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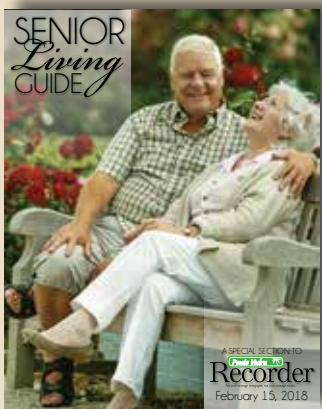
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## SHARKS WIN DISTRICT TITLE



The Ponte Vedra girls basketball team defeated Pedro Menendez last week to win the District 5-6A title. **Read page 40 for more.**

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### WHAT'S THIS?



Do you know what this is?

Email your answer to [jonb@opcfla.com](mailto:jonb@opcfla.com) by Monday at 5 p.m.

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

Nine readers correctly identified last week's photo as the Stellers Gallery sign. The winner of the random drawing was **Jeff Winter**. Congratulations, Jeff – you may pick up your prize at the Recorder office during normal business hours.



### ADOPT A PET



#### CAT OF THE WEEK

My name is Jerry, and I am a 2-year-old male cat who is looking for a new home. I was brought to the pet center as a stray, which means there may be some traits that are unknown at the time. Come visit me today here at the pet center! #41408



#### DOG OF THE WEEK

My name is Gigi, and I am a 4-year-old female dog who is looking for a new home. I was brought to the pet center as a stray, which means there

may be some traits that are unknown at the time. Come visit me today here at the pet center! #41316

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### PUZZLE SOLUTIONS

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Solutions correspond to last week's puzzles.

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# 2018 DONNA Marathon winners announced

The 11th DONNA Marathon Weekend concluded Sunday with thousands of runners in a sea of pink representing all 50 states and eight countries participating over the course of the weekend, Feb. 9-11.

Prior to this year, DONNA Marathon events have raised more than \$5 million toward groundbreaking genomics research conducted at Mayo Clinic and financial assistance to women undergoing breast cancer treatment. Total proceeds raised from the race weekend will be finalized in early summer as funds are still being calculated.

The winners for the 2018 26.2 with DONNA Marathon, half marathon, relays and Booby Trap Challenges are as follows:

■ **Men's Marathon winner:** Zackery Eiserman of Charleston, South Carolina (2:45:09)

■ **Women's Marathon winner:** Meaghan Murray-Neuberger of Baltimore, Maryland (3:04:15)

■ **Men's Half Marathon winner:** Justin Bryan of Jacksonville, Florida (1:15:43)

■ **Women's Half Marathon winner:** Lori Huntman of Indianapolis, Indiana (1:33:26)

■ **Overall Survivor Marathon winner:** Catherine Martin of Gainesville, Florida (3:37:46)

■ **Overall Survivor Half Marathon winner:** Jennifer Hansen of Stillwater, Minnesota (1:57:48)

■ **Men's Marathon Hand Crank winner:** Tom Hall of Orange Park, Florida (1:34:30)

■ **Women's Marathon Hand Crank winner:** Paula Steinke of Orange Park, Florida (1:40:10)

■ **Marathon Push Rim winner:** Bronson Roth of Yulee, Florida (5:23:04)

■ **Men's Half Marathon Push Rim winner:** Harris Blackwell of Jacksonville, Florida (2:11:21)

■ **Women's Half Marathon Push Rim winner:** Yvonne Cooper of Melbourne, Florida (3:35:57)

■ **Ultra 110 Marathon winner:** Marc Burget of Jacksonville, Florida (15:46:23)

■ **Team Relay winner:** Intrepid (2:31:42)

■ **Corporate Team Relay winner:** Stackhouse Fitness Team 1 (2:43:43)

■ **Dan Brown Relay Cup winners:** Bolles School (2:59:37)

■ **Masters Men's Marathon winner:** Pete Metz of Germantown, Wisconsin (3:30:43)

■ **Masters Women's Marathon winner:** Catherine Martin of Gainesville, Florida (3:37:46)

■ **Masters Men's Half Marathon winner:** Jeff Carson of Jacksonville, Florida (1:32:01)

■ **Masters Women's Half Marathon winner:** Malinda Dublin of



ABOVE: Three runners pose with their medals.



RIGHT: A couple shares a congratulatory kiss after crossing the finish line.

Photos courtesy of The DONNA Foundation

Arlington, Massachusetts (1:37:14)

■ **Booby Trap Challenge Men's Marathon winner:** Michael Fitzsimmons of Jacksonville, Florida (5:33:43)

■ **Booby Trap Challenge Women's Marathon winner:** Dr. Andrea Sharp of Jacksonville Beach, Florida (5:08:51)

■ **Booby Trap Challenge Men's Half Marathon winner:** Matthew Dragan-chuk of Spring Hill, Florida (2:32:51)

■ **Booby Trap Challenge Women's Half Marathon winner:** Stephanie Zammit of Orangeville, Ontario, Canada (2:48:26)

■ **Booby Trap Challenge Half Marathon Push Rim winner:** Harris Blackwell of Jacksonville, Florida (3:37:25)

■ **Booby Trap Challenge Marathon Hand Crank winner:** Sarah Williford of Jacksonville, Florida (4:12:04)

The Booby Trap Challenge consisted of three races and four medals over two days. The challengers participated in Saturday's 5K, 10K and either the Full or Half Marathons.

The 2018 DONNA Marathon Weekend is scheduled for Feb. 8-10, 2019. Registration opens May 21, 2018.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear neighbors,

No one recognized the man who blistered the 10K course at DONNA Marathon Weekend. I followed him from the finish line to where he picked up his medal and then to his wife who lifted a small bald-headed girl into his arms. It turns out he was from the UK, here for his daughter's treatment.

On the other side of town, another man was running the 110 Ultra Marathon. He says he's "not a runner" but decided to do the Ultra because his sister, who died from breast cancer, was "so ultra," always living life to the fullest.

These were just some of the stories that carried me as I ran what I call the "26.2 miles of smiles" on Sunday. As always, our runners were greeted with warm cheers, popsicles, mimosas, music and pink everything along the streets of Jacksonville and our wonderful beaches communities from Ponte Vedra to Atlantic Beach. They were given so much love and support from you, my amazing neighbors. I am so in awe of how you own this event. You have long recognized that everyone just wants to matter and they want their loved ones to know they matter.

When we had the chance to become the National Marathon to Finish Breast Cancer, you took it to heart. Once again, you welcomed runners from every state and almost a dozen countries to our streets to help us offer a hand to those in need with breast cancer and to fund groundbreaking research to end the disease. Most importantly, you showed them the best of the First Coast: our people.

Thank you from the bottom of my very full heart.

**Donna Deegan, Jacksonville Beach**

# Bolles appoints Hodges as ninth head of school

During a special meeting Feb. 5, the Bolles Board of Trustees appointed Associate Head of School Tyler Hodges as the school's ninth president and head of school.

Hodges takes over Bolles' top administrative post this summer from Dave Farace, who will leave at the end of the 2017-18 school year to become head of the Baltimore-based McDonogh School, his alma mater.

"The board has worked tirelessly during the past month to analyze all of the school's options for appointing our next head of school," said C. Daniel Rice, chair of the Bolles Board of Trustees. "Bolles is fortunate to have many skilled professionals in key leadership positions on all four campuses. We are also privileged to have an associate head of school in Tyler with the foresight, leadership skills and compassion that has already proven successful within our community."

Rice added that the move provides a smooth leadership transition for Bolles as the school enters the 2018-19 school year.

"Tyler has been at the foundation of our success since he arrived, and we are pleased to offer him an opportunity he is more than qualified, and ready, to accept," Rice said.

Hodges said he is elated to begin his tenure as the Bolles president and head of school.

"I am honored to assume this role at Bolles and am grateful to the trustees for providing me the opportunity to lead what is inarguably one of the foremost independent schools in the world," he said. "I respect Bolles' many fine traditions, its incredible community and the school's time-honored values. I am humbled to build upon the momentum we already have established at Bolles and to help shape tomorrow's leaders by supporting their mental, social, emotional and physical needs on all four campuses for years to come."

As Bolles' associate head of school since July 2015, Hodges has been working toward a head of school position



Photo courtesy of The Bolles School

## Incoming Bolles Head of School Tyler Hodges

for many years. In his current role, he has been overseeing all day-to-day administration duties of faculty, curriculum and student academic affairs for students in pre-kindergarten through grade 12. This includes articulating the school's vision of distinction and excellence in a manner consistent with the school's mission and strategic plan.

Hodges' educational career includes more than 18 years as a teacher and administrator at some of the country's top independent schools, including Episcopal High School in Alexandria, Virginia. He has been a history and leadership instructor, class dean and coach. He has led accreditation visits, handled discipline matters as dean of students and, prior to coming to Bolles, was the director of upper school academics and student life at Laguna Blanca School in Santa Barbara, California.

While in California, Hodges was invited to join a partnership with an orphanage in Haiti to offer aid and educational support. Following the devastating earthquake there, Hodges was asked to serve on the orphanage's educational board for his counsel and curriculum guidance as they created a school, Maison de Lumiere, contiguous to the orphanage. He assisted in this servant leadership capacity for three years.

Hodges received his Master of Education in administration, planning and social policy from Harvard University Graduate School of Education and a Master of Arts in diplomatic and military history from Temple University. He received a Bachelor of Arts in history with a minor in foreign affairs from the University of Virginia.

# Rep. Rutherford honors students nominated to service academies

Rep. John Rutherford (FL-4) recently announced the nomination of 47 students to be considered for appointments to the United States Air Force Academy, United States Naval Academy, United States Military Academy and United States Merchant Marine Academy.

According to the congressman's office, each student completed a rigorous application process and underwent an interview with a panel of former military officers before being nominated to one of the nation's service academies.

"Working with inspiring young men and women seeking appointments to one of our service academies is one of the greatest privileges I have as representative," Rutherford said. "I am honored to nominate some of the most qualified future leaders from our district to these prestigious institutions. Attending a service academy brings a commitment to serve in the military, and these young people have volunteered for that solemn duty.

"As military leaders, these young people will address many of the challenges we face in today's volatile world," Rutherford added. "I thank each of them for their commitment to their fellow citizens and congratulate them for receiving nominations. I am tremendously proud to offer them unwavering support and look forward to watching the growth of these bright young leaders."

Each year, thousands of students from across the country apply to attend the nation's service academies. According to Rutherford's office, students must undergo a two-step process to receive an appointment to any of the academies. They must apply for a nomination from the president, or a congressman or senator, and simultaneously complete the application criteria for admission to the academy. Students who receive both a nomination and are accepted to an academy receive an appointment to the institution.

## NOMINATED STUDENTS

Students recently nominated by Rep. John Rutherford to be considered for appointments to the United States' service academies.

### United States Air Force Academy

Henry Bergstol, Bartram Trail High School  
Jon Beshara II, St. Augustine High School  
Alicia Campbell, Creekside High School  
Maria Canon, Bartram Trail High School  
Isabella Horning, New Mexico Military Institute  
Jonathon Kurian, Nease High School  
Scott Lovejoy, Lake Braddock High School  
Constance Oswald, Nease High School  
Samuel Owens, University of South Florida  
Isaac Quarterman, U.S. Air Force Prep School  
Timothy Tillo Jr., Mandarin High School

### United States Merchant Marine Academy

Michael Gillen, Fletcher High School  
Nathan Grimley, Fernandina Beach High School  
Matthew Guckavan, Sancta Familia Academy  
Noah Hamlett, Fleming Island High School  
Zachariah Horne, Providence School  
Connor Sidman, Bishop Kenny High School  
Eric Skinner, St. Augustine High School  
Savannah Taylor, Fletcher High School

### United States Military Academy

Joshua Avera, Bishop Kenny High School  
Maria Canon, Bartram Trail High School  
Hannah Carolan, Stanton College Prep  
Colin Gallo, The Episcopal School  
James Irish, St. Johns River State College  
Nicholas Jennis, Bartram Trail High School  
Aunikah King, The Bolles School  
Nikita Lachapelle, Norwich University  
Craig Lavosky, Creekside High School  
George Lewis, The Bolles School  
Johnathon Magiske, University of North Florida  
Lindsay Poulos, The Episcopal School  
Andrew Ryan, University of Florida  
Joseph Schulper, Ponte Vedra High School  
Eric Skinner, St. Augustine High School  
Duncan Van Kouteren, Ponte Vedra High School  
Olivia Williamson, Florida Virtual School

### United States Naval Academy

Alyssa Albano, Naples American School  
John Bowers, The Bolles School  
Hannah Carolan, Stanton College Prep  
Alexander Flanagan, Douglas Anderson School of the Arts  
Jesse Gatewood, IV, Nease High School  
Christopher Gilmer, Embry-Riddle University  
Kenneth Harland, Home School  
Amelia Root, Atlantic Coast High School  
Savannah Taylor, Fletcher High School  
Timothy Trillo Jr., Mandarin High School  
Cali Vaughn, Auburn University

# Ponte Vedra Beach woman arrested over Super Bowl squabble

By Samantha Logue

Cheryl Merrill, of Ponte Vedra Beach, was arrested at around 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 4, following a dispute with her boyfriend that turned physical. The argument, according to the St. Johns County Sheriff's Office, was regarding whether the Philadelphia Eagles or the New England Patriots would win the Super Bowl.

According to the official arrest report,



Cheryl Merrill

60-year-old Merrill and her boyfriend of five years had quarreled over which football team would win during the first quarter of the Super Bowl. The dispute escalated to the point where Merrill allegedly "became enraged" and threw

a wooden shelf at her boyfriend, badly bruising his right hand to the extent that it became severely swollen. The victim, however, declined medical treatment.

The report further noted that, when law enforcement arrived on the scene, Merrill was "severely intoxicated" and belligerent, and refused to provide her own account of what had occurred. When asked by the arresting officer to remain by her vehicle, Merrill defied those orders

and instead entered her car, turned on the engine and attempted to drive away. After repeatedly instructing Merrill to exit the vehicle to no avail, the officer then forcefully removed her from the car and arrested her on charges of aggravated battery and resisting a law enforcement officer without violence.

Merrill was released from the St. Johns County Jail Monday, Feb. 5 after posting \$6,000 bail.

*Isabelle Renault is the president/CEO of the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce, and a Ponte Vedra resident.*

## Isabelle Renault

By Jon Blauvelt

### Can you please tell us about your background?

I relocated to the U.S. in 1999 from France to seek better job opportunities. I could have chosen a different country, but I had visited the U.S. several times as an exchange student and loved it. This country was a great fit for me, and I'm proud to be a U.S. citizen. I began my career with the Chamber the year I moved here and worked my way up the ladder.

### What are your primary roles and responsibilities?

As the leader of the second largest networking organization in Northeast Florida with more than 1,100 members, the Chamber is many things but most importantly we are an advocate and voice for the business community. Broadly speaking, we make sure that our business community prospers by constantly adapting to our members' needs. We do that not only by being active in the public policy space but also by providing networking and educational opportunities. We refer our members to customers and work with our partners to recruit new businesses, and we help current businesses expand.

As a dynamic not-for-profit, regional business association, our mission is simple but ambitious: "To deliver continuous value-added service to our members and the community, resulting in a business environment and quality of life where existing businesses have the opportunity to prosper, and new businesses find it attractive to locate in St. Johns County."

### What do you enjoy most about working for the Chamber?

Making a difference by working with people. I love this job — it is challenging and diverse. Our chamber leaders make a real impact like going door-to-door meeting our members right after Matthew and Irma. It takes teamwork, both internally with our members and staff and often across multiple organizations, to advocate for our business community. Working with talented and skilled people who earnestly want to do good things for St. Johns County businesses is a rewarding adventure.

### What are the goals of the Chamber moving forward?

I recently proposed — and the board unanimously passed — a very ambitious plan. During the next three years and in some instances beyond even that, we have proposed many things that I believe will take us over our tipping point to the moment when not just our services and benefits are growing but our resources as well.

Our vision for our plan is the following: The St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce will be a fierce advocate for members' success. We will increase our capacity to adapt. We will impact the ever-changing business reality with proactive solutions. And, we will be a known influencer of public policy.

An example from our plan that especially affects Ponte Vedra is our changing role in the area's tourism industry. We have long been host to the Ponte Vedra Visitors Center but as a voice of the many businesses that benefit from visitors' spending, we felt there was an opportunity for us to make a greater impact on the industry. We commissioned a study to identify combined tourism assets in the Ponte Vedra area that will be of value to our residents and visitors.



