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THE PLAYERS Championship is in full swing, with the first round of the tournament taking place today. Flip through this edition of the Recorder for coverage of events that have taken place at THE PLAYERS over the past week, as well as helpful information regarding the tournament.

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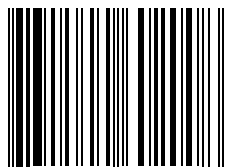
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Oak Bridge development to receive final verdict

County Commission vote set for May 15

By Samantha Logue

The two-year controversy over the potential sale and development of the back 40 acres of the Oak Bridge Club at Sawgrass' golf course may finally reach a conclusion Tuesday, May 15, when the St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners (BCC) is scheduled to vote regarding its approval.

Originally scheduled for the BCC's Jan. 16 meeting, the final vote on the proposal was postponed by the board with a request for further information.

"There's no plan here," contended Commissioner Jay Morris at the meeting. "I know what you want to do, or what you're talking about doing, but I have no idea where it's going to go. Where are you going to locate it? Whose backyard is it going to be in?"

As a result, Alta Mar Holdings LLC, which owns the Oak Bridge Club, was forced to revise its application.

"Specifically, what they asked us for is more specificity," Alta Mar's David Miller said. "What we didn't have the first time was the location of buildings, the specific

height the buildings were going to be, so that was really the biggest thing that the commissioners asked for. The second thing they asked for was a reduction in the number of variances we were requesting. We removed the parking variance that we were requesting, and we also removed the phasing variance we requested."

According to Miller, the development of the land in question would not only improve the marketability of Oak Bridge's golf course — which he contends is in desperate need of repair — but it would also result in an increase in property values for those who reside in the Sawgrass Players Club community, which encompasses the course.

"People's homes are often their largest stow of their personal wealth," he said. "If your largest stow of personal wealth depreciated by 20 percent, because a golf course went foul in your backyard through the inaction of the BCC ... Well, that's why people are really motivated and mobilizing this time."

The controversy over the development, however, has more to do with those living outside of the Players Club than those inside it. Residents of the neighboring Hidden Oaks subdivision, which abuts the portion of the course Alta Mar wishes to sell, have expressed concerns regarding traffic

impacts and a potential decrease in their property values.

"We've always felt that the development was very intense — 330 (residential) units and 15,000 square feet of commercial," said Frank Levene, an outspoken leader among Alta Mar's opposition. "If the argument being made by the owner of the golf course is that they need to sell off that 40 acres to sustain the balance of the 12 holes, I don't think it would require 330 units. You don't need that level of money to sustain the golf course. It's profit maximizing and development opportunity, really."

Seeking an alternative solution, Levene and other detractors of the planned development had previously proposed turning the land in question into a public park instead, but due to a lack of funding and support for the idea, the group has since formed the Foundation for the Future of Ponte Vedra and refocused their mission.

"The park is still an aspiration, but there's no point in talking about solutions if you haven't got resolution around the issues being created by the proposed development," Levene said. "Our goal is to ensure that all of the questions are being asked. We thought we'd focus on the open issues that

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Christ Church renovations, expansion to begin this summer

By Samantha Logue

This summer, as part of a comprehensive capital campaign to secure the future of the church, Christ Episcopal Church will break ground on its planned expansion project, which will include the remodeling of some of the church's existing buildings, as well as the construction of a new Christian Formations building.

"The components of this capital building project are not intended to grow the size of our preschool and kindergarten, nor to grow substantially the size of our worship and congregation on Sunday," said Rev. Thomas Reeder, the church's rector. "The essence of this capital project is that it will enable us to be more effective with the space that we have in mission and ministry."

The church recently presented the details of its project to the Ponte Vedra Architectural Review Committee (PVARC) and the Ponte Vedra Zoning and Adjustment Board (PVZAB). The purpose of the meetings was to address the church's non-zoning variance



Photo provided by Christ Episcopal Church

Christ Episcopal Church will kick off renovations and an expansion project in summer 2018.

request to allow relief from certain Ponte Vedra Overlay District regulations as it goes forward with its expansion.

Specifically, the church requested exceptions be granted to allow: a two-story, 35-foot building to be located within 150 feet of a residentially zoned property; a two-story building to encroach less than 10 feet at the required 50-foot setback from the roadway; an auto court along Solana Road to encroach the required 20-foot buffer from the roadway by less than 10 feet; a combination of flat and pitched roofing; and the construction of a 180-foot building parallel to the roadway. Additionally, the church also requested that the requirement for an 8-foot masonry wall (or vegetation with 100 percent opacity) when a two-story building is constructed within 100 feet of a residence be waived, noting that

the residence in question belongs to the church. Ultimately, following the PVARC's recommendation, the PVZAB voted 7-0 to approve the requested variance.

Project Details

The first phase of the project, according to Reeder, will involve the renovation and repurposing of the church's Christian Family Center to house the Christ Church Preschool and Early Learning Program.

After the children have moved into their new building, Reeder said the church intends to demolish the old school buildings to make way for its new Christian Formations building, which will be used for classes, meetings, training, administration and the church's arts programs.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

At a St. Johns County Commission meeting earlier this year, the owners of the newly renovated Oak Bridge Golf Course asked the Commission for a slew of variances that would materially alter the landscape of A1A in Ponte Vedra Beach.

In place of six holes of golf just off A1A, the property owners want the County to approve up to 330 age-restricted single-family and multi-family units, nursing/memory care facilities and 15,000 square feet of commercial space, all adjacent to the Sawgrass Village shopping center. The owners also want the right to construct buildings longer and taller than currently allowed, plus the right to construct flat roofed structures, effectively permitting the construction of five-story buildings. And to top it off, the owners — who are actively seeking developers for the property — want the flexibility to put the buildings just about anywhere on the property, notwithstanding the proximity of several homes, apartments and A1A.

The rationale is obvious. The property is much more marketable — and valuable — with the variances in place. However, there is a price for the rest of Ponte Vedra Beach. Sawgrass Players Club, whose members overwhelmingly voted to support the new owners' plans, received a beautifully renovated golf and tennis club and a promise that the 300+ new residents and countless vendors and visitors would access the property not from Sawgrass Players Club's private road, but rather via A1A, where traffic and traffic accidents are already issues. It's a win-win for the new property owners and Sawgrass Players Club; it's another source of pain for those who live on and drive A1A every day. The result is a divided Ponte Vedra Beach reflecting the age-old Florida split between the interests of gated and non-gated communities.

The owners were represented by an attorney at the commission meeting. She was quick to reference setbacks and buffers between the proposed 58-foot tall structures and adjacent neighborhoods. She also cited hotels (Sawgrass Marriott and Hilton Garden Inn) and certain office buildings that are located on or adjacent to Sawgrass Village shopping center as examples of other buildings receiving height variances. To a few sneers, the attorney tried to sell the idea that 55-year-olds don't drive that much and that 300 of the proposed residences had already been approved by a county plan originating from the 1970s. She

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Image courtesy of Philip Vineyard

A map provided by Vineyard illustrates his arguments regarding the potential Oak Bridge development: Yellow boundary – Parcels upon which variances for 58-foot tall, 150-foot long buildings are requested. Red boundaries – Current buildings in the immediate area taller than three stories. Blue boundary – Parallel line highlighting setback from A1A for buildings taller than three stories.

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explained these points without providing context, however.

First, the hotels and office buildings used as examples of present variances are set far back of A1A (see attached aerial view). They also don't block the views of neighboring residences. Second, the attorney did not have traffic, storm water, environmental or hurricane preparedness studies for the requested development parameters. Third, a recent modification to the development plan states affirmatively that the new owners want permission to put the tallest and longest of the proposed buildings just 80 feet off of A1A, when similar buildings in Sawgrass Village are more than three times as far away from A1A. And finally, the attorney could not assure the commissioners that the proposed setbacks would protect the views of adjacent homeowners or that vast areas of current green space would not become parking lots. Indeed, the recent

plan modifications show between 270 to 280 parking spaces spread throughout the subject parcel.

To their credit, the commissioners recognized the foregoing faults at the January meeting, but provided a lifeline to the owners of Oak Bridge by promising a future opportunity to provide more specifics. That opportunity is scheduled for May 15 at another public meeting. The question is "Why?" The owners of Oak Bridge are not the developers, and they bought the property knowing what restrictions were placed upon it. It is not the community's obligation to make a property owner's investment more valuable or marketable. If variances are necessary, make the actual developer of the property apply for them. Let the developer explain his or her ideas to the community. It's the only way to assure that the plans so carefully put in place by the community to protect their neighborhoods are upheld in a manner agreeable to the community.

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Dr. Joseph Joyner endorses Kelly Barrera for re-election to School Board District 4

Former St. Johns County Schools Superintendent Dr. Joseph Joyner has endorsed Kelly Barrera's bid for re-election as the District 4 representative to the St. Johns County School Board.

Now president of Flagler College, Joyner served as superintendent of the St. Johns County School System for 14 years, retiring in January 2017. Under his leadership, St. Johns County was routinely ranked as the top-rated school district in the state of Florida.

"There is no question in my mind that the re-election of Kelly Barrera is essential to the continued success of the St. Johns County School District," Joyner said in his endorsement. "I have worked with many board members in my 40 years in public education and Kelly Barrera is one of the finest."

Joyner praised Barrera for her passion and commitment to improving the educational experience for all students.

"Kelly has been a fierce advocate for the students and parents in her community, questioning the status quo to ensure all decisions are made in the best interest of children," Joyner said of Barrera, whose district includes Ponte Vedra Beach, Nocatee, Palencia and parts of St. Augustine. "She has also been a

true servant leader and a compassionate listener during her time on the School Board ... It is an honor to give my highest endorsement to Kelly Barrera in her re-election to the St. Johns County School Board."

Barrera said she was both humbled and grateful for Joyner's strong endorsement.

"Dr. Joyner is one of the most respected educational leaders in the state of Florida — his record of helping students achieve academic excellence speaks for itself," she said. "It was an honor and a privilege to have served on the School Board during his tenure and to carry on his legacy of excellence as the board's current vice chair. If re-elected, I will continue to work hard every day to ensure that the St. Johns County School District continues to offer our children the very best possible education, and remains a model for the state of Florida."

A Ponte Vedra Beach resident for more than 25 years, Barrera is a graduate of Jacksonville University, where she was the first female graduate of the aviation program. She and her husband, Gil Barrera, are the parents of two adult children, both of whom have attended and volunteered in the local schools and community. For more information on Barrera, visit www.kellybarrera.com.

St. Johns County announces 2018 polling places

According to the office of St. Johns County Supervisor of Elections Vicky Oakes, polling places for the fall elections have been finalized for St. Johns County's 46 precincts.

Primary elections will be held Aug. 28, with the general election to follow on Nov. 6. As 12 precincts will be sharing voting locations, there will be 38 total polling places open on election dates for voting. Most St. Johns County voters will continue to vote at the same location they voted at in 2016; however, four polling places were unavailable this year or required changes due to growth. Only one location is in the Ponte Vedra area: Precinct 405.

There are currently two precincts (403 and 405) voting at the Ponte Vedra Presbyterian Church on Palm Valley Road. Due to growth in the Nocatee area, voters that live in Nocatee on the north side of Nocatee Parkway, as well as those living in the Sawmill Lakes subdivision, will now vote at the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall at 1050 A1A North in Ponte Vedra Beach. Voters in precinct 403 will continue to vote at the church.

Affected voters will receive new voter information cards in approximately two weeks. For the updated polling place list and maps, visit www.votesjc.com. Voters can also check their voter record online to verify their information and polling place. For additional information, call (904) 823-2238.

Blocker seeks election to St. Johns County Commission District 4

Jeremiah Blocker is seeking election to the St. Johns County Commission District 4 because he believes in the future of St. Johns County.

"I will work hard to ensure our county remains the best place in Florida to live, to raise a family, to work and to play," said Blocker. "We need to maintain our great quality of life while keeping our tax burden low through fiscal responsibility. Protecting our citizens and children is top priority. I believe we must provide the resources necessary for our first responders to do their jobs. Finally, St. Johns County has a world-class education system. I will work to ensure that we maintain that status."

Blocker is a graduate of the University of Florida, where he obtained a degree in history. While attending college, he participated in the Army ROTC program, commissioning as a second lieutenant upon graduation.

In the military, Blocker served as an Army officer for over 13 years, both on active duty and in the Reserves. A veteran

of Operation Iraqi Freedom, Blocker commanded a Military Police company who was embedded with the Iraqi Police Forces in the cities of Mosul and Tal Afar in Northern Iraq. Blocker continues his military service in the Air Force Reserves as a judge advocate general officer with the rank of major, handling a variety of civil, criminal and administrative proceedings.

Blocker attended law school in Jacksonville and graduated from Florida Coastal School of Law. After admission to the Florida Bar, Blocker continued his legal studies at the University of Miami School of Law in Coral Gables, earning a Master of Law in real property development. In addition, Blocker has a graduate degree in business entrepreneurship from the University of Florida.

Before transitioning into private practice, Blocker served as a state prosecutor trying over 30 cases in front of juries ranging from DUIs to violent felony cases. In this position, he also served as the drug court liaison for the state of Florida,



Photo courtesy of Jeremiah Blocker

managing all drug court diversion cases and working with community leaders to assist substance abuse defendants successfully reintegrate into the community.

Currently, Blocker is a partner in a small law firm, where he concentrates his practice in the areas of real estate and

land use, business law, title insurance, military law and veterans benefits. He and his wife Lauren live in Nocatee with their two children. The family worships at St. John Paul II Catholic Church.

Visit jeremiahblocker.com for more information.

THE PLAYERS kicks off tournament week with DONNA 5K at TPC Sawgrass



By Benjamin Naim

THE PLAYERS Championship kicked off tournament week at TPC Sawgrass with the 11th annual DONNA Foundation 5K on Saturday, May 5, to raise money for breast cancer research at Mayo Clinic and care for those living with the disease. The 5K series has raised nearly \$400,000 for the foundation to date.

Hundreds of runners and walkers of all levels participated in the 5K, which went through the back nine of THE PLAYERS Stadium Course. Following the race, participants and spectators gathered at The Grove for a post-race celebration and awards ceremony.

Christian Skaret from Jacksonville finished in first place among males with a 17:24 chip time. Cameron Klug of Merritt Island clocked in a second-place finish, and Ponte Vedra native Tyler Lehman finished in third.

Photo by Benjamin Naim

Donna 5K participants, some of them breast cancer survivors, prepare for the start of the DONNA 5K on Saturday, May 5, at TPC Sawgrass.

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Operation Shower: Military moms-to-be enjoy dream baby shower

By Jon Blauvelt

On Sunday, May 6, the PGA Tour and Birdies for the Brave joined Operation Shower at TPC Sawgrass to host a group baby shower for 39 military moms-to-be.

Hosted by Jim and Tabitha Furyk, the Main Street USA-themed event held at the Patriots' Outpost and sponsored by United Rentals provided the moms-to-be with a chance to connect with each other, receive gifts and ultimately feel appreciated for their respective sacrifices.

"This is a very, very special day for us," said Tabitha Furyk. "It's a small thank you to you, but it means the world to us to have such a strong military presence in Jacksonville. We appreciate you being here and sharing this moment with us."

Some of the soon-to-be moms in attendance were active duty military, while others have deployed spouses. All were showered with boxes upon boxes of high-quality products provided by sponsors and donors, including Opera-

tion Shower's signature Shower-In-A-Box.

"It means a lot," said Mallory Collins, a mom-to-be who is expecting in August and whose husband is based at Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay in Georgia. "It's helpful to receive a lot of things."

The eighth annual event preceding THE PLAYERS Championship also featured a series of games, such as Bingo, in which the moms-to-be all ended up taking home gifts and prizes. Local military leadership was also in attendance to recognize the women, including Capt. David Yoder, the commanding officer of Naval Station Mayport.

This was the 59th shower the PGA Tour has conducted with Operation Shower, which has honored more than 5,000 military moms-to-be since 2007. Overall, the event represented Operation Shower's 106th shower.

"Today is all about you," said Amy Belle Isle, chief creative officer of Operation Shower. "We hope it's filled with joy, and that you leave feeling more connected, appreciated and that your baby shower is a dream come true."



ABOVE: Military moms-to-be and other attendees of Operation Shower gather following a fun afternoon filled with gifts and games at TPC Sawgrass on Sunday, May 6.

LEFT: Jim and Tabitha Furyk address Operation Shower.

Photos by Jon Blauvelt

Derek Sprague is the general manager of TPC Sawgrass. Appointed to the position in October 2017, Sprague previously served as managing director at Liberty National Golf Club in Jersey City, New Jersey.

Derek Sprague

Can you please tell us about your background?

I grew up in Malone, New York, which is as far north as you can get in the state of New York. It's about three hours north of Albany or Syracuse. I grew up on the first hole of the Malone Golf Club, which is now today a 36-hole, semi-private facility. About 10 percent of the town's population were members of the club there. I worked there for the majority of my career, and then I moved down to Jersey City, New Jersey, and I managed Liberty National Golf Club, host of the 2017 Presidents Cup. It also hosted the 2009 and 2013 Barclays FedEx Playoffs. Last December, I moved down here to start managing TPC Sawgrass in lovely Ponte Vedra Beach.

What makes TPC Sawgrass so special?

The course was designed to challenge the world's best golfers. It sets up to not favor any particular shot. And the fan experience here that THE PLAYERS produces is really second to none. With Tiger coming back this year, it's going to be extra special for those who attend and get a glimpse of him and all the other great players. It's just a wonderful venue that not only challenges the best players in the world but just a great stadium for all the fans to watch that great play.

What does it mean for TPC Sawgrass and THE PLAYERS for Tiger Woods to be coming to town?

It's very exciting, not only for the fans but for the players who are going to play. I think all the Tour players will tell you they love playing when Tiger's in the field. You hear the stories from the young players today who idolize Tiger. And he's still playing very, very well. I think it's maybe a little bit of a "David and Goliath" story.

What are you most looking forward to with the tournament in your first year as general manager?

I've been to this tournament as a spectator. It was a great experience then, and now, I'm looking forward to working with our 350 team members and 2,000 volunteers. I'm looking forward to seeing our team execute on months and months of planning to deliver a great experience, not only for the fans but the players themselves. This is the home of the PGA Tour. We're here to serve the Tour players. It's our biggest stage.

What does it take to prepare for the tournament?

It's about a 120-day buildout, which means building all the structures and temporary structures that go on here. Preparation for that is with the structures, the cable crossings for all the TV that will be here, repurposing of all our permanent structures, etc. That all begins to unfold about 120 days out. It's staged over those 120 days right out to the first tee shot. In 2019, THE PLAYERS moves up from May to March, so we're going to have an accelerated turnaround. It's going to be a new ballgame for many of us. We're going to be overseeding this November. That closes the Stadium Course for about 20 days. That's going to be new for our agronomy team. All of our other planning and special events we've held in March now need to move because of THE PLAYERS. We have to orchestrate those calendars to make it work in 2019.



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What are you enjoying most about living in Ponte Vedra?

The people here are so nice. It reminds me a lot of Malone, New York, where you have those small hometown values. I keep thanking my team here for welcoming me at TPC Sawgrass. They've made my wife and myself feel right at home, and it hasn't been a big adjustment in that

regard, where I need to learn a whole new way of living. It just seems to be like coming back home. The cherry on top is the weather. The Northeast has had a cold and long winter, and I picked a good year to come south.

Edited by Jon Blauvelt

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Race participants receive medals following the DONNA 5K.

Donna 5K

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Julie Stackhouse, who finished first among females in her DONNA 5K debut with a 18:35 chip time, said in an interview with attending media that breast cancer has impacted her life.

