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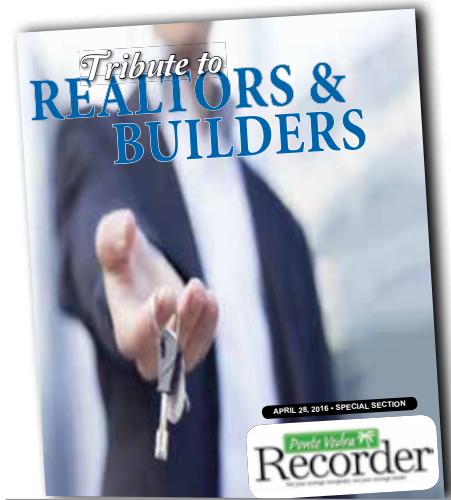
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Officials say
new law won't
impact county
schools



Photo by Jasmine Marshall

Local officials say the St. Johns County School District – which is struggling to keep pace with growing enrollment – doesn't have the capacity to accept out-of-district students under the state's new school choice law. Read more on **Page 3**.

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Solutions correspond to last week's puzzles.

WHAT'S THIS?



Do you know what this is?

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

Several readers correctly identified last week's photo as Pineapple Post. Winner of the random drawing was **Bruce Ream**. Congratulations!

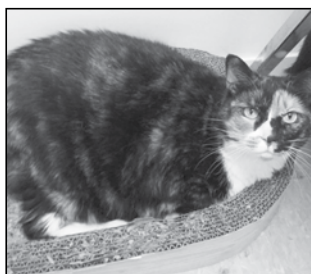
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Superintendent 'cautiously optimistic' new school choice law won't negatively impact St. Johns County Schools

By Jennifer Logue

The superintendent of the St. Johns County School District is "cautiously optimistic" that county schools won't be negatively impacted by new education legislation recently signed into law by Gov. Rick Scott.

Beginning with the 2017-2018 school year, Florida students will be able to attend any public school in the state that has space available. Locally, that means students residing in Duval, Clay, Putnam or other nearby counties could apply to attend public schools in St. Johns County, the top-ranked school system in the state. While out-of-district students would be required to provide their own transportation, once an out-of-district student was accepted at a school, he or she could not lose that seat to an in-district student.

Proponents of the law say it will enable more Florida parents to provide a high-quality education for their children.

"By expanding Florida's school choice options, parents and students will be able to find an education solu-

tion that best fits their needs," Florida House Speaker Steve Crisafulli (R-Merritt Island) said in a statement following the law's April 14 signage.

For a school district that is growing at a rate of 3 to 4 percent and building two to three new schools a year just to keep pace with enrollment, however, the new law does pose challenges, St. Johns County School Superintendent Joseph Joyner acknowledged.

"We opposed it from the very beginning," Joyner said. "We don't have any empty seats, so any seat we give up is problematic."

As of September 2015, the St. Johns County School District had 35,704 students in grades K-12. Because of the county's significant population growth, Joyner said, the school district's planning includes seats allocated for anticipated students who will one day live in the many new communities currently under development across the county.

"The problem comes when someone takes a seat that you had planned for upcoming development," he said. "If someone comes from out of county and takes that seat, when

new homes are built here, that seat is taken."

Complicating matters, he added, is the fact the state Department of Education has yet to provide school districts with technical assistance to ensure the new law is properly implemented. "We just want to know what the rules are so we can start mapping our plan out," Joyner said. "We intend to protect our future seats aggressively."

To that end, Joyner said, education leaders have been lobbying officials to let individual school districts determine their capacity. That would give St. Johns County the ability to ensure seats remained available for current and future county residents.

"I could say, 'These houses are being built, we need those seats,'" Joyner said. "In my verbal discussions with

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Elected officials update Chamber on legislative session

Mental health services, Summer Haven River restoration among recently funded projects

By Jennifer Logue

Restoring the Summer Haven River and aiding residents struggling with mental health issues were among the legislative accomplishments highlighted by local elected officials last week at the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce quarterly Economic Development Council breakfast.

Held April 22 at the Renaissance Resort at World Golf Village, the event featured a legislative update from state Sen. Travis Hutson, state representatives Cyndi Stevenson and Paul Renner, and Board of County Commissioners Chairman Jeb Smith. In describing their activities at the county and state levels, officials noted that many of their actions were aimed at making government operate more efficiently, or in some cases undoing the damage unwittingly caused by government in the first place.

In the case of the Summer Haven River, for example, state Rep. Paul Renner noted that problems initially arose when the government stopped spending a few thousand dollars a year to replenish the dunes and maintain the area.

As a result, he said, storms eroded the dunes and silt built up in the river, destroying the area's oystering activities and impacting navigation.

"So what was originally a \$1,000 problem became a multimillion-dollar problem," Renner said.

Thanks to the efforts of local legislators, he noted, the recently passed \$82 billion state budget included \$2.8 million to restore the Summer Haven River.

FACT Team

Stevenson noted that residents of St. Johns and Putnam counties will now have access to expanded mental health services through \$1.3 million in funding to bring a Florida Assertive Community Treatment (FACT) team to the region. Comprised of psychiatrists, nurses, case managers and other clinical professionals, the FACT team provides wraparound services to assist residents struggling with mental health issues and prevent them from requiring hospitalization.

"It costs \$120,000 to care for someone in an in-patient setting," she said, "but just \$12,000 to stabilize them in an outpatient setting."

Stevenson also discussed the recent passage of the state's new school choice law, which allows Florida students to attend any public school in the state if there is space available.

"When I first heard about this bill, I thought the same thing everybody else did — 'Are you crazy?'" she said. "But this bill wasn't written for St. Johns County. It was written for people trying to find a way to get their children a good education."

Stevenson said the law was designed for good schools that had available capacity and wanted to open seats to students who wanted them.

In contrast, the top-ranked St. Johns County School District has no available capacity — a determination, she stressed, that was strictly up to local school officials to make.

Hutson noted that despite having a state delegation comprised of freshman legislators in a political environment where seniority rules,



Photos by Susan Griffin

Cyndi Stevenson, Paul Renner, Travis Hutson, Isabelle Rodriguez and Jeb Smith



Greg Hunting and County Commissioner Bill McClure

St. Johns County was well-represented due to the level of cooperation among them.

"As a freshman senator, my two colleagues next to me made my job a lot easier," Hutson said. "We work really well together; when one of us takes the lead on an issue, the others are there to offer help and support."

Renner agreed. "Some people worry about knowing all the rules, while others say it's more important to know the Rule Chairman," he quipped. "But we work cooperatively. We look at the entire Northeast Florida region and recognize that problems don't end at the county line. Because we work together, we can outpunch our weight."

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legislators, they said that was their intent. So I am hopeful and cautiously optimistic."

School Board Member Kelly Barrera concurred with Joyner's assessment.

"Dr. Joyner has been at the forefront

of this issue," Barrera said. "He's been in contact with Tallahassee, and I trust we will be able to do what's necessary."

Barrera noted that because the new law isn't scheduled to take effect until the 2017-2018 school year, school officials have time to try to address the challenges the law may pose for high-growth school districts such as St.

Johns County.

"I think we have time to address this legislatively," she said, "and that next year we'll have an opportunity to make revisions."

State Rep. Cyndi Stevenson also agreed that the intent of the new law was to leave the decision as to whether a school district had the space to accept out-of-district stu-

dents in local hands.

"This has to be completely within the school board's discretion," Stevenson said last week at a St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce economic development event. "What's in this (law) now is local control of the decision to determine if there is capacity... and if we need to, we'll do more work in that area to get it right."

Council on Aging marks opening of new Ponte Vedra adult day care program

By Jennifer Logue

County and state officials joined with the St. Johns County Council on Aging and members of the community last week to celebrate the opening of the Ponte Vedra Memory Care Center's new state-licensed adult day care program.

Held April 21 at the Memory Care Center – located adjacent to the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall – the event included refreshments, tours of the facility and a presentation on dementia by Robert Trenholm of the AgeWell Center for Senior Health. Also on hand was state Secretary for Elder Affairs Sam Verghese, County Commissioner Jay Morris and Council on Aging staff and board members who helped raise the funding needed to create the center.

“This is called ‘inspiration plus hard work equals magic,’” said former Council on Aging Executive Director Cathy Brown, who worked with Morris, COA board members and the community to make the center a reality. “This place is gonna be poppin! It’s a real solution for this community.”

Brown said that an estimated 1,200 residents in Ponte Vedra Beach alone are struggling with Alzheimer’s or some other form of dementia. To address that need, the Memory Care Center offers programs for people at various stages of memory loss. The Integrative Memory Enhancement Program offers an ongoing program for individuals with either diagnosed or suspected early-stage memory loss. The five-hour program meets from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. twice a week and incorporates a variety of games, activities and mental stimulation exercises, along with chair aerobics and meditation.

At the open house, for example, program leaders took participants through a trivia contest, singing popular songs and trying to identify the singer.

“Currently, the Council on Aging operates the program at nine locations across the county,” said IMEP’s Michelle Sanchez, noting that the program fee is \$10 per hour. “Some grant funding is available for those who need financial assistance.”

The newly opened adult day care program, meanwhile, provides services for individuals with more advanced memory loss or dementia. Open for three weeks, the adult day care operates from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. In addition to a large general gathering space known as the “Sunshine Center,” the facility includes an activities room where participants can take part in arts and crafts and music therapy. Rehabilitation services are also provided on-site by therapists from Brooks Rehab.

“Day services are one piece of the puzzle,” Brown said. “It provides family



Barry Griffin of Griswold Home Care, Kristi O’Neal of American In-Home Care, Carolyn McHenry of Griswold Home Care; and Matt Robinson of American In-Home Care



Council on Aging Board Member Bruce Barber, County Commissioner Jay Morris and former Council on Aging Executive Director Kathy Brown

members with peace of mind and some respite and buys some time during that downward slope. It’s the rational, kind thing for us as a community to do.”

The center also provides activities and services for participants’ family members, she added.

“The secondary victim of dementia is the caregiver,” she said, “so we do a lot around providing caregivers with support.”

Council on Aging Executive Director Becky Yanni said that the adult day care center is licensed for 40 participants. Already, the program has eight participants.

“Once the word gets out, we believe it will fill up quickly,” she said. “We know the need is there.”



State Secretary of Elder Affairs Sam Verghese and Becky Yanni, executive director of the St. Johns County Council on Aging



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As director of sales and marketing at TPC Sawgrass, Jennifer Belisario and the rest of the TPC Sawgrass staff have been keeping busy prepping for THE PLAYERS Championship (May 10-15), an annual event that draws thousands of golf fans, both nationally and internationally. — By Carrie Resch, The Recorder

Jennifer Belisario

How long have you worked for TPC Sawgrass?

Six wonderful years. I previously worked in sales roles for two hotels and at Jacksonville Golf and Country Club. The combination of hotel and country club sales experience helped land my position at TPC Sawgrass. I have to pinch myself walking into this majestic clubhouse each day. Being a steward of TPC Sawgrass and the PGA TOUR is very rewarding. I can't imagine a better place to work.

What are your job responsibilities?

I manage the relationship between TPC Sawgrass and over 2,000 dues-paying and annual-pass members, including recommending new member recruitment processes, retention programs and services. I have an open door policy; I believe that interaction with members and guests — whether positive or negative — is the most important part of what I do. Without them, I wouldn't be here. I am also the point of contact for social media, email marketing, public relations and media requests, which as you can imagine, is a full time job — especially in the months, weeks and days leading up to THE PLAYERS Championship.

What is your role during the week of THE PLAYERS Championship?

Each year, TPC Sawgrass develops a sweepstakes in order to collect email addresses to add to our database. We use our database to promote tee times, open-to-the-public messaging and membership. My week is filled with collecting sweepstakes entries at THE SHOP located behind #17, entertaining members and finding a few hours to catch a little golf. It is a week where we work hard, have fun and make a difference.

Is there anything new to THE PLAYERS Championship this year that attendees should check out?

New this year is THE PLAYERS Club, a private hospitality and hosting experience with private space on-site in the TPC Sawgrass Clubhouse on 17 tee and 18 green. This venue is like no other venue on course or in the sport. Fans can also check out THE SHOP at 18 Fairway — located between 16 and 18 fairways, adjacent to Patriots' Outpost. Open to the public, THE SHOP at 18 Fairway is a 3,000 square-foot merchandise tent that offers some of the top brands in golf.

Where do you live?

I live in the Intracoastal West area right before "the ditch." My husband Tim and I are natives of Jacksonville, which I know is



a rarity. He was born here, but lived in many other places due to his dad being in the Navy. I have lived here all my life.

You and your husband have an interesting history together.

I was literally the girl next door.

