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## on the cover

"Swoosh," a painting from Avondale-based artist Eileen Corse's "Water" series, graces the cover of this First Coast Register edition. Read more about Corse and her work on pages 6 and 7.



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# One of Us!

## EILEEN CORSE

by JON BLAUVELT

*Eileen Corse is an Avondale-based artist whose most recent series "Water" includes a grouping of paintings illustrating people at the beach or pool. One such piece, "Swoosh," is featured on the cover of this magazine. Corse is also the founder of Women Painters of the Southeast (WPSE), a nonprofit organization whose mission is to promote women painters in the Southeast United States.*

### **How would you describe your work?**

Although I set out to paint a very familiar genre (swimmers), I was determined to paint in such a way that my works would be unique with a recognizable style. I believe my "Water" series achieves that goal. My process is unique in that I use a large palette knife (2.5 inches) for the application of heavy, impasto oil paints. People tell me they can immediately recognize a painting as one of mine. I consider my works playful, and many of my paintings depict children having fun in the water, bringing me back to my youth. My paintings are large scale....the smallest being 36 x 36 inches and the largest being 60 x 60 inches. I have three underwater cameras and love to get in the water for photoshoots.

### **What inspired you to become an artist?**

Before I became an artist, I was a court reporter here in Jacksonville for about 15 years. Upon the birth of my third child, I stopped working to stay home to care for him. I quickly became very bored. My sister reminded me how much I used to like to draw as a kid. So, I sat in drawing class for nine months before beginning to paint. I was obsessed. I would travel to the local library each week and check out armfuls of books about art. I would check out art history books as well as books by artists that teach technique. I do consider myself self-educated, spending hours and hours studying art. I never dreamed that I would become a professional artist. I have been so blessed to be able to make my living with my art, doing what I love.

### **Many of your pieces focus on water. What makes water so special to you?**

When I was a child, in the summertime, we would walk to the neighborhood pool and swim all day long. We never got tired. Later, I was on the neighborhood swim team. I enjoyed synchronized swimming as well. Later, I took up scuba diving and enjoyed diving in Florida springs. Being in the water, and the weightless feeling that you get, well, that just takes me away. Gliding in the water... floating in the water...swimming in the water...all of this is so relaxing to me.

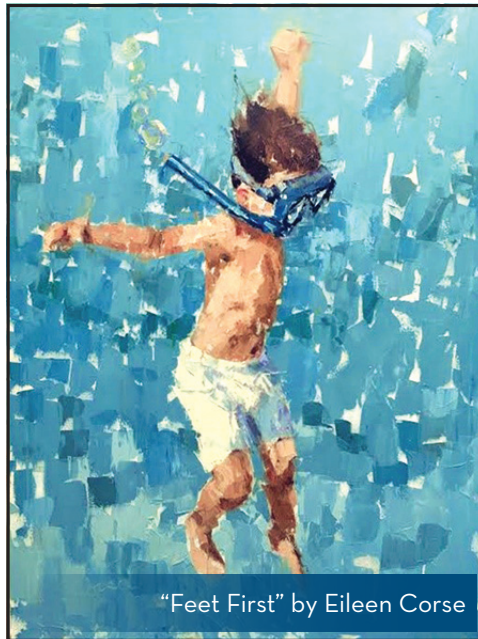
**Can you please tell us about your nonprofit organization?**

Eight years ago, I started a blog called Women Painters of the Southeast (WPSE) with the goal of helping women artists advance their careers by posting their paintings on the blog. Before I knew it, the blog had 100 members. I took it to the next level and applied for and received nonprofit status. We now have over 800 members with 400 active members at any given time. Once a year, I organize a juried exhibition for this organization with 150 paintings being included in the shows each year. At first, the shows were held in galleries within the Southeast United States. This year's show will be solely online with cash awards totaling \$10,000. Over the past eight years, I have raised over \$70,000 in cash and prizes that have been awarded to members. My nonprofit organization has garnered national attention and has been featured in articles, appearing in several national art publications. Check the organization's website for more information: [www.womenpaintersse.com](http://www.womenpaintersse.com).

**What else should we know about you and your background?**

In 2008, I opened Corse Gallery & Atelier, a fine art gallery. I represented 40 artists from around the country. I also hosted painting workshops by some of today's best artists from all over the U.S. I closed the gallery two years ago to focus on my art. I moved just two doors down to my new studio, which I just love. Its large space is perfect for me to create in. No longer a retail

business where you have set hours, I am enjoying the freedom of flexible hours. I have been included in articles in several national art publications, including Southwest Art Magazine, American Art Collector Magazine, PleinAir Magazine and Vero Beach Magazine, as well as our own Arbus Magazine. I have been asked many times to judge art shows locally, as well as a few very important national shows.



"Feet First" by Eileen Corse

**What do you enjoy most about living on the First Coast?**

Well, no kidding...water! Our city has so much access to waterways and beaches; I can't imagine living in a place that's landlocked. Every day I drive on a bridge that goes over the St. Johns River, and each day it's a brand new "landscape." The colors of the water change with the colors of the sky. The ocean and river are mesmerizing to me. I could just sit and watch the water for hours.

**What do you enjoy doing in your free time?**

I enjoy spending time with family. I also enjoy travel and am always searching for new adventures and places to travel to. I love to cook, and when I cook, it also has to be artistically pleasing to the eye.

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Visit Corse's website for more information: <http://eileencorse.com/>



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# WEDDINGS

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A DESTINATION FOR EVERY DREAM  
by SAMANTHA LOGUE



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Enjoy a romantic carriage ride through historic Downtown Fernandina Beach. Photo courtesy of Amelia Island Tourist Development Council



Lightner Museum  
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From the sandy beaches to the marshlands, and of course the region's numerous green fairways, the natural beauty of Northeast Florida provides the perfect backdrop for destination weddings of all kinds. Brides and grooms can embrace all of the romantic charms of the region – including more than 400 years of history – when they choose to have their weddings on the First Coast.

### MAKE WAVES WITH A BEACH WEDDING

Couples from all over travel to Northeast Florida each year to get married on the scenic beaches of the Atlantic Coast. One location that has become popular for such destination weddings is the coastal retreat of Amelia Island. Boasting 13 miles of sandy beaches and ocean views, the barrier island provides the perfect setting for a beach wedding, no permit required.

Spouses-to-be also have no shortage of venue options for their

receptions on Amelia Island. From quaint bed and breakfasts to oceanfront resorts, couples will have their pick of where to celebrate their special day. One venue worthy of note is the Amelia Island Williams House, a beautiful 19th century mansion featuring a Victorian parlor, secret garden, backyard fountains and a 500-year-old oak tree laden with Spanish moss. For a smaller, more intimate ceremony and reception, this bed and breakfast is enchantingly romantic.

### MAKE MEMORIES ALONG FLORIDA'S HISTORIC COAST

Northeast Florida, home to the "Ancient City" of St. Augustine, is just brimming with historic attractions. For those wishing to celebrate their lifelong commitment with memories that will never fade, the First Coast has much to offer.

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themselves into a bygone era of opulence. Couples can “tie the knot” in what was once the world’s largest swimming pool. Other event spaces include the second floor mezzanine surrounding the pool, the outdoor terrace, the grand lobby and three private courtyards.

The City of Jacksonville has its share of historic venues as well, like the Ribault Club on Fort George Island. At the height of the 1920s and 1930s, this club was frequented by the wealthy elite, including everyone from debutantes to foreign dignitaries. Recently restored and listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the Ribault Club offers gorgeous views of the salt marshes along the St. Johns River, in addition to 6,000 square feet of event space.

**ADD A TOUCH OF SOUTHERN CHARM**

While Florida may be best known for its gorgeous beaches, this is, after all, the South. Brides dreaming of an authentic country wedding

need look no further than the First Coast.

In St. Augustine, for example, tucked away on a secluded 20-acre plot of land just off County Road 13 is Chandler Oaks Barn. Off the beaten path and hidden from prying eyes by dozens of moss-laden oak trees, this venue provides the perfect mixture of elegance and Southern charm.

Couples and their guests will love the white, church-like barn, the interior of which is accented by rustic wooden beams and dining tables. The chandeliers add an extra touch of grandeur, while the gothic church windows remind all of the reason they have gathered there.

On either end of the barn, sliding doors open to reveal picturesque pastures – complete with farm animals – and a white gazebo. The side doors can also be opened to lead guests outdoors for a garden cocktail hour, and a tranquil pond provides the perfect backdrop for photographs.

Just one of Northeast Florida’s many offerings for a Southern bride, Chandler Oaks is perfect for a rustic destination wedding.



Chandler Oaks Barn  
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Chandler Oaks Barn is Saint Augustine's newest barn venue. Boasting southern charm and rustic elegance, it's sure to make any couple feel right at home. This authentic post and beam barn features AC, private bridal and groom suites, ample onsite parking, mature oak trees, a quaint, fishing pond, white ship lap walls, mesmerizing chandeliers and farm tables from the Joanna Gaines Magnolia Home line.

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# Jaguars' Malik Jackson hosts fundraiser at 3 Palms Grille

by JON BLAUVELT

Jacksonville Jaguars defensive lineman Malik Jackson hosted teammates, friends and community members earlier this summer at 3 Palms Grille in Ponte Vedra for "A Night of Giving," the first annual fundraiser for his foundation, Malik's Gifts.

The event served as an opportunity for Jackson to introduce his nonprofit organization to the Greater Jacksonville community. The defensive lineman arrived in Jacksonville in 2016 after playing for the Denver Broncos from 2012 to 2015.

"I've been doing a few things for a while, and I wanted to be able to let people know what I've been able to contribute," said Jackson, whose foundation benefits at-risk children, military children and families, animal rescue missions and family emergency assistance. "To be able to have an event like this that brings people together that are like-minded and wanting to help the same things is just a blessing."

Event attendees enjoyed live music from The Band Be Easy, food, drinks, a live auction and remarks by Jackson. Malik's Gifts' Development Director Rodney Smith and various community members also spoke about the foundation, including Paul Martinez of the Boys & Girls Club of Northeast Florida and Denise Deisler of the Jacksonville Humane Society.

