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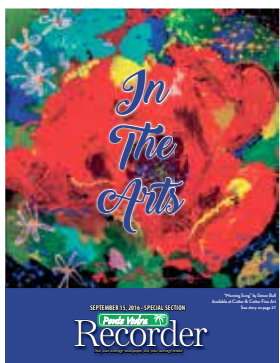


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Photo by Susan Griffin
Ed Schenck's 1954 Cadillac El Dorado took home the Wells Fargo Advisors Best in Show Classic Trophy at the 2016 Ponte Vedra Auto Show, held Sept. 11 at Nocatee Town Center Field. Shown here with Schenck are Isabelle Rodriguez, CEO of the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce, which organizes the event; and Brandon Starks of presenting sponsor Fields Auto Group.

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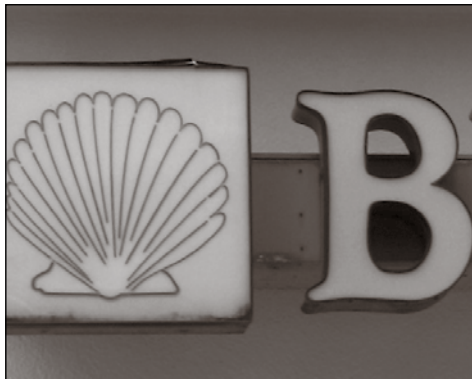
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Solutions correspond to last week's puzzles.

WHAT'S THIS?



Do you know what this is?

Email your answer to jennifer@opcfla.com by Tuesday at 5 p.m.

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

Several readers correctly identified last week's photo as Metabolic Weight Loss. The winner of the random drawing is **Lisa Yass** – congratulations, Lisa! You may pick up your prize at the Recorder office during regular business hours.



Don't forget — incorrect but entertaining guesses might also be rewarded with a trip to the zoo.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Supervisor of elections: vote-by-mail voters must adhere to deadlines

The Aug. 30 Primary Election is in the books. We now look forward to the Nov. 8 General Election.

Most all of you are aware that one local race, County Commission District 3, was a close race decided by seven votes. What you may not know (vote-by-mail voters, please pay close attention): The day following the election, 74 vote-by-mail ballots came in the mail and could not be counted because they were late. Forty-one of them were Republican ballots. These

late ballots were mailed on Monday or Tuesday. The law is very specific: In order to be counted, a vote-by-mail ballot must be in the Elections Office by 7 p.m. on election day. Ballots received after 7 p.m. are late and will not be counted.

I have repeatedly said: First class mail takes three to five business days. Do not mail your ballots later than the Thursday prior to an election; they will not reach us in time to be counted. We have red drop boxes convenient to all areas in the county where ballots can be dropped off. Remember, you can always vote in person during early voting or at the polls on election day. Would these vote-by-mail ballots have made a difference in this race? We

will never know; by law, these ballots can never be opened.

What we can learn from this as we now look ahead toward the Nov. 8 General Election is if you vote by mail, please return your ballot in time to be counted. That deadline is Nov. 8 at 7 p.m. Vote-by-mail ballots are scheduled to go in the mail on Oct. 4.

Great news I want to share: For the General Election, we are adding an additional early voting site for your convenience in the north part of the county. The new location is the Watson Realty Building Community Room located at 175 Hampton Point Dr., St. Augustine (on SR 210 just west of I-95).

Early voting will be conducted for 13 days from Oct. 24 through Nov. 5, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily at seven locations through the county.

There will be ample time for all voters to cast a ballot in the upcoming election. Make sure you are registered. The deadline is approaching: Oct. 11 is the last day you can register to vote for the General Election.

If you have questions or need assistance, please visit votesjc.com. My staff and I stand ready to assist you.

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Supervisor of Elections
St. Johns County



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K9s for Warriors marks 15th anniversary of 9/11 with memorial tribute

By Jennifer Logue

On Sept. 11, 2001, Nathan Feger was in training with the U.S. Army at Fort Eustis, Virginia when word of the terrorist attack on the World Trade Center reached the base.

“They immediately locked down the base and put us in secure areas,” Feger recalled. “Aircraft were launched to provide security because we were close to DC, and we all sat around radios and TVs listening to what was happening. No one knew what was going on.”

Now a staff member at K9s for Warriors, retired Sgt. Feger joined with fellow veterans and their service dogs Sunday to mark the 15th anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks. At 8:45 a.m. – one minute before the first plane struck the north tower of the World Trade Center – K9s for Warriors veterans and their service dogs circled the flagpole at Camp K9 in Nocatee as staff members unfurled the American flag. At 8:46, the soldiers snapped to attention and saluted as the flag was hoisted and Taps was played.

“Today, we honor all the innocent lives that were lost that day and the men and women who rose up to defend our liberty,” Executive Director Rory Diamond told attendees.



Veterans salute the flag at K9s for Warriors' 9/11 memorial service held on the 15th anniversary of the terrorist attacks.

K9s for Warriors Founder Shari Duval noted the ongoing cost of remaining vigilant and the price of freedom.

“Since (9/11), 5,000 have been killed in action defending our freedom and defending our right to live in a free society,” she said. “We also have 22 veterans a day committing suicide as a result of that. Please never forget.”

Feger – whose wife Jenny and 3-year-old daughter Willa attended the 9/11 ceremony – said it’s important for people to share what happened that day with future generations.

“I just would like our kids to know – they don’t remember what happened,” said Feger, holding Willa in his arms. “We want them to know.”



Photos by Jennifer Logue

Army veteran Nathan Feger, wife Jenny and daughter Willa with Feger's service dog, Chance.

Helping Hands of Nocatee thanks first responders on 9/11

By Jennifer Logue

Helping Hands of Nocatee marked the 15th anniversary of the September 11 attacks by saying “thank you” to the community’s first responders.

To honor both the day and the community’s public safety personnel, the group brought meals to the personnel at the Nocatee fire station, where families were invited to help create a banner reading “9/11 Never Forget – Thank You.”

“We started by telling the kids in an age-appropriate way what 9/11 was all about and why we thank our first responders for that day and for what they do every day,” Helping Hands member Jill DAmato said. “Kids traced their handprints on the banner and parents were invited to write thank you messages on it.”

Kids also had an opportunity to tour some



Photo by Jennifer Logue

Lt. Jason Hartley and firefighter/paramedic Nyani Mattison

of the fire station’s emergency vehicles.

Lt. Jason Hartley said he and his colleagues appreciated the group’s support.

“I think it’s fantastic,” he said. “Any time that kids get to actually meet us and see what we do is great, so that we know we’re here to help.”



Photo submitted by Jill DAmato

Kids display the banner they made to thank first responders in memory of 9/11.



Andy Miller, Henley Miller, Garner Miller and Jill DAmato decorate a banner at the Nocatee Fire Station to remember 9/11.

Photo by Jennifer Logue

1954 Cadillac El Dorado takes top honors at Ponte Vedra Auto Show

By Jennifer Logue

A 1954 Cadillac El Dorado took top honors at the 2016 Ponte Vedra Auto Show this weekend, claiming the coveted trophy from a field of hundreds of both new and vintage automobiles ranging from the 1920s to today.

The red convertible El Dorado owned by Ed Schenck received the Wells Fargo Best in Show Classic Award at the event, which featured the presentation of 30 trophies in a variety of categories. New this year was a category for golf carts, which shared space alongside displays and booths from local businesses, the St. Johns County Sheriff's Office and more. The daylong event also featured a memorial tribute to mark the 15th anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

Organized by the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce, the annual Ponte Vedra Auto Show regularly attracts thousands of attendees. This was the first year the event was held at Nocatee Town Center.

Winners of the 2016 Ponte Vedra Auto Show

Wells Fargo Advisors Best in Show Classic: Ed Schenck, 1954 Cadillac El Dorado

Lexus Pursuit of Perfection Best in show newer than 20 years: Dr. Jörg Bober, 2011 Ferrari 599 Alonzo

Future Classic Best New Pony Car: Dean Stires, 2015 Ford Mustang GT 50 years Limited Edition

People's Choice: Larry Wiseman, Chevy Corvette

Checkered Flag Racecar: Erez Wolf, 2009 Porsche Cayman S

Most Incredible Exterior: Gary Crull, 1972 Volkswagen Fridolin

Most Outrageous Interior: Preston St. John, 1951 Mercury Custom Coupe

Chamber Choice: Alexander S. Watkins, 1945 Ford GPW

Best New Off-Road: Elfrick Gonzalez, 2011 Jeep

Sport Wrangler

Future Classic Best New Corvette: Fred Porter, 2016 Chevrolet Corvette

Future Classic Best New Muscle: Derek Yungkurth, 2009 Pontiac G8

Future Classic Award – Euro: Alan Dickerson, 1971 Toyota Crown

Porsche Future Classic: Cynthia Brooks King, 2015 Porsche Boxster GTS

Best Classic Off-Road: Patrick Miko, 1968 Ford Bronco

Most Original Barn Find: Richard Knecht, 1972 GMC Sierra Grande 1500

Judges Favorite Mustang: Daphne Norris, 1965 Ford Mustang

Most Outstanding Mustang: Billy Biggs, 1966 Ford Mustang GT

Judges Favorite Corvette: Georges A. Cottave Jr., 1966 Chevrolet Corvette

Most Outstanding Corvette: Ronnie and Pam Edge, 1957 Chevrolet Corvette,

Best Hot Rod/Replica /Custom: Jimbo Workman, 1955 second series Chevrolet 3100 Pick-up

Best Exotic: Ralph Nuanez, Dodge 2016 Viper AC

Judges Favorite American Muscle: Frank Kolosky, 1970 Chevrolet Chevelle

Most Outstanding American Muscle: Andy Musil, 1968 Pontiac GTO

Judges Favorite Pony Car: Keith Phillips, 1972 Chevrolet Camaro

Most Outstanding Pony Car: Michael Kraft, 1970 Dodge Challenger

Post War Domestic Classic: Mark Becker, 1954 Packard Convertible

Brass & Vintage: Bud Wilson, 1929 Ford Model A Heritage Porsche: Don Fort, 1963 Porsche Cabriolet GS 2000

Land Rover Best in Show 4x4: Jean-Paul Cottave, 2016 Subaru Outback 3.6R

Mercedes Benz Masterpiece of Intelligence: Jerry Swan, 2016 Mercedes-Benz AMG GTS Edition 1

Porsche for the Spirit of It: Simon Gregg, 1972 Porsche 911s



Best in Show: 1954 Cadillac El Dorado



Photos by Susan Griffin:

The Best Exotic Trophy, sponsored by the Ponte Vedra Recorder, went to Ralph Nuanez, shown here with St. Johns County Chamber CEO Isabelle Rodriguez and Brandon Starks of Fields Auto Group.



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Ryan Player

By Jennifer Logue

What is a typical day like as principal of Alice B. Landrum Middle School

There really are no typical days as a middle school principal. However, there are some routines that take place. I feel it is important to be visible to students and staff. Lunch time and class changes are great times to interact with both.

How did you begin your career in education?

I began my career as a 7th grade math teacher in Rock Hill, South Carolina. I was the third teacher in that classroom and learned the value of structure and routines early. I then taught in both a high school and middle school setting. The last 10 years I have been in administration at the high school level.

You previously served as assistant principal and principal at the high school level. Are there differences in leading a middle school?

Yes, the main difference is in what you are preparing middle school students for. While we want to begin preparing our students to be college and career ready, high school is the next step. Our goal is to make sure we align with the high school to help make that transition one that is positive. We are also on the front end of helping our students become self-directed and teaching them how to advocate for themselves.

What do you see as your priorities during your first year at Landrum?

We want to build a culture that ensures academic excellence and promotes, as Dr. Joyner has described, an environment of grace. We are focusing on increasing our technology presence on campus as well as systems for communication.

What is the most rewarding part of your job? The most challenging?

The most rewarding part of my job is creating experiences beyond the four walls of our classrooms and seeing students excel when given those opportunities. The most challenging part is understanding that funding can't always be the answer, but instead we must search for innovative ways to accomplish our goals.

If you could let local residents know one thing about Landrum Middle School, what would it be?

We have a dedicated staff that are passionate about our school, and our students are some of the best kids I have worked with.

How are you enjoying living in Ponte Vedra?

We moved to live as close to the beach as we can and we are taking full advantage of it. Ponte Vedra Beach has a small-town feel and we are settling in comfortably. We now understand why people want to keep PVB a secret.



Photo by Jennifer Logue

Coast Guard auxiliary to offer 'About Boating Safely' course

A boating safety course will be held from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 1 at the Captain's Club, 13363 Beach Blvd. in Jacksonville.

Presented by the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary's Jacksonville Beach Flotilla 14-04, the eight-hour classroom course titled "About Boating Safely" will include demonstrations of boating basic and cover such topics as navigation, in-water survival, knot tying, state and federal boating laws and regulations, and more. Successfully passing the course will

earn participants the state of Florida Boating Safely Education Identification Card.

The fee for the course is \$25 (cash or personal check), which covers training materials. Two students can share course materials for a total registration fee of \$30. Participants should bring lunch and refreshments with them.

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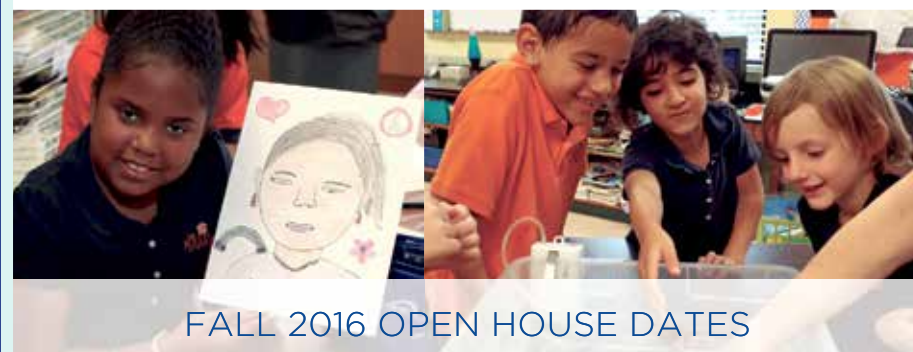
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Back row left to right - William Hesse, Jerry Guadagno, Senior Center Program Assistant Marian Ashton, Joe Snowberger, Senior Center Coordinator Darlene Mahany and Al Bagocius. Front row left to right - Chief Robert Hardwick and Michael DiBella.



Chaplain William Hesse leads the group in the opening prayers.

Remembering 9/11 at THE PLAYERS Community Senior Center

By Carrie Resch

As memorial services and remembrance events to mark the 15th anniversary of 9/11 occurred across the country, a luncheon was held Sept. 7 at THE PLAYERS Community Senior Center to pay tribute to that fateful day, and to honor the promise many Americans made to “never forget.”

Organized by Al Bagocius, director of care at Extension Home Care and former U.S. Marine, the event titled “A Day of Remembrance – 15th Anniversary of 9/11” featured four speakers from the community: Chaplain William Hesse, who provided the opening and closing prayers; Joe Snowberger, commodore and CEO of the USS Adams Museum; St. Augustine Beach Police Department Chief of Police Robert Hardwick; and Vitas representative Michael DiBella, each of whom gave a different take on 9/11 then and now.

The luncheon also featured special guest of honor Jerry Guadagno, an 88-year-old Jacksonville resident who lost his son, Richard Jerry Guadagno on United Airlines Flight 93.

Remembering the fallen

A 38-year-old Fish and Wildlife officer, Richard Guadagno was in New Jersey to celebrate his grandmother’s 100th birthday Sept. 10. The following day, his father drove him to the airport, and they said goodbye – neither of them knowing that it would be the last time they would see each other.

