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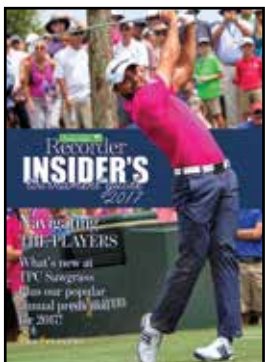
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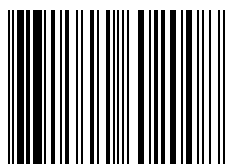
SHARKS TAKE DISTRICT SOFTBALL TITLE



Photo by Chris and Jerry Norton

Ponte Vedra High School softball players Taylor Bradshaw and Farley Callaghan celebrate the district title win by kissing the trophy. Read more on page 44.

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WHAT'S THIS?



Do you know what this is?

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

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

Eight readers correctly identified last week's photo as Le Macaron French Pastries in Ponte Vedra Beach.

Winner of the random drawing was **Rosemarie Pece** – congratulations, Rosemarie! You may pick up your prize at The Recorder office during regular business hours.



ADOPT A PET

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COUNTDOWN TO THE PLAYERS

THE PLAYERS to offer new dining options

Some of the First Coast's most popular restaurants will be represented at THE PLAYERS Championship this year, with more than a dozen dining destinations from which to choose. Taste of Jax will feature Mojo Kitchen and Hawkers Asian Street Fare, while visitors to the Food Court will have their choice of offerings from Trasca & Co, M Shack, Bono's Pit Bar-B-Q, Firehouse Subs, Daily's and Tropical Smoothie Café.

Those seeking a more upscale dining experience will want to stop by "Wine & Dine on 9," where noted local chef Matthew Medure will serve up gourmet small plates accompanied by varietals from William Hill Estate Winery in a pictur-

esque garden setting.

Or check out the "Trucks on 10" – with six food trucks and seating for fans – or the popular "Tacos on 12," where TacoLu will be serving up its popular Baja Mexicana in a public venue with seating and shaded areas.

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Federal jury convicts Ponte Vedra man of \$5 million conspiracy, wire fraud

A federal jury has convicted a 30-year-old Ponte Vedra man on one count of conspiracy and nine counts of wire fraud, acting U.S. Attorney W. Stephen Muldrow announced.

Justin G. Pennington, a resident of Nocatee's Willowcove neighborhood, faces up to 20 years in federal prison on each count and mandatory restitution of approximately \$5 million. His sentencing hearing is scheduled for August 2, 2017.

According to the evidence presented at trial, while Pennington was employed

as an information technology director at The Wholesale House – an Ohio-based company with offices in Jacksonville – he and his co-conspirators created a fraudulent company known as 3 Kings, LLC. Incorporated in Delaware in an attempt to conceal the identity of its owners, 3 Kings purchased products from The Wholesale House at or near cost and then resold those products to consumers and retailers.

Unbeknownst to the owners of The Wholesale House, 3 Kings illegally competed with The Wholesale House's

customers, causing significant financial difficulties for the company's legitimate customers. In all, federal prosecutors proved, 3 Kings purchased nearly \$40 million of products from The Wholesale House and never paid the entirety of its bills owed to them. Instead, Pennington and his co-conspirators spent tens of thousands of dollars themselves, with Pennington incurring credit card balances of up to \$100,000 per month, while owing his employer millions of dollars.

During the trial, Pennington's co-con-

spirators testified that he was the mastermind of the scheme, creating detailed proposals, naming and incorporating the company, and controlling the corporation's bank accounts. The Wholesale House owners, meanwhile, testified that they had personally infused more than \$7 million into the company to ensure its survival and to protect the jobs of the company's more than 60 employees.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

About a year and a half ago, members of the Palm Valley Community Association were instrumental in stopping the "cruise ship" from being built in the heart of Palm Valley. It initially caught us off guard. We missed that little red development sign that the county posts. The project was halted and now 10 custom homes are being built in its place. With help from other community groups and volunteers, we made a

difference by holding the line.

Because St. Johns County is such a desirable place to live, it seems we now have a little red sign over the entire county. Growth is good, as long as it is managed growth. Property owners sell, developers and contractors buy and build, and the county and its citizens hold them to established development standards.

At the traffic meeting held on April 25

by the NFTPO, not many were in favor of the recommendations from the traffic study conducted. We must not allow ourselves to be caught off guard again, nor should we lose sight of the facts. Fact: There is and will be more development in St. Johns County. We should continue to monitor and be involved in our community and neighborhood organizations. This will allow us to have input on how projects ul-

timately get developed. If there are issues, we should help identify and address them and at the same time offer up solutions.

It is up to all of us to show everyone the SJC way!

Victoria Corlazzoli
Ponte Vedra Beach

I am in support of widening A1A. The traffic congestion in Ponte Vedra Beach is symptomatic of growth and proximity to the beach, fine golf courses and businesses that thrive in our community. To those who feel it will take away from the "ambience" of the community, do you feel a stream of cars, sitting in a crawling line from J. Turner Butler to Corona Road is something worth preserving? I am a lifelong resident of the Beaches and have watched both the development and the congestion grow over the years and despite my hesitation, have decided it is incumbent on our community to maintain infrastructure.

Most residents of Ponte Vedra and/or Nocatee work in Jacksonville. For those living in Nocatee, I can assure you they do not backtrack to A1A to JTB in order to get to Jacksonville. Many residents who live in Nocatee commute in a number of routes such as US1, 9B, I-95 and so forth to reach Jacksonville. For those of us who commute from Ponte Vedra Beach, we primarily commute using A1A to JTB.

As a resident of Ponte Vedra Beach, I am frustrated that it takes me longer to commute home, on average 20 to 25 minutes, daily from JTB to Sawgrass – a distance of approximately 4 miles (after making it down the entire length of JTB).

I am more frustrated that many of those in opposition are those who claim widening the highway will impact safety. Do you sit on the same A1A I do? Have you sat on the highway when emergency responders have had to drive on the side of the road because cars were at a standstill and had nowhere to move?

Why not embrace progress, embrace the need to reduce the congestion by building further infrastructure to support those that live or pass through our community? We are home to THE PLAYERS and the origin of the 26.2 with Donna. Some of the largest events of the year are in Ponte Vedra Beach. Let's be a model and find a

solution to our traffic congestion.

I agree our Beaches community receives and welcomes many non-residents, daily. But isn't that why we thrive? Let's not make this an emotional decision and let's focus on the fact that our roadway is inadequate, it requires improvements, inclusive of being widened. This is a community issue that must be taken seriously not with a band aid or living with the mediocrity of severe traffic congestion, it is time for expansion.

John Bass
Ponte Vedra Beach

An open letter to Ms. Denise Bunnewith Planning Director, North Florida TPO

Dear Ms. Bunnewith,

My wife and I are both lifelong citizens of Jacksonville and Ponte Vedra Beach. Ponte Vedra has always been a special place in North Florida. As our community approaches saturation, the quality of life is now threatened by a non-contiguous population using our roadways as a thoroughfare to access the JTB east-west corridor. I strongly urge you and the TPO to consider alternatives to the expansion of roadways

in our small community of Ponte Vedra Beach.

Expansion of existing roadways will only encourage expanded use by neighborhoods west of the Intracoastal boundary of our unique village. The management of land use and setbacks has been the result of long-term, thoughtful analysis and protection for the quality of life in Ponte Vedra Beach. We believe that the Nocatee development is in large part responsible for the unsustainable increase in traffic on our roadways.

Minor alterations in our existing roadways may provide temporary relief,

but we ask you to consider that Nocatee is only approaching 25 percent occupation of the available homesites. Moreover, the neighborhoods adjacent to Nocatee are also ramping up construction of even more single and multi-family homes. Nocatee was not approved without consideration of access. The plans did not include dumping the bulk of the traffic into the Beaches as a pass-through to JTB. The undeveloped Davis, Hodges, and Skinner land to the north of Nocatee is a far more appropriate pathway for Nocatee traffic seeking access to JTB and Jacksonville.

We urge you to research and implement alternatives to an A1A road-widening plan that would virtually destroy the lifestyle we've all come to love. Ponte Vedra provides a very large share of the tax revenue for St. Johns County. We deserve the consideration and respect from our county as we argue to protect the quality of life for the citizens that provide that tax revenue.

Thank you for this consideration. Please share our thoughts with your organization.

Ron Autrey
Ponte Vedra Beach

The Innlet condo association sues Dream Finders to stop construction

By Jon Blauvelt

The Innlet at Ponte Vedra Condominium Association has filed a lawsuit against Dream Finders Homes, asking the court to force the developer to halt construction of a 21-home subdivision adjacent to the condos until the company abides by terms of a settlement agreement.

In its lawsuit, the condominium association charges that Dream Finders is refusing to abide by terms of a settlement agreement reached in 2016 to construct a brick wall 10 feet from the Innlet property line that would serve as a landscaping buffer and perpetual easement. The association wants the easement to visually negate the impact of the new development, which is known as The Palms at Old Ponte Vedra and situated on 10 acres of recently cleared land east of A1A and south of Corona Road.

“We felt that in order to protect our property, we had no choice but to come forward with the lawsuit,” said Nancy Horne, president of the Innlet at Ponte Vedra Condominium Association.

The Innlet is also asking the court to force the developer to stop construction to prevent further damage of its property. The condo residents contend that road damage due to recent construction and drainage of its stormwater retention ponds from the developer’s dewatering activities have impacted the community’s quality of life and decreased property values.

Batey McGraw, vice president of land for Dream Finders, said he could not comment on the lawsuit. He contended, however, that the development will add value to adjacent neighborhoods and the overall Ponte Vedra community, calling it a “world class project.” Homes in The Palms will range between 3,000 and 4,500 square feet, he said, with prices starting in the \$900,000s and climbing towards \$2 million. McGraw, a Ponte Vedra resident who lives off Solana Road, said he wouldn’t do anything to adversely affect the area.

“I’m not an outsider coming here to rape and pillage,” he said, adding that the company plans to begin building homes once infrastructure of the development is complete in late summer.

According to the complaint filed by Jane West, attorney for the condo association, negotiations between the two parties have been ongoing since 2014, a year after Dream Finders acquired the property. At the time of purchase, the developer did not have access to the property. In early 2014, The Innlet and Dream Finders consequently entered into a license agreement that granted the developer access to the association’s roadways for construction purposes and permanent ingress and egress

for future neighborhood homeowners.

The license agreement was terminated in February 2015 after Dream Finders acquired a portion of land from local property owners to create a direct access road to the development. Despite the termination, however, certain obligations within the license agreement remained intact, including the construction of the brick wall to serve as a landscaping buffer and easement. According to the original agreement, the wall was supposed to be at least 10 feet off the association’s property, with the only exception being for preservation of trees, in which case the setback had to be at least five feet off the property.

In January 2016, the developer and the Innlet entered into its current agreement wherein the association pledged to support the direct access road and allow for limited construction traffic on the association’s roads, in exchange for a few concessions, including the implementation of the brick wall.

After construction on the development began in late December 2016, Horne said the condo community quickly realized the company would not be abiding by the agreement when it began building a retention pond that would not accommodate for the 10-foot buffer. The association has since attempted to resolve the issue with Dream Finders, suggesting to the company that it move the pond onto one of its lots. But the developer has not shown willingness to reach such a resolution and is proceeding with construction in violation of the agreement, said Horne, which is ultimately resulting in a lawsuit that the association doesn’t want.

“We’re not happy about taking on this major development company with all the money in the world,” said Horne. “We’re very small.”

John Hotes is the president of The Innlet at Ponte Vedra Beach Master Association, which manages the common grounds within The Innlet condominium community and adjacent Ponte Vedra by the Sea neighborhood. While Hotes didn’t wish to comment on the lawsuit, he did speak favorably about his experiences with Dream Finders over the past few years, specifically regarding the company’s management of the current direct access road into the development.

“They continued to look at options and miraculously, I think, came up with a solution that none of us ever dreamed of,” said Hotes. “All of these concessions they agreed to, including the buying of the three properties to eventually have a direct access off Corona, was totally contrary to every other developer I’ve ever seen.”

West said Dream Finders has 20 days to file a responsive pleading upon receiving



Photo by Jon Blauvelt

Dream Finders is constructing a retention pond that The Innlet condo residents say doesn’t accommodate for the agreed upon buffer between the two communities.



Photo courtesy of Jane West

Innlet condo residents contend the developer’s construction has resulted in the drainage of their stormwater retention ponds.

the association’s complaint. The Innlet filed the lawsuit early in the development process, she said, with hopes that a resolution accommodating the original agreement can be reached.

“Our immediate goal is to make sure the

terms of the agreement are adhered to,” said West, “and hopefully everyone will see eye to eye once again and go back to making sure that they get a 10-foot buffer in, as everyone negotiated.”

