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Solutions correspond to last week's puzzles.

WHAT'S THIS?



Do you know what this is?

Email your answer to jennifer@opcfla.com by Tuesday at 5 p.m.

All correct entries will be entered into a random drawing to win tickets for two adults and two children to the Jacksonville Zoo. In order to allow as many families as possible to win, participants are only eligible to win a ticket prize pack once every four months.

No one correctly identified last week's photo as Joe's Crab Shack. Let's see if this week's photo lands a winner.

Don't forget — incorrect but entertaining guesses might also be rewarded with a trip to the zoo.



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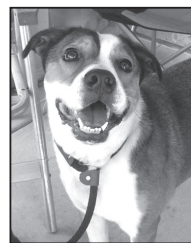
CAT OF THE WEEK

My name is Katie Kat and I'm a 4-year-old female kitty who is looking for a new home. I was given up by my family and left here at the pet center. I'm a sweetie who loves to snuggle and receive tons of love and attention! Come visit me at the pet center! #32519



DOG OF THE WEEK

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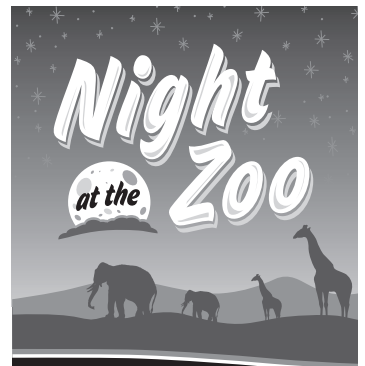
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FDOT installs new stoplight, pedestrian crosswalks near library

By Jennifer Logue

Library patrons should have an easier time accessing the Ponte Vedra Beach branch thanks to new traffic improvements underway on State Route A1A, state officials say.

A new left-turn stoplight and pedestrian crosswalks were being installed last week at the intersection of A1A North and Library Boulevard. The \$260,000 project through the state's Traffic Operations Program was expected to be completed sometime this week, and includes the installation of car detection cameras.

"The cameras are not there for ticket enforcement," stressed Debbie Delgado of the Florida Department of Transportation. "They're there just to detect when a car approaches in order to trigger the light."

In addition to the traffic signal improvements, FDOT has been implementing nighttime moving lane closures from 8 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. Monday through Friday on A1A between the Duval County line and Sawgrass Drive West in order to make raised pavement marking replacements.

Evacuation re-entry passes now available from county tax collector

Free evacuation re-entry passes are now available for local residents and businesses from the St. Johns County Tax Collector's office.

In the event of an evacuation of all barrier islands, only those with official re-entry passes will be allowed back after an evacuation.

"Residents and owners of businesses located east of any bridge in St. Johns County – especially those who have been in Florida less than 10 years – need to act now before the hurricane season picks up," St. Johns County Tax Collector Dennis Hollingsworth said.

The tags are designed to hang from the rearview mirror in a vehicle, allowing law enforcement personnel to easily identify who is permitted onto the island after an evacuation. Green tags are for residential owners, and orange tags are for business owners.

Residents may receive one green tag for each registered vehicle, while businesses may

receive two entry tags per business. The tags do not expire, so residents and business owners are encouraged to keep them in a secure place.

Re-entry passes are available at all locations of the St. Johns County Tax Collector during regular business hours. Residents should be prepared to show proof of residency – such as a driver's license or ID card, utility bill or vehicle registration – or a local business tax receipt.

For more information, visit www.sjctax.us, call (904) 209-2250, or stop by the office of the St. Johns County Tax Collector.

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Adventures old and new: Rotary Club sponsors youth exchange students, hears from Navy veteran

By Jennifer Logue

For members of the Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach, the June 16 meeting was an opportunity to say “Bon voyage!” to two teens embarking on new adventures and “Thank you” to a local veteran for a lifetime of adventures in the service of his country.

Ponte Vedra teens Hayden Hulihan, 15, and Carly Roberts, 17, will soon depart on 10-month foreign exchange experiences through the Rotary Youth Exchange. Hulihan, who recently completed his freshman year at Ponte Vedra High School, will leave Aug. 20 for Taiwan, where he is already looking forward to participating in community service projects with his host family.

“I’ll be living in a large city, where this is a lot of poverty,” he said. “During my time there, I’ll be spending time feeding the poor and helping to provide shelter to the homeless.”

Roberts, 17, recently graduated a year early from Ponte Vedra High School in order to experience a “gap year” through Rotary Youth Exchange in Brazil. She departs Aug. 4.

“My sister did a Rotary Youth Exchange several years ago,” said Roberts, who noted that 29 students will be participating in youth exchange this year through the Rotary Club’s local District 6970. “She introduced me to the program and got me excited about the opportunity.”

Simply being considered for the Rotary Youth Exchange program involved a significant time commitment, Roberts said. The lengthy application process began last fall, with reams of applications, medical forms, essays and other paperwork to complete. Candidates also had to participate in multiple rounds of personal interviews, before being notified of their selection in January. Since then, students have been engaging in language lessons and preparing for their upcoming youth exchange experience. At the same time, local Rotary clubs are preparing to welcome incoming youth exchange students from other countries.

Rotary Club President-elect Michael Bruce, who recently returned from the club’s international convention in Seoul, South Korea, noted that Rotary programs such as the youth exchange underscore the global reach and connection of the service organization.

“I’ve come to realize that the Rotary gear is the perfect symbol for this organization,” he said. “Because our club interlocks with other clubs and with Rotary Youth Exchange programs and Rotaract programs around the world.”

Roberts admitted she is both nervous and excited for her upcoming sojourn in Brazil.

“I’m going out into a place I’ve never gone before,” she said. “I am going on an adventure –

and you can’t be sad about something like this. You have to embrace it.”

A lifetime of service

Embracing adventure is something about which Capt. Martin Zenni knows a thing or two. A retired Naval officer, Zenni, 94, regaled Rotarians with tales from a career that began when he enlisted in the Navy in 1940 and was stationed at Pearl Harbor until August 1941 before attending the U.S. Naval Academy. His 37-year naval career included commanding five ships and overseeing the Navy’s Recruit Training Command at Great Lakes. It was a career that made him both a participant in and a witness to history.

Zenni recalled flying from Pearl Harbor in August 1945 to his new ship, the USS Massey in the Philippines – a journey that saw him fly over the charred ruins of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

“It was awesomely terrible,” Zenni said of the utter destruction and devastation caused by the atomic bombs. “I hope the world never has to use them again.”

His favorite command, he noted, was aboard a 205-foot-long tug with a 15-foot wheel. “It could tow anything afloat, anywhere,” he said. “It was a wonderful ship.”

Paraphrasing John Milton, Zenni quipped, “When I remember how my life is spent...I can’t remember most of it!”

What he does remember, though, are many years of wonderful memories. “It was just fun,” said Capt. Zenni, whose son, Jacksonville cardiologist Dr. Martin Zenni, and grandsons Alex and Michael also were in attendance. “Every time something bad happened to me, something much better erased it.”

Aiding the community

In other Rotary Club happenings, President-elect Michael Bruce presented Boys & Girls Clubs of Northeast Florida Development Director Darby Stubberfield with a donation to provide new furniture to create after-school homework stations at local clubs. The Rotary Club also inducted Marc Ressler as its newest member.



Bruce Barber (right) inducts Marc Ressler (center) into the Rotary Club as sponsor Vincent Grassia looks on.



Capt. Martin Zenni

Photos by Jennifer Logue



Rotary Youth Exchange participants Hayden Hulihan and Carly Roberts

Beaches Rotaract Club raises funds to build 'bottle school' in Guatemala

Table 1 wine tasting exceeds fundraising goal

By Jennifer Logue

Guatemalan children will soon have a new school to attend, thanks to a fundraising initiative being undertaken by the Beaches Rotaract Club in collaboration with the Daytona State club and the nonprofit organization Hug it Forward.

The two Rotaract clubs joined forces last week to host a wine tasting fundraiser as part of their efforts to raise the approximately \$20,000 needed to build the "bottle school" – a school that is literally constructed out of discarded plastic soda bottles and trash. Held June 16 at Table 1 in Ponte Vedra Beach, the sold-out event exceeded organizers' expectations.

"We've seen so much support," said Danielle Fisher, director of international service for the Beaches Rotaract Club. "Our entire Rotary district has really gotten behind us."

Fisher credited Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach member Adam Petrus, who serves as the Rotaract club's advisor, with helping to generate support for the initiative. Rotary Club members on hand to show support for the fundraiser included club President-elect Michael Bruce and member Rosemary Takacs.

"I'm glad to see (Rotaract) supporting a project internationally," Takacs said.

The fundraiser was also sponsored by health care technology company Forcura, whose CEO Craig Mandeville was a founding member of the Beaches Rotaract Club.

Building with bottles

Joining the Beaches Rotaract Club for the wine tasting event were Daytona State Rotaract members Justin Gadrim and Michael Tirpak, who noted that the clubs' fundraising efforts have proven so successful, the original plan to construct a two-room school has been expanded to a three-room facility. Tirpak will travel to Guatemala in January to help build the school in collaboration with the nonprofit Hug it Forward.

According to a resource guide produced by Hug it Forward, bottle schools are constructed out of "ecobricks" – plastic soda and water bottles.

"They take the bottles and pack them with inorganic trash, such as plastic bags," said Beaches Rotaract member Charlie Flynn, one of the wine tasting event's organizers.

Once the bottles are stuffed with trash, they're secured to layers of chicken wire which are then attached to a metal frame. Up to three layers of concrete are then applied and painted. In the past six years, more than 70 bottle schools have been built in collaboration with Hug it Forward at an average cost of \$6,500 per classroom.

Rotaract is a Rotary-sponsored service organization for young adults between the ages of 18 and 30. The Beaches Rotaract Club is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach.

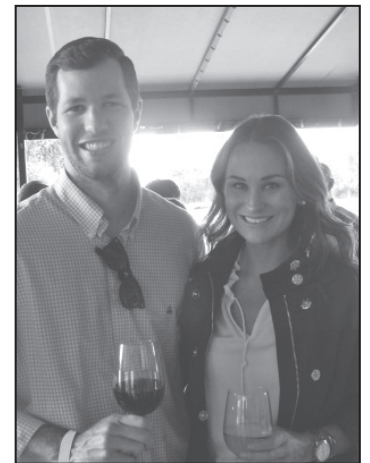


A child helps build a bottle school.

Photo courtesy of Hug it Forward



Jennie Rogers, Amy Bonanno and Danielle Woodring



Sid Simmons and Brittany Ferguson



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Beaches Rotaract member Danielle Fisher joins Daytona State Rotaract members Justin Gadrim (left) and Michael Tirpak at the wine tasting to raise funds to build a school in Guatemala.

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Tim Blin is the owner of Tailored Living featuring PremierGarage and is also a real estate agent with RE/MAX Specialists. Since 2005, Tailored Living has helped more than 5,000 homeowners in Northeast Florida organize their homes with custom closets, pantries, laundry rooms and garages. He and his wife, Jennifer, are the parents of two boys. — By Jennifer Logue

Tim Blin

How do your services differ from other, similar companies?

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How did you happen to get into the storage/garage business?

