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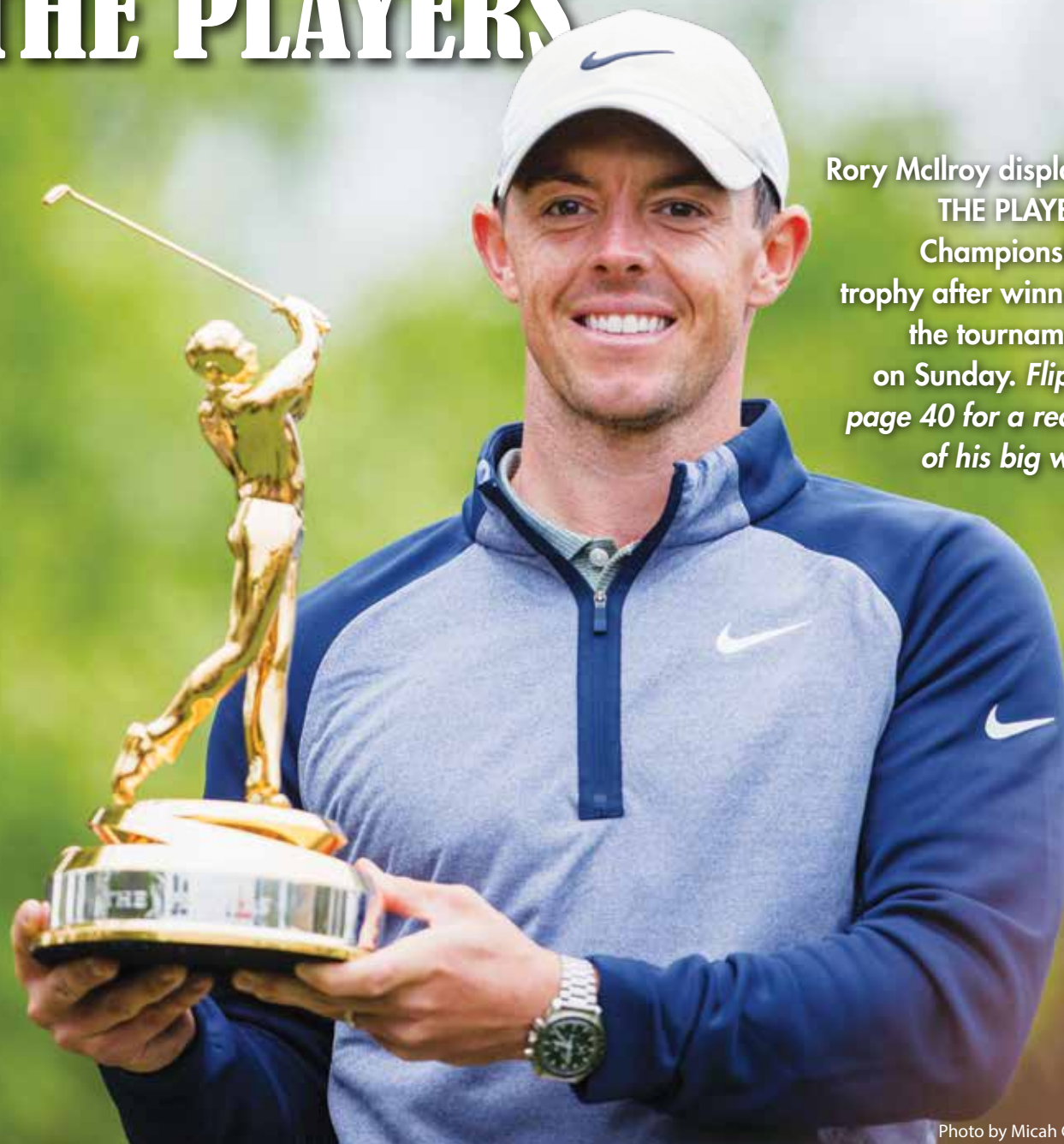


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Rory roars to victory at THE PLAYERS



Rory McIlroy displays
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Do you know what this is?

Email your answer to jonb@opcfla.com by Monday at 5 p.m.

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

One reader correctly identified last week's photo as the sign for D&D Cleaners. That person is **Patia Sapp**. Congratulations, Patia — you may pick up your prize at the Recorder office during normal business hours.



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Ponte Vedra beach / Oceanfront
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NEW SCOUTS BSA GIRLS TROOP HOLDS FUNDRAISER AT PIEOLOGY



Jason Chinn, owner of Pieology in the Nocatee Town Center, presents a check to the new BSA girls Troop 291 of Ponte Vedra United Methodist Church. The scouts passed out fliers, held signs and invited family, friends and fellow scouters from other units to attend the fundraiser for the new unit. For information on joining Troop 291, contact Scoutmaster Elaine Mitchell at (904) 982-4937.

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Nease student selected for Honeywell's space camp leadership program

By Amber Lake

It's one thing to be a stellar student. To be interstellar, however, that's a whole other ballgame.

Sixteen-year-old Maria Ribot shows the world what an interstellar student looks like by dreaming big and keeping her head in the clouds. Recently, she attended the Honeywell Leadership Challenge Academy at the U.S Space & Rocket Center in Huntsville, Alabama. She was one of the few students across the globe chosen to participate in the program in February and March.

This year, Honeywell sponsored 292 students from 41 countries and 27 states to attend the two, week-long programs. The Academy aims to challenge 16 to 18-year-olds with activities in STEM leadership skills, such as building, coding, computer sciences and astronautics.

"I was skeptical that (I would) get in," Ribot said. "I heard that it was a global camp with people from all over the world coming. I couldn't imagine how many people were going to apply to this program and I thought I'm just going to apply and do my best and see if I get in."

Ribot is no stranger to taking chances. Originally from Puerto Rico, she came to the U.S when she was just 10 years old, after her father got promoted at his position at Honeywell. She didn't speak any English and described the experience as a "major culture shock."

"When I moved to Virginia, it was very different," Ribot said. "When I got there and I saw how people acted and how people spoke — they didn't speak my language and I was just freaking out because I thought, 'What if I never blend in?'"

During her first day at school, she got lost finding her class, didn't know how to open her locker or even ask for help.



Photo provided by Paulina Stromquist

Nease junior Maria Ribot receives the Excellence in Leadership Award from Honeywell at the Leadership Challenge Academy at the U.S Space & Rocket Center in Huntsville, Alabama, in February.

"It was just a feeling of hopelessness," she said.

Although she was enrolled in the English as a Second Language (ESL) program, she still felt lost and alienated from her peers, who were at times less than welcoming because of her accent and background. Even the "interpreter" the school provided didn't speak Spanish. After feeling scared and alone, she decided she wouldn't let the relocation get the best of her.

"I decided to just get past that," she said. "(I would)

move on and try to learn as much as I can in as little time as possible."

So, she did. Ribot worked and studied and managed to learn English in only six months. Not only did she learn the new language, but she achieved more than many of her native speaking peers by getting on the A-B Honor Roll her first year at her new school, in her new country.

Shortly afterward, her father was transferred to Jacksonville, so she moved to her current home state. When he heard about the space program through his work, he encouraged her to apply.

While at the Honeywell Leadership Challenge Academy, she participated in challenges such as simulated astronaut trainings, shuttle missions, moonwalks and even a centrifuge simulation that put 3.2 Gs of force on her, equal to three times her body weight. Ribot said the experience felt like her "face was melting off."

Never an underachiever, Ribot also won the program's Leadership Award for her ability to keep a cool head and direct her teammates during simulations. She credits her levelheadedness and leadership skills to her experiences as an older sister.

"I knew people were freaking out over the whole situation (during a simulation)," Ribot said. "Automatically my brain switches to like, 'They need to calm down and look at the problem and look for a solution and get going.'"

Currently in the 11th grade, Ribot said when she graduates from Nease, she plans to pursue pre-med. She said she has dreamed of doing this, "since she was little." When asked if she is going to be a "space doctor," she laughed.

"Sure. Why not?" she said. "Space is so undiscovered. I could study so much."

She added emphatically, "I don't have to be an engineer to fly."

OPES students give back to Wolfson Children's Hospital

The fifth-grade student ambassadors of Ocean Palms Elementary School (OPES) recently completed the service project, "Banks for Kids," to benefit Wolfson Children's Hospital.

Students first decorated small piggy banks (each with \$5 dollars inside) provided by THE PLAYERS and Character Counts! of St. Johns County. They then donated them to children at the hospital so they can make a purchase from the "Wolfie Wagon," Wolfson's mobile shop for hospitalized kids.

"Being hospitalized isn't fun, but a visit from the Wolfie Wagon, our store on wheels, can be a bright spot for kids," Wolfson Children's Hospital says on its website.

By participating in the project, the student ambassadors were able to have firsthand experience with the Character Counts! pillars of citizenship and caring.

"The Banks for Kids program has promoted good character in me by showing the Character Counts! Pillar of Caring," said Brianna, one of the fifth-grade



Photos courtesy of Pam Riley

Fifth-grade student ambassadors at Ocean Palms Elementary School display their decorated piggy banks for Wolfson Children's Hospital.

ambassadors at Ocean Palms Elementary School.

Character Counts! is a national character education program utilized by St. Johns County schools. Its "Pillars of Caring" include trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship.

"Knowing that some people are in the hospital and need special care ... it makes me feel good to be giving to others," Brianna added. "I hope these banks make children have a smile on their faces."

Students also had an opportunity to collaboratively work together and sell valentine candy grams to raise money for

the banks.

"This project has helped me learn that you can help others while having fun and being creative," Ambassador Jordan said. "I had tons of fun making these adorable banks which will be helping to cheer up sick kids. This makes me really happy. It makes me want to be more of a leader. I had almost just as much fun raising money to put in the banks by buying and selling candy grams to give to all my friends."

Following the project, ambassadors were asked to reflect about their participation.

"The Banks for Kids program has impacted my leadership abilities by showing me that I need to give back to people in need," Ambassador Jameson said.

The student ambassadors ultimately decorated and donated 50 piggy banks filled with \$5 bills.

"This project has made me think about how grateful I am to be well," Ambassador Josie said, "and that I should always care about others."

Tesori Family Foundation's All-Star Kids Clinic teaches golf fundamentals to children with special needs

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ABOVE: Michelle and Isaiah Tesori present a medal to one of the VIPs at the Tesori Family Foundation's All-Star Kids Clinic March 13 at Sawgrass Country Club.

RIGHT: A "VIP" attempts a putt at the All-Star Kids Clinic.

BELOW: A "VIP" displays her medal for all to see.



Photos by Amber Lake

PGA TOUR player Jordan Spieth makes special appearance

By Amber Lake

The Tesori Family Foundation's All-Star Kids Clinic teed off for the fourth year at Sawgrass Country Club on the eve of the first round of THE PLAYERS.

The March 13 clinic hosted 25 kids with special needs, or "VIPs," and their families to learn golf tips from the masters themselves. During the event, PGA TOUR caddies and other instructors offered special instruction and demonstrations to create a unique experience for the children participating. Making a special appearance once again was PGA TOUR player Jordan Spieth, who conducted a demonstration of his own and took photos with the kids.

The Tesori Family Foundation was founded by former PGA TOUR player and current PGA TOUR caddie Paul Tesori. His wife, Michele Tesori, co-hosts the event with the help of their son, Isaiah, who has Down syndrome. Michelle Tesori said she is inspired to give back to "execute what god put in our hearts to do."

