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Highway paving contractors were scheduled to begin removing rumble stripes from A1A on Monday, after local residents campaigned for their removal. Read more on page 4.

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WHAT'S THIS?



Do you know what this is?

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

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

No one correctly identified last week's photo as The BookMark in Neptune Beach. Better luck this week, readers!

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



ADOPT A PET

CAT OF THE WEEK

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Solutions correspond to last week's puzzles.



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Rumble stripe removal begins on A1A



Photos by Jon Blauvelt.

Construction crews gather April 3 before beginning to remove the A1A rumble stripes.

By Jon Blauvelt

A highway paving contractor hired by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) began construction on Monday to remove the rumble stripes on A1A that stretch from Ponte Vedra to Vilano Beach.

Construction on A1A will take place Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

FDOT Spokeswoman Debbie Delgado expects the \$2 million project to take approximately two months, with work expected to be completed by late May. Construction includes removing the center and shoulder stripes as well as expanding the bike lanes from five to six feet. Delgado added that the roadway will be resurfaced, which hasn't been done in about 10 years. Work is starting on the Vilano Beach end of the roadway.

"We listened to the community, and we're reevaluating the standards for where we put these," said Delgado, who noted the contractor is Halifax Paving from Ormond Beach. "We're really looking out for the safety of everyone."

The FDOT spokeswoman added that the construction will result in moving lane closures, which she said will be limited to one to two miles in length and adjusted throughout the day. Because of the ongoing work, Delgado said there's always the potential for backups on A1A.

The rumble stripes are being removed

less than a year after they were first installed due to vehement opposition from nearby residents, who insisted the noise generated by the stripes has negatively impacted their quality of life. FDOT added the striping to the 15-mile stretch of A1A from south of Mickler's Landing Beach to north of Carcaba Road to help prevent collisions on the roadway. But residents claim the purported safety measure has instead created a more unsafe environment for the residential area, especially for cyclists who say the rumble stripes have decreased the size of their bike lanes.

John Wegl, chairman of the Ponte Vedra Beach Municipal Service District (MSD) board, has been lobbying FDOT on behalf of the residents to remove the rumble stripes over the past year. As a resident of the A1A South area himself, he is thankful the department is addressing the community's concerns.

"We appreciate DOT listening to our residents and coming to the conclusion that they need to be removed since they basically are installed in a residential area," said Wegl. "DOT was very cooperative. We're happy about that."

Resident Steve Gibson said he's "thrilled to death" to hear about the removal project. Gibson said the rumble stripes forced him to move his bedroom to the other side of his house, which is the last on Ponte Vedra Boulevard. The noise was so unbearable that he had



Construction to remove the A1A rumble stripes starts on the Vilano Beach end of the roadway.

to make the change, said Gibson, who started a petition after installation of the stripes to urge FDOT to remove them.

Cycling safety activists insist that rumble stripes aren't generally bad for cyclists. The problem, they say, is where the stripes have been applied. According to Heather Neville, founder of the St. Augustine-based Velofest Community Initiative, standards for bike lanes are five feet in width in an urban setting and seven feet in a rural area. The current bike lanes on A1A, she said, are barely five feet due to the rumble stripes. Add in sand drifts and overgrowth, debris, a

few parked cars and residents walking to the beach, and cyclists have nowhere to ride and maneuver.

"It's compounding an already tight bike line with a very high speed road," Neville said.

The cycling enthusiast has been pushing for this change since the stripes were installed. Now that the change is forthcoming, Neville is pleased.

"It's a good thing," she said. "Every now and then we get a success. I really feel like this is one of those proud moments."

Vehicular beach access at Vilano Beach, Porpoise Point closed for sand placement project; officials urge pedestrian caution

Vehicular beach access to Porpoise Point and Vilano Beach is temporarily closed in order to allow the Army Corps of Engineers and the Florida Inland Navigation District to complete a sand placement project. The project is scheduled to be completed by June.

Because the project will involve heavy equipment and large pipes on Vilano Beach and at Porpoise Point, officials are urging pedestrians to use caution when visiting those beaches during the project. For more information, email lacy.s.pfaff@usace.army.mil.

County pulls digital billboards proposal

By Jon Blauvelt

The St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners voted unanimously at Tuesday's meeting to approve the withdrawal of a controversial proposal allowing digital billboards following intense community opposition and letters from the billboard industry requesting it be withdrawn.

"It's a win," declared Ponte Vedra Beach resident Mary Kohnke, who has been advocating against the digital billboards for the past several months. "I think it's the result of a tremendous amount of research that was done by the (residents') group."

The proposal would have created a two-year pilot program allowing digital billboards along I-95. County staff introduced the provision in November as part of proposed changes to signage regulations in the Land Development Code. The county was forced to revise its overall signage ordinance after the U.S. Supreme Court found in *Reed v. Town of Gilbert* that a Gilbert, Arizona municipal ordinance restricting content of a church's signs was unconstitutional.

St. Johns County Special Projects Manager Joe Cearley said the billboard industry approached the county about digital billboards, and since the county was already in the process of rewriting the ordinances, it made sense to work the provision into the proposed ordinance.

Since the proposal's introduction, however, a group of St. Johns County residents has banded together against the digital billboards, claiming the signs are distracting and unsafe for drivers on I-95, which they said is already dangerous enough.

"It was a simple safety issue," said Kohnke about the billboards, which rotate every eight seconds displaying a different advertiser.

Opponents also cited concerns over aesthetics and light pollution, and disputed the county's designation of the proposal as a "pilot program," noting that once the signs were erected, they

would remain forever.

The group worked to gather research about the electronic signage and disseminate that information throughout the community. Cearley believes the public opposition ultimately led to the demise of the proposal.

The St. Johns County Planning and Zoning Agency (PZA) recommended in February that the BCC remove the provision from the proposed signage changes, citing similar concerns about the billboards. In response, billboard companies have recently asked that the proposal be withdrawn altogether.

In a letter obtained by The Recorder via a public records request, the Jacksonville division president of Clear Channel Outdoor referenced the PZA's recommendation as well as the public comment during the Feb. 16 meeting as rationale for the company's request to withdraw the program.

"During public comment, much information was shared both in support and in opposition of the pilot program," stated Clear Channel's Brent A. Bolick in the March 22 letter addressed to county commissioners and administrators. "As an industry, I believe it behooves those in support of this legislation to take a step back and reflect on those comments made by the public, whether they were positive, negative or simply inaccurate. By doing so, I believe we can craft a pilot program for the future that is reflective of the wants and needs of St. Johns County."

While the billboard industry requested the proposal be withdrawn, however, the decision on whether to do so rested with the county.

As for next steps, Cearley said his team will move onto another project, unless they are directed by administrators or the county commissioners to research the digital billboards again and work with the community.

As for the billboard industry, Bolick stated in his letter his desire to revisit the issue in the future and "offer forward a proposal for the Board of County Commissioners to consider."

Billboard opponents like Lisa Cook

are expecting exactly that to happen.

Cook, who was responsible for creating the group's website www.nodigitalbillboards.org, is now shifting her attention to a much larger project: banning digital billboards across the entire state. She plans to suggest the ban to the 2017-2018 Florida Constitution Revision Commission, which is a group of 37 people selected every 20 years to review and recommend changes to the Florida constitution. Appointed by the governor, house speaker and senate

president, the CRC looks to citizens for direction and suggestions for possible amendments to the constitution.

"We shouldn't have to battle this on the grassroots level every single time the billboard industry wants to do this to our citizens," Cook said. "The fact that we have them on busy freeways and roadways is appalling."

The CRC will start its work following the completion of the 2017 legislative session.

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As general manager of The Plantation at Ponte Vedra Beach, Rob Schlingmann continues a family tradition of overseeing operations at private clubs.

Rob Schlingmann

By Jennifer Logue

What are your duties and responsibilities as General Manager/COO of The Plantation at Ponte Vedra Beach?

I wear many different hats throughout the course of my day. I oversee the overall operations of the club facilities, which includes golf, tennis, fitness, croquet, multiple dining and private event venues and our beach facilities. My responsibilities also include the security systems, private mail system, landscaping maintenance on over 155 homes, Architectural Review Board and all other functions of The Plantation HOA. Needless to say, I never have a boring day.

Tell us about some of the upgrades The Plantation has made over the past few years.

Over the course of the past four years, The Plantation has undergone a dramatic transformation with the upgrades to the facilities and grounds in the neighborhood. Last October, we reopened our newly renovated golf course. The course was taken down to the dirt. We replaced the greens, tees, bunkers, fairways and irrigation system. We also vastly expanded our practice facility, which now has two chipping greens, two practice putting greens, a chipping tee and a practice fairway bunker. The project has been a huge hit with the membership and the local golfing community.

We did not stop there. The Beach Club was upgraded with expanded oceanfront deck space, lavish landscaping, a large fire pit and new main entrance. We also added a much-needed community park named “The Commons.” It encompasses an exquisite open-air pavilion, large playground, regulation-sized croquet court, walking trail and expansive open space.

Outside of the facilities upgrades, there has been an intensive effort to enhance the natural beauty of The Plantation. The latest upgrade can be seen as you drive by the new A1A entrance.

How did you become interested in the hospitality industry?

This actually goes back generations. My father and grandfather were also general managers of private clubs. I guess you can say that managing a private club is in my blood. My first job at a private club was way back in 1976 – I was the front desk operator at a club in Wilmington, Delaware. My father managed the club and we lived on the property. I worked, lived and grew up in private clubs and went to University of Houston, where I received my degree in hospitality management. Throughout my career, the club business has always intrigued and challenged me. You are able to lead a multifaceted organization while creating lasting memories for individual members.

Do private clubs and communities present different challenges than other hospitality properties, such as a hotel or public resort?

The hospitality industry is very challenging and the private community field offers specific challenges. Not only do the operations of the club have to perform at a very high level, the management of the community has particular issues that need to be addressed. You can find yourself working with a member on renovations to their



Photo by Jasmine Marshall

home at 9 a.m., meeting with the county about the bald eagles nesting on the property at 10 a.m., attending a meeting with other neighborhoods about traffic concerns at 10:30 a.m., then meeting with Beaches Energy to discuss power outages at 11:30 a.m. This is just a typical morning – if there ever is a typical morning. Although, the largest difference is that you are able to enhance the lifestyle of your membership through your actions and leadership.

You serve on the board of directors for the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce's Ponte Vedra Beach Division. How important is tourism and hospitality to the local economy?

I have had the pleasure to serve on the board for the past two years and have seen incredible growth in our area. I believe the quality of life is uniquely enhanced by the growing hospitality options in Ponte Vedra Beach. With this strong sector, we will continue to be the most desirable place to live not only in Florida, but also the Southeast coast.

Are there any charitable groups or activities with which you're involved?

One of the best assets our area has is the natural beauty of the beaches and Palm Valley. To help preserve this asset and divert some of the pedestrian traffic off our roads, I have become involved with the PV Greenway Alliance. Working with Deb Chapin and many dedicated volunteers, we are securing a greenway and trail that will connect Landrum Lane to Sawgrass Village. There are still many hurdles to overcome; however, this will happen and future greenways will expand from this central path.

How do you enjoy spending your free time?

Free time is a very precious commodity for me. I enjoy time with my wife, Tena, and our two daughters, Addie and Ila. We are all adrenaline junkies, so roller coasters, scuba diving, boating, surfing or other sports are always on the agenda. If I have some free time, you will most likely see me paddle boarding in the ocean, running, working on an old car or cheering on the Carolina Panthers.

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Noonan to World Affairs Council: Trump's election a seismic shift in American politics

By Jennifer Logue

Peggy Noonan recalls being at CBS News on election night last fall, as the presidential election returns began to come in from around the country.

