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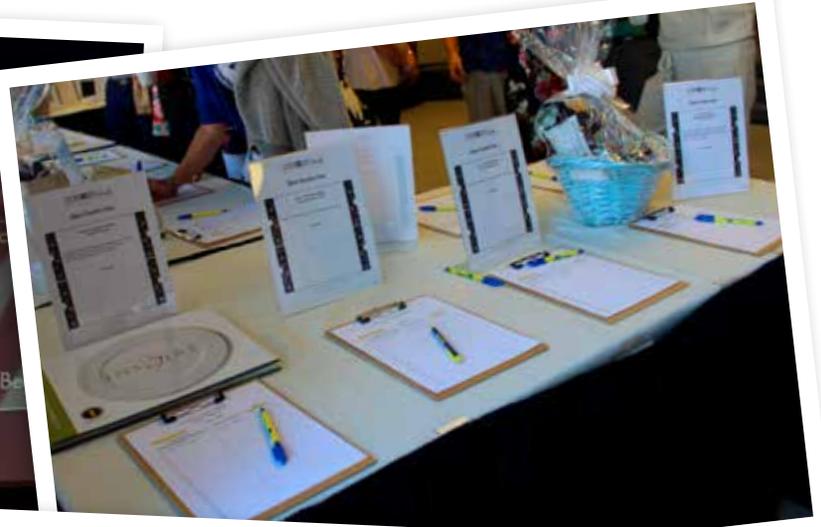
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# COMEDY FOR A CAUSE

The Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach Sunset held its third annual "Comedy for a Cause" fundraiser on Saturday. **Read page 5 for more.**

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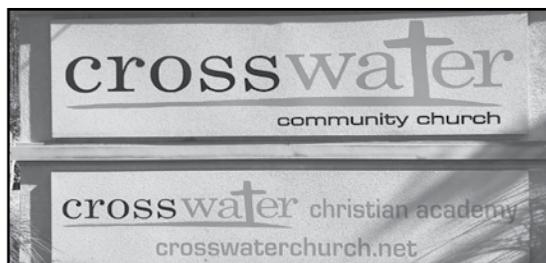


Do you know what this is?

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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.

Three readers correctly identified last week's photo as the sign for Crosswater Community Church. The winner of the random drawing is **Pam Wendlandt**. Congratulations, Pam — you may pick up your prize at the Recorder office during normal business hours.



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# District 4 Commissioner Blocker to hold office hours at Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library May 17

St. Johns County District 4 Commissioner Jeremiah Blocker will host office hours from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday, May 17, at the Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library.

Community members are invited to schedule an appointment to meet with

Blocker and discuss any questions, needs or concerns. Walk-ins are also welcome as allowed by scheduled appointments.

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# County Administrator Wanchick says one of state's wealthiest counties facing financial issues

By Amber Lake

According to St. Johns County Administrator Michael Wanchick, when it comes to the question of financials, St. Johns County's eyes might be a lot bigger than its wallet.

Wanchick spoke about the county's financial issues at the Ponte Vedra Beaches Coalition meeting on Monday. Part of the problem, Wanchick said, is a handful of challenges the community faces as a result of growth and natural disaster. He cited hurricane damage and recovery projects such as beach renourishment that have

resulted in significant expenditures.

Wanchick also pointed out that St. Johns County is the third-fastest growing county in Florida, and eighth in the U.S. With population growth follows growing pains such as expanding public safety, updating libraries, increasing Parks and Recreation services and renovating the St. Johns Golf Club, he said. In addition, the county recently absorbed the town of Hastings, including its associated assets, debts, liabilities and service requirements. Part of that involved demolishing the town's civic center, which was deemed unsafe. All in all, it can be expensive to be so popular.

"We talk about the No. 1 quality of life and the school system — all these things are interrelated," Wanchick said at the meeting, which was held at the Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library. "I tell people that it's great to have the No. 1 school system, in my opinion, is that it's because our quality of life is so high."

Wanchick pointed out that the "quality of life" the county revolves around reflects the public services it provides. The same services that cost money also cause it to be such a valuable place to live, and in turn, bring in the type of people who

place a high priority on education for their children.

Some distinctions that Wanchick said St. Johns County touts are: healthiest county in the state, low crime rate, lowest unemployment rate in Florida, abundant natural resources, diverse arts, culture and award-winning libraries. In addition, the county also has the lowest combined taxing structure in the state. Wanchick said, in fact, the county hasn't raised any taxes in the last 12 years.

"It's the same thing with Parks and

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## St. Johns County, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers sign multimillion-dollar agreement for beach renourishment

By Amber Lake

St. Johns County officials signed a multimillion-dollar deal with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at a ceremony on April 23 to fund local beach renourishment.

The partnership agreement will pave the way for the renourishment of 2.5 miles of beach between Vilano and South Ponte Vedra Beach over the next 50 years. The project is estimated to cost \$144.5 million, a percentage of which the county, state and federal government will pay.

Neil Shinkre, public works director of St. Johns County, said the deal has been long-awaited.

"A lot of work has gone on for this," Shinkre said. "This is a project that has started about 15 years back, so we are really happy to see all the effort that us and the commissioners have supported and made."

Many of St. Johns County's beaches have been in need of some serious TLC due to erosion and recent hurricane damage. Because tourism is the main industry of the area, many were eager to begin the renourishment project on the depleted beaches. The project intends to add an additional 80-100 feet of sand out toward the ocean, according to Shinkre.

Currently, Shinkre said the agreement estimates that the Army Corps will pay for 23 percent of the project. The remaining 77 percent will be paid by the county and state. Recently, however, Shinkre said the commission approved a \$1.7 million parking project to increase the number of available spaces in the corridor along the project's beaches in Vilano and South Ponte Vedra Beach. With the increase in parking, the Corps will take a larger percentage of cost, ranging upwards of 40 percent of overall cost.



Photo courtesy of St. Johns County

**St. Johns County officials sign a multimillion-dollar deal with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at a ceremony on April 23 to fund beach renourishment in Vilano Beach and South Ponte Vedra Beach.**

"If you look at the sheer percentage increases from 23 percent to maybe 40 percent, that extra 17 percent is going to be a huge number over the long years for the county," Shinkre said. "So, for us to invest the \$1.7 million in parking, that the board approved of, is a really great return of investment for the county."

In addition, Shinkre said that the agree-

ment will also serve as a 50-year insurance policy against future hurricanes.

"The good thing about having a federal project is should a hurricane come in and take away, let's say, 50 percent of the sand that was put in, the Corps will come in immediately and put in all that sand that was gone for 100 percent of the cost," he said. "We will not have to pay anything."

Shinkre said he sees the renourishment project as cementing the future of the county. It's a project, he said, that will most likely outlive him.

"It's really a closure of a lot of efforts from our administration, county administrator, public works and the Corps to get where we are today," Shinkre said. "The community should be proud."



Photo by Daniela Toporek

Comedian Marcus Crespo revs up the crowd at "Comedy for a Cause," which was hosted by the Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach Sunset on Saturday, April 27, at UNF.

# Rotary Club hosts 3rd annual 'Comedy for a Cause' fundraiser

By Daniela Toporek

The Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach Sunset held its third annual "Comedy for a Cause" event Saturday at the University of North Florida's Robinson Theater.

Before the laughs began, guests and fellow Rotarians gathered on the outside deck of the theater for hors d'oeuvres and drinks while they had the opportunities to socialize and participate in a raffle and silent auction. The event's key beneficiary was Peace of Heart Community, an assisted living residence and garden in Ponte Vedra for young adults living with autism. Co-founders Amy and Howard Groshell attended the event and brought along samples of their clothing and accessory line that features artwork from their daughter, Gentry Groshell, who is a Peace of Heart resident.

"This is so wonderful," Amy Groshell said. "We're so blessed, and this also gives us a chance to focus more on our residence."

Howard Groshell hopes that more assisted living communities such as Peace of Heart will open to help other families, not just in Ponte Vedra, but in the country.

"We hope that this inspires other families to start their own community," he said.

Passing the Peace of Heart table along the deck, guests at the event wandered in the theater lobby for the silent auction and raffle and lingered by the hors d'oeuvres served by Sawgrass Events, which operates under the umbrella of Hilton Garden Inn Jacksonville/Ponte Vedra.

Hilton Garden Inn sales manager and Rotarian Carol Maurer not only helped with the flavor catering, but was one of the first members of the Rotary Club to coordinate "Comedy for a Cause" alongside fellow Rotarian and friend, Janeene Hart.

"It's been a whirlwind to get here, but we made it," Maurer said. "This is awesome. The theater, the venue is fabulous. I'm



ABOVE: Brian Anderson, Dave and Becky Howie and Dr. Rebecca Cooper

LEFT: Jay Greene and Leigh Cort

Photos by Susan Griffin

glad everyone could come out."

Maurer also mentioned that this was comedian Danny Johnson's fourth time hosting the "Comedy for a Cause" event.

"It's a very fun event for a great cause," Johnson said.

This year, Johnson brought along three friends to accompany him to bring the laughs, Bobby Parker, Marcus Crespo and Jenn Weeks.

"There's a lot of great talent in the Jacksonville and Ponte Vedra area that does clean comedy," Johnson said. "So, I asked if I can put on a 'Danny Johnson and Friends' show for more variety and she (Janeene Hart) loved it."

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I am delighted to be a new resident of Ponte Vedra. One of my major concerns when I moved here was finding a Rotary Club in the area. I've been a member of Rotary for 20 years, and I wanted the opportunity to continue to serve the community in which I reside.

Not too long after I moved here, I was fortunate to meet Kelly Sastre, the president of the Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra. Her enthusiasm was a hook and she reeled me right in.

In Rotary, there is the opportunity to serve in a variety of venues. One of my personal objectives was to join the fight to eradicate polio worldwide.

Polio does still exist. Years ago, I was preparing for my trip to Africa. It was an expectation that I would receive specific shots. I was taken aback when my physician suggested that I also get an inoculation for polio, per recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control. When I was in grade school all children received polio inoculations. I'd not heard of polio for many years.

I was walking down a street, shopping in Nairobi and in sensory overload. I caught a sight of something in my periphery. It took a moment for me to recognize what I was seeing. It was a gentleman kneeling on a small pallet with four wheels attached to the bottom for mobility. He was wearing gloves to protect his hands from injury as he pushed himself along the sidewalk. This gentleman had been crippled by polio. It was proof that the CDC's warning was valid.