"My mom was diagnosed with triple

negative breast cancer the week of the DONNA half-marathon this year," Stackhouse said. "There's never a day that you don't wake up that you're dealing with a loved one having cancer."

Kali Miller finished in second place and Stackhouse's sister Jessie came in third.

For more information on the DONNA 5K and to view photos of previous races, visit www.theplayersdonna5k.com.



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Rotary, Recorder seek nominations for 26th Annual 'Local Heroes Awards'

The Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach and the Ponte Vedra Recorder are seeking nominations for the 26th Annual "Local Heroes Awards."

Presented each spring, the Local Heroes Awards recognize individuals who give back to the community and reflect the spirit of the Rotary Club's motto, "Service Above Self." Suggested categories for a person who might be nominated include community service in the arts, edu-

cation, the environment, vocational service, volunteerism and corporate community service. A youth category recognizes young people making a difference in the community.

Residents who know of an individual they believe is deserving of recognition as a "Local Hero" are encouraged to complete the nomination form on this page and email it to lksmith59@yahoo.com. Nomination forms may also be mailed to: Local Heroes Awards Committee,

Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach, PO Box 70, Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32004. The deadline for submission of nominations is May 14.

Award recipients will be recognized at the "Local Heroes Awards" reception to be held Thursday, May 24, from 5 to 7:30 p.m. at Marsh Landing Country Club.

For more information, contact Rotarian Ken Smith at (904) 710-7702 or lksmith59@yahoo.com.



The Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach

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2018 Local Heroes Awards *Nomination Form*

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Qualifications: *Submit this form with a detailed description of the nominee's achievements and why he or she deserves recognition. Direct any questions to:*

Ponte Vedra Beach Rotary Club member
Ken Smith, lksmith59@yahoo.com, (904) 710-7702

Entry Deadline: Monday, May 14, 2018

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or email entries to: lksmith59@yahoo.com

Thank you for your nomination!

Awards to be presented

Thursday, May 24, 2018

Marsh Landing Country Club



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St. Johns County Sheriff David Shoar (right) presents Cpl. Joshua Underwood with the Deputy Guy White Award at the agency's annual Awards Banquet on Friday, April 27, at the World Golf Village Convention Center.

SJSO recognizes team members at annual Awards Banquet

St. Johns County Sheriff David Shoar recognized various members of the sheriff's office on Friday, April 27, at the agency's 34th annual Awards Banquet held at the World Golf Village Convention Center.

Cpl. Joshua Underwood received the Deputy Guy White Award for excelling in his position the entire year. This recognition is akin to deputy of the year and is named after the first known St. Johns County deputy who was killed in the line of duty.

SJSO established the Glen D. Cardwell Award this year, a new award given to a corrections deputy who has excelled in his/her position for the entire year. The first recipient of this award was Deputy Gerald Dalager.

Victoria Ogaga received the Captain

Hazel McCormack Award, which is given to a civilian employee of the sheriff's office. The Neil J. Perry Leadership Award was presented to Sgt. Youvonna (Bonnie) Jimmerson. This award is named after the former St. Johns County Sheriff who served 20 years in the position.

Two awards were presented to the top rookies of corrections and law enforcement. Deputy Kenneth Mangold received the Joshua E. Blyler Award and corrections

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<p>Gallery 725 exhibition A collection of art by world-renowned pop artists Romero Britto and Peter Max will be on exhibition and available for acquisition at Gallery 725. The pop-up exhibition opens with a preview party May 10 through 20. RSVPs are strongly suggested; email gallery725@gmail.com or call (904) 345-9320 for more information. Gallery 725 is located 725 Atlantic Blvd #5 in Atlantic Beach.</p> <p>Musical Madness for Kids School-age children, their caregivers and any other interested students and adults are invited to join the Ponte Vedra Library for a Musical Madness for Kids event May 10 from 4 to 5 p.m. The Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library is located at 101 Library Blvd.</p> <p>Farm Swap & Music Jam Enjoy music from local musicians while shopping for farm-fresh produce at the Florida Agricultural Museum May 10 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. The event will feature musicians, singers and songwriters of folk, bluegrass, old time, fiddle, country and blues, along with vendors offering fruits, veggies, honeys, jellies, nuts, arts and more. The Farm Swap & Music Jam will take place at 7900 Old Kings Road N. in Palm Coast. Visit www.floridaagmuseum.org.</p> <p>Yoga for Survivors The Y Healthy Living Center at the Ponte Vedra YMCA will host a Yoga for Survivors class May 10 at 11:30 a.m. Cancer patients, survivors, caregivers and others with range of motion and pain limitations are invited to join in this gentle and safe yoga practice, which is free and open to the public. Call (904) 202-5376 or visit www.baptistjax.com/ymca to reserve a spot. The Ponte Vedra YMCA is located at 170 Landrum Lane.</p>	<p>St. Augustine's Romanza Festivale of the Arts This arts and culture festival is presented by the St. Augustine and St. Johns County community. Cultural organizations and businesses will come together May 4-13 to showcase the community's talents. There will be more than 80 events taking place, including dance performances, concerts, art shows and productions. For locations and event information, visit www.romanzaestivale.com.</p> <p>'Avengers: Infinity War' at IMAX Theater at World Golf Hall of Fame The Avengers and their allies must be willing to sacrifice it all in an attempt to defeat the powerful Thanos before his blitz of devastation and ruin puts an end to the universe. This film is showing at the IMAX Theater at World Golf Hall of Fame. For more information on showtimes and to purchase tickets, visit www.worldgolfimax.com. The World Golf Hall of Fame IMAX Theater is located at 1 World Golf Place in St. Augustine.</p> <p>Mother's Day Shabbat dinner Men @ the Beaches will make and serve a Shabbat meal May 11 in honor of Mother's Day. The event will feature food, kibitzing, singing and fun. No synagogue affiliation necessary. To reserve a spot visit www.chabadbeaches.com. For more information, call (904) 543-9301 or email info@chabadbeaches.com.</p> <p>Exhibition of Works by Candace Knapp & Ron Vellucci Enjoy this exhibition featuring the art of Candace Knapp and Ron Vellucci, in the Main Gallery of the Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach. Knapp presents new paintings inspired by observations of light and shapes in nature, by reflections of water. Vellucci's wall sculptures nicely balance Knapp's paintings with shiny metal and wood.</p>	<p>St. Marys Porchfest and Rhythm on the River The St. Marys Convention & Visitors Bureau will present the St. Marys Porchfest and Rhythm on the River, Music in the Park May 12 in downtown St. Marys. The event will feature music where porches, yards and businesses in downtown St. Marys become stages. There will be 15 musicians or groups performing throughout the day with three show times at 1 p.m., 2:30 p.m. and 4 p.m. For more information, visit www.VisitStMarys.com or call (912) 882-4000.</p> <p>King of the Hill Surf Fest The King of the Hill Surf Fest hosted by Neptune Baptist Church returns to Neptune Beach May 12 featuring a Pro/Am Surfing contest and Surf Fishing contest. There will be a kick-off event May 10 from 6 to 8 p.m. featuring food, live music, contests and prizes. May 11 will feature a Fishing Seminar with local fishing legend Larry Finch, also from 6 to 8 p.m. For more information, visit www.neptunebaptist.org/kingofthehill or call (904) 249-2307.</p> <p>Cypress Village Art League Show The Cypress Village Art League will present "Realism and Fantasy," an exhibition featuring work of resident artists Liz Seymour and Helen Perry. An opening reception will be held May 12 from 2 to 4 p.m. Egret Hall is located on the campus of Cypress Village, at 4600 Middleton Park Circle East in Jacksonville. Mimosas, wine and light hors d'oeuvres will be served. The reception is free and open to the public.</p> <p>HAWKE wildlife rescue fundraiser The 25th annual benefit to raise funds for HAWKE wildlife rescue will be held May 12 from 5 to 9 p.m. The ticketed event, featuring a guided tour and food from Gypsy Cab Company, will be held at the St. Augustine Alligator Farm Zoological park at 999 Anastasia Blvd. For more information visit www.hawkewildlife.org.</p>	<p>Lauren Heintz at Sundays at Stetsons Florida-based singer-songwriter Lauren Heintz will be featured at the next Sundays at Stetsons Concert May 13 at Beluthahatchee Park, located at 1523 State Road 13 in Fruit Cove. Music start at 2 p.m. at the Hart House with tours of Stetson's Cottage available at 1 p.m. and following the concert at 4 p.m. Reservations are required and may be obtained via email at sundaysatstetsons@gmail.com or by phone at (904) 206-8304.</p> <p>Stetson University Concert Choir performance The next Fine Arts Series concert will feature The Stetson University Concert Choir May 13 at 7 p.m. This 52-voice select touring ensemble will be singing works by Russian composers Rachmaninoff and Gretchaninoff. The concert will feature folk songs and beloved hymns from a variety of world cultures. All Fine Arts concerts are free. For more information visit www.palmschurch.org or call (904) 246-6427. Palms Presbyterian Church is located at 3410 3rd St. S. in Jacksonville Beach.</p> <p>St. Augustine Community Chorus performance The St. Augustine Community Chorus, under the direction of Mike Sanflippo, will present "Not One Sparrow is Forgotten" featuring the premiere of "Mass" by Loren C. Fortna as part of its 2017-18 concert season. The performance will take place May 13 at 3 p.m. at Ancient City Baptist Church, located at 27 Sevilla St. in St. Augustine. For more information, visit www.staugustinecommunitychorus.org.</p> <p>THE PLAYERS Championship The world's greatest golf players will compete at THE PLAYERS Championship in Ponte Vedra Beach May 8 through 13 at TPC Sawgrass. THE PLAYERS Championship features one of the most sought-after titles in professional golf. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit www.theplayers.com. TPC Sawgrass is located at 110 Championship Way in Ponte Vedra Beach.</p>

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<p>Caregiver support meetings The St. Johns County Council on Aging will host caregiver support meetings Mondays (except holidays) from noon to 1 p.m. at the Ponte Vedra Memory Care Center at 1048 A1A N. For more information, call Paulette Kozlowski at (904) 209-3674 or email pkozlowski@stjohnscoa.com. The meetings will provide a supportive environment for people who are experiencing similar challenges in which they can share problems, ideas and solutions.</p> <p>First Coast Pastel Society exhibition This exhibition at The Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach features a juried member show of works from the First Coast Pastel Society. The Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach is located at 50 Executive Way. For more information, visit www.ccpvb.org or call (904) 280-0614.</p> <p>MOSH Mondays The Museum of Science and History's MOSH Mondays feature discounts including buy-one-get-one-half-off admission for adults, 10 percent off MOSH-branded items in the museum shop, 10 percent off memberships when signing up in-person and 10 percent off birthday packages when signing up in-person. MOSH Mondays also feature rotating weekly programs. MOSH is located at 1025 Museum Circle in Jacksonville. Visit www.themosh.org for more information.</p> <p>Bahamas at the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall The Ponte Vedra Concert Hall will host indie folk artist Bahamas with special guest Soul Brother Stef May 14 at 8 p.m. (doors open at 7 p.m.). Bahamas is the solo project of Toronto-based guitarist and musical gun-for-hire Afie Jurvanen. The Ponte Vedra Concert Hall is located at 1050 A1A N. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit www.pvconcerthall.com or call the box office at (904) 209-0399.</p>	<p>Volunteers needed Volunteers are needed at THE PLAYERS Community Senior Center Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the kitchen. The center is looking for upbeat volunteers to help with new spring and summer programs. Contact Amy Leach at (904) 209-3686 or email aleach@stjohnscoa.com for more information. The PLAYERS Community Senior Center is located at 175 Landrum Lane in Ponte Vedra.</p> <p>Florida Blue free Tuesday Every Tuesday, enjoy free admission to the Cummer Museum thanks to the support of Florida Blue. The Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens is located at 829 Riverside Ave. in Jacksonville. The Cummer Museum's Tuesday hours are 4 to 9 p.m. No registration is required. For more information, visit www.cummermuseum.org or call (904) 356-6857.</p> <p>Bookmobile Visit Publix at Nocatee Town Center for a Bookmobile Tuesdays from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. The Bookmobile will feature books, movies, music and more. Publix at Nocatee Town Center is located at 120 Marketside Ave. in Ponte Vedra Beach.</p> <p>John B. Mitchell at The BookMark Captain John B. Mitchell, Jr., USN (Ret.), will be at The BookMark May 15 at 7 p.m. to talk about and sign copies of his memoir "7 Ships: A U.S. Navy Surface Warfare Officer's At-Sea Career." The BookMark is located at 220 1st St. in Neptune Beach. For more information, call (904) 241-9026.</p> <p>Yoga on the beach Each Tuesday morning through September, join yoga fitness instructor Emily Busichio as she leads a free yoga session on St. Augustine Beach at 8 a.m., weather permitting. The yoga sessions take place on the beach at the Ocean Hammock Walkover.</p>	<p>Toastmasters Club Toastmasters Club #5199 of Ponte Vedra Beach meets every Wednesday at 7:30 a.m. at THE PLAYERS Community Senior Center. These meetings help attendees improve public speaking and gain leadership skills. The senior center is located at 175 Landrum Lane in Ponte Vedra Beach. Email Lucy Reep at lucyreep@gmail.com for additional information.</p> <p>Making Do Exhibit at Lincolnville Museum and Cultural Center Learn about the South's rich African-American culture at the Lincoln Museum and Cultural Center, which features a collection of Gullah Geechee artifacts, culture and stories. The exhibit also features Willis Hakeem Jones' collection of treasures discovered in Africa and from coastal Georgia. The museum is open Wednesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.</p> <p>Life Enrichment Day Retreat The Life Enrichment Day Retreat is designed for those with memory changes who want to remain mentally, physically and socially active, while giving caregivers and loved ones some free time for themselves. This program is offered daily at Arbor Terrace Ponte Vedra. For more information, call (904) 417-7354 or email life_enrichmentgroup@yahoo.com.</p> <p>Wednesday Market at St. Augustine Beach The St. Augustine Beach Wednesday Market offers oceanfront shopping at the St. Johns County Pier Park every Wednesday starting at 8 a.m. Approximately 60-80 vendors can be found at the market selling locally grown produce, baked goods, prepared foods, arts, crafts and more. Visit www.sabca.org for more information.</p> <p>Vilano Beach art session Vilano Beach Art Programs will offer an instructional art session at the North Shore Improvement Association Community Center from noon to 3 p.m. each Wednesday. Local artist Barb Valentine leads the session. Visit www.vilanobeachfl.com for more information.</p>	<p>Florida Heritage Book Festival Memoir Workshops A Memoir Workshop, sponsored by the Florida Heritage Book Festival, will be presented May 17 at the Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library, located at 101 Library Blvd. from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The workshop costs \$85 and includes lunch. In addition, a Writers Workshop on how to turn an idea into a novel will take place at the same time. Visitors can register for either workshop online at www.fhbookfest.com.</p> <p>Grief support group A grief support group will meet on the third Thursday of each month at St. Paul's Catholic Church in Room 102 of the Family Life Center, located at 578 1st Ave. N. in Jacksonville Beach. The group is for men and women who are grieving the death of a family member or friend. The next meeting will be May 17 at 7 p.m. For more information, call Kathy at (904) 553-8933 or Catherine at (904) 247-0665.</p> <p>Farm Swap & Music Jam Enjoy music from local musicians while shopping for farm-fresh produce at the Florida Agricultural Museum May 17 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. The event will feature musicians, singers and songwriters of folk, bluegrass, old time, fiddle, country and blues, along with vendors offering fruits, veggies, honeys, jellies, nuts, arts and more. The Farm Swap & Music Jam will take place at 7900 Old Kings Road N. in Palm Coast. Visit www.floridaagmuseum.org for more information.</p> <p>'The Great Caruso' at the Corazon Cinema and Cafe "The Great Caruso" traces the life of tenor Enrico Caruso. This film is showing at the Corazon Cinema and Cafe at noon as part of its "Throwback Thursday" event. The Corazon Cinema and Cafe is located at 36 Granada St. in St. Augustine.</p> <p>Free calendar listings for community groups and nonprofit organizations are published at our discretion on a space-available basis. Send your event at least 10 days before publication. Submit events to ben@opcfia.com, post online at www.pontevedrarecorder.com using the automated form or call (904) 686-3939.</p>

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Deputy Chiquita Sailor received the Chris Dale Award.

The Top Shooter Award was presented to Daimin Figueroa-Batts. The Communications Operator of the Year Award was presented to Cpl. Heather Myers. Meanwhile, Hannah Stegal received the Explorer of the Year Award and Toni O'Connell received the Volunteer of the Year Award.

The final specialty award was the Abe Schneider Award, which was presented to civilians Vincent Garcia, Christine Mallatt, Bo Smith, Thomas Weidner, Justin Louque, Agelo Silva Del Oli and Chris Ellis. This award is given to a citizen(s) who has rendered aid or given assistance to a law enforcement officer or citizen.

The following individuals received the Exceptional Service Award, which is given to a deputy who rendered service involving exceptional courage and grave personal danger in saving or attempting to save a life, or in resolving safely an immediate life-threatening situation: Lt. Toby Erwin, Sgt. Andrew Stoinoff, Cpl. Todd Boger and Deputies Justin Ackerman, Kyle Cubbege, Blake Gruny and John Sprouse.

Presented with the Lifesaving Award, which is given to an employee who rendered aid in saving a life, were Sgt. Tony Matus; Detectives Glen English, Thomas Evans, and Jeremy Goldman; Cpl. Coby Seckinger; and Deputies Sean Adams, Patrick Angst, Thomas Bickart, Neil Bronner, Craig Carson, Kenneth Carver, Lance Collins, Nathan Datsko, Christina Dobbs, Thomas Drake, Ian Dwyer, Samuel Hall, Brandon Hand, Kenneth Mangold, Melanie Merritt, Michael Milillo Jr., Ryan Small, Rachel Soles, Bray Taylor and Erin Winters. Also receiving the award was National Park Service Officer Anthony Vela.

The Meritorious Service Award is presented to an employee who in the line of duty through diligence, unusual thoroughness or perseverance has performed a difficult task, in which the aims of law enforcement were furthered. Those receiving that award included Lt. Kevin Cronin; Sgt. Kevin Kier; Detectives Alfred Della Porta Jr., Philip Graham and Matthew Thomas; Cpl. Jessica Hines; and Deputies Travis Coleman, Kenneth Mangold, Matthew Richmond and Stacci Sastre. Also receiving the award were Francescia Anderson, Alicia McWhorter and Sherryl Sessor.

The Sheriff's Unit Award is presented to a unit, section or team that has performed their duties in an excellent manner throughout the year.

This year, two units received the award, including the Special Victims Unit (SVU) and the Police Athletic League. Those accepting the award from SVU were Sgt. George Harrigan Jr.; Corporals Jennifer Burres, Dominic Russo and Sheldon York; and Detectives Joshua Buck, Spencer Craven, Glen English, Jeremy Goldman, Kevin Greene, Andrew Huskey, Cheyenne Kroul, Hank Miller, Cedric Mincey, Angelo Rosado and Edward Scoggins, along with Barbara Bowden and Doreen Taylor. Accepting the award from PAL were Jackson Taylor; Sgt. Sidney Mickler; Deputies Kelly Kemp, Kermit Kidder and Sheldon York, along with Dawn Fuentes, Mary F. Mangus-Courter and Adam Wanchick.

Shoar awarded several individuals outside of the agency for their leadership or for assisting law enforcement. Charles Shinholser and Ric Prado received the Sheriff's Legacy Award. Dr. Steven Dingfelder and Chris Hampton of Sea Tow St. Augustine received the Community Partnership award for their efforts in advancing and assisting law enforcement.