I have always wanted to own my own business. My father started his own business and I would say being an entrepreneur is in my blood. While visiting my sister in Scottsdale, Arizona, we were going through some model homes and I noticed that garages were all decked out with beautiful cabinets and convenient organizers which included a decorative floor coating that looked like granite. When I returned to Ponte Vedra, I looked at my own garage, which was a disaster. I then started to notice that other people's garages looked about the same and that there was a need that was not being met.

I'm originally from Iowa, where most homes have basements and attics so storage was not a big issue. But here in Florida we do not have that luxury. Space is at a premium and having a plan is a necessity or chaos will result.

What is the biggest storage need you're finding that local residents have?

Definitely the garage. The garage is usually our "front door" to our homes. Whether you are moving into a new home or you have lived in your home for years, this is a room that starts with nothing in it. What I typically see is clients will try to repurpose old kitchen cabinets, use flimsy wire shelving or buy some plastic shelves. The effort is good, but the result is usually a miss and doesn't solve the storage issue. You need to have a plan and a system that is customized for your unique situation. Through our expertise, our clients are amazed at how easy and fun the project can be. It is so exciting and refreshing to be able to pull into your garage and have your belongings neatly stored behind cabinet doors and hung on organizers for ease of use.

What's the most dramatic transformation you've seen in terms of solving a storage dilemma?

One of my most memorable situations started out as most of our inquiries do – a call to the office asking to make an appointment to help get them organized. After arriving to the home and the garage door went up, I knew this one was going to be different. The garage was filled to capacity all the way to the door and I couldn't even enter the space. I had to measure the garage from the outside of the home since there was no other way to do so. The client was extremely embarrassed, but was ready to make a change.

I prepared my 3D design and organizational plan for the customer and she was thrilled. On Monday, my team emptied all of the garage's contents into a POD and painted the garage. The next day we started our two-day floor coating process. We installed the cabinets and organizers on Thursday, then on Friday my organizational team began emptying the POD and putting the contents back into the garage. Before we were able to put her belongings back, however, they needed to be sorted into three piles: keep, donate or discard. We were able to organize her contents to fit



Photo by Jasmine Marshall

into the cabinets and onto the organizers.

The client had an overwhelming sense of relief and feeling of order in her life that she had not had in a very long time. This is what I find so rewarding in what we do. We can actually change a behavior that can have an effect like this. To this day, this client keeps her garage just as we left it!

You're also a real estate agent. Do your two businesses complement each other?

Absolutely, I have been in thousands of homes all over Northeast Florida and I am familiar with practically every subdivision in the area. We are extremely proud of the over 5,000 clients we have helped get organized in the past 11 years. I am confident that my commitment and level of service I have dedicated to my clients over the years will be invaluable to a homeowner buying or selling a home.

Do closet/storage/organization systems add to a home's resale value?

In my opinion, yes. I doubt you are going to hear someone say that a home was too organized or it had too much storage. Just because there are small closets in a home it doesn't mean this has to be a negative. We can take a small closet and maximize the space with more hanging and shelf space than one can even imagine. Suddenly, a weakness can be turned into a positive. Another reason to consider adding a closet/storage/organization system is that it will differentiate your home from others and make your home stand out.

How do you enjoy spending your free time?

I love traditions, so I would say one of my favorite things to do is to travel with family and friends. I am also getting back into golf after an 11-year hiatus, what with being busy with the family and growing the business.



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<p>Talk with a Doc Talk with a Doc: "Prevent and Treat Summer Bummers" will be held Thursday, June 23 at noon at the Y Healthy Living Center at the Ponte Vedra YMCA, 170 Landrum Lane, Ponte Vedra Beach. Join Dr. Martinez-Wittinghan for an interactive workshop focused on handling common summer worries such as dehydration, sunburn, bites and cuts. Families are welcome and all will receive a complimentary first aid kit. Register by visiting baptistjax.com/ymca or by calling (904) 202-5376.</p> <p>Led Zeppelin tribute band at PVCH Zoso The Ultimate Led Zeppelin Experience will perform Thursday, June 23 at the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall. Doors open at 7 p.m.; show starts at 8 p.m. Tickets for the general admission, standing-room-only show are \$25 in advance, \$28 day of show. Tickets are available for purchase at the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall and St. Augustine Amphitheatre box offices, ticketmaster.com and all Ticketmaster outlets or by phone at (800) 745-3000. The Ponte Vedra Concert Hall is located at 1050 A1A N., Ponte Vedra Beach. For more information, visit www.pvconcerthall.com.</p> <p>SJC Commissioner meet and greet St. Johns County District 1 Commissioner and Vice Chair James K. Johns will host a District 1 Meet and Greet from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, June 23 at the St. Johns County Northwest Annex, 725 Flora Branch Blvd. Residents of the county are cordially invited to attend and participate in the informal question-and-answer session. For additional information, call (904) 209-0301.</p> <p>Concerts in the Plaza The 2016 Concerts in the Plaza summer music series continues June 23 with a performance by The Rick Arcusa Band live at 7 p.m. at Plaza de la Constitución, 22 Cathedral Place, St. Augustine. The concerts continue every Thursday through Sept. 1. All concerts are free. For more information, call (904) 825-1004 during weekday office hours or visit www.concertsintheplaza.com.</p>	<p>PBTS 50th Season Finale Gala The 50th Season Finale Gala benefiting Players by the Sea will be held Friday, June 24 at 7 p.m. at TPC Sawgrass. The gala will feature a gourmet buffet, live and silent auctions, and music from Gene Nordan and Friends. Attire is beach elegant. Tickets are \$100 per person. Tables for eight, which will include a private concierge for the evening, are available for \$1,000. For more information or to purchase tickets, call the box office at (904) 249-0289 or visit www.players-by-thesea.org.</p> <p>Apex Theatre Studio: 'Into the Woods' The Apex Theatre Studio will present Stephen Sondheim's "Into The Woods" June 24 and 25 at the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall, located at 1050 A1A N. in Ponte Vedra Beach. A cast of 16 high school and college students was chosen from more than 50 applicants. Schools represented in this year's production include University of Florida, Florida State University, the University of Central Florida and Flagler College as well as area high schools such as Nease, Stanton, Episcopal and Douglas Anderson School of the Arts. Performances will take place Friday, June 24 at 8 p.m. and Saturday, June 25 at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Tickets are \$25 for general admission; \$20 for students and seniors. For more information, visit www.pvconcerthall.com or www.apextheatrejax.com.</p> <p>Community First Night Owl Cinema Community First Credit Union and the St. Augustine Amphitheatre present Community First Night Owl Cinema, a free summer movie series of family-friendly films in June and July. The series continues June 24 with a screening of "Minions." Parking will be free during movie nights and concessions will be available for purchase. Gates open at 7 p.m.; the movie will begin around 8 p.m. The St. Augustine Amphitheatre is located at 1340C A1A S., St. Augustine. For more information, call the St. Augustine Amphitheatre Box Office at (904) 209-0367 or visit www.staugamphitheatre.com.</p>	<p>Katz 4 Keeps Adoptions Adoption Days Katz 4 Keeps adoption days will take place Saturday, June 25 and Sunday, June 26 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Katz 4 Keeps, 935B A1A N. in Ponte Vedra Beach (next to Sherwin Williams). For more information, call (904) 834-3223 or email katz4keeps.org.</p> <p>PV Writers Group meeting The Florida Writers Association Ponte Vedra Writers Group meeting will be held Saturday, June 25 at 10:30 a.m. at the Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library, 101 Library Blvd. Del Kiernan-Lewis will make a presentation on "How to Boost Your Creativity." All meetings are open to members and non-members alike. For more information, email FWA Regional Director Vic DiGenti, at vicdigi@mac.com.</p> <p>7th Annual Big Bang 5K & Fun Run The Big Bang 5K & Fun Run returns to Ponte Vedra Beach Saturday, June 25 at 8 a.m. at Christ Episcopal Church. New for 2016, the top 200 5K finishers will receive a custom Big Bang medal along with the 2016 Big Bang t-shirt – for pre-registered participants only. A post-run celebration and awards ceremony will be held after the fun run. The entry fee is \$25 from June 20-26. Race day entry is \$30. The fun run is \$10. Christ Episcopal Church is located at 400 San Juan Drive. For more information or to register, visit www.bigband5k.itsyourrace.com.</p> <p>Gallery Tour at Beaches Museum The Beaches Museum & History Park will host a gallery tour conducted by local artist Hiromi Moneyhun Saturday, June 25 at 11 a.m. The morning will include a tour of her pieces as well as a demonstration of her craft. Admission to the event is free to museum members, with a \$5 donation from non-members. A portion of the proceeds from any pieces sold will benefit the Beaches Museum & History Park. The work of Hiromi Moneyhun will be on display until July 24. The Beaches Museum & History Park is located at 381 Beach Blvd., Jacksonville Beach. For more information, call (904) 241-5657 or visit www.beachesmuseum.org.</p>	<p>Practice with Purpose at Big Fish Yoga Practice with Purpose is an all-level yoga class offered on Sundays from 4 to 5 p.m. at Big Fish Power Yoga. The fee for the class is a \$5 cash donation that goes to the charity that Big Fish Power Yoga has selected for the quarter. Big Fish Yoga is located in the South Beach Regional Shopping Center in Jacksonville Beach at 3852 South Third St. For more info, call (904) 372-0601.</p> <p>Collection Tour Join the Summer Museum of Art and Gardens on Sundays for a guided tour of its permanent collection. The tour is free with the cost of admission. The museum is located at 829 Riverside Ave., Jacksonville.</p> <p>Destination: DINO Twenty-five species of life-size and life-like animatronic dinosaurs will be on display at the Jacksonville Zoo & Gardens through July 4. The cost is \$4 for non-members, \$3 for members. Zoo admission is not included. The zoo is located at 370 Zoo Parkway, Jacksonville. For more information, visit www.jaxzoodinos.org.</p> <p>Annual Activity Member Become an Annual Activity Member at The Players Community Senior Center. Membership includes discounts on fee-based classes, designated events and Coastal Travel along with complimentary participation in a wide variety of scheduled activities. Call Darlene Mahany at (904) 280-3233 for more information.</p> <p>For The Love of Driving Volunteer drivers are needed to assist seniors in achieving their mobility goals in St. Johns County. 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<p>Butterfly Count The GTM Research Reserve chapter of the North American Butterfly Association welcomes the public's participation in the North American Butterfly Association Butterfly Count, to be held Monday, June 27 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., weather permitting, at the Environmental Education Center, 505 Guana River Road, Ponte Vedra Beach. The North American Butterfly Association Butterfly Count is a nationwide program that conducts long-term monitoring of butterfly populations. Knowledge of butterflies is a plus but is not required. For more information, contact Shannon Rininger at shannon.rininger@dep.state.fl.us or call (904) 823-4500.</p> <p>Caregiver Support Group The Players Caregiver Support Group meets every Monday from noon to 1 p.m. at The Players Senior Center, 175 Landrum Lane in Ponte Vedra Beach. Kimberly Weir of Heartland Hospice facilitates a weekly discussion of current concerns and issues of caregivers. For more information, call (904) 280-3233.</p> <p>Life Enrichment Group The Life Enrichment Group is a program designed for those with memory changes who like to stay active mentally, physically and socially while allowing caregivers and loved ones some free time for themselves. This program is offered weekdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Ashford Court, 1700 The Greens Way in Jacksonville Beach. For more information, call (904) 568-8174, or email life_enrichmentgroup@yahoo.com.</p> <p>Travel Training Program The Council on Aging's Travel Training program is designed to assist seniors in learning to ride the Sunshine Bus. Residents interested in expanding their transportation options or who would like to increase their confidence as a bus rider can receive assistance from trained volunteers in navigating routes, reading time tables and making transfers. 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The meeting starts promptly at 7:30 a.m. Contact Lucy Reep at (904) 607-3695 or contact-5199@toastmastersclubs.org for more information.</p> <p>Music by the Sea concert series The Music by the Sea concert series takes place every Wednesday through Oct. 12, 2016 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the St. Augustine Beach Pier, 350 A1A Beach Blvd. On June 29, Chillula will perform. The concerts are free; guests can purchase a dinner plate for \$10 from the sponsoring restaurant. Food is served at 6 p.m. and the music starts at 7 p.m. For more information, call (904) 347-8007 or visit www.augustine.com/event/music-sea.</p>	<p>MOSH After Dark MOSH After Dark: The History of Hops with Beer :30. Discover the history of hops and other ingredients that make beer Thursday, June 30 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Museum of Science and History (MOSH) 1025 Museum Circle, Jacksonville. Sample different types of beer and learn what it takes to make your own. This event is for 21 and up only. The cost is \$20 for MOSH members; \$25 for non-members. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit www.themosh.org/education/mosh-after-dark.</p> <p>Concerts in the Plaza The 2016 Concerts in the Plaza summer music series continues June 30 with a performance by Mid-Life Crisis live at 7 p.m. at Plaza de la Constitución, 22 Cathedral Place, St. Augustine. The concerts continue every Thursday through Sept. 1. All concerts are free. For more information, call (904) 825-1004 during weekday office hours or visit www.concertsintheplaza.com.</p> <p>Habitat for Humanity volunteers Habitat for Humanity of St. Augustine/St. Johns County is currently seeking qualified homeowners. Habitat does not give away homes for free. Instead, homeowners pay an affordable monthly mortgage payment and Habitat helps build them a simple, decent place to live. 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The seminar will provide St. Johns County residents and visitors with tips on what to do in the event they encounter an active shooting situation. In addition, the sheriff's office has posted an active shooter response flyer on its website at <http://www.sjsso.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/08/active-shooter-poster.pdf>.