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*Tom Giusto is an Emmy award-winning ABC News producer who has covered every president since Jimmy Carter. His 35-year career with ABC News gave him a front row seat to America's political history. Now living in Ponte Vedra, Giusto is semi-retired, still working a few days a month for ABC News and usually covering President Trump during his weekends in West Palm Beach.*

## Tom Giusto

### What inspired you to become a journalist?

I was inspired to become a journalist when I was working at my college radio station at Columbia University. By that time, I had already been exposed to radio and television. I started working in radio in high school, and then one of my teachers in high school was also involved in television. So, she took me under her wing and let me observe her TV programs. I always wanted to work in television because I was fascinated by the medium. But first I wanted to work in the technical side of television. I started working in the news department at the college radio station, and I got very, very interested in news. It gave me a front-row seat to history. That was also the time when television news was very popular, and the anchormen were the kings. After college, I continued on and went to graduate school in journalism at Columbia. I was fortunate. From age 4, I wanted to work in television. Here I sit 60 years later, and I was able to work in television, and I was able to make a living.

### What was your most exciting assignment?

At the time, every big story you're working on is the most exciting story. When I started in New York in the 1970s, we had a big blackout. We also had the Son of Sam killer captured. The most significant story I probably worked on was Sept. 11, 2001. I was at the Pentagon after the attack and covered the Pentagon for the next 10 days. In fact, I went into the Pentagon with the TV pool the night of the attack. I can still remember how it smelled of smoke. In terms of important stories that I covered, I was the producer in the Oval Office with President George H.W. Bush the night he gave the speech after the Soviet Union fell. It was also exciting to go to Vietnam, Iraq and Guantanamo Bay. Maybe the most thrilling and dangerous thing I did was ride in a helicopter into Baghdad twice. I also once was in a motorcade along the "Highway of Death" from the airport into Baghdad. The stories I enjoyed most, however, were not the stories about politicians, kings and queens. They were about average, everyday Americans who had a story to tell and invited us into their homes because they thought others would benefit from their stories.

### How has journalism transformed throughout your career?

I like to say I've seen my industry go from film to Facebook. When I started, we were shooting film, and that film had to be shot and processed. Normally, you'd get 10 minutes worth of film for a story, and God help you if you wanted to shoot more than 10 minutes worth of film. It was just too expensive. Because everything was so expensive at the time, the industry was limited to the people who had the money to do it. So, the networks had enormous influence back then, because the entire country just watched one of the three networks for their television news. We were the gatekeepers. We would decide what was important enough to put on the news and what wasn't. That's both good and bad. It's bad because, who are we, a bunch of white, elderly guys, to decide what the country could see? The good thing about it is we made, for the most part, sensible decisions about what people would see. As the me-



Photo courtesy of Tom Giusto

**Tom Giusto stands outside the European Union Council building in Brussels, Belgium, in July 2016.**

dium evolved to more of a digital style, and equipment plummeted in price, it opened the industry to everyone. Social media opened the spread of information to everyone, so the gatekeepers were gone. People could post things on Facebook, and it didn't matter whether or not it were true. Now, we have all of this bad information out there and available, helping to polarize the country.

### How should consumers of media respond to this transformation?

When I was back in journalism school 50 years ago, Fred Friendly used to say, there should be a course in how to watch a television program, and a course in how to read a newspaper, because you had to know the background and where it was coming from. That was 50 years ago. Today, that's necessary more than ever. People have no idea where the information they're getting on social media is coming from. People today have to be much more careful about where their news is coming from and try to avoid only getting their news from sources that are more aligned with their way of thinking.

### What do you enjoy most about living in Ponte Vedra?

What I like most about the area is its beauty. It's a very nicely planned, well-landscaped, pleasant place to live, both for families and for older, retired people. You can drive around Ponte Vedra and not go anywhere that's run-down, decrepit, tacky or seedy. The weather is a plus. You're halfway between Jacksonville and St. Augustine, so you can draw on cultural aspects of both of those places. There's a beach. There's plenty to do. Ponte Vedra has high marks for me in all the areas someone would look for in a place to retire.

### What do you like to do in your free time?

Outside of journalism, travel is probably what we do most. My wife and I have probably been on 60 cruises all over the world. That's our primary way of vacationing. Not only the Caribbean, but Europe, Alaska, Polynesia. We've cruised around the Middle East, around the North Sea to St. Petersburg. I like to do a little sailing from time to time. I also like going to the beach.

*Edited by Jon Blauvelt*

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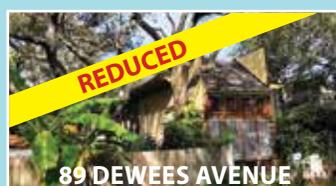
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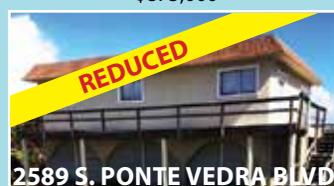
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| <p><b>Pint and Paddle</b><br/>Join Wicked Barley Brewing Company and Black Creek Outfitters for a fun paddling session at Goodby's Creek on May 2. Meet up time will be at 6 p.m. at the creek. Bring a kayak or paddleboard or rent one at Black Creek Outfitters in advance. Certified instructors will be at the event to make sure everyone has a great experience on the water. Spots must be reserved in advance and a life jacket, whistle and leash (for paddle boarders) are required. One must be 13 years or older to attend the paddle and know how to swim. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased by visiting the "Pint &amp; Paddle at Wicked Barley" Facebook event page. For kayak rentals and reservations, call Black Creek Outfitters at (904) 645-7003. For more information, call Wicked Barley at (904) 379-7077. Wicked Barley is located at 4100 Baymeadows Rd. in Jacksonville.</p> <p><b>Chasing Degas: A lecture from Robert Flynn Johnson*</b><br/>Meet collector and curator Robert Flynn Johnson at the Lightner Museum and hear the fascinating details of building his collection for the making of his Edgar Degas: The Private Impressionist exhibition. Johnson has been an art collector and curator for over 30 years with the Achenbach Foundation for Graphic Arts and the Fine Arts Museum of San Francisco. His passion for collecting Degas' work grew to intriguing heights over the years. On May 2 from 6 to 8 p.m., lecture attendees will take pleasure in learning first-hand how Degas' artistic genius first captured Johnson's attention and of the many adventures while tracking down his works on paper, along with the works of his circle of artistic colleagues. Tickets are \$20 for museum members and \$25 for non-members. For more information, email <a href="mailto:info@lightnermuseum.org">info@lightnermuseum.org</a>. The Lightner Museum is located at 75 King St. in St. Augustine.</p> <p><b>Thirsty Thursday at Al's Pizza</b><br/>What's a better combination than pizza and beer? Every Thursday from open to close, Al's Pizza serves \$1.50 Yuengling Lager and house wines. Al's Pizza is located at 635 A1A N. in Ponte Vedra Beach.</p> | <p><b>'9 to 5: the Musical'</b><br/>In a show that gained major popularity in the 80's, larger than life characters come alive onstage at St. Marys Little Theatre's spring production of "9 to 5: the Musical." "9 to 5," is St. Marys Little Theatre's last show of the season and, as always, the community theatre ends with a blockbuster, featuring music and lyrics by Dolly Parton, herself. The production will run on the weekends of May 3-5 and May 10-12 at 7 p.m. with only 2 p.m. matinees on Sundays. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for kids 12 and under. To purchase tickets or more information, call Barbara Ryan at (912) 729-1103 or visit <a href="http://www.StMarysLittleTheatre.com">www.StMarysLittleTheatre.com</a>. St. Marys Little Theatre is located at 1000 Osborne St. in St. Marys, Georgia.</p> <p><b>'Stand Tall': An Artist Talk</b><br/>Butterfield Garage's featured artist of the month, Laura O'Neal has worked with the Butterfield Garage Gallery since 2011. Prose and lyrics often accompany her colorful and expressive paintings. On May 3 at 6 p.m. join O'Neal as she discusses her process on taking the viewers of her work beyond the surface of her paintings and to the intention within. For more information, contact Cindy Wilson at <a href="mailto:cindywil.design@gmail.com">cindywil.design@gmail.com</a>. Butterfield Garage Gallery is located at 137 King St. in St. Augustine.</p> <p><b>56th annual 'Isle of Eight Flags Shrimp Festival'*</b><br/>Venture out to Fernandina Beach this weekend for the 'Isle of Eight Flags Shrimp Festival' running from May 3-5. The festival combines all things that make a fun, entertaining and successful celebration. Take the children out to the "kids fun zone," enjoy live entertainment from different artists, stroll through the arts and crafts show, and of course, eat all the shrimp that's humanly possible. Not a seafood fan? No worries. Food trucks from different vendors will be around for any palate. There will even be a "shrimp run" for all the guests who want to enjoy the festival while keeping a healthy lifestyle. The "Isle of Eight Flags Shrimp Festival" will be located at 102 Centre St. in Fernandina Beach.</p> | <p><b>'Kendra Scott Gives Back' party*</b><br/>Enjoy sips, sweets and jewels as Kendra Scott celebrates Mother's Day early with a party and fundraiser on May 4 at Kendra Scott in the St. Johns Town Center. Take mom out for an early celebration this Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Twenty percent of the proceeds will go to the MaliVai Washington Youth Foundation, an after-school youth development program in Jacksonville's Urban Core that promotes academic achievement and positive life skills through the sport of tennis for students in kindergarten through high school. Kendra Scott is located at 4812 River City Dr., Suite# 107 in Jacksonville.</p> <p><b>Orangetheory Fitness' 2nd annual gala</b><br/>Join Orangetheory Fitness for an elegant evening as they host their second annual fundraiser to help find a cure for Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) at the Aetna Building on May 4 from 6 to 10 p.m. The gala will feature cocktails, dinner, raffles, a silent auction and dancing to 70's disco band, the Boogie Freaks. Proceeds will be donated to Augie's Quest, an organization is dedicated to driving innovative science via the ALS Therapy Development Institute. For ticket pricing and more information, visit <a href="http://www.augiesquest.org/fundraising/">www.augiesquest.org/fundraising/</a>. The Aetna Building is located at 841 Prudential Dr. in Jacksonville.</p> <p><b>Berkshire Hathaway Shredding event</b><br/>Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Network Realty will host a shredding event at the Berkshire Hathaway St. Augustine office on May 4 from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Everyone is welcome to bring personal documents to be securely shredded for free by UltraShred Technologies. Please bring a non-perishable food donation, as well. Peanut butter (16-18 oz. plastic jars), canned beans (15 oz. cans of legumes – navy, kidney, pinto, etc.) and canned vegetables (15 oz. cans) are needed. Donations will go to a local food pantry and Pie in the Sky community alliance in St. Johns County. Contact Tracy Glochau at (904) 874-2640 for more information. Mill Creek Dentistry is located at 112 SeaGrove Main St., Suite 210 in St. Augustine.</p> | <p><b>'Much Ado About Women'</b><br/>The North Florida Women's Chorale will be hosting its annual spring concert on May 5 at Palms Presbyterian Church at 4 p.m. The show is free to the public, but donations for cancer treatment patients are requested. For more information, visit <a href="http://www.WomensChorale.org">www.WomensChorale.org</a>. Palms Presbyterian Church is located at in Jacksonville Beach.</p> <p><b>Murals and Melodies</b><br/>Soul Life invites friends and family to become part of an artistic legacy and help paint a lasting mural at the Child Guidance Center's Main Office. The mural will provide messages of hope from health and wellness center, Soul Life and world featured artist, Benjamin Swatez. Enjoy painting, food trucks, craft tents and a live concert by reggae band, Luc and the Lovingtons. The event will be on May 5 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. with a \$10 admission fee. Registrations are limited and tickets can be purchased in advanced at <a href="http://www.EventBrite.com">www.EventBrite.com</a>. All proceeds benefit The Goodness Tour and the Child Guidance Center. All minors must be accompanied by a legal guardian/parent. On-site waivers must be signed by legal guardians/parents prior to admission. For more information, contact Soul Life's : Dr. Chez Leeb at (904) 616-7738. The Child Guidance Center is located at 5776 St. Augustine Rd. in Jacksonville.</p> <p><b>'Movement Migration' with Kim Jones</b><br/>Dance is not just a rhythmic physical activity, but also an intimate form of art and expression. Movement Migration is a collective of seasoned dancers collaborating to create and perform dynamic and poignant dance works that portray the depths of human experience. The Ponte Vedra Ballet &amp; Dance Co. and Fusion Performing Arts Academy is teaming up with Movement Migration to train young aspiring dancers. On May 5, kids are welcome to attend a master class with Movement Migration's Artistic Director Kim Jones to study the art of the Graham Technique from 2:30 to 4 p.m. The class fee is \$25 to attend with registration open at <a href="http://www.pvballet.com">www.pvballet.com</a> For more information, call (904) 859-2223. The Ponte Vedra Ballet &amp; Dance Co. is located at 886 A1A N., Suite #3 in Ponte Vedra Beach.</p> |

