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A note to our readers

As always, The Recorder's final issue of the year is devoted to the top stories of the previous 12 months. Reprinted within these pages are articles that first informed readers about changes in their community, achievements of their neighbors, major milestones surpassed and more.

Of course, in taking account of the highlights of 2024, The Recorder's staff found that the number of eligible stories far surpassed the available space, so consider this but a representative selection. Though The Recorder published many interesting feature stories during the year, neither those nor reports on recurring events were included in this edition so that the focus could remain on significant, stand-alone news items.

It is important to note that, with the exception of a few articles (and the Best of the Beaches section), the content of this issue is solely devoted to previously published pieces. The original publication dates are noted at the beginning of each article.

As the new year dawns Wednesday, let's greet it with hope and a desire to make our community the best it's ever been so that the stories reprinted at the conclusion of 2025 reflect positively on the efficacy of our efforts and the composition of our character.



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Amelia Island's annual Shrimp Drop set for New Year's Eve

Now that Dickens on Centre has passed, Amelia Island is looking ahead to the annual New Year's Eve Shrimp Drop. The crustacean sensation was ranked the No. 3 Best New Year's Eve Drop in the United States by USA Today.

Amelia Island's New Year's Eve Shrimp Drop is a unique local tradition; locals and visitors alike gather along the dazzling riverfront in downtown Fernandina Beach (North Front Street) to watch a giant shrimp covered in lights fall from the sky as part of an annual tradition to welcome a new year.

Festivities run 5-8 p.m. and the Shrimp Drop occurs at 7 p.m. The event features live music, food vendors, family-friendly festivities, fireworks and more, as crowds gather to enjoy Amelia Island's own unique "shrimp-sized" take on the Times Square Ball Drop.

Democratic Club to meet Jan. 8

The Ponte Vedra Democratic Club will hold its January monthly meeting Wednesday, Jan. 8, at the Ponte Vedra Beach Library, 101 Library Blvd., Ponte Vedra Beach. Chat & chew at 5:30 p.m., meeting at 6 p.m. Florida Times-Union political columnist Nate Monroe will offer his take on the upcoming administration in D.C. and here in Florida. For additional information, go to PVDemClub@gmail.com.

Palm Valley Market every Tuesday

The Palm Valley Market is held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Tuesday inside the Palm Valley Community Center, 148 Canal Road. The market offers fresh produce, baked goods, local honey, tea, seasonal treats, soap, jewelry, plants and more.

FBI agent to speak at Coastal Friends luncheon

Coastal Friends will host Amanda Vidal, FBI agent, as the guest speaker at the Wednesday, January 8 luncheon. Vidal will talk about scams and frauds and how to recognize and protect oneself. The luncheon runs from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and will be held at Marsh Landing Country Club, 25655 Marsh Landing Parkway, Ponte Vedra Beach. Normally held on the first Wednesday of every month, because of New Years Day, this luncheon will be held on Jan. 8.

This luncheon is open to members and guests, as well as the community. Lunch will consist of field green salad with dressing, chicken cordon bleu, mashed potatoes, seasonal vegetables and bread pudding with vanilla glaze. Reservations must be made in advance by contacting the luncheon chairman at bartshar@comcast.net. The deadline for checks to be received is Friday morning, Jan. 3.

Established in 1998, Coastal Friends (formerly known as Newcomers Alumnae) is a social club comprised of women who live in and near Ponte Vedra Beach, Nocatee, Jacksonville Beach, Neptune Beach, Atlantic Beach, Jacksonville and the surrounding area, and St. Augustine. Some of the many activities offered are ladies adventures and outings, book club, bunco, canasta, happy hour, lunch in, lunch out, mah jongg, samba and wine socials.

Luncheons are held on the first Wednesday of every month, except for July and August. New members are welcome throughout the year.

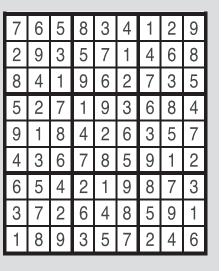
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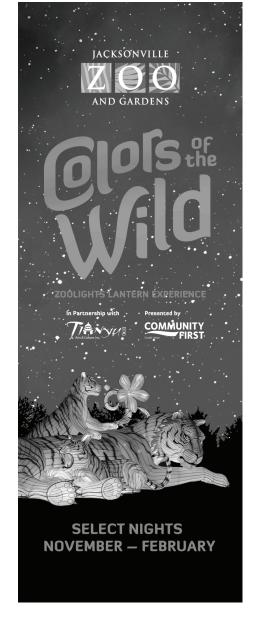
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Spa-La-Day Open House

Sawgrass Spa at Marriott held their Spa-La-Day open house on Dec. 5 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Attendees enjoyed giveaways, specials, refreshments, wine tasting and more.

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Amelia Island meets Victorian Era during Dickens on Centre

Dickens on Centre has become a Christmas tradition in Amelia Island over the past decade, as the annual four-day festival celebrated 10 years December 12-15. It was a Victorian Christmas market that transforms historic downtown Fernandina Beach in a classic English village.

Photos by Susan Griffin



















Cypress Village, Jacksonville City Council hold Sleigh Bells & Skidmarks Toy Rally

Cypress Village Retirement Community recently participated in this year's Sleigh Bells & Skidmarks Toy Rally, an inspiring event benefiting Wolfson Children's Hospital and local Police Athletic League (PAL) programs. In a display of holiday spirit, Cypress Village residents and staff collected hundreds of new toys, which were loaded into exotic cars and Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (JSO) vehicles during a parade stop at the community.

"It was truly an honor to sponsor such a meaningful event and partner with Councilman Arias and his team," said Ty Morgan, executive director. "Watching the parade of exotic cars and JSO vehicles leave our campus packed with toys for children in need was a highlight of the season for our residents and staff."

Cypress Village joined forces with prominent community partners such as Deerwood Castle, The Patrons Club and The Ferrari Club to make the holidays brighter for children and families across Jacksonville. The event showcased the power of collaboration, bringing together businesses, local leaders and the city's vibrant retirement community to support those in need.

The Sleigh Bells & Skidmarks Toy Rally exemplifies the spirit of giving that Cypress Village embodies year-







round. From initiatives like their resident-led scholarship program — which awarded more than \$82,000 in scholarships last year to empower staff — to the new Birds, Bees and Blossoms gardening club providing fresh herbs and potted plants to the community, Cypress Village remains dedicated to enriching lives both within and beyond its campus.

"We are incredibly grateful to Councilman Arias, his team, and all the event's partners for their leadership and vision," said Katie Amador, executive assistant. "This collaboration underscores the strong connection between Cypress Village and the broader Jacksonville commu-

nity. We look forward to supporting future initiatives that bring people together and make a positive impact."

Cypress Village extended its heartfelt thanks to everyone who made this event possible and invited continued collaboration to serve Jacksonville's residents.