Photo by Jon Blauvelt

### What do you enjoy most about living in Ponte Vedra?

There are so many things, but it's the family-focused atmosphere that prevails through much of what Ponte Vedra has to offer. The schools are great here and throughout the county, which is so important to families, but I can also sign us all up for an art class at the Cultural Center, spend a day on the beach or — something you should do every year — take the entire family out to watch THE PLAYERS Championship. Nature

trails and outdoor activities, great restaurants and the convenience of so many great things in nearby areas; there really is so much for families here, and I'm proud to call it home.

### What do you like to do in your free time?

When I am not shuttling my five kids to their many activities, my husband Jason and I enjoy meals with friends and family and water activities. I also look forward to our annual trip to France to see family.

*To watch a video portion of the interview, visit [pontevedrarecorder.com](http://pontevedrarecorder.com) and click One of Us.*

# Nocatee community to open new amenities summer 2018

With construction already underway, the Nocatee community's new Schoolyard and The Nocatee Landing amenities are scheduled to open this summer.

Located in Nocatee's new Crosswater community between the Liberty Cove and Freedom Landing neighborhoods, Schoolyard will feature two dog parks, nature trails, a playground, an open-air pavilion and a playfield. Like the rest of Crosswater, the amenity will feature an Americana theme.

The Nocatee Landing, which will be located at the base of the southern



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trailhead of the Nocatee Preserve, will feature an open-air pavilion with views of the Tolomato River. Nocatee residents will have the ability to launch non-motorized water vehicles such as canoes, kayaks and

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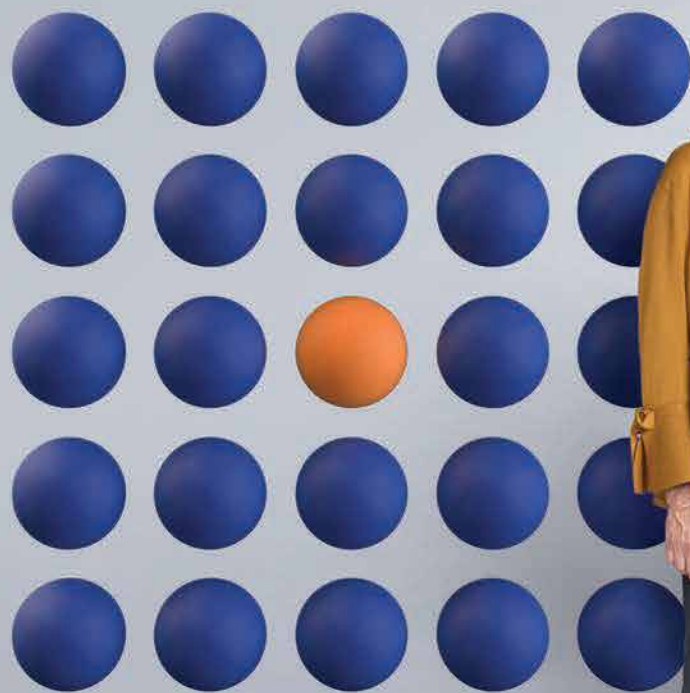
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# St. John & Partners honored at National MS Society Dinner of Champions

By Samantha Logue

The Northeast Florida chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Society held its 35th annual Dinner of Champions last Thursday, Feb. 8 to honor St. John & Partners staff and Chairman and CEO Dan St. John for their ongoing contributions to the organization's cause.

Held at TPC Sawgrass, the dinner was attended by more than 160 guests and contributors, raising nearly \$150,000 to benefit the National MS Society. The event annually honors local philanthropists for their contributions to the community, presenting each with the MS Silver Hope Award. Since the inaugural event in 1983, the Dinner of Champions has raised more than \$1.7 million for the National MS Society.

"I am truly honored to be recognized by the National MS Society and the North Florida Chapter, and I'm proud to accept this award on behalf of our entire staff," St. John said. "The National MS Society is truly making a difference in the lives of people dealing with MS, and I'm most proud of the successful fundraising efforts to support this won-

derful cause."

A Jacksonville-based advertising and public relations agency, St. John & Partners has worked with several noteworthy businesses, including Zaxby's, Southeastern Grocers, Marriott International, Daytona International Speedway and The Florida Lottery. Chosen for their Kindology community giving program, the firm's staff devote much of their time to charitable giving and community outreach.

"Dan and St. John & Partners have been incredible contributors to philanthropy all over North Florida, and specifically the National MS Society," Director of Foundation Relations Corrina Madrid said.

The night's program, emceed by Action News Jax Anchor Paige Kelton, also featured guest speaker Mike Martin, the head baseball coach at Florida State University and a longtime friend of St. John.

"The night is about Dan and what he means to the community," Martin said. "He is a guy who is genuinely interested in making other people's lives important, and he is a special man. I'm proud to be here for him."



Photo courtesy of St. John & Partners

Carol and Mike Martin (left) with Dan and Tresha St. John



ABOVE: Julie Bennett, Chipper Hall, Marie and Chad Larsh, and Laine and Gary Silverfield

LEFT: Corrina Madrid, director of the North Florida Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society (center), with (from left) Lynn Layton and Hilary Frank

Photos by Samantha Logue

# Grand Anchor Gala to celebrate 25 years of serving local teens

By Jon Blauvelt

The annual Grand Anchor Gala benefiting Project SOS is set for Saturday, Feb. 24 from 6 to 10 p.m. at the Ponte Vedra Inn & Club, where event attendees will celebrate 25 years of the nonprofit organization's efforts in serving First Coast teens.

"It's going to be a wonderful, high energy, fun party," said Pam Mullarkey Robbins, founder and CEO of Project SOS, who is retiring at the end of June. "We're celebrating the great things the kids have done, the great decisions they've made."

Robbins founded Project SOS 25 years ago when she felt compelled to help teenagers with goal setting, decision making, boundaries, bullying, avoiding drugs/alcohol and more. Since its inception, the organization has impacted the lives of 475,000 local teenagers across Northeast Florida through its in-school programming that focuses on healthy and unhealthy relationship skills, substance abuse, refusal skills for sexual risk avoidance, depression and suicide, social media and more.

All proceeds from the gala will support the Project SOS programming, which is now part of the Boys & Girls Clubs of



Photo by Jennifer Logue

Pam Mullarkey Robbins, Ben Wuerffel, Nicole Ferreira with Jack, Paul Price and Kimberly Deas gather at the 2017 Grand Anchor Gala.

Northeast Florida after the two organizations merged in the summer of 2017.

"Standing alone, both organizations are really good," said Paul Martinez, president and CEO of Boys & Girls Clubs of Northeast Florida. "Together they lean toward greatness."

Martinez further explained that, historically, the Boys & Girls Clubs hasn't been extremely successful in attracting teenagers to its programs. Project SOS, however,

specializes in that age group. In addition, Boys & Girls Clubs conducts after-school programming, while Project SOS works with students during the school day. As a result, Martinez said the organizations together will reach more students and have a greater impact.

Combine that holistic, expanded programming with the two new teen centers that the organization is soon opening in Springfield and Arlington, and Martinez is

excited for the future.

"So now when we go throughout the city ... there's a follow-up plan as to where they [the kids] can come for additional counseling, career work and help," said Martinez, who noted that the teen centers will feature robotics labs, cosmetology and catering centers, bicycles shops and more.

In addition to discussion on the merger and these projects, the Feb. 24 gala will feature a New Orleans, Mardi Gras theme, entertainment from The Chris Thomas Band, a silent auction, a live auction including luxurious trips and more.

Tickets cost \$150 and include a filet mignon dinner, entertainment and dancing. Tables including eight seats are also still available for \$1,200. The event, which has been ongoing for about 20 years, raised \$109,000 last year. Robbins said the goal for this year is \$200,000, to ultimately help more teenagers in the area.

"We absolutely love teenagers," said Robbins. "It doesn't matter what they've done or where they've come from. They're valuable and special, and they have a future."

Visit [www.bgcnf.org/events/projectsos-gala](http://www.bgcnf.org/events/projectsos-gala) for more information.



# Message from the editor: Correcting a mistake



**By Jon Blauvelt**

Jon Blauvelt  
Editor

About a year ago, NBC News anchor Megyn Kelly delivered her Florida Forum address at the Times-Union Center for the Performing Arts in Jacksonville, and one of her messages particularly

resonated with me.

When deciding which news to trust, the journalist's suggestion to the crowd was straightforward: seek out sources that demonstrate humility and honesty, and admit their mistakes.

One year later, it's my turn to do just that, and take responsibility for an error I recently made in my reporting.

On Jan. 11, I covered a joint luncheon for the Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce Beaches Division and the Ponte Vedra Beach Division of the St. Johns

County Chamber of Commerce. A number of local government officials addressed the luncheon, including St. Johns County (SJC) Administrator Michael Wanchick.

The county administrator delivered a sobering address on SJC's challenging financial state, and also remarked that the single most significant challenge for local government is lack of community engagement.

"Research shows that 7 percent of your population on average pays attention to local government, and that's unfortunate because all of us in public service have to make very difficult decisions that affect the quality of your life," said Wanchick. "When you don't tell us clearly and precisely what it is you want local government to deliver and how you want us to pay for it, it puts elected officials in the position of guessing what you want."

In my story published Jan. 18, I paraphrased this quote, which comes straight from an audio recording of the address, and wrote the following: Wanchick said

it's more important than ever for residents to become involved with their local government. He said lack of community engagement is the most significant challenge for local government, and that needs to change so that elected officials like him are not left in a position to guess about issues that affect residents' quality of life.

My mistake? Mr. Wanchick is not an elected official; he was hired by the Board of County Commissioners. I got it wrong, and I will learn from it.

So, here is what I've done. I've issued a correction to the online version of the article, as seen on [pontevedrarecorder.com](http://pontevedrarecorder.com). In addition, I'm writing this message/correction to all of you, and I plan to speak with Mr. Wanchick and the county commissioners to personally apologize for the misrepresentation. I hope, in doing so, I demonstrate the humility and honesty that Megyn Kelly instilled in me one year ago.

Reporting the news, accurately, in the Ponte Vedra and Beaches communities

is of the utmost importance to us at the Recorder. It's a responsibility we take very seriously and will continue to take seriously moving forward.

But, here's the deal: Sometimes, we're not going to get everything right, regardless of how hard we try. Although I don't take any pleasure in admitting that, it's the nature of the industry, which is characterized by high pressure, looming deadlines and now, the increasingly difficult challenge to do more with less.

With that being said, I want to use my mistake as an opportunity to make a request of you, the readers. If you read something in a Recorder story that you believe is incorrect or something that you may not agree with, please let us know, or please send me a letter to the editor. We want to create a culture in which this dialogue is a vital part of our newspaper, because we are ultimately here to serve you.

Thank you for reading, for understanding and for your continued support.

## SJCSD to hold early kindergarten registration

The St. Johns County School District (SJCSD) will hold early registration for children entering kindergarten for the 2018-2019 school year at the following times:

**Tuesday, March 13:** 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

**Tuesday, March 20:** 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

**Wednesday, April 4:** 1 p.m.-5 p.m.

**Wednesday, April 11:** 1 p.m.-5 p.m.

Parents must register children at the school where they are zoned for the 2018-2019 school year. To find your school, enter your street address on the Attendance Zone Locator at [www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/zoning/](http://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/zoning/). Students zoned for the new K - 8 School "KK" will need to register at Allen D. Nease High School, located at 10550 Ray Road in Ponte Vedra.

Students zoned for the new K- 8 School "LL" will need to register at the Aberdeen Community Center, located at 110 Flower

of Scotland Ave. in St. Johns.

To be eligible for public kindergarten in the SJCSD, children must be 5 years old on or before Sept. 1 and must reside in St. Johns County.

Requirements for registration include the following:

- Birth certificate/guardianship documents

- Documentation of a health examination performed on or after Aug. 11, 2017

- Proof of completed required immunizations on Form DH680

- Proof of residence per the Residency and Guardianship Policy located at [www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/student/residency/](http://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/student/residency/)

For additional information on registration and zoning, visit [www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/student/enrollment](http://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/student/enrollment) or contact the Student Services Department at (904) 547-7598.



## OPES STUDENTS DEMONSTRATE ROLLER COASTERS AT STEM NIGHT

**Building paths for marbles to race, climb and loop brought physics to life for third grade students at Ocean Palms Elementary School, where students demonstrated their roller coasters Feb. 2 during STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) Night for parents and OPES Principal Tiffany Cantwell. Cones, boxes, pipe insulation and duct tape helped students learn about energy and the laws of motion. Displayed in the photo are OPES Principal Tiffany Cantwell and KC Riley.**

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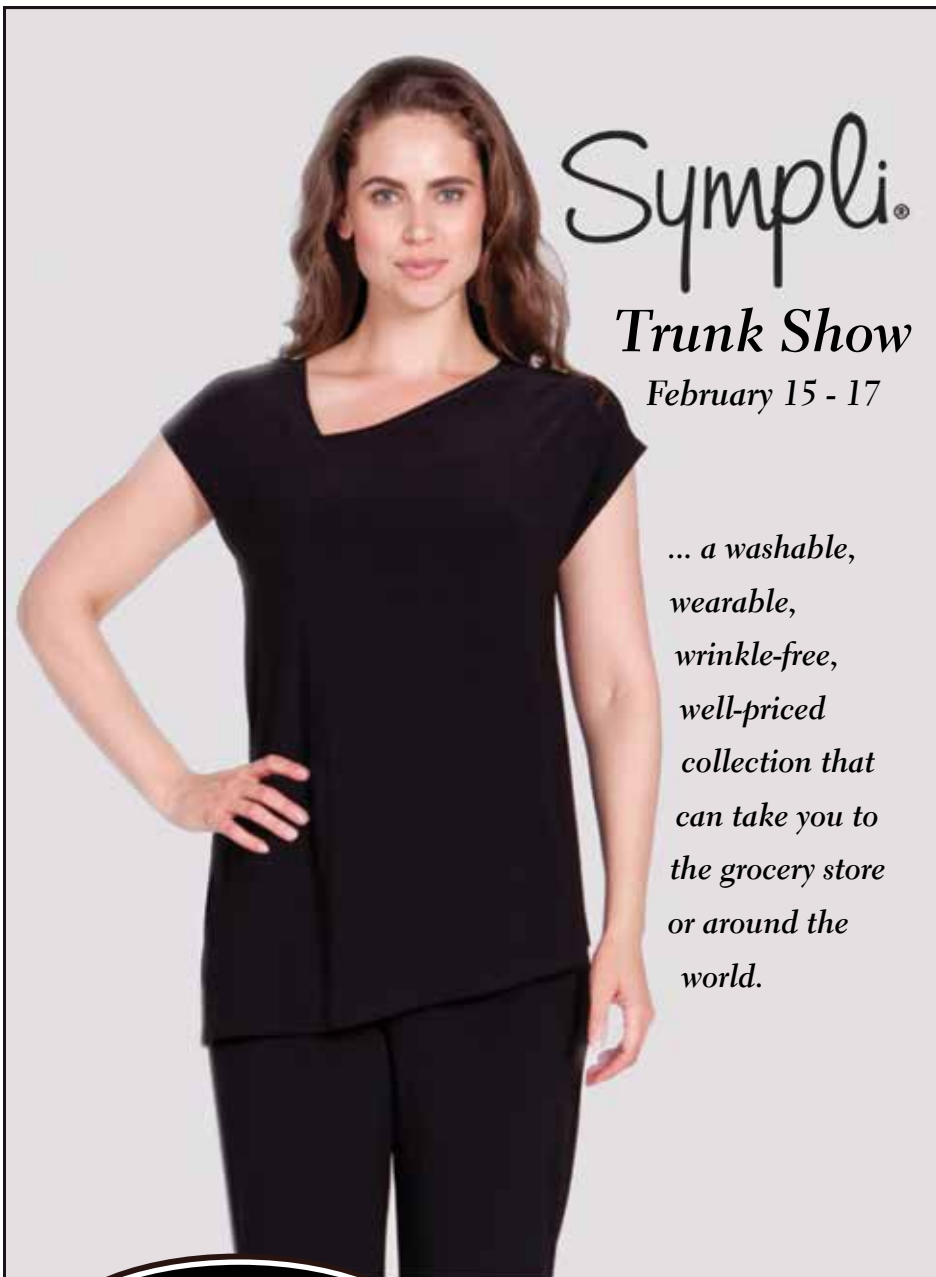


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**OBITUARIES**

**Frances Bennett**

Frances Edith Wright Bennett died Feb. 6, 2018, in Ponte Vedra Beach. She was born in Portland, Maine, on May 16, 1918. She was the daughter of Joseph and Fannie Wright. She attended Syracuse University where she majored in English. On Aug. 23, 1939, she



Frances Bennett

married Richard Bacon Bennett of Old Saybrook, Connecticut. He was the son of Russell C. Bennett of East Hampton, New York, and Miami Beach, Florida, and Annie Lewis Bennett of Old Saybrook, Connecticut.