“We lost a good one,” Guadagno said of his son. “He was a wonderful young man; he was our Renaissance Man. He was into everything.”

Among his talents were handmade

furniture and guitars and photography. He also loved the outdoors and was the type of person who “could make things grow out of stone,” his father said.

In remembrance of the legacy Guadagno left behind, the Richard J. Guadagno Scholarship Fund was formed to provide assistance to undergraduate and graduate students in wildlife biology and natural resources. In addition, the National Recreation Trail’s 1,000th trail – the Rich Guadagno Memorial Trail, located in Oregon’s Baskett Slough National Wildlife Refuge where Guadagno once worked – was also named for him, as was the Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge visitor center. Guadagno was project manager at the refuge, located in Northern California, and he supervised construction of the new visitor center, according to his father. The move to the new building was supposed to commence upon his son’s return from New Jersey.

Although Guadagno did not go to Pennsylvania for this year’s 9/11 ceremonies, other family members, including his daughter who lives in Jacksonville Beach, planned on attending.

Guadagno was on the commission for the Flight 93 National Memorial located near Shanksville, Pennsylvania. The memorial is now operated by the National Park Service.

“Where the plane crashed, it was a strip mine – not very pretty,” Guadagno said. Now, with an abundance of trees and wildflowers planted at the site, it looks much different.

“It’s a beautiful place now,” Guadagno remarked.

As another tribute to his son and to ensure that the area around the memorial would not be developed, the Pennsylvania State Game

Lands purchased nearly 700 acres of land and dedicated it to Guadagno and the other 39 passengers and crew of Flight 93.

Guadagno relocated to Jacksonville from New Jersey in 2004, and now, 15 years after the tragedy that changed lives forever, there is sadness and a sense of longing for his son.

“I like to talk about him,” he said as he fought back tears. “I think about him every day. He was just a great guy and accomplished a lot of things.”

His final accomplishment may well have been fighting back against the terrorists who hijacked the plane. According to reports, Guadagno, who was a federally trained law enforcement officer, is believed to have been one of the passengers involved in trying to retake the plane from the hijackers. His badge and credentials were recovered from the crash site.

Unsung heroes

Snowberger, a retired U.S. Navy Lt. Commander who worked in intelligence, was asked to speak about whether the United States is better prepared since 9/11.

Snowberger referenced a report he read by the Harvard School of Public Health regarding tragedy response. According to the authors of the report, the United States has indeed greatly improved its preparedness for coping with disasters, Snowberger noted.

“The authors kept encouraging officials not to forget one of the country’s strengths – the ability of ordinary people to help when disaster strikes,” he said.

One such hero, Snowberger said, was Benjamin Keefe Clark, a chef who was preparing meals for the people at the Fiduciary Trust Company on the 96th floor of the South Tower. Clark was credited with saving

hundreds of lives, ensuring that people got safely out of the building. He reportedly returned to the office to ensure everyone had evacuated, but never made it out.

“I believe many people have a little bit of hero inside of them,” Snowberger said, “and sometimes all it takes is one person to get the ball rolling as it was in the case of Flight 93.”

Called to action

Chief Hardwick was a young police officer who had recently relocated to Florida to become a reservist after serving with the 82nd Airborne Division when 9/11 happened. He was called to active duty and did a 16-month tour in central Baghdad. He stated that there were numerous deaths in his unit.

“This is a very special day for all of us in here because it touched us in one way or the other and it will continue to touch us in one way or the other,” he said, adding that it has truly been a blessing to serve this country as a law enforcement officer and also as a U.S. service member.

DiBella, meanwhile, was a police officer in Stamford, Connecticut – just 34 miles from Manhattan – on 9/11. He and his fellow officers were on high alert that day – a day he immediately knew would affect him for the rest of his life.

DiBella noted that during those exhausting weeks during the aftermath of 9/11, he reflected on what it is to be an American and to be a police officer, saying that he felt the outpouring of community support toward all first responders.

“Please thank all your first responders, all your military veterans,” he said. “To all the families and the victims, we truly will never forget.”



Photos by Jennifer Logue
ABOVE: Former CIA agent and national security expert Clare Lopez LEFT: Charles Woods, father of fallen Benghazi hero Tyrone Woods, addresses attendees at the Benghazi memorial service held Sept. 10 in Jacksonville.

Jacksonville tribute honors fallen heroes of Benghazi attack

By Jennifer Logue

On the eve of the fourth anniversary of the Benghazi attack, retired military leaders and security experts traveled to Jacksonville to pay tribute to the four Americans who lost their lives in the attack and to renew their calls for the Obama administration to answer lingering questions about what happened the night of Sept. 11, 2012.

At a special Benghazi memorial service held Sept. 10 at the Times-Union Center, retired Lt. General Thomas McInerney and former CIA agent Clare Lopez joined with Charles Woods – father of veteran Navy SEAL Tyrone Woods – to pay tribute to the Americans who lost their lives that day. In addition to Woods, U.S. Ambassador Chris Stevens, information officer Sean Smith and veteran Navy SEAL Glen Doherty died in the attack.

Preceded by a performance by Jacksonville's patriotic chorus, Let Freedom Sing, the memorial service included the presentation of wreaths honoring each of the Benghazi victims, hymns, the national anthem performed by the Trinity Baptist College Chorus and the playing of Taps.

"We will remember the brave Americans who fought valiantly in Benghazi," said retired U.S. Navy Capt. Ryman Shoaf, a friend of Ambassador Stevens. "When Americans lose their lives for our country, it does matter."

Charles Woods thanked those in attendance for honoring the memory of the Benghazi victims.

"There are those people that would want the American public to forget about what happened in Benghazi," Woods said.

"But it's people like you that have kept the memory alive. It's people like you that have kept the issue of Benghazi from being swept under the rug."

Four years after his son's death, Woods said, some basic questions remain unanswered.

"I would like to know who made that decision not to rescue my son and the others who perished in Benghazi," he said. "Part of being in the military is that you know, with no exceptions, that when your mission is compromised, they always, always rescue. That did not happen this time. And it wasn't an accident. Someone prevented that rescue."

"I've already forgiven the person," Woods continued. "But we do need to have the truth and we do need to have justice."

McInerney – who along with Lopez served on the Citizens Commission on Benghazi which conducted its own investigation into the attack – said there could only be one answer to that question.

"There's only one person and that's the president of the United States made the decision not to (send reinforcements) and go after those people in Benghazi," McInerney said. "That's absolutely factual. He didn't do it."

McInerney agreed with Woods that key questions regarding what happened during the Benghazi attack have never been answered.

"Four years later, we do not know where President Obama was through that whole time frame," McInerney said. "This is the most covered up event in U.S. history to include Watergate. It is far greater than Watergate...and the American people do

not understand that."

While Watergate was focused solely on the Oval Office, McInerney contended, the Benghazi attack involved Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, the secretary of defense and numerous high-ranking administration officials. The retired general also had harsh words for the mainstream media – which he called "complicit" in a Benghazi cover-up – as well as Republican congressional leaders, including Rep. Trey Gowdy, whom McInerney said produced a "useless" 800-page report on Benghazi devoid of any summaries, conclusions or recommenda-

tions.

Ultimately, McInerney concluded, not sending aid to the Americans under attack in Benghazi constituted dereliction of duty.

"This was shameless leadership by the president in his bid for re-election," he said. "It didn't meet his narrative that Osama bin Laden was dead, GM was alive...he couldn't break his narrative for his re-election. It's that simple."

"Some day...someone will expose this and America will know."

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Ponte Vedra High School girls learn 'ARRT' of self-defense

By Carrie Resch

It could happen in an instant. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, nearly one in five women reported experiencing rape at some time in their lives. That's why eight Ponte Vedra High School students recently completed a self-defense class to learn the skills needed to protect themselves in a dangerous situation.

The Abduction and Rape Response Tactics (ARRT) class is the signature course of The Women's Defense Company located in Bartram Park. The six-hour class teaches fundamental defense techniques and culminates with a simulated attack in which participants have to use the skills they learned to fend off an attacker.

Sixteen-year-old Darby Bishop, who attended the class June 24 with seven of her friends, said she feels better prepared to defend herself. Although a six-hour class may seem daunting to some — especially to high school-aged girls — Bishop said the time passed quickly, as the class was packed with useful information.

"It was a lot, but it didn't feel as long as it actually was because you learn so much that (time) just flew by," Bishop said. "It was all worth it."

The event was organized by her father, Ben Bishop, who wanted his daughter to know not only how to react and defend herself, but also how to minimize the chance of being put in a dangerous situation through increased awareness.

Through research, he stumbled across The Women's Defense Company.

"I just think it was critical, at least for my comfort, to teach them how to fight every step of the way," Bishop said. "That's the one thing that my daughter Darby came back saying is that you scream 'no' with every move you make and you don't stop no matter what. You're never compliant with the bad guy. God forbid any of them are ever in that situation, but hopefully this helps them in the future."

At the end of the class, each participant has to walk into a large, dark room where they individually have to defend themselves against a simulated attack using the techniques they learned.

"It's pretty intense," Bishop said of the simulated attack. His daughter found the experience scary but empowering.

The Women's Defense Company



Photo courtesy of The Women's Defense Company
Eight Ponte Vedra High School students recently completed the Abduction and Rape Response Tactics (ARRT) class at The Women's Defense Company located in Bartram Park.

is owned and operated by Chris Oklevitch, a former Jacksonville Sheriff's Office reserve officer, former protection officer with the Federal Reserve System, and former crime analyst with the Department of Children and Families. Oklevitch opened the business in 2012 after receiving numerous requests from friends and acquaintances wanting to know how to protect themselves.

"You have plenty of martial arts programs out there, but we found that the typical woman that we deal with wasn't interested in pursuing a long career in the martial arts — they just wanted to come in and try to learn the basics, realistic things they could use to defend themselves," Oklevitch said. "They can take a one-day class and keep that information with them for the rest of their lives."

The six-hour ARRT class — one of many programs available at the The Women's Defense Company — begins with a discussion on current crimes and occurrences facing women today, especially sexual assault.

"We try to get them into the mindset of it's not enough just to stand there and try to defend yourself," Oklevitch said. "These criminals have made a plan, they know what they want to do to you and by you just trying to react to everything that they are doing, you are always behind the curve."

Oklevitch advises participants to try to put themselves in the mindset of the attacker.

"I tell them you have to attack your attacker," he said. "You have to put yourself in the criminal's shoes and you have to make them your victim instead of you being

the victim."

Participants are also instructed in how to "fight smarter," he added. "We tell them, 'you're never going to win a battle of strength against somebody stronger than you but you can fight smarter,' and the way that we fight smarter is we go looking for vulnerable spots on the human body and then we teach them some really fundamental but powerful skills they can use to attack those targets."

The ARRT class is for females ages 14 and over, or ages 11-13 with an adult.

In addition to women's self-defense classes, The Women's Defense Company offers children's self-defense classes, weapons defense, corporate seminars, a girls' night out class, a safety seminar for real estate professionals and an active shooter seminar.

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Ponte Vedra Beach teen killed, five others injured in car accident

A Ponte Vedra Beach teen was killed and five others were injured in a car crash near World Golf Village Sunday night.

Griffin Moody, 18, a recent Nease High School graduate, was killed in the accident that sent three Nease seniors and two other individuals to local hospitals. According to the

Florida Highway Patrol, Moody was a passenger in a 2005 Ford Focus driven by Nease senior Megan Theobald, 18, of St. Augustine. Also in the car were Nease seniors Mary Crean and Claire Crean.

Authorities say Theobald was traveling west on State Road 16 and slowed to make a left turn onto Murabella

Parkway, but failed to see a 2010 Nissan Frontier driven by Weston Michael Power, 20, of St. Augustine, that was traveling east. The front of Power's car struck the right side of the Ford Focus, sending both cars onto the grassy shoulder of State Road 16.

Moody was pronounced dead at the scene. Theobald was taken to Baptist

Medical Center South, while Mary Crean and Claire Crean were transported to UF Shands Jacksonville. Power and his passenger, 19-year-old Tresca Lynn Esguerra of St. Augustine, were taken to Flagler Hospital.

Crisis counselors were made available to St. Johns County students and staff following the accident.



Photos courtesy of Christ Episcopal Church

Local partnership dedicates Rhoda Martin Early Learning Center

A community partnership led by Christ Episcopal Church, The PLAYERS Championship and the Rhoda Martin Cultural Heritage Center held a dedication ceremony in Jacksonville Beach Sept. 8 for the new Rhoda Martin Early Learning Center.

Speakers at the dedication included Rev. Rick Westbury, Jr., rector, Christ Episcopal Church; Debra Wotiz, Christ Church parishioner and project champion; Lilly Sullivan, president of the Rhoda Martin Cultural Heritage Center; and LaTanya Wynn-Hall, executive director, Lutheran Services Florida.

The new center – whose supporters also include The Bove Company and Seaside National Bank and Trust – will provide educational programs, social support services, tools and resources to promote healthy development. Lutheran Services Florida will also operate a Head Start program at the center with the capacity to serve 33 children and their families.

The center honors the legacy of Mother Rhoda L. Martin, who started the first school for African Americans in Jacksonville Beach

Partnership members credited Wotiz with identifying the need for a locally based pre-literacy programming for 2- and 3-year-olds in Jacksonville Beach's The Hill neighborhood after working closely with the Rhonda Martin Center (RMC) on elementary education initiatives. After bringing the idea to Christ Episcopal Church, together they enlisted the Community Foundation to determine the feasibility of creating an early learning center to support children and families in the area.

The group determined that a 3,000 square foot facility providing research-based education programs for children from toddler through pre-school age would have the greatest impact. In conjunction with the project, a community and family liai-



son will interact with local families to facilitate access to local services and programs offering solutions to needs not typically provided through an early learning center.

Project costs are an estimated \$815,000; with a contributed \$400,000 in pledges and donations from THE PLAYERS, Christ Episcopal Church and private donors from the Beaches community, additional funds are being sought for the project, which is to be located at Fourth Street South and Fourth Avenue South. The new center is expected to be in use by mid-October.

Christ Church is seeking additional community partners to ensure the ongoing success of the center. Gifts can be made to the Rhoda Martin Early Learning Center by contacting Father Tom Reeder of Christ Episcopal Church at (904) 286 6127. For more information, contact Rev. Westbury at (904) 285-6127.

Benghazi

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Benghazi's relevance today

Benghazi remains relevant today, tribute participants said, because it signaled a marked shift in U.S. policy toward global terrorism.

"Benghazi is the place where America switched sides in the war on terror," former CIA agent and security expert Clare Lopez said. "We started backing the wrong people....Benghazi should have been a wake-up call that things were off the tracks."

The Benghazi controversy is also relevant, McInerney said, because it led to revelations about Hillary Clinton's secret email server.

"It exposed that Clinton committed espionage and obstruction of justice – charges that have not yet been filed and need to be prosecuted," he charged.

The Benghazi attack was also a sign of Obama's weakness in dealing with Islamic jihadism, McInerney added, charging that the president has deliberately allowed an Islamic Caliphate to develop and spread throughout the Middle East, while at the same time providing \$150 billion to Iran.

"Ladies and gentlemen, that is aiding and abetting the enemy," McInerney said to loud applause. "That is treason."

Stating that the Middle East has never been more destabilized than it is today, McInerney said Americans must lead the charge in confronting Islamic ideology.

Lopez agreed. "How many more 9/11s, how many more Benghazis, how many more dead and maimed Americans will it take," she said, "before we Americans demand a leadership that will name, fight and destroy this enemy that seeks the replacement of the U.S. Constitution with Islamic law?"



