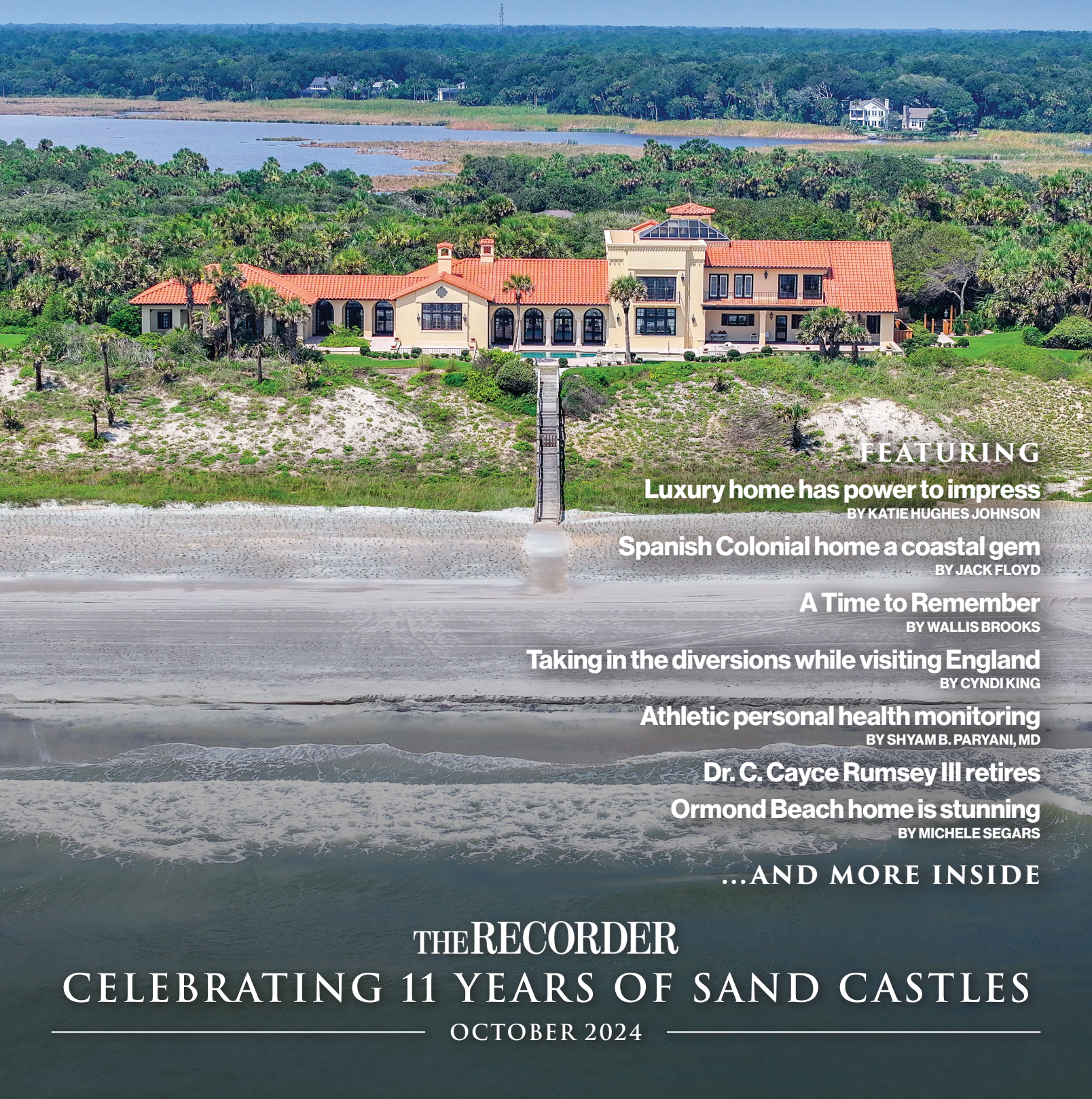


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Welcome to Sand Castles



This autumn issue of Sand Castles is packed with great articles

By Janet Westling

Welcome to the fall issue and our 11th anniversary of Sand Castles, a luxury, lifestyle and seasonal publication.

Our fall weather has finally arrived and after weathering the storms of Helene and Milton we look forward to welcoming our Georgia neighbors to the north to Jacksonville and our beaches.

Since 1915, the Florida-Georgia game — sometimes referred to as the biggest outdoor party — has been played, and every year since 1933 Jacksonville has been proud to host another successful event for our city. Many fans arrive early to this destination game and our hotels and resorts are filled to capacity. Georgia is our No. 1 feeder state for real estate and, while we may be rivals on the field, off the field Georgians enjoy our restaurants, beautiful beaches and lifestyle!

Food writer Leigh Cort has the perfect ingredients for a Florida-Georgia tailgate that will make your party simple, elegant and easy to transport to the game.

Our market watch, written by Erin Spalding, broker, Berkshire Hathaway HSFNR, delves into the current luxury market that continues to thrive in our beaches community.

All indicators point to a continuing healthy market and in this issue nine of our top real estate agents share their stories about their distinctive properties currently for sale!

Our First Coast is a wonderful place to live and is filled with caring people, wonderful foundations and fundraisers that are changing lives and helping others!

Amanda Alvarez, shares the story of the Jacksonville School for Autism and the unexpected disaster the school experienced. The community support they received helped them get through the challenge they faced; and the community continues to support the school.

Dr. Ellen Hancock, surgeon, Ponte Vedra Plastic Surgery, met the head of the Homeless Coalition at the last Sand Castles luncheon. Dr. Hancock was so moved by their story and needs that she started a funding drive at Ponte Vedra Plastic Surgery.

These two stories give testimony to the compassion and caring community we live in on Florida's First Coast.

Kendra McCrary, president of The Women's Board of Wolfson Children's Hospital, writes about some of the interesting guests scheduled for the Florida Forum Speaker Series in the coming months.

Realtor Cyndi King writes about her recent European

adventure in London. She and husband Chris took in as many diversions as possible, experiencing firsthand the culture of England. Read about their discoveries: a festival showcasing vintage cars and airplanes, high tea, a location featured in the Netflix series, "The Farm," and much more.

Much closer to home, the Bilotta Collection exhibits fascinating life-sized robots, arcade machines, sci-fi toys and more from the past. Ozzie Bilotta amassed more than 2,000 pop-culture items over four decades and today shares them with the public. Where else can you see an original poster from "Forbidden Planet," a 1920s-era Buck Rogers tin rocket, Batman memorabilia, vintage kiddie rides, early 1900s fortune teller machines, an extremely rare Popeye toy and a full-sized replica of the robot from "Lost in Space" — all in one place?

Claire King offers us the latest news from Florida House, the Sunshine State's embassy in Washington, D.C. Students visiting in the summer internship program enjoyed a rare introduction to the nonprofit sector and the U.S. government. Students visited many of the interesting sites in the nation's capital and learned a wealth of historical facts — including a surprising connection between Florida and the infamous Dr. Samuel Mudd.

Wallis Brooks takes us back to 1940, as revealed in the pages of the Landon High School Landonian. Her mother, Sarah Jane Wallis, was a leader in her class who told her daughter many interesting facts about Jacksonville in the pre-World War II era.

In September, Dr. C. Cayce Rumsey III, founder of Ponte Vedra Plastic Surgery, retired and friends gathered for a special party. Inside, you'll find some photos.

Dr. Shyam B. Paryani explains the role of athletic personal health monitoring in today's world. This monitoring, using cutting edge technology, has proven critical to preventing injuries and tailoring training sessions to the needs of individual athletes.

In her monthly column, St. Johns County School Board member Kelly Barrera discusses the latest news in safety and security for students and staff, as well as a referendum on this year's ballot for a 1 mill increase to fund important elements of the school system.

Finally, Brian Sexton examines the status of the Jacksonville Jaguars and what is needed for greater success.

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Read more about this home and see more photos on page 37.

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MARKET WATCH

Discover the allure of Ponte Vedra Beach luxury real estate

By Erin Spalding,
Broker, Berkshire Hathaway HSFNR

Nestled along the stunning coastline, Ponte Vedra Beach is not just a beautiful seaside community; it's a thriving oasis for luxury real estate that continues to captivate buyers from all corners of the globe. Despite the economic ebbs and flows that have affected many markets, our coastal haven has shown remarkable resilience. After a brief pause in luxury sales earlier in 2023 due to rising interest rates, the market has bounced back with impressive vigor, carrying this momentum confidently into 2024.

As we look at the current landscape, the median sales price for luxury homes in Ponte Vedra Beach has reached approximately \$1.8 million — a notable increase from \$1.7 million last year. This rise is a testament to the unwavering demand for upscale properties in our area. With low inventory levels, a thriving job market, and an influx of out-of-state buyers eager to embrace the coastal lifestyle, Ponte Vedra Beach remains a prime destination for luxury living.

The average sales price for luxury homes is also on the rise, currently hovering around \$2.1 million, up from

\$2 million in 2023. This upward trend not only highlights the desirability of our community but also underscores buyers' readiness to invest in premier real estate that offers both value and lifestyle.

One key indicator of market health, the list-to-sale ratio, is currently averaging around 98%, a slight uptick from 97% in 2023. This statistic reveals that sellers are successfully achieving close to their asking prices, reflecting the robust buyer demand within this exclusive segment.

2024 has brought an exciting shift in buyer dynamics, particularly with a noticeable rise in cash transactions. In September, the pinnacle sale in Ponte Vedra Beach reached a staggering \$17,850,000 — on the market for a mere seven days and selling for just \$25,000 shy of its listing price (an impressive 99.8% of asking). As of October 2024, cash sales now account for approximately 35% of luxury transactions in the area. This trend indicates a significant shift, with buyers opting to leverage their accumulated wealth rather than navigating the complexities of mortgage financing.

