-one experience projects and partnering with a talented team of within the town center."

The decision to relocate was rooted in the desire to bring back the charm and inspiration of in-person shopping, something Skowlund feels has been missing in recent years.

"We have been shopping online for too long," she said. "Our customers desire more connection in their design process and also to restore the special ritual of a shopping day out with friends or family."

Those values are evident the moment visitors step through the door. The space is refined, serene and beautifully appointedreflecting the timeless elegance that has become synonymous with the Summer House Lifestyle brand.

woven textures and whimsical wallpapers, the boutique is curated to inspire. Each corner of the showroom is organized by room, creating immersive vignettes that allow guests to experience the way a finished space might look in belief has shaped every part of our company culture." their own home.

"Whether you are redesigning a single space or furnishing an entire home, our boutique offers an immersive, room-by-room experience that helps you see all possibilities," said Skowlund.

by Tess Farmer

The newly-introduced design bar is a standout feature of the Watersound location. It's here that clients can work directly with the Summer House Lifestyle design team to explore finishes, textiles and furnishings in a collaborative, creative setting.

Skowlund's design talents have taken her beyond her home and the beaches of South Walton. The Summer House Lifestyle portfolio spans the nation, with projects that include Gulf-front homes along 30-A, a 400-acre horse farm in Nashville, a sleek ski retreat in Park City and a waterfront estate in Greenwich, Connecticut, The

team has also worked on commercial interiors, including the iconic Fonville Press in Alys Beach.

Textiles, luxe fabrics and more await shoppers at Summer

House Lifestyle

"We've had the honor of working on some amazing subcontractors and local vendors who help make our clients' visions come to life," said Skowlund.

"Our team of designers is truly the heart of Summer

Summer House Lifestyle isn't just redefining home design along the Emerald Coast—it's reinventing the very experience of shopping and creating spaces with heart.

From white linen couches and natural stone accents to House Lifestyle," said Skowlund. "Each person brings their own unique talent and perspective, and together we've created something really special over the years. I've always believed that teamwork makes the dream work, and that

"The success and longevity of Summer House Lifestyle wouldn't be possible without the incredible dedication, creativity and collaboration of our team-they are the reason we continue to grow and inspire," she added.

In addition to interiors, the boutique offers a curated

collection of home décor, floral arrangements, fragrances, tabletop items and an ever-evolving assortment of clothing and accessories.

Shoppers can find pieces from beloved brands like Anna Beck Jewelry, Autumn Cashmere, Brochu Walker, Eberjey, Krewe Eyewear, Nation LTD and TWP Clothing. Newer additions to the boutique include Ann Mashburn and Karen Adams Designs, expanding the store's appeal to fashion-forward clientele.

Gift wrapping services, elegant merchandising and thoughtful details throughout the store further enhance the customer experience.

Skowlund's vision is clear: to create a welcoming, sophisticated space where beauty and function coexist-and where customers feel seen, inspired and cared for.

"We want to help clients achieve a level of sophistication and beauty that complements their personal taste without feeling as though they need to go over-the-top to do so, or adhere to industry trends that will quickly change," said Skowlund.



The boutique has added clothing and accessories that match the breezy coastal lifestyle

With its stylish new Watersound Town Center location, Summer House Lifestyle isn't just redefining home design along the Emerald Coast-it's reinventing the very experience of shopping and creating spaces with heart.

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Entertainment Destination Attycat's Arcade brings family fun to 30-A BY TESS FARMER



Chris and Jennifer Webb, owner's of Attycat's with their son Atticus.

or families visiting or living along Highway 30-A, entertainment options that cater to all ages—and don't require a drive to Destin or Panama City Creamery make it a sweet treat haven. Beach—have always been in high demand.

That's exactly what inspired Chris and Jennifer Webb to open Attycat's Arcade, a vibrant new hotspot in 30-A in Inlet Beach, where the fun of modern arcade games, classic treats and family bonding all come together under one roof.