Attendees enjoyed the opportunity to engage with Jaguars Paul Posluszny and Mychal Rivera. First Coast News Sports Director Chris Porter emceed the event.

Within a year of Jackson arriving in Jacksonville, Malik's Gifts has raised more than \$80,000 for local organizations addressing the issues pertinent to the foundation.

"It's all about helping the community," said Jackson. "It's a blessing to be able to have you guys come out for this wonderful cause."



Jaguars tight end Mychal Rivera and his wife Siera, Jaguars defensive lineman Malik Jackson, Realtor Nikki Stevens and Barry Grahek  
Photos by Jon Blauvelt



Eleven South Partner Rocco Larizza, Malik Jackson and 3 Palms Grille Owner and Eleven South Owner/Partner John Nagy



Alisa Abbott, Amy Frank, Megan Kerr and Jaguars linebacker Paul Posluszny



Adam Petrus, Brandon Schwartz and Case Walther



Stephanie Grant, Harriett Bachman, Sheri and Carlos Beltran, Holly Paquette and Cindy Clark  
Photos courtesy of Sheri Beltran

# Trompe L'oeil Salon

## HITS HOMERUN AT MLB ALL-STAR WEEKEND

The team from Ponte Vedra's Trompe L'oeil Salon was asked to attend the MLB All-Star weekend festivities in Miami this summer to prepare MLB wives and significant others for the weekend's Red Carpet Parade.

"My husband and I opened our third Trompe L'oeil Salon in downtown Miami March 1," said Owner Sheri Beltran. "So, being new in town, we were completely blown away, and we feel so blessed and honored."

On the day of the red carpet event, Beltran said her team's day began at 7 a.m. at the Marriott Marquis, where they did hair and makeup for about 25 wives and girlfriends throughout the day.

"It was a huge success," she said. "Everyone was red carpet-ready and on time, and everyone loved their hair."

The Trompe team ended the day by attending the All-Star Game in the evening. Beltran, who had never been to a live baseball game before, said it was an experience that will be tough to beat.

Throughout the weekend, the Trompe stylists also attended the All Star Game Gala, which featured Flo-Rida as the guest artist, as well as the MLB Home Run Derby.

"I feel so blessed to have been able to do what I do for 23 years, and I was so happy to share this experience with my husband Carlos and my amazingly talented staff, which includes Holly Paquette, Cindy Clark, Stephanie Grant, Harriett Bachman and Amaury Pereira," said Beltran. "I am so proud to work with them. Thank you to my team and to MLB for this amazing experience of a lifetime."



Sheri and Carlos Beltran



Trompe L'oeil Salon Owner Sheri Beltran works with a client before the red carpet event.

# Breathing Easy

**TURQUOISE &  
WHITE  
AFFAIR BENEFITS  
AMERICAN LUNG  
ASSOCIATION**

by JENNIFER LOGUE

Supporters of the American Lung Association in Florida were out in full force earlier this summer, when the organization hosted its “Turquoise & White Affair” at Nocatee’s Crosswater Hall.

Guests garbed in the designated colors enjoyed a cocktail reception and dinner along with silent and live auctions offering such exotic offerings as a week’s stay in a villa in Costa Rica and a VIP rooftop experience at Chicago’s Wrigley Field.

But the highlight of the event was the emotional stories shared in person and via video from local residents who have been impacted by lung disease and the American Lung Association’s research, education and advocacy efforts.

“Lung disease does not discriminate,” said Karen Hughes, Northeast Florida area director for the American Lung Association in Florida. “It affects all people of all ages.”

One such individual – Jacksonville native Tricia Loveless – was honored at the Turquoise & White Affair as the 2017 Volunteer Honoree. Loveless had been diagnosed with allergy and exercise induced bronchoconstriction when in October 2016 she decided to become involved in the American Lung Association in Florida’s LUNG FORCE. After selling thousands of dollars’ worth of bracelets and volunteering for charity auctions, Loveless achieved a personal milestone: In February, she completed her first “Fight for Air Climb,” conquering her fear of having an asthma attack to participate in the fundraiser that has participants walk or run up hundreds of steps to raise money to fight lung disease.

“For me, I needed to give something back to the community,” Loveless said. “It’s such a great cause and a great organization.”

Also honored at the event was Dr. Kathryn Blake, director and principal research scientist at the Center for Pharmacogenomics and Translational Research at Nemours. The 2017 Medical Honoree, Blake has been the principal or co-investigator on more than 100 clinical studies related to asthma, allergy and cystic fibrosis.

“Thank you all for your generosity,” Blake told event attendees, “and for the dollars you raise, knowing it’s going to go for research into those diseases.”

*Local ALA fundraising activities will continue Saturday, Aug. 19 at 8 a.m. with the LUNG FORCE Run/Walk to be held at The Jacksonville Landing. To register or for more information, visit [http://action.lung.org/site/TR?fr\\_id=16061&pg=entry](http://action.lung.org/site/TR?fr_id=16061&pg=entry).*



ALA 2017 Volunteer Honoree Tricia Loveless, Tom Williams and Lena Loveless  
Photos by Jennifer Logue



Medical honoree Dr. Kathryn Blake and John Oliver



Karen Cooper and Danielle Osteen



Event Chair Scooter Brunson, Robin Brunson, Sue McCullough and Ron McCullough



Lori and Eric Holshouser



Mary Warde with Nancy and Emily Archer



# MORTON'S

## THE STEAKHOUSE

### now open in Jacksonville

by JON BLAUVELT

First Coast residents can now enjoy fine dining at famed restaurant, Morton's The Steakhouse, at its new Jacksonville location inside the Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront hotel.

Opened in June, the restaurant provides patrons with the same spread of top-notch steaks, seafood and produce offered at other Morton's locations but features a more vibrant and refreshed look and feel, according to General Manager Shawn Mason.

As you walk into the restaurant, you are invited to enjoy cocktails at the polished, black granite bar, complete with a sleek chrome liquor bottle display. Beyond the bar is the restaurant's dining room, which boasts black patent crocodile leather booths and tables that can seat up to 230 people. Seating for an additional 60 to 70 people is available outside on the patio.

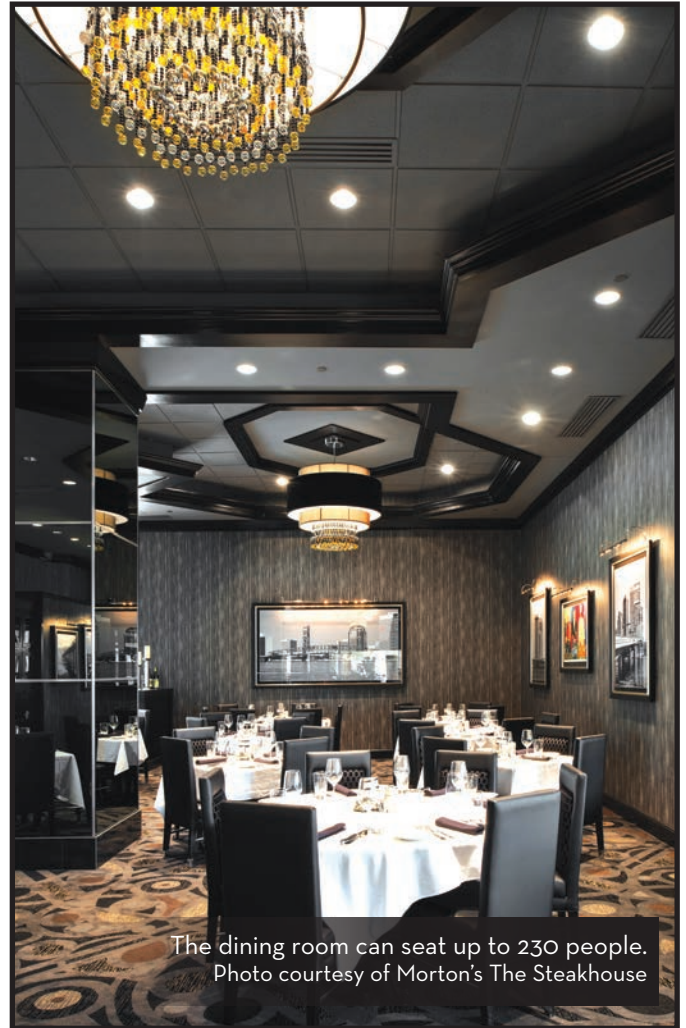
Uncommon for most Morton's locations, windows line the walls, providing that vibrant and refreshed feel as natural light streams across the inside of restaurant. Fine art hangs adjacent to these windows, much of which was completed by Leroy Nieman, who has long been a staple of the Morton's brand. The glow of decorative glass within tiered light fixtures sparkles and reflects off smoked mirror columns and the grey, black, brown and gold color accents that paint the room.

The restaurant's menu features several sophisticated and delicious options. Appetizers include an ahi tuna tower for \$18.50, a colossal crabmeat cocktail for \$19.50, bacon-wrapped sea scallops for \$22 and prosciutto-wrapped mozzarella for \$15, among many other options. Baked five onion soup for \$12.50, caesar salad for \$13, chopped spinach salad and bibb lettuce salad for \$12.50 are just a few of the soup and salad options.

The steak and chop list may overwhelm you, but definitely not in a bad way. Take your pick between different sizes of filets or go for the New York strip, ribeye or porterhouse. Steaks range in price from \$42 to \$60 depending on the size and cut you choose. Hungry? You can always order the 48-ounce porterhouse (intended for two) for \$117. The restaurant offers a few chop options that range in price from \$32 to \$52.

The Morton's in Jacksonville also offers a list of "signature dishes," which include chicken bianco for \$28, miso marinated sea bass for \$47, jumbo crab cakes for \$38 and braised beef short rib for \$35. Don't forget about sides like jumbo asparagus, onion rings, hashed brown potatoes and parmesan & truffle matchstick fries that can take your meal to the next level for \$13 a pop. Last, but certainly not least, the restaurant offers many, tasty dessert options, such as its popular hot chocolate cake or key lime pie. And of course, the restaurant features plenty of fine wines, beers, cocktails and spirits to pair with your meal.