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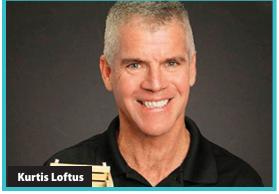


















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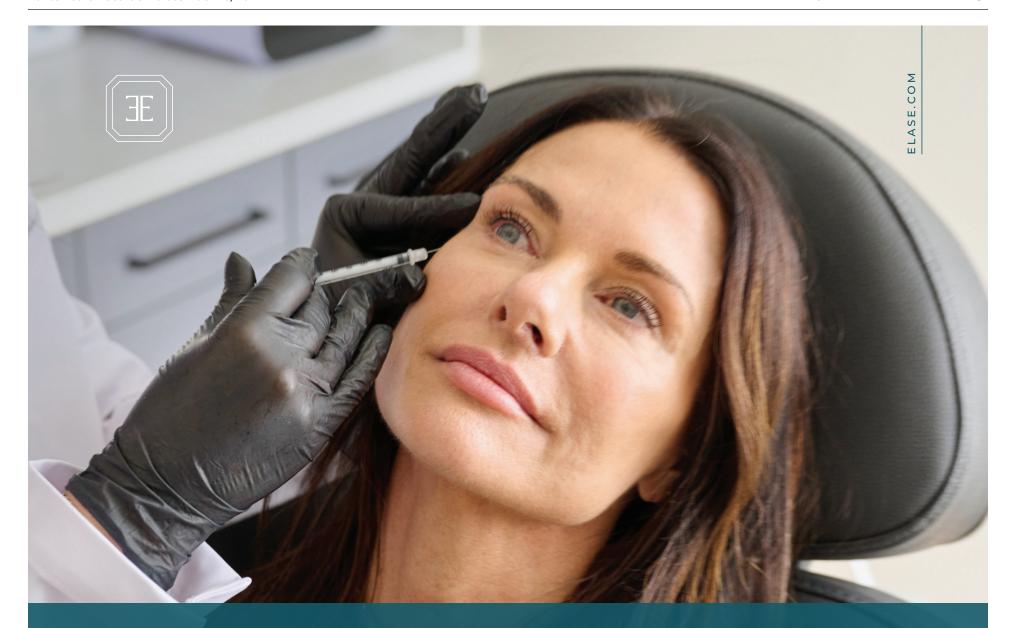


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Diane Bradley and Bill Mayer were honored with the newly renovated main art gallery being



It was a celebratory atmosphere during the St. Augustine Art Association's 100th anniversary event on Jan. 18.

Celebrating a century of inspiring St. Augustine's art culture

Art association names main gallery, looks to future

Originally published on Jan. 25, 2024

By Anthony Richards

The St. Augustine Art Association has been a mainstay in the local arts community for a century as the organization celebrated its creation 100 years to the day with a ceremony on Jan. 18.

The event took place in its newly renovated main art gallery and part of the ceremony included announcing that the gallery will be named after longtime members Diane Bradley and Bill Mayer.

Bradley is the president of the association and has held that role since 2008, while Mayer has been heavily involved for years behind the scenes helping to get the organization's financials in order.

"It will be a lasting testimony for all that they have given to this association,"

association member Phil Tutschek said.

Bradley had taught art for 30 years prior to joining the board of directors in 2004 after moving to the area.

"The two things that come to mind from the early days when Diane took over, is that they had a vision and almost everything has come to fruition," Mayer said. "Lots of people have vision, but a lot of people don't have action, but she had that action."

Some of the recent developments that have taken place in the past several years include many renovations to the building's interior and exterior.

"I've got tears in my eyes, because this has been such a labor of love for me," Bradley said. "Art has been my whole life."

Bradley thanked Kay Burtin, who served as executive director for the St. Augustine Art Association for 13 years and continues to be a valuable member of the organization's board of directors.

"She instilled in me the love for this art association and the importance that it has

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Photos by Anthony Richards



Guests mingle on the night.

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to the community," Bradley said. "Without that, I would have never understood how valuable this place is to the local artists."

The St. Augustine Art Association is the 13th oldest continuous-operated art association in the country, but Bradley stated that they are unique in their approach.

"I know of no other art association who does what we do," Bradley said.
"We don't jury our members in, allowing everyone to be a member of the art association and that's what makes it a unique and wonderful place."

According to Bradley, the majority of

art associations will allow people to be members but will not allow them to show their work because they have to be chosen for that through a process. However, at the St. Augustine Art Association, a love of art is the primary criteria needed.

Bradley and Mayer had friends and family on hand at the ceremony, some of which made lengthy trips to make sure they were there for the memorable night.

A champagne toast was made, and cupcakes were enjoyed at the end of the event as those in attendance wished for another 100 years of success and inspiring the local art culture.

"Success is not created by one individual, but instead it takes a lot of willing hands," Bradley said. "This celebration of the 100th anniversary is a tribute to all of those who came before us."



Attendees view the artwork in the main gallery.



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More lanes for C.R. 210

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By Shaun Ryan

Relief is on the way for motorists who must regularly cope with congestion along County Road 210 between Interstate 95 and U.S. 1.

County officials and staff gathered Tuesday at the intersection of Badger Park Drive and C.R. 210 in St. Johns to ceremonially break ground on a project to widen a segment of that road from two to six lanes.

"The community has been looking forward to this project for quite some time," said Greg Caldwell, St. Johns County Public Works director.

County Commissioner Henry Dean called it "one of the more exciting projects" with which he has been involved during the time he has served on the board.

"It's going to do so much for the



St. Johns County Commissioner Henry Dean addresses those gathered for the ground-breaking ceremony.

residents that are along this path," he said. "We added a new high school, of course, in the last year or so, and it increased the level of traffic even more. So, this couldn't come at a better time. It's absolutely wonderful. I couldn't be happier."

He noted that, as the commissioner representing that area of the county, he receives many calls from people concerning the traffic congestion there.

The project, budgeted at \$12.8 million, will add four lanes of traffic for the seven-tenths of a mile between Trinity Way and Beachwalk Boulevard, as well as sidewalks on both sides. It will improve traffic flow just west of the Twin Creeks Planned Unit Develop-



hotos by Shaun Ryan

Pictured from left, Assistant Director of Growth Management Dick D'Souza, County Manager Joy Andrews, Commissioner Sarah Arnold, Commissioner Henry Dean, Commissioner Roy Alaimo, County Engineer Duane Kent and Public Works Director Greg Caldwell ceremonially break ground for the road-widening project.

ment.

In addition, a traffic signal will be installed at the intersection of C.R. 210 and Badger Park Drive. That will likely benefit the businesses located there, as well as their customers.

Dean noted that the county has about 35 capital improvement projects for roads currently underway with a total budget of approximately \$183 million. That includes widening portions of C.R. 210 west of I-95, modifications to County Road 2209 and four-laning

Longleaf Pine Parkway.

Work on C.R. 210 east of I-95 has actually begun, and access is being improved at the intersection with Sandy Creek Parkway.

The civil engineer for the C.R. 210 widening between I-95 and U.S. 1 is Prosser Inc. of Jacksonville, and Watson Civil Construction of St. Augustine is the contractor for the project. Jacksonville-based England-Thims and Miller Inc. will conduct lead construction engineering and inspection.

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Sharks finish dream season with state title

Girls soccer bombards opponents during dominant state playoff run

Originally published on March 7, 2024

By Anthony Richards

The Ponte Vedra Sharks are Class 6A state champions in girls soccer and could not have done so in a more dominant

The Sharks (22-1-1) looked the part in every round of the state tournament, winning every game by at least two goals and outscoring their opponents 22-2 in

This included in the final four, as they cruised past Fort Lauderdale St. Thomas Aguinas 5-0 in the state semifinal on Feb. 28 and finished off their postseason run by defeating Tarpon Springs East Lake 3-1 in the championship matchup on March 2.