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ABOVE: Olympic gold medalist and new MBF board member Shannon Miller addresses the crowd at A Night at Roy's, which was held Wednesday, May 2, at Roy's Restaurant in Jacksonville Beach.



RIGHT: John Crawford and Roy Yamaguchi gather at a Night at Roy's.

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A Night at Roy's raises record-breaking \$65,000

A Night at Roy's — the Monique Burr Foundation for Children, Inc.'s (MBF) annual fundraising event held Wednesday, May 2 at Roy's Restaurant in Jacksonville Beach — raised a record \$65,000 this year.

"We are so grateful for the turnout we saw at A Night at Roy's," said Lynn Layton, executive director for MBF. "Because of this support, we can keep moving toward our goal of expanding our reach and keeping more children safe from bullying and abuse."

The more than 500 guests at the fundraiser enjoyed contemporary, Hawaiian-influenced gourmet cuisine by James Beard Award winner and world-renowned chef Roy Yamaguchi, along with tropical refreshments and wine and entertainment by Nashville artist Colleen Orender and local artist Will Harden. A silent auction also helped raise funds.

The money raised at "A Night at Roy's" will help MBF continue to expand the breadth and reach of its prevention education programs. The Foundation's MBF Child Safety Matters and MBF Teen Safety Matters programs are already delivered year-round to schools across Florida, and select communities across the country,

and are designed to educate and empower students and adults with information and strategies to prevent bullying, cyberbullying, digital abuse and all types of child abuse and exploitation.

Olympic gold medalist to help MBF reach young athletes with new curriculum

Also at the fundraiser, MBF founder Ed Burr announced that Olympic gold medalist Shannon Miller has joined the Board of Directors.

Miller, a seven-time Olympic medalist, Jacksonville resident, mother and advocate for women and children's health, will work with longtime board member and former president of the WNBA Donna Orender to lead a task force spearheading new curriculum development.

"As adults we are responsible for protecting our children," said Miller. "We are also responsible for empowering children with the tools they need to protect themselves. It's not just about protecting athletes at the highest levels of sport. Athletes, children, must be protected at all levels."

For more information on MBF, visit www.mbfpreventioneducation.org or call (904) 642-0210.

TRYP by Wyndham Sebastian St. Augustine holds 'Spryng Flyng'

TRYP by Wyndham Sebastian St. Augustine hosted guests for an evening of live music, appetizers, drinks and prizes at its "Spryng Flyng" event in early April.

Event attendees enjoyed special performances from Eustace Applewhite, Amy Hendrickson and Go Get Gone. Sponsors of the event included Dog Rose Brewery, San Sebastian Winery, Luvin' Oven and Captain Mayhem. The owner and builder of the property, Alex Samardzich, was also present.

"Our purpose in putting on this event was to thank the local community for a successful year in business," said Samantha O'Boyle, director of sales for the hotel, in an email to the Recorder. "Although we opened in December of 2016, we officially became a TRYP by Wyndham brand hotel in April of 2017."

The 95-room hotel is located along the San Sebastian River at 333 S. Ponce De Leon Blvd. in St. Augustine. Visit www.tryp-hotels.com/en for more information.



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Bill and Kim McClure enjoy TRYP by Wyndham Sebastian St. Augustine's "Spryng Flyng" event in April.

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Happy Mother's Day



Consider financial gifts for your adult children



Karsten Jacobson
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Mother's Day is almost here. If you're a mother with grown children, you might receive flowers, candy, dinner invitations or some other type of pleasant recognition.

However, you might find that you can get more enjoyment from the holiday by giving, rather than receiving. The longest-lasting gifts may be financial ones — so here are a few moves to consider:

■ **Contribute to your child's IRA.** If your children have earned income, they are eligible to contribute to an IRA, which offers tax benefits and an almost unlimited array of investment options. You can't contribute directly to another person's IRA, but you can write your child a check for that purpose. This could be a valuable gift, as many people can't afford to contribute the maximum yearly amount,

which, in 2018, is \$5,500, or \$6,500 for those 50 or older.

■ **Give gifts of stock.** You know your children pretty well, so you should be familiar with the products they buy. Why not give them some shares of stock in the companies that make these products? Your children will probably enjoy being "owners" of these companies, and if they weren't that familiar with how the financial markets work, having these shares in their possession may greatly expand their knowledge and lead to an even greater interest in investing.

■ **Donate to a charity in your child's name.** You might want to donate to a charitable organization that your child supports. In years past, such a donation might have earned you a tax deduction, but the new tax laws, which include a



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much higher standard deduction, may keep many people from itemizing. Still, it's possible for a charitable gift to provide you with a tax benefit, depending on your age. If you're 70½ or older, you must start taking withdrawals from your traditional IRA and your 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored plan, but by moving the withdrawal directly to a qualified charitable group, the money won't count as part of your adjusted gross income, so, in effect, you can get a tax break from your generosity.

■ **Review your estate strategy.** Like virtually all parents, you'd probably like to be able to leave some type of legacy to your children, and possibly your grandchildren, too. So, if you haven't already started working on your estate strategy, consider using Mother's Day as a launching point. At the very least, you'll want to

write your will, but you may need much more than that, such as a living trust, a durable power of attorney and other documents.

And don't forget to change the beneficiary designations on your life insurance and retirement accounts if you've experienced a major life change, such as divorce or remarriage. These designations are powerful and can even supersede whatever instructions you might have left in your will. As you can guess, estate planning can be complex, so you almost certainly will want to work with a legal professional to get your arrangements in order.

Mother's Day is a good opportunity for your children to show their love for you, and you can do the same for them by helping bolster their long-term security through financial gifts and legacy planning.

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Carnations? Roses? The 411 on Mother's Day flowers

The tradition of Mother's Day in the United States dates back more than a century to 1908, when West Virginia native Anna Jarvis held a memorial service to honor her mother, who had passed away three years earlier, and all mothers in Grafton, West Virginia.

Mother's Day would ultimately become a national holiday in the United States in 1914, thanks in large part to Jarvis' campaigning. As Jarvis, who never married and never had children of her own, grew old, she criticized Mother's Day as overly commercial, even trying to have it removed from the calendar. Those efforts failed, and Mother's Day remains popular now, more than 100 years after the idea for it was conceived.

While Mother's Day traditions have changed since Jarvis first proposed the holiday, many people feel it's customary to give mothers gifts on Mother's

Day, when moms take the day off from chores and relax with their families. Flowers make for popular Mother's Day gifts, and well-wishers who want to give the special women in their lives flowers this year can consider a host of varieties.

Carnations

Carnations are popular Mother's Day flowers, perhaps because they are available in a number of colors. That means it's highly likely sons, daughters, husbands and others gifting moms this Mother's Day can find some carnations in mom's favorite color. Ask your florist about what each carnation color symbolizes, as each has its own unique meaning. Pink carnations, for example, are believed to symbolize a mother's love.



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Looking at family photos and sharing fond memories of one's mother can help focus Mother's Day on positive feelings.

Ways to commemorate Mother's Day when mom has passed away

People approach Mother's Day in unique ways when their mother has been laid to rest. Such an experience is extremely personal, and there's really no right or wrong way to mark the occasion.

It can be challenging scrolling through others' social media posts about happy brunches and thoughtful gifts. Some, particularly those for whom the wounds may be especially fresh, may opt to avoid the celebration or go through the motions for the benefit of children or spouses. Others may embrace the bonds they had with their mothers by reflecting on their memories.

Those opting to stay connected to their

mothers this year can recognize that, although Mom may be gone, they are not motherless. While Mother's Day may be painful for people who have lost their mothers, the following are five ways to make the most of Mother's Day.

1. What would make her happy? Take a heartfelt moment to really think about what made Mom tick and brought joy to her life. Was it pouring over recipes in the kitchen? Did Mom like to trek to the top of a mountain in her hiking shoes? Pay homage to her by walking in her footsteps and you may just feel a deeper connection.

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2. Get together with siblings. If you are lucky enough to have siblings, you can share the day together. This way you can remember the happy times, comfort each other and laugh together. If you don't have siblings, consider a visit with an aunt or uncle or another close relative who may

be feeling the loss, too.

3. Relay fond stories to others. Celebrate Mother's Day by doing things to ensure Mom's spirit and personality live on. Bring up fond stories of Mom with your spouse, friends or your own children. Help blur out the sadness of the loss by focusing on happy memories, such as those depicted in family photos.

4. Put Mom front and center. Take out a beautiful photograph of your mother and

display it in a prime location in the house. This way you may feel like she is sharing the day with you, and you can think about her fondly each time you see the photo.

5. Enjoy your favorite childhood meal. Whether Mom was a master chef or couldn't boil water, there's bound to be a meal you associate with her. If that special meal is Chinese takeout or a slow-cooked roast, enjoy it on Mother's Day in her honor.



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Roses

Few mothers can resist roses, making them one of the more popular flowers come Mother's Day. Roses are symbolic of love and make the perfect floral gift for mothers who like traditional flowers. If you want to spice things up, order a bouquet made up of roses of various colors.



Daffodils

Yellow is synonymous with spring, and daffodils can highlight the season in which Mother's Day takes place while also providing a cheerful look that's perfect for Mother's Day floral bouquets. Daffodils can be given on their own or added to mixed bouquets. Daffodils also last quite a while when cared for correctly, giving moms more than just a few days to enjoy their bouquets.



Freesia

Like daffodils, freesia are long-lasting, meaning mothers will still be enjoying them long after Mother's Day has come and gone. The inviting fragrance of freesia makes bouquets of these flowers popular choices for Mother's Day gifts. Freesia also come in many colors, proving Mother's Day gift gives a greater chance of finding flowers their mothers will love.



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Rotary Club of PVB Sunset awards scholarships to Nease's Brianna Howard, PVHS' Harrison Snowden

The Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach Sunset recently awarded scholarships to two local students as part of its Service Above Self scholarship program.

Brianna Howard was chosen as the 2018 Service Above Self Scholarship recipient at Nease High School, while Harrison Snowden was chosen as the recipient at Ponte Vedra High School. Each student received \$1,000 toward their college education.

Howard was recognized for achieving a high level of academic success, including a class rank of 11 with a GPA of 4.68. She has served her community with more than 1,800 service hours during her high school years.

Howard has served as vice president and president of the Nease Interact Club, and hosted numerous fundraisers that helped members of the community. Through Howard's leadership, the number of members in the Interact Club increased from 10 to 70 students. With her leadership, the Nease High School Interact Club was awarded the prestigious Zone 34 Award (covering Florida and Southern Georgia) for outstanding service at the southern regional Rotary Club Conference.

Howard has volunteered in the area arts community, working with children at the Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach, and serving as vice president of the Florida Federation of Music Clubs, where she assisted with organizing regional and state competitions for orchestral instrumentalists. From her love of music, Howard helped start the Vibrato Music Group, where music is taught, concerts are performed and the mentoring of children and the elderly about elementary musical studies is reinforced.

"The humble notion of making a bit of a difference to mankind remains the primary reason why I serve," said Howard.

Snowden maintains a 4.73 GPA while ranked No. 2 in his class. He has served nearly 1,700 hours throughout his high school career.

He also earned the rank of Eagle Scout by selecting a nontraditional project focused on issues of tolerance and community building. He became interested in these issues after attending a week-long program call Metrotown. This program was organized by nonprofit organization OneJax, which gathered a diverse group of high school students across Jacksonville and engaged them in activities and discussions to promote respect and understanding. Subsequently, Snowden started Metrotown-In-A-Day, which is now an ongoing event. Snowden has also volunteered and encouraged other friends to volunteer at Arbor Terrace Ponte Vedra.

Snowden's most essential contribution to the community is his involvement in serving local domestic abuse victims. He established a fundraiser called Teens Take a Stand, which consists of



Photos courtesy of Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach Sunset

Nease's Service Above Self scholarship recipient Brianna Howard (with award) poses with Rotary Club Foundations Director Jeff Hart (from left), Rotary Club Past President Janeene Hart, John Howard, Pamela Howard and Nease High School Principal Lisa Kunze.



PVHS' Service Above Self scholarship recipient Harrison Snowden (with award) poses with Rotary Club Past President Janeene Hart (from left), Rotary Club Foundations Director Jeff Hart, Kristi Mansouri, AP Physics Teacher Martin Hillier, Catherine Snowden, Caroline Snowden, Program Specialist Mary Ellen Asplen and PVHS Principal Dr. Fred Oberkehr.

a benefit concert and silent auction. Through his leadership and countless hours, he produced, directed and co-hosted the 3-hour show that benefited area domestic violence centers. In the last two years, Snowden has raised more than \$30,000 to help victims of domestic abuse.

"If I am only for myself, who am I?" said Snowden.

To be eligible for the Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach Sunset Service Above Self scholarship, a student must be a junior or senior in good standing at Nease High School or Ponte Vedra High School. The student should be planning to attend a four-year college, a two-year college, a trade school or a vocational/technical school with a program of study of one year or longer. Immediate relatives of Rotarians are not eligible for this scholarship.

the campus more cohesive as a whole, the church also intends to add a garden courtyard in the middle of the campus and an outdoor gathering area adjacent to its new chapel and memorial garden. Despite these changes, Reeder said Christ Church has no desire to add to its current campus footprint.

"We want to be good neighbors," he explained. "We want the neighbors to feel at home here, even if they don't go to church here — heck, even if they aren't Christian."

Selected through a competitive bidding process, the architectural firm that designed the plans for the project was Jacksonville-based ELM — Ervin Lovett Miller. Having previously worked on other local projects, like Sawgrass Village, Christ Church staff felt ELM was the perfect fit for the job, and ELM couldn't have agreed more.

"Christ Episcopal Church's campus

renovation is one of those truly inspirational legacy projects that has a profound positive effect on so many present and future lives," said Russ Ervin of ELM. "This is such a unique opportunity to serve a residentially-integrated community church and the neighborhood in which it resides."

With construction on the overall project expected to be completed by 2020, Reeder said the church was grateful for the help of county staff throughout the approval process and is looking forward to continuing its role as a central part of the Ponte Vedra Beach community.

"The bottom line of what Christ Church is about is calling people to Jesus Christ who don't know Jesus and taking the ones who are here who already know Jesus and getting them closer to him," he said. "We're trying to make more and better disciples of Jesus Christ, but we have to do that in ways that respect where we are and the neighbors that we have."

Nease NJROTC hosts National Military Signing Day

Nease NJROTC hosted its National Military Signing Day for its graduating seniors receiving appointments to the United States Service Academies or full ROTC scholarships at public universities on April 24.

Six cadets signed letters of intent during a formal ceremony held on campus and attended by family, teachers and classmates. The six cadets included: Preston Ashley of St. Augustine, who received a full Marine Corps

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Oak Bridge

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are caused from the development being put forward, like the absence of a traffic study. We were also very disappointed by the (maximum building) height — 58 feet is very concerning for a lot of us living close by."

Miller, who turned down the group's offer of \$6 million to purchase the land, said he wasn't surprised by the lack of enthusiasm within the Sawgrass Players Club for the addition of a public park.

"Right now, they're a gate-guarded community," he said. "You have to give your name and they capture your license plate when you come through the gate. They're not at all keen on the idea of having the public ingress into their community."

As for traffic concerns, Miller said he thought it unlikely that the addition of a 55-plus, age-restricted community would add more traffic to A1A than a public park.

"The frontrunner to buy the property is Vicar's Landing, as everybody knows, and they've done their own internal traffic analysis of their residents," he said. "It's just absolutely negligible, the impact that such a community has on the broader traffic issues of A1A."

With the BCC's final vote fast approaching, supporters on both sides of the issue are now rallying to make their voices heard while they still can. But while they may disagree on the specifics of how, both those for and against the development seem able to agree on one thing: The stakes are high.

The BCC hearing will take place in the St. Johns County Auditorium located at 500 San Sebastian View in St. Augustine. The Oak Bridge item will go before the County Commission no sooner than 2 p.m.

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Additional changes will include the addition of a welcoming Connections Center to the church's existing administration building, as well the renovation and slight expansion of Cooper Chapel. Currently, the chapel seats 55 people, but the church is looking to add roughly 20 to 25 more seats.

"We have two large worship spaces here on campus," Reeder explained. "We have a traditional sanctuary that seats 600, and we have a contemporary worship space in our parish hall that seats maybe 250 or 300, so our chapel is the small intimate choice for people that prefer that. So, we're not trying to make our chapel huge, we're just trying to make it a little more user-friendly."

To tie everything together and make



Photo courtesy of Nease High School

Nease NJROTC cadets Preston Ashley, Jesse Gatewood, Scott Cummings, Mackenzie Davis, Constance Oswald and Cole Rambo stand at attention at National Military Signing Day on April 24 at Nease High School.

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ROTC scholarship to attend Embry-Riddle University; Scott Cummings of St. Johns, who received a full Navy ROTC scholarship to attend Boston University; Mackenzie Davis of St. Johns, who received a full Navy ROTC scholarship to attend the University of South Florida; Jesse Gatewood of Ponte Vedra Beach, who received a full Navy ROTC scholarship to attend Embry Riddle University; Constance Oswald of St. Augustine, who

received an appointment to attend the United States Air Force Academy; and Cole Rambo of Ponte Vedra Beach, who received a full Army ROTC scholarship to attend Purdue University.

“These young men and women represent the absolute finest ideals in America’s youth,” said Captain Scott LaRoche, Nease’s senior naval science instructor. “I could not be more proud of them and their achievements. They earned it.”

Nease NJROTC has been the top-rated NJROTC program in Area-12 (northern Florida and the State of Georgia) for five of the past six years.



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Vilano Fest 2018 brings tunes, tastes and tours to benefit community

Vilano Fest 2018 was held at the Vilano Beach Town Center on April 20 and 21.

This year's event included a tour of homes; the Sea Turtle Soiree, where Amy Hendrickson and Ramona's eight-piece band performed for a 1920s-themed party on the pier; and Music Fest, which boasted acoustic entertainers Sam Pacetti, Dewey Via, Crawford Boyd, Joey Schauer, Chelsea Saddler, Those Guys, Katherine Archer and Bill Sabo. Show-time USA and The Legacy Irish Dancers also performed at the sold-out event.

A portion of proceeds from the Vilano Fest will help improve lighting and walkability throughout the community and support the continued education of local culinary students. The event was sponsored by the Florida Restaurant and Lodging Association in partnership with VISIT FLORIDA.

Vilano Beach Main Street, Inc. is a nonprofit organization accredited by the National Main Street Center to promote, preserve and enhance the revitalization of small towns and downtowns throughout America.

ABOVE: Vilano Fest included the Sea Turtle Soiree, a 1920s-themed party on the pier.

RIGHT: Vilano Fest 2018, held April 20 and 21 at the Vilano Beach Town Center, included live entertainment, food vendors and shuttle service.

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A portion of proceeds from the event will help support the continued education of local culinary students.

CCPVB holds annual Home & Art Tour

The 2018 Legacy Trust Family Wealth Offices Home & Art Tour, produced by the Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach (CCPVB), was held Saturday, April 21.

The annual CCPVB event offered patrons an opportunity to see some of Ponte Vedra Beach's most beautiful homes, while also raising funds for the nonprofit organization and CCPVB programs like Sound Connections, which provides music therapy for children with special needs.

"The volunteers and home owners brought the Home Tour guests lots of sunshine on a rainy day," said Jennifer Sartiano, director of development for the Cultural Center. "However, our numbers were solid, and we're excited for next year's Home Tour."