Opened in 2024, Attycat's Arcade is a colorful, lively escape from the sun or the rain. Whether you're looking for something to do on a rainv afternoon, a "sunburn recovery day," or an evening of fun after dinner, the arcade is quickly becoming the go-to gathering place for families up and down 30-A.

"There was a need for indoor family activity along craft beers and seltzers gives grown-ups something to 30-A," said co-owner Chris Webb. "Families shouldn't have to drive to enjoy a little old-school arcade fun."

The arcade was designed with intention and heart. The retro look is from the creative mind of of ice cream or a cold beer, we want parents and David Digregorio from Central Idea Agency, a local graphic design company. The name Attycat's was a nickname given to the Webb's son Atticus as a boy, by the iconic long-time local soccer coach CD Harris. Atticus, who is now in college, still makes appearances at the arcade to lend a hand and help keep the gaming with games, prizes, available hot dog service from local 8 a.m. - 10 p.m. daily spirit alive.

"Going to arcades was a great pastime with our kids," said Chris other families create memories of their own here at Attycat's."

Inside, the atmosphere is pure fun. Neon lights glow, tickets whir from machines to digitally arrive on game cards and the walls echo with laughter and the sounds of arcade games being played by kids and grown-ups. From the classic "Down the Clown" to the latest video games, there's something for everyone, including games of skill, racing simulators, claw machines and

But Attycat's Arcade isn't just about the games—it's a full family destination.

nostalgic favorites such as skee-ball.

The space includes two iconic brands under one roof: The Great American Cookie Company and Marble Slab

After working up an appetite battling it out in a game of NBA Hoops, families can fuel up with a freshcream sandwiches.

And for the adults? A well-curated selection of local small business owner worth it."

Going to arcades was a great pastime with our kids. Now, we're enjoying watching other families create memories of their own here at Attycat's. - Chris Webb, co-owner

enjoy while the kids play.

"It's the little things that make the experience great for the whole family," said Webb. "Whether it's a scoop grandparents to enjoy themselves too."

The Webbs have created a space that goes beyond entertainment—it's a place to celebrate. Attycat's Arcade offers private event and birthday party hosting, complete **850-641-0100** favorite DogManDu, sweet treats and personalized

touches. With the arcade's energetic environment and the irresistible combo of cookies and ice cream, it's no Webb. "Now, we're enjoying watching surprise that party bookings are already growing.



One of the most charming and unique traditions at Attycat's Arcade is the "ice cream toss"-a fun, spontaneous challenge for guests willing to catch a flying scoop of ice cream flung across the room. It's just one of the many whimsical ways the arcade creates joy and encourages laughter.

"It seems we're in the business of providing smiles, baked cookie, ice cream cones, sundaes or custom ice and we wouldn't have it any other way," Webb said with a laugh. "It makes the everyday challenges of being a

> As small business owners rooted in the community, the Webbs understand the importance of building a place that brings people together. The blend of family values, nostalgic fun and community is what makes Attycat's Arcade more than just another entertainment stop-it's an experience, a memory-maker and a welcome addition to the area.

"There's something timeless about arcades," added Webb. "We loved them as kids and as parents, and now we get to share that same joy with our community. At the end of the day, we just love seeing families with smiles on their faces."

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Join the LadyGang Popular podcast team creates LadyWorld music and entertainment weekend at the beach BY TAYLOR SHEEKLEY PETRICK

The popular LadyGang podcast, hosted by Keltie Knight, Becca Tobin and Jac Vanek, have partnered with Topeka, innovators of the boutique music vacation weekend, to create LadyWorld presented by conclude with a live performance from five-piece pop e.l.f. Cosmetics.

Featuring a lineup of most listened-to podcasters, comedians, iconic musicians, curated activations and much more, the three-day destination retreat will take place at Seascape Resort from September 26-28.