We lived only two houses apart, which is how we met, and dated only six months before he proposed to me on the beach. I have been married to Tim for close to 16 years. He teases me that we got married in 2000 so he'd never forget how many years we've been married.

What do you enjoy doing outside of work?

I enjoy exercising, traveling with my family, boating, lying by the pool or going to the beach. Obviously, summer is my favorite season. I can't imagine living where it's cold.

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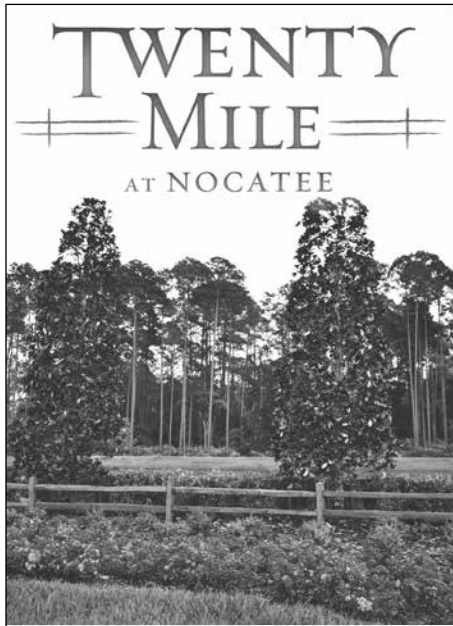
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Nocatee Welcome Center News

By Welcome Center Staff

As we move into the heat of the spring, it's an exciting time to be a part of the Nocatee growth. With more neighborhood and retail announcements than ever before, be sure you're following Nocatee on Facebook. There's no doubt that there's a lot of activity happening around here and we want to ensure you are receiving all of the information first.



Neighborhood Updates

The PARC Group, Nocatee's master developer, has unveiled plans and home builders for three new neighborhoods in the Twenty Mile community: The Hammock, The Vista and The Ranch.

The Vista at Twenty Mile will be a gated neighborhood of 44 custom and semi-custom homes by The Pineapple Corporation, a Jacksonville-area luxury home builder. These estate-style new



Photo by Jasmine Marshall

homes will start in the high \$800s, many with Spanish or Mission-style elevations.

The Hammock at Twenty Mile will feature custom homes by Glenn Layton Homes, the local builder of the HGTV Smart Home 2013. The Hammock at Twenty Mile, a small niche of nine private home sites, will feature Florida-coastal homes with new homes starting in the mid- 900s.

The Ranch at Twenty Mile will feature upscale homes by current Nocatee home builders David Weekley Homes and Dostie Homes. New homes in this dynamic 52-home neighborhood will start in the high \$500s and feature a variety of home designs, most with preserve and water views.

To read more on the new neighborhoods coming soon to Nocatee, visit

www.nocatee.com.

NocaTours — Guided Golf Cart Tours — Now Offered!

Looking for a way to experience the Nocatee lifestyle? The Nocatee Welcome Center is now hosting NocaTours — guided golf cart tours through the Greenway Trails. Enjoy the peaceful Nocatee Greenway via golf cart, while learning more about the new amenities, neighborhoods and retailers coming to fast-growing Nocatee.

NocaTours are available Thursday through Sunday mornings, with up to five seats available in each NocaTour. Reserve yours today at www.nocatour.eventbrite.com.

Nocatee Town Center Updates

Starbucks and Tijuana Flats will join

the Nocatee Town Center in early 2017. The two exciting community additions will be located in a shared Regency Centers building directly north of Wendy's and south of Daily's on the western side of Crosswater Parkway. Construction will begin soon, and both are expected to open for business by early 2017.

The pedestrian- and EV-friendly Nocatee Town Center is now home to more than 30 different neighborhood shops and services. Dunkin' Donuts, Big Fish Yoga and Pieology just opened, offering residents, Realtors and prospective homebuyers more offerings in the community.

Looking for a lunch option? Food trucks are now coming to Nocatee Town Center! Visit the park between Addison Park and Lakeside Sundays from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. for fresh food from local favorite food trucks. Food trucks will be on site every other Sunday starting May 22.

Meet New Nocatee Welcome Center Representative Patrick Young!

Patrick is a resident of Nocatee and lives in Willowcove. He enjoyed a long career in finance, working for a construction supply company in North Florida. Patrick has four children and four grandchildren —



YOUNG

and his daughter will be the first to get married in Nocatee's Twenty Mile Park this summer. He loves all that Nocatee has to offer in the way of outdoor fitness activities, and is looking forward to sharing his enthusiasm for the community with prospective future residents.

The Nocatee Welcome Center is open seven days a week. Feel free to stop by for a tour, or call the Welcome Center at 1-800-NOCATEE with any questions you may have.



Photo by Jennifer Logue

Cleaning up the coastline

New environmental advocacy group targets trash on beaches

By Carrie Resch

What started as her 8-year-old daughter's innocent question — "What if everyone just picked up one bag of trash per day?" — has become a self-described "trash crusade" for Jacksonville Beach resident Tobi Myers-Browning.

Inspired by her daughter's idea, Myers-Browning recently started a campaign to pick up a bag of trash every single day for 365 days and post about it on a blog. Coastal Conscience, an environmental conservation group, officially kicked off April 9 with a beach cleanup on Jacksonville Beach in lieu of a launch party.

"We're basically just a group of people who are looking out for the here and now — things



that we can do to protect our coastlines and our natural Florida so that they're going to be here for our children and their children," said Myers-Browning, who refers to Coastal Conscience volunteers as ambassadors.

Although the organization is new, it is already raising

awareness. Myers-Browning has been approached by Beaches residents curious about what she is doing and wanting to get involved. From others, she has received a lot of thanks.

"It's not for us," she said. "It's for our community."

Trash, as Myers-Browning is quickly finding out, can pose serious health and safety risks for unsuspecting beachgoers. Glass and condoms are among some of the common items she comes across. Plastic is also a number one find — in fact, Myers-Browning mentioned in one of her blog posts that "it is difficult to walk down any of our local beaches without finding plastic." She and her daughter recently stumbled upon one of the most bizarre finds of their

trash crusade yet — part of a possible Cuban refugee raft that washed ashore in the Guana Preserve on or around April 19.

Sometimes, Myers-Browning and the group, which is currently comprised of her three daughters and herself, walk along Third Street to pick up trash before it becomes beach trash. She takes photos of what she finds and puts them on the website to raise awareness. She also posts to the Coastal Conscience facebook page using the hashtag #gettrashy2016.

In addition to Myers-Browning's daily trash-pickup dedication, the group is going to host a group clean-up in different areas up and down the coastal areas of the First Coast including Vilano, Ponte Vedra,

Neptune, Atlantic and Mayport. Volunteers are welcome. Coastal Conscience held a group clean-up day on April 23 at Helen Cooper Floyd Park in celebration of Earth Day.

"I don't expect everybody in Jacksonville or in the beaches area to drop everything that they have and come out and pick up a bag of trash with me every single day, but if one person could do it once a month, or even once a quarter, that's one bag of trash that's off the ground," Myers-Browning noted.

For more information about Coastal Conscience, including upcoming community clean-ups, visit www.mycoastalconscience.wordpress.com or www.facebook.com/mycoastalconscience.

Local seniors honored for academic achievement

Two dozen seniors at Nease and Ponte Vedra high schools were among 83 St. Johns County students to be honored for academic achievement recently at the annual Students Taking Academic Responsibility (STAR) Awards Banquet.

Held April 6 at the World Golf Village Renaissance Resort, the STAR Awards recognize the top 3 percent of all graduating seniors in the county. Eleven Ponte Vedra High School and 13 Nease High School seniors were honored at the event, which is jointly sponsored by Flagler Hospital and the St. Johns County School Board.

"Flagler Hospital is pleased to bring this very special event to our community in recognition of our county's top students, their parents and their mentors," President and CEO Joe Gordy said. "St. Johns County's ongoing success would not be possible without our area's stellar educational system, led by Dr. Joe Joyner and the dedicated members of our school board."

During the recognition ceremony principals introduced each student and then a special mentor selected by the student. Principals shared their STAR students' future plans and why they selected the

teacher they chose to honor. In addition to making top grades, these students are involved in athletics, performing groups, school clubs and community service.

The local STAR student award recipients and their mentors include:

Allen D. Nease High School — Noah Ari with Jaime Combs; Sanjana Bhargava with Amy Banton; Gabriela Castello with Derek Coghlan; Nicolas Cort with Chris Williams; Alex Jasper with Marta Senyszyn; Angelica Lagasca with H.A. Smith; Aaron Lemos with A.J. Lloyd; Divya Mahesh with Debra Tewey; Tala Mansouri with Kim Hollis; Abigail Pro-

hofskey with Rosa Maria Weaver; Nidhi Suresh with Holly Farson; Stephanie Thompson with Melissa Bourgeois; and Kyle Wai with Matt Augenstein.

Ponte Vedra High School — Abhimanyu Ahuja with Randy Blake; Margaret Barnhorst with John Weinbrenner; Megan Calvin with Catherine Snowden; Yooree Ha with Katilyn Collazo; Matthew Johnson; Nicole Johnson; John Molm with James Johnson; William O'Hara with Christine Kochan; Darryl Oswald with Christophe McArthur; Marissa Reinker with Randy Blake; and Cassia Wang with Kathryn Kehoe

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Jean Frankenfield Evangelou

Jean Frankenfield Evangelou, 88, of Ponte Vedra Beach, FL, died April 17, 2016. Ponte Vedra Valley Funeral

Coast Guard introduces new emergency phone number

The Coast Guard Sector Jacksonville command center has established a new phone number to report emergencies.

The new search-and-rescue emergency phone number is: (904) 714-7558.

“The Coast Guard urges you to call this number if you believe you are in any danger or there is a potential for your situation to worsen,” said Lt. Christina Erapalli, chief of the Sector Jacksonville command center.

Erapalli stressed that the phone number is for emergency use only, and that anyone who willfully places a hoax call is guilty of a felony and may face penalties including incarceration, fines and a civil penalty as well as reimbursement to the Coast Guard for costs incurred while responding to

a hoax.

“Hoaxes can also place our rescuers’ lives in unnecessary danger and reduce our ability to respond to persons who may truly need help,” she said.

A secondary phone number is available to report other emergencies, such as pollution, suspicious activity, waterway issues, and any other maritime concerns: (904) 714-7557. Boaters, however, are encouraged to continue to report emergencies via VHF radio on channel 16.

The change to new phone numbers is a result of Coast Guard Sector Jacksonville’s recent move to a new joint facility. This facility houses the Sector Jacksonville command center, where search and rescue and other operations are coordinated.

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Arbor Terrace San Jose grand opening

Arbor Terrace will hold the grand opening of its new San Jose specialized memory care community from 4 to 7 p.m. Wednesday May 4. The public is invited for the celebration and a tour to experience Arbor Terrace’s approach to caring for seniors living with Alzheimer’s disease and other forms of dementia.

The event will also include vintage cars, cocktails, hors d’oeuvres and a live jazz band for entertainment.

Arbor Terrace San Jose is located at 3760 Dupont Ave. in Jacksonville. For more information, visit www.arbor-company.com/location/arbor-terrace-san-jose/details/events or call Terri at (904) 601-3884 to RSVP.

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John Craig Clothier hosts grand opening



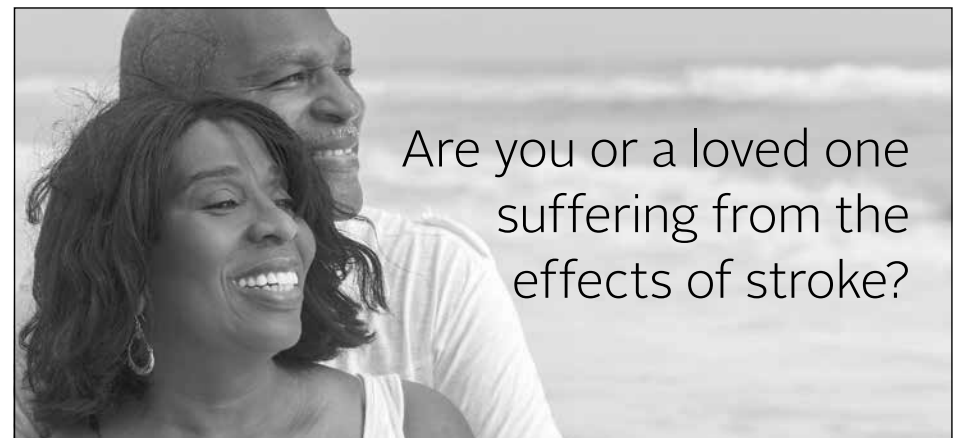
Sawgrass Village officially welcomed yet another new business last week, when John Craig Clothier held a grand opening celebration and ribbon cutting. Representatives from the Ponte Vedra Beach division of the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce joined with owner Craig DeLongy to cut the ribbon on the new John Craig Clothier store in Sawgrass Village.