World War II veteran Sollie Mitchell, 98, attended the Benghazi tribute.

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The Ponte Vedra Public Education Foundation presents nearly \$10,000 in mini-grants to teachers at Landrum Middle School. From left: teachers Erika Carpenter and Nancy Hutton; foundation President Michael Hannon; teachers Tara Van Kouteren and Kim Usry; Principal Ryan Player, and parent and foundation volunteer Devon Witt.

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Landrum teachers receive grants from Ponte Vedra Public Education Foundation

By Jennifer Logue

New computers, iPads and materials for science lab dissections are just a few of the resources that will be available to Landrum Middle School students as a result of mini-grants awarded to four teachers by the Ponte Vedra Public Education Foundation.

Foundation President Michael Hannon presented a total of nearly \$10,000 in mini-grants to teachers who applied to the foundation for assistance in funding special projects, equipment and activities. In addition to computers for Nancy Hutton's STEM courses, Tara Van Kouteren received her ninth foundation mini-grant to support science lab dissections.

"It really gets (students) excited about science," Van Kouteren said, "and for some students it gets them interested in a career in medicine."

Civics teacher Erika Carpenter received a mini-grant to fund access to the Flocabulary library of videos and other resources, while Kim Usry received an iPad and software that enables her to work on math problems with her students as a group.

"This (grant) enabled me to use this technology with my class," Usry said. "Because of the grant, I didn't need to purchase the software myself. It was very nice of the foundation to do this."

Ponte Vedra parent Devon Witt, who helps oversee the mini-grant application and award process, became involved with the Ponte Vedra Public Education Foundation after watching her mother's involvement for many years. She said that grants can range from \$250 for a request that will benefit one class to as much as \$5,000 for an entire school.

"Some of the creativity that comes out of the teachers is absolutely amazing," Witt

said.

When the foundation started back in the 1980s, Witt noted, Ponte Vedra had one school. "Now we're up to six," she said. "As our area has grown, our needs have grown."

Support for the foundation comes primarily from individual private donors, Witt said, as well as companies and organizations such as the PGA Tour.

"They've been a supporter from the very beginning," she said.

Landrum Middle School Principal Ryan Player said the foundation mini-grants were an important extension of the school's academic and arts and cultural offerings.

"These grants really impact student learning," Player said. "It gives them opportunities and experiences that extend learning beyond the walls of the classroom."

Having support from a community-based group also was important, Player added.

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torneys Clay Meux and Nawal McDaniel, the session for caregivers feeling "caught in between" will cover how to manage caring for aging parents while still raising children.

There will also be a Q&A session, and wine and cheese will be served. To register, RSVP via email to ithrasher@arborcompany.com.

Man bitten by shark Sept. 11; second incident in three weeks

An unidentified man was taken to the emergency room for treatment of a shark bite he suffered in Ponte Vedra Beach Sunday, Sept. 11, St. Johns County Fire Rescue (SJCFR) said.

According to SJCFR, the victim was bitten at around 3:30 p.m. and taken to an emergency room for treatment. According to reports, the man had been wading in knee-deep water when he was bitten by a shark about three to four feet in length. Bystanders then called 911.

The news comes just weeks after a previous shark bite was reported in Ponte Vedra Beach near Sawgrass Beach Club. According to the St. Johns County Sheriff's Office, David Cassetty was walking in knee-deep water near the club at 3:30 p.m. Aug. 25 when he felt something bite his left ankle. Cassetty was treated at the hospital for a four-inch bite to the leg.

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Doors open at 7 p.m.; the show starts at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$53 for the first 11 rows, \$43 for all remaining rows. Tickets are available at the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall and St. Augustine Amphitheatre box offices, ticketmaster.com and all Ticketmaster outlets or by phone at (800) 745-3000. The Ponte Vedra Concert Hall is located at 1050 A1A N., Ponte Vedra Beach. For more information, visit www.pvconcerthall.com.</p> <p>North Beaches Art Walk The North Beaches Art Walk will be held from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Atlantic and Neptune Beaches Town Center. For more information, call First Street Gallery at (904) 241-6928 or Archway Framing and Gallery at (904) 249-2222 or visit www.nbaw.org.</p> <p>Grief support group A grief support group meets on the third Thursday of every month in the library of the Family Life Center at St. Paul's Catholic Church, 578 First Ave. N., Jacksonville Beach. The group is for men and women who are grieving the death of a family member or friend. The next meeting will be on Thursday, Sept. 15 at 7 p.m. For more information, call Kathy at (904) 553-8933 or Catherine at (904) 247-0665.</p>	<p>Talk with a Doc: Brain Aneurysm Talk with a Doc: "What's a Brain Aneurysm?" will take place Sept. 16 at noon at the Y Healthy Living Center at the Ponte Vedra YMCA, 170 Landrum Lane, Ponte Vedra Beach. Join endovascular neurosurgeon Ricardo Hanel, MD, PhD, as he explains what a brain aneurysm is, the risk factors associated with aneurysms, and how adopting a healthy lifestyle can help to reduce your risk of an aneurysm. This free event is open to the community. Reserve your seat today at baptistjax.com/ymca or by calling (904) 202-5376.</p> <p>'Arboreal' exhibit The Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach's new exhibit "Arboreal" featuring two Florida artists, Seth Satterfield and Linda Richichi, will be on display at the Cultural Center through Oct. 15. The Cultural Center is located at 50 Executive Way. The main gallery is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call 904-280-0614 ext. 204 or www.ccpvb.org.</p> <p>'Merrily We Roll Along' The Atlantic Beach Experimental Theatre's 25th season kicked off Sept. 9 with "Merrily We Roll Along" on stage through Sept. 25. Performances take place at the Adele Grage Cultural Center located at 716 Ocean Blvd. in Atlantic Beach. For tickets, call (904) 249-7177 or visit www.abetttheatre.com.</p> <p>Sound: An Exhibition of Sound Art Sound: An Exhibition of Sound Art featuring 17 artists will be on display at the Crisp-Ellert Art Museum Sept. 2-Nov. 22. An exhibition walkthrough with curators The museum is located at 48 Sevilla St., St. Augustine. For more information, call (904) 826-8530.</p> <p>'Sister Act' Alhambra Theatre & Dining presents "Sister Act" now through Oct. 9. The theatre is located at 12000 Beach Blvd., Jacksonville. For tickets, call (904) 641-1212 or visit www.alhambrajax.com.</p>	<p>Katz 4 Keeps Adoption Days Katz 4 Keeps adoption days will take place Saturday, Sept. 17 and Sunday, Sept. 18 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Katz 4 Keeps, 935B A1A N. in Ponte Vedra Beach (next to Sherwin Williams). For more information, call (904) 834-3223 or email katz4keeps.org. Katz 4 Keeps, an all-volunteer, nonprofit organization, is looking for adults 18 or older to become members of its clean and feed program that ensures the shelter's rescue cats, kittens and facilities have the best of care. For more information, please contact Peggy Hatfield, program coordinator, at peggyhatfield63@comcast.net</p> <p>Nocatee Farmers Market Nocatee Farmers Market: BMX-Treme Extravaganza will take place 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 17 at Nocatee Farmers Market Field, 100 Marketside Ave., Ponte Vedra Beach. The day will include BMX performances from Perfection on Wheel's BMX Pros Trick Team. Each show is set to include half-pipe tricks and stunts, crowd participation and more. The monthly Nocatee Farmers Market includes more than 70 local vendors offering items such as organic produce, herbs, spices, delicious unique foods, crafts, jewelry and more. Free face painting will also be available for little ones and a bounce house. For more information, visit nocatee.com.</p> <p>Batman Day Celebration On Sept. 17 at 2 p.m., Barnes & Noble at St. Johns Town Center will host the 3rd annual Batman Day Celebration. The event will feature Batman-themed activities for the whole family to enjoy including trivia, coloring and more. Cosplay is welcome and encouraged. Barnes & Noble is located at 10280 Midtown Parkway, Jacksonville. For more information, call (904) 928-2027.</p> <p>Beaches Tour of Homes The inaugural Beaches Tour of Homes, presented by Beaches Town Center Agency, will be held Saturday, Sept. 17. Homes can be toured between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Proceeds will benefit the Beaches Town Center Agency. Tickets are \$30. For more information, visit http://beachestowncenter.com/news/beaches-tour-of-homes.</p>	<p>Blood Drive Ponte Vedra United Methodist Church will hold a blood drive Sunday, Sept. 18. The Blood Alliance mobile unit will be parked at the church at 76 S. Roscoe Blvd. from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Walk-ins are welcome. To sign up for a specific time, go to www.oneblood.org. The sponsor code for the drive is 31016. Anyone who is in good health, at least 17 years old and weighs at least 110 pounds may donate blood. There is no upper age limit to donate, as long as your doctor says it is okay. Those who have visited Panama, Costa Rica and some other countries that have had malaria outbreaks within the past year are not eligible to donate blood. You do need to have a photo ID. For more information, email nflagal@aol.com.</p> <p>Practice with Purpose at Big Fish Yoga Practice with Purpose is an all-level yoga class offered on Sundays from 4 to 5 p.m. at Big Fish Power Yoga. The fee for the class is a \$5 cash donation that goes to the charity that Big Fish Power Yoga has selected for the quarter. Big Fish Yoga is located in the South Beach Regional Shopping Center in Jacksonville Beach at 3852 South Third St. For more info, call (904) 372-0601.</p> <p>Collection Tour Join the Cummer Museum of Art and Gardens on Sundays for a guided tour of its permanent collection. The tour is free with the cost of admission. The museum is located at 829 Riverside Ave., Jacksonville.</p> <p>Cultural Center's 'Friends for the Arts' Become a "Friend." The Cultural Center recently recreated a volunteer organization dedicated to supporting the arts. Get involved in the arts by joining a team of fellow art supporters in Ponte Vedra Beach. 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<p>Life Enrichment Group The Life Enrichment Group is a program designed for those with memory changes who like to stay active mentally, physically and socially while allowing caregivers and loved ones some free time for themselves. This program is offered weekdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Ashford Court, 1700 The Greens Way in Jacksonville Beach. For more information, call (904) 568-8174, or email life_enrichmentgroup@yahoo.com.</p> <p>Caregiver Support Group The Players Caregiver Support Group meets every Monday from noon to 1 p.m. at The Players Senior Center, 175 Landrum Lane in Ponte Vedra Beach. Kimberly Weir of Heartland Hospice facilitates a weekly discussion of current concerns and issues of caregivers. For more information, call (904) 280-3233.</p> <p>Habitat for Humanity volunteers Habitat for Humanity of St. Augustine/St. Johns County is currently seeking qualified homeowners. Habitat does not give away homes for free. 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For more information, call (904) 241-6928 or visit www.firststreetgalleryart.com.</p>	<p>Elevate Your Health Workshop Sharyl Truty, MD and Claire Irving, certified personal trainer at Balanced Physician Care will host "Elevate Your Health, Lower Stress: a fun and interactive workshop on stress reduction" Sept. 21 at 5:30 p.m. The cost is \$25 in advance; \$30 at the door. Balanced Physician Care is located at 115 Professional Drive, Suite 104, Ponte Vedra Beach. Call (904) 930-4774 to RSVP. Visit www.balanced-physiciancare.com for more information.</p> <p>PV Professionals Networking Group The Ponte Vedra Professionals Networking Group meets Wednesdays at 9 a.m. at Watson Realty Corp., 615 Highway A1A S., Ponte Vedra Beach. For more information, call Gloria at (904) 635-6103, visit www.pvpng.com or email pontevedrapng@gmail.com.</p> <p>Ponte Vedra Toastmasters The Ponte Vedra Toastmasters Club offers opportunities for developing your leadership and communication skills. The group meets Wednesdays at The Players Community Senior Center, located at 175 Landrum Lane, Ponte Vedra Beach. The meeting starts promptly at 7:30 a.m. Contact Carmen J. Sardiñas at (904) 382-3303 or contact-5199@toastmastersclubs.org for more information.</p> <p>Music by the Sea concert series Music by the Sea takes place every Wednesday through Oct. 12, 2016 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the St. Augustine Beach Pier, 350 A1A Beach Blvd., St. Augustine Beach. The annual summer music and food celebration features local bands and performers paired with local restaurants. On Sept. 21, Rob Peck & Friends will perform and the featured restaurant will be Red Frog & McToad's. The concerts are free; guests can purchase a dinner plate for \$10 from the sponsoring restaurant. Food is served at 6 p.m. and the music starts at 7 p.m. Concert-goers can bring with them beach chairs and coolers. For more information, call (904) 347-8007 or visit www.augustine.com/event/music-sea.</p>	<p>Project Buckle Up Is your child's car seat installed correctly? Are you sure? Nearly 80 percent are not. Have your child's seat checked by nationally certified child passenger safety technicians for free at the Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library Thursday, Sept. 22 from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. The library is located at 101 Library Blvd. For more information, call (904) 827-6950.</p> <p>Ask the Expert Ask the Expert: "The Experienced Shoulder" will take place Sept. 22 at noon at the Y Healthy Living Center at the Ponte Vedra YMCA, 170 Landrum Lane. Join Paul Provenzano, DPT, from Baptist Beaches Rehabilitation as he discusses the anatomy of the shoulder and how aging can affect this joint. This free event is open to the community. Reserve your seat at baptistjax.com/yymca or by calling (904) 202-5376.</p> <p>Free Bridge Lessons Free beginning bridge lessons are available at the Jacksonville School of Bridge, 3353 Washburn Road., Jacksonville Beach on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Lessons start 9:30 a.m. and end at 10:15 a.m. This is followed by an actual game at 10:30 a.m. and ends by 2:15 p.m. Contact Burt O'Dell at (352) 428-1075 for more information.</p> <p>Arbor Terrace Life Enrichment Group The Life Enrichment Group Day Program takes place every Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Arbor Terrace Ponte Vedra, 5125 Palm Valley Road, Ponte Vedra Beach. The group is designed for those with memory changes who would like to stay active mentally, physically and socially. For more information, call (904) 497-4346 or visit www.at-pontevedra.com.</p> <p>Free calendar listings for community groups and nonprofit organizations are published at our discretion on a space-available basis. 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'The Songamminute Man' – singer with Alzheimer's touches hearts worldwide

By Jennifer Logue

The music begins and the showman appears.

With his rich, deep bass, Ted McDermott launches into one of the hundreds of songs he knows by heart – a feat that once earned him the moniker “The Songamminute Man.” With a flourish of his hand and an occasional “Big finish!,” he punctuates the performances that have won him a devoted following around the world.

In the past month alone, videos of him singing have been viewed more than a million times on YouTube and Facebook, sparking a global phenomenon made all the more remarkable by the fact that McDermott, 80, has Alzheimer's disease and performs most of his tunes while being driven around his hometown in England by his son, Simon “Mac” McDermott, who gamely sings along.

At the same time, the “Songamminute Man” phenomenon has raised more than £114,000 – more than \$150,000 – for the Alzheimer's Society while raising awareness of the challenges faced by families dealing with a loved one with dementia.

In an interview with the Ponte Vedra Recorder, Simon McDermott said he initially recorded the videos to share his father's voice before Alzheimer's robbed him of his lifelong singing ability.

“I wanted people to hear my dad's voice,” he said. “My fear was that my dad would just die and he wouldn't get recognized; that's why I shared the videos. I wanted people around the world to hear my dad's voice and it's like a hundred thousand times what I expected.”

