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Eleven-month-old Jackson Hueber (left) and his friend Tinsley Guhtrie, 8 months, pose for pictures Oct. 16 at the Lord of Life Lutheran Church Pumpkin Patch. *Read more on Page 7.*

Photo by Maggie FitzRoy

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### WHAT'S THIS?



**Do you know what this is?**

Email answer to [pvrecorder@opcfla.com](mailto:pvrecorder@opcfla.com) by Monday at 5 p.m.

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

No readers correctly identified last week's photo as the sign for Earthwise Pet in Jacksonville Beach, so we'll try something else this week. Good luck, everyone!



### ADOPT A PET



#### CAT OF THE WEEK

Spooky was brought to the Pet Center as a stray. She is a 3-year-old female domestic shorthair. This little girl is very lovable with beautiful gold eyes. Come see Spooky today at the Pet Center. #51751



#### DOG OF THE WEEK

Gremlin was picked up as a stray. He is a male, neutered 3-year-old Dachshund mix. Gremlin is housetrained, great on a leash, good with other dogs and very sweet, lovable. Come see Gremlin at the Pet Center today. #52040

Any new pet being introduced to a new home will need time to adjust to its new environment. Please reinforce house training and behavioral training, and be mindful of interacting with other pets.

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### PUZZLE SOLUTIONS

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Solutions correspond to last week's puzzles.

Summoning *all* Trick-or-Treaters



## SPOOKTACULAR

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# Cheers to 50 Years!

Ponte Vedra Recorder icon a blast from the past

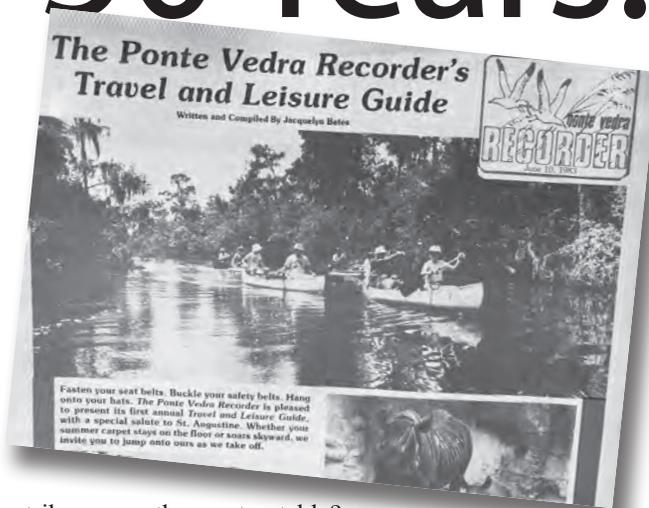
By Maggie FitzRoy

Going through Ponte Vedra Recorder archives is like taking a time machine back into the past. Who remembers this art from 1982?

The Ponte Vedra Recorder was first published in 1969, and your community paper wants to celebrate its 50th birthday with you. Send us your stories, photos or memories from that year in our Northeast Florida paradise. What did the area look like back then? Where did you go to school? Where did you shop? Where did you go out to eat? Which beach did you head to for a swim in the sea?

If you were lucky enough to live here in 1969, what chapter of life were you in? Send us school photos, wedding pictures, grinning -little-kid-on-the-beach pictures. Tell us what sports activities you were involved in, where you hung out, what type of clothes you wore, and where.

For lifelong residents, what changes through the years



strike you as the most notable?

What has changed for the better? What was better back then?

For newcomers, tell us why you now call this area home. Because the memories you are making today will be interesting to people in the future.

Email your photos and memories to [maggie@opcfla.com](mailto:maggie@opcfla.com) with "Cheers to 50 years" in the subject line. Thank you!

## Christ Episcopal Church parishioners tour new building under construction

By Maggie FitzRoy

Christ Episcopal Church parishioners and clergy toured the first floor of their new Formation and Arts Building under construction Sunday.

Slated to be completed in February, the 19,800-sq. ft. two-story building, on the campus at 400 San Juan Drive in Ponte Vedra Beach, will become a hub of activity through the week as well as on Sundays. Its meeting rooms and hospitality features will be offered for use by community groups as well as by the church's active parish. Its rooms will include Sunday school classrooms, various size rooms, small group areas and practice and performance spaces.

A 40-ft. wide garden walkway will span the length of the campus leading into the main courtyard.

"This is going to be great, with all the rooms, because we are growing," longtime parishioner Barbara Bartels said as she walked through the construction area after the 9 a.m. service.

"They've done an excellent job of making it multifunctional," said her husband, Gene Bartels. "Part of the purpose is to make it not only for church membership, but for the community at large."

The Rector, Rev. Tom Reeder, said he was pleased with what he saw. "I think it's fantastic," he said. "It will go a long way to complete our mission of transforming lives through the love of Christ."

The Formation and Arts Building is



one of a series of capital improvements planned at the church, which has served as a religious and community center

in Ponte Vedra Beach since 1951. For more information, visit [boldfaithboldfuture.org](http://boldfaithboldfuture.org).

## OBITUARIES

### George Charles Fetherston

George Charles Fetherston died October 8, 2019. He was born on January 15, 1943, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. George was a member of the graduating class of 1965 from Michigan State University.

George had a lifelong career in the hospitality industry management field working for Gold-key Inns in the Detroit, Michigan area, Harepenau Enterprises in the Cincinnati, Ohio area, Interstate Hotels in the Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania area and also in the state of Florida in Key West and Ponte Vedra Beach at the Marriott Sawgrass Resort and most recently as the General Manager of the Sawgrass Country Club.



George Charles Fetherston

George took great pride in his public service. Serving Rotary International for more than 40 years, and a President of the Sawgrass Rotary Club. George served as the Northeast Florida Director of the American Red Cross, Board Member of the Hotel Association, Historic Hotel Association of America, Southern America Inn Keepers along with serving as Chairman of the Vicar's Landing Board of Directors and most proudly as a minority share owner of the Green Bay Packers Football team.

George is survived by his loving wife of 56 years, Jackie, sons Robert (Pam), Jon (Gwendolyn) and Matthew (Carla), grandchildren Nicolle, Andrew, Nicholas, Ashleigh.

A Memorial Service was held at 4 p.m., Friday, October 11, 2019 at Vickers Landing, 1000 Vickers Landing Way, Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida 32082.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Vickers Landings Members Trust Scholarship Fund. Please visit the online Tribute at [www.quinn-shalz.com](http://www.quinn-shalz.com). Arrangements by Quinn-Shalz Family Funeral Home.



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### Ann Cushman

Ann Cushman, 87, of Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida, died Oct. 19, 2019. Ponte Vedra Valley Funeral Home, Cremation Center & Cemetery – (904) 285-1130 – [www.pontevedravalley.com](http://www.pontevedravalley.com).

### Dr. Henry Randle

Dr. Henry Randle, 75, of Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida, died Oct. 13, 2019. Ponte Vedra Valley Funeral Home, Cremation Center & Cemetery – (904) 285-1130 – [www.pontevedravalley.com](http://www.pontevedravalley.com)

### Dr. Michael "Mike" Reynolds

Dr. Michael "Mike" Reynolds, 65, died Oct. 15, 2019. Arrangements by Quinn-Shalz Family Funeral Home of Jacksonville Beach, FL. (904) 249-1100.

ABOVE: Christ Episcopal Church parishioners enter the first-floor construction area of the new Formation and Arts Building Sunday, Oct. 20.

LEFT: Longtime Christ Episcopal Church members Gene Bartels, left, and his wife, Barbara, tour the new construction area on the campus Sunday.

Photos by Maggie FitzRoy



Photos by Maggie FitzRoy

Ron Lake (front) and other local Democrats hold up signs along Nocatee Parkway Oct. 17 in support of impeachment proceedings for President Trump.

## Local Democrats protest for impeachment in Nocatee

By Maggie FitzRoy

About 30 Democrats gathered at Nocatee Town Center Oct. 17 to hold up signs supporting impeachment proceedings against President Trump.

Rallying through social media and email, they met in front of Chase Bank on Nocatee Parkway at 11 a.m. and lined up along the road, some with signs urging passersby to honk if they agreed with them. They planned to stay for several hours.

“I’ll be here every day,” said Mary Luke of Nocatee. “Because it just may take the support of the people to support Congress in their findings, and that he needs to be impeached.”

Erica Connor, President of the Ponte Vedra Democratic Club, was among the group, bringing club members with her. She said she has lived in St. Johns County since 2014, and since 2016, has seen her club grow. “I’ve definitely seen more folks who identify as liberal, or

identify on the left side of the spectrum, come out and identify themselves,” she said.

In 2011, Connor said St. Johns County was so heavily Republican that it appeared the Ponte Vedra Democratic Club might fold. “Now, it’s thriving,” she said. “It’s been really exciting to see.”

Rick Loochtan of Nocatee said he was out there holding up a sign to exercise his first amendment rights. He doesn’t support the president’s stance on immigration, or “foreign policy that is administered unilaterally by tweet,” adding, “this area has been red for a long time. But there is a growing and rising group of people who believe our democracy is imperiled. We are anxious for government to return to sanity, honesty and fairness.”

President Trump “is absolutely incompetent,” Luke said. “I figured I’d get some honks with this sign, and I am getting some honks.”



Area Democrats show their support for impeachment proceedings against President Trump Oct. 17 in Nocatee.



Photos provided by the Trump Club of St. Johns County

The Trump Club of St. Johns County organized a march at 10 a.m. Oct. 17 in downtown St. Augustine to support the President.

## Trump club marches in downtown St. Augustine

By Christine Rodenbaugh

In all, about 40 people turned out Oct. 17 at the Castillo de San Marcos in St. Augustine to join a march to support President Trump. Several groups around the country held local marches for those who could not travel to Washington, D.C. for the main event that marched from Freedom Plaza to the U.S. Capitol.

“It was kind of like a little litmus test to see how President Trump is doing three years into his presidency in a town that is so heavily Democrat,” said Diane Scherf, president of the Trump Club of St. Johns County who organized the local march. She said the response from onlookers was about 85% positive — this time. She said in 2016, Trump supporters would get lots of nasty looks and “the finger,” so marchers were unsure what to expect at Friday’s march.