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From left, Tanweer Jamal, Sandra Lief, Craig DeLongy – owner of John Craig Clothier, Macdara McGrath and Michael Kyle

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Antiques & More Consignment holds grand opening

By Jasmine Marshall

New Beach Boulevard store Antiques & More Consignment held its grand opening Saturday April 23, ushering in crowds with an array of food trucks, drawings for 100 door prizes and antique wares.

The 10,000 square-foot floor space boasted a diverse assortment of antique jewelry, furniture, art and collectibles, each sectioned and styled to show the extent of the collection.

According to store owner Bobbie Eunice, that variety is due in part to the selection going beyond just antiques. Antiques & More Consignment stocks items running the gamut from hand-colored prints made in the late



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19th century to mid-century furnishings and vintage media. It's a selection that makes it possible to purchase fine art paintings worth thousands and a box set of M*A*S*H* VHS cassette tapes in a single visit.

"It's a mix of everything — hand-made and sterling jewelry, carved furniture, rare art, vintage, mid-century and antique items," Eunice said. "This



Photos by Jasmine Marshall

location really needed an antique store because (Beach Blvd.) is a place where everyone goes. And there's something for everybody here."

Its inventory is bolstered with the help of more than 15 dealers, from the repurposed and refurbished vintage furniture and decor of Gypsea Trading Co., to marble furnishings, fine art paintings and memorabilia from First

Coast Antiques.

"Everything is chosen very selectively," said Richard Mette of First Coast Antiques. "We go for very unique, unusual things that can't be found elsewhere and try to choose things that are different."

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One of a set of four portraits by artist Ann Manry Kenyon on consignment.





Antiques

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Consignment's collection are four original watercolor paintings by Jacksonville-based portrait artist Ann Manry Kenyon from the late 1970s and early 1980s and one pet portrait by her son, St. Augustine based artist Andrew Manry Kenyon.

Other items, such as a vintage Florida State University football signed by former Seminoles head coach Bobby Bowden, wedding gowns and lighting fixtures illustrate the mixed selection in

the storefront.

"Things will change daily," Gypsea Trading Co.'s Michelle Warren said. "Just about everything is one-of-a-kind. Stock is selective and unique so if you see something you like, snap it up!"

Antiques & More Consignment is located at 11270 Beach Blvd. in the Winn Dixie shopping plaza and is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily. For more information, visit the store's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/antiquesmoreconignment.

To view more photos of Antiques & More Consignment's grand opening, visit www.pontevedrarecorder.com.



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Joint chamber luncheon updates local business leaders on THE PLAYERS 2016

By Jasmine Marshall

The St. John's County Chamber of Commerce's Ponte Vedra Beach division held a joint luncheon with the JAX Chamber's Beaches Division April 14 to discuss updates for the 2016 THE PLAYERS Championship.

Guest speaker at the luncheon was THE PLAYERS Championship Executive Director Matt Rapp, who detailed a number of improvements undertaken to improve the fan experience. In addition to creating new paved paths and walkways, Rapp said, double decker hospitality structures near the 17th hole will accommodate more people.

In addition, a temporary stage will be set up near the 17th hole for the May 10 Military Appreciation Day Ceremony and Concert headlined by Toby Keith. According to Rapp, the ceremony and concert will be held on the 17th hole as opposed to its usual venue, the back of the clubhouse lawn, due to safety concerns brought on by space restrictions that made it difficult to access the clubhouse because of crowds gathered there.

The chamber luncheon also recognized Rock Solid Business Law Owner and Founding Attorney John Miller for being named 2016's overall Small Business Leader of the Year by JAX Chamber. Miller thanked the chamber once again for the award and introduced two new associates, Yasmin Adamy and Teri Mai. Miller has been a part of the Beaches business community since he opened his own firm and relocated it to the area 25 years ago.



Photos by Jasmine Marshall

From left, Dave Danzeisen, PVB Division board president, Isabelle Rodriguez, president of St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce, Lin Jones, director of St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce Ponte Vedra Division, Jill Spowell, chief member relations officer, and John Miller, founding attorney of Rock Solid Business Law and Jax Chamber Small Business Leader of the Year.



Photo by Lucia Miller

Executive Director of THE PLAYERS Matt Rapp with Lin Jones, director of PVB Division and Isabelle Rodriguez, president and CEO of SJC Chamber.



Rae Mansoor and Linda Johnson



Lisa Leath, Realtor with Keller Williams, and Lawrence Dioso



Nan Kreamer, president of Avenue CFO Services and Sharon Sacks, building account manager of Atlantic Stone & Tile.



David Henderson, business services lender at VyStar Credit Union and Bob Tackett of Total Office Solutions.



Yasmin Adamy, senior associate attorney at Rock Solid Business Law PLLC, and Teri Mai, associate attorney.



ABOVE: Cordel Crowley, director of private events at Serenata Beach Club, Isabelle Rodriguez and Jennifer Jones, membership director of Serenata Beach Club.



Rae Mansoor, financial advisor at Edward Jones Investments, and Thea Jeffers of T Works Interior.



RIGHT: Karl Ranson, technical account manager of Adaptix Solutions Group, Sharon Marcell of JSA Promos & Print and Arden Marcell.

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Chamber After Hours



Jennifer Huguenard and Donna Day

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 The Browning Agency recently hosted an "After Hours" reception for the Ponte Vedra Beach Division of the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce at the company's Sawgrass Village offices. From left: Browning agency staff Shelby Weikel, Terri King, Diane Roche, Cecily Browning, Jim Browning, Taylor Barnard, Regina Morriss and Pavline Savino; Judge Scott DuPont; and Declan Reiley, vice president of economic development for the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce.



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Bolles students excel at state science, Chinese competitions

Four Bolles students participated in the recent 2016 Florida Science and Engineering Fair, achieving high commendations.

Students Shreyas Chetan, Hannah Lee, River Reynolds and Graham Ungrady participated in the competition, held March 29-31 in Lakeland. Ungrady received the St. Lucie Environmental Science Award, while Chetan received Honorable Mention in Microbiology. Lee received the Florida Entomological Society award and second place in Animal Science.

“I am very proud of the students’ achievements,” science teacher Dr. Kathryn Halloran said. “I am also thrilled they were willing to use three days of their spring break for the fair.”

Several Bolles students will compete at the national and international level in the coming weeks, she noted. Lee will compete at the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair in Phoenix, Arizona May 9-14, showcasing her research on spotted wing drosophila. Students Sneha Reddy and Ann Maris Walton, meanwhile, are competing in the International Sustainable World Energy Environmental Olympiad (ISWEEP) in Houston. ISWEEP invited the students to present their project “The Effects of Sulforaphane on Hyphal Connections on Mycorrhizal Fungi” following a rigorous application process, marking the first time in Bolles history science students have won an ISWEEP invitation through this channel.

Chinese competition

In other Bolles news, 20 students participated in the 11th Annual Statewide Chinese Competition, held Feb. 20 in Miami. According to teacher Chengmei Rothschild, the students delivered an impressive performance in the competition’s speaking, reading and writing categories. Six students achieved the highest possible scores in all three categories in their respective levels, including: Julia Butler, Madison Clubb, Kunal Kanaparti, Olivia Morello, Anne Pentaleri and Natasha Pillai.

Ten students achieved one or two highest scores in the three categories in their respective levels. They include Stephanie Block, Victoria Bosch, Peyton Cochran, Alexander Cywes, Rania Farah,



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Alexa Geist, Quinn Kelly, Arthur Lee, Maria Muzaurieta and Jacob Piatt.

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SHORT TAKES

Nease House Environmental Educational Days

St. Johns County Parks and Recreation and the St. Johns County Environmental Division will host a series of Environmental Education Days from 9 a.m. to noon at Nease Beachfront Park, 3171 Coastal Highway, on the following dates: May 7, June 15 and July 13.

These free workshops are open to the public and all ages are welcome. Throughout the park and the historic Nease House, county staff will provide information and interactive activities on a variety of topics including native plant identification, right whale and sea turtle conservation, animal tracking and dune habitats, as well as wetland and coastal marsh habitats.

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Trasca & Co celebrates 1st anniversary

Sawgrass Village eatery Trasca & Co celebrated its first anniversary recently with an afternoon of entertainment, kids' activities and good food. Musician Eric Alabiso entertained patrons on guitar, while families enjoyed face painting, a balloon artist and a photo booth. Owner Sara Frasca said that business has been strong ever since last fall, when the Florida Times-Union named Trasca the "Best New Restaurant in Jacksonville." Frasca also attributed the restaurant's success to its focus on the panino sandwich first invented by her grandmother and passed down through three generations of family restaurateurs. "It's been great to see the strong support we've enjoyed from the local community," Frasca said.



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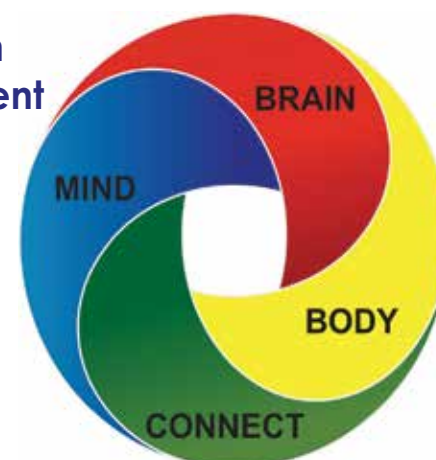
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Nocatee hosts 'Parade of Homes'

Local Realtors had an opportunity to learn more about the wide variety of home styles available in Nocatee recently, when the fast-growing master-planned community hosted a "Parade of Homes" event.

Held at Nocatee's Crosswater Hall, the cocktail reception featured displays from dozens of local home builders who have helped give each Nocatee neighborhood a distinct look and feel.



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Hillary Smalling, Irena Sheperd and Olivia Wheeler — Cal Atlantic Homes



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The Plantation at Ponte Vedra Beach to host open house May 1

Home tours, new amenities to highlight event for community

Members of the general public will have an opportunity to view the new amenities and homes at The Plantation at Ponte Vedra Beach this weekend, when the gated community hosts its spring community open house.

To be held from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday May 1, the event will include tours of more than 20 homes ranging in price from \$499,999 to \$1,899,000. Guests will also have an opportunity to view The Plantation's newly renovated beach club and Plantation Commons, a new amenities park featuring a croquet lawn and state-of-the-art playground.

Visitors are invited to check in at The Plantation clubhouse for home listings, maps, refreshments and amenity tours. Guests may then make their way through the community to view the participating homes and experience the new amenities first-hand.

The Plantation at Ponte Vedra Beach had record-breaking home and lot sales in 2015, officials said, noting



that new construction options, resale homes and a few lots are still available. Plantation amenities include a

golf course, private beach club, tennis facility, fitness center, amenity park and a clubhouse with dining and

social activities for all ages. For more information, visit www.theplantation-pvb.com.

Pulte Homes of North Florida to build its first active-adult community at World Golf Village

Pulte Homes has started work on its first active-adult community in the Bridge Bay neighborhood at Bannan Lakes.

Located off Interstate 95 at World Golf Village in St. Augustine, the master-planned community at Bannan Lakes is scheduled to open in early 2017, according to Lyndsey Patterson, director of marketing for the homebuilder's North Florida division.

Bridge Bay will be a development

of 167 single-family homes and villas ranging from three-to-five bedrooms, with two to three full baths and two-and three-car garages. The homes will offer between 1,500 and 2,000 square feet of living space.

Amenities will include an on-site lifestyle director and community association manager as well as a 4,000-square-foot clubhouse, a 3,000-square-foot pool with swimming lanes, bocce ball and tennis courts, event lawns, dog parks, and a canoe

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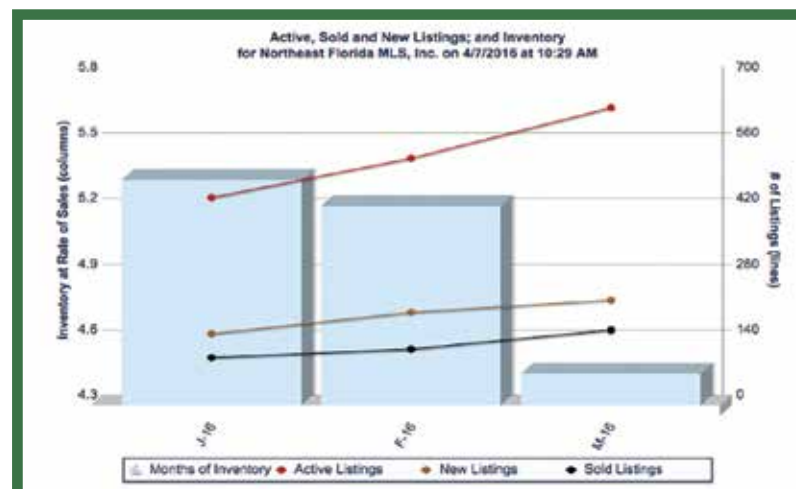
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Michael Hannon's 1st Quarter 2016 Greater Ponte Vedra Real Estate Market Report

Residential real estate activity in the Greater Ponte Vedra area during the 1st Quarter of 2016 demonstrated impressive performance with a listing absorption rate of 4.77 months based on current supply and demand. Condominiums under \$400,000 and single family homes under \$400,000 were the 2 hottest sectors at a combined average of 2.44 months of inventory based on current demand.