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For tickets and more information, call Daily's Place at (904) 633-2000 or visit <a href="http://www.dailysplace.com">www.dailysplace.com</a> visit Daily's Place Amphitheater is located at 1 Daily's Place in Jacksonville.</p> <p><b>Children's Mental Health awareness</b><br/>Children's Mental Health Awareness Day is observed nationally to shine a spotlight on the importance of caring for every child's mental health and to reinforce the message that positive mental health is essential to a child's healthy development. Join The Discovery School on May 6 from 5 to 6 p.m. to learn about the importance of being aware of children's mental health issues faced by children and how everyone, as caregivers, can support the children in their lives. This free event is open to the community. The Discovery School is located at 102 15th St. S. in Jacksonville Beach.</p> <p><b>All Abilities Night at iFLY</b><br/>On May 6 from 5 to 8 p.m., All Abilities Night at iFLY will make the dream of flight a reality for those in the special needs community. Flyers will be assisted by specially-trained flight instructors with extra attention and accommodations based on participant needs. The program includes a pre-flight training session and all the flight gear needed. Each flyer will receive two flights (one minute each) for only \$39.95 and a free video. Everyone in the special needs community is welcome to participate. iFly is located at 10579 Brightman Blvd. in Jacksonville.</p> | <p><b>Palm Valley farmers market</b><br/>The Palm Valley farmer's market will be held every Tuesday from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Community Center. The Farmers Market features produce, seafood, jams, baked goods and more. For more information, visit their Facebook page, Palm Valley Farmers Market. Palm Valley Farmers Market is located at 148 Canal Blvd. in Ponte Vedra Beach.</p> <p><b>First Coast Card Club playing date</b><br/>The First Coast Card Club will host its playing date at the St. Augustine Main Library on May 7 at 1 p.m. The event is free to attend with walk-ins and guests welcome. Refreshments will be provided. Contact the club organizer at (904) 829-0643 to RSVP. The Main Library is located at 1960 N. Ponce De Leon Blvd. in St. Augustine.</p> <p><b>Bingo Tuesday at Mellow Mushroom</b><br/>Join Mellow Mushroom every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. for food, drinks, fun, and prizes. Grab some good friends and family, and get ready a groovy time. Stick around after for late-night happy hour specials. Mellow Mushroom is located at 1018-2 Third St. N. in Jacksonville Beach.</p> <p><b>Family Bingo at Trasca &amp; Co Eatery</b><br/>Join Trasca &amp; Co Eatery for a family-fun evening every Wednesday. The popular restaurant will feature family bingo with pizza specials, craft beer specials and tons of fun. Family bingo runs from 6 to 8 p.m. For more information, call Trasca &amp; Co Eatery at (904) 395-3989. Trasca &amp; Co Eatery is located at 155 Tourside Drive in Ponte Vedra Beach.</p> <p><b>Pure Barre at Ponte Vedra's Sip &amp; Shop</b><br/>Pure Barre at Ponte Vedra is celebrating its third birthday on May 7 with a party and spring sidewalk sale! Feel free to sip and snack through the studio and check out all the sales, not just at Pure Barre, but at all the shops at the Sawgrass Village strip. Pure Barre will also have \$3 classes all day, a referral raffle, a balloon pop for prizes, retail and membership discounts and more. Pure Barre Studio will be open from 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. with sales going on all day. For more information, call Pure Barre Studio at (904) 239-7712. Pure Barre at Ponte Vedra is located 280 Village Main St. Ste. 970 in Ponte Vedra Beach.</p> | <p><b>Newcomers of the Beaches luncheon</b><br/>The Newcomers of the Beaches Club invites new members to attend their luncheon the second Wednesday of each month. This social club consists of a diverse group of women who have recently moved to the beaches and/or have gone through a major life event. The luncheon will be held on May 8 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Sawgrass Beach Club. For more information or to make a reservation for the luncheon, visit <a href="http://www.newcomersofthebeaches.com">www.newcomersofthebeaches.com</a>. The Sawgrass Beach Club is located at 9795 Summer Place in Ponte Vedra Beach.</p> <p><b>Starling at Nocatee open house</b><br/>Luxury senior living community, Starling at Nocatee will be hosting an open house on Wednesday, May 8, from 1 to 3 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. From independent living to memory care, learn about everything Starling at Nocatee has to offer its senior residents. Starling at Nocatee is located at 999 Crosswater Pkwy. in Ponte Vedra.</p> <p><b>Science on Tap</b><br/>Join this series of community science conversation on the second Wednesday of each month from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at Intuition Ale Works. This month's topic on May 8 is the "Sea Level Rise and Flooding in Jacksonville" featuring St. Johns Riverkeeper, Lisa Rinam. A brief mix 'n mingle will be held at 6 p.m., following with the presentation at 6:30 p.m. and Q &amp; A session at the end. The event is free and all are welcome to attend. Intuition Ale Works is located at 929 E. Bay St. in Jacksonville.</p> <p><b>'The Advantages of Planning Ahead'</b><br/>Quinn Shalz Family Funeral Home invites all to a seminar on how planning ahead works and why it makes things easier when a loved one passes away. The seminar is on May 8 at 11 a.m. at the Quinn-Shalz Funeral home. There will be prize drawings, along with food from Gregory Paul's catering. RSVP to the event by calling (904) 249-1100. Quinn-Shalz Funeral Home is located at 3600 Third St. S. in Jacksonville Beach.</p> | <p><b>American Association of University Women monthly meeting</b><br/>The American Association of University Women (AAUW) St. Augustine Branch will host its monthly meeting on May 9 at 6:15 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Coquina Crossing Clubhouse and is open to the public. Arrive early for a chance to socialize before the event. The AAUW will award scholarships to two college students in St. Johns County, as well as install newly elected officers announced by AAUW Florida State President, Patricia Ross. Dr. MacKenzie Moon Ryan, Assistant Professor of Art History at Rollins College in Winter Park, Florida, and a national AAUW Fellowship Winner for 2012-2013 will be the guest speaker for the evening. To attend, reserve a spot by May 6 by contacting Peggy Kinchen at (505) 980-7865. The Coquina Crossing Clubhouse is located at 4536 Coquina Crossing Dr. in Elkton.</p> <p><b>Mother's Day Sip n' Shop at Rockaway</b><br/>Is mom a lover of all things, plants and gardening? Take her to Rockaway Inc. in Jacksonville Beach on May 9 for a night catered to all the plant mamas out there. Rockaway will serve free Rockaway cocktails while guests can browse through all the sales and specials. If mom can't attend, gift cards will also be sold at a discounted rate until May 10, so she won't miss out on any specials. The Mother's Day Sip n' Shop will run from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. For more information on hours and discounts, call Rockaway Inc. at (904) 853-6572. Rockaway Inc. is located at 510 Shetter Ave. in Jacksonville Beach.</p> |

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Comedian Jenn Weeks shows some class and sass in her performance at “Comedy for a Cause,” which was hosted by the Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach Sunset on Saturday, April 27, at UNF.

Photo by Daniela Toporek

## Comedy

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Weeks has been doing comedy for about seven years and loves it.

“This is awesome,” Weeks said. “Danny invited me out for the first time here. I was nervous, but excited.”

This was also Crespo’s first night at “Comedy for a Cause.”

“I had a great time,” he said, admitting that he not only enjoys making others laugh, but furthering his passion in comedy.

By the end of the evening, guests applauded all the comedians and their wit. Whether it was the wine served outside on the deck or the laughs made in the theater, “Comedy for a Cause” set out to be an entertaining event to help a charitable organization and it succeeded in both.

## Letter

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Though the sight was disarming, I must admit his challenge wasn’t a priority for me. My focus was to embrace as much of Africa as I could. I was excited and I had a whole new world to discover in Africa.

Not long after my return to the United States, I accepted an invitation to go to a breakfast meeting of the local Rotary Club, an international service organization providing humanitarian service around the world. I’d not heard of Rotary and out of curiosity I accepted.