This will be the third active shooter seminar the sheriff's office has offered in recent months. The first session, held May 23 at Valley Ridge Academy in No-ocatee, occurred just a few weeks before the June 12 mass shooting in Orlando, in which 49 people were killed.



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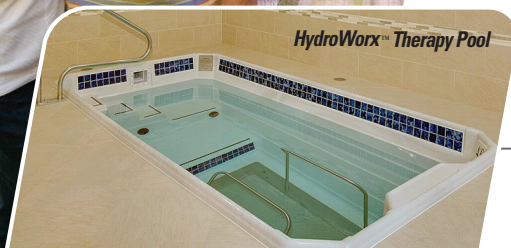
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UNF's 'Seaside Sculpture Park' brings more public art to the beach

By Jasmine Marshall

Jacksonville Beach visitors can expect to see a few more colorful sights on their seaside strolls, with the installation of five original sculptures at the University of North Florida's (UNF) Seaside Sculpture Park.

Unveiled June 20 with an unconventional "ribbon-cutting ceremony" – whereby UNF student artists blazed through a strip of metal with a blowtorch – the new park located at 480 First St. in Jacksonville Beach features sculptures created by UNF students. Among the sculptures on display are Mary Ratcliff's "Symbiosis," Gillian Harper's "Ongoing Life," Emily Pinnell's "Still Swimming," Diana Shepherd's "Wild Bird," and David Peters' "Ode to Franklin County."

Pinnell's piece features an added layer of interactivity with the inclusion of kinetic parts that move and chime in the wind, while Ratcliff's "Symbiosis" features solar-powered panels that collect energy to light the sculpture's orb.

"I just hope people who see it can form some kind of connection with the piece," Ratcliff said of her abstract depiction of sea anemone and a clown fish.

Jacksonville Beach Mayor Charlie Latham lauded the efforts of all those involved for bringing the park to the area.

"Thank you for taking this once empty, vacant lot and turning it into something to be enjoyed," Latham said. "And for the next year, this park will be free for everybody to enjoy."

Conceptualized over a year ago, the park is the result of a collaboration among UNF, MountainStar Capital – which donated the land for the park – and the Lazzara Family Foundation. MountainStar and the foundation provided a \$50,000 donation to UNF to support the sculpture program, while the City of Jacksonville Beach and the Cultural Council of Greater Jacksonville also aided in the project's development.

According to MountainStar Capital CEO Christopher Lazzara, the project had three concrete goals: beautifying Jacksonville Beach through public art, bringing awareness to UNF's art department, and honoring the work of the university's sculpture students, five of whom were chosen as finalists.

"The hard work and dedication of these sculpture students is inspiring," he said. "Thank you so much for sharing your gifts with us so that all members of this community can enjoy these creative, expressive and beautiful works of art."

UNF Associate Professor of Sculpture Dr. Jenny Hager said the program provides the students with a public forum for their work.

"It's a great experience for students because we get to provide them with opportunities they might not always be afforded," Hager said. "At other universities, these types of opportunities go to graduate students. At UNF, our focus is undergrads. These unique opportunities really allow our students to shine post-graduation."

The UNF Seaside Sculpture Park is located at 480 First St. S. in Jacksonville Beach. The sculptures will be lighted for nighttime viewing. Visit www.pontevedrarecorder.com for a gallery of the art pieces and grand opening.



Photos by Jasmine Marshall

Mary Ratcliff's solar-powered "Symbiosis"



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In lieu of a ribbon, UNF sculpture student Gillian Harper blazes through a strip of metal with a blowtorch.



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Miss Jacksonville visits The Palms — Miss Jacksonville 2016 Amanda Hatcher performed at The Palms at Ponte Vedra Assisted Living and Memory Care June 20. Hatcher is good friends with 98-year-old Palms resident Wanda Everett. The two became fast friends about two years ago when Hatcher performed at another assisted living facility. Everett was impressed by Hatcher's devotion to youth mentoring, and the two have remained close ever since. "She's a very remarkable young lady and I feel blessed to have met her and become her friend," Everett said. Next week, Miss Jacksonville will compete in the 81st annual Miss Florida Pageant, to be held June 28-July 2 in Lakeland, Florida. Hatcher was wearing the gown in which she'll compete for the Miss Florida title. "Since they can't come to Miss Florida," Hatcher said of The Palms' residents, "I'll bring Miss Florida to them!"



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IN REMEMBRANCE

On May 29, 2016 **Ursula Gaudette** was reunited with her husband, Tom. Born April 11, 1938 in Moers, Germany, she was a World War II survivor. After studying commercial education in Berlin,



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in 1959 she was employed in an American military airport. In 1962 her travels took her to Hawaii, where she became manager of a tourist office. Subsequently she moved to Nebraska and then to New Britain, Connecticut, where she met the love of her life. She and Tom married in 1982 and after he retired they relocated to Ponte Vedra.

Ursula continued to work as an agent at Carlson Travel Agency. She was a member of the Baptist Beaches Medical Center Auxiliary for 16 years, where she served as chairman of the bylaws committee and most recently corresponding secretary.

She was predeceased by her husband, N. Thomas Gaudette, and is survived by her sister Karin Bethscheider, her cousin Petra Marx, and by her friends at the Baptist Beaches Medical Center Auxiliary.

A Memorial Service will be held at Christ Episcopal Church on Monday, June 27, 2016 at 2 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Baptist Medical Center Beaches Auxiliary/Scholarship Fund.

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IN REMEMBRANCE

Esther Lee Nelligan, 88, of Marietta, Georgia died at her home surrounded by her loving family on June 5, 2016. Born in Cheshire, Ohio, she was the daughter of the late Jonathan and Lois Davenport.

Mrs. Nelligan is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Jaimie and Peter Hardin of Marietta, Georgia; her granddaughter, Jennie Hardin of Brookline, Massachusetts; her granddaughter's fiancé, Patrick Nevins of Kingston, Massachusetts; her brother and sister-in-law, Winfred "Tuffy" and Mary Jo Davenport of Delaware, Ohio; and several nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Nelligan was a long-time resident of Ponte Vedra Beach prior to her move to Marietta in 2014. She worked for many years as a bookkeeper for B.B. McCormick and Sons Construction Co. and retired from Arvida Corp. in 1991 to dedicate time to her family and to helping take care of her granddaughter. In the later years of her retirement, she worked at Parents' Morning Out at Christ Church in Ponte Vedra.

Mrs. Nelligan was a devoted mother and grandmother, and she will be dearly missed by her family and many friends. A memorial service will be held on Friday, July 1, 2016 at 11 a.m. in the chapel at Christ Episcopal Church in Ponte Vedra Beach.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Moving in the Spirit in Atlanta or to the Christ Church Preschool in Ponte Vedra Beach. Condolences may be expressed at www.mcdonaldandson.com.

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Island theme highlights Nocatee Farmer's Market

The monthly Nocatee Farmer's Market took on a tropical theme Saturday, with performances by Prince Pele's Polynesian Revue. In addition to displays of traditional Polynesian dancing – including fire dancing – the show enabled guests to get in on the island action, donning flower leis and grass skirts and practicing their finest hula moves.

The tropical theme carried over to the market's vendors, whose offerings this month included colorful sarongs and beach cover-ups, artwork made from starfish and decoratively painted surfboards. Attendees seeking a tropical treat, meanwhile, lined up at the Kona ice truck.

Also on hand was the OneBlood mobile blood unit, which was accepting blood donations in the wake of the recent mass shooting in Orlando.

Each month, the Nocatee Farmer's Market brings more than 80 vendors and crafters to Nocatee Town Center.



Farmer's Market attendees get in the act for Prince Pele's Polynesian Revue.

Photos by Jennifer Logue



Colorful sarongs and beachwear were among the offerings at the farmer's market.



Kona Ice treats were a popular treat with market visitors.



The OneBlood mobile blood unit was on hand to accept blood donations in the wake of the recent Orlando shooting.

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Aqua Grill to host Viglo 'pop-up dinner' Aug. 10

By Jennifer Logue

Local residents will have an opportunity to participate in a Viglo dining experience this summer, when Chef Mimi Lan brings the globally influenced Vietnamese cuisine to Ponte Vedra's Aqua Grill for a special "pop-up dinner."

To be held Wednesday Aug. 10 at 7 p.m. at Aqua Grill's new waterfront location in Sawgrass Village, the dinner will feature a five-course Viglo menu, with Chef Mimi providing cultural and historical commentary for each dish. Working in collaboration with Chef Mimi will be Aqua Grill Executive Chef Mike Thomashunis.

"We are excited by this opportunity to have Chef Mimi present her first pop-up Viglo dinner at our restaurant," Aqua Grill Owner Cary Hart said. "We know you will enjoy her gourmet, inventive, delicious Vietnamese fusion foods."