Many of these affluent buyers are relocating from states with higher tax burdens, drawn to Florida's favorable tax environment, which enhances both

their lifestyle and financial wellbeing. The influx of cash buyers serves as a stabilizing force in our market, as these purchasers are less affected by interest rate changes and sustain demand even amidst broader economic uncertainty.

Living in Ponte Vedra Beach is often described as "living in a bubble" — a luxurious bubble that shows no signs of bursting anytime soon. At Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Network Realty, we take great pride in leading the luxury real estate market across St. Johns, Duval and Clay counties, having achieved more than \$485 million in luxury sales volume as of Sept. 30, 2024. In comparison, our nearest competitor stands at \$282 million, underscoring our unparalleled expertise and commitment to excellence in this exclusive market.

In Ponte Vedra Beach, the allure of luxury living is not just a dream; it's a reality waiting to be embraced. Join us as we explore the vibrant opportunities that await you in this coastal paradise. Whether you're buying, selling or simply curious about the market, we are here to guide you every step of the way. Your luxury lifestyle in Ponte Vedra Beach is just a conversation away!

Florida Forum series features major speakers

By Kendra McCrary, president,
The Women's Board of
Wolfson Children's Hospital



Kendra McCrary

While I enjoy every season in Jacksonville, there's something special when fall arrives with the occasional cool morning and pleasant evening. Our town is a wonderful place to enjoy the Florida fall — days on the beach, enjoying our backyards and all the parks and natural beauty that surround us. We live in such a vibrant community full of amazing people, places and events. Football dominates our Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. The sunrises and sunsets are

particularly colorful. I hope you have a chance to experience this amazing time of the year.

For The Women's Board of Wolfson Children's Hospital, we are preparing for our epic events. Fall kicks off our Florida Forum Speaker Series. Hopefully you have already heard about our amazing lineup and purchased your tickets.

This year, we first hosted Boris Johnson, former prime minister of the United Kingdom on Oct. 29, moderated by John Delaney. On Jan. 15, we will feature Deepak Chopra, a renowned pioneer in integrative medicine and personal transformation. That evening will be moderated by Shad Khan. The series will close on Feb. 12 with Florida author Carl Hiaasen. The current Apple TV series "Bad Monkey" featuring Vince Vaughn

is based on Hiaasen's novel of the same name. Additionally, Johnson's new book "Unleashed" and Chopra's book "Digital Dharma" are hot off the presses. You won't want to miss it.

I want to personally invite you to join us as each evening will be engaging and informative. Tickets are available at www.thefloridaforum.com. And while the speakers will be enlightening, the money raised will be used to support Wolfson Children's Hospital through the purchase of two new KidsKare Mobile ICU units and the programs and services connected. With our expanding region, these mobile ICUs are critical to our young patients.

I look forward to seeing you at the Florida Forum and encourage you to save the dates for the First Coast Design Show, Dec. 6-8, 2024.

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Athletic personal health monitoring

By Shyam B. Paryani, MD

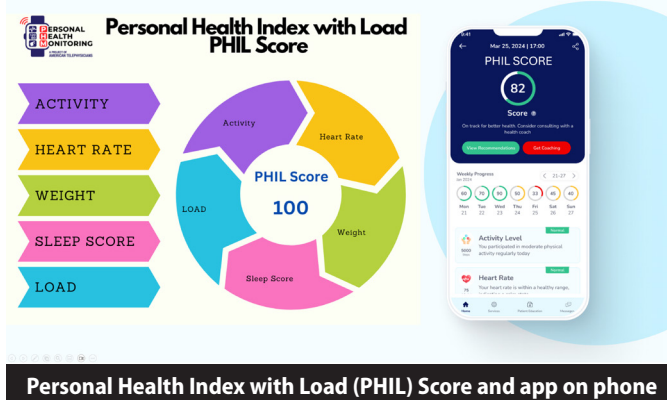
Athletic monitoring has become an integral part of modern sports science, playing a pivotal role in enhancing athlete performance and reducing the risk of injuries. Monitoring involves the systematic collection, analysis and interpretation of various data points related to an athlete's physical and physiological status.

By leveraging advanced technologies and data analytics, coaches and sports scientists can make informed decisions to optimize training and recovery processes.

One of the primary tools used in athletic monitoring is wearable technology. Devices such as GPS trackers, heart rate monitors and accelerometers provide real-time data on an athlete's performance metrics. GPS trackers, for instance, can measure the distance covered, speed and movement patterns during training and competition.

This information helps coaches tailor training sessions to meet the specific needs of each athlete, ensuring that they are neither overtrained nor undertrained.

At UNF, we are studying athletes of all major varsity sports by monitoring them using Fitbit devices. We have gathered data over the past two years. The data gathered includes heart rate, VO₂ max, heart rate variance, weight, activity level, sleep patterns and general wellness and injury status. Using the five main parameters of heart status, activity level, BMI, sleep patterns, activity minutes and injury status, we



have developed a Personal Health Index (PHI).

The PHI is calculated on a daily basis with scores assigned from 1 to 100. The higher the score, the better the overall fitness and health parameters are. An algorithm calculates individualized PHI by considering factors such as age, sex and injury status. Our research explored the potential of improving athletic performance and reducing injury by providing individualized daily recommendations to the athletes.

The recommendations include the level of

exercise and activity level. Athletic conditioning is reflected by VO₂ max and heart rate variation data. Sleep monitoring is also a critical aspect of athletic monitoring. Quality sleep is essential for recovery and overall performance. Wearable devices can track sleep patterns, including the duration and quality of sleep. By analyzing this data, coaches can identify potential issues such as sleep deprivation or disturbances and implement strategies to improve sleep hygiene. Proper sleep management can lead to better recovery, reduced injury

risk and enhanced cognitive function.

Athletic monitoring plays a crucial role in preventing injuries by providing real-time data on an athlete's physical condition and performance. Monitoring systems track various metrics such as heart rate, fatigue and workload. By analyzing these data points, coaches and trainers can identify signs of overtraining or fatigue, which are common precursors to injury. Monitoring systems are also valuable during the rehabilitation process. They provide objective data to ensure that athletes are fully recovered before returning to play, reducing the risk of re-injury.

UNF is fortunate to have Visiting Professor Olaf Ueberschär from the Magdeburg-Stendal University of Applied Sciences. He and his research team have been investigating load patterns and asymmetries in running using wearable inertial measurement units since 2017. A major focus of their research is the inter-individual and intra-individual characteristics of lateral asymmetry in junior elite and amateur long-distance runners and triathletes, including the German Olympic team.

We are combining the Fitbit data from our athletic monitoring study and combining it with the Load characteristics collected on the same athletes by Professor Ueberschär. We are developing a new metric to assess both physiologic data and performance load data, which will be named the

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JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS

Team struggling with something, but what?



By Brian Sexton

The Jaguars have not been a resilient football team; not this season and not since the first week of last December when they owned a respectable 8-3 record. An injury

to quarterback Trevor Lawrence late in a Monday night loss to the Cincinnati Bengals put the home team in a tailspin that ended with just one win in their last five games, and as you might know they opened this season with four consecutive losses.

In trying to flesh out what's wrong with this team I can't help but recall a loss to the Chiefs on Opening Day last

season, after which we learned they had a bad week on the practice field and a deflating 34-3 loss to the 49ers coming off the bye week when their performance suggested they needed at least another week to get ready for a team that came from the West Coast with three consecutive losses under its belt.

This is a team that is struggling with something, and it isn't talent.

It's completely within reason to wonder if they're simply not up to the expectations of being a contender because when the big games against the best teams pop up on the calendar they're not up to the challenge. If you dialed in Monday Night Football last month you know exactly what I'm talking about.

It isn't a play-calling issue. Coaches overcomplicate the game with their

intricate play design and insider lingo. Fans buy in and when things go sideways it's natural for them to blame the play-calling when in truth it's always about the players on the field who are either making the play or they're not. A good play is one that works, and a bad play is one that doesn't.

The Jaguars don't have a talent issue, though they're clearly not as talented as I and many other observers believed they were when training camp closed. You don't get blown out in the first half of a prime-time game if you're really that good. They clearly are not that good.

But for a team with a \$55 million quarterback and a \$30 million pass rusher and the \$160 million Miller

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Peaceful, convenient 98 Players Club Villas

By **Clare Berry**
Contributed photos

Condominium living in sought-after Sawgrass Players Club is available in just one neighborhood, the Players Club Villas. Only a few of these villas are large (more than 2,500 square feet, three bedrooms, three-and-a-half baths) and full of windows providing views of a lagoon lined with native Florida flora. If you are seeking low-maintenance living in a great

location close to shops, restaurants, clubs and beaches, 98 Players Club Villas is what you've been looking for. This is the first time this one has been available, so its location and spaciousness may surprise you. Special features of the first floor include the huge great room and its stunning two-story wall of windows, first floor primary suite that opens through double doors into the relaxing Florida Room, and the kitchen open to the living space. Upstairs, there are

two bedroom suites, one with a Trex balcony overlooking what feels like a preserve. This villa's footprint is more than 30 feet wide, making it feel more like a patio home than a condo. There's a private community pool close by for swimming, sunning and spending time with neighbors.

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Ozzie, Kristine and Andrew Bilotta gather with some of the robot stars of classic sci-fi films.



Ultramen seem to come to life at the Bilotta Collection.

Classic toys, sci-fi legends live on at local museum

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Located in the same building housing the St. Johns County Tax Collector is Ponte Vedra's little-known secret, the Bilotta Collection. It's a boutique-style museum with one of the most eclectic and valuable collections of its type in the world.