"Up until about 8:45 or 9 p.m., everybody – the pollsters, the political professionals, the people who are paid to have real, numeric, granular knowledge of America – they all saw Mrs. Clinton winning," said Noonan, a Wall Street Journal columnist, author and acclaimed speechwriter for President Ronald Reagan and President George H.W. Bush. "The only argument was, 'Is she going to win by two and a half or four points?'"

Donald Trump's upset win did more than surprise the political establishment, Noonan contends. In a speech to members of the World Affairs Council of Jacksonville held Monday at the Ponte Vedra Inn and Club, Noonan said Trump's electoral victory has caused a seismic shift in Washington, shaking the city's power brokers to their very core.

"We are in the midst of something epochal," Noonan said. "We have never had a political moment like this, a president like this – a Washington, particularly – like this. I just feel each day, we are in uncharted waters."

Mr. Trump goes to Washington

Since Trump's inauguration, Noonan said, Washington itself has taken on a different feel.

"Everybody's a little unsteady on their feet," she said. "There's a sense with the most confident people in the world... that each day, they don't know what they're going to see."

While part of that uncertainty may be residual aftershocks from Trump's surprise victory, Noonan contended that the 2016 election results signified a more transformative moment in American politics.

"We were witnessing a certain uprising of the regular people of America against the

elites," Noonan told World Affairs Council members. "It was a kind of rebellion of 'flyover country' against the cities and the coastal elites.... So, it was a great sort of comeuppance and a great education, I think, for those who think themselves quite clever."

Despite this comeuppance – or perhaps because of it – the Trump administration is facing unprecedented resistance on a number of fronts – from the mainstream media and a mobilized Democratic Party to liberal academia.

"To my mind," Noonan said, "when I look at the Trump White House, there is nobody for them but themselves and the people who voted for them."

Observing that the media tends to label new Republican presidents as either evil or an idiot, Noonan noted, "One of the things unusual this year is that so many members of the mainstream media look at the president and they've gone, 'This is a two-fer. This is an evil idiot.' They think he is bad for the country."

That personal animus, she said, has become more obvious, at times seeping through the media's veneer of professional objectivity and coloring their reporting.

"I think so much of the anti-Trump feeling in the media is not a good thing," she said. "I'm a very big fan of the idea that you can just give people the facts and they will make the right decision."

Noonan also lamented the current climate on Capitol Hill. Pointing to the looming confirmation battle over Supreme Court nominee Neil Gorsuch, Noonan said that in years past a candidate with Gorsuch's record and qualifications would have been easily confirmed.

"That's not going to happen this time – it's an awful thing," she said. "Two months ago, (Sen.) Chuck Schumer would have said, 'Of course we're going to vote for him.' Now, Chuck Schumer will lead the filibuster, because he's afraid of the leftist base of his party."



Photos by Jennifer Logue

World Affairs Council of Jacksonville Chairman David Strickland, Peggy Noonan and Barbara Harrell



Peggy Noonan chats with attendees at the World Affairs Council of Jacksonville event held Monday at the Ponte Vedra Inn and Club.

Rattling nerves

Adding to the new Trump administration's challenges, Noonan said, is the challenge of Donald Trump himself. A political novice, Trump makes impulsive comments and fires off headline-grabbing tweets that tend to rattle rather than reassure a nation still reeling from his upset victory, Noonan observed.

"Trump is always willing to give his opinion," she said. "What he doesn't seem willing to do is persuade anybody to a line of action. American presidents show up in part to persuade.... I just don't understand his inability to stand at the podium and give a serious speech."

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Peggy Noonan addresses members of the World Affairs Council of Jacksonville.

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Roscolusa Songwriters Festival set for April 22

By Jennifer Logue

The 6th Annual Roscolusa Songwriters Festival returns to Nocatee April 22, bringing a dozen Nashville singer/songwriters to Ponte Vedra to share the stories behind the chart-topping hits they've penned for some of country music's biggest stars.

To be held from 4 to 10 p.m. at Nocatee Town Center Field, the annual event will feature performances by musicians including Jeffrey Steele, Jesse Rice, Rick Ferrell, Casey Weston and Kim Paige – a Ponte Vedra native who founded the festival. While some of the performers' names might not ring a bell, there's a good chance attendees will have heard some of their songs: Over the past five years, Roscolusa has featured performers who have written hit country songs performed by Tim McGraw, Faith Hill, George Strait,



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An estimated 6,000 people attended the 2016 Roscolusa Songwriters Festival. This year's festival is scheduled for April 22.

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Martina McBride, Sara Evans, Blake Shelton, Florida-Georgia Line and more.

“The festival’s mission is to bring outdoors the cozy living room atmosphere for an intimate night of popular music performed by the original songwriters themselves and to shine a light on the creative world of songwriting,” said Paige, whose

brainchild quickly outgrew its original location on Roscoe Boulevard (hence the name “Roscolusa”). “At Roscolusa, you not only get to hear hit songs, but you also get to hear the stories behind them.” More than a dozen food trucks will also

be on site for the festival, which offers free general admission. A \$25 cooler fee will be charged for those who wish to bring in their own food and beverages in a 30-quart or smaller cooler. VIP packages are available for \$100 and include complimentary food, two free drinks, premier parking and seating in a private section near the stage.

A portion of the proceeds from Roscolusa will benefit the Tom Coughlin Jay Fund’s efforts to help children and families battling childhood cancer.

Presenting sponsors for this year’s festival include Momentum Transportation and the Ponte Vedra-based Pivot CPAs.

“We love that the festival supports the Jay Fund, and we are proud to be part of Roscolusa because it is great for this community and the region,” said Peter Reynolds, managing partner for Pivot CPAs. “Honestly, it’s simply fun to be part of such a unique event and to support Kim’s dream for this festival. She’s a local and still comes home to give back. It’s a feel-good story for everyone involved.”



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St. Augustine Art Association to present 'St. Augustine Plein Air Paint Out'

The St. Augustine Art Association will host a 10-day, city-wide "St. Augustine Plein Air Paint Out" April 21-30, calling local, regional and national artists to capture "Impressions of the Flagler Era."

Artists must pre-register by April 14, after which they may set up during the event at locations in and around St. Augustine as specified on the event map and at the Castillo de San Marcos. A registration fee of \$45 includes orientation, an awards mixer, a city tour, support staff and materials, wet room and more. Information and registration forms can be found at www.staaa.org/pleinair. Artists may work in the field on any number of days, abiding by paint out guidelines and maps which can be found at www.stjohnspleinair.com.

Selected works produced by the participating artists during

the event will be featured in a juried exhibition titled "Gilded," to be held at the St. Augustine Art Association May 5-28. Images may include the town's Gilded Age architecture, historic landmarks, the natural environment and other related perspectives. A prize purse of \$2,500 will be awarded for outstanding artistic achievement, including a \$1,000 Best in Show.

The 2017 St. Augustine Plein Air Paint Out was developed in partnership with several organizations in anticipation of the upcoming "Dressing Downton Exhibition" at the Lightner Museum and to enhance St. Augustine's cultural community. Partners include the St. Johns Cultural Council, City of St. Augustine, St. Augustine Plein Air Task Force, National Parks Service, Lightner Museum, Art Galleries of St. Augustine and Tourist Development Council.



"With the support of the art and civic communities, we hope this will grow into an annual tradition," said Elyse Brady, Art Association executive director. "Together, we're building on the success of last year's Find Your Park plein air event that commemorated the National Parks Centennial."

First Street Gallery to present juried exhibition of Jacksonville Artists Guild

First Street Gallery will hold a reception from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday, April 7 to mark the opening of a juried exhibition of beach-related art by the Jacksonville Artists Guild.

The exhibition is one of several projects by the guild, which aims to elevate artistic awareness and participation through programs and exhibits that promote the arts. Other community outreach efforts include

projects with the Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens, Angels for Allison, First Coast No More Homeless Pets, The Garden Club of Jacksonville and yearly exhibits with the Riverside Avondale Preservation Home Tour.

Founded by Carole Mehrstens and Bill Schmidt, the guild is the legacy of the late artist Christine Schmidt, whose long-time dream was to establish a guild for the

growth and support of local artists and art appreciation.

The Jacksonville Artists Guild's First Street Gallery exhibition will be displayed through May 23. For more information about the guild, visit [www.jacksonvilleart-](http://www.jacksonvilleart-istsguild.org)

[istsguild.org](http://www.jacksonvilleart-istsguild.org). To learn more about the exhibit, contact First Street Gallery at (904) 241-6928. First Street Gallery is located at 216-B First Street in Neptune Beach.



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K9s United to host second annual 5K race and fun run

K9s United will host its second annual 5K race and 1 Mile Fun Run in Nocatee April 22.

The nonprofit is dedicated to honoring and supporting the K9s of law enforcement agencies. The 5K race will be chip-timed, with awards for top runners in each category. The untimed fun run is open to

runners and walkers of all levels. Those who are unable to attend but still wish to be a part of the cause can participate in the event's Virtual 5K/Walk between registration and May 21, which earns a t-shirt and medal.

Family-friendly post-race activities will also be offered, including a rock climbing

wall, face painting, a Home Depot kids' building project and a meet and greet with police K9s. Approximately 20 K9 teams are expected and many will hold demonstrations. In addition, police vehicles including a St. Johns County Police helicopter and a Duval County Swat Bear Cat armored vehicle will be on site for tours.

Veterans United will serve adult beverages and Pieology will provide pizza. K9s United will unveil a tribute poster to commemorate those who have lost their lives in the line of duty since the organization was founded.

To learn more about this event and K9s United, visit www.k9sUnited.org.

Balanced Physician Care to offer six-week workshop on managing menopause

Balanced Physician Care in Ponte Vedra Beach will offer a six-week workshop aimed at offering women positive strategies for managing menopause.

To be held from 7:15 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Tuesdays from April 25-May 30, the interactive sessions will offer practical resources and restorative strategies for addressing hormone balance, fat loss and fitness. Each week participants will set goals and take action to improve their health and well-being while providing support and accountability for one another.

The registration fee for the six-week workshop is \$219 per person through April 17, \$245 per person thereafter. To register, call (904) 930-4774 or email membership@balancedphysiciancare.com.

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Located at 29 Skywood Trail in Nocatee's The Crossing at Twenty Mile, the 2,800 square-foot "Home from the Heart" will feature four bedrooms, three bathrooms and be 100 percent ENERGY STAR Certified.

Proceeds from the sale of the "Home from the Heart" house will go to Builders Care, a faith-based nonprofit that provides affordable to no-cost construction and repair services to seniors, people with disabilities and other Northeast Florida nonprofits.

According to Providence Homes Presi-

dent Sean Junker, the goal is to establish the campaign as a model for other builders to create more "Homes for the Heart," and for the campaign to become a major fund raiser for Builders Care annually.

"As a faith-driven company ourselves, we are humbled by the opportunity to give the profit from the sale of one of our homes to such a deserving company," Junker said. "Builders Care does amazing work in our community for those in need and we are happy to be a part of their impactful efforts."

As the charitable arm of the Northeast Florida Builders Association (NEFBA), Builders Care combines purchased and donated material with volunteer and professional labor to provide cost-efficient construction to those in need.

Since its founding in October of 2001,



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the nonprofit has renovated more than 600 houses, providing specialized installations for handicapped-accessible home additions, general repairs, painting, and installing heating and air conditioning.

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"The amount of money Providence

Homes anticipates raising for Builders Care is enough for us to repair four roofs and build two wheelchair ramps each month for a year," said Justin Brown of Builders Care.

"(Founder) Bill Cellar and Sean Junker have huge hearts; it's amazing to see them use their company as a platform to help so many."



