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The Ponte Vedra girls soccer team won the district title last Friday, Jan. 26, after defeating Pedro Menendez 2-0. Go to page 32 for more photos.

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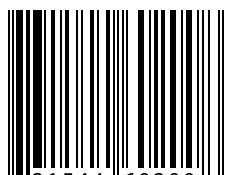
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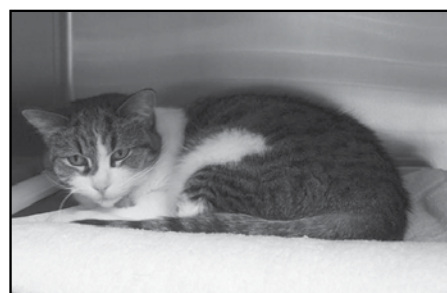
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# HEAL Foundation gives voice to local autism community

Annual gala and golf tournament to be held Feb. 22-23

By Samantha Logue

To further its mission of “Helping Enrich Autistic Lives,” the HEAL Foundation will host its two annual events, the HEAL Gala and Bobby Weed’s Golf Gig, Feb. 22-23 at TPC Sawgrass in Ponte Vedra Beach.

The first of the two events, the gala, will be held Thursday, Feb. 22 at 6:30 p.m. in the TPC Clubhouse, and will feature renowned performance painter David Garibaldi, in addition to live and silent auctions, music, dinner and drinks. Bobby Weed’s Golf Gig will take place the following morning, Friday, Feb. 23, at 8 a.m. at TPC Sawgrass’ Dye’s Valley Course. Players will be treated to a light breakfast before the tournament begins at 9 a.m. Proceeds of both events will benefit the HEAL Foundation, which funds various organizations and programs that support the local autism community, and tickets can be purchased online at [www.healautismnow.org](http://www.healautismnow.org).

“It’s just a fun, two-day event, raising funds,” said Leslie Weed, who co-founded HEAL in 2004 with her husband, Bobby Weed. “One in 38 school-age children have autism, which is an epidemic. It’s a huge crisis, and we’re really the only foundation in our area that does what we do. Our phones never stop ringing with mothers in tears.”



A boy receives golf instruction at the HUG/HEAL Golf Academy at TPC Sawgrass.

The Weed family has experienced the crisis of the autism “epidemic” firsthand, as their own daughter was diagnosed with the condition as a toddler.

“My daughter Lanier was our inspiration (in founding HEAL),” Leslie Weed said. “She was developing normally, and then had an adverse vaccine reaction and was sucked into the abyss of autism at around the age of 18 months. She stopped walking



HEAL Foundation Executive Director Jason Gurka and Founder Leslie Weed distribute iPads.

Photos courtesy of the HEAL Foundation

and talking, and she still has not spoken since.”

Now 19 years old, Lanier Weed’s voice remained silent for years, until she one day shocked her family by typing out her thoughts on an iPad.

“Her cognitive skills were not damaged,” Leslie Weed said. “Her motor skills were, but because of what you see, you think the entire person is damaged. It was quite a

miracle.”

Finding hope in this revelation, Weed decided to start HEAL’s latest initiative, iHEAL, to help others with autism find their voices. Thus far, HEAL has donated 300 iPads for use in Exceptional Student Education (ESE) classrooms throughout Baker, Clay, Duval, Nassau and St. Johns counties.

“The students all type almost in prose,” Weed said. “And they’re not angry, they’re just grateful.”

Another initiative HEAL is currently planning is the construction of five special needs parks—one in each of those five counties.

“We’re going to try to find existing parks and add on to those parks special needs parks,” Weed said. “There aren’t any in Jacksonville, unbelievably.”

The idea, she explained, is to have one park where parents of both typical and special needs kids can bring all their children to play safely, and without having to travel too far from home. With the help of generous donors, Weed said she is hopeful that the first park will be done by 2020.

“We have a fabulous community here that really has embraced our kids,” she said. “We’re very lucky, and we’re so unbelievably appreciative of the people who continue to support us.”

## Guzzo named new executive director of Cultural Center

The board of the Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach has chosen Donna Guzzo to be its new executive director.

Guzzo takes the Cultural Center’s lead position at a pivotal time, as it embarks on a multimillion-dollar capital campaign for construction of larger headquarters to expand its many programs promoting the arts throughout St. Johns County.

“Donna Guzzo is extremely well connected to community leaders and has recruited substantial support for the Cultural Center,” PVBCC Board President Arthur Hayden said in making the announcement. “She is an accomplished businesswoman and, most of all, has demonstrated her passion for the Cultural Center’s mission as the leading provider of arts programs for this county.”