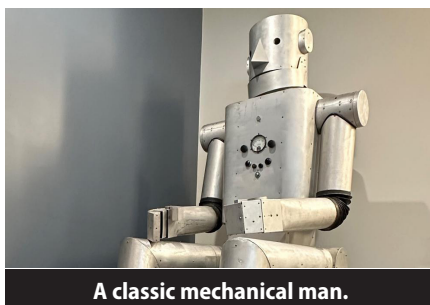
Once you're past a small ticketing area framed by a flashing neon rocket sign, you'll be greeted by a life-sized animated robot from the 1930s. It is just one of a multitude of life-sized robots, arcade machines and sci-fi toys that Ozzie Bilotta has amassed over four decades.

Bilotta has lived in Florida for 20 years. He moved to Ponte Vedra Beach in 2019 with his wife, Kristine, and son, Andrew. While his primary business is commercial real estate, he has bought, traded and sold what blossomed into more than 2,000 items in his public collection.

When the collection reached a point where it outgrew a normal home, the goal was to find a suitable location for a public display. The result was purchasing the building at 151 Sawgrass Corners Drive fronted by the tax collector's office. He reserved two suites for the public collection.

Lining the halls are original posters from classic films such "Forbidden Planet," "Invasion of the Saucer Men," "Godzilla," "War of the Worlds" and more. There is also original art, paintings, sketches, vintage production cells and more.

Some of the tin toys date back more



A classic mechanical man.

than 100 years, like a 1920s-era Buck Rogers tin rocket and early Mickey Mouse toys, some with the Disney character's original look.

A favorite is the Popeye tank toy, one of maybe only five boxed examples in the world, with Olive Oyl popping out of the turret. Bilotta bought it in the early 2000s, then sold it only to buy it back in 2022 for a world-record, eye-popping \$105,000.

A machine man robot, one of only three boxed examples known, fetched a record price of \$160,000 in 2020 the most ever for a tin toy robot!

The collection houses the world's largest collection of vintage tin anime characters from "Speed Racer," "Ultraman," "Gigantor," "Astro Boy" and many more that were syndicated on American TV and in other international markets. There is a display of some of the rarest and valuable Batman tin toys ever seen! including Batmobiles, figures — even a tank toy. In the same room with Batman, visitors will find rare artifacts of "Supercar," "The Jetsons," "8 Man" and, of course, Robby the Robot in various toy guises.

In one room there's a 5-foot-tall Gigantor robot — from a 1960s cartoon about a world-saving robot operated by a boy. Also in that gallery, there are full-size replicas of B-9, the robot

from "Lost in Space," Robby from "Forbidden Planet" and Gort from "The Day the Earth Stood Still." The dome-topped Robby, which blinks lights, twirls antennae and speaks, is a favorite of many visitors.

Other rooms are dedicated to vintage kiddie rides and pinball machines, as well as early 1900s fortune teller machines.

Bilotta's son Andrew, a cum laud history major from North Carolina State, helps curate the collection while Kristine Bilotta helps manage it all.

The Bilottas opened the 3,000-square-foot collection last year "to inspire the next generation of collectors, keep this culture alive, expose these artifacts to people that have never seen them before, offer something happy/nostalgic and, lastly, for the historic significance spanning two previous centuries."

The collection at 151 Sawgrass Corners Drive building is valued at nearly \$7 million, and it is ever expanding. The collection isn't done yet.

There's a recently purchased a trio of robot musicians created by Gebroeders Decap 1963 in Belgium. Standing an imposing 10 feet tall and 11 feet wide, it features three life-sized musical figures.

The challenge will be fitting in it, but the collection seems up to the task!

Bilotta uses the same spirit of preservation in managing his various commercial properties in Ponte Vedra. Investing substantially in renovations, aesthetics and efficiencies for the betterment of the community.

Admission is \$19.99 for individuals, plus there are group and family rates. The collection operates by appointment for tours, so if you're interested, call 904-834-3109 or go to bilottacollection.com for more information.



HEALTH

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Personal Health Index and Loading, or PHIL.

In conclusion, athletic monitoring is a vital practice in sports science that leverages technology and data analysis to optimize performance and safeguard athlete health. By systematically collecting and analyzing data on various aspects of an athlete's physical and physiological status, coaches and sports scientists can make informed

decisions that enhance training, recovery and overall performance. As technology continues to advance, the potential for athletic monitoring to revolutionize sports performance and injury prevention will only grow.

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JAGUARS

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Electric Center to prepare in, they play like the 2021 Jaguars with a rookie quarterback playing for an overwhelmed college coach in a leaky building frequented by rats.

Maybe it was owner Shad Khan's night before training camp address to his team when he told them that after all the money he'd spent and all the resources he'd delivered to them and the football administration it was time for them to produce.

I don't question whether they're physically strong enough to line up against NFL competition, they most certainly are.

I do question whether they're mentally tough enough to handle the expectations that come with

money and fame and life in professional football. You don't earn \$55 million or even \$1 million by doing something that everyone watching can do. You either belong on the big stage or you don't.

The 2024 Jaguars must find an inner strength to overcome the adversity they've succumbed to for almost a year. It's up to the players on the field and they're the only ones who can change the direction of this season.

Winston Churchill, who seems to me to often have the perfect thought, once famously said that "the only way to get through hell is to keep going."

The only way the Jaguars are going to turn this thing around is to start fighting their way through the fires of a tumultuous season and stop looking for an easier route.

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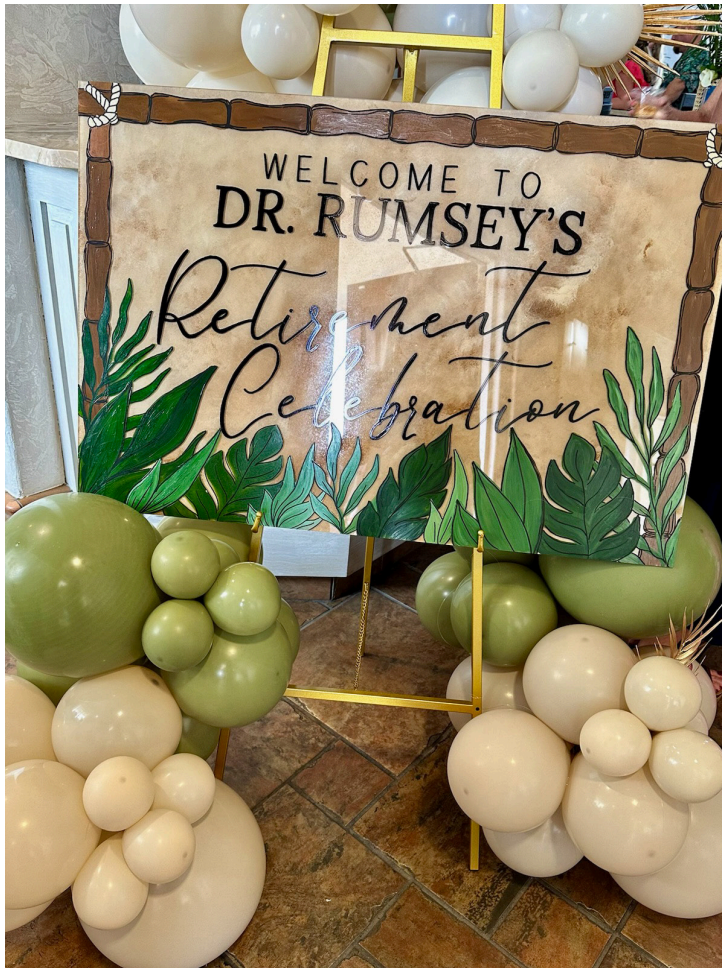
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Dr. C. Cayce Rumsey III retires

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After decades of dedicated service in the field of plastic surgery, Dr. C. Cayce Rumsey III, founder of Ponte Vedra Plastic Surgery (PVPS), has retired. He leaves a legacy of innovative care for his patients and practice.

Rumsey, a Tuscaloosa, Alabama, native, entered private practice in 1993 and founded Ponte Vedra Plastic Surgery the following year. His specialties include cosmetic surgery of the face and body, with a particular interest in abdominoplasty surgery, various breast surgeries and facelifts.

Since the inception of PVPS under Rumsey's leadership, he has grown his practice of three staff members to 110 staff members, encompassing Northeast Florida with six locations in Nocatee, Ponte Vedra, Amelia Island, St. Johns and Gate Parkway.

A board-certified plastic surgeon since 1995, Rumsey has been a trailblazer in



his field. He currently serves as chief of the Division of Plastic Surgery at Baptist Medical Center-Beaches in Jacksonville Beach and has held prestigious positions

such as president of the Florida Society of Plastic Surgeons and the Greater Jacksonville Society of Plastic Surgeons.

Rumsey began his education at the University of Alabama School of Medicine. He then pursued seven years of surgical training, culminating in a three-year plastic surgery residency and fellowship at the University of Florida in Gainesville and the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, respectively.

Throughout his career, Rumsey has been an active member of numerous professional organizations, including the American Society of Aesthetic Plastic Surgery and the American Society of Plastic Surgeons. He's also associated with the American Medical Association, Florida Medical Association, Duval County Medical Society, Florida Society of Plastic Surgeons, Jacksonville Society of Plastic Surgeons, is past chief of

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Plastic Surgery at Baptist Beaches, and he serves on the Board of Directors of the Florida Society of Plastic Surgeons.

A retirement party was held from 4 to 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 7, for Rumsey at Ponte Vedra Plastic Surgery, 208 Ponte Vedra Park Drive. Guests were encouraged to “dress to impress” in their finest luau attire.