In the end, no matter who the Sharks matched up against they proved to be too much to handle both on offense and

Until the final four, they had not allowed a goal, as senior goalkeeper Audrey Johnson was a wall in net as she



Photo courtesy of Ponte Vedra High Athletics

The Ponte Vedra High girls soccer team won the Class 6A state championship on March 2.

backed up a stout defensive play in front

On offense, the Sharks had weapons throughout the lineup, but the focus of the attack centered around the play of sophomores Lily Morse and Natalie Brooks, along with junior Jenny Dearie.

Together, the three combined for 56 of the Sharks' 76 goals heading into the final four, including Morse leading the team with 21 goals of her own.

East Lake earned a spot in the title

game by beating Viera 1-0 in their semifinal matchup and proved to be an opponent that could keep pace with the Sharks offensively, having scored 78 goals through the regional finals.



Lily Morse (No. 17) and Jenny Dearie (No. 9) were two dynamic scoring threats for the Sharks this season.

And although they got one in the game it was not nearly enough to upset the Sharks, who entered the final four as the No. 1 seed and are ranked as the top team in the state and the national across all classes, according to MaxPreps.

The Sharks are the first of three Sharks winter sports squads to have a shot at a state title with boys and girls basketball both set to play their state semifinal matchups on March 7.







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County commission approves park and public library for Nocatee

Originally published on April 25, 2024

By Anthony Richards

A park and public library will be coming to the Nocatee community in a couple of years following a recent decision by the St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners to approve the project.

Residents will begin to see progress being made sooner rather than later with construction of the project is expected to start later this year with completion estimated by the end of 2026.

The new facilities will be built on 49 acres of land donated to the county by the Davis family and The PARC Group, who are the developers of the Nocatee community.

The vote by the board of county commissioners was unanimous and authorized an estimated \$123 million plan to construct five regional parks and community centers across the county, and the Nocatee project is included as part of the larger picture.

The Nocatee project will account for an estimated \$43 million of the \$123 million overall plan.

The northeast community park in Nocatee will feature several amenities for residents, including baseball, softball, soccer and other multipurpose fields, as well as pickleball and sand volleyball

However, the park will be more than just a place to play various sports, but also a place intended for the entire family to come out and find something to do and enjoy a day together.

There will be several activities available for residents, such as, a children's splash pad, picnic pavilions, a fishing pond with kayak dock, climbing wall and plenty of play areas and paved walkways around the grounds.

A community center with indoor space will also be part of the park property intended to support the county's supervisor of elections.

The park's plans also include the construction of a full-service public library branch to be included as part of the county's library system and serve the needs of the community's 32,000 residents.

"The PARC Group thanks the St. Johns County commissioners for making this project possible," said Rick Ray, CEO of The PARC Group. "We especially appreciate the efforts of commissioners Christian Whitehurst and Henry Dean for championing the addition of a full library, a long-awaited and welcome addition to the Nocatee Community."

The next step in the project will be a financing package which will be presented to the BOCC for consideration at a future meeting date, according to St. Johns County Administrator Joy Andrews.

The county suggested that no property taxes will be used to pay for the construction costs, as it plans to use a combination of existing accumulated impact fees paid by developments and debt issuance to fund the projects.

The plan, combined with previous financial commitments to parks, means that St. Johns County has invested \$200 million over the next five years into countywide parks and recreation facilities to support various programs and services.



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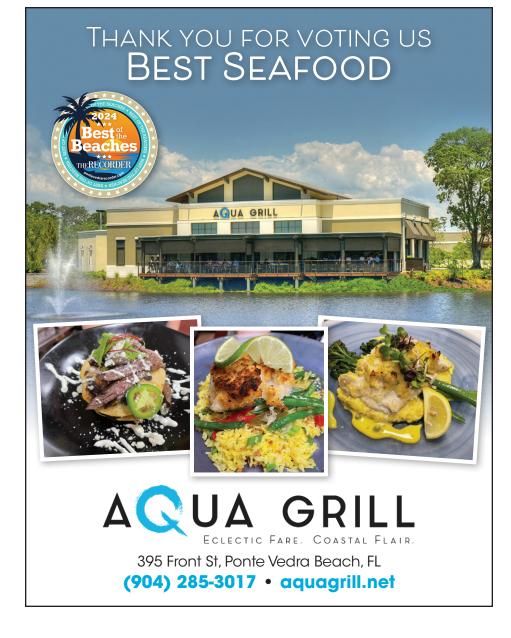
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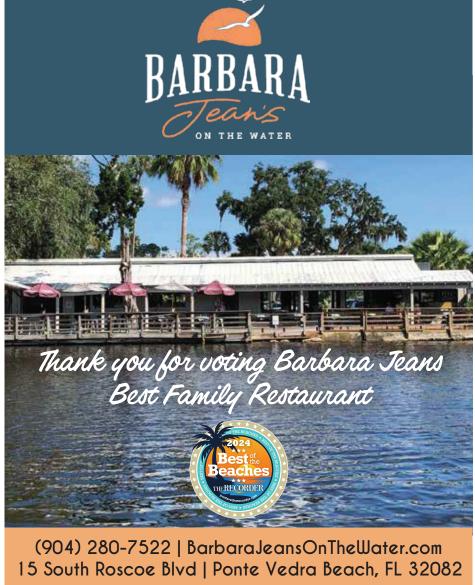
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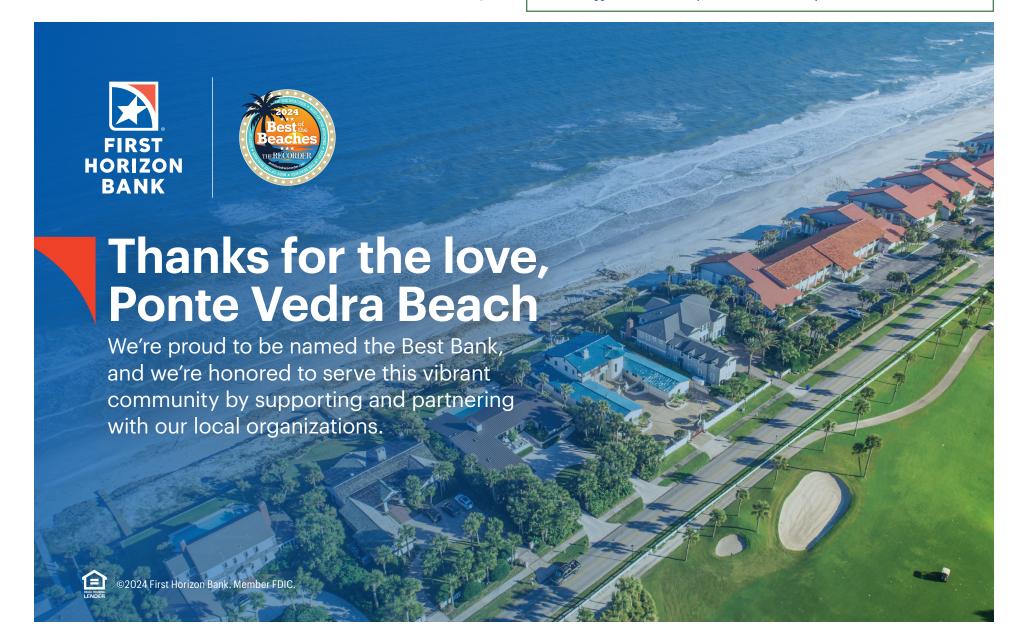