Longtime Executive Director Judy Hixenbaugh retired in late 2017, and was replaced by Latitia (Tish) Sheesley in Oc-



Donna Guzzo

tober 2017. Guzzo is taking over her role.

Established in 1996, the Cultural Center provides more than 180 programs ranging from arts classes, children’s camps and workshops for adults and children taught by

regional or national artists. Classes include drawing, print making, pastels, painting in all mediums and all skill levels, culinary, sculpture, clay, pottery, piano, violin, cello, ballet, glass-making and theater. Many of those programs are housed at the current Cultural Center facility at 50 Executive Way. A recently completed feasibility study showed wide support for a new, larger Cultural Center facility with a higher profile and expanded services.

“What an exciting time for the arts in St.

Johns County and for the Cultural Center,” Guzzo said. “We have a significant role to play in the quality of life for longtime residents and newcomers of all ages. Whether they are artists, students or appreciative spectators, everyone can be uplifted by the diverse creativity this community offers.

“We know there is a healthy appetite for more programs and services, and we can’t wait to make that happen,” added Guzzo.

Following a career in banking, Guzzo has held leadership positions in nonprofits for more than 25 years. She is the founder of the nonprofit Language Exploration Enrichment (LEE), a language-instruction program in 16 St. Johns County Schools. LEE students have been chosen the Florida Foreign Language Scholar of the Year 11 consecutive years, and Guzzo has been honored as a Florida Foreign Language Most Valued Educator five times. In recent years she has been a featured speaker at

international conferences of language teachers convened at Harvard University, at Providence University in Taiwan and at the United Nations.

Guzzo has been a board member for numerous nonprofits in Florida, Ohio and Colorado. In St. Johns County, that includes the Women United of United Way, The Education Foundation (now INK!), Character Counts!, The Jacksonville Children’s Chorus, The Foreign Language Educators of Northeast Florida, Durbin Creek Elementary PTO, Hickory Creek Elementary PTO and Murray Middle School PTO. She is a proud Rotarian and Chamber of Commerce member.

Guzzo is married to Glenn Guzzo, an author and the former editor of The Denver Post. Their daughter, Scheherazade, is a former actress, was valedictorian for her entertainment business degree, and now attends law school in Orlando.



# Beaches Museum and Ponte Vedra Inn & Club partner to tell resort's 90-year story

By Jon Blauvelt

**M**ost success stories have humble beginnings, and the Ponte Vedra Inn & Club is no exception.

The history and story of the famed, 90-year-old resort was the subject of the Beaches Museum & History Park's Jan. 25 Boardwalk Talk, which was presented by the Inn & Club's longtime employee and Director of Safety and Compliance Fred Cozby.

"I've had the honor of working at the Ponte Vedra Inn & Club for over 32 years," said Cozby at the event held in the resort's dining room. "It's a very special place."