LadyWorld is a revolutionary entertainment experience that blends the best of podcasting, music and reality television into one immersive destination festival.

Whether you're a podcast aficionado, a music enthusiast or a die-hard reality TV fan, LadyWorld offers a unique, destination retreat where attendees can experience their favorite creators, performers, and personalities like never before.

LadyWorld is more than an event, it's a world of exclusive content, live experiences and endless 28 with more pregame activities kicking off at 3 p.m. entertainment, all centered around female-driven followed by a performance from stand-up comedian, creativity and empowerment.

pickleball and beach yoga,

to gifting suites and horoscope readings.

Evenings are set with live podcast recordings, comedy, music performances, bonfires, silent disco parties and more with the biggest names in pop culture including comedian and Giggly Squad co-host Hannah Berner, Dancing with the Stars champion

Kaitlyn Bristowe, Vanderpump Villa's Stassi Schroeder the past decade," Knight said. and many others.

"After years of hustling, girl bossing, and trying to have it all-we're scheduling an official vacation," Knight said. "LadyWorld is your no-pressure playground: a weekend where the only thing on your to-do list is joy. Just sunshine, sisterhood, and seriously 21Seeds' celebrated award-winning tequila. good vibes. Think of it as a summer camp for your grown-up inner child."

To kick off the first evening of the event weekend on Friday, September 26, guests will gather at the Seascape venue when the doors open at 3 p.m. for a V-VIP Cocktail Hour. Attendees will then take their seats to enjoy a lineup of live shows and podcasts from

The LadyGang, Ashley Hesseltine and Rayna Greenberg of the Girls Gotta Eat podcast, and reality star and author Stassi Schroeder. The night will rock band The Maine.

On Saturday, September 27, the doors will open again at 3 p.m. for various Pregame Activities before former Bachelorette and podcaster Rachel Lindsay and E! News host Justin Sylvester takes the stage.

Comedian and Giggly Squad co-host Hannah Berner will then take the stage for a hilarious set followed by live music from Mark McGrath of Sugar Ray, Chris Kirkpatrick of *NSYNC, O-Town, LFO and BBMak. Attendees are invited to a post-show, "Sip N Sing" Beachside Sing-along with podcaster and former Bachelorette Kaitlyn Bristowe, presented by Spade and Sparrows.

The weekend will culminate on Sunday, September actress, and writer, Gina Brillon. Ria and Fran from the Days are filled with different activities ranging from Chicks in the Office podcast will then take the stage

Featuring a lineup of most listened-

to podcasters, comedians, iconic

musicians, curated activations and

much more, the three-day destination

retreat will take place at Seascape

Resort from September 26-28.

before Kaitlyn Bristowe closes out the evening.

"We are thrilled to innovate and create the next big thing in podcasting by creating the ultimate ladies' retreat featuring a curated lineup of friends and performers we've grown alongside and been inspired by over

In honor of LadyWorld's celebration of music, empowerment and unapologetic fun, 21Seeds Infused Tequila has been named as the official cocktail partner

of the highly anticipated three-day event. Festival-goers can look forward to three signature cocktails made with

Weekend passes are available online at ladyworld. co. Various levels are available depending on whether guests are planning to attend as a "Solo Lady" or with a group of two-10 people. Based on group size, attendees will also have the option of purchasing a Cove, a reserved seating section at the venue where guests can enjoy live performances and have food, drinks and To learn more about Lady World, visit ladyworld.co.

merchandise delivered right to their seats.

Ticket holders will be granted access to a private Facebook group and monthly planning zooms where members get to interact with the LadyGang hosts and get personal help making their plans and meeting other attendees.



The Ladygang, left to right: Becca Tobin, Keltie Knight and Jac Vanek

Those planning to attend the three-day event will have the opportunity to reserve a condo or villa on property that is only a short walk away from the venue, beach and activities.