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Residential market activity is a benchmark commonly used by real estate economist to measure supply / demand as they relate to pricing influence, growth potential and residential real estate opportunity.

Current Inventory Profile Greater Ponte Vedra

Single Family Homes (-) \$400,000

167 homes available, range \$128,900 to \$399,900, **2.90** months inventory @ current rate of absorption, market demand causing upward pressure on price.

Single Family Homes + \$400,000

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Condominiums (-) \$400,000

69 units available, range \$79,900 to \$389,900, **1.97** months inventory @ current rate of absorption, market demand causing upward pressure on price.

Condominiums + \$400,000

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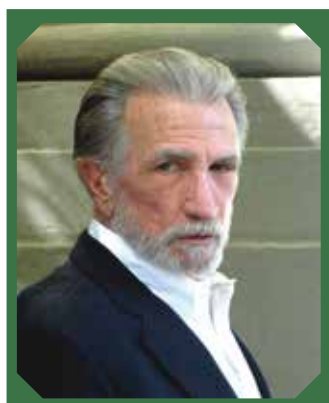
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Homes by elacora available at Madeira

Home builder elacora is currently offering two different home collections at Madeira in St. Augustine.

Ranging in size from 1,797 square feet to more than 3,300 square feet, the homes are priced from the \$200,000s to the \$400,000s and many back up to conservation areas with water or nature preserve views. The featured home, the Catalonia, is a 3,100 square foot, four-bedroom, four-bath home with a three-car garage featuring a foyer, kitchen and café, a family room, lanai and conservation

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Madeira is located off U.S. 1 in St. Johns County. Visitors to the community are invited to see model homes furnished and decorated by Barbara Ondo Design Group. The models are open daily. The Madeira Sales Center is open from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday and from 1 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Sunday. For more information, call (904) 484-9024 or visit www.elacora.com.



The two-story 3,100-square-foot Catalonia



Provided by Davidson Realty, Inc.

Back row (left to right) Margherite Myers, Shelley Nemethy, Pauline Cake, Jock Ochiltree, Michelle Gonzalez, Suzy Evans, Lauren Martilli. Front row (left to right) Joanne Samuelson, Lynn Whitley, Mirtha Barzaga. (Not pictured: Ben English).

11 Davidson Realty agents named 2016 Five Star Professionals

Eleven Davidson Realty agents were recently named 2016 Five Star Professionals, a North American award program that recognizes service professionals who provide quality services to their clients.

Davidson agents Michelle Gonzalez, Jock Ochiltree, Lynn Whitley, Margherite Myers, Lauren

Martilli, Suzy Evans, Joanne Samuelson, Mirtha Barzaga, Ben English, Shelley Nemethy and Pauline Cake all received the designation.

The recognition is presented to those who scored in the top 3 percent for client satisfaction among all Northeast Florida real estate agents and brokers.

"I am pleased to say this is the largest group of Davidson agents ever included on the Five Star list," Davidson Realty President Sherry Davidson said. "These agents are focused on far more than production. They work tirelessly to provide the very best in customer service before, during and after each transaction."

Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Network Realty honored

Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Network Realty was recognized as a Top 25 affiliate in the Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices network at the Rev'd Up sales convention in Dallas. The Northeast Florida real estate firm ranks No. 23 nationally among a network with more than 43,000 agents and 1,200 offices.

"We are proud to be acknowledged as one of the leading affiliates in our real estate network," said Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Network Realty Founder, President and CEO Linda Sherrer. "Our strength is a testament to the dedication and achievements of our

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Companies welcome new hires to their teams

Davidson Realty welcomes new real estate agent

Northeast Florida firm Davidson Realty recently welcomed Sara Hamm as its newest real estate agent. Hamm has more than 10 years of experience in real estate investing.



Hamm

“Sara has solid real estate know-how and is dedicated to providing superior service to her customers,” said Davidson Realty

President Sherry Davidson. “We are happy to have her on our team.”

Hamm originates from Jasper, Indiana where she earned a business degree from Indiana Business College. She recently finished a computer programming degree at Florida State College at Jacksonville.

Prior to earning her real estate license Hamm spent more than 10 years as a residential real estate investor. As a Realtor, she looks forward to helping

her customers throughout the buying and selling processes.

Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Network Realty welcomes two new hires

Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Network Realty recently welcomed Kimberly Witt to the BHHS Florida Network Realty Ponte Vedra office.



Witt

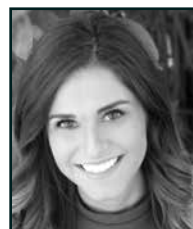
Born and raised in Northeast Florida, and with a B.A. in public relations from the University of Florida, Witt previously worked for the American Diabetes Association as the executive director for the Tour de Cure.

Witt is a volunteer at HEAL (Healing Every Autistic Life), a Sunday School teacher and member of Christ Episcopal Church, an artist and a mother to four.

“Kimberly is a great addition to

our team of professionals. Her level of compassion for clients and customers is served well by the tenacity with which she pursues their objectives,” said Kevin Waugaman, broker/manager of the Ponte Vedra office.

Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Network Realty also recently welcomed Hope Higginbotham to the BHHS Florida Network Realty Ponte Vedra office.



Higginbotham

“We are excited to bring Hope on board in Ponte Vedra. She has a genuine conviction for others, and this will make for a very positive experience for her clients,” Waugaman said.

La Fontana at World Golf Village names new sales associate

La Fontana at World Golf Village, a new condominium community in the premier golf course neighborhood of



Miniard

World Golf Village, has named Larson Miniard as sales associate. Miniard will be working with The Condo Group LLC, which handles sales and marketing activities for La Fontana.

Miniard is a native of Ponte Vedra Beach and a 2012 graduate of Florida State University with a bachelor's degree in interdisciplinary social studies. He has lived in Northeast Florida for 25 years.

“We are pleased to welcome Larson to the team at La Fontana,” said Mike Bugg, principal of The Condo Group LLC. “Having lived in Northeast Florida his entire life, he is very familiar with St. Augustine and the surrounding region, and he brings great enthusiasm to the unique community of La Fontana.”

— Compiled by Carrie Resch

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Rock Solid Business Law welcomes new senior associate

Rock Solid Business Law, located in Jacksonville Beach, welcomed Yasmin W. Adamy, Esq. as the law firm's new senior associate. Adamy will be practicing in the firm's trust, estates and elder law department.



Adamy

Adamy's diverse practice experiences range from representing clients in contested guardianship proceedings to spousal rights litigation.

Adamy received her Bachelor of Arts degree from State University of New York at Buffalo where she continued on to receive her law degree. During law school, Adamy received the William J. Regan Award which honored her as the law school graduate demonstrating the greatest proficiency in estates and surrogates law who is at the same time motivated by a strong concern for public interest and welfare.

Adamy practiced for five years in New York, based in Buffalo, and an additional year in Gainesville, Florida prior to relocating to practice with Rock Solid Business Law, PLLC.

Fidelity Bank welcomes new senior trust officer

Fidelity Bank is pleased to announce that Mary Biggs Knauer, CTFA, CCTS, AIF has joined the Trust Services team as Senior Trust Officer. Biggs has 28 years of experience working in trust departments for regional and community banks. She specializes in meeting the financial needs of high net worth individuals and foundations.



Knauer

Biggs received her B.A. at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Additionally, she has an M.B.A. in finance from the University of North Florida and an M.B.A. in general business from Capella University.

Biggs is on several non-profit organization boards in Jacksonville and is a member of The Rotary Club of Jacksonville, Estate Planning Council of Northeast Florida and the Planned Giving Council of Northeast Florida. Biggs' office is in Ponte Vedra Beach.

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Photo courtesy of Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Network Realty. Sharon Willson celebrates The Dallas Cowboys during the Rev'd Up Rally at AT&T Stadium.

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sales associates, support staff, managers and business partners.”

Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices welcomed agents from across the country to the three-day sales convention. The conference program included speakers, educational sessions and

programs focused on real estate growth and success.

Several sessions showcased members of the Florida Network Realty team. Realtor Anita Vining, who was named the company's top producer in 2015, was featured on a panel discussing best practices. Broker/Realtor Debbie da Silva, meanwhile, was featured in a video produced for the convention's general session highlighting increased opportunities in international real estate transactions.

The Pineapple Corporation welcomes team

The Pineapple Corporation has announced the expansion of its team, welcoming Sales Manager Kurt Morgan, Controller Amanda Johnson, Director of Interior Design Tasha Carver and Director of Construction Operations Robert Hamby.

“We are proud of our company’s tremendous growth and success, and we are pleased to welcome these experienced professionals to our team,” said The Pineapple Corporation President Spencer Calvert. “Our company is an award-winning firm known for creating the area’s most distinctive custom and semi-custom homes. The strength of our team will continue to support The Pineapple Corporation’s exceptional standards in luxury home building.”

Morgan, a licensed Realtor with more than a decade of sales experience, previously served as a new home sales consultant for the company.

He earned a bachelor’s degree from Virginia Commonwealth University.

Johnson has more than 10 years of finance and accounting management experience, predominantly within the construction industry.

She earned a master’s degree with a concentration in Entrepreneurial Finance from Jacksonville University and a bachelor’s degree from Florida State University.

Carver has more than 10 years of experience in residential and commercial interior design including knowledge of all phases of design and construction.

She earned a bachelor’s degree in Interior Design/Construction Management from Colorado State University.

Hamby is a construction and



Carver



Hamby



Johnson



Morgan

homebuilding leader with operations management experience and a record of increasing organizational profitability. Prior to joining The Pineapple Corporation, he served as the vice president of operations

for a national homebuilder and as a private semi-custom homebuilder. Hamby earned a bachelor’s degree and a master’s degree in Business Administration from the University of North Florida.

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Amenities abound at the Palazzo on St. Johns

A private marina and a resort-style pool overlooking the water are just a few of the amenities at The Palazzo on St. Johns, a new waterfront condominium community located near Jacksonville's popular San Jose and Mandarin neighborhoods.

"The amenities at The Palazzo are a perfect complement to this special waterfront community, and residents are taking full advantage of them," said Michael Bugg, principal, The Condo Group LLC, which manages sales and marketing activities for the community. "The Palazzo offers the convenience of a single-family home with the freedom of a 'lock and leave' lifestyle, with the added perks of being on the water and within minutes of great shopping and dining."

Learn more

For more information about The Palazzo on St. Johns, visit www.PalazzoOnSt-Johns.com or call (904) 627-4762. The Palazzo on St. Johns is located at 3958 Baymeadows Road, Jacksonville, Fla. and its Sales Center is open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday.

In addition to a resort-style swimming pool and deck surrounded by mature moss-covered trees, there is a fully-equipped summer kitchen and a covered patio. Residents at The Palazzo also have access to a kayak and canoe launch, a gazebo picnic area and a waterfront boardwalk.

Three-bedroom homes at The Palazzo on St. Johns start in the low \$400,000s and include up to 1,972 square feet of total living space. Four-bedroom homes start at \$439,900 and include up to 2,541 square feet of total living space.

Residences feature private elevators, hand-scraped wood floors, nine-foot ceilings, gas fireplaces and luxury kitchen and bath finishes. Each residence offers waterfront vistas and preserve views. The community also has an entry gate with controlled community access, private parking garage, an electric vehicle charging station and a state-of-the-art fitness center.

"Interest in The Palazzo remains very positive," said Bugg. "The community is in one of the best locations in the city, with a quick drive to downtown, the Beaches and medical facilities. At the same time, residents love the private, relaxed feel of this unique waterfront site."

Nearly all of The Palazzo's Phase 1 residences have been sold, Phase 2 is now open for sale and pre-sales have begun for Phases 3 and 4. There are two model homes for potential buyers to tour.

For a limited time, buyers who purchase in Phase 3 or 4 have expanded customization options — including the ability to combine residences to increase square footage. Each buyer who purchases before June 1 will receive a \$5,000 credit toward the architect's fees for customization.



Palazzo dock



Palazzo Kayak Launch

Pulte Homes to start construction in new St. Augustine

Creekside at Twin Creeks will be opening this fall

St. Augustine, Fla. — Pulte Homes will start construction of new single-family homes opening this fall at Creekside in the master-planned community of Twin Creeks located west of Nocatee in St. Augustine's highly rated St. Johns County School District.