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As director of golf course maintenance at TPC Sawgrass, Jeff Plotts oversees a full-time staff of 85 – a contingent that will grow to 175 during THE PLAYERS Championship thanks to the addition of 90 volunteers from around the world.

Jeff Plotts

By Jennifer Logue

What are your primary duties and responsibilities as director of golf course maintenance at TPC Sawgrass?

I'm responsible for the daily operations of the Golf Course Agronomy and Landscape Department at TPC Sawgrass, which includes staff management and financial strategies as well as the day-to-day and long-range agronomic planning for the facility.

You joined TPC Sawgrass from TPC Scottsdale. Are there significant differences between maintaining a golf course in Arizona and maintaining one here in Northeast Florida?

Weather patterns are the biggest difference. In Arizona, we averaged six inches of annual rainfall and in my first month at TPC Sawgrass we had close to 20 inches of rain. I'm originally from the southeast, so I know what the weather is like, but that was not the welcoming that I was looking for on my return.

You joined the TPC Sawgrass team less than a year before the Stadium Course underwent sweeping changes. What was it like taking on that challenge?

We are extremely blessed to have a very talented and dedicated Design and Construction Service Department whose lead I could follow during the renovation. Fortunately, I had worked with everyone on previous large projects, which helped me get up to speed with the process.

Did Hurricane Matthew impact the course renovations and if so, what adjustments did you have to make to ensure the Stadium Course would be ready for this year's tournament?

Hurricane Matthew was big storm with a great deal of wind and rain, but we were extremely lucky. Twenty miles south or 20 miles north and it could have been a whole different story. We received 14 inches of rain and had better than 300 downed trees on the property. Again, we were blessed: We had two great contractors on site – MacCurrach Golf and JB Coxwell Contracting – which could help with the clean up and get us right back on track to open the course on target.

Can you give us a sense of what's involved in keeping the courses in tip-top shape throughout the year?

It all starts with having a great team and working for a pinnacle organization like the PGA Tour.

How big a staff do you have, and what role do volunteers play in your operations – particularly during THE PLAYERS Championship?

Our staff for both courses, landscape and shop is 85 full-time employees. During the week of the THE PLAYERS Championship, we will have 90 volunteers from 14 different countries around the world.

What will your schedule be like during THE PLAYERS Championship?

The morning will start at 4:30 a.m. and we will likely end the day around 9 p.m. If there is bad weather, those hours will only get worse.

How do you enjoy spending your free time?

Family – I cherish spending time with my wife of 21 years, Missy, and my son, Cooper.



Photo by Jasmine Marshall

A sample of our listings



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Thursday, May 4	Friday, May 5	Saturday, May 6	Sunday, May 7
<p>'May the Fourth Be With You' The St. Johns County Public Library System will celebrate the beloved series "Star Wars" with a "May the Fourth Be With You" event. Join Star Wars fans from 4 to 5:30 p.m. for crafts, trivia and prizes at the Southeast Branch at 6670 US 1 in St. Augustine and at the Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library at 101 Library Boulevard for Star Wars Art Time. During art time, kids in grades K-5 will create Star Wars-inspired crafts and see a Star Wars book display from 4 to 5 p.m. Participants are encouraged to wear Star Wars costumes at both branch locations. For more information, visit www.sjcpls.org.</p> <p>Weezer at St. Augustine Amphitheatre Los Angeles based rock band Weezer will perform at the St. Augustine Amphitheatre May 4 at 7 p.m. The band, which formed in 1992, boasts album sales of more than 17 million worldwide with a stack of hits including "Island in the Sun," "Beverly Hills" and "Buddy Holly." Having released their tenth album in 2016, the band is now on a two-month summer tour across the country. They will be joined at the Amphitheatre by special guest The Pauses. Tickets start at \$39.50 and can be purchased online at www.staugamphitheatre.com Gates open at 5:30 p.m.</p> <p>Centenarian Luncheon at River House The Council on Aging will honor local centenarians and nonagenarians at the annual Centenarian Luncheon at noon Thursday, May 4 at River House, located at 179 Marine St. in St. Augustine. Table sponsorships are available for \$200 and include two seats at a table for the luncheon along with a variety of special recognitions. To honor someone 95 or over at the luncheon, contact COA to participate in its celebration of the community's treasured senior citizens. For information or to RSVP, contact Jane Faybik at (904) 209-3687 or jfaybik@stjohnscoa.com</p>	<p>PV Professionals Networking Group The Ponte Vedra Professionals Networking Group meets Fridays at 9 a.m. at Watson Realty Corp., 615 Highway A1A N., Ponte Vedra Beach. For more information, visit www.pvpng.com or email pontevedrapng@gmail.com.</p> <p>ABET presents 'The Hallelujah Girls' The Atlantic Beach Experimental Theater (ABET) will present the story of the feisty women of Eden Falls, Georgia with "The Hallelujah Girls," premiering May 5 at 8 p.m. In this Southern comedy set in an abandoned church-turned-day-spa called "SPA-DEE-DAH!," hilarity ensues when a group of friends decides to rally together to overcome their obstacles and shake up their lives. The show will run May 5-6, 12-14 and 19-21 with Friday and Saturday shows at 8 p.m. and Sunday shows at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$20 and reservations can be made at www.abettheatre.com or by calling (904) 249-7177. ABET is located at 716 Ocean Boulevard in Atlantic Beach.</p> <p>Coastal Wine Market Wine Tasting Coastal Wine Market hosts Friday wine tastings from 6 to 8 p.m. at 641 Crosswater Parkway, Suite B, Ponte Vedra Beach. Taste six wines for \$10. For more information, call (904) 395-3520.</p> <p>Live Music at Table1 Table1 at 330 A1A N will host live music starting at 7:30 p.m. in addition to the entertainment, guests can enjoy bar bites starting at \$7 and 2-for-1 well drinks, domestic drafts and house wine by the glass.</p>	<p>THE PLAYERS DONNA 5K Presented by Nimnicht Family of Dealerships, THE PLAYERS DONNA 5K will be held on THE PLAYERS Stadium Course at 8 a.m. on Saturday, May 6, coinciding with the launch of THE PLAYERS Championship week. The marathon will begin behind the 17th island green, winding throughout the back nine holes of the course and giving participants an exclusive preview of the tournament's preparations. This year's run will also see the introduction of commemorative finisher metals in addition to performance t-shirts and complimentary stadium passes to THE PLAYERS Championship for PINK OUT at THE PLAYERS. Online registration is capped at 1,750 participants and can be found at https://register.breastcancermarathon.com/theplayers5k.</p> <p>Boating Safety Class U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary JAX Beach Flotilla 14-4 will present a boating safety course May 6 to be held in the Palm Valley Community Center, located at 148 Canal Boulevard in Ponte Vedra Beach. Classes are held from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Guests may enroll as individuals or with family and friends for the eight hour course teaching boating basics, navigation, in-water survival, knot tying, federal and state boating laws and more presented by auxiliary instructors. The auxiliary will administer a federal and Florida examination after the course. Participants who pass the class will receive a Coast Guard Auxiliary Course Completion Card and a Florida Boating Safety Education ID Card. The cost of the course is \$25 cash or personal check for training materials that students will keep. Two students may share course materials for \$30. Participants are encouraged to bring refreshments and lunch. For more information and enrollment, contact Bill Vaughan at (904) 955-7077 or Boatsafely04@gmail.com.</p>	<p>Mr. Toad's Wild Expedition Christ Episcopal Church School of the Arts will present Mr. Toad's Wild Expedition May 4-7. In this musical romp, made possible by the support of the Mallory Family Fine Arts Fund, director Jason Woods brings a new adaptation of Kenneth Grahame's classic, "The Wind in the Willows." When a peaceful spring day turns chaotic thanks to Toad's motor car obsession, his friends Mole, Rat and Badger must try to protect Toad and his residence. Tickets are \$20 with evening performances at 7:30 p.m. and a Sunday matinee at 3 p.m. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit www.christepiscopalchurch.org.</p> <p>Isle of Eight Flags Shrimp Festival The Isle of Eight Flags Shrimp Festival will return to Fernandina Beach for its 54th annual celebration May 5-7, bringing a three-day celebration of music, food and family fun. The festival kicks off at 6 p.m. Friday, May 5 with an opening ceremony and the 2017 Miss Shrimp Festival 2017 Scholarship Pageant, followed by live entertainment and a fireworks show. On Saturday, May 6, several musical acts will take the stage, including FlipTurn, Skip Martin and Joe Bouchard. The festivities will draw to a close Sunday, May 7 with Shrimp Town Allstars and a special songwriter showcase. The blessing of the fleet, laying of the wreath and decorated shrimp boat contest will follow the performances at 1:30 p.m., with a presentation of the boat contest's awards at 3:30 p.m. Musical acts The Swinging Medallions, an ice cream eating contest and an appearance by Pak's Karate Academy will conclude the weekend-long event. A kids' zone will operate throughout the weekend. For a complete schedule, visit www.shrimpfestival.com.</p> <p>Friends for the Arts Get involved in the arts by joining a team of fellow art supporters at the Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach. Help develop and support fundraising projects and help initiate special projects to benefit and promote The Cultural Center and the arts in our community. For more information visit www.ccpvb.org/friends-for-the-arts.</p>

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<p>Romanza Festivale of the Arts This annual celebration of arts and culture returns to St. Augustine with the Romanza Festivale of the Arts. This 10-day event showcases music, dance, theater, art, cuisine, heritage and more through a series of concerts, street fairs, the Romanza Parade, plays, re-enactments, lectures, workshops and tours. Events will be held at various locations throughout unique venues in the historic city. For more information, visit www.romanzafestivale.com.</p> <p>Glass and Serigraphs Cultural Center The Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach will host "Glass and Serigraphs," an exhibition comprised of works by Thomas Kite and Daryl Bunn, through May 26. This series of Kite's glass work and Bunn's serigraphs showcases a juxtaposition of the artists' signature styles: Kite's work pops with vivid primary color while Bunn's bold use of black lines and contrasting shapes stand out against each backdrop. The featured pieces can be purchased. For more information, visit www.ccpvb.org.</p> <p>Meals on Wheels Drivers Needed Volunteer drivers are needed for the weekly delivery of "Meals on Wheels" to seniors. On Mondays, drivers are needed for Route 9, Old Moultrie and St. Augustine South and Route 11, South US1 to 206. For additional days and routes, call (904) 209-3686 or send an email to aleach@stjohnscoa.com.</p> <p>'Holophusicon' Artist Lauren Fensterstock is the next in MOCA's Project Atrium series, bringing her paper, Plexiglas and charcoal installations to the museum's exhibit space. The Portland-based artist draws inspiration from 18th-century gardens, crafting multi-layered, monochromatic cabinets made with shells collected from Maine and Sanibel Island. Fensterstock's pieces beckon visitors closer to inspect the intricacies that make up her works with "Holophusicon," on display through June 18. For more information, visit www.mocajacksonville.unf.edu.</p>	<p>Prenatal Yoga The Y Healthy Living Center will also continue to host prenatal yoga throughout the months of April and May. Guests are invited to join a yoga class that teaches meditation and guided visualization safe for women at all stages of pregnancy, though participants are asked to get permission from their healthcare provider prior to attending. Those who wish to participate must bring a yoga mat, towel and water. Prenatal yoga classes will be held May 9, 16, 23 and 30 from 6 to 7 p.m. There is a \$13 fee for this class.</p> <p>Farmer's Market Join the Palm Valley Community Center Farmer's Market every Tuesday for fresh local produce, fresh seafood and artisan breads and sauces from 1 to 5 p.m. at 148 Canal Blvd. in Ponte Vedra Beach.</p> <p>'A Positive Way to Menopause' Balanced Physician Care is inviting local women to find a "positive way to menopause" with its interactive workshop. During each session, guests will receive resources and learn strategies to help achieve hormone balance, fat loss, and fitness in a group-based setting. Each week individuals will set goals and take action to improve their health and wellbeing. The cost is \$245 and workshops will be held May 9, 16, 25 and 30 from 7:15-8:30 p.m. To RSVP, call (904) 930-4774 or email membership@balancedphysiciancare.com.</p> <p>Sunset Rotary Club Meeting The Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach Sunset meets Tuesdays from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Hilton Garden Inn. Community leaders are welcome to attend. For more information, call club President Janeene Hart at (904) 412-5409 or email jwhart1208@gmail.com.</p>	<p>Lunching with the Ritz Join the Ritz Chamber Players for a lunchtime chamber concert Wednesday, May 10 at the Cummer Cafe in the Cummer Museum. Starting at 12:30 p.m., the concert is free to members and free with paid admission for non-members. Lunch can be pre-ordered for an additional fee. For more information or to register, call (904) 899-6038.</p> <p>First Coast Card Club The First Coast Card Club invites community members to its weekly "Let's Play Cards!" events. On May 10, the club will meet at the Ponte Vedra Beach Main Branch Library located at 101 Library Boulevard with club activity beginning at 1:30 p.m.</p> <p>Newcomers Luncheon Newcomers of the Beaches is a social club for women who have recently moved into the area or have recently been divorced, widowed, or retired. Newcomers of the Beaches invites new members to its luncheon held Wednesday, May 10 at 11 a.m. in the Sawgrass Golf Clubhouse. Visit www.newcomersofthebeaches.com for reservations.</p> <p>Toastmasters Club Toastmasters Club #5199 of Ponte Vedra Beach meets every Wednesday at 7:30 a.m. at the Players Community Senior Center. These meetings will help attendees improve public speaking and gain leadership skills. The senior center is located at 175 Landrum Lane. Email Carmen at carmenjsardinas@gmail.com for additional information.</p>	<p>Ponte Vedra YMCA After Partee The YMCA will host its fifth annual benefit concert for the Safety Around Water program in the spirit of THE PLAYERS Championship with "The After Partee" on May 11 at 6:30 p.m. To be held at Crosswater Hall in Nocatee, the event will feature The Chris Thomas Band on the lawn with DJ E.L. spinning a set indoors. Jordyn Stoddard will be the opening act. Tickets are available online at \$30 for general admission and \$100 for VIP. Super VIP tickets, which include a one-day pass to THE PLAYERS grounds, are \$150. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit www.firstcoastymca.org/after-partee.</p> <p>'Gilded' Exhibit The St. Augustine Art Association will present a juried exhibition entitled "Gilded," to be held at the St. Augustine Art Association, through May 28. Exhibit works consist of art created during the citywide St. Augustine Plein Air Paint Out, which invited artists to capture "Impressions of the Flagler Era."</p> <p>Life Enrichment Group The Life Enrichment Group is designed for those with memory changes who want to remain mentally, physically and socially active, while giving caregivers and loved ones some free time for themselves. The program is offered daily, serving Jacksonville Beach and Ponte Vedra area. For more information call (904) 417-7354 or email life_enrichmentgroup@yahoo.com.</p> <p>Volunteers Needed Life Enrichment Day Retreat in Ponte Vedra is in need of volunteers any weekday for a few hours. This volunteer will assist participants with simple activities. Call (904) 417-7354 or email life_enrichmentgroup@yahoo.com for more information.</p> <p>Free calendar listings for community groups and nonprofit organizations are published at our discretion on a space-available basis. 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School district aims to complete Nease High School addition by start of new school year