"I think that people set expectations perhaps differently for our kiddos with special needs," Tesori said. "I think if they are just given a chance in an environment where they feel loved and supported and

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Tabitha Furyk is the wife of PGA TOUR golfer Jim Furyk, mother to Bolles students Tanner and Caleigh and co-founder of the Jim & Tabitha Furyk Foundation.

Tabitha Furyk

(Note: This interview was conducted prior to THE PLAYERS Championship.)

Can you briefly tell us about your background?

I was born in Torrance, California and raised in Columbus, Ohio. I went to Ohio State and got an elementary education degree. I met Jim at the Memorial (PGA TOUR tournament in Dublin, Ohio). I traveled a little bit with him, and then we moved to Ponte Vedra Beach.

What does THE PLAYERS Championship mean to you?

THE PLAYERS Championship has always been very special to me and Jim because it is the one tournament that is in our backyard. It's great to share it with friends and family and great to see and to participate in some of the wonderful charity events that they do to support our community.

What were some of the events you were involved with the week of THE PLAYERS?

On the Sunday morning before the tournament, we hosted Operation Shower on the golf course for 40 women who are either active military or whose husbands are deployed. Later that evening, we hosted close to 400 people for our ninth annual Jim and Tabitha Furyk Foundation Furyk & Friends event. That featured opportunities for participants to attempt the 17th Hole Challenge and shop in the new pro shop. The event also included a closest-to-the-pin shootout at the 17th hole for our PGA TOUR celebrities to compete for \$10,000 for charity. The evening also featured an acoustic concert and about 10 celebrity chefs who cooked outdoors there at the Grove. That next morning, we hosted our golf tournament at Sawgrass Country Club. On Tuesday, we had These Kids Can Play, where we hosted 100 families suffering from life-limiting and other conditions through Community PedsCare and Wolfson Children's Hospital. We finished up Tuesday with the Military Appreciation Concert.

What's your involvement with the PGA TOUR Wives Association? Can you please tell us a little bit about that organization?

I've been a member of the PGA TOUR Wives Association for, I believe, 24 years now. It is very impactful as a young wife to be able to travel each week and know that there's something — an activity or an event — that we can do to give back to our community. Most of them are very hands-on. That's the reason I started These Kids Can Play at THE PLAYERS Championship. We used to have a luncheon and fashion show, which was great, but it didn't give you that feel that you were supporting somebody in the community, even though you knew there were charity dollars going there. Now, this gives us a very hands-on opportunity to spend some time with some kids who really appreciate us being there and really could use a helpful hand. *(Read more about These Kids Can Play on page 16.)*

What's it like to be a significant other of a PGA TOUR player?

It is an adventure. There's a lot of emotion on the golf course. Although it seems glamorous to travel week to week in amazing locations, there are also the fun challenges of trying to be on a plane or in a long car ride with two small children and trying to find laundromats and living out of a suitcase week after week. So, there are certainly pluses and minuses.



Photo by Jon Blauvelt

What do you enjoy most about living in the area?

I think the thing we enjoy most as a family is the access to the waterways. Whether it's the beach or the St. Johns River or the Intracoastal, most of our activities surround those waterways. It really makes for great family adventure. It's a great way to entertain folks who come into town to visit. (We're) pretty proud of how beautiful (the) venues that we have along the waterway are and being able to share those with folks.

When you're not working in the community or on the golf course, what do you like to do in your free time?

We're very active. We spend a lot of time watching our kids play sports. We like to do activities such as participate in runs, take the boat out for a spin with the kids, play beach volleyball with the kids, fish, etc. At this point, with a freshman and a junior in high school, they still like to hang out with us, so anything family-oriented, we're up for.

Edited by Jon Blauvelt

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Thursday, March 21	Friday, March 22	Saturday, March 23	Sunday, March 24
<p>Grief support group A grief support group meets on the third Thursday of every month at St. Paul's Catholic Church, in Room 102 of the Family Life Center. The group is for men and women who are grieving the death of a family member or friend. The next meeting will be on Thursday, March 21, at 7 p.m. For more information, call Catherine Bennett at (904) 247-0665. St. Paul's Catholic Church is located at 578 First Ave. N. in Jacksonville Beach.</p> <p>90's Cardio dance class at XDANCE Fitness Calling all 90's kids! Get fit by shaking some tailfeathers to a playlist featuring the top hits of the decade, such as *NSYNC, Britney Spears, Christina Aguilera, Backstreet Boys, Ricky Martin, J.L.O, Spice Girls, S Club 7, Dream and many more. Burn some calories from 8 to 9 p.m. and all levels are welcome. For registration, prices and more information, email xdancefitnessjax@gmail.com or call XDANCE Fitness at (860) 836-5688. XDANCE Fitness is located at 391 Third Ave S. in Jacksonville Beach.</p> <p>West-African drum circles of St. Augustine West African Drum Circles of Saint Augustine is a community-based organization with the intent of sharing the knowledge of drum circles, rhythms and dance. Join every third Thursday, during the months of March through Oct. at the St. Johns County Pier Pavilion from 7 to 10 p.m. Just listen for the drums. Two truck loads of drums and percussions will be provided for community use. This is a free family-friendly events sponsored by the Saint Johns Cultural Council and the Saint Augustine Beach Civic Association. For more information, call (904) 392-4707. The St. Johns County Pier Pavilion is located at 350 A1A Beach Blvd in St. Augustine.</p>	<p>38th annual St. Augustine Lions Seafood Festival This historic festival is a large food and family-oriented festival held in St. Augustine's Francis Field. This Lions Seafood Festival features tons of seafood (as well as food for the landlubbers), nearly one hundred arts and crafts vendors, kiddie rides, family shows and activities. The three-day festival begins Friday, March 22 at 3 p.m. and will run until Sunday at 5 p.m.. Cash admission for adults is \$5 and entry is free for active duty military and children under the age of 15. Francis Field is located at 25 W. Castillo Dr. in St. Augustine.</p> <p>Adult mental health first-aid training Developed by mental health professionals, this curriculum is designed to provide practical knowledge that can be put to use right away. Participants will use a five-step action plan to recognize symptoms of mental health issues, identify common mental health challenges for adults including anxiety, depression, and substance abuse, and learn effective ways to provide initial help and guidance to the appropriate treatments, resources or other supportive help. This training session, hosted by Baptist Health, will be located at the Ponte Vedra Beach YMCA. The session runs from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.. There is no cost to attend and YMCA membership is not required. However, seats are limited, so reserve a space at www.EventBrite.com. The YMCA Ponte Vedra is located at 170 Landrum Ln. in Ponte Vedra Beach.</p> <p>Date Night: French cooking In this class, Chef Spencer will entertain and educate at JAX Cooking Studio as the class makes a delicious French-inspired menu featuring french onion soup, duck confit risotto with dried cranberries and toasted pecans, and cinnamon creme-brûlée. Share some wine and fun in the cooking studio with friends, bring a significant other or enjoy conversing with other guests as everyone prepares their French cuisine. Cost for the class is \$65 on March 22. For more information, contact JAX Cooking Studio at (904) 742-5906 or visit www.jaxcookingstudio.com. JAX Cooking Studio is located at 14035 Beach Blvd. in Jacksonville.</p>	<p>SAFE pet rescue adoption event This adoption will be honoring senior rescue dogs, dogs normally seven years or older. These dogs are often overlooked and passed by due to age. The adoption will be at Pet Supermarket in Ponte Vedra from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.. There will be other dogs outside of the senior range as well. Come by and give these dogs a cuddle and a walk (or better yet, a home). Pet Supermarket is located at 880 A1A N. in Ponte Vedra Beach.</p> <p>LASH JAX one-year anniversary party Join LASH JAX owner Tammy Barr and the rest of the LASH staff as they celebrate their one-year anniversary with a party and fundraiser going towards Chemo Noir. The party starts at 4 p.m. on March 23 and is open and free to the public. Boutique merchandise will be 10 percent off until 6 p.m. along with a complimentary brow wax or thread and champagne if guests bring a friend. Starting at 6 p.m., enjoy the Gin & Glitter party with snacks, mixed drinks and raffles. 904 Boss Babes, along with other local businesses like Belle of the Boulevard and Monahan Jewelers, will be in attendance along with a special surprise guest. For more information, contact LASH JAX at (904) 758-1072. LASH JAX is located at 1500 Beach Blvd. Ste 114 in Jacksonville Beach.</p> <p>GastroFest 2019 Jacksonville's food festival returns on March 23 at Friendship Fountain Park & Museum of Science and History (MOSH), Southbank of Jacksonville's St. Johns River. For food lovers of all ages, GastroFest is Jacksonville's foremost food festival, showcasing the tastes of the First Coast. This culinary celebration of the local food scene draws a wide audience from across Northeast Florida. GastroFest will highlight a wide array of participants, including chefs, breweries, authors and more. GastroFest is a cash based food and alcohol festival, so please bring cash. The festival is from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m with different food vendors and events throughout the day. GastroFest is located outside the MOSH by Friendship Fountain. The MOSH is located at 1025 Museum Cir. in Jacksonville.</p>	<p>Sundays at Surfer the Bar Every Sunday, join Big Fish Power Yoga for a free Music & Flow class at Surfer the Bar. The class is held upstairs at the bar and runs from 10 to 11 a.m. every week. Bring friends and family and enjoy brunch and mimosas downstairs following class. Register under classes on bigfishpoweryoga.com. Surfer the Bar is located at 200 First St. in Jacksonville Beach.</p> <p>Ask a Ranger: Camping edition What it's like to camp in Florida State Parks? Is it hard to set up a tent? What should one bring on a camping trip? What's a s'more? What are some cool campgrounds and how do people reserve a spot? Join Ranger Greg and find answers to all these questions and more. Bring friends and family to check out Ranger Greg's very own campsite and gear on display in the main parking lot at Anastasia State Park. Come pick a park ranger's brain about the art, stories, and joys of camping. The presentation is from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Anastasia State Park on March 24. Cost to attend is free with a regular park admission fee. Anastasia State Park is located at 300 Anastasia Park Rd. in St. Augustine.</p> <p>River Garden 73rd anniversary day festival Get ready for an afternoon of fun, food and family as River Garden hosts its 73rd Anniversary Day festival on Sunday, March 24. Festivities begin at 3 p.m. at the River Garden campus. There will be entertainment, face painting, barbeque, a bounce house, clowns, pony rides and more. The River Garden Auxiliary will also be hosting two favorite fundraisers: Tombola and the 2nd annual Vintage Heirlooms and Jewelry Sale. The festival has a variety of activities for people of all ages. For more information, contact Kari Bell at (904) 288-7855. The River Garden campus is located at 11401 Old St. Augustine Rd. in Jacksonville.</p> <p>Swing Dance Sundays Swing Dance Sundays is a weekly event with free lessons starting at 7 p.m. at The Volstead. Attendees can either bring a partner or come alone. The Volstead is located at 115 West Adams St. in Jacksonville.</p>