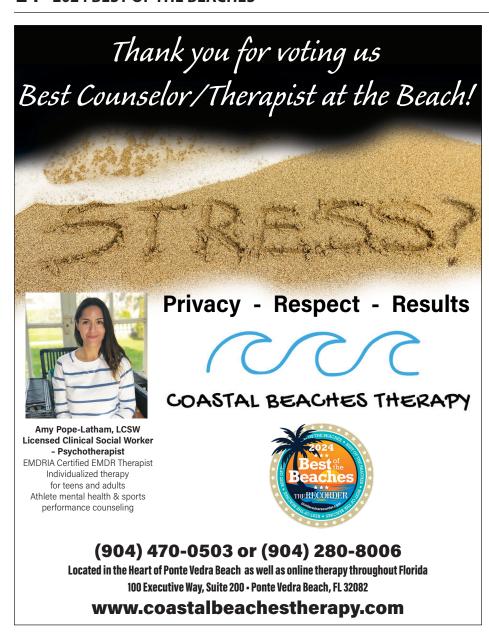


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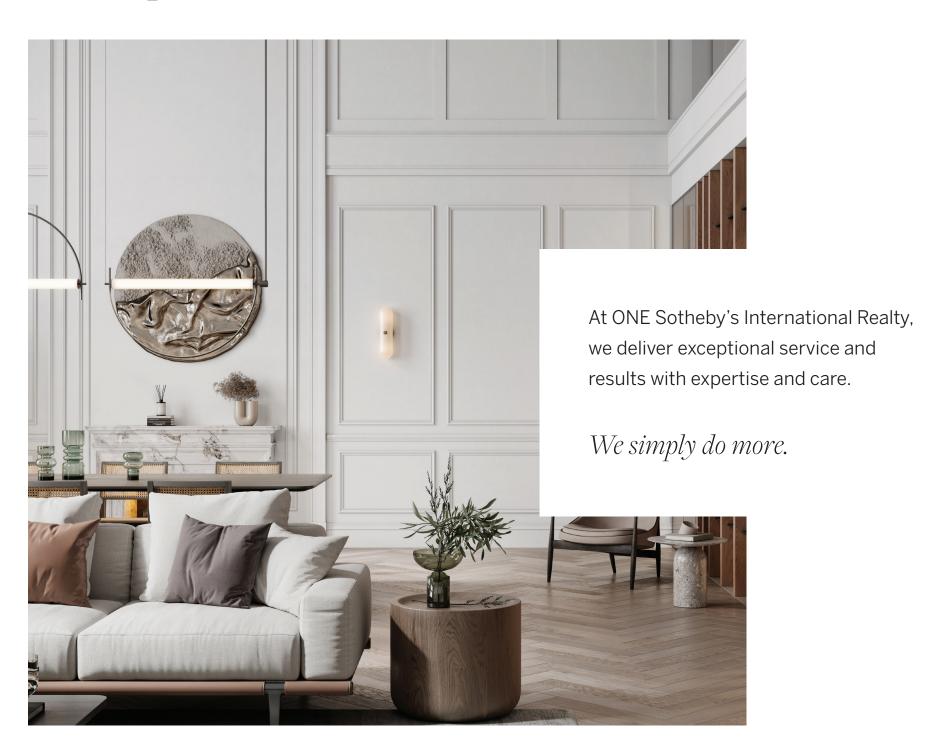
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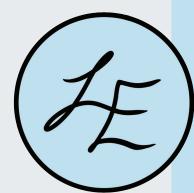
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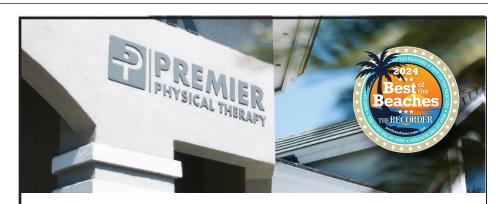
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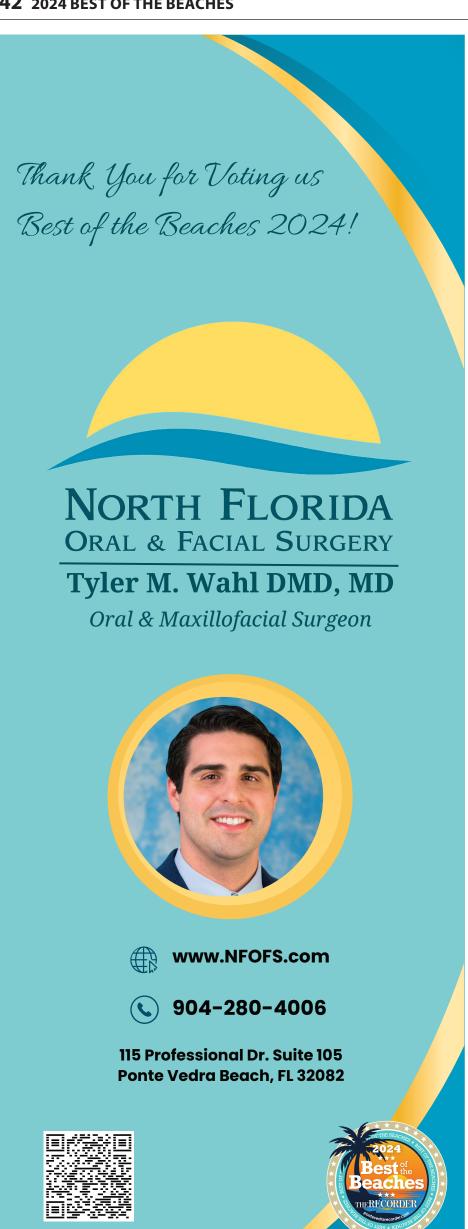












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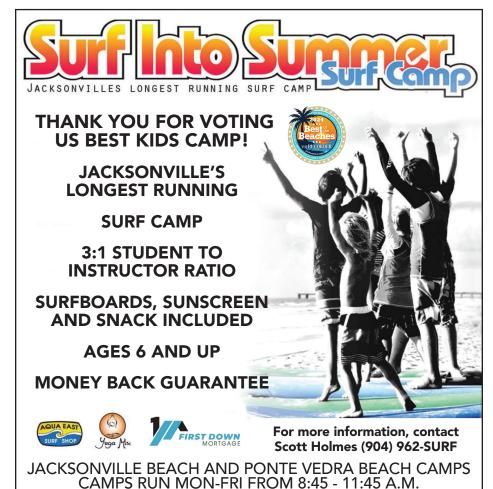
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Change of Venue

Ponte Vedra Concert Hall undergoing major transformation

Originally published on May 2, 2024

By Shaun Ryan

Since the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall first tested its viability as a musical venue, something became immediately clear: This modest, out-of-the-way, former church had the potential to attract major stars to its small stage.

That first show, on March 20, 2009, featured The Artie Shaw Orchestra. It sold out. In fact, venue staff had to borrow chairs from the local senior center to make sure everyone had a place to sit.

Now, 484 unique acts and 1,081 shows later, the concert hall is about to undergo a 10-month, \$10.5 million transformation expected to bring in multiple times the number of headline acts.

Friday, April 26, county officials, members of the Friends of the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall, representatives of SJC Cultural Events — which operates and manages the venue — and others gathered for

the official "load out." This alternative to a normal groundbreaking ceremony mimicked the breakdown of equipment following a musical act's performance.