“I was surprised at the outpouring of support of drivers, people on trolleys

and also people joined us,” one of the marchers, Mary Robbie, said. “I am amazed at support that is out there for President Trump.”

The main message of the local march was to simply thank the President, said Scherf, who had “Thank you, President Trump” signs printed for participants to carry.

“That’s all I was trying to accomplish,” Scherf said. “We support you and appreciate the job you are doing for the country as a whole.”

According to Scherf, the Trump Club of St. Johns County is not chartered under the SJC Republican Party. The nonpartisan club, started in 2017, currently has about 200 members and nearly 5,000 newsletter subscribers. In addition to Republicans, there are also independents and Democrats who are members. Robbie said the group is made up of a wide spectrum of people from teenagers to octogenarians — and lots of women.



Trump supporters march over the Bridge of Lions on Oct. 17.

Owner of Cruise Planners—Top Sail Journeys, Ponte Vedra Beach resident Dorothy Flannery is founder and president of The Florida Travel Expo. The first-time event will be held from noon to 5 p.m. Nov. 3 at World Golf Village. Tickets are free. For more information visit [thefloridatravelexpo.com](http://thefloridatravelexpo.com).

## Dorothy Flannery



Photo by Maggie FitzRoy

As told to Maggie FitzRoy

### **When did you first realize you wanted a career in travel?**

I fell in love with travel when my parents took me on my first cruise at age 13.

### **Where did you go?**

We did a 10-night Holland America cruise to the southern Caribbean. I woke up one morning when we got to Venezuela and looked out the porthole and looked up and looked up and saw my first mountain.

### **Where did you grow up?**

I grew up largely in Key Biscayne, Florida.

### **What brought you to Ponte Vedra Beach?**

My mom moved to Cypress Village to be closer to Mayo Clinic. After a year or two I realized she shouldn't be alone. I sold my condo, put everything in storage, and looked for a place to live up here.

### **What launched you into the travel industry as a professional?**

After I got my MBA, I went into advertising and ended up working on travel accounts. I got a job with Carnival and from that I've done the whole gamut in the travel industry.

### **What inspired you to create The Florida Travel Expo?**

I have been waiting for years for there to be an all-

encompassing consumer travel show in Florida. In other states they are huge. It's an event people look forward to all year.

### **So, you started one yourself; who will it appeal to?**

The target audience is leisure travelers interested in international vacation travel. There will be cruise and tour companies. There will be resort fashion shows and seminars ranging from solo travel to multigenerational travel and travel safety.

### **What do you like about living in Ponte Vedra Beach?**

It has all the best of Florida — the beaches and the weather. It has seasonality, but fortunately winter is the shortest season. And it's not been overdeveloped.

# Lord of Life Lutheran Church pumpkins are a tradition



**Kellie Guthrie explores the Lord of Life Lutheran Church Pumpkin Patch with her daughter, Tinsley, 8 months.**

Photos by Maggie FitzRoy

**By Maggie FitzRoy**

Jon and Jessica Pettry began bringing their son, James, to the Lord of Life Lutheran Church pumpkin patch when he was an infant. So, of course they brought their 2-and-a-half-year-old son back this year. They arrived Oct. 16, shortly after opening day, when they were sure to have an expansive choice of hundreds of pumpkins of all shapes and sizes.

As they helped James pick out the perfect one, they snapped lots of pictures. Just like most of the other customers there.

“We live right around the corner, and it’s nice that it raises money for the church,” Jessica Pettry said.

This year marks the 20th annual Pumpkin Patch Fundraiser for the church at 276 N. Roscoe Blvd. It opened Oct. 14 and runs through Oct. 31. It is open Monday

through Friday from 2 p.m. to dusk; Saturday 9 a.m. to dusk; and Sunday 11 a.m. to dusk.

Kellie Guthrie of Nocatee and her friend Sarah Hueber of Ponte Vedra Beach shopped for pumpkins together the same day as the Pettrys. Guthrie brought her 8-month-old daughter, Tinsley, and Hueber brought her 11-month-old son, Jackson. They placed the babies in a wagon next to a haystack for photos.

“They are boyfriend and girlfriend as of right now, until they decide otherwise,” Hueber said with a smile.

Getting pumpkins from a pumpkin patch makes it an adventure, Guthrie said. “It’s a fun, special time we can celebrate as a family. We love picking out pumpkins with family and friends. Just being outdoors. It’s something we can plan together to celebrate the fall.”



**Jessica Pettry of Ponte Vedra Beach takes pictures of her husband, Jon, and 2½-year-old son, James as they pick out the perfect family pumpkin Oct. 16 in the Lord of Life Lutheran Church Pumpkin Patch.**

## Fall fundraising at the ‘pumpkin church’

**By Christine Rodenbaugh**

Parishioners don’t mind at all that First United Methodist Church at 118 King Street in St. Augustine is known as the “pumpkin church.” Each year near the beginning of October a full semi-truck of pumpkins is unloaded and artfully displayed on the lawn.

This year, volunteers unloaded 2,512 pumpkins.

It’s a fundraiser for the church’s children’s programs and youth ministry. “Funds are split between the two and makes up the majority of the budget — at least 80%,” Jayce Ginn, youth director, said. “The fundraiser supports Sunday night dinners, mission trips, community service

projects, trunk or treat events and vacation Bible school, among others.”

The church orders the fall squash from Pumpkins USA, a company that started with one patch in North Carolina supplying pumpkins to one church. The idea caught on and business was expanding until Hurricane Hugo destroyed a crop. The company moved farming operations to a Navajo Indian Reservation in New Mexico, a region with 42% unemployment. The 1,200-acre farm employs more than 700 Native Americans and supplies pumpkins to more than 1,000 organizations for fundraising projects.

“We usually sell out near the end of the month,” Ginn said. “We’re on track to sell out; maybe a little faster than usual.”



Photo by Christine Rodenbaugh

**Less than half of the 2,512 pumpkins remain at First United Methodist Church in St. Augustine on Oct. 18. Sales continue through Oct. 31 or until they sell out.**

## BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS CONTINUES DESPITE FARMERS MARKET CANCELLATION



Photo provided by St. Francis in-the-Field

While the Oct. 19 Nocatee Farmers Market Fall Festival was canceled due to rainy weather, Fr. Rick Lindsey (left to right), from St. Francis in-the-Field Episcopal Church, and Steve and Sandie Brainerd and their pets, Annie and Baxter, still showed up at Nocatee Station Field to represent St. Francis and receive blessings.



Representatives from Flagler Health+ and Publix prepare to cut the ribbon at the grand opening of the telehealth service kiosk at the Publix supermarket in Nocatee.

Photo provided by St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce

## Publix and Flagler Health+ celebrate opening of area's 1st telehealth walk-in care service

Flagler Health+ and Publix Super Markets have teamed up to open the first in a series of new telehealth clinics inside Publix locations throughout St. Johns County.

Located adjacent to the Publix pharmacy, consumers can be seen and treated virtually by a board-certified physician for minor illnesses, in the privacy of a dedicated telehealth space, in an average of

10 minutes. They recently celebrated the opening of the first location in Nocatee, located at 120 Marketside Ave.

Publix Vice President of Pharmacy Dain Rusk and Flagler Health+ President and CEO Jason Barrett led the celebration with a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the new Flagler Health+ Walk-In-Care clinic.

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# Tesori Foundation hosts kids golf clinic at TPC Sawgrass

By Daniela Toporek

Ten-year-old Poppy Hill had been looking forward to the event for weeks. She'd attended twice before and her father, Rob Hill, deemed the All-Star Kids Golf Clinic--hosted Oct. 14, by the Tesori Family Foundation at TPC Sawgrass--as one of her favorite events of the year.

Started by Tesori Family Foundation founders Michelle and Paul Tesori, the All-Star Kids Golf Clinic hosts 25 children and young adults with special needs who enjoy the game of golf. PGA TOUR players and caddies volunteer to spend one-on-one time with the participants and assist with skill stations on the practice green.

"It's a fantastic event," Rob Hill said.

After the Tesoris thanked attending volunteers and sponsors, PGA and LPGA tour players Ryan Blaum and Amelia Lewis were introduced and spent time with the children, helping them practice their swings and introducing them to Power Tee, an automatic teeing system.

"Poppy really loved how the ball comes up without you having to do anything," Poppy's mother, Michaela Hill, said. She also said that Poppy loved the giant, inflatable gorilla overlooking the green, and that her confidence radiated through the entire event.

"She high-fives everyone, hugs the kids,

talks to the pros, and feels the same as everyone else," Michaela Hill said. "That's where she shines."

The first All-Star Kids Clinic launched in 2014 at a tournament in Greensboro, North Carolina. Soon after, tournament directors lined up, asking to host a clinic in their own tournaments. Next year, there will be 20 nationwide.

"It's a dream come true that I never dreamed," Paul Tesori said. "This game has been everything in my life. For me, not only to be able to do clinics throughout the country, but to be able to in my home, in Ponte Vedra, I get way more out of it than the kids do. The kids teach me every day. My son has taught me more in five and a half years than I learned in my first 42."

The Tesori's son, Isaiah, also took a liking to the green gorilla, putting the ball enthusiastically and happily playing all over the green. He even found the best-shaded spot of the sunny afternoon, under one of the dinner tables, playing games with a friend.

"A lot of people, when they see that Isaiah has Down syndrome, they're apologetic and say, 'I'm sorry,' but no, stop. Don't be sorry," Tesori said. "He's amazing. He's perfect just the way he is."

Visit [www.tesorifamilyfoundation.org](http://www.tesorifamilyfoundation.org) for more information on the Tesori Family Foundation or the All-Star Kids Golf Clinic.



Creators of the Tesori Family Foundation, Paul and Michelle Tesori, found their son, Isaiah (blue shirt), relaxing in the shade with a friend under one of the dining tables.



Photos by Daniela Toporek

ABOVE: LPGA player, Amelia Lewis, takes a few demonstrative swings for the All-Star participants.

LEFT: Poppy Hill, 10, stands on the Power Tee and waits for the ball to pop up at one of her favorite events of the year.