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Working Together to Protect Paradise Walton County takes big steps to be good stewards of the landscape BY THE WALTON COUNTY TOURISM DEPARTMENT

ith nearly 40 percent of the land preserved for conservation, Walton County is well known for its pristine, natural landscapes. Mindfulness of this beauty is even built into how local leaders maintain and promote the destination. Look no further than the county's motto: Pride. Preservation. Conservation.

In an effort to further protect our natural settings and the communities they surround, the Walton County Tourism Department recently announced the launch of Keep Walton County Beautiful.

KWCB serves as an official affiliate of Keep America Beautiful, the national nonprofit that inspires and educates people to improve their communities. Since 1953, KAB has envisioned a country in which every community is a clean, green and beautiful place to live.

The new KWCB affiliate is a registered nonprofit organization that is funded through the Walton



nlet Beach is a true beach lover's paradise. With the area's largest regional beach access, a beach chair, sunscreen, and a good book are all you really need to mix up the perfect recipe for relaxation. Photo Courtesy Walton County Tourism Departme

Heading up the day-to-day efforts of KWCB is Cecilia green business resources. Canut, a marketing specialist for the Tourism Department.

"This is such a huge opportunity for Walton County, being able to join forces with Keep America Beautiful," says Matt Algarin, Tourism Director. "Walton County is truly a special place. Through Keep Walton County

to businesses, corporations and estates.

KWCB will work to create a strong network that empowers us all through county-wide such nitiatives as beautification, litter prevention, waste reduction and recycling.

KWCB will lead coordinated efforts such as tree planting campaigns, beach and roadway cleanups, litter prevention campaigns and more. They also plan to create a more sustainable community through initiatives like ongoing education in local schools and

South Walton is home to more than 200 miles of hiking and biking trails, from paved pathways along Scenic Highway 30 to wooded paths surrounded by natural habitats. Photo provided/Perdue Photography LLC

Walton County is truly a special place. Through Keep Walton County Beautiful, all of us can help play an essential role in nurturing this stunning destination. -Matt Algarin, tourism director.

County Tourism Department. It is governed by a Keep Walton County Beautiful board that represents the general population.



With easy access to South Walton's rare coastal dune lakes and the Gulf of Mexico, Topsail Hill Preserve State Park is full of activities like kayaking and stand-up paddleboarding. Photo by Moon Creek Studios

Beautiful, all of us can help play an essential role in nurturing this stunning destination."

KWCB's mission is to engage locals and visitors alike to not just protect these local environments, but to enhance them as well. Everyone with an interest in this mission is encouraged to play an active part – from neighborhood associations and church or school groups



As the old saying goes, it takes a village. Over the

years, it has taken an incredible amount of work to keep

Walton County's natural beauty thriving. And now these

cumulative, ongoing efforts will allow us all to protect our

resources so that everyone can enjoy them for generations

to come.

WaterColor is home to one of South Walton's most picturesque coastal dune lakes, Western Lake. You can rent a kayak or stand up paddleboard (SUP) from the WaterColor Boathouse and spend your days paddling the lake, or hike and bike your way through Grayton Beach State Park and Point Washington State Forest. Photo by Visit South Walton.

Anyone looking to learn more or explore ways of getting involved is encouraged to visit KeepWaltonCountyBeautiful.org or call the Visitor Information Center at 1-800-822-6877. Sign up for the KWCB e-newsletter to receive information about events, future cleanups and resources. You can also follow KWCB on Instagram, Facebook and Twitter/X @KeepWCBeautiful for timely updates.





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When the grass isn't greener Lawn toxins: Are your kids and dogs at risk? BY DR. BART M. PRECOURT, D.C.

ost people now understand there's a strong connection between gut health and overall well-being. But have you ever considered the link between soil health and your environment? It's just as vital.

After 30 years in healthcare—and traveling the country teaching doctors how to heal the gut and restore the microbiome-I've come to realize something powerful: what we do to our soil, we do to ourselves. As a novice farmer, I've witnessed firsthand how the health of the soil mirrors the health of the gut. And sadly, both are under attack.