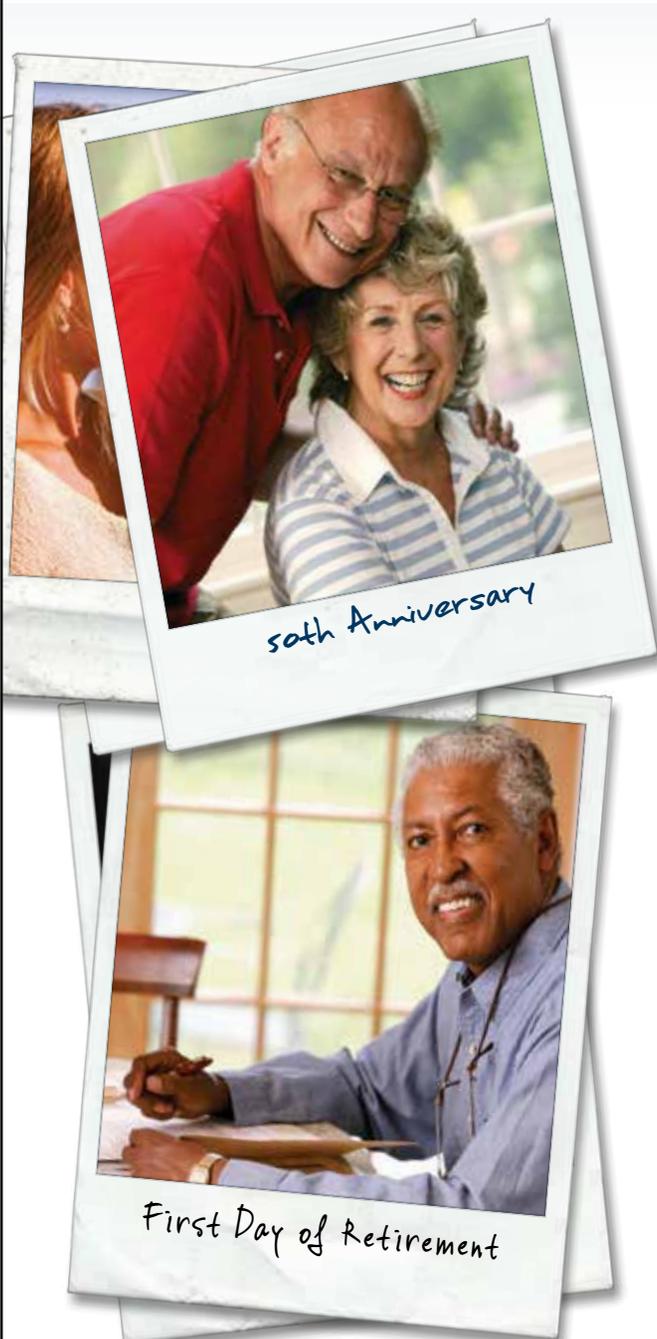
As it turned out, it was the “right time, right place” for me. The presentation was information on the status of Rotary’s International project. I learned that in 1979 a Rotary Club in the Philippines committed to the complete eradication of polio. The program was such a success that Rotary International chose the project as their worldwide major project.

Since 2007, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation has committed to financially aiding in the project donating millions of dollars. As of this date, Nigeria has one more year of no new cases when they can be deemed free of Polio. The only countries remaining are Afghanistan and Pakistan. The end of the existence of Polio is near.

More information on Rotary or The Global Polio Eradication Initiative can be found at [Rotary.org](http://Rotary.org).

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# Mother's Day Gift Guide

## Spoil Mom this Mother's Day in Ponte Vedra

Compiled by Daniela Toporek

Let's face it, moms have it rough. They're the lights that guide during darkness and the shields that protect when they sense harm nearby. And how do we thank them? We forget the dishes in the sink and accidentally drop laundry on the floor. (Ok, only sometimes.) Thankfully, the Ponte Vedra Recorder has your back with the best of the best that Ponte Vedra has to offer to spoil mom and plan for a loving and successful Mother's Day weekend.



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*You and mom have consumed your fuel at brunch and burned it off with some retail therapy. Now it's time to wind down with some luxury services and relaxation.*

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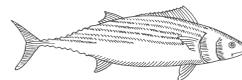
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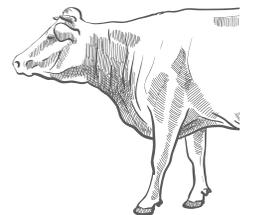
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# Jacksonville's Beaches open with annual parade

By Amber Lake

The Beaches are now “officially” open, thanks to the festivities and fun of the annual Beaches Parade held on Sunday, April 28.

The event, now in its 73rd year, brings the community together to celebrate the best thing about the area — its beaches. Hundreds of families and residents lined the streets of downtown Jacksonville Beach to enjoy the sun and festivities of the event, including the 43rd annual Sand Castle Contest.

The parade featured many community staples, such as The Morocco Shriners, the Jacksonville Beach Lifeguards, the Exchange Club of the Jacksonville Beaches, the Beaches Honor Guard, Jacksonville Beach Ocean Rescue, the Neptune Beach Police Department and Jacksonville Beach Police Department, K9s for Warriors, Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 1046 and the International Society for Krishna Consciousness, to name a few.



Photos by Amber Lake

The 73rd annual Beaches Parade was held Sunday, April 28, in downtown Jacksonville Beach.

## HEAL Foundation's autism walk at zoo raises \$70,000

The Ponte Vedra Beach-based HEAL (Helping Enrich Autistic Lives) Foundation raised \$70,000 and assembled 3,000 attendees at the organization's 11th annual HEAL Autism Walk at the Zoo on Sunday, April 28.

The event at the Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens is a fun-filled day of zoo animals, music and activities. Following the walk, the HEAL After Party took place on the Great Lawn. Jordan Price (emcee) and DJ MoneyGud from POWER 106.1 hosted the After Party, which featured music, bounce houses, face painting and a rock-climbing wall.

The HEAL Foundation team was

helped by 100 volunteers and 25 local resource vendors.

HEAL has gifted over \$2 million in grants to local camps, support groups, seminars, organizations and schools that serve those with autism. After witnessing the progress students with autism are making with iPads, HEAL has gifted 400 iPads to local Exceptional Student Education (ESE) classrooms through the iHEAL - iPads Helping Enrich Autistic Lives initiative. HEAL's next initiative is to gift five all abilities parks to ensure people of all abilities are able to play, learn, socialize and have fun in the community.



Photo by Sara Gomez

The HEAL Foundation raised \$70,000 at the organization's 11th annual HEAL Autism Walk at the Zoo on April 28.

# Local resident to compete in paddle challenge from Bahamas to Florida to raise awareness of cystic fibrosis

By Jon Blauvelt

A St. Augustine waterman will test his endurance on Father's Day weekend when he participates in an 83-mile stand-up paddleboard race from the Bahamas to Florida to raise money and awareness for cystic fibrosis.

Brian Scrone, who lives in the Vilano Beach area, will compete in the relay race with three other First Coast residents and friends, Tim O'Neal, Mike Grinney and Mike Jones. The event, Crossing For A Cure, starts in Bimini in the Bahamas and ends in Lake Worth, Florida. According to the race website, the event was inspired by the health benefits of the ocean for those living with cystic fibrosis, an inherited disorder that causes severe damage to the lungs, digestive system and other organs in the body.

Race founder and executive director Travis Suit's daughter Piper was diagnosed with cystic fibrosis at age 4 in 2011. In 2013, Suit and a few friends kickstarted the event by completing the paddle themselves to gain exposure for everyone living with the disease. Now in 2019, Scrone said 100s if not 1000s of people are involved.

"The organization is growing, and the awareness around it is growing, and it's just



**Local residents Brian Scrone (right) and Mike Jones take a selfie after a recent morning of training. The two men will be joined by First Coast residents Tim O'Neal and Mike Grinney in competing in an 83-mile stand-up paddleboard race from the Bahamas to Florida on June 15 to raise money and awareness for cystic fibrosis.**

Photo courtesy of Brian Scrone

an honor to be a part of it," said Scrone, a young father himself who was drawn to the father-daughter story behind the race.

Scrone helped a few of his friends train for the race in 2018, and they ultimately won. Now, he's ready to get in on the action and help support the cause.

The race will take place Friday, June 15. Scrone said his team will pull out of Bimini around midnight or 1 a.m. to complete the paddle across the Atlantic, up the Gulf Stream and into Lake Worth, which is just south of West Palm Beach.

The race, according to Scrone, takes about 12 to 15 hours to complete, which translates to each person on the relay team paddling for about three to four hours. Scrone said his team will be taking turns completing 20-minute sprints.

"You basically sprint for 20 minutes and have an hour break," Scrone said. "You keep doing that for 15 hours until you hit Florida."

Each team is required to have its own support boat. Scrone's friend from West Palm Beach, Mike Hilghman, has a grand-

daughter with cystic fibrosis, and he will be the team's boat captain.

To train for the race, Scrone has been competing in stand-up paddleboard races in the area, ranging in distance from 1-mile to 5-mile events. He also works hard to train in his free time, paddling in the ocean and Intracoastal Waterway near his house in the Vilano Beach area. Because the conditions for the race are unknown, Scrone has also been training in various weather and swell conditions.

With the race just over 40 days away, Scrone is most looking forward to raising money and awareness around Cystic Fibrosis. Each racer has to raise a minimum of \$1,500 in order to enter. Scrone is accepting donations online at <https://bit.ly/2GL2QV0>. According to the race website, proceeds from the fundraising go to helping local families with cystic fibrosis through the Piper's Angels Foundation programs. More information about Crossing for a Cure can be found at [www.crossingforacure.com](http://www.crossingforacure.com).

"I really got emotionally drawn into the story in some of the videos that Crossing for the Cure offers," Scrone said. "The story itself, Piper and her father and their family's story and the supporting and raising awareness of Cystic Fibrosis, is a really heartwarming story."

## Ponte Vedra Woman's Club holds Caribbean Night fundraiser

Island attire and cool ocean breezes accompanied by the beat of Caribbean music made for the perfect evening for the Ponte Vedra Woman's Club final fundraiser of the current year.

Held at Emily Longhino's home inside Sawgrass Country Club, the purpose of the evening was not only to have fun but to raise money for the charities the club supports. The event's live auction featured two trips to Africa along with silent auction items.

This year, the ladies raised funds for Betty Griffin Center, the STEM conference for girls in fifth through eighth grade, Beaches Emergency Assistance Ministry, St. Augustine Youth Services, Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind, and scholarships. Checks will be given out at the May meeting, and the charities for next year will be announced.