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Monday, March 25	Tuesday, March 26	Wednesday, March 27	Thursday, March 28
<p>Trivia at Mellow Mushroom Join Mellow Mushroom every Monday night at 7 p.m. for trivia with Trivia Nation. This event is free to play and there are prizes for the winners. Mellow Mushroom is located at 1018-2 Third St. N. in Jacksonville Beach.</p> <p>Victory Lutheran Church annual golf tournament Join for the annual golf tournament on March 25 at Queen's Harbour Yacht and Country Club. Proceeds will help support community outreach programs, including the annual Easter Festival. The tournament will also have raffle prizes to give away, such as a television, beach cruiser and many golf-related items. Lunch will be served following the tournament play and there will even be a Hole-In-One contest with a chance to win a car. Registration is at 8 a.m. and tee-off begins at 9 a.m. with a shotgun start. Cost is \$100 per person and includes entry into all events, 18 holes of golf, golf cart, lunch and a raffle ticket for a chance to win various prizes. Golf course attire is required. No jeans or no steel spikes are allowed on the course. All participants must be at least 21 years of age. To register, visit www.victorylutheran.org. For more information, call (904) 382-7245. Queen's Harbour Yacht and Country Club is located at 1131 Queens Harbor Blvd. in Jacksonville.</p> <p>'Jersey Boys' at the Times Union Center Moran Theater They were just four guys from Jersey, until they sang their very first note. They had a sound nobody had ever heard and the radio just couldn't get enough of it. But while their harmonies were perfect on stage, off stage it was a very different story. Go behind the music and inside the story of Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons in the Tony Award®-winning true-life musical phenomenon, the "Jersey Boys." From the streets of New Jersey to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, this is the musical that's just too good to be true. Showtime starts at 7:30 p.m. on March 25. For tickets and more information, visit www.timesunioncenter.com. The Times Union Moran Theater is located at 300 Water St. in Jacksonville.</p>	<p>A Legacy of Service: Honoring the contributions of women who impacted the First Coast Augusta Savage was a remarkable change agent in her Harlem community. Join the Ritz Theatre & Museum and UNF for an informative evening highlighting local women who have made an impact within the greater Jacksonville community and how their legacies are being preserved for future generations. The presentation begins at 7 p.m. at the Ritz Theatre & Museum. Attendance is free, but registration is required. For further information or to register, contact Adonnica Toler at (904) 807.2014 or by email at atoler@smgjax.com. The Ritz Theatre & Museum is located at 829 N. Davis St. in Jacksonville.</p> <p>The Messthetics at the St. Augustine Amphitheatre Front Porch The Messthetics are an instrumental trio featuring Brendan Canty, Joe Lally, and Anthony Pirog. Canty and Lally were the rhythm section of the band Fugazi from its inception in 1987 to its period of hiatus in 2002. Doors open at 6 p.m. on March 26. Admission is free. The St. Augustine Amphitheatre is located at 1340 A1A South in St. Augustine.</p> <p>Dads, daughters, do's, & donuts Join Jacksonville Moms Blog for a Daddy Daughter Date Night at The Mini Bar. Stylists from Cortello Salon will be there to help dads learn how to do simple hair styles in their daughter's hair. Each daddy-daughter ticket (\$35) will include a three-pack of donuts to decorate, a beer for dad, a hot chocolate bar for the girls and styling lesson by Cortello. Sibling tickets are available (\$15) if dad has more than one daughter. The event runs from 6 to 8 p.m. at The Mini Bar. The Mini Bar is located at 1300 Beach Blvd. in Jacksonville Beach.</p> <p>Palm Valley farmer's market The Palm Valley farmer's market runs every Tuesday from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Community Center at 148 Canal Blvd. in Ponte Vedra Beach. It features produce, seafood, jams, baked goods and more. For more information visit them on their Facebook page, Palm Valley Farmers Market.</p>	<p>Greenhouse Yoga Join Maggie's Herb Farm every Wednesday and Friday morning from 10 to 11:30 a.m. for a mindful Kripalu flow yoga practice in the greenhouse at Maggie's Herb Farm. Soothe body and mind in the fresh air, grounded on natural, river pebbles for a unique greenhouse yoga experience. Practice yoga surrounded by beautiful greenery, butterflies, herbs, hummingbirds and free-range chickens. Attendees are encouraged to bring their yoga mat, towel and water bottle. Pre-registration is not required. Maggie's Herb Farm is located at 11400 Country Road 13 N. in St. Augustine.</p> <p>Little Masters Par 3 Contest There will be a Little Masters Par 3 contest at the St. Johns Golf Club on Wednesday, March 27. The Masters Par 3 contest started in 1960 for both stress-relief and competition on the eve of the prestigious golf tournament, the Masters. Sign up a three-person team to participate in the St. Johns Golf Club version of the Par 3 Tournament. Shotgun start is at 5:30 p.m. Sign up is \$17 for members and \$23 for non-members. Space is limited. To RSVP or for more information, contact Tommy Aycock at taycock@sjcfl.us or call the St. Johns Club pro shop at (904) 209-0350. The St. Johns Golf Club is located at 4900 Cypress Links Blvd. in Elkton.</p> <p>OneBlood Drive at Starling at Nocatee Look for the big, red bus at Starling at Nocatee, an independent senior living community. The blood drive is from 3 to 5 p.m. on March 27. For more information, contact Starling at Nocatee at (904) 596-0880. Starling at Nocatee is located at 999 Crosswater Pkwy. in Ponte Vedra Beach.</p> <p>Ruby Beach tap takeover at Keg & Coin Come out over the ditch with Ruby Beach Brewing as they get featured on the brewery spotlight with Tap Takeover at Riverside's Keg & Coin. Keg & Coin is Jacksonville's first arcade bar bringing the city a unique, nostalgic experience. The takeover starts at 8 p.m. on March 27. Keg & Coin is located at 1269 King St. in Jacksonville.</p>	<p>'The Price is Right' live at the Times-Union Center From the small screen to the big stage, America's popular gameshow, "The Price is Right" will be coming to the Times-Union Center for the Performing Arts on March 28 at 7:30 p.m.. To register for chance to be a contestant, visit registration area at or near the venue box office three hours prior to showtime. Ticket purchase will not increase chances of being selected to play. For tickets and more information, visit www.timesunioncenter.com. The Times-Union Center for the Performing Arts is located at 300 Water St. in Jacksonville.</p> <p>Catty Shack day tour The Catty Shack is hosting a 45-minute guided walking tour with the opportunity to see resident animals such as their tigers, lions, cougars, leopards, lynx, coatimundis and foxes. The tour starts at 1 p.m. For tickets and more information, contact the Catty Shack Ranch at (904) 757-3603. The Catty Shack Ranch Wildlife Sanctuary is located at 1860 Starratt Rd. in Jacksonville.</p> <p>Farm-to-Fork chef series: 'Southern Style on the Farm' Come experience a farm-to-fork dinner combining Brian Whittington's southern fare from Smoked. Southern BBQ restaurant with locally sourced meats from Whittington's Chop Shop Artisan Butcher Store and his Preserved restaurant entrees prepared with a French technique. The dinner is from 6 to 9 p.m. and will be located at Blue Sky Farms. This four-course dinner will also come with beer and wine pairings. The event will also feature local artisans and farm-to-table produce from local farms.. Tickets are \$125 and can be purchased at www.EventBrite.com. For more information, call Blue Sky Farms at (904) 808-7330. Blue Sky Farms is located at 4805 County Rd. 13 S. in Elkton.</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 Daniela@opcfla.com or call (904) 686-3939.</p>

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The Sisterhood of the Traveling Plants gathers with raffle winners at a recent event.

Sisterhood of the Traveling Plants to host 'Springtime at Downton' at Ponte Vedra library March 29



Sisterhood of the Traveling Plants members Cathy Snyder and Marilyn Smith will be presenting "Springtime at Downton" March 29 at the Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library.

On Friday, March 29, from 1 to 3 p.m., the Sisterhood of the Traveling Plants returns to the Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library with "Springtime at Downton."

In anticipation of the new "Downton Abbey" movie coming out in September, the event will help attendees with ideas on how to decorate their home or office for springtime with "Downton" charm. Light refreshments will be provided, and tickets will be sold to win arrangements that the Sisterhood creates.

Comprised of Cathy Snyder and Marilyn Smith, the Sisterhood has been presenting their shows at local libraries and elsewhere for 12 years. The duo recently moved their events from Saturdays to Fridays. This event on March 29 is sponsored by the Friends of the Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library.

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Flower & Garden Expo to celebrate 24th anniversary March 30-31

The popular Flower & Garden Expo is celebrating its 24th anniversary edition a little early this year.

The Expo is taking place on Saturday, March 30 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Sunday, March 31 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the St. Johns County Agricultural Center. A fundraiser for EPIC Behavioral Healthcare, the Expo brings in a wide variety of growers, nurseries and garden-related artisans. The Expo partners with the Garden Club of St. Augustine, which hosts their Annual

OBITUARIES

Harriet K. Feder

Harriet K. Feder died on March 16, 2019, at home in Ponte Vedra, Florida. A memorial service for friends and family will be held at 3 p.m. on Thursday, March 21, 2019, at Ponte Vedra Valley, 4750 Palm Valley Road, Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida.

Harriet was born the daughter of Samuel Feder and Dorothea Deichmiller on Oct. 22, 1955, in Trenton, New Jersey. She graduated from Pemberton Township High School in 1974.

Harriet's 37-year career with the federal government started at the Fort Dix Army Hospital in New Jersey. Harriet was a very talented and highly decorated program analyst, whose love for research, reconciliation and exacting accountability, along with her strong interpersonal skills and work ethic, made her a go-to employee among leadership. In 1998, she moved from New Jersey to Fairfax, Virginia, to pursue a promotion, where she bought her own home, and years later met her husband.

Harriet will be missed by all who met her — she was a woman of order and balance, and a true friend. She loved the beach. She was a talented weight lifter and loved dining out — the perfect combination. She also loved art, especially the impressionist painters. She travelled to several countries and most enjoyed her dream trip to Paris, France.

Tragically, she was diagnosed with lung cancer six months after her retirement. After five and a half years of punishing lung cancer treatments, she passed away surrounded by her loving husband and dear sister. Harriet is survived by her husband, Kenneth J. Campbell; his sons, Mathew J. Campbell and Brian L. Campbell; sister, Tema Feder-Maccaro (Al Maccaro); and beloved nephew, Eric Maccaro. She was preceded in death by her parents.



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Barbara Shields Kline

Barbara Shields Kline, 75, died March 9, 2019. Ponte Vedra Valley Funeral Home, Cremation Center & Cemetery – (904) 285-1130 – www.pontevedravalley.com.

Expo

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Flower & Horticulture Show at the Expo inside the Agricultural Center.

This year, the theme is "The Love Boat," and the show includes designs, botanical arts, youth 4H and horticulture. Additionally, the Expo partners with the local Piece-Makers Guild for their annual Quilt Show, which will be displayed in the Wind Mitigation Building.

Expo patrons will also enjoy expert lectures both days, a special children's area with garden-related activities, access to master gardeners and food trucks next to the center's gardens.

"For anyone wanting to beautify their yard, gain ideas for landscaping, ask questions about plants or enjoy art gallery-quality beauty found in the Flower & Quilt Shows, the Expo is the place to be," Expo Coordinator Teresa Andrews said.

This year's lectures include:

Saturday, March 30

10 a.m.: "Monarchs and Other Pollin-neighbors," presented by St. Johns County Master Gardener Dianne Battle.

11:30 a.m.: "Salt Tolerant Landscape Plants," presented by Terra Freeman, St. Johns County horticulture extension agent.

1 p.m.: "Gardening for Mental Health," presented by St. Johns County Master Gardener Jenny Lane.

2:30 p.m.: "Invasive Plant Species," presented by St. Johns County Parks Naturalist Kelly Ussia.

Sunday, March 31

11 a.m.: "Landscaping for Florida's Wildlife," presented by St. Johns County Master Gardener Pam Hutcherson.