She is survived by her four daughters, Georgia Panya, Ginnie Munson (husband, James I. Munson III), Barbara Walters (husband, Ronald G. Walters) and Joan Mickelson; grandchildren, Coria Panya, Ryan Feeley, Natalie Feeley-Robinson and Lesley Edwards; and great grandson, Johnathan Patrick Robinson. She also has three living brother-in-laws, Gunnar Bennett, Joshua Bennett and Russell C. Bennett Jr. Numerous nieces and nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews will celebrate her life.

A memorial service was held at Vicar's Landing in Ponte Vedra Beach on Friday, Feb. 9, 2018. Inurnment will be in Old Saybrook, Connecticut, at a later date. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating in her honor to her favorite charities: St. Labre Indian School in Ashland, Montana, or Vicar's Landing Scholarship Fund.

Please visit the online tribute at [www.quinn-shalz.com](http://www.quinn-shalz.com). Services under the care and direction of Quinn-Shalz Family Funeral Home.



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**Ernesto Alfaro**

Ernesto G. Alfaro, 77, of Atlantic Beach, died Feb. 8, 2018. Arrangements by Quinn-Shalz, A Family Funeral Home & Cremation Centre.

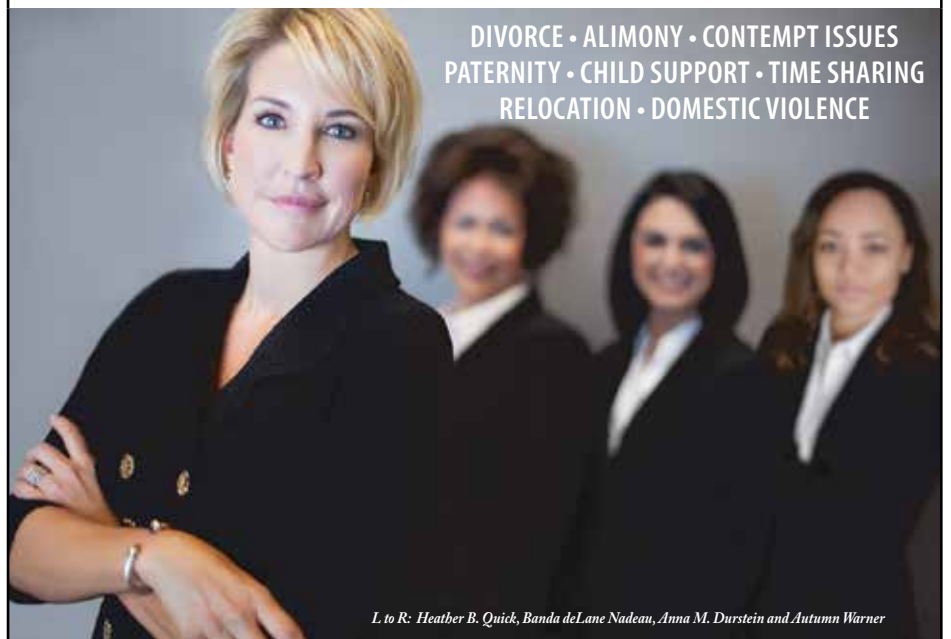
**Nellie Campbell**

Nellie Jane Campbell, 92, died Feb. 6, 2018. Ponte Vedra Valley Funeral Home, Cremation Center & Cemetery – (904) 285-1130 – [www.pontevedravalley.com](http://www.pontevedravalley.com).

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Elwood LeRoy Derr Jr., 73, died Feb. 5, 2018. Ponte Vedra Valley Funeral Home, Cremation Center & Cemetery (904) 285-1130 – [www.pontevedravalle.com](http://www.pontevedravalle.com).

### June Pabian

June Louise Pabian, 90, of Neptune Beach, died Jan. 30, 2018. Arrangements by Quinn-Shalz, A Family Funeral Home & Cremation Centre.

### Ronald Phillips

Ronald Chester Phillips, 73, of Atlantic Beach, died Feb. 11, 2018. Arrangements by Quinn-Shalz, A Family Funeral Home & Cremation Centre.

### Jo Ann Prickett

Jo Ann Prickett, 86, of Ponte Vedra Beach, died Jan. 30, 2018. Arrangements by Quinn-Shalz, A Family Funeral Home & Cremation Centre.

### Eunice Smith

Eunice Beatrice Smith, 83, of Jacksonville Beach, died Feb. 7, 2018. Arrangements by Quinn-Shalz, A Family Funeral Home & Cremation Centre.

### Dana Swiatowy

Dana Andrew Swiatowy, 51, of Jacksonville, died Jan. 23, 2018. Arrangements by Quinn-Shalz, A Family Funeral Home & Cremation Centre.

### Diane Wade

Diane M. Wade, 67, died Jan. 26, 2018. Ponte Vedra Valley Funeral Home, Cremation Center & Cemetery – (904) 285-1130 – [www.pontevedravalle.com](http://www.pontevedravalle.com).

### Ella Walker

Ella Louise Walker, 82, of Jacksonville, died Feb. 9, 2018. Arrangements by Quinn-Shalz, A Family Funeral Home & Cremation Centre.

### Barrett Wanamaker

Barrett Ross Wanamaker, 76, of Jacksonville, died Feb. 9, 2018. Arrangements by Quinn-Shalz Family Funeral Home & Cremation Centre.

### JoAnne Wegman

JoAnne M. Wegman, 87, of Jacksonville, died Feb. 3, 2018. Arrangements by Quinn-Shalz, A Family Funeral Home & Cremation Centre.

### Debra Willenborg

Debra Willenborg, 57, of Jacksonville, died Jan. 27, 2018. Arrangements by Quinn-Shalz, A Family Funeral Home & Cremation Centre.

### Sylvia Wozniak

Sylvia Wozniak, 39, of Jacksonville, died Jan. 28, 2018. Arrangements by Quinn-Shalz, A Family Funeral Home & Cremation Centre.

# 'Paint the Town Blue' Gala to welcome former U.S. Congresswoman Pat Schroeder

The Ponte Vedra Democratic Club will host its "Paint the Town Blue" Gala Saturday, Feb. 24 at 6:30 p.m. at the Sawgrass Marriott Golf Resort & Spa.

Funds raised from the approximately 200 guests at the event will support education initiatives about local and national candidates with a focus on the 2018 fall election cycle. Former U.S. Congresswoman Pat Schroeder, who represented Colorado in the House of Representatives for 24 years, will deliver the gala's keynote address.

The Ponte Vedra Democratic Club says in a press release that during her tenure in the House, she became a driving force on the Armed Services Committee in the 1970s and 1980s as Democrats sought to rein in Cold War expenditures. She worked to improve benefits, health care and living conditions for military personnel, crafting the 1985 Military Family Act. She also convinced the Armed Services Committee to recommend that women be allowed to fly combat missions.

Schroeder specialized in women's rights and legislative reforms affecting the family, added the local club. She was a supporter of the Equal Rights



Photo courtesy of Ponte Vedra Democratic Club

### Pat Schroeder

Amendment and a primary sponsor of the Family and Medical Leave Act. She co-founded the Congressional Women's Caucus, helped pass the 1978 Pregnancy Discrimination Act and created and chaired the Select Committee on Children, Youth and Families. She was also instrumental in passing the National Institutes of Health Revitalization Act.

After a teaching stint at Princeton, she was appointed in 1997 as president and CEO of the Association of American Publishers. She was selected to lead a multi-year study for the Institute on Civil Society to identify and promote social

programs to encourage social cohesion and restore a sense of community for Americans. She retired to Florida in 2009 and now serves on boards and is involved in civic activities. She has authored two books, "Champion of the Great American Family" and "24 Years of Housework and the Place is Still a Mess."

The gala will also feature brief remarks from two local congressional candidates, Nancy Soderberg running for congress in Florida District 6 and Monica DePaul, running in Florida District 4. Singer/songwriter Rod MacDonald will lend his musical talent to the evening.

Starting the night on a patriotic note, Nease High School senior Medina Blekic, who is also a member of the Junior ROTC, will sing the national anthem. Medina is a "Dreamer" and, along with her family, faces possible deportation in May at the end of her senior year, according to the club.

The Ponte Vedra Democratic Club is a chartered club within the St. Johns County Democratic Party. The organization is led by a slate of volunteer officers, including President Laura Atkinson and a steering group assuming various volunteer roles with club activities.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Did you know you can now register to vote or make changes to your voter information online?

On Oct. 1, 2017, Florida joined 35 other states and the District of Columbia in making online voter registration available. [RegistertovoteFlorida.gov](http://RegistertovoteFlorida.gov) is mobile-friendly and accessible through our website [votesjc.com](http://votesjc.com) by selecting Register to Vote. This new service is convenient, simple and available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

To submit a registration online, applicants will need a Florida driver's license or state identification (ID) card and the last four digits of their social security number to complete and submit the voter registration application electronically. Once the individual's identity is verified and the application is deemed complete, a voter information card will be issued by the St. Johns County Supervisor of Elections Office.

The website has multiple safeguards in place to verify and protect a person's identity and personal information, including a state-of-the-art firewall, data encryption, captcha boxes, session time-out after inactivity and the use of multi screens.

The website requires information that only the person seeking to register or change an existing registration

should know. All of this information is verified in real-time in order for a person to complete the application process online. If the information cannot be verified, a person is not able to move forward with submitting the application electronically. Additionally, there is no retention of data within the website because it is securely transmitted to an internal system.

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# Friends of the GTM Reserve receives \$1K donation from JTC Running

JTC Running, the largest running club in Northeast Florida, recently made a \$1,000 donation to the Friends of the GTM Reserve.

The contribution was presented by JTC Running President Larry Roberts and Race Director Mark Ryan to Friends of the GTM Reserve Executive Director Ellen Leroy-Reed and Assistant Manager Lia Sansom.

“JTC Running has been a welcome contributor to Friends of the GTM Reserve for several years now, helping us to support and enhance environmental education, stewardship of natural and cultural resources and scientific research at the Reserve,” Leroy-Reed said.

In December, the club held the sixth Guana 50K & 12K Back to Nature Trail Races at the GTM Research Reserve trails.

“One of JTC Running’s missions is to



Photo courtesy of GTM Research Reserve

**JTC Running President Larry Roberts (from left), Friends of the GTM Reserve Assistant Manager Lia Sansom, Friends of the GTM Reserve Executive Director Ellen Leroy-Reed and JTC Running Race Director Mark Ryan**

provide funds to worthy running-related events or causes in the area,” Roberts said. “We appreciate the use of the trails at the GTM Research Reserve. Besides, we feel it’s a great resource for the area and want to support it.

“There were 233 runners signed up for the December race, which is approximately 35 more than the previous year,”

Ryan added. “The race is a team effort and simply could not happen without the support and help of the wonderful staff and volunteers at the Reserve.”

For more information on JTC Running events, visit [www.jtcrunning.com](http://www.jtcrunning.com). For more information on how to become a member of Friends of the GTM Reserve, visit [www.gtmnerr.org/membership](http://www.gtmnerr.org/membership).



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# Bag Lady Luncheon returning to Ponte Vedra Beach Feb. 21

The Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach is preparing for the nonprofit’s fifth annual Bag Lady Luncheon to be held on Feb. 21.

This special event is a fashionable fundraiser that features a silent auction and lunch at the Sawgrass Country Club. Bags

and purses are donated by local shops and supporters of the arts and then auctioned off as guests sip champagne and enjoy lunch. Last year’s event featured over 120 handbags and raised over \$24,000 with the

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# Bogey Grille hosts 23rd Annual Tips for Kids Sake campaign with Rotary, MasterCraft Builders

Bogey Grille hosted the 23rd annual Tips for Kids Sake campaign benefiting Big Brothers Big Sisters of St. Johns County on Feb. 6, with members of the Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach participating as “celebrity waiters.”

Rotarians Mark Farrell, Kelly Barrera, Richard Hana, Lee Lockett, Marc Ressler and David Dunlap served as the “celebrity waiters,” waiting on tables and collecting tips as donations to the nonprofit organization. The costume theme this year is “Elementary School Days.”

Chris Shee, Trisha Sikes, Becky Ecklof, Dennis McMott, Brad Shee and Jen Pledger of MasterCraft Builders will be Bogey Grille’s “celebrity waiters” Feb. 20 from 5 to 8 p.m. for an encore event benefitting Big Brothers Big Sisters.

“We are really thankful for the Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach – they have enthusiastically supported Tips for many years,” said Teresa Andrews, development director of Big Brothers Big Sisters of St. Johns County. “We are also appreciative to MasterCraft Builders Group for part-



Photos courtesy of Colin R. Goodman

Rotarians and “Celebrity Waiters” David Dunlap, Lee Lockett, Richard Hana, Kelly Barrera, Bogey Grille owner Derek Prince, Mark Farrell and Marc Ressler gather at the 23rd annual Tips for Kids Sake event Feb. 6 at Bogey Grille.

nering with Tips this year. For many of our ‘celebrity waiters,’ this is out of their comfort zone, yet they participate in order

to help more kids in our community.” Visit [www.bbbsstjohns.org](http://www.bbbsstjohns.org) for more information.



Photo courtesy of Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach

Attendees enjoy the Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach’s 2017 Bag Lady Luncheon.

## Luncheon

Continued from 12

help of more than 150 guests. Funds raised by the event support the Cultural Center, with a portion of proceeds benefitting the organization’s music therapy program for children with special needs.

Chaired by Becky Jewett and Barbara Moorewedow, this year’s event will include a chance to win a brand-new Tory Burch purse. Handbags available through the auction will include a wide variety of styles, colors and designer labels.

Tickets and tables are available online at [ccpvb.org](http://ccpvb.org) or by phone at (904) 280-0614 x 205 until Feb. 16. Donations are being accepted at the Cultural Center’s office on 50 Executive Way during its regular business hours (10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday).

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# PVHS student receives Cameron Impact Scholarship

The Bryan Cameron Education Foundation recently announced that Harrison Snowden, a senior at Ponte Vedra High School, has received the Cameron Impact Scholarship.

A Cameron Impact Scholar must demonstrate a positive engagement in community service, exhibit strong leadership qualities, be active in extracurricular activities and show strength in academics. Furthermore, Cameron Impact Scholars must be zealous to use individual gifts and talents to make a positive impact on the world around them.

The foundation named 15 Cameron Impact Scholars in total for 2018, including Snowden. Recipients get a four-year merit-based scholarship to cover the full tuition and educational expenses at the scholars' chosen collegiate

institution. Scholars can attend any U.S. university to which they are accepted and major in any academic area.

"As we continue to build our family of Cameron Impact Scholars, we are increasingly assured that our future is in exceptional hands," said Bryan Cameron Education Foundation Executive Director Amie Lucas. "The high level of accomplishment and potential evidenced in each and every one of our scholars is awe-inspiring and truly humbling."

In addition to his strong academics, Snowden has a passion for service. He is the founder of the Take a Stand club and the Teens Take a Stand community-wide benefit concert to benefit local domestic violence shelters. Snowden has worked with the local organization to bring sensitivity training programs to

his high school. He has also served as co-president of the Gay Straight Alliance and as a peer buddy in Best Buddies. He plays piano and guitar, is an Eagle Scout and volunteers regularly.

A list of the 2018 Cameron Impact Scholars, the Foundation's second class of scholars, can be found at [www.bryancameroneducationfoundation.org/cameron-impact-scholars/directory](http://www.bryancameroneducationfoundation.org/cameron-impact-scholars/directory).

The Foundation received nearly 2,100 reviewable applications for this year's Cameron Impact Scholarship from all 50 states and abroad. Following an online application process, 94 finalists from 34 states and/or territories were selected for in-person interviews.