Lyndsey Patterson, director of marketing for Pulte Homes in the North Florida region, said the homebuilder will start sales this fall of one and two-story home designs at Creekside at Twin Creeks ranging from 2,124 square feet of living area to over 4,500 square feet.

Pulte plans to build 226 new homes at Creekside at Twin Creeks, on 50 and

60 foot home sites. Home designs will feature three to six bedrooms and up to four full baths with two- and three-car garages.

Homeowners at Creekside at Twin Creeks will have access to a community swimming pool, community clubhouse with fitness center and a recreational lake for canoeing and kayaking, as well as a new K-8 school

and high school, along with retail and office space.

Creekside at Twin Creeks is located 10 minutes from the Atlantic Ocean and 10 miles north of historic St. Augustine with easy access to both U.S. 1 and Interstate 95.

To join the VIP list for community updates call 877-888-0781 or visit www.pulte.com/creeksideatTwinCreeks.

Trailmark hosts 'Muddy Boots and Mimosas' event

Guests enjoy sneak peek of welcome house, amenity center and camp house

Members of the real estate community turned out for the recent Muddy Boots and Mimosas special event at TrailMark, the new master-planned community located near World Golf Village in northern St. Johns County.

In addition to brunch, mimosas and giveaways, guests enjoyed a first-hand look at the community's new welcome house, amenity center and Lakeside Camp House now under construction.

"TrailMark offers the exceptional quality of living that families are seeking," said Chris Kuhn, GreenPointe Communities' vice president of land development. "Our spectacular amenities will be destinations within the community, great places for socializing with neighbors and gateways to

lasting friendships."

Guests also toured TrailMark's three model homes by D.R. Horton and Landon Homes. Both builders have several quick move-in homes under construction. Homes at TrailMark are priced from the mid-\$200s.

TrailMark is located within the St. Johns County School District.

Along with access to top-rated schools, the community's proximity to Interstate 95, Jacksonville and St. Augustine offers quick access to entertainment, shopping, dining, employment centers and more.

To visit TrailMark from Interstate 95, take exit #323/International Golf Parkway southwest towards World Golf Village and travel approximately 2.2 miles. Continue past the intersection at State Road 16 and proceed approximately 2.6 miles to TrailMark on the right.

For more information, visit www.TrailMarkLiving.com.



Photo submitted by TrailMark

The community of TrailMark hosted a Muddy Boots and Mimosas special event. From left, GreenPointe Communities Vice President of Land Development Chris Kuhn, Marketing Director Gaynelle James and Roxie Lute.

Why advisors do not recommend a passive investment strategy

You can approach investing in two ways: do it yourself (DIY) or hire a financial advisor. Many DIY investors employ a passive¹ approach to investing by utilizing index funds.



Harry Pappas
Columnist

In essence, they are comfortable earning a return that aims to replicate the movements of an index, such as the S&P 500. The primary advantage with this approach is cost savings. Index investing is about 1-2 percent less expensive than actively² managed funds.

However, the cost differential could be as little as 1/2 percent or less. It all depends on the size of the managed portfolio.

It is important to understand that financial advisors have virtually no incentive to recommend a passive approach to investing, as there is typically no compensation to the advisor. This is why there is a conflict of interest. Of course, the lower fee from passive investing does not guarantee better performance. Many studies have shown, however, that index investing often outperforms their peers in the active managed arena.

The debate of passive vs. active has been going on for decades, and it is tough to analyze. Morningstar's research analysis says that actively managed funds do their best at outperforming their passive peers in times of stress: the dot-com bust 2000-2002 and the credit crisis of 2009-2010. That makes sense that when fear rules markets, it takes active stock managers to navigate the muddy waters. On the other hand, during the good times, it is easy buying the index and go-

ing for the potential ride higher.

My research shows that less than 50 percent of U.S. stock investments beat the S&P 500 since 2000. Furthermore, the data suggests that the average actively managed stock mutual fund underperforms about 2 percent per year. Obviously, the 1-2 percent (average) fees charged by active mutual funds are a headwind not faced by passive index funds. I argue that costs should not be factored into the equation when comparing passive vs. active investing, as fees are not a function of the investing strategy.

In theory, all S&P 500 index funds should have the same performance as they are benchmarking the same index. There are a few differences, however, hidden in the various fund's composition that cause the vast majority of investors actually to underperform the S&P 500. The primary reason for this underperformance is due to fund expenses, including trading costs. At the end of the day, passive investors are almost guaranteed to underperform the index they are trying to beat. For many investors, including the author, this is unacceptable, as we do not want to be a little below average. It is not in our DNA. Most of us are driven by the opportunity to beat the average (index).

If you know anything about Vanguard, you know they typically stand for DIY (do it yourself) passive index investing. According to a Vanguard 2013 research report, "Advisor's Alpha," Vanguard reiterates its long-held position that "over longer time horizons, active management often fails to outperform market benchmarks." In other words, it is tough to beat Mr. Market, especially after expenses. Therefore, according to Vanguard, if a client-advisor relationship is based on

the adviser delivering market-beating performance, the client is unlikely to get what they are paying for. But what if the advisor works to add value in other ways? According to Vanguard, a financial advisor could potentially add about 3 percent in value to a client's portfolio.

If your financial advisor's services and tactical recommendations are providing significant value, then cost should be a minor issue. Thus, it begs the question: How much is your financial advisor worth? I submit that a great advisor should be worth far more than the expense of your investment portfolio. If you are just paying your financial advisor to select investment products, such as stocks, bonds, mutual funds, etc., I believe you and your advisor are missing the boat on the added value of sound investment planning provides. For instance, I do a lot more work for my clients than just implementing investment strategies. I counsel on everything from estate investment planning issues to tax mitigation, to college planning, to insurance planning and review as well as liability issues. I consider myself my client's life planner and they should, and often do, take advantage of all the resources that I have to offer where there is no cost.

It is my experience that specific investments are typically much less important than many of the other investment planning decisions. In the final analysis, you should determine the benefit that your advisor creates. If there is little to no value, there are plenty of competent, ethical, fee-based financial advisors anxious to talk with you or go the way of DIY.

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Local program encourages kids to 'Venture' out of their comfort zone

By Jasmine Marshall

When most teenagers have the day to themselves, they might opt for a mall crawl with their friends or a day at home in front of the television.

Few would consider sailing off the coast of Florida's Keys to capture kingfish, or learning how to nock an arrow "after school activities." But that's what the teens and young adults of Ponte Vedra's Venture Crew 288 do.

These activities — or "venturing," as they're known — are part of the curriculum for Venture Crew, a co-ed, youth-led program by Boy Scouts of America for kids aged 14 to 21. According to the crew's founder and advisor Richard Basye, it's a program tailored to promote the growth of the kids who get involved.

"The primary objective of venturing is to teach life skills, leadership and how to lead a good, wholesome life," Basye said.

Venture Crew 288's activities include leadership training accomplished by putting kids in "officer" roles and through leadership developmental courses. Kids also participate in a slew of experiences hand-picked and planned by the "venturers" themselves for quarterly weekend trips. One week, that might include learning to safely shoot rifles and pistols, while another could include a lesson in archery. Other activities organized by leaders are trips to indoor speedways, obstacle courses and rock climbing walls.

Participants also host fundraisers (such as cooking and bake sales) to fund their summer camps and out-of-state venture trips, and do service projects in the community, such as working with Ponte Vedra's United Methodist Church and participating in beach cleanups.

"It's through these activities that the crews learn to work as teams and share responsibilities," Basye said. "Our leaders plan the day trips, the fundraisers and the community service projects. And the kids are always looking for volunteer opportunities and ways to help."

Most recently, the crew ventured out to Key West for spring break, where they sailed out for a weeklong adventure aboard a 95-foot sailboat and shared the duties of living on a ship as a team. In addition to cooking, venturers learned to man the sails, steer at the helm, fish and snorkel.

It's activities like these that foster positive growth and development in teens and young adults and what Basye says is the best part — seeing the difference venturing has made in the lives of his crew.



Photos/captions courtesy of Brian Kiel, Associate Advisor Crew 288

Venturers from PVB Crew 288 dropping sails for the night's anchoring at Man of War Harbor in Key West.

"Watching these kids grow up and become confident is just ... the greatest thing," he said. "To see them grow into responsible young adults has been so rewarding."

Registration for Venture Crew membership is ongoing. For more information about Venture Crew, contact Richard Basye at basyedad@gmail.com or visit the crew's website at www.crew288pvb.shutterfly.com.