12:30 p.m.: "Growing and Culinary Uses of Fresh Herbs," presented by Dennis Gretton, owner of D & D Nursery and popular Expo vendor.

The St. Johns County Agricultural Center is located at 3125 Agricultural Center Drive in St. Augustine. Admission is \$5 per person, including both days. Children 12 and under are admitted free. Parking is free. Patrons also receive a pass for free admission to EPIC's "A Taste of St Augustine," taking place on April 28, plus discounts to local attractions.

To learn more about the Expo, visit www.epicbh.org or call (904) 829-3295. All proceeds from the Expo benefit EPIC Behavioral Healthcare, which has been providing substance abuse and mental health treatment in St. Johns County since 1973.

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Area residents peruse the recent MS silent auction at Bogey Grille, which raised more than \$20,000 for North Floridians impacted by multiple sclerosis.

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MS silent auction at Bogey Grille raises more than \$20,000

Area residents “shopped” for deals recently as National MS Awareness Week kicked off with the seventh annual silent auction at Bogey Grille.

Beaches, Town Center and Nocatee retailers, service providers and restaurants donated 250 items to help raise more than \$20,000 for the North Florida Society chapter. The record amount will help provide programs and services for North Floridians impacted by multiple sclerosis.

The free event is held annually in Ponte Vedra Beach and is open to the public. For information about this year’s

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Community tees off tournament week at THE PLAYERS Celebration

Several members of the community kicked off tournament week on Monday, March 11, by attending THE PLAYERS Celebration at the TPC Sawgrass Clubhouse. The party featured heavy hors d'oeuvres, drinks, dessert and live entertainment.

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Alex Quijano and April Hart

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Attendees of the event enjoy THE PLAYERS Celebration.



Trudy Toche, David Godwin and Toni Boudreaux-Godwin



Krista Plandel, Susan Paczkowski and Beth Stokes



Kim Jones and Jennifer Belisario



A duo of musicians entertains those in attendance.



Shrimp cocktail was among the hors d'oeuvres served at the event.



Desserts were plentiful at the event.



Ted and Missy Stachitas



Photos by Amber Lake

An instructor encourages a "VIP" at the Tesori Family Foundation's All-Star Kids Clinic on March 13 at Sawgrass Country Club.

Tesori

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not judged or made to feel different (they'll excel). Every single person here is loved exactly as they are."

Since its inception in Greensboro, North Carolina, the clinic has expanded to host more than 200 kids annually in Ponte Vedra Beach, Orlando, Charlotte, North Carolina, and Jackson, Mississippi, which are all stops of the PGA TOUR.

Joni Magnusson has taken her 11-year-old daughter, Penelope, to the All-Star Clinic the past three years. The first year she went, she was teamed up with Michael Greller, Spieth's caddie.

"She (was) not really into sports too much but her dad and her brother play golf," Magnusson said. "But after she met Michael, she fell in love with him and she loves, loves this event. We took her to the TPC and followed (Spieth and Greller) around. Walking around is not really her bag, but we walked like five miles that day

and she had a blast."

Penelope fell in love with Michael and the game so much, she now goes to Top Golf with her dad and brother.

"When we go to Top Golf now, she likes to get her driver and hit it as far as she can," Magnusson said. "She loves it, and she's getting better."

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Community PedsCare, Wolfson Children's Hospital families return to THE PLAYERS for 'These Kids Can Safari'

By Daniela Toperek

Eleven-year-old Jacob Lopez just finished his clay art at THE PLAYERS' Stadium Village when his stepfather, Ben Miller, asked to take a photo with him for the paper.

"Were my eyes blinking?" Lopez asked after the shot was taken.

"You look gorgeous," a woman responded.

"Well, I'm always gorgeous," Lopez replied jokingly.

Jacob Lopez was paralyzed from the waist down about four years ago after a car accident, but that didn't stop his wit or creativity at "These Kids Can Safari," an event coordinated by the PGA TOUR Wives Association, THE PLAYERS and the Jim & Tabitha Furyk Foundation on Tuesday, March 12.

Presented by TIAA Bank, the event hosted children and families from Community PedsCare and Wolfson Children's Hospital and was intended to serve as a distraction for the kids, many of whom are dealing with life-limiting or life-threatening injuries and diseases. The Jacksonville Zoo was onsite with various animals, as well as the Museum of Contemporary Art (MOCA). Tabitha Furyk, wife of PGA TOUR player Jim Furyk, served as the chairperson of the 11th annual event.

"We're just tickled to have such a great turnout and have Jaxson de Ville here for photo opportunities," Tabitha Furyk said. "The Jacksonville Zoo also provided a lot of characters here for the kids to interact with, so it's really nice."

Lopez said one of his favorite parts of the event was having the chance to meet some of his favorite golfers, while his step-father's favorite was the fact that these golfers came out just to meet kids like Lopez. Jim Furyk was one of the PGA TOUR



Tabitha and Jim Furyk gather with a family at "These Kids Can Safari" at THE PLAYERS on March 12.

players who stopped by the Stadium Village for the event.

"Every year, we try and do something unique for these kids," Tabitha Furyk said. "Our foundation this year is doing a little bit of a support towards animals and partnering with the Jacksonville Humane Society, and I think that just sort of kicked off the idea of how fun it would be for

these kids to interact with the zoo animals and just have a wild safari here."

This was the third "These Kids Can Play" event Lopez attended, according to his stepfather.

"Jacob loves animals anyways, so the fact that this is safari-themed, he's had his chance to put his hands on a couple animals he might not have otherwise seen

or touched — he's having a good time with that," Miller said.

The painting and tie-dye stations were also popular areas at the event. These mini Picassos created colorful and vibrant art pieces and even had some zoo animals join in.

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TIAA Bank and THE PLAYERS present two check donations of \$30,000 to Community PedsCare at "These Kids Can Safari."



Jacob Lopez with stepfather Ben Miller

Photos by Daniela Toperek

Underwood Jewelers hosts PGA TOUR Wives Association for annual luncheon during THE PLAYERS week



Dao Fournier designers Kimberly Gibson and Lucy Price stand with John Rutkowski, general manager of Underwood Jewelers in Ponte Vedra Beach.

By Amber Lake

Now in its sixth consecutive year, the annual PGA TOUR Wives Association Luncheon at Underwood Jewelers was held last week to raise money for charities and showcase the latest from the Dao Fournier jewelry collection.

Taking place Wednesday, March 13, the event featured cocktails, appetizers and desserts among the sparkling showcases of Underwood's collection of fine jewelry. The Dao Fournier trunk show took center stage. The collection is designed by twin sisters Kimberly Gibson and Lucy Price, whose husband, Aron Price, is a former PGA TOUR golfer.

Proceeds raised from the luncheon go to various charities through the PGA TOUR Wives Association, which holds various outreach and fundraising initiatives throughout the year. Charities supported by the association include Operation Shower, Blessings in a Backpack, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Community PedsCare, Habitat for Humanity and the Boys & Girls Club of America.

John Rutkowski, general manager of Underwood's Jewelers in Ponte Vedra Beach, said the event has become a staple of the store and has helped cement its place in the community and the PGA TOUR.

"We understand the importance of having this tournament in our backyard and in our neighborhood," Rutkowski said. "So, we embrace THE PLAYERS, we embrace their wives, their caddies and their families. We embrace the tournament."

Rutkowski noted that over the past six years, the luncheon has managed to raise over \$20,000 for charities.



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PGA TOUR wives gather with Underwood's staff and Dao Fournier designers for the PGA TOUR Wives Association Luncheon on March 13. The trunk show event featured jewelry designs, cocktails and appetizers in a social atmosphere.



Dao Fournier jewelry on display at the event



An attendee of the luncheon looks over some of the jewelry on display.



Dao Fournier jewelry at the luncheon

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Photo by Daniela Toporek

Families enjoy the fun at "These Kids Can Safari" at THE PLAYERS on March 12.

Safari

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"The kids love the painting area," said Rachel Noble, PGA TOUR communications coordinator. "They're really enjoying that. I've seen a lot of rainbows over there. The turtle was painting as well. They painted the turtle's feet and it just walked across the paper."

During the final moments of the event, both THE PLAYERS Championship and TIAA Bank each donated checks of

\$30,000 dollars to Community PedsCare. "I think it's very difficult for these families to travel with these kids because their conditions are life-limiting or life-threatening, so to be able to come out is really special for them," Tabitha Furyk said. "It kind of shows the character of the PGA TOUR, the fact that those players are so sensitive to children with disabilities and make an effort to make them feel special." Four years ago, Jacob Lopez was left with limited mobility. Here at "These Kids Can Safari," there's no limit to what Jacob can do.



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ABC Fine Wine & Spirits hosts annual tasting event during THE PLAYERS week

Several members of the community enjoyed sampling wine, spirits and cigars on Wednesday, March 13, when ABC Fine Wine & Spirits in Ponte Vedra Beach hosted its annual tasting event to celebrate THE PLAYERS.

Held at the business' location in Sawgrass Village, the "Vine Affair" wine tasting hosted the real-life war heroes behind Horse Soldier Bourbon and the movie "12 Strong." The event also featured a raffle and the opportunity to save 15 percent on purchases in the store. Guests at the event additionally enjoyed food and more provided by other local businesses, as well as live entertainment.



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Photos by Susan Griffin

Various local businesses attend the annual tasting.



Geri Price, Gloria Dongara and Carrie McGregor



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Jessie Norman, Malcolm Anthony and Chelle Thomas

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Photos courtesy of Coastal Wine Market & Tasting Room

Allen Horne, Michaela Hill, Steve Lorie, Tara Killen, Nicolas Kovalenko and Jody Petronella enjoy "An evening of Wine and Golf" on Wednesday, March 13, at Coastal Wine Market & Tasting Room.

Coastal Wine Market hosts an 'Evening of Wine and Golf'

Coastal Wine Market & Tasting Room celebrated the start of THE PLAYERS with "An Evening of Wine and Golf" on Wednesday, March 13.

The Nocatee business hosted Nicolas Kovalenko of Bodega Garzon Wines for the event. Guests at the event enjoyed the award-winning Uruguayan wines and took part in a friendly putting competition.



Guests of the event enjoy tasting wines from Bodega Garzon Wines of Uruguay.



Nicolas Kovalenko of Bodega Garzon Wines tries out the putting competition.

Nocatee Farmers Market hosts the Sauce Boss

Nocatee residents and friends enjoyed the monthly farmers market on Saturday, featuring a performance from Florida slide guitar player Bill "Sauce Boss" Wharton.

Sauce Boss played the blues and cooked gumbo at this concert experience. At the end of the show, the gumbo was served up free to all.

Per the usual, the market also included over 70 local vendors offering items such as organic produce, herbs, spices, unique foods, crafts, jewelry and more.

The next farmers market on April 20 will celebrate the beginning of spring.



ABOVE: Florida slide guitar player Bill "Sauce Boss" Wharton plays blues music at the Nocatee Farmers Market on Saturday, March 16.

LEFT: Dr. Thomas Romero and Dr. Lexie Romero of Optimal You Brain Centers enjoy the Nocatee Farmers Market.

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Leprechauns, libations and living the life at the Island Green of THE PLAYERS Championship

By Vince Johnson

It's a scene more like a crowded outdoor patio than your typical golf tournament.

"It was definitely a lot quieter earlier," a spectator says to a friend.

Welcome to a Saturday afternoon overlooking TPC Sawgrass' iconic Island Green, one of the golf universe's wonders of the world.

