NBC Sports recently filmed segments of GOLF Advisor Round Trip in The Palm Beaches. The new lifestyle show features some of the best golfing destinations in the world paired with some of the best off-course experiences. With more than 160 courses in The Palm Beaches, programming like this is an excellent opportunity to elevate the wide variety of incredible golf assets in the County and highlight why The Palm Beaches has become known around the world as Florida’s Golf Capital.

Show host Kira Kazantsev, along with a production team of nearly 10 people, spent five days in The Palm Beaches filming a diverse amount of assets to create a 30-minute show. They explored some of the best holes at Osprey Point Golf Course in Boca Raton, The PGA National Resort & Spa in Palm Beach Gardens and The Palm Beach Par 3 in Palm Beach. Off the course, Kira experienced the excitement of water skiing at Shark Wake Park at Okeeheelee Park and explored the waterways near Jupiter Lighthouse while being guided by the team at The Jupiter Outdoor Center. There was also a visit at Gumbo Limbo to learn about turtle rehabilitation and a cooking lesson with an expert chef at Al Fresco, along with a quick, one-on-one lesson in polo courtesy of US Polo ASSN at the International Polo Club (IPC). They wrapped up an exciting day with the beautiful scenery of Delray Beach at The Sandbar Restaurant. The show is set to air in February 2020 on Golf Channel with at least three replays. Golf Channel is now available to nearly 500 million viewers in nine languages across more than 70 countries around the world. See more at golfadvisor.com/golf-advisor-round-trip.

New original programming as produced by local company Ko-Mar Productions recently aired on South Florida PBS. Dock & Dine was presented on WPBT2 and WXEL last month. The show features Chef Jason Pereira on his quest to discover the best dockside dining in The Palm Beaches including Guanabanas Island Restaurant and Bar, E.R. Bradley’s Saloon, Old Key Lime House, 1000 North, golf pro Rickie Fowler and much more!

As Chef Jason shared with his social media fans, “Let me get this straight…I get to drive a boat, meet talented chefs, and eat delicious food? Yeah, I think I can handle that!” The show features culinary treasures paired with picturesque waterfront views accessible by boat—all things The Palm Beaches do best! For more information visit ko-mar.com.

Bhawin Suchak and Ira McKinley with Social Change in Mind Productions (in collaboration with Youth FX) are in the final stages of production on a documentary titled Outta the Muck, which explores the town of Pahokee from the perspective of the Dean family.

The Dean’s have lived in Pahokee for generations, giving the story a perspective that spans the past, present and future. Ira has a special connection to the community as well, where he used to visit family members throughout his youth. After several years of collecting footage with the Pahokee High School football team, community members and more, the documentary has wrapped filming and will now undergo editing. “Once we have a completed film, we plan to showcase the documentary not only at festivals, on TV and streaming online, but we also plan to screen the film in historic black communities across the country,” said Bhawin. See more at itvs.org/films/outta-the-muck.
The Discovery Channel’s fast-paced, wildly popular series Street Outlaws: No Prep Kings recently burned rubber at the Palm Beach International Raceway. The show, which is now in its third season, filmed for two days in October with nearly 70 production crew members on site. Over 10,000 people packed the raceway stands to watch driver Kye Kelly of Team NOLA defeat his teammate Scott Taylor and take home a $40,000 cash prize. “It was an honor to host Street Outlaws – NPK at Palm Beach Int’l Raceway. It was a great experience for fans of the show who got to meet and watch their favorite racers from the Discovery Channel series compete right here in South Florida,” said Bobby Carville, GM of PBIR. Street Outlaws airs Monday nights on The Discovery Channel. For more information on the series, visit Go.Discovery.com.
For over a decade, Florida songwriter Danila Sigal has dedicated her life to the creation of music inspired by her personal journey with metastatic breast cancer. In October, Sigal launched her annual breast cancer awareness campaign with the release of her new single MI TREN (My Train), featuring Venezuelan singer Diamari Quilarque. “MI TREN is a call-to-action, in an upbeat, catchy Latin genre,” said Sigal, “inviting the listener to reflect upon whom or what they will allow on their own life-train.” In the music video for MI TREN, filmed on location at the Boca Raton Train Museum, Sigal adorns various headwear reflecting her current chemotherapy treatment. Sigal was selected by the Susan Komen Foundation as a “Faces of Warriors” Honoree, by using her own diagnosis and long health battle as a pillar to create her motivational musical repertoire.

Visit danilasigal.com for more.

Season two of South Florida PBS’ Kid Stew has received seven nominations for the 2019 Emmy® awards by the NATAS Suncoast regional chapter. All six episodes of the season are nominated in the category “Children/Youth/Teens” program, while cast member Luke Nappe is nominated in the “Talent – Performer/Narrator” category. Filmed locally, Kid Stew is the show “by kids, about kids and for kids” that makes education fun by encouraging children and pre-teens to learn in dynamic new ways. The series is the brainchild of best-selling author and Palm Beach resident James Patterson. “When we started Kid Stew the idea was to give kids the kind of television they want while sneaking in the educational tools they need,” said Patterson. “I’m so proud of what our team has accomplished.” The series is distributed nationally. See more at southfloridapbs.org/kid-stew.