Located at 225 East Coastline Drive, Morton's The Steakhouse is open Sunday through Thursday from 5 to 10 p.m. and Friday and Saturday from 5 to 11 p.m. The bar opens at 4 p.m. daily and will offer Power Hour Sunday through Friday 4 to 6:30 p.m. For reservations, please contact the restaurant at (904) 354-4350 or visit [www.mortons.com](http://www.mortons.com).



The dining room can seat up to 230 people.  
Photo courtesy of Morton's The Steakhouse



8-ounce center-cut filet mignon  
Photo by Jon Blauvelt





Windows and fine art lines the walls of the new restaurant. Photo courtesy of Morton's The Steakhouse



Bacon-wrapped sea scallops  
Photos by Jon Blauvelt



Cesar Salad



Hot chocolate cake

# Cutter & Cutter Fine Art

presents the works of Dean Mitchell

by SAMANTHA LOGUE

Local art enthusiasts were treated to a special meet-and-greet event with artist Dean Mitchell at the Cutter & Cutter Fine Art Gallery in Ponte Vedra Beach in July. Mitchell, who visited the business' St. Augustine gallery earlier this year, made the encore appearance to exhibit his latest work and meet with potential buyers.

"Dean is one of the most notable artists living today, and this is a major opportunity for art collectors in the Ponte Vedra area to spend some time with him," said Scott Dingfelder, marketing director at Cutter & Cutter. "We have said in the past that if one could have met artists like Rembrandt, Renoir or Picasso, it would surely be the opportunity of a lifetime. Dean is truly an artist of this caliber."

A graduate of the Columbus College of Art & Design, Mitchell has been working as an independent artist for more than 30 years. He has won numerous awards for his work and has also been featured in several publications, including The New York Times, Christian Science Monitor, American Artist, Artist Magazine, Fine Art International and Art News.

Mitchell said that what he most seeks to convey through his work is that which unites all people—their humanity.

"For example, I did paintings of my uncle who had cancer; I did paintings of a doctor who had Alzheimer's," he said. "When people see those images, they don't just see a painting of a black person, what they see is a person grappling with a certain part of life that anybody could grapple with. Is it a person of color that I painted? Yes, but they're still a human being... We've been so socially conditioned through segregation of prejudices that we can't even see ourselves as full human beings sometimes."

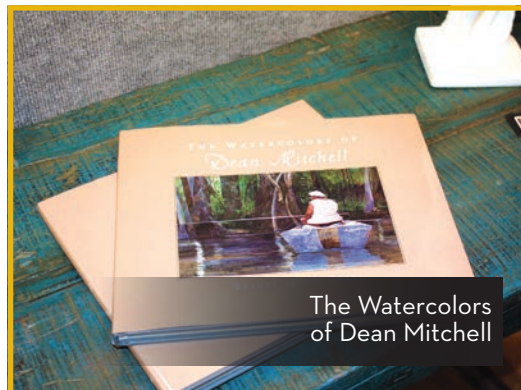
Cutter & Cutter Fine Art's next local event will be another artist appearance and exhibition Oct. 13-14 at its Ponte Vedra Beach Gallery at 333 Village Main St., featuring artists Jeong and Choon Yun. For more information, visit [www.cutterandcutter.com](http://www.cutterandcutter.com).



Artist Dean Mitchell and family  
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The Watercolors  
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# Fall ARTS PREVIEW



From theatrical productions to museum exhibits, concerts and shows, the First Coast has an abundance of arts-related events coming up this fall and over the next year.

### Limelight Theatre's 2017-2018 Season

Limelight Theater begins its 26th season with an opening party on Sept 21, followed by the first showing of "The Full Monty," a ten-time Tony Award nominee, on Sept. 22.

The theatre is located at 11 Old Mission Ave., St. Augustine. For tickets, call the box office at (904) 825-1164 or visit [www.limelight-theatre.org](http://www.limelight-theatre.org).

- "The Full Monty" Sept. 22 to Oct. 23
- "Coney Island Christmas" Dec. 1-23
- "Fool For Love" Jan. 19 to Feb. 11, 2018
- "Corpse!" March 9-31, 2018
- "Bad Jews" April 20 to May 13, 2018
- "Come Back to the Five & Dime, Jimmy Dean, Jimmy Dean" June 1-24,

2018

- "Heathers the Musical" July 20 to Aug. 19, 2018

### Players by the Sea 2017-2018 Season

Founded in 1966, Players by the Sea is located at 106 N. 6th St., Jacksonville Beach. The theatre will start its 52nd season on Sept. 8 with "Smokey Joe's Café," a musical revue showcasing 29 pop, rock and roll, rhythm and blues songs written by songwriters Jerry Leiber and Mike Stoller. For tickets, call (904) 249-0289 or visit [www.playersbythesea.org](http://www.playersbythesea.org).

- "Smokey Joe's Cafe" Sept. 8-30
- "Little Shop of Horrors" Oct. 20 to Nov. 11
- "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" Dec. 8-23
- "Sylvia" Jan. 11-27, 2018
- "The Great American Trailer Park Musical" March 2-24, 2018
- "New Voices" June 1-16, 2018
- "In the Heights" July 19- to Aug. 11, 2018

## ABET's 2017-2018 Season

The Atlantic Beach Experimental Theatre's 26th season kicks off Sept. 8 with "Floyd Collins," a musical on the 1925 true story of a man in Kentucky who was trapped in a cave. Performances are held at the Adele Grage Cultural Center on 716 Ocean Blvd. in Atlantic Beach. For tickets, call (904) 249-7177.

- "Floyd Collins" Sept. 8-24
- "The Effect of Gamma Rays on Man-in-the-Moon Marigolds" Oct. 20 to Nov. 5
- "The Ultimate Christmas Show" Dec. 1-17
- "The Clean House" Jan. 19 to Feb. 4, 2018
- "Man of La Mancha" March 9-25, 2018
- "Red, White, and Tuna" May 4-20, 2018

## Theatre Jacksonville's 2017-2018 Season

Florida's longest running community theatre, Theatre Jacksonville has been in existence since 1919. Located in San Marco, the theatre's 98th season kicks off Sept. 15 with "To Kill a Mockingbird."

Theatre Jacksonville is located at 2032 San Marco Blvd. For more information, call (904) 396-4425 or visit [www.theatrejax.com](http://www.theatrejax.com).

- "To Kill a Mockingbird" Sept. 15 to Oct. 1
- "Grey Gardens" Nov. 3-19
- "Last Night of Ballyhoo" Jan. 12-28, 2018
- "Wolf Hall" March 2-18, 2018
- "Boeing Boeing" April 20 to May 6, 2018
- "Mamma Mia!" June 8-24, 2018

## The Cummer Museum of Art and Gardens

View the Cummer Museum's Permanent Collection, which spans from 2100 B.C. through the 21st century, or tour the museum's gardens.

Every Tuesday is Tapas Tuesday at the Cummer Café, where visitors can listen to local musicians and enjoy tapas, wine and beer on the Cummer Café patio.

Take advantage of Weaver First Saturday Free for All the first Saturday of each month, when the museum is free for all visitors. Visitors can also enjoy free admission to the museum on Tuesdays with the Florida Blue Free Tuesdays program, and Bank of America or Merrill Lynch cardholders receive free admission the first Sunday of the first full weekend of the month through the Museums on Us program.

The Cummer Museum of Art and Gardens is located at 829 Riverside Ave., Jacksonville. For more information, call (904) 356-6857 or visit [www.cummuseum.org](http://www.cummuseum.org).

- Talks & Tea: Mediterranean - Sept. 13
- Artists & World War I: The Battlefront - Sept. 21
- Classical Concert: Mediterranean - Sept. 24
- History of Western Art: Antiquities - Sept. 26
- Summer Nights Art Class: Ceramics - Sept. 26
- Ink, Silk, and Gold Closing Celebration - Oct. 2
- Art Fundamentals: Acrylic Painting - Sept. 6 to Oct. 25
- PDL Opening- Bijoux Parisiens: French Jewelry from the Petit Palais, Paris - Oct. 11
- Cummer Beaches Museum Tour & Bus Trip - Oct. 12
- Member/Community Opening Party - Bijoux Parisiens: French

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- History of Western Art: Early Christian to High Renaissance Art - Oct. 24
- History of Western Art: Baroque Art - Nov. 7
- Art Fundamentals: Acrylic Painting - Nov. 8 to Dec. 20
- Art for Two: Storms Coming! - Nov. 11
- Art for Tots: Be There or Be Square! - Nov. 18
- Art Adventures: Elements of Art! - Nov. 18

### Jacksonville Symphony 2017-2018 Season

The Jacksonville Symphony's 2017-2018 season will begin Sept. 16 with an opening night celebration featuring guest violinist Charlie Siem, followed by "Beethoven and the Blind Banister" on Sept. 29-30.

Performances take place at the Times-Union Center for the Performing Arts, 200 Water St., Jacksonville.