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A Supportive Donation

Ponte Vedra Plastic Surgery partners with Homeless Coalition of St. Johns County

By Ellen Hancock, MD,
plastic surgeon at PVPS
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At Ponte Vedra Plastic Surgery, we believe in the power of community and compassion, serving Northeast Florida for more than 30 years. By organizing a bra donation drive, we aimed to support both our patients and the broader community, culminating in a contribution to the Homeless Coalition of St. Johns County.

BRIDGING THE GAP: THE HOMELESS COALITION OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY
 The Homeless Coalition of St. Johns County is a beacon of hope and support



for families with minor children in need. Founded with a mission to stabilize these families in St. Johns County, this nonprofit organization provides a range of critical services, including housing

and support services to break the cycle of poverty and save towards affordable permanent housing. Their comprehensive approach involves not only addressing immediate needs but also working toward sustainable solutions to help individuals and families regain their independence and self-sufficiency.

The coalition's efforts are fueled by a network of dedicated volunteers and generous donors, all working together to ensure that no one must face the harsh reality of homelessness alone.

What sets the Homeless Coalition apart is that they have 23 private cottages on a five-acre campus where families can have a sense of normalcy, different from typical homeless shelters without privacy. This is especially important for the minor children to feel safe and have a sense of dignity as their family gets back on their feet.

Their programs, such as education, childcare support and job placement assistance, are designed to empower their families with the tools they need to

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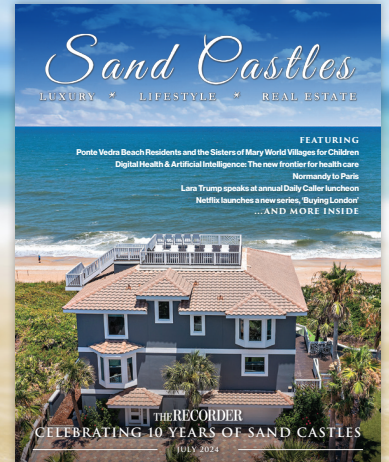
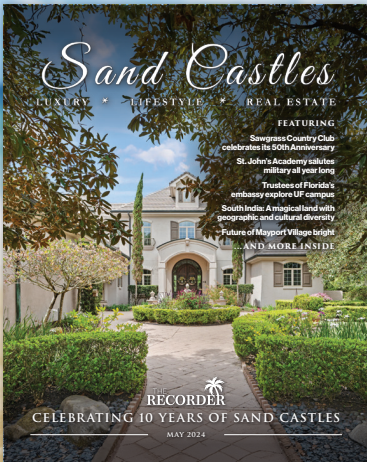
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rebuild their lives. When they leave, they are allowed to take anything from the house they resided in, decreasing moving costs. They currently have a success rate of 85% of families exiting the program remaining in a stable housing and being taxpaying citizens and 82% of their tutored children had improved grades at school.

A TOUCH OF COMPASSION: OUR PATIENTS AND THEIR CONTRIBUTION

At Ponte Vedra Plastic Surgery, we are deeply grateful for the trust our patients place in us. Many of our patients have experienced life-changing procedures and are part of a community that values not only personal transformation but also communal support. This is especially evident in our breast patients as most of our patients have consulted with their friends, families, Facebook groups or reddit threads before consultation. We harnessed spirit of womanhood comradeship to drive our recent bra donation drive.

Understanding that personal items like bras can be a luxury for those in need, we reached out to our patients and invited them to participate in this initiative.

We all know how expensive bras can get! Also, most of those in need arrive suddenly at homelessness with only the clothes on their backs, for example, in domestic violence situations. Our patients responded with overwhelming enthusiasm, contributing lightly used bras that were collected with care.

THE IMPACT OF OUR COLLECTIVE EFFORTS

It is easy to think “it’s just a bra, what difference does that make?” These bra donations embody the care that the women of our community have for each other and the importance of lifting each other out of difficult situations. I can only reflect upon my personal experiences to express how important this impact is.

Unfortunately, growing up as a child of immigrants and in a domestic situation, I have felt the fear that these minor children feel when displaced into homeless shelters. It is hard to feel safe when

you are in a strange place, housed with strangers, without a change of clothes or daily personal items.

As I returned to school, I also felt shameful of being in a shelter. This is why I personally think this organization stands out. They aim to provide not only the physical shelter, but an emotional shelter for these kids.

The coalition expressed profound gratitude for the donation, emphasizing how even small acts of kindness can have a significant impact on individuals experiencing homelessness. For many, receiving essential items like bras can restore a sense of normalcy and self-worth during difficult times.

LOOKING AHEAD: CONTINUING THE SPIRIT OF GIVING

The success of this initiative highlights the incredible impact that can be achieved when communities come together. At Ponte Vedra Plastic Surgery, we are committed to continuing our support for the Homeless Coalition of St.

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Meeting demands of safety, funding in our schools



By Kelly Barrera, District 4 School Board representative

As we approach the end of the first quarter, our teachers and support staff have been diligently focused on enhancing teaching and learning. They have been fine-tuning classroom routines, identifying learning gaps and ensuring that our curriculum aligns with Florida State standards. Our school district remains the highest performing

in the state, excelling in both student learning gains and proficiency. Since the inception of school grades in 2004, we have consistently achieved an A rating, standing as one of only two districts to do so.

While academic excellence is at our core, the safety and security of our students and staff remain our top priority. Throughout the year, we are committed to improving our

security measures at schools, enhancing programs and partnerships that support our community, and expanding resources available to families.

We have been proactive in implementing a range of safety measures, including single-point entry into schools, Wi-Fi and security camera systems enhancements with direct links to our sheriff's office, and 800MHz radios for bus operators and school leadership to communicate directly with law enforcement. At each school, our staff is equipped with the Centegix silent mobile panic alert system. Each of our school buses have a GPS system. In addition, various safety enhancements to exterior lighting, alarm systems and fencing have been completed. These vital upgrades were made possible through the half-cent sales tax approved in 2015, which has also funded new schools, roof replacements, maintenance and technology improvements. As this sales tax

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referendum is set to expire in 2025, it will be on the November ballot for voter renewal for an additional 10 years.

From an operational perspective, we prioritize ongoing training for our staff and students in safety protocols. Our district collaborates closely with law enforcement to adhere to state-mandated safety drills, and each school has a comprehensive Emergency Operations Plan that is regularly updated and practiced. Annual risk assessments, conducted with local first responders and our safety specialist, ensure that we continually enhance our school environments.

Every school maintains a safety committee and threat assessment team, which meets regularly to address safety and security concerns. A youth resource deputy is assigned to each school, actively participating in safety training and drills. At the district level, our district threat assessment team collaborates with law enforcement school threat detectives.

To ensure a secure environment for school visitors and volunteers, a school access application is required two weeks in advance. This application includes a background check through the sheriff's office, and visitors must sign in and wear a badge while on campus.

In addition, Florida has introduced FortifyFL, an anonymous tip reporting tool for suspicious activities. This can be easily accessed via mobile app or online at FortifyFL.

Our student support services are robust, featuring peer support organizations like Link Crew, WEB (Where Everyone Belongs) and Sources of Strength, as well as programs for mental health support. We offer youth mental health first aid training for all staff, and our BRAVE program connects families with community mental health resources. Each school has a nurse, mental health counselors and social worker support, with special programs available for students and parents in partnership with community and national organizations.

Over the last nine years, the state has rolled back the millage rate, resulting in a 1.93 mill reduction for homeowners. This has posed financial challenges for growing school districts. On the November ballot, a referendum will



propose an additional 1 mill to enhance school safety, student welfare and educational programs — including science, technology, arts, music and athletics.

A significant portion (85%) of the 1 mill referendum will be allocated to recruiting and retaining high-quality teachers and staff. Addressing historic vacancies in education, especially for roles like teachers, bus operators and Exceptional Student Education paraprofessionals, is critical for our district's success. Competing with surrounding counties that have already passed millage referendums (25 counties, including Duval, Clay and Nassau counties) is essential to attract and retain top talent in our community.

Both referendums will be overseen by a dedicated Citizens Advisory Committee to ensure proper allocation of funds. Our school district remains steadfast in our commitment to supporting students, with 97 cents of every dollar received being spent directly at our school sites.

Thank you for your continued support as we work together to create a safe and nurturing environment for our students.

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Johns County and exploring new ways to contribute to the well-being of our community.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to our patients, staff and everyone who participated in making this donation drive a success. Your generosity embodies the spirit of giving and reinforces our shared commitment to improving the lives of those around us.

As we look forward to future initiatives, we remain inspired by the compassion of our community and the ongoing efforts of organizations like the Homeless Coalition of St. Johns County. Together, we can continue to support each other, one bra at a time.

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TABLE TALK

Tailgating: Is it culinary or ceremonial?



Leigh Cort

By Leigh Cort

Is it folklore or history that the modern tailgate had its roots in college football, first played at College Field in New Brunswick, New Jersey, between Rutgers and Princeton in 1869? Either option brings us through the decades to today's culinary diversity that it's both a fine game and a fine party!

Who doesn't enjoy bringing people together socially over a fully mobile, vehicle-based culinary "happening"? What we do agree upon is that tailgating is a perfect synergy of tension and excitement, socializing and traditions.

A glimpse back in history takes us to the late 1860s when Charles Goodnight, a Texas rancher and entrepreneur, recognized the cowboys' need for a rolling food hall and created the chuck wagon. His mobile kitchen differs very little

from today's modern tailgaters, leading us to the post WWII popularity of station wagons. They were cherished as both a name and a method to an original social movement, that even had space for transporting a "grill" for refined culinary menus!