A new course for the 2019 FITTEAM Ballpark of the Palm Beaches Marathon isn’t the only thing getting this year’s racers heart rate up. Ken Kennerly, President & CEO of K2 Sports Ventures, appeared on ABC25 WPBF News to discuss the fun and exciting differences that will make the marathon better than ever before. Along with more activity along the West Palm Beach waterfront, Ken shared, “we’re going to create an environment with music and more spectators.” The hope is to attract larger groups along the entire route instead of the usual congregation at the North and South sides. The FITTEAM Palm Beaches Marathon presented by Jupiter Medical Center consists of a Marathon, Half-Marathon, Marathon Relay, 10K, and 5K. Race weekend is December 6-8. Visit fitteampalmbeachesmarathon.com for more information.

When Spanish filmmaker Ignatius Corral and actress Angela Del Salto moved to Lake Worth Beach from Madrid, they came with an array of unique experiences in the production industry and the desire to let their creative spirit shine through a variety of artistic outlets. Their latest venture is on display at the Cultural Council of Palm Beach County, where Ignatius’ solo exhibition Mysteries of the Feminine is on display until November 9. Per the exhibit description, “The mystique unfolds through a build up of mixed media to create a three-dimensional work revealing multiple version of the female spirit.” Angela lent her skills as an actress to this exercise by incorporating a live performance on October 12, when spectators were invited to take part in the creation of art. See more at palmbeachculture.com.

18-year-old Palm Beach Gardens resident Alexa Ketchum has established a strong foundation for her acting career working on back-to-back projects ranging from TV series, to commercials, indie films and more. “My interest in acting began with my awe of watching other actresses enthral audiences. From watching the Disney Channel and Nickelodeon to Netflix and Hulu, I always wanted to evoke emotion in others as those actors evoked emotion in me,” she shared. Alexa stars in two local productions by Director Dominic Giannetti: Boca Witches and Social Path, collaborating with some of PBC’s best local cast and crew. In addition, she co-starred in Season 2, Episode 8 of The Purge, a TV series which will air on USA Network/Syfy Channel. “I enjoy exploring all sorts of opportunities in acting…I have even done a voiceover pilot packaged for Cartoon Network!” Alexa added. See her growing resume at imdb.com/name/nm9820208.
Nature makes a lovely backdrop and can be found all across the County, not only in manicured landscapes but in parcels of land with the purpose to preserve our natural resources.

Frenchman’s Forest Natural Area is a hidden gem in Palm Beach Gardens with many options for filming scenes in the woods or capturing lifestyle imagery. Slash pines and live oaks create a dense canopy on the eastern side of the area while the west side is less dense and much sunnier. The fern forest is a nice backdrop along with many forest-floor options from sand to grass and pine needles.

Peace and quiet can be found at Winding Waters Natural Area in West Palm Beach with 548 acres of hiking and paddling options designed to help people connect with nature. Fall colors are on display with golden brown fields of tall grasses with seed pods and tassels waving in the breeze. Colorful butterflies dance on the orange, red and yellow blossoms of the fire bush shrubs.

Just behind Boca Ratón’s Spanish River Library lies the entry into the 79 acres known as Pondhawk Natural Area and the Blue Lake Loop. The area offers a mix of paved and soft surfaces and is popular with runners and bikers for fitness. The wetland restoration has created a welcoming environment for birds and wildlife. A wide concrete path meanders around the lake and provides different backdrops.

The Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge is the County’s largest remnant of the Everglades encompassing 221 square miles of watery sawgrasses, lotus blossoms and cypress forests along with many species of wildlife, fish and birds. The massive area allows for big sky and sunset images to be captured without any structures to distract the viewer. For more information, please visit pbfilm.com/location-directory or discover.pbcgov.org/erm.

Boynton Beach resident and certified Florida/California educator Aimee Romano has spent the last several years building an impressive resume of serving as an on-set tutor. From various commercials, to Disney’s Moana, Pete’s Dragon, Sleeping Beauty (DVD Bonus Features), Netflix’s Bloodline Season 1 and more, she has made a name for herself throughout Florida as one of the top professionals in her field. “Working on set tutoring kids in the entertainment industry allows me to really help develop my students to their fullest potential while they are in between takes,” said Aimee. “These kids are truly professionals; not only are they responsible for their work but they also have lines to memorize and be focused on while working long days.”

Aimee was recently hired to work on the set of The Right Stuff, a new television series produced by Leonardo DiCaprio for National Geographic that centers on astronauts involved in the quest to be a part of Project Mercury. Filmed throughout Central Florida, the series is set to premiere in 2020. “Working on The Right Stuff has been nothing short of ‘out of this world’ the past few months,” Aimee shared. For more info, contact Aimee at aimcook@comcast.net.