Rampant growth will continue to be a challenge for county schools, Forson says

By Jennifer Logue

Current construction plans call for the Nease High School addition to be completed and ready for use by the start of the coming 2017-2018 school year, administrators say.

At a town hall meeting held May 1 at Valley Ridge Academy and hosted by District 4 School Board Member Kelly Barrera, Superintendent Tim Forson said the new building will house the high school's hospitality academy and media center as well as administrative office and classroom/lab space.

"Those of you with children at

Nease, they are going to school in a construction site," Forson told attendees in a wide-ranging presentation that covered numerous education topics. "But in the end, the benefit will be worth it."

Forson, who became superintendent in January, joined the St. Johns County School District in 1980. In 1982, he observed, Nease's unique design – whereby students must travel outside between classes to access individual classroom buildings or "pods" – was considered revolutionary, and one that would allow for future growth.

"We would not design a high school like that today," Forson said. "We have too many concerns about safety and security."

New Principal Lisa Kunze agreed. At a Rotary Club meeting held April 27 at Nease, Kunze told attendees that the school's distinctive design creates challenges for both students and staff alike.

"This is a very open campus – it's a battle to maintain safety," Kunze said. "The new building will include a fence so we can secure the building and better monitor who's coming and going."

Kunze said the addition had a target move-in date of Aug. 1, or two days before teachers are scheduled to return for the new year. The first day of school is slated for Aug. 10. In addition to the hospitality academy and media center, Kunze said, the addition will also house the school's engineering academy as well as 13 classrooms and

four computer labs. Relocating those programs and school administrative offices to the new building will enable two of Nease's existing pod buildings to be renovated for use as classrooms.

Despite the addition and renovations, however, space will still be at a premium at Nease, Kunze acknowledged. According to school district figures, Nease had 2,193 students at the start of the current school year. That figure is now 2,350, Kunze said, and by the fall Nease's enrollment is projected to top 2,500 students.

"We still need to keep portable classrooms due to the anticipated increase in enrollment," she said.

What's more, Nease's enrollment is only expected to grow as new neighborhoods are constructed on 210 west of US1, and a K-8 school currently under construction in Nocatee is expected to send students to Nease as well.

Continued growth

Nease is not alone. School officials acknowledged that growth is one of the major challenges facing Florida's top-rated public school district.

"Our school district is very dynamic," Barrera said. "It's always growing and changing and evolving."

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Photos by Jennifer Logue

St. Johns County Schools Superintendent Tim Forson addresses attendees at a town hall meeting held May 1 at Valley Ridge Academy.



The Nease High School addition is expected to be completed in time for the coming school year.



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School Board Member Kelly Barrera, Superintendent Tim Forson and Deputy Superintendent for Academic and Student Services Brennan Asplen

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Council on Aging to host Ponte Vedra Beach Centenarian Luncheon

The St. Johns County Council on Aging will honor community centenarians and nonagenarians at the annual Centenarian Luncheon Wednesday, May 17 at 11:30 a.m.

To be held at THE PLAYERS Community Senior Center, the luncheon is sponsored by the Ponte Vedra Beach Rotary Club. Table sponsorships are available for \$200 and include one seat

and various special recognitions.

The Council on Aging welcomes the public to honor local community members aged 95 or over. To do so, contact Kay Aldridge at kaldridge@stjohnscoa.com or by phone at (904) 280-3233 to RSVP or to learn how to participate.

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Volunteers will be needed once a week with summer reading and algebra programs. Orientation for volunteers will be held Monday, June 5 from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Fullerwood Auditorium located at 10 Hildreth Drive in St. Augustine. Hours are flexible and can be arranged for visiting

travelers.

“There are students who can greatly benefit from the help of those willing to give just a small amount of their time,” said Cheryl Freeman, RSVP director. “Assistance from community volunteers can make all the difference in helping these students succeed.”

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Palm Valley Baptist Church to celebrate 115th anniversary



Photo by Jasmine Marshall

By Jennifer Logue

Ponte Vedra's oldest congregation will mark its 115th anniversary this weekend, when Palm Valley Baptist Church hosts a

homecoming celebration.

To be held Sunday, May 7, at the church located at 4890 Palm Valley Road, the celebration will begin at 10:30

a.m. with worship until noon. Following the worship service, attendees will walk over to the church parsonage and enjoy luncheon in a tent on the grounds. There will also be entertainment, a bounce house and other family-friendly activities to enable congregation members both old and new the chance to reminisce.

"We've been mailing invitations to everyone who's been a member for like 30 years," said Crystal Baer, a longtime church member and one of the event's organizers.

Founded in 1902, Palm Valley Baptist was originally called Diego Baptist – a reference to Palm Valley's original name and the area's early Spanish settlers. According to local historical accounts, the congregation's earliest founding members included the families of Thomas Patton, Thomas McClamman and William DeGrove, whose grandson, local artist Worley Faver, still lives in Palm Valley.

"In 1895, my grandfather bought 72 acres of property in what is now Palm Valley for \$300," said Faver, adding that his grandfather built a large home on the

property that became known as the "Big House."

"When I was 3 years old, we moved into the Big House," he said. "I was raised there."

In addition to being a farmer, DeGrove would become a local mail carrier, and local historical accounts say he was involved in the effort to rename Diego to Palm Valley.

And the "Big House?" It became the parsonage for Diego Baptist Church – later renamed Palm Valley Baptist Church – the same newly renovated parsonage where generations of congregation members will gather this weekend to celebrate the church's heritage.

"My grandfather would be so happy about that, because he donated the land for the church," said Faver, who plans to attend Sunday's homecoming.

Baer said Palm Valley Baptist expects to see other people who grew up in the church and later moved away to return for the celebration.

"We're just planning a nice big get together," she said, "with people we haven't seen in years."

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Forson agreed. “Who we were at the beginning of this school year is not who we are today,” he said. “It’s going to change over time and we have to embrace that change and respond to it.”

Standing in the Valley Ridge Academy auditorium, Forson noted that the K-8 school was built for 1,100 students. Two and a half years after opening, the school’s enrollment is now at 1,600, with 29 portable classrooms in use.

“I would love to be able to say, ‘We’ve got the next school ready to go and that’s not going to happen again,’” Forson said. “It’s going to happen again.”

Keeping up with the rampant pace of development is a challenge, he continued. “In August, I took a drive through (Nocatee’s) Twenty Mile,” Forson said. “I had no idea it was already as developed as it was.”

To adapt to the continued growth, the district is now planning for schools with larger enrollments than in the past.

“We have moved from building our schools for 1,100 students to 1,500 students – because we know we’ll fill them probably within the first two years,” Forson said.

At the town hall meeting, Forson and school administrators discussed the complexities of planning and securing funding for new schools. Noting that the district’s five-year plan

includes a new high school in the Twin Creeks area, Forson said that project is currently unfunded and at least three to four years down the road. In the meantime, he said, the school district remains focused on providing students with an educational experience tailored to meet the needs of each individual student.

“We’re moving toward 40 schools – we’re not that little, small-town district any more,” said Forson, noting that the school district was the county’s biggest employer. “But while we know as an organization we’re getting bigger, we have to focus on the ability to think small, for our kids’ sake.”

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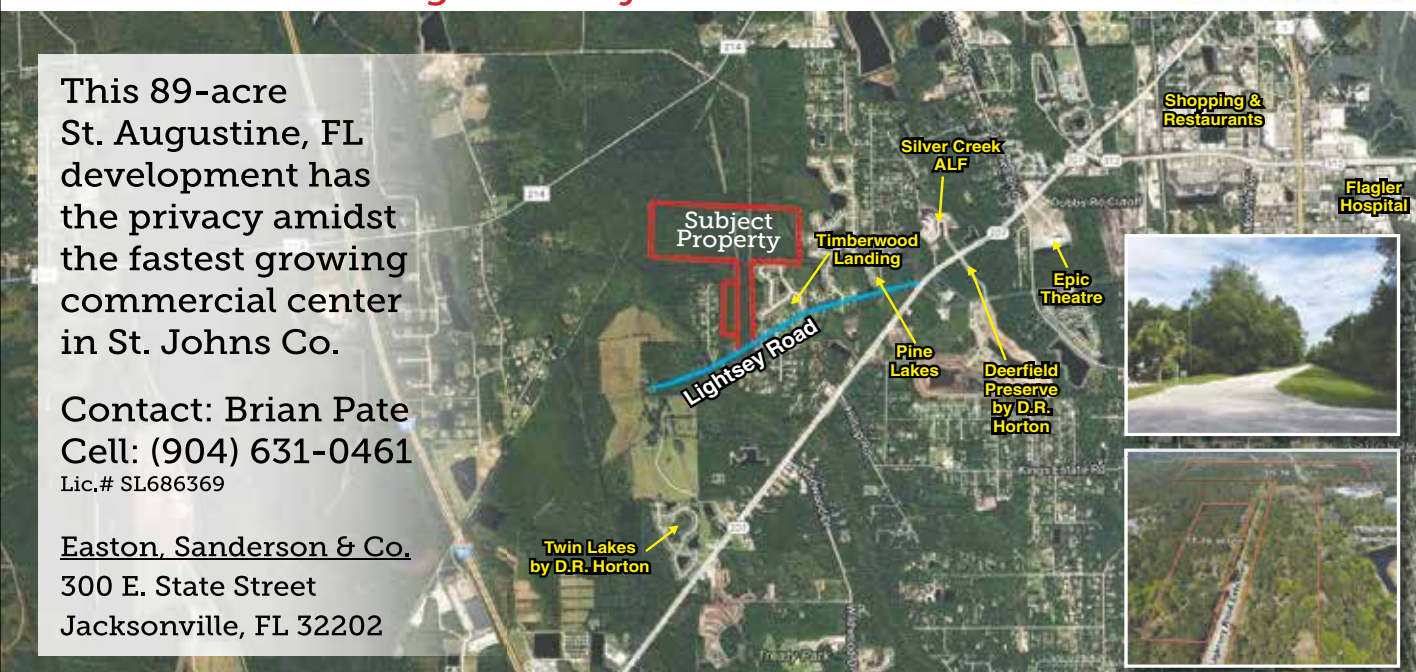
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District 4 School Board Member Kelly Barrera hosted the town hall meeting.