The Tour featured homes within Marsh Landing, The Plantation at Ponte Vedra and one oceanfront home. Other features of the event included breakfast at the Cultural Center to start the day, as well as refreshments from Carrera Wine Cellar and St. Augustine Distillery on the Tour.

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NAVIGATING THE PLAYERS

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ADMISSION TIMES

Thursday, May 10

- Gates open at 6:15 a.m.
- First round of competition begins at approximately 7:30 a.m. (threesomes off of No. 1 and No. 10)

Friday, May 11

- Gates open at 6:15 a.m.
- Second round of competition begins at approximately 7:30 a.m. (threesomes off of No. 1 and No. 10)

Saturday, May 12

- Gates open at 7:30 a.m.
- Third round of competition begins at approximately 8:30 a.m., depending on the size of the cut (twosomes off No. 1)

Championship Sunday, May 13

- Gates open at 7:30 a.m.
- Final round of competition begins at approximately 8:30 a.m., depending on size of the cut (twosomes off No. 1)

TICKETS

Tickets for THE PLAYERS 2018 are on sale at THEPLAYERS.com, as well as at 56 Publix stores throughout Northeast Florida and the surrounding areas, including two locations in Georgia.

Stadium Passes are \$25 for Tuesday, \$20 for Wednesday; \$60 Thursday and Sunday, \$65 for Friday and \$70 for Saturday. Fans can also purchase a weekly Stadium Pass for \$225, which includes admission Tuesday-Sunday. Stadium Pass prices are exclusive of sales tax and do not include parking.

Families

Taking the kids to THE PLAYERS? You're in luck: Youth 18 and younger are admitted free of charge when accompanied by a ticketed adult, and there is no limit to the number of youth fans admitted with that ticketed adult. That means youth sports coaches, for example, can bring the whole team with one paying adult.

What's more, the "Family Plan" offers additional savings. Families receive two adult Stadium Passes, unlimited youth admission at the gate and two \$10 concession vouchers. Family Plan packages are \$120 for Thursday and Sunday, \$130 for Friday and \$140 for Saturday (taxes not included). Family Plan packages are available online at THEPLAYERS.com, as well as at 28 participating Daily's convenience stores.

Parking passes cost extra, but any car with four or more passengers parks for free under THE PLAYERS' "Four for Free" policy. To take advantage of the parking offer, download a voucher at <https://theplayersparking.clickandpark.com>.

MILITARY/VETERANS

THE PLAYERS provides all career military – including active duty, Reserve, military retirees and dependents – with complimentary admission to the tournament throughout the week, while

veterans receive discounted admission. Career military and veterans also receive access to the Birdies for the Brave® Patriots' Outpost – a hospitality tent reserved exclusively for the military that offers complimentary food, beverages and activities.

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Parking is not included in the complimentary or discounted ticket price. Parking passes may be purchased at <https://theplayersparking.clickandpark.com>, or guests may take advantage of the "Four for Free" policy that provides free parking to cars with four or more passengers.

PARKING & TRANSPORTATION

On Tuesday and Wednesday, as in previous years, fans can still park for FREE in the general parking lot, and no parking pass is required. Thursday-Sunday, however, fans are required to purchase parking in advance (\$30 Thursday and Sunday per day for general parking; and \$35 Friday and Saturday per day in general parking). Parking passes can be purchased at THEPLAYERS.com/parking.

Four for Free

Fans with four or more guests in a vehicle can park for FREE Thursday through Sunday with the "Four for Free" parking voucher. Fans can go online to THEPLAYERS.com/parking (click on the "Tickets" tab) to download the voucher, which allows free parking in the general lot off of CR210. A new voucher must be downloaded and printed for each day (or saved on an electronic device); there is no limit to the number of days guests can park for free, but there is a limited number of vouchers per day.

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Shuttles from downtown

Shuttles are available from downtown-area hotels to TPC Sawgrass for THE PLAYERS, Thursday through Sunday of tournament week. Shuttles from the Jacksonville Landing, Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront, DoubleTree Riverfront and Lexington Hotel will be available to hotel guests and for residents to “park and ride,” providing a convenient and cost-effective way for fans to get to and from the tournament. Fans can access the shuttles by purchasing a shuttle pass at the hotel (Omni Jacksonville, Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront, Lexington Hotel and DoubleTree Riverfront) front desks for \$10.

Partnership with FDOT

THE PLAYERS has teamed up with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to encourage fans traveling to and from the tournament to use FDOT’s 511 Traveler Information System for information on crashes, congestion, construction and more. Motorists in the area can get information by calling 511 toll free, visiting FL511.com, downloading the free Florida 511 mobile app on Android and Apple devices or by following the program on social media. Individuals can also sign up for route-specific text, phone or email alerts via the FL511.com website.

Uber

The Uber pickup and drop off process includes drop off at Sawgrass Marriott Conference Center with shuttle services to the Davis Love III entry. A shuttle will return Uber riders back to Sawgrass Marriott Conference Center for staged Uber pickup. Riders can call Uber once back at the Sawgrass Marriott Conference Center.

Pedal to THE PLAYERS

THE PLAYERS offers complimentary bike parking during the tournament, from 7:30 a.m. until the end of play. Spectators can ride their bikes to the Couples Gate off of ATP Boulevard or to Gate B located inside the Sawgrass Gates off of PGA Tour Boulevard. Tournament volunteers will secure and monitor the bikes, free of charge.

DISABLED GUEST SERVICES

THE PLAYERS Disabled Guest Services program provides shuttles during the tournament. There will be 14 shuttles on the course. A van shuttle, which is wheelchair accessible, is available to and from accessible parking in the general parking lot and shuttle row, adjacent to Davis Love III Entry for spectators wishing to access the practice area, clubhouse or No. 1 tee. Carts will run from the time gates open each tournament day until 30 minutes after play.

Cart shuttles will only pick up and drop off from the designated locations below.

- Behind 16 green by Couples Gate and The Courtyard
- Behind 17 tee by the food court
- Players’ left of 9 fairway by Wine & Dine on 9
- Players’ left of 9 green by Greenside Lounge and past chairman
- Clubhouse area behind 3 tee
- Players’ right of 16 tee in front of Patriot’s Outpost
- Players’ right of 15 fairway at Taste of Jax



The PGA Tour Fan Shop at Nicklaus Gate

Photos courtesy of the PGA Tour

WHAT TO DO AT THE PLAYERS

The PGA Tour Fan Shop at Nicklaus Gate

Improved in 2018, the PGA Tour Fan Shop at Nicklaus Gate has been redesigned and expanded to over 21,000 square feet, including new product lines and exclusive gear.

The McKenzie Noelle Wilson Foundation Kid Zone

The McKenzie Noelle Wilson Foundation Kid Zone is an enclosed, air-conditioned and interactive destination for kids and families attending the tournament. It features a restroom trailer, videoboard, shaded area and more. Hours of operation are Tuesday-Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Thursday to Sunday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Autograph Zones

Autographs are not allowed on course during practice days and tournament competition days. THE PLAYERS has designated “Autograph Zones” at the below locations to allow fans the opportunity to meet their favorite players and get their signature.

- Main player practice grounds/driving range
- Scoring area behind 18 green

Stadium Village and the 17th Hole Challenge presented by Grant Thornton, Optum and Morgan Stanley

Located behind 18 green, the Stadium Village is an air-conditioned public fan zone that features a centrally located bar, open table seating, luxury restrooms and the 17th Hole Challenge presented by Grant Thornton, Optum and Morgan Stanley, which is a replica of the famed 17th hole where fans can take two free shots at the Island Green or purchase an additional chance for a \$5 donation to the First Tee of North Florida.

The Grove

New in 2018, The Grove has been leveled and turfed to improve access and seating for spectators. Located in the area behind 17 tee and 16 green, The Grove is an outdoor, shaded area that is open to the public. The area includes pavers, table seating and an upgraded walkway from the Nicklaus Gate that will lead fans directly to the location. The Grove will include a large video board showcasing the Golf Channel and NBC broadcast. It will also feature a social media board covering THE PLAYERS social media feeds. The area is also in close proximity to the larger permanent restrooms located behind 16 green and 17 tee.

The Bier Garden presented by Hoptinger

New in 2018, THE PLAYERS will feature the Bier Garden presented by Hoptinger adjacent to the Couples Gate, in the old Courtyard location. Spectators will have a variety of beers on tap to choose from.

The Family Care Suite presented by Baptist Health

The Family Care Suite presented by Baptist Health is a new initiative that will serve as a skin screening center for healthy skin and also a comfort station for mothers to nurse their babies and have a private, comfortable venue as needed.

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DINING

The Wine Lounge presented by William Hill Estate

The Wine Lounge presented by William Hill Estate is a stylish and contemporary recreation of William Hill Estate's Napa Valley tasting room, complete with tables and seating. With views of the par-3 8th hole, the Lounge gives guests the chance to sample wines while watching the tournament.

Taste of Jax

Located behind 11 green and 12 tee, this public venue offers flavors from local restaurants, a Grey Goose open-air bar, permanent restrooms and video boards. Taste of Jax includes food and drink from Candy Apple Café, Hawkers Asian Street Fare, Mojo Kitchen and Zoe's Kitchen.

Wine & Dine on 9

Fans can enjoy gourmet small plates prepared by Matthew Medure, a top Northeast Florida chef, and varietals from William Hill Estate Winery in a beautiful garden setting. This venue is located left of 9 fairway and includes a videoboard and permanent restrooms.

Food Court

Located to the left of the Nicklaus Gate entrance, there are plenty of local restaurants to choose from in the Food Court, including Bono's Pit Bar-B-Q, Brucci's Pizza, Firehouse Subs, M Shack and Tropical Smoothie Café. There's also a permanent restroom and shaded seating area near this area.

Trucks on 10

Located between 10 fairway, 11 fairway and 15 green, this public venue offers flavors from local food trucks, an upgraded restroom and an open-air, centrally located Michelob ULTRA mobile bar. Trucks on 10 includes food from Cely's Filipino Food, Delish Kabob's, Mama's Food, Naomi's and Up in Smoke BBQ.

Tacos on 12

Located between 11 tee, 12 green and 13 tee, TacoLu will be serving food and beverages. Seating and shaded areas are also included here.

Food and drink can also be found in THE PLAYERS Club (requires ticket), Fan Bleacher presented by Publix, the Benefactor featuring the ULTRA Club and Oakley Lounge, the Turn, the Oasis, the Patio and Fan Bleachers presented by Mayo Clinic, among other locations throughout the course.



TacoLu serving Tacos on 12



The Wine Lounge presented by William Hill Estate



4 Rivers Smokehouse



Southern Soul Barbeque

Photos by Susan Griffin

BAG POLICY

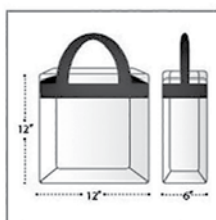
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Folding Chair Bag (Folding Chair is Allowed)

Images courtesy of the PGA Tour

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RESTROOM FACILITIES

THE PLAYERS has constructed four large-scale, permanent public restrooms, which include dedicated water bottle fountains for fans to fill up water bottles/cups. They are located at The Patio (near No. 10 tee/No. 16 tee), Wine & Dine on 9 (near No. 5 green/No. 9 fairway), behind 16 green (near The Grove) and Taste of Jax. As in prior years, there will be additional temporary restrooms throughout the tournament as well.



Photo by Don Christian

WATERFORD CRYSTAL ENGRAVING Sunday, May 13 (approximately 7 p.m.)

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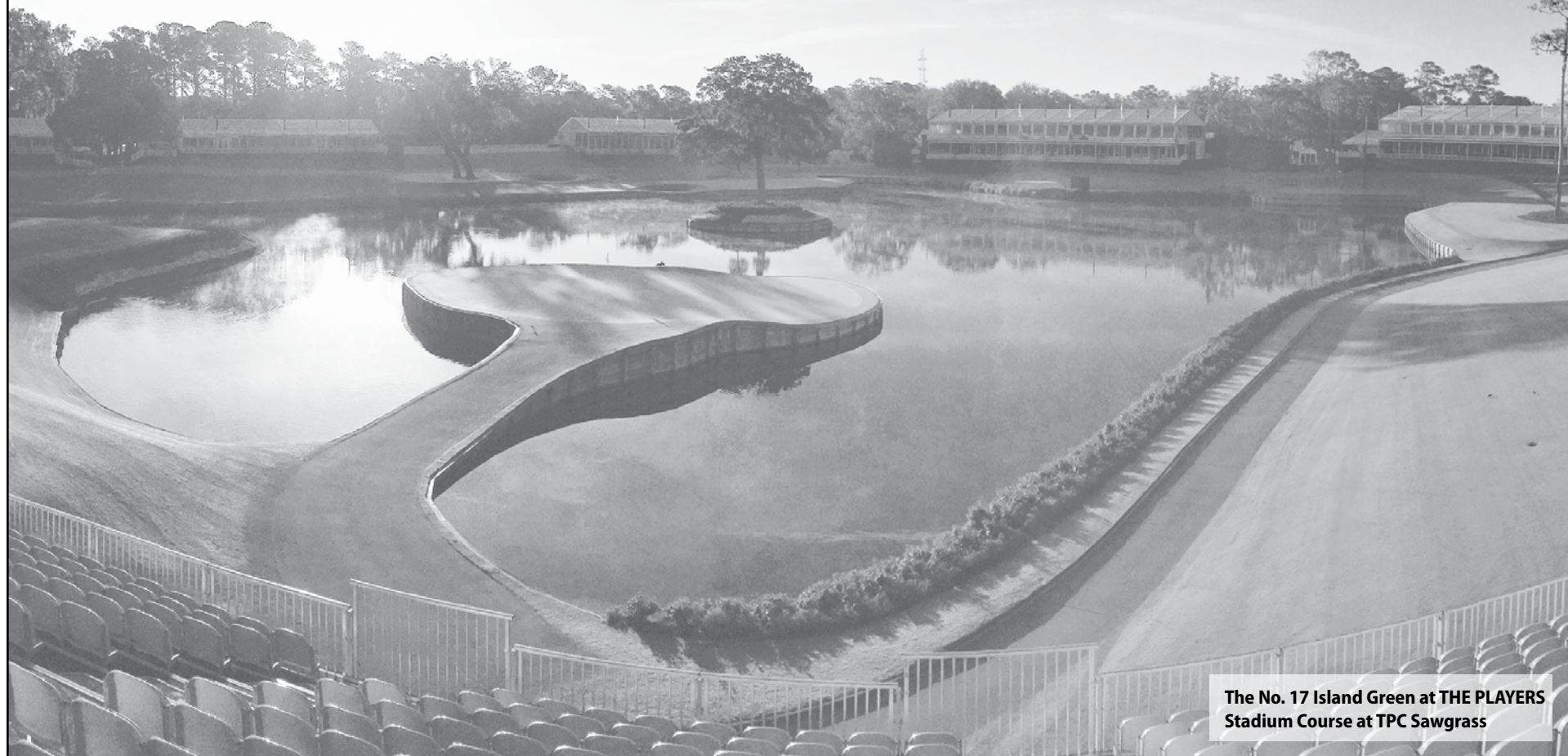
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WHERE TO WATCH AT THE PLAYERS



The No. 17 Island Green at THE PLAYERS Stadium Course at TPC Sawgrass

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By Kathy Bissell

If you've been to THE PLAYERS numerous times, you already have your favorite spots to sit and holes to watch. But if you're new to the tournament or you want to try a couple of new viewing areas, you might want to glance through our all-star locations. There are a few tweaks to the course this year: nothing to throw you off your game but things you'll want to know and avoid.

My information is based on first-hand experience. In the more than 300 PGA Tour events I've attended as a member of the media in the last I'm-not-going-to-say-how-many years, I've had about every problem you can have on a golf course. I've been trapped by bad gallery roping with no way out countless times, harassed by marshals who wouldn't let me go where I knew I was allowed to go and gotten crushed by antsy crowds from coast-to-coast. I once broke an ankle behind the 8th green at The Olympic Club. If you've ever been there, you know why. That hole should be banned!

There are good ways and bad ways to watch golf. Do you want to stand on the side of the fairway where the sun is



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in your eyes, or do you want the shady side of things? And because several holes come together at TPC Sawgrass in many places, you can take shortcuts or circle back to see another group.

Some people like to watch the first or tenth tee shots, and those are both easy to do at TPC Sawgrass. My dad liked to do that at The Memorial a couple of times. He had a small folding stool and binoculars, and, no lie, he would sit by the tee and take out the binoculars to see what ball the players were using. He'd study the drivers, watch the tee shot, and, I

guess, pick up the balls as they got to the fairway. He was a little golf-possessed, but there's nothing wrong with that. He won his club championship six times and still has the course record even though he's been deceased for several years. (To be fair, my mother was also a club champ. Twice.)

FRONT NINE

This year, there are a few small changes starting right at the first hole. The tee now has no bleachers. However, the PGA Tour has made a little bit more of a hill behind it, so there's a little more slope to stand on. Honestly, I tried it out

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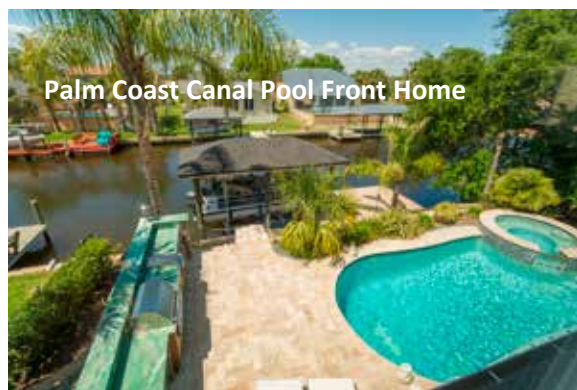
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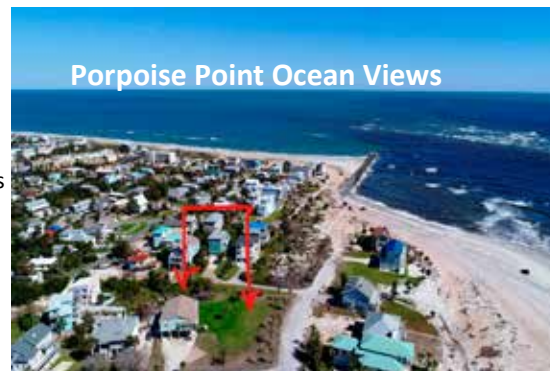
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The No. 11 hole at THE PLAYERS Stadium Course at TPC Sawgrass

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last year, when the hill was small, and it was great. If you only want to see one or two players, you can probably slither in, watch their shots and then slither out. If you want to watch Tiger Woods or Phil Mickelson, you'll have to get there a few groups early.

There's a shortcut language to knowing where to go. It's pretty simple: left or right side of the hole. At THE PLAYERS, it's left on the first five holes. And sometimes it's smart to go right to the landing area and skip the tee shot.

Here's a tip to speed you on your way. As soon as you hear a tee shot being hit, you can walk for 30 seconds. Then stop and wait for the next tee shot. It works on second shots, too. But do NOT move when a guy takes his putting stance until after he hits the ball. Golf is all about courtesy to all the players.

On the 1st, even from 30 yards away from the green, you can see the putts, depending on where the pin is. Worst case, you can see the reaction of the golfer, and you'll know if it was miss or make.

Skip ahead to the middle of the 2nd hole. There are plenty of mounds for standing. You can see the tee shots land and second shots hit. Walk up a little to watch bunker shots and putts.

After that, if you are following a particular player, your best bet is to go around the 3rd tee to the slope left of the hole.