Attired in team spirit and colors, don't we love dressing the part, too? Even if we're not entering the stadium, who can resist hosting or attending a tailgating party? This unique culinary scene is magnificently colorful and a chance to be creative, competitive and beyond ceremonial!

Tailgating happens to be one of the longest lasting "holidays" in American tradition. Starting in late summer — and cruising through to early winter — tailgaters enjoy seeing tent cities adorning expansive parking lots with a walkable path of billowing smoke and unforgettable aromas. Our senses are keen no matter what is being served. It's an opportunity

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for untitled “chefs” to explore and show their hidden gastronomic talents.

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SHRIMP COOKED IN BEER!

- 2 cans (12 ozs.) beer
- 2 Bay leaves, crumbled
- ½ t. red peppers, crushed
- ½ t. cayenne or fresh ground black pepper
- 2 T. mustard seed
- 1 ½ pounds giant shrimp, shelled and deveined
- ¼ C. wine vinegar

In a saucepan, combine beer, bay leaves, seasonings.

Bring to boil and simmer for 5 minutes.

Add shrimp. Simmer 8 minutes until shrimp turn pink and are cooked.

Remove from heat; add vinegar.

Let stand 30 minutes and strain.

Chill before serving and bring to party. Or cook on the grill and enjoy hot!

Although each stadium concession makes beverage toting easy, there’s nothing more compelling than a giant cooler filled with surprises. With the rising cost of non- and alcoholic choices, cool down those hot games and show off a new cocktail and how to be your own mixologist. With thirst and curiosity, experiment and enjoy! Quality ingredients always shine when your recipe is made with only a few of them. Pack your favorite bourbon, squeeze fresh citrus (always available in Florida) and pick up easy to find ginger beer. Its fragrance and sharpness are very popular. For a little extra “kick,” add slices of candied or fresh ginger.

GAME DAY MULE

- 2 oz. bourbon
- Juice of 1 lime (plus wedges for garnish)
- Ginger beer chilled
- Fresh or candied ginger (optional garnish)

Fill a tall glass with ice cubes. Combine bourbon and lime juice. Stir well. Top off glass with ginger beer and garnish (lime wedge and/or ginger or both)!

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A wine spritzer is wonderful on a hot game day, especially if the ladies are cheering for their favorite team. It’s aromatic, herbal and floral; a quick and easy way to add exciting new flavor and a faint purple hue!

- 1 oz. Lavender syrup
- 4 oz. chilled dry white wine
- Splash of chilled club soda

Place lavender syrup in a clear wine glass and add the wine. Top with a splash of club soda (optional).

We need to keep tailgating in a special place in our hearts. Whether you’re a sports enthusiast or a party animal, let’s gather for a feast, great music, tradition and sense of community. We will keep more than our pre-game parties alive and forge new traditions that are built one game at a time!



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Sand Castles holds thank-you luncheon

Photos by Susan Griffin

On Oct. 3, Sand Castles held a “thank you” luncheon for advertisers at the home of Sand Castles founder Janet Westing in Sawgrass Country Club.

The luncheon featured three guest speakers from the community of advertisers who support Sand Castles.

The first speaker was Dr. Shyam Paryani, executive master of the Health Administration Program at UNF. Dr. Paryani gave an overview of digital health that is making medicine more personal and precise.

He was joined by the research team from Magdeburg/Stendal University from Germany to help collaborate on athletic monitoring research. Professor Olaf Ueberschar led the German team. The goal is to improve athletic performance and reduce the risk of injury.

San Marco Books owner Desiree Bailey spoke about her family-owned business, an independent business in San Marco, founded by her parents more than 52 years ago. This boutique bookstore offers bestsellers, vintage classics and leatherbound books curated for readers of all ages.

“We are aging like a well-loved tale,” said Bailey.

Sue Molm, board member of Florida House in Washington, D.C. — founded by Rhea Chiles more than 50 years ago — spoke about the mission and activities that Florida House provides to visitors from all around our state. Known as the only state embassy in Washington, D.C., Florida House has exhibits, tours for school groups and interns who organize a summer speakers series once a week for a different member of Congress to

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speak to the interns.

Guests had the opportunity to ask questions of the speakers and left with a greater understanding of the services they provide. The luncheon was the fourth in a series of luncheons that will invite and thank advertisers and feature speakers from the business and nonprofit community.



Florida House summer interns: *Bridging Florida and D.C. through hands-on experience*

By **Claire King**
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For decades, Florida House has created unique opportunities for interns from Florida, offering them the opportunity to immerse themselves in hands-on learning experiences in nonprofit communication, development and event planning in Washington, D.C. These semester-long programs have provided valuable insights into the intersections of the nonprofit sector and government, fostering a generation of young leaders.

As part of the McKay Education Program, this highly competitive summer internship allows students to split their time between Florida House and a Florida congressional office on Capitol Hill. This structure allows interns to gain an insider's view of both the political world and the nonprofit sector, affording them a perspective in public service.



The 2024 summer cohort was involved in two key projects that highlight the range and creativity of Florida House programming.

The first, titled "The Hidden Florida Project," was a digital video series that explored the often-overlooked connections between Florida and Washington, D.C. This creative project is viewable across Florida House's social media platforms, including Instagram and Facebook, and engaged audiences both locally and across the country.

The second project was a major event, "The Olympic Soirée," which was hosted in collaboration with the Embassy of France. The soirée celebrated the Paris 2024 Olympic Games and honored the dozens of Olympic athletes hailing from Florida. They had the opportunity to work closely with local businesses, corporate sponsors and guest of honor Olympic gold-medal winner and Old Dominion Women's Basketball Coach Delisha Milton Jones.

Beyond their projects, the cohort worked together to host the Summer Intern Seminar Series, a program offering interns from Florida the opportunity to network and hear from a different member of Florida's congressional delegation every week. Florida House interns also had the opportunity to explore the city and gain a better

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understanding of the work-life balance in Washington, D.C. They visited iconic places such as the International Spy Museum and Hillwood Gardens, blending educational activities with personal enrichment. This mix of professional and cultural experiences ensures that interns leave the program not only with new skills but also with a deep appreciation for the city and its unique offerings.

The McKay Education Program also offers students of all ages the opportunity to learn more about government, history and nonprofit work with "The Power of the Presidential Pardon" Initiative.

This specialized tour educates students on one of the most intriguing aspects of presidential authority, and its surprising historical connection to the Sunshine State with Dr. Samuel Mudd. This program, alongside others like the Florida House Book Club and its rotating arts exhibit, ensures that Florida House remains an active and dynamic



educational hub for learners of all ages.

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Taking in the diversions while visiting England

By **Cyndi King**
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During our trip to England in early September, we (Cyndi and Chris King) enjoyed staying with our dear friends at Burlington in Gerrard's Cross, pronounced Jarod's Cross. I had difficulty riding in the front seat of a right-hand-drive car, even adjusting the rearview mirror before I realized I wasn't driving! The back seat suits me just fine!



One of the highlights of our trip was attending the Goodwood Revival on the

estate of Lord March near Chichester, a fantastic festival showcasing vintage cars and airplanes. Vintage clothing is also encouraged; this year did not disappoint, with ladies dressed right out of the '40s, '50s and '60s. Interestingly, we also participated in the event in 2017, and just like before, it rained during our visit this time, as well.

However, this time around, it seems I

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am no longer obligated to attend future events, but I had a wonderful time meeting new people in the warm and dry members' tent. We had the opportunity to interact with folks from Wales, Pennsylvania and Tennessee. Chris and our hosts wandered the grounds, braving the rain to take in the racing, and the paddock was where the vintage cars were being staged for their various races.

Our exploration of the countryside included enjoying traditional high tea at The Compleat Angler in Marlow and visiting various charming pubs.

One is Jeremy Clarkson's (known for the Netflix series "The Farm") Diddy Squat Farm Shop and his newly opened pub, The Farmers Dog in Chipping Norton, where all menu items are locally sourced.

We also visited Turf Tavern, founded in 1381 at Oxford; esteemed patrons included Richard Burton, Elizabeth Taylor and CS Lewis.

We did spend one day in London,



visiting Bond Street and eating sushi in the food hall at Harrod's, where we met a mother and daughter from Prague who agreed the tiles on the ceiling were reminiscent of Prague's Café Imperial.

We spent a few hours on the Big Red Bus to see as many historic parts of the city as possible. We had the pleasure of attending the Ricketts Racing Garden



Party in St. Albans Wheathampstead, which was organized to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Historic Lotus Register. It was indeed an enriching and memorable experience.

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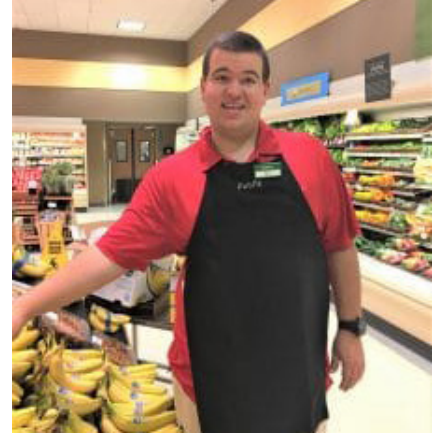


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Community comes to aid of Jacksonville School for Autism

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Jacksonville School for Autism (JSA) is a not-for-profit, private school established in 2005, dedicated to serving children and young adults with autism spectrum disorder (ASD).

ASD is a developmental condition that affects how individuals perceive and

interact with the world, with symptoms ranging from sensory issues and repetitive behaviors to speech impairments, socialization difficulties and cognitive challenges.

JSA provides a unique academic experience for students from across Northeast Florida, offering a highly individualized education with support

from onsite therapists specializing in applied behavior analysis, occupational therapy, physical therapy and speech therapy. JSA's programs cater to students from preschool through young adulthood.