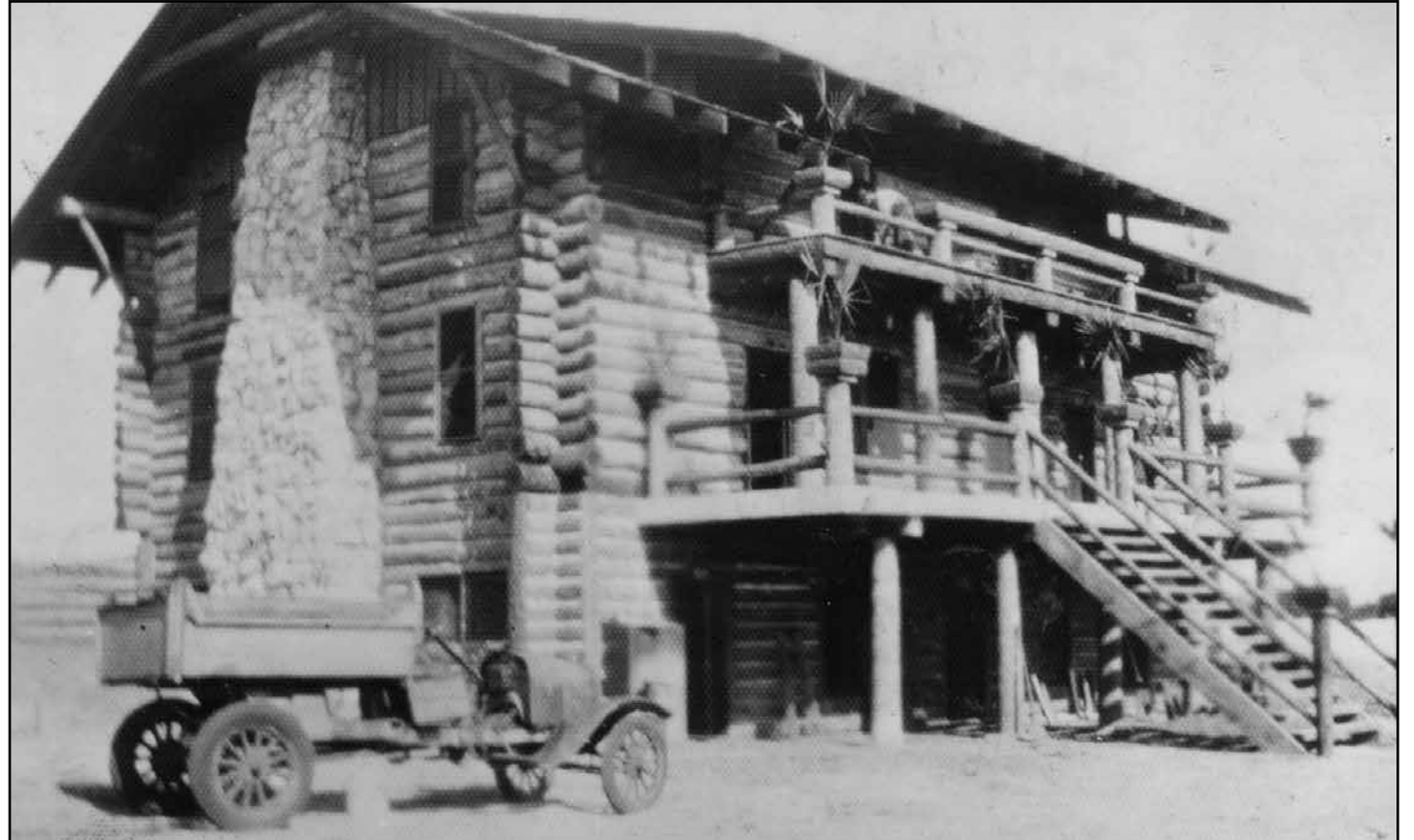
Cozby first discussed the discovery of Ponte Vedra Beach, or Mineral City, as it was known in the early 1900s. Mining company National Lead Company, he explained, discovered a vein of minerals that stretched from the Carolinas to Melbourne, Florida, and the richest part of that vein was in Mineral City. The company purchased about 14 miles of oceanfront land in the area and ultimately mined the area for its valuable ore.

After World War I, mining operations ceased, said Cozby, and the area was struck by a land boom, as developers and visionaries like Henry Flagler began building hotels up and down the East Coast. Flagler simultaneously purchased the Florida East Coast Railway and extended it down the East Coast of Florida.

The National Lead Company and the area's developers yearned to play a part in this land boom, said Cozby. A "highway," which today is Ponte Vedra Boulevard, was built, as well as a nine-hole golf course known as Jacksonville Beach Golf Links that essentially served as the mining company's playground. Built next to that course in 1928 was a 12-room log cabin that Cozby said represents the beginning of the Ponte Vedra Inn & Club.

National Lead Company, he noted, decided to bring in a British golf course architect to design an 18-hole course in Mineral City. Instead of using big earth moving equipment, they used a team of 100 mules to shape a course out of the dunes that were part of the old mining operation.

The people of National Lead Company, Cozby said, ultimately decided that if this real estate development were to be successful, they would have to change the name of the area to something catchier than Mineral City. They subsequently discovered a city in Spain that was like Jacksonville, with a river running through that ultimately connected to the Atlantic Ocean. Cozby explained that this area was originally colonized by the Romans, who built a series of bridges over the



Images courtesy of the Beaches Museum & History Park

**The Jacksonville Beach Golf Links Clubhouse stands in 1928 as the symbolic beginning of the Ponte Vedra Inn & Club.**



**A team of mules is used to shape the resort's first golf course.**

river and named the area Ponte Vedra, which translates to "Old Bridge" or "Ancient Bridge." The mining company adopted the name, and just like that, Mineral City became Ponte Vedra Beach.

After the construction of the golf course, the next additions to the resort in the 1930s were the Racquet Club and the Bath Club (now the Surf Club), which was home to one of the first freshwater pools in Florida. In 1936, construction began on the original Inn building. Cozby noted that at the time, guests of the resort only had to pay \$1.50 per day for greens fees to play golf.

"Ah, the good old days," laughed Cozby.

In the 1940s during World War II,

Cozby explained that German U-boats patrolled the shores off Ponte Vedra Beach, and one such vessel sunk the SS Gulfamerica, an American cargo ship on its maiden voyage that was transporting oil. Of its 50 crew members, Cozby said 29 survived.