You can go behind No. 2 green and walk down right of the 3rd. But if you do that, you can get trapped when players leave the hole and go to No. 4 tee. You will have to wait while players, caddies, TV people and scorers get to go ahead. It's a bit of a bottleneck. If you are watching Tiger or Phil, definitely take the left side, not the right.

At No. 4, give up the tee shot and hike half or three quarters of the way down to see where the tee shots land and how the approach shots are hit. Players aren't hitting booming drives anyway. It's a layup hole unless you are nuts. Walk a few more paces for putts. They have supposedly made that hill left of No. 4 a little lower so it's an easier walk.

Give up the drive on No. 5 because the tee is now so far back it's practically in Nassau County. If you really want to walk back there, circle back of No. 4 green and you'll see it. I think you'll change your mind.

The 5th is a little hilly, like the 4th, but go on up to where the second shots land. You can cross over to the right side of the hole there, but I don't recommend it. I've found that the mounds on the right side block your view of half of the green. The left has plenty of areas to watch from, and you can watch the putts from there,

too. In addition, they've added some mounding back of No. 5 green for better viewing.

Here's a bonus: There's a variety of food and beverage options behind the 5th and left of the 9th. If you can't get happy with refreshments in those places, you can't get happy.

The next group of holes is right on the 6th, right on the 7th, left on the 8th and left on the 9th.

Before the 6th, you have to make your first big decision. Do you really want to walk the 6th and 7th? Or do you want to take a break and let them play two holes and come to you on the 7th green?

Once you go down the 6th, you are committed. There's no way back except by going forward. If you go to the 6th and 7th, beware of the bottleneck between the two holes. You don't want to be right of No. 6 green when Tiger Woods is playing the hole. We might have to send a search party after you. You could scoot ahead to the back of 6th green and as soon as the putt drops, get over to the 7th early to see the tee shots. Unfortunately, the marshals are pretty quick with those ropes, and you can easily get blocked.

If you take the 6th and 7th, you have an easy shot to the 8th tee. There's a mound behind it with excellent viewing of the tee shots.

There is also a bleacher behind No. 8 green. You can watch car crash golf all

day from there. That green is unhittable and unholdable. If golf balls bled, the green and surrounding area would be crimson.

BACK NINE

The 9th is another hole where I let them do their thing off the tee while I take the cart path and walk up to the second shots.

However, the 9th has a great shortcut to the 18th and 17th. Take the crosswalk that's in front of the tee area, and you'll end up by the 18th tee. It might be perfect for you. You can sit and watch disasters and brilliant shots all day.

If you do it the traditional way and walk all the way down the 9th, there's supposed to be new mounding behind No. 9 green. There's also more food and beverages.

The next holes are right at 10th, right at 11th, right at 12th, green at 13th and right at 14th.

You'll have quite a walk from the 9th to the 10th tee, but once there, the best place to see the tee shot is either on the mound to the right of the tee, or on the mound that's behind the tee. Then, it's the right side of that hole to the green. Don't go behind the green. You'll get stuck and have to wait for groups of golfers to go to the 11th tee.

Look right when you are halfway up

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The No. 16 hole at THE PLAYERS Stadium Course at TPC Sawgrass

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the 10th hole, and you'll see the 11th fairway. That's your next target. You'll be able to see tee shots land on the 11th, but you can only see the actual tee shots if you walk back another par three. Once again, the tee is back, back, back, back ... basically in the Publix parking lot.

The 11th is a great watching hole. From the right side, you can see the drives land, see the second shots hit and see the putts, as you stroll down the cart path or grass on the right.

To reward you for going to the 12th tee, there's a food and beverage bonanza in the shade between the 11th green, 12th tee, 14th green and 15th tee. Tacos on 12 from TacoLu is hard to pass up. Lots of your friends will probably be there. You'll also find Candy Apple Café, Hawkers Asian Street Fare, Mojo Kitchen and Zoe's Kitchen.

They modified 12 green again this year. The green slope was so severe last year that balls bounced off of it and into the water. Complaints ensued. They have now raised the surface of the green on the left-hand side to solve that. However, there is still a bleacher area, and it was so popular they added another one behind it that faces the 13th green. It's an excel-

lent area to watch scoring nightmares, point and moan when there's a disaster. And the 12th should have lots of birdies because it's so short.

Now, I've been assured there's a bridge you can take along the left side of 12 to get to the green on 12, but there's probably zero way a Tiger Woods-sized crowd could get over this bridge in any kind of hurry. I'm serious. I would just avoid it. If you are determined, try it on Tuesday or Wednesday and see how it works to see if you can handle it on Sunday.

I tend to find my way up to the 12th and 13th greens by way of the grassy area between the right side of 12 and the right side of the 14th. In fact, I'll walk backwards up the 14th to get to the 13th green if necessary, or take the shortcut across the 11th tee and access that area from there.

Don't even worry about the 13th tee. There are some places you don't have to go, and that's one of them.

The 14th is a tough go. Once again, I say skip the tee shot unless you get stuck in the gallery behind the 13th. The tee area is small, and just wiggling your nose is enough to bother a player's tee shot in that location. It's traditionally one of the two hardest holes. You have to barely breathe because you never want to cost a golfer a shot with something you do. Never.

After the tee shots are hit, take the cart path on the right side of the 14th to the landing area. Make sure you preserve a view of the green. If you get too close to the green, it gets hard to see the putts.

Now on the last four holes, there are a bunch of choices. On the 15th, you can go right or left with two different outcomes. If you want to see the hole and see the tee shots of a particular group you are following on the 16th, take the right.

If you go left, you can get stuck before you get to the green. Your only way out is to go backwards over to the 16th hole and do a crossover and then walk backwards toward the tee. By the time you do that, the tee shots will be hit. So, if seeing those shots is important to you, go right at the 15th.

After the 15th hole, take the cart path that brings you out by the 16th tee. From there, take the cart path on the right of the 16th to the crossover, and you'll end up on the left side of 16.

If you continue down the right side of the 16th, you'll get trapped behind the crowd at the 17th, and believe me, there's little room to even get on that hill behind the island green. You'll be stuck.

If you take the left side of the 15th for tee shots, you can watch a part of the hole, and cross back into the woods to the left side of the 16th. You'll come out

somewhere near where golfers hit their second or third shots. You'll be able to see the 16th green and the side of the 17th green from there.

I like to find my way to the left side of the 16th hole, see where the tee shots land, watch the approaches and putts, or disasters, and then watch the 17th from there or follow around the left side of the 17th and up and behind the 18th tee and on to the finish.

Now, sometimes what you think is the best place to watch might not be. For instance, late on Sunday, the best place to watch the final hole might be across the pond, on the hillside that is actually to the right of the 9th green. There's a hospitality platform there, but there's still grass someplace unless they've "hospitalitied" the whole thing down to the water. It's worth checking early in the week to see if you like that location.

In that area, you won't be looking directly into the sun on Sunday when the last putt drops like you would be if you were on the right side of the 18th hole. You can see the second shots from across the pond, and you can see the final putt. To get there, you can take the crossover back from behind the 18th tee to the 9th hole, stay on the right side of the 9th and you'll be in the right place to watch the finish. Again, check it a day or two in advance to see if you like it.

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■ **3rd to 5th to 9th.** You can skip the first two holes and start at the 3rd. Then do the holes through the 5th, and skip over through the woods to the 9th. This is handy if you want to watch two different players who are a few groups apart. Or if you are hungry. There's food there. And then you can even cross over to the back nine.

■ **9th to 5th.** You can start at the 9th green and walk backwards to the 5th to catch a group.

■ **9th crossover to 18th.** Walk backwards down 9th and cross over to 18th and 17th.

■ **10th to 12th to 13th and 14th.** After the 10th, go near the 11th tee and take the crossover to the 12th and 13th greens.

■ **10th to 11th to 15th to 16th.** Start at the 10th and do the 11th, then walk over the mound behind 11 green and you'll be on the right side of the 15th hole that takes you back up to a location under the 16th tee.

■ **10th tee to 16th.** Start near the 10th tee and take a right on the cart path to the right of the 16th tee. Take the cart path on the right side of the 16th to the cross-walk that gets you halfway down the 16th.

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Simple golf ideas gone wild

By Kathy Bissell

In 2018, there are some significant improvements in golf products, and, as usual, there's a proverbial plethora of products to help golfers get better at the game.

This season brings more trampoline for the driver and fairway woods, hot orange and yellow golf balls and so many other colors you could match them to outfits. There's a mini TrackMan-like device you can afford, tablets that read your putting stroke and shoes that measure your weight transfer. It's technological craziness. It's ideas gone wild.

With THE PLAYERS Championship this weekend, here are a few of those new products you may find in your nearest pro shop or online after the tournament inspires you to improve your game.

Bring the High Heat

Let's start with the new trampolining driver, and its cousins, the fairway wood and hybrid, called High Heat 257+ (www.knuthgolf.com).

We mentioned High Heat last year, but this new design might be the biggest thing in golf you'll never hear about because High Heat doesn't have a big advertising budget like TaylorMade or Callaway.

The new High Heat 257+ takes advantage of a measurement change the USGA made for different parts of the club face, according to Dean Knuth, inventor of High Heat clubs. Instead of just defining trampolining for the center of the club, the USGA now allows more trampolining for the heel and toe.

This is big because, let's face it, how often do average golfers actually hit the center of the face of the driver or fairway woods? Almost never. So, they don't get the benefit or power of a center hit. They never know where the ball is going to hit on the clubface. Average golfers just hope for contact.

Now, Knuth is no stranger to golf or the USGA regulations. He was a senior executive at the USGA, and he created the slope system in golf. Immediately, he was christened the Pope of Slope. But after he left the USGA, he started High Heat.

When Knuth saw this regulation change, he went, "Aha!" He understood what it meant and what benefit it could provide for golfers. Then he went to work on a titanium clubface that has three separate bouncy parts instead of one. It's like three trampolines, one in the center area, and an even bouncier part for the toe and heel. But it's one seamless face. It's a breakthrough in engineering and materials know-how.

The result? More measurable bounce off the entire clubface for the driver, the fairway wood and the hybrid, particularly the heel and toe hits. It's something designed specifically for the average golfer who specializes in off-center hits. It puts more oomph in the effort.

The way the USGA previously measured the clubface bounce or trampoline effect was Coefficient of Restitution or COR, but they changed it to Characteristic Time, which gives a measurement in microseconds.

To put it in simpler language, High Heat 257+ has 257 CT in the center of the club and 266 CT on the heel and toe surfaces because the USGA now allows it. That's significantly more than other golf clubs. More is now ok, and more is preferred.

Unfortunately, you can't go to the PGA Superstore or Edwin Watts to buy or test High Heat. You can get them online, but it might be worth a drive over to The Villages where High Heat does several demo days each year.



Photos provided by Kathy Bissell

High Heat 257+ is a new innovation in clubface design.



mevo by FlightScope is a new, modestly priced ball flight tracker that provides information on shots.

You can test hit and then decide. The driver is \$499, the fairway wood is \$329 and the hybrid is \$227. For more information, visit www.knuthgolf.com.

Track ball flight for less

While the High Heat clubface is an innovation in clubface design, there's a new, modestly priced ball flight tracker that provides information on shots and mimics the abilities of TrackMan.

A tad larger than a garage door opener, this new device tracks the golf ball and provides information on carry distance, clubhead speed, ball speed, vertical launch angle, spin, height and flight time. And it can transmit the data to a phone or tablet. If a golfer takes video of his/her swing, it can superimpose the data onto that.

It's called mevo, it's made by FlightScope and it costs \$499.

Until now, this kind of technology had cost around \$2,500 and went up to \$15,000. TrackMan goes for \$19,000 for an indoor version and \$25,000 for outdoors.

With mevo, golfers pair their phone or tablet to the mevo device using the app. A golfer puts a sticker on the ball, hits and moments later, mevo can spit out stats on the screen with video of that swing.

mevo uses doppler radar to measure the clubhead and the ball separately. The mevo device fits in a pocket or purse and has a handy, flip out stand so one can set it up nearly anywhere.

For more information, visit www.flightscopemevo.com/#works.

A ball with a chip?

OnCore, the company that made the ball with the hollow metal core, is getting ready to put a chip inside a ball that supposedly can be used for on-course play.

It will have a Bluetooth communications device inside that will communicate with a phone. The company plans to call it Genius. OnCore is trying to crowdsource the money to build more of them, and the company currently anticipates product to be shipped this summer.

Hopefully the big ball companies will follow suit quickly. Many would be willing to pay more than the price of a premium ball if it meant always being able to find it and not wasting time looking for balls in the rough. Talk about a pace of play improvement.

OnCore does make other balls, and one of them, a low compression (86) Elixir, made the Golf Digest hot list for 2017. The company also has a lower compression (80) metal core ball called Caliber and a still lower compression (65) ball called Avant made for slower swing speeds, although many long hitters like the softer, low compression golf eggs.

Elixir is \$35 per dozen; Avant is \$20 per dozen; and Caliber, with the metal core, is \$30 per dozen.

For \$100, you can get on the list to receive a Genius ball when they are produced. For more information, visit www.indiegogo.com/projects/the-genius-ball#.

Putt Breaks

Are you a great reader of greens, or does the idea of plumb bobbing and figuring out slopes drive you nuts? If it's the latter, you may want to investigate a new phone app called Putt Breaks.

The idea is simple, although the technology isn't. But that didn't stop GolfLogix founder Pete Charleston from creating it. The Putt Breaks phone app shows every break on every green, and that should help golfers save some strokes.

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GolfLogix up to now has mainly been a GPS course mapping service for golfers. Putt Breaks, the company's newest addition, gives golfers superior information on how to read greens by showing the break of the terrain based on where the ball is sitting on the green. It doesn't show a track for the putt, but it does show arrows that indicate where the ball will go from any spot on the green.

According to Charleston, Approach View on the app even helps golfers plan

where to land the approach shot, based on the break of the green. It will work for golfers using the Golf Logix GPS app or if they are using a rangefinder and not the GPS app.

In addition, according to Charleston, those who are already members of GolfLogix get unlimited access to Putt Breaks. Golf Logix's other services include GPS for courses, green fee deals and some extras. Putt Breaks is \$4.49 per month or \$29.99 for 12 months.



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Putt Breaks by GolfLogix is an app that shows every break on every green.

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Inventors behind the great golf inventions

By Kathy Bissell

Every year, it seems, there are more and more new products from the fertile minds of people who think about ways to improve things in and around golf. The assortment grows every season, almost exponentially. Golf inventors are just plain and unstoppable forces of nature.

Here are a few stories of those inventors and their products as THE PLAYERS Championship takes Ponte Vedra Beach by storm.



Photos by Kathy Bissell

Jack Grace shoes

Jack Grace changeable shoes

Bart Walker didn't start out to have a shoe company.

He was a banker, who liked shoes. He just wanted to make something really fashion-forward for himself. He cut up old shoes and designed something in the kitchen like a lot of inventors do. Finally, he got someone to make the shoes for him. His friends liked them, so he continued to work on the project, and soon it became a business.

After a while, the business became so successful that he and his wife Erinn quit their day jobs to focus on what became Jack Grace shoes.

Here's how it works: Golfers buy the base shoe with a saddle in one color. Then, they buy saddles in different patterns and colors. There are 25 basic colors, and there are printed saddles with fish, sharks, paisleys, plaids, gingham, Norwegian or Canadian flags, college logos and more. If someone buys several saddles, they give that person a break on the price.

The shoes are not expensive by golf shoe standards. They're \$160 in black, white or gray. And there's an option to buy a shoe plus a group of four saddles, sometimes themed, for \$260. There's also a starter bundle with the shoe and three saddles for about \$230. Saddles can be bought separately or in bundles. Single saddles alone are \$40 each.

The saddles attach with special, small magnets that snap onto the sides of the shoes, making changing them out fast, easy and fun.

As Walker pointed out, he would never spend the money to buy new golf shoes to change his look. But new saddles? No brainer.

The company does customization, depending on the quantities. Visit www.jackgraceusa.com for more information.



Handbag Raincoat

The Handbag Raincoat

Handbag raincoat? This is where any woman says, "Why on earth didn't I think of that?"

Yes, it's a raincoat for your purse.

Ok, I know we are all about golf here, but how many times have you been out on a golf course or elsewhere, and had a handbag just get drenched in a rainstorm? Well, no more, thanks to Morgan Sarner, who came up with the Handbag Raincoat. This is a woman who knows her shopping and her rain.

The Handbag Raincoat comes in six styles and three sizes because this woman truly knows her bags. All but one of the raincoats can be monogrammed. Even though not golf-related, it gets an A+ for solving a problem that all women have

had and, for whatever reason, it was at the PGA Show.

It's priced at \$11 for the Mini, \$15 for the Midi and \$20 for the Maxi. For more information, visit handbagraincoat.com.



Casey Schiel shows off the Eye Putt Pro.

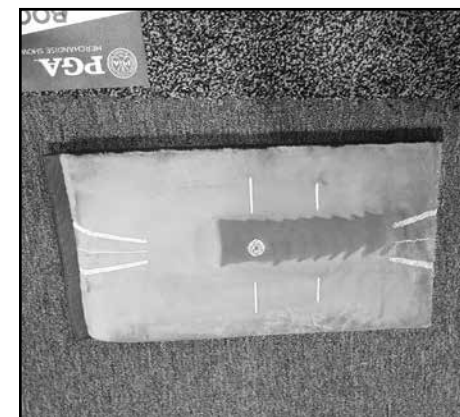
Eye-Putt-Pro

If you're having trouble with your putting, it might be what your eyes are seeing or what position they are in before you putt.

Most putting experts will tell you that you should have your eyes right over the ball. Whether yours are there or not is testable by taking your putting stance and then without moving anything else, dropping a coin from where your eyes are to see where it lands. If it lands on the ball, your eyes are in the right place.

While that's good for diagnosing the problem, it's not good for fixing it. However, Casey Schiel, a PGA pro in Denver, came up with a small level and mirror system that lets you check where your eyes are and practice putting with them stationed over the ball in the right place. If you have not tried this before, it can be a little disconcerting to see eyes reflecting from your putter, but you'll just have to trust that it works. Pretty soon, muscle memory kicks in and you'll be putting with the right eye alignment.

The Eye Putt Pro attaches with adhesive strips or magnets, and there are extra adhesives for you in the package. It's \$19.95 at golf shops, via www.eyeputtpro.com or on Amazon.com.



Acu-Strike mat

Low Tech Swing Analysis

While many are focused on high-tech solutions to analyze a golf swing, the Acu-Strike golf mat uses old-fashioned golf teaching methods to show golfers what they are doing with their swing by showing the swing path at impact.

The mat itself is a green fabric with a surface on it that behaves like velvet. It has what is called a nap. When smoothed one way, it is a light color, and when smoothed the other way, it is a darker color.

When a golfer puts a ball on the Acu-Strike mat and hits or even makes a swing without the ball and strikes the mat, there's no confusion as to what the swing path is. The surface of the mat changes from light green to a darker green to trace the path of the clubhead.

Golfers are also able to see if the swing path is straight, inside out or outside in. Golfers are able to tell if they are hitting the ball too early or too late. It gives golfers verifiable information for each swing in a low-tech way. Acu-Strike won't correct a swing, but it gives a starting point for making a swing better.

The inventor, Mark Seiver, came up with the idea after recalling that his mother, who became a club champ, used to say, "If I could only see what my clubhead was doing when it came in contact with the ball." Now, it's possible to do that without spending a fortune.

Acu-Strike comes in indoor and outdoor versions. The outdoor mat is 19 x 10 inches and is yours for just \$39.95. The indoor version has a pad underneath and is \$49.95. There's a \$5 saving if you buy both at the same time. For more information, visit acustrikegolf.com/golf-shop-store.