For tickets, call (904) 354-5547 or visit [www.jaxsymphony.org](http://www.jaxsymphony.org)

### Florida Blue Masterworks Series

- "Beethoven and the Blind Banister" Sept. 29-30
- "Czechmate" Oct. 20-21
- "Fabio, Faure and Fantastique" Nov. 10-12
- "German Giants" Dec. 1-3
- "Tchaikovsky's Piano Concerto" Jan. 5-6, 2018
- "Requiem for an Angel" Feb. 2-3, 2018
- "Shostakovich Five" Feb. 23-24, 2018
- "Mozart and Friends" March 16-17, 2018
- "Brahms and Bruckner" April 6-7, 2018
- "Classical Conversations" April 27-28, 2018
- "American Landscapes" May 18-20, 2018
- "Twilight of the Gods" June 1-2, 2018

### Fidelity National Financial Pops Series

- "The Mambo Kings" Sept. 22-24
- "The Texas Tenors" Oct. 6-7
- "The Doo Wop Project" Nov. 17-18
- "Holiday Pops" Dec. 7-10
- "New Year's Eve" Dec. 31
- "The Magic of the Movies" Jan. 26-27, 2018
- "Raiders of the Lost Ark" Feb. 16-17, 2018
- "Crazy Arc of Love" March 2-3, 2018
- "Legends: Diana Ross, Billie Holiday, Beyonce and More" March 23-24, 2018
- "Windborne's Music of David Bowie" April 13-14, 2018
- "Reineke, Rodgers and Hammerstein" May 4-5, 2018
- "Patriotic Pops" May 26, 2018

### Jacksonville Symphony Coffee Series

- "Schubert and Sibelius" Sept. 29
- "Czechmate" Oct. 20
- "The Doo Wop Project" Nov. 17
- "Holiday Pops" Dec. 8
- "The Magic of the Movies" Jan. 26, 2018
- "Appalachian Spring" Feb. 9, 2018
- "Crazy Arc of Love" March 2, 2018
- "Bruckner Symphony No. 7" April 6, 2018
- "Reineke, Rodgers and Hammerstein" May 4, 2018
- "Patriotic Pops" May 25, 2018

### Ponte Vedra Concert Hall

The Ponte Vedra Concert Hall is a multipurpose performing arts

facility located in the heart of Ponte Vedra Beach.

The concert hall is located in the former Cornerstone Baptist Church and underwent a conversion to transform the building into a modern performing arts facility.

The Ponte Vedra Concert Hall is located at 1050 A1A N., Ponte Vedra. For tickets, call (904) 209-0399 or visit [www.pvconcerthall.com](http://www.pvconcerthall.com). Tickets are also available for purchase at Ticketmaster outlets and online at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) or at the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall or St. Augustine Amphitheatre box offices.

- The Psychedelic Furs with guest Bash & Pop - Sept. 23
- Terri Clark - Sept. 27
- Trombone Shorty & Orleans Avenue - Oct. 1
- Joseph with guest Liza Anne - Oct. 2
- Hard Working Americans presented by WFCF - Oct. 4
- Delbert McClinton & Self Made Men - Oct. 6
- The James Hunter Six - Oct. 16
- Conor Oberst with guest The Felice Brothers - Oct. 17
- The California Honeydrops - Oct. 19
- Toad the Wet Sprocket - Oct. 27
- Sister Hazel - Nov. 4
- Ottmar Liebert & Luna Negra - Nov. 12
- Ben Haggard - Dec. 13
- Donna the Buffalo - Dec. 29
- John McCutcheon - Feb. 8, 2018
- Bottle Rockets with Chuck Prophet and The Mission Express - Feb. 16, 2018
- Sierra Hull - Feb. 17, 2018

### St. Augustine Amphitheatre

The St. Augustine Amphitheatre hosts a variety of shows year-round in the outdoor venue. From rock legends to country superstars, the St. Augustine Amphitheatre, helmed by the St. Johns County Cultural Events Division, has attracted an array of talent from a variety of genres.

The theatre is located at 1340C A1A S., St. Augustine. For tickets, call the box office at (904) 209-0367 or visit [www.staugamphitheatre.com](http://www.staugamphitheatre.com). Tickets are also available for purchase at Ticketmaster outlets and online at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) or at the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall or St. Augustine Amphitheatre box offices.

- Blackberry Smoke with guest The Chris Robinson Brotherhood - Sept. 8
- Sammy Hagar & The Circle with guest Collective Soul - Sept. 20
- UB40 Legends Ali, Astro & Mickey - Sept. 21
- 2CELLOS - Sept. 23
- Jack Johnson with guest Bahamas - Oct. 2-3
- STS9 with guests Jade Cicada and SunSquabi - Oct. 7
- The Black Lillies and The Dustbowl Revival - Nov. 8
- Ray Wylie Hubbard - Nov. 9
- Son Volt - Nov. 17

### Florida Theatre

Located at 128 E. Forsyth St., Jacksonville, the Florida Theatre has a full lineup of a variety of entertainment. For tickets, call the ticket office at (904) 355-2787 or visit [www.floridatheatre.com](http://www.floridatheatre.com).

- Who's Bad the Ultimate Michael Jackson Tribute - Aug. 19
- In the Heat of the Night - Aug. 20
- Andrew Dice Clay - Aug. 20
- Blues, Brews and BBQ - Aug. 24
- Jo Koy - Aug. 25-27
- Dirty Dancing 30th Anniversary - Aug. 27



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- Apocalyptica - Plays Metallica by Four Cellos - Sept. 7
- Adam Ant: Anthems Tour - Sept. 10
- The Marshall Tucker Band - 45th Anniversary Tour - Sept. 14
- Peppa Pig LIVE! - Sept. 23
- Brian Regan - Sept. 24
- Jesse Cook - Oct. 3
- Seu Jorge Presents the Life Aquatic: A Tribute to David Bowie - Oct. 5
- Shopkins LIVE! - Oct. 8
- Chris Isaak - Oct. 10
- Russian Grand Ballet Presents Swan Lake - Oct. 11
- An Evening With Neil Degrasse Tyson: An Astrophysicist Reads the Newspaper - Oct. 17
- The Temptations and the Four Tops - Oct. 20
- The Magpie Salute - Oct. 29
- Gary Owen - Nov. 3
- John Cleese and the Holy Grail - Nov. 4
- Ben Folds - Paper Airplane Request Tour - Nov. 10
- Adam Trent: The Next Generation of Magic - Nov. 12
- Celtic Thunder Symphony Tour 2017 - Nov. 18

### Beaches Art Fest

The Beaches Art Festival is presented by the Beaches Museum & History Park and Driftwood Jacksonville Beach and produced by Holiday Art Shows. The event features artists and craftsmen from around the country whose work has been carefully selected for the event by a jury committee.

The Beaches Art Festival starts at 10 a.m. on Oct 14 and ends Oct. 15 at 4 p.m. It will be held outdoors at 498 Pablo Ave. in the heart of Jacksonville Beach.

### Fernandina Beach Arts Market

Open the second and fourth Saturdays of every month from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., the Fernandina Beach Arts Market features musicians, organic treats, locally produced food, arts and crafts. The market takes place at 1 N 7th St. For more information, email [info@FernandinaBeachArtsMarket.com](mailto:info@FernandinaBeachArtsMarket.com).

### Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach

The Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach features exhibitions from local, regional and national artists. The center also features events, arts classes, lectures, workshops and more. The Cultural Center's major fall fundraising event, Havana Nights, occurs on Oct. 21 at Fantasy Farms in Ponte Vedra Beach. The event will feature authentic Cuban cuisine, cocktails, silent auction, music and live entertainment. The Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach is located at 50 Executive Way. It is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

### Museum of Contemporary Art Jacksonville

The Museum of Contemporary Art Jacksonville is a cultural institute partnered with the University of North Florida as a direct support organization. It is located at 333 N. Laura St.

MOCA will feature several exhibits through the fall.

- Synthesize: Art + Music - June 3 to Sept. 24
- Project Atrium: Gabriel Dawe - July 15 to Oct. 29
- Bands of Color: The Use of Line in Contemporary Art - June 3-Aug. 27
- Another Side Revealed: Art With a Heart in Healthcare - Aug. 5-Dec. 3
- Margaret Ross Tolbert: Loss Springs - Sept. 23-Dec. 31



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- Call & Response: Rinterpreting MOCA Jacksonville's Permanent Collection - Oct. 21, 2017-April 1, 2018
- Project Atrium: Juan Fontanive - Nov. 18, 2017-Feb. 18, 2018

### EMMA Concert Association 2017-2018 Season

The 2017-2018 EMMA Concert Association Season will kick off Oct. 7 with Orlando Jazz Orchestra featuring Jazz singer Linda Cole at 7:30 p.m. The concert association will present three evening series performances and one special event in October, December and January. All performances are at Lewis Auditorium at Flagler College, 14 Granada Street, St. Augustine.

#### Evening Series

- Orlando Jazz Orchestra with Jazz Singer Linda Cole - Oct. 7
- Gainesville Orchestra with Conductor Evans Haile - Jan. 13, 2018
- Estonian Symphony Orchestra - Jan. 27, 2018

#### Special Event

- Holiday Traditions with First Coast Opera - Dec. 13

### Sing Out Loud Festival

The Sing Out Loud Festival is a series of free concerts to be held Sept. 8-10, Sept. 15-17 and Sept. 22-24 at multiple venues around St. Augustine such as Colonial Quarter, Planet Sarbez, Nobby's and the St. Augustine Amphitheatre. Visit [www.singoutloudfestival.com](http://www.singoutloudfestival.com) for more information.