The decades began to roll by, said Cozby, and the footprint of the property was in place come the 1960s. The resort added another nine holes in 1961 known as the West Nine, and then in 1977, that course was completed and became known as the Lagoon Course, bringing the resort to 36 holes.

After National Lead Company, the Ponte Vedra Inn & club was owned by Stockton, Whatley, Davin and Co. In



**Golfers play on the 15th fairway of the Jacksonville Beach Golf Links course (later to become the Ponte Vedra Inn & Club).**

1983, the resort was purchased by Gate Petroleum Company. To reward its members for their loyalty over the years, Cozby noted that Gate built the Surf Club in 1985, the resort's first fitness center in 1986 and the Spa Cottages in 1987. To round out the decade, construction of the Ponte Vedra Conference Center took place in 1989.

Moving into the 1990s, the resort constructed the Outpost in 1993 to accommodate for more functions in the area. Overlooking the Guana Lake just eight miles south of the resort, the facility can accommodate about 300 people for civic functions, cookouts, weddings and more.



*Katrin Casey is the founder and chairman of Chemo Noir, a local nonprofit organization, and an Allen D. Nease High School alumna who currently lives at the Beaches.*

## Katrin Casey

By Jon Blauvelt

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

My journey through sports and cancer are what have brought me to where I am today. I enjoyed a successful soccer career and worked for the Super Bowl when it was here in Jacksonville. My life as an athlete has been a huge part of my foundation professionally, and honestly was what got me through cancer. Being a survivor is one of my proudest accomplishments and victories, and I knew that I wanted to do something with it.

### What's the story of Chemo Noir?

Chemo Noir became a concept when I was in treatment. When I could sip on a little pinot noir with my mom or friends, I would call those my "Chemo Noir" nights. So, I took a concept and made it a brand. I was shocked at the financial strains of cancer — even with insurance, it is expensive. The fight and surreality are enough, but there are still stresses that come from the money side. So, I wanted to do something about it, and started Chemo Noir.

Our philanthropic mission is to host and inspire wine-centric events that raise money to provide financial support to the families, friends and fighters in their battle with cancer.

### What are your goals for the organization?

The ultimate goal is to help those battling this awful and unjust disease by alleviating some of their financial stress from their medical expenses. I also want to create a lifestyle brand, a community and to eventually bottle wine. It's been so amazing to watch this all happen in our first year of existence.

### Does Chemo Noir have any upcoming events our readers should know about? How can people get involved?

There are quite a few ways that folks can get involved. It can be as simple as shopping on Amazon at smile.amazon.com, and if you select Chemo Noir, a portion of your spend goes to our organization. We have had some of our friends select Chemo Noir as their birthday donation on Facebook, and have raised over \$5,000 to date via these super generous efforts. We are the Practice With Purpose recipient for 2018 at Big Fish Yoga at the beach. It's a \$5 drop in class every Sunday at 4 p.m., and all of the monies go to Chemo Noir.

We partner with Jax Surf & Paddle, and they are fundraising daily for us via their retail sales, and we may do some cobranded merchandise soon. You can actually buy Chemo Noir wine via our private label pilot program at Coastal Wine Market in Nocatee — they are incredible partners and have helped make all our wine tasting events so special. You can "host a party," and find more about how to do that on our website [chemonoir.com](http://chemonoir.com). You can also buy merchandise on our website. In addition, we have launched some corporate partnerships, and most recently became the charitable recipient of AON's wellness initiative. And last but certainly not least, we have fundraising events throughout the year. We will have a 1 Mile Run & Tasting Event at the beach (date coming soon) and a Gala this fall. We also have some partner events — Vinyasa + Vino at Big Fish Yoga on Feb. 24, and a Crush Cancer event in August 2018 at Coastal Wine Market. Our upcoming events are on our Facebook page @chemonoir and website at [chemonoir.com](http://chemonoir.com).



Photo by Jon Blauvelt

### What do you enjoy most about living in the Beaches community?

The beach has always been a source of goodness and peace for me. Even though I was not a surfer in high school, I was always doing my soccer training and running on the beach. The beach was the inspiration for the 1 Mile Run & Tasting Event. After going through my treatment and surgeries, I ran for the first time after nearly a year-and-a-half of not being able to run. I went for a 1-mile run on the beach and cried the whole time ... I remember thinking in that moment, "I'm back." The beach as a community is incredible. It's a generous and active community that takes great care of itself. I

just love it. Even our Chemo Noir partners are all beach peeps ... Dome Headwear Co (Jax Beach), Jax Surf & Paddle (Atlantic Beach Town Center), Coastal Wine Market (Nocatee) and Big Fish Yoga (Jax Beach).