The dining experience will begin with charred shishito peppers in yuzu topped with bonito flakes and an Asian pear martini with palm seed fruit. The first course will feature shrimp toast – featuring shiitake, chipotle mayo, chives, onion confit, roasted garlic and sesame oil on a French baguette crostini – followed by a second course of green papaya salad. The third course will be bean thread crab noodle, followed by a fourth course offering two tastings of Peking duck and duck lo mein. The menu will conclude with flourless chocolate and Asian pear cake in a pistachio butter crumb crust.

Reservations are now being accepted for the Viglo dinner, which is limited

to 40 guests. Reservations are \$75 per person plus tax and gratuity and must

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No new tickets will need to be purchased for the rescheduled show; tickets for the original date will be honored.

For those who cannot attend the new Nov. 13 date, refunds are available at the point of purchase. Tickets purchased at the St. Augustine Amphitheatre or Ponte Vedra Concert Hall box offices will be refunded at the box offices. Patrons that purchased tickets online or by phone via TicketMaster must contact TicketMaster for refunds. TicketMaster may be reached at (800) 745-3000.

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Coastal Wine Market opens in Nocatee

By Jennifer Logue

Nocatee residents seeking a quiet, intimate spot to enjoy a glass of wine or a bottle of craft beer have a new offering in Nocatee Town Center to consider, following last week's opening of Coastal Wine Market.

Located at 641 Crosswater Parkway (next to Dunkin' Donuts), Coastal Wine Market celebrated its grand opening with a ribbon cutting and wine tasting June 17. Guests sampled a variety of the shop's fine wines, as owners Steve and Shaun Lourie greeted patrons and representatives from Southern Wine and Spirits offered insights and commentary on the various vintners. Guests also perused the gourmet food offerings that included such savory fare as premium pastas, marinara sauce, cheeses and Kalamata olive spreads.

Several of the guests in attendance commented on the shop's Old World ambience. With brick walls, muted lighting, and wooden tables and seating hand-crafted by local artisans, Coastal Wine Market recreates the feel of a European tasting room. A hand-hewn barn door and blackboards suspended on vintage railroad ties found near the Louries' former home in New Jersey add to the rustic atmosphere.

"We're so excited to welcome Steve and Shaun and their beautiful shop to our beautiful community," said Dr. Erika Hamer, immediate past president of the Ponte Vedra Beach Division of the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce.

The Louries – who live in Nocatee's Coastal Oaks community – thanked guests for attending the grand opening, noting that it was the culmination of many months of planning and hard work.

"We are just so excited to finally be open," Steve Lourie said. "We're thrilled to pursue our dream of opening our first business."

Coastal Wine Market is open 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday and 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday.



Photos by Jennifer Logue

Steve and Shaun Lourie (center) cut the ribbon on their new Nocatee business, Coastal Wine Market.



Ryan Emke and Don Lott of Southern Wine & Spirits offer wine tastings and commentary.



Steve and Shaun Lourie welcome guests to the grand opening of their new shop and tasting room, Coastal Wine Market.

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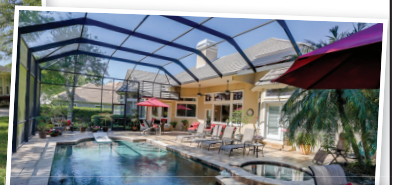
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Karen Franklin joins Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Network Realty

Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Network Realty welcomed Karen Franklin to its Ponte Vedra Beach office in May.

Franklin brings to the office more than five years of experience working in real estate. Before entering the real estate sales and development business, she was a stockbroker.

"We are very excited to have Karen

join the Ponte Vedra office," broker/manager Kevin Waugaman said. "Karen conducts her business with professionalism, honesty and a drive for success, and these values are consistent with Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices. We know she will thrive here."

A native Floridian whose family has lived here since the 1780s, Franklin is knowledgeable about the Northeast Florida area and regions. When she's

not working, she enjoys traveling the world, photography, golfing and horse-back riding, and believes that "nature is the key to the soul."

She also enjoys volunteering, and served in a variety of volunteer capacities for such organizations as Wolfson Children's Hospital, the San Marco Preservation Society, the Duval Cancer Society, St. Francis Animal Ministry and more.

The Ponte Vedra office of Berkshire Hathaway HSFNR is located at 333 Village Main St., Suite 670 in Ponte Vedra Beach. Franklin may be reached at (904) 631-0203 or via email at karen.franklin@bhhsfnr.com.

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Newcomers blaze a trail at TrailMark

Community welcomes new families as newly added amenities near completion

By Jasmine Marshall

When Krista Cook and Kevin Upthegrove decided they wanted a change of scenery from their former residence in the bitter cold outside Chicago, their search led them to the “Sunshine State,” where the two began looking into homes in St. Johns County.

Cook wasn't immediately sold on pre-existing communities – but St. Augustine's historic sites, cuisine, beaches and school system caught the family's eye. Once she'd seen the greenery, lakes and bike paths offered at TrailMark near World Golf Village, it was decided: She and her husband would build their dream home, complete with crown moldings, gourmet kitchen and a large yard, and become “trailblazers” in the new community.

“TrailMark got us from the moment we drove in,” Cook said. “We felt that TrailMark would be an amazing place to raise our family and set up permanent residence.”

GreenPointe Communities Vice President of Land Development Chris Kuhn said, “We are thrilled to welcome our first ‘TrailBlazers’ to TrailMark and look forward to our new residents creating many wonderful memories in their new homes.”

The quickly growing master-planned community is now home – or home-to-be – to roughly 40 families. Its builders offer single-family, one- and two-story homes. Currently, there are three furnished model homes available to view, two of which are made by Jacksonville-based Landon Homes, while the third is by D.R. Horton. Both builders have several quick move-in homes under construction, with homes priced from the mid-\$200,000s and up.

According to Landon Homes Sales Consultant Troy Jewell, the neighborhood's traditional designs have caught the eye of homebuyers looking for less expansive spaces.

“Our traditional neighborhood design homes have really sparked quite a bit of interest to those buyers who are looking to downsize in yard space as well as in the square footage of their home,” Jewell said. “Buyers feel like they can take a step back in time and enjoy the large front porch, relaxed style of living. This front porch style of home has added a unique look and feel to TrailMark.”

That appeal is bolstered by the community's location along Six Mile Creek and its preserved surroundings. It's an area that served as a big draw for Cook and Upthegrove and their children, Emma and Owen, who enjoy the bike riding and nature walks afforded by their new home.

“Sunset bike rides, nature walks with the kids, the clearest starry night skies ...” Cook said.

“Meeting such wonderful neighbors and friends, listening to owls in the evening off our back porch – this is truly a family's wish come true. I would definitely consider this my dream home.”

TrailMark intends to enhance the natural experience with its planned new amenities; set to open in the summer are a welcome house, amenity center and camp house featuring a fitness studio and lagoon-style pool surrounded by the community's oak hammocks and lakes. According to TrailMark, the community will include a mixture of sports courts and play fields, and the completion of the trail system and kayak launch are underway.



Photos courtesy of TrailMark

Landon Homes' front porch style is showcased in TrailMark's authentic neighborhood streetscape.



D.R. Horton homebuyers Krista Cook and Kevin Upthegrove and their children, Emma and Owen, recently moved into their new home at TrailMark.

TrailMark is growing into three new neighborhoods and expanding its home builder offerings this year. The second phase of landscaping and pocket park expansion will follow, and the St. Johns County School District is building a new elementary school adjacent to the community.

Cook said she is looking forward to the changes to come and to meeting new residents hoping to find the same thing she and her family found in TrailMark: their dream home.

“Family or retirees, we all seem to want the same thing,” she said. “And that's a beautiful community to call home.”

WG Pitts to design, build Ronald McDonald House expansion

WG Pitts is providing design and construction services for an expansion project at the Ronald McDonald House, located at 824 Children's Way in Jacksonville.

Scheduled for completion sometime this summer, the project will include a rooftop garden and an interactive playroom along with a commercial volunteer kitchen, learning center, fitness center and monumental staircase. The project is part of an expansion that will increase the Ronald McDonald House from 42,000 square feet to 65,000 square feet.

"We are pleased the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Jacksonville selected our firm to design and build their rooftop garden, interactive playroom and other elements of their building expansion project," said WG Pitts President Will Pitts. "The Ronald McDonald House provides much-needed support to families when they need a helping hand, and we are grateful to be contributing to its caring and healing environment."

Ronald McDonald House Charities of Jacksonville Executive Director Diane Boyle commended WG Pitts for its efforts.

"WG Pitts has brought its professional expertise and innovative team to our expansion project, while sharing our mission of being a 'home away from home' for our families," she said.

The rooftop garden will offer space at the Ronald McDonald House to support a health and wellness program by providing a tranquil green space for families and their guests to relax and enjoy the outdoors. It will include a pergola, planters, a fountain, a pavilion and garden seating.



Photos courtesy of WG Pitts

WG Pitts is providing design and construction services for a new rooftop garden area for the Ronald McDonald House in Jacksonville. The project also includes an interactive playroom, a commercial volunteer kitchen, a learning center, fitness center and a monumental staircase.

Ronald McDonald House Charities of Jacksonville serves as a "home away from home," providing lodging, meals, transportation and a community of care to families who need to be near a hospital for

their child's treatment. The organization serves a growing number of children and families seeking world-class pediatric services in Northeast Florida.

Former NFL player Kyle Bosworth joins Watson Realty



Kyle Bosworth

Former NFL player Kyle Bosworth has joined the Hodges office of Watson Realty Corp.

Bosworth, who most recently played for the Dallas Cowboys, New York Giants and the Jacksonville Jaguars, began working in the real estate industry while living in Dallas.

"We are very excited to have Kyle join our team," Managing Broker John Nadler said. "He has deep ties into the NFL resource team, so I expect great things from him."

Bosworth said, "When I chose to move back to Jacksonville, I wanted to continue my career in real estate with a company that had local ties and national recognition. So it was only natural I chose Watson."

Bosworth and his wife, Kara Keough Bosworth of "The Real Housewives of Orange County" recently welcomed a baby girl to their family. The couple met at UCLA, where he earned a bachelor's degree in political science and played college football before joining the NFL.

2016 Woofstock

The 2016 Woofstock hosted by and benefiting the Springfield Pet Rescue Group will be held Saturday, June 25 from 3 to 8 p.m. at Klutho Park, 204 W. 3rd St., Jacksonville.

A \$5 entry donation will include a goodie bag and one raffle ticket for prizes. There will also be a cutest dog contest, dog kissing booth, a pet photo booth, dog washing station, and "kitten kamp" for additional donations as well as a raffle and silent auction.

Bands performing at the event will include Hadley Parrish-Cotton, CJ Fluharty, and Once A Week. The event will also feature pet-friendly vendors and food trucks.

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Two quick-close elacora homes remain in The Plantation

Just two-quick close homes remain available for purchase and immediate occupancy in The Plantation at Ponte Vedra Beach, according to elacora.

Located on Hollyhock Lane, the two homes offer 3,159 square feet and 3,304 square feet of living space and are priced at \$657,900 and \$714,390, respectively. The Tuscan-inspired 3,159 square foot home is a two-story Muirfield show home with three bedrooms, three and a half baths and a three-car garage. The home also features a gourmet kitchen with center island and café, a butler's pantry, wine storage and downstairs flex space.