Connecting through music

To watch the Songamminute Man videos on YouTube, it's hard to believe that the vibrant elderly gentleman belting out show tunes and Sinatra standards has Alzheimer's, or to fully appreciate the challenges his loved ones have faced in dealing with his illness. It was five years ago, son Simon said, that he first became concerned about his father's failing memory.

“I came home for Christmas and I'd given my dad a book on Nelson Mandela,” he recalled. “I was washing up and he came into the kitchen and said, ‘Who bought that book?’ I said, ‘I did, Dad, it's your Christmas present.’ Then two minutes later, he asked me the same question. And then he did it about 10 times. That was the first time it really upset me.”

Before long, the forgetfulness escalated to bouts of anger and violence, as the elder McDermott began not to recognize those around him.

“It was terrifying,” Simon said. “I

Viral videos spark global phenomenon, raise \$150,000 for Alzheimer's Society



Ted McDermott (center) celebrates his 80th birthday with family friend Andy McKenzie (left) and son, Simon “Mac” McDermott.

Photos courtesy of Simon McDermott



Linda McDermott, right, is her husband's primary caregiver.

would put my suitcase against the door – I was terrified of falling asleep and that my dad would come in, forget who I was and attack me.”

As his father's condition deteriorated, Simon decided to try and record a CD of him singing to give to family members at Ted's 80th birthday party. At first, the recording session didn't go well.

“He kept taking the head phones off,

storming out,” he said.

“Then I said, ‘Let's just try it one more time’ and he just came back – the showman was back again.”

Soon, Simon was taking his father on regular drives around town, singing along with him to such popular standards as “You Make Me Feel So Young,” “On the Street Where You Live” and “I've Got You Under My Skin.” The video of

father and son singing “Quando, Quando, Quando” alone has since been viewed more than 1.3 million times.

More importantly, since his father started singing regularly again, Simon said, the episodes of anger have decreased significantly.

“The aggression is more or less gone,” he said. “The music helps him feel happier, definitely. I think it's because it's given him his passion back.”

Simon also credits his mother, Linda, for her steadfast care for his father.

“My mum is the rock, she's with my dad 24/7,” he said. “I'm the guy who turns up and drives my dad around a bit.”

Fundraising for Alzheimer's

When the videos of his father singing started getting hundreds – and then thousands – of likes and views online, Simon decided to add a fundraising link (www.justgiving.com/fundraising/songamminute) in the hope he might raise a few hundred pounds for the Alzheimer's Society, which supported him during the most difficult times of his father's illness. In addition to seeking advice from the organization's online forums, Simon credits its help line staff with providing the support the family needed to cope.

“I was in a really bad place and they really helped me realign myself,” he said. “I just wanted to put something back, because if that hadn't been there for me, who would I have turned to?”

In addition to raising money, the Songamminute videos have garnered thousands of comments and emails from people around the world, thanking both Simon and Ted for sharing their Alzheimer's journey and brightening the lives of others with their songs.

“Please keep going – fantastic what you and your dad have achieved,” a Facebook follower wrote. “You both have brought a lot of joy into people's lives with your singing. I hope your dad has many more years of singing. You are both an inspiration.”

The outpouring of love and support the family has received, Simon said, is more than he ever could have imagined.

“It feels really humbling,” he said, “especially with what we've gone through before and I didn't see a light at the end of the tunnel.”

And while Ted still has good days and bad, he added, the bad days are tempered by the knowledge that his father's voice has reached millions while forging a legacy of renewed hope and caring for others facing the same challenges.

“My dad was always known as The Songamminute Man,” he said, “and now he'll forever be known as The Songamminute Man.”

Alhambra's 'Sister Act' a musical with soul

By Jennifer Logue

It used to be that big-budget musicals first premiered on the “legitimate stage” before being adapted for the screen by Hollywood.

That tradition has been flipped on its head in recent years, as popular films ranging from “The Producers” and “Mary Poppins” to “Billy Elliott” and “Dirty Rotten Scoundrels” have been transformed into stage shows aimed at attracting fans of the feature film.

A case in point: “Sister Act.” Based on the 1992 comedy starring Whoopi Goldberg and Dame Maggie Smith, the stage version of “Sister Act” tells the story of Deloris Van Cartier, a lounge singer who witnesses a murder committed by her married mob boyfriend and goes into hiding in the unlikelyst of places – a convent.

Like the film on which it’s based, the Alhambra Theatre & Dining’s current production of “Sister Act” combines humor and upbeat musical numbers with a timeless “fish out of water” tale as the flashy Deloris struggles to adapt to a wholly – and holy – new environment.

Soul stirring

Fans of the movie may at first be surprised to learn that “Sister Act” the musical features none of the popular girl-group hits of the 1960s that made the feature film so popular. The stage show also makes some

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notable changes to the story line, moving the setting from Reno and San Francisco to 1970s Philadelphia.

The change enables composer Alan Menken and lyricist Glenn Slater to craft an original score that pays tongue-in-cheek homage to the soul and disco hits of that era while remaining firmly rooted within the traditions of musical theater. The show begins, for example, as Deloris and her marginally talented back-up singers belt out the discoesque “Take Me to Heaven” while auditioning for mobster Curtis in his Philadelphia nightclub. Yet when the action shifts to the Queen of Angels convent, echoes of Menken’s Academy Award-winning compositions for “Beauty and the Beast” and “The Little Mermaid” can be heard in such tunes as “It’s Good to Be a Nun” and “I Haven’t Got a Prayer.”

It’s an interesting juxtaposition that nonetheless works as the story shifts between Deloris’s two worlds. When Curtis orders his goons to find the missing singer before she can testify against him, he waxes lyrical about what he’ll do “When I Find My Baby” in a basso profundo disco number worthy of Barry White himself. Listen closely to the lyrics, though, and it’s clear



Photo courtesy of The Alhambra

that Curtis’s plans don’t involve roses or long walks on the beach.

Comic relief is also provided in “Lady in the Long Black Dress,” as Curtis’s cheesy stooges describe how they plan to find Deloris by putting the moves on the good sisters of Queen of Angels Convent.

As Deloris, Renee Veronica Freeman evokes memories of Sheryl Lee Ralph, who originated the role of Deena Jones in the Broadway production of “Dreamgirls.” The exuberant Freeman makes a more believable showgirl wannabe than Whoopi Goldberg, which makes her rocky conversion to sisterhood all the more comical.

Ably supporting her are Peter Jackson

as Curtis, Joshian Morales as police officer Eddie – played here as more of a romantic interest for Deloris than in the film – and a flock of enthusiastic nuns. As Mother Superior, Patti Eyler provides the perfect foil for Freeman’s Deloris, adopting just the right tone of shock and disapproval while at the same time eliciting sympathy as she lays bare her fear of change and the passing of time-honored traditions.

By the time the cast of “Sister Act” puts an “Amen” to it, the audience has been blessed by a performance that offers equal parts heart and soul.

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ABET to kick off 25th season with 'Merrily We Roll Along'



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'Merrily We Roll Along' stars Daniel Austin as Franklin Shepard, Katie Swider McCloskey as Mary Flynn and Josh Waller as Charley Kringas.

Looking to get involved with community theatre?

The ABET Guild – a support group that assists with the box office, opening night receptions, website maintenance, or with special projects such as ABET's annual Extravaganza and New Chair Drive – is free to join and open to all. Volunteers also help with the many aspects of production, such as helping with costumes, props, lighting or sound.

By Carrie Resch

The Atlantic Beach Experimental Theatre kicked off its 25th season Sept. 9 with the premiere of "Merrily We Roll Along," a musical about friendship, compromise and the high price of success.

With a book by George Furth and lyrics and music by Stephen Sondheim, "Merrily We Roll Along" is a musical based on the 1934 play of the same name by George S. Kaufman and Moss Hart.

The musical was performed on Broadway in 1981 and won a 1982 Tony Award for Best Original Score.

"We at ABET are so excited to open our 25th season with 'Merrily We Roll Along' – a big musical with a cast of 18 and a six-person orchestra," Managing Artistic Director Celia Frank said. "The music is absolutely thrilling and this will mark the first Stephen Sondheim show for ABET."

Following the musical, ABET will produce its first-ever Shakespeare production with "Macbeth."

With scenes such as the three witches's infamous utterance: "Double, double toil and trouble; fire burn and cauldron bubble," Frank said "Macbeth" will be a perfect show for the Halloween season.

For the Christmas holiday, the theatre will put its own twist on the holiday classic "A Christmas Carol." The 25th season will wrap up in 2017 with "Celebration," "4,000 Miles" and "The Hallelujah Girls."

"ABET's entire season of offerings – comedies, dramas, musicals, new shows and classics – perfectly exemplifies this milestone season," Frank said.

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- "Macbeth" Oct. 21-Nov. 6
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- "Celebration" Jan. 20-Feb. 5, 2017
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- "The Hallelujah Girls" May 5-21, 2017

drama workshop graduates with a goal to bring more original scripts and challenging plays and musicals to the Jacksonville area, the not-for-profit ABET puts an emphasis on new and original plays as well as neglected classics.

Many roles are race and gender neutral. The theatre focuses on developing new talent and offers drama workshops for adults and children wanting to hone their acting chops.

Remaining performance dates for "Merrily We Roll Along" are Sept. 15, 16, 18, 23, 24 and 25. Showtime for Friday and Saturday performances is 8 p.m.; Sunday performance showtime is at 2 p.m. Performances take place at the Adele Grage Cultural Center located at 716 Ocean Blvd. in Atlantic Beach.

In conjunction with the opening, the Shepherd Agency will present an exhibit of ABET show posters in the gallery which will be available for purchase. Since 2007, Shepherd has designed all of the ABET posters for main stage shows – a total of 70 posters. Several designs have won national awards.

Individual tickets for performances are \$20. Season tickets, which allow season ticket holders to save 20 percent over individual ticket prices, are available for \$96 for adults; \$84 for seniors or full-time students.

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Flagler College receives preservation grant

A \$3,500 grant from the National Trust for Historic Preservation will enable Flagler College to sponsor workshops on historic preservation and sea level rise.

Provided in collaboration with the Florida Preservation Services Fund and the Thorne Southern Intervention Fund, the grant will be used to underwrite participation by Lisa Craig, historic preservation officer for the city of Annapolis, in three workshops addressing historic preservation and sea level rise.

Flagler will sponsor one workshop, “Historic Preservation, Building Codes, and Resiliency Workshop,” to be held Nov. 15-16.

The goal is to use St. Augustine as a model to develop resiliency best practices for other southern coastal communities, in Florida and beyond, by addressing man-made resources through geographic, cultural, socio-economic and political lenses.

“Organizations like Flagler College help to ensure that communities and towns all across America retain their unique sense of place,” said Stephanie Meeks, president of the National Trust for Historic Preservation. “We are honored to provide a grant to Flagler College, which will use the funds to help preserve an important piece of our shared national heritage.”

Grants from the National Trust Preservation Funds range from \$2,500 to \$5,000 and have provided more than \$15 million since 2003.

These matching grants are awarded to nonprofit organizations and public agencies across the country to support wide-ranging activities including consultant services for rehabilitating buildings, technical assistance for tourism that promotes historic resources and the development of materials for education and outreach campaigns.

Florida Heritage Book Festival Sept. 15-17

More than 30 award-winning writers and literary enthusiasts will share their experiences and tips on the writing profession with both veteran and emerging writers as part of the ninth annual Florida Heritage Book Festival.

To be held Thursday, Sept. 15 through Saturday, Sept. 17 at Flagler College in St. Augustine, the three-day event will include lectures on the writing craft, critique sessions and a free day-long book festival. Highlights of the festival include:

Thursday, Sept. 15

• **Critique Session Workshop, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.** Participants will have the opportunity to share and receive feedback on their writing submissions from peers and this year’s session leaders, who include fiction writer Sohrab Homi Fracis, recipient of the Florida Individual Artist Fellowship in Literature/Fiction and the Walter E. Dakin Fellowship in Fiction; award-winning non-fiction specialist Eric Cravey; and poet Darlyn Finch Kuhn, whose work has appeared on NPR and in literary journals, newspapers and magazines. Registration is required at fhbookfest.com.

• **“Stetson Kennedy Legacy: Man in the Mirror,” 7 p.m.** This event will honor the centennial of the late Stetson Kennedy, American folklorist and human rights activist, with a performance by Young Minds Readers Theater of Jacksonville. The evening will also feature a conversation on Kennedy’s impact between Dr. Peggy

A. Bulger, retired executive director of the American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress; and Dr. Ben Brotemarkle, executive director of the Florida Historical Society. Funded in part by a grant from the Florida Humanities Council, the event is free and open to the public and will be held at Lewis Auditorium, 14 Granada St. Doors will open at 6 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 16

Writers Workshops and Keynote Luncheon, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Registration is required at fhbookfest.com.

Workshops include:

- “Creating Characters Who Stand the Test of Time” by Michael Morris
- “Finding Bigfoot and Developing Scenes” – tips on the research and writing process by Joe Gisondi
- “How to Let the Necessity of Plot Guide Your Writing” by John Dufresne
- “Bookstores & Beyond: Marketing in the Age of Amazon” by Brad and Darlyn Kuhn
- Luncheon Keynote Presentation: “My Fictional Floridians: Point of View and Narrative Shape” by Susanna Daniel
- “Writing Tools: 50 Essential Strategies for Every Writer” by Roy Peter Clark’s
- “Crafting the Character Arc.” – a practical guide to creating dynamic characters by Jennie Jarvis
- “From Self-Published Author to Number One National Best Seller: The Art and Craft of Writing a Mystery Novel” by Terrell Griffin

• “Our American Lives: Fact/Fiction/Film and Craft” by Cecilia Milanes

• “The Writing Life: Habits, Attitude, Luck and Poems” by Florida Poet Laureate Peter Meinke

• “Storybrain: What Recent Discoveries in Neuroscience Mean for Fiction Writers” by John Henry Fleming

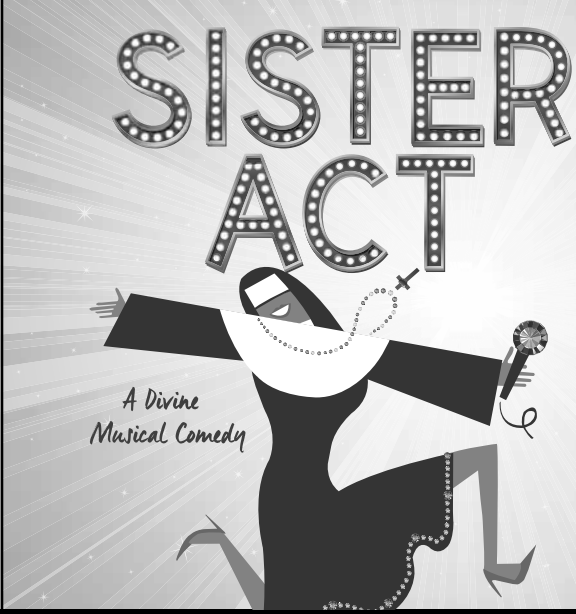
• “A Good Title is Not Hard to Find” – guidelines for creating effective titles by Robin Lippincott

• The Literary Legend Reception, 5 to 7 p.m. Each year the Literary Legend Reception honors a distinguished author with ties to the Sunshine State. This year’s honoree will be Elaine Lobl (E.L.) Konigsburg, the late American writer and illustrator of children’s books. The posthumous award will be accepted by her son, Paul Konigsburg. Registration is required.