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

I am writing a lot in my free time and working on my first book. I also stay active and am trying to get back to my fit self. I also love to travel and enjoy QT with friends & family. And of course, I have a little wine hobby that I enjoy. In addition to Chemo Noir, I run a creative consultancy that helps growing companies with their brand and evolutions.

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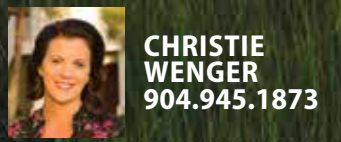
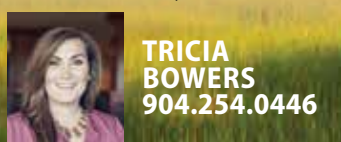


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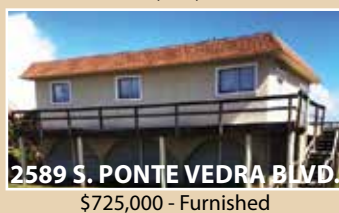
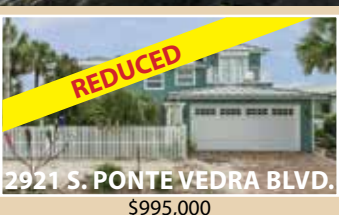


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<p><b>“Lysis” at UNF Gallery of Art</b> Environmental artist Andrea Frank’s exhibit, “Lysis,” will be on display through March 30 at the UNF Gallery of Art in Founders Hall (building 2, room 1001). Frank’s research focuses on a systems-related approach to questions of environmental sustainability, collective responsibility and psychological aspects of individual/collective human action. “Lysis” is an interactive, photographic and video installment. The University of North Florida is located at 1 UNF Drive in Jacksonville.</p> <p><b>Black History Month at World Golf Hall of Fame</b> The World Golf Hall of Fame &amp; Museum will celebrate Black History Month by offering 50 percent off admission for any guest who mentions the Black History Month promotion throughout the month of February. The museum, located at 1 World Golf Place, is open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 6 p.m. For more information, visit <a href="http://www.worldgolfhalloffame.org">www.worldgolfhalloffame.org</a>.</p> <p><b>‘Thunder Road’ at Corazon Cinema and Cafe</b> A veteran comes home from the Korean War to the mountains and takes over the family moonshine business. He has to battle big-city gangsters who are trying to take over the business and the police who are trying to put him in prison. This film, entitled “Thunder Road,” is showing at the Corazon Cinema and Cafe at noon on Feb. 1. Admission costs \$10, which includes a meal, popcorn, a small drink and a showing of the movie. The Corazon Cinema and Cafe is located at 36 Granada St. in St. Augustine.</p> <p><b>Venardos Circus at St. Augustine Amphitheatre</b> The St. Augustine Amphitheatre will host the Venardos Circus Feb. 1 at 7 p.m. Created by former Ringling Bros. 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Castillo de San Marcos is located at 1 S. Castillo Drive in St. Augustine.</p> <p><b>Paddle, stretch and drift workout</b> Join Emily with Ocean Extreme Sports for a paddle, stretch and drift workout on paddle boards every Friday morning from 7:30 to 9 a.m. Participation is free for those with equipment. Rentals cost \$35, which includes a board, paddle and leash. This event will take place at 8655 A1A S. in St. Augustine. Visit <a href="https://oceanextremesports.com/">https://oceanextremesports.com/</a> for more information.</p> <p><b>Garden tour at Washington Oaks Gardens State Park</b> Visit Washington Oaks Gardens State Park on the first Friday of each month for a guided tour of the gardens at 10 a.m. Guests are encouraged to wear comfortable shoes. Admission costs \$5 per vehicle for up to eight people; \$4 per vehicle for single occupancy or \$2 per person on bicycle.</p> <p><b>Singing storytime class at the library</b> Join Mrs. Lisette Feb. 2 at 11 a.m. for a singing storytime class for children of all ages. This event will take place at the main branch library, located at 1960 N. Ponce De Leon Blvd. in St. Augustine.