#### Lineup

- Steve Earle
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- Lake Street Dive
- Wolf Parade
- Los Lobos
- Deer Tick
- The Infamous Stringdusters
- Justin Townes Earle
- Langhorne Slim
- Matthew Logan Vasquez
- Dave Dimonett (of Trampled by Turtles)
- Joe Pug
- John Moreland
- Lydia Loveless
- Darren Hanlon
- This Frontier Needs Heroes
- Shelley Short
- Wax Wings
- Mariee Sioux
- Blackfood Gypsies

### Amelia Island Jazz Festival

The Amelia Island Jazz Festival presents world-class jazz in many styles, including swing, bebop, Dixieland, big band, Latin and contemporary. During the week-long festival, held Oct 8-15, performances will be staged in several venues around Amelia Island including Saint Michael Parish Hall, Sandy Bottoms Beach Bar & Grill, Amelia Park, Arte Pizza, the Florida House Inn, Horizons, OMNI Hotels and Resorts Amelia Island Plantation. For tickets, visit [www.ameliainlandjazzfestival.com](http://www.ameliainlandjazzfestival.com)

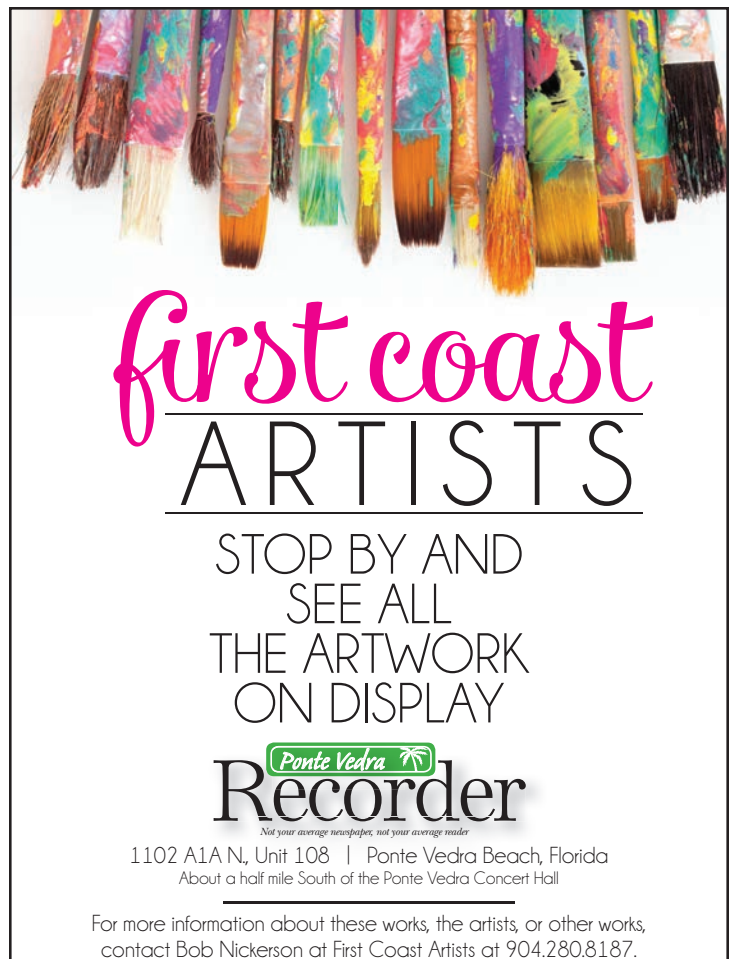


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Director of Instruction Todd Anderson works with a student during a lesson. Photos by Ryan Young and Stan Badz, PGA TOUR

# PGA TOUR UNVEILS UPGRADED PERFORMANCE CENTER AT TPC SAWGRASS

by JON BLAUVELT

The addition of a second story, two new hitting bays and a new training and fitness room are among the enhancements to the PGA TOUR's Performance Center at TPC Sawgrass that reopened to the public in late May after being closed since May 2016 for renovations.

"We have all the things we need to help people improve," says Director of Instruction Todd Anderson, who is considered one of golf's top teachers. "We're excited to get this started and build a tradition here at TPC Sawgrass."

Located on the facility's new second story are a putting lab and the new training and fitness room. The technology used by staff in the putting lab measures more than 20 parameters of the putter head and

ball, including the direction of the putter head and backstroke/forward stroke timing. The lab also utilizes cameras that are placed around the room to provide instructors with varying vantage points of their students' short game. Whereas the center's previous lab only utilized TaylorMade putters, the upgraded facility has expanded to Titleist, Callaway and Ping.

Anderson says that the new training and fitness room will help golfers improve the way their body functions during their swing. If a student has tight shoulders or hips, he says they can now send him/her to the center's fitness specialist, Alex Bennett, who can perform an assessment to determine which exercises or stretches need to be completed to

correct the problem. Included within the room are various weight lifting and cardio machines and exercise equipment, such as medicine and physio balls and balance boards.

A club fitting bay and adjacent club fitting equipment room, which features upgraded equipment and additional shaft partners, are located on the first floor. Instructors here use TrackMan and GCQuad-Foresight technology to determine optimal club and ball data for each individual player. Adjacent to the club fitting bay are instruction bays where instructors work with students to improve their technique.

Outside of the building, the performance center's practice grounds consist of a grass fairway floor in the shape of an "X" to allow shot variations from the teeing ground; five Tif-Eagle target greens with two built to USGA standards; a center wedge target green; a chipping/bunker green and a putting green. The practice grounds also feature the traditional Pete Dye design element of the railroad bulk head.

In addition to Anderson and Bennett, the center's staff includes Jordan Dempsey, who specializes in helping students with their short game; Andrew Lanahan, who teaches many of the center's junior and mid-level students; Josh Gumlia, the center's club fitter; and Joe Rocha, the facility's manager. Anderson emphasizes that each one of the staff members has a different area of expertise and knows what it takes to succeed at the highest level.

"Anybody from a beginner to a tour player, we feel like we can help," says Anderson. "When everybody works together, it's a really, really powerful way to teach."

The performance center is open to the public for appointments Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The full rate cost of instruction ranges from \$200 to \$475 per hour depending on the instructor. TPC Sawgrass members and staff, as well as PGA Tour players, executives and junior players are eligible for discounted rates. Club fitting ranges in cost from \$125 to \$450.

Anderson, who has previously instructed at other training facilities, believes the sky is the limit for the upgraded center at TPC Sawgrass.

"This is the best one I've been involved with," he says. "I feel like we have all the components here to make it one of the best in the world."



Director of Instruction Todd Anderson films the technique of one of his students



The performance center is available for golfers of varying skill levels



The PGA TOUR's Performance Center at TPC Sawgrass now features a new fitness and training room.



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# Coastal Wine Market HOSTS ITALIAN WINEMAKER

In June, Coastal Wine Market & tasting room in Nocatee held a wine-tasting event featuring Italian winemaker Enrico Nesi.

A member of the Frescobaldi family, Italy's oldest family of winemakers, Nesi discussed and shared some of his favorite wines with guests, including a Castiglioni Chianti and a Tenuta Frescobaldi di Castiglioni.

The Castiglioni Chianti, a red wine made in 2015, had a unique, fruity flavor with notes of cherry, strawberry and raspberry, but also had delicate floral scents of rose and violet. Nesi suggested pairing it with full-flavored dishes like roast

chicken or sautéed beef with vegetables.

The Tenuta Frescobaldi di Castiglioni, another red wine, was made in 2014 and was characterized by red berry scents, followed by toasted notes of cocoa, coffee and tobacco. According to Nesi, this wine is best paired with game such as hare or boar.

Coastal Wine Market & tasting room is located at 641 Crosswater Parkway B and offers a variety of wines, craft beers and artisan foods for pairing, as well as weekly wine tastings. For more information, visit [www.coastalwinemarket.com](http://www.coastalwinemarket.com).



Coastal Wine Market & Tasting Room  
Co-Owner Steve Lourie and Enrico Nesi  
Photo by Susan Griffin

## FIRST COAST GARDENING DUO PRESENTS 'DOWNTON ABBEY'

by JON BLAUVELT

# Flower Demonstration

Local gardening duo, "The Sisterhood of the Travelling Plants," recently presented a "Downton Abbey"-themed demonstration of floral arrangements at St. Augustine's Lightner Museum to drum up interest in the museum's upcoming exhibition, "Dressing Downton: Changing Fashions for Changing Times."

Comprised of Garden Club of St. Augustine members Cathy Synder and Marilyn Smith, the Sisterhood has been presenting Downton-themed arrangements for six years, bringing to life the flowers seen throughout the hit PBS television series centered on an English estate on the cusp of a vanishing way of life. Synder and Smith, who formed the Sisterhood 13 years ago, said the Downton event provides them with the opportunity to work with roses, a flower that is common to the show.

Elizabeth Graham from the Lightner Museum said the event provided First Coast residents with a preview of the museum's upcoming Downton-themed exhibition, which will run from Oct. 4 through Jan. 7 in the Grand Ballroom Gallery. She explained that the exhibition will feature nearly 40 costumes from the show's time period surrounding World War I, paired with Otto Lightner's collection of turn-of-the-century fine art and furniture.

Graham noted that a gala will be held Tuesday, Oct. 3 from 7 to 10 p.m. at the museum to celebrate the opening of the exhibition. Tickets are \$125 and can be purchased online at [www.lightnermuseum.org/opening-reception](http://www.lightnermuseum.org/opening-reception).



Marilyn Smith and Cathy Snyder of  
"The Sisterhood of the Travelling  
Plants" gather prior to the "Downton  
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Each year, CHS helps more than 10,000 children and family members be successful in Northeast Florida and 50,000 children and family members throughout the state of Florida. The organization, founded in 1902, is the oldest and largest statewide organization devoted to helping children and families. For more information, visit [www.chsfl.org](http://www.chsfl.org).