Student cheer coach receives YMCA volunteer award

Ponte Vedra High School senior Brooke Cleary receives a volunteer award from Ponte Vedra YMCA Members Director Jordan O'Neil for her six years of service as cheerleading coach of the YMCA cheer program. Cleary has worked with the program since sixth grade and will continue to do so this summer.

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U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary JAX Beach Flotilla 14-4 will present a boating safety course from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 6 at the Palm Valley Community Center, located at 148 Canal Boulevard in Ponte Vedra Beach. Attendees may enroll as individuals or with family and friends for the eight-hour course teaching boating basics, navigation, in-water survival, knot tying, federal and state boating laws and more. The auxiliary will administer a federal and Florida examination after the course. Participants who pass the class will receive a Coast Guard Auxiliary Course Completion Card and a Florida Boating Safety Education ID Card. The cost of the course is \$25 cash or personal check for training materials that students will keep. Two students may share course materials for \$30. Participants are encouraged to bring refreshments and lunch. For more information and enrollment, contact Bill Vaughan at (904) 955-7077 or Boat-safely04@gmail.com.

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Tickets can be purchased at www.ptxhpfashionshow.eventbrite.com. Doors open for the fashion show at 6 p.m. Parking is available at Community Presbyterian, across the street from Hotel Palms, which is located at 28 Sherry Drive in Atlantic Beach.</p> <p>Watercolor Techniques Martha Ferguson will teach another six-week session watercolor class beginning Thursday, April 6, from 1 to 4 p.m. at River House. Dates for the class include April 13 and 20 and May 4, 11 and 18. The cost to River House Activity Members is \$75, and \$85 for non-members. Space is limited; early registration and advance payment is required. For more information call (904) 209-3655. River House is located at 179 Marine St. in St. Augustine.</p>	<p>Jacksonville Artists Guild Exhibition The opening reception of the Jacksonville Artists Guild's juried exhibition of beach-related art will be held Friday, April 7 from 7 to 9 p.m. at First Street Gallery. The exhibition is dedicated to elevating artistic awareness and participation through programs and exhibits that enhance, encourage and promote the arts. The Jacksonville Artists Guild's First Street Gallery exhibition will be displayed through May 23. For more information about the guild, visit www.jacksonvilleartistsguild.org. To learn more about the exhibit, contact First Street Gallery at (904) 241-6928. First Street Gallery is located at 216-B First Street in Neptune Beach.</p> <p>Library Book Sale The Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library will host its semi-annual Book Sale through April 8. Book sales will be held from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. April 7 and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 8. On April 8, visitors will have the opportunity to fill a bag for \$10. Those attending must be a current year member of the Friends of the Library. Membership dues and proceeds from book sales support the library by raising funds for materials, programs and more. For more information, call (904) 827-6950.</p> <p>PV Professionals Networking Group The Ponte Vedra Professionals Networking Group meets Fridays at 9 a.m. at Watson Realty Corp., 615 Highway A1A N., Ponte Vedra Beach. For more information, visit www.pvpng.com or email pontevedrapng@gmail.com.</p> <p>Coastal Wine Market Wine Tasting Coastal Wine Market hosts Friday wine tastings from 6 to 8 p.m. at 641 Crosswater Parkway, Suite B, Ponte Vedra Beach. Taste six wines for \$10. For more information, call (904) 395-3520.</p>	<p>Katz 4 Keeps Adoption Weekends Join Katz 4 Keeps April 8-9 for a weekend adoption event helping cats and kittens find their forever homes. The event will be held from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Katz 4 Keeps facility located at 935B A1A North in Ponte Vedra Beach. For more information about this event or organization, call (904) 834-3223 or email info@katz4keeps.org.</p> <p>Boat Excursion and Dinner The newly formed St. Augustine/Jacksonville Newcomers Club of Northeast Florida invites guests on a guided boat excursion and dinner Saturday, April 8 at 2:30 p.m. This community club welcomes newcomers for recreational events and socializing. For more information or to learn how to join, call (904) 829-0643 and (904) 814-9621.</p> <p>'Holophusicon' Artist Lauren Fensterstock is the next in MOCA's Project Atrium series, bringing her paper, Plexiglas and charcoal installations to the museum's exhibit space. The Portland-based artist draws inspiration from 18th-century gardens, crafting multi-layered, monochromatic cabinets made with shells collected from Maine and Sanibel Island. Fensterstock's pieces beckon visitors closer to inspect the intricacies that make up her works with "Holophusicon," on display through June 18. For more information, visit www.mocajacksonville.unf.edu.</p> <p>Science and History Boat Tour Jacksonville's Museum of Science and History has partnered with the St. Johns River Taxi to host Science and History River Tours every Saturday. Guests will learn about the history of Jacksonville and the importance of the St. Johns River as they cruise the river. Boats leave from the museum, located at 1025 Museum Circle in Jacksonville, at 1 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. Admission is \$15 for adults and \$12 for children. To learn more, visit www.themosh.org</p>	<p>'The Wilderness of North Florida's Parks' Downtown Jacksonville's Museum of Science and History (MOSH) presents "The Wilderness of North Florida's Parks," its new artist-in-residence exhibit by Kathy Stark. Stark's featured works aim to promote the 60 parks, preserves and natural sites in the North Florida area. Stark's work will be featured through September. For more information, visit www.themosh.org. MOSH is located at 1025 Museum Circle in Jacksonville.</p> <p>Old Town Art Show Francis Field will once again be transformed into an outdoor art gallery, as artists and fine craftsmen from the First Coast and around the country gather in historic downtown St. Augustine. The 2017 event will see more than 100 artisans exhibiting jewelry, photographs, sculpture, pottery, painting and other works in a variety of mediums. Artists will be available throughout the show to discuss their work and answer questions. This rain or shine event will take place from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, April 8 and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, April 9. Free parking is available in the Visitor's Center parking garage. Francis Field is located at 25 W. Castillo Drive. For more information, visit www.OldTownArtShow.com, or contact Lynn Wettach at (904) 794-0084 or lynn@holiday-artshows.com.</p> <p>Meet the "Friends for the Arts" Get involved in the arts by joining a team of fellow art supporters at the Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach. Help develop and support fundraising projects and help initiate special projects to benefit and promote The Cultural Center and the arts in our community. For more information visit www.ccpvb.org/friends-for-the-arts.</p>




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Monday, April 10	Tuesday, April 11	Wednesday, April 12	Thursday, April 13
<p>Michael LeGrand's 'Faces of the 450th' Michael LeGrand's "Faces of the 450th" exhibit highlights the diversity and individuality of St. Augustine residents and public figures through a series of headshots, drawing inspiration from one of photography's most prolific portfolios, the "American West Series" by Richard Avedon. LeGrand's pseudo-improvisational headshots were shot at different community events such as Farmers Markets and Music in the Plaza, among others. Just as Avedon's American West photos captured a diverse subset of the American culture, LeGrand's photos capture a similarly diverse subset of the St. Augustine community. This exhibit is presented by the St. Johns Cultural Council at the St. Johns County Administration Building, located at 500 San Sebastian View in St. Augustine through April 20. For more information, visit www.historic-coastculture.com/event/michael-legrands-faces-450th.</p> <p>Musicians Needed The Ponte Vedra Memory Care center is in need of volunteer musicians to perform for its Integrative Memory Enhancement Program every other week for memory care participants. Guitarists are strongly encouraged to apply. Interested musicians may call (904) 209-3686 or email aleach@stjohnscoa.com.</p> <p>Life Enrichment Group The Life Enrichment Group is designed for those with memory changes who want to remain mentally, physically and socially active, while giving caregivers and loved ones some free time for themselves. The program is offered daily, serving Jacksonville Beach and Ponte Vedra area. For more information call (904) 417-7354 or email life_enrichmentgroup@yahoo.com.</p> <p>Volunteers Needed Life Enrichment Day Retreat in Ponte Vedra is in need of volunteers any weekday for a few hours. This volunteer will assist participants with simple activities. Call (904) 417-7354 or email life_enrichmentgroup@yahoo.com for more information.</p>	<p>Live Well With Diabetes Matthew Modansky, MD, from Baptist Primary Care, Inc. will lead a session discussing the signs and symptoms of diabetes, medical visit screenings and diabetes prevention and management at Ponte Vedra YMCA's Y Healthy Living Center. This free event is open to the public and will be held Tuesday, April 11 from 1 to 2 p.m.</p> <p>Painted Silk Scarves River House will host a silk scarf painting session April 11 from 9 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 4 p.m. under the direction of Martha Ferguson. Space is limited and an advance payment of \$40 is required. The price includes all materials needed. River House is located at 179 Marine Street. For additional information, call (904) 209-3655.</p> <p>Farmer's Market Join the Palm Valley Community Center Farmer's Market every Tuesday for fresh local produce, fresh seafood and artisan breads and sauces from 1 to 5 p.m. at 148 Canal Blvd. in Ponte Vedra Beach.</p> <p>Sunset Rotary Club Meeting The Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach Sunset meets Tuesdays from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Hilton Garden Inn. Community leaders are welcome to attend. For more information, call club President Janeene Hart at (904) 412-5409 or email jwhart1208@gmail.com.</p> <p>Tapas Tuesday The Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens presents Tapas Tuesday at the Cummer Café. Every Tuesday from 5 to 7:30 p.m., take in the sunset on the Cummer Café patio while listening to local musicians, with beer, wine or artfully inspired tapas for sale at the café. Reserve your table by calling (904) 899-6022. For more information, visit www.cummermuseum.org. The museum is located at 829 Riverside Ave.</p>	<p>National Library Week Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library will celebrate National Library Week April 12 with Drop Everything and Read (D.E.A.R.) Day. From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. the library will observe the birthday of renowned children's book author Beverly Cleary in addition to hosting afternoon programming and special reading zones with Elmo, Olaf, Rainbow Dash, Snoopy and Pete the Cat plush toys. The library will also be giving away bookmarks and stickers.</p> <p>Ximenez-Fatio House Museum Tours The Ximenez-Fatio House Museum is once again included in Stetson University's Road Scholar program as a group destination with Dianne Jacoby, tour director and educator at Stetson's Department of Continuing Education-Jacoby will portray Miss Louisa Fatio. This year's Road Scholar tours will run Tuesdays through April 25 from 2 to 4 p.m. The museum is located at 20 Aviles Street in St. Augustine, FL 32084. For more information, visit www.ximenezfatio-house.org.</p> <p>First Coast Card Club The First Coast Card Club invites community members to its weekly "Let's Play Cards!" event. The club will meet April 12 at 1:30 p.m. at the Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library located at 101 Library Boulevard.</p> <p>Newcomers Fashion Show & Luncheon Guests are invited to the Newcomers Annual Fashion Show & Luncheon on Wednesday, April 12 at the Sawgrass Golf Clubhouse. The cost is \$24 and reservations can be made online at www.newcomersofthebeaches.com.</p> <p>Toastmasters Club Toastmasters Club #5199 of Ponte Vedra Beach meets every Wednesday at 7:30 a.m. at the Players Community Senior Center. These meetings will help attendees improve public speaking and gain leadership skills. The senior center is located at 175 Landrum Lane. Email Carmen at carmenjsardinas@gmail.com for additional information.</p>	<p>Easter Egg Hunts St. Johns County Parks and Recreation will host free Easter egg hunts at multiple park locations on Thursday, April 13 and Saturday, April 15. Children 8 years and younger are invited to participate April 13 at 11 a.m. at Veterans Park, located at 1332 Veterans Parkway in St. Johns, and Palencia Park, located at 405 Palencia Village Drive in St. Augustine. Kids may also participate April 15 at 11 a.m. in Treaty Park, located at 1595 Wildwood Drive in St. Augustine; and Al Wilke Park, located at 6140 Main St. in Hastings. Children are asked to bring a basket for egg collection. Eggs and treats will be provided. The Easter Bunny will be available for pictures at 10:30 a.m. and again after each hunt. Parents are welcome to bring their own cameras for photographs. For more information, call (904) 209-0333.</p> <p>Columbus Ship Replicas at St. Marys Replicas of Christopher Columbus "Nina" and "Pinta" ships will visit St. Marys, Georgia from April 13-18. The ships will dock at Lang's Marina, where they will be available for tours. Both ships tour together as part of a new and enhanced "sailing museum" for the purpose of educating school children and the general public on the "caravel," a Portuguese ship used by Columbus and many early explorers. While in port, the public is invited to visit the ships for a walk-aboard, self-guided tour. Admission is \$8 for adults, \$7 for seniors and \$6 for children ages 5-16. Children 4 and under are admitted free. The ships will be open every day from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Teachers or organizations wishing to schedule a 30-minute guided tour with a crew member may call 1-787-672-2152 or email columfnd1492@gmail.com. A minimum of 15 participants is required for this guided tour, and admission is \$5 per person. For more information, visit www.ninapinta.org. Lang's Marina is located at 307 Saint Marys St. West in St. Marys, Georgia.</p> <p>Free calendar listings for community groups and nonprofit organizations are published at our discretion on a space-available basis. Send your event at least 10 days before publication. Submit events to jasmine@opcfla.com, post online at www.pontevedrarecorder.com using the automated form or call (904) 686-3939.</p>