Saturday, Sept. 17

• **Florida Heritage Book Festival Presentations, 9 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.**


Twenty-nine featured authors will offer free presentations showcasing Florida’s rich and diverse literary culture, while three acclaimed writers will offer two hands-on youth sessions focused on poetry and the graphic novel (\$20 per youth). The Festival Marketplace will include more than 50 vendors, the St. Johns County Library Bookmobile, children’s activities and more. All activities take place in and around Flagler College’s Ringhaver Student Center, located at 50 Sevilla St., St. Augustine.



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MOCA Jacksonville's new student-in-residence joins fibers, community with upcoming exhibit

By Jasmine Marshall

Mary Ratcliff's fifth-floor art studio at downtown Jacksonville's Museum of Contemporary Art (MOCA) looks like home. A selection of succulents dots the sill of a window overlooking the skyline, art magazines and maquettes adorn white shelves and the artist herself is nestled in a plush wicker pod chair. In her lap is a piece of her latest sculpture – a gradually thinning skein of yarn chained on a blue crochet hook.

"I really wanted to make the studio an inviting, welcoming space," said Ratcliff, who was recently selected as MOCA's third student-in-residence. "It's because I want people to feel as if they can come inside and contribute."

An artist whose work stretches across the First Coast from the University of North Florida (UNF) to Jacksonville Beach's newly opened Seaside Park, Ratcliff will make her downtown debut this December. She's been tasked with creating a new body of work during her four-month residency at MOCA Jacksonville. Straying from her typical selection of media in steel fabrication, Ratcliff is planning an installation made of crocheted

chains and nets.

To make the piece a reality, she's soliciting the help of the city's greatest resource – its people.

Bringing people together

Ratcliff's latest project will be constructed with various fibers, wood, casted elements and most importantly, yarn. The life-size house of yarn will symbolize gratitude, comfort, community and collaboration. It's a concept Ratcliff has fully embraced in every aspect from her choice of medium to her open-door studio, where she welcomes museum visitors to help her crochet links in an ongoing chain for her forthcoming solo exhibition, *Interwoven*.

The message is rooted in the Ohio native's rejection of the violence and divisiveness that seems to plague the world. With the goal of "abstractly linking" people through the joining of fibers, Ratcliff's wish is for the cooperative nature of the project to bring people together.

"Seeing all the events that have unfolded in the present day is ... a little terrifying, quite frankly," said Ratcliff. "So this



Photos by Jasmine Marshall

Student artist in residence Mary Ratcliff creates yarn chains.

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Mary Ratcliff studio hours

Sept. 7 – Dec. 4

Meet the artist while she works in the studio from noon to 5 p.m. Wednesdays, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Thursdays, and 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month during Downtown Art Walk.

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A look inside Ratcliff's studio space


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project is a rejection of that, a way to get to the root of those issues. It's a personal and collaborative way to get people to connect with one another."

The exhibition poses a challenge Ratcliff is more than ready to meet. The UNF student's existing body of work includes a functional bike rack outside of UNF's Fine Arts Center, two pieces framing the Thomas G. Carpenter library, an illuminated steel and fiberglass sculpture, and a solar-powered light sculpture at Seaside Park.

Given the opportunity to create pieces that will soon occupy museum space rather than her previous site-specific works, Ratcliff sought materials with which she

hadn't worked before.

"I'll be creating a new body of work and incorporating wood into most of the pieces, which is something I've never really worked with before," she said. "Because I'm still considering the space, there are some design elements that I'm still working out. It's a challenge, but I'm excited."

Paying kindness forward

Ratcliff said anyone is welcome to participate in the project with their contribution of yarn or yarn chains regardless of whether they live in the city. Back in her hometown of Allensville, her mother and neighbors have already started yarn chains of their own. In keeping with the theme of promoting connectedness, Ratcliff believes that the further the reach, the better the project will be.

The artist's hope is for visitors to re-

ceive the message of unity and a message of thanks.

"I want people to consider this an expression of gratitude," Ratcliff said. "I've been extremely fortunate since starting at UNF, and I've been awarded some amazing opportunities. This is my contribution back to the city."

For the duration of her residency, Ratcliff will hold regular studio hours, during which visitors are welcome to contribute from noon to 5 p.m. on Wednesdays, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Thursdays and 5 p.m.

to 9 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month during Downtown Art Walk.

Visitors are asked to donate by dropping off yarn chains at MOCA Jacksonville's front desk during business hours, contacting Ratcliff to arrange a pickup in the Jacksonville area or by sending the chains or yarn to MOCA Jacksonville's address.

Ratcliff's solo exhibition will open Dec. 10 and will run through April 2, 2017. To learn more about Ratcliff's project, follow her progress at www.mocajacksonville.unf.edu/blog.



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Maquettes of Ratcliff's installations.

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Delicious Destinations serves up culinary delights to benefit St. Vincent's community outreach

2016 event marks hospital's centennial

By Jennifer Logue

More than a dozen chefs from some of the top restaurants, resorts and clubs of the South came to Ponte Vedra Beach last weekend to share their culinary talents at the annual Delicious Destinations food and wine event to benefit St. Vincent's HealthCare Foundation.

Held Sept. 8-10 at the Five Diamond Ponte Vedra Inn and Club, the three-day event featuring epicurean delicacies attracted hundreds of local residents to sample and savor the best "Farm to Fork" regional cuisine.

"Where else can you visit The Breakers, Mar-a-Lago and The Greenbrier all in one evening?" said foundation President Jane Lanier, naming just a few of the prestigious resorts whose chefs participated in the event to benefit St. Vincent's community outreach services. This year's event also celebrated the 100th anniversary of St. Vincent's.

In addition to enjoying gourmet food and wine pairings, guests had an opportunity to bid on a variety of live and silent

auction items. Attendees strolled amid the silent auction offerings, bidding on packages ranging from handmade jewelry and golf outings to spa and restaurant gift certificates. Also on display was a "giving tree," where attendees could choose to make a donation to pay for such much-needed community health services as eyeglasses, mammograms or a vaccination for a homeless person.

Live auction items, meanwhile, included a getaway to Sea Island, Georgia, a trip to Turks & Caicos, a golf weekend at Mar-a-Lago and more.

Proceeds from Delicious Destinations benefit the community outreach programs of St. Vincent's HealthCare Foundation, including its Mobile Health Outreach Ministry which brings free adult and pediatric patient services to nearly 15,000 residents in need across the First Coast. St. Vincent's breast diagnostic program, mobile mammography services and faith community nursing programs are also among the initiatives supported by Delicious Destinations.



Braised short ribs prepared by Chef Bogdan Borean of the Mar-a-Lago Club



Sarah and Josh Shuck



Amberlee Hewett and Sara Frasca

Photos by Susan Griffin



Chef Darin Sehnert of Chef Darin's Kitchen Table in Savannah





Photos by Kristin Flanagan

The Cutter Family: Mark, Len, Sonya and Matt

Mark Wood, artist Beth Haizlip and Debbie Pounder



Cutter & Cutter celebrates soft opening of Ponte Vedra gallery

Ponte Vedra's arts and cultural community officially welcomed its newest addition last week, as Cutter & Cutter Fine Art marked the launch of its new Ponte Vedra Beach gallery with a soft opening held Sept. 1-3 at the new gallery located at 333 Village Main St. #640 in the burgeoning Sawgrass Village, the festivities enabled guests to meet artist Simon Bull, whose works were on display, and other artists.

In addition to artist question and answer sessions, the opening events also featured painting demonstrations along with wine and hors d'oeuvres.

Owned and operated by Len Cutter, wife Sonya and sons Matthew and Mark, Cutter & Cutter also operates the Brilliance in Color gallery at 25 King St. in St. Augustine's historic district.



'Celebration Time' by Simon Bull

The Ponte Vedra gallery plans to host a number of upcoming artist events, with a formal grand opening celebration scheduled for January 2017.

Professor to discuss ceramic innovation in medieval Europe

Dr. Florin Curta, professor of medieval history and archaeology at the University of Florida, will discuss medieval Europe clay pans Saturday, Sept. 17 at the University of North Florida.

His lecture, titled "Clay Pans and Pita Bread in Early Medieval Europe (6th to 7th century), from Spain to Eastern Europe," will offer some possible answers to questions raised by the appearance of this innovation in ceramic assemblages throughout medieval Europe.

A number of 6th to 7th century sites recently excavated in Southern and Central Spain have produced evidence of hand-made, circular clay pans on both urban and rural sites.

Such pans are also found in even greater numbers at contemporary sites in Southern and Southwestern England as well as Central and Eastern Europe.

Presented by The Archaeological Institute of America-Jacksonville Society, the lecture will be held in Building 51 at the University of North Florida. The lecture is free and open to the public.

Refreshments will be served afterward in the Archaeology Lab. On Saturday, parking is free, and faculty, staff, and vendor spaces are available to everyone.

For more information, contact Melva Price at (904) 241-9411 or aiajaxoc@gmail.com or visit aiajax.org.

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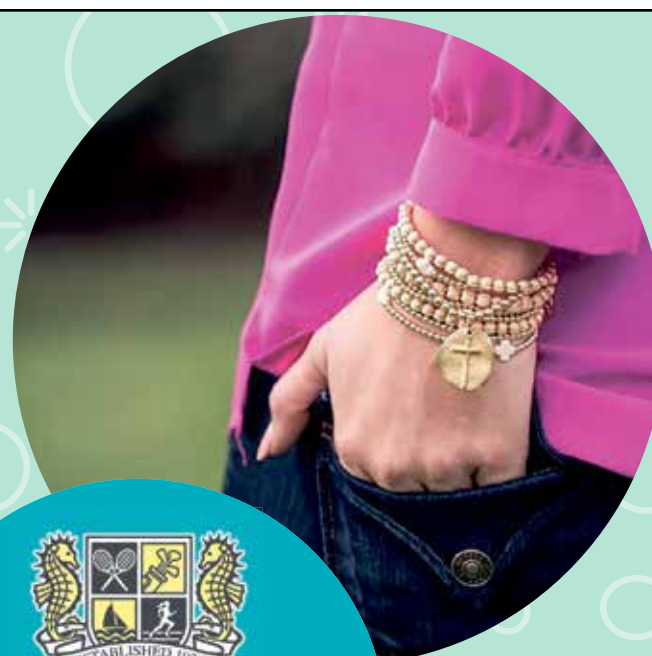
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Glenmere Mansion View, oil by Linda Richichi

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'Arboreal' exhibit at the Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach

"Arboreal," a new exhibit featuring the works of Florida artists Seth Satterfield and Linda Richichi is currently on display in the main gallery at the Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach.

Richichi is a nationally known artist who creates energetic tree and landscape paintings in oil and pastel. A member of both the New York and International Plein Air Painters, she earned "Best of Show" in IPAP's Worldwide Paint Out in Canada.

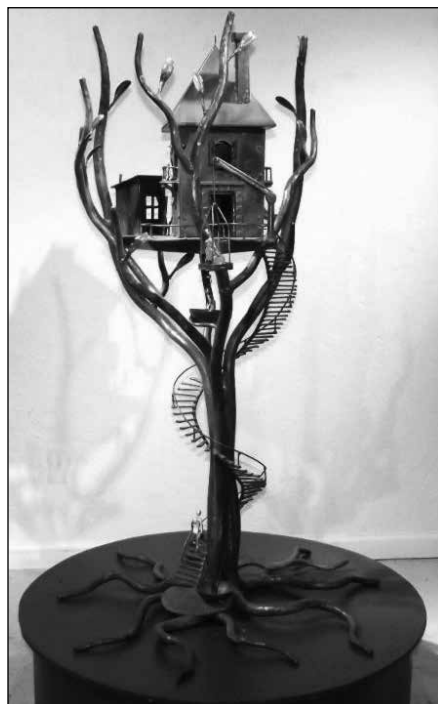
Richichi earned a BFA degree from SUNY New Paltz and studied under John Phillip Osborne at the Ringwood Art Institute in New Jersey as well as many other modern masters.

Satterfield is a blacksmith

artist specializing in traditional forged ironwork, creating pieces of contemporary art as well as authentic antique reproductions. He trained with leading blacksmiths in the United States and Europe and is a member of the Artist Blacksmith Association of North America.

The artists' works will be on display and available for purchase. The exhibit opened Sept. 9 and will be on display through Oct. 15. The main gallery is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Cultural Center is located at 50 Executive Way, Ponte Vedra Beach. For more information, call (904) 280-0614 ext. 204 or visit www.ccpvb.org.



Richard's Dream, Forged Iron by Seth Satterfield

ABET welcomes new children's acting workshop instructors

Atlantic Beach Experimental Theatre (ABET) has hired two new children's acting workshop instructors, Aaron and Eric DeCicco.

Aaron DeCicco is a familiar face on stage and off in the Jacksonville theatre community. Most recently, he was the music director for the Florida State College at Jacksonville Summer Music Theatre Experience's production of "Cats."

Some of her favorite Theatrical credits include Pregnant Woman in "Jump Man: A Mario Musical," Skszhp/Music Director in The Five and Dime: A Theatre Company and Far Too Ambitious Productions' "Hedwig and the Angry Inch" production and Rona Lisa Perretti in ABET's 2009 production of "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee." DeCicco can currently be seen on stage as Sister Mary Patrick in "Sister Act" at Alhambra Theatre and Dining.

Erik DeCicco was born and raised in Jacksonville. He graduated from Stanton College Preparatory School, Jacksonville University, and earned an MFA in acting at The University of Louisville.

DeCicco has acted and directed throughout the Northeast Florida area. Most recently, he appeared in Alhambra Theatre and Dining's production of "Beauty and the Beast" as Cogsworth and King in "Big River."

His credits include: "Jump Man! A Mario Musical," "Amadeus," "Seminar," "Phantom," and "Next to Normal." His television credits include AMC's "The Making of the Mob: New York" and Travel Channel's "Mysteries at the Museum."

Erik DeCicco's directing credits include "Little Women," "The 39 Steps," "Weird Romance," "Into the Woods," "Little Shop of Horrors," "Once on this Island" and "Xanadu."



AARON DeCICCO



ERIK DeCICCO



EG Kight to kick off Beaches Museum's Chapel Concert Series

EG Kight, the Jon Stickley Trio and singer/songwriter James Armstrong are among the artists who will perform as part of the Beaches Museum & History Park's upcoming fall Chapel Concert series.

The fall concert schedule includes returning favorites and artists new to the series who will join the ranks of the Grammy Award winners and internationally acclaimed artists who have been part of the Beaches Museum Chapel Concert Series.

On Thursday, Sept. 29, EG Kight will return to open the series. The 2013 Georgia Music Legend Award recipient is a Taylor-sponsored guitarist who blends the sounds of Phoebe Snow, Bonnie Rait and Wynonna.

On Monday, Oct. 17, the Jon Stickley Trio will take the stage with roots in gypsy-jazz, bluegrass and hip-hop, combining Jon Stickley's flatpicking guitar with the melodies of Lyndsay Pruett on violin over the deep groove of Patrick Armitage on the drums.

Guitarist, singer and songwriter James Armstrong will perform on Monday, Nov. 14. The Los Angeles native's resume includes work alongside Albert Collins, Buddy Guy, Keb Ma, Chaka Khan, Coco Montoya, Charlie Musselwhite and Ricki Lee Jones.

The concert series will conclude Monday, Dec. 19 with two shows for a "Celtic Christmas," with a performance by returning artists Ed Miller, Jill Chambless and Don Penzien. The trio will perform with a mixture of Miller's vocals and guitar, Chambless' vocals, flute and whistle and Penzien's guitar, bodhran and vocals in



an evening of Celtic songs and tales. The performances will be held at 5 p.m. and 7 p.m.