The Bryan Cameron Education Foundation is a private, family foundation established in 2015 by Bay Area

philanthropist Bryan Cameron. Through its four-year undergraduate scholarship program, the Foundation aims to provide ample support for extraordinary, young adults who see their college education as a stepping stone toward a lifetime of contribution to the greater good.

"The foundation is pleased to be making an investment in the college education of these scholars," Cameron said. "Each has demonstrated an ability to achieve at a high level, and through their gifts and experiences make an impact on their community at a young age. We congratulate each of the scholars on their award, and have every confidence that these young men and women will make a significant impact in their professional and personal lives for many years."



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## SJC Parks and Recreation to host Free Kids' Fishing Clinic March 17

St. Johns County Parks and Recreation will host the eighth annual Free Kids' Fishing Clinic Saturday, March 17 in partnership with Ancient City Game Fish Association.

For children ages 12 and under, the event will be held at St. Augustine Marina at the foot of Vilano Beach Fishing Pier, which is located at 260 Vilano Road in St. Augustine. Registration will begin at 7:30 a.m. the day of the event, and will be on a first-come, first-served basis. The first 200 kids will receive a free fishing pole and goodie bag as well as lunch provided by McDonald's. Fishing awards and a raffle will take place at 11:30 a.m.

Other sponsors for this event include Bombardier Recreational Products, The Bait Shack, Andy's Taylor Rental, Sea



Tow and Fishbites. For more information, contact Donna Frantz at (904) 814-0515 or [dkfrantz@sjcfl.us](mailto:dkfrantz@sjcfl.us).

## Girls Inc. to host annual Women of Vision Luncheon March 8

Girls Inc. of Jacksonville will host its second annual Women of Vision Celebration Luncheon Thursday, March 8 at WJCT from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The goal of the Celebration Luncheon is to raise awareness about global, national and local issues and challenges girls face; the importance and relevance of the Girls Inc. mission in the world today; and how Girls Inc.'s mission and transformational programming helps girls successfully overcome any issue or challenge they face so they can live empowered and inspired lives.

With the designated theme of "The Power of a Girl," the event will feature keynote speaker Rear Admiral Bette Bolivar, the new commander of the Navy Region Southeast in Jacksonville. Bolivar will discuss her journey in achieving the position she has today, and the importance of investing in youth so they have opportunities to realize their own power and fullest potential.

The luncheon will honor two local women for their successful leadership and lifetime achievements that have benefitted many women, girls and institutions, as well as girls who are thriving and succeeding in the organization's programs. Dr. Frances Kinne, Jacksonville University past president and Chancellor Emerita, will receive the 2018 Women of Vision award for her long list of lifetime accomplishments to further the opportunities for all women and girls.

Kinne's considerable abilities and dedicated work ethic resulted in her being the first woman to break through the "glass ceiling" in many arenas, academic and otherwise, including as the first female dean of a college of fine arts in the world, the first female

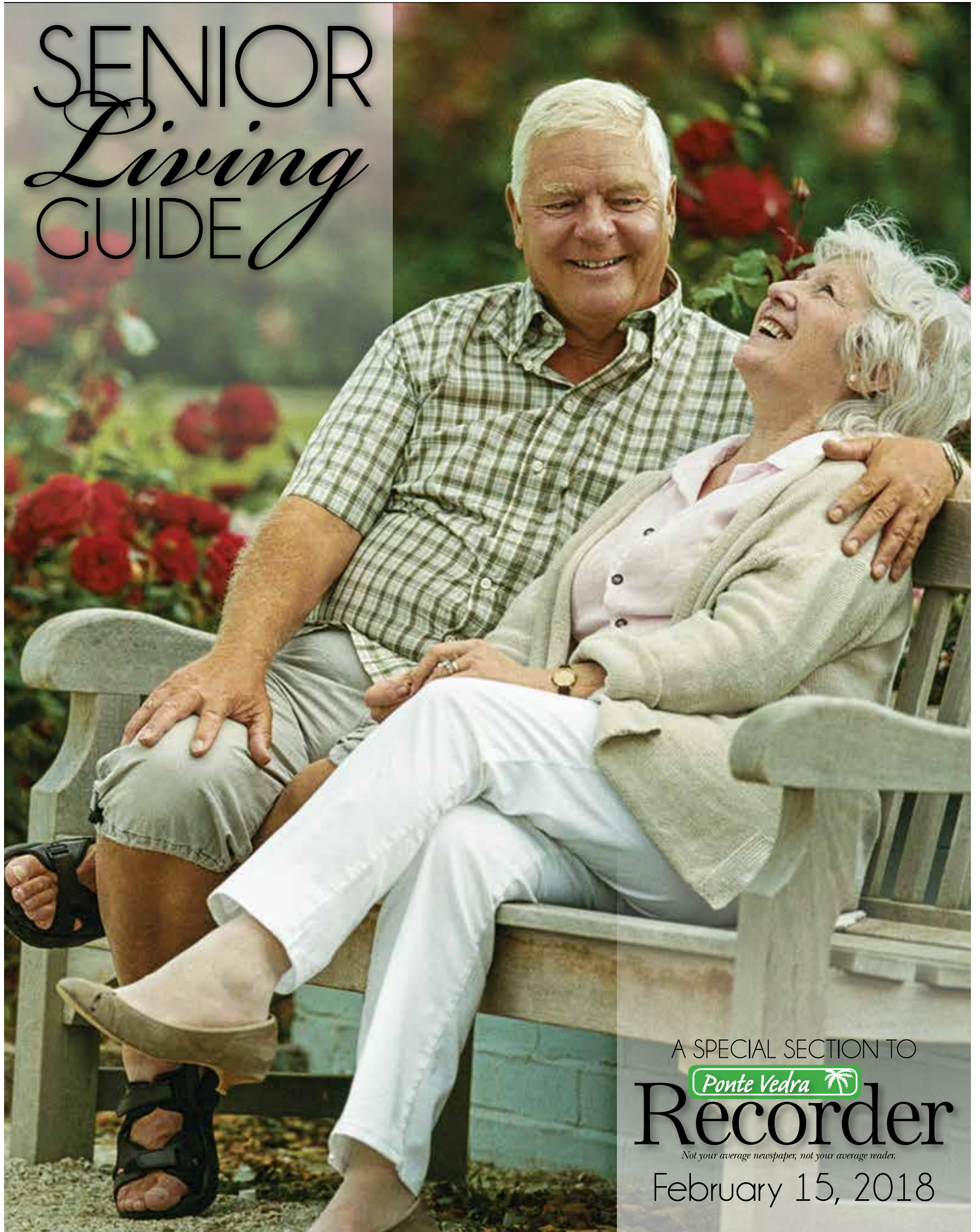
president of a Florida university, the first female member of the Jacksonville Rotary Club, the first female president of the Jacksonville Rotary Club and the first female member of the River Club of Jacksonville.

In addition, the organization will bestow the Champions for Girls award to Audrey McKibbin Moran, senior vice president for social responsibility and community advocacy at Baptist Health, for her extraordinary leadership and lifetime accomplishments for women and girls in the Northeast Florida community. Moran's accomplishments equally demonstrate "The Power of a Girl" to achieve significant lifetime success.

She is an active member of the Northeast Florida Women's Giving Alliance to improve the lives of local women and girls; a recipient of the Klechak Award for Downtown Advocacy, the Rotary Good government award in 2003, the Gateway Girl Scout Council Woman of Distinction award, the Leadership Jacksonville's Community Trustee award in 2004, the Jacksonville Bar Association's Lawyer of the Year award in 1998 and the University of North Florida's Prime F. Osborn III Distinguished Business Leader award; and was also recognized for her significant accomplishments in 2012 during Women's History Month.

Corporate and individual table sponsorships for the event are available now and can be obtained by contacting Amanda Padgett, director of development, at [padgetta@girlsincjax.org](mailto:padgetta@girlsincjax.org) or by calling (904) 731-9933. Individual tickets are \$55 and can be purchased online at [www.girlsincjax.org](http://www.girlsincjax.org) or by calling Padgett.

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# The Palms at Ponte Vedra offers restaurant-quality meals, service

By Benjamin Naim

Darryl Young's culinary team at The Palms at Ponte Vedra — an assisted-living and memory care facility located on Solana Road — works daily to ensure residents enjoy a homey atmosphere, one-on-one service and restaurant-quality meals that meet their individual dietary needs.

Young, who served as a general manager at Holiday Inn for 10 years before entering the culinary business, said he worked with Executive Director Barbara Matteson in Jacksonville for three years before transitioning to a company in Atlanta. Eventually, Matteson offered him a job at The Palms at Ponte Vedra that he couldn't refuse.

"I enjoy it," Young said. "I like the atmosphere, I like the residents. When I started out about five years in, the assisted living, I was there, and it became routine and it became, 'Today we're going to do meatloaf and tomorrow we're going to do this and we're going to offer grilled cheese — and we're going to offer an omelet.'"

Young reinvigorated the Palms' culinary department by creating a restaurant-style atmosphere where everything is made-to-order and prepared on the spot. Consequently, chefs there have been given creative freedom to put their personal stamp on their work while meeting the dietary needs of the community.

"It can be challenging at times," Young noted. "The diets that we offer are a no-added salt, and then we do no concentrated sweets, so when I do my desserts, I always do something for sugar-free."

Young's dining area features dessert options prepared by the culinary director himself at the crack of dawn, each day. His pies consist of citrus, fresh herbs and other healthy ingredients. Additionally, Young caters to the health needs of individual residents by making softer, easier-to-consume alternatives.

As for the menu, Young said it changes five or six times per year depending on the community response. The culinary director regularly meets with the most vocal and opinionated residents to gauge their likes and dislikes.

"I have a group of seven residents that I switch out and we sit down and we plan the menu," he said. "Some things they like to see, some things they like to see go away and I get their input."

There is no extra cost for residents to enjoy the Palms' dining options, Young added. The culinary director noted that packages at the Palms include the three meals per-day offered in the dining area, various activities, individual care and a personal living space.

Along with providing quality meals and service, Young said he is focused on building a positive rapport with residents and getting their family members involved in the community.

"I have a good rapport with every resident involved and probably about 85 percent of the family members involved," he said. "The reason why I built that relationship is because I want the resident to know it's okay to ask for something, it's okay if something isn't to their liking and actually be comfortable with my staff and myself because we are in their home — and we're here to work around the needs of the resident."



**ABOVE:** The Palms at Ponte Vedra offers a restaurant-style atmosphere for its residents.



**LEFT:** The Palms at Ponte Vedra culinary director Darryl Young prepares a shrimp alfredo dish in the kitchen.

**BELOW:** A worker in the kitchen skins some carrots to prepare a meal for residents.

Photos by Benjamin Naim



**A restaurant-style dining area for residents at The Palms at Ponte Vedra boasts a 50s-themed vibe.**

The culinary director holds monthly gatherings, called "Food for Thought" meetings, to hear concerns from residents and collect feedback. In addition to working in the kitchen, Young said he enjoys talking to residents and hosting festivities at the facility.

One of those festivities, currently scheduled for March, is a competition series between family members of residents called "Top Chef." There are currently six family members who are set to compete against each other over a five-week period. According to Young, the events are designed to "keep it entertaining" and mix his "well-



balanced" menu with recreational activities for the whole family.

Young's menu at The Palms features daily specials and "always available" alternate entrees, such as seared pork chop, chicken Caesar salad, grilled hamburger, lemon pepper grouper, grilled three-cheese sandwich, lemon balsamic tilapia and more. The menu also features heart-healthy items such as a chef salad, fish with brown rice, marinated chicken with spinach and vegetarian pizza on pita bread, among other items.

For more information on The Palms at Ponte Vedra, visit [www.palmsatpontevedra.com](http://www.palmsatpontevedra.com) or call (904) 686-3700.





Photos by Jon Blauvelt

Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach President Billy Wagner (left) presents an honorary membership plaque to longtime club member and past president George Fetherston (right).

# Fetherston recognized by Rotary with honorary membership

By Jon Blauvelt

The Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach presented George Fetherston with an honorary membership last week at a special luncheon held at Pusser's.

The former general manager of Sawgrass Marriott and Sawgrass Country Club, Fetherston is retiring from the local Rotary club after 19 years of "Service Above Self."

"You've been such an amazing contributor to this club," said Billy Wagner, Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach president, at the Feb. 6 luncheon attended by between 30-40 other Rotarians. "We do not do this very often in our club; it's a very distinct thing to do."

Wagner later explained in an email to the Recorder that honorary memberships are given to members who have distinguished themselves by meritorious service in the furtherance of Rotary ideals. This honorary status, Wagner noted, allows Fetherston to stay connected with Rotary even in his retirement.

During Fetherston's run with the club, he served as president in 2003-04 and led the club's Rotary Youth Exchange program for 17 years. This process consists of scheduling interviews for exchange students each year, handling interviews on the district level prior to selection of candidates and training new members on the process. For several years, Wagner said Fetherston also led the club's red badge to blue badge process, overseeing the process in which newly inducted Rotarians accomplish a series of tasks to become more experienced members.

Chuck Day, Fetherston's club sponsor, added that he played a critical role in the formation of the Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach Sunset. In addition, Wagner noted that Fetherston has achieved perfect attendance at meetings since 2000, among many other accomplishments and contributions to the club.



Chuck Day, Fetherston's Rotary sponsor, addresses the luncheon.

"They say the measure of success in life is how many people that actually love you, that could love you, and I would say you're off the charts," said Wagner. "Thank you so much for all you do."

After accepting a plaque symbolizing the honorary membership, as well as a custom bottle of wine from the Rotary club, Fetherston made a few remarks, with his wife Jackie by his side.

"It has really been a pleasure to be a member of this club because of our outstanding members that we have and the people that we've brought in," said Fetherston, who has been a member of six Rotary clubs around the country. "If you look at all the awards the club has won, year after year after year on a district level, you can then realize, really, it is the best Rotary club in the world."

# Goetz celebrates 40 years of service at River Garden

Martin A. Goetz is celebrating 40 years of employment and service at River Garden Senior Services.

Now the organization's CEO, Goetz began his career at River Garden in 1978 as associate administrator. He became CEO in 2004. He is a past member of the board and executive committee of the Florida Association of Homes & Services for the Aging (FAHSA), serving as its treasurer.

In 2001, Goetz received FAHSA's Public Policy



Martin A. Goetz

Award for advocacy on nursing home

litigation reform, and in 2003, he

was the recipient of FAHSA's Distinguished Service

Award, the highest award given by

the association. In 2007, Goetz was

presented with the Chairman's Award

by FAHSA in

recognition of his

years of service to the board and its members. In

2008, Goetz was elected by FAHSA membership

to a three-year term in the American Association

of Homes and Services for the Aging (now LeadingAge) House of Delegates.

In 1994, Goetz was the recipient of the Dr. Herb

Shore Young Administrator of the Year Award by

the Association of Jewish Aging Services (AJAS)

in Washington, DC. In 2005, Goetz was elected

to the AJAS Board of Directors and served as its

board chair from 2011-2013. In 2016, he was

presented with the Dr. Herbert Shore Award of Honor.

Goetz also served (2002-2006) as a member

of the Community Advisory Board for Av-Med

Health Systems, a statewide managed healthcare

organization with a central office in Gainesville. In

addition, he has served as a member of the Dean's

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# What does conservative investing mean to older investors?



**By Karsten Jacobson, CFP®**

If you're a certain age, or getting close to it, you might hear something like this: "Now that you're older, you need to invest more conservatively." But what exactly does this mean?

For starters, it's useful to understand that your investment preferences and needs will indeed change over time. When you're first starting out in your career, and even for a long time afterward, you can afford to invest somewhat aggressively, in stocks and stock-based investments, because you have time to overcome the inevitable short-term market drops. At this stage of your life, your primary concern is growth – you want your portfolio to grow enough to provide you with the resources you'll need to meet your long-term goals, such as a comfortable retirement.

But when you finally do retire, and perhaps for a few years before that, your investment focus likely will have shifted from accumulation to preservation. And this certainly makes some sense. Even though you may spend two, or even three, decades in retirement, you actually have many shorter time frames for withdrawing money – that is, selling investments – from your retirement accounts, such as your 401(k) and IRA. In fact, you may be taking withdrawals every month – and you don't want to be forced to sell investments when their price is down. Consequently, you'll want a portfolio that's less susceptible to market downturns. This means that you may need to reduce the percentage of stocks in your investment mix and increase your holdings in investments that have less growth potential but offer greater stability of principal, such as bonds.