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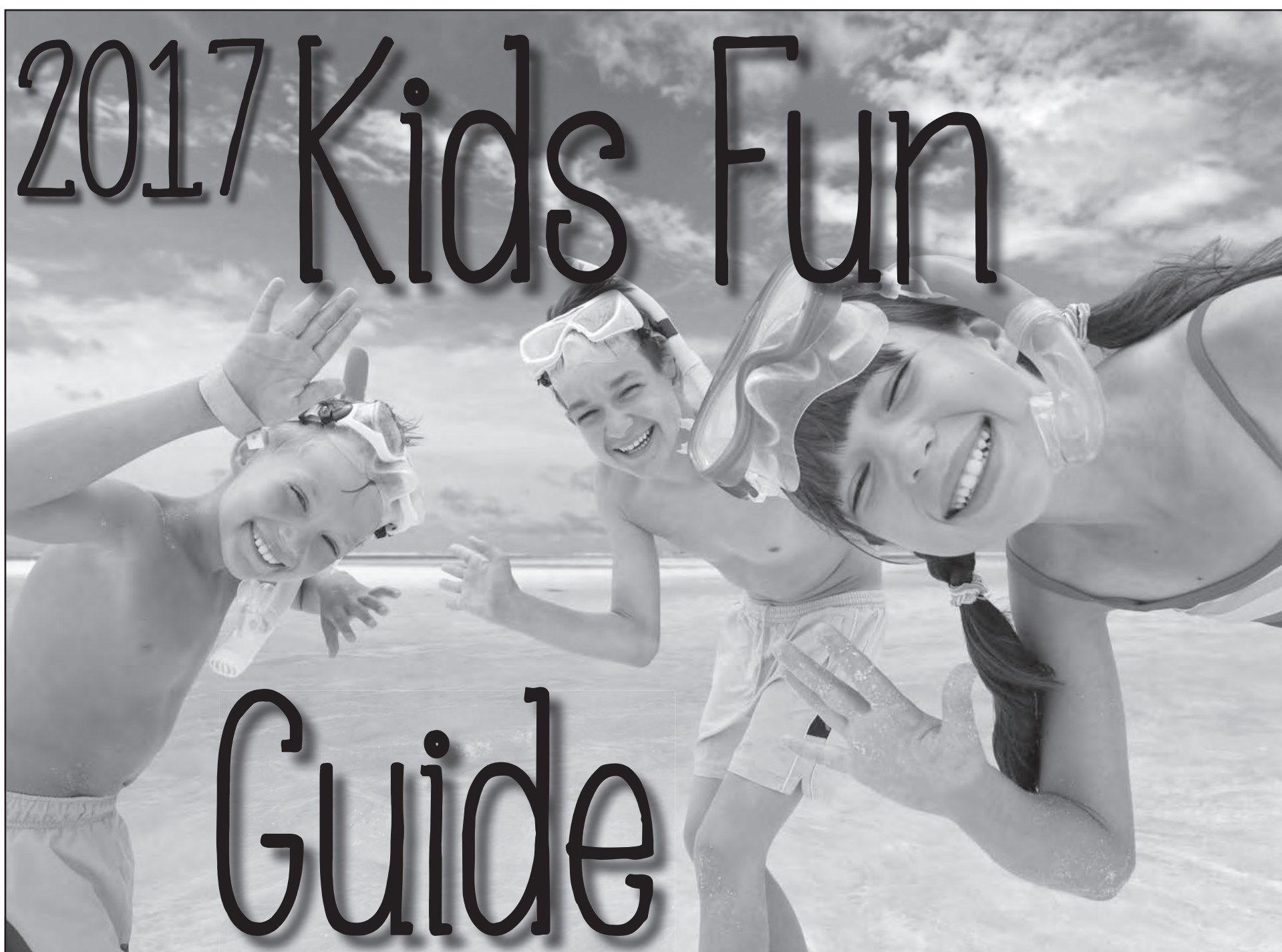
Finding the right camp for your kids



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By Jasmine Marshall

When school lets out for the summer next month, many parents will look to the usual fare to keep bored kids busy. But the offerings of local schools and businesses could shake up a “humdrum” summer with camps, classes and events for kids of all ages and interests.

EDUCATION AND LIFE SKILLS

Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library 101 Library Boulevard Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082

The Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library will continue its extr-curricular offerings well into the summer, bolstering its calendar of events with more kids and teens summer reading sessions, toddler movement classes, fan parties, musical events and more through August. With extensive activities for children of all ages, the library will host events such as its “Houses of Hogwarts” board game bash and movie, trivia throw downs and arts and crafts to bridge the gap between the last and first day. For more information, visit www.sjcpls.org/branches/ponte-vedra-beach-branch.

Chocolate Summer Camp Peterbrooke Chocolatier

Peterbrooke Chocolatier will look to foster young culinary talent with the return of its day camp, an educational activity for parents and children alike. Kids become chocolatiers for a day, learning how chocolate is made and putting their knowledge to the test by creating their own chocolate masterpieces, dipping treats, coloring with edible paints and creating gift baskets. Running from June through August, the cost of the camp is \$40-\$60 per child. The chocolatier will also provide lunch and adult supervision throughout each day camp. Times, date and pricing vary by store location. Visit www.peterbrooke.com/peterbrooke-summer-camps for more information.

Hot Shot Bakery and Café 47 Cordova St. St. Augustine, FL 32084

St. Augustine’s Hot Shot Bakery N Café will host kids 8-13 at its monthly baking and cooking classes and invites them to participate in an “I Love Limes and Caramel” kids baking contest, pairing two of the store’s signature ingredients in pastry dishes. Entrants must submit a recipe and a photo to win a private baking class with pastry chef Jalyn Howard and a grand prize of a private tour of historic St. Augustine for four and lunch for four at the bakery. The top 10 finalists will be invited to join owner Sherry Stoppelbein on Saturday, June 15 at the café, where their recipe will be unveiled, sampled and judged by regional food judges. All finalists will receive a dessert to take home. Kids interested in entering the contest must send their recipe and photo to leighcort@bellsouth.net by May 1. Entries must include a cake, cookie, bar, pie or tart recipe and recipe name; a brief story about the recipe under 100 words; a name, address, phone number and email; all ingredients and instructions and a photo of the dish. No previously published recipes will be considered. For additional information call (904) 824-7898.

Art of Etiquette Summer 2017 Camp Sawgrass Players Club, Water Oak Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082

Now in its fifth year, the Art of Etiquette continues to foster the growth of social skills and art techniques while preparing children with essential life skills. The camp is taught by a team of two teachers: professional artist Sharon Goldman and certified etiquette coach Christine Nagle. The sessions are splintered into halves, with the first guiding children through the creation of an art piece while being instructed on painting techniques and mixed media concepts that reflect the style of each camper. In the second half, kids will engage in essential etiquette skills – table manners, intro-

ductions, public speaking, gratitude, poise and posture and guesting and hosting – that double as confidence- and leadership-building.

This program is limited to 10 children per session from 9 a.m. to noon, Monday through Friday throughout five weeks in June and July: June 5-9, 12-16 and 19-23, and July 17-21 and 24-28.

An all-inclusive fee of \$145 will cover food and drink, etiquette course materials and art supplies. Sibling discounts and after-care will be available. To reserve spots or to learn more about the program, contact Christine Nagle at (904) 254-0624 or nagle-house@msn.com.

SPORTS AND ADVENTURE

Nease Basketball Camp Nease High School 10550 Ray Road Ponte Vedra, FL 32081

Nease High School will host week-long basketball camp sessions for rising 4th through 8th grade boys and girls from 9 a.m. to noon, and for rising 9th through 12th grade boys from noon to 2 p.m. The camps will be held Monday through Friday between May 30 and June 15.

The weekly camps will prepare student athletes with the fundamentals of basketball – including passing, dribbling and shooting, in addition to team concepts for upper-level students – while encouraging the growth of leadership skills. Sessions include drills and skills, hot shot competition, full-court tournament play, t-shirts, prizes and more. The cost per child is \$125 per weekly session.

For more information and to download a registration form, visit www.neaseathletics.org.

Witts Tennis Bolles School Ponte Vedra 200 ATP Tour Blvd. Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082

Beaches resident and nationally recognized Coach Danny Witt leads the Witt Tennis program, a comprehensive junior development tennis program for all levels and ages 6 and up on the First Coast. The camp's curriculum is centered around fundamentals, techniques and the "ABC's" of tennis – agility, balance and coordination. Students are grouped into two main groups (beginner/intermediate levels and advance/majors/high performance levels) and use compression balls and specialized focus based on age and level of skill.

Witts' summer 2017 program will run for three weeks throughout June (12-16, 19-23 and 26-30) from 9 a.m. to noon. To learn more about the program, sign up and the cost of registration, visit www.witttennis.net, or email info@witttennis.net.

ART

Mini Creators and Youth Arts Camps The Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach 50 Executive Way Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082

The Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach will offer a series of summer art programs throughout June and July. These programs focus on studio-based art curriculum taught by instructors who are working artists or art educators through structured projects and exploration during week-long education experiences. The program teaches a combination of disciplines integral to art, including art history print-making and several lessons in various media.

Camps will run on a weekly basis, Monday through Friday from June 5 through Aug. 4. No

pre-requisites or skill level is required and discounts are available by purchasing family membership. To learn more about the art camp curriculum or to enroll, visit www.ccpvb.org/programs/children/summer-arts-camps or call (904)-280-0614, ext. 204.

Camp Cummer Cummer Museum of Art and Gardens 829 Riverside Avenue Jacksonville, FL 32204

The Cummer Museum of Art and Gardens will host "Camp Cummer" for seven weeks throughout June and July. Beginning the week of June 5, children are invited to learn and explore art and art techniques through printing, painting, drawing and working with clay as they discuss art in the museum's galleries and gardens. The cost per week is \$180 for members and \$215 for nonmembers. Extended care is available mornings from 7:30 a.m. to 8 a.m. for an additional \$25 per week and afternoons from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. for an additional \$35 per week. Camp Cummer's first six weeks (June 5-9, 12-16, 19-23, 26-30 and July 10-14 and 17-21) are intended for children entering grades 1-6. Middle School Camp Cummer, held from July 24-28, will provide the opportunity for students entering grades 6-9 to learn printmaking, clay techniques, drawing and painting using inspiration from the masterworks. Middle school projects are intended to advance the skillset of students outside of school and to build a portfolio. To learn more about Camp Cummer, visit www.cummuseum.org/events/type/camp-cummer.