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There will be two workshop presentations: "Starting Your Own Small Business" and "Tips on How to Apply to Positions through Online Systems, Particularly with Mayo Clinic." Reserve your workshop seat by contacting Cindy Corritore at ccorritore@christepiscopalchurch.org, or call the Pastoral Care Office at (904) 285-7390, ext. 231.</p> <p>MOSH After Dark MOSH After Dark, a monthly program for adults, will be held April 28 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Museum of Science and History (MOSH), 1025 Museum Circle, Jacksonville. This month's program is an outdoor movie night featuring "Jurassic Park." The cost is \$10, \$8 for MOSH members. For more information, call (904) 396-6674 or visit www.themosh.org.</p> <p>Ribbon cutting A ribbon cutting will take place at Freedom Wealth Services, 1102 A1A N., Suite 203, Ponte Vedra Beach, April 28 from 5 to 6 p.m. For more information, call (904) 373-8349.</p>	<p>Prokofiev's Cinderella Ballet The Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra presents Prokofiev's Cinderella Ballet, a full production featuring dancers from Jacksonville's First Coast Nutcracker, with Conductor Nathan Aspinall and Principal Dancer Yumelia Garcia on April 29 at 8 p.m. and April 30 at 2 p.m. at the Times-Union Center for Performing Arts, 300 Water St., Jacksonville. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit www.jaxsymphony.org.</p> <p>'All the Way' at Players by the Sea Players by the Sea Theatre presents "All the Way," a political drama about former President Lyndon Baines Johnson's passage of the Civil Rights Act on the theatre's main stage April 28, 29, 30 and May 5, 6, 7 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, May 1, at 2 p.m. General admission tickets are \$23; senior, student and military tickets are \$20. The theatre is located at 106 Sixth St. N., Jacksonville Beach. For more information or to purchase tickets, call (904) 249-0289 or visit www.playersbythesea.org.</p> <p>'The 39 Steps' at Limelight Theatre Limelight Theatre presents "The 39 Steps" on the Matusa Main Stage through May 8. Showtime is 7:30 p.m. on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. on Sundays. Tickets are \$26 for adults, \$24 for seniors and \$20 for military and students. Limelight Theatre is located at 11 Old Mission Ave., St. Augustine. For more information or to purchase tickets, call (904) 825-1164 or visit www.limelight-theatre.org.</p> <p>Concert performance Grammy Award-winning artist David Phelps will perform at First Baptist Church, 2645 Blanding Blvd., Jacksonville on April 29 at 7 p.m. For more information or to purchase tickets, call (904) 282-5289 or visit www.fbcmiddlebur.com or www.itickets.com.</p> <p>'Almost AHBA' at Alhambra Theatre "Almost AHBA" recreates the magic and nostalgia of ABBA in a costumed, choreographed and audience-interactive show. The show runs through May 1 at Alhambra Theatre & Dining, 12000 Beach Blvd., Jacksonville. For more information or to purchase tickets, call (904) 641-1212 or visit www.alhambrajax.com.</p>	<p>Katz 4 Keeps Adoptions Adoption Days Katz 4 Keeps adoption days will take place Saturday, April 30, and Sunday, May 1, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Katz 4 Keeps, 935B A1A N., Ponte Vedra Beach (next to Sherwin Williams). For more information, call (904) 834-3223 or email katz4keeps.org.</p> <p>Labor of Love Family Fest The Labor of Love Family Fest to benefit Alpha-Omega Miracle Home will be held Saturday, April 30, from 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at Francis Field, 14 W. Castillo Drive, St. Augustine. The festival will include live music, entertainment, Jumperama inflatables, food trucks, vendors, a raffle and giveaways, vehicles to explore including a hummer, helicopter, fire truck and more. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for seniors and active military with ID. Kids 12 and under are admitted free. Festival attendees may want to bring blankets or chairs. Pre-sale Jumperama wristbands are available for discounted purchase. For more information, call (904) 823-588 or visit www.aomh.org.</p> <p>Ponte Vedra Beach Library book sale The Friends of the Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library semi-annual book sale continues at the Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library, 101 Library Blvd. through April 30. The book sale will take place April 28 and 29 from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and April 30 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. for the bag day sale.</p> <p>Joseph A. Strasser Butterfly Festival The 2016 Joseph A. Strasser Butterfly Festival will be held April 30 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Tree Hill Nature Center, 7152 Lone Star Road, Jacksonville. The annual event will include animal encounters, live music, local vendors, games and a live butterfly release. For more information, call (904) 724-4646 or visit www.treehill.org/visit/josephastrasserbutterflyfestival.aspx.</p> <p>Kids STEM Club: LEGO Robotics On April 30 from 2 to 4 p.m., kids ages 10 and up can sign up to build and program robots from LEGO bricks at the Southeast Branch Library, 6670 U.S. 1 S., St. Augustine. Space is limited; call (904) 827-6900 to register.</p>	<p>Singers by the Sea spring concert The annual Singers by the Sea spring concert "Let There Be Music" will be held May 1 at 2:30 p.m. in the sanctuary of Palms Presbyterian Church, 3410 Third St. S., Jacksonville Beach. A sample of the songs to be performed are: the Swahili song "Tuimbe" (Let there be music), "Homeward Bound," "Come and Go With Me," "Music in My Mother's House," "A Place in the Choir," "Anthem," "Bridge Over Troubled Water," "Will the Circle Be Unbroken," "Amazing Grace," and "I Sing Because I'm Happy." The concert is free and open to the public; donations are accepted. A reception will follow the approximately 50-minute program. For more information, call (904) 285-5781 or visit www.sbits-fl.org.</p> <p>Practice with Purpose at Big Fish Yoga Practice with Purpose is an all-level yoga class offered on Sundays from 4 to 5 p.m. at Big Fish Power Yoga. The fee for the class is a \$5 cash donation that goes to the charity that Big Fish Power Yoga has selected for the quarter. Big Fish Yoga is located in the South Beach Regional Shopping Center in Jacksonville Beach at 3852 South Third St. For more info, call (904) 372-0601.</p> <p>Collection Tour Join the Cummer Museum of Art and Gardens on Sundays for a guided tour of its permanent collection. The tour is free with the cost of admission. The museum is located at 829 Riverside Ave., Jacksonville.</p> <p>Travel Training Program The Council on Aging's Travel Training program is designed to assist seniors in learning to ride the Sunshine Bus. Residents interested in expanding their transportation options or who would like to increase their confidence as a bus rider can receive assistance from trained volunteers in navigating routes, reading time tables and making transfers. 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Sessions are by appointment only Monday through Friday; call (770) 403-4991 or email whitneybat76@gmail.com. Bolin also facilitates a mental health recovery group at Flagler Hospital from 2 to 4 p.m. every Tuesday.</p> <p>Annual Activity Member Become an Annual Activity Member at The Players Community Senior Center. Membership includes discounts on fee-based classes, designated events and Coastal Travel along with complimentary participation in a wide variety of scheduled activities. Call Darlene Mahany at (904) 280-3233 for more information.</p> <p>For The Love of Driving Volunteer drivers are needed to assist seniors in achieving their mobility goals in St. Johns County. Transportation needs range from trips to the grocery store and classes to spousal hospital visits or social activities. Contact the mobility manager at the Council on Aging, (904) 315-6505, or email Katie.Arnold@stjohnscoa.com.</p>	<p>Women Divorce Recovery Divorce Aftercare Women Need (DAWN) recovery group meeting will be held May 3 from 7 to 9 p.m. at The Quick Law Group, 4312 Pablo Professional Court, Jacksonville. DAWN is a free monthly support group open to all women going through or recovering from divorce. To register for the event, call The Quick Law Group at (904) 241-0012 or register online at www.thequicklawgroup.com/events.</p> <p>Jewish book club for women A Jewish book club for women presented by Chabad at the Beaches meets the first Tuesday of the month and discusses a new book. This month's meeting will take place May 3 at 7:30 p.m. The book club is hosted at private homes; address information is given with reservations. This month, the book club will be discussing the book "Just Revenge" by Alan Dershowitz. For more information, call (904) 543-9301 or visit www.Chabadbeaches.com.</p> <p>Civil War discussion group The monthly meeting of the "Understanding The Civil War" discussion group will be held at 1 p.m. on May 3 at the Anastasia Island Branch library, 124 Seagrove Main St. in St. Augustine Beach. Dr. John Paling, a retired professor from the University of Florida, will present Part II of "The Thomas Jackson Letters- One Man's Battle to Stop Slavery." Paling is a distant relative of Jackson. The meeting is open to the public. For more information, email Charlie.Smith@smithc32@bellsouth.net.</p> <p>Photography Show The 5th Annual Saint Augustine Camera Club's (SACC) juried member photography show will be on display in the Rotunda Gallery at the St. Johns County Administration Building, 500 Sebastian View, St. Augustine from May 3 through June 8. The St. Johns Cultural Council will host an opening reception for this exhibit on Tuesday, May 3, beginning at 8:15 a.m., just before the Board of County Commission meeting. The reception is open to the public. The St. Johns County Administration Building is open to the public from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.</p>	<p>Chamber Before Hours The St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce Ponte Vedra Beach Division Chamber Before Hours will be held from 8 to 9 a.m. on May 4 at Youthful Medical Spa, 150 Professional Drive, Suite 700, Ponte Vedra Beach. The event is free for Chamber members. For more information or to register for the event, visit www.stjohnscountychamber.com.</p> <p>Sierra Club program The Northeast Florida Sierra Club will host a presentation with NEFL Sierra Club Conservation Chairman Tom Larson Wednesday, May 4, at 6 p.m. at the Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library, 101 Library Blvd., Ponte Vedra Beach. Larson will discuss climate change and the Paris Agreement. The program is free and open to the public. For more information, call (904) 537-6047.</p> <p>PV Professionals Networking Group The Ponte Vedra Professionals Networking Group meets Wednesdays from noon to 1 p.m. at Mulligans, 43 PGA Tour Blvd., Ponte Vedra Beach. For more information, call Gloria at (904) 635-6103, visit www.pvpng.com or email pontevedrapng@gmail.com.</p> <p>Ponte Vedra Toastmasters The Ponte Vedra Toastmasters Club offers opportunities for developing your leadership and communication skills. The group meets Wednesdays at The Players Community Center, 175 Landrum Lane, Ponte Vedra. The meeting starts promptly at 7:30 a.m. and lasts one hour. Contact Lucy Reep at (904) 607-3695 or contact-5199@toastmastersclubs.org for more information.</p> <p>Habitat for Humanity volunteers Habitat for Humanity of St. Augustine/St. Johns County is currently seeking qualified homeowners. Habitat does not give away homes for free. Instead, homeowners pay an affordable monthly mortgage payment and Habitat helps build them a simple, decent place to live. For more information on volunteering, donating or qualifying for a Habitat home, visit habitatstjohns.org.</p>	<p>Arbor Terrace Life Enrichment Group The Life Enrichment Group Day Program takes place every Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Arbor Terrace Ponte Vedra, 5125 Palm Valley Road, Ponte Vedra Beach. The group is designed for those with memory changes who would like to stay active mentally, physically and socially. For more information, call (904) 497-4346 or visit www.at-pontevedra.com.</p> <p>Chamber After Hours After Hours at THE PLAYERS Championship will take place May 5 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at THE PLAYERS Championship/PGA Tour, 103 Championship Way, Ponte Vedra Beach. This annual event, in partnership with the JAX Chamber, sells out every year. The cost is \$15 for Chamber members; \$25 for non-members. Early RSVP is recommended to guarantee admission. Register online at www.stjohnscountychamber.com.</p> <p>Southern Soiree farm to table event Southern Soiree will be held May 5 at Nocatee Crosswater Hall, 245 Nocatee Center Way, Ponte Vedra Beach. The fundraising event for the Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach will feature Southern-inspired cuisine prepared by local restaurants as well as silent and live auctions and live entertainment. The cost is \$125 for members, \$150 for non-members. Table sponsorships with reserved seating for eight are available. Complimentary cocktails and appetizers will be offered on the Green at 6 p.m.; dinner will be served at 7 p.m. in the Nocatee Room. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit www.ccpvb.org.</p> <p>Free Bridge Lessons Free beginning bridge lessons are available at the Jacksonville School of Bridge, 3353 Washburn Rd., Jacksonville Beach on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Contact Burt O'Dell at (352) 428-1075 for more information.</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 carrie@opcfla.com, post online at www.pontevedrarecorder.com using the</p>

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Compiled by Carrie Resch

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The Jacksonville Zoo & Gardens will host a Mother's Day Brunch in the zoo's Samburu Room May 8. There will be two seatings for the buffet-style brunch, one at 10 a.m. and one at 11 a.m. There will also be crafts and animal encounters. The cost for zoo members is \$24.95 per adult and \$9.95 per child; the cost for non-members is \$28.95 per adult and \$12.95 per child (price does

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Beach boutique links three generations of artists

Mother-daughter team pays homage to the woman who started it all

By Jasmine Marshall

Cathy Thomasson and Cara Burky know what it means to be busy.

When the mother-daughter team behind Jacksonville Beach's Sidney Cardel's isn't running their store, they're everywhere: zipping from city to city at home and abroad finding the varied assortment of furniture, accessories and decor that make their boutique; or redecorating and re-imagining their space for the latest collection of items that adorn its walls throughout the season.

But for all the bustle at their two-year-old storefront, time seems to slow at Sidney Cardel's. Burky and Thomasson greet incoming customers and bag goods with the movement and expertise of a pair born to helm a seaside beach boutique, the two moving around one another with the familiarity of best friends and business partners.

"We have fun here," Thomasson said. "When you're working with your mother or daughter, there's just a level of trust that comes from having a family member with you."

The sentiment was echoed by her daughter.

"We both want this business to work and be wonderful," Burky said. "And it's nice being involved in something with someone who is as equally emotionally invested as you are."

Sidney Cardel's brick-and-mortar origins began with a more obscurely located store on Second Street by Jacksonville Beach back in 2011. But in a manner of speaking, it started more than 30 years ago with Thomasson's ambition and a vow shared between



Photo by Jasmine Marshall

Cathy Thomasson and Cara Burky, the mother and daughter behind Sidney Cardel's.

mother and daughter.

Many visitors are surprised to learn that "Sidney" is neither Cathy nor Cara, though she's every bit as much a part of the store as they are.

"Sidney Cardel was my mom's pen name," Thomasson explained. "She was a writer, a poet and we wanted the store to be a reflection of her and in her memory. In everything she was an artist, and her originality and thinking was passed on to us."

Indeed, "Sidney" operates as a motif that appears everywhere from the store to the logo to the website — an enigmatic force evident in the styling of each nook and cranny. She overlooks the floor from the perch of a framed, sepia-toned print behind the counter with all the spunk one might imagine for the origin of a business

spanning three generations of women. Thomasson and Burky can't hide the fondness that plays about their features when they look to a photo of Sidney posed with her back to a palm tree, hips cocked and sporting a winning smile,

"I love it when people ask, 'Who is Sidney Cardel?' Or 'Are you Sidney?' and we get to share that with them," Burky said. "We get to share her story and she's as much a part of the store as we are. And I think her spirit is here ... I think people walk away from our store having felt her spirit in them."

The two credit her with the artistic, entrepreneurial instincts that led them to start the business after Burky graduated from Florida State University and moved to Tampa, Fla. for a job.

Thomasson had always been interested in opening a store, and said the timing was right, so she called her daughter with her plans and Burky moved to Jacksonville.

The pair split duties, whether that includes buying merchandise, re-stocking and styling the store, or more collaborative efforts like providing personal design services. The combination of their work and shared vision is what makes it possible for them to cater to a variety of tastes and age groups.

The progression was natural; for all their differences, Burky and Thomasson say their contradicting styles and taste for spontaneity have only helped them run a business together, even with the challenges that inevitably come with working as a mother-daughter team.

"It can be difficult working with your mom or daughter 24/7, but there's a lot of great perks to it as well," said Thomasson. "I get to see my daughter a lot, which is great. And Cara's got a flair for design. We're both artists and so was my mom, so we got that artistic creative gene and Cara got that in an even bigger way. So it works out well and we have a good time."

Ultimately, Thomasson and Burky hope that Sidney Cardel's doubles as a shopping destination and a source of inspiration for anyone who comes through their doors, be it artistically or professionally. And they encourage other mothers and daughters to take the opportunity to work together, as well.

"More than anything, we want people to come in and leave feeling inspired, whether they buy something or not," said Burky. "And hopefully other mothers and daughters will take away the fact that even if it's hard, striking that balance between business partners, friendship and mothering is very rewarding."

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The zoo will also offer a Mother's Day admission special: buy one child or adult ticket and get one adult or senior general admission ticket for free on Sunday May 8. Coupons can be downloaded and printed on the zoo's website at www.jacksonvillezoo.org or present coupon on your phone or tablet.