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Rotary Youth Exchange students visit Ponte Vedra Recorder

Two international students visiting the United States as part of the Rotary Youth Exchange Scholarship Program toured The Ponte Vedra Recorder last week for a look at how newspapers are produced in America.

Managing Editor Jennifer Logue gave students Arthur De Lima Tanure of Brazil and Candice Huang of Taiwan a tour of the Recorder's editorial and advertising operations before explaining how an issue of the Recorder is produced from reporting and design through the final printing process. The students also learned about the Recorder's other publications, including the bimonthly First Coast Register

social magazine, special weekly supplements and annual publications such as the Living Here relocation guide and the popular Insider's Guide to THE PLAYERS Championship.

Both De Lima Tanure and Huang have been studying at Ponte Vedra High School during the 2016-2017 school year as part of Rotary Youth Exchange. Each year, Rotary sends approximately 9,000 students around the world through the exchange program. During the past year, 21 students from 19 countries have been visiting the First Coast, while 26 local students have been studying abroad in 16 countries around the globe.



Managing Editor Jennifer Logue (right) explains how an issue of The Ponte Vedra Recorder is produced for Rotary Youth Exchange students Arthur De Lima Tanure and Candice Huang.



Photo by Susan Griffin

Rotary Youth Exchange students Arthur De Lima Tanure and Candice Huang display a copy of The Ponte Vedra Recorder.

Sunset Rotary awards 'Service Above Self' scholarships



Photos courtesy of Sunset Rotary

PVHS Assistant Principal Dr. Fred Oberkehr, Principal Steve McCormick, AP Language and Composition teacher James Johnson, AP statistics teacher Selena Fryer, Sunset Rotary President Janeene Hart, scholarship recipient Adam Snowden, Dr. Catherine Snowden and AP chemistry teacher Randall Blake

The Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach Sunset recently presented two local high school seniors with the club's annual "Service About Self Scholarship Award."

Sarah Jacobs received the award for Nease High School. The daughter of Ken and Allison Jacobs, she plans to attend Duke University in the fall to study the history, culture and languages of the Middle East.

Adam Snowden received the award for Ponte Vedra High School. The son of Dr. Todd and Dr. Catherine Snowden, will also attend Duke University in the fall, with plans to study medicine and pursue a career in medical research.

Rotary's "Service Above Self Scholarship Award" recognizes local high school students for achieving a high level of academic success and showing leadership and initiative in serving their community.



Ken Jacobs, scholarship recipient Sarah Jacobs and Sunset Rotary Club President Janeene Hart

YMCA Flyers swim team celebrates successful fall/winter season

The Ponte Vedra Family YMCA's Flyers swim team achieved several accomplishments during its short course season in the fall and winter.

Lilly McCabe tied for first place in the 100 breaststroke at the Florida High School State Championship meet with a time of 1:04:56, which enabled her to compete at the National Club Swimming Association (NCSA) Juniors meet in March.

More Flyers than ever qualified for championship meets. At Senior Championships, Igor Kazhuro was the MVP after dropping significant time in each of his events. Riley Hagy and Casey Hayford attended for the first time, and Jesse Hagy returned for another great performance. Ashleigh Churchill also qualified.

At the Florida Age Group Championship meet (Flags), Reilly McCabe qualified for finals as a 13-year-old in the girls 13-14 category for the 50-yard freestyle with a time of 24:89. First time championship qualifiers Matthew Regil, Haylee Hite and Leah Harris represented the team and were joined by veterans Jason Hepfer,

Reilly McCabe, Haley Harris and Tristan Lewers.

Over 40 swimmers attended Y-State Championships in Orlando, with many Flyers advancing to the finals. Haley Harris placed second in the 200 freestyle in the girls 13-14 group. The team of Kaitlyn Copland, Haley Harris, Eden Palm and Reilly McCabe placed in second place in the 200 free relay, third in the 400 free relay and third in the 200 medley relay. In the senior girls group, Lilly McCabe won the 50 breaststroke, placed in second place in the 50 freestyle and took third in the 100 breaststroke. Jason Hepfer also swam well in the boys 13-14 group, taking third in the 100 butterfly, second in the 200 butterfly and fourth in the 200 IM.

Held at Cecil Aquatic Center, the Area 1-4 Championships featured a strong performance from Ashleigh Churchill, who finished in first place in the 100-yard breaststroke in the girls 13-14 group and in third place in the 100-yard breaststroke in the senior girls group. Kaitlyn Copland placed first in the girls 13-14 50-yard freestyle, while Haley Harris finished



Photo courtesy of Ponte Vedra Family YMCA

The Flyers gather after a successful short course season.

in second in that race and second in the senior girls 100-yard breaststroke.

With the short course season behind

them, the Flyers look forward to training for a successful long course season over the next several months.

SHORT TAKES

St. Augustine Community Chorus 'Masterworks' concert

The St. Augustine Community Chorus will present its celebrated Masterworks concert featuring two "Glorias": Vivaldi and Poulenc. The works will be performed at the historic Cathedral Basilica of St. Augustine on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 14 at 2 p.m. Vivaldi's "Gloria," written in the early 18th century, contrasts with Poulenc's setting, which premiered some 250 years later in 1961. Adult concert tickets are \$15 in advance at www.staugustinecommunitychorus.org and \$20 at the door, while tickets for children 12 and under and students and military members with ID are \$5.

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Nease NJROTC hosts military signing day

The Nease NJROTC program hosted national military signing day April 25 for the high school's graduating seniors, who received appointments to U.S. service academies or full ROTC scholarships at public universities.

The following six cadets signed their letters of intent during a formal ceremony held on campus that was attended by family, teachers and classmates.

- Dane Barber of Ponte Vedra: Navy ROTC at University of Colorado
- Ryan Berry of St. Johns: U.S. Naval Academy
- Christopher Berta of Ponte Vedra: Navy ROTC at University of Auburn

- Jaysa Ligon of St. Augustine: Army ROTC at University of Alabama
- Brian Swicegood of St. Augustine: U.S. Air Force Academy
- Cali Vaughn of St. Augustine: Marine Corps ROTC at University of Auburn

"These young men and women represent the absolute finest ideals in America's youth," said Capt. Scott LaRochelle, Nease's senior naval science instructor. "I could not be more proud of them and their achievements. They earned it."

Nease NJROTC has been the top rated NJROTC program in Area-12 (northern Florida and the state of Georgia) from 2012-2016.



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Nease NJROTC cadets Dane Barber, Ryan Berry, Jaysa Ligon, Cali Vaughn, Chris Berta and Brian Swicegood celebrate national military signing day April 25.



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Sawgrass Marriott offers standing wave machine for resort guests and local residents

By Jon Blauvelt

Ponte Vedra is home to a new surf spot, but surprisingly it's not located at the beach. Instead, those interested will have to head inland to Sawgrass Marriott, where the resort recently opened its new Surfstream® wave machine.

Developed by American Wave Machines, Surfstream® is a standing wave machine offering up to seven different wave types for all skill levels, and Sawgrass Marriott is the first and only resort in the United States to offer the experience. Located adjacent to the resort's main pool and in view of the facility's picturesque lagoons, the wave machine is open to hotel guests as well as the public.

With introductory pricing starting at \$20 per person, participants book 20-minute sessions that include five minutes of instruction followed by 15 minutes of surfing. The attraction accommodates up to three people at a time and offers the use of both surfboards and bodyboards. Guests of all ages are invited, but they must be at least 42 inches tall.

During the instruction period, a group of three guides teaches riders how to stand and balance on the boards, as well as how to maneuver on their stomachs if they elect to bodyboard. The instructors also review safety procedures, including how to properly fall on the wave machine's hard fiberglass surface. Riders are equipped with elbow pads, knee pads and a helmet.

According to the company's website, Surfstream® operates by continuously pumping water in a recirculating pool and channel system. The attraction differs from a wave pool or surf pool where the wave is created on one end and travels and breaks throughout the pool, requiring participants to learn how to paddle into waves and "pop up." As a result, the resort's new wave machine provides a controlled environment that helps beginners learning to balance on a surfboard, as well as novice riders practicing tricks and working on style. In fact, SurfStream® is the only technology of its kind to be used in sanctioned Eastern Surfing Association (ESA) surf competitions.

Hours of operation for Surfstream® are from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 to 5:20 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays until Memorial Day, when hours will be extended. Hotel guests can make reservations through the recreation attendant at any time during their stay, and Cabana Club members and local residents are welcome to make reservations as well with at least 48 hours notice. Following their sessions, resort guests are encouraged to take a short complimentary van ride to the property's private Cabana Beach Club, where they can relax or test their new skills in the ocean courtesy of the club's available rental equipment.

Surfstream® may also be booked for group events, parties and corporate team-building sessions. For more information, please visit the hotel's website at <http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/jaxsw-sawgrass-marriott-golf-resort-and-spa/> or call 904-285-7777.



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Guests bodyboard the waves created by the Sawgrass Marriott's new Surfstream® wave machine.



A rider surfs the new Surfstream® wave machine at the Sawgrass Marriott.

First Coast offers array of summer camps and workshops

By Jon Blauvelt and Jasmine Marshall

Summer is soon approaching, prompting parents to ask the question: How am I going to keep my kids busy? Look no further: Here's a small sampling of the camps and workshops to be held in our area over the next few months.

Bud Beech Summer Camp
Ponte Vedra High School
460 Davis Park Road
Ponte Vedra, FL 32081

Bud Beech Summer Camp will hold weekly camps for kids ages 6-13. Held throughout June and July, the camps run Monday to Thursday with activities including basketball, soccer, dance, games, sports fitness and more. Families can choose to send their kids for a full day of camp from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. or a half day from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. or noon to 3 p.m. Before June 1, each full day of camp costs \$30, while each half day costs \$15. After June 1, each full day costs \$40, while each half day costs \$20. To learn more, visit <http://www.budbeech.com/>.

Surf Into Summer Surf Camp
Mickler's Landing Beachfront Park in Ponte Vedra Beach
Seagate Avenue, across from Fletcher Middle School, in Jacksonville Beach

Surf Into Summer Camp offers weekly surf camps in both Ponte Vedra Beach and Jacksonville Beach for kids ages 6 and up. Focusing on ocean awareness, surfing techniques, surf etiquette and proper equipment and wave selection, the camps run Monday to Friday from 8:45 to 11:45 a.m., with the first camp scheduled for the week of May 29 and the last slated for the week of August 7. The cost per camper, per week is \$210. For more information, visit <http://www.surfintosummer.com/home/>.



Photo courtesy of Witt Tennis Camp
 A group of campers comes together at Witt Tennis Camp.

Witt Tennis Camp
Bolles School Ponte Vedra
200 ATP Tour Blvd.
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Led by Beaches resident and nationally recognized tennis coach Danny Witt, this camp focuses on fundamentals, techniques and the "ABC's" of tennis – agility, balance and coordination. Students are grouped into two main groups (beginner/intermediate levels and advance/majors/high performance levels) and use compression balls with a specialized focus based on age and level of skill. Witt's program for kids ages 6-12 will run for three weeks throughout June (12-16, 19-23 and 26-30) from 9 a.m. to noon. To learn more, visit www.witttennis.net.

Nocatee Summer Camps
Location depends on camp

Nocatee will offer weekly themed summer camps for Nocatee residents beginning the week of June 5 through the week of July 31. The camps feature a range of activities from unique arts and crafts projects to team building, nature walks, sports, swimming and water games. Scheduled Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., the camps are for children ages 5-12, costing \$185 per child, per week. Discounts apply for siblings. For more information, visit <http://www.nocateesummercamp.com/summer-camps.cfm>.

Summer Theater Camp at Alhambra
Alhambra Theatre & Dining
12000 Beach Blvd.
Jacksonville, FL 32246

The Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach and Alhambra Theatre & Dining will offer theater camps for aspiring actors or those who want to experience theater and acting for the first time. The camps run from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and conclude with a three-course dinner and final performance by campers of "The Great Ghost Chase."

For kids ages 9-12, the camp is scheduled to run July 3-14, with the dinner and performance slated for July 17. For kids over 13, the camp will be held between July 24 and Aug. 3, with the dinner and performance scheduled for Aug. 7. The cost per camper is \$450 for Cultural Center members and \$525 for non-members. For more information, visit www.ccpvb.org/programs/children/summer-arts-camps.

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

The Cummer Museum of Art and Gardens is hosting Camp Cummer for seven weeks throughout June and July, providing children the opportunity to learn and explore art and art techniques. The cost per week is \$180 for museum members and \$215 for non-members.