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Escape U brings brain-teasing thrills with historical twist to the First Coast

By Jasmine Marshall

When most people consider “puzzles,” the word conjures images of 100-piece paintings boxed up on grandma’s coffee table and the crosswords commonly found in the weekly paper. But several local businesses are throwing visitors for a curve by changing what it means to enjoy a puzzle game.

“Escape rooms,” a new phenomenon in the sphere of entertainment, promise visitors hours of brain-teasing fun contingent on their ability to work in teams to find their way out of a room by solving puzzles and clearing objectives. Guests pick their poison – options run the gamut from film noir-inspired mystery to jailbreak and horror-themed rooms – and work to beat the clock to win the game. The rooms are a popular choice for friendly get togethers, family gatherings and corporate team-building for their collaborative nature. Some rooms, like those at St. Augustine’s Escape U, bring a series of geo-specific events to the table for hyper-realism that adds up to a completely engrossing experience.

Escape U was founded by friends and business partners Brandon Buzard, Mitchell Swanson and Griffin Holtsinger. The St. Johns County natives first experienced escape rooms during a trip in Orlando in the spring of 2016. Enamored of the level of immersion offered by the puzzle-solving nature of each room, the partners quickly realized what a hit the attraction could be in St. Augustine. In December, Escape U opened with a twist.

“We noticed that no one ever incorporated local history into escape rooms,” Buzard said. “And St. Augustine has such a rich history that we realized it would be the perfect place. So, all of our games are based off of real events and places.”

Visitors who step into St. Augustine’s newest escape site will be transported in time.

Guests choose between two nearly impossible rooms: The first game, the

Castillo de Matanzas, sends participants through an interactive, historic experience as they act as guards who must escape imprisonment by clandestine British soldiers in time to thwart an attack on St. Augustine. The room’s 14 percent completion rate makes the experience all too real, set amid a room meticulously fashioned into an 18th-century fort with handmade furniture and a functioning cannon.

In the second room, Save the Fleet, players must weather the storm of fictional Hurricane San Zenon, guiding a shipping fleet to safety through a treacherous storm by making it to the top of a 15-foot replica of the St. Augustine Lighthouse to operate the beacon.

The allure, said co-owner Brandon Buzard, is detachment.

“Escape rooms disconnect people from other things,” Buzard said. “The game requires so much focus – a lot of people think it’s a matter of intelligence, but it’s not. It’s attention to detail.”

According to Buzard, that level of immersion is no accident. The set design of Save the Fleet mirrors that of a keeper’s house built in 1929, the year in which the room’s events are set. The house consists of antique windows and a door from an actual home in Jacksonville’s historic Avondale neighborhood. Both rooms are also complete with scenery, sound and lighting effects.

“You’re so immersed in the scenery,” Buzard said. “It just takes people away. During that hour, they don’t think about their cell phone, their work or any number of other problems. It’s an escape from reality.”

There’s also the additional element of achievement.

“It’s totally fun,” Buzard said. “There’s the added reward of solving something with your friends or family and coming out on the other side feeling like ‘we’re the greatest! We’re so smart!’”



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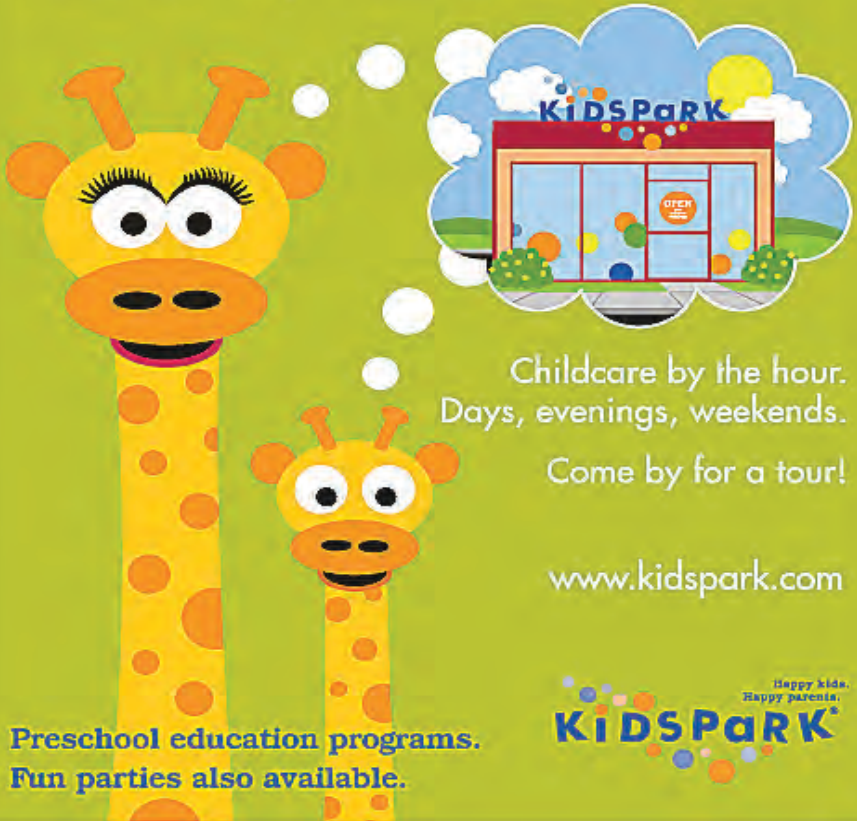
SHORT TAKES

Library seeks young performers for 'Teen Coffeehouse' open mic April 26

The Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library will mark National Poetry Month by hosting an open mic “Teen Coffeehouse” Wednesday, April 26 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. The library is seeking emerging singer/songwriters, poets, rappers and acoustic artists ages 13-18 to participate in the event.

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New St. Augustine Aquarium offers fun, education for local kids

By Jon Blauvelt

Since opening the St. Augustine Aquarium in December, Co-Owner Kathy Hiester said her favorite part of the journey has been witnessing the reactions of the kids that visit.

“Their faces light up,” said Hiester, who founded the facility on State Road 16 with her husband Shawn. “Just to see the fish swim through the coral reef habitat, they’re amazed. It’s not something you can walk in the water right off the beach here and see.”

The aquarium features 32 Florida species and more than 300 marine animals, and offers several attractions for kids. Hiester highlighted “Shark & Stingray Cove” as a fan favorite exhibit, saying that the kids enjoy the experience of feeding sharks, stingrays and fish. She also noted that a shark tooth dig exhibit recently opened that allows kids to pick out different sharks’ teeth, identify them on a key and then choose a favorite to take home.



Photo by Elizabeth Flora Ross

Kids enjoy seeing and interacting with the 32 Florida species and over 300 marine animals that are housed within the St. Augustine Aquarium.

For the more adventurous visitors, the aquarium offers the “Snorkel Adventure,” which provides the opportunity to swim up close and personal with sea life in a natural Florida reef environment, including more than 200 Florida reef fish and a few cownose rays that were recently added. “They’re just majestic looking as they swim through the water,” said Hiester about the rays, noting that the aquarium provides snorkeling participants with a wetsuit, snorkel, mask, booties, vest and the assistance of a marine biologist/lifeguard.

Each museum habitat features an educational presentation given by marine biologists, who discuss topics ranging from why horseshoe crabs have blue blood to the overall depletion of fish stocks and reefs in the ocean.

“It holds a huge educational component,” Hiester said. “Many people will look at the horseshoe crabs and ask me if they’re rays. That’s just a testament to the void of the education and awareness of what we have right off the



Photos courtesy of St. Augustine Aquarium

Cooper Huskey tries St. Augustine Aquarium’s “Snorkel Adventure” exhibit, which provides visitors the opportunity to swim up close and personal with sea life in a natural Florida reef environment.

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Hiester and her husband Shawn have always been passionate about marine biology and decided to open the aquarium to share their passion with the community and raise awareness about the importance of marine conservation through education.

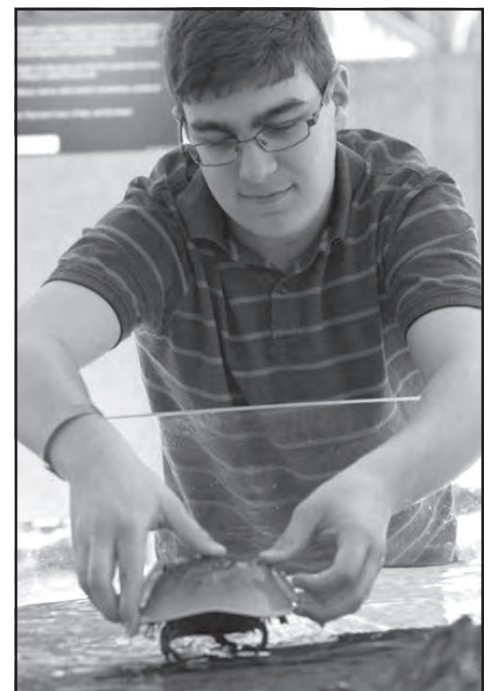
“When people see and understand these incredible creatures, they will realize how critically important it is to protect them,” the Hiesters say on the aquarium website.

In April, the aquarium is also opening the “Castaway Canopy Adventure by Zipstream,” a guided zip line tour with climbing walls, bridges and more. With the zip line in place, phase one of development for the aquarium will be complete. Consequently, Hiester said they’ll be holding a grand opening event for the aquarium in late April.

Phase one of development includes the 80,000 gallon “Snorkel Adventure” exhibit, “Shark & Stingray Cove” exhibit, seahorse and other hands-on habitats and the coming zip line tour. The second phase of the aquarium will consist of several ecosystem-specific habitats in a new building, including a recreated dock piling, rock jetty and shoreline. Hiester expects the building to open between fall and December, adding that the second phase will also feature a new gift shop and restrooms and expanded parking.

A planned third phase of development, Hiester said, will allow visitors to experience an 18th-century shipwreck reef surrounded by sharks, while submerged in a shark cage. The shipwreck will be modeled after a vessel that sank off the coast of St. Augustine and will include cannons and a variety of other artifacts that were recovered by an archaeological team. Timing of that project is to be determined.

The St. Augustine Aquarium, which currently hosts birthday parties, educational field trips and summer camps, is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$5 for children, with “Snorkel Adventure” tickets costing visitors \$35.



Cooper Huskey interacts with a horseshoe crab at the aquarium.