At its historic 1880s Beaches Museum Chapel venue, the concert series has featured such notable musicians as Grammy Award winner Jim Lauderdale, Rock and Roll Hall of Fame inductee Tom Constanten of the Grateful Dead, Jacksonville native Noel Freidline and several other award-winning musicians graced its stage in the first two years of the series alone.

"The artists rave about the unique venue and acoustics while the audience enjoys a smaller setting creating a personal and

intimate experience at each show," said Tim Ellis, chairman of the Chapel Concert Series Committee. "It's a magical combination for everyone involved."

Ellis credits the volunteer committee, including John Miller, Sam Veal, Terry Dixon and many other music lovers, for drawing in the talent and making the Chapel Concerts a staple of the beaches music scene.

The Beaches Museum and History Park is offering a series package deal for all four concerts at the cost of \$70. Series pricing is available until the first concert Sept. 29. Individual tickets are available for \$20 in advance and \$25 on the day of



Photos provided by Beaches Museum and History Park

EG Kight

each show.

"With such great talent in a relatively small venue, these concerts consistently sell out," said Ellis. "It's a great problem to have, but we want as many people as possible to experience these concerts. We know they won't be disappointed!"

For tickets or more information, visit www.beachesmuseum.org or contact the museum at (904) 241-5657.

Stellers Gallery hosts online 'Studio September'

Stellers Gallery of Ponte Vedra welcomes guests to slip into the gallery during its "Studio September" series through which visitors can get an online, behind-the-scenes look at the environment where gallery artists create.

Stellers Gallery will feature a series on its Facebook page giving visitors a peek behind the curtain of artists' studios and processes. Artists Ron Mynatt, Michelle Armas, Shawn Meharg and Denise Choppin have already been featured. This series can be found at www.facebook.com/stellersgalleryatpontevedra.

This month, guests can expect to see new work by artists John Schuyler and Holly Addi. Next month, on Oct. 14 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., the gallery will present a show featuring the work of Jim Draper, Henry Von Genk and Tom



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Viewers who tune into the primetime Emmy Awards Sunday night may catch a glimpse of some local jewelry adorning one of the celebrities walking the red carpet.

"House of Cards" actress Jayne Atkinson will be wearing Dao Fournier jewelry selected at Underwood's Jewelers of Ponte Vedra Beach. Atkinson stopped by the store Aug. 20 with her sister, Ponte Vedra resident Dany Atkinson, to select the jewelry, which comes from the collection created by Ponte Vedra's Lucy Price.

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Actress Jayne Atkinson, Underwood's Manager John Rutkowski and jewelry designer Lucy Price

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Nona Blue seeks to become part of Ponte Vedra community

By Jennifer Logue

When PGA Tour golfer Graeme McDowell and his partners were looking to open a second location for their popular Orlando restaurant Nona Blue, it didn't take long for them to set their sights on Ponte Vedra.

"It's a match for us," said Joe Davi, a veteran restaurateur who along with McDowell and Bill Bona make up the triumvirate behind Nona Blue. "With Graeme, the PGA Tour, TPC and my experience in the market, we think it's going to be a home run for us and more importantly, a grand slam for the community."

Located in Sawgrass Village, Nona Blue's new Ponte Vedra restaurant was slated to open its doors Sept. 14 with

a 4 p.m. ribbon cutting and press conference followed by dinner service at 5 p.m. For Davi, the new restaurant marks a return to the First Coast, where he oversaw the opening of J. Alexander's at St. Johns Town Center in 2007.

"I became familiar with Sawgrass Village and over the years had an affinity for this market," Davi said. "I love the people out here, the community, the people I met – it's just a beautiful neighborhood."

Becoming part of that community, he added, is Nona Blue's goal, and to begin the relationship on a positive note, the restaurant's grand opening was preceded by

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BUSINESS BRIEFS



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The JAX Chamber is sponsoring expanded tours of the St. Johns River this fall.

JAX Chamber of Commerce sponsors Saturday river tours

The JAX Chamber is sponsoring expanded historic tours of the St. Johns River this fall as part of its initiative to "activate the riverfront."

Expanded service for the fall includes narrated downtown tours on Friday and Saturday. Sunset cruises with live music will leave from Friendship Park every Thursday through Sunday at 7:30 p.m.

Supported in partnership with the Museum

of Science and History, the additional tours will also include river taxi service to and from MOSH as well as the Riverside Arts Market and the Cummer Museum of Art and Gardens. River cruises to the Jacksonville Zoo & Gardens will also be offered every Saturday.

"This is a good first step as we look for ways for people to get out and enjoy being on the river," JAX Chamber Chair Audrey Moran said. "Water is part of the foundation of who we are as a community and we need to provide more access for families to feel connected to our natural resources."

The tours are part of the OnBoard Jax! campaign that aims to support river activation by expanding opportunities for the public to experience the river. Other sponsors include the St. Johns River Taxi, Jacksonville Jaguars, City of Jacksonville, The Florida Times-Union, Vesta Property Services, Lakeshore Marine Services and the St. Johns Riverkeeper.

"We are grateful for the chamber's support," said Heather Surface, whose company assumed management of River Taxi operations in July 2015. "We believe the St. Johns River is our community's greatest natural asset, and we will continue to explore new opportunities for Jacksonville residents and visitors to experience it first-hand.

For schedule and ticket information, visit www.rivertaxiandtours.com.

Native Sun's Jax Beach location finalist for New Store of the Year

Native Sun Natural Foods Market's Jacksonville Beach store has been named a finalist for the 2016 Best New Store of the Year by New Hope Network, a media company in the natural products industry. Native Sun is one of only three stores selected nationwide for the honor as part of New Hope's annual Retailer of the Year awards.

Native Sun Director of Marketing Dan Nehring said the Jacksonville Beach location – which will celebrate its first anniversary Sept. 19 – caught the attention of local and national publications with its neighborhood-focused healthy grocery concept.

"The smaller footprint and healthy mix of affordable products has been a differentiator in what is typically a big-box atmosphere," Nehring said, "and aligns with the needs and feel of the community."

New Hope Network's Christine Kapnerman said the award nomination reflects Native Sun's commitment to serving the local community.

"Residents in Jacksonville are fortunate to be served by one of the nation's top natural

products retailers," she said. "This annual award recognizes not just the work of one year, but a commitment to community through and through."

The Best New Store Award is expected to be announced Sept. 23 at the Natural Products Expo in Baltimore.

Paul Davis launches hiring, apprentice program

Paul Davis Restoration of North Florida has launched a hiring and apprentice program to provide individuals with training in emergency services, restoration and reconstruction services.

Created by co-owners Mike and Marguerite Mumford, the two-year training program is open to adults age 21 and over with a college degree or military assignment personnel with an honorable discharge.

In addition to paid hourly compensation, program participants will receive health and paid time off benefits. Upon completion of the program, participants also may have the opportunity for full-time employment at the company's North Florida office or with another Paul Davis franchise nationwide.

For more information on the apprenticeship, call (904) 739-6047 or visit <http://north-florida.pauldavis.com>.



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The Ponte Vedra Wellness Center team: Daniel Brauch, Faron Strand, Ellice Mae Sanchez, Lejla Karic, Dr. Erika Hamer, Jeff White and Ashton White.

Ponte Vedra Wellness Center hosts 3rd annual Wellness Fair

More than a dozen local health care professionals were on hand to provide information and services on healthy living last week, when Ponte Vedra Wellness Center hosted its 3rd Annual Wellness Fair.

Held Sept. 8 at the center's Ponte Vedra Beach location, the free event included information, food and refreshments provided by local restaurants, and free

services such as chair massages.

Founded in 2004, Ponte Vedra Wellness Center is a traditional chiropractic neurology clinic for adults, children and pregnant women. In addition to its Ponte Vedra Beach location, the center also has offices in Nocatee Town Center. For more information, call (904) 273-2691 or visit www.pontevedrawellnesscenter.com.



Faron Strand gives a guest a chair massage.



Sam Ruiz and Gloria Dongara



Flavor Palette Chef Tommy McDonough serves up food at the PV Wellness Center celebration.

Climbing the 10-step commitment ladder: How high can we go?

FIRST IN A SERIES



Harry Pappas
Columnist

Ever since the elite forces killed Osama bin Laden, I became fascinated with the Navy SEALs. These admirable military servants subject themselves to arguably the most intense physical examination in the U.S. military. During their brutal preparation to become a Navy SEAL, one of their trainer's objectives is to see how many candidates will ring the proverbial Navy SEAL Bell. When an applicant can no longer overcome the agony of the six-mile ocean swim, the 15-mile full-load runs, or the physical and mental torments of no sleep or food, they let everyone know that he or she cannot take it anymore by ringing "The Bell."

I suggest, just like the Navy SEALs, each of us has "The Bell," albeit imaginary, that we too can ring at any time. In contrast to the Navy SEALs training regimen, however, I respectfully submit that our sufferings and tribulations are arguably more demanding than those of the prized Navy SEAL candidates because we usually fight our battles all alone. We do not have trainers motivating us to FIDO (forget it; drive on!) or fellow sufferers inspiring us to continue the fight. Consequently, far too many of us ring the bell and justify our lack of tenacity while we pursue the march toward mediocrity. Perhaps Napoleon Hill, author of the classic book "Think and Grow Rich," said it best: "There is one weakness in people for which there is no remedy. It is the universal weakness of lack of ambition."

Back in 1985, a primitive time when a mobile phone was used only to talk to another person, I became a financial advisor. I was naïve, wet behind the ears and just plain stupid. I have the scars to prove it! Nevertheless, I was taught one of my most valuable lessons in business and life: "Do not expect to take the elevator to success. Instead, you must take the stairs."

A few years after that Aha! moment, I developed a personal "commitment pledge." I called my manifesto "Climbing the 10-Step Commitment

Ladder: How High Can I Go." I received many kudos over the years for this relatively simple (but not easy) methodology for success seekers in business and life. At the risk of appearing like a motivational speaker or writer – and perhaps alienating some of my readers – I thought you might find my words to be motivational and empowering, especially when the messenger of misery pays us a visit.

Of course, none of us is a stranger to the pain of hardships. We all have run the gauntlet of highs and lows, achievements and disappointments. However, I argue that our struggles and adversities are a beautiful thing, and we should carry our black and blues proudly, as our misfortunes are a big part of our life's story. Isn't part of the excitement of reaching our goals looking back at all the obstacles we overcame and the pain we endured? Don't our struggles make the victory that much more satisfying and rewarding? I believe it is through our pain and suffering that we develop the mental capacity to endure our toughest battles. So, without further chitchat, let's begin climbing the ladder to success.

Step 1: Desire. Either we have an all-consuming, pulsating burning aspiration or we do not. It is not something we can borrow, buy, or find at a seminar or in a book. We can only find it in ourselves. If it is there, we will know it, because it will motivate us until we reach our goals, and at the same time, it will drive us crazy in the process. We will tolerate the stress, the hardships and the shortcomings so that one day we can experience the incomparable high that accompanies achievement. Having the burning desire to accomplish something is more important than all the talent in the world, as burning desire launches all accomplishments.

Step 2: Character and integrity. Character and integrity trump credentials every time, and I suggest they are two of the most important qualities that we can possess. I define character and integrity as doing what is right because it is right. It must be non-negotiable. We should consider our "do right" approach as an investment in our reputation and peace of mind. Confucius said, "To know what is right and not to do it is the worst

A Tale of Two Building Plans: Making the Right Choice for Vilano Beach

The “right kind” of development plan ensures maximized benefit to the surrounding community, and minimized impact on the environment and traffic. The Watermarke Resort & Club plan is the “right kind” of development. The Watermarke is a proposed boutique resort and club that will be situated on a 17-acre portion of 43 scenic acres in Vilano Beach, bordered by the Intracoastal Waterway and across from the Atlantic Ocean. The plan has been carefully designed to maximize benefits and minimize impact on Vilano Beach and support the long-term economic development mission of St. Johns County.



The Watermarke Resort & Club will be a private boutique luxury resort in Vilano Beach, just north of St. Augustine between the Atlantic Ocean and the Intracoastal Waterway.

The Background

In 2007, the Beachcomber Plan (Residential C) was fully approved for 3455 Coastal Highway, St. Augustine. The plan is still active and residential building could start soon. In 2016, before moving forward with plans to develop the site, the Watermarke Team decided to ensure that the plan was ideal for this uniquely beautiful site.

The Facts

Based on the team’s in-depth analysis, they determined that changing the plan from a 79-home community (Residential C) to a private resort and club (Residential D) would both maximize benefits and minimize impact to the community and environment.

It is important to understand the real facts about any change to your community. The Watermarke plan

is the best plan for Vilano Beach. The Watermarke has already been studied and recommended by the Growth Management Department of the St. Johns County Planning & Zoning Agency. During the August 4th public hearing, the Department listed the following strengths for The Watermarke plan:

- Potential to stimulate non-residential development within the Vilano Beach Town Center by drawing visitors to area
- Potential to reduce number of residential dwellings within the Coastal High Hazard Area
- Potential to create jobs and diversify local economy

- Potential for additional upland preservation areas due to non-residential nature of project
- Isolated from surrounding development
- Ability for more control of landscaping and limits of clearing than residential project

The Watermarke Team has also been working with the St. Johns County Planning & Zoning Agency on the traffic implications of The Watermarke and preliminary calculations confirm significant reductions compared to the currently approved residential plan.

The Right Choice

In order to bring The Watermarke plan to life, there needs to be a one-time change in the Future Land Use designation established by the St. Johns County Comprehensive Plan from Residential C to Residential D – this will allow for “hotel, motel and club facilities.” The St. Johns County Planning & Zoning Agency has recommended that the St. Johns County Board of Commissioners approve the change.

The “right kind” of development plan ensures maximum benefits to the surrounding community, and minimal impact on the environment and traffic. The Watermarke Resort & Club is the “right kind” of plan for Vilano Beach.

The Watermarke will not encourage sweeping commercialization of Vilano Beach. In truth, it ensures the opposite—that one of the few significant parcels of waterfront land left in Vilano Beach will be used for a less-invasive, less resource-intensive purpose that will bring far greater economic and aesthetic benefits to the local, county and regional economy than a 79-unit residential development.

How to Learn More and Show Your Support

Everyone interested in learning more about The Watermarke can visit the website to see renderings, the timeline, answers to Frequently Asked Questions, and read letters of support from those in the community who consider The Watermarke a significant opportunity for Vilano Beach and the St. Augustine area.

Visit www.TheWatermarkeResort.com

How does the Watermarke Plan compare to approved Beachcomber Plan?	
Key Benefit and Impact Measures	Watermarke Resort Positive Benefits (vs. Beachcomber)
Decreased Building Footprint	✓
Decreased General Floor Area	✓
Less Traffic Impact	✓
Increased Tax Revenue	✓
Higher Business Revenue for Vilano Beach Town Center	✓

MOVERS & SHAKERS

Rogers Towers lawyer Courtney Gaver invited to join The Chester Bedell Inn of Court



GAVER

Rogers Towers attorney Courtney Gaver has been invited to become an associate member of The Chester Bedell Inn of Court.

American Inns of Court are designed to improve the skills, professionalism and legal ethics with which the bench and the bar perform their functions. An associate member is a lawyer who has practiced law between one and five years.

The Chester Bedell Inn of Court was named for Chester Bedell, a Jacksonville trial attorney who embodied the best traits of civility, professionalism and public service.

"I feel honored to continue the long-standing tradition of Rogers Towers' attorneys who have been invited to the Inn of Court," Gaver said.

Based out of Rogers Towers' Ponte Vedra Beach and St. Augustine offices, Gaver joined the firm as an associate in the litigation department. She focuses her practice in the areas of litigation and dispute resolution, and land use, zoning and concurrency. She earned her Juris Doctor from Florida Coastal School of Law, graduating summa cum laude in December 2015.