"We are thrilled by the positive response we have received from homebuyers at The Plantation at Ponte Vedra Beach," said Victoria Robbins, exclusive agent for elacora Northeast Florida. "New homes are scarce in the Ponte Vedra Beach market, and there are limited choices for buyers who want a new home in an established community with golf and beach amenities. Elacora offers both with their new homes in The Plantation."

All of elacora's plans at The Plantation have been designed specifically for that community, incorporating green building practices. Homes start at \$557,900, with landscaping and lawn care maintenance managed by the community's homeowner's association. Elacora is currently building 24 single-family homes at The Plantation. The four base plans feature multiple elevation and floor plan options, including bonus space.

Residents of The Plantation enjoy membership to a championship golf course, private beach club, tennis facility, community park with croquet, fitness center and a clubhouse with dining and social activities for all ages.

The community's 18-hole championship golf course is currently undergoing a complete revitalization – the last of three amenity improvement initiatives scheduled for completion in 2016. The Plantation recently reopened the community's private four-acre beach club and celebrated the completion of a new community park located near elacora's homes.



Photos courtesy of elacora

Limited opportunities remain for buyers to purchase a new elacora home at The Plantation at Ponte Vedra Beach.



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New Green Side community to feature 36 homes in World Golf Village

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To be built in World Golf Village, Green Side will include 36 new single-

family homes – 20 of which will feature golf course views. Construction of model homes is expected to begin this summer, with completion by December 2016.


"We are thrilled to announce our


new elacora community," said Victoria Robbins, exclusive agent for elacora Northeast Florida. "Elacora's innovative and energy efficient homes are designed to accommodate today's homebuyers and are a wonderful

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Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Network Realty to sponsor golf tournament to benefit Atlantic Beach Elementary

Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Network Realty will be the co-title sponsor of the inaugural Dolphin Open Golf Tournament, held Monday, June 27 at Atlantic Beach Country Club, 1600 Selva Marina Drive, Atlantic Beach.

Tournament proceeds will support student leadership development at Atlantic Beach Elementary School.

"Our company is proud to sponsor this great event," Christy Budnick, Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Network Realty broker/executive vice

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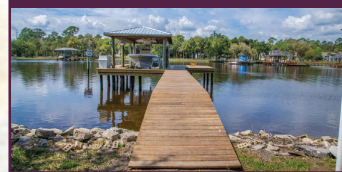
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Pulte Homes to start construction at Creekside at Twin Creeks

By Carrie Resch

Pulte Homes will soon start construction of new single-family homes opening this fall at Creekside in the master-planned community of Twin Creeks.

Located just west of Nocatee, Creekside at Twin Creeks will feature both residential homes as well as retail and office space.

"I think it's going to be a terrific community, obviously really well located," said Peter Keane, area president of PulteGroup Southeast. "We're excited to be continuing to expand our footprint in the Jacksonville area."

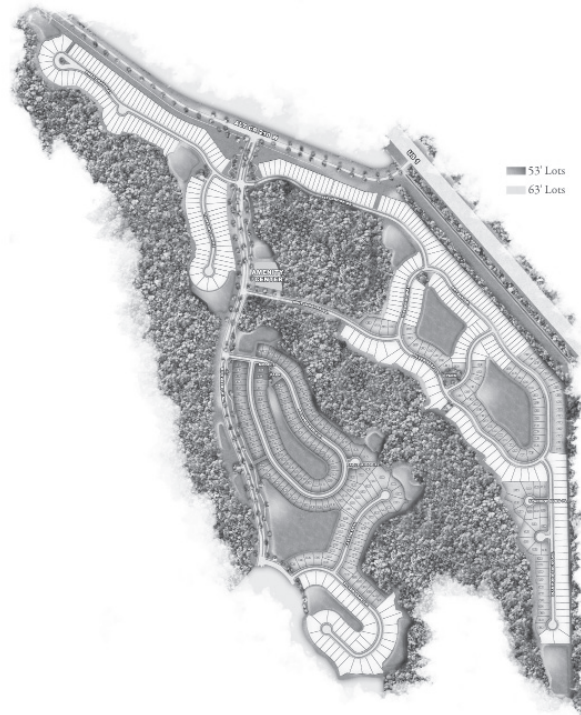
Lyndsey Patterson, director of marketing for Pulte Homes in the North Florida region, said the homebuilder will start sales this fall of one- and two-story home designs ranging from 2,124 square feet of living area to more than 4,500 square feet. Pulte plans to build 226 new homes at Creekside at Twin Creeks on 50- and 60-foot home sites. Home designs will feature three to six bedrooms and up to four full baths, with two- and three-car garages.

Creekside amenities will include a community swimming pool, clubhouse with fitness center and a recreational lake for canoeing and kayaking. Another draw for homeowners, according to Pulte Homes, is the highly rated St. Johns County School District and the community's location: just 10 minutes from the beach and 10 miles north of historic St. Augustine.

Based in Atlanta, PulteGroup – which also includes the brands

Centex and Del Webb – has a more than 50-year history and operates in approximately 50 markets throughout the country. In the Northeast Florida region, PulteGroup developments are located in the St. Augustine communities of Las Calinas and Palencia, and in Nocatee's Del Webb Ponte Vedra. In addition to Creekside at Twin Creeks, new Pulte Homes communities include the townhome community of Bayberry at Bartram Park and another St. Augustine master-planned community, the Bridge Bay neighborhood at Bannan Lakes, an age-restricted community located off Interstate 95 at World Golf Village.

"(Bridge Bay) will be a similar product to what we have in Del Webb but not as amenitized, so the price point will be a little more affordable," Keane said. "We think it's in a great location; we've had terrific interest pre-grand opening."



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Jaxcot: Jax Around the World

Jaxcot: Jax Around the World will be held July 30 from 4 to 10 p.m. at the Seawalk Pavilion, First St. N., Jacksonville Beach.

The event will feature more than 40 food and dessert trucks, each representing a different country around the world or a state in the U.S.A. Food offerings will include vegan and gluten-free options. There will also be 30 craft and table vendors, live music and a "Kids Around the World" kids zone presented by Fun 4 First Coast Kids.

General admission is free; VIP ticket packages are available and on sale now. For more information, visit www.jaxcot.com.

Night at the Zoo

The Jacksonville Zoo & Gardens will present "Night at the Zoo" Friday, June 24 from 6:30 to 10 p.m.

The event will include live music, food trucks, a movie on Shaba Terrace and a chance to see the animals on exhibit until 8:30 p.m. There will also be animal encounters, keeper talks, bounce houses and more. Destination: DINO and Stingray Bay will be free with admission.

The next "Night at the Zoo" event will take place Friday, July 22. For more information, visit www.jacksonvillezoo.org.

EXIT Realty Florida participates in St. Jude Culinary Soiree, recognizes 'Stars'

EXIT Realty Florida recently participated in the second annual St. Jude Culinary Soiree in Fort Lauderdale.

Held April 28 at Hugh's Catering, the event raised funds to support children receiving treatment at St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital. Highlights of the evening included culinary dishes by renowned chefs and a silent auction.

EXIT Realty Florida President Colleen

Forbes said the event complemented EXIT Realty's focus on improving the lives of its associates and their families.

"We endeavor to carry this same belief over to our surrounding communities and were thrilled to have been a part of such an important and meaningful event," Forbes said.

Recognizing 'Stars'

In other EXIT Realty Florida news, the company recently recognized its Stars of the Month for exceptional service. EXIT Realty Central was named Office of the Month while Carl Vasile of EXIT Real Estate Property Solutions was named Agent of the Month.

"All of our teams and individuals are valued members of the EXIT Realty

family and we want to thank all of you for your hard work and commitment," Forbes said. "Congratulations to (the) Stars of the Month!"

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Realtor: Keep home current to attract buyers

By Janet Westling
Special to the Recorder

The best advice I can offer any friend or client who is presenting their home for sale to the marketplace now or in the near future is this: Update your home!

Let me explain. When my husband and I built our most recent home in Sawgrass Country Club in 1991, traditional design was the norm. English Country, French Country and House Beautiful-inspired traditional homes were splashed across the pages of all the major design magazines. Prominent designers such as Sister Parish and Mario Buatta created beautiful rooms that we could admire and copy. The contemporary designers of the day inspired many with their sleek, stunning and clean design.

When we moved into our home, I absolutely loved my kitchen design with the blue and white wall paper, white Corian countertops and Small Bone English cabinets. But that was then and over the years I have updated my home to reflect the current trends in interior design. Minor renovations have been a consistent part of our home maintenance throughout the 25 years that we have lived in our home.

The original master bathroom was the first to go, followed by the second-floor bathrooms. In 2010, we refinished our hardwood floors, installed custom cabinetry in our second-floor family room and finally completed our kitchen makeover. What's more, we did all this before I decided to become a real estate professional. I just knew it was an important part of staying current with my home.

Now that I work with buyers and sellers, I can honestly say that what my husband and I did has helped us keep pace with rising real estate prices and the buyer expectations that go with an updated home.

So how can homeowners ensure that their biggest investment – their home – remains up to date? Here are a few tips to give your home a design makeover or facelift:

De-clutter and depersonalize your home: Remove personal knick knacks, photos and other items. This will allow the buyer to see the rooms more clearly and not focus on your personal effects!

Paint your home inside and out: Today's colors are cool and light. I recommend whites and off whites to attract the most buyers by allowing them to focus on the rooms they are viewing and not get distracted by a room's color.

Get rid of your wall paper: It is no longer on a buyer's list of must haves. If the wallpaper is in good condition, a good painter should be able to seal, patch and paint over existing wallpaper.



Photos courtesy of Janet Westling



And when getting a painting bid, I recommend getting three bids from friends.

Rethink your flooring: The buyer today wants clean, sophisticated flooring that is the same throughout the home. Whether it is tile, stone or hardwood floors, having the same product

throughout creates the clean, consistent look today's buyer wants. If it is not in your budget, then have your current floors professionally cleaned and get several bids on replacing flooring. When you are selling your home, you can share the bids you got with the pro-

spective buyer. They can see that if they make an offer, the cost to replace the flooring in many cases is much better than what they speculated.

Update kitchens and baths: If your

Attract Buyers

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cabinets are in great condition but dated, consider painting your cabinets white and install new countertops, sinks and faucets. For the bathrooms, replace your old toilet and update tile floors with new tile installed over the old.

Perk up landscaping: Consider removing large, overgrown and sometimes worn out shrubs with new landscaping.

Stage your home: According to one study, 84 percent of buyers view homes online before visiting them in person. When you decide to sell your home, remember that it is the visual presentation that can catapult your listing to the top views and clicks. Buying a home is largely an emotional decision. What better way to tap into someone's emotions than to let them visually experience what their life would be like with them in the home before they buy it? Select décor pieces and furniture to properly stage your home or simply "enhance" your home by complementing the existing décor.

Invest in professional photos: When you have updated your home and are ready to list and present it to the marketplace, professional photos will help



sell your house faster and in many cases closer to the listing price! Remember that old adage, "A picture is worth a thousand words."

Janet Westling is a Realtor with Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Network Realty.