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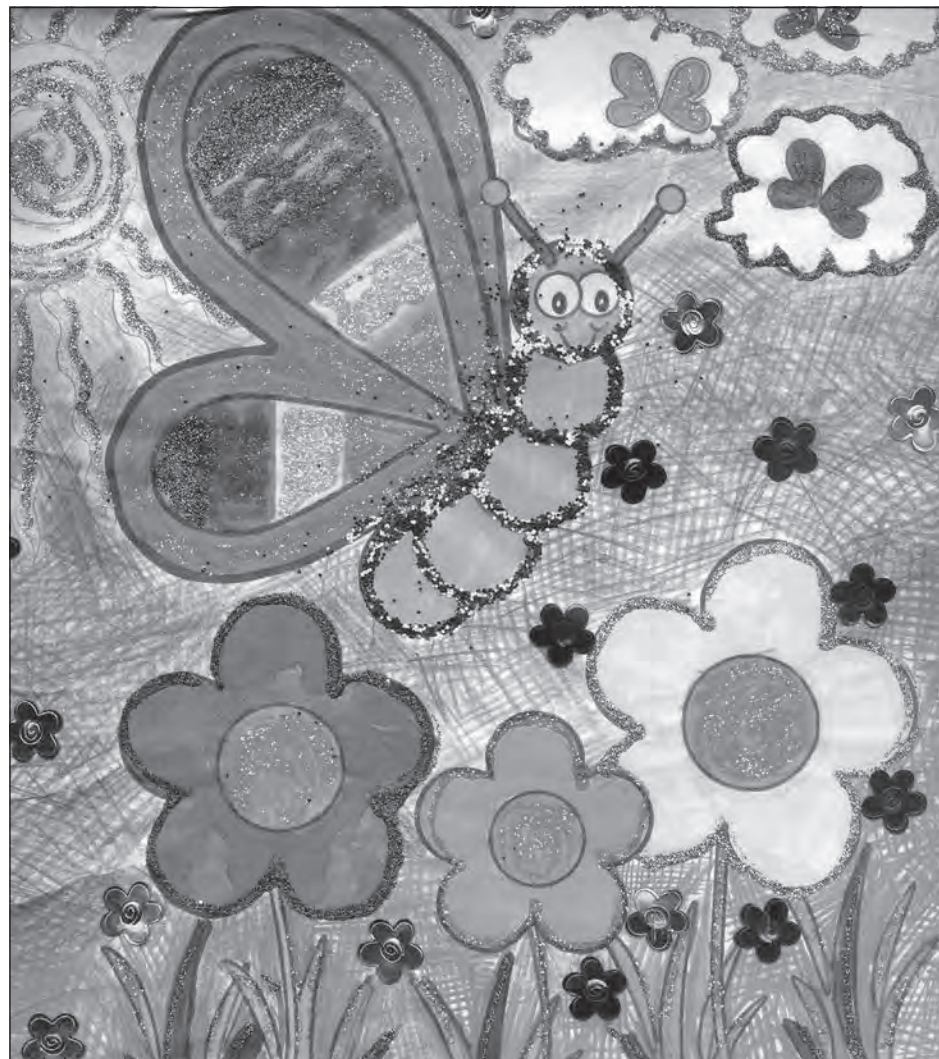
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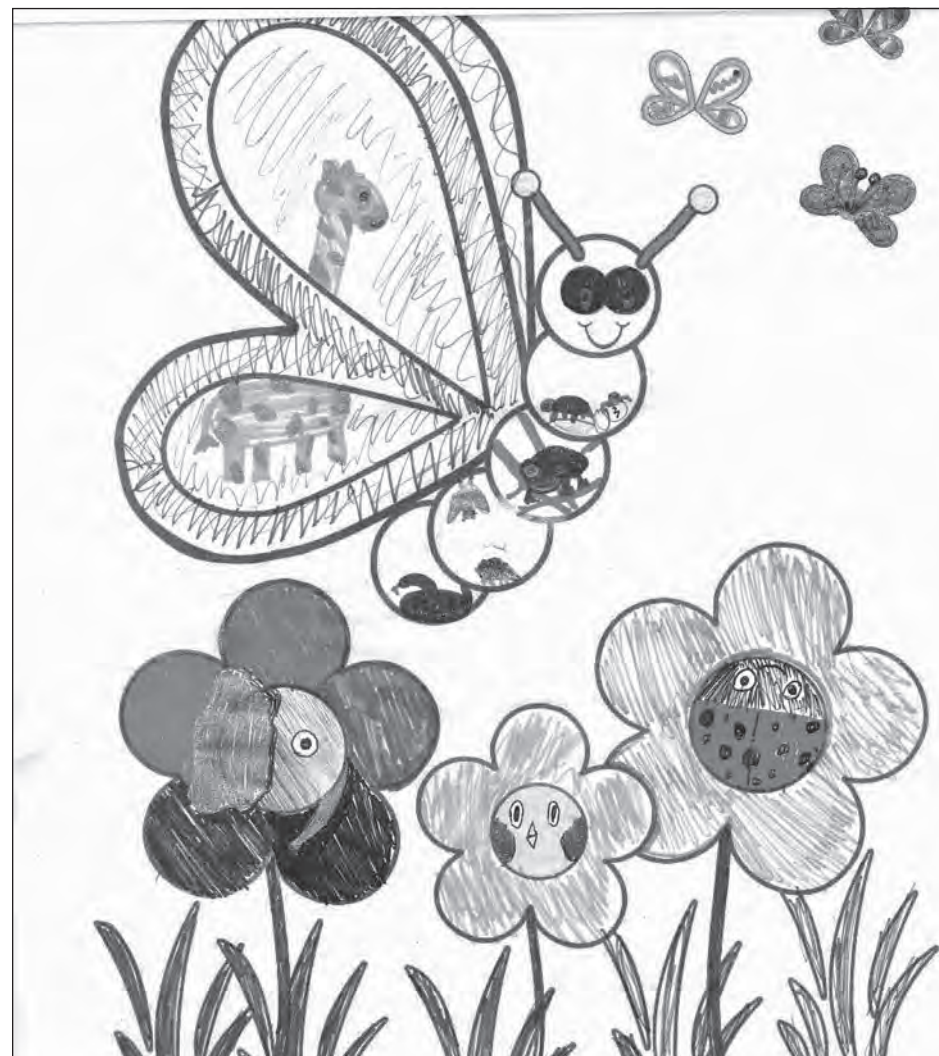
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The Nease High School Choir performs at Carnegie Hall.

Nease High School choir visits New York City, performs at Carnegie Hall

How do you get to Carnegie Hall? Practice. Members of the Allen D. Nease High School choir learned the truth of that old chestnut recently, when the ensemble had a chance to perform at the famed concert

hall in New York City. Students performed several choral selections under the direction of Nease choral director Madeline Poe before joining with other choirs from around the country to perform additional pieces.

Fifty-five students participated in the four-day trip, which included visits to the Metropolitan Museum of Art, Times Square, NBC Studios, Rockefeller Center and a sightseeing cruise on the Hudson River. Participants also had an opportuni-

ty to see three Broadway shows: “Phantom of the Opera,” Cirque du Soleil’s “Paramour” and the “War and Peace”-derived “Natasha, Pierre and the Great Comet of 1812” featuring Josh Groban in his Broadway debut.

Nease Drama Department to present Noel Coward’s Blithe Spirit

One of Noel Coward’s most popular English drawing room comedies will be performed locally this weekend, when the Allen D. Nease High School Drama Department presents its production of “Blithe Spirit.”

To be performed Thursday, April 6 and Friday, April 7 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, April 9 at 2 p.m. in the high school’s Performing Arts Center, “Blithe Spirit” begins as novelist Charles Condomine and his wife, Ruth, await the arrival of their dinner guests. When a flamboyant psychic medium leads the dinner party in a séance, the

guests gamely play along – until that is, Charles discovers the medium has actually conjured up the spirit of his late wife, Elvira. As the only person who can see and hear the spirit, Charles does his best to keep Ruth from learning of Elvira’s presence, covering for the ghost’s mischievous pranks and causing those around him to question his sanity.

Admission is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children, with tickets available at the door. Allen D. Nease High School is located at 10550 Ray Road in Ponte Vedra.



PVPV/Rawlings hosts ‘Invention Convention’

Students at PVPV/Rawlings Elementary School had a chance to become budding inventors March 31, when third grade students in teacher Ileana Yarbrough’s class participated in an “Invention Convention.”

Incorporating STEM-related activities and honing their research skills, students developed and displayed a wide range of

inventions. From a “Jazzy Jewelry Go-Round” jewelry organizer and rashguard to repel sharks to lighted gloves for directing traffic at night, student inventions were as unique as the inventors themselves.

“They came up with some really ingenious inventions,” Yarbrough said. “I’m really proud of them.”



Photos submitted by Ileana Yarbrough

Korina Murchison, Evan Rubocki and Levente Banyai display their inventions.



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SHORT TAKES

Beaches Museum and History Park to host Fletcher All-Class Block Party

The Beaches Museum and History Park will host the annual Fletcher All-Class Block Party Saturday, April 22 at the Pablo Historical Park. A special highlight of this year's party will be the commemoration of the high school's 80th anniversary.

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619 Ocean View brings 'Coastal Italian' to Ponte Vedra Beach



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619 Ocean View is Ponte Vedra Beach's only oceanfront restaurant that's open to the public.

By Jennifer Logue

When Executive Chef Joe Natoli enters 619 Ocean View – the Sawgrass Marriott's oceanfront restaurant in Ponte Vedra Beach – he is instantly reminded of Salina, the small island near Sicily where his father was raised and which he often visited as a child.

Casting his arms wide to the waves crashing right outside the restaurant's floor-to-ceiling windows, Natoli said, "Every day, when I see this I'm like, 'Wow, this reminds me of Italy. That's kind of where Coastal Italian came from.'"

"Coastal Italian" is the theme of 619 Ocean View's new menu. Drawing on his memories of the Italian coast and the farm-fresh produce so prevalent in its cuisine, Natoli and his culinary team have crafted a new menu that combines Italian tradition with produce from local First Coast farms.

"It's really using our local ingredients," Natoli said, "and making them stand out with an old-world tradition."

New menu offerings include traditional entrees with an Italian twist – from Frutti di Mare and Chicken Milanese to Grilled Swordfish Siciliana, Braised Short Ribs with Pappardelle, and Lobster and Butternut Squash Ravioli.

Appetizers include focaccia topped with slow-roasted elephant garlic, a

charcuterie featuring a variety meats, cheeses and house-marinated olives, and arancini stuffed with either mozzarella or house-made Italian sausage.

"The exciting thing about this menu is that 98 percent of it is prepared in house," Natoli says. "There is very little that is being brought in."

That extends to 619 Ocean View's new dessert menu, which includes house-made delicacies such as a chocolate budini and lemon semolina cake.

And in keeping with the restaurant's commitment to develop partnerships with local farms and purveyors, the restaurant has begun working with local ice cream parlor Christy's Dream to offer home-made ice cream flavors created exclusively for the restaurant.

"They're making a maraschino cherry and vanilla ice cream and a sea salt caramel ice cream just for us," said Marya Moore, general manager of the Sawgrass Marriott's Cabana Beach Club. "It's an awesome partnership that will continue to grow."

Natoli credits the talents of chefs Nick Ocheltree, Tyler Kimbrell and their team with helping him to bring a bit of the Italian coast to Florida's First Coast.

"I have some culinary geniuses in the kitchen," he said. "I'm tasting now what I remember growing up in Italy."



619 Ocean View's culinary team includes Executive Chef Joe Natoli and chefs Tyler Kimbrell and Nick Ocheltree.



Frutti di Mare



Braised short ribs with pappardelle

Sunset Rotary hosts 'Comedy for a Cause'

By Jennifer Logue

Local Rotarians and guests enjoyed a night of laughter and entertainment April 1, when the Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach Sunset hosted "Comedy for a Cause."

Held at the University of North Florida's Robinson Theater, the comedy fundraiser featured stand-up comics Danny Johnson and Paul Jensen, with Club President Janeene Hart welcoming guests and Rotarian Waine Banyas serving as master of ceremonies. Guests enjoyed hors d'oeuvres, a 50/50 raffle and a silent auction, with proceeds from the evening benefiting the Rotary Foundation, which is celebrating its centennial in 2017. Attendees marked the service organization's 100th anniversary of "Doing Good in the World" through programs such as Rotary's global End Polio Now campaign, which after three decades is on the cusp of eradicating the debilitating illness from the face of the earth.