The view is spectacular. The green of the par-5 16th pops across the water less than a football field away, the bowl of the arena circling both that green and the entire tee-to-green experience of the 17th hole.

It's a stage for the game of golf's superstars, ferocious despite its diminutive size. The 146-yard par 3 took the generation's biggest superstar, Tiger Woods, out of tournament-winning contention when he drowned two balls at the hole a day before.

Crowds lounge on the money green slope overlooking the green, while others watch from the two stories of suites and seats above.

Mid-afternoon, the slope is lively. A woman dressed as a leprechaun in a mini-skirt carries a round of island-style drinks. A pack of fraternity brothers poses for photos with the green in the background, their arms outstretched with koozie-wrapped beverages. Another guy has a Sharpie-inspired face tattoo — it's one of those afternoons.

The focus of the crowd shifts from green aluminum cans to the more famous green intermittently, the reaction time dwindling as the day burns. Players come and go, most enjoying nothing more than an occasional hoot and clap as the banter rises.

At 4 p.m., Tony Finau steps on the 17th tee, the American working on a pleasing 5-under third round and in a tie for eighth place in the tournament.



TP SEEN

Photo by Micah Green

The Island Green at TPC Sawgrass is one of the golf universe's wonders of the world, and also one of the most entertaining, sometimes for reasons that are not golf-related.

Splash.

"Nooooo," the crowd snaps as the focus momentarily sharpens. It's the largest reaction of the day to that point. Finau collects his double-bogey, just like the many waterfinders before him.

Moments later, a lone duck appears on the wooden edge of the green, sitting like a statue on a front porch. It jumps in the water for a bath, then swims in circles, its serenity juxtaposed by the thousands of live onlookers visiting its home for the weekend.

At the same time across the water, a glassy-eyed couple tries to take a selfie with the duck and green in the background. They are less successful in their quest than the duck is in its.

Twenty minutes after Finau leaves the arena, Sergio Garcia mimics his result. Splash. The crowd jeers.

"He's going to have to take the walk of shame," a woman says, lounged with her elbows in the grass belts. The 2017 Masters champion scoffs at his fortune and prepares his 80-yard shot from the drop

zone, a shot that lands on the green and spins aggressively toward the front ledge. It stops just inches from the drink.

The same woman shrieks in decibel-defying fright, the horror of the Island Green soothed by the flavor of her island concoction.

A man walks nearby, his homemade wide-rim hat a replica of the Island Green itself.

Nothing too out of the ordinary here. It's just a typical Saturday afternoon at the 17th hole at THE PLAYERS.



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Spectators watch THE PLAYERS at the 17th hole.



A man wearing a wide-rim hat topped with a replica of the Island Green watches the drama unfold at the 17th hole.



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Photos by Susan Griffin



Kelly Ray and Vicky Ray



Guests have fun dancing at the event.



Jaguars kicker Josh Lambo (center) and friends



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Toni Boudreaux-Godwin named among St. Augustine Record's '40 Under Forty'

Toni Boudreaux-Godwin, director of the Ponte Vedra Beach Division of the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce, has been named among the inaugural St. Augustine Record "40 Under Forty" recipients.

Boudreaux will be recognized along with honorees who have attained milestone career achievements and involvement in business, nonprofits and the public sector throughout St. Johns County.

Nominated by Chamber staff, Boudreaux-Godwin was selected by a panel of judges. She was selected for her professional, civic and personal accomplishments. The nomination described her significant record of innovation and outstanding performance in her role at the Chamber. She is actively involved in the St. Johns County community and lives in Ponte Vedra with her husband, David Godwin.

Some of her key accomplishments include expanding the Chamber division in Ponte Vedra Beach while supervising the division staff, collaborating effectively with the Chamber staff and working closely with the members of the Ponte Vedra Division Board of Directors and Ambassadors. She works closely with the Chamber's vice president of public policy on issues and advocates for members and membership growth strategies. Boudreaux-Godwin also works with project managers and govern-



Toni Boudreaux-Godwin

mental liaisons to coordinate political events during election year. She oversees the official Visitor Information Center in Ponte Vedra as certified by VISIT FLORIDA.

Her career history includes overseeing the Chamber's annual Ponte Vedra Auto Show, the fifth largest auto

show in Florida, and sustaining the arts and artists in St. Johns County. Boudreaux-Godwin is a member of the Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach and was named the Rotarian of the Year. She has also supported the Beaches Rotaract Club.

Her volunteer work includes contributions to the Salvation Army, Big Brothers Big Sisters, K9s for Warriors, Beaches Habitat for Humanity, Operation New Uniform, Wounded Paw Project and Wounded Warrior Project. Boudreaux-Godwin is also a member of the University of North Florida Speakers Bureau and serves on the Advisory Board for the University of North Florida Communications Department.

According to Isabelle Renault, president and CEO of St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce, the recognition provides Boudreaux-Godwin and the Chamber with well-deserved accolades and honors for dedication to numerous business and community initiatives.

"Every day, I am inspired by the hard-working staff at the Chamber in Ponte Vedra led by Toni and her team as they grow the division and provide service and valuable resources to the business community," Renault said.

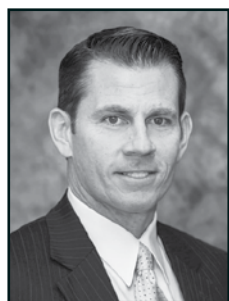
The awards event and banquet will be held on Thursday, March 28, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Embassy Suites by Hilton St. Augustine Beach Oceanfront Resort.

Jax Federal Credit Union appoints Joseph Nowland as president, CEO

The Board of Directors of Jax Federal Credit Union recently announced the appointment of Joseph "Joe" Nowland as the credit union's new president and chief executive officer, effective April 1.

He succeeds Gerri Sexsion, who will retire on March 29 after 21 years as the president and CEO. Nowland brings experience in several areas of credit union leadership, including member services, retail operations, business banking, risk management, strategic planning and performance management.

Nowland has over 24 years of experience in the financial services industry and has held numerous staff and executive positions in several locations throughout the Southeast. Most recently, he served as the chief business services officer at VyStar Credit Union, where he helped grow the organization to \$8.2 billion in assets serving over 650,000 members across Florida and Georgia.



Joseph Nowland

His last role at the bank was community bank president for the Southeastern Virginia and Northeastern Tennessee market, where he was responsible for the financial performance of retail and commercial banking.

Other roles during his career include small business banking manager/vice president for Georgia; regional retail manager/vice president (overseeing 11 branches) in Baltimore; regional sales manager/vice president for the Washington D.C.

Prior to joining VyStar, Nowland spent most of his career in management and executive roles with First Union/Wachovia Bank on the retail and business banking side of the organization.

metropolitan market (Southern Maryland, Washington D.C. and Northern Virginia); and senior financial specialist in Northern Virginia. Nowland also spent two years during this timeframe as the vice president of sales and marketing for NETSEC, an internet technology company funded by E-Trade, which was ultimately acquired by MCI for \$105 million.

"The Board of Directors worked with DDJ Myers to conduct an extensive national search for the right leader to guide Jax Federal Credit Union's next phase of growth," said Charles T. McLeod Jr., chairman of the Jax Federal Credit Union Board of Directors. "Little did we know, the perfect candidate was right under our nose. Joe's passion and experience immediately resonated with our board, and we trust that our members will be just as excited to welcome him to the Jax Federal Credit Union family."

Nowland earned a Bachelor of Arts

in communications and public relations from Stephen F. Austin State University in Texas and a Master of Business Administration from the University of Tennessee. He is also a Certified Strategic Executive (CSE), Certified Credit Union Enterprise Risk Management Expert (CUERME) and Certified Residential Underwriter (CRU). While attending college in Texas, Nowland served in the U.S. Army Reserves with the 7/6 Cavalry Attack Helicopter Unit.

"I'm honored to be selected as Jax Federal Credit Union's next president and chief executive officer," Nowland said. "Jax Federal Credit Union has done an outstanding job over the years serving its members' needs and making a difference in the community. I look forward to leading an organization with an exceptionally talented team that is focused on making a positive impact on people's lives and the communities the credit union serves."

Jane Lanier to retire from St. Vincent's Healthcare Foundation

Current Foundation VP Virginia Hall to become next president and CDO

St. Vincent's HealthCare Foundation President and Chief Development Officer (CDO) Jane R. Lanier, CFRE, will retire effective July 12, 2019. Virginia Hall, now the Foundation's vice president, will assume the role of president and chief development officer upon Lanier's retirement.

"It has been my great honor to lead the St. Vincent's HealthCare Foundation," said Lanier, who has provided leadership for the Foundation since 1999. "I joined this wonderful organization because I wholeheartedly believe in its mission and I will always support it. I am from Jacksonville, with deep roots here, so I look forward to continuing to serve this community, while spending time with my husband, grandchildren and the rest of my family."

Over the course of her career at St. Vincent's, Lanier and her team have raised

more than \$150 million, according to a press release from St. Vincent's. Lanier has helped facilitate numerous developments and innovations for St. Vincent's, including expansion of the health system. Per the release, her work also helped fund and further develop numerous programs within the health system, including growing the Mobile Health Outreach Ministry into an entire fleet of doctors-offices-on-wheels that visit areas of the community where care is needed most. Her leadership has been recognized both locally and nationally. In 2013, Jacksonville Magazine named Lanier one of the most influential people in Jacksonville healthcare. In 2014, the Catholic Health Association honored her with the Sister Mary Concilia Moran Award.

"I couldn't possibly list all of the meaningful ways Jane has positively contributed to the mission and ministry of St. Vincent's HealthCare over the course of her distinguished career," said Tom VanOsdol, president and CEO of Ascension Florida. "She inspires compassion



Jane R. Lanier



Virginia Hall

and generosity in others and has successfully engaged countless members of our community as partners in ministry to support the life-saving and life-affirming work we do. We must now work to build on Jane's incredible legacy, and I'm completely confident Virginia Hall is the right person to do just that."

Hall is a fourth-generation resident of Clay County and is active in the business and civic community. She served six years on the Green Cove Springs City Council and was the city's youngest mayor. Hall has been with St. Vincent's HealthCare since 2012. Before joining the Foundation, she served as St. Vincent's HealthCare's system director of advocacy and community engagement and helped with

the opening of St. Vincent's Medical Center Clay County. She is also the executive director of the J.P. Hall Children's Charities, created by her father and named after her grandfather.

"I am so honored to have the privilege to lead the St. Vincent's HealthCare Foundation," Hall said. "Jane has set an example, not just for me, but for so many people she has mentored over the years. Our Foundation helps provide St. Vincent's with the resources needed to care for our community and I look forward to continuing and expanding this important work."

To learn more about the St. Vincent's HealthCare Foundation, visit www.stvincentsfoundation.org.

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Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Network Realty to host senior seminar on downsizing

An Marshall and Kit Zayas of Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Network Realty (HSFNR) have created a new senior seminar to assist downsizing homeowners, and the first event for the program will be held Thursday, April 4, in St. Augustine.

Known as Downsize Northeast Florida, the program includes more than 25 vendors and six speakers. Guests can enjoy refreshments while gathering in-

formation and advice from professionals on numerous topics, including organizing, staging, home maintenance, home services, living options, law, health care and financial industries. There will be presentations on moving management, digital information storage, staging benefits, resource information, estate planning basics and downsizing personal belongings.

To be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., the


event will take place at St. Anastasia Celebration Hall at 5205 A1A S. It is free and hosted by Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Network Realty and sponsored by Active Boomers & Seniors.com. Space is limited. RSVP at (904) 672-4353 or www.DownSizeStAug.com.