SJC Cultural Events Board Chair Dylan Rumrell predicted that, when complete, the concert hall would be the "best indoor venue in North Florida."

"The acts that will come here because of the renovation and enhancement that will take place will blow people away," he said. "The best is yet to come."

The venue has already established itself, hosting such performers as Art Garfunkel, David Crosby, the Indigo Girls, Wynonna Judd, Jose Feliciano, Don McLean and many, many more. Even a cursory glance at the list of past performers invokes surprise. How could such a small place, one that seats a mere 486 draw such talent?

Part of the answer lies with the late Tib Miller, music promoter and founder of Flying Saucer Presents. Miller, who died in November 2022, brought many of the big names to the venue.

At the ceremony Friday, the Friends group donated \$4,000 in Miller's name to the North Florida School of Special Education for music lessons and classroom materials.

In addition to attracting major talent,

Photo by Shaun Ryan

St. Johns County Commissioners and administration participate in the "load out."

the venue has also provided opportunities for area theatre and choral groups to present their shows.

A balcony and more

In 2006, St. Johns County purchased the former New Beginnings Baptist Church at 1050 A1A North and transformed it into the concert hall in 2009. Though the Artie Shaw show was held that same year, things did not truly get underway until 2011.

The Friends group supported several upgrades over the years, culminating in plans for a \$5.4 million "Balcony Project" announced in July 2022. Funding would come from federal, state and local sources, as well as a portion of \$8.9 million in grants from the Small Business Administration designed to help the live entertainment industry through the

COVID-19 pandemic.

The public-private partnership between the county and SJC Cultural Events Inc. announced in September 2023 set the stage for this enhanced transformation.

When complete, the balcony is expected to increase seating capacity to about 600. Total audience capacity, when standing room is used, is expected to rise to about 1,000.

Because some artists prefer standing audiences to those in seats, maintaining that aspect should broaden the venue's ability to attract top acts.

The concert hall will also add outdoor seating, as well as an area to sell merchandise and food. The box office will be brought back after its long hiatus.

The stage will be made deeper by the

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Furyk Foundation offers 'hope' with holiday food-packing event

By Anthony Richards

Hope and support is something that so many strive to provide to their local community each year during the holiday season and one of the many annual events with the goal of doing just that is the Jim & Tabitha Furyk Foundation's Hope for the Holidays event, which was held on Thursday, Dec. 12.

This year's event was the 13th annual and the tradition of having it on the grounds of TPC Sawgrass continued.

Volunteers from across the area came out to help pack more than 6,000 bags

full of canned and boxed foods for atrisk children and their families to enjoy during the holiday break.

Over the past 13 years, the foundation has continued to watch the number of those they help grow thanks to generous donations from the community.

As a result, the number of bags packed has increased to its current 6,000-plus total from 500 in the first year of the initiative.

It was a festive scene with holiday vibes resonating throughout as families of volunteers went through the multiple



lines to pack their bags and in many cases were decked out in holiday attire while Christmas music played over the speakers.

It was a common sight to see people singing whichever classic Christmas

tune was playing while they went from table to table to fill their bags.

The food packed will go to a variety of organizations across St. Johns, Duval and Clay Counties.

Some of the organizations the event has contributed food to in the past include Blessings in a Backpack, Guardian Catholic School, Wolfson Children's Hospital, Daniel Kids, Community PedsCare, Hubbard House, and Jewish Family and Community Ser-

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The Friends of the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall made a \$4,000 donation to the North Florida School of Special Education in Tib Miller's name.

addition of four feet of floor. In addition, a greatly improved sound system will be installed.

According to Director of Production Carl Liberatore, the concert hall will be one of the first venues of its size to use the new technology.

"You should be able to close your eyes and hear every instrument on stage, and you should hear every vocal," said Gabe Pellicer, CEO and president of

SJC Cultural Events.

Economic impact

Beyond its value as a source of quality entertainment, the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall has a significant, positive impact on the county's economy.

"The St. Augustine Amphitheatre, the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall, Fort Mose Jazz and Blues Series and the Sing Out Loud Festival represent a cumulative impact of \$39 million per year to St. Johns County," said County Commissioner Christian Whitehurst. All are operated and managed by SJC Cultural



This rendering shows the design for the completed Ponte Vedra Concert Hall renovation.

Whitehurst said the concert hall alone has contributed \$53 million to the county's economy.

According to County Commissioner Sarah Arnold, 26% of those who attend shows in St. Johns County stay overnight, and 87% of those people stay more than one night. That means they also eat in local restaurants and shop in local stores.

To date, the concert hall has admitted 401.958 attendees.

"We are blessed with an ecosystem in

St. Johns County that has allowed this 13-year dream to become a reality," said Jerry Wilson, president of the Friends group.

Design of the renovated concert hall was performed by Jacksonville-based Fisher Koppenhafer Architecture and Interior Design. The contractor is DiMare Construction Co. of St. Augustine.

The concert hall is expected to reopen in March 2025.

Members of the public will be able to track the renovation's progress at pvconcerthall.com/news.

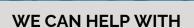


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GUEST COLUMN

Warning signs of impending divorce during the holidays

By Lawrence Datz

Jacksonville Family Law Attorney



Lawrence Datz

The holiday season, often a time of joy and togetherness, can also be a period of heightened stress and conflict for couples on the brink of

divorce. While not all relationships will end in separation during this time, certain warning signs may indicate that a divorce could be imminent. Perhaps universally, marriages ending in divorce are the result of unhappiness by one spouse, the other, or both. The unhappiness that might lead to divorce can be resolved if the spouses are willing and able to do it. However, the holidays certainly can exacerbate the situation to a breaking

One of the most common warning signs is a significant decrease in communication. Couples might argue more frequently, speak less to each other or avoid conversations altogether. This breakdown in communication can stem from various underlying issues, such as unresolved conflicts, differing expectations or simply growing apart.

Another red flag is a decline in intimacy and physical affection. Couples might withdraw emotionally, spending less time together or engaging in fewer shared activities. This lack of connection can lead to feelings of loneliness, resentment and dissatisfaction within the relationship.

Furthermore, a noticeable change in behavior or attitude can be a warning sign. One partner might become withdrawn, irritable or dismissive of the other's feelings. This shift in behavior can create distance and hinder efforts to resolve problems.

Additionally, the presence of significant stress or life changes can exacerbate existing relationship problems. The holiday season, with its added pressures and expectations, can amplify these stressors and push couples to their limits.

If one or both spouses are already considering divorce, the holidays might provide a catalyst for taking action. The desire for a fresh start in the new

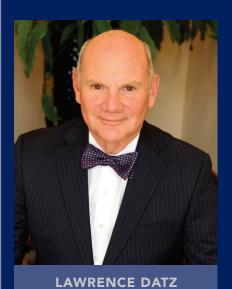
year or the need to create new traditions for their children may accelerate the decision-making process. Sometimes, the unhappiness underlying a marital relationship can lead to misbehavior during a holiday gathering. It might take a variety of forms, from mistreatment of a friend or relative or even infidelity, which may or may not have actually

Not all of these warning signs necessarily indicate an impending divorce. However, if multiple signs are present, and the issues are more than a passing incident, it may be a sign that the marriage needs significant maintenance or help for which a licensed mental health professional is a good recourse.