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Photos courtesy of Surf Into Summer Surf Camp
 A group of campers gathers at the end of Surf Into Summer Surf Camp.



A camper at Surf Into Summer Surf Camp charges a wave.

Camps

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The camp's first six weeks (June 5-9, 12-16, 19-23, 26-30 and July 10-14 and 17-21) are intended for children entering grades 1-6. Middle School Camp Cummer for students entering grades 6-9 will be held from July 24-28. To learn more, visit www.cummERMuseum.org/events/type/camp-cummer.

Apex Theatre Studio Summer Camps

Apex Theatre Studio
5150 Palm Valley Road, Unit 205
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Apex Theatre will hold several camps throughout the summer for kids ages 8-14. Starting in late May and running through early August, the camps range in topics from improv to musical theater and cost \$250 per week. For more information, visit <http://www.apextheatrejax.com/>.

Christ Episcopal Church Summer Camps

Christ Episcopal Church
400 San Juan Drive
Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082

Three summer camps at Christ Episcopal Church still have space for additional participants. Nourishing Eats (\$225), to be held June 5-8, takes kids ages 8-12 through different regions of France as they learn about kitchen safety techniques and regional culinary history, all the while gaining hands on cooking experience. From June 26-30, My Many Colored Days (\$200), which is based on Dr. Suess' book, will provide kids ages 4-6 the opportunity to learn about animals, colors and music. Rhythm and Rhyme (\$200), meanwhile, will be held July 10-14 for kids ages 7-10, empowering campers to ultimately compose their own music. To learn more, visit <https://www.christepiscopalchurch.org/>.



Kids engage in Camp Cummer at Cummer Museum of Art and Gardens.

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Kids learn about art and art techniques at Camp Cummer.

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PGA TOUR, Nickelodeon to debut new family-friendly activities at THE PLAYERS' McKenzie Noelle Wilson Foundation Kid Zone

Families have one more reason to attend THE PLAYERS Championship this year, as Nickelodeon and the PGA Tour join forces to provide new activities in the McKenzie Noelle Wilson Foundation Kid Zone.

The Kid Zone is one of the family-friendly offerings at this year's tournament, to be held May 9-14 at TPC Sawgrass.

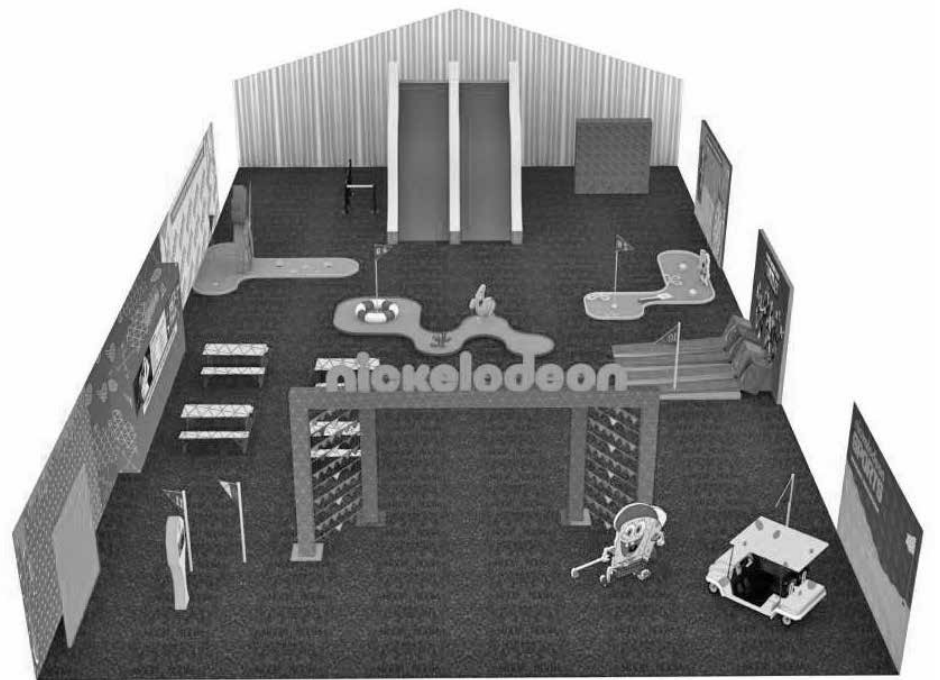
"THE PLAYERS is committed to making the tournament a shrine to golf fans, and Nickelodeon is an ideal addition to the McKenzie Noelle Wilson Foundation Kid Zone as a leader in entertainment for kids worldwide," said Jared Rice, executive director of THE PLAYERS Championship. "We're excited to offer even more fun activities during tournament week for kids, and kids at heart."

New in 2017, The McKenzie Noelle Wilson Foundation Kid Zone will have an enclosed, air-conditioned area featuring the Nickelodeon experience, an interactive destination for kids and families attending THE PLAYERS. Fans will be able to show off their skills at the SpongeBob

SquarePants mini-golf challenge and the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles Puttskee, get virtually slimed, meet SpongeBob and more.

Nickelodeon will also bring kids at home into the action with new, golf-themed content and exclusive coverage of the on-the-ground events leading up to THE PLAYERS in the "NickSports Presents Golf Rocks Weekend" Friday, May 12, through Sunday, May 14, on Nicktoons. Hosted by avid golfer and Nick star Breanna Yde, "NickSports Presents Golf Rocks Weekend" will present interstitials offering a behind-the-scenes look at the tournament, highlights from Nickelodeon's Kid Zone activation, interviews with PGA Tour players and more.

Fans ages 18 years and younger are admitted to THE PLAYERS free of charge when accompanied by a ticketed adult, and there is no limit to the number of youth fans admitted with that ticketed adult. In addition, the Family Plan package offers two adult Stadium Passes, unlimited youth admission at the gate and two \$10 concession vouchers. The Family



Plan is \$120 for Thursday and Sunday, \$130 for Friday and \$140 for Saturday (taxes not included). Parking passes are additional, but any car with four or more

passengers parks for free under THE PLAYERS "Four for Free" policy (download vouchers at <https://theplayersparking.clickandpark.com>).

McKenzie Noelle Wilson Foundation commits \$1 million to youth education

The McKenzie Noelle Wilson Foundation will commit \$1 million over the next four years to after school academic tutoring, mentoring and development programs for students of all ages at the McKenzie's Academic Resource Centers (MARC) in Jacksonville. Through the commitment, Goodwill Industries of North Florida's Career Services department will partner with the foundation, focusing on operations and resource provision for the MARC programs.

"Our mission has always been to help young people recognize their full

potential, and one of the best ways to do that is to empower youth through education," said Blake Wilson, CEO of The McKenzie Noelle Wilson Foundation. "By building a bridge between the classroom and the community, students at McKenzie's Academic Resource Centers are being provided the opportunity to receive extra academic support in an effort to get better grades, to graduate high school and to continue to excel through college."

With more than 300 children enrolled, the MARCs are currently operated each weekday after school by a

staff of site coordinators, Duval County Public Schools educational liaisons, teacher tutors and volunteers in communities with large populations of at-risk learners. The mission of these free programs is to increase the promotion rate among students at all grade levels throughout Duval County.

In July 2014, Goodwill developed a Career Services department featuring Take Stock in Children Duval, a student mentoring and college scholarship program, and the A-STEP program, aimed at providing support for adults pursuing sustainable careers.

"By adding McKenzie's Academic Resource Centers to our Career Services department, we will have the opportunity to impact students at an earlier age to better prepare them for a brighter future," said Leah Lynch, vice president of Goodwill Industries of North Florida Career Services. "Together, we will have a greater impact on the whole family."

To date, The McKenzie Noelle Wilson Foundation has invested nearly \$4 million to help young people through its local and global initiatives. The foundation was created in memory of



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Alhambra to hold auditions for Annie May 8

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Auditions will be held from 1 to 5 p.m. Monday, May 8 at the Alhambra rehearsal hall, located in the Arlington YMCA, 10131 Atlantic Blvd. in Jacksonville. Children will be seen after 3 p.m. as time permits. Children auditioning will learn and sing “It’s a Hard Knock Life.”

The production is seeking local girls ages 6 through 12. Girls will be double cast and

alternate performances of the show, which will run June 28 through Aug. 13. Rehearsals begin June 19.

Based on the popular “Little Orphan Annie” comic strip, “Annie” premiered on Broadway in 1977 and became an immediate hit, running for six years. The show about plucky orphan Annie, her dog Sandy and Daddy Warbucks includes such popular show tunes as “You’re Never Fully Dressed Without a Smile,” “Easy Street” and “Tomorrow.”



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Collage Day School accepting applications

Collage Day School is currently accepting applications for the 2017-18 school year to enroll children from 3 months old through fifth grade. The school is also offering a number of opportunities for members of the community to tour the school and campus as it undergoes renovation prior to the start of school in August.

Admissions Office opens – Interested parents can meet with Collage Day School Director of Admissions Rebecca Bowersox beginning May 5 on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Sneak Preview Week: Guests can tour the campus and visit a typical classroom June 5-9 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. each day; tours will also be offered from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 6.

Family Day: July 22, 10 a.m. to noon; Guests will enjoy games and outdoor fun for kids, with campus tours available

Official ribbon cutting and tours: July 26, 4 p.m.

Classroom open houses: Aug. 8-9, 8 to 10 a.m.

First day of school: Aug. 10

For more information, visit www.collagedayschool.org or contact Director of Admissions Rebecca Bowersox at (904) 900-1439 or bowersox@collagedayschool.org.

Collage Day School adds TimberNook Nature Program

Collage Day School is bringing the TimberNook outdoor experience to Northeast Florida, becoming just one of two schools in the nation to offer the therapeutic program that uses fun outdoor play to foster better balance and coordination.

The TimberNook program combines the therapeutic aspects of nature with child development research to create an outdoor program that supports the growing child. Each program is uniquely created for the location, provider and ages of children.

Collage Day School will incorporate the TimberNook program into its health and wellness program, led by Emily Vasquez. The school will also offer TimberNook in its after-school enrichment program and its camps during winter break, spring break and summer. Each of those programs will be open to children in the community as well as Collage students.

“TimberNook’s approach to creative play is so inspiring for children to get involved in their own unique way,” said Vasquez, who recently received five days of intensive training at TimberNook’s 60-acre wooded headquarters in New Hampshire. “During my training, I witnessed children improving all aspects of their development in a way that is meaningful for them rather than adult directed.”

Director of Collage’s health and wellness program, Vasquez said she was amazed at the accomplishments she witnessed children achieving on a

daily basis. “The best part was when the children recognized those achievements and showed their excitement in the form of cheers and high fives,” she said. “TimberNook is a perfect fit for Collage, as it benefits the whole child while adding all that nature has to offer.”

TimberNook was founded by Angela Hanscom, a pediatric occupational therapist, who noticed that the kids in her children’s circle of friends in Barrington, New Hampshire, rarely played outdoors anymore. She became concerned when she observed that children, in general, seemed weaker, had poorer balance and were less creative than they should be based on their developmental ages.

Drawing on her occupational therapy training and her background in kinesiology, Hanscom created the TimberNook program that places children outdoors while enhancing and fostering child development. The award-winning nature-based program has since gained international popularity, with providers in 11 U.S. states as well as Australia and New Zealand.

“I’m beyond excited to see a school such as Collage become a model for integrating TimberNook programs, which focus on meaningful play experiences outdoors that inspire and challenge the mind and body throughout the school year,” Hanscom said. “Instead of limiting outdoor play, this school is embracing it. May others follow their lead.”

Library hosts 'Teen Coffeehouse'

A harpist, a saxophonist, vocalists, poets and a magician were just a few of the acts that participated in the Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library's recent Teen Coffeehouse.

Held April 26 in conjunction with National Poetry Month, the event attracted numerous local teens ages 13 to 18 to share their talents in an open mic format.

"It was one of those experiences in 14 years of being a youth services librarian that you're so glad it happened – teens getting to share exactly who they are and what 'lights them up' in a generous and welcoming atmosphere complete with

hugs, high fives, and encouragement," said librarian Anne Crawford. "Kudos go to our 'volunteer' Zeryn, who came up with this brilliant idea."

Crawford also credited Youth Services Assistant Suzanne Egelin with organizing the event. So successful was the coffeehouse, she added, that the library is already planning to host another Teen Coffeehouse Wednesday, Aug. 16 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. The event is open to vocalists, musicians, spoken word artists, rappers and other entertainers. Teens interested in performing my contact Suzanne Egelin at (904) 827-6950 or segeln@sjcfl.us.



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Ponte Vedra Public Education

By Jennifer Logue

Hundreds of local residents enjoyed an exhibition of artworks created by Ponte Vedra children Sunday, when the Ponte Vedra Public Education Foundation presented its annual “ArtWorks” celebration.