With more than 1.2 million members in 35,000 clubs around the world, Rotary is one of the world's largest service organizations, with members working to promote peace, fight disease, provide clean water and sanitation, support education, save mothers and children, and grow local economies around the globe.



Photos by Susan Griffin

Sunset Rotary President Janeene Hart joins comics Danny Johnson, Paul Jensen and Rotarian Waine Banyas, who served as emcee.



Anette and Andrew Saalman with Ray and Anna Washington



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The Plantation at Ponte Vedra Beach to host community open house

The Plantation at Ponte Vedra Beach will open its gates to the general public for a community open house to be held from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday, April 23.

A variety of homes for sale will participate in the event, with prices ranging from the high \$400s to more than \$1 million. Visitors also will be able to see The Plantation's newly renovated golf course – part of the community's recent \$7 million facilities improvement plan.

Visitors are invited to check in at The Plantation House clubhouse for home listings, maps, refreshments and amenity tours. Guests may then make their way through the community to view the participating homes or take a short drive to The Plantation's oceanfront private beach club.

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The Monique Burr Foundation will celebrate its 20th anniversary May 16, when the nonprofit organization holds its annual "A Night at Roy's" benefit.

Held at Roy's Restaurant in Jacksonville Beach, the annual fundraiser features the Hawaiian-influenced cuisine of renowned Chef Roy Yamaguchi. Guests will also enjoy fine wines, tropical refreshments, live music and both live and silent auctions.

Proceeds from the event will support the child abuse prevention programs of the Monique Burr Foundation. Founded in 1997 by Edward Burr in honor of his late wife, Monique, the foundation aims to provide students, teachers, parents and professionals with resources and strategies to address bullying, cyberbullying, child abuse, child exploitation, digital abuse and other dangers.

Tickets for "A Night at Roy's" are \$100 per person; sponsorship opportunities are also available. For tickets or more information, visit www.ANightatRoys.com. For sponsorship information, contact Tammy Long at (904) 562-1849 or tlong@moniqueburrfoundation.org.

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Rotary, Recorder seek nominations for 25th Annual 'Local Heroes Awards'

By Jennifer Logue

The Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach and the Ponte Vedra Recorder are seeking nominations for the 25th Annual "Local Heroes Awards."

Presented each spring, the Local Heroes Awards recognize individuals who give back to the community and reflect the spirit of the Rotary Club's motto, "Service Above Self." Suggested categories for which a person might be nominated include community service in the arts, education, the environment, vocational service, volunteerism and corporate community service. A youth category recognizes young people mak-

ing a difference in the community.

Residents who know of an individual they believe is deserving of recognition as a "Local Hero" are encouraged to complete the nomination form and email it to jlark@danielkids.org. Nomination forms

may also be mailed to: Local Heroes Awards Committee, Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach, PO Box 70, Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32004. Deadline for submission of nominations is Thursday, May 4.

Award recipients will be recognized at

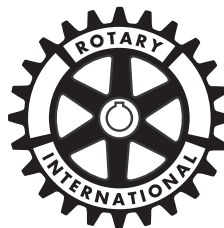
the "Local Heroes Awards" reception to be held Thursday, May 25 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at Sawgrass Country Club.

For more information, contact Rotarian Jim Clark at (904) 296-1055 or jlark@danielkids.org.

SHORT TAKES

Christ Episcopal Church to host Savvy Job Hunters Ministry workshop

Christ Episcopal Church will host another workshop as part of its Savvy Job Hunters Ministry series Thursday, April 27 from 9 a.m. to noon. This workshop will cover the topic of "Starting Your Own Small Business," to be presented by Pat Blanchard, director of Jacksonville Women's Business Center and JAX Chamber Foundation. Following the presentation, Buddy Webster, partner and president of LEADERS Professional Recruiting, Inc., will be available to review resumes and give tips on how to bolster them. This workshop will be held in the Parish Center Conference room of Christ Episcopal Church, located at 400 San Juan Drive at Solana Road East in Ponte Vedra Beach. Guests are advised to park on the upper deck to enter the second-floor conference room. RSVP to Cindy Corritore at ccorritore@christepiscopal-church.org, or the Pastoral Care Office by calling (904) 285-7390 ext. 231. For more information, contact Pam Ottesen at pottesen66@gmail.com.



The Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach

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2017 Local Heroes Awards Nomination Form

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Nominator's Telephone _____ Email: _____

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Arts _____ Education _____ Environmental _____ Youth _____

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Qualifications: *Submit this form with a detailed description of the nominee's achievements and why he or she deserves recognition. Direct any questions to:*

Ponte Vedra Beach Rotary Club member, Jim Clark, jlark@danielkids.org 296-1055.

Entry Deadline: Thursday, May 4
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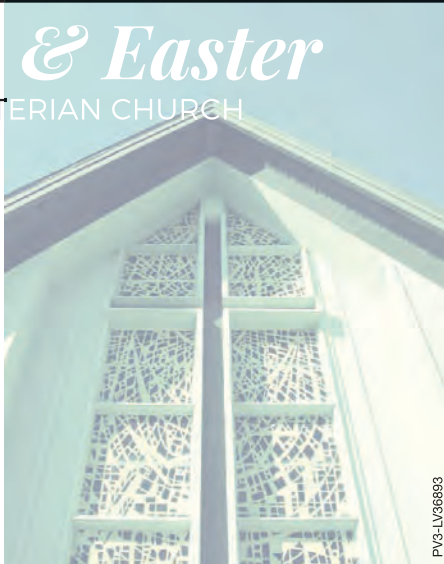
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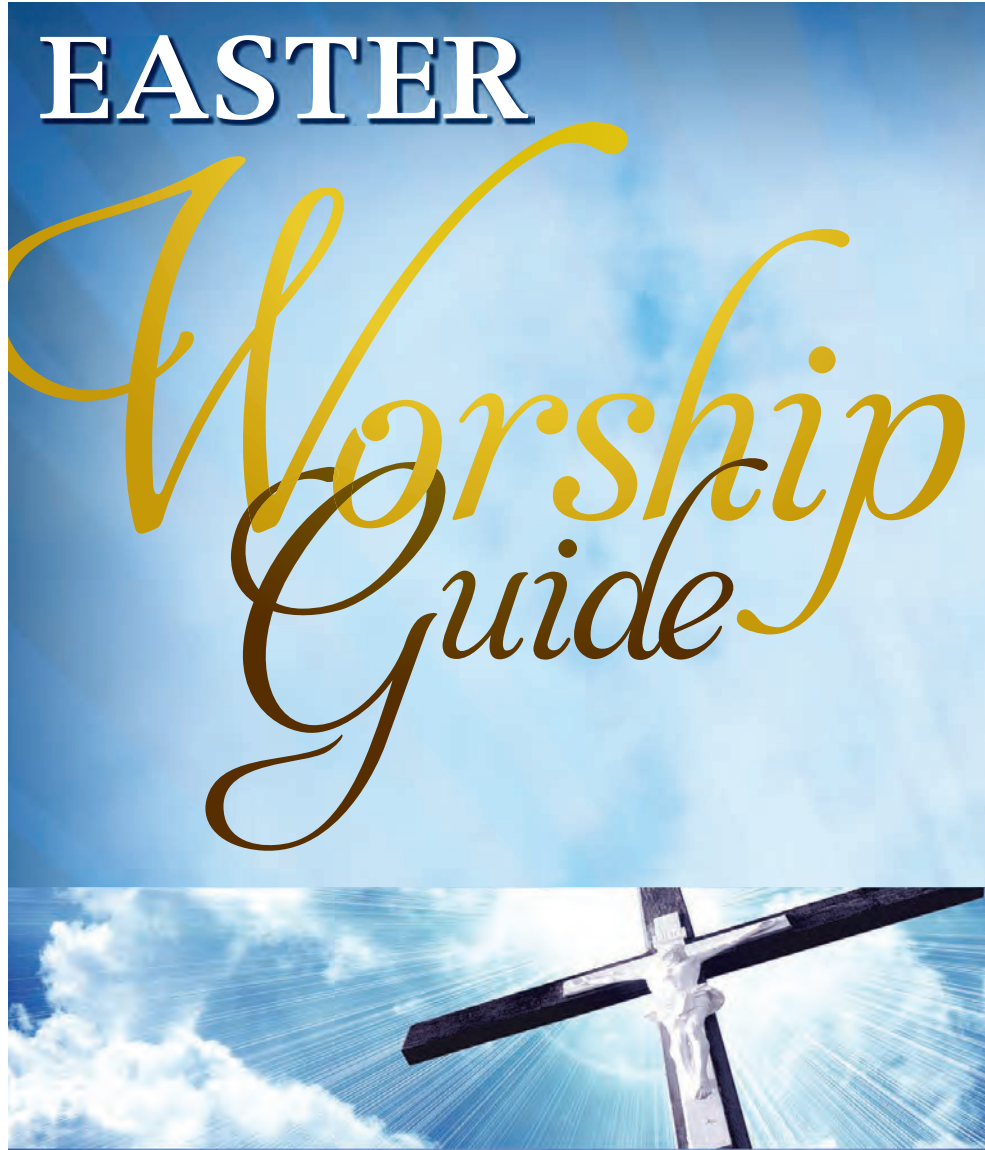
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new chamber director

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Carla Shoes and Accessories welcomes new collection with trunk show

By Jasmine Marshall

Carla Shoes and Accessories of Sawgrass Village unveiled the newest additions to its collection April 1 with a Right Bank Shoe Company trunk show.

Owner and founder Charlie Slaton welcomed guests to peruse the selections of the newly launched line, which represents a departure from the store's classic, more traditional offerings. Slaton said he was thrilled to offer customers the new line, which features footwear adorned with beaded embroidery and emblazoned with skull, sun and moon iconography.

"It brings a new taste level and a new look to our collection," he said. "And we feel it's a great way to incorporate designer looks without designer prices."



Owner Charlie Slaton with junior partner Joanne Long

Photos by Jasmine Marshall



MOVERS & SHAKERS



COX

IBERIABANK promotes Cox to vice president

IBERIABANK has promoted Felicia Cox to vice president, retail group manager of North Florida.

In her new role, Cox

will oversee growth strategies for retail banking, branch management and client service for the branch offices located in Duval and St Johns Counties while continuing to serve as the branch manager for the Ponte Vedra office.

"Felicia is a Jacksonville native and has worked in the banking industry in

this community for nearly four decades," said Abel Harding, market president for IBERIABANK. "She is known for her excellent client service, business acumen, extensive experience and civic involvement. She was the ideal choice for this new leadership position."

Active in the St Johns County

Chamber of Commerce, Cox previously served on the board of directors of its Ponte Vedra Beach Division, of which she was the chairman from 2011 to 2013. She earned her bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Edward Waters College.



BUFE

Bufe earns CEA designation

Dain T. Bufe recently fulfilled the requirements of the Certified Assessment Evaluator designation.

Bufe has been a commercial appraiser for the St. Johns County Property Appraiser's Office in St. Augustine since 2015. Prior to this position, he served as a condo/boat slip appraiser and as a tangible personal property appraiser.

Bufe holds a Bachelor of Science in Economics with minors in Business and Political Science from Florida State University – Tallahassee, and attended the University of North Florida in Jacksonville. He has taught workshops in year-end dividend processing for Merrill Lynch and in Excel for his jurisdiction.

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Business leaders meet new Ponte Vedra Beach chamber director

Local business and community leaders had an opportunity to meet the new director of the Ponte Vedra Beach Division of the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce last week, when the Hilton Garden Inn hosted a “Chamber After Hours” reception.