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Marion Haynes

Marion Dunlop Haynes died peacefully at Vicar's Landing in Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida, on April 28 with her sons, her daughter and her son-in-law at her side. She was 104.

Marion was born on July 7, 1913, in Washington, D.C., to Ruth Green Dunlop and Walter Graf-ton Dunlop. She is predeceased by her parents and her sister Ruth and brother George. In 1935, when she was 22, she met the love of her life, J. Marvin "Tex" Haynes. He was a tax lawyer, then working with the accounting firm of Lybrand, Ross Brothers and Montgomery. He subsequently founded the law firm of Haynes and Miller. They courted at his Virginia farm, later appropriately named Courtland Farm. They were married on Jan. 23, 1936.

Together, they had a happy and successful life built around their three children and many friends in Washington, D.C. Marion was active in supporting her children's schools, St. Albans and Holton Arms. She was a member of the Junior League of Washington and served on the Board of Lady Visitors at Children's Hospital. They made many friendships, enjoying them at the Sulgrave Club and playing golf at the Chevy Chase Club. After their 40 years of marriage, Tex passed away in December of 1976.

Marion and Tex first visited Ponte Vedra in 1949. In the 1960s, they rented the "McIver Cottage" on the beach in Ponte Vedra and bought it in 1967. They joined the Ponte Vedra Club. After her husband's death, Marion moved to Ponte Vedra in 1977 and remodeled the 1930s "original" beach house as a residence to which her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren repeatedly visited.

Marion became an active parishioner at Ponte Vedra's Christ Episcopal Church. She did the needlepoint cushion for the bishop's chair, one of the communion kneeling pads, and participated in creating the needlepoint rug and communion kneeling pads for the chapel. In 2012, the church presented her with the Christ Church Cross as a Distinguished Service Award. Christ Church was central to her life.

In 2006, she became a permanent resident of Vicar's Landing, made many dear friends, played bridge, entertained for TV sports events in her beautiful apartment and went on weekly Saturday lunch outings. She maintained her beach house, preparing it for family visitors, enjoying the ocean view and tending to her flower garden. With the support of her family and three loving caregivers, she led an active life until a few days before her death.

Throughout her life, Marion devoted herself to her family and friends. She was a loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother to her large extended family.



Marion Haynes

She lived her life to exacting standards, made friends immediately and genuinely, and recognized the humanity in all she met. She loved life and pursued it with great enthusiasm for over a century. Her friends and family affectionately called her "Mame."

Marion is survived by her sons, James Marvin Haynes Jr. (Nancy) and Walter Dunlop Haynes; and her daughter, Beverley Haynes Johnson (Stanfield). She is also survived by ten grandchildren: Jane Dunlop Haynes and James Marvin Haynes III (Hollie), both children of previously deceased Jane Weller Haynes; Inslee Haynes Fariss (Anderson); Marshall Adams Haynes (Peggy); Col. Justin Montgomery Haynes (Amy); Mary Lynn Haynes, daughter of the previously deceased Gaye Haynes; Steven Berlin Johnson (Alexa); Sallie Johnson Patel (Manesh); Peter Haynes Johnson (Kendra); Emily Stanfield Himes (Chris); and 20 great-grandchildren.

A Memorial Service for Mame will be held at 11 a.m. on July 7, 2018, (her birthday) at Christ Episcopal Church, Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida. Interment will be private.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in memory of Mame should be made to Christ Episcopal Church, 400 San Juan Drive, P.O. Box 1558, Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32004; to the Vicar's Landing Scholarship Fund, 1000 Vicar's Landing Way, Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082; or to the Institute for Patient- and Family-Centered Care, 6917 Arlington Road, Suite 309, Bethesda, MD 20814.

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Mary Spence

Mary Ames Spence died peacefully at the age of 78 on April 30, 2018, in Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida.

Mary was born in Chicago, Illinois, to Edna Olson Ames and Burton Allen Ames on March 19, 1940. She was a graduate of Rye Country Day School in Rye, New York, and pursued further education at institutions including Bradford College, Villanova University and the University of North Florida. She received an Associate of Arts degree in 1987.

With her extraordinarily perceptive eye for quality antiques and flair for home design, Mary founded and ran the successful Ponte Vedra Interiors throughout the 1990s and into the 2000s. A formidable and passionate golfer, she was a member of numerous clubs throughout her life, including the Apawamis Club; the Gulf Mills Golf Club; Sawgrass Country Club; TPC Sawgrass, where she was a founding member; the Golf House Club of Elie (Scotland), where she maintained the women's course record for



Mary Spence

many years; the Greenbrier; and the Ponte Vedra Inn & Club. She was also a member of the U.S. Senior Women's Golf Association.

Interactions with her in her work, on the golf course and with her active social life formed much of Mary's vivacious persona with people, but it was her love for her family that showed her true and meaningful qualities. Her surviving family and close friends will always remember her for her compassion, her unconditional generosity and the incredible dynamism she maintained throughout her days — more often spent on the attention of others before her own needs. She was truly an exceptional person who will be profoundly missed by those she loved.

Mary is predeceased by her mother and father, her sister Susan Ames and her husband Richard Dee Spence. She is survived by her three children, who all live in Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida: daughter Mary Spence Minchew (Harrison) and her two children, Katherine Liston Berline (Zachary) of Pendleton, Indiana, and Connor Spence Liston of Charleston, South Carolina; daughter Ames Spence Kohn (Thomas); and son Richard Todd Spence (Nicola) and his two children, Olivia Dorothy Spence and MacIntyre Todd Spence. She is most recently survived by her great-granddaughters, Ames Scott Berline and Hattie Lee Berline.

There will be a private family gathering at Christ Episcopal Church Memorial Garden, Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida 32082. If you wish to contribute a memorial gift, please consider the Christ Episcopal Church Foundation, 400 San Juan Drive, Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida 32082. Alternatively, please donate to the Community Hospice & Palliative Care Foundation, 4266 Sunbeam Road, Jacksonville, FL 32257, or give online at www.communityhospice.com/give.

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JoAnn Abdullah, 83, of Jacksonville Beach, died May 3, 2018. Arrangements by Quinn-Shalz, A Family Funeral Home & Cremation Centre.

Pamela Auslander

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Richard Brymer

Richard Samuel Brymer, 85, of Jacksonville Beach, died April 28, 2018. Arrangements by Quinn-Shalz, A Family Funeral Home & Cremation Centre.

Robert Hammesfahr

Robert W. Hammesfahr, 78, of Atlantic Beach, died April 25, 2018. Arrangements by Quinn-Shalz, A Family Funeral Home & Cremation Centre.

Hugh Hyatt

Hugh Byron Hyatt, 65, of Jacksonville, died April 28, 2018. Arrangements by Quinn-Shalz, A Family Funeral Home & Cremation Centre.

Lionel Ingram

Lionel N. Ingram, 87, died April 13, 2018. Ponte Vedra Valley Funeral Home, Cremation Center & Cemetery — (904) 285-1130 — www.pontevedravally.com.

Ian MacKenzie

Ian Buchanan MacKenzie, 94, died April 17, 2018. Ponte Vedra Valley Funeral Home, Cremation Center & Cemetery — (904) 285-1130 — www.pontevedravally.com.

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Sheryl Yvonne McMillan, 57, of Jacksonville Beach, died April 25, 2018. Arrangements by Quinn-Shalz, A Family Funeral Home & Cremation Centre.

Edythe McNulty

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Arthur Medlin

Arthur Edward Medlin II, 54, of Bartlett, Texas, died April 23, 2018. Arrangements by Quinn-Shalz, A Family Funeral Home & Cremation Centre.

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Edward Smith

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Nocatee residents Jonathan and Stephanie Feland (from left) gather with St. Johns County Tax Collector Office employee Whitney Graves at the May 2 car seat safety check hosted by REMAX Unlimited.

Photo courtesy of Laura Morey

REMAX Unlimited hosts car seat safety check with St. Johns County Tax Collector Office

On May 2, several parents and grandparents drove through the Buckle Up! Child Car Seat Safety Check, hosted by REMAX Unlimited in Nocatee Town Center.

Fifteen cars came to have their child car seats checked by nationally certified technicians from the St. Johns County Tax Collector Office's Project Buckle Up Program. Of the 15 cars evaluated, 14 needed to be adjusted.

"We were thrilled to bring this important program to the families of Nocatee, helping them prepare for the busy summer months of driving," said Brenda Horst, broker/owner of REMAX Unlimited.

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Local business women network, hear from industry leaders at Executive Women's Day at THE PLAYERS Championship



By Kathy Bissell

Heidi Jameson, director of business development for JaxUSA Partnership, said you could feel the power in the room at last week's Executive Women's Day at THE PLAYERS Championship.

Presented by Mayo Clinic, the event held Friday, May 4, at the TPC Clubhouse celebrated the accomplishments of women executives and leaders and allowed opportunities for local women to network. Many younger attendees noted how important it was to see and meet women who have risen to executive positions in their industries.

Moderating the event was Laura Neal, senior vice president of communications for the PGA Tour. She led a panel of speakers that included Christina Zorn, chief administrative officer of Mayo Clinic Florida; Shannon Miller, seven-time Olympic medalist and the most-decorated U.S. gymnast in history; and Susan Song, chief marketing officer of 18 Birdies, a golf software company.

Zorn began her career at Mayo Clinic as legal counsel. Seven years later, she became chair of the Florida division of the legal department at the local Mayo Clinic. Zorn is also on the Board of Trustees at the Bolles School. She and her family live in Ponte Vedra.

After retiring from gymnastics, Miller began a business career focused on lifestyle and wellness. In addition, she has a clothing line, Salto™ by Shannon Miller, and conducts clinics and works to fight childhood obesity

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Attendees of Executive Women's Day last Friday, May 4, gather on the stairs of the TPC Clubhouse.

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Planning and Zoning Agency recommends approval of major modification request for Panera Bread in PVB

By Benjamin Naim

The St. Johns County Planning and Zoning Agency (PZA) voted unanimously last Thursday, May 3, to recommend approval of a major modification request to the Fairfield at Ponte Vedra Planned Unit Development (PUD) that would pave the

way for a new Panera Bread restaurant in Ponte Vedra Beach.

Casey Keough of the St. Johns County Growth Management Department presented the request, followed by land planner Karen Taylor and Hamilton Williams of GreenbergFarrow. The proposed location of the restaurant is in the Ponte

Vedra Point Shopping Center, where Pet Supermarket, Tire Kingdom and Beach Diner currently stand. The proposal and site maps indicate that the Panera will be freestanding and situated along A1A where parking is now available.

The applicant's request allows for additional square footage for the construc-

tion of a 3,100-square-foot Panera Bread location, a parking regulations update to meet the current Land Development Code requirements of one space per three seats for restaurants and four waivers to the Land Development Code, to allow for

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Let it rain: Kathy Nyman and Rain Girl Golf Wear

By Kathy Bissell

Kathy Nyman, founder of Rain Girl golf wear, has the entrepreneurial personality.

She's always had it, even when she didn't know she had it. How do you tell? When she wants to do something, she finds out how to do it, and she does it. That's the litmus test. She's Elon Musk or Richard Branson on a smaller scale. Instead of rockets and airplanes, she's making rainwear for women. But who is to say that she won't be the next women's clothing magnate?

Nyman started playing golf when she was in high school in Tampa. Pretty soon, she decided to walk on to the high school team where she played for two years. In college at Florida State, she did the same thing.

Nyman was redshirted her freshman year and by her last year, she had a full scholarship. She played at Florida State as Kathy Grant, for those Florida State alums in the area.

"I won my very last collegiate tournament, the Metro Conference, which was the last year we were in the Metro Conference at Florida State," she explained. "I won that by about eight strokes."

She wasn't bragging when she said it. She was just stating a fact. And it was while playing golf that she got inspired to start a company for women's rain gear.

As collegiate golfers do, she progressed in the sport and turned pro, soon deciding she wanted to become a member of the LPGA Teaching division. She was an assistant at The Plantation to Bobby Duval.

All professionals who are members of the LPGA or PGA of America — even those who are not touring pros — must be able to perform at a certain level on the course. They take what is called a Playing Ability Test (PAT) to earn their LPGA or PGA status.

Nyman's PAT was a 36-hole event, and in the middle of it, it started to rain. However, it was hot where she was, and the last thing she wanted to do was put on a heavy-duty rain suit.

That's when she had her "Aha!" moment.

When she finished the 36 holes, she started looking for rainwear for women. She found a supplier who had what she wanted, but they did not sell in the U.S. She asked one of the members at the club where she worked to help her cut up some men's rain pants and turn them into a skirt.

"She offered to buy me a rain suit, but I explained I already had rain pants," Nyman said.

She just didn't want to wear them. One reason was, really, vanity.

"Rain pants are frumpy, and I'm short, so I never look good in rain pants," she said. "So, I went on a mission to make something that would be kind of quiet and attractive."



Photos courtesy of Kathy Nyman

Rain Girl founder Kathy Nyman

The beginning

It was 2012. That's where the journey began.

"I registered the name in March of 2013," she noted about Rain Girl. "So, 2013 was sort of prototyping and searching for a manufacturer, and then I got my first shipment in 2014, in February. Just the skirts."

Along the way she had to learn about water-resistant and waterproof standards in the clothing industry. Rain Girl clothing is a waterproof polyester.

"It's Teflon-coated so it makes it a lot softer," she explained. "As far as waterproof, it's not Gore-Tex."

Gore-Tex is a well-known brand of fabric and manufacturer of a variety of wind and weather-resistant and waterproof clothing. It's made by a process of laminating three layers of different materials together. However, there are waterproof fabrics and fabric treatments that are not Gore-Tex.

According to Nyman, tests for water resistance and waterproof comprise a range of numbers.

"They have the range of 0 to 5,000 is water resistant, and 5,000 and up is waterproof," she explained. "All my things are right at 5,000."

After skirts, she added jackets. They are the half-sleeve style jackets that are



A Rain Girl purse

popular because they don't restrict movement as much as the full sleeve.

Her next move was adding reversibility to the skirts. Those arrived in November 2014.

"Then after that, I wanted a rain hat that could go over a golf hat because I always try to put my FootJoy hat over my visor because I don't want to have to change my headgear, and it [the FootJoy hat] wasn't long enough," she said. "So, that next year, I started researching rain hats."

From idea phase in 2012 to 2015, she went from zero to manufacturing non-frumpy rainwear and hats for women.

"I was criticized like you would not believe in the beginning," Nyman said. "Every man would say, 'Kathy, women don't play golf in the rain. That's crazy, why would you do that?'"

"I would say, 'Well, they might not play golf in the rain, but they get stuck in the rain all the time,'" she continued. "That was the reason why I kept going forward."

As Nyman pointed out, golfers get stuck on the golf course in unexpected rain. Here that can be any afternoon in summer. So, the idea of having a rain skirt, jacket and hat for when the drops start falling during a round, well, that makes sense.

"The skirt's easy because you can just wrap it over what you are wearing," Nyman explained. "You can wrap it over shorts or a skirt. It doesn't matter. It's got five snaps so it's adjustable up to five inches, three sizes, and they are adjustable with each size."

One reason the skirts are popular is because of the adjustability. Each size has five snaps. There are three basic sizes, and they all are adjustable the same way. That's important because if you are caught in the rain, you are putting the rain gear over what you are already wearing. It's not like the size you normally wear. It's going to be slightly bigger.

In 2016, she added rainwear for girls because she had another "Aha!" moment. She was caddying for one of her junior students in the U.S. Kids world championship at Pinehurst when it started raining.

"There are a lot of little girls that play on the U.S. Kids (Tour), and they don't really have rain gear, so that's one reason I thought of them," Nyman continued. "It rains every year in Pinehurst [at that tournament], so I kind of thought there was an opportunity there."

These days, Rain Girl can be found in about 30 country clubs, including Bay Hill Club and Lodge, Sawgrass Country Club, Queen's Harbour, Deercreek and the Jekyll Island Golf Club. The Mid Ocean Club in Bermuda was her first. She also has an online business at <https://raingirl-golf.com/>

In addition, Nyman sells to tournaments, and she attends EWGA events and sells to participants there. By the time you read this, she will be on Amazon with a combination featuring the pink/black hat with the pink trim and black skirt.

The sizing is different than with regular clothing, but similar. Her extra small/small starts at a size 4 and goes up to almost a size 8. The medium/large starts at a size 8 and goes up to a size 12 plus. Then the extra-large/double extra-large goes up from there.

"I can always add more snaps if it's not just right," she said. "The most popular size is probably the medium/large in the line. I don't sell a lot of the larger size because it's not large enough. They're either small or much bigger."



Janet Collins, Peggy Grant, Karen Schoen-Kiewert, Jennifer Nash and Ashley Lowrey

Photos by Susan Griffin

Chamber holds annual joint After Hours event at THE PLAYERS Championship

Approximately 700 business and community leaders celebrated the start of THE PLAYERS Championship festivities last week at the Chamber of Commerce's After Hours at THE PLAYERS reception on Thursday, May 3.

The annual joint event organized by the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce and Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce allowed attendees to network and enjoy food and refreshments from Sawgrass Events, Anthony's Gourmet Catering, III Forks Steakhouse, Mocha Misk'I, Monroe's Smokehouse Bar-B-Q & Catering, Seasons 52 and Peterbrooke Chocolatier.

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ABOVE: Roy Alaimo and Cyndi Stevenson

LEFT: Sam Ruiz and Greg Voss

Game on!



Harry Pappas
Columnist

By Harry Pappas

For as long as I can remember, I have worked under the premise that if something does not make me happy, make me better or make me money, I have no time for it.

When I became a financial advisor in 1985, I thought I had the stock market figured out. Instead of taking a long-term perspective of my stock portfolio, I thought to try to buy low and sell high was a better investment approach. Although a few folks who were/are a lot smarter than me tried to convince me that trading the stock market is a fool's game, I did not heed their words of wisdom. Instead, I undertook this silly trading endeavor that, in the end, did not make me happy, did not make me better and certainly did not make me money!

Please know that on most days, I prefer to be a wise man instead of a wise guy. Regrettably, today is not one of those days, as I will, at my peril, follow the advice from British novelist Kingsley Amis, who said, "If you can't annoy somebody, there is little point in writing." Away we go.

Why does just about everything I hear about someone who suggests they can time the stock market make me want to paint myself with honey and jump into a nest of fire ants? I get incredibly, indescribably and excruciatingly nauseated when I think about the countless investors who panic and run to cash to avoid a stock market correction. They do not understand that the key to making money in stocks is not to get scared out of them! The truth of the matter is that one cannot win in the investment game unless he/she has the emotional fortitude to get in it and stay in it for the long-term.

So, why do so many folks insist on trying to avoid a stock market downturn by dumping stocks and going to cash and thinking they are bright enough to get back in at a lower price? Let's call it for what it is: Fear got them, hook, line and sinker! These market-timing fools suggest the pain of staying invested in stocks is just too great, as they could lose more money, albeit on paper. Therefore, they flock to a perceived safe haven: cash, with the intentions of getting back in stocks when the clouds clear and everything is hunky-dory again. Oh my, amigo! Right now, I am uttering John McEnroe's famous meltdown quote: "You can't be serious!" Your game plan might be a comforting fallacy, but it ain't reality, my friend. Nobody rings the bell to say it is safe to get back in the water.



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Guests at the April 18 SJC Chamber Ponte Vedra Beach Division "After Hours" event at Freedom Boat Club enjoy a boat ride to end the day.