</p>	<p><b>Mozart Orchestra of New York</b> EMMA Concert Association will present Mozart Orchestra of New York Feb. 3 at 7:30 p.m. The orchestra will perform Mozart’s last three symphonies, No’s 39, 40 and 41. This event will take place at Flagler College, located at 14 Granada St. in St. Augustine. Admission costs \$40. For more information visit <a href="http://www.emmaconcerts.com">www.emmaconcerts.com</a></p> <p><b>GTM Research Reserve guided exploration hike</b> This guided exploration hike will focus on the Guana Peninsula’s 5,000 years of human history, including how natives used estuarine resources, what European plantation life was like and current efforts to learn about and save these resources. The 1.5-mile tour takes place on the first Saturday of each month at 8:30 a.m.; it departs from the Trailhead Pavilion located just west of the Guana Dam. The GTM Research Reserve is located at 505 Guana River Road in Ponte Vedra Beach.</p> <p><b>Character Counts! 6K/3K race at Palencia Elementary School</b> The Character Counts! in St. Johns County Six Pillars 6K/3K run/walk will take place at Palencia Elementary School Feb. 3 at 9 a.m. It will be professionally timed and scored by RaceSmith, Inc. Palencia Elementary School is located at 355 Palencia Village Drive in St. Augustine. For more information, visit <a href="http://www.racesmith.com">www.racesmith.com</a>, call (904) 547-7504 or email <a href="mailto:cc6k@stjohns.k12.fl.us">cc6k@stjohns.k12.fl.us</a>.</p> <p><b>Prescribed fire awareness event</b> Anastasia State Park will host a prescribed fire awareness event Feb. 3 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The park will be working with other agencies to inform the public on the importance of prescribed fire for natural resource management, healthy ecosystems and public safety. There will be hands-on activities, educational displays and demonstrations. The program is free with regular park admission. Anastasia State Park is located at 300 Anastasia Park Road in St. Augustine. For more information, visit <a href="http://www.facebook.com/anastasiastatepark">www.facebook.com/anastasiastatepark</a>.</p>	<p><b>Sandals, Shorts and Steel Drum Service</b> Every Sunday from 11:30 a.m. to noon, St. Paul’s by-the-Sea Episcopal Church invites guests to put on sandals and shorts for a more casual worship service featuring the tropical sound of steel drum music. The church is located at 465 11th Ave. N. in Jacksonville Beach.</p> <p><b>Hunger Fight Packing Event</b> Palms Presbyterian Church will host its inaugural Hunger Fight Packing Event Feb. 4 from 9:45 to 11:45 a.m. in Patten hall at the church, located at 3410 3rd St. S. in Jacksonville Beach. Palms will be sending 25,000+ meals to Puerto Rico as the nation continues to recover from extensive hurricane damage. Additionally, the church will store up to 5,000 meals to be distributed to hungry children and families in the Beaches community. For more information, visit <a href="http://www.palmschurch.org">www.palmschurch.org</a> or call (904) 246-6427.</p> <p><b>‘Not-So-Still’ exhibition</b> The St. Augustine Art Association is hosting the “Not-So-Still” exhibition featuring works in the “still life” genre. The exhibition is free and open to the public Tuesday to Saturday from noon to 4 p.m. and Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m. at 22 Marine St. in St. Augustine. Visit <a href="http://www.staaa.org">www.staaa.org</a> for more information.</p> <p><b>Super Bowl at Corazon Cinema and Cafe</b> Watch the Super Bowl live on the big screen at the Corazon Cinema and Cafe Feb 4; a pre-party will start at 5:30 p.m. Admission is free. For more information, email <a href="mailto:Corazoncandc@gmail.com">Corazoncandc@gmail.com</a> or call (904) 679-5736. The Corazon Cinema and Cafe is located at 36 Granada St. in St. Augustine.</p> <p><b>Cummer Museum free admission</b> The Cummer Museum of Art &amp; Gardens will offer free admission on the first Sunday of the first full weekend of the month to all Bank of America or Merrill Lynch cardholders through the Museums on Us program. Each cardholder will receive one free general admission to Cummer. For more information on Cummer Museum, call (904) 899-6038 or visit <a href="http://www.cummermuseum.org">www.cummermuseum.org</a>.</p>