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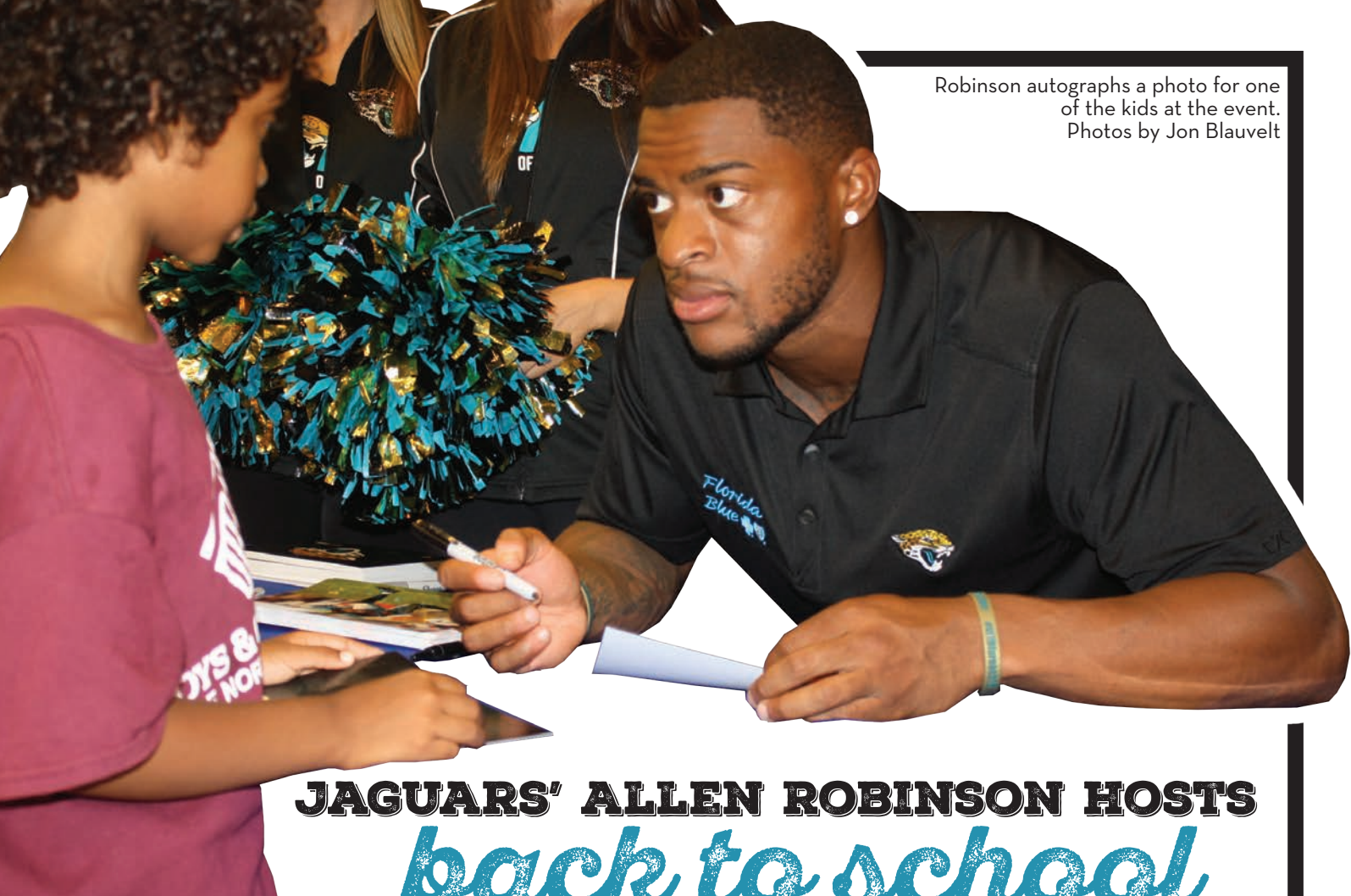
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Robinson autographs a photo for one of the kids at the event.  
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## JAGUARS' ALLEN ROBINSON HOSTS *back to school* PROGRAM

by JON BLAUVELT

Earlier this summer, Jacksonville Jaguars wide receiver Allen Robinson provided 50 local kids from the Boys & Girls Club of Northeast Florida the opportunity to go on a back-to-school shopping spree at Academy Sports + Outdoors.

Racing up and down the store's aisles with their parents, Robinson, Jaguars cheerleaders and other team representatives at their side, the kids picked out shoes, clothing, sports accessories, backpacks and other supplies to prepare for the upcoming school year. In addition to shopping, the kids anxiously awaited in line to receive an autograph from Robinson and take a photo with the football star. Throughout the evening, jaws consistently dropped as many of the kids came face-to-face with one of their all-time favorite players.

"It's a once-in-a-lifetime experience," said one of the kids at the conclusion of the event.

Robinson held the back-to-school program for the second consecutive year as part of his Within Reach Foundation, which strives to provide educational opportunities and resources to low-income and inner-city Jacksonville-area students to help put success within their reach.

"It's just so fun giving back and seeing all the excitement from the kids and the parents," said Robinson, who was drafted out of Penn State by the Jaguars in 2014. "I was blessed with the opportunity to be able to have football cleats and basketball sneakers and things

like that to be able to do what I wanted to do."

Boys & Girls Club of Northeast Florida Southwind Villas Unit Director Caryl Anthony said the event meant a lot to the kids.

"It's a great opportunity for us to come out with the Jaguars, have a good time and let the kids do some shopping," he said. "It gives them [the kids] a little bit more insight on seeing someone who's made it in life. They can look up to him and possibly follow in his footsteps."

Following the event, Robinson announced that his 2nd annual Celebrity Surf & Turf will be held Monday, Oct. 2 at Epping-Forest Yacht & Country Club in Jacksonville. In addition to meeting their favorite Jaguars players, guests will enjoy a cocktail reception and dinner and have an opportunity to participate in live and silent auctions that will benefit Robinson's foundation.

Sponsorships and tickets can be purchased online at [allenrobinson15.org](http://allenrobinson15.org). Single premium tickets are available for \$350 per guest and include a Jacksonville Jaguars signature series football for celebrity autographs. All tickets include hors d'oeuvres, a four-course meal and wine as well as tax, gratuity and valet service. Outside memorabilia is prohibited.

For more information about Robinson's Within Reach Foundation and the Celebrity Surf & Turf event or to purchase sponsorship packages and tickets, please visit [allenrobinson15.org](http://allenrobinson15.org).



Noah Dixon, Marquel McCord, Dante Brown, Allen Robinson and Junyzi Alvarez



The kids gather with Robinson, other Jaguars team members and personnel from Academy Sports + Outdoors following the shopping spree.



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# TOPPING OUT

by JON BLAUVELT

The St. Johns County School District (SJCS D) and construction management firm Charles Perry Partners, Inc. (CPPI) hosted a “topping out” ceremony this summer to celebrate continued construction progress of the district’s new K-8 school slated to open in Nocatee for the 2018-2019 school year.

Held at the school’s construction site at 2135 Palm Valley Road, which is adjacent to Nocatee’s Twenty Mile neighborhood, the event featured the ceremonial placement of the last steel beam atop the structure, marking the conclusion of the school’s roof and a milestone for the CPPI contractors. District and CPPI representatives, as well as officials from architecture firm Harvard Jolly Architecture, signed the final beam before a crane lifted it atop the three-story building.

“It really has been a team effort, and it’s taken everybody putting in a lot of hard work and a lot of energy,” said SJCS D District 4 School Board Member Kelly Barrera during remarks at the beginning of the ceremony. “It really is going to benefit students, our families and the employees in our district.”

Up to 1,500 students are expected to attend the school, which is currently entitled “KK” until a permanent name is chosen. The building sits on 30 acres of property and consists of 190,000 square feet of operational space and 73 classrooms, according to SJCS D Executive Director for Facilities and New Construction Paul Rose. The school, Rose added, is being built and constructed to meet green building standards.

SJCS D Deputy Superintendent for Operations Cathy Mittelstadt explained in her remarks that the new facility is a product of the county’s continued growth in population, which she noted is rising by five percent each year. She added that revenues from the half-cent sales tax increase, which was enacted by St. Johns County voters in 2015 to support growing capital needs of the district, are helping to fund the school.

“We need new locations for students to perform and have an opportunity for great academic opportunities,” said Mittelstadt about the

school, which will ultimately cost \$35 million to build. “Today is evidence of that progress as we continue to move forward.”

PARC Group Community Manager David Ray agreed that the school is necessary to meet the community’s growth.

“One of the major reasons people move to Nocatee is the school system,” he said. “Seeing this, seeing this school come online, is something very essential and very exciting for everyone.”

Nicole Cubbedge, SJCS D’s executive director for planning and government relations, elaborated that in addition to revenues from the sales tax increase, funding is also coming from school impact fees and school proportionate share mitigation fees, noting that the latter have only been a funding source for the district since 2008.

Cubbedge explained that the process of creating an attendance zone for the new school will start in the fall. She said it will be a public process, including town hall meetings and input at school board workshops. A public vote on the school’s attendance zone, she said, will take place in the November/December timeframe. Cubbedge noted that the naming process for the school will subsequently take place in 2018 once a principal is appointed.

Will Inman, a CPPI employee in the areas of business development and project management, said the “topping off” ceremony provided the district and CPPI with the opportunity to thank the contractors who have been working in the peak of the Florida heat to construct their vision into a reality.

“It’s a significant day because it represents the amount of accomplishment we’ve done out here over the past eight months of construction,” said Inman, whose company hosted a barbecue luncheon for the contractors following the ceremony. “The point of today is to thank them. We’re honored that the school district could participate with us in encouraging and telling these guys how much we appreciate what they’ve done.”



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A crane lifts the final steel beam atop the new K-8 school in Nocatee at a "topping out" ceremony.



Contractors at the school construction site enjoy a barbecue lunch at the ceremony.



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# BACK TO SCHOOL

## Style Guide

by SAMANTHA LOGUE

There's no better way to start off a new school year than with the confidence boost that comes with an updated wardrobe. To help kids stay ahead of the style curve, the First Coast Register has compiled the following list of this fall's biggest trends.

### Vintage Vibes

Every few years or so, the trends of the 1970s come back into style, and 2017 is another one of those years. That means the boho chic look is back, with flowing fabrics, floral prints, maxi skirts, tassels and ruffles galore. The off-the-shoulder tops of the warmer months will fit right in with this free-spirited trend.

The high-waisted mini skirt will also make a comeback, as well as the glittery, shiny fabrics of the disco generation. Keep a look-out for high, Victorian necklines and flapper fringe to make appearances, as well. This season, vintage is vital.

### Denim

Nothing quite says "fall" like denim, and this season, it will be everywhere. Denim jeans, skirts, jackets and more will all be necessities for those wishing to stay on trend. For pants, hemlines will be getting an update. Opt for a flared hem, or try the new cropped, straight-leg trend. The slouchy "boyfriend" jean will also be popular. Stand out with embellishments like patches, studs, embroidery and destroyed detailing.

### Unexpected Layering

Every year, as the temperatures cool down, the layers pile on. This year, however, this classic fall look will be given a creative and unexpected twist. T-shirts under dresses, long sleeves under short; it doesn't really matter. Have fun and mix it up, because the rules of layering have never been so lax.

### Mixed Prints

Mix and match loud and unique prints to create a playful contrast. Stripes, polka dots, camouflage and florals will be matched with graphic prints and patterns. This trend is all about being bold, daring and different, and will be complimented by a color palette including warm autumnal shades of red, burnt orange and plum, as well as neutrals like navy and gray.