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**ABOVE:** Ximenez-Fatio House Museum tour guide Courtney Crum will be one of the hosts for an after-dark tour highlighting guests and owners who have died on the property.

**RIGHT:** The Colonial Dames of America in the State of Florida purchased the Ximenez-Fatio House from Louisa Fatio's heirs in 1939 and restored the property as a museum.

Photos by Christine Rodenbaugh



# History is spookier than fiction

Ximenez-Fatio House to host after-dark tours for first time

By Christine Rodenbaugh

The Ximenez-Fatio House Museum seems frozen in time. Spaniard Andres Ximenez built the coquina house in 1798 with two levels, tabby floors and a separate coquina kitchen. The building was operated as a general store, tavern, billiard room and boarding house, mostly by women, and is considered as one of St. Augustine's best-preserved Spanish colonial dwellings.

During the summer, museum tour guide and Flagler College student Courtney Crum proposed hosting nighttime tours to coincide with Halloween. The history major knew a few owners and guests had died on the property.

"Sometimes when there's a wedding, we're here after dark," Crum said, meaning the property could feel a little mysterious.

Archivist Taryn Rodriguez-Boette went to work uncovering the history of people who drew their last breath on museum property. It turns out there were more than a few.

"History is so much better than fiction," Rodriguez-Boette said. Ghost tours are common in the nation's

oldest city, but how many are based on historical research?

It was common practice in the 1800s to send patients with tuberculosis and other ailments from northern states to Florida, believing the warmer climate promoted health. The Ximenez-Fatio house has a "frail lady room" where at least one death occurred.

Rodriguez-Boette has been able to document 13 deaths on the property.

"I've been organizing museum archives for the last few years," Rodriguez-Boette said. "It's a collection from 1939."

She used museum documents, burial records from the Tolomato and Huguenot cemeteries and research at the St. Augustine Historical Research Library to follow leads and "connect the dots."

"When I'm looking for dead people, [library staff] are very helpful," Rodriguez-Boette said.

Crum said that all of the Ximenez-Fatio House tour guides worked together to write the story from Rodriguez-Boette's research. It's the first time the museum will offer tours after dark. There will be candles and lanterns outside, but artificial lighting will be used inside the buildings for safety.

Be sure to listen for the ghostly tale about a mirror, original to the house, in the owner's quarters.

"Billy" the skeleton will greet guests and Flagler College students will portray characters during the special tours. A fragile mourning dress from the 1870s, usually concealed in storage, will be on special exhibit for two weeks.

The evening tours will be held at 20 Aviles Street at 6 p.m., 7 p.m., and 8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 29; Wednesday, Oct. 30; Friday, Nov. 1; and Saturday, Nov. 2. Cost is \$10 per person for the 30- to 45-minute customized tours. Space is limited. For advance ticket information and group rates, call (904) 342-8887.

For more information, email [info@ximenezfatiohouse.org](mailto:info@ximenezfatiohouse.org), visit [ximenezfatiohouse.org](http://ximenezfatiohouse.org) or go to [instagram.com/theximenezfatiohouse](https://www.instagram.com/theximenezfatiohouse).