If you follow this formula, you will have become a more conservative investor. But this evolution – from aggressive to conservative – isn't that simple, or at least it shouldn't be. If, as mentioned above, you are retired for two or three decades, you will have to deal with inflation. And even at a relatively mild 3 percent annual inflation rate, your purchasing power will decline by about half in just 25 years. This is a real threat to retirees, who, unlike active employees, can't count on increases in earned income to overcome increasing costs of living.

Given this reality, you will have to find your sources of rising income in your investment portfolio. One possibility is dividend-paying stocks, some of which have increased their dividends for many years in a row. Still, like all stocks, these dividend payers can lose value from year to year, and they can also reduce, or even eliminate, dividends at any time. In other

words, they aren't risk-free – which brings us back to the question of how "conservative" of an investor you can really afford to be when you're retired.

In the final analysis, there's no simple answer. On one hand, you probably shouldn't be as aggressive an investor as you were when you were much younger and still working. On the other hand, if you were to primarily own certificates of deposit and U.S. Treasury securities, you might face the prospect of outliving your money. Ultimately, you'll need to maintain a balanced portfolio that helps you control risk today while providing you with growth opportunities for tomorrow.



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<p><b>Grief support group</b> A grief support group meets on the third Thursday of every month at St. Paul's Catholic Church in room 102 of the Family Life Center, located at 578 1st Ave. N. in Jacksonville Beach. The group is for men and women who are grieving the death of a family member or friend. The next meeting will take place Feb. 15 at 7 p.m. For more information, call Kathy at (904) 553-8933 or Catherine at (904) 247-0665.</p> <p><b>Corazon Cinema and Cafe: 'Blind Date'</b> A workaholic needs a date for a dinner with new important clientele, but who his brother sets him up with could lead to disaster. "Blind Date" is showing at the Corazon Cinema and Cafe at noon. Admission costs \$10, which includes a meal, popcorn, small drink and showing of the movie. The Corazon Cinema and Cafe is located at 36 Granada St. in St. Augustine. Call (904) 679-5736 for more information.</p> <p><b>Yoga for Survivors</b> The Y Healthy Living Center at the Ponte Vedra YMCA will host a Yoga for Survivors class Feb. 15 at 11:30 a.m. Cancer patients, survivors, caregivers and others with range of motion and pain limitations are invited to join in this gentle and safe yoga practice, which is free and open to the public. Call (904) 202-5376 or visit <a href="http://www.baptistjax.com/ymca">www.baptistjax.com/ymca</a> to reserve a spot. The Ponte Vedra YMCA is located at 170 Landrum Lane.</p> <p><b>Early Literacy for Happy Babies class</b> Babies and their caregivers are invited to join youth services staff members Ms. Anne and Ms. Kimberley for stories, singing, and movement to help build early literacy skills and develop a love of reading. This event will take place Feb. 15 from 11:30 a.m. to noon at the Ponte Vedra Beach Library, located at 101 Library Blvd.</p>	<p><b>Coastal Wine Market wine tasting</b> Coastal Wine Market &amp; Tasting Room hosts Friday wine tastings from 6 to 8 p.m. at 641 Crosswater Parkway, Suite B in Ponte Vedra Beach. Taste six wines for \$10. For more information, call (904) 395-3520.</p> <p><b>Cannon firing demonstration at Castillo de San Marcos</b> National Park Service volunteers and personnel demonstrate a cannon firing at the Castillo de San Marcos museum / monument every Friday, Saturday and Sunday at 10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. Rangers and volunteers demonstrate the weapons and relate the experiences of the colonial Spanish soldier of 1740s St. Augustine. Firing times are subject to change depending on weather conditions and staff availability. Castillo de San Marcos is located at 1 S. Castillo Drive in St. Augustine.</p> <p><b>Paddle, stretch and drift workout</b> Join Emily with Ocean Extreme Sports for a paddle, stretch and drift workout on paddle boards every Friday morning from 7:30 to 9 a.m. Participation is free for those with equipment. Rentals cost \$35, which includes a board, paddle and leash. This event will take place at 8655 A1A S. in St. Augustine. Visit <a href="https://oceanextremesports.com/">https://oceanextremesports.com/</a> for more information.</p> <p><b>'Nature Reconstructed' exhibit at Beaches Museum &amp; History Park</b> The Beaches Museum &amp; History Park is hosting "Nature Reconstructed," an exhibit by Lana Shuttleworth, until June 3. Shuttleworth uses common plastic castoff materials, particularly traffic safety cones, to create landscapes and sculptural figures that challenge the viewer's comprehension. This event is free to museum members with a suggested \$5 donation for non-members. For more information, call (904) 241-5657 or visit <a href="http://www.beachesmuseum.org">www.beachesmuseum.org</a>. The Beaches Museum &amp; History Park is located at 381 Beach Blvd. in Jacksonville Beach.</p>	<p><b>Nocatee Farmers Market</b> The Nocatee Farmers Market will take place Feb. 17 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Nocatee Welcome Center. This free, family-friendly event will feature more than 70 local vendors selling produce, crafts, jewelry, herbs, unique foods and more. Free face painting and a bounce house will be available for youth. The Nocatee Welcome Center is located at 245 Nocatee Center Way in Ponte Vedra Beach.</p> <p><b>'Black Panther' at World Golf Hall of Fame IMAX Theater</b> After the events of Marvel's "Captain America: Civil War," King T'Challa returns home to the reclusive, technologically advanced African nation of Wakanda to serve as his country's new leader. However, T'Challa soon finds that he is challenged for the throne from factions within his own country. This film is showing at the IMAX Theater at World Golf Hall of Fame Feb. 17 at 1:15, 4:15, 7:15 and 10:15 p.m. The World Golf Hall of Fame is located at 1 World Golf Place in St. Augustine.</p> <p><b>Beach walk at GTM Research Reserve</b> Join the GTM Research Reserve Feb. 17 for a family-friendly beach walk at the Guana South Beach location from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. Participants will learn about the animals living at the beach along with other beach facts. Call (904) 823-4500 to reserve a spot and visit <a href="http://www.gtmnerr.org">www.gtmnerr.org</a> for more information.</p> <p><b>Polar Plunge</b> The third-annual Jacksonville Polar Plunge for Special Olympics Florida will take place Feb. 17 at 11 a.m. (Registration starts at 10.) Participants will hurl themselves into frigid waters off the Florida coast to raise money for the Special Olympics. This event will take place at Kathryn Abbey Hanna Park, located at 500 Wonderwood Drive in Jacksonville. Register online at <a href="http://www.plungefl.org">www.plungefl.org</a>. Participants who raise a minimum of \$100 may take the plunge; all qualified and registered plungers will receive a commemorative T-shirt. Additional incentives are available for plungers who reach a variety of fundraising milestones.</p>	<p><b>Sandals, Shorts and Steel Drum Service</b> Every Sunday from 11:30 a.m. to noon, St. Paul's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church invites guests to put on sandals and shorts for a more casual worship service featuring the tropical sound of steel drum music. The church is located at 465 11th Ave. N. in Jacksonville Beach.</p> <p><b>'Not-So-Still' exhibition</b> The St. Augustine Art Association is hosting the "Not-So-Still" exhibition featuring works in the "still life" genre. The exhibition is free and open to the public Tuesday to Saturday from noon to 4 p.m. and Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m. at 22 Marine St. in St. Augustine. Visit <a href="http://www.staaa.org">www.staaa.org</a> for more information.</p> <p><b>Chef David Bearl cooking class</b> Join Chef David Bearl for a cooking class Feb. 18 at Rype &amp; Readi Golf Bistro from 6 to 9 p.m. Bearl will be featuring datil peppers and local seasonal farm fare. The cocktail at the event will be a datil-dusted bloody mary, a seasonal chef's choice appetizer, Minorcan seafood chowder for the main course and San Sebastian wine-poached pears for dessert. Visit <a href="http://www.rypeandreadi.com">www.rypeandreadi.com</a> for more information and to purchase tickets.</p> <p><b>First Coast Card Club coffee/lunch and cards event</b> Join the First Coast Card Club for a coffee/cafe lunch and cards event Feb. 18. Lunch will be served from noon to 1 p.m., and card playing will take place from 2 to 4:30 p.m. Email Lea Dally at <a href="mailto:parrottrader@live.com">parrottrader@live.com</a> for venue information and to be added to the attendee list.</p> <p><b>Colin Quinn at Ponte Vedra Concert Hall</b> The Ponte Vedra Concert Hall will host stand-up comedian and Saturday Night Live veteran Colin Quinn Feb. 18 at 7:30 p.m. (doors open at 6). Quinn has appeared on MTV, Comedy Central, Broadway and elsewhere. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit <a href="http://www.pvconcerthall.com">www.pvconcerthall.com</a> or call the box office at (904) 209-0399. The Ponte Vedra Concert Hall is located at 1050 A1A N.</p>

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<p><b>Jihade-Khalil Huffman exhibition</b> This exhibition, entitled "A Tondo for Rajon Rondo," will showcase recent works of art by Jihade-Khalil Huffman through Feb. 23. Huffman's work will be on display at The Crisp-Ellert Art Museum, located at 48 Sevilla St. in St. Augustine. The museum's hours are Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday from noon to 4 p.m. Admission is free. Huffman's exhibition includes video, photography and sculptures.</p> <p><b>Caregiver support meetings</b> The St. Johns County Council on Aging will host caregiver support meetings Mondays (except holidays) from noon to 1 p.m. at the Ponte Vedra Memory Care Center at 1048 A1A N. For more information, call Paulette Kozlowski at (904) 209-3674 or email pkozlowski@stjohnscoa.com. The meetings will provide a supportive environment for people who are experiencing similar challenges in which they can share problems, ideas and solutions.</p> <p><b>First Coast Plein Air Painters exhibition</b> This exhibition, presented by the First Coast Plein Air Painters, is on display at The Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach is located at 50 Executive Way; visit <a href="http://www.ccpvb.org">www.ccpvb.org</a> for more information.</p> <p><b>MOSH Mondays</b> The Museum of Science and History's MOSH Mondays features discounts including buy-one-get-one-half-off admission for adults, 10 percent off MOSH-branded items in the museum shop, 10 percent off memberships when signing up in-person and 10 percent off birthday packages when signing up in-person. MOSH Mondays also feature rotating weekly programs. MOSH is located at 1025 Museum Circle in Jacksonville. Visit <a href="http://www.themosh.org">www.themosh.org</a> for more information.</p>	<p><b>Tapas Tuesday</b> The Cummer Museum of Art &amp; Gardens presents Tapas Tuesday at the Cummer Cafe every Tuesday from 5 to 7:30 p.m. View the sunset on the Cummer Cafe patio while listening to local musicians and enjoying beer, wine or artfully-inspired tapas for sale at the Cafe. Reserve your table by calling (904) 899-6022. For more information, visit <a href="http://www.cummermuseum.org">www.cummermuseum.org</a>. The museum is located at 829 Riverside Ave.</p> <p><b>Black History Month sale at World Golf Hall of Fame</b> The World Golf Hall of Fame &amp; Museum is celebrating Black History Month by offering 50 percent off admission for any guest who mentions the Black History Month promotion throughout the month of February. The museum, located at 1 World Golf Place, is open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 6 p.m. For more information, visit <a href="http://www.worldgolfhalloffame.org">www.worldgolfhalloffame.org</a>.</p> <p><b>Eric Johnson at Ponte Vedra Concert Hall</b> Grammy award-winning guitarist Eric Johnson will return to the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall Feb. 20 to perform his signature album "Ah Via Musicom" in its entirety. Doors open at 7 p.m. and the performance begins at 8. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit <a href="http://www.pvconcerthall.com">www.pvconcerthall.com</a> or call the box office at (904) 209-0399. The Ponte Vedra Concert Hall is located at 1050 A1A N.</p> <p><b>Prenatal yoga</b> Prenatal and postnatal yoga is designed to help women cope with the changing needs of their body before and after pregnancy and birth. The public is invited Feb. 20 at 6 p.m. to share individual experiences with other women and gain empowerment through yoga, meditation, and guided visualization. This approach is gentle and safe for women in all stages of pregnancy, and once recovered from birth, but prior approval from a healthcare provider is advised. This event will take place at the Y Healthy Living Center, located at 170 Landrum Lane in Ponte Vedra Beach.</p>	<p><b>Toastmasters Club</b> Toastmasters Club #5199 of Ponte Vedra Beach meets every Wednesday at 7:30 a.m. at THE PLAYERS Community Senior Center. These meetings help attendees improve public speaking and gain leadership skills. The senior center is located at 175 Landrum Lane in Ponte Vedra Beach. Email Lucy Reep at <a href="mailto:lucyreep@gmail.com">lucyreep@gmail.com</a> for additional information.</p> <p><b>Yoga at church</b> Join St. Paul's by-the-Sea Episcopal for yoga every Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. Attendees are encouraged to bring a mat to this yoga class, which is suitable for all skill levels and ages. St. Paul's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church is located at 465 11th Ave. N. in Jacksonville Beach.</p> <p><b>Mom's Matter support group</b> This event will offer mothers an opportunity to talk about the struggles and adjustments of motherhood, both emotional and physical. Participants will receive support from both new and experienced mothers. This event will take place Feb. 21 at 11:15 a.m. at the Y Healthy Living Center, located at 170 Landrum Lane in Ponte Vedra beach.</p> <p><b>Afternoon Insight: Right whales</b> Join the GTM Research Reserve Feb. 21 at 3 p.m. to learn about right whales. This presentation will be led by knowledgeable volunteer docents, researchers and members of environmental organizations. GTM Research Reserve is located at 505 Guana River Road in Ponte Vedra.</p> <p><b>Bag Lady Luncheon at Sawgrass Country Club</b> The Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach will present the Bag Lady Luncheon at Sawgrass Country Club Feb. 21 at 11 a.m. Join friends, savvy shoppers and women who love the arts to support the Cultural Center. Also, enjoy lunch and a chance to bid on 100+ bags (including designer bags and a wide variety of colors and styles.) Visit <a href="http://www.ccpvb.org">www.ccpvb.org</a> to register; general seating costs \$55. Sawgrass Country Club is located at 10034 Golf Club Drive in Ponte Vedra Beach.</p>	<p><b>Savvy Job Hunters Ministry</b> Join the Savvy Job Hunters Ministry Feb. 22 from 9 a.m. to noon at Christ Episcopal Church, located at 400 San Juan Drive in Ponte Vedra Beach. The workshop, entitled "Taking the Plunge: Faith to Override Fear," will feature a presentation by J. Dianne Tribble on innovative ways to approach a job search. Tribble is a certified life coach, motivational speaker, published author and business start-up consultant. Register for the workshop by emailing Pam Ottesen at <a href="mailto:pottesen66@gmail.com">pottesen66@gmail.com</a>. This event will take place at the Parish Center Conference Room on the second floor.</p> <p><b>Financial education class</b> Karsten Jacobson will host a financial education class entitled "Rules of the Road" Feb. 22 from 11 a.m. to noon at the Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library. Jacobson will discuss the most common investing mistakes and how to avoid them, investing strategies to help reach your long-term goals and how to prepare for the swings in the market. RSVP by phone at (904) 285-9898 or via email at <a href="mailto:Linda.Kobetitsch@edwardjones.com">Linda.Kobetitsch@edwardjones.com</a>. Seating is limited. The Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library is located at 101 Library Blvd.</p> <p><b>Southern Culture on the Skids at St. Augustine Amphitheatre</b> The St. Augustine Amphitheatre's Front Porch Series presents the country-fried Americana trio Southern Culture on the Skids Feb. 22 at 7 p.m. (doors open at 6). For more information and to purchase tickets, call the box office at (904) 209-0367 or visit <a href="http://www.staugamphitheatre.com">www.staugamphitheatre.com</a>. The St. Augustine Amphitheatre is located at 1340C A1A S.</p> <p><b>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 <a href="mailto:ben@opcfla.com">ben@opcfla.com</a>, post online at <a href="http://www.pontevedrarecorder.com">www.pontevedrarecorder.com</a> using the automated form or call (904) 686-3939.</b></p>

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Raffle winners pose with their prizes at a previous Sisterhood of the Traveling Plants event.

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Cathy Snyder and Marilyn Smith of the Sisterhood of the Traveling Plants

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Inspired by the PBS Masterpiece period drama “Downton Abbey,” the Sisterhood will return to the library to show visitors how to use food and flower arrangements to spruce up their homes.