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<p><b>Jihade-Khalil Huffman exhibition</b></p> <p>This exhibition, entitled “A Tondo for Rajon Rondo,” will showcase recent works of art by Jihade-Khalil Huffman through Feb. 23. Huffman’s work will be on display at The Crisp-Ellert Art Museum, located at 48 Sevilla St. in St. Augustine. The museum’s hours are Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday from noon to 4 p.m. Admission is free. Huffman’s exhibition includes video, photography and sculptures.</p> <p><b>Caregiver support meetings</b></p> <p>St. Johns County Council on Aging will host Caregiver Support Meetings Mondays (except holidays) from noon to 1 p.m. at the Ponte Vedra Memory Care Center at 1048 A1A N. For more information, call Paulette Kozlowski at (904) 209-3674 or email pkozlowski@stjohnscoa.com. The meetings will provide a supportive environment for people who are experiencing similar challenges in which they can share problems, ideas and solutions.</p> <p><b>First Coast Plein Air Painters exhibition</b></p> <p>This exhibition, presented by the First Coast Plein Air Painters, is on display at The Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach is located at 50 Executive Way; visit <a href="http://www.ccpvb.org">www.ccpvb.org</a> for more information.</p> <p><b>HeartWise prevention series</b></p> <p>The Heartwise program at Baptist Health is aimed at helping people maximize heart health in their daily lives. Join the group Feb. 5 for a one-hour prevention class focused on high blood pressure and metabolic syndrome. There is no cost to attend. This event will take place Feb. 5 at the Y Healthy Living Center, located at 170 Landrum Lane in Ponte Vedra Beach.</p> <p><b>St. Johns Reads event with Brendan Burke</b></p> <p>Join Maritime Historian Brendan Burke as he investigates naval and merchant marine powers in transition during the opening decades of the 20th century. This St. Johns Reads Event will take place Feb. 5 at the Southeast Branch library, located at 6670 U.S. 1 S. in St. Augustine.</p>	<p><b>Tapas Tuesday</b></p> <p>The Cummer Museum of Art &amp; Gardens presents Tapas Tuesday at the Cummer Cafe every Tuesday from 5 to 7:30 p.m. View the sunset on the Cummer Cafe patio while listening to local musicians and enjoying beer, wine or artfully-inspired tapas for sale at the Cafe. Reserve your table by calling (904) 899-6022. For more information, visit <a href="http://www.cummermuseum.org">www.cummermuseum.org</a>. The museum is located at 829 Riverside Ave.</p> <p><b>Bookmobile: Publix at Nocatee Town Center</b></p> <p>A Bookmobile will be stationed at the Publix at Nocatee Town Center Tuesdays from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Visitors are invited to check out books, movies, music and more. The Publix at Nocatee Town Center is located at 120 Marketside Ave. in Ponte Vedra.</p> <p><b>Cheryl &amp; Steve Hunt live performance at PVB library</b></p> <p>The general public is invited for a special musical performance Feb. 6 at 6:30 p.m. by local talents Cheryl and Steve Hunt as they perform soft-rock favorites from the 50s and 60s. The Hunts will perform live fan favorites from the Beatles, Elvis and more. This event will take place at the Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library, located at 101 Library Blvd.</p> <p><b>Understanding the Civil War discussion group meeting</b></p> <p>Understanding the Civil War discussion group will host its monthly meeting Feb. 6 at 1 p.m. at the Anastasia Branch Public Library, located in the Seagrove subdivision on A1A S. This month’s topic is the Heartland Campaign of 1862. For more information, email Charlie Smith at <a href="mailto:smithc32@bellsouth.net">smithc32@bellsouth.net</a>.</p> <p><b>Jake Shimabukuro at PV Concert Hall</b></p> <p>Professional ukulele player Jake Shimabukuro will perform Feb. 6 at the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall at 8 p.m. (doors open at 7). Visit <a href="http://www.pvconcerthall.com">www.pvconcerthall.com</a> for more information and to purchase tickets. The Ponte Vedra Concert Hall is located at 1050 A1A N.</p>	<p><b>Toastmasters Club</b></p> <p>Toastmasters Club #5199 of Ponte Vedra Beach meets every Wednesday at 7:30 a.m. at THE PLAYERS Community Senior Center. These meetings help attendees improve public speaking and gain leadership skills. The senior center is located at 175 Landrum Lane in Ponte Vedra Beach. Email Lucy Reep at <a href="mailto:lucycreep@gmail.com">lucycreep@gmail.com</a> for additional information.</p> <p><b>Yoga at church</b></p> <p>Join St. Paul’s by-the-Sea Episcopal for Yoga every Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. Attendees are encouraged to bring a mat to this yoga class, which is suitable for all skill levels and ages. St. Paul’s by-the-Sea Episcopal Church is located at 465 11th Ave. N. in Jacksonville Beach.</p> <p><b>Life Enrichment Day Retreat</b></p> <p>The Life Enrichment Day Retreat 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. This program is offered daily at Arbor Terrace Ponte Vedra, located at 5125 Palm Valley Road. Life Enrichment Group is looking for volunteers who have a few hours a week to assist with those experiencing from memory loss. For more information, email <a href="mailto:life_enrichmentgroup@yahoo.com">life_enrichmentgroup@yahoo.com</a> or call (904) 417-7354.</p> <p><b>Baby Yoga and Me</b></p> <p>Join other new mothers as they learn how to nourish themselves and their baby at the same time through playful interaction and communication. This hour-long event will feature breathing exercises, gentle massage, stretching, playtime, games and more. After the class, guests will be invited to a free one-hour Mom’s Matter Support Group session, with discussion planned on the struggles and adjustments of motherhood. Visitors should get prior approval from their healthcare provider before attending. This event will take place Feb. 7 from 10 to 11 a.m. at the Y Healthy Living Center, located at 170 Landrum Lane.</p>	<p><b>Black History Month sale at World Golf Hall of Fame</b></p> <p>The World Golf Hall of Fame &amp; Museum will celebrate Black History Month by offering 50 percent off admission for any guest who mentions the Black History Month promotion throughout the month of February. 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For more information, visit <a href="http://www.beachmuseum.org">www.beachmuseum.org</a> or call (904) 241-5657.</p> <p><b>Pre-K storytime and fun class</b></p> <p>Children Pre-K ready and older and their caregivers are invited Feb. 8 to join Youth Services Staff Ms. Anne and Ms. Kimblerley (30 min. class with a 15-minute “Stay and Play” following) for lengthier-themed stories, singing, shaky egg dancing, finger plays and circle time interaction, including yoga for children and caregivers. Visitors should bring a mat or towel. This event will take place at the Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library at 101 Library Blvd.</p> <p><b>Free calendar listings for community groups and nonprofit organizations are published at our discretion on a space-available basis. Send your event at least 10 days before publication. Submit events to <a href="mailto:ben@opcfla.com">ben@opcfla.com</a>, post online at <a href="http://www.pontevedrarecorder.com">www.pontevedrarecorder.com</a> using the automated form or call (904) 686-3939.</b></p>