Ultimately, the decision to divorce is a personal one. If a couple is struggling during the holidays, it is crucial to communicate openly and honestly, seek support from loved ones or a therapist, and consider whether the relationship can be salvaged or if it is time to move on.

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Shoemaker Law helps clients faced with DUI charges

The holiday season is upon us, with pumpkins carved, turkey in the oven and twinkling lights and merriment on your doorstep. It's a time for celebrating with friends and family, parties and happy hours. Making plans for how you'll get to and from safely is crucial, as the holidays are the busiest time of year for DUIs (the week between Christmas and New Year's Day especially). It's why December is recognized as National Impaired Driving Prevention Month, encouraging drivers to take precautions so everyone arrives home safe and sound. Drinking and driving is never okay — driving impaired is never okay — but mistakes happen, and when they do, people call Shoemaker

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Questions to ask when looking for an attorney

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When searching for legal representation, individuals may realize that there's no shortage of legal firms. That can make it more challenging to find the right lawyer or attorney. The vetting process is an important part of finding legal representation, and the following are some questions individuals can ask as they look for a lawyer or attorney.

Are you a lawyer or an attorney?

The terms "lawyer" and "attorney" are not interchangeable. The employment search engine Indeed notes that attorneys can represent clients in court and other

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What level of experience do you have in cases like mine?

Though each legal situation is unique, many are not one-of-a-kind instances. So individuals should ask about an attorney's experience with cases like their own and take note of the breadth of that experi-

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an assessment to give prospective clients an idea of how the case will unfold. When vetting attorneys, individuals should prepare and be ready to discuss details that can help each professional provide the most accurate assessment of their case.

What will your representation cost

Expenses and attorney fees can be significant, so individuals should not hesitate to ask how much legal representation will cost them. Attorneys represent clients on a contingency basis in certain situations, such as when an individual is suing for damages. In those situations, individuals should confirm what percentage of damages the attorney will receive and if there are any costs they may be responsible for. In other situations, confirm if an attorney is charging a fixed amount for their ser-

vices or an hourly fee. It's also necessary to inquire about expenses and request that an attorney provide a reasonable estimate of what their fees will be while they're representing you.

How will we communicate during the case?

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The right representation can make all the difference in a legal situation. Asking the right questions can help individuals find an attorney they're confident can deliver the best outcome.

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in his or her best interests. Various attorneys tend to be involved in real estate transactions. One will represent the buyer and another the seller. A lawyer may represent the mortgage lender if financing is involved. Another could potentially represent the title company.

Cost of real estate representation

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New-look beach taking shape

Jacksonville Beach restoration project ready to move up the coast

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By Anthony Richards

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New schools open this year

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By Shaun Ryan

St. Johns County is home to a number of public schools: 18 elementary, seven K-8, seven middle and nine high schools. It also has one technical center, three charter schools, two alternative schools and one virtual school.

This year, the school district will open two additional K-8 schools: Trout Island Academy and Lakeside Academy. Here is a brief look at each.

Trout Creek Academy will be located on about 26.5 acres at 855 Timberwolf Trail, St. Augustine. That's in the Shearwater development. It will accommodate about 1,500 students. The principal will be Katie O'Connell.

Lakeside Academy will be located on about 40 acres at 1455 Twin Creeks Drive, St. Augustine. That's in the Beacon Lake portion of the Twin Creeks development. It will also accommodate about 1,500 students. The principal will be Jesse Gates.

Both schools will have 32 primary

classrooms, 22 intermediate classrooms, six science labs, resource rooms, skills labs, exceptional education spaces, art rooms, music rooms, physical education spaces, vocational education labs, a media center and support spaces, an administrative suite, food service and dining facilities, a stage, a multipurpose room, student and public restrooms and custodial spaces.

But as the population continues to grow here, so does the need for ever more schools.

An as-yet unnamed K-8 school is scheduled to open for the 2025-26 academic year on about 32 acres at 2505 RiverTown Main St., St. Johns. That is within the RiverTown development. This school will convert to a middle school upon completion of an elementary school within RiverTown. It will accommodate about 1,100 students.

In addition, two more K-8 schools are planned to open for the 2026-27 academic year: one within the Silverleaf development and the other in Seabrook (formerly Snowden Village) in Nocatee. Each will accommodate about 1,500 students





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Anastasia plans shelved

Originally published on Sept. 5, 2024

By Shaun Ryan

After drawing strong opposition statewide, including in St. Johns County, a plan by the state Department of Environmental Protection to "enhance public access, recreation and lodging at state parks" has been shelved.

At the direction of Gov. Ron DeSantis and following feedback from the public, the DEP has withdrawn all remaining proposed amendments to state parks, according to a spokeswoman for the department. The DEP will now shift to discussions with local park managers. It will revisit park improvements next year, if needed, according to DEP

In support of the state's "Great Outdoors Initiative," the DEP had reported that it wanted to develop a park lodge with a capacity of up to 350 rooms, four pickleball courts and a disc golf course within the park, mostly in areas now in an undeveloped, natural state. The lodge would have been the second-largest hotel in the county.

The DEP had scheduled public meetings for Tuesday, Aug. 27, at eight sites across the state, each focused on a different park and the specific developments planned there

The plans drew criticism statewide. On Friday, Aug. 23, U.S. Sen. Marco Rubio, U.S. Sen. Rick Scott and 13 others sent a letter to DeSantis and the DEP's Acquisition and Restoration Council to protest plans for three golf courses within Martin County's Jonathan Dickinson State Park and what they saw as limitations on the proposed public meeting there.

Locally, hundreds of residents lined State Road A1A at the entrance to Anastasia State Park to protest proposals concerning the park.

On Friday, Aug. 23, the DEP canceled the meetings, citing "overwhelming interest" and a need to find venues that would better accommodate the public.

On X, the DEP initially suggested that new meeting dates would be scheduled for September, but that is no longer the case.

During an event Wednesday, Aug. 28, in Winter Haven, DeSantis addressed the issue

"This is something that was leaked," he said. "It was not approved by me. I never saw that. They're going back to the drawing board, talk to your local communities. Here's the thing: I'd rather not spend any money on this. If people don't want improvements, then don't do it."

Calling the idea to develop facilities for pickleball, disc golf and golf, as well as lodging at the state parks "half-baked" and "not ready for prime time," DeSantis said nothing would be done this year.

He claimed the news was leaked to an unnamed "left-wing group" in order to "create a narrative."

He added that, if no improvements are needed, "we're not going to take away any green space."

The same day, leaders from Northeast Florida gathered for a press conference at Embassy Suites by Hilton St. Augustine Beach Oceanfront Resort to express their opposition to the project.

County Commission Chair Sarah Arnold called the project "an egregious overreach of state government, a plan that sought no local input whatsoever with public meetings that were hastily scheduled and just as hastily canceled."

"They seem to appear to be a farce," she said. "Pre-recorded presentations with no Q&A and no public comment. I want our residents to know that this rollout doesn't just feel like a done deal for them; it feels like a done deal for us."

She said she had never seen an issue that has galvanized "a community, a region or an entire state" the way this one had.

"The local tourism economy is highly dependent on cultural resources, natural resources and our scenic beauty," said state Rep. Cyndi Stevenson. "That's what people come here for. They don't come for the high-density development. They come here because we aren't the high-density development."