### Athleisure

What happens when everyday, casual clothing is given an active, sporty update? The result is "athleisure," a style of clothing that incorporates many of the same fabrics and materials as active wear, but is better suited for a more casual, laid-back setting. This trend will be big this fall, so watch for athletic-inspired wear like varsity jackets, sweatshirts, track pants and joggers embellished with the bold and creative accents that will characterize this season.






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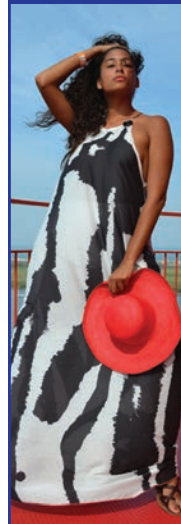


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Collage Day School, a private learning institution for infants through fifth grade, recently opened in Palm Valley.

“There’s some very unique philosophies associated with the school that we believe strongly in,” said Karen Rieley, the school’s marketing and admissions officer, responsible for the school’s website, marketing, community outreach, branding, communications and admissions efforts.

According to Rieley, Collage provides students with a distinct academic environment through differentiated learning, a philosophy in which faculty and administration work individually with each student to maximize their strengths and grow their self-confidence. The school also utilizes the Reggio Emilia approach, a teaching framework based on the four components of the learning environment: the child, the teacher, the family being part of the learning process and the classroom itself.

“If a parent comes out to look at our classroom, the first thing the parent notices is we have very active looking classrooms,” Rieley explained. “There’s a lot of things going on in the classroom and a lot of elements of the classroom...that are there to encourage active learning. There is formal instruction, but there’s also a lot of opportunity for them to work individually and also in groups to really express themselves.”

Another unique element of Collage, Rieley said, is the school’s Timber Nook program, which offers students the opportunity to learn outdoors and explore nature on an 8-acre campus featuring an organic garden, a music and art garden and a social area.

“There’s a lot of activity outside that’s far beyond just playing on the swing set,” Rieley added.

Collage Day School’s curriculum offers children the basics, such as math, science, language arts and reading. The difference, according to the school’s website, is its academic philosophy teaches students how to think, rather than what to think. That statement, Rieley noted, is not an indictment on the public-school system.

“It’s not an indictment at all,” she said. “It’s simply stating a philosophy that we’re really trying to hold our standard to, and we believe we’ve seen it be successful already, and we believe it will be a great environment to bring to the Palm Valley/Ponta Vedra Beach area.”

Rieley cited the growth of Nocatee and the surrounding communities as the main reason for opening Collage in Ponte Vedra. Additionally, she revealed that the school’s Chief Executive Officer Dr. Katie Falwell lives in Ponte Vedra and has two young children.

“She knew the niche and the need within that niche, so this is a great way to educate her children as well as other children,” Rieley said.

# INDEPENDENT PRIVATE SCHOOL NOW OPEN IN

# *Palm Valley*

by BENJAMIN NAIM



A classroom at Collage Day School



Students dressed for school pose for a picture outside. Photos courtesy of Collage Day School

# PELINDABA LAVENDER REVEALS HIDDEN SECRETS OF A FRAGRANT

## floral favourite

by SAMANTHA LOGUE

With the popularity of organic products on the rise, consumers are increasingly turning to natural remedies and solutions for their everyday needs. In Fernandina Beach on Amelia Island, there is a store that has honed in on this rising trend and given it a fragrant flair.

Pelindaba Lavender, a Washington-based franchise, is a company that exclusively sells lavender-based products. From essential oils and lotions to cleaning products and jewelry, every Pelindaba product includes lavender.

Pam James, co-owner of the Amelia Island franchise, says that she feels the store is the perfect addition to the Fernandina community, due to the growing demand for organic products in that area.

“Lavender fits in very well with holistic and natural healing,” she says. “It’s a natural antiseptic and anesthetic, so it improves healing for cuts, scrapes, burns and things like that. With more and more people looking towards natural healing versus medicines, it seemed like a great fit.”

James says that she and co-owner Heather Edge decided to embark upon their business venture after a trip to the Pelindaba Lavender Farm in Friday Harbor, Washington. The soon-to-be business partners toured the farm and were astonished by what they learned.

“After learning all of the wonderful qualities of lavender, all of the wonderful things it can be used for – from the therapeutic to personal care items, culinary items, house cleaning, anything you can think of – we were like, ‘This is fantastic!’” James says.

The two were so taken with the lavender farm that they decided to bring the experience home with them to the First Coast.

“We started talking to the founder about the potential of opening a small business in Fernandina,” James says. “We tested products, we had friends test products, we had family test products and we were all very impressed

with the quality of them, so that’s kind of how we got started. Next thing you know, we’re preparing to open a store.”

The Amelia Island franchise, which opened in March, was one of the first to open, and it is the only location on the East Coast. The name “Pelindaba Lavender,” James explains, is a homage to the heritage of the company’s founder.

“The founder of the company, Stephen Robins, actually was born and raised in South Africa,” says James. “Pelindaba is a place in South Africa, but it is also a Zulu term meaning ‘place of great gathering.’”

James and Edge strive to incorporate that concept at their own store as well.

“We have a garden area in front of the store that we put some lavender Adirondack chairs in and that’s our little ‘place of great gathering,’” James says. “Customers and people going by the store can just sit out front and enjoy the smell of lavender as it escapes the building.”

James says that Pelindaba’s lavender insect repellent is not only a customer favorite, but one of hers as well.

“As far as personal care items go, the lavender insect repellent is an awesome product,” she says. “It smells a lot better than all the other items on the market, and it works great for mosquitoes, as well as gnats.”

Educational placards can be found throughout the Amelia Island store, allowing visitors the opportunity to read about the unique, lesser-known uses for lavender while they shop. James encourages all those interested in learning more about the practical plant to stop by.

“Beyond just the fact that we have great products, I think it’s a great experience to come in and see all the various things that you can do with lavender, everything that you can make with lavender, and to learn more about the Pelindaba store,” James says.



Pelindaba Lavender personal care items include hair, skin care and bath products. Photos by Samantha Logue

# AIFBY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HOSTS BUSINESS AFTER HOURS AT

# Sliders Seaside Grill

The Amelia Island, Fernandina Beach and Yulee (AIFBY) Chamber of Commerce recently held one of its Business After Hours events at Sliders Seaside Grill in Fernandina Beach.

Occurring the third Thursday of each month, the Business After Hours gatherings provide local business people with the opportunity to connect with each other and help generate referrals for their respective businesses. The events always feature food, drinks and door prizes, too.

Attendees of the event at Sliders enjoyed an assortment of food, including Virginia ham and brie sliders, smoked turkey and swiss sliders, Angus beef sliders and shrimp mousse, triple chocolate mousse and assorted mini desserts including brownies, cookies, cake bites, macaroons and key lime tarts. Attendees also enjoyed music from Jamie Renee & The Walkers and The Brown Goose band.

According to the AIFBY Chamber's website, the organization is a membership-based group of Nassau County businesses, professional leaders and individuals working together to provide leadership and promote and defend responsible economic growth, employment opportunities, government and excellence in education and quality of life.

Upcoming AIFBY Chamber events include the chamber's monthly morning networking event NetPerks Aug. 25 at 8:30 a.m. at Amelia Island Culinary Academy. The event is free for members and \$25 for nonmembers. Also upcoming is the Yulee Council meeting Sept. 12 at 8:30 a.m. at The Reserve at Amelia. Held the second Tuesday of every month, this meeting is also free for members and \$25 for nonmembers. The AIFBY Chamber will hold its next Business After Hours at Surf Restaurant, Bar and Beach Motel Sept. 21 at 5 p.m., as well as a community wellness fair Sept. 23 at 9 a.m. at the chamber office in Fernandina Beach.

For more information on upcoming events, the AIFBY Chamber in general and how to join, visit <http://islandchamber.com/>.



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The 16th annual Delicious Destinations celebration of inspired food and wines, featuring chefs from some of the South's top restaurants and resorts, will take place Sept. 7-9 at the Ponte Vedra Inn & Club.

The celebration's events include a Celebrity Chef by the Sea Luncheon with Chef Lior Lev Secarz Sept. 7 at 11:30 a.m.; a Sponsor's Private Evening Reception with food prepared by Executive Chef Hermann Muller of the Ponte Vedra Inn & Club Sept. 8 at 7 p.m.; and the main Gourmet Food & Wine Tasting event with chefs showcasing their talent Sept. 9 at 7 p.m. Tickets for the Sept. 7 luncheon are \$150. Tickets for the Sept. 9 food and wine tasting event are \$250. (For young professionals ages 32 and under, tickets are \$150.)

Over the last decade, some of the most renowned culinary names have appeared at Delicious Destinations, including Paul

Prudhomme, John Ashe and White House chefs Walter Scheib and Neil Connoly. The food and wine tasting festival will feature the work of expert chefs paired with wines from an assortment of select domestic and international vineyards. Additionally, guests can participate in live and silent auctions along with a drawing of special prizes from spa and restaurant gift certificates to catered dinners and weekend getaways.

Proceeds from the festival will benefit the St. Vincent's Healthcare Foundation and its Community Outreach Ministries, which provide free medical care to underserved men, women and children in Northeast Florida and Southeast Georgia. Services include health screenings, diagnostic testing and immunizations.

For more information, contact Lauren Corley at (904) 308-7306 or visit [deliciousdestinationsjax.com](http://deliciousdestinationsjax.com).



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# JIM COURIER TO SPEAK AT MALIVAI WASHINGTON YOUTH FOUNDATION'S CHAMPIONS FOR CHILDREN GALA

Former World No. 1 tennis player Jim Courier will be the featured speaker at Malivai Washington Youth Foundation's Champions for Children Gala Oct. 19 in Jacksonville.