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<p><b>The Allman Betts Band at Ponte Vedra Concert Hall</b> The Ponte Vedra Concert Hall will be host to American rock group, The Allman Betts Band, with special guests, Joanne Shaw Taylor and JD SIMO at 7 p.m., Oct. 24. Doors open at 6 p.m. Tickets are on sale and range from \$40 to \$50. The worldwide tour will feature new music, songs from solo projects, classic Allman Brothers and Gregg Allman tunes in honor of the 50th anniversary of The Allman Brothers Band. Call the Concert Hall at (904) 209-0367 for tickets and more information. The Ponte Vedra Concert Hall is located at 1050 A1A N. in Ponte Vedra.</p> <p><b>Thirsty Thursday at Al's Pizza</b> 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>'Stranger Things' trivia</b> Hoptinger Jax Beach will be hosting a "Stranger Things" trivia night by Trivia Nation. There will be costumes, prizes and bragging rights for the winning team. Come hungry and thirsty to enjoy some snacks and beverages from the Hoptinger staff. This is a 21-and-up event. Call Trivia Nation at (904) 372-7150 or email admin@trivianation.com for any questions or concerns. To reserve a spot, visit <a href="http://www.trivianation.ticketbud.com">www.trivianation.ticketbud.com</a>. Tickets are bought by the team, not by player. For a table for four people, choose quantity "1" to reserve. Hoptinger is located at 333 First St. N. in Jacksonville Beach.</p> <p><b>Fun with Macarons</b> Learn how to make some colorful macarons with JAX Cooking Studio's Pastry Chef, Meg, a from 6:30 to 9 p.m., Oct. 24. Chef Meg will show the class unique ways to make Halloween-themed macarons and decorations. Just bring a container to take all the freshly-made treats home. Cost to attend is \$60. For questions or more information, call (904) 742-5906 or email <a href="mailto:info@jaxcookingstudio.com">info@jaxcookingstudio.com</a>. JAX Cooking Studio is located at 14035 Beach Blvd. in Jacksonville.</p>	<p><b>Julian Marley and The Uprising at Ponte Vedra Concert Hall</b> Roots-reggae musician, Julian Marley, is the son of reggae legend Bob Marley and Barbados-born Lucy Pounder. Born in London, England in 1975, the Grammy-nominated musician, singer-songwriter, producer and humanitarian quickly adopted a musical lifestyle and at an early age, became a skillful, self-taught musician mastering the bass, drums, guitar and keyboards. Marley will be performing at 8 p.m., Oct. 25, at the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall. For tickets or more information, visit <a href="http://www.pvconcerthall.com">www.pvconcerthall.com</a>. The Ponte Vedra Concert Hall is located at 1050 A1A N. in Ponte Vedra Beach.</p> <p><b>Pedego Electric Bikes grand opening</b> Enjoy free food and bike rides at the Pedego Electric Bikes grand opening from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Oct. 25. Pedego is the new, go-to, electric bicycle shop in Ponte Vedra. Pedego's bicycles can be pedaled manually, but can also be powered electrically, reaching speeds of up to 20 miles per hour. Choose from ten different styles of bikes. For more information on its bicycles or grand opening, call Pedego at (904) 373-5204. Pedego is located at 340 Front St., #750, in Ponte Vedra.</p> <p><b>Yarning for Yahweh gathering</b> Yarning for Yahweh is a local group who aspires to impact Jacksonville and surrounding areas through hand-made projects to benefit local charities and organizations. The group will be having its next gathering at 1 p.m., Oct. 25, to crochet and knit for charity. This event is open for all. For the location and more information, call (904) 543-9694 or email <a href="mailto:beachplums5@hotmail.com">beachplums5@hotmail.com</a>.</p> <p><b>Ponte Vedra Professional Networking Group meeting</b> The Ponte Vedra Professional Networking Group schedules weekly meetings inside Fidelity Bank, where members network with each other and guests. Each member/guest will introduce themselves and one member will present about the businesses he/she represents. The next meeting is Oct. 25 at 8:45 a.m. Fidelity Bank is located at 110 A1A N. in Ponte Vedra Beach.</p>	<p><b>Hooray for Old Hollywood fundraiser</b> Dress in classic Hollywood glamour and partake in the local nonprofit, Fantasy Farms's fundraiser from 6 to 10 p.m., Oct. 26. The evening will include food, entertainment, strolling among classic cars, viewing exotic and domestic animals and some surprises for the attending guests. Tickets are \$65 per person. For questions or more information, call (203) 417-2996. Fantasy Farms is located at 194 S. Roscoe Blvd. in Ponte Vedra Beach.</p> <p><b>VLC Family Fall Festival</b> Victory Lutheran Church is having its annual Family Fall Festival from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Oct. 26, at Victory Lutheran Church and Preschool. Enjoy activities and games, such as children's church, face painters, crafts, cookie decorating, haystack search, pony rides, and more. Food, beverages, shaved ice and cotton candy will be available for purchase. Family Support Services of North Florida will have a booth to share information about their programs and services. There will also be a donation box to help those in the Bahamas. Call (904) 642-8900 for more details. Victory Lutheran Church is located at 4651 Kernan Blvd. S. in Jacksonville.</p> <p><b>Think Pink at Palm Valley Outdoors</b> Palm Valley Outdoors is hosting its second annual "Think Pink" event from 5 to 9 p.m., Oct. 26. Guests can enjoy live music, drink specials and giveaway prizes. Proceeds will benefit The Donna Foundation, a local nonprofit assisting those struggling with breast cancer. For more information, call Palm Valley Outdoors at (904) 834-7183. Palm Valley Outdoors is located at 377 South Roscoe Blvd. in Ponte Vedra Beach.</p> <p><b>Paint Nite: Paint a Pumpkin Calavera</b> Get into the Halloween and the Day of the Dead spirit from 7 to 10 p.m., Oct. 26, with Paint Nite's "Paint a pumpkin calavera," hosted at Ancient City Brewing. "Calavera" is a Spanish term that can be used for sugar skulls through the Day of the Dead season. Tickets are \$40 to attend, with all supplies given. For questions, visit <a href="http://www.yaymaker.com">www.yaymaker.com</a> or call Ancient City Brewing at (904) 429-9654. Ancient City Brewing is located at 3420 Agricultural Center Dr., #8, in St. Augustine.</p>	<p><b>Sea &amp; Sky Air Show</b> Join the City of Jacksonville, Naval Station Mayport and Cities of Jacksonville Beach, Neptune Beach and Atlantic Beach from 11 to 4 p.m., Oct. 27, as the skies and waterways of the First Coast are transformed into the backdrop for adrenaline-pumping air acts and military demonstrations. This free event will feature an over-the-ocean sky show by the United States Navy Blue Angels, along with other military and civilian flight teams. For spectators on land, enjoy live entertainment, a street festival featuring static displays of aircraft and military vehicles, simulators, recruitment booths, a kids area and more. The Sea and Sky Air Show will be located at 503 First St. N., in Jacksonville Beach.</p> <p><b>Jacksonville Jaguars vs. New York Jets watch party</b> Enjoy a free beer card every time the Jacksonville Jaguars score a touchdown at Engine 15 Brewing Company's Jags. vs. Jets watch party, from 1 to 4 p.m., Oct. 27. For more information, call (904) 249-2337 or email Engine 15 at <a href="mailto:info@engine15.com">info@engine15.com</a>. Engine 15 Brewing Company is located at 1500 Beach Blvd. in Jacksonville Beach.</p> <p><b>Sesame Street Live!</b> Jump to the beat with the crew on Sesame Street at 2 p.m., Oct. 27, at the Times Union Center for the Performing Arts. Enjoy an all-new, interactive show that unfolds on one of the world's most famous streets at the fuzziest party in the neighborhood. Tickets can be found on <a href="http://www.ticketmaster.com">www.ticketmaster.com</a>. For more information, call the Times Union Center at (904) 633-6110. 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After the run, enjoy \$1 Southern Swells beers. For more information about Jax Beach Runners, visit <a href="http://www.meetup.com/Jax-Beach-Runners">www.meetup.com/Jax-Beach-Runners</a>. Southern Swells Brewing Co. is located at 1312 Beach Blvd. in Jacksonville Beach.</p> <p><b>20th Annual Great Pumpkin Patch</b> Lord of Life Lutheran Church will host its 20th annual patch from 2 to 6 p.m., now until Halloween, with pumpkins for anyone's picking. There will also be "fresh from the patch" pumpkin pies and other goods for sale. Lord of Life Lutheran Church is located at 276 Roscoe Blvd. N. in Ponte Vedra Beach.</p> <p><b>Beaches Business Association lunch and networking meeting</b> The Beaches Business Association is a group of professionals who collaborate to support the beaches and raise funds for high school graduating seniors. The group meets Mondays at the Moose Lodge in Jacksonville Beach for networking and lunch. Rona Brinlee, owner of The BookMark in Atlantic Beach, will be the guest speaker for the Oct. 28 lunch. Networking begins at 11:30 a.m. For more information, visit <a href="http://www.jaxbba.org">www.jaxbba.org</a>. The Moose Lodge is located at 805 First Ave. N. in Jacksonville Beach.</p>	<p><b>Florida Blue free Tuesday at the Cummer</b> On Tuesday evenings from 4 to 9 p.m., enjoy free admission to the Cummer Museum and its historic gardens, thanks to the generous support of Florida Blue. Guests can enjoy free admission to the galleries and the Cummer Café, which is also open for Tapas Tuesday. This event is sponsored by VyStar Credit Union. The Cummer Museum of Art &amp; Gardens is located at 829 Riverside Ave. in Jacksonville.</p> <p><b>The Beatles in Florida with Scott Grant</b> Financial advisor and local historian, Scott Grant, will recount the adventures of the The Beatles as they visit Florida in 1964, during the early days of the band's success. The iconic music group were instrumental (pun intended) in taking a stand against racism by desegregating the Gator Bowl. The young men appeared on the Ed Sullivan Show in Miami and vacationed like rock stars. This is a delightful account of the early days when The Beatles were still new to the United States and full of wonder. The presentation will be held from 5:30 to 7 p.m., Oct. 29, at the Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach. The Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach is located at 50 Executive Way in Ponte Vedra Beach.</p> <p><b>\$1 Tuesdays for kids at Trasca &amp; Co.</b> Take the kids out to eat and save some money on Tuesdays at Trasca &amp; Co. Eatery. Children eat for \$1 with the purchase of an adult entrée. The special works for dine-in, take-out and deliveries. For more information, call Trasca &amp; Co. Eatery at (904) 395-3989. Trasca &amp; Co. is located at 155 Tourside Drive in Ponte Vedra Beach.</p> <p><b>'Jekyll &amp; Hyde' at the Alhambra</b> A tale of two men – one, a doctor, passionate and romantic; the other, a terrifying madman, and two women – one, beautiful and trusting; the other, beautiful and trusting only herself. Both women are in love with the same man and both are unaware of his dark secret. Based on the story by Robert Louis Stevenson, this PG-13 musical will be at the Alhambra at 6 p.m., Oct. 29, and brings to life the epic struggle about the nature of man. For tickets, visit <a href="http://www.alhambrajax.com">www.alhambrajax.com</a>. Alhambra Theatre &amp; Dining is located at 12000 Beach Blvd. in Jacksonville.</p>	<p><b>Crosswater Fall Festival</b> Join Crosswater Community Church from 5 to 8 p.m., Oct. 30, for some old-fashioned festival fun, complete with a petting zoo, bounce house, mechanical bull, games, food, and more. Guests also have the opportunity to "Dunk a Pastor" in the dunking booth, with all proceeds going to sponsor kids for Winshape Camp. For questions or more information, call Crosswater Community Church at (904) 824-9800. Crosswater Community Church is located at 211 Davis Park Road in Ponte Vedra Beach.</p> <p><b>Hocus Pocus trivia at Lola's</b> All Hallow's Eve is drawing close and Lola's Burrito and Burger Joint is going to be running amok for Hocus Pocus trivia. The joint will be lighting the black flame candle at 7:30 p.m., Oct. 30, so join, light that sucker and meet the old broads! To reserve a group spot or for more information, visit <a href="http://www.hocuspocuslolas103019.eventbrite.com">www.hocuspocuslolas103019.eventbrite.com</a> or call Lola's at (904) 738-7181. Maximum team size is eight people. Lola's Burrito and Burger Joint is located at 1522 King St. in Jacksonville.</p> <p><b>Wednesday Pier Farmers Market</b> On Wednesdays from 8 a.m. to noon, the Pier Farmers Market at the St. Johns County Pier offers fresh produce, bread and local arts and crafts, ranging from 60 to 80 different vendors. After browsing, visitors can take a stroll along scenic St. Augustine Beach. The market helps the local economy by allowing local merchants to sustain their business and also offer fresh, local foods to the community. For more information, call (904) 315-0952. The St. Johns County Pier Park at the St. Johns County Ocean Pier is located at 350 A1A Beach Blvd. in St. Augustine Beach.</p> <p><b>Ponte Vedra Connect: Network over lunch</b> Network with like-minded professionals from the beaches at Mulligans Pub from noon to 1 p.m., Oct. 30. All industries are welcome and encouraged to invite other professionals who are interested to network in the area. Mulligans Pub is located at 43 PGA Tour Blvd. in Ponte Vedra Beach.</p>	<p><b>Prohibition Kitchen's Halloween and 'Dia de los Muertos' party</b> Prohibition Kitchen is hosting a Halloween party, "Dia de los Muertos"-style. The Day of the Dead (Día de Muertos) is a multi-day Mexican celebration where family and friends gather to remember, pray and party for loved ones who have died and to help their spiritual journey. Prohibition Kitchen's celebration is a 21+ event and will be from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m., Oct. 31, on Halloween. There will be a \$5 cover at the door and live music featuring Mama Blue and a DJ set from Dorian Lopez Percussionist. The Kitchen will also host live aerialists, stilt walkers and more. For more information, email <a href="mailto:info@pkstaug.com">info@pkstaug.com</a>. Prohibition Kitchen is located at 119 St. George St. in St. Augustine.</p> <p><b>Disney Jr.'s 'Halloween Trick-Or-Treat' play date</b> Come in costume to the Avenues Mall for spooky, family fun and activities based on Vampirina and other favorite Disney Junior pals from 2 to 4 p.m., Oct. 31, in Center Court. This event is for families with younger children, ages 12 and younger. The play date will feature Disney make-and-take coloring masks, trick-or-treat bags, activity sheets, temporary tattoos, and more. The first 100 attendees will receive an exclusive Character Card. The Avenues Mall is located at 10300 Southside Blvd. in Jacksonville.</p> <p><b>Painting with a Twist: A Sunny Harvest</b> Looking for something a little less spooky this Halloween? Painting with a Twist is hosting "A Sunny Harvest" paint night for ages 18+, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Oct. 31, with instructor, Allie. Class is \$35 to attend, with guests choosing to paint on canvas or a wooden board. Arrive 15 minutes early to get uncorked, smocked and seated. For more information, visit <a href="http://www.paintingwithatwist.com">www.paintingwithatwist.com</a>. Painting with a Twist is located at 268 Solana Road in Ponte Vedra.</p> <p><b>Free calendar listings for community groups and nonprofit organizations are published at our discretion on a space-available basis. Send your event at least 10 days before publication. Submit events to <a href="mailto:Daniela@opcfla.com">Daniela@opcfla.com</a> or call (904) 686-3939.</b></p>