HarborChase's Holt named Executive Director of the Year

HarborChase Executive Director Janann Holt has received the Executive Director of the Year Award from Florida Argentum, an organization that represents professionally managed senior living communities in Florida. The award was announced at the 2016 conference held Aug. 22-24 in Fort Lauderdale. HarborChase is owned and managed by Harbor Retirement Associates (HRA).

"HRA is truly honored that Florida Argentum has chosen to recognize Janann for the invaluable contribution she's made to HRA and the industry as a whole," Chief Operating Officer Sarabeth Hanson said. "Her work ethic, integrity and dedication to serving seniors is unparalleled, going above and beyond the call of duty every single day. She has dedicated her life to ensuring that HarborChase of Jacksonville

is a happy home for those who live and work there."

Holt joined HarborChase of Jacksonville in 2006 as director of resident care, overseeing staff and budgets, marketing, administration and resident care. In 2011 she was promoted to executive director. Prior to her time at HarborChase, Holt studied at St. Petersburg State College.

Cultural Center names Bass program and gallery manager



BASS

The Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach has appointed Sara Bass as its new program and gallery manager. Bass recently earned a Master of Arts degree in Exhibition Design at Corcoran School of the Arts & Design at George Washington University after earning her BA in History and Art History at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She interned at the Smithsonian National Portrait Gallery as well as the Textile Museum and the Visual Art Exchange.

"As the Cultural Center begins to explore expansion, Sara's talents are a perfect fit," Executive Director Judy Hixenbaugh said. "We are thrilled to have her on our team."

Akers assumes artistic director role at Players by the Sea

Players by the Sea Associate Director Bradley Akers has assumed the new artistic director position as the Jacksonville Beach theatre begins its 51st season.

In his new role, Akers will oversee the theatre's artistic mission, programming and production quality. During his four years with the theatre, he has served as communications manager and associate director. He has also directed several productions, including "Godspell," "Almost, Maine," "Dog Sees God" and the upcoming production of "Into the Woods."

In other Players by the Sea news, the theatre recently welcomed Aisha McBurnie as box office manager and Jane LaRoque as community relations coordinator. McBurnie brings many years of administrative and office management experience to the position, while LaRoque is a college English professor who previously served as marketing manager for the Metro Diner and a writer/editor for Coca-Cola.

Nona Blue

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seven shifts of "Practice with a Purpose" dining whereby \$15,000 in proceeds from the soft opening were donated to the Tom Coughlin Jay Fund.

"We're so grateful to every single guest that showed their support for the Coughlin Fund," said Davi, who brings decades of restaurant experience to Nona Blue. "It was the best opening I've ever experienced."

A modern tavern

As with its Orlando counterpart, Nona Blue's Ponte Vedra location features what Davi calls a "modern tavern" concept.

"We're not just a pub or a bar," he said. "Nona Blue features a modern, upscale design but with the warmth of your neighborhood tavern."

With 7,100 square feet of interior space and 1,700 square feet of outdoor seating, Nona Blue's décor features leather booths anchored by a 36-seat bar that serves as the restaurant's centerpiece.

"It's kind of like 'Cheers' – a place where everyone knows your name," Davi said. "The kind of place where business men and women can have meetings next to a foursome that just got off the golf course and a high school kid who just finished a lacrosse game."

The modern tavern concept carries over to the menu, where comfort foods such as "Mama's Meatloaf" and steak share space alongside fish flown in from Hawaii, scallops from the Carolinas and shrimp from nearby Mayport. Popular Nona Blue specialties include "GMac" – lobster mac and cheese named after Graeme McDowell – and an upscale twist on the traditional BLT and lobster roll.

"We took the traditional old lobster roll and put our own spin on it," Davi

said.

"We use Texas toast with Havarti cheese, bacon, tomato and cold lobster salad, press it and toast it."

Menu items can be tailored for those seeking gluten-free options, Davi noted, and in keeping with its welcoming ambience Nona Blue offers a kids' menu with such popular pint-sized staples as Kraft macaroni and cheese, grilled cheese and peanut butter and jelly.

"We want mom and dad to come, but we want them to feel comfortable bringing the kids along, too," Davi said. "To us, the kids are just as important as the CEOs of Fortune 500 companies."

The restaurant's full bar, meanwhile, features a high-end wine list focused primarily on domestic Napa and Sonoma wines, along with a selection of varietals from around the globe to satisfy world travelers. Craft and bottled beers include a selection of Golf Beers, including Graeme McDowell's Celtic Pale Ale, Freddie Jacobson's Scandinavian Blond and Keegan Bradley's New England Style Lager.

Beginning Sept. 15, Nona Blue will be open 11 a.m. to 2 a.m., with the standard menu available until 11 p.m. Monday through Thursday and until midnight Friday and Saturday. A late-night menu will also be available.

Nona Blue also plans to begin offering brunch in the near future, with such items as lemon ricotta pancakes, \$5 Bloody Marys and mimosas, and three different kinds of eggs Benedict on the menu.

Above all, Davi stressed, Nona Blue aims to be responsive to the Ponte Vedra community of which it hopes to become an integral part.

"We're all ears as to what is best going to serve this community as a whole," he said. "What comes from the heart goes to the heart and we operate that way. Our success comes from serving this community well, and we will do everything we can to deliver on that promise."

Climb

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cowardice." A good measure of character and integrity is giving up something of personal value to do what is just. For example, how we treat others who cannot help us is a great clue to one's character and integrity.

Regrettably, I am only on step two of the ladder, and I am out of space. Therefore, I must conclude this column, but I will be back in a couple of weeks to continue our climb to the top of the ladder. In the meantime, let us internalize and accept the power and influence that desire, character and integrity have on our success, especially in today's self-centered culture and the money, power and prestige that come along with it.

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James A. Shields

James A. Shields of Ponte Vedra Beach died from heart failure Sept. 10, 2016 at age 83. Jim was husband to Frances and father of six children – Mary (Paul), Anthony (Carol), James (Chris), Michael (Karen), William (Mary) and Joann (Jim).

Born and raised in Woodhaven, New York to Anthony Shields and Elizabeth Henry, Jim is survived by his older sister Joan, who serves God as a Catholic Nun in the Sisters of St Joseph in New York and a younger sister, Catherine Morvillo, wife of the late Robert, mother of Christopher, Gregory, Robert and Scott, residing in Rockville Centre, New York.

Jim moved to Ponte Vedra from New York in 1993 with Fran after retiring from work as a floor broker/options specialist on the American Stock Exchange. His father, Anthony, began work on Wall Street during the Depression and worked his way up to ownership in a small Wall Street firm, Edwards and Hanley.

Jim attended Xavier High School in New York City and entered College at Niagara University, a Catholic University, outside of Buffalo. Jim served as a captain in the U.S. Army after graduation from Niagara.

He met Frances Ciaudello in high school and was married in 1955. After serving in the Army, they resided in Rockville Centre, New York, where they raised their six children before retiring to Florida in 1993.

Jim was an avid golfer, as well as sports enthusiast and was a devoted fan of the Jaguars, New York Mets and of professional golf. His wife Fran enjoyed golf and loved working as an employee of the PGA tour.

Jim was very active in parish life at Our Lady Star of the Sea and served as a lector at daily Mass, CHRP Member, and many other ministries at OLSS. Jim was devoted to Mission House in Jacksonville Beach, which serves daily meals to the poor and homeless and is supported by an army of local volunteers and businesses. This follows the Catholic tradition taught by Niagara University where they teach their leaders to serve the poor and the oppressed and to make a difference in local communities and the larger world. Jim lived this credo. Jim was a man of honesty and integrity and unpretentious to his core. He had a deep faith in Christ and a love and devotion to the Blessed Mother. He followed the lives of his six children and 16 grandchildren very closely and was extremely proud of all of their academic and athletic achievements.

As a husband, father, grandfather and friend, Jim will be deeply missed by many who had the great pleasure of spending time with him. He was loved by many and genuinely cared for and loved his fellow man.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated today at 11 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 15 in Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church, with interment following in Ponte Vedra Valley Cemetery. Please visit our online Tribute at www.quinn-shalz.com. Services under the direction and care of Quinn-Shalz Family Funeral Home.



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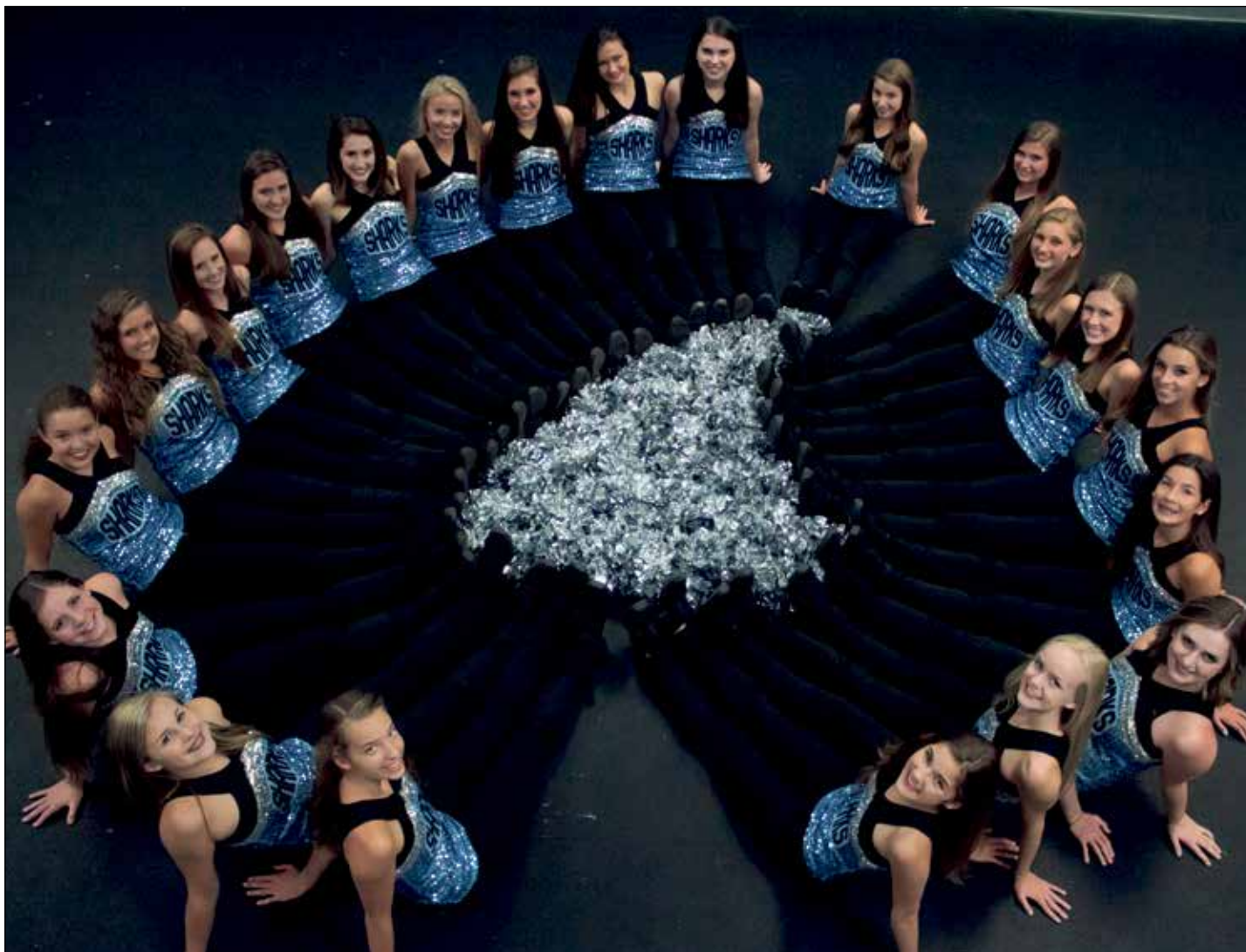


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The Ponte Vedra High School Splash Dance Team

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Ponte Vedra High School Splash Dancers Splashette Camp

The Ponte Vedra High School Splash Dance Team will hold its annual Splashette Camp fundraiser Saturday, Sept. 24, where local children will have the opportunity to become Splashette dancers, learn a dance from the Splash and perform at a PVHS football game.

Kindergarten through 8th grade girls are invited to attend the camp from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the PVHS gym on Sept. 24, and all participants will get to perform as a Splashette dancer during the halftime show at the Oct. 6 PVHS junior varsity football game.

The \$50 clinic fee includes instruction by Splash team members and a t-shirt to be worn at the clinic and half-time performance. A \$10 discount for additional siblings is offered for families with two or more registrations.

To register for the event or for additional details, visit [https:// splashette.eventbrite.com](https://splashette.eventbrite.com) or contact Ashley Pahlow at (904) 540-8022 or pahlowa@bellsouth.net.

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ABOVE: A model train speeds past a miniature conductor . RIGHT: The doors shut as the last of the passengers board the colorful engine making its rounds.



Riding the Rails

Beaches Museum welcomes visitors aboard for a trip on the rails

By Jasmine Marshall

A chorus of train whistles filled the Beaches Museum and History Park as families, collectors and enthusiasts flocked to Riding the Rails: Pablo Beach Train Day Saturday, Sept. 10.

Commemorating a time in Jacksonville when the train was a viable means of transportation, the event kicked off at 10 a.m. with live renditions of old-time songs performed by DoubleTake. Visitors were treated to a trip to the small worlds of yesteryear with two operating model trains in the 1900 FEC Mayport Depot and museum lobby, hamburgers and hotdogs courtesy of Boy Scout Troop 37 and tours of the museum's 1911 steam train, Locomotive No. 7, where kids were welcome to sound its bell with a pull cord.

The inaugural event drew a crowd of locomotive professionals and hobbyists eager to share their interests with the children, many of whom were seeing trains for the first time.

Hobbyist Lloyd Lippert, who contributed antique pamphlets and a few of his own model trains to a display in the 1903 Pablo Beach post office, was more than happy to spread his passion to others. The collector and operator amassed a selection of toy trains mainly from the 1950s, many of which were restored with paint jobs he studied from Florida East Coast Railway Historian and event keynote speaker Seth Bramson's book, "Speedway to Sunshine."

"I just wanted to share the hobby because I get a lot of enjoyment out of it myself," he said. "There's a lot of great history with these

trains. I've been a collector for about 20 years and ... it's made me happy, so I want to make sure others can enjoy this, too."

In addition to numerous displays, Operation Lifesaver was in attendance to demonstrate train and railroad safety and a small-scale kiddie train carted kids and parents around the neighborhood aboard colorful train cars. Bramson took the Beaches Museum Chapel stage later in the day to present a lecture on the history of the Florida East Coast Railway, developments leading to the current day and the "boom and bust" of the railroad system. The 1900 FEC Foreman's House was also open for tours.

Though the event was only presented for the first time this year, visitors expressed excitement at the prospect of Train Day becoming an annual event and appreciation for yet another slice of Jacksonville history being immortalized. Parents Jon and Whitney Carter welcomed the opportunity to show their 3-year-old daughter Jessica a form of transportation that could be obsolete when she's older.

"When we were growing up, it wasn't that rare to see steam locomotives," said Jon. "I was raised playing with toy trains and ... getting excited to hear the whistle late at night. By the time our daughter is our age, I think most of them will be replaced or retired.

"It's hard to come by (trains) like this nowadays, so I think it'll be really fantastic to have an event like this every year to teach kids about them and to preserve their history."