Founded in 1988, Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Network Realty has a team of more than 400 real estate

professionals in nine offices throughout Northeast Florida. The company operates a corporate relocation division, a new home and condominium sales division, Florida Network Property Management, Gibraltar Title Services, LLC and Prosperity Home Mortgage, LLC.


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Toll Brothers offering several move-in ready homes in the area

Toll Brothers is offering several move-in ready homes in its Northeast Florida communities, including Coastal Oaks at Nocatee, Julington Lakes and Toll Brothers at The Settlement at Twenty Mile.

Coastal Oaks at Nocatee by Toll Brothers is a staffed, gated community with private amenities in the heart of Nocatee, just minutes from the Intracoastal Waterway and Ponte Vedra Beaches.

The community is offering a 2,858

square-foot Cassia Traditional with four bedrooms and three bathrooms. The home is highlighted by a gourmet kitchen that opens to an expansive family room, which provides direct access to the covered lanai. The master suite features two spacious walk-in closets and a master bathroom. The Cassia Traditional is priced at \$559,990.

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Southeastern Grocers launches Community Bag with a Giving Tag

Southeastern Grocers, Inc. (SEG), parent company and home of BI-LO, Fresco y Más, Harveys Supermarket and Winn-Dixie grocery stores, has launched a reusable bag program to empower customers to make a difference in their communities while helping the environment.

With each purchase of a reusable Community Bag with the Giving Tag, customers can direct a \$1 donation to the nonprofit of their choice. According to Southeastern Grocers, the specially designed reusable bags are made from recycled materials and can be found by registers on the reusable bag rack at all BI-LO, Fresco y Más, Harveys Supermarket and Winn-Dixie grocery stores in the Southeast.

“We are committed to being a company our customers, associates and communities can always count on,” said Anthony Hucker, president and CEO of Southeastern Grocers. “This includes investing in the charitable causes they care about most. The community bag program further demonstrates our commitment to giving back by enabling us to reach thousands of organizations, both small and large, to make a greater difference within the communities in which we serve.”

Each Community Bag comes with an attached Giving Tag that features a blue heart and instructions on how to make the donation. At the time of purchase, customers will be directed to visit MySEGCause.com where they will have seven days to remove the scratch-off layer from their Giving Tag to reveal and submit their unique identi-



Photo courtesy of Southeastern Grocers

Southeastern Grocers has launched its Community Bag with a Giving Tag Program, which allows BI-LO, Harveys, Winn-Dixie and Fresco y Más customers to support local charities while helping the environment.

fier and select the nonprofit they would like to receive their \$1 donation.

If customers do not see their favorite nonprofit listed among the thousands of charitable partners, the company says they can submit it for consideration and approval via SEG.Bags4MyCause.com by selecting “Submit a Non-Profit” from the menu option. If a customer does not assign the \$1 donation to a charity within seven days, the company says the donation will automatically default to a nonprofit organization selected by the store manager at each store location, so the donation will still support that store’s community.

For more information about the Community Bag with a Giving Tag program, visit SEG.Bags4MyCause.com.

Toll Brothers

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Julington Lakes is a private, gated community in St. Johns County offering award-winning home designs, lake or preserve views with most home sites and a designer-decorated private residents’ clubhouse and amenity center, The Lakehouse.

The community is offering a 3,299 square-foot San Tropez Craftsman with four bedrooms and three and one-half bathrooms. The home features an open-concept gourmet kitchen with a breakfast area, as well as an expansive family room that provides direct access to the covered lanai. The first-floor master suite includes spacious walk-in closets and a master bathroom, while the second floor features three additional bedrooms and a spacious loft overlooking the living area. The San Tropez Craftsman is priced at \$549,990.

Toll Brothers at The Settlement at Twenty Mile is a recently opened community in Nocatee featuring new home designs. The Settlement is offering a 2,894 square-foot, two-story Knollwood Elite Farmhouse. The open-concept floor plan features four bedrooms, three and one-half bathrooms, a gourmet kitchen with quartz countertop and a great room that provides direct access to the covered lanai.

The first floor encompasses a master suite with an oversized glass-enclosed shower and a large walk-in closet, as well as two additional bedrooms. The second floor includes a fourth bedroom and spacious loft, which overlooks the living area. The Knollwood Elite Farmhouse is priced at \$499,990.

Toll Brothers’ Northeast Florida communities also include Toll Brothers at Shearwater, located in St. Augustine. Visit TollBrothersFlorida.com for more information.

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Seniors seeking companionship, looking for love

It's not just puppy love for several area residents; S.A.F.E. to celebrate older dogs at adoption event

By Paris Moulden

Seniors are often overlooked when it comes to adopting a dog, but S.A.F.E. (Saving Animals from Euthanasia) Pet Rescue is aiming to make some very special love connections for some of its more mature residents.

The nonprofit organization is holding an adoption event to celebrate senior dogs on Saturday, March 23, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the parking lot of the Pet Supermarket on A1A in Ponte Vedra. The S.A.F.E. mobile van will be onsite to offer up some possible “forever” friends to area residents. While younger dogs will also be available, the event is honoring and offering dogs whose wisdom and vast life experiences aren't always appreciated by potential adopters.

Several Ponte Vedra residents have already found lasting relationships by keeping an open mind — and an open heart — when it comes to pet adoption.

Here are some of their love stories.

SCOOBY

A chance encounter at the tennis courts turned out to be a perfect match for Barbara Heamon and 12-year-old Scooby.

Heamon lives in Sawgrass Country Club and had gone to the tennis courts to watch a tournament when she saw an older sheltie with an “Adopt Me” scarf around his neck. She asked the handler if the dog could spend a night or two at her home to see how things went. That was more than eight months ago, and Scooby has been there ever since.

“He's just a good old guy,” Heamon said.

Scooby was turned in to the shelter when his elderly owner was no longer able to care for him, and Heamon said, despite his age, he really hasn't had any health issues. And, because of his age, he's also a great fit for her lifestyle.

“He's just happy eating and sleeping and hanging out,” she said. “There are some things as an older person I can't do anymore, and it's the same with Scooby. He's at the same place in his life.”

Heamon said she understands the concerns people have of knowing a senior pet won't be around as long, and it's never really possible to prepare for the heartbreak of losing one, but the love she's received from Scooby in return makes it all worth it.

“He has adapted to our lifestyle without making it hard for us,” Heamon said. “He's just easy. And he's very, very loving. He sticks to me like glue.”

BELLE

Belle can't see or hear. She's blinded by cataracts and missing quite a few teeth, and although she may not win any modeling contests, Cynthia Brink was able to see her inner beauty shine through, which is why she named her Belle, which means beautiful in French.

Belle was 11 or 12 years old when the Brinks adopted her around two years ago. She wasn't getting adopted at her original shelter and was going to be euthanized before S.A.F.E. came to get her and bring her to its no-kill shelter. Brink saw past the dog's physical issues and decided



Scooby

to give Belle the chance at life so many others had passed on.

“The fact that you know you saved the life of a living thing is really a comforting thought,” Brink said. “Usually, they're not much trouble at all. They just want to be loved. They're grateful, especially dogs that have been in the pound for a while. They're just grateful to have someone to pet them.”

Now, with the Brinks, the 7-pound toy poodle gets to be Belle of the ball.

“She has a good life,” Brink said. “She gets dressed up for Halloween and goes to the Halloween dog parties. ... She likes to walk and prance around, but she also has a stroller for when she gets tired, so she's known as ‘stroller dog.’”

Brink said Belle has also been beneficial to them, and that senior dogs are a great fit for retired seniors.

“Puppies are a lot of work, and we have so many people in the Ponte Vedra area that are older and retired, like my husband and I, who can get around better with a senior dog and who don't want to take 5-mile walks every day,” she said. “We'd rather just do our 30- or 40-minute walk, and some of the younger dogs need more exercise. They're very good about behaving themselves.”

ELLIOTT

Sometimes you don't really know you wanted something until you can't imagine your life without it. That was the case for Jean Gleason and Elliott.

Elliott was among a group of chihuahuas that arrived at S.A.F.E. from a backyard breeder who no longer wanted them. Elliott attended an adoption event at Pet Supermarket and Gleason, who is a S.A.F.E. volunteer in the Ponte Vedra area, agreed to foster the then-10-year-old dog. Gleason said the breed wasn't really one she'd considered before, but Elliott changed all that.

“He just found his way in my heart,” she said. “I never gave any thought to chihuahuas, but I'm a total chihuahua nut now.”

Elliott had lived most of his life in a crate and didn't know what to think the first time he stepped on grass. He also had an eye condition that required two types of medicine in each eye for the rest of his life, and Gleason

wondered who would be willing to administer his treatment every day. She knew it was true love when she decided she would be willing to do that for him. That was more than two years ago.

“As time wore on, I just grew really attached to the little guy,” she said.

Gleason said there are a lot of advantages to adopting an older dog that people sometimes don't consider.

“You know what you're getting. What you see is what you get,” she said. “They're also much more settled than a puppy or younger dog.”

She also thinks a senior-senior partnership is a match made in heaven.

“Don't shy away from seniors,” Gleason said. “I think seniors are good for seniors because they enjoy their naps, and they've gone through the stage of being hyper. Now they're calm.”

MURPHY

Snuggling and affection go a long way to winning Monica Kohn's heart. And Murphy turned out to be a snuggle pro.

About four years ago, Kohn and her sister, along with Kohn's large black lab-mix, went to S.A.F.E. to check out the adoptable pups. Kohn initially asked to visit with a younger dog, while her sister visited with Murphy, who was between 8 to 10 years old at the time. When Murphy leaned his head against her sister's chest, Kohn knew she'd found the one.

“Murphy was very sweet, but he had a lot of hair missing, had cataracts, and he was older, so I knew it would be harder for him, and that also broke my heart,” Kohn said.

Finding a loving home did wonders for Murphy's health, however.

“The longer I had him, the healthier he got,” Kohn said. “He almost got younger.”

Murphy has trouble seeing but gets around with no problems. Kohn said she can't imagine not having him in her life and appreciates that S.A.F.E. takes chances on dogs that are often forgotten or go unnoticed.

“He was pulled from a kill shelter and saved by S.A.F.E., which pulls dogs that are great dogs, but may have been overlooked because they may be older or have a skin issue, or something like that,” Kohn said. “If they hadn't done that, I would have never been able to meet him, so it's really awesome and I'm very grateful.”

Kohn said people may think an older dog is too set in its ways, and will have trouble bonding, but that hasn't been her experience at all.

“You almost feel like you bond more with them,” Kohn said. “You almost feel like they really do appreciate just being in a good place. They just have this wisdom about them, and they really do adapt.”

And Murphy isn't shy about showing his affection and appreciation for the No. 1 woman in his life.

“I love dogs that love to snuggle, and he's just glued to me,” Kohn said. “He's just a sweetheart. He's a little snuggle-bug.”

HENRY

Henry is pretty much a ladies' man.

The little chihuahua/Boston terrier mix was approximately 7 or 8 years old when he began wooing his way into Shelia Harper's heart.

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Harper said Henry is kind of a one-person fellow, preferring to spend his time with her rather than her husband, Graeme, and with women in general. Henry will make an exception, however, when it comes to sporting events.

“During the Super Bowl, my husband was watching and yelling at the TV and Henry comes out and gets on his lap and just starts watching TV,” Harper laughed. “He likes sports.”

Harper said Henry also put his feelings aside to watch some of THE PLAYERS last week, again joining Graeme in front of the TV to find out what all the excitement was about.