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Drema Farmer Jewelry Trunk Show

Linda Cunningham will host a Drema Farmer Jewelry Trunk Show through April 30. Drema Farmer Jewelry is a Jacksonville-based independent jewelry designer; each piece is handcrafted, one-of-a-kind jewelry designs. Linda Cunningham boutique is located at 1049 Kings Ave., Jacksonville. Hours are Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call (904) 399-4864 or visit www.lindacunningham.com.

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for Mother's Day brunch, which will be served from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Made with fresh squeezed orange juice, the mimosas typically cost \$15 per person but will be discounted to \$7.50 for all mothers who dine in the restaurant for Sunday brunch. Want to take mom out to dinner instead? The restaurant will also be open for Mother's Day dinner service. Sbraga & Company is located at 220 Riverside Ave., Suite 114. Reservations are strongly encouraged and can be made over the phone by calling (904) 746-0909 or by visiting www.sbragadining.com/sbragaandcompany or via OpenTable.

Annette Görtz trunk show

Marcia's Place will hold an Annette Görtz trunk show April 28-30. Marcia's Place is located in the Sawgrass Village Shopping Center at 200 Front St., Suite 620. For more information, call (904) 280-9212 or visit www.marciasplacepontevedra.com.

Cutter & Cutter to open new gallery in Sawgrass Village

'Mobile gallery' to offer special preview during THE PLAYERS week

By Jennifer Logue

Dalí, Degas and Renoir are just a few of the famed masters whose works will soon be on display in Sawgrass Village, as longtime St. Augustine art dealers Cutter & Cutter open a new gallery in Ponte Vedra Beach.

To be located on Village Main Street (next to Peterbrooke Chocolatier), the 3,000 square foot gallery will officially open its doors this summer. To offer

area residents a special preview of some of the artwork to come, however, a "mobile gallery" will be open in the space from May 9-16 to coincide with THE PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP.

"We're excited," said Len Cutter, who owns the gallery with his wife, Sonya, and sons Matthew and Mark. "I usually say I only get excited about two things — love and fly fishing. But I am really excited about coming to Ponte Vedra."

Currently, the Cutter family operates two galleries on King Street in the heart of St. Augustine's historic district. Brilliance in Color, located at 25 King St., will remain open, while the gallery



Photo courtesy of Cutter & Cutter

Mark, Sonya, Len and Matthew Cutter

at 9 King St. will eventually close once the new Ponte Vedra Beach gallery is fully established.

"We've been in St. Augustine for 18 years, and we love being in the nation's oldest city," Cutter said. "There's something historic, something interesting on every corner. But Ponte Vedra just has a slightly different pace — it's more relaxed, but with a purpose."

Classics to contemporary

As with Brilliance in Color, the Ponte Vedra Beach gallery will feature a diverse array of both classic and contemporary artists. In addition to 19th century masters such as Mary

Cassatt, Renoir and Toulouse-Lautrec, the gallery will also feature works by more contemporary artists such as 20th century sculptor Frederick Hart — well known for his statue of the three soldiers at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial — and living artists such as Daniel Greene, famed for his portraits and series of paintings of the New York City subway. Ceramics, pottery and wood turned art will be available alongside original paintings, etchings and lithographs.

Also popular with Cutter & Cutter's clients: Salvador Dalí.

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Children's hopes and dreams 'Unmasked' in cultural center exhibit

By Jennifer Logue

Guests attending the opening of a nationally recognized artist at the Cultural Center of Ponte Vedra Beach also had an opportunity to view an equally inventive exhibition by local artists.

Titled "Unmasked," the colorful exhibition of painted masks was created by children who are patients at Wolfson's



Photos by Jennifer Logue



Children's Hospital and Nemours Clinic. The exhibit was mounted by the Museum of Contemporary Art and Art with a Heart in Healthcare, a nonprofit that aims to aid the healing process of sick children through art. From painting and coloring to jewelry making and origami, Art with a Heart in Healthcare's artists and volunteers work with the children at their hospital bedside.

"It's so helpful because it gives the children something to distract and entertain them," said Cheryl Barnett of First Tennessee Bank, a sponsor of the exhibition.

"It also gives family members a little break while the children are doing their artwork, so the program is really beneficial for the whole family."

Barnett, who attended the opening of the Ponte Vedra Beach exhibit, said she found it interesting to see how each child decorated his or her own mask.

"They are so special and so touching because each child chose to tell a story," she said.

For example, one child with cystic fibrosis decorated her mask to look like a pair of healthy lungs in order to raise awareness of her disease. Seventeen-year-old Cheyenne, meanwhile, decorated her mask as though it were assembled from jigsaw puzzle pieces.

"Everyone has pieces to their puzzle and some are the pieces to a puzzle," Cheyenne wrote. "The difference is how the pieces fit together."

Art with a Heart in Healthcare artist Maddie Firestone also attended the exhibit. After volunteering with the program and working with children at the Ronald McDonald House, she soon joined the program as a contract artist.

"My favorite part is the bonds you make with the children," she said. "I love the moments when kids aren't feeling well and they get so into the art that they completely forget they're in a hospital setting and they haven't had

their pain medication."

Ponte Vedra residents Dana Minyard and Patti Peebles said they enjoyed the exhibit.

"It's both heartbreaking and uplifting," Minyard said. "It really runs the

gamut of emotions."

"Unmasked" will be on display at the Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach through May 28. Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.

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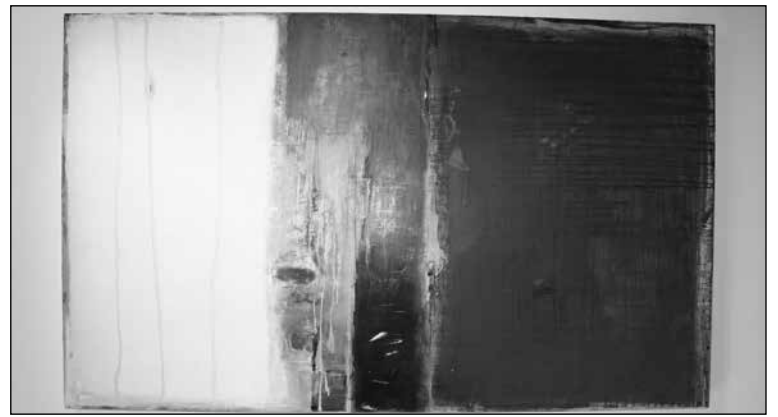
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Artist Sharon Booma (second from left) discusses her work with guests at the opening reception for her exhibition, "Collection of Impulses."



ABOVE: Sharon Booma's exhibition "Collection of Impulses" will be on display at the Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach through May 27.



LEFT: Dick and Kathy Baumgartner

Cultural Center hosts Sharon Booma art exhibition

By Jennifer Logue

The Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach hosted an opening reception April 15 to launch "Collection of Impulses" — an exhibition of artwork by nationally recognized artist Sharon Booma.

A Ponte Vedra Beach resident, Booma relocated full-time to the Beaches area in 2013 after splitting her

time for many years between homes in Boston and Ponte Vedra. She has exhibited her work for more than two decades at galleries in such diverse locations as New York City, Santa Fe, the Netherlands and Des Moines. Reviews of her work have been published in ArtNews, Art in America and Studio International.

"This is the first gallery in Jacksonville that Sharon has exhibited in," Director

of Programs and Exhibitions Leigh Rodante said. "She normally shows in New York and internationally. We're very excited to be able to exhibit her works at the cultural center."

Ponte Vedra Beach resident Marilyn McAfee was excited to attend the exhibition.

"I've been taking classes at the cultural center for over 10 years, and I was here when they were installing some of

Sharon's artwork," she said. "Her pieces just blew me away."

Jayne Evans agreed.

"We love Sharon Booma's work," Evans said. "I like her layers and her approach. She keeps adding layers, then she peels it away to let something beneath reveal itself."

"Collection of Impulses" is on display at the Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach through May 27.

Aiding charities through art: Ponte Vedra couple founds Art 4 Charities

By Jennifer Logue

Local residents looking for a way to aid their favorite charity can now support worthy causes while beautifying their home, thanks to Art 4 Charities (www.Art4Charities.net).

Founded by Ponte Vedra residents

Terry and Diane Machaby, the new business provides museum-quality reproductions of fine art and photography, with a portion of each sale going to the buyer's designated charity. Available artwork includes everything from famed masterpieces by Van Gogh, Renoir and Monet to contemporary photographs of tropical

beach scenes. The business also offers canvas prints of favorite family photos of weddings, vacations, children and even pets.

"In a nutshell, when someone purchases an item for, say, \$100, their favorite charity receives as much as \$40," Terry Machaby said. "It's as easy as that."

A "Friends 4 Charities" referral program enables individuals to earn free works of art by referring friends who purchase art or photography to aid their favorite charity. In addition, nonprofit organizations can partner with Art 4 Charities through online fundraisers or home art parties, where friends and neighbors can purchase works of art, with up to 40 percent of the proceeds going to the charity.

"Every charity has volunteers," Machaby noted. "Imagine the money a nonprofit could raise if their volunteers had home parties or purchased art online."

Helping nonprofits

Machaby said he got the idea for Art 4 Charities after seeing how much time and effort his wife put into organizing charity fundraisers.

"Diane worked for a number of nonprofit organizations for more than 20 years," he said. "The fundraisers were always very labor intensive, with a lot of people involved. I thought, 'Why can't we raise money for charities without having to do all that work?'"

Building on his lifelong interest in photography, Machaby purchased the

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equipment needed to produce museum-quality reproductions. In addition to offering the artwork online and at home parties, Art 4 Charities plans to set up booths at local trade shows and home art showings to promote the program. The Machabys also plan to work with Realtors and interior decorators, who can

help clients decorate their home while supporting their favorite charities.

The couple even hopes to one day have Art 4 Charities galleries where local artists could offer limited editions of their work.

“Art is something everyone has in their homes, their offices and that they can make as gifts to family and friends,” Diane Machaby said. “We’re hoping people will support their favorite charity while gaining a lovely piece of art.”

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Ponte Vedra Public Education Foundation to host ArtWorks celebration May 1

More than 150 families will enjoy artwork created by local elementary and middle-school students at the annual ArtWorks celebration, to be held at 1 p.m. May 1 at the Sawgrass Marriott.

Sponsored by the Ponte Vedra Public Education Foundation, the free, public event will display original artwork created by K-8 students from Ocean Palms and PVPV/Rawlings elementary

schools, Valley Ridge Academy and Landrum Middle School. One student from each school will also be chosen to have his or her artwork displayed on billboards outside PVPV/Rawlings

and Ocean Palms. Each year, art teachers select works created by their students. Professional artists are then brought in to choose which pieces will be exhibited during the ArtWorks show. More

than 150 personalized certificates are awarded at the event, with gift certificates for art supplies presented to proficient Landrum and VRA middle school art students.



Cutter & Cutter gallery sculpture

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“Dali has become a big part of our business,” Mark Cutter said. “It’s just amazing how a Dali piece in the window just pulls people in.”

But what makes Cutter & Cutter different than other galleries, Len Cutter said, is its staff of knowledgeable, professional art consultants and its ability to do in-home showings.

“People buy what they see,” he said. “With our new Ponte Vedra gallery, clients can see the art in a beautiful gallery, or we can bring it to their home or business.”

Mark Cutter added, “We can even put together a grouping of works, load them into a truck and bring it to the client’s home so they can see how it feels in their space.”

And because the Sawgrass Village location is more centrally located, Len Cutter said, the gallery will be able to better serve clients throughout the Jacksonville and Beaches areas. “Everything will just emanate from the Ponte Vedra gallery.”

A gathering place

But while in-home showings and online sales are a significant part of Cutter & Cutter’s business, Len Cutter hopes local residents will take advantage of the new Ponte Vedra Beach gallery to attend its exhibitions, receptions and events with noted artists.

“A gallery is more than a place to see and buy art,” he said. “It’s a place to form friendships, to enjoy a glass of wine. We are so excited to be bringing this experience to Ponte Vedra Beach and I can promise you this: We will not disappoint.”

Festival-goers flock to Nocatee for annual Roscolusa concert

By Carrie Resch

The threat of rain loomed overhead, with an ominous gray cloud lurking over Nocatee Town Center Field Saturday evening. But after a brief shower, the skies cleared, the sun set and festival-goers settled in for an evening of fun, live music and fundraising at the 5th Annual Roscolusa Songwriters Festival.

“It’s the best turnout that we’ve had and the biggest benefactor crowd that we’ve had,” Roscolusa founder Kim Paige said at the April 23 event. “I’m just really, really enthusiastic and excited and proud.”

In addition to Paige, this year’s Roscolusa festival featured Rick Ferrell, Cassio Monroe, Bruce Wallace, Jesse Rice, Kay Gianna and Phil Barton. Ferrell performed some of the hit songs he wrote for some of the biggest names in country music, including “Something Like That” (the barbecue stain on my white t-shirt song) and “Where Would You Be” by Martina McBride. He also paid tribute to the recent passing of Prince by singing a cover of “Little Red Corvette” and encouraging the crowd to sing along.