New Director Toni Boudreaux met with guests and shared with them some of her plans to strengthen the PVB Division, drawing on her background in fundraising and event management. Guests also had an opportunity to network with other business leaders while enjoying complimentary hors d’oeuvres and refreshments.



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Ponte Vedra Beach Division Director Toni Boudreaux and Board Chair Ed Mercel



Barry McDonald and Rob Schlingmann



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Dr. Rob Karol, Isabelle Rodriguez, Toni Boudreaux, Ed Mercel, Carol Maurer, Ted Hayes, Kathleen Floryan, Anna Washington, Chuck Schoonmaker and Anette Saalman.

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Church joins FirstAtlantic Bank

Dameon Church has joined FirstAtlantic Bank as an assistant vice president and financial center manager.

In his new role, Church is responsible for managing the Cobblestone Financial Center, located at 105 CBL Drive in St. Augustine, and developing new customer relationships. He brings 16 years of financial services experience, joining FirstAtlantic from TD Bank.

Church is president and community volunteer for the St. Augustine Sharks youth baseball organization. He graduated from Hudson Valley Community College in Troy, New York.

“We are very pleased to have Dameon join our team,” said FirstAtlantic President and CEO Mitchell W. Hunt, Jr. “His wealth of experience and knowledge of the industry will be a great addition to our company as we continue to grow in northeast Florida.”



Memorial Hospital CEO O'Loughlin retires

Memorial Hospital President and CEO **Jim O'Loughlin** is retiring, concluding a long career in healthcare administration.

O'Loughlin has been credited with leading the hospital during a time of significant growth for Northeast Florida and the healthcare community.

Under O'Loughlin's leadership, Memorial has increased its scope of services, improved its facilities and expanded its footprint in the region, opening three freestanding emergency room facilities.

“It has been an honor and a privilege

to lead Memorial Hospital and work with an exceptional team of healthcare professionals who are dedicated to the organization's mission of providing high-quality, patient-centered care to the people whose lives we touch every day,” O'Loughlin said. “While I will miss each and every member of the team, I am confident that Memorial



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Hospital will continue to improve patients' lives on a daily basis.”

Tom Pentz has been named interim CEO.

Baptist Medical Center South's Thomas speaks 'Women, Words & Wisdom'

Baptist Medical Center South President **Nicole Thomas** was the featured speaker at The Women's Center of Jacksonville's 2017 speaker event.

Held April 4 at the Schultz Center in Jacksonville, the theme of the event was “Women, Words & Wisdom.” Thomas – the first woman president in Baptist's 61-year history – shared her experiences as a woman working in health care leadership before taking questions from the audience. The event also recognized nine “Unsung Heroes and Hero” nominated by community organizations.

Ross receives President's Award at hospitality industry ROSE Awards

Bobby Ross recently received the prestigious President's Award at the North Florida Hotel & Lodging Association's 2017 ROSE Awards.

A member of the Guest Services Department at the Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront for more than 11 years, Ross was honored for his passion and commitment to hospitality and superior customer service. Twenty-five hospitality professionals were honored out of more than 120 nominees at the ROSE Awards, which recognize exceptional service by employees in the hospitality industry.

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The stock market: When emotions outpace facts



Ric Schilling
Columnist

By Ric Schilling
Special to the Recorder

If you follow the stock market, you know that the market has experienced quite a post-election surge beginning in November and continuing thus far in 2017.

Market analysts attribute this to a variety of factors including:

- Optimism that the Trump administration will repeal and replace Obamacare, implement both corporate and individual tax reform, reduce regulations, convince/coerce businesses to relocate manufacturing back to the USA, stimulate the economy by expanding military and infrastructure

spending, and cut government waste

- Expectations that, with lower corporate tax rates and increased business activity, corporate profits will rise
- Expectations that, with lower individual tax rates and a continued healthy jobs outlook, consumer spending will rise
- Expectations that, with reductions in government spending on programs and personnel and increased spending on military hardware and infrastructure repair/replacement, more dollars will be infused into our economy.

Given these factors, the market has surged upward, although as I write this, the surge seems to be losing a little steam. Whether the market continues to see more upward momentum depends on whether Trump can deliver on all these expectations and whether

corporate profits reflect the optimism that has been present since the election. The president was elected because he promised big changes across the board in government, business and our society in general. If he can deliver, there is no reason the market won't continue to rise; if he falters, it is likely the market will retrench, potentially significantly at least in the near term.

The stock market has always been influenced by emotion as well as facts. When emotion outpaces facts, either in the positive or negative, large swings often result. That's one reason why the corporate reports for the first quarter of 2017 will be so important – to determine whether the facts support the enthusiasm. Just another reason to utilize a balanced, diversified approach to investing so these periods of uncertainty don't keep you up at night worrying about your future.

Frederic "Ric" Schilling is a Florida native, born in Jacksonville, FL. Ric is president of Senior Guardians of America, a local North Florida firm specializing in tax reduction, long term illness planning, asset protection, probate avoidance and life income planning. Ric is a national speaker and advocate on senior issues and has been featured by the Florida Times Union and WJXT, TV-4 in Jacksonville as an authority on estate planning and retirement issues. Senior Guardians has an A+ rating with the Better Business Bureau and is a member in excellent standing with the National Ethics Association. Contact Frederic: (904) 371-3302 or (888) 891-3381 Please visit: www.seniorguardian.com. This article is not intended to give tax or legal advice. Securities offered through Center Street Securities, Inc. (CSS), a registered Broker-Dealer and Member of FINRA & SIPC. Senior Guardians is independent of CSS.

Atlantic Coast Bank hosts 'Chamber After Hours'

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SPORTS

Sharks' lacrosse boys keep rolling

By Jerry Norton
 Special to the Recorder

The Ponte Vedra boys' lacrosse team played as if they had something to prove last week, and perhaps they did. By continuing their assault on three non-district Florida teams, the Sharks showed they could well be one of the teams playing for the state title later this month in Jupiter, Florida.

Ponte Vedra, at 16-1 overall and 4-0 in the district, is ranked second in the state of Florida to St. Andrews of Boca Raton and fifth in the nation.

The Sharks took on Matanzas, Maclay and Oak Hall in games last week and posted decisive wins in all three games. On March 28, Matanzas fell to the Sharks 16-5. Clay Welch led the Sharks with four

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#15 Jack Woeste of the Sharks fires a shot against Matanzas.

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goals, Matt Keeler chipped in three, Reid Smith and Jack Burke added two while CD James and Dylan Hess each scored once.

The following day, Maclay of Tallahassee was the next to fall to the Sharks juggernaut. This time, Smith and Burke led the Sharks with four goals apiece, while Keeler, Welch and Hess added two. James, Jack Woeste, Tony Rossi, Walker Azzaro and Justin Prince rounded out the scoring with single goals.

The game of the week was Senior Night March 31 against the Eagles of Oak Hall.

The visitors came to the Shark Tank with a record of 14-1, but left after suffering a stinging 13-7 defeat at the hands of the Sharks. Freshman Hess along with senior Welch scored three times, Smith and Keeler twice, Burke and James and Andrew O'Dare one each.

O'Dare, a senior commit to Towson, again proved his value as the Sharks' face-off master by winning a large majority of the critically important statistic against the Eagles.

While the Sharks offense continues to dominate teams, the play of the Sharks long sticks, especially freshman Tommy Zitiello and senior Jacob Reeves, was impressive against Oak Hall.



#24 Matt Keeler has a shot lined up against the Falcons.



Taylor Funke, #35 takes a shot at the Eagle goal.



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Keeping Up

By Barbara Boxleitner

Special to the Recorder

Pitcher **Evan Heffner** has been a stand-out for Maryville College.

The Ponte Vedra High School graduate received Pitcher of the Week honors during consecutive weeks in February.

The USA South Athletic Conference named him Pitcher of the Week Feb 27. The junior left-hander was recognized for earning a win in his lone appearance of the week before. He allowed five hits and

struck out seven in eight innings against conference foe Piedmont College.

The conference recognized him Feb. 20 after he earned a complete-game victory against MacMurray College in his only outing that week. He gave up four hits and no earned runs. He struck out seven.

In addition, the Tennessee Sports Writers Association named him Pitcher of the Week for his effort against MacMurray.

Entering Sunday's action, Heffner had a 2-3 record and 3.35 earned run average in eight appearances. He struck out a team-high 33 in a team-high 43 innings.

Men's lacrosse

Catawba College senior **Ryan Apple-**

gate was the AstroTurf South Atlantic Conference defensive player of the week March 20. The goalie out of Ponte Vedra High made 13 saves and allowed five goals in a conference win over Mars Hill College. As of Sunday, he led the conference in saves and ranked fifth in save percentage. He had a 5-5 record in 10 starts.

Catawba midfielder **Dalton Cook** ranked second on the team, with 23 points through 10 games. The Bartram Trail graduate had 19 goals and four assists.

Women's gymnastics

Allen D. Nease alumna **Rachel Reis** was named Mid-American Conference Scholar Athlete of the Week March 1. The

Bowling Green State University senior was acknowledged after posting a career-best 9.875 to win the uneven bars event against Central Michigan University.

Women's tennis

University of Florida junior **Josie Kuhlman** had a 15-3 open singles record and an 8-4 open doubles record to begin Sunday. The Ponte Vedra resident has been playing at third and fourth singles, and second and third doubles.

Send updates about area athletes to Barbara Boxleitner at bboxleitner@outlook.com.

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- Portfolio acronym
- Winglike
- Ancient
- The Godfather, e.g.
- Exclude or omit
- Distinctive spirit of a culture
- #3 Down welcome
- One with no permanent abode
- *Challenger or Atlantis
- *Type of shower
- "He had"
- Audition tape
- "On the _____," as in a fugitive
- A pout or grimace
- Complete shadow, pl.
- Mosque V.I.P.
- Attention-getting sound
- Plants and animals
- *Last man to walk on the moon
- Colorado skiing destination
- Like Roman god Janus
- Temporary tattoo ink
- Steak choice
- Auction off
- ER forerunner
- Mischiefous fairies
- Foxlike
- Hofb%ouhaus offering
- Hole in one
- *Hanks in "Apollo 13"
- *Space Coast state
- Crew member
- *First to land man on the moon
- Tree juice
- Not odds
- Failed Molotov cocktail
- "Bravo! Bravo!"
- One third of a three-piece suit
- Between E and NE
- Rosetta Stone, e.g.

DOWN

- ____ So Fine"
- Reluctant
- Pearl Harbor locale
- Angry
- *Solar _____
- Not in use
- Wade's opponent
- Japanese cartoon
- Burn soother
- Fancy ride
- Month of Purim
- *The _____ Planet
- Put six feet under
- Parkinson's disease drug
- Australia's flightless bird
- State of les misÉrables
- *_____year
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42. Himalayan country
45. Model Valletta and actress Tambyln
49. Be indisposed
51. ESPN.com menu selection
54. Dodge
56. Not slouching
57. Cobain's love
58. Has a mortgage
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60. Grow dim
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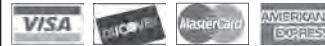
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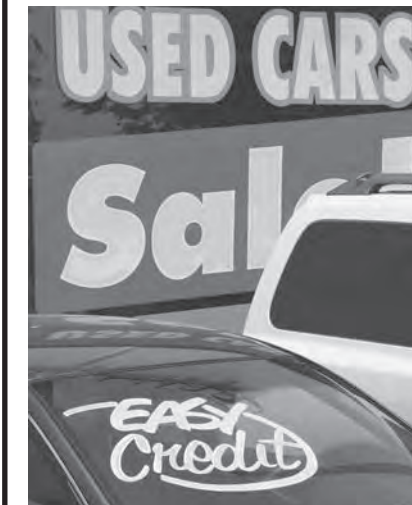
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