On Sept. 4, 2024, JSA faced a

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devastating setback when a sewage backup caused extensive flooding at the school. The staff acted swiftly, safely evacuating the students, while parents quickly arrived to pick up their children. The school was forced to close indefinitely, leaving the future uncertain.

Under the leadership of Executive Director Michelle Dunham, JSA quickly implemented an emergency response plan. This included an investigation into the cause of the flooding, repairs to the sewage system, remediation of flood damage across both buildings and plans to restore the facilities.

Despite the overwhelming challenges, the JSA team pulled off what can only be described as a miracle: securing temporary classrooms in four different locations across Jacksonville, adjusting schedules for 61 students and 65 staff members, and reopening classes after missing just three school days.

A huge thank you goes to Deermeadows Baptist Church, Good



News Church World Golf Village, Playworks Therapies, We Rock the Spectrum and Bitty & Beau's Coffee for their generosity and support.

While this transition has undoubtedly been difficult for students, parents and staff, everyone has leaned into their adaptability, embracing the challenge with a positive attitude. Continuous communication from the leadership team has helped manage expectations and maintain hope throughout the process.

By the end of September, ServPro completed the removal of contaminated materials, sanitizing and disinfecting the buildings. OccuHealth inspected the premises, giving the official approval for restoration to begin. JSA is well on its way to recovery, with one building expected to reopen to students by early October, and the second building shortly thereafter.

In reflecting on the experience, Mrs. Dunham said, "While we celebrate the resilience of our students, I know how difficult this transition has been for parents and staff. Thank you for your kindness and support during the hardest days of my career as JSA's executive director. I am incredibly proud of our community's commitment to our school. There is always a silver lining in every life situation, and we've been reminded that JSA's impact extends far beyond its walls. Our community continues to rally behind us as we rebuild, and we will not be defeated. We will remain #JSASTRONG!"

If you'd like to support JSA during this challenging time, consider making a donation at www.jsakids.org. Every contribution is deeply appreciated. You can also participate in or sponsor an upcoming fundraiser:

- Nov. 14, 2024: 4th Annual Autism in Action Clay Shoot
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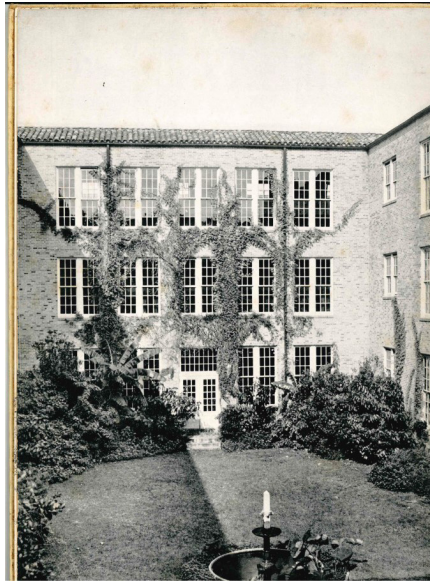
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A Time to Remember

A look back to 1940 through the pages of the Landonian and the Landon High School Lionettes

By Wallis Brooks
Contributed photos

My mom, Sarah Jane Wallis, was the youngest of 10 children who grew up in San Marco on River Road; a true Jacksonvillian, if there is such a word! I remember hearing stories about walking over the Main Street Bridge and going to shows at the Florida Theatre. Stories, too, about Peaches Shoemaker and Maxine Von der Hoden, James Hurst, Jack Hightower and John Santora, all familiar names if you are a native Jacksonvillian. The days when there was just one road to the Beaches, that was Atlantic Boulevard; my, how things have



changed!

Going through the 1940 yearbook brought back a flood of memories and raised questions to which I will never

have answers, because as a youngster I never thought to ask them. I failed to listen carefully to the stories as they were told. That's not unusual; it's only as we get older ourselves that we appreciate the stories and wish we knew so much more about our parents, their families and their accomplishments!

Apparently, Sarah was quite an athlete and especially accomplished at tennis, holding the city's lady's championship for a number of years. It's rumored that as the leader of the Lionettes she "led the Lionettes to fame" and she was scheduled to be on the cover of Life magazine. But there happened to be something of greater importance on the horizon and a soldier took the cover as the United States entered World War II.

That being said, due to the war, the Naval Air Station experienced an

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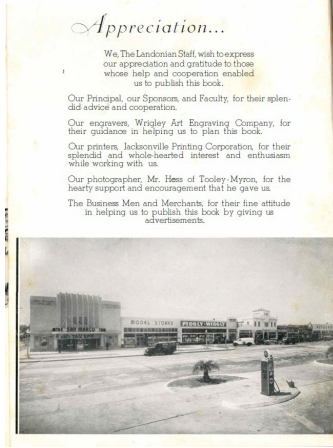
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influx of recruits and trainees. A young ensign from Atlanta by the name of Dewey Wade was introduced to Sarah. They eloped and spent 20 years in the Navy. When it came time to retire, Atlantic Beach was the natural choice. They spent years playing golf and tennis at Selva Marina Country Club where John Santora and his wife Bobbie were members as well. It really is a small world after all!

I have included some pictures from the yearbook that help tell the story. I encourage you to make sure you tell your story to your children and grandchildren. Write down your story, record or video it; it is part of your inheritance and something worth leaving behind for the next generation. I wish I had all the stories; finding the Landonian was a gift.



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Cypress Village hosts ConnectUs networking event

Expands with new ConnectEd seminar

For The Recorder
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Cypress Village Senior Living Community successfully hosted its third annual ConnectUs networking event on Sept. 30, drawing more than 75 guests from the health care and senior living sectors. This year's event featured the debut of the highly anticipated ConnectEd seminar series, which proved to be a major success.

The inaugural ConnectEd session, "Mastering Value-Based Care Models: Strategies to Optimize Patient Outcomes and Financial Performance," was led by Jennifer Boese, a health care policy expert from CliftonLarsenAllen (CLA). With her expertise, Boese delivered a compelling and practical presentation that resonated with health care professionals, focusing on optimizing outcomes while

maintaining financial sustainability in skilled nursing and senior care facilities.

The ConnectUs event, which aims to advocate, inspire and foster partnerships, attracted a wide range of professionals including health care leaders, skilled nursing facility directors, hospital case managers and insurance case managers. The event provided a valuable platform for attendees to engage in meaningful discussions about the evolving challenges and opportunities in the health care landscape.

"Our goal for ConnectUs has always been to bring together professionals from different sectors to collaborate on better care solutions. This year, the addition of the ConnectEd session enriched the event, giving participants practical insights to implement in their own organizations," said Ty Morgan, executive director at Cypress Village.

In addition to Boese's session, guests enjoyed networking opportunities, sharing industry knowledge and discussing current trends that affect both health care

providers and senior living communities. The event was a testament to the growing influence and reputation of the ConnectUs platform as a regional hub for leadership and innovation in senior care.

Plans for next year's event are already underway, with an emphasis on expanding the ConnectEd series to include additional expert-led seminars on relevant health care topics. Cypress Village looks forward to continuing its tradition of fostering strong professional connections and elevating the conversation around quality health care for seniors.

Cypress Village is a premier senior living community in Jacksonville, offering a range of services including independent living, assisted living, memory care, and skilled nursing. Cypress Village is committed to enhancing the quality of life for its residents through exceptional care, innovative programs, and strong community partnerships.





This custom 10,000-square-foot home features an open design with beamed, vaulted ceilings as well as Spanish tile and teakwood flooring with Portuguese tile accents.



This Spanish Colonial home is situated 30 feet above the ocean on one of the highest dunes in the area.

Spanish Colonial home a coastal gem

By Jack Floyd

Contributed photos

This exquisite Spanish Colonial jewel is partially surrounded by an ancient oak forest. It is situated 30 feet above the ocean on one of the highest dunes in the area and straddles two lots, giving it 320 feet of beach frontage and some of the most magnificent views on the Northeast

Florida coast. It's secluded but close to all the major amenities of Ponte Vedra Beach and located one mile south of Mickler's Landing away from the beach crowds.

This custom 10,000-square-foot home with five bedrooms and four-and-a-half baths was designed by Hansen Architects of Savannah and built by Dana B. Kenyon Co. It is constructed from reinforced poured concrete and

concrete block with concrete and rebar filled cells. From its Spanish terracotta tile roof to its basement wine cellar, this house is a stunner. Inside, it features an open design with beamed, vaulted ceilings as well as Spanish tile and teakwood flooring with Portuguese tile accents. The patio has a heated pool

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By Janet Westling
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Step inside 26 Maria Place and experience a one-story, coastal traditional pool home, which is simply stunning!

Located in coveted Old Ponte Vedra Beach, 26 Maria Place lies in the perfect location within walking distance to the Ponte Vedra Inn & Club and the Lodge. With almost 5,000 square feet of spacious living, 26 Maria Place also includes outdoor living with three outdoor patios, with a pool, a pergola and lagoon. This exceptional home blends coastal living with a warm and welcoming family enclave. Spectacular views of the pool, summer kitchen and outdoor firepit await you as you enter the spacious, light-filled living space.

This coastal home can accommodate a large family with space to entertain their friends that includes four bedrooms, four bathrooms, a large living room, den, sunroom, family room and updated kitchen.

The beautiful kitchen includes newly installed designer appliances, a center island that opens to a woodburning fireplace that connects to the large dining room and adjoining family room.

The spacious family room, with lots of living space, has wood-beamed coffered ceilings, hardwood floors, recessed lighting and a wet bar that opens to the private enclosed garden with outdoor seating under a pergola, with a fountain and lush grounds.