The festival presented a relaxed atmosphere, where children ran and played in the field — throwing a football or kicking a soccer ball. Many Nocatee residents arrived at the event via golf cart, and families picnicked on blankets or relaxed in lounge chairs while enjoying the acts. There were also many local vendors on site, including Stubbess, GuanaBana Ice Pops, North Guana Outpost, Belle of the Boulevard, Ponte Vedra Plastic Surgery, the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce, and many more.

Songs by songwriters

In 2012, Paige had the idea to host a songwriters’ retreat in her hometown of Ponte Vedra. The first festival had only 150 people in attendance and took place in a private lot located off Roscoe Boulevard, hence the name Roscolusa. The con-



Carrie Resch

cert event grew exponentially over the years and had to be moved to a larger venue at Nocatee Town Center Field. Concert attendance is now in the thousands, and this is the first year that Paige said she feels Roscolusa is finally becoming a recognizable name among local live music festivals, thanks in part, she says, to people helping spread the word and promotion via social media platforms.

In fact, social media is how Ponte Vedra resident Angie Gray first heard about the event last year. A self-described “big music fan,” Gray said this is her second year in a row attending the festival.

“This is like five minutes from where I live — this is fantastic,” said Gray, noting she was drawn to attend because it benefits the Tom Coughlin Jay Fund to aid children battling cancer. “We’ll come every year for sure. We’re trying to get a bunch of our friends to come, too. It’s a great event.”

Volunteers wearing blue Tom Coughlin Jay Fund t-shirts were scattered throughout the festival, eager to spread the word about the organization and sell raffle tickets for prizes such as horseback riding

lessons, posh getaways, golf outings, and facials. All of the proceeds from the raffle benefited the organization. When it came time to do the drawings, representatives from the organization, including volunteer and cancer survivor Luciana Butler took to the stage to share their stories of survival.

Another Jay Fund volunteer, Marie Olsen, is a supporter of the organization because of the help it gave her family when her daughter was diagnosed with cancer.

“My daughter was 19 when she was diagnosed with acute myeloid leukemia (AML) and the Jay Fund helped us tremendously,” Olsen said. “When she went into remission, (the Jay Fund) gave her tickets to concerts and that kind of thing, so she really felt like she was a normal teenager again.”

The Jay Fund also helped the family financially with bills and money for Christmas, she added.

While Olsen’s daughter lost her battle with the disease, she carries on volunteering with the organization in her honor. “I didn’t even know they existed before my daughter got sick,” she said. “I’m so glad that this community has this.”

Masters champion Willett joins PGA TOUR

England's Danny Willett has joined the PGA Tour following his recent Masters Tournament victory, the PGA Tour announced last week. The 28-year-old will receive a five-year tour exemption that runs



Willett

through the 2020-21 season, along with 600 FedExCup points from his win in Augusta.

Willett's non-member

FedExCup points (44) from a start at the Valspar Championship earlier this year also become retroactive, and his total of 644 FedExCup points moves him to 27th in the standings entering the Valero Texas Open. Per PGA Tour regulations, Willett does not receive retroactive FedExCup points for his three 2015-16 World Golf Championships starts.

If Willett is inside the top 125 in the FedExCup standings after the Wyndham Championship, he will be eligible to compete in the FedExCup Playoffs.

On the 2015-16 season, Willett has three top-10 finishes, with five made cuts in five starts. He is currently No. 9 in the Official World Golf Ranking.



Photo by Jerry Norton

The Paxon catcher waits for the throw as Madison Lucchino slides in safely for a Ponte Vedra insurance run in the seventh inning.

Lady Sharks extend their season

By Jerry Norton

The Lady Sharks softball team advanced to the regional semi-finals with a thrilling 4-3 win over Paxon last Wednesday.

Michelle Holder pitched brilliantly for the Sharks after escaping a first-inning jam that had runners on second and third with two outs. Holder struck out the first two batters of the game, then issued a walk. The next Paxon batter laid down a bunt and resulting misplays by the Shark infield put two runners in scoring position. Holder recovered to get the next batter to ground out to Claudia Cotto.

Ponte Vedra mounted the next threat in the third inning. Lauren Struble started

matters with a walk and advanced to third on Michelle Leone's double. Maddie Sypniewski's sac fly scored Struble and the Sharks were up 1-0.

Paxon tied the game with a run in their half of the fourth on a pair of singles and an error. They lost a chance to score in the fifth when Cotto made a magnificent diving stop of a ground ball and threw the batter out at first. Cotto had had a similar play in the Paxon third, diving to snare a line drive for an out.

The Sharks padded their lead to 3-1 in the sixth, taking advantage of a walk to Taylor Bradshaw, a wild pitch, Bailey Wagoner's pinch hit RBI single and Struble's RBI double off the right center-field fence.

In the meantime, Holder was cruising. She set Paxon down in order in the fifth and sixth inning.

Ponte Vedra would score an insurance run in the top of the seventh when Cotto rapped an RBI single to score pinch runner Madison Lucchino. As things turned out the Sharks would need that insurance run.

Holder struck out the first two batters of the Paxon seventh, but then gave up pair of singles and a double to bring the hosts to within one with the tying run in scoring position. The freshman pitcher kept her cool and induced a grounder to Cotto for the final out. In all, Holder allowed three runs (two earned) on eight hits, walked one and struck out 12.

Egeln Jr. recognized for his accomplishments in baseball

By Barbara Boxleitner
Special to the Recorder

Anthony Egeln Jr. has been recognized for his baseball play.

The Trinity College (Conn.) sophomore was named in early April as pitcher of the week for the New England Small College Athletic Conference, New England Intercollegiate Baseball Association and Eastern College Athletic Conference Division III New England.

The Ponte Vedra High School graduate was recognized for his April 2 shutout victory over Bowdoin College. Egeln allowed two hits and struck out

three in the complete-game effort to improve his record to 2-0.

He followed that with a complete-game shutout Saturday over Colby College. He surrendered five hits and struck out three to earn his third win. He has a 2.93 earned run average.

Softball

Sophomore infielder Kelsey Chisholm batted .248 through 40 games, all starts, for Georgia Tech University. The Bartram Trail High alumna had two home runs, and her 14 runs batted in ranked second on the team. She had six stolen bases in as many attempts.

Senior captain Rachel Pewitt hit .406 through 34 games for Rhodes College. The past Shark had team highs of seven home runs and 35 RBIs.

Freshman Morgan Podany batted .238 with seven RBIs in 34 games for Auburn University. The outfielder played for the Sharks.

Another from the Sharks, Georgetown University sophomore pitcher Avery Geehr, was 0-2 with a 7.68 ERA in four appearances.

Women's lacrosse

Washington and Lee University senior Melissa Coggins was named as the Old Dominion Athletic Confer-

ence player of the week March 28. The attacker out of Bartram Trail was recognized for eight assists in two conference wins. As of Tuesday, she was sixth in the conference with 21 assists and 15th with 29 points.

Also from Bartram Trail, Jordan Grant played the first 13 games for Florida Institute of Technology. The freshman attacker had six goals and five assists.

Allen D. Nease High graduate Paige Farrar had three goals through 11 games for Davidson College.

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

North Florida Stealth U14 win 3 of 4 at USSSA tournament

The North Florida Stealth 14 and under competitive team from Ponte Vedra Girls Softball came out swinging April 9 at USSSA's April Anarchy tournament in Madison, FL. The team outscored its opponents 42-11, winning three out of four seed games. The team's only loss came to the North Florida Stars by a score of 2-1. In the championship game, a rematch against the Stars, the Stars came out scoring once again in the first inning. The score stayed 1-0 until the third inning when the Stealth finally put some

swings together and scored three runs. They scored three more runs in the 4th, one in the 5th, and one in the 6th to give them an 8-1 lead going into the final inning. Nicole Masanko's efforts on the mound helped hold the Stars to only two runs with five strikeouts and one walk.

The Ponte Vedra Girls Softball (PVGGS) league has teams for players ages 4-18. For information on joining, or the Stealth (competitive) or Storm (recreational) programs, visit www.pontevedragirlssoftball.siplay.



Photo by Chris Norton

Matt Keeler of the Sharks looks to pass against Lake Brantley. Keeler scored two goals and four assists in the game.

Shark Lacrosse boys continue their season's unbeaten streak

By Jerry Norton

The Ponte Vedra Sharks continued their relentless pursuit of the state lacrosse championship last week, posting second and third round play-in wins against Lake Brantley and Maclay — their 23rd and 24th straight wins of the 2016 season without a defeat.

The Sharks put away Lake Brantley 16-5 April 19 at the Shark Tank, then Saturday traveled to Tallahassee to eliminate Maclay from title competition, winning 8-4. The pair of wins give the Sharks their fifth regional title in six years and send them to the state final four round against Lake Highland Prep, the three-time defending state champions, on April 29 at Jupiter High School Stadium. Earlier in the season, the Sharks stopped the Highlanders by a score of 11-6.

During their 24-game winning

streak, the Sharks have allowed just 6.1 goals per game and score at a rate of 16.5 goals per game—averages that are among the leaders in Florida high school teams.

Shark scorers against Lake Brantley included Ben Buchanan with four goals and one assist, Clay Welch with three goals, Reid Smith with two goals and five assists, Matt Keeler with two goals and four assists, Andrew O'Dare with two goals and Jack Burke with two goals.

Against Maclay, Smith scored two goals and had five assists, Keeler had two goals and one assist and Buchanan, O'Dare, Burke and CD James each scored a goal.

Should Ponte Vedra defeat the Highlanders, they will meet the winner of the Benjamin (Palm Beach Gardens) vs. St Thomas Aquinas (Ft Lauderdale).

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Photo submitted by UNF Mary Ratcliff displays her sculpture "Symbiosis."

Sculptures by the Sea Project to foster arts education, beautify the beaches

A year-long public art installation in Jacksonville Beach will foster arts education and appreciation while beautifying a previously undeveloped piece of property in Jacksonville Beach.

The UNF Sculptures by the Sea project will display student sculptures on a newly landscaped and designed walk on property owned by MountainStar, located at 480 First St. S. in Jacksonville Beach, across the street from the city's Oceanfront Park. MountainStar Capital and the Lazzara Family Foundation provided a \$50,000 gift to UNF to support students and its sculpture program, headed by Dr. Jenny Hager, UNF associate professor of sculpture. MountainStar Capital also donated the land's use for the year-long event.

"Because of their passion and enthusiasm for art, the Lazzara family has generously provided a forum not only for our talented students to display their creative artwork but a beautiful space at the beach where the entire public can come and be inspired," said

UNF President John Delaney. "We're appreciative of this family's impact on UNF and this community."

The gift supported the creation of 11 miniature sculptures, which were entered into a contest for the public art installation. Five finalists were chosen by a committee comprised of professional artists, art professors, a Jacksonville Beach City Council member, a member of the Cultural Council of Greater Jacksonville and members of the UNF SACC.

The winning sculptures to be on display by UNF seniors include "Ongoing Life" by Gillian Harper, "Still Swimming" by Emily Pinnell, "Symbiosis" by Mary Ratcliff and "Wild Bird" by Diana Shepherd. "Ode to Franklin County" will also be on display by UNF junior David Peters.

"This piece of property is now not only beautified but the sculptures can be enjoyed by anyone visiting the beach," said Christopher Lazzara, CEO of MountainStar Capital and chair of

the community awareness and outreach committee of the SACC. "We are thrilled this project has come to fruition from an idea we had to support UNF while providing a creative way to showcase its sculpture program. Our hope is it will encourage similar gifts from private individuals and companies and spawn new public art in Jacksonville Beach and beyond."

The art will be installed in early June and the property will be open to the public for free from dawn to dusk for the next year.

The Lazzara Family Foundation, based in Ponte Vedra Beach, funds projects focusing on the arts, education and the emotional and physical health challenges in the community. The Foundation provides grants both directly to eligible organizations and through fundraising events that utilize and engage community volunteers. Since 1997, the Foundation has given more than \$15 million in grants to worthy organizations.

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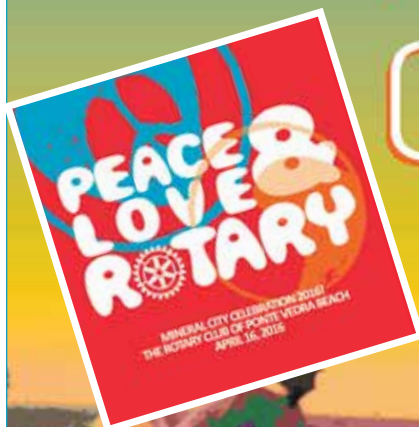
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