Nancy Marsh, Michelle Purdy and Susan Hardy were largely responsible for organizing the event, in addition to Longhino, who hosted it.

For more information on the Ponte Vedra Woman's Club, visit [www.pontevedrawomansclub.com/default.php](http://www.pontevedrawomansclub.com/default.php) or check out the organization's Facebook page.



Photo by Sharon Jones

**Nancy Marsh, Michelle Purdy and Susan Hardy gather at the Ponte Vedra Woman's Club recent Caribbean Night fundraiser.**

## Wanchick

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Rec," Wanchick said. "I don't think in the entire time I've been county administrator we've added any new field space. But we've grown by 50,000 people. ... Many of our parks are in need of upgrades and new equipment. We've got a couple playgrounds we've had to shut down. The facilities and the jungle gym don't meet the ADA requirements or they're just not safe."

The facts are, the community simply can't afford to fix its playgrounds.

"If I have one lament in the time I've been as the county administrator, it's that we are not on a financially stable path, in my opinion, for the future," Wanchick said.

Currently, the county, with the advisement of the Board of Commissioners, is looking at exploring a "Fees for Service" model for levying more funding. The model is based off the idea that individuals who use a specific service within the county pay for that service, while others who do not use it are exempt from paying. The recent Request for Proposals process for paid off-beach parking is one example of this model.

Wanchick said there has been some animosity about the idea, mostly

because people feel like the county is "nickel-and-diming" them. He stated, however, that he worries the program will create a community of "haves and have-nots."

To resolve issues like this, Wanchick stressed the importance of engagement.

"The community needs to engage in a meaningful dialogue with the County Commission," Wanchick said. "We had two public hearings about the budget after five o'clock and 12 people came. And most of them didn't speak up. So, in turn, it makes the commission guess what the community wants. ... It's your job to let them know."

Wanchick was adamant that people voice their concerns to the commissioners. He said that the "question" the commission answers, will in fact, affect the county for decades or generations to come.

"You can have a very high quality of life, but if you take it for granted, it can slip away from you," he said.

*Wanchick has served as the county's chief administrative officer since 2007 and is responsible for implementing and overseeing all departments, policies and programs of the Board of County Commissioners. For those interested in voicing their concerns, Commissioner Jeremiah Blocker will be hosting a town hall Meeting on May 15, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Crosswater Hall at Nocatee.*

# What to do with a BORED Kid

## Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens to offer summer camps

Cultivate a child's creative abilities in Summer Camp at the Cummer Museum, starting Monday, June 10, and running through July 26.

Young artists entering first through sixth grade will observe and explore artwork in the Museum's galleries and gardens, experiment with different art media in the studio and create and showcase their artwork in a special exhibition each week.

Each camp is taught by professional Museum educators trained in the fields of art history, fine arts, education and science, who will build the skills for students to look at, connect with and create art in more personal ways. The education team creates fun and engaging art projects and experiences inspired by the Museum's permanent collection, gardens and special exhibitions that will spark a child's creativity and imagination.

The schedule of camps is as follows:

### Artful Animals

**June 10–14, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.**

Animals are on the loose in the Museum. Search the galleries and gardens for snakes, butterflies, cats and other creatures. Explore the hidden meaning of animals in artwork, and create your own animal-inspired art.



The Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens is once again holding summer camps this year for children of varying ages.

### Land, Water and Sky

**June 17–21, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.**

Explore landscapes, cityscapes, waterways and skies in artwork from the Museum's Permanent Collection and from "French Moderns: Monet to Matisse." The St. Johns River and the Cummer Gardens will provide active inspiration for budding young artists.

### Sculpt It

**June 24–28, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.**

Create three-dimensional artwork using a variety of different sculpting techniques and materials such as clay, wood and cardboard. Students will explore artwork in the Museum gardens and the work of sculptor, Carlos Rolón.

### Rhythm and Rhyme

**July 8–12, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.**

The rhythm is going to get you while using

music and poetry to explore the permanent collection and "French Moderns: Monet to Matisse." Discover how rhythm and rhyme inspire artists and let it transform your art.

### Line, Shape and Color

**July 15–19, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.**

Students will delve into the basic elements of art by exploring line, shape, color and combining their own marks and colors to create unique works for art.

### Art Around the World

**July 22–26, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.**

From Egyptian sarcophagi to Meissen porcelain, students will explore cultures from around the world using artwork from the permanent collection and will create an ancient-inspired art piece of their own.

### MIDDLE SCHOOL SUMMER CAMP:

#### Printmaking, Paper and Cloth

**July 29 – Aug. 2, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.**

Students entering sixth to ninth grade will experiment with a variety of printmaking methods and mixed media collage while being inspired by masterworks in the Museum galleries and gardens.

Classes are \$200 for members and \$230 for nonmembers. Advanced registration is required. Camp hours run from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., with extended care available for first through sixth grade. For more information about the Cummer Museum, visit [www.cummermuseum.org](http://www.cummermuseum.org) or call (904) 356-6857.





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## PVHS to host week-long kids summer wrestling camp

This summer, Ponte Vedra High School (PVHS) will host its first Ponte Vedra Kids Summer Wrestling Camp.

This week-long camp is geared towards beginners ages 5 to 14. The goal of the camp is to learn wrestling fundamentals and compete from beginning to end. The camp is designed for kids to have fun and

develop a competitive mindset.

The cost of the camp is \$200. It will be held at PVHS from June 3-7 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Breakfast and lunch will be included.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS AT PONTE VEDRA BEACH BRANCH LIBRARY

Keep in mind these upcoming events at the Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library:

### Musical Madness for Kids

**May 2 (Brass Quintet) and May 28 (String Quartet), from 4 to 5 p.m.**

Presented by the Jacksonville Symphony and sponsored by the Friends of the Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library, these ensemble presentations feature live performances and opportunities to learn about the instruments and the musicians. These events are aimed at elementary-aged children. If you wish to bring younger children to any of these programs, the library asks that you be mindful of the decorum expected for everyone's enjoyment. All children 10 and under must be accompanied by an adult in the room for the duration of these events.

### May the FOURTH Be with You

**May 4, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Children's Department (drop-in event)**

The whole family is invited to dive into all things Star Wars at this drop-in event in the library's Children's Department. Take your picture with your favorite Star Wars heroes; create a Star Wars bookmark and color Star Wars scenes; check out one or a dozen books from the library's Star Wars display; grab a Star Wars sticker before you leave; and more. Costumes/dress-up are encouraged, but not required. This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library.

### Just for Teens Gaming Club (ages 13-18)

**Wednesdays, May 8, June 5, July 3 and Aug. 21 from 5 to 7 p.m.**

Teens ages 13-18 are invited to dive into video

games and board games with their friends. Video games using the Nintendo Switch, Nintendo WiiU and PlayStation3 will be set up on separate TVs for simultaneous playing. Snacks are provided. This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library.

### Summer Reading Event – DoDad's Lab

**June 6 at 2 p.m. and at 4 p.m. (repeat presentation)**

Soar to new heights and learn about science during this engaging presentation. Elementary school children and their caregivers are invited to join DoDad and dive into the wonderful world of science. Younger children are welcome, but supervision is required. All children ages 10 and younger must be accompanied by an adult in the room for the duration of this event. The second presentation is a repeat of the first. This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library.

### Teen Lounge (ages 13 - 18)

**Wednesdays, June 12, June 26, July 10, July 24 and July 31 from 5 to 7 p.m.**

Teens ages 13-18 are invited to join the library for its weekly summertime Teen Lounge featuring either a PG-13 movie night, video gaming, board gaming or just hanging out with your friends. Snacks are provided. This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library.

**Note:** This list represents only a few of the events taking place at the library this summer. For more information on other events, call the library at (904) 827-6950.



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## NOCATEE HAPPENINGS

## Watson Realty Corp. hosts second annual Bubbles & Barks event

For the second straight year, Watson Realty Corp. hosted its Bubbles & Barks Doggie Wash Extravaganza at the company's office in Nocatee.

Held on Saturday, April 27, the event featured free dog washes, food and beverages, vendors with free giveaways, raffle drawings and other prizes. The event benefited Friends of St. Johns County Pet Center (FOSJCPC), which was on-site with "forever" friends to adopt.

To make a donation to FOSJCPC, visit [www.facebook.com/fosjcpc](http://www.facebook.com/fosjcpc).



**ABOVE:** Guests at Bubbles & Barks enjoy interacting with dogs at the event.

**LEFT:** Watson Realty Corp. Realtor Carolyn Oyler enjoys her company's second annual Bubbles & Barks Doggie Wash Extravaganza on April 27 in Nocatee. Oyler was responsible for organizing much of the event.

Photos by Susan Griffin

## COASTAL WINE MARKET HOSTS FESS PARKER REP AND TASTING

Coastal Wine Market & Tasting Room co-owner Steve Lourie stands with Fess Parker Winery & Vineyard Regional Sales Manager Ally Burkett. The Nocatee resident stopped by Coastal Wine on April 19 to offer tastings of her winery's portfolio, which is based out of Los Olivos, California.

Photo by Susan Griffin



## First Watch, Clean Juice and Sherwin-Williams opening summer 2020 in Nocatee

Skinner Bros. Realty, in partnership with The PARC Group, recently announced that Clean Juice, First Watch and Sherwin-Williams are opening in the Nocatee Town Center in Summer 2020.

According to a press release on the Nocatee website, the businesses will join GreenWise Market in a new shopping center located east of Crosswater Parkway and south of Nocatee Parkway. Construction is scheduled to begin in the coming months.

The arrival of First Watch marks the first exclusive breakfast, brunch and lunch restaurant in Nocatee. First Watch offers traditional favorites such as omelets, pancakes, sandwiches and salads, as well as unique specialty items such as Quinoa Power Bowls, Avocado Toast and the Chickichanga.

Locally owned and operated by Nocatee residents, Clean Juice is the first and only USDA-certified organic juice bar franchise. Rooted in "healthy body and a strong spirit" (3 John 1-2) scripture, Clean Juice offers organic açai bowls, cold-pressed juices, smoothies, bites and other healthy food to on-the-go families.

"We are excited for these unique additions to our vibrant community," said Michael O'Steen, director of planning and development at The PARC Group, Nocatee's master developer. "We remain committed to meeting the lifestyle needs of our residents and our growing community. The success of Nocatee is making it very attractive to popular local and national retailers."

According to the press release, the new shopping center will be comprised of two buildings, totaling 40,000 square feet of grocery, dining and retail spaces, with additional tenants to be announced in the near future. Along with golf-cart parking, there will be walkable waterfront space.