Freedom Boat Club hosts Chamber 'After Hours' event

Freedom Boat Club recently hosted an "After Hours" event for the Ponte Vedra Beach Division of the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce.

Held on Wednesday, April 18, at the business' Camachee Cove location in St. Augustine, the event allowed guests to take boat rides, network, enjoy snacks and beverages and check out the newly redesigned location.



Gerri Garcia and Lori Brandel



ABOVE: Lori Adams and Brittany Honeycutt

LEFT: Kathy Catron and Jennifer Hooper O'Neal

Birk named vice president of Association of Defense Trial Attorneys

Attorney Edward L. Birk of Marks Gray was elected vice president of the Association of Defense Trial Attorneys (ADTA) at its 77th annual meeting in Austin, Texas, on April 21. Birk, who is a Ponte Vedra resident, has been a member of the association since 2003 and has previously served as treasurer.



Edward L. Birk

The ADTA is an organization of defense lawyers that accepts members by invitation only, allowing only one prime member per 1 million in population for each city, town or municipality across the U.S., the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Canada, France and the United Kingdom. The ADTA invites lawyers who are "proven and recognized successful professionals possessing the highest skill level of a defense trial attorney in civil cases."

"It is a very humbling experience to receive such an honor — particularly because it comes from those for whom I have the greatest respect," Birk said.

Birk has practiced with Marks Gray since June 1999 and as a partner in the law firm since January 2003. His practice focuses on news media and First Amendment rights. He represents clients in municipal liabilities, E.R.I.S.A. benefits, employment, the Fair Labor Standards Act and products liability. He is also AV Preeminent-rated from Martindale-Hubbell. Additionally, since 2013, Birk has been named to The Best Lawyers in America list for his work in employment law, and also to Florida Super Lawyers magazine's Super Lawyers list.

A multi-faceted business law firm with offices in Jacksonville, Jacksonville Beach and Lake City, Marks Gray's diverse practice includes extensive commercial and professional liability and tort defense litigation as well as banking, real estate, business law, probate, tax law, estate planning, immigration and workers' compensation. For more information, visit www.marksgray.com.

Seaside National Bank & Trust hires Barry Chandler and Price Schwenck

Seaside National Bank & Trust recently announced the hiring of two veteran bankers: Barry Chandler Sr. and Price Schwenck.

Chandler will serve as a client advisor and Schwenck has joined the bank as chairman of the North Florida Advisory Board. The bankers will report directly to Don Roberts, North Florida regional president.

Chandler has more than 50 years of commercial banking experience. He began his career at the American National Bank of Jacksonville and has been a banker in the Ponte Vedra market since 1973. In the mid-90s, Chandler organized his own



Barry Chandler Sr.



Price Schwenck

community bank and remained as president when it was sold to a larger regional bank. In his current role as a client advisor, he is responsible for assisting clients in every aspect of their financial needs, including extensions of credit, financial and estate

planning, liquidity management, investments and risk management.

Schwenck has more than 40 years of private and corporate banking experience in addition to extensive executive leadership. He started his career in the United States Navy before transitioning into financial services. Prior to Seaside, he held executive level leadership positions at nationwide financial institutions, along with CEO and board positions with a number of Florida community banks. In his current role, Schwenck will utilize his community contacts to assist clients with all aspects of their private and commer-

cial banking needs.

"We are thrilled to have seasoned professionals like Barry and Price join the Seaside team," said Gideon Haymaker, Seaside's CEO. "They have both been working in the greater Jacksonville market for most of their financial careers. Their deep roots and commitment to the area are tremendous. We will lean on their expertise and contacts as we continue to grow the North Florida, and specifically the Ponte Vedra Beach, market."

Both Chandler and Schwenck will work at Seaside's Ponte Vedra Beach office, located at 820 Highway A1A Suite E-11.

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Susan Song (from left), chief marketing officer of 18 Birdies; Shannon Miller, seven-time Olympic medalist and the most-decorated U.S. gymnast in history; and Christina Zorn, chief administrative officer of Mayo Clinic Florida, speak on the Executive Women's Day panel moderated by Laura Neal, senior vice president of communications for the PGA Tour.

Women's Day

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through her foundation. She also sponsors a gymnastics meet in Panama City. As a survivor of ovarian cancer, she works to promote women's health. Miller, her husband and two children live in Jacksonville.

Song, who also lives in the Jacksonville area, was vice president of global brand marketing and communications for Getty Images and director of global branding and senior vice president of Citi before joining 18 Birdies. The software program allows golfers playing tournaments at their courses or clubs to have a scoring and leaderboard app, as well as a rangefinder on their phones, while playing. Golfers can also get

stats and history on their mobile devices. Several PGA Tour, PLGA Tour players and golf affiliated figures have affiliations with the app, including former LPGA player Kris Tschetter, Paige Spiranac and Tony Finau.

The keynote speaker for the event was Alison Challman. She is the head of global marketing for the Internet of Things Group at Intel Corporation, where she has responsibility for a \$3 billion business. She has held several positions with technology companies including Avnet Technology Solutions, Quest Software and Hewlett-Packard.

After the panel, all attendees were invited to take a group photo with THE PLAYERS Championship trophy. After the keynote speaker's address, women networked and toured the course.



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DOME Headwear Co. selected to Gator100

Jacksonville-based business co-founded by Nease graduate

DOME Headwear Co. was named to the University of Florida's 2018 Gator100 during a ceremony Feb. 2 at UF's J. Wayne Reitz Union Grand Ballroom.

Sponsored by the UF Alumni Association, in partnership with the UF Entrepreneurship & Innovation Center, the Gator100 recognizes the 100 fastest-growing businesses owned or led by UF alumni. Ernst & Young calculated each company's compound annual growth rate (CAGR) over the past three years to generate the ranking. Dome Headwear Co. ranked 53 with a CAGR of 44.08 percent.

Dome Headwear Co. provides the best in custom headwear to brands, people, lifestyles and schools nationwide. With unique and powerful partnerships, they have over 300 custom headwear distributors across the country. Based in Jacksonville, the founders, Jeff Whitaker and Chris Hetland, take precedence in putting their footprint on the local market and honoring the University of Florida.

"Chris and I are not only UF Alumni, we're lifelong Gators," said



Photo courtesy of DOME Headwear Co.

Jacksonville-based DOME Headwear Co., founded by Jeff Whitaker (left) and Chris Hetland, was honored as one of the 100 fastest-growing businesses owned or led by University of Florida alumni.

co-founder Jeff Whitaker, who is also a Nease graduate. "Our childhoods were spent cheering for the orange and blue. To be recognized by our alma mater, the university we grew up adoring, was a surreal experience and is a testament to everyone's hard work that has gone into making DOME Headwear Company into what it is today. I'm very proud to be working alongside people I love and growing a successful business in my hometown of Jacksonville."

To qualify for the Gator100, companies must have been in business for five years or more as of Oct. 1, 2017, and have verifiable annual revenues of \$250,000 or more in 2014. Additionally, a UF alumnus or alumna must have met one of the following three leadership criteria:

1. Owned 50 percent or more of the company from Jan. 1, 2014, through Oct. 1, 2017; or
2. Served as company's chief executive from Jan. 1, 2014, through Oct. 1, 2017; or
3. Founded the company and been active as a member of the most senior management team from Jan. 1, 2014, through Oct. 1, 2017.

"The Gator100 honors UF alumni from across the university who are founding and growing amazing companies around the country," said Kent Fuchs, president of the University of Florida. "It's an incredible affirmation of the innovative and entrepreneurial spirit of the Gator Nation."

To view the full list of Gator100 honorees, visit gator100.ufl.edu.

Berkshire Hathaway HSFNR welcomes Tammie Taylor to Ponte Vedra/ Nocatee office

Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Network Realty recently announced the addition of Tammie Taylor to the Ponte Vedra/ Nocatee office.

Taylor joins Florida Network Realty as a realtor with four years of experience. She has achieved the Military Relocation Professionals (MRP) designation, and the Accredited Buyer's Representative (ABR) designation during this time.



Tammie Taylor

Taylor is also a member of the local Women's Council of Realtors.

A Jacksonville native, Taylor said she loves the feeling of community in Ponte Vedra and Northeast Florida and is eager to help her clients find their home. When not working, Taylor enjoys taking advantage of the Florida weather and loves running and going to the beach.

"Tammie makes a great addition to the Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Network Realty team," said Kevin Waugaman, broker/manager of the Ponte Vedra/Nocatee office. "With her focus and dedication to her clients' goals, she is sure to excel here. We are thrilled to welcome her aboard."

For more information, Taylor can be reached by phone at (904) 352-9820 or at Tammie. Taylor@FloridaNetworkRealty.com. More information can be found at TammieTaylor.FloridaNetworkRealty.com. The Ponte Vedra/ Nocatee office is located at 333 Village Main St. Suite 670 in Ponte Vedra Beach.

Panera

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flat roof lines and additional wall signage, among others.

During the meeting, Taylor noted that the Ponte Vedra Architectural Review Committee heard this application previously and recommended approval of the request. Following the presentation, Planning and Zoning Agency board member Brad Nelson said he was impressed with the renderings of the Panera Bread location.

"I did want you to pass along my compliments on these renderings," said Nelson following Taylor's portion of the presentation. "They're the best I've ever seen. Looking at these, I understand exactly what's going to go there, and I think somebody who has never looked at a plan would understand exactly what it's going to look like."

Pappas

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I suggest we need to know a few things to invest in, and then we need to let our money grow for 30 years. But that's not sexy, is it? Instead, we watch shows with talking heads who make endless predictions about the economy and this year's hottest stock without ever being held accountable for their picks, which are often wrong. We do not need gypsies with crystal balls, soothsayers wearing wizard hats, palm readers and stock market pundits with sketchy records of accomplishment.

Now that I got that off my chest, let's have a little fun. I came across an entertaining website that tests our stock market trading shrewdness. If you have access to a computer, I encourage you to try the interactive game. Google the following: "How foolish it is to sell stocks right now?" The basis of the game is straightforward. The site selects a random 10-year history of the stock market (S&P 500)

and provides you the opportunity to see if you can pick the best time to sell stocks to avoid the inevitable correction. The game begins with a hypothetical \$10,000 investment. As the chart progresses through the 10-year period, you will have just one chance to sell and one opportunity to buy back. Said differently, when you think you should take your money out of the market, hit "Sell." When you want to get back in, hit "Buy." The computer will analyze your results within seconds.

For you stock traders who found the courage to read my entire narrative and perhaps partake in the interactive computer game, I apologize if I offended you. I am, as it was never my intention. Nevertheless, my position is etched in stone. You can quit rolling your eyes now and turn the page for perhaps a more enjoyable read.

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She just added a 3 XL to her jackets and looks forward to seeing how it sells. In addition, she has an insulated golf purse that is exclusive to Rain Girl. She's also thinking about making jackets for boys, but she will have to figure out what to do about the logo.

Nyman, like most people who start businesses, did not know what she would encounter.

"Had I known everything ahead of time, I probably would have been scared to do it," she admitted. "But as I got into it, I met amazing people along the way that were willing to help."



Photo courtesy of Kathy Nyman

Rain Girl golf wear for women

Her business advantage, she believes, was that she knew golf.

These days, Nyman devotes most of her time to Rain Girl, but she still coaches the PGA Jr. League Team at Deercreek.



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Ponte Vedra Public Education Foundation hosts ArtWorks celebration

On April 22, over 150 families were treated to a celebration of art hosted by the Ponte Vedra Public Education Foundation (PVPEF) at Sawgrass Marriott Golf Resort & Spa.

This year marked the 35th year the PVPEF has sponsored the annual student art show. Families and friends from Nease High School, Ponte Vedra High School, Landrum Middle School, Ocean Palms Elementary School, Valley Ridge Academy and PVPV-Rawlings Elementary School gathered in the gallery-like space to admire original creations by students in kindergarten through 12th grade. One student from each school will have his/her artwork chosen for framing and displayed in school. The 2018 show was underwritten by a grant from the Ponte Vedra Beach Rotary Foundation.

Artworks brings attention to students

with both natural ability and nurtured talent. Art teachers select from works completed during the year, and professional artists choose from the selected group for the art show. Over 150 personalized certificates are presented at the event and gift certificates for art supplies are awarded to the top art students. It is the only event offered by the PVPEF that is open to the public; all other programs are in-school enrichments and facility enhancements.

Ponte Vedra Public Education Foundation is a 501©3, all volunteer organization with 100 percent of donations going directly to fund enrichments for the five Ponte Vedra public schools. The mission of the Foundation is to enhance public education primarily through the augmentation of the arts in the schools as well as support of educational programs that encourage creative thinking and good character.



Valley Ridge Academy Middle School student Stella Murphy wins Best in Show.



PVPV-Rawlings Elementary School student Leila Festic stands alongside art teacher Barbara Stroer after winning Best in Show.



Valley Ridge Academy Middle School student Jane Davis wins Best in Show.



PVPV-Rawlings Elementary School student Maximilian Gomez stands alongside art teacher Kim Scribner after winning Best in Show.



Photos provided by Ashley Dopf
Ponte Vedra High School student Ethan Mathews wins Best in Show.



Nease High School student Yara Chehade stands alongside art teacher David Maynard after winning Best in Show.



Landrum Middle School student Mackenzie Leverock stands alongside art teacher Jennifer Meyer after winning Best in Show.



Ocean Palms Elementary School student Simrun Sharma stands alongside art teacher Lauren Rodriguez after winning Best in Show.

Toni Boudreaux, John Schuyler, Jennifer J.L. Jones and Hillary Whitaker gather at the spring show held at Stellers Gallery at Ponte Vedra Beach on April 13.

Photo by Susan Griffin



Stellers Gallery holds spring show

Stellers Gallery at Ponte Vedra Beach showcased the work of nationally-recognized painters Jennifer J.L. Jones and John Schuyler with an opening reception on Friday, April 13.

As a gallery favorite, Jones has been with Stellers since 2004. Her long-established career is highlighted

by exhibitions in select national and international galleries, including a 2013 group exhibition in Paris (in association with Besharat Gallery in Barbizon, France and the Taylor Foundation), and numerous solo and group exhibitions

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Alhambra debuts 'A Fox on the Fairway' as THE PLAYERS kicks off

As THE PLAYERS Championship draws thousands of golf-lovers to the Jacksonville area this week, the Alhambra Theatre & Dining has debuted a relevant comedy new to its iconic stage: Ken Ludwig's "A Fox on the Fairway." Opening yesterday, May 9, the show adds to the area's thirst for all things golf, with its grand opening gala set for Friday, May 11.

About 'A Fox on the Fairway'

Bingham, president of the Quail Valley Country Club, is in a difficult position when he discovers that the golfer he chose to represent his club in the city championship has switched sides, having been recruited by his counterpart and opponent. Realizing the huge bet he foolishly wagered is now likely to be lost, Bingham recruits the skillful Justin, only to discover that his newly-hired hand is in love with Louise, the waitress at the club,

which causes his ringer much distraction. When Justin learns that Louise has lost the engagement ring he gave her, he comes unglued. Comedy ensues as Bingham tries to find a replacement for Justin to win the game, win the wager and get his life in order.

A comic romp written by the Tony Award-winning author of "Lend Me a Tenor," "A Fox on the Fairway" gives golfers and non-golfers an interesting slice of country club life. The menu features a number of country club favorites, including Executive Chef Dejuan Roy's fabled prime rib.

"A Fox on the Fairway" will continue its run at the Alhambra through June 10. Tickets start at \$38 and include a three-course meal, a Broadway-style performance and complimentary parking. Tickets can be purchased online at www.alhambrajax.com or by calling (904) 641-1212.

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across the U.S. Her highly sought paintings can be found in many private and corporate collections worldwide, such as the Atlanta Botanical Gardens, Oprah Winfrey/Harpo Studios, Scana Energy and the U.S. Embassy in Lisbon, Portugal. Jones currently resides in Beaufort, South Carolina.

While experimenting with various painting techniques in the late 1990s, Schuyler became absorbed in the texture created by different applications of paint and mixed media to his canvas. Schuyler works in



Photo by Susan Griffin
Don and Pam White

a process of layering, pouring, scraping off, and scratching into the surface of the canvas while leaving traces of earlier information, plus a buildup and overlap of successive stages. The paintings reveal themselves slowly, while exploring each successive layer underneath to examine the relationship between space and depth, presence and absence.

Stellers Gallery at Ponte Vedra Beach is open Monday to Friday from 11 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. and on Saturday from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. For more information, call (904) 273-6065.

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Old Dominion to perform at St. Augustine Amphitheatre Nov. 30

Country band Old Dominion will perform at the St. Augustine Amphitheatre on Friday, Nov. 30 at 7 p.m., with doors opening at 5:30 p.m.

"It's a little hard to wrap our minds around the size of some of these venues," lead singer Matthew Ramsey said about the tour. "It suddenly feels like we are in the big league now. But we feel ready and excited to bring that positive energy and the momentum we've built over the past few years to the stage. This is what we've been working for."

The band's sophomore album "Happy Endings," which debuted at No. 1 on Billboard's Top Country Albums chart

and No. 7 on the Top 200 after its re-release, includes current singles "Written in the Sand" and "No Such Thing as a Broken Heart."

The band recently won the 2018 Academy of Country Music Awards for "Best Vocal Group," as well as received the nomination for "Top Country Duo/Group Artist" at the upcoming 2018 Billboard Music Awards.

Tickets for the St. Augustine show are available at ticketmaster.com or by phone at (800) 745-3000. Visit www.olddominionband.com or www.staugamphitheatre.com for more information.



Photo courtesy of Aubrey Mulligan

Country band Old Dominion will play at the St. Augustine Amphitheatre on Nov. 30.

Ponte Vedra Concert Hall to host Paul Reiser July 28

The Ponte Vedra Concert Hall, in partnership with the Florida Theatre, will host comedian, actor and television writer Paul Reiser and his national comedy tour live at the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall on Saturday, July 28.

Reiser spent the last 30-plus years acting in Oscar and Emmy award-winning movies and TV shows. He created and produced the seven-episode series "There's ... Johnny!" which he co-created with filmmaker David Steven Simon and co-produced with David Gordon Green. The series intertwines authentic footage from The Tonight Show Starring Johnny Carson with the coming-of-age story of Andy, a wide-eyed 19-year-old Nebraskan who stumbles into a job. "There's... Johnny!" premiered on Hulu.

The actor also joined season two of Netflix's "Stranger Things" for a role created by the Duffer brothers. Reiser plays Dr. Owens, a high-ranking member of the Department of Energy brought to the town to investigate supernatural situations. Reiser has also collaborated with Steven Soderbergh on "Red Oaks." Reiser's role as Doug Getty, the president of a New Jersey country club in a nostalgic 80s-themed setting, was called "one of his absolute finest, not just of late, but of ever." The show's third and final season premiered in Fall of 2017.

Reiser's recent films include John McDonagh's "War on Everyone" with Alexander Skarsgard and Michael Pena; "The Book of Love" with Jessica Biel and Jason Sudeikis; "The Little Hours" with John C. Reilly and Aubrey Plaza; and the Lake Bell-directed "I Do... Until I Don't"

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Photo courtesy of Aubrey Mulligan

Comedian, actor and writer Paul Reiser is coming to the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall July 28 as part of his national comedy tour.

St. Augustine Community Chorus to perform annual Masterworks concert May 13

The St. Augustine Community Chorus, under the direction of Mike Sanfilippo, will present "Not One Sparrow is Forgotten," featuring the premiere of "Mass" by Loren C. Fortna, as part of its 2017-2018 concert season on Sunday, May 13, at 3 p.m. at Ancient City Baptist Church in Downtown St. Augustine.