The beautiful dining room is ideally located overlooking the pool on one side and off the chef's kitchen at the other end, offering the ultimate dining venue. Ponte Vedra Beach is just minutes to the famed TPC, Atlantic Ocean and renowned Mayo Clinic.

Ponte Vedra Beach has beautiful oceanfront clubs from the Ponte Vedra Inn & Club, the Lodge & Club, Sawgrass Country Club, the Sawgrass Beach Club and the Cabana Club.

About 34,000 residents call Ponte Vedra Beach home. Visitors come from around the world to play on its beautiful uncrowded beaches and enjoy world-renowned, famous golf courses and tennis facilities each year. They are often astounded to hear tales of Ponce De Leon landing on its shores as well

as German saboteurs during World War II.

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Marketing that luxury home

By Bobby Davidson

“You are going to love it here!” is what I tell buyers when touting living and playing in Ponte Vedra Beach. Raising my family in PVB, while travelling throughout the country developing large real estate and sports projects, only left me long flights home for short weekends. COVID cut that short and real estate found me home in PVB, standing in the lobby of the local Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices lobby in Sawgrass Village. With a client under one arm and a computer under the other, I set off to claim the marketing and sales of luxury homes.

Taking a year to reignite my sales skills, becoming a Luxury Collection Specialist and multi-million-dollar producer wasn't easy. BHHSFNR gave me support and inspiration with the finest group of real estate professionals I have ever been around. They stand as an international power player in real estate and provide me an impressive tool chest, training and a commitment to excellence. In July '24 the



The home located at 15 Stately Shoals Trail.



The home located at 113 Heron Lake Way.

PVB office alone closed over \$41 million.

Then last year Shanielly Angioletto landed in the same Berkshire Hathaway lobby. Florida had attracted her family of six: three boys, husband Alex and Grandpa from their home of 20 years in New Jersey. Often called Shanel, she has travelled quite a road, immigrating by herself as a teenager from Brazil. Shanel earned her citizenship and worked her way up in the banking industry. Wanting a better life for her family, they moved to Florida, and she established a new career in real estate. I mentored Shanel and she worked hard. Now she is a Luxury Collection Specialist and we enjoy listing

and selling Ponte Vedra Beach, Nocatee and Jacksonville properties.

One of our recent listings started with the introduction of a couple who were looking at the many listings in the Berkshire Hathaway storefront on Village Main in Sawgrass Village. I approached and asked if they were looking for a home. The stately gentleman said, “No, we have one.” I asked if they were looking to sell it. His wife immediately said, “Yes, we have lived there for 30 years, and it is a beautiful home in Marsh Landing, but it is time for a new owner to enjoy

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Stunning 5-Bedroom Home in Willowcove, Nocatee

5 Bedrooms | 4 Bathrooms | MLS# 2043428

Luxury meets comfort in this beautifully upgraded spacious home, situated on an expansive 0.35-acre corner lot in the desirable Willowcove neighborhood, backing up to a serene preserve. Key features include: Primary & Second Bedroom on the ground floor with spacious walk-in closets, open & inviting floor plan, new hardwood floors, gourmet kitchen with a large kitchen island, breakfast bar, pantry, quartz countertops & eat-in kitchen perfect for family gatherings. Beautiful built-in features throughout the home, fresh interior paint throughout, primary bath with a luxurious tub & separate shower. Includes an expansive loft perfect for a game room, play area, or home theater, ceiling fans throughout, outdoor entertainment space featuring a summer kitchen & wood-burning fireplace. Room for a pool in the large, fenced yard surrounded by tall hedges for privacy & an EV charging station in the garage. This home has everything you need for modern, comfortable living. Quick access to the Nocatee Greenway, parks, community amenities & shopping within 5 minutes. Call for price and private showing.



Dream Oasis in the Heart of Marsh Landing

4 Bedrooms | 4 Bathrooms | MLS# 2038571

A stunning, spacious home that offers a perfect blend of luxury, comfort, & breathtaking natural beauty, nestled in a tranquil neighborhood. Expansive open floor plan, high ceilings, large windows, & elegant finishes create a bright and inviting atmosphere, perfect for both everyday living & entertaining. The gourmet kitchen features top-of-the-line SS appliances, granite countertops, a large island, & custom cabinetry. The spacious master suite is a private retreat, boasting a spa-like ensuite bathroom with a soaking tub, a separate shower, & dual vanities. 3 additional generously sized bedrooms, each with their own bathroom, offer ample space & privacy for family & guests. Step outside to your own private paradise. The screened-in pool area is perfect for year-round enjoyment, providing a serene setting to relax and unwind. Whether you're hosting a summer barbecue or simply enjoying a quiet evening under the stars, this outdoor space is sure to impress. Additional features include a 3-car garage and a dedicated laundry room. This home is conveniently located near top-rated schools, shopping, dining, and the pristine beaches of Ponte Vedra. Call for price and private showing.



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The chef's kitchen is a standout feature.



The home at 107 King Sago Court, Ponte Vedra Beach.



The screened-in, paved pool area.

Luxury home has power to impress

By **Katie Hughes Johnson**
Contributed photos

Discover the epitome of luxury living in this custom-built home nestled within the gated community of Ponte Vedra Pointe, set on 1.38 acres. Overlooking a serene lake and lush preserve, this property is a haven for nature lovers and birdwatchers alike. Just a short drive away, you can unwind on the stunning Ponte Vedra beaches.

With 5,021 square feet of elegant living space, this impressive residence features a primary suite, two secondary bedrooms with en suite baths, a versatile fourth bedroom or office, a full bath opening to the lanai and a spacious flex space or craft room on the main level.

Upstairs, you'll find an additional bedroom, full bath, media room (which can serve as a sixth bedroom) and a generous bonus room.

The chef's kitchen is a standout feature, boasting white cabinetry, quartz countertops and high-end appliances, including a 48-inch gas cooktop, built-in refrigerators and a large island for gatherings. The design maximizes storage with a spacious pantry and is complemented by an inviting eat-in kitchen area as well as a formal dining

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107 King Sago | \$2,499,899

Located in gated Ponte Vedra Pointe, on 1.38 acres. Spanning 5,021 square feet, this exquisite residence offers luxury finishes and expansive lake & preserve views. The large lanai & screened pool area complete this tastefully finished home with 5 beds, 5 baths plus bonus, theater room & office.



469 Golf View Circle | \$2,499,999

Built in 2023, this newly built coastal pool home is located in prestigious Old Ponte Vedra. This stunning home is a few blocks from the Ponte Vedra Inn & Club, The Lodge and walkable to the beach. East of A1A! Home features 4 beds, 4.5 baths plus loft.



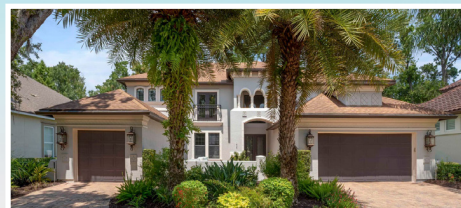
189 Canal Blvd. | \$1,950,000

Discover a brand-new home by Barnett Custom Homes, slated for completion in Summer 2025, nestled on over a third of an acre in Ponte Vedra Beach. This modern farmhouse spans 3,784 square feet and features 5 bedrooms, 4 full bathrooms, 2 half bathrooms, and a loft.



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Stunning oceanfront residence in Jacksonville Beach

By Jennifer Sexton
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Imagine a home that offers enough space for both your children and grandchildren, all while being perfectly positioned on the ocean in picturesque Jacksonville Beach. This exceptional residence at 1843 Ocean Drive South is a true masterpiece, combining luxury, comfort and breathtaking ocean views.

Step inside and be immediately captivated by the charm of hardwood maple floors and oversized windows that frame stunning ocean vistas. The living room serves as the heart of the home, featuring a cozy gas fireplace and

a tongue-and-groove ceiling that adds a touch of elegance.

For those who love to cook, the kitchen is a chef's paradise. It boasts premium countertops, stainless steel appliances and a gas range, making meal preparation a delight. Need an office or an extra bedroom? The first-floor den offers flexibility, conveniently located next to a full bath.

The second floor is designed with family and guests in mind. It includes three guest bedrooms and a charming bunk space, perfect for kids or extra visitors. The oversized primary suite is a sanctuary of its own, offering jaw-dropping ocean views and a private balcony where you can savor

your morning coffee while watching the sunrise. The ensuite bathroom is a spa-like retreat, featuring a luxurious steam shower that provides the ultimate relaxation.

This home is not just a place to live; it's a lifestyle. With its premium oceanfront location, stunning design, and ample space, 1843 Ocean Drive South is the perfect setting for creating lasting memories with your loved ones.

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An aerial view of the back of the home at 105 Teal Nest Court and pool area.



The kitchen of the home at 105 Teal Nest Court.

Home boasts resort-like coastal living

By Cici Anderson
Contributed photos

You will be wowed by this stunning estate home that has been completely expanded and renovated and sits on 1.4 private acres with high-and-dry elevation and an incredible cul-de-sac location inside the gated community of Marsh Landing, Ponte Vedra's premier country club community — with social membership included.

Nestled on a private street, this

home boasts expansive water views and is within walking distance to the club, golf course and tennis courts. It is beautifully renovated with the finest finishes.

This sprawling estate features a thoughtful layout with more than 6,148 square feet that seamlessly blends indoor and outdoor living.

The kitchen is truly a masterpiece with a huge island, two sinks, large pantry, granite countertops and Wolf and Subzero appliances, all opening to the breakfast, dining and living spaces.

There are two primary suites, one up and one down, and both feature spacious rooms, soaring ceilings and spa-like baths. Three more bedrooms and a large office are on the main level, plus another bedroom, bath and bonus space are on the second floor.