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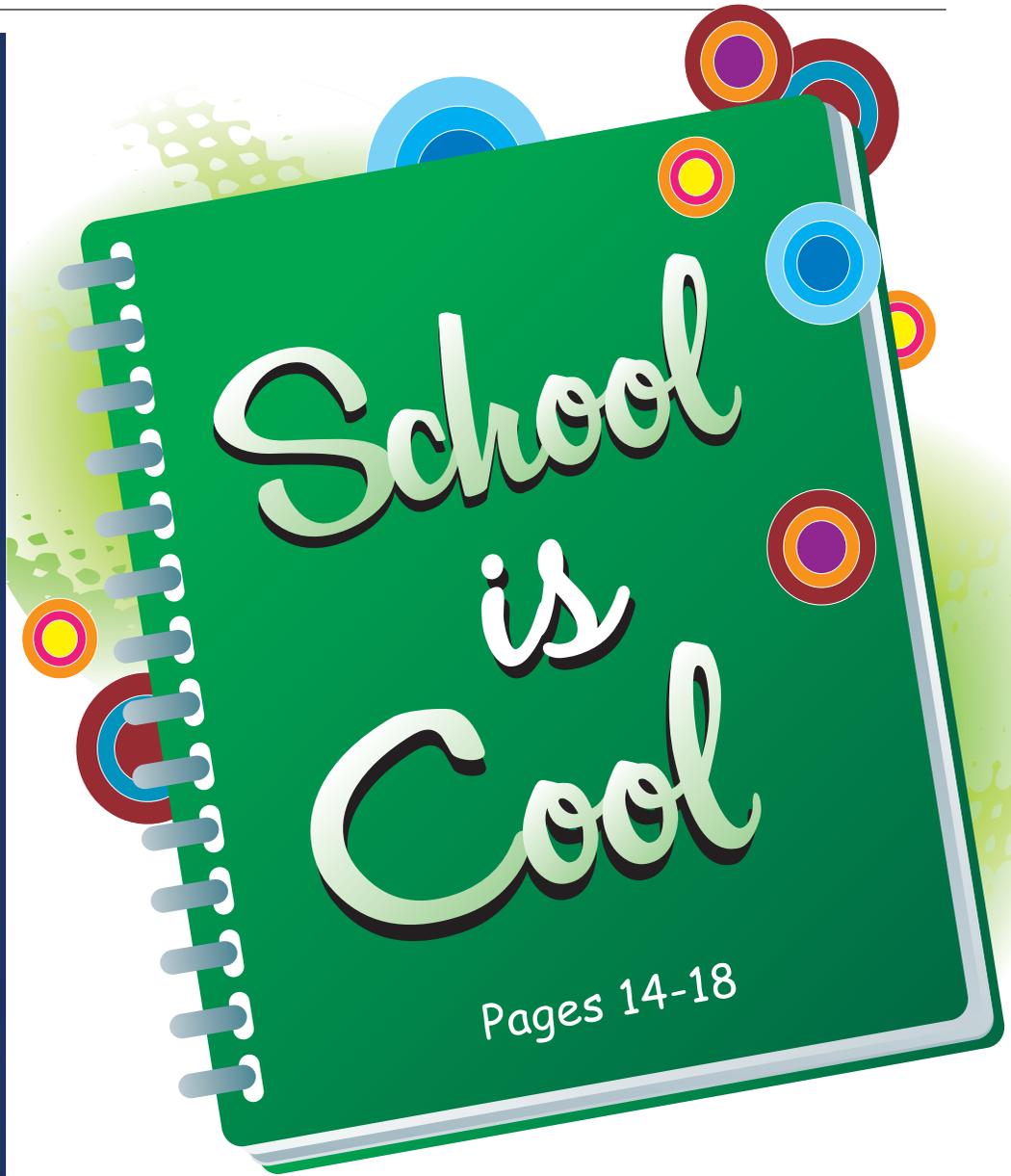


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# Collage Day School gets back to the 'roots' of learning

Exploring nature, making mistakes and being a good person are all on the curriculum

By Amber Lake

From the moment toddlers start to process the world around them, parents are encouraging them to learn from it. Counting, coloring, naming and feeling – preschool children are working their way to hitting milestones and preparing themselves for kindergarten and then beyond.

Recently, there has been a trend toward not only preparing children for school but preparing them for life. Collage Day School in Ponte Vedra looks to ask a question that doesn't get asked very often in traditional academics: What do people actually need to succeed?

The road from little people to big people is a long one and not everything can be taught from a book – or, in the case of growing up these days – an iPad, according to the school's philosophy. With 8-acres of land, chickens, rabbits and a butterfly house, Collage Day School teaches children to explore and to become inspired by the world around them.

"We are really going to back to the roots of childhood here," said founder Dr. Katie Falwell. "It's a more naturalistic approach. You're not going to see a lot of prefab toys or things that light up or sparkle or shine. We are going back to the foundation of loose parts and really letting children's

creativity and imagination take over their play."

Currently, Falwell owns two schools in Ponte Vedra Beach, the Collage Day School and the Palm Valley Development Center, both on Canal Boulevard. Both focus on the whole child, with the Palm Valley Development Center centering on children with developmental disabilities. Falwell believes, however, that every child benefits from having hands-on access to nature.

Falwell implements the TimberNook curriculum in the classrooms, which is a nature-based developmental program that fosters outdoor play. The program is designed to be sensory-rich and was developed by a pediatric occupational therapist who was interested in connections between children's developmental coordination and limited outdoor activities.

Dr. Falwell said that she believes outdoor play is effective in nurturing a child's confidence and ability to succeed in the home and in school. She encourages "reasonable risks" and engaging in "self-directed play," something that many children are seeing less and less of.

"When we were younger, we bounced around in the back of the station wagon, we weren't really strapped into anything,"



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Photos courtesy of Collage Day School

**Dr. Katie Falwell is the owner of Collage Day School**

Falwell said. "Now, even as babies, we are put into containers for everything. The ability to move or even fall and have healthy risk-taking behaviors have been minimized in the last few years. The helicopter parent has really taken over."

In conjunction with the confidence,

coordination and social skills children build from outdoor activities, the school also implements the "Dinosaur School" curriculum, which is guided by in-house psychologists that teach children emotional and character development skills.

Part of the skills that students learn is "Watching Faces." The activity helps them read faces to see if their friends are sad or angry and teaches them how to approach them and ask if they want help. The idea behind the program is that by fostering these skills at a young age, children will be able to withstand the emotional challenges during their teen years.

Like driving a car, being able to process emotions and appreciate the living world takes time and a little effort. The difference being driving isn't mandatory, one can live without learning. What is mandatory — inevitable even — is growing up. All children grow up and become adults navigating through a world of other adults. An adult that hopefully, if they are given the right tools from an early age, is a really good driver.



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Photos provided by Beaches Episcopal School



# BOLLES 5TH GRADERS PUT ON PLAY ABOUT MISSING PARAGRAPH



In a production that was part "Clue" and part writing instruction, fifth-grade students at the Bolles Lower School Ponte Vedra Beach Campus performed a play recently with all the right content, research and style. The play was about a missing opening paragraph and the pillars of exemplary essay-writing. Characters were based on names from the game, "Clue," and through them, the audience learned about the different elements of an essay, the importance of research and the perils of plagiarism. Music and drama teacher Stacey Posick directed the performance, which was staged in George Hall.



Greg Wong



Maggie Hightower



Mark Preston

# Ponte Vedra residents added to Jacksonville Country Day School Board of Trustees

By Daniela Toporek

Jacksonville Country Day School just added three Ponte Vedra residents to its Board of Trustees: Maggie Hightower, Mark Preston, and newly assumed president, Greg Wong.

Wong, who has been involved in the school's main building renovation, is the senior vice president of Corporate Development at Web.com and lives in Ponte Vedra with his wife, Amy and two sons, according to the JCDS Board of Trustees website.

Hightower is the Chief Philanthropy Officer at Nemours Children's Health System and Preston serves the community through involvement with Habitat for Humanity of Jacksonville and the Ronald McDonald House.

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In this new feature of the Ponte Vedra Recorder, "Kids Say," area children offer their answers for some pressing questions. This week, 8th-grade students at **LANDRUM MIDDLE SCHOOL** were asked ...

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**Cooper Bradshaw**



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**Ella Holder**



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**Nick Herwit**



"Back to the 1920s, so I could see what went on and why it was called The Roaring 20s? Why did everyone always dance and have fun?"  
**Harper Ellis**



"Back to when Roanoke was being discovered to see how people lived and how their lifestyle was discovered."  
**Isabella Hernandez**

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- \*Giant bird of "One Thousand and One Nights"
- Cooking grease
- Home to Buccaneers
- Major division of geological time
- Dressmaker's measurement
- Brown, Dartmouth and Yale, e.g.
- "To \_\_\_\_\_ is human"
- Provide, as with some quality
- \*Brian Jacques's fictional world
- \*One of Mr. Popper's visitors
- Like a fox?
- Play charades
- International Monetary Fund
- Reproductive structures
- 7th planet from the sun
- \*Arnold Lobel's "Mouse \_\_\_\_\_"
- Approximately, two words
- 50th state greeting
- Cannonballs to cannon
- Big Dipper shape
- Niels \_\_\_\_\_ of quantum physics
- Change the Constitution
- \*Hugo Cabret's "wheel"
- Arctic jaeger
- \*a.k.a. Caroline Augusta Woodlawn
- '70s hairdo
- "Be quiet!" - onomatopoeically speaking
- Like never-written story
- Mining product
- \*"Roar of \_\_\_\_\_, Hear My Cry"
- \*"The \_\_\_\_\_ in Times Square"
- A variety show
- \*Peter Parker's Aunt
- Escape
- Signs of things to come
- Military activities
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- Black or green, hot or cold, pl.
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- "Once Upon a Time in Hollywood" trick

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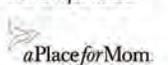
- Cookbook direction
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- Movie roll
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- Plural of carpus
- Carol on Christmas Eve
- Pakistani language
- Evening purse
- \*"That Was \_\_\_\_\_, This Is Now"
- Plural of genus
- Popular disinfectant
- Second-largest bird in world
- Error in a card game
- Babel or Stern
- \*\_\_\_\_\_ Beaumont in "Savvy"
- Was furious
- Rugged rock
- Priests' robes
- Located near cran- nies?
- Yeah or aye
- \*Plain and tall one
- \*"The Witch of Blackbird \_\_\_\_\_"
- \*"The Series of Unfortunate Events" villain
- Fielding mistake
- Type of semicon- ductor, pl.
- \*"But I heard him exclaim, \_\_\_\_\_ he drove out of sight"
- Bay windows
- Knight's shiny garb
- "Bravo! Bravo!"
- \*Mother Goose's "Dame \_\_\_\_\_ and Her Cat"
- Part of hemoglobin
- Iris holder
- \*Miss Clavel and such
- Benign lump
- Spiral-horned antelope
- Biblical paradise
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# Halloween Happenings

Whether looking for spooky family fun or late-night, haunted houses, the Ponte Vedra Recorder's got it all covered with a list of fun and frightening events, ranging from kid-friendly to adults-only. Read below, if you dare ...