Henry was originally expected to be a store dog, hanging out with Harper at her boutique Ellie Bing, and greeting customers, but he was a little skittish and preferred to be a homebody. The separation, however, makes the daily reunions when Harper returns home from the shop even more special.

“When I get home, every day it’s like Christmas for him,” Harper said.

Harper saw Henry at an adoption event, trembling in the arms of a volunteer. His name was Goblin at the time because of his huge ears, and Harper couldn’t resist his undeniable charms.

“He seemed to love me right away,” she said.

And the feeling is mutual, as the two have grown closer over their two years together.

“If you don’t move, he doesn’t move. If you move, he moves,” Harper said. “He’s just a really good companion. And he’s not annoying or pawing at you all the time, he’s just happy to be with you.”

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According to a petfinder.com survey, older pets have the hardest time finding homes, and “typically spend nearly four times as long in shelters as younger animals.”

Gleason said some of the main reasons people often resist adopting an older dog are concerns over possible veterinary costs and the difficulty of knowing the dog won’t have as long to live, but Gleason points out the quality of life a senior dog receives during its golden years outweighs the quantity.

“We owe it to these dogs to give them the best life while we have them,” she said.

While losing a pet can be a traumatic event, people who have taken a chance on senior dogs say knowing you gave them the opportunity to experience love in their later years goes a long way toward healing from the loss.

“The hardest thing about owning a dog is losing them,” Kohn said. “As much as it hurts, I just know what makes me feel better is giving another dog a chance to have a better life. And whether it’s a year, two years, six years, just knowing they had a great life and knew what love was makes it even better.

“They don’t ask for a lot,” Kohn added. “Just to be loved.”



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Dr. Breann Jolliffe

Animal Medical Clinic at Sawgrass Village welcomes Dr. Breann Jolliffe to veterinary team

Animal Medical Clinic at Sawgrass Village has recently added Dr. Breann Jolliffe to their veterinary team.

Jolliffe grew up in Michigan, but after experiencing the warmth of St. Kitts for veterinary school and then Florida's beaches, she decided to call the Florida coast her home.

According to Animal Medical Clinic, Jolliffe especially enjoys internal medicine and helping diagnose issues that cause pets

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Watson Realty Corp. to host 2nd annual Bubbles & Barks April 27

The second annual Bubbles & Barks Doggie Wash Extravaganza will be held Saturday, April 27, at Watson Realty Corp. at the Nocatee Town Center.

To be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., the event will include free dog washes, food and beverages, vendors with free giveaways, raffle drawings and other prizes. The event will benefit Friends of the St. Johns County Pet Center (FOSJCPC), who will be onsite with "forever" friends to

adopt. To make a donation to FOSJCPC, visit www.facebook.com/fosjcpc.

All domestic breeds from puppies to seniors are invited. Event organizers are asking that your dog be tolerant of others, crowds and bathing.

If the event is rained out on April 27, it will be postponed to May 4.

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Jacksonville Symphony's 70th season to center around Beethoven

The 2019-2020 season for the Jacksonville Symphony will be the organization's 70th and is built around one of the most famous composers, Ludwig van Beethoven.

Born in 1770, Beethoven is known for paving the way for the future of the musical art form. December 2020 will mark his 250th birthday. Featured on the season for the local Symphony will be Beethoven's Mass in C, "Emperor" Piano Concerto and Violin Concerto. The Symphony will end the season with a performance of one of the most recognized symphonies of all time: Beethoven's Ninth Symphony featuring the Jacksonville Symphony Chorus and the University of North Florida Chorale.

In addition to Beethoven's masterpieces, the "Florida Blue Masterworks Series" will include several classical favorites such as Brahms' Piano Concerto No. 2 and Second Symphony, Dvořák's Symphony No. 8 and Edward Elgar's Violin Concerto. Nathan Aspinall will return to the Jacoby Symphony Hall podium for a program featuring Rachmaninoff's "Symphonic Dances," and guest conductor Anu Tali will make her first Jacksonville appearance with Tchaikovsky's "Pathétique" Symphony.

"We're also excited to take you on some

adventures with captivating music you may not have heard before," said Courtney Lewis, Jacksonville Symphony music director. "You will hear Franz Schreker's music, full of resplendent color much like Richard Strauss. Music by Henri Dutilleux is virtuosic for every instrument in the orchestra and we'll also perform masterpieces by Lutosławski and Thomas Adès."

One of the highlights for the Symphony's 2019-2020 season is the upcoming trip to Washington D.C. The Symphony was accepted into SHIFT: A Festival of American Orchestras as one of four ensembles from across the country. The Symphony performs a program including Copland's Clarinet Concert (with New York Philharmonic Principal Clarinetist Anthony McGill) and two works written specifically for the city of Jacksonville: Courtney Bryan's "Bridges" (to be premiered in April 2019) and Duke Ellington's "Celebration."

The Symphony's third "Fanfare! Opening Night" features Jacksonville native Marcus Roberts and his jazz trio performing Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue" to celebrate the beginning of another season. Soprano Susan Graham headlines the Sym-



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phony's 2020 Gala taking place on March 7 and violinist James Ehnes returns to Jacoby Symphony Hall in November. Pianist Natasha Paremski joins the Symphony for Brahms in October and pianist Daniel Hsu, Cliburn Competition medalist, performs Beethoven's "Emperor" Concerto in May.

The "Symphonic Night at the Movies Series" returns with "Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban," "Star Wars: The Empire Strikes Back," "Jurassic Park" and Disney Pixar's "Up."

"Hooray for Hollywood" will open the "Fidelity National Financial Pops Series" in October with Michael Krajewski conducting some favorite movie music. Michael Cavanaugh joins the Symphony for a program celebrating "Piano Man" Billy Joel. Cavanaugh was handpicked by Billy Joel to star in the Broadway Musical "Movin' Out." The Doo Wop Project returns with an all-new program, and the

Symphony honors the legacy of Aretha Franklin. In March, Steven Reineke, music director of the New York Pops, will conduct a program of Broadway favorites. The Jacksonville Symphony season finale will feature the annual traditions of "Holiday Pops" and "Patriotic Pops."

Beethoven's epic Fifth Symphony can be found on the 2019-2020 "Raymond James Coffee Series," along with Camille Saint-Saëns' Organ Symphony performed on the Bryan Concert Organ. The music of Aretha Franklin joins the Coffee Concert schedule, and the Symphony performs a program of romantic favorites on Feb. 14 and 15.

For the full 2019-2020 season, visit JaxSymphony.org. Subscriptions for the 2019-2020 season are currently being sold and single tickets will go on sale in August 2019. For additional information, call the Symphony Ticket Office at (904) 354-5547.

4th annual Jax Poetry Fest to be held April 3-27

Closing party to host poet and playwright Al Letson

In celebration of National Poetry Month in April, Hope at Hand is hosting a month-long poetry festival in collabora-

tion with Friends of Hemming Park and The Performers Academy.

The 4th Annual Jax Poetry Fest kicks

off during the April 3 Art Walk in downtown Jacksonville and will conclude on April 27 with a Party in the Park featuring Emmy and Peabody Award-winning poet and playwright Al Letson.

Overall, the festival will feature free weekly poetry workshops at MOCA, lunch-time poetry readings in Hemming Park, interactive poetry installations downtown, performance poetry, open mic and youth poetry slam and contest.

The Jax Poetry Fest began with humble beginnings in 2016 and has since grown into a large, family-friendly festival thanks to the collaboration of several cultural organizations who have stepped forward to create this month-long community event.

"This event demonstrates the power of collaboration and how one small idea can become something the entire city can enjoy," said Steffani Fletcher, executive director of Hope at Hand, a nonprofit organization that provides poetry and art lessons for at-risk and vulnerable youth populations. "This event is intended to demonstrate the sheer enjoyment that poetry can bring to our lives while also showcasing how the process can be used to heal divides within our community."

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Rory McIlroy shows off his new hardware and matching PLAYERS Championship-themed Nike Victory Tour golf shoes he wore throughout the tournament.

Fantastic Finish

McIlroy narrowly defeats Furyk to win THE PLAYERS

By Kathy Bissell

Leaderboard gravity. That's what NBC's Paul Azinger called it when there were several golfers with a chance to take the lead at THE PLAYERS on Sunday.

And like regular gravity, the sheer weight of the moment brought most of them down, one after one, until only Rory McIlroy of Northern Ireland remained at 16-under 272. The exception was local Jim Furyk, who advanced all afternoon and then was beaten by one stroke, finishing at 15-under 273.

McIlroy, who has been a wunderkind since turning professional, has been inundated in recent months with questions about not winning lately and not capitalizing on final-round opportunities. He only got those questions because he is such an exceptional player, expected by most to close out any tournament when he is within four of the lead. When he doesn't, people want to know "what's wrong," even if it's something as simple as just getting outplayed by another world-class golfer.

McIlroy believes the last few months of not winning assisted him in turning the corner.



Photos by Micah Green

McIlroy attempts a shot Sunday at THE PLAYERS, which he won with a score of 16-under 272.

"I think all the experiences I've had over the last few weeks in terms of trying to win and not getting over the line definitely helped me today," he said after winning THE PLAYERS. "The fact that this win has come at this golf tournament, a tournament where Sawgrass and I didn't have the greatest relationship starting off, and I'm very

SCENES FROM THE PLAYERS

Check out more photos of the action from THE PLAYERS Championship. **Page 46**

thankful to the PGA TOUR for putting it back to March. That was very helpful for me."

The rest of the field didn't make it easy, at first, and neither did the golf course.

Those who were in the lead or within two shots of the lead during the day included Furyk, Tommy Fleetwood, Jon Rahm, Ollie Schniederjans, Abraham Ancer, Jhonattan Vegas, Jason Day and little-known Eddie Pepperell from England. Pepperell even finished as clubhouse leader about an hour before McIlroy was walking up 18.

As the day wore on, the scores went topsy-turvy several times with golfers shooting up and down, in and out of contention. You needed a magnet board with names to shift people in and out of the top spot. For a while, there were

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Local favorite Jim Furyk finishes runner-up at THE PLAYERS

By Jon Blauvelt

After Jim Furyk birdied on 18 late Sunday at THE PLAYERS, a few tears crept down his face as he tipped his hat to the crowd and walked toward the TPC Clubhouse.

At that moment, Furyk was the leader of the tournament at 15-under, but perhaps more significant, the longtime area resident was home, with friends and family in the crowd, and he had returned to a state of his game not seen in years.

“I missed the nerves, I missed the excitement, the cheers, and I think the emotion you saw on 18 was just I was proud of the way I played,” said the 48-year-old Furyk, who finished the tournament 15-under 273, just one stroke behind ultimate winner Rory McIlroy. “I haven’t been healthy in a lot of years. I haven’t put myself in the heat to win a golf tournament in a while, and I missed it.”

A WELCOME SURPRISE

Furyk qualified for THE PLAYERS as one of the last six golfers in the field, according to the PGA TOUR. Planning to have an off week, he learned of his fate the Sunday before the tournament, sometime between hosting a baby shower for military moms-to-be, and a charity concert for his foundation.

He took advantage of the last-minute opportunity. After shooting a 1-under 71 on a blustery Thursday afternoon, Furyk played in calmer conditions on Friday morning and shot a course-best 8-under 64, making eight birdies and 10 pars. It was his lowest score in 80 rounds at THE PLAYERS, and he was tied for third at 9-under.