Held April 30 at the Sawgrass Marriott, the exhibition featured original artwork created by students from Ocean Palms and PVPV/Rawlings elementary schools, Valley Ridge Academy, Landrum Middle School, and Nease and Ponte Vedra high schools. The one-hour exhibition was followed by an awards ceremony, as art teachers from each school presented awards to their students. Eight works of art received additional recognition as “Best in Show;” those winning artworks will be professionally framed and displayed with a plaque in the student’s school.

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

“I think it’s a wonderful event,” Ocean Palms art teacher Lauren Rodriguez said. “The kids look forward to it every year.”

Valley Ridge Academy art teacher Kathryn Frericks agreed. “It’s an amazing opportunity to allow the children to be celebrated,” she said, adding that she was pleased this year’s exhibition included works from high school art students. “Some of my eighth-grade students were really excited by the high school art. You can really see the progression, and the students get inspired to see what they could achieve.”

Sunday’s exhibition also included displays by teachers who received mini-grants from the Ponte Vedra Public Education Foundation to fund everything from math and gardening projects to science lab dissection experiments. Alongside many of the displays were handmade cards, letters and posters from students thanking the foundation for providing the financial support that

made the projects possible.

Since 1983, PVPEF has been working to enhance and enrich the educational experience for Ponte Vedra’s public school students. For more information

on the foundation, its mission and programs, visit www.pvedfoundation.org.

View more photos from the ArtWorks exhibition online at www.pontevedrarecorder.com.



Photos by Jennifer Logue

PVPV Rawlings second grade student Abby Shin displays her artwork with art teacher Kimberly Scribner.



Ponte Vedra High School student Rachel Dornstuader displays her prizewinning artwork (bottom).



Valley Ridge Academy teacher Kathryn Frericks (right) and student Tatiana Donnelly stand with her prizewinning artwork (top).



PVPV Rawlings student Madeline Rey, 9, displays her artwork, which was selected as one of the Best in Show.



Best in Show artwork by Landrum Middle School 8th grade student Savannah Schnabel



Art teacher Lauren Bayliss joins student Achsah Siqueira in front of her prize winning artwork (bottom).



Nease High School student Amanda Yurkovich and teacher David Maynard stand with her prizewinning sculpture.

Foundation hosts ArtWorks celebration



A student views the original art on display at the ArtWorks celebration.



The exhibition included displays representing projects that were funded by mini-grants from the Ponte Vedra Public Education Foundation.



Lila Gregory, 7, displays her artwork.



Gaige Lancaster pottery



Artwork by Katherine Russo



A teacher mini-grant project funded by the Ponte Vedra Public Education Foundation



Ocean Palms student Maddy Clemons displays her Best in Show artwork with teacher Lauren Rodriguez.



Best in Show sculpture by Amanda Yurkovich



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The School's campus will be a beautiful outdoor learning environment with a myriad of natural features such as trails and pathways, gardens, play centers, koi ponds and an inner courtyard that provides a common area and

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Coast Guard auxiliary to offer boating safety course

A boating safety course will be held from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 6 at the Palm Valley Community Center, 148 Canal Blvd. in Ponte Vedra Beach.

Presented by the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary's Jacksonville Beach Flo-tilla 14-04, the eight-hour classroom

course titled "About Boating Safely" will include demonstrations of boating basics and cover such topics as navigation, in-water survival, knot tying, state and federal boating laws and regulations, and more. A Florida and federal course examination will be given at the

conclusion of the course.

Successfully passing the course will earn participants the state of Florida Boating Safety Education Identification Card, which all vessel operators born after Jan. 1, 1988 must have in their possession.

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Native Sun discontinues single-use plastic grocery bags

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The Fisherman's Dock hosts open house at new Ponte Vedra Beach market

By Jennifer Logue

Ponte Vedra residents have a new local option for fresh seafood following the grand opening of The Fisherman's Dock.

Located at 330 A1A North Suite 301 in Ponte Vedra Beach, the seafood market held an open house and grand opening last week to introduce customers to its offerings. Owner Mike Eddy noted that the Ponte Vedra Beach market is the third Fisherman's Dock location, building on the success of longstanding markets in Mandarin and Orange park.

"We had customers who would come from Ponte Vedra Beach all the way to



Mandarin and they kept asking us, 'When are you going to open a store in Ponte Vedra?'" Eddy said. "We have as good a selection as any place in Jacksonville."

Unlike other markets that order seafood once a week, Eddy noted, Fisher-



Karen and Mike Eddy

man's Dock receives daily shipments of fresh seafood.

"We wholesale (seafood) to a couple hundred restaurants in Jacksonville, so we get fish in every day," he said.

Among the most popular offerings,

Eddy said, are salmon, grouper and mahi mahi. "People will find a good selection."

The Fisherman's Dock's Ponte Vedra Beach market will be open from 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

Mainstream Boutique marks one year in Ponte Vedra Beach

Mainstream Boutique marked its first year in Ponte Vedra Beach April 29 with a one-year anniversary celebration featuring food, merchandise specials and more at its store located in the Ponte Vedra Pointe shopping plaza at 880 A1A North.

"We'd like to thank all the amazing ladies in our community who have supported us this past year," Owner Carla Miles said. "We look forward to meeting more of you in the future. We're very thankful for the success we've enjoyed this past year."



Photos by Jennifer Logue

Owner Carla Miles welcomes guests to Mainstream Boutique's one year anniversary.

Scout & Molly's marks first anniversary

Scout & Molly's Boutique marked its one-year anniversary in Sawgrass Village April 29 with a celebration featuring gifts, giveaways and discounts. Customers enjoyed refreshments, sweets from Peterbrooke Chocolatier and more.

"We are so excited to make the one-year mark here and appreciate the support from our customers," said co-owner Emily Rhodin.

Added co-owner Missy Westerman, "We are thrilled to be here in Sawgrass Village. It's been a fantastic first year and we hope for many more to come!"



Alexis Boselli, 14, models a Trina Turk dress at Scout & Molly's one-year celebration.



Scout & Molly's owners Emily Rhodin and Missy Westerman

Photos by Jennifer Logue



The Pineapple Corporation breaks ground on second model home in The Vista at Twenty Mile



Photo courtesy of The Pineapple Corporation

The Pineapple Corporation plans to open its second model home in The Vista at Twenty Mile this summer.

Luxury homebuilder The Pineapple Corporation has broken ground on its second model home in The Vista at Twenty Mile, a gated neighborhood of 44 home sites in Ponte Vedra's Nocatee community.

"We are delighted to introduce newly designed custom home plans in our new Ponte Vedra community," PResident Spencer Calvert said. "Homes at The Vista will exude timeless design, showcase architectural excellence and include the latest design trends."

Pre-sales and construction of both model homes and the entry gate at The Vista are underway, with the company planning to open them this summer. The new model and each of The Pineapple Corporation's homes at The Vista will feature gourmet kitchens with large islands, spa baths and outdoor living spaces. All homes are designed with Sub Zero and Wolf Kitchen appliances, The Pineapple Collection by Dura Supreme custom cabinetry, solid surface countertops and more.

The Vista offers estate-style homes that feature Spanish architecture, highlighting the history of the surrounding Ponte Vedra and Saint Augustine areas. The Pineapple Corporation is offering five new courtyard floor plans for the neighborhood, with homes ranging in size from 4,150 square feet to 5,850 square feet. The company lists the homes at prices starting in the low \$900,000s.

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James Patrick Ryan

James Patrick Ryan, 75, of Ponte Vedra, died peacefully April 11, 2017, following a series of hemorrhage strokes.

He was born in Arlington, South Dakota. Jim graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point in engineering. He was a U.S. Army veteran who served in Germany and Vietnam.

He was predeceased by both parents. Jim is survived by his devoted and loving wife of 22 years, Joan; sons Patrick and Timothy (Joanna); granddaughters Kate and Grace; sister Mary Jane Simonich (Ron); and nephews Eric and Tom.

He was a commercial real estate broker, FNIRA arbitrator and a certified medical hypnotherapist. He directed an IMDHA hypnosis school and therapeutic yoga school.

Jim enjoyed traveling, being in nature, reading and spending time with family and friends.

His memorial service will be at Palms Presbyterian Church on Monday, May 8, at 1 p.m. Donations can be made to Community Hospice NE Florida.

Norma Dick

Norma Dick, 85, of Ponte Vedra Beach, died April 16, 2017. Ponte Vedra Valley Funeral Home, Cremation Center & Cemetery – (904) 285-1130 – www.pontevedravally.com

C.L. Strickland

C.L. Strickland, 74, of Ponte Vedra Beach, died April 22, 2017. Ponte Vedra Valley Funeral Home, Cremation Center & Cemetery – (904) 285-1130 – www.pontevedravally.com

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Native Sun discontinues single-use plastic grocery bags

Jacksonville-based Native Sun Natural Foods Market has discontinued single-use plastic grocery bags at all three of its locations.

The grocery store now offers a “Take a Bag, Leave a Bag” program, where shoppers can donate reusable bags, borrow a donated bag, or use a recycled cardboard box to take their groceries home. It will also offer affordable reusable bag options for customers to buy. Regardless of which option they choose, customers receive 5 cents per reusable bag off their purchase at Native Sun.

According to the company, while Native Sun has in the past offered compostable bags made of corn plastics, the Jacksonville Beach location has never offered plastic grocery bags because of the store’s proximity to the coast and the potential damage plastic bags can cause to the environment and local wildlife. The “Take a Bag, Leave a Bag” program has helped to reduce the amount of single-use plastic bags used at Native Sun’s Mandarin and Southside stores, officials said, and the retailer made the decision to discontinue them altogether earlier this month.

“Even compostable single-use plastic bags pose an environmental threat, when you can’t properly dispose of them,” Native Sun Owner Aaron Gottlieb said. “We are in full support of the community initiative to eliminate these bags and replace them with better options.”

Native Sun works with organizations like Surfrider Foundation First Coast Chapter to support the Rise Above Plastics campaign and the annual International Coastal Clean-Up Day in September that aim to remove plastic trash from beaches in Florida and around the world. Last year, the Ocean Conservancy’s report of International Coastal Clean-Up Day showed that plastic grocery bags were the sixth most common item found on beaches and waterways around the world, a number that was up from previous years.

A 2016 World Economic Forum report estimates that by 2050, the amount of plastic in the ocean will outweigh fish.

“The negative effects on our environment and our food system are heartbreaking and completely avoidable,” said Meghan Fiveash, Native Sun’s community relations manager. “For us, it’s about education. We want to make sure our customers are aware of the effects of single-use grocery bags while providing them with options to make their choice at the checkout a positively impactful one.”

Recently, the city of Jacksonville



updated its list of accepted items for recycling to exclude plastic grocery bags. Kevin Long, general manager of Conex Recycling in Jacksonville, reiterated the decision, emphasizing the fact that, “plastic bags are just clogging the recycle machinery,” a common and costly problem in many cities.

In addition, the Jacksonville Beach City Council voted unanimously last month to support a statewide bill to ban the use of plastic bags on beaches. State law currently prohibits local governments from creating rules regarding the use of plastic bags. The bill in the state legislature would give local governments the choice.

“We’re trying to do our part to eliminate plastic debris from the environment,” Gottlieb said. “Please help us by bringing your own reusable bag with you when you shop. You’ll save money and you’ll be making an investment in our local environment.”

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Mother's Day gift guide



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Scout and Molly's Boutique

By Jasmine Marshall

With Mother's Day quickly approaching, it's crunch time for gifts – and nothing says appreciation like thoughtful selections that stray a little far from the norm. With the First Coast's surplus of options for moms of all tastes, looking locally will make the gift search that much easier.

Scout and Molly's Boutique
340 Front St., Ste. 715
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(904) 373-5856

Scout and Molly's Boutique in Sawgrass Village will offer a slew of Mother's Day specials beginning Friday, May 12 that will last throughout the weekend. During this promotional sale, guests will receive 10 percent off a purchase of one item, 15 percent off a purchase of two items and 20 percent off a purchase of three items or more for all regularly priced items. The boutique will be open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Peterbrooke Chocolatier
333 Village Main St., Ste. 650
Ponte Vedra Beach
(904) 273-7878

Go traditional with a Mother's Day package from Peterbrooke Chocolatier. This year's holiday offerings include pansie foils milk chocolates, a Mother's Day gift basket of assorted treats, a Mother's Day heart assortment of chocolate and classic milk chocolate popcorn. In addition to the special products, peruse Peterbrooke's typical offerings – including customer favorites like almond bark and hand-dipped pretzels and graham crackers – for a custom package of treats for moms with a sweet tooth.