"Our strategy has been to fill the voids in the market," said Riley Skinner, vice president of Skinner Bros Realty. "We are excited to bring these new retailers and restaurants to the community. We continue to receive strong interest in the Nocatee Town Center and look forward to announcing more retailers in the near future."

## OBITUARIES

### Clare Hope Hollister Turner

Clare H. Turner died peacefully on April 15, 2019. She is survived by her sister, Ariel Jane (Paul) Langseth; three daughters, Cynthia Mason, Jennifer Maxwell and Cathy (Richard) Finke; three stepchildren, Kathy (Dave) Berting, Don (Linda) Turner and Lesley Turner; their children; and grandchildren.

Clare was born in Dayton, Ohio, on Sept. 13, 1929, and graduated from Miami University of Oxford, Ohio. She resided in Cincinnati from 1951 to 1988 when her husband, Tom, retired from Procter &



Clare H. Turner

Gamble. Avid golfers, they enjoyed Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida, until 2002 and Glenmore Retirement Community thereafter.

A service was held on April 18 at Westminster St. Augustine, (fna Glenmore).

A memorial service will take place in Cincinnati in mid-August 2019.



### Robert Young Duke

Robert Young Duke Sr., 81, of Jacksonville, died April 29, 2019. Arrangements by Quinn-Shalz, a Family Funeral Home & Cremation Centre.

### Kimba Etheridge

Kimba Etheridge, 56, of Jacksonville, died April 22, 2019. Arrangements by Quinn-Shalz, a Family Funeral Home & Cremation Centre.

### Coy W. Holaway

Coy W. Holaway, 90, of Jacksonville Beach, died April 27, 2019. Arrangements by Quinn-Shalz, a Family Funeral Home & Cremation Centre.

### Robert David Hulett

Robert David Hulett, 60, of Jacksonville, died April 28, 2019. Arrangements by Quinn-Shalz, a Family Funeral Home & Cremation Centre.

### Dorothy Miller Jones

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### Edna Sue Key

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### Jolene Myers

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### Roy A. Stark

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### James Lester Swett

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## PEACE OF HEART COMMUNITY HOSTS RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY WITH CHAMBER



Photo by Susan Griffin

The team from Peace of Heart Community participates in a ribbon-cutting ceremony with representatives from the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce on April 17. Located on Roscoe Road in Ponte Vedra, Peace of Heart Community encompasses a residential home for young women with autism, a community garden and art program. The nonprofit recently became a new member of the Chamber. Visit [www.pohc.org](http://www.pohc.org) for more information.

## MAINSTREAM BOUTIQUE CELEBRATES 3-YEAR ANNIVERSARY

Mainstream Boutique owner Carla Miles stands proudly in her Ponte Vedra Beach business, which is celebrating its three-year anniversary. Mainstream Boutique is located at 880 A1A N, Suite 4, and is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday to Friday and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday. Visit [mainstreamboutique.com](http://mainstreamboutique.com) for more information.

Photo by Ed Johnson



## Time to 'cycle' through some investment ideas



By Karsten Jacobson, CFP®

Karsten Jacobson  
Columnist

If you've noticed an increase in bicycle-related events lately, it may be because May is recognized as "Bike Month" — and some cities even observe a specific Bike Week. Of course, bicycling is good exercise and an environmentally friendly method of transportation, but it can also teach us some lessons about investing.

Here are a few to consider:

■ **Put the brakes on risky moves.** To keep themselves safe, experienced cyclists regularly do two things: They keep their brakes in good shape, and they don't take unnecessary risks, such as whipping around blind curves. As an investor, you can combine these two actions by putting your own "brakes" on risky moves. For example, if you're tempted to buy some hot investment you heard about, you may want to think twice before acting. Why? In the first place, most "hot" investments don't stay hot for too long, and may be cooling off by the time you hear of them. And even more important, they might not be appropriate for either your risk tolerance or your need to diversify your portfolio. When you invest, you can't eliminate all risks, but you can reduce them by avoiding impulsive moves and sticking with a disciplined, long-term strategy based on your needs and goals.

■ **Get regular financial tune-ups.** Avid cyclists keep their bikes in good shape through regular maintenance. When you invest, you usually don't need to make a lot of drastic moves, but you should periodically "tune up" your investment portfolio, possibly with the help of a financial professional, during regular reviews. Such a tune-up may involve any number of steps, but the main goal is to update your portfolio so it reflects where you're at in life — your goals, risk tolerance, earnings and family situation.

■ **Protect yourself from bumps in the road.** All serious bicyclists — and all bicyclists serious about keeping their heads intact — wear helmets when they are riding, because they know the dangers of rough terrain. Likewise, you need to protect yourself from the bumps in the road that could impede your progress toward your objectives. For starters, life insurance can help your family meet some essential needs — pay the mortgage, educate children and so on — in case something were to happen to you. And you may need disability insurance to replace your income temporarily if you became injured or ill and can't work for a while. Also, you might want long-term



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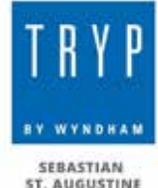


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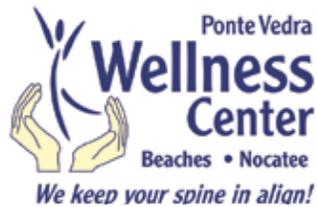
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# Join us in celebrating National Small Business Week



**Isabelle Renault**  
Guest Columnist



**Dirk Schroeder**  
Guest Columnist

The St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce is celebrating National Small Business Week from May 5 until May 11 and will be recognizing the many significant contributions that small business owners and their employees make in our community. Please join us by making a commitment to “shop small.”

Small businesses are the true economic engines of our national economy. There are 30 million small businesses in the U.S., according to Townsquare Interactive. The

following statistics, also per Townsquare Interactive, are also evident of the impact of small business.

- 65 percent of all new jobs created are created by small business.
- 55 percent of Americans work for or own a small business.
- For every \$100 spent at a small business, \$68 go back to the community.

According to the Small Business Administration, small businesses make up 99.7 percent of U.S. employer firms, and since the last recession, they accounted for 67 percent of the net new jobs created. Supporting small businesses means supporting jobs in our community.

In St. Johns County alone, there are several thousand small businesses employing tens of thousands of people. They are an integral part of our healthy and thriving economy. Our county is truly a reflection of how important small business is to our country.

The St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce is happy to call many small businesses as members. They are vital contributors and help strengthen the economic vitality of our county and region. Small business owners are well represented in our Chamber leadership and are a tremendous part of our organization. They play a crucial role in helping the Chamber achieve its goals of:

- Increasing capacity to adapt.
- Making a greater impact.
- Being a known influencer.

We are honored to support new and expanding small businesses through a variety of programming, such as our seven chamber business councils that serve a cross section of industry types and business sizes; our on-demand webinar series that allows members to access business training at a time that works best for them; and our “Pitch Factory” program, which provides both new and existing businesses

the opportunity to refine their business pitch to prospective clients and customers.

Over the course of Small Business Week, we encourage the community to make it a point to shop with the locally-owned store or coffee shop on the corner, go out to eat at a restaurant that was established here in St. Johns County and post a positive review, or consider a locally-owned accountant or attorney for your professional services needs. These are just a few of the ways you can express your appreciation to those small businesses, the very fabric of our community.

For more information about the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce, visit us at [www.sjchamber.com](http://www.sjchamber.com).

**Isabelle Renault, President and CEO,  
St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce**

**Dirk Schroeder, chairman, Board of Directors,  
St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce**

## Jacobson

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care insurance, which can help you guard against the potentially catastrophic costs of an extended stay in a nursing home or the services of a home health care worker.

■ **Don't stop pedaling.** When going long distances, bicyclists ride through rain, wind, sun and mosquitoes. They elude angry motorists and they change flat tires. In short, they persist in reaching their destinations. As an investor, you will pursue some goals that you may not reach until far in the future, such as a comfortable

retirement, so you too need to demonstrate determination and persistence by continuing to invest, in good markets and bad, through unsettling political and global events — and even despite your own occasional doubts.

Whether you're an avid cyclist or not, following these principles can help keep

your financial wheels moving along the road to your goals.

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# Flagler Health+ President/CEO discusses hospital's future in keynote speech at Chamber EDC breakfast

Flagler Health + President and CEO Jason Barrett discussed his hospital's expanded mission, expansion, rebranding initiative and changes in the healthcare industry, as the keynote speaker of the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce's Economic Development Council (EDC) Quarterly Breakfast on Friday, April 26, at the World Golf Hall of Fame in World Golf Village.

Previously known as Flagler Hospital, Flagler + will expand to include health villages in Nocatee, Murabella and other future locations.

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Melissa Nelson and Karen Everett



Photos by Susan Griffin

Flagler Health + President and CEO Jason Barrett provides his keynote address at the Chamber's EDC Breakfast April 26 at the World Golf Hall of Fame in World Golf Village.



**ABOVE:** Joan and Mark Refosco address attendees of a Chamber "After Hours" event on April 17 at a home in EvenTide. Joan is vice president of sales for Arthur Rutenberg Homes, and Mark is a franchise owner for the home builder.

**RIGHT:** Toni Boudreaux-Godwin, director of the Ponte Vedra Beach Division of the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce, speaks at the event.

Photos by Susan Griffin



## EvenTide hosts 'After Hours' event for Chamber

EvenTide, an intimate enclave planned for 23 luxury coastal homes located along Ponte Vedra Boulevard, hosted an "After Hours" event for the Ponte Vedra Beach Division of the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce on April 17.

Attendees of the event enjoyed the opportunity to check out one of the homes by Arthur Rutenberg Homes/Marcus Allen Homes and network among Chamber members and guests.

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The hospital is also introducing virtual urgent care visits available via its website and mobile app, downloadable in the Apple and Google Play app stores.

As part of its focus on addressing social determinants of health, Flagler Health+ is expanding Care Connect

— its community alliance designed to connect area residents with resources in a coordinated way throughout all of St. Johns County. In the coming year, Care Connect will introduce programs that further support mental health in adolescents while continuing to focus on key issues like homelessness and access to care.

To learn more about Flagler Health+, visit [www.flaglerhealth.org](http://www.flaglerhealth.org).

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# Ponte Vedra Plastic Surgery hosts luau

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Ricki Taylor and Katalin Hella



Paul Green and Chelle Thomas



ABOVE: Dr. Robert Burk and Dr. Cayce Rumsey enjoy the luau at Ponte Vedra Plastic Surgery on April 26.