For the premiere of his new work, Fortna will accompany his composition on classical guitar. The program will include a trio of pieces as a prelude to the "Mass" that share themes of peace, equality and compassion. The Mass is a large-scale setting of the traditional texts in the customary five movement



Photo courtesy of St. Augustine Community Chorus

The St. Augustine Community Chorus will perform "Not One Sparrow is Forgotten" Sunday, May 13, at Ancient City Baptist Church in St. Augustine.

form. Listeners will find great variety in Fortna's writing, from lyrical soaring lines to angular, rhythmic passages, as he explores a wide range of style for the guitar, soloists and chorus alike.

Ancient City Baptist Church is located at 27 Sevilla St. Concert tickets will cost adults \$15 in advance and \$20 at the

door for adults, and \$5 for students and military with ID. Advance tickets can be purchased at www.staugustinecommunitychorus.org, or at the following supportive businesses: Carter's Jewelry, Flowers by Shirley, Herbie Wiles Insurance, Southern Horticulture and Sterry Piano.

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Country star Wynonna Judd to perform with Jacksonville Symphony May 12

The Jacksonville Symphony welcomes country music sensation Wynonna Judd to Jacoby Symphony Hall at the Times-Union Center for Performing Arts for a concert at 8 p.m. on Saturday, May 12.

Wynonna will perform favorites such as "I Want to Know What Love Is," "Burning Love" and "Love Can Build a Bridge" live with the Jacksonville Symphony.

A five-time GRAMMY-winner and New York Times bestselling author, Wynonna revolved her career around telling stories. Whether performing alongside her mother Naomi Judd as one half of the country duo, The Judds, or pushing the boundaries on her own solo path, Wynonna's ability to reach the heart of the human spirit through her bold and unflinching honesty, is the entertainer's true gift, according to the Symphony.

Respected by the millions of fans, Wynonna's rich and commanding voice has sold more than 30 million albums worldwide spanning her remarkable 34-year career. Once dubbed by Rolling Stone as "the greatest female country singer since Patsy Cline," the performer has received



Photo courtesy of the Jacksonville Symphony

more than 60 industry awards, with countless charting singles, including 20 No. 1 hits such as "Mama He's Crazy," "Why Not Me," and "Grandpa, (Tell Me 'Bout the Good Ole Days)."

Tickets can be purchased at JaxSymphony.org or by calling the ticket office at (904) 354-5547.

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with Ed Helms, Amber Heard and Mary Steenburgen. Reiser boasts notable performances in films such as "Diner," "Bye Bye Love," "The Marrying Man," "Aliens," "One Night at McCool's" and "Beverly Hills Cop." He also co-created and starred in the critically acclaimed NBC series "Mad About You," which garnered him multiple Emmy, Global Globe, American Comedy Award and

Screen Actors Guild nominations. Recently, Reiser was praised for his supporting role in the 2015 Golden Globe-winning and Academy Award-winning film, "Whiplash," starring JK Simmons and Miles Teller.

Tickets for Reiser's performance are available for purchase at the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall and St. Augustine Amphitheatre Box Offices, Ticketmaster.com and by phone at (800) 745-3000. The show begins at 8 p.m. (doors open at 7 p.m.). For more information, visit www.pvconcerthall.com.

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The First Tee Experience unveiled at THE PLAYERS

New venue encourages kids to learn about golf, core values

By Jon Blauvelt

On Monday, May 7, The First Tee and PGA Tour unveiled The First Tee Experience at THE PLAYERS Championship, a new 5,000-square-foot, interactive venue featuring golf-themed games and activities for kids and families.

Located in The McKenzie Noelle Wilson Foundation Kid Zone, the air-conditioned facility welcomes kids of all ages throughout tournament week, allowing them to participate in scaled versions of The First Tee's signature programs currently offered in schools, at youth centers and at golf facilities around the country and the world. Among the fun activities are a golf ball pit, virtual reality stations, golf simulators, arts and crafts and digital photo booths.

"The idea is that The First Tee is looking to transform the experience that kids and families have with the game of golf," said Keith Dawkins, chief executive officer of the First Tee. "This really represents an exciting opportunity for us to activate here locally, a signature event on the PGA Tour schedule and bring The First Tee to life for everyone here locally and everyone around the country and around the globe."

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PGA Tour Commissioner Jay Monahan, Billy Reid of The First Tee of the Palm Beaches, former PGA Tour Commissioner Tim Finchem and The First Tee CEO Keith Dawkins gather at the unveiling of The First Tee Experience at THE PLAYERS Championship on May 7.

PVHS KNOCKS OFF OAK HALL, ADVANCES TO STATE FINAL FOUR



Photo by Mark Calvin

The Ponte Vedra boys lacrosse team defeated Oak Hall last Friday, May 4, in the regional finals with a final score of 11-9. As reported by Florida Lacrosse News, Ponte Vedra attackman Walter Azzaro (#12) led the Sharks with three goals in the victory. The Sharks will play Bishop Moore in the state final four on Friday, May 11, in Boca Raton. Ponte Vedra is 17-5, while Bishop Moore, according to maxpreps.com, is 18-2. The game will start at 5 p.m. Follow Ponte Vedra on Twitter @PVSharksLax1 for updates.



Photos by Jerry and Chris Norton

Matthew Barnhorst of Ponte Vedra pulls the ball deep but foul in the Sharks' 6-0 playoff win over Terry Parker.

Sharks shut out Braves in playoffs

The Ponte Vedra baseball team continued its winning ways in the playoffs with a 6-0 win over Terry Parker on Tuesday, May 8.

Kevin Faulkner earned the win, and Tony Roca struck out the side in the

seventh inning to pick up the save. The Sharks scored all the runs they would need in the second inning on Roca's RBI single. Roca drove in Zach Chappell who had doubled. The Sharks will meet Clay on Tuesday May 15 at the Shark Tank.

Golf historian discusses Florida's golf history at Beaches Museum Boardwalk Talk

By Jon Blauvelt

The first known golf course in Florida and the humble beginnings of THE PLAYERS Championship were among the anecdotes shared by Billy Dettlaff last week at his Boardwalk Talk hosted by the Beaches Museum.

The former TPC Sawgrass national director of golf and now a golf author and historian, Dettlaff discussed the history of golf in Florida, and how the sport helped build tourism in the state. The event was held at the Beaches Museum Chapel on Thursday, May 3.

Dettlaff first told the story of Henry Flagler, the former partner of John D. Rockefeller at Standard Oil Company who constructed the Florida East Coast Railway and developed a large portion of the state. The American industrialist opened resorts along the railway, said Dettlaff, and ultimately used golf to promote his efforts.

Flagler's first golf course — and what Dettlaff referred to as the first course in Florida — was a nine-hole course located around the perimeter of the Castillo de San Marcos fort in St. Augustine.

According to Dettlaff, Flagler later built an 18-hole course in St. Augustine in 1916 that was known as the Ponce de Leon Golf Course, which played host to several ce-

lebrities, including President Warren Harding. According to Dettlaff, Harding visited there a few weeks before his presidency to decompress and prepare for his upcoming responsibilities.

After discussing Flagler's other courses throughout Florida, Dettlaff addressed the origin of the Ocean Course at the Ponte Vedra Inn & Club. Prior to its construction, the golf historian said it was a nine-hole course built by the mining company that previously owned the property.

Then, the property was sold in the 1930s, and the Ocean Course was built. Dettlaff said it soon became one of the toughest courses in the United States. In fact, Dettlaff noted the PGA of America planned to host the 1939 Ryder Cup there, until World War II began and caused the cancellation of the tournament.

Dettlaff concluded his address with the story of former PGA Tour Commissioner Deane Beman, THE PLAYERS Championship and TPC Sawgrass. Beman first brought the tournament to Sawgrass Country Club, said Dettlaff, where it was played from 1977 to 1981. Then, after failed attempts to buy Sawgrass, Beman hired Pete Dye to build his own course in the Florida swamp, and the beauty that



Photos courtesy of Florida State Historical Society

As told by Billy Dettlaff in the May 3 Boardwalk Talk hosted by the Beaches Museum, the Castillo de San Marcos in St. Augustine was home to Florida's first golf course — a nine-hole course developed by Henry Flagler.



The Ocean Course at the Ponte Vedra Inn & Club was once regarded as one of the toughest golf courses in the United States.

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THE PLAYERS Championship makes big donation to help JU women's golf team level the playing field

StrongHER Together event raises almost \$70,000 to help with travel, other expenses

The Jacksonville University women's golf team helped raise close to \$70,000 to support the program, with \$50,000 coming from THE PLAYERS Championship, at the Tee-Off Reception for the StrongHER Together Alliance on Monday, April 30.

Those who were in attendance at Blue Sky Golf Club heard about the accomplishments of the JU women's golf team, both from guest presenters and the team members. Regional Director of Operations for the TPC Network Bill Hughes opened the evening by stressing a recurring theme: Women's athletics unfairly find themselves short of resources, even in 2018.

The evening's hosts, Donna and M.G. Orender of Generation W and Hampton Golf, addressed the importance of leveling the playing field.



Photo courtesy of Jacksonville University Athletics

Representatives from THE PLAYERS Championship make a \$50,000 donation to the Jacksonville University women's golf team at the Tee-Off Reception for the StrongHER Together Alliance held at Blue Sky Golf Club on Monday, April 30.

"Today's talent pool is a global talent pool, and this team is international," said Donna Orender, a former WNBA standout who went on to head PGA Tour Pro-

ductions, serve as WNBA Commissioner and currently heads Generation W. "We are preparing these women to compete in the world."

Each member of the team introduced herself and explained why JU was special to them. Sophomore Hannah Berman, a Jacksonville native, explained the grueling schedule of a college athlete, as well as some unique challenges presented to their program, in particular. She emphasized how fortunate she and her teammates are to have the opportunity they have, stressing that the Alliance's biggest beneficiaries are future JU women's golfers.

JU women's golf coach Jennifer Borocz highlighted four pillars to building a sustainable golf program: a great home tournament, an endowed scholarship fund, a van and an involved booster club.

"The main goal of the event was to start a booster club to raise money for our scholarship fund and critical team resources, the first piece of the puzzle being a team van, which we will now be able to purchase," said Borocz.

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USA KNOCKS OFF EUROPE IN MLCC WGA SOLHEIM CUP



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After 36 holes of competition with all competitors playing four different formats (fourball, foursomes, shamble and singles), Team USA defeated Team Europe 15-13 in the Marsh Landing Country Club (MLCC) Women’s Golf Association’s (WGA) Solheim Cup held May 1 and 3. Shown in the picture from the winning team are Carin Greene (from left), Peggy Reale, Vicki Arnold, Wendy Waller, Florrie Redick, Elana Dietz, Kelli Stokes, Lynn Cabrera and Dottie Hall (not pictured: Susan Delfs, Leigh LeMoyné and Sara Strom).

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today is TPC Sawgrass was born.

Detlaff is the author of “Doctors of the Game – A History of the Golf Profes-

sion,” “PGA of America: The Official Centennial Commemorative Book - Celebrating The History of the Golf Professional” and “A Storyteller’s Guide - THE PLAYERS and TPC Sawgrass.” For more information on his work and background, visit www.billydetlaff.com.



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Junior golfers compete at Drive, Chip and Putt local qualifier hosted by TPC Sawgrass

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By Benjamin Naim

TPC Sawgrass hosted a Drive, Chip and Putt local qualifying event on Saturday, May 5 that offered junior golfers a chance to play with their peers and advance to the sub-regional competition, scheduled for Aug. 25 at World Golf Village in St. Augustine.

Founded in 2013 by the Masters, USGA and the PGA of America, the Drive, Chip and Putt Championship is a joint initiative and a free nationwide junior golf development competition, with participants ranging in age from 7 to 15. Junior golfers who advance through the local, subregional and regional qualifying stages earn a chance to play in the National Finals at Augusta National prior to the Masters.

The qualifying event at TPC Sawgrass featured more than 200 juniors, initiating THE PLAYERS Championship week and an exciting contest amongst the future of golf.

Kaitlin McDonald, a Youth Development Manager at North Florida PGA, said Drive, Chip and Putt is about reaching young golfers and growing the game.

A junior golfer delivers a putt at the Drive, Chip and Putt event held at TPC Sawgrass on Saturday, May 5.

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“It’s a competition,” she said. “They compete at the local level — this is our first local of the year — first, second and third from here in each age division will advance to the subregionals.”

McDonald also noted that she would have loved to compete in the event when she was younger.

“If I had known about [Drive, Chip and Putt] when I was younger I definitely would

have done this,” she said.

This qualifier was the first of more than 290 local qualifiers nationwide, with an entry deadline of five days before. Boys and girls have chances to try in all 50 states throughout the months of May, June, July and August.

The end result for the qualifier at TPC Sawgrass and others to follow is that 80 finalists — 40 boys and 40 girls — will make it to Augusta National next spring.

Visit www.drivechipandputt.com for more information on the Drive Chip and Putt Championship.



A boy gets ready for a putt at the Drive, Chip and Putt Championship local qualifier.



ABOVE: A junior golfer prepares for a drive at the Drive, Chip and Putt local qualifier at TPC Sawgrass.



LEFT: A young golfer winds up a drive at the Drive, Chip and Putt local qualifier.

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Located in The McKenzie Noelle Wilson Foundation Kid Zone, the First Tee Experience features several fun golf-related activities for kids.

First Tee

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PGA Tour Commissioner Jay Monahan, as well as former commissioner Tim Finchem, participated in unveiling the facility and discussed the Tour's partnership with The First Tee and commitment to growing the game.

"We couldn't be more excited about the opportunities for the First Tee," said Monahan. "This is a program with chapters across the country, including right here on the First Coast. To get kids involved with The First Tee and to have them experience the game coming out of THE PLAYERS would be a great experience."

The First Tee Experience will be open from Tuesday to Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and from Thursday to Sunday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Founded by golf's governing bodies — LPGA, the Masters Tournament, PGA of America, PGA Tour and the USGA — The First Tee is a nonprofit organization that introduces kids to the game of golf and its inherent values through partnerships and programs in more than 10,000 elementary schools, 1,300 youth centers and 1,200 golf facilities. Since its inception in 1997, The First Tee has grown its network to deliver programs in all 50 states and at various international locations. Visit www.thefirsttee.org for more information.

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- 19. *She raised a future President
- 21. *First First Lady
- 23. 20-20, e.g.
- 24. Marked by sound judgement
- 25. Say "no"
- 28. Strip of wood
- 30. War over Helen
- 35. Cheese from Netherlands
- 37. Ringo Starr's instrument
- 39. *She planted a vegetable garden in South Lawn
- 40. Kind of bag
- 41. Bigfoot's cousins
- 43. Computer desktop picture
- 44. Type of fishing net
- 46. _____-a-sketch
- 47. After-bath powder
- 48. Cowardly color
- 50. "_____ and the Real Girl," movie
- 52. Bovine hangout
- 53. Used to be
- 55. Tiny guitar

- 57. *Pillbox hat fashion icon
- 60. *She also raised a future President
- 64. Bird of prey nest
- 65. PC brain
- 67. Wear away
- 68. Supernatural being
- 69. Beachgoer's goal
- 70. Extend subscription
- 71. Freight horse cart
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DOWN

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- 7. *First lady Frances Folsom Cleveland had the lowest one
- 8. Oxford _____
- 9. Help to solve a riddle
- 10. Beehive State
- 11. Not Sunni
- 12. _____ Royal Highness Queen Elizabeth II
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- 34. *Founder of "Just Say No" campaign
- 36. Whimper
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- 64. Put together
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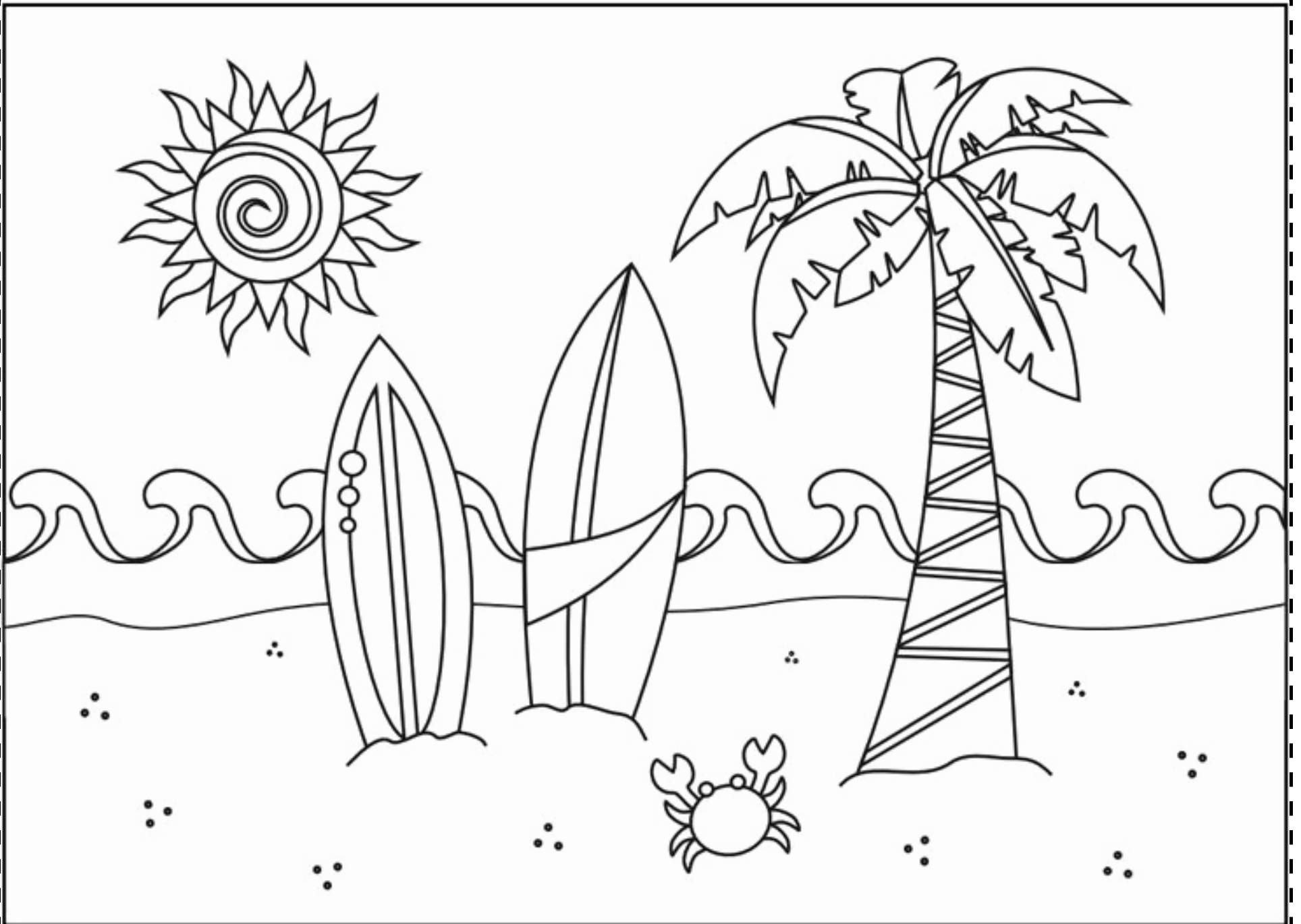
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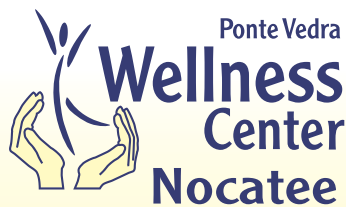
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