Want to protect your kids, your pets and the planet? Start with your own backyard.

Gut and soil: The root of it all

A thriving gut microbiome supports digestion, immunity and mental well-being. Similarly, healthy soil nourishes crops, supports biodiversity and helps detoxify the planet.

But when we drench our lawns with pesticides, herbicides, mosquito sprays and chemical fertilizers, we destroy these delicate microbial ecosystems. Even at so-called "safe" levels, repeated exposure creates a toxic burden that builds up over time.

In the body, this microbial imbalance can trigger autoimmune issues, anxiety and vulnerability to infection. In the soil, it's just as disruptive-fueling issues like toxic blue-green algae blooms in ponds, lakes and rivers. These blooms are often described as "toxic pea soup" and carry neurotoxins that affect both people and animals.

toxins can become airborne. Dogs, kids and adults alike can be exposed not just by swimming or touching contaminated water-but by breathing in aerosolized toxins on warm, breezy days.

Quick-fix culture, long-term damage

We've been conditioned to default to quick fixesantibiotics for every sniffle or Roundup for every weed-without pausing to consider the long-term cost.



Dr. Bart Precourt

exposure often goes unnoticed until it becomes And here's what's even more concerning: these something more serious. The cumulative toll, not the single exposure, is the real danger.

Toxins unleashed: glyphosate & antibiotics

Glyphosate-the active ingredient in Roundup-is a registered antibiotic, not just a weed killer. It wipes out not only unwanted plants, but also beneficial bacteria in the soil and the gut. The same goes for Seagrove Beach at Balance Health Studio. For more overused antibiotics in medicine.

I've seen this microbial destruction show up in But the damage from repeated low-level chemical humans as skin flare-ups, autoimmune disorders, drbart@drbartprecourt.com

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weight gain, mood swings and fatigue.

And in dogs? Chronic itching, gut

dysfunction, kidney and liver stress-

when glyphosate-soaked soil runs off

into water systems, it fuels those bluegreen algae blooms that can kill dogs

Picture your dog happily running through a lush lawn or lapping water from a nearby pond. It looks harmless-

but those green spaces are often saturated with lawn chemicals. These

toxins are absorbed through paws or ingested through grooming and

drinking, leading to gut microbiome damage, systemic inflammation, and

Kids and adults are also vulnerable.

Constant exposure to lawn sprays,

mosquito fogging and synthetic pesticides has been linked to increased rates of

autoimmune conditions, neurological

wake-up call. The doses may be "small,"

This isn't fear-mongering-it's a

symptoms and chronic inflammation.

Even when used in "acceptable" quantities, these chemicals stack up. And

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Mindful marriage Pre-marital estate planning BY KIMBERLY WATSON SEWELL AND FRANKLIN H. WATSON

hen contemplating marriage, remember that love may be blind, but it is wise to proceed with both eyes wide open. This wisdom is never truer than when that marriage will form a blended family. After all, both parties are blending their respective assets and, oftentimes, their respective children.

It is estimated that one in three remarriages end in divorce, especially when children are involved. So, how does a couple "unblend" their assets when things do not work out as planned? Further, if the remarriage stays intact when one spouse dies, what happens with the assets of the deceased spouse?

In light of these realities, the parties should consider negotiating and signing a premarital agreement that addresses these issues before saying "I do."

Once the premarital agreement is signed, it takes affect when the marriage is legal. The agreement should clarify asset ownership during the marriage, asset disposition upon divorce, spousal support and asset division upon death.

Once those details are covered, be mindful to ensure that the agreement will withstand future legal challenges. To help make the agreement bullet-proof, ensure that both parties:

- Provide full written disclosure of their assets and liabilities:
- Provide adequate time for negotiation and reflection well in advance of the wedding day;
- Ensure that the agreement is voluntary and not unconscionable (i.e., unfair);
- Ensure that each party understands the consequences of the agreement; and
- Ensure that each party has independent legal representation.