Highland Homes ranked among top builders in the nation

Florida builder Highland Homes has ranked No. 81 in BUILDER Magazine's "Builder 100 List" of largest home builder in the nation and No. 129 in Professional Builder's "2016 Housing Giants," an annual list of the nation's largest builders.

Highland Homes moved up in the rankings on both lists from last year, climbing 21 spots on the Builder 100 list and 25 spots on the Housing Giants list.

"As a family-owned company... it is such an honor to be included in these lists alongside many corporate home builders with projects across the country," said Bob Adams, owner and president of Highland Homes. "We have grown so much in the last few years, and we look forward to helping even more new home buyers in 2016."

BUILDER Magazine collected data for the rankings through a survey of the nation's top builders to compile the Builder 100 and Next 100 lists. Rankings were determined based on the number of new home closings in 2015. Highland Homes closed 485 new homes

last year to be ranked as the number 81 largest builder in the nation, a 28 percent increase over 2014.

In Professional Builder's Housing Giants, home building companies are ranked based upon their revenue. With 2015 revenues of \$95.29 million – a 31 percent increase over 2014 – Highland Homes earned its place as number 129 largest builder in the nation out of the 252 builders ranked.

One of the largest private home building companies in Central Florida, Highland Homes provides new homes ranging from the mid \$100s to the \$300s. The company builds new homes in communities throughout Central, North Central, Southwest and Tampa Bay, Florida, offering everything from townhomes to luxury estate homes.

The company was founded in 1996 by father and son, Robert J. and Joel Adams, who have more than 60 years of combined experience building homes in Florida.



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WHO'S WHO IN INTERIOR DESIGN



Hashrocket CEO joins Boys & Girls Clubs Beaches board

Marian Phelan has been appointed to the board of directors of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Northeast Florida Beaches Board Unit.

A Ponte Vedra resident, Phelan is the CEO of the Jacksonville Beach-based technology company Hashrocket.

"We're grateful to have the support, expertise and leadership Marian provides as we grow the footprint of Boys & Girls Clubs of Northeast Florida at the Beaches," CEO Paul Martinez said. "She's a valuable and welcome addition."

Phelan is an entrepreneur with more than 20 years of experience building and operating successful businesses in multiple markets, including hospitality, real estate, and the Web. She studied to become a chartered certified accountant in Ireland before moving to the United States with her husband in 1990.

In 2011, Phelan became the CEO and sole owner of Hashrocket. Since that time, she has become a leading supporter of the tech community in Northeast Florida, overseeing several technology conferences, including Bizconf – which focused on fostering relationships between tech industry owners, managers and thought leaders – and the Ancient



Photo courtesy of Boys & Girls Clubs of Northeast Florida
Marian Phelan

City Ruby Conference, which has been hosted by Hashrocket in St. Augustine since 2013.

For nearly 50 years, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Northeast Florida has been a part of the local community, providing nationally recognized after-school to more than 2,800 members at 12 club facilities in Duval and St. Johns counties.

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Christy Budnick appointed to Dreams Come True board of directors

Christy Budnick was recently appointed to the board of directors of Dreams Come True, the locally based nonprofit organization dedicated to fulfilling the dreams of children with life-threatening illnesses.

"I am honored to have been appointed to the Dreams Come True board of directors," said Budnick, executive vice president of Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Network Realty. "Dreams Come True is an amazing organization that makes dreams come true for so many deserving children in our community. I feel privileged to be able to make a difference in the lives of those children and their families by supporting the remarkable work of Dreams Come True."

Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Network Realty has supported Dreams Come True for nearly three years, donating nearly \$100,000 to the nonprofit organization by contributing a portion from every completed home sale. In 2015, the real estate firm's contributions were allocated to support Special Times with the Jacksonville Jaguars in conjunction with Dreams Come True.

Founded in 1984, Dreams Come True has made dreams a reality for more than 3,500 children in Northeast Florida and Southeast Georgia. Thanks to contributions from its board of directors, Dreams Come True is able to direct 100 percent of all public



Christy Budnick

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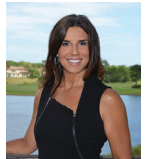
"For the past two years, Christy's support of Dreams Come True has made a tremendous impact on our work," said Sheri Criswell, executive director of Dreams Come True of Jacksonville. "I am incredibly excited to welcome her to our board of directors, where her leadership skills and enthusiasm for making a difference will have an even greater impact as we strive to bring hope and joy to every child in our community who is battling a life-threatening illness."



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Kitchen design trends for your new home or remodel

By Donna Mancini
Special to the Recorder

If you're excited about the hottest kitchen design trends for 2016, we're right there with you. If you're building a new home, or considering a remodel, you'll want to know what your options are, so you can ensure that you'll make the right choices. So, what might the ultimate 2016 kitchen look like? Here are five trends that we predict will lead the pack.

Colored stainless steel appliances: No longer viewed as the neutral of the kitchen, colored appliances are making a comeback. You can really make a statement with a pop of color by throwing in a colorful range. Don't think avocado green and harvest gold of the 70s. Picture a royal blue, canary yellow, or black with gold. These vivid hues will inject a jolt of color into the expected grey stainless steel of yesterday's kitchen.

Workhorse islands: Kitchen islands have quickly morphed into additional workspace. Busy families are considering options such as deep storage, prep sinks, room for seating to chat, a cooktop within easy reach and enough

space to handle a lot of different tasks. Workhorse islands are becoming the central feature in modern kitchens because consumers want islands that are useful and durable, all while looking sleek, stylish and organized.

Kitchens showcasing open shelving: Kitchens with open shelving make a pretty picture and dominate pop-ups on your Pinterest page. They look trendy and modern, but are they practical? We think so! With functional storage options, easy visibility and ease of reach, open shelves offer a practical cabinet-free option. And even better, you can show off those pretty treasures that have been hiding behind closed doors.

Surprising backsplash and countertop pairings: Why play it safe with subway tiles and granite countertops when there are so many different combinations of materials from which to choose? Try mixing it up by letting a graphic tile command your attention as a backsplash over a concrete countertop that stays on the quiet side, or go modern with a porcelain slab backsplash paired with a fluid quartz countertop. The possibilities are endless, with so many materials to choose from in today's



modern kitchen.

Punched-up white kitchens: The trend for years to come is white, white and white. Kitchen walls, cabinets and even countertops are all getting a white makeover. But to avoid that sterile feel, homeowners will have to punch up all that white space with smart, colorful details throughout. Try painting a kitchen

island in a bright color to jazz up white cupboards. Consider a colorful subway tile as a backsplash over a marble countertop. Or bring in your color with the use of bold accents and accessories.

Donna Mancini is an interior designer with Donna Mancini Interiors & Flooring located in The Shoppes of St. Johns Oaks in Ponte Vedra.

Davidson Realty welcomes Michael Davis

Real estate agent Michael Davis has joined North-east Florida firm Davidson Realty. Davis brings to Davidson 25 years of experience in areas such as sales, marketing, customer service and real estate.

"As a sales and marketing veteran, Michael understands the needs of his clients and the importance of cultivating strong customer relationships," said Sherry Davidson, president of Davidson Realty. "We are excited to have him as a member of our team."

Prior to pursuing real estate, Davis worked as a sales and marketing manager, followed by customer service and marketing consultant. In 2006, he earned his real estate license and began his new career specializing in single-family planned communities, mountain properties and vacation homes.



Davidson Realty hosts real estate training program

Davidson Realty, Inc. recently began two "Peak Producers" training courses for real estate agents at World Golf Village and Jacksonville Beach.

Davidson Realty President Sherry Davidson is conducting the training sessions, which began June 20 in World Golf Village and June 22 at the Jacksonville Beach Office.

Created by Buffini & Company, the 16-week training course is designed to help agents increase production through lead generation, negotiating skills and customer service. According

to Buffini & Company, during the program agents generate an average of nearly \$100,000 in income.

"After decades in the business, I've yet to find a more effective program to help agents drive production and build their businesses," said Davidson, a Buffini & Company certified mentor. "I have seen the successful outcomes firsthand after our own agents implemented Peak Producers' tools and resources into their daily routines."

The firm also hosts regular

wine and cheese events to provide information to professionals interested in a real estate career. The next session will be held at its World Golf Village office Thursday, July 7 from 6 to 7 p.m.

Earlier this year, Jacksonville Business Journal named Davidson Realty as one of North-east Florida's Top Residential Real Estate Companies and Best Places to Work. The firm has also been featured as one of Florida's Best Companies to Work For by Florida Trend magazine.

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Chamber of Commerce welcomes guests to new offices

The St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce formally opened its new offices last week, with a ribbon cutting ceremony and open house at the new location at 1 News Place in St. Augustine.

Chamber President and CEO Isabelle Rodriguez welcomed guests to the new space, outlining some of the organization's accomplishments during the past year. Michael Scine, chairman of the chamber's board of directors, also addressed attendees before helping Rodriguez cut the ribbon on the new space.



St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce President and CEO Isabelle Rodriguez and Chair Michael Scine (center) cut the ribbon on the chamber's new St. Augustine offices. Photos by Susan Griffin



Alex Mansur and Sheriff David Shoar



Felicia and Mel Cox



Chamber of Commerce staff celebrate the grand opening of their new offices.



Jim Mottor, Cathy Johnson and Jason Renault

Sunset Rotary holds reception at Oak Bridge



Fluffy Cuts owner Brian Anderson is inducted into the Ponte Vedra Beach Sunset Rotary Club by President Ronald Mott and District Governor Fel Lee. Photos by Susan Griffin



Kathleen Floryan and Ronald Mott

The Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach Sunset held a community "Meet & Greet" reception June 14 at the Oak Bridge Club at Sawgrass. Held on the club's newly reno-

vated deck and lawn, the event was catered by Tacolu and featured the induction of new club member Brian Anderson, owner of pet grooming business Fluffy Cuts.



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Salt Life Fest brings music, market and fun to Seawalk Pavilion

By Jasmine Marshall

Jacksonville Beach's Seawalk Pavilion welcomed another summer festival with local lifestyle brand Salt Life's inaugural Salt Life Fest Saturday, June 18.

Beginning with a kick-off off party at the Salt Life Food Shack June 17 and a sunrise yoga session courtesy of Big Fish Yoga, the festival drew a large, beach-bound crowd with a lineup of music, a slew of vendors and several attractions for families to enjoy. Among them were festival openers Dirty Pete and J. Collins, Danka, Ramajay Intercoastal, The Band Be Easy, Split Tone and headliner Roosevelt Collier. Mama Blue and John Parkerurban also made appearances as special guests.

Despite Saturday's intermittent storms, locals showed up for the beach festival in typical fashion with swimsuits and sunglasses in tow, enjoying food and drinks on the Seawalk Pavilion's green. Activities including a bungee jump, a bull ride, a Jacksonville Armada kick booth and inflatable slides beckoned visitors to the ocean-front festival. Among them were Antoinette Cronk and her daughter, Lucy, who enjoyed a go on the bungee cords.

"It's just nice to get to hang out with my family while doing something fun," Cronk said.

As the event's musicians took the stage, local businesses took to a maze of tents to sell their wares to the crowd. Salt Life Fest's vendors included Life Scents Candle Company, jewelry designer Rebecca Fixel of Bobbles Bangles & Bling and Freak n' Chic crafts by Sasha Friedman, who said she anticipated a large turnout and a good time.