Others attending the press conference included City of St. Augustine Beach Mayor Dylan Rumrell and City of Jacksonville Councilman Rory Diamond.





Photos by Anthony Richards

Fred Couples hits a tee shot at the 2024 Furyk & Friends.

Furyk & Friends battles rain, decided in playoff

Originally published on Oct. 10, 2024

By Anthony Richards

Rocco Mediate and Bob Estes were in contention throughout the 2024 Constellation Furyk & Friends, so it was only fitting that the two went to a playoff where the 61-year-old Mediate outlasted Estes for the tournament victory.

Both finished the three-day PGA Tour Champions showcase with a score of 12-under and after they each pared the No. 18 hole, Mediate eventually won the battle after Estes bogeyed No. 18 the second time around in the sudden death playoff format.

Mediate parred the hole once again and claimed the win, his fifth since joining the PGA Tour Champions in 2013, including winning the 2016 Senior PGA Championship

He is probably best known for going toe-to-toe with Tiger Woods during an 18-hole playoff at the 2008 U.S. Open, where he eventually finished runner up.

Estes opened the tournament shooting six-under, while Mediate was one behind him at five-under, however, the scores would flip in the second round, as it was Mediate posting a six-under and Estes with

five-under round.

The scores hovered more around par during the final round on Sunday, Oct. 6, as the playing conditions were difficult with rain on and off in the area for much of the day, which made a tough Timuquana Country Club course even more challenging.

Both Mediate and Estes shot a round of one-under on the final day, which was good enough for a two-shot lead overall for the tournament, as Greg Chalmers of Australia made a push with a four-under final round but finished at 10-under.

One of the few that the wet conditions did not seem to bother was American Shane Bertsch, who shot a final round low score of 64 to come home in a tie for 18th at six-under for the tournament.

With the win, Mediate made a major leap up the Schwab Cup standings, from 30rd to 13th and has earned \$912,452 in 16 events on the season.

This was the fourth annual Furyk & Friends, all of which have been held at Timuquana Country Club in Jacksonville each year, and it continues to be strong relationship as the event continues to further create its tradition as a marquee October event on the PGA Tour Champions calendar.



Miguel Angel Jimenez tips his cap to the crowd after making a putt.

Sharks, Panthers continue dynasty in the pool

Originally published on Nov. 14, 2024

The run of dominance in Class 3A continued for both the Ponte Vedra and Nease swimming programs, as the Sharks won their fourth-straight girls team state title, while the Panthers' boys squad made it three in a row at states.

The Sharks scored 312 points in the team competition at FAST Aquatics in Ocala, which bested the rival Panthers, who finished runner up, by 50 points.

For the seniors who have been with the Sharks' swim team throughout high school they do not know what it feels like to not win a state title.

One of those seniors was Penny Zarczynski, who capped an incredible career with one last memorable night as she won gold in all four of the events she was entered in, which included the 50-yard freestyle, 100-yard butterfly, 200-yard medley relay, and 200-yard freestyle relay.

Her times of 22.78 seconds in the 50-yard freestyle and 53.74 seconds in the 100-yard butterfly were both new school records and qualified for an automatic All-American time.

Along with the team title, she brought home five gold medals and was the only athlete in Class 3A to have a perfect postseason by winning every race entered at districts, regionals, state preliminaries and the state finals.

Another streak that continued for the Sharks' girls was also winning their fourth straight state title in the 200-yard medley relay and the 200-yard freestyle relay.



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The Ponte Vedra High girls swim team won their fourthstraight team state title at FAST Aquatics in Ocala on Nov. 8.

Kate Pelot, Sydney Player, Makenna Biernacki and Zarczynski accompanied the group that won the medley relay, while Ainsley MacAdams and Sophie Fox joined Zarczynski and Pelot to capture gold in the freestyle relay.

Helping lead the way for the Nease boys team en route to racking up 321 points and beating out Tallahassee Chiles which finished with 189, was sophomore Luke Zardavets, who just like Zarczynski, earned golds in all four of his events.

He and Zarczynski train together at Planet Swim, so it was only fitting that they were the only two athletes in all of Class 3A to achieve that rare feat in this year's state competition.

The Panthers also received memorable performances from sisters Anna and Charlotte Driesse, with each one winning a state title as well.

Charlotte Driesse showcased her versatility on the big stage by winning her gold in the 200-yard individual medley and Anna Driesse topped the state in the 100-yard breaststroke

When it came to the relays, the Nease boys took care of business by winning all three of the relay events and compiled crucial points toward the team title in the process.

Anatoli Monsalve, Jack Mainville, Nate Caswell and Lincoln Driesse teamed up to win the 200-yard medley relay, while Mainville was back at it but teamed up with Zardavets, Brandon Gear and Walker Lanoue to also win the 200-yard freestyle relay.

Lanoue was voted homecoming king during the Nease High football regular season finale on Nov. 7 but was unable to attend due to competing at states, but he made it well worth it and earned another gold in the 400-yard free-style relay, teaming up with Gear, Zardavets and Lincoln Driesse

The Sharks' boys team finished fifth in Class 3A with 128 points.

Local players make it official during football early signing day



Shemar McNair and Maddox Spencer pose with Nease head coach Collin Drafts after signing to play football at the next level.

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Shemar McNair and
Maddox Spencer of Nease
High and Martin Geary of
Ponte Vedra High all signed
to play Division I football
during National Signing
Day on Wednesday, Dec.
4. McNair signed to play at
the United States Military
Academy in West Point,
New York, while Spencer
will be going to Charleston
Southern University and
Geary to Colgate University.

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Martin Geary celebrates with his coaches during his signing ceremony at Mr. Chubby's Wings in Ponte Vedra Beach.







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Scottie Scheffler has done what no golfer has done before: He won



Scottie Scheffler holds his trophy and waves to the fans.



Photos by Craig O'Neal

Scottie Scheffler tees off at the 18th hole.

Scheffler is first repeat champ in 50 years of THE PLAYERS

Originally published on March 21, 2024

By Kathy Bissell

Wow. THE PLAYERS was a nail biter. A popcorn, pretzel, Chex Mix or veggie chomper.

Scottie Scheffler was trying to become the first PLAYERS champ to defend his title. Meanwhile, Xander Schauffele wanted to add another marquis tournament to his victory total. But that's not the way it began.

It started with Schauffele one ahead of Wyndham Clark, everyone anticipating that Clark would play the same way he did at last year's U.S. Open. The two traded shots as the front nine got underway. For the first hour, it definitely looked like the winner would come from the final group.

But everything changed when Scheffler holed out at the 4th. It was a sign. If you know anything about golf at all, you know this is right. Scheffler had reared his championship head. He was not giving up. With visible KT tape peeking out from under the collar of his golf shirt, to patch up his injured neck, Scheffler did miraculous Scheffler-like things. He started mak-

ing birdies, and he didn't stop. He was not going down without a fight. It was a case of beware the injured golfer.

After the hole-out, Scheffler birdied the 5th and the 8th and 9th. By the time he got to the 9th hole, he was 5-under for the day. He was at 17-under, but he had not taken the lead.

That still belonged to Xander Schauffele who was one shot better at 18-under.

Meanwhile, Clark battled, but when he made bogey at the 10th and then the 14th, it looked like it was not his day. Appearances were deceiving.

Brian Harman passed Clark, making three birdies in a row to end the front side, and he then added birdies on the two par 5s, the 11th and 16th on the back nine.