This spectacular property offers the epitome of resort-like coastal living and is located at 105 Teal Nest Court.

Represented by Marsh Landing Realty, listed by Cici Anderson and Jenna Fisher and offered for \$3,349,000.

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The kitchen in the home at 264 Stirling Bridge Drive, Ormond Beach.



The exterior of the home at 264 Stirling Bridge Drive, Ormond Beach.



The pool at the home at 264 Stirling Bridge Drive, Ormond Beach.

Ormond Beach home is stunning

By Michele Segars

Contributed photos

Step into this stunning home in Plantation Bay Golf and Country Club, located in the charming Ormond Beach, Florida. As you enter, the natural light floods the open living area, creating an inviting ambiance that beckons you further inside. The seamless indoor/outdoor living space is perfect for entertaining guests or simply unwinding in style.

The gourmet kitchen is a haven for culinary enthusiasts, with a large island and

a cozy breakfast nook, ideal for intimate family gatherings. The primary ensuite offers a serene retreat with ample privacy, boasting two walk-in closets, a luxurious zero-entry shower and a deep soaking tub. Two additional ensuite bedrooms and a well-appointed office provide plenty of space for family and guests.

But this home is more than just a beautiful space; it's a lifestyle. Plantation Bay Golf and Country Club is not your typical golf community. This exclusive, gated community offers 45 holes of championship golf. The community spans 3,600 acres of beautifully landscaped

grounds, with majestic oaks, date palm trees and native tropical plants creating a true oasis. Tennis, pickle ball, jogging trails, health club and pool amenities create a true Florida lifestyle.

The community itself is sprawling, with the distance from the front gate to the rear gate almost four miles. The proximity to the beach, just eight miles away, and the convenience of nearby shopping and restaurants make it an ideal location. Daytona Airport is a short 21 miles away, and the Jaguars' EverBank stadium and

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Stunning Pool Home in Plantation Bay

264 Stirling Bridge Dr., Ormond Beach, FL
3 Bedrooms | 4 Baths | 3,318 SF | \$1,735,000

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The home at 240 Woodhurst Drive



The home at 179 Cool Springs Ave.

Homes in Nocatee offer vibrant lifestyle

By Cynthia Lupi
Contributed photos

Nocatee, Florida, is more than just a place to live — it's a vibrant community designed for modern individuals and households seeking both convenience and adventure. Nestled between Jacksonville and St. Augustine, Nocatee offers a perfect balance of suburban tranquility and urban access. Its master-planned neighborhoods provide residents with stunning homes, cutting-edge amenities and an active

lifestyle that caters to all ages. One of Nocatee's standout features is its commitment to outdoor living. With miles of trails, lush green spaces and waterparks, the community encourages residents to enjoy the beauty of Florida's natural landscape.

West End at Town Center is located in the heart of Nocatee. The Nocatee Town Center offers shops, restaurants and services that meet everyday needs, while frequent community events foster a true sense of belonging. Its ideal location near beaches, golf courses, top-rated

schools and shopping makes it a premier destination in Northeast Florida.

Del Webb Ponte Vedra, located within Nocatee, is an exceptional active adult community designed for those 55 and older seeking a vibrant, resort-style lifestyle. Offering a range of beautiful, low-maintenance homes, this gated community provides residents with access to world-class amenities, including a luxurious clubhouse, fitness

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and spa with plenty of room for small gatherings.

Once you enter the residence you're greeted by a huge atrium with a fountain and hand-painted walls topped by a 15-by-25-foot skylight mounted 30 feet above the sunlit, plant-filled atrium tile floor below. When you walk toward the living area, there is a formal dining room with a dramatic ocean view. Farther along you see an expansive living room seating area facing a massive woodburning fireplace. Above you, there are large wrought iron chandeliers hanging from the high ceiling. Those and all the other ornate wrought iron work such as railings, gates and some custom tables were hand crafted by blacksmith David Ponsler of Ponsler Metal Design.



From its Spanish terracotta tile roof to its basement wine cellar, this house is a stunner.

As you walk toward the ground floor bedrooms there is a library/study with another woodburning fireplace bordered with decorative Portuguese tile. The complete interior of this room is lined with custom fabricated maple cabinetry and shelving. And high on the wall facing east there is a small stained-glass

window, giving the room a splash of color from the outside morning sun.

There is also a master bedroom suite and two guest bedrooms downstairs, all with custom-designed Italian tile floors and showers in their respective bathrooms. There are two more bedrooms upstairs, both with balconies and panoramic ocean views. Both share a double bathroom with separate showers and custom Italian tile work. Finally, there is a modern kitchen with Sub Zero refrigerator and other modern appliances along with a kitchen dining area and informal bar seating.

And the best feature of all. This property is owned and being sold by The Sontag Foundation with all the sale proceeds going to fight brain cancer.

Offered at \$25,500,000
Represented by Michelle and Jack Floyd of
"The Floyd Group"
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room ideal for entertaining.

French doors open to a covered lanai adorned with wood tongue-and-groove ceilings, leading to a screened-in, paved pool area.

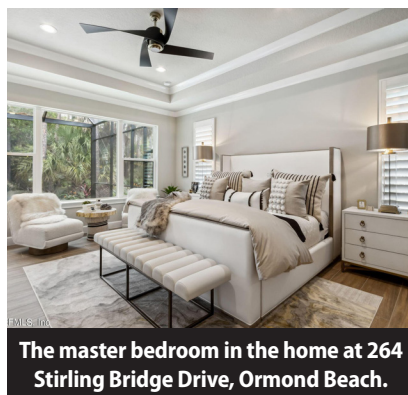
Outside, enjoy evenings by the firepit while stargazing and taking in the tranquil views of the preserve and lake from the expansive backyard. Curb appeal is enhanced by a circular driveway and an oversized side-entry, four-car garage, perfect for all your vehicles and toys. The center bay, at 27 feet deep, is perfect for parking your boat, with a boat ramp just two miles away.

Luxurious finishes include custom closets, smooth ceilings and high ceilings (12 feet and 10 feet), as well as wood flooring and shiplap accents. Recent updates include a new roof (2023), HVAC systems (2024) and water heaters (2024). Plus, this home is not located in a flood zone, adding to its appeal.

107 King Sago Court Ponte Vedra Beach
Offered by Katie Hughes Johnson at RE/MAX
Specialists PV for \$2,499,899.



The home overlooks a serene lake and lush preserve.



The master bedroom in the home at 264 Stirling Bridge Drive, Ormond Beach.

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the Mayo Clinic are one hour and 15 minutes in drive time.

This home offers not just luxury and comfort, but a sense of belonging to a vibrant community. The perfect blend of elegance and relaxation, it's a place where you can truly call home.

Represented by Berkshire Hathaway
HSFNR. Listed by Michele Segars.
Offered for \$1,735,000

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center, indoor and outdoor pools and miles of nature trails. With numerous clubs, activities and social events, Del Webb Ponte Vedra fosters a sense of community while promoting wellness and relaxation.

Whether you're seeking a peaceful retreat or an energetic environment, Nocatee continues to set the standard for what it means to live well in Florida.

Represented by Berkshire
Hathaway HSFNR. Listed by
Cynthia Lupi.
240 Woodhurst Drive, Ponte
Vedra offered for \$543,700
179 Cool Springs Ave., Ponte
Vedra offered for \$705,000

MARKETING THAT LUXURY HOME

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it." Knowing Marsh Landing as a luxury community, this was a listing we really wanted. During the next several months, we talked about the home and how to market it.

When Shanel and I listed their property at 113 Heron Lake Way, they told us, "We love it here. Just tell the buyers if they want a wonderful home to live and play in Ponte Vedra Beach, this is an easy choice. They will find the home designed for relaxation, entertaining, comfort and secure living. They will get a marsh view with a pool and an open concept home that magnifies the natural surroundings and wildlife and they will love the world-renowned golf courses, all this only a few minutes from the beaches and boating."

Represented by Berkshire Hathaway HSFNR.
Listed by Bobby Davidson and Shanielly Angioletto.
Offered for \$1,500,000

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2375 Ponte Vedra Blvd Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082

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Perfectly positioned along the banks of the Atlantic Ocean, in the first block of South Ponte Vedra Boulevard, this stunning 4 BR/3.5BA home offers a beautiful contemporary oceanfront setting with Intracoastal views that could grace the cover of Coastal Living magazine. This completely renovated private residence with well-appointed living spaces, features two sweeping oceanfront porches, a private beach walkover and a 21' x 21' rooftop deck with panoramic water and preserve view perfect for outdoor entertaining. This elevated and dominant position allows for extraordinary ocean views, in a spectacular setting, with lush grounds that include a putting green, in an historic seaside resort, epitomizing the Florida lifestyle!



26 Maria Place Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082

4 Beds | 4 Baths | 4,979 sq. ft. | \$4,200,000

Step inside 26 Maria Place and experience a one story coastal traditional pool home which is simply stunning! Located in coveted Old Ponte Vedra Beach, 26 Maria Place lies in the perfect location within walking distance to the Ponte Vedra Inn & Club and the Lodge. With almost 5,000 square feet of spacious living, 26 Maria Place also includes outdoor living with three outdoor patios, with a pool a pergola and lagoon. This exceptional home blends coastal living with a warm and welcoming family enclave. This coastal home can accommodate a large family with space to entertain their friends that includes 4 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms a large living room den, sunroom, family room and updated kitchen with designer appliances. The beautiful dining room is ideally located overlooking the pool on one side and off the chef's kitchen at the other end offering the ultimate dining venue. Ponte Vedra Beach is just minutes to the famed TPC, Atlantic Ocean and renowned Mayo Clinic.



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