LEFT: Trudy Toche, Montana Manilla and Alyson Cannady  
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# Florida Chamber Music Project to close season with Beethoven and Philip Glass May 5

The Florida Chamber Music Project (FCMP) will close out its 2018-19 season at the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall on Sunday, May 5 at 3 p.m., with music by Beethoven and Philip Glass.

The performance will include Beethoven's String Quartet No. 9 in C major, Op. 59, No. 3 and Glass' Quartet No. 2. The concert is dedicated to the memory of Dinah Crystal Kossoff, a Jacksonville nonprofit leader.

"The Philip Glass quartet is a lyrical piece that exemplifies his pioneering minimalist compositions," said Susan Pardue, artistic director of FCMP. "Beethoven's heroic Opus 59, No. 3 will provide an exciting, uplifting finale to our season."

FCMP was founded five years ago. Violist Susan Pardue serves as the artistic director. Joining her are violinists Patrice Evans, Anna Genest and Annie Hertler and cellist Laurie Casseday. All



Photo courtesy of Florida Chamber Music Project

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are members of the Jacksonville Symphony.

Dates for next season's concerts will be announced soon. According to FCMP, plans call for music by Mendelsohn, Brahms, Mozart, Schumann and Beethoven to be played.

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# Jacksonville Symphony holding \$200,000 matching challenge

All new and additional gifts to the Jacksonville Symphony made through June 30, 2019, will be matched dollar for dollar up to \$200,000.

According to a press release from the Symphony, the "Building Bridges" campaign is made possible through the donations of \$150,000 from the Lory and Pete Doolittle Family and \$50,000 from Preston and Joan Haskell.

"The Pete and Lory Doolittle Family is pleased to support the Jacksonville Symphony because of the fine way it enhances our city," Lory Doolittle said. "What fun it is to attend symphony events created by our excellent music director, Courtney Lewis. We are also enthusiastic about the musical educational opportunities that the Jacksonville Symphony provides for our city's students."

The Jacksonville Symphony is now in its 69th season. According to the press release, the Symphony is the largest provider of music education in Northeast Florida and is able to provide more than 70,000

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# St. Augustine Community Chorus to perform 'Carmina Burana' for 70th anniversary season finale

The St. Augustine Community Chorus is ending its 70th anniversary season with a bang, singing what is considered by critics to be one of the greatest pieces of music of the 20th century — "Carmina Burana" by Carl Orff, with the Bel Canto Singers of Daytona.

The concert is being held as part of the Romanza Festivale of the Arts, and will take place on Saturday, May 11 at 4 p.m. at Kirk Auditorium (Florida School for the Deaf and Blind). The performance will be performed earlier on May 4 in Daytona, home to the Bel Canto Singers, at the Central Baptist Church.

"This is a memorable and dramatic piece of music sung in Latin and German that many will recognize as key parts of this famous cantata have been used in movies, TV shows and commercials," said Mike Sanfilippo, music director for the St. Augustine Community Chorus. "We are pleased to be working with the Bel Canto Singers of Daytona for this first time to present this music with an enlarged chorus."

The Bel Canto Singers of Daytona are under the musical direction of Dr. David J. Redman. The program will begin with a selection by the Welsh composer Karl Jenkins, "Adiemus," which is also recognizable from its use in TV ads, including for Delta Airlines.

The St. Augustine Youth Chorus, under the direction of Kerry Fradley, will also play a role in this concert. "Carmina Burana" calls for a children's chorus in two of the movements, and they will join the chorus in the final movement as well. They will also sing in "Adiemus."



Photo courtesy of the St. Augustine Community Chorus

**The St. Augustine Community Chorus will perform "Carmina Burana" as part of the Romanza Festivale of the Arts on Saturday, May 11 at 4 p.m. at Kirk Auditorium (Florida School for the Deaf and Blind).**

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## Singers By The Sea to present 'The Spring Sing!' May 19

Singers By The Sea will perform its spring concert, "The Spring Sing!" on Sunday, May 19. The concert will be performed at 2:30 p.m. at Palms Presbyterian Church, located at 3410 3rd St. S. in Jacksonville Beach.

Director Becky Schumann has been directing the choral group for more than 30 years. The group of 50 singers perform a variety of songs including Broadway tunes, patriotic songs and traditional spirituals. The group performs throughout the year at senior centers, retirement communities and churches throughout

Jacksonville and the Beaches. Singers By The Sea holds a fall program, a Christmas program and the spring program.

Among the songs at this year's spring concert are "The U.S. Armed Forces Medley," "Lollipop," "In My Room" and "Moon River." The piano accompanists are John Whitaker and Jacquita Craven, with support of accompanists of string bass, percussion and violin.

The concert is free, with donations accepted. There is a reception immediately following the program. For more information, visit [singersbythesea.org](http://singersbythesea.org).

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# Chamber

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# Chorus

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The program will be accompanied by two pianists and six percussionists with a large battery of instruments including various drums and timpani, marimbas and more.

According to the St. Augustine Community Chorus, “Carmina Burana” was written by composer Carl Orff in 1935-1936 and once performed, he wanted his publishers to destroy everything he had previously composed (they didn’t) as he felt this was the true start of his career. The libretto was based on over 200 medieval songs and poems that Orff encountered in an 1847 edition of a book called

“Carmina Burana” by Johann Andreas Schmeller, which had original text from monks dating from the 11th to 13th centuries. He and a student with a background in Latin, selected and organized 24 of these poems to music.

Tickets for the show are on sale now at [www.staugustinecommunitychorus.org](http://www.staugustinecommunitychorus.org). Tickets are \$20 for adults ages 18 and over; \$12 for youth ages 11 to 17; \$5 for active military; and free for children 10 and under.

The St. Augustine Community Chorus has been celebrating its 70th Anniversary this season, and recently received a proclamation from the City of St. Augustine acknowledging its history and encouraging the public to celebrate and support its concerts.

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# Sports

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Photo courtesy of PVHS athletics

The Ponte Vedra boys lacrosse team gathers after winning the District 6 title on April 18. The Sharks defeated Lake Mary High School 12-5 on Tuesday in the regional semifinals of the state championship tournament.

## PVHS knocks off Lake Mary, advances to regional finals

The Ponte Vedra boys lacrosse team defeated Lake Mary High School 12-5 in the regional semifinals of the state championship tournament on Tuesday.

With the game held at Lake Mary, Ponte Vedra jumped out to a 3-0 lead after the first period and onto a 6-3 halftime lead. Several times in the second half, Lake Mary came within two goals of the Sharks, but Ponte Vedra put away the Rams with five goals in the fourth.

Senior attack Jack Dowd, senior attack Patrick Dotsikas and sophomore midfielder Joe Taraboletti each had three goals to lead the offense. Junior defender Tommy Zitiello had a goal and led the team with five ground balls. Freshman goalie Nolan Parlette had eight saves.

Ponte Vedra is now 21-1 on the season and will face Bolles at home Friday night for the regional championship and a chance to go to the state final four. The game is set to start at 7 p.m.



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PVHS senior captain and midfielder Ella Madson brings the ball downfield in the Lady Sharks' 11-9 loss to Hagerty on Monday. Madson finished with five goals, seven draw controls and one turnover caused.

## Lady Sharks fall to Hagerty in regional semifinals

The Ponte Vedra Lady Sharks lacrosse team lost to Hagerty High School 11-9 on Monday at home in the regional semifinals.

Both teams came out strong and traded offensive and defensive blows. The back-and-forth action between two of the state's top lacrosse programs saw the score tied 6-6 at halftime. The second half saw more of the same as the fast-paced play continued.

The Lady Sharks were once again led by senior captain and midfielder Ella Madson with five goals, seven draw controls and one turnover caused. Junior midfielder Lexi Johnson, with two goals, three draw controls, one groundball and one turnover caused, kept the Sharks in the game with crucial draw controls to give the Lady Sharks the opportunity to finish and earn the right to play in the regional finals.

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## Ponte Vedra tops Clay in district softball

The Ponte Vedra softball team beat Clay High School 2-1 on Tuesday in a nail-biter of a game.

The action began with Clay pitcher Morgan Crutcher retiring the Sharks' first three batters in 11 pitches, then advancing with one run scored on an error in the first. Crutcher continued to hold the Sharks with five strikeouts, despite being pummeled by two line drives to her shin. She delivered 19 first-pitch strikes and a styming change-up, but she had some help. Clay's shortstop Kylee Stacy and

left fielder Morgan Silvis saw bold action, squelching hard-hit grounders and line drives by Scotland David, Catherine Beaton, Bailey Wagoner and Michelle Holder. But Ponte Vedra's pitcher, Michelle Holder, suddenly picked up steam, drawing outs by Bailey Wagoner at third, Michelle Leone at short, Catherine Beaton at second base and a brilliant pick off by catcher Tara McGee to Leone in the sixth.



Photo by Suzanne C. Photography

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The Ponte Vedra softball team gathers after beating Clay 2-1 on Tuesday in district play.

# PVHS baseball shuts out Duval Charter on Senior Night

**By Jim Moyes**

Special to the Recorder

Ponte Vedra (15-9) cruised to an easy 7-0 victory over an overmatched Duval Charter team Monday night on Senior Night at Sharks Park.

Playing all his seniors, veteran Sharks head coach Tom Stanton saw all five pitchers used in the contest, including four who had not appeared in a game as a pitcher all season. They allowed but one hit in the shutout victory.

Seniors Brody Maynard and Luke Isaacs each posted a pair of hits for the Sharks as many of the Ponte Vedra regulars sat out the contest.

Nine graduating Sharks were honored before the contest with all seeing valuable playing time, including a brief pinch-hit appearance by a hobbling Carter Page. One of the leading hitters in the area, coach Stanton and the Sharks are hoping that Page will be able to return to the lineup next week for the district tournament that will be hosted by the Sharks.

After losing to Creekside 7-4 on Tuesday, Ponte Vedra concludes their final week of the regular season with a home game Thursday against a potent Trinity Christian team.

Ponte Vedra will open defense of their district championship from the previous season by playing in the second of the two games Tuesday evening at Sharks Park. Following the first game between Clay and Ridgeview, the top seeded Sharks will face the winner of Monday's play-in game between Menendez and Orange Park.