"I come to festivals about as often as Jax Beach has them, and when I heard of the Salt Life Fest I knew I could look to have a great time," Friedman said. "I'm looking forward to Salt Life bringing out a good crowd of down-to-earth people and watching everyone party."

It's a move Associate Producer of Jax Beach Festivals Shelly Speckman said came at the right time, and one that she hopes the community will be able to enjoy for years to come.

"We are hoping to make it a yearly event," Speckman said. "It's a good kick-off to summer, it's great for business and it's fun, with great music and a laidback Salt Life style."



Photos by Jasmine Marshall



Inflatable slides, bungee ropes and bull rides round out the entertainment at the festival.



A crowd quickly forms at the Salt Life Fest.

'Sterling's Summer Pier Dance' benefits BEAM

By Jennifer Logue

Sundresses and summer hats were the dress code for last week's "Sterling's Summer Pier Dance," held June 14 at the Casa Marina Hotel in Jacksonville Beach.

Nearly 200 people turned out for the inaugural event to benefit the Beaches Emergency Assistance Ministry (BEAM), which provides food and assistance with rent and utilities for residents in need. Hosted by Rock Solid Business Law and Sterling Joyce – the Casa Marina's well-known maître d' – the cocktail reception featured seaside dancing to music provided by BayStreet, with Rock Solid Business Law attorney John Miller on lead vocals and bass guitar.

"BayStreet had a blast playing to a fun crowd, and patrons had a good time in support of wonderful charity," Miller said.

Guests also had an opportunity to do some shopping at a "pop-up shop" in the hotel courtyard, with items from BEAM's Seventh Avenue thrift store.



Amy Simpson and Jacob Wright

"We brought a little something for everyone," store manager Jennifer Gaynor said as guests perused items ranging from clothing and artwork to Jimmy Choo purses.

Miller said the event raised more than



Berge and Nancy Gregian dance to the music at Sterling's Summer Pier Dance.

\$3,000 for BEAM.

"We are thrilled with the turnout for a first-time event," he said. "While the money goes to BEAM with 'no strings attached,' the purpose of the event is – and will be every year – to provide



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food for needy Beaches children while they are out of school for the summer."

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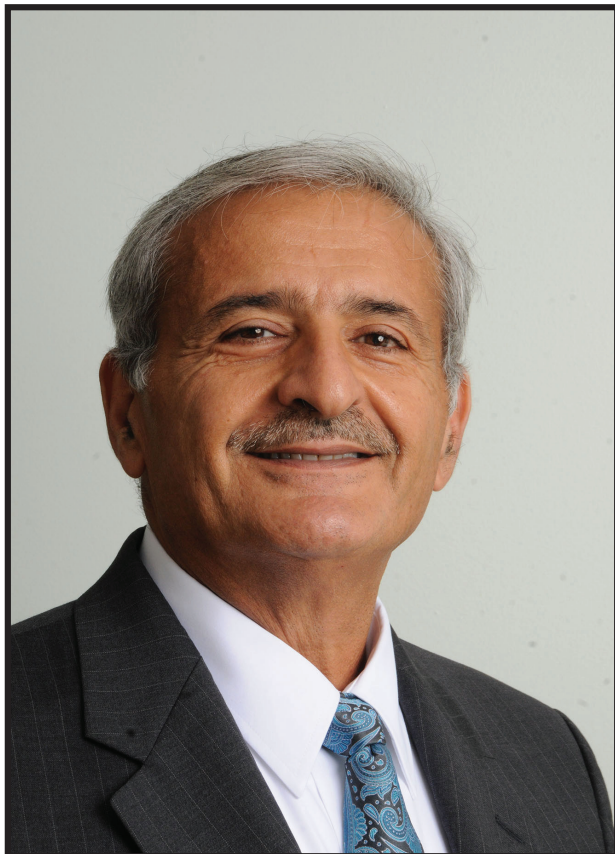
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Gardening offers health benefits

By Dr. Erika Hamer
Special to the Recorder

Gardening is a popular outdoor pastime and an excellent way to spend time in nature, beautify your environment and grow nutritious fruits, vegetables and herbs. And according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, it's also an effectively way to stay in shape: 30 to 45 minutes of gardening can burn up to 150 calories!

Maintaining a garden is a great way for people of all ages and abilities to stay active, and active individuals are less likely to develop hypertension, Type 2 diabetes, osteoporosis, heart disease, depression and other problems, notes the CDC. Your health care professional can counsel you on how to use proper posture and technique to avoid excessive spine and joint strain when gardening in order to help you prevent injuries that may keep you from enjoying this health-positive activity.

Benefit #1: Improved physical health

Gardening involves a variety of physical activities that challenge you to move your body in different ways and improve your strength and stamina. Common gardening tasks include raking, hoeing, digging, squatting, turning compost heaps, using a push mower or rototiller and lifting and hauling garden supplies. And those are just a few of the activities that make gardening a serious workout.

Moreover, the American Council on Exercise finds that gardening is an effective form of resistance training that helps lower your risk for chronic disease. While most people garden for fun, scheduling regular gardening sessions – three times per week for 30 minutes to 1 hour – can yield excellent health benefits. Pulling weeds, raking and other upper body tasks works your arms, chest, back and shoulders, while other activities, such as hauling supplies in a wheelbarrow, work your lower body.

Benefit #2: Enhanced mental & social health

Gardening is also associated with several significant mental and social health benefits. According to a 2004 study published in the journal Social Science and Medicine, gardening – and communal gardening in particular – helps combat isolation in older individuals, helps older adults develop social networks and improves quality of life and emotional well-being in seniors. But young people can reap the mental and social health benefits of gardening, too, teaching children and teens mental skills, such as multitask-

ing, scheduling and planning while cultivating a sense of identity and belonging. Gardening is a way for youths to exercise their creativity as well: A garden is like a blank canvas ready to be painted, and how a child or teen builds his or her garden reflects personal identity and artistic style.

Benefit #3: Decreased stress & anxiety

Many people try gardening as a way to help them relax or manage stress, and research evidence is now confirming what many people have known for de-

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Remove standing water, take precautions to prevent Zika

By Vanesa Ellis

Special to the Recorder

Even though there have not been any reported mosquito-transmitted Zika cases in the continental United States to date, medical professionals are calling Miami America's "ground zero" for the Zika virus.

Unlike West Nile virus and Chikungunya, Zika has been identified as a world health crisis. Yet according to The Mosquito Squad Fight the Bite Report, nearly 75 percent of Americans don't plan to modify their time outside this year due to mosquito activity. What's more, fewer than half of Americans follow the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommendation to use mosquito repellent, while just a third remove standing water, a simple task the CDC recommends to reduce mosquito breeding.

Here are a few tips on how you can protect your backyard and yourself from this illness. First and foremost, get rid of outdoor water sources. This is where mosquitoes breed. In addition:

Tip: Tip over items in your yard to reduce standing water. Even a tiny bottle cap filled with water holds enough water for mosquitoes to breed. Since mosquitoes breed in standing water, its elimination decreases a mosquito's breeding ground. Yards with bird baths, playsets with tire swings, tree houses, portable fireplaces and pits and catch basins are the biggest offenders.

Toss: Toss grass clippings, leaves, firewood and piles of mulch that are yard trash. By keeping a yard clean, you can remove a major breeding area for mosquitoes.

Turn: Turn over yard items that could hold water. Look for dog bowls, plant saucers, empty pots, sand boxes, plastic toys, or even garbage bins that are not being used.

Remove tarps: If tarps stretched over firewood piles, boats or sports equipment aren't taut, they're holding water. Get rid of them. Check tarps over firewood piles, portable fireplaces, recycling cans, boats, sports equipment and grills.

Take care: Take care of home main-



Photo courtesy of Mosquito Squad

tenance needs that can contribute to standing water. Regularly clean out gutters and make sure downspouts are attached properly. Regrade areas where water stands more than a few hours and regularly check irrigation systems to ensure that they aren't leaking and causing a breeding haven. Keep lawn height low and areas weed-free.

Team up: In addition to taking all precautions in and around your own home, talking with neighbors is a key component to mosquito control.

Treat: Around your home exterior, consider using the services of a professional mosquito elimination system such as Mosquito Squad. When traveling, use long lasting mosquito repellents.

Vanesa, Lisa and Kevin Ellis are owners of Mosquito Squad of St. Johns, offering professional mosquito control and mosquito elimination services. For more information, call (904) 559-3414.



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cadecades about gardening's stressbusting potential. A 2011 study published in the *Journal of Health Psychology* states that gardening can encourage relief from acute stress and restore positive mood, and is better at doing both these things than indoor reading. Another study, published in 2004, notes that home gardens help reduce feelings of stress and that interacting with nature in a nurturing environment helps boost

mental well-being.

Benefit #4: Access to nutritious foods

Tending a garden means having easy access to nutritious foods, and gardeners may eat more fruits and vegetables than non-gardeners. In addition, first graders who learn about nutrition in the classroom while growing vegetables outdoors in their own gardens have a greater willingness to

taste those garden-grown vegetables, according to a study published in *California Agriculture*. Indeed, gardening is a way to encourage healthier food consumption patterns in people of all ages.

Gardening is a healthful activity that yields many benefits, but it is important to remember to start off slowly to avoid muscle strains and soreness. Low-back pain is one of the most common complaints among gardeners, so if you are prone to back pain, you may want to seek advice from your health care professional about ways to pre-

vent back pain while gardening.

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Chamber of Commerce to offer seminar on Zika and your business

The St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce will offer a presentation on the impact of the Zika virus on businesses next month.

To be held at 9 a.m. Wednesday, July 20 at 1 News Place in St. Augustine, the presentation will be conducted by Christopher S. Bibbs, education specialist and resident entomologist for Anastasia Mosquito Control. Bibbs will discuss the Anastasia Mosquito Control District's eradication program and other measures being taken to minimize the threat of a Zika outbreak.

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REVIEW

Alhambra brings 'tale as old as time' to life in 'Beauty and the Beast'

By Jennifer Logue

The universal appeal of fairy tales that end “happily ever after” was on full display Saturday evening at the Alhambra Theatre & Dining’s production of “Beauty and the Beast.” The packed house was full of princesses of all ages clad in twinkling tiaras and glittery gowns and carrying illuminated roses in honor of the evening’s performance.

Following a French-themed dinner created by Alhambra Executive Chef DeJuan Roy that featured “the grey stuff” mentioned in the popular song “Be Our Guest,” the audience remained spellbound for a production that faithfully recreated the appeal of the Disney animated feature film – the first animated film ever to be nominated for Best Picture at the Academy Awards. The opening village number, “Belle,” succeeded in establishing the familiar characters and transporting the audience to the “poor provincial town” the heroine seeks to escape in search of adventure. From there, the show moves swiftly through the familiar tale, as Belle rescues her father from the beast’s dungeon, offering her life in exchange for his. Indeed, the show’s emphasis on the close relationship enjoyed between Belle and her father Maurice (Robert Lydiard) seemed especially fitting for a Father’s Day weekend performance.