Schauffele started struggling in the middle of the back nine. After a birdie at the 12th, he made two bogeys at the 14th and 15th. By the time he reached the 16th tee, he was at 18-under, and Scheffler had finished his round at 20-under par. Could Schauffele make two birdies on the last three holes to force a playoff? Or was Scheffler, the man seemingly made of indestructible stuff, going to walk away with another PLAYERS title? Would he become the first player in 50 years to go

back-to-back at THE PLAYERS?

Schauffele reached the edge of the 16th green in two and lagged his ball to assure a score of 19-under par, tied with Brian Harman who had made a big back-nine charge. But both were still one shot short of Scheffler.

There were only two holes remaining. Harman and Schauffele each needed one birdie to tie and force a playoff. Clark needed to become Clark Kent, step into the hospitality structure and change into a Superman outfit to get a hole-in-one at 17 or birdies at both remaining holes. He hit a shot at 17 that landed 4 feet 5 inches. When he made the putt to tie Schauffele and Harmon, the crowd went crazy. He still needed one more.

Then, it was Schauffele's turn at 17, and he, too, delivered. His shot landed 6 feet 8 inches from the pin. When he struck his putt, the moan from the crowd told the story. He shook his head.

Schauffele and Clark went to the 18th hole, each needing one to tie Scheffler and force a playoff. Meanwhile, Harman finished his round, missing his birdie chance to tie the lead.

The final two weren't done yet. Clark, who had birdied the 16th and 17th, hit his approach shot at the final hole to 17 feet, while Schauffele's was a monster 61 feet. Neither were good birdie opportunities, particularly not Schauffele's. But a chance is a chance.

In the end, Schauffele's putt ran by on the right. Clark's made one of the rudest lip outs ever seen in golf. The ball was halfway in the hole and spun out. Neither could make birdie, handing the victory to Scheffler.

"I was hoping to be in this position," Scheffler said after the exhausting afternoon. "I put up a good fight for four days. That's really all there was."

He credited his caddie, Ted Scott, for keeping his head in the right place.

"We had a great finish yesterday, and then got off to a slow start today, but then the hole-out on 4 kind of propelled us a little bit," Scheffler continued. "I'm a pretty competitive guy, and I didn't want to give up in the tournament. I did what I could to hang around until my neck got better. Today, it felt really good."

Good? It must have been great.

So, is Scottie Scheffler made from Kevlar? Is he tungsten? Stainless steel? Diamond-coated?

For certain, he's the first person ever to repeat as champion in the 50 years of THE PLAYERS.

St. Johns County OKs purchase of 36 acres in World Golf Village

Originally published on April 25, 2024

By Shaun Ryan

St. Johns County Commissioners voted 4-1 Tuesday, April 16, to purchase 36.07 acres of property at the core of World Golf Village in what Commissioner Henry Dean characterized as temporary ownership.

"We're serving as a transitional agent," he said, predicting that the county would not likely retain ownership for more than a year.

The purchase price is \$5.5 million and

includes \$202,500 for the inventory of the Hall of Fame, the IMAX Theater and the PGA Tour Production Building. The purchase also includes the lake, common area and parking spaces. The county already owns the Hall of Fame structure.

The cost of property closing is estimated at an additional \$50,000.

The lone dissenting vote came from Commissioner Krista Joseph.

In July 2022, the World Golf Foundation informed the county of its intention to move the World Golf Hall of Fame to Pinehurst, North Carolina, its original home. The Hall of Fame had been located in St.

Johns County since 1998.

As of Dec. 31, 2023, operations had ceased at the Hall of Fame and the 64,113-square-foot building was conveyed to the county. The theater measures 17,865 square feet, and the production building measures 32,329 square feet.

The county sought public input and has been under agreement with the foundation to continue operation of the theater.

Tuesday's action terminates a 1991 tourist development agreement and a 1995 ground lease. The PGA Tour and World Golf Foundation have requested to lease back the production building until March

2025 in order to move the production operations to the PGA Tour Global Headquarters in Ponte Vedra.

Funding for the purchase includes reallocation of \$2 million in American Rescue Plan Act funds and \$2 million from the 2019 Capital Improvements Fund that had been approved for construction of a library in that community.

The commission also voted to apply \$1.55 million from public building impact fee reserves to the purchase.

Further information on the county's plans for the property are expected to be made public in May.

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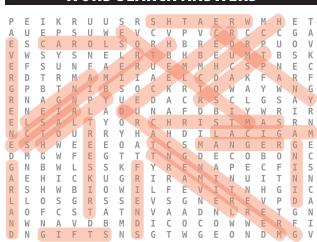


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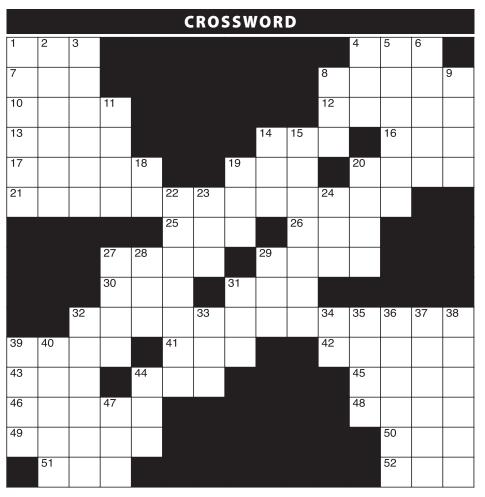
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- 1. Central processing unit
- 4. Tax
- 7. Body part
- 8. Papal court
- 10. Young women making their public debuts
- 12. Metal shackles
- 13. Joseph's wife
- 14. Licensed professional
- 16. Partner to cheese
- 17. Mild fruits
- 19. File format
- 20. Province of Indonesia
- 21. Beloved grilled foods
- 25. Bar bill
- 26. Don't know when yet
- 27. Whale ship captain
- 29. Touches softly
- 30. Mock
- 31. Red-brown Pacific sea bream
- 32. Summer entertainment options
- 39. Protective crust
- 41. Cool!
- 42. Behave in a way that belittles
- 43. Denial
- 44. A place to sleep
- 45. Electronic counter -countermeasures
- 46. Intestinal pouches
- 48. SE Asia family of languages
- 49. Sound
- 50. Select
- 51. Give the impression of dishonesty
- 52. Witness

DOWN

- 1. Of cadmium
- 2. Deliver a sermon

- 3. Inner regions of a shadow
- 4. Aggressive dog
- 5. Smells
- 6. Twofold
- 8. Former OSS
- 9. Computer language
- 11. Indian groom
- 14. Automobile
- 15. Hairstyle
- 18. Atomic #76
- 19. Guy (slang)
- 20. Ladies' undergarments
- 22. Furniture with open shelves
- 23. Back-arc basin
- 24. Partner to flow
- 27. A type of horse

- 28. Possesses29. Split pulses
- 31. Small amount
- 32. Flat-bottomed riverboat
- 33. Not good
- 34. Atomic #31
- 35. Assist in committing a crime
- 36. Chauvinists
- 37. Get away
- 38. One of a people who speaks a Semitic language
- 39. Civil rights college organization
- 40. Combustible dark rocks
- 44. Grocery container
- 47. Central nervous system

SUDOKU 5 4 5 9 3 2 3 8 6 1 8 2 7 6 9 2 6 1 3 4 8 9 2

Level: Intermediate

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!



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