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Luke Isaacs with his family



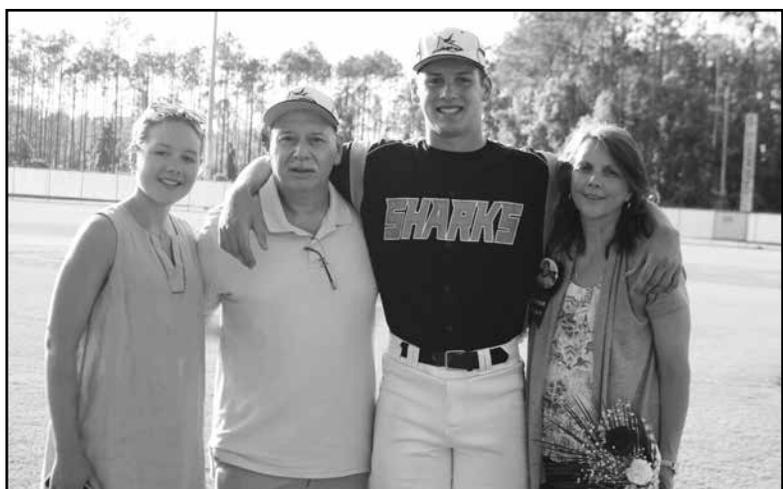
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# Lacrosse

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It was not to be, however, as Hagerty was able to take the lead midway through the final half. Without a shot clock in high

school, Hagerty was able to control the ball and run significant time off the clock. In the end, Hagerty star Katie Williams' five goals were just too much for the Sharks.

Hagerty advances to the regional finals. The Lady Sharks end the season with a final record of 15-4.

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# Softball

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Holder's biggest asset of the evening, however, aside from her own two strikeouts and pitch placement, was Scotland David in center field, scooping no less than six line drives with two diving catches worthy of the pros. David collected two hits for the evening, the second of which happened in the sixth inning behind Tara McGee, who reached first on an error.

Then came Michelle Leone with a line drive to right field that scored McGee and left her on base with David at third. Caught in a pickle between third and home, David made it safely back to third, and while attention diverted to Leone, David slipped home to oust Clay from the lead.

Ponte Vedra's only other hit was delivered by Olivia Zitiello in the seventh to no avail. The Sharks' pitching and defense were too much for Clay, going down 2-1 on only two hits by Stacy and Casie Carlisle.

Ponte Vedra advances to the next round on Thursday, facing Ridgeview at Clay High School at 7 p.m. Ponte Vedra and Ridgeview split wins versus each other this season.

*For photos from Senior Night on April 25, visit [pontevedrarecorder.com](http://pontevedrarecorder.com).*



Caught in a pickle between third and home, Scotland David makes it safely back to third. While attention diverted to Michelle Leone, David slipped home to oust Clay from the lead.

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# Nease football coach Drafts enjoys spending time with new team

By Jon Blauvelt

Nease football coach Collin Drafts is excited to finally be practicing with his new team.

Named the new coach of the Panthers in late March, the 33-year-old native of Beaufort, South Carolina, was in Ponte Vedra last week to meet with his team for the second time. As he fulfills his teaching contract in South Carolina, Drafts is traveling to and from the area for spring football.

"I feel at home already," Drafts said. "I've got a great bunch of kids we've already been working with."

Drafts is replacing Tim Krause, who left Nease for the head coaching position at Bishop Kenny High School. The new Panthers coach previously was the head coach of AC Flora High School in Columbia, South Carolina, where he led the Falcons to a 9-3

record in 2018 after they went 0-10 in his first season in 2017. Drafts' resume also includes a head coaching stint at East River High School and an assistant coaching stint at West Orange High School in Orlando. He played quarterback for seven years in the Arena Football League, and college football at Charleston Southern University.

Drafts told the Recorder his leadership style is consistent with that of a "players' coach."

"I tell my players all the time I love them, but I'm going to coach you hard," Drafts said. "Kind of that tough love. I'm an energetic guy. I like to get out there and get them riled up and get the energy flowing, and I think the players feed off of that."

As for the X's and O's of the game,



Photo by Jon Blauvelt

Nease head football coach Collin Drafts

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Planet Swim Aquatics and Florida All-Star Meet coach Ailton Temotio Jr. (right), poses with local swimmers and All-Star meet competitors Mary Agnes Smith (from left), Annie Wohlgemuth and Lucas Mijares.

Photo courtesy of



## Local swimmers compete at Florida's All-Star Meet

Planet Swim Aquatics in Ponte Vedra Beach recently sent three local athletes to compete at Florida Swimming's All-Star Meet in Fort Pierce.

Annie Wohlgemuth, Lucas Mijares and Mary Agnes Smith qualified for the meet by placing in the top six in their events at the Florida Age Group Championship Meet in February in Orlando. The three young athletes brought home top-10 finishes in 14 events at the All-Star Meet.

Additionally, Planet Swim Aquatics coach Ailton Temotio Jr. was selected by his peers to serve as coach of the 13-14-year-old girls at the Florida All-Star Meet.

"I wanted our swimmers to have fun at this meet," Temotio said. "This is a once-a-year opportunity to swim with the best of the best in Florida and I was so pleased

with their swims. These athletes train hard and we saw those results in the pool."

Highlights of the weekend included:

- Wohlgemuth's first place in the 200-medley relay, second place in the mixed 200-medley relay, fifth place in the 200 backstroke, sixth place in the 100 backstroke and seventh place in the 100 butterfly

- Smith's second place in the 100 butterfly, fourth place in the 50 butterfly, sixth place in the 500 freestyle and eighth place in the 100 freestyle and 100 IM

- Mijares' 10th place in the 100 breaststroke and 10th place in the mixed 200-medley relay.

For more information on Planet Swim Aquatics, visit [www.planetswim.org](http://www.planetswim.org) or call (904) 285-7545.

## PVHS ALUMNA BERMAN WINS JU'S BRADY AWARD



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Ponte Vedra High School alumna and Jacksonville University (JU) golfer Hannah Berman (right) receives the Brady Award, alongside JU soccer player Sebastian Ramirez and JU Associate Athletic Director for Compliance and Administration Justin Wilkins. The Brady Award is named in honor of former JU President Dr. James Brady and presented to JU Athletics' student-athlete leaders of the year who have a 3.0 or higher cumulative GPA to date. The award is presented to the male and female student-athletes who go above and beyond in all areas of competition, and demonstrate a successful balance between academic achievement, student organization and intercollegiate athletic participation. The JU women's golf team, coached by Nocatee resident Jennifer Borocz, received the Outstanding Team GPA Award, presented to the teams who have recorded the highest GPA among the 20 sports during the 2018 calendar year.

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Residents of the Plantation at Ponte Vedra Beach gather with tennis champion Mats Wilander, who visited the community on Easter Sunday for his Wilander on Wheels (WOW) tour.

## Tennis champ Mats Wilander visits The Plantation at Ponte Vedra Beach

Former World No. 1 and seven-time Grand Slam champion (eight, counting doubles) Mats Wilander brought his Wilander on Wheels (WOW) tour to the Plantation at Ponte Vedra Beach on Easter Sunday.

Residents enjoyed the opportunity to play and practice with Wilander, an International Tennis Hall of Famer from Sweden. More than 15 residents went head-to-head with Wilander and his partner, Cameron Lickle, for the day.

Plantation Tennis Director Lars Hakansson, also from Sweden, grew up with

Wilander and competed against him many times in various tournaments throughout their junior years.

Due to the success of this year's event, Hakansson and Wilander are already planning this event for next year.

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## Gavant wins Plantation at PVB ladies golf crown

The Plantation at Ponte Vedra Beach Ladies Golf Association (PLGA) recently held its annual Club Championship Low Gross and Low Net tournaments, with 18-hole rounds played on Wednesday, April 24 and Thursday, April 25.

Beverly Gavant was awarded the Low Gross Championship trophy. Gavant posted a score of 165 to capture top honors. Carol Williams, with a score of 173, was the Low Gross runner-up.

Diane Howard took home the Low Net prize, winning the President's Cup with a score of 141 for the two rounds. Magi Jones, carding a 144, was Low Net runner-up.



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The Plantation at PVB Director of Golf Nancy Maunder (left) presents the PLGA Low Gross Club Championship trophy to Beverly Gavant on April 25.



Maunder (left) presents the PLGA President's Cup Low Net trophy to Diane Howard.



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Nease student-athletes participate in spring football practice.

## Nease

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Drafts said he's an offensive guy who employs much of what he learned while playing at the college level. That philosophy features a no-huddle, spread offense, which he said will morph around what the team can do at the quarterback position. On defense, Drafts said he plans to

employ a 4-2-5 formation.

Nease went 3-7 in 2008, 5-5 in 2017 and 3-6 in 2016. The Panthers will play their spring game versus Palatka on Friday, May 17, at home.

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**OCEANFRONT**  
5/5/2 • \$6,900,000  
Belk Ingram



**OLD PONTE VEDRA**  
5/3 • \$2,195,000  
Natalie Bryant



**PONTE VEDRA BCH**  
3/2/1 • \$665,900  
Suzanne Stephens



**JACKSONVILLE BCH**  
1/1 • \$239,000  
Jayne Young/Gwinn Volen



**PONTE VEDRA BEACH**  
3/3 • \$515,000  
Kathleen Floryan



**JAX GOLF & CC**  
5/4/1 • \$799,900  
Bob Brown



**NOCATEE**  
3/2/1 • \$323,900  
Patti Armstrong



**PONTE VEDRA BCH**  
3/3 • \$899,000  
Suzie Connolly



**PONTE VEDRA BCH**  
Homesite • \$595,000  
Bill Struck



**JAX BEACH**  
2/1/1 • \$259,000  
Valerie Shaw/Mary Faulds



**PABLO CREEK RSV**  
.34 acres • \$367,000  
Suzanne Schinsing



**JACKSONVILLE BCH**  
Homesite • \$850,000  
Natalie Bryant



**PONTE VEDRA BCH**  
4/4/1 • \$1,250,000  
Suzie Connolly



**ST. AUGUSTINE**  
3/3/1 • \$799,000  
Kathleen Floryan



**OCEANFRONT**  
2/2 • \$865,000  
Susan Fort/Tyler Ackland



**OCEANFRONT**  
3/3/1 • \$1,770,000  
Suzie Connolly



**S. JAX BEACH**  
2/2 • \$729,000  
Belk Ingram/Clara Sigmon



**THE POINT AT PV**  
3/2/1 • \$575,000  
Suzie Connolly



**ATLANTIC BEACH**  
4/3/1 • \$447,500  
Patti Armstrong



**PONTE VEDRA BCH**  
4/3 • \$982,500  
Patti Armstrong



**THE PLANTATION**  
4/3/1 • \$965,000  
Susan Fort/Tyler Ackland