Jack Milford awaits an oncoming model engine at the museum lobby train display.



A model train station houses model passengers awaiting a toy locomotive.



Robert Leverock, Troop 288 Photographer

Ponte Vedra Boy Scout troop welcomes new leaders

Ponte Vedra's Boy Scout Troop 288 recently welcomed a new crop of young leaders Sept. 7.

In addition to Senior Patrol Leader John Schott, new patrol leaders include Jonah Paxton, Cameron Turner, Luke Paxton, Chap Aide David Hall and troop bugler Jacob Taylor.

Jack Tucker and Stephen Turner were recognized as assistant senior patrol leaders, while Daniel Lichlyter, Jamie St. George, Rael Sidoroff, CJ Joyner

and troop historian Landon McIntosh were recognized as assistant patrol leaders.

Other scouts newly appointed to leadership positions included AV Tech RJ Lawing, Historian Kelly Jones, Librarian Shreyas Chetan and Quartermaster Camden Usry.

Troop 288, based out of Ponte Vedra United Methodist Church, has been the home of 101 Eagle-ranked scouts since being chartered in 1989.

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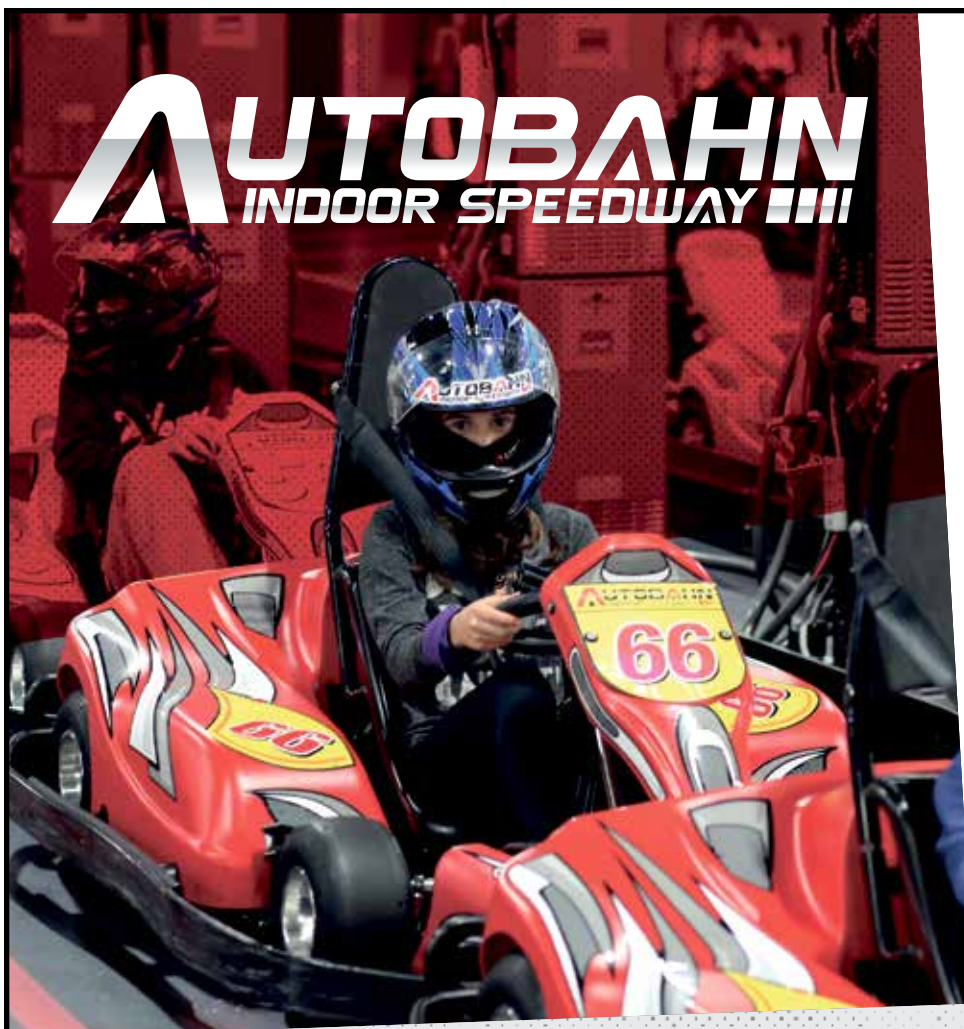
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JB Sheppard returns his first interception with a convoy of Shark blockers including #21 Andrew O'Dare and #20 Noah Solaun.

Sharks stop Oakleaf 41-24

By Jerry Norton

Last Friday night's football game against the Oakleaf Golden Knights of Class 7A was anticipated to be quite a challenge for the Ponte Veda Sharks, who play in FHSAA's Class 5A. The challenge – if there was one – came in the second half as the Knights tried to come back from 27 unanswered Ponte Veda points scored in the first 24 minutes of the game. The visitors weren't able to recover from several costly turnovers and fell to the Sharks 41-24.

Ponte Veda moved easily 81 yards in their first possession to take a 7-0 lead. The big play was Nick Tronti's pass to Marshall Few, good for 47 yards. Tronti finished the drive with a scrambling pass to Jake Maguire for 10 yards and the touchdown.

When the Knights failed to pick up a first down in their possession and had to punt, they were surprised when Hal Swan, the diminutive but dominating Shark running back, slipped through the line to block the punt. Jacob Reeves picked up the ball and scored, to pad Ponte Veda's lead.

The Knight offense turned the ball over again on their next possession when JB Sheppard intercepted an underthrown pass. Ponte Veda converted the turnover to points on Chris Howard's 41-yard field

goal and led 17-0 with more than five minutes left in the quarter.

The visitors' offensive struggles continued with a short punt to give the Sharks control of the football near mid-field. Tronti turned the poor punt into a touchdown when Swan caught a screen pass and raced 30 yards to score.

Oakleaf fumbled the ball away for yet another turnover and the Sharks turned that into another Howard field goal and a 27-0 advantage with less than two minutes left in the half.

The Knights finally straightened out their offense to mount an 81-yard scoring drive as the half ended.

Oakleaf took the second half kickoff and moved to the Shark 25-yard line before running out of steam and settling for a field goal. Ponte Veda matched that field goal with a 44-yard touchdown pass from Tronti to Zach Walton.

Before Ponte Veda scored again, they would surrender a pair of touchdowns, making the score 34-24 and adding an element of excitement to what was previously a lopsided contest. Tronti kept Shark fans from becoming too uncomfortable, when he combined with Maguire for 45 yards, then handed off to Swan for a four-yard score to seal the win 41-24.

Ponte Veda, with a record of 3-0, hosts Wolfson in a conference game at 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 16.



#25 Jacob Reeves recovers the punt blocked by Swan for a touchdown.

Photos by Chris and Jerry Norton



Photos by Nancy Beecher

Jaguars receiver Marqise Lee (11) runs for yardage against the Packers. Jacksonville mounted a late drive that came up short on a fourth-and-1 play at the Green Bay 14.

Jaguars rally come up short against Packers, 27-23

By Mike Bonts

The Jacksonville Jaguars couldn't convert on fourth and one inside Green Bay's 15-yard line in the final seconds and the Packers held on for a 27-23 NFL opening season win Sunday.

Jaguars' QB Blake Bortles completed 24 of 39 passes for 320 yards, one touchdown and one interception that led to a Green Bay first score. In the first half, Bortles completed 13 of 19 passes for 187 yards, the most first-half passing yards in his 31-game NFL career.

Jaguars' second-year running back T.J. Yeldon capped off a three-play, 48-yard scoring drive in the first quarter with a five-yard touchdown run. The scoring drive was set up by a 37-yard reception by tight end Mercedes Lewis.

"I thought he ran really hard," Jaguars Head Coach Gus Bradley said of Yeldin's performance." He had to play a lot of plays that involved protection and running the ball, so a lot of the workload went on him."

Tight end Julius Thomas caught five passes for 64 yards including a 22-yard TD pass from Bortles with 1:09 remaining in the first half. Wide receiver Allen Robinson led the Jaguars in receptions with six and finished with 72 receiving

yards. Wide receiver Allen Hurns led Jacksonville with 75 receiving yards on four catches.

"There's a lot of people hurt in this locker room" Robinson said. "We put a lot of effort in going into this week and it's not the last week, but this is one that everybody put a lot of effort into."

Jason Myers converted field goals of 26, 39 and 50 yards for the Jaguars.

Green Bay QB Aaron Rodgers threw two touchdowns and ran for another. Rodgers finished 20 of 34 for 199. Packers kicker Mason Crosby connected on a pair of field goals in the second half.

Defensively, Jacksonville safety Johnathan Cyprien led the team with nine tackles. Defensive end Jared Odrick made five tackles – three solo, including a sack on Rodgers. Linebacker Telvin Smith finished second on Sunday with eight tackles, six solo, including two tackles for loss.

"When you invest yourself and your feelings into a game – and invest in your teammates and body as well – it makes it tough," Odrick said. "Especially because we know what we're capable of. We're capable of winning games like that."

Bortles led the Jaguars to the visitor's 14-yard line with 27 seconds to play



Jacksonville running back T.J. Yeldon (24) capped off a three-play, 48-yard scoring drive in the first quarter with a five-yard touchdown run. It marked the fourth TD of Yeldon's NFL career.

in the game before a pass to Hurns on fourth-and-1 went for a loss and ended any rally. Packers safety Morgan Burnett and cornerback Damarious Randall combined on the final tackle to seal the victory.

"Once again, it came down to a gutty play from our defense," Green Bay Coach Mike McCarthy said.

Jacksonville hasn't won a regular season opener since 2011. The Jaguars totaled 348 yards of offense to Green Bay's 294.

Center of attention: Brandon Linder made his first career start at center after transitioning from right guard, and his first start since 2015 in New England after being placed on injured reserve last season with a labral tear in his left shoulder. Linder has started every game in which he's played, 19 career starts – one at center, 18 at right guard, since being selected in the third round of the 2014 NFL Draft.

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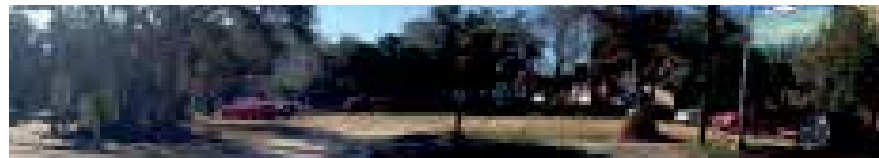
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Booming Brad: Fifth-year punter Brad Nortman was acquired from Carolina. In Nortman's debut with the Jaguars, he registered two punts for 58 yards and 67 yards, which were both downed at the three-yard line. With two punts inside

the 20, Nortman has registered 93 career punts inside the 20 and his 67-yard punt in the first quarter was tied for the third-longest punt of his 65-game career.

Up next: The Jaguars (0-1) go on the road to face San Diego (0-1) Sunday afternoon. The Chargers blew a lead and fell to Kansas City 33-27 Sunday. They also lost wide receiver Keenan Allen's in the first half with a torn ACL. Kickoff is scheduled for 4:05 p.m.

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munity alone for those of us who enjoy it as is!

Consider these mandates from the St. Johns County 2025 Comprehensive Plan for Land Use:

<http://www.co.st-johns.fl.us/LongRangePlanning/media/CPA2025/2Adopted2025.pdf>

Policy A.1.3.7(a): "the proposed commercial development is at a size and scale compatible with the surrounding area" – A complex with 170 hotel rooms/villas plus 70,000 square feet commercial space (more than twice the size of our Publix) is not compatible with residential Vilano.

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A resort of this magnitude will generate a multitude of tourists descending on our fragile beach. Numerous turtles nest here! Where will they go?

County Commissioners must be on the side of their voting constituents; say NO to developers attempting to amend the county's Comprehensive Plan to the detriment of residents and the environment!

Ana Serrano, Vilano Beach



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Annual Pink Ribbon Golf Classic to celebrate 10th year

Jacksonville's Pink Ribbon Golf Classic (PRGC) will celebrate its 10th year as the area's only all-women charity golf tournament with another event this fall.

Created in part by breast cancer survivors, the PRGC operates as a nonprofit under the Baptist Health Foundation umbrella and provides direct financial support for breast cancer research and local related services at Baptist Medical Center-Beaches and Mayo Clinic Florida.

In the past 10 years, PRGC, with the help of sponsors, has contributed more than \$1 million to the fight against breast cancer in Northeast Florida, including a total of \$240,000 in 2015. As more than 500 women and men will be diagnosed with breast cancer this year in Northeast Florida, PRGC volunteers are working to support the cause with the goal of raising even more for Baptist Medical Center Beaches and Mayo Clinic Florida in 2016.

Funding goals

This year's contribution to Baptist Medical Center-Beaches



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will help purchase a SenoClaire breast tomosynthesis with 3D imaging technology. Prior contributions have helped purchase state-of-the-art equipment such as bi-directional dopplers to repair cells damaged by radiation; an x-ray pathology unit for faster, more accurate diagnoses; and a digital mammography unit. Funds have also helped hire a breast cancer care coordinator; underwrite an educational forum and establish the Support & Survivorship Program at Hill Breast Cancer Center; acquire new mammography and MRI gowns; cover the medical costs incurred by breast

cancer patients who aren't covered; and establish an endowment to provide consistent funds.

At the Mayo Clinic, meanwhile, proceeds from the Pink Ribbon Golf Classic over the past nine years have primarily supported pioneering research, with contributions to this year's tournament continuing to support the lymphedema research of Dr. Sarah McLaughlin

"Being part of Mayo Clinic facilitates unique opportunities to interact with patients, identify a clinical question that is relevant to patient care, and act ... in a timely, meaningful way,"

McLaughlin said. "Through the support of benefactor funds... it allows immediate application of our work, which is very satisfying to many patients and a primary reason they seek our care."

Funds will also support the research of the Mayo Clinic Breast Cancer Translational Genomics Program, including helping to purchase a biopsy system used in conjunction with the digital breast tomosynthesis.

Opportunities are available for tournament sponsorships as well as other associated tournament events. To date, sponsors for 2016 include the McCall Family, Swisher International, Shoppes of Ponte Vedra, Benchmark Homes, Peter and Joanne Ghiloni, Parker & Pennington Dentistry, The Players Championship Red Coats, Grimes Companies and founding partner Ponte Vedra Inn & Club, which will host the tournament as it has done for the last 10 years.

For more information or to purchase tickets, please see our website, <http://pinkribbonjax.org> or contact us at pinkribbonjax@gmail.com.

2016 Event Line-Up

Wednesday, Oct. 12

The Tee Off Cocktail Party & Auctions will be held at a private home in The Plantation at Ponte Vedra Beach. Golfers and non-golfers are invited to kick off fundraising efforts with hors d'oeuvres, open bar, celebrity guests and live and silent auctions. Valet parking is included. Tickets are \$100 per person sold on a first come, first serve basis.

Thursday, Oct. 13

The Women's Golf Tournament & Awards Luncheon will be held at the Ponte Vedra Inn & Club. Golfers start the day with a light breakfast and end with a lunch during which prizes are awarded. Cart fees are also included for participants. The registration fee is \$195 per participant.

Thursday, Nov. 17 & Friday, Nov. 18

The John Hardy Trunk Show will be held at Underwood Jewelers. Each year, Underwood's partners with a designer, such as John Hardy, so that a portion of the proceeds from the sales at the trunk show can be donated to The Pink Ribbon Golf Classic. Underwood's will also host a cocktail reception during the trunk show on Nov. 17, at which time the check presentation is held.

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- Laundry booster
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- Canaanite deity
- Mars, to the Greeks
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