## Haunt Nights at Adventure Landing

Get spooked out at Adventure Landing's "Haunt Nights," from 7:30 to 11 p.m., now until Nov. 2, with Nov. 1 and 2 open until midnight. Haunt Nights feature four haunted attractions including Payn Manor, Pinehurst Asylum, Dark Museum and Dark Fables 3D, where creepy characters lurk and wind their way through narrow passages trying to reach and evoke thoughts of fear. For tickets and more information, visit [www.hauntnights.com](http://www.hauntnights.com). *Adventure Landing is located at 1944 Beach Blvd. in Jacksonville.*

## Spooktacular at Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens

Don't miss the return of the Jacksonville Zoo and Garden's Spooktacular. On select days in October, the Zoo and Gardens will transform and host an array of Halloween activities including a pumpkin patch, fall festivities on the Publix Great Lawn, kid-friendly music, spooky-themed food and drinks, the Nemours Candy Trail and of course, a chance to see the zoo animals. Spooktacular also has three Scare Zones recommended for ages 10 and up. Tickets must be purchased online. Children under 2 are free, but must have a ticket reserved online. Tickets also include access to the carousel and Candy Trail. On Halloween, the Mini Monster Mash, sponsored by Fun 4 First Coast Kids, will return to the zoo. This not-so-spooky experience will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the Great Lawn. Kids in costume are free with the purchase of an adult general admission ticket. For tickets and more information, visit [www.spooktacular.jacksonvillezoo.org](http://www.spooktacular.jacksonvillezoo.org). *The Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens is located at 370 Zoo Parkway in Jacksonville.*

## Halloween at the St. Johns Town Center

Join the St. Johns Town Center from 6 to 8 p.m., Oct. 31, on Halloween, for free and safe trick-or-treating, giveaways, characters, a complimentary photo booth and more. The first 250 children to check-in at Park Green, right outside Maggiano's Little Italy, will receive a reusable Halloween tote and candy map. Call the mall office at (904) 998-7156 or visit the office, located across from Maggiano's Little Italy, for more details. *The St. Johns Town Center is located at 4663 River City Dr. in Jacksonville.*

## Kids' Fall Cooking Series: Halloween Treats

JAX Cooking Studio will teach how to make a variety of Halloween cookies and snacks for kids from 4 to 6 p.m., Oct. 28. When everyone finishes cooking, the class will gather around the JAX Cooking Studio communal table and enjoy the meal they have prepared. To stay keep it eco-friendly, JAX Cooking Studio asks to bring reusable containers to take any leftovers to enjoy at home. Class is recommended for children ages 6 and up and class size is limited to 16 mini-chefs, so reserve a spot. To reserve a spot or more information, visit [www.JAXCookingStudio.com](http://www.JAXCookingStudio.com). *JAX Cooking Studio is located at 14035 Beach Boulevard in Jacksonville.*

## Healthy Halloween at Johansen Park

Enjoy early trick-or-treating from 4 to 6 p.m., Oct. 26, at Johansen Park without all the extra sugar and junk food. Grab some healthy treats while playing Halloween games, crafting or get-

ting into the spirit with face painting.

For more information, visit [www.EventBrite.com](http://www.EventBrite.com) and search for "Healthy Halloween."

*Johansen Park is located at 1300 Seminole Road in Atlantic Beach.*

## HallowScene 2019 at Casa Marina Hotel & Restaurant

Join Casa Marina from 7 to 11:30 p.m. as they host the 12th annual Halloween Extravaganza, presented by Jacksonville Scene on Halloween, Oct. 31. Fatty Arbuckle will be the unofficial (g) host, raising the spirits in Jacksonville Beach. Tickets include two complementary draft beers or well drink, special happy hour pricing all night, free appetizers, musical entertainment by DJ EL, Jacksonville Scene games, and more. Dress in costume for a chance to win a prize. Costume categories include funniest costume, sexiest costume and best overall. Proceeds from the event will benefit Volunteers in Medicine. For tickets or more information, visit [www.jacksonvillescene.com/events](http://www.jacksonvillescene.com/events).

*Casa Marina Hotel and Restaurant is located at 691 st St. North in Jacksonville Beach.*

## Ramona & 'Stranger Things' Halloween

From 7 to 10 p.m. on Halloween, Oct. 31, the Colonial Quarters in St. Augustine welcomes all to the Upside Down, for a "Stranger Things," 1980's Halloween, featuring live music by RAMONA. Put on some Vans and Docs and get ready to rock at Colonial Oak Music Park. The show is free and open to the public. For more information call the Music Park at (904) 342-2857. Colonial Oak Music Park is located at 33 Saint George Street in St. Augustine.

## The 13th Floor Haunted House

From a terrifying clown who feasts on the fear of children, to a dead, weeping bride, searching for her own two kids and taking anyone who stands in the way, the Thirteenth Floor is a haunted house that's not to be reckoned with. Photo ops, concessions, mini-escape games and axe throwing activities will also be available for purchase. The 13th Floor is open for those who dare from 7:30 to 10 p.m. until Nov. 2. Tickets and more information can be found [www.13thfloorjacksonville.com](http://www.13thfloorjacksonville.com) or by email at [info@13thfloorjacksonville.com](mailto:info@13thfloorjacksonville.com). *The 13th Floor is located at 9230 Arlington Expressway in Jacksonville.*

## Riverside's Amazing Boo's and Brew Halloween Scavenger Hunt/Crawl

POGO Events presents Riverside's Amazing Boo's and Brews Scavenger Hunt/Crawl, a series of Halloween-themed clues that leads those who dare around Riverside, performing physical and mental challenges along the way. The scavenger hunt and bar crawl will be held Oct. 27, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., and includes drinking-game challenges along the route and along with plenty other Halloween activities. Sign up as a team or an individual, where they will partner one with a team. Visit [www.EventBrite.com](http://www.EventBrite.com) and search for "Riverside's Amazing Boo's and Brew Halloween Scavenger Hunt/Crawl" for tickets and more information. *Festivities will begin at Birdies, located at 1044 Park Street in Jacksonville.*

**Compiled by Daniela Toporek**



The GEICO Skytypers Air Show Team is a leading vintage airshow squadron performing at the Jacksonville Beach Sea and Sky Air Show on Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 26-27.

# Sea and Sky Air Show pilot shares secrets of the stunt life

Jim Record gets down to earth about flying high in a WWII-era plane

By Amber Lake

The roar of engines and feats of perilous precision flying keep audiences coming back to Jacksonville's annual Sea and Sky Air Show. This year's event, Oct. 26 and 27, is taking place in Jacksonville Beach and promises one of the best line-ups to date, including the U.S. Army Golden Knights, the Blue Angels, the Air Force Red Tail Squadron P-15 demo commemorating the Tuskegee Airmen and the Miss GEICO Speedboat Race.

Pilot Jim Record is excited about this year's show. Even after 27 years of flying with the GEICO Skytypers, being up in the air is something that never gets old for him. After all the long hours working around the clock and limited "actual" fly time, Record said being a pilot is just something you're born to do.

"Even though you have a job to do, the pure beauty of flight is not lost on us," Record said. "Sometimes it will get pushed back to the corner of your brain, but flying is one of those jobs that is in your blood."

The GEICO Skytypers fly "taildragger warbirds," used primarily during World War II as trainer aircraft. They are SNJ propeller planes that were able to perform all the maneuvers of a fighter plane on a 600-horsepower Pratt and Whitney engine. According to Record, the planes built in the era were the top of the line.

"World War II was the zenith of propeller driven fighters," Record said. "The P-51 Mustang and similar planes were the best ever produced. Even today, when you go to the Reno Air Races in Nevada, the airplanes racing are P-51 Mustangs from 1944. Yeah, they are old technology, but as far as capability, they were as good as they got then."

Hailing from the "Cradle of Aviation," Long Island, Record started his own career serving as an IP in Formation, Gunnery and Carrier Landings with the Navy. His early interest in aviation was nurtured by his father, who flew in a bomber crew during World War II and supported him early on in his career. He has flown corporate jets, commercial airlines and served as a professor for Dowling in the College of Aviation before joining the Skytypers. With all his experience flying Boeing 747s, military trainers, carriers, Airbuses and propeller planes, Record said big or small, flying doesn't vary too much.

"The beauty of flying is you fly the airplane and the basic rules are the same," Record said. No matter how big the plane is, "You pull the stick forward and the houses on the ground get bigger and you pull the stick back and the houses on the ground get smaller."



Photos provided by Paramount Public Relations

Pilot Jim Record has been flying with the GEICO Skytypers since 1992.

One would think that flying precision maneuvers in formation takes an extra set of "copilots," but Record said the daredevil stunts are designed to look more dangerous from the ground than they actually are.

"It looks close because that's how we want you to look at it," Record said. "In reality, we have what we call 'outs.' We have positions that we look at and safety margins and this and that. In other words, we can stop a maneuver and fly away to a safe place at any time."

In addition to feats of daring, Record and his team also perform "Skytyping," which is a form of sky writing that has been patented by the company. The method works 17 times faster than writing by ejecting an environmentally friendly, paraffin-based solution in the exhaust manifold that is connected through a formation from the team, rather than a singular plane. The message is spelled out in "dots" that can be seen from 15 miles away and is approximately the size of the Empire State Building. Skytyping is such a highly effective form of communicating a message that Record said it may have caused a few problems for couples lucky or unlucky enough to see it together.

"Strangely enough we do about a dozen or so marriage proposals a year," Record said. He said one message once read: "Mary, will you marry me, John." Then, "About eight or ten couples on the beach all jumped up. There were that many John and Marys," he said.