While a few of the scenes seemed to frighten some of the very youngest members of the audience, the overall show was a rollicking good time – particularly the crowd-pleasing showstoppers such as “Be Our Guest” and “Gaston.”

As Belle, Emily Stokes seems a bit more tentative and unsure than her confident animated counterpart, but her hesitancy creates a nice contrast to the bombastic Gaston (Tony Lawson), who is played to greater comedic effect in the stage show. Lawson – who played the egotistical blowhard on the original national tour – is reminiscent of a young Dick Shawn, milking every line and lyric for maximum audience enjoyment. Other cast standouts include Lisa Valdini as the beloved Mrs. Potts, Jason Nettle as LeFou, Brian Beach as Lumiere and Erik DeCicco as Cogsworth. Peter Joshua’s Beast, meanwhile, brings greater depth and complexity to the character, delving more into the bewitched prince’s insecurity and despair.

By the time the happily-ever-after ending arrived, the cast had the audience singing along and believing that sometimes dreams really do come true.



“Beauty and the Beast” runs through July 31 at the Alhambra Theatre & Dining in Jacksonville.

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The cast of the Alhambra Theatre & Dining’s production of “Beauty and the Beast”

Alhambra chef wins Food Network cooking competition

By Jennifer Logue

As executive chef at the Alhambra Theatre & Dining, DeJuan Roy is charged with creating inventive menus that pair thematically with a wide variety of plays and musicals – everything from the theater’s current production of “Beauty and the Beast” to the ghostly “Blithe Spirit” and more.

Roy put that inventiveness to good use Sunday night, when the chef appeared on a special Father’s Day episode of the Food Network’s “Guy Fieri’s Grocery Games,” winning the competition that sends four talented chefs running through grocery store aisles in a high-stakes, high-skills cooking

competition. In typical show challenges, chefs are called upon to do everything from find recipe substitutions when key ingredients are out of stock to prepare a gourmet meal with just five ingredients and for under \$10.

Roy made it through to the show’s final round, where he was pitted one-on-one against a corporate chef from Boston. Each chef was given one main ingredient with the task of creating a Father’s Day dinner of which their family would be proud. Roy’s opponent was given duck breast, from which he made a classic Duck à l’Orange. Roy was given canned ham.

“He gets duck and I get canned

ham?” Roy asked. “I’ve got to be creative.”

Drawing on the culinary creativity he employs in planning the Alhambra’s themed dinners, Roy prepared pork trotters, deep frying the ham in a seasoned flour and then covering it in a Dijon mustard glaze. He accompanied it with fingerling potatoes seasoned with salt, pepper and fresh rosemary. Completing the meal were Swiss chard sautéed with salt, pepper and garlic and deglazed with white wine and vinegar.

While judges raved about the duck, it was Roy who emerged the winner, with Fieri himself commenting, “DeJuan, you just made canned ham sexy.”

For his efforts, Roy won \$16,000. But the cash prize was just a nice bonus, he noted.

“I just wanted to show my kids that they can go on and do great things,” he said.

Roy joined the Alhambra Theatre & Dining staff in 2012, completely re-vamping the culinary experience at the nation’s longest running dinner theater. He changed the theater’s longtime buffet to a seated, served three-course dinner with selections that change to match each show’s theme. Since his arrival, the Alhambra has won several Best of Jacksonville awards for dining.

Apex Theatre Studio presents 'Into the Woods'

By Carrie Resch

In a fast-paced jaunt through difficult material, a cast of local teens and young adults rush around the stage at the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall, rehearsing for three upcoming performances that will showcase the work they've put into their "summer intensive" theater program at Apex Theatre Studio.

On June 24 and 25, the nonprofit performing arts training center will present Stephen Sondheim's "Into the Woods" – the first of two summer intensives open to artists ages 14 to 21 – at the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall.

"This is our third year, and our advanced-level artists wanted to take on a challenge," Producer Ian Mairs said. "It doesn't get any more stimulating than Sondheim."

A cast of 16 high school and college students was chosen from more than 50 applicants. Schools represented in this year's production attend University of Florida, Florida State University, the University of Central Florida and Flagler College as well as area high schools, including Nease, Stanton, Episcopal and Douglas Anderson School of the Arts.

Apex staff said the summer intensives were designed for advanced high school and collegiate students – people who are really committed to musical theatre and want an advanced program.

"We want them to have an experience that is similar to what their first professional job will be because smaller professional theatres don't have the luxury to pay performers to come in and rehearse for three weeks – that's kind of unheard of today," Mairs said. "So you have to learn how to work fast and we wanted to give them those skills."

Lauren Bell, who will portray Little Red Riding



Director George E. Judy and a cast of local high school and college students rehearse for the upcoming production of "Into the Woods."

Photo by Carrie Resch

Hood, has participated in Apex summer intensives since the beginning. She was in Apex's first production of "Godspell" in 2014 and again in the same production the following year as well as "Spring Awakening" and last fall's staged reading of "She Kills Monsters."

"I can't get enough of it," Bell confessed. "It's really fun."

The 17-year-old rising senior and musical theatre

major at Douglas Anderson School of the Arts said she enjoys padding her summer with quick-paced theatre workshops such as Apex Studio Theatre's summer intensives in order to hone her musical theatre skills.

She also enjoys the camaraderie of meeting and working with fellow performers, noting that the cast of last year's production of "Godspell" remains close and still keeps in touch.

The talent Apex brings into the program is also a draw, she added. For

example, "Into the Woods" Director George E. Judy – who also directed Apex's production of "Spring Awakening" – is a professor of acting and directing at Louisiana State University as well as a member of Actors' Equity and the Screen Actors Guild.

This will be the first time Apex students perform at the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall. In addition, "Into the Woods" will be the first-ever musical performed at the concert hall.

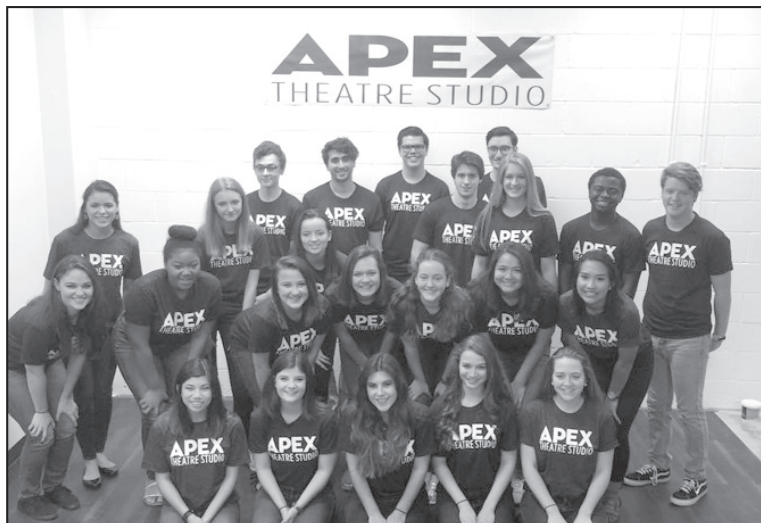
Mairs noted that several members of the "Spring Awakening" cast were from the Ponte Vedra area and said he was approached by parents asking him if he would consider doing something in this area. That led to the first brick and mortar location, which opened on Palm Valley Road the first week in May.

In addition to the summer intensives, the studio is running a summer camp for students ages 10 to 17. Between the intensives and the camp, the studio will have more than 100 students participating in their programs this summer – a sizable increase from the nine students with which the program began.

Performances of "Into The Woods" will take place Friday, June 24 at 8 p.m. and Saturday, June 25 at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Tickets are \$25 for general admission, \$20 for students and seniors.

The second summer intensive production, "Godspell," will be performed at the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall Aug. 5 and 6.

The Ponte Vedra Concert Hall is located at 1050 A1A N. in Ponte Vedra Beach. For more information, visit www.pvconcerthall.com or www.apextheatrejax.com.



Apex Theatre Studio participants are preparing for their production of "Into the Woods."

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By Harry Pappas

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Harry Pappas
Columnist

Surveys regularly indicate that few investors understand the concept of fiduciary obligation, and most believe their financial advisor is already required to act in their best interests. I suspect that most investors are not aware that in April of this year, the Department of Labor's (DOL) long-awaited fiduciary rule became law. Although the six-year fiduciary debate might remain a mystery to you, what is important to understand is that while the new rule is relatively complicated, the objective is simple: to make sure that those in the financial services industry act as fiduciaries. We, as financial advisors, must, by law, act solely in the best interest of our clients when giving retirement planning advice or pay steep consequences. In other words, you, the investor, come first!

I believe that financial advisors will look back on 2016 as the year that our jobs got somewhat more difficult, and I

could not be more pleased! While some financial institutions expressed serious concerns about its impact on investors while the rule was being developed, I put forth that it will transform the financial services industry in an incredibly positive way for all interested parties – the client, the advisor and the profession. I have argued for years that what investors crave most is transparency. For instance, far too many investors do not realize how much they are paying for investment advice and strategy implementation, as they are either too intimidated to ask or the fees are repeatedly buried in the fine print. The DOL rule is intended to ensure that you, as an investor, can be confident that the advice you are receiving related to the investments in your retirement account is not just suitable for you, but always in your best interests; that it is not influenced by other factors; and that you fully understand the costs associated with your investments.

One caution to the new fiduciary rule is that it only applies to your tax-advantaged retirement accounts and does not pertain to your taxable investment accounts. However, the SEC, which governs non-taxable accounts, is in the process of developing a fiduciary standard that would align with the Department of Labor rule and apply to a broader range of investments.

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In the end, the fiduciary rule, which transforms the way the financial industry delivers retirement savings advice, is a great victory for retirement savers. In other words, your interest comes first! Many marketing slogans might imply that clients' interests come first, but this new rule goes well beyond advertising catchphrases; it is now the law!

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Players by the Sea announces open casting call for 'Into the Woods'

An open casting call for the Players by the Sea production of "Into the Woods" will be held Sunday, June 26 at 1 p.m.

"Into the Woods" will open Players by the Sea's 51st Season and will be directed by Dr. Lee Beger and Bradley Akers, with music direction by Anthony Felton. The production runs Sept. 16 – Oct. 8 on the theatre's main stage.

For more information on auditions for "Into the Woods," visit www.playersbythesea.org or call (904) 249-0289.

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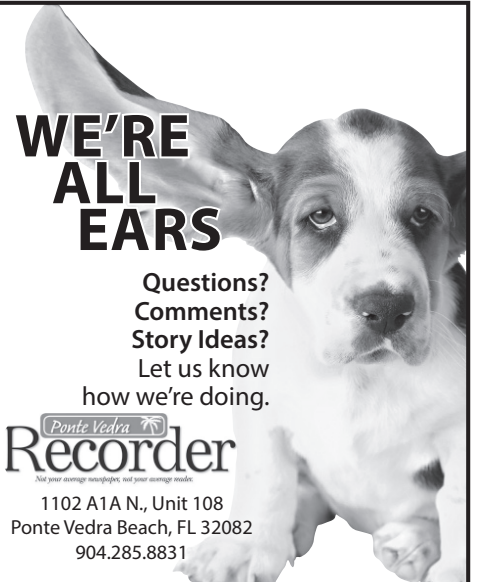
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