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# Vicar's Landing reports flu outbreak, takes precautions to protect residents

By Samantha Logue

With influenza activity on the rise throughout the country, many are wondering what they can do to prevent themselves and those in their care from contracting the virus. At Vicar's Landing in Ponte Vedra Beach, staff are taking every precaution to protect their elderly residents after having recently reported an outbreak of the illness.

"We had two residents come back from the hospital with the flu," explained Kendall Bryan, director of health services at the nursing home. "Once that happens, with two confirmed cases, we have to notify the Department of Health, which we did, and then we notify AHCA, which is the Agency for Health Care Administration. They're our licensing body and they make sure we're in compliance with all the rules and regulations. So, we noti-

fied everybody that we're supposed to, and now our approach here is just to be very aggressive with it and stop anything before it happens, and I'd say it's been successful so far."

As with any viral illness, seniors are more at-risk when it comes to the flu, as the immune system tends to weaken with age. This flu season, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, more than 17,000 confirmed influenza-associated hospitalizations have been reported in the U.S., and the highest hospitalization rate has been among people age 65 and older. While the virus itself can lead to severe illness, however, it is often the complications resulting from the flu, like pneumonia, that pose the most danger to the elderly.

"Anytime you're in a health care facility, you're compromised, because you wouldn't be here if you were a healthy,

elderly person," said Margaret Dowless, assistant director of nursing and infection control officer. "They always have other predisposed factors that make them more at-risk if they get the flu, so we're just trying to prevent those type of things."

According to Dowless, the nursing home has taken several precautions to protect residents. In addition to offering the usual flu shots to both residents and employees, limitations have been imposed on visiting and activities, and the main dining room has been closed. Double doors in the hallways are also being kept closed to help isolate any future outbreaks, and employees who feel unwell are being encouraged to stay home.

Even with such safety measures, however, with so many residents, visitors and staff to account for, there is no guarantee that such protections will be successful.

"There's only so many precautions

that you can take," Director of Nursing Kyle Lussier advised. "There's no way to completely prevent (an outbreak), but all the precautions are in place that should hopefully minimize the ability for it to spread."

According to Bryan, the best that Vicar's staff can do is to remain cautious and alert.

"Really you just become more vigilant on who's coming in, who's going out, who's going in what room and then five to seven days after the last confirmed case, you start lifting those things," he said.

Noting that his own parents are currently sick, Bryan added that it is vital for anyone experiencing flu-like symptoms to get checked as soon as possible.

"If you start exhibiting any of those signs, call your doctor," he said. "Don't wait around and just think it will go away."

## Tips for staying flexible as you age

Men and women may begin to feel less flexible as they get older. According to the University of Maryland Medical Center, that loss of flexibility is due to muscles losing both strength and elasticity as the body ages.

While people might not be able to maintain the flexibility they enjoyed in their 20s, there are ways for them to combat age-related loss of flexibility, such as the following:

■ **Stretch frequently.** Stretching is a great way to combat age-related loss of flexibility. Stretch major muscle groups, such as hamstrings and shoulder muscles, several times per week. When practicing static stretching, the goal is to gradually elongate the muscle being stretched before holding the elongated position, and ultimately allowing the muscle to return to resting position. As flexibility improves, elongated stretches can be held for 30 seconds. Avoid stretching muscles that are sore or injured and discontinue a stretch if you feel pain or discomfort.

■ **Include yoga in your exercise regimen.** Practitioners of yoga typically love how this unique discipline that exercises the body while relaxing the mind improves their flexibility. Many yoga poses are designed to improve the strength and flexibility of muscles, and some physicians may even recommend yoga to aging patients. Yoga DVDs or streaming sessions can be great, but beginners may want to visit yoga studios or sign up for classes at their gyms so instructors can personally ensure they are doing each pose correctly. As their flexibility improves, men and women can try more difficult poses and classes if they so desire.

■ **Get in the pool.** Swimming is another activity that can help aging men and women improve their flexibility. Strength-training exercises are an important component of a well-balanced exercise regimen, but such workouts tend to focus on one or two muscle groups at a time. That



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**Regular stretching, swimming and yoga are good ways to help maintain flexibility as you get older.**

means other muscle groups may be inactive and tighten up as a result. Swimming works the entire body, which helps all muscle groups stay loose and flexible. One or

two swimming sessions per week can contribute to great gains in overall flexibility, especially for men and women who remember to stretch when they get out of the pool.



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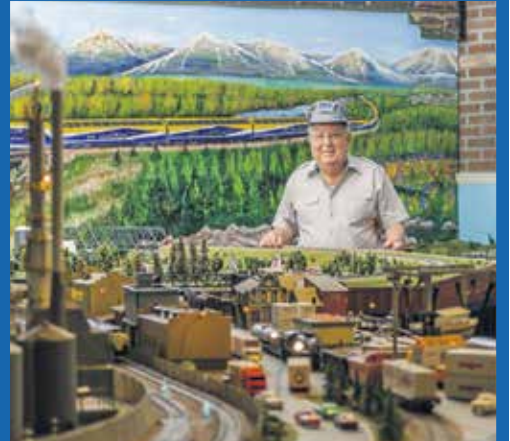


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A rendering displays the plans for Starling at Nocatee's independent living community, which is expected to be complete in spring 2019.

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# Starling at Nocatee targets spring 2019 for completion of independent living community



Photo by Susan Griffin

Construction begins to take place on the new independent living community.

By Jon Blauvelt

Starling at Nocatee's independent living community is in the beginning stages of construction and expected to be complete by spring 2019.

Known as "phase 2," the community will stand adjacent to the Starling's 92-unit assisted living and memory care community or "phase 1," which opened in December 2017. Executive Director Megan Kennedy told the Recorder that the independent living community will consist of 140 one-bedroom and two-bedroom apartments.

"The independent living community is designed for seniors looking for a maintenance-free lifestyle with unmatched amenities, personalized services and endless opportunities for wellness and engagement," said Kennedy.

The executive director noted that the community will feature multiple restaurant-style dining venues, including tableside

service in a dining room, a private dining room for gatherings and special events, a display kitchen, pizza oven, wine storage and more. Residents of the independent living community will also be able to enjoy a spa and salon, massage room, fitness studio, yoga lawn and water aerobics, among other wellness opportunities.

The Starling will also offer residents of this community opportunities for engagement, such as walking trails, pickleball, shuffleboard, a putting green and resident gardening. Additional services, said Kennedy, include housekeeping, transportation, utilities, maintenance and 24-hour security. Not to mention, all residents will have access to Nocatee's amenities.

Starling at Nocatee, Kennedy added, is strictly a rental community to ensure residents maintain the freedom and choice they desire.

For more information, visit [starlingliving.com/communities/starling-at-nocatee](http://starlingliving.com/communities/starling-at-nocatee).

## AARP seeking nominations for AARP Purpose Prize Award

AARP is accepting online nominations for the AARP Purpose Prize Award, which honors outstanding individuals, age 50 and over, who use their life experience to make a better future for all.

The organization will award \$60,000 this fall to five AARP Purpose Prize winners, intended to assist them in accelerating and expanding their community-focused work.

The AARP Purpose Prize is open to the public, and there is no charge for entry. Neither nominators nor nominees need to be AARP members. Nominations, including self-nominations, may be submitted, through March 6, via [www.aarp.org/purposeprize](http://www.aarp.org/purposeprize).

Once nominated, applicants are invited to submit their AARP Purpose Prize

applications, which will be due April 6, 2018.

"This past November, AARP recognized the tremendous, community-focused work of five extraordinary individuals age 50-plus, each of whom received \$50,000 to help fund their ongoing work," said AARP CEO Jo Ann Jenkins. "This year, to celebrate AARP's 60th anniversary, we have increased the prize level, for each of five AARP Purpose Prize winners, to \$60,000, and we will name 10 AARP Purpose Prize Fellows, each of whom will receive \$5,000."

For more information about the Purpose Prize, including the nomination and application process, and prize eligibility, odds, disclosures and official rules, visit [www.aarp.org/purposeprize](http://www.aarp.org/purposeprize).



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Silver Creek Senior Living in St. Augustine

## Silver Creek Senior Living to host spring fashion show in April

Silver Creek Senior Living is currently organizing a spring fashion show that will be held Thursday, April 12.

Residents of the St. Augustine retirement community will model the latest spring Chico's apparel at the event, which will take place from 2 to 4 p.m. Guests will have an opportunity to do

custom shopping after the show.

The event will also feature a 50-50 drawing that will benefit the St. Johns County Council on Aging. In addition, wine and cheese will be available for guests to enjoy.

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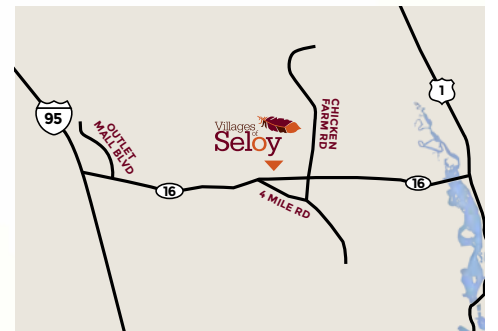
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# Medicare's donut coverage



**Joseph Alvarez, Esq.**  
Columnist

**By Joseph Alvarez, Esq.**

Last May, I moved my father from Atlanta to Jacksonville. At 57 years old, my father would be the first to tell you he is not a senior. He is, however, permanently disabled from a ruptured spinal cord injury he suffered in 2007.

Since then, his life has rapidly changed, and as his power of attorney, we both have become far too familiar with the pros and cons of Medicare health insurance and the costs of prescription medications, and we have grown accustomed to being put through the “donut hole” coverage.

If you do not know what this is and are an approaching senior or a current senior citizen, then I recommend a quick Google search to get accustomed to a coverage loophole that may end up devastating you financially. Medicare.gov states on its website that the term “donut hole” means “there’s a temporary limit on what the drug plan will cover for drugs. ... In 2018, once you and your plan have spent \$3,750 on covered drugs, you’re in the coverage gap.” Therefore, when you reach certain deductibles (either with your prescriptions or medications during hospital visits), your insurance will no longer pay for your prescriptions at the cost that they were being paid for at the beginning of the year.

Imagine a senior citizen who has worked the majority of his or her life, but after working 30 to 40 years, that person now becomes disabled for whatever reason. Maybe this person goes through a major surgery and the surgeon writes multiple pain prescriptions. The prescriptions for pain medications can be anything. After surgery and during the healing process, what happens if the patient starts to feel depressed? Or what if they start to become addicted to the pain medication?

For the depression, the patient now will most likely be prescribed an antidepressant. In a blink of an eye, the patient is now on pain medications and antidepressants. Your diet might also be an issue, and now diabetes may become a factor. The costs for insulin under Medicare are shocking. How does a patient only on Medicare afford this? What happens if there are setbacks, additional hospital visits or if the original surgery was unsuccessful and now one surgery turns into two or even three?

Well, this is when you are probably going to get familiarized with the “donut hole.” You will also get the spiel that if you do not like it, then you have the option of not receiving your Social Security benefits anymore and can elect to receive Medicaid.

Therefore, depending on your drug and if it is generic or a brand name, you could now be on the hook for 44 percent of what the drug costs in its entirety. The percentages may not seem as much, but imagine if the monthly prescription costs \$900. If you are in the “donut hole,” you may have to pay \$396 for your monthly drug.

What’s the point of this story, and why is it directed to the senior living section of the Recorder? I wanted to make readers receiving these benefits aware. We never know what may happen as we get older, and I hope everyone reading this is healthy. However, it would not hurt to call your insurance provider and make sure you know about your coverage limitations and any potential donut holes, especially if you have reached certain limits of coverage for the year. Regardless of your monthly income or need for medication, if you cannot come up with the “donut hole” funds, then you most likely will be without your medications that you might have now become dependent on taking.

**The numbers used in this article are based on the experiences of the columnist.**

**Joseph Alvarez is an associate attorney at Zisser Law, where he specializes in criminal and marital law.**

# Council on Aging names McCord new transportation director

The St. Johns County Council (COA) on Aging has named Matt McCord the new director of the transportation department, which includes The Sunshine Bus Company and paratransit, door-to-door services. McCord began his new position Feb. 1.

“Matt McCord is a fantastic choice for our new transportation director,” COA Executive Director Becky Yanni said. “He has been with our department since 2015 and will continue to lead Council on Aging to a great future in St. Johns County.”

McCord previously served as road supervisor/training supervisor for COA. Before that, he was the director of transportation for Friendship Community

Care, Inc. He earned his Bachelor of Professional Studies degree in public relations from Arkansas Tech University.

“I am honored to assume this new position,” McCord said. “I look forward to serving my neighbors in St. Johns County and pledge to provide the highest quality of service to our community.”

McCord succeeds Ed Clark, who retired Jan. 31. McCord will follow in his footsteps by serving COA, which runs not only the public transportation for St. Johns County, but offers an array of services, including Meals on Wheels, in-home care, five senior centers, an adult day facility and more.



Photos courtesy of Amy Leach

**A group of Council on Aging volunteers work on a paving project.**

# St. Johns County Council on Aging seeking volunteers

The St. Johns County Council on Aging (COA) is seeking volunteers for a few upcoming activities.

In St. Augustine, a volunteer pianist is needed Wednesday from 10 a.m. to noon to play for the choir at River House. Additionally, a volunteer is also needed in St. Augustine to lead “easy-does-it” exercise class for seniors once a week for an hour on Wednesdays.

In Fruit Cove, COA is seeking a volunteer to assist with an Integrative Memory Enhancement Program Tuesdays or Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

For additional information, contact Amy Leach at (904) 209-3686 or aleach@stjohnscoa.com.



**A Council on Aging volunteer helps with home repairs.**



## LEADINGAGE FLORIDA BRINGS MEMBERS TO TALLAHASSEE TO MEET WITH LEGISLATORS

LeadingAge Florida, a state association representing senior communities, recently brought some of its members to Tallahassee for the opportunity to meet with legislators and advocate for public policy. Shown in the photo are River Garden CEO Marty Goetz and Associate Administrator Mauri Mizrahi with Sen. Aaron Bean (District 4).

Photo courtesy of River Garden

## The benefits to traveling after age 50

Many people face turning 50 with trepidation, but instead of looking at aging as growing older, men and women can embrace turning 50 and the growing freedom that typically accompanies reaching this milestone, such as increased travel benefits.

Nielsen reports that, over the next five years, around 80 million Americans will fit into the 50-plus age bracket. Many of these people will have extra time to devote to leisure activities. AARP, the leading nonprofit organization for aging adults, says that of the people with AARP memberships, nearly two-thirds take advantage of travel discounts and other benefits in a typical year. The following are some such travel perks.

■ **Discounts.** The minimum age to qualify for “senior” discounts varies among companies and for different products and services, so it’s up to travelers to see what is available to them. Not all companies advertise their senior discounts, so read reviews in travel forums or on travel websites to find out which brands or places offer the best deals.

■ **More discretionary time.** Even if retirement is further down the road, older adults may have accrued more vacation time than their younger colleagues. That time can be translated into longer or more frequent trips.

■ **Age-based memberships.** Reaching age 50 or 60 may entitle people to join groups that negotiate deals for their members. For example, the minimum membership age for AARP is 50, meaning travelers who join AARP can enjoy discounts roughly five years before they’re eligible for senior discounts offered by other organizations.

■ **Opportunities for off-season travel.** When not constrained by school



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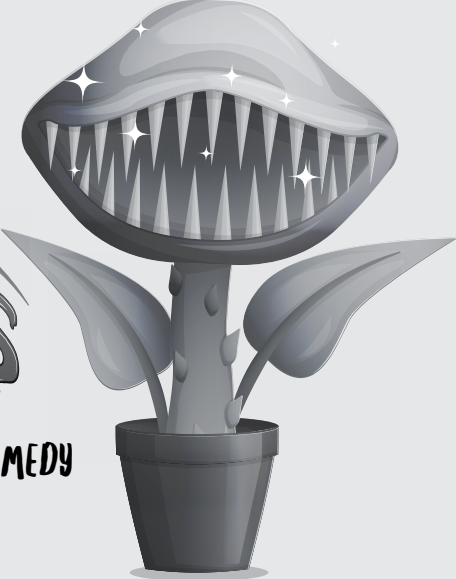
schedules, men and women over 50 can travel during times of the year when prices are most affordable. This means

savings and smaller crowds. This flexibility also can translate into airline discounts, as men and women over 50

with no time constraints can choose to be standby passengers in exchange for discounted or free tickets.