MOCA
333 N. Laura St.
Jacksonville
(904) 366-6911


Jacksonville's Museum of Contemporary Art (MOCA) will offer a Mother's Day brunch from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., featuring a buffet with favorites such as shrimp and grits and Korean-fried chicken and waffles. Reservations are strongly encouraged and can be made at (904) 224-0113.

In addition to the brunch, MOCA will host two Jacksonville Symphony Chamber Orchestra performances at 1 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. with Synaesthesia, a concert fusing visual and musical art featuring the sounds of Alban Berg, J.S. Bach and Phillip Glass. The performance will be accompanied by a projection designed by Vanessa Cruz, University of North Florida associate professor of graphic



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design and digital media, and Sheila Goloborotko, assistant professor of print making. Tickets for the show are \$30 for adults and \$15 for children 12 and under and can be purchased at www.mocajacksonville.unf.edu.

World Golf Village 305 WGV Blvd. St. Augustine

Enjoy a Mother's Day brunch at World Golf Village from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Brunch will be available at two locations: King & Bear's Champions Grille or Renaissance Resort's Villaggio Bar. Contact Cara Ritenour at (904) 940-6207 for reservations at King & Bear, and (904) 940-8000 for reservations at Renaissance. For more information, visit www.worldgolfvillage.com/activities.



Le Macaron

Le Macaron 330 A1A North, Ste. 300 Ponte Vedra Beach (904) 373-0521

Treat mom to Parisian sweets from Ponte Vedra's newly opened Le Macaron. On the menu is a wide array of specially flavored macarons – among them basil white chocolate, black currant, rose and strawberry key lime – and other French pastries such as eclairs, glace gelato and madeleines. The shop will also carry chestnut-flavored macarons for Mother's Day.

Make an early Mother's Day date during the

shop's "Afternoon in Paris" tea to be held Sunday, May 7 from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. During the event, the shop will serve tea sandwiches, tartlets, champagne with strawberries, pink lemonade and more for visitors of all ages. Tickets for the tea are \$50 and by reservation only. To make a reservation, call (904) 373-0521.

Florida Water Tours: Mother's Day Cruise Departs from Camachee Cove Marina St. Augustine (904) 827-7728

Florida Water Tours will offer two special cruises for Mother's Day with its Dolphin Tour, departing at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., and its Sunset Cruise of varied departure times. Both cruises will depart from the Camachee Cove Marina in St. Augustine.

During the 90-minute Dolphin Tour, passengers will ride through wetlands and coastal marshes, passing landmarks like the Bridge of Lions and St. Augustine Lighthouse in addition to manatees, dolphins and other animals. The Sunset Cruise, for guests 21 and older, is a BYOB event that offers a view of the setting sun over the water and more of St. Augustine's historic landmarks.

Guests must arrive at least 15 minutes before the time of departure. Tours are \$24 per person with the promotional code SPRING20 and can be booked online at www.floridawater-tour.com.

One Ocean Resort and Spa 1 Ocean Blvd. Atlantic Beach (904) 249-7402

Warm stone, Thai and other therapeutic massages are among the offerings at One Ocean Resort and Spa, with specials like the "Sea Dreamer Mani/Pedi Escape" and "Spring into Relaxation" starting at \$125. Treatments include detoxifying sea salts, sugar scrubs and aromatherapy massage oils for a gift of pampering on Mother's Day. Reservations can be made by calling (904) 249-7402 or online at www.oneoceanresort.com.

In addition, Azurea, One Ocean Resort and Spa's signature restaurant, will welcome friends and family to its Mother's Day brunch and dinner. Guests will enjoy special à la carte brunch and dinner menus created by Chef Jay Mendoza, featuring items such as thick-sliced brioche French toast, tuna carpaccio, Atlantic Beach fish tacos, veal chop and more. Mother's Day brunch will be served from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., followed by dinner from 2:30 to 8 p.m. Reservations are required and can be made through One Ocean's Open Table site at www.opentable.com/azurea-at-one-ocean.

The resort is also holding a contest for one lucky mother, offering the prize of a "Mom's Dream Spa Day" that includes a 50-minute aromatherapy massage and a 50-minute facial and pedicure. The prize is valued at \$390. To enter, visit the giveaway contest tab on One Ocean Resort and Spa's Facebook page (www.facebook.com/OneOceanResort) and fill out the form with the required information and a 100-word entry explaining why one deserving mom should win the spa day package. Entries can also be submitted at www.oneoceanresortmothersdaygiveaway.pgtb.me/vGTgVf, where contest rules and regulations can be found.



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The DONNA Marathon Weekend continues 10th anniversary celebration with events at THE PLAYERS Championship

The DONNA Marathon Weekend's 10th anniversary year continues through May with the annual THE PLAYERS DONNA 5K and PINK OUT at THE PLAYERS events.

THE PLAYERS DONNA 5K will be held on THE PLAYERS Stadium Course at 8 a.m. Saturday, May 6, coinciding with the launch of THE PLAYERS Championship week. The marathon will begin behind the 17th island green, winding throughout the back nine holes of the course and giving participants an exclusive preview of the tournament's preparations. This year's run will also see the introduction of commemorative finisher metals in addition to performance tee shirts and complimentary stadium passes to THE PLAYERS Championship for PINK OUT at THE PLAYERS. Online registration is capped at 1,750 participants and can be found at <https://register.breastcancer-marathon.com/theplayers5k>.

On Championship Sunday, May 14, The DONNA Foundation will present PINK OUT at THE PLAYERS, bringing the pink-clad golfers, caddies, volunteers and fans together for a cause. The DONNA Foundation will be honored as "Charity of the Day" for the final day of tournament play, and THE PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP will make a donation to the foundation for continued



support of breast cancer research at Mayo Clinic and financial assistance to those living with breast cancer. Participants are encouraged to dress in pink attire and share photos of themselves on social media using the hashtag #PINK-OUT4DONNA for a chance to win prizes for best dressed.

Jared Rice, executive director of THE PLAYERS Championship, said he looked forward to partnering with the foundation yet again.

"As they near closer and closer to a breast cancer cure with their groundbreaking research, it's humbling to witness – especially as the community rallies in support by wearing their pink to the PINK OUT at THE PLAYERS and participating in THE PLAYERS DONNA 5K," Rice said. "We hope everyone is able to get out and enjoy these events as the world's best golfers take stage yet again at TPC Sawgrass."

To register for THE PLAYERS DONNA 5K, visit <http://breastcancer-marathon.com/the-players-5k/>.

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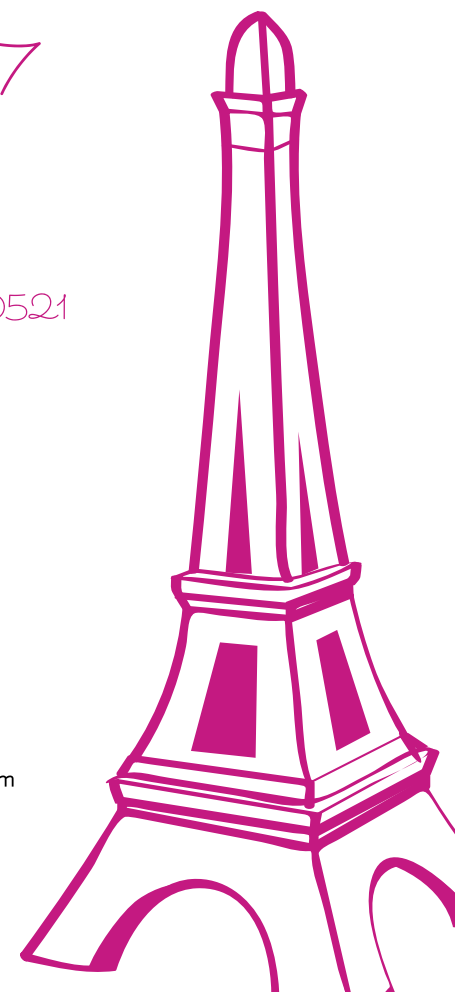
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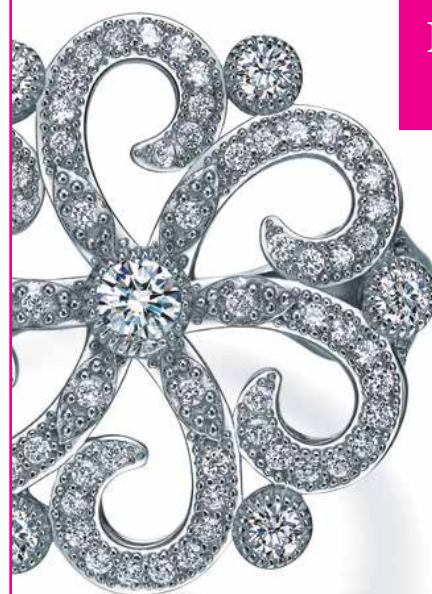


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Cutter & Cutter hosts five artists for 3D exhibition, debuts public art installation

By Jennifer Logue

Artists from across the nation came to Ponte Vedra Beach last week, as Cutter & Cutter Fine Art hosted a joint exhibition of three-dimensional art.

Held April 28 at Cutter & Cutter's Sawgrass Village gallery, "3D: Art in the Third Dimension" gave attendees a chance to view works created in bronze, acrylic, ceramic, marble glass and wood. Guests also had an opportunity to meet the artists themselves and gain insights into their works and techniques. Participating artists included local artists Mark Wood and Worley Faver as well as visiting sculptors Paige Bradley, Toni DeLisa and Márton Váró.

"To have all of these artists here is amazing," Owner Len Cutter said.

Váró mingled with guests, answering questions about his marble sculptures on display.

"I like working in marble," he said. "It has the consistency and a really nice structure that allows you to make fine details."

Váró noted that he sculpts his pieces from Italian Carrara marble taken from Michelangelo's quarry in northwest Tuscany. Some of his pieces feature figures that appear to be emerging from the uncut, unpolished marble.

"I try to leave some of the original marble, because it gives the identity of the stone," he explained.

Artist Toni DeLisa, meanwhile, explained how she creates her sculptural ceramic pieces using Raku, a 400-year-old Japanese firing technique whereby pieces are fired in a kiln at 1820 degrees before being put in a pit in which the atmosphere is then reduced.

"It smokes the pieces," said DeLisa, a Florida native who now lives and works in North Carolina. "I spray cold water on it, which results in these beautiful cracks. The glazes are designed to crack."

Local artists

Among the local artists featured at the "3D" exhibition were wood turner Mark Wood and potter Worley Faver. Wood noted that he had been creating hand-crafted wooden bowls and vessels as a hobby when Cutter's sons and partners, Matthew and Mark Cutter, came to his home to hang a painting he had purchased from the gallery.

"They saw my work there," Wood said, "and later called and asked if they could feature them in the gallery."

While each bowl or piece takes approximately 15 to 20 hours of work, Wood said, the entire process can take up to six months as he waits patiently for the wood to dry completely before finishing it. All of his works are created from local wood, he said, pointing to one bowl crafted from wood he found lying on the road near the intersection of A1A and Mickler Road.

"I call it my 'Guana River Oak Bowl,'" Wood said.

Ponte Vedra Beach resident Jim Van Horn, who attended the exhibition, noted that he and Wood had been in a business group together for several years when Wood told the group he was retiring and planned to focus on his art.

"We laughed at him!" Van Horn admitted. "We thought he was kidding."

Van Horn later received one of Wood's bowls as a gift.

"It came with a letter saying that Mark's bowls were 'magical,'" he

recalled. "In the letter, Mark wrote that when we faced troubles in our lives, we should put them in the bowl."

Faver, meanwhile, has been crafting pottery for years using the Pueblo pottery techniques of the American Southwest. Yet his roots in the Ponte Vedra area run deep: Faver's grandfather moved to northeast Florida as a child in 1873 and later bought land in what is now Palm Valley.

Public art

A special highlight of the exhibition was the debut of a public sculpture outside the Cutter & Cutter gallery. The sculpture by Connecticut artist Paige Bradley is now permanently mounted on a pedestal outside the gallery for the enjoyment of visitors to Sawgrass Village.

View more exhibition photos online at www.pontevedrarecorder.com.



Photos by Jennifer Logue

Cutter & Cutter has installed a Paige Bradley sculpture in front of its Sawgrass Village shop.



Artist Toni DeLisa displays some of her sculptural ceramic pieces at Cutter & Cutter's 3D exhibition.



Sculptors Paige Bradley and Marton Váró greet collectors at the exhibition.



Artist Mark Wood joins granddaughter Ayden, 11, who recently started wood turning.



Cutter & Cutter Owner Len Cutter, art collector Rob Harris and sculptor Paige Bradley

Romanza Festivale returns to Ancient City

St. Augustine's Romanza Festivale of the Arts will return to the oldest city May 5-14 with a packed schedule of events, including four headlining attractions throughout the ten-day celebration of art, music and culture.