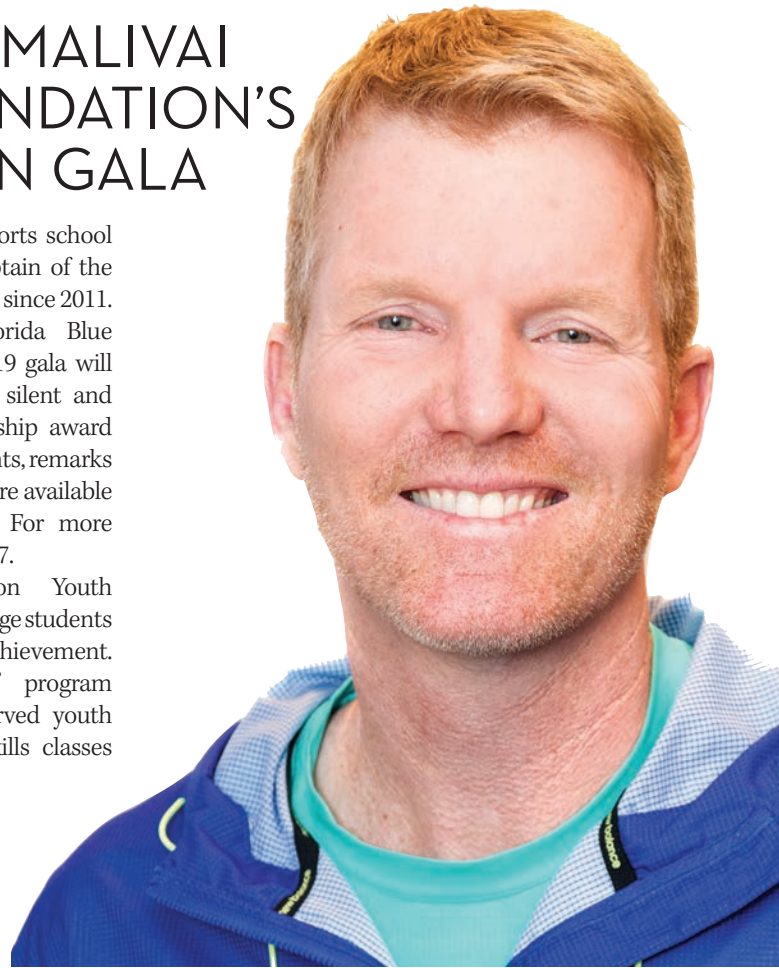
Courier won four Grand Slam singles crowns, 23 ATP singles titles and reached the No. 1 world ranking over the course of his 12-year career from 1988 to 2000. He was also a member of two United States Davis Cup-winning teams and is one of 16 men in tennis history to reach the finals of all four major championships. Courier was inducted into the International Tennis Hall of Fame in July 2005.

Today, Courier is an avid competitor on the PowerShares Series tennis circuit and a television analyst on the broadcasts of the four majors. He is also the founder

of Courier's Kids, which supports school tennis programs, and the captain of the United States Davis Cup Team since 2011.

To be held at the Florida Blue Conference Center, the Oct. 19 gala will include a cocktail reception, silent and live auctions, dinner, scholarship award presentations to MWYF students, remarks by Courier and more. Tickets are available at [www.malwashington.com](http://www.malwashington.com). For more information, call (904) 359-5437.

The Malivai Washington Youth Foundation uses tennis to engage students and promote academic achievement. MWYF's "Tennis-n-Tutoring" program assists Jacksonville's underserved youth with daily homework, life skills classes and tennis lessons.



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# First Coast runners

PARTICIPATE IN 33RD ANNUAL BRIDGE OF LIONS 5K

Runners from up and down the First Coast flocked to St. Augustine this summer to participate in the 33rd Bridge of Lions 5K.

The race started at the historic Castillo de San Marcos, with participants then running across the Bridge of Lions and through St. Augustine's Davis Shores neighborhood. The 5K concluded at Oglethorpe Park, where runners enjoyed post-race refreshments and snacks and received T-shirts, finisher medals and goody bags.

17-year-old Sean Snyder of Palm Coast ran the race's fastest time at 17:15.



Ericka Brockish, Jenna Ayoub and Jamie Boehlein  
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Kenny Johnson and Tyler Guthrie



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## GRILLING TIPS from a local pro

by JON BLAUVELT



With Labor Day and football season around the corner, the First Coast Register connected with Chef Tommy McDonough, the owner of Ponte Vedra Beach's international sandwich shop Flavor Palette, to ask him a few questions about what it takes to become a grill master.

*What are some of your secrets behind grilling?*

- Be patient!
- Bring your meats up to room temperature (roughly 30-45 minutes) to ensure even cooking.
- Rest your meats for five minutes after cooking and before cutting to prevent juices from running onto the cutting board instead of the meat.
- Since meat temperatures carry over to a higher temperature while resting, take your meats off somewhat earlier than you would think. For example, if you want your meat done medium, take it off the grill at medium rare.
- Use a combination of direct and indirect heat by loading coals to one section of the grill. Directly above the coals is where you will sear items; the side without coals should be used to bring items to the desired temperature without burning.

*What can people do to add flavor to their foods?*

Marinate items overnight, use dry rubs and baste

your foods with flavor liquids such as apple juice on pork items. Another pro move is to use fruit woods soaked in apple juice.

*When it comes to football season, which foods would you recommend for the grill?*

- Chimichurri marinated hanger steaks
- Jerk chicken
- Pastor marinated pork for tacos
- Experiment with different types of sausages such as merguez and bratwurst.

*What safety measures should people take?*

Part one has to do with food safety and cross contamination with raw meats and cooked/ready-to-eat foods. Always wash your hands and use designated tongs when handling raw chicken. Always use a thermometer to make sure chicken reaches a minimum internal temperature of 165 degrees.

Part two has to do with fire safety. Make sure your grill is at least 10 feet away from your house and any combustible materials. Make certain the grill is stable without any wobbles or leans. If flare ups occur, instead of using water, close the grill lid and air ports. (Without oxygen fire can't exist!)

Contact Chef Tommy at Flavor Palette at (904)834-3339.

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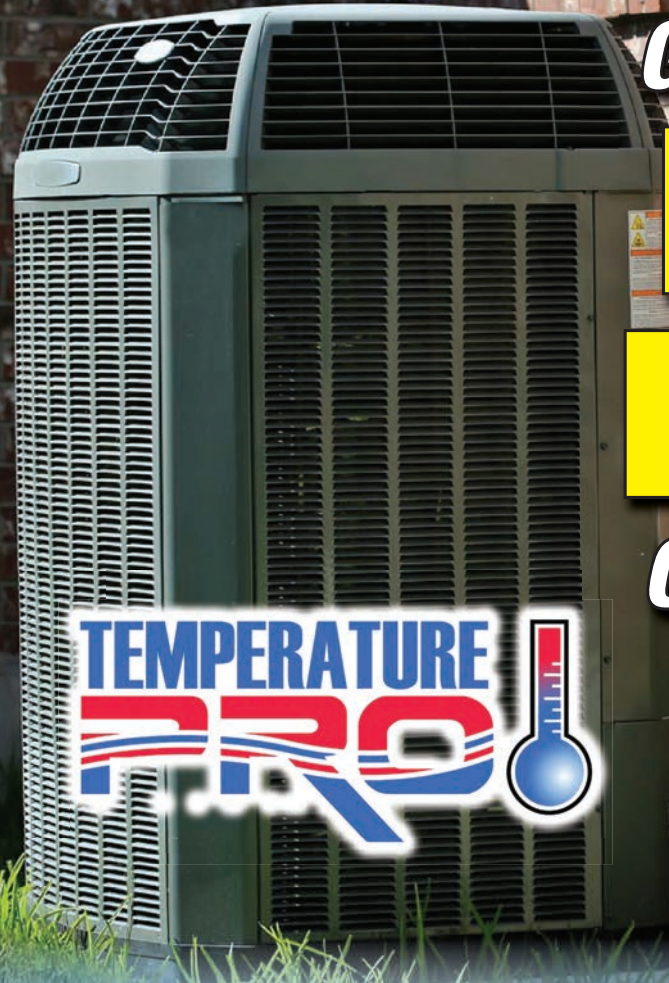
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Dr. Loren Clayman is past president of the Jacksonville Society of Plastic Surgeons, and a member of the American Society of Plastic Surgeons and the American Society for Aesthetic Plastic Surgery. He is the only surgeon in North Florida who is double board certified by the American Board of Plastic Surgery and the American Board of Otolaryngology- Head & Neck Surgery.

Dr. Loren Clayman trained at Harvard University where he was an All-American Athlete. He graduated from Tufts Medical School, interned at the University of Pennsylvania and did his surgical training at St. Elizabeth's Medical Center. He completed his Otolaryngology residency at Jefferson Medical Center and a second residency in Plastic Surgery at the University of Florida in Jacksonville.

Dr. Clayman served in the U.S. Air Force during the Vietnam War, and performed extensive facial reconstruction on the first returning prisoners of war.

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Dr. Clayman welcomed his son, Dr. Mark Clayman, also a Board Certified Plastic Surgeon, to the practice. He is a member of the American Society of Plastic Surgeons and the American Society for Aesthetic Plastic Surgery. He is a 2016 recipient of the Patient Satisfaction Award, recognizing excellence. Patients recognized Dr. Mark Clayman as a Top 10 Doctor in Northeast Florida. He also received the Compassionate Doctor Award and The Patients' Choice 5th Anniversary Award of which only 1% of all doctors in the United States are bestowed this honor by their patients.

Dr. Clayman was voted a "Best of Jax" winner and "#1 in the 904" in the category of Top Plastic Surgeon in Northeast Florida. The practice was also voted "Bold City Best of Jax" in the practice of plastic surgery. He has twice received the Outstanding Research Award by the American Society for Aesthetic Plastic Surgery and by the Florida Society of Plastic Surgeons. His numerous and notable accomplishments earned him the prestigious Jacksonville Business Journal's Top 40 Under 40 Award ( 2015).

Dr. Mark Clayman began his educational journey at Harvard University where he was Captain of the Varsity Track Team and a Division I All-American Athlete. He completed his Surgical & Plastic Surgery training at the University of Florida in Gainesville, FL. and enhanced his training throughout Brazil, and brings cutting edge advancements to the practice.

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