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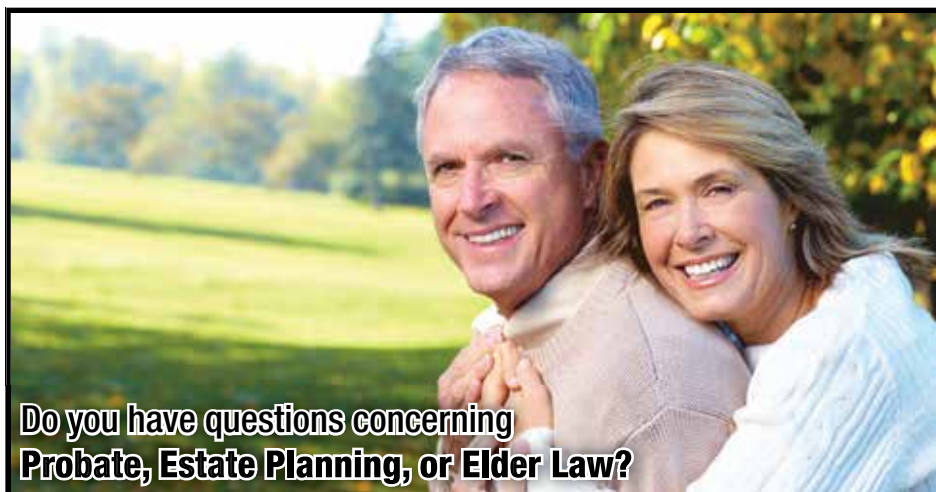
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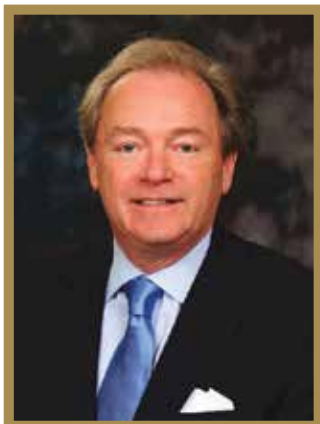
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**ABOVE:** Guests pose for a photo at the River Garden Foundation Silver Anniversary Gala on Nov. 18 at the Sawgrass Marriott Golf Resort & Spa.

**LEFT:** David and Linda Stein share a drink with Nancy and Seeman Zimmerman.

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## River Garden Foundation honors past gala chairs at 25th annual event

The River Garden Foundation honored past gala chairs during its 25th annual event on Nov. 18, 2017, at the Sawgrass Marriott Golf Resort & Spa.

Barbara Barker was honored as the first gala chair and for chairing two additional ones as well at the event, chaired by Jeanine Rogozinski.

SunTrust Bank served as the premier sponsor for the River Garden Foundation Silver Anniversary Gala. Guests enjoyed cocktails, a silent auction, dinner and entertainment. This event raised more than \$231,000 to benefit the residents of River Garden Hebrew Home.



**ABOVE:** Dr. Chaim Rogozinski and his wife Jeanine, Gala Chair and President of the River Garden Foundation



**LEFT:** Gala honoree Barbara Parker and her son, Jeff Parker

## Arbor Terrace Ponte Vedra partners with Tesori Family Foundation for Valentine's Day party

Arbor Terrace Ponte Vedra and the Tesori Family Foundation recently worked together to hold a Valentine's Day party at the local assisted living facility.

"We are fortunate to have them come spend quality time with our residents," said Ann Terrell, senior care counselor at Arbor Terrace Ponte Vedra, about the partnership with the Tesori Family Foundation. "Our connection is strong because we specialize in memory care, and the Tesori Foundation specializes in children with special needs. Both age groups tend to enjoy being 'in the moment.'"

Terrell further explained that Arbor Terrace focuses on creating deep connections with residents and creating memorable moments, several of which the facility works to create with the Tesori Family Foundation. In addition to the Valentine's Day party, the organizations work together on events for Halloween and Easter, as well as a prom.

"We feel blessed to have created this intergenerational program with the Tesori Foundation," said Terrell.

Visit [arborcompany.com](http://arborcompany.com) for more information on Arbor Terrace and [tesorifamilyfoundation.org](http://tesorifamilyfoundation.org) for more information on the Tesori Family Foundation.



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# Studies show seniors are becoming more tech-savvy

Although younger generations have grown up with technology at their fingers, baby boomers and older adults did not. But in spite of that, studies show that growing numbers of seniors are open to the idea of technology and even seeking ways to further their use and knowledge.

According to a 2014 study by Pew Research Center, 59 percent of seniors regularly use the Internet — a 6 percent increase from the previous study conducted in 2012. Today, 67 percent of adults age 65 and older say they go online.

Pew also says that, although seniors consistently have lower rates of technology adoption than the public, four in 10 seniors now own smartphones, which is more than double the amount that did in 2013. Seniors in Australia are especially tech savvy, as Deloitte’s mobile consumer survey found 78 percent of Australian seniors aged 65 to 75 own a smartphone, up from 69 percent in 2016.

While stereotypes have long painted seniors as technologically inept, seniors are actually more socially and digitally engaged than ever before. Seniors use technology in many different ways, such as mobile apps to manage medications and doctor’s appointments and monitor

their fitness regimens.

Some families employ 24/7 alert systems or smart home technology to keep seniors comfortable and safe at home for as long as possible. Noninvasive, “smart” technology can analyze factors such as whether or not doors are left open, if there has been movement in a home or whether appliances/lights are on or off.

Silversurfers, a senior-based information website, says other tech that seniors are embracing includes online dating; audio and digital books; online shopping, which is especially valuable to seniors who have mobility issues; and social media, which can keep seniors connected to others and feeling less lonely. A study conducted by researchers from the University of California, San Francisco found 18 percent of American seniors live alone, and 43 percent report feeling lonely on a regular basis. Social media and internet connectivity can be an important tool in helping seniors feel like active members of society.

In conclusion, technology is no longer just for teenagers or active workers. Seniors are increasingly embracing technology and becoming a fast-growing demographic for tech usage.

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All models who participated in the fashion show gather for a group photo.

## Coldwell Banker Vanguard Realty organizes fashion show benefitting Mission House

Coldwell Banker Vanguard Realty recently partnered with a few other local businesses to host a fashion show that benefitted Mission House.

Held at Pusser's Caribbean Grille Restaurant on Jan. 31, the event raised several hundred dollars for the nonprofit, according to Carole Bayer of Cold-

well Banker Vanguard Realty. A'propos Boutique and John Craig Clothier also sponsored the event, which saw employees from Mission House participate as models.

In addition to the fashion show, event attendees enjoyed food and drink.



Mission House Clinic Assistant  
Vicky Muniz



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## V Pizza files application with county to open in Palm Valley later this year

By Benjamin Naim

Italian eatery and Jacksonville staple V Pizza has filed an application with St. Johns County to open a new location in Palm Valley.

According to V Pizza owner Paul Scott, who invested in the overall brand with a business partner five years ago, the restaurant is still going through the "permitting phase" and is estimated to open in nine months. Scott said neighboring establishments are behind the V Pizza project and the permitting process has gone smoothly.

As written in a Neighborhood Bill of Rights notification, the business' application with the county is for a "major modification to the Canal Boulevard Shops PUD to add restaurants (V Pizza) as an allowable use, revise waivers and provide for changes to the MDP text and map." The major modification would amend the MDP map to change the overall site development configuration and reduce the building footprint from 8,100 square feet in two structures to 5,600 square feet in one structure.

Scott, a Ponte Vedra native, said he "stepped in" and offered to purchase the lot so he can open a business that would serve as an homage to Palm Valley.

"I live on Roscoe Boulevard," he said. "The exact lot that we're building on is already approved for a PUD with two commercial buildings on it."

The address of the new V Pizza location would be at 154 Canal Blvd., between North Roscoe Boulevard and North Wilderness Trail, according to the county document.

The business' application is set to go before the St. Johns County Planning and Zoning Agency Thursday, Feb. 15.

### Story of V Pizza

The idea for V Pizza was born after a family trip to Italy. "My business partner and I had taken our moms to Italy — just a family trip — we had a great time," Scott said. "We ate pizza and when we came back we talked constantly at how great the pizza was, the ingredients, how beautiful the oven was."

Later, Scott said he and his business partner were approached by someone looking for financial support for a pizza restaurant idea. After speaking with his partner, the two agreed to finance the business if they could offer authentic, Italian-style pizzas.

"We opened thinking we'd have maybe two or something," Scott said, "but the popularity of it has grown."

The most unique aspect of V Pizza, Scott said, is that the restaurant offers pizza made with ingredients imported straight from Italy.

"Every pizza that's served — approximately 85 to 90 percent of everything about that pizza comes from Italy," Scott said.

For more information on V Pizza, visit [www.vpizza.com](http://www.vpizza.com).

# Berkshire Hathaway hosts appreciation luncheon for first responders

Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Network Realty hosted an appreciation luncheon for first responders on Monday, Feb. 12 at its office in Sawgrass Village.

Sponsors of the event included Sawgrass Marriott Golf Resort & Spa, Florida Network Property Management, Michael Hendrickson of EverBank, 2-10 Home Warranty, Peterbrooke Chocolatier, Kuhn Flowers, Gibraltar Title, LLC and Metro Diner.



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# Valente joins Bachara Construction Law Group as partner

The Bachara Construction Law Group team in Jacksonville recently added Tracy Valente as a new partner at the firm.

“We are proud to welcome Tracy to the firm,” said Chip Bachara, the firm’s managing partner. “She is a gifted lawyer who has proven time and again to be an effective advocate for a diverse range of clients. She is extremely knowledgeable about construction law, and we feel very fortunate to be able to offer our clients the advantage of her knowledge and expertise.”



Tracy Valente

Valente (formerly Tracy Wenzel) is a seasoned attorney with extensive knowledge of construction law and more than 20 years of experience as a litigator. AV Preeminent-rated by Martindale Hubbell and a member of the Construction Law Section of The Florida Bar, she was formerly a partner and shareholder of Heekin Litigation Group in Jacksonville.

Valente has represented homeowners, developers, general contractors and design professionals in a variety

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# Freedom Boat Club to host upcoming New Boater Experience Day at Palm Valley Outdoors location

Freedom Boat Club will host a New Boater Experience Day at its Palm Valley Outdoors location (377 S. Roscoe Blvd) on Sunday, Feb. 25 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The event is free and open to the public, offering everyone a chance to get out on the water and see what the business has to offer.

Freedom Boat Club bills itself as the

world’s largest members-only boating club. The business has locations at Julington Creek Marina in Jacksonville, Camachee Cove Marina in St. Augustine and Palm Valley Outdoors in Ponte Vedra Beach.

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# College admissions consultancy relocates to Ponte Vedra

Admissions Accomplished, LLC, an educational consultancy focused on college admissions, has moved its primary location to Ponte Vedra.

Previously based in Fairfield, Connecticut, the business has been serving students worldwide since 2000. With this move, students and parents in and around the Ponte Vedra area can meet in-person with the company's president to develop a plan and achieve their college admissions goals.

"Over the past 18 years we have worked with students from 38 different states and over 10 counties" said Amy Sack, Ph.D., MBA and owner of Admissions Accomplished, LLC. "We utilize Skype, Facetime and other communication tools to work with students wherever they are based to develop their college admissions plan. We are happy to assist with all aspects of the admissions process, from selecting high school courses, to developing a college application list and completing applications and essays. Some families do like to meet with us personally, at least initially, and now we are able to do that in Ponte Vedra."

Since its founding in 2000, Dr. Sack and her colleagues at Admissions Accomplished, LLC, have helped hundreds of students around the globe find the best college fit for them in the U.S., Canada and Europe. The company said in a press release that 95 percent of its students have been accepted into one of their top three college choices.

Comprehensive services include assistance with all aspects of the college or graduate admissions process: selection of schools, essay editing, interview and resume preparation, as well as guidance throughout the process to ensure all supporting materials are the highest possible quality and are submitted prior to deadlines.

"Students and parents are encouraged to contact us at any time they'd like to start their college planning but certainly before the fall of the student's senior year," said Sack. "We are here and happy to help."

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## Valente

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of construction and insurance-related matters. She has also represented subcontractors including, but not limited to, the following trades: HVAC, plumbing, swimming pool, framing, windows, roof drywall, painters and concrete.

An honors graduate of both Florida State University and the University of Florida's Levin College of Law, Valente has received a variety of peer-reviewed honors including listings in the Bar Register of Preeminent Women Lawyers,

the Worldwide Registry of Executives & Professionals and Florida Trend Magazine's "Florida Legal Elite."

She is a member of the Jacksonville Bar Association, The Florida Bar's Construction Law Section, the Northeast Florida Builders Association (NEFBA) and the Professional Women in Building Council, of which she has served as a director since 2017.

"As someone who's faced Chip Bachara in court, I am thrilled that we are now on the same team," said Valente. "He is a brilliant lawyer and we share the same values and desire to do the best for each client."

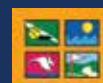


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# Secrets to writing humor to be revealed at Ponte Vedra Writers meeting Feb. 24

Longtime humor writer Erik Deckers will share “Ten Secrets to Writing Humor” in the Saturday, Feb. 24 meeting of the Ponte Vedra Writers at 10:30 a.m. at the Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library.

Humor lives in the gap between the ridiculous and the real, according to Deckers. Humor writers know how to wedge themselves firmly in that gap and reveal the vein of humor found there. In his presentation, Deckers will discuss the humor formula and how to crack it. He’ll share 10 secrets to finding humor in almost

every situation (including ones you’re not supposed to), and the techniques professionals use to “write funny” without resorting to tired clichés, stereotypes and old knock-knock jokes.

Deckers is president of Pro Blog Service, a content marketing agency with clients throughout the United States. He is also the co-author of several social media and marketing books. He’s been blogging since 1997, and a newspaper humor columnist since 1994. He has written radio and stage plays, and numerous busi-

ness articles. Deckers was the spring 2016 writer-in-residence at the Jack Kerouac House in Orlando, and now serves on its board of directors.

The Ponte Vedra Writers chapter is one of over 50 writers’ groups affiliated with the Florida Writers Association, a non-profit membership organization with nearly 1,500 members. Visit [www.floridawriters.net](http://www.floridawriters.net) for more information about the organization.

The meeting is free and open to the public.



Photo courtesy of Florida Writers Association

**Writer Erik Deckers will speak Feb. 24 at the Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library.**

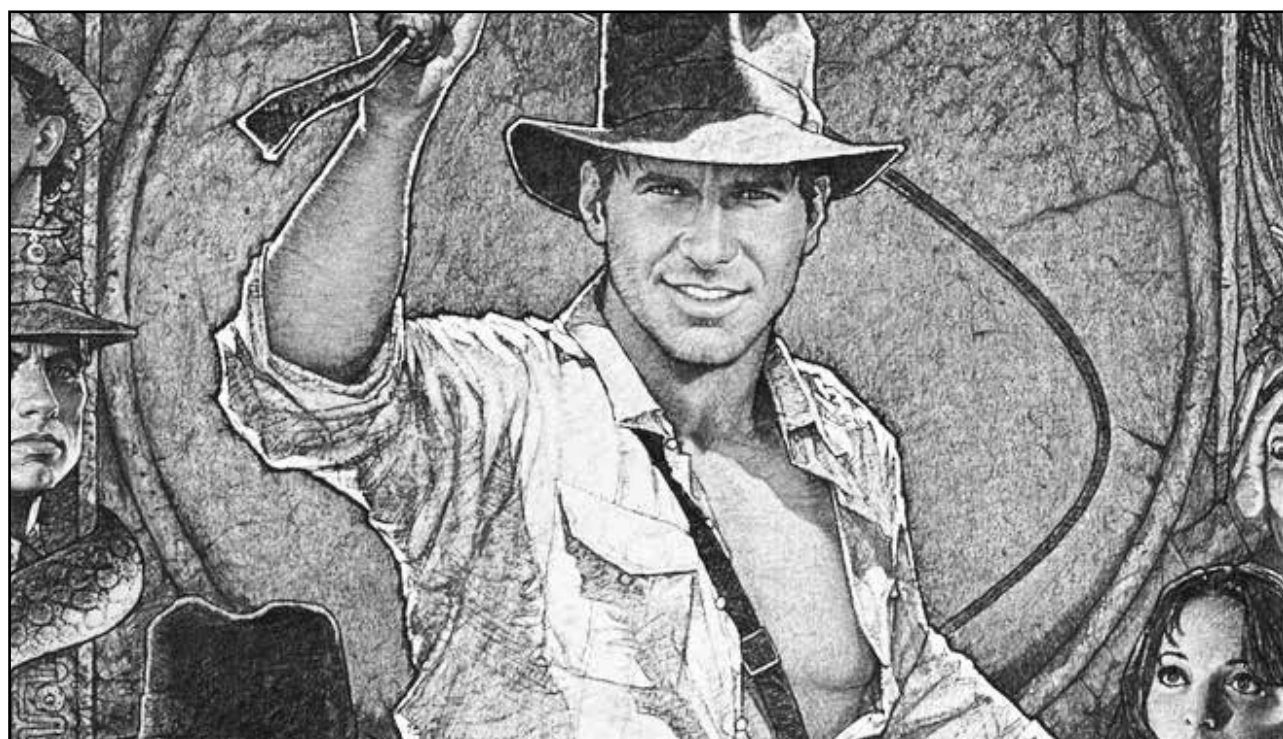


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## Jacksonville Symphony to perform ‘Raiders of the Lost Ark’ in concert Feb. 16-17

The Jacksonville Symphony will perform “Raiders of the Lost Ark” in concert Feb. 16-17. See and experience the film like never before, with John Williams’ score performed live to picture by a full symphony orchestra.