## SEA AND SKY JACKSONVILLE BEACH

### JACKSONVILLE SEA AND SKY AIR SHOW PERFORMER SCHEDULE

Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 26-27 from noon to 4 p.m. (Show times are approximate)

#### Noon-1 p.m.

- Air Show Welcome and Opening Ceremony
- National Anthem with U.S. Army Golden Knights Flag Jump and Redline Airshows
- Redline Airshows
- Military Flyby featuring VP-30, P-8 and P-3
- Jim Tobul Corsair
- Scott Yoak Quicksilver P-51
- Class of '45 featuring P-51 and Corsair

#### 1-2 p.m.

- Aeroshell Aerobatic Team
- U.S. Air Force National Guard Flyby featuring F15
- U.S. Coast Guard Search and Rescue Demo
- Bill Stein Edge 540 Airshows
- U.S. Air Force F-35 Demo

#### 2-3 p.m.

- GEICO Skytypers
- Miss GEICO Speedboat Race vs. GEICO Skytypers
- U.S. Army Golden Knights
- Commemorative Air Force Red Tail Squadron P-51 Demo

#### 3 p.m.- End of Show

- U.S. Navy Blue Angels



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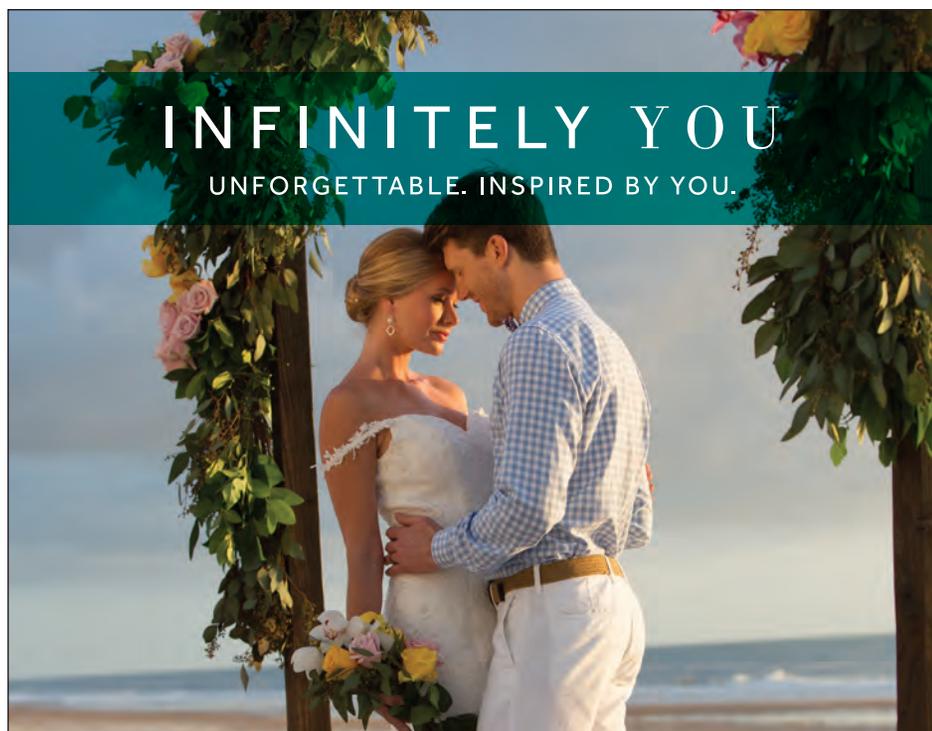
The Miss GEICO Speedboat race vs. the GEICO Skytypers will take place at 2 p.m.

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Lockheed Martin's F-35 Lightning II interactive cockpit demonstrator will be on display at 6th Ave. North Event Venue at 11 a.m. on Friday, Oct. 25th.

U.S. Rep. John Rutherford (R-FL) will join members of the U.S. Air Force F-35A Lightning II Demo Team, Lockheed Martin executives, local elected officials, and community leaders to highlight the F-35's role in protecting national security, and its economic impact across the United States and within Florida.

The U.S. Air Force F-35A Lightning II Demo Team will perform at the Sea and Sky Air Show. While the cockpit demonstrator event is not affiliated with the Air Show, F-35 Demo Team lead pilot Andrew "Dojo" Olson will join Rutherford in presenting remarks.



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# Fall Bridal



The Love staff Paige Goldy (from left), Addison Young, Melissa and Sean Moneyppenny, Laney Maddox and Michelle DelMastro, pose for a group shot and are ready to assist brides with finding their ideal dress.

## Love, a Bridal Boutique, thinks outside the bridal box

By Daniela Toporek

When Melissa Moneyppenny was first hired at Love, a Bridal Boutique, she had no idea she was stepping into her own future. After managing Love for seven years, Moneyppenny bought the boutique from the original owner and two years later, the pretty pink building on Third Street in Jacksonville Beach continues to grow and offer the latest in bridal fashion.

Before being hired at Love, Moneyppenny watched the movie, 'Say Yes to the Dress,' sparking her interest in bridal fashion. But she said it wasn't until she started at the boutique that the spark ignited. "That's when I really got into it," she said. "I got to know the store so well managing it, so I definitely knew what I was getting into" buying it. "I knew what the customers wanted and the needs for the store, so I got to make some changes I've wanted to make and really help it grow."

After making subtle changes to the decor, Moneyppenny expanded the boutique's selection by adding new designers, dresses and bridal accessories. She also hosts trunk shows and features different designers, showcases their latest collections and offers discounts during the event. Next month, she'll host a show for Essence of Australia.

"I just love looking at new designers and trends," Moneyppenny said. "I've seen a lot of people put pearls on their veils and pearl accents to their dresses, which is pretty cool."

But Moneyppenny opts for simplicity and enjoys a classic, timeless look. "Satin, crepe and silk fabrics," she said. "Paired



Photos by Alex Michele Photography  
Love offers high-end, custom designs in "a setting that feels like home," according to its official website.

with a simple veil and minimal jewelry." Regardless of fabric or embroidery, Moneyppenny's mission is for every bride to have a stress-free experience while shopping, and for them to enjoy their time at the boutique.

"Sometimes wedding planning can be a little stressful, so we try to create a very homey, and relaxed experience," she said. "We have some of the nicest brides. I love working with them and meeting their families and friends. It really is the best part of the job."

Love, a Bridal Boutique is located at 434 Third St. N. in Jacksonville Beach. To make an appointment, email [info@lovebridalboutique.com](mailto:info@lovebridalboutique.com) or call (904) 242-9800.

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## Earth Fare opens doors to St. Johns County

By Amber Lake

Earth Fare opened its doors for the first time to St. Johns County residents last Wednesday, Oct. 16. The health food store is the first location in the county and hosted an early morning ribbon cutting ceremony to commemorate the grand opening.

The event featured a check presentation to Landrum Middle School to fund the enhancement of their Buddy Garden, which teaches students about growing healthy food, and a \$500 gift card to the first 300 customers. Commissioner James Johns of District 1 and Isabelle Renault, CEO/President of the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce, attended the event.

Commissioner Johns noted that residents were polled on what they wanted to see in the area and the top choice was for an Earth Fare grocery store.

Frank Scorpiniti, president and CEO of Earth Fare, said the location was ideal for the chain's customer base, noting the lack of health and organic food stores in the immediate area.



The new St. Johns County location is located in the Shoppes at St. Johns Parkway at 120 Shops Blvd.

"We are driven by a food philosophy," Scorpiniti said. "It's our pledge to our customers that nothing in our stores shall

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ABOVE: Alyssa Jones and Caroline James camp out in front of the store for a chance to win \$500 in gift cards.



LEFT: Earth Fare products are free of high fructose corn syrup, artificial fats and trans-fats, artificial colors, artificial preservatives, artificial sweeteners, bleached or bromated flour, and are never administered antibiotics or growth hormones.

Photos by Amber Lake



Photos by Susan Griffin

Rita, Senior VP of Sales for Roberto Coin (from left), Underwood Jewelers manager John Rutkowski and Lori Marjerison

## Underwood Jewelers holds Roberto Coin Trunk Show

Jewelry lovers enjoyed the extensive collection of Roberto Coin, along with cocktails & hors d'oeuvres Oct. 17 at Underwood Jewelers in Ponte Vedra Beach. Ten percent of the proceeds from the trunk show went to benefit

The Ponte Vedra Women's Club Charities. "The event went fantastic," manager John Rutkowski said. "We had an overwhelming response to our cocktail party that we hosted for The Ponte Vedra Women's Club."



Cathy Wallner and Stefanie Dunn



Beverly Beck and Gina Kettering

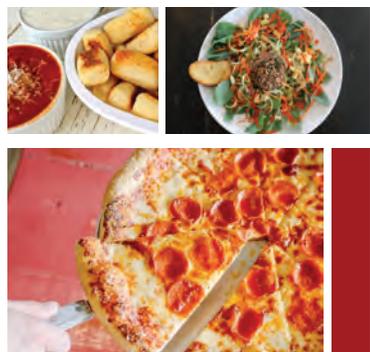


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ever contain added hormones or artificial fats, trans fats or artificial sweeteners. You can shop in this store blindfolded, knowing that nothing you put in your cart has chemicals in it. Contrast that to some other ‘healthier leaning’ stores, you still have to read the labels.”

The 24,000-square-foot store is located

in the Shoppes at St. Johns Parkway and features Earth Fare’s Heirloom Juice Bar, which serves juices, smoothies and fresh coffee. Shoppers are also offered a salad bar, hot foods bar, pizza station, sandwich counter and packaged meals-on-the-go. Additionally, the store offers Instacart home delivery services.

Along with the new location, Earth Fare also operates two other locations on the eastern coast of Northern Florida, in Jacksonville and Mandarin.

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# Chamber to hold 'Focus on Veterans' event Nov. 6

The St. Johns Chamber of Commerce Ponte Vedra Beach Division will hold a "Focus on Veterans" event from 11:30 am to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 6 at Sawgrass Beach Club, 9797 Summer Place, Ponte Vedra Beach.



**Jeremiah Blocker**

The speaker will be County Commissioner Jeremiah Blocker. The topic will feature Fire Watch, a regional program to extinguish veteran suicides.

To register, visit [sjcchamber.com](http://sjcchamber.com) or call (904) 285-2004.

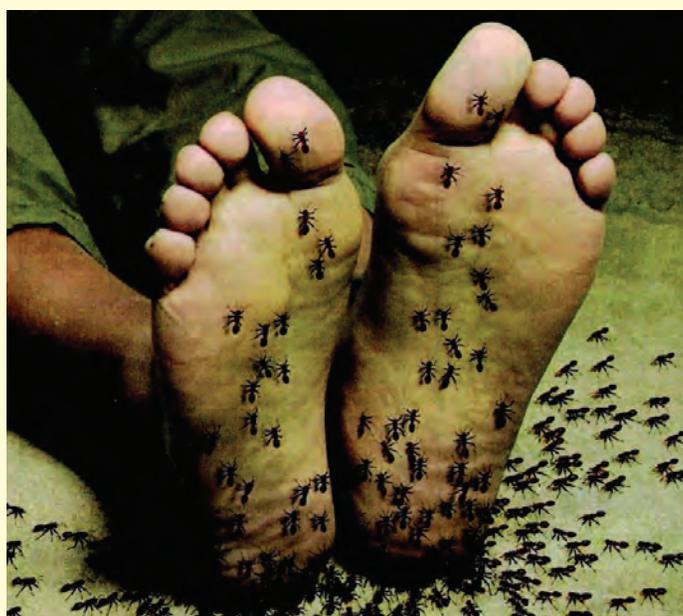
# Agnes Agatha home going out of business after 40 years

High-end furniture retailer Agnes Agatha began its going out of business sale Oct. 17, following the announcement of the store owners' retirement.