Gamble Rogers Music Festival

Kicking off the series of headlining events is the 22nd annual Gamble Rogers Music Festival from May 5-7. "Gamblefest" will take place at St. Augustine's Colonial Quarter located at 22 Saint George St. and will feature four stages showcasing local musicians in addition to regional and national performers. This annual celebration honors the late James Gamble Rogers IV, a singer, songwriter and storyteller who died in 1991 as he tried to rescue a man from drowning. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door for the weekend or \$10 per day. Students and visitors 18 and under are admitted free. To purchase tickets or to see a full schedule, visit www.gamblerogersfest.org

Romanza Kaleidoscope of DANCE

Following the Gamble Rogers Music Festival is the Romanza Kaleidoscope of DANCE, a regional talent showcase of the local dancers, on May 9 at 7:30 p.m. To be held in the Lewis Auditorium of Flagler College, the show features talent of all styles, including ballroom, hip hop, tap and aerial dancing. The Kaleidoscope of DANCE will be directed by Judy Woodruff, and the lineup will see dancers from St. Augustine, Palm Coast and Ponte Vedra during its third year. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$5 for students with ID and free for children under 12.

Lomazov-Rackers Piano Duo

The Lomazov-Rackers Piano Duo will perform at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Augustine Thursday, May 11 at 7:30 p.m. The prize-winning duo, comprised of Marina Lomazov and Joseph Rackers, have performed throughout several countries. Both pianists hold a doctor of musical arts degree in piano performance from the Eastman School of Music in addition to serving on the piano faculty of the University of South Carolina School of Music. Tickets for their performance are \$25 for adults, \$5 for students with ID and free for children 12 and under.

Romanza Festivale Harry Potter Event

Capping the series of headlining events off will be the Romanza Festivale Harry Potter Event at Francis Field May 13 from noon to 8 p.m. This expansive, interactive event will feature an appearance by actor Chris Rankin, best known as the character Percy Weasley from the "Harry Potter" films. Rankin will sign autographs and take photos throughout the day. In addition to the celebrity appearance, the event will feature a sorting hat, shops on Diagon Alley, butter beer, quidditch games, a



Joseph Rackers and Marina Lomazov will perform May 11 as part of the Romanza Festivale of the Arts.

Hogwarts Express train and hourly shows by magician Andrew Ratliff. Tickets are \$5 at the gate and \$4 online. Children 3 and under are free. For a full schedule or to purchase tickets, visit www.romanzafestivale.com.

The festival will also feature a host of music, dance, theater, art and cuisine events, among them performances from the Chamber Music Series and Young Performers Series; tours of local historic monuments such as the St. Augustine Lighthouse and Spanish Military Hospital Museum; wine tastings at The Gifted Cork; visual arts exhibits including the Gilded: Impressions of the Flagler Era at the St. Augustine Art Association; and theater performances of "Love Letters" and "When Florida was the Wild West."

Music

- **Gamble Rogers Festival**
May 5-7, various times
The Colonial Quarter
37 St. George St.
- **Festivale Opening Cinco de Mayo Concerts: Luis Mario Peral and his Rumba Kings**
May 5 from 5:30 to 7 p.m.
Plaza de La Constitucion Gazebo
1 King St.
- **Opening Night: The Caribbean Salsa Band**
May 5 from 7:30 to 9 p.m.
Plaza de La Constitucion Gazebo
1 King St.
- **Romanza Chamber Music Series: First Coast Harp Ensemble**
May 6 from noon to 1 p.m.
Ancient City Baptist Church
27 Sevilla St.
- **Romanza Procession**
May 6 from 2 to 3 p.m.
St. George Street to Aviles Street
- **Music at Grace presents Regina Torres and Stephen Mumbert**
May 6 from 5 to 6 p.m.
Grace United Methodist Church
8 Carrera St.
- **Gilded: Arias and Accolades presented by First Coast Opera and the St. Augustine Art Association**
May 7 from 3 to 6 p.m.
St. Augustine Art Association
22 Marine St.
- **Romanza Chamber Music Series: The Lawson Ensemble**

May 8 from noon to 1 p.m.
Ancient City Baptist Church
27 Sevilla St.

- **Visiting Unique St. Augustine Church Organs: An Organ Crawl**
May 8 from 4 to 5:30 p.m.
The Cathedral Basilica
Cathedral Place
- **A Little Night Music: Catch the Groove**
May 8 from 6:30 to 8 p.m.
The Colonial Quarter
37 St. George St.
- **Romanza Chamber Music Series: James Baird, Guitar**
May 9 from noon to 1 p.m.
Ancient City Baptist Church
28 Sevilla St.
- **Young Performers in Recital**
May 9 from 4 to 5:30 p.m.
Memorial Presbyterian Church
32 Sevilla St.
- **A Little Night Music: Doug Carn and the Lincolnville Brass Band**
May 9 from 6:30 to 8 p.m.
The Colonial Quarter
37 St. George St.
- **Romanza Chamber Music Series: Kathy and Friends**
May 10 from noon to 1 p.m.
Ancient City Baptist Church
27 Sevilla St.
- **Visiting Unique St. Augustine Church Organs: An Organ Crawl**
May 10 from 4 to 5:30 p.m.
Memorial Presbyterian Church
32 Sevilla St.
- **A Little Night Music: The Jacksonville English Salsa Band**
May 10 from 6:30 to 8 p.m.
The Colonial Quarter
37 St. George St.
- **Romanza Chamber Music Series: Pegge Ealum, Flute with Jazz Trio**
May 11 from noon to 1 p.m.
Ancient City Baptist Church
27 Sevilla St.
- **Young Performers in Recital**
May 11 from 4 to 5:30 p.m.
Memorial Presbyterian Church
32 Sevilla St.

- **Fermin Spanish Guitar**
May 11 from 7 to 8:30 p.m.
The Colonial Quarter
37 St. George St.
- **Lomazov-Rackers Duo Piano Concert**
May 11 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.
The Cathedral Basilica
Cathedral Place
- **Romanza Chamber Music Series: "Songs Sinatra Sang" presented by the Nick DeCarlis Trio**
May 12 from noon to 1 p.m.
Ancient City Baptist Church
28 Sevilla St.
- **Romanza Young Performers Music Series: The St. Augustine Youth Chorus**
May 12 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.
Ancient City Baptist Church
27 Sevilla St.
- **A Little Night Music: the CRS Band in the Gazebo**
May 12 from 5:30 to 7 p.m.
Plaza de La Constitucion Gazebo
King Street
- **A Little Night Music: Mama Blue and Friends**
May 12 from 7 to 9 p.m.
Plaza de La Constitucion Gazebo
King Street
- **St. Augustine Orchestra Concert**
May 12 from 8 to 10 p.m.
Lightner Museum Antique Courtyard
25 Granada St.
- **Romanza Chamber Music Series: The North Florida Women's Chorus**
May 13 from noon to 1 p.m.
Ancient City Baptist Church
27 Sevilla St.
- **Two Glorias by Vivaldi and Poulenc, the St. Augustine Community Chorus in Concert**
May 14 from 2 to 4 p.m.
The Cathedral Basilica
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Dance

- **Romanza Dance Kaleidoscope: The Art of DANCE**
May 9 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.
Lewis Auditorium at Flagler College
14 Granada St.
- **An Evening of Dancing**
May 10 from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m.
Arthur Murray Dance Center

- 84 Theatre Drive Ste. 300
- **A Little Night Music: Matanzas Tap**
May 11 from 6:30 to 7 p.m.
The Colonial Quarter
37 St. George St.

Theater

- **A Classic Theatre Presents: "Love Letters"**
May 7-10
Gamache-Koger Theater, Ringhaver Student Center at Flagler College
50 Sevilla St.

- **The Three Tellers Present: "When Florida was the Wild West"**
May 10 from noon to 1 p.m.
Corazon Cinema and Café
36 Granada St.

Visual Art

- **Gilded Impressions of the Flagler Era at the St. Augustine Art Association**
May 5-7 and May 9-14
St. Augustine Art Association
22 Marine St.

- **Art on Aviles Street**
May 6-7
Aviles Street
- **The Ximenez-Fatio House – Art on Aviles Festival**
May 6 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Ximenez-Fatio House
Aviles Street
- **Gilded: Arias and Accolades presented by First Coast Opera and the St. Augustine Art Association**
May 7 from 3 to 6 p.m.
St. Augustine Art Association
22 Marine St.

Cuisine

- **Wine Tasting at the Gifted Cork**
May 5-14, various times
The Gifted Cork
64 Hypolita St.
- **23rd HAWKE Wildlife Benefit: Dine on the Wild Side**
May 13 from 5 to 9 p.m.
Alligator Farm
999 Anastasia Blvd.

Heritage and Culture

- **Spanish Military Hospital Museum Tours**
May 5-14 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
The Spanish Military Hospital Museum
3 Aviles St.
- **The Ximenez-Fatio House**
May 5-6 and 9-13 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Ximenez-Fatio House
Aviles Street
- **St. Augustine Lighthouse: Behind the Scenes at the Lighthouse**
May 5-14 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Lighthouse Park
201 Red Cox Road
- **Lincolville Museum and Cultural Center**
May 5 and 9-12 from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m.
Lincolville Museum and Cultural Center
102 Martin Luther King Ave.
- **Romanza Procession**
May 6 from 2 to 3 p.m.
St. George Street to Aviles Street
- **The St. Augustine Maritime's 450th Legacy Vessel**
May 9-11 from 9 a.m. to noon
The Fountain of Youth
11 Magnolia Ave.
- **Sunrise/Moonrise Tour at the St. Augustine Lighthouse**
May 10 from 7 to 10 p.m.
St. Augustine Lighthouse
81 Lighthouse Ave.

To learn more about St. Augustine's Romanza Festivale of the Arts, or to see a detailed schedule of events, download the 2017 program book at www.romanzafestivale.com.

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Sharks rally to win district softball title

By Jerry Norton
Special to the Recorder

The news that the Ponte Vedra Lady Sharks softball team brought home the Class 6A district 4 softball title last week and



Shark shortstop Michelle Leone throws to first get the Ridgeview batter.

advanced to the regional playoffs wasn't really a big surprise for most followers of local softball. After all, the Lady Sharks finished the season in a tie with the Clay Blue Devils for first place in the final standings and both teams wound up with 7-1 records after splitting two 1-0 games against each other.

So, there was little doubt the two teams were the district's cream of the crop and were destined to meet again in the final round of the playoffs hosted by the Blue Devils. But that is not what went down!

The Sharks, as expected, earned their spot in the finals with an opening round 13-3 mercy win over Orange Park. But Clay suffered a shocking 2-1 extra-inning defeat at the hands of the Ridgeview Panthers (3-5). As a result, it was the Sharks against Ridgeview, not the Sharks against Clay, for the district trophy.

Ponte Vedra could not have been happier with Ridgeview's upset since they had beaten the Panthers twice during the season by scores of 11-0 and 18-8. The title game, however, was not the lopsided affair the previous games had been. The Sharks edged the Panthers 5-4 for the district title, but needed to come from behind twice to do it.

Ridgeview scored a run in the first inning,



Photos by Chris and Jerry Norton

The victorious Sharks celebrate after winning the Class 6A District 4 title.

then Ponte Vedra answered in their half on a single by Scotland Davis, Michelle Leone's sacrifice bunt and Farley Callaghan's RBI base hit.

The Panthers got a break in the third inning that led to two runs. After two infield singles and a walk loaded the bases, a short fly ball behind second base dropped safely to score one run. A second walk with the bases loaded produced another, giving Ridgeview a 3-1 lead.

The Sharks tied matters in the fourth when Callaghan singled, Taylor Bradshaw walked and Olivia Zitiello singled. With the bases loaded, the Ridgeview pitcher uncorked a pair of wild pitches allowing both Callaghan and Bradshaw to score.

Ponte Vedra threatened in the fifth when David led off with a single and moved over on a Leone sacrifice bunt. Quinlan Richmond then singled to right but David was cut down at the plate.

Ridgeview scored the go-ahead run in the top of the seventh using a leadoff single, a sac bunt, an intentional walk and a base hit.

The Sharks led off the final inning trailing by one but with the top of their batting order due up. David doubled to start the inning and scored on Richmond's double to center. Kiley Hennessey promptly singled home Richmond with the game-winning run.

David, Callaghan and Richmond each had three hits in four at bats for Ponte Vedra.



The Sharks' #23 Kiley Hennessey watches her game winning base hit split the gap in the outfield to drive in teammate Quinlan Richmond.



Ponte Vedra's second baseman Kiley Hennessey puts the tag on the Ridgeview base runner to complete a pickoff from Sharks' catcher Taylor Bradshaw.

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