The year is 1936, and professor of archeology and “obtainer of rare antiquities” Indiana Jones (Harrison Ford) is tasked by U.S. Army Intelligence to recover the legendary Ark of the Covenant before it falls into the hands of the Nazis. Jones’ quest takes him to Nepal and Egypt, reuniting him with an old friend (John Rhys-Davies), an old foe (Paul Freeman) and an ex-flame (Karen Allen), who falls somewhere in between. Armed with his hat, whip and wits, Jones must face formidable enemies – and impossible odds – to save the day and the world.

In a career spanning more than five decades, Williams has become one of America’s most accomplished and successful composers for film and for the concert stage, and he remains one of the nation’s most distinguished and contributive musical voices. He has composed the music for more than 100 films, including all eight “Star Wars” films, the first three “Harry Potter” films, “Superman,” “Memoirs of a Geisha,” “Home Alone” and “The Book Thief.”

His 45-year artistic partnership with director Steven

Spielberg has resulted in many of Hollywood’s most acclaimed and successful films, including “Schindler’s List,” “E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial,” “Jaws,” “Jurassic Park,” “Close Encounters of the Third Kind,” the “Indiana Jones” films, “Saving Private Ryan,” “Lincoln,” “The BFG” and “The Post.” In addition to composing themes for four Olympic Games, Williams served as music director of the Boston Pops Orchestra for 14 seasons and remains its laureate conductor.

He has received five Academy Awards and 51 Oscar nominations (making him the second-most nominated person in the history of the Oscars), seven British Academy Awards, 24 Grammys, four Golden Globes and five Emmys. In 2016, he received the 44th Life Achievement Award from the American Film Institute – the first time a composer was honored with this award.

The Jacksonville Symphony’s “Raiders of the Lost Ark” concert will take place on Friday, Feb. 16 and Saturday, Feb. 17 at 7 p.m. Both concerts will take place in Jacoby Symphony Hall in the Times-Union Center for the Performing Arts in Jacksonville. For further information or to purchase tickets, call the ticket office at (904) 354-5547, or visit [www.jaxsymphony.org](http://www.jaxsymphony.org).

## Jacksonville Symphony Chorus to perform spring concert Feb. 18

The Jacksonville Symphony Chorus will herald in the spring with a concert Sunday, Feb. 18 featuring works by Antonín Dvořák and Franz Joseph Haydn.

Hailed by the Washington Post for his “dazzling expertise” on the podium, Donald McCullough is considered one of America’s pre-eminent choral conductors. He became the director of the Jacksonville Symphony Chorus in 2012, and in November 2014, he led the chorus on its first appearance in Carnegie Hall. Previously, he directed the Master Chorale of Washington in the John F. Kennedy Center Concert Hall for more than a decade, developing a reputation for creating choruses that sang “with an innate sense of lyricism and musical poise,” (Washington Post).

One highlight of the concert will be a performance of Dvořák’s “Te Deum.” Upon being appointed the director of the National Conservatory in New York in 1891, Dvořák was commissioned to write a cantata celebrating the 400th anniversary of the discovery of America by Christopher Columbus and Dvořák’s arrival in New York. He was promised a text to base the work, but when he didn’t receive one, Dvořák took the initiative and chose the text of the Latin hymn, “Te Deum Laudamus.”

In addition, the concert will also feature a performance of Franz Joseph Haydn’s “Mass in D Minor,” the Lord Nelson Mass. The work was finished in 1798, and by the time of its premiere, Prince Nikolaus Esterhazy, Haydn’s employer, had dismissed nearly all the wind players in his orchestra due to economic reasons. This resulted in a very distinct sound.

The Jacksonville Symphony Chorus will perform its spring concert Sunday, Feb. 18 at 3 p.m. in Jacoby Symphony Hall at the Times-Union Center for the Performing Arts in Jacksonville.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call the ticket office at (904) 354-5547 or visit [JaxSymphony.org](http://JaxSymphony.org).

# Art galleries prepare for St. Augustine's next art walk

Sea Spirits Gallery & Gifts and Lost Art Gallery in St. Augustine are both gearing up for the next "First Friday Art Walk" on March 2.

Sea Spirits Gallery & Gifts, located at 210 St. George St., will feature work from Tina and Maria Henle. An award-winning freelance photographer with over 35 years of experience in fine art, portrait, wedding and commercial photography, Tina Henle grew up on the island of St. Croix and acquired her first camera from her father at age 18.

Maria Henle, who passed away in 2007, is known for her trademark layered multiple images. She was a painter, printmaker and environmentalist with a passion for creating large landscape paintings and color etchings. Her inspiration came from the Caribbean, Europe, U.S., Mexico, Nepal, Bolivia, Ecuador and Iceland.

Lost Art Gallery, also located at 210 St. George St., will feature work from Fritz Henle, the father of Maria and Tina who passed away in 1993. Fritz traveled through the Mediterranean, India, China, and Japan in pre-war 1930s and immigrated to the U.S. in 1936. He was a freelance photojournalist and worked for Life Magazine and was a fashion and portrait



Photos courtesy of Annie Thompson

"From Above" by Tina Henle



"Shoal Bay Dusk" by Maria Henle

photographer throughout the 1940s and 1950s in New York. As a documentarist he traveled to Asia, Mexico, Paris, the U.S., the Caribbean and finally settled on St. Croix in 1958.

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Photo courtesy of Ponte Vedra Girls Basketball

**Leah McCarthy, Channing Chappell and Tess Tibbits celebrate Ponte Vedra's district title after the Sharks defeated Pedro Menendez 58-40 on Friday, Feb. 9.**

## Ponte Vedra girls basketball takes district title with win over Pedro Menendez

By Jon Blauvelt

The Ponte Vedra girls basketball team defeated Pedro Menendez 58-40 on Friday, Feb. 9, to win the District 5-6A title.

Ponte Vedra's coaching staff told the Recorder that the team was able to defeat Pedro's constant pressure and score consistently in transition. They added that the team was patient in its half-court offense, sharing the ball and finding

open players for scoring opportunities. In addition, the coaches remarked that the Sharks played great defense and shut down the opposing scorers, particularly in the third quarter. Ponte Vedra led Pedro by only one point at half time.

Channing Chappell led the Sharks with 25 points, while Leah McCarthy added 14 and Tess Tibbits chipped in 8.

Ponte Vedra next plays Belleview in the regional quarterfinals on Thursday, Feb. 15 at 7 p.m. at home.

## PONTE VEDRA GIRLS SOCCER FALLS TO STANTON IN PLAYOFFS

**RIGHT: Piper Dotsikas (4) of Ponte Vedra is surrounded by a group of Stanton defenders as she heads to the host's goal. The Ponte Vedra girls soccer team lost to Stanton 2-0 on Friday, Feb. 9 in playoff action. The team finished the season 12-8-2.**

**BELOW: Lucy Schmachtenberger (20) fights to control the ball for the Sharks.**

Photos by Jerry and Chris Norton



**ABOVE: Ponte Vedra's Kai Hayes (10) advances the ball as the Stanton defenders close in.**

**LEFT: The Stanton keeper foils the Sharks' Reilly Tarbet's attempt to head in a corner kick.**





Photo by Grace Schinsing

# Sharks boys basketball team ends regular season with winning record

By Jim Moyes  
Special to the Recorder

Winning two of their three games last week, Ponte Vedra's boys basketball squad assured themselves of a winning season for the fifth straight year heading into the FHSAA playoffs.

The Sharks improved their record to 13-11 after defeating their archrivals from Nease 49-44 on Friday, Feb. 9, sweeping the season series over the Panthers.

The Sharks jumped out to an early 20-11 lead at the end of the first quarter and never looked back against a much improved Nease team. Jack Johnson recovered from an elbow injury to pace the Sharks with 13 points and continued his stellar defensive play with seven rebounds and four blocks. Johnson now has accumulated a total of 126 blocks during the 22 games he saw action in this year, a Ponte Vedra record that

will surely be a challenge for future Sharks to emulate. Will Mons, with 10 points, scored in double figures for the fourth time in five games in the low scoring affair with Nease.

After beginning the week by dropping a contest to Fletcher 61-54, the Sharks bounced back two nights later on Feb. 8 to defeat St. Augustine 67-60 on senior night at the Shark Tank.

With Reese Russi sitting out the St. Augustine game with an ankle injury and 6-foot-8-inch defensive swat man Jack Johnson seeing limited action nursing an elbow injury, Beech received some welcome play out of sophomore James Kohnke, who chipped in a career high 13 points in the win over the Yellowjackets.

The Sharks, trailing throughout the contest to St. Augustine, put on a furious rally

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16. Spanish small plates
17. School of thought suffix
18. Pay hike
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21. \*He played Getty
23. Right-angle building extension
24. Splints site
25. Mammoth site, e.g.
28. Write on a tombstone
30. Self-centeredness
35. Land measure
37. Crucifix
39. "Sesame Street" regular
40. \*In 1992 De Niro was nominated for "Cape \_\_\_\_"
41. \*Best category
43. Tiresias in "Oedipus Rex"
44. Desert mirage
46. S-shaped molding
47. Dionysus' party
48. "\_\_\_\_ the unexpected"
50. Celestial bear
52. Rolodex abbr.
53. Purple precipitation

55. Before, old English
57. \*Evacuation location
61. \*Olympic hopeful's story
64. Deprive of weapons
65. \*Sarandon was nominated for "Lorenzo's \_\_\_\_" in 1993
67. Unfit
69. Like anchor awaigh
70. Zilch
71. \*Kathy Bates' or Louise Fletcher's role
72. Google \_\_\_\_
73. Bro's sibling
74. Had supper

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6. Manner of walk
7. Ensign, for short
8. Bodily fluid
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10. "\_\_\_\_ and proper"
11. Additional
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# Area student-athletes celebrate college commitments



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Twelve student-athletes from Bolles are honored for their commitments to a college or university.

## Bolles honors 12 students

Twelve Bolles student-athletes were honored Feb. 7 for committing to a college or university to continue their athletic and academic careers.

Family, friends, classmates, coaches and faculty filled McGehee Auditorium on the San Jose Campus to celebrate the achievement. Athletic Director Matt Morris welcomed guests and several coaches introduced their respective athletes.

The following Bolles student-athletes were honored:

### Football

- Orlando Heggs, Wake Forest University
- Josiah Johnson, University of Massachusetts, Amherst
- Nick Lewis, University of Kentucky

- Isaiah Morris, United States Military Academy
- Rushton Roberts, Colorado State University
- Mason Yost, Liberty University

### Men's Soccer

- Alex Salvador, Jacksonville University

### Women's Soccer

- Cami Dade, University of Kentucky
- Aunikah King, United States Military Academy Preparatory School
- Ariana Munoz, University of Miami
- Cassidy Wasdin, Florida Atlantic University

### Volleyball

- Izzy Schwam, Haverford College

This marks the second of three college commitment ceremonies to be held at Bolles this school year to recognize student-athletes as they commit to colleges.



Photo courtesy of Episcopal School of Jacksonville

Seven Episcopal student-athletes recently signed commitments to play for a college or university.

## Episcopal has seven students sign

Seven student-athletes from Episcopal School of Jacksonville recently signed their commitments to a college or university to continue their athletic and academic careers.

The student-athletes signing commitments were:

### Baseball

- Pete Komaroski (Jacksonville Beach), City College, N.Y.

### Lacrosse

- Ethan Edwards, Sewanee

- Colin Andrews (Atlantic Beach), Sewanee

### Rowing

- Caroline Anderson (Ponte Vedra), Duke

### Softball

- Lindsay Poulos, West Point

### Triathlon

- Wilson Haynes, Queens University

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- Tara Martin (Jacksonville Beach), Emory

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Ponte Vedra's Rett Maritato (126 pounds) gets ready to pin his opponent for back points.

# Sharks sunk 47-15 by rival Panthers in wrestling match

The Nease Panthers, at home, defeated the Ponte Vedra Sharks in wrestling by a final score of 47-15 on Feb. 7.

Victorious for the Sharks that night were Troy Maritato (170 pounds) and Preston Turner (120 pounds), both with close 7-5

victories. Additionally, Rett Maritato (126 pounds) had an 11-7 win, and Ethan Baur finished up the night with a cradle pin.

The district wrestling tournament for both teams will take place on Feb. 15 at Matanzas High School.

## Basketball

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in the game's final quarter by outscoring the visitors 19-5. Junior forward Ben Houser gave the Sharks their first lead of the game at 61-58 with two minutes remaining after converting a three-point play. The Sharks capped their victory by going on a 14-0 run before the Yellowjackets were finally able to tally on a far too late bucket in the game's closing seconds. Houser would finish his night's work with a game high 17 points, with senior Will Mons joining Kohnke in double figures with 10 points.

The loss earlier in the week to Fletcher on Feb. 6 marred a career high 19-point output by senior guard Andrew Mathis.

**This article went to the printer prior to the team's Feb. 14 matchup with Clay High School.**



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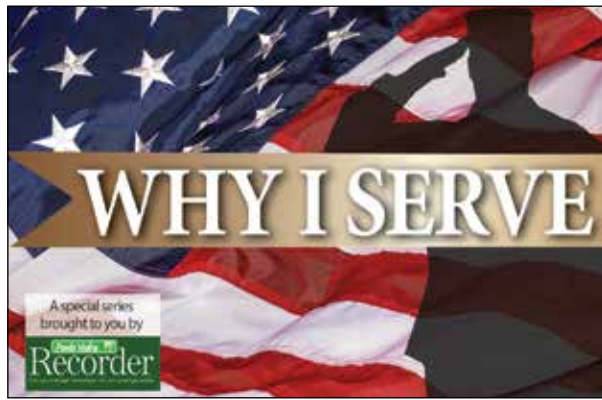
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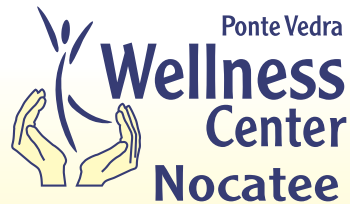
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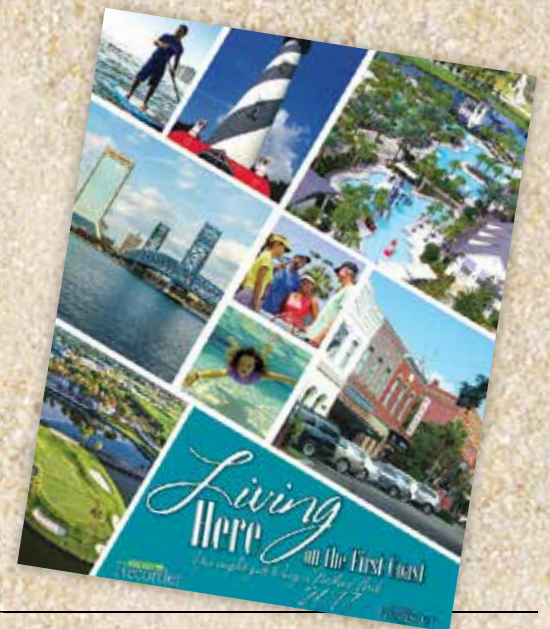
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