While, admittedly, not very "romantic," a premarital agreement can start the remarriage off on the right footing. Not only will both future spouses know what their future rights and responsibilities will be, but their children will know the rules of the road, too.

When it comes to assets, certain rights that attach only after the marriage is official need to be addressed. One common asset that requires careful attention is your retirement fund. If it is an ERISA retirement



fund, then your surviving spouse is automatically the primary beneficiary, even if your own children have been designated as your primary beneficiaries. Accordingly, your premarital agreement should address this and provide that your new spouse agrees to "waive" these ERISA rights after the wedding.

Another area of concern involves gifts or an inheritance received after the wedding. For example, if you will inherit the family business from your parents, then this needs to be addressed in your premarital agreement to insure that it will be your "separate property" when received.

Naturally, the estate plans of both parties will need to be created or revised after the wedding so that they are consistent with the agreed disposition of assets upon the death of one spouse or after the deaths of

both spouses. Thereafter, careful attention is required to ensure that all separate and marital assets are titled and designated to pass as planned.

If you are married already, consider a "postnuptial agreement" to address all of the "premarital agreement" matters.



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Crucial first movement The key to a perfect takeaway BY TOM FITZPATRICK

he takeaway is arguably the most critical part of a golf swing. Arnold Palmer emphasized just how important those first two feet of the swing are, noting that it sets the stage for everything that follows. A poor start to your swing will result in compensations throughout the swing, The handle should start back on an inside track while leading to a myriad of offline shots.

Many professional golfers understand this and often rehearse the takeaway before executing the shot. Notice them on TV—they take the club back for just a few feet before returning the club to address. They know that getting this first movement right is essential for maintaining control and accuracy.

Common takeaway mistakes among amateur golfers



A common fault is to whip the clubhead inside causing the hands to separate from the chest.

- include:
- Rolling the clubface open (or shut) •
- Whipping the club inside, causing the hands to move away from you
- Lifting the club up with no turn
- Turning the body too early, no arm speed

These lead to a lack of synchronized movement between the arms and body. It's frustrating if you do not know how to solve it. Understanding these mistakes helps to appreciate what a good takeaway should look like. Otherwise, you may get stuck in a rut of bad golf for many years of your golfing life.

The Key

A successful takeaway ensures that your hands move inwards while the club head moves outwards

This synchronicity between the body and the club is

vital. The body's core, particularly the belly button and obliques, should initiate the movement. This prevents the common error of using just the hands and arms, which can lead to a host of problems.

the club head moves on an outside track. It's called keeping the club head outside the hands. I like to feel the grip almost brush my right pant leg on the way back. It automatically sets the club head outside the handle.





Above: Drill - Push the grip back with the left hand only until it contacts the right arm Below: A gentle turn with your core helps initiate a proper backswing

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Likewise, I like to feel the grip almost brush the pant leg on the way down. That way I know the club will likely return to impact in that same position it held at address.

Medicine Ball Drill

Using a 6-pound medicine ball, golfers can feel the correct movement and connection between the core and the club. The takeaway is not just purely hands and arms, but involves the entire body. We first stumbled on this amazing exercise years ago while at Lake Nona. I have fond memories of tossing the ball back and forth with golf legend Seve Ballesteros. Try this in your driveway or gym. It is one of the best drills to build a rhythmic swing. Simply underhand toss the medicine ball to another person fifteen feet away.

StraightAway Training Aid

A popular new training aid is called the StraightAway, designed by David Leadbetter. This simple, effective training aid snaps onto the shaft and guides you into the correct takeaway position. The indicator will show you when your hands properly move inside and the club head stays outside. The StraightAway Swing Aid helps guide you to a proper start, setting the stage for straighter shots.

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