On Saturday, Furyk didn’t have as much success, shooting another 71, but he played well enough to stay within striking distance for Sunday. He finished at 10-under, tied for sixth and five shots behind third-round leader Jon Rahm.

CHAMPIONSHIP SUNDAY

Paired with Joel Dahmen, Furyk started Sunday’s round with a bogey at 1, but recovered with an eagle at 2 and made par on 3 and 4. The sequence of events at holes 5 through 8, where Furyk went birdie, par, par, par, proved to be crucial.

“5, 6, 7, 8, I hit just some horrific golf shots, and I kind of lost my tempo, I lost some confidence back there, made some bad swings, and I was able to get the ball up-and-down,” he said. “I chipped in on 5,



An emotional Jim Furyk tips his hat to fans as he closes out his final round at THE PLAYERS on Sunday. He finished runner-up to Rory McIlroy.



Furyk attempts a shot Sunday at THE PLAYERS.

Photos by Micah Green

two-putted 6, got up-and-down from the bunker at 7, got up-and-down from short of the green on 8. So I played four holes where I really felt lost with my setup and my golf swing and I played them 1-under par. That saved my round.”

After a par on 9, Furyk said he told his caddie, Mike “Fluff” Cowan, he had to make an adjustment heading into the back nine, because something just wasn’t right.

“I think I know what I’m doing wrong,” Furyk said he told Fluff, “and if I can just get it going and hit a couple good shots at like 10, 11, 12, I think we can get through ...”

The halftime adjustment was planned perfectly. Furyk birdied on 10 and 11 and jumped to the top of the leaderboard.

Then tied with Rahm for the lead at 14-under, the crowds surrounding Furyk began to quickly multiply. After nearly draining a 14-foot putt on 12 for birdie, Furyk settled for par. On the walk from 12 to 13, he pounded the waiting fists of a few kids standing behind the ropes.

“What’s up, guys?” Furyk calmly asked, as a few other kids started screaming Fluff’s name.

Furyk made par on the par-3 13th, and then drained a 6-foot putt for par at 14. Jacksonville resident Bill Koch was excited to see Furyk’s run unfold before his eyes.

“He’s a local boy,” Koch said. “We all love him. He’s a great player, and it’s exciting to see a guy with a little age com-

peting with the youngsters.”

A missed putt for par at 15 resulted in a costly bogey for Furyk, which dropped him to 13-under and tied for third.

Nevertheless, Ponte Vedra High School senior Matt Howard was impressed on the way to 16.

“It’s incredible,” Howard said. “My dad’s 53 and just seeing him (Furyk) out here. 48. Like wow. You never really see that, do you?”

AN EPIC CHARGE

After a birdie at 16, Furyk was back at 14-under. On the way to 17, it seemed as if every fan in the stands was a direct member of the Furyk family, with cheers, whistles and applause resonating throughout the iconic golf arena. Once on the Island Green, he nearly birdied but missed just right, finishing the hole with a par.

At the par-4 18th, Furyk hit a round-defining 7-iron to within 3 feet of the hole and ultimately birdied to finish the day 5-under 67 as the clubhouse leader.

“I had to hit that 7-iron pretty hard, and so I was aiming out there 15, 20 feet right of the pin and trying to hammer it,” Furyk said. “It was going to try to hold it for a while, but I knew as hard as I was hitting it, it was going to land, the wind was getting it, and it came off exactly how I planned.”

Furyk’s dramatic finish did not ward off the roar of Rory, who was a few holes behind. Furyk said that end result, though, doesn’t take away from his feelings about his performance.

“I don’t feel any less pride for the way I played because I didn’t win,” Furyk said. “And because it was Rory, I mean,

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Rory McIlroy celebrates with caddie Harry Diamond after winning THE PLAYERS on Sunday.

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three or four tied for first and at least four or five tied for second. You couldn't blink or somebody would change positions.

McIlroy hurt his own chances with a double-bogey at the fourth hole. He came up short with his second shot. Water.

"I wasn't aiming that far left for sure," he explained. "I was trying to land it like 10 yards on the green just right of the hazard, and if it had have been just that little further right, it would have probably

landed in a good spot, but it just came out a little bit left."

While a birdie at the sixth was helpful, the following-hole bogey didn't help him much. He finally made another birdie, however, at the ninth, and righted the ship.

The back side is where McIlroy put the tournament away. Even though it wasn't perfect golf, it was good enough golf to win. There's a difference. Sometimes golfers just don't miss a shot, but usually at TPC Sawgrass that doesn't happen. It's how a guy recovers that matters.

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Jim Furyk embraces caddy, Mike "Fluff" Cowan, after his final round of THE PLAYERS on Sunday.

Furyk

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probably doesn't take any sting out of it. I have a lot of respect for his game. I have a lot of respect for him as a person. But it still stings. I mean, I'm a competitor, and it pisses me off I didn't (win)."

As for the future, Furyk said he still plans to play 18 to 20 events in total this

year, but his performance at THE PLAYERS may result in him changing his schedule, as he will qualify for additional tournaments.

"My whole goal was to see how competitive I could be," Furyk said about this season. "I was definitely at peace with whatever happened. I was just excited about the fact that I was healthy, and I wanted to see what I could do. So this tournament showed me."



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Ponte Vedra tops Tavares in Spring Break Classic

By Jim Moyes

Special to the Recorder

Ponte Vedra baseball defeated Tavares 12-4 on Monday in the first of three games the Sharks will play in the Spring Break Classic hosted by Providence School of Jacksonville.

The Sharks were out-hit by Tavares 10-7 but were beneficiaries of some sloppy fielding and wild pitching as the Sharks improved their record on the season to 5-2.

Brody Maynard pitched four solid innings for the victors, allowing one unearned run to get credit for his first victory of the season. Matt Barnhorst had a pair of

hits, including a two-run triple. Tony Roca had two safeties, one of those hits a solo home run to lead the Sharks' batsmen.

The Sharks will resume action in the Providence tournament Thursday afternoon, when they will play North Florida Christian with the first pitch slated for 4 p.m.

PVHS boys defeat Episcopal School of Dallas

The Ponte Vedra boys lacrosse team defeated Episcopal School of Dallas on Saturday, 10-6.

Ponte Vedra jumped out to an early 2-0 lead and never looked back. Carter Parlette, a 2020 Notre Dame commit, led the Sharks with three goals. Dylan Hess, a 2020 Georgetown commit, had three goals and three assists.

Patrick Dotsikas added two goals, while freshman goalie Nolan Parlette had nine saves.

Ponte Vedra moves to 10-1 on the season and jumps back to a No. 2 southeast/southwest ranking in the Inside Lacrosse/Under Armour poll. The Sharks return to the field after spring break with a district game against Bartram Trail on March 27.



Carter Parlette maneuvers around defenders in Ponte Vedra's 10-6 win over Episcopal School of Dallas on Saturday.

Photo by Kevin Hess

PVHS Lady Sharks defeat Bartram Trail 12-9 in lacrosse

The Ponte Vedra Lady Sharks (7-1) traveled to St. Johns to play Bartram Trail (8-3) last Thursday, March 14, and ultimately defeated the Bears 12-9.

In a high-paced, back-and-forth district game, the Bear jumped out to a 6-5 lead at halftime. The Sharks of Ponte Vedra roared back in the second half, scoring seven goals in the final frame to take the game.

Ponte Vedra was led by Senior Ella Madson with five goals, four groundballs and four draw controls, and sophomore Trish Balsler with three goals, one draw control and three groundballs. Junior netkeeper Lexie de Roziere saved 11 shots. The Bears were led by the hard-charging play of Karli Vockell.

The Lady Sharks travel to Orlando on Friday to play St. Stephen's of Virginia.



Ponte Vedra Senior Ella Madson charges down the field in the Lady Sharks' 12-9 win over Bartram Trail on March 14.

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Nease senior guard Camille Hobby has been named 2019 Class 7A Player of the Year by the Florida Dairy Farmers.

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Nease senior guard Camille Hobby was named the 2019 Class 7A Player of the Year by the Florida Dairy Farmers on Wednesday, March 13, and is one of nine finalists for the 2019 Miss Basketball Award.

Hobby led the Lady Panthers to a 30-2 record and a state runner-up finish by averaging 18 points, 11 rebounds, 2.2 blocks and two steals per game. The NC State commit also finished the season with 20 double-doubles.

According to a release from the Florida Dairy Farmers, finalists are selected through balloting by a statewide panel of high school girls' basketball coaches and high school media members. The 2019 Miss Basketball and Girls Basketball Coach of the Year winners will be announced following a final round of balloting by coaches and media.

McIlroy

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For instance, McIlroy had a bogey on 14, usually the toughest hole on the course, and then his drive at the 15th went into he wasn't sure what. Because of where the marshal was standing, he feared it was in some unmentionable grass stuff that might make his next shot impossible, but it was a clean lie in the bunker. He was relieved and hit a 6-iron.

"The second shot on 15 to set up that birdie putt was the best shot of the day by far," he said.

He made the 14-footer for a much-needed birdie.

Like most who win THE PLAYERS, McIlroy played the final holes well. He birdied the 16th, then headed to the 17th tee.

"(I) kept telling myself on the way to the 17th tee, just make three more good swings," McIlroy said. "To step up and make those three good swings, it's very satisfying knowing that it's in there when it needs to be."

He ultimately made par on 17 and 18, and picked up his first win at THE PLAYERS. He joins Tiger Woods and Henrik Stenson as the only players to win at least one FedExCup, THE PLAYERS, a major and a World Golf Championships event.

While it's an intangible, McIlroy said he likes the March date versus May. He said the rye grass does a better job of visually defining fairways and rough. It gives him a better landing area for his ballistic drives. So, certainly, he's a fan of the change. And he's gaining life perspective.

For Jim Furyk, who finished a few holes ahead of McIlroy and was in the lead at the time he came up 18, it was a welcome experience. He's been injured most of the last two or three years. Finally healthy, some good golf came out. A change to the arm-lock putting style has also helped.

"I felt like I was pretty solid from 5 feet and in," Furyk said. "But I wasn't making a lot of 8- to 20-footers for birdie, or even better yet, I didn't think I was hitting quality putts and giving enough of those putts a chance to go in."

He messed around with arm-lock. But he was not convinced it would work for him. Then, just as Tim Clark had given Webb Simpson a tip on arm-lock putting, Simpson gave Furyk a tip. And ultimately he said it proved to be the difference.

"I've told him like six times since how

much I appreciate his help," Furyk said. "He spent 60 seconds with me, and in 60 seconds he gave me two tips, and one of them has changed my focus on how I putt with that putter. And it was the way he grips it. He said, there's two ways to grip it with your left arm, Bryson (DeChambeau) and Stewart (Cink) do it one way, he and Kuch (Matt Kuchar) maybe do it another."

So, the first tournament with a gold trophy, return to March and St. Patrick's Day date is in the books. As expected, the weather could have been 85 or 55, and it was — all in one week. The luck of the Irish, however, must be real, because not only did McIlroy win THE PLAYERS on St. Patrick's Day, he also won the Arnold Palmer Invitational in 2018 on St. Patrick's Day.

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Justin Rose waves to fans during Sunday's final round.



Dustin Johnson attempts a shot Sunday at THE PLAYERS.



Phil Mickelson prepares to take a shot from the cart path on Thursday at THE PLAYERS.



Adam Scott ponders his next shot Sunday.



Tommy Fleetwood walks toward the hole during Saturday's second round.



Tiger Woods attempts a shot during the final round Sunday at THE PLAYERS.

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