Agnes Agatha opened its doors in 1979 as Decorative Fabrics, a specialty fabrics retail store that over the next 40 years grew into a successful full-line furniture showroom offering high-end upholstery, casegoods, rugs, lighting, home décor and interior design services. It is the area's Norwalk Furniture dealer.

The store-wide liquidation sale became open to the public beginning October 17 at 8081 Philips Highway, near the corner of Baymeadows Road and across from Lowe's. The beautiful 12,500-square-foot showroom is featuring discounts of up to 65% off on quality furniture for living room, dining room and bedroom. Popular brands include Norwalk Furniture, Jessica Charles, Miles Talbott, Four Hands, uttermost, Orient Express, Craftmaster, Universal Furniture and Left Bank Art.

For more information on the store close-out, visit [www.agnesagatha.com](http://www.agnesagatha.com). The store building is for lease. Anyone interested, please contact Patrick Thornton at (904) 404-4454.



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# Traveling docent connects art and people

By Maggie FitzRoy

Cathy Fitzpatrick calls herself a freelance docent.

The Ponte Vedra Beach resident used to work in the educational department at the Museum of Contemporary Art Jacksonville, where she led a lot of group tours.

Now she runs a unique business called Go Art, where she takes private groups on tours of museums, galleries and public art around the First Coast. Using an open-ended method of engaging people with individual pieces of art through visual and thinking strategies, Fitzpatrick said it is a way to facilitate viewing, while inspiring people to remember what they see.

First, she asks them to look at a piece of art for longer than they ordinary would. On average, people spend 30 seconds, she said. "I ask them to spend a whole minute."

Then she asks three questions: What is going on in the work? What do you see that makes you say that? Then—what more can we find?

It invites conversation within the group, she said. "If they ask questions about the artist or the style, then we'll engage in those answers and ask them what they see that has led them to ask that question."

Fitzpatrick said the technique she uses was developed by Philip Yenawine in the 1990s in New York City, in conjunc-



Photo by Maggie FitzRoy

**Go Art owner Cathy Fitzpatrick at her Ponte Vedra Beach home**

tion with a psychologist. It has proven successful in helping people connect with art and allowing it to become a part of their life.

"There are a lot of people who feel intimidated in a gallery or museum environment," Fitzpatrick said. "What helps people engage? One thing is having their own ideas validated."

Fitzpatrick majored in art at St. Mary's College, Notre Dame and then went on to graduate school at Pratt Institute in New York City. She has done art, but said what she really loves are conversations that come from looking at art.

She launched her business a year ago

and is now branching out by offering monthly special events at Butterfield Garage Art Gallery in St. Augustine. Each will focus on one artist. She sees them as a way for art lovers to grow an awareness of an individual artist's work, while meeting them in person.

Her first event, Nov. 21, from 7 to 8:30 p.m., will feature artist Karen Victoria, a handbag designer. Victoria is slated to share stories about her life, as well as her construction techniques and designs. Attendees will be able to ask questions, purchase a one-of-a-kind handbag on the spot, and perhaps win

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# Pegsoon Whang joins Florida Chamber Music Project at Ponte Vedra Concert Hall

Cellist Pegsoon Whang will join The Florida Chamber Music Project on Sunday, Nov. 3 at 3 p.m. at the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall performing the Schubert String Quintet in C Major, Opus 163 D.956. There will be a reception with the musicians following the concert.

Whang, a member of the Utah Symphony for the last 20 years is also a faculty member at Westminster College and the University of Utah. She received a bachelor's degree from the Curtis Institute of Music and a master's degree from the Mannes College of Music, where she finished with the Most Outstanding Graduating Student award. Her mentors include Robert Marsh, David Soyer and Timothy Eddy. She has appeared in numerous festivals and performed in orchestras and chamber ensembles throughout the United States, Europe and Asia. FCMP's Music Director Susan Pardue has been friends with Whang since the 10th grade. Whang was also FCMP cellist Laurie Casseday's stand partner at the Jacksonville Symphony.



**Pegsoon Whang**

"Pegsoon Whang is much more than a brilliant cellist," said Casseday. "She is a force to be reckoned with! I expect to be inspired and deeply moved as she and I combine talents again."

Pardue adds, "The Schubert Quintet is often referred to as the 'cello quintet' because it uses two cellos. The addition of the second cello gives the piece a rich, deep sound. I think that this piece contains some of the most beautiful melodies ever written."

Show tickets may be purchased at the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall and St. Augustine Amphitheatre Box Offices or at <https://www.ticketmaster.com/florida-chamber-music-project-tickets/artist/1921638>.

Florida Chamber Music Project was founded seven 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 are members of the Jacksonville Symphony.

Follow Florida Chamber Music Project on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter (@FLChamberMusic). Visit them online at [flchambermusic.org/](http://flchambermusic.org/)

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Visitors tour the Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach through Fitzpatrick's Go Art program.

## Go Art

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one in a raffle. Tickets for the monthly events at Butterfield, located at 137 West King St., are \$10.

Fitzpatrick's group tours come in all sizes, and prices vary depending on location. She said she enjoys helping people

connect with art--couples, office groups, families, women's groups, retirees. "All kinds of people."

Fitzpatrick's website is goartandexplore.com, where she can be reached for reservations or more information.

She loves being in a business that helps people love art.

"It's taking me in directions I didn't expect," she said. "It's an adventure for me."

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**Friday, December 6** | Show Hours 11 am - 3 pm

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11:30 am | Juli Catlin, FASID & William Nash, Art & Antiques Expert  
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7:30 - 11:30 pm | Gala and Dinner featuring the RiverTown Band. Black Tie  
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**Saturday, December 7** | Show Hours 11 am - 5 pm

10 am | Ray Booth, Interior Designer  
*Evocative Interiors* | Book signing to follow.

1 pm | Margot Shaw, Editor-in-chief, *flower* magazine with Elaine Griffin  
and Barry Dixon, Interior Design  
*Outside/In: Designing with Nature in Mind* | Book signing to follow.

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## PVHS hosts St. Augustine for district title

By Jim Moyes

Special to the Recorder

A district championship and a home-field playoff berth will be at stake when a proven football power, the St. Augustine Yellow Jackets, visit the Shark Tank Friday, Oct. 25 to battle the Ponte Veda Sharks.

Even the most optimistic followers of Ponte Veda football could not have envisioned the success the young squad has achieved seven games into the 2019 season.

A multitude of questions faced this year's Shark team even before the whistle blew at the first practice on a steamy morning in early August. To say that the Sharks would be in a rebuilding mode was a vast understatement. Missing from a team that posted a successful 8-3 record were their top four receivers on offense and 9 of their leading tacklers on defense. All this and the 2019 Sharks were jolted when their popular and highly successful coach, Matt Toblin, suddenly left the



Photo by Dylan Lane

**PVHS quarterback RJ Glod throws a pass during the Sharks' 61-7 victory over Englewood on Oct. 11. Glod led all Northeast Florida quarterbacks in passing yardage after the win.**

program to take over the reins at Bolles. Ponte Veda Athletic Director Eric Frank may have hit the jackpot in new

hire Jeff DiSandro. The former offensive coordinator at Bishop Kenny and a Schaumburg, Illinois native, has over-

come numerous setbacks to post a current record of 6-1 that has moved the Sharks to a lofty ranking among North Florida elevens.

But no one could have foreseen DiSandro's biggest fear when the Sharks lost their 2-year veteran quarterback, and Division 1 prospect, Jacobi Meyers, for the year on the first offensive drive of the season. Even more unlikely was the impact his backup RJ Glod would have on this team. Suddenly thrust into a starting role as the pilot directing this ship, Glod had attempted just 21 passes in his entire high school career, and none in his junior season.

However, following Ponte Veda's smashing 61-7 victory in their last game against Englewood, Glod was leading all Northeast Florida quarterbacks in passing yardage.

St. Augustine will come to the Shark tank with an overall 5-3 record against some very tough competition. DiSandro

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## Nieves has big game, but Nease falls to St. Augustine

Nease put up some impressive numbers but the Panthers' rally attempt fell short in a 55-45 loss to visiting St. Augustine on Friday, Oct. 18.

Panthers quarterback Joseph Nieves passed for 343 yards and three touchdowns and led the team in rushing with 170 yards and two TDs. Johkyreian Shealey added 120 yards receiving on five catches with two touchdowns for Nease.

The Panthers (1-7, 0-3 District 1-8A) trailed 21-10 after the first quarter and

27-16 at the half. Both teams added 21 points apiece in the third quarter, and Nease outscored the Yellow Jackets 8-7 in the fourth quarter but couldn't make up the difference.

St. Augustine quarterback Sam Edwards passed for 297 yards and six touchdowns, but the Panthers limited the Yellow Jackets to just 85 yards on the ground.

Nease next plays visiting Oakleaf (5-3, 1-2) in a district matchup at 7 p.m., Friday, Oct. 25.

**Nease quarterback Joseph Nieves dives into the endzone for a touchdown during last Friday's game against St. Augustine. Nieves passed for 343 yards and ran for 170 more in the game.**



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**Nease's Montavious Rowe runs with the ball against St. Augustine. Rowe rushed for 54 yards in the Panthers' 55-45 loss to the Yellow Jackets.**

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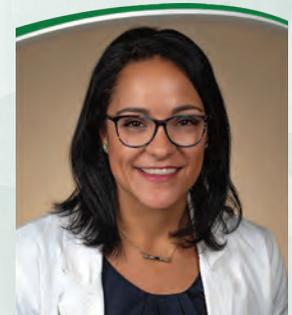
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