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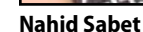
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# Crosswater at Nocatee to hold grand opening Feb. 10

The Nocatee community will hold a grand opening event for its newest community, Crosswater at Nocatee, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 10.

To be held at the Crosswater Model Park at 36 Village Grande Drive in Ponte Vedra, the event will embrace the new neighborhood's decidedly Americana theme with classic American foods, a vintage car display and a traveling barber

shop quartet. Further entertainment will be provided by strolling magicians, stilt walkers and balloon animals, and kids will have the opportunity to enter a 1950s costume contest to win four one-day passes to Disney World.

Crosswater at Nocatee features homes by CalAtlantic Homes, David Weekley Homes, ICI Homes, Providence Homes and Riverside Homes. The community

will eventually have almost 3,500 homes, according to Nocatee Community Manager David Ray.

During the grand opening event, new designer-decorated model homes will be open for tours, and builders will be on site to answer questions.

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# K9s for Warriors names Dexter campus director of training location in Gainesville

Randy Dexter, a 2014 graduate of K9s For Warriors, has been named the campus director of the nonprofit's new, second campus near Gainesville.

As an alumnus of the nation's largest service dog provider for military veterans, Dexter will be the first graduate-turned-staff member to attain the role of director. Captain is Dexter's service dog.

During undergraduate studies at University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV), Dexter was president of the Student Veterans of America (SVA) group Rebel Vets, representing the 1,800 student veterans of the university. As Rebel Vets president, he helped lead veteran education policy change on state and federal levels, including education advocacy for veterans' families.

In the state of Nevada, all legislation he advocated for was passed, including a bill to grant in-state tuition for children of fallen service members, and improve the way college credit is awarded for military training and education. Furthermore, Dexter represented UNLV at the 2018 SVA National conference, which is the largest annual gathering of student veterans in higher education in the world.

Additionally, Dexter travels to Washington, D.C., in partnership with K9s For Warriors executive staff to advocate for the Puppies Assisting Wounded Servicemembers (PAWS) Act to push VA funding for service dogs. He's also travelled there to represent other veterans support causes, such as Troops to Teachers, the STEP Act and more.

K9s For Warriors' new training grounds is named the Gold Family Campus. Supported by Jacksonville's Gold Family, it will be used to train all female classes. The property includes a nine-bedroom, seven-bathroom house that sits on 67



Photo courtesy of K9s For Warriors

**Randy Dexter, the newly appointed campus director of K9s For Warriors' new campus near Gainesville, and his service dog Dexter**

acres, and is powered by \$1 million worth of solar energy panels.

"This is a dream come true," said Dexter. "In August 2014, I traveled to Florida as a warrior at the end of his rope. Captain and K9s For Warriors changed that. Now as we get ready to travel to Florida, it's to help veterans and rescue dogs live happy, productive, and meaningful lives. To me, there is no better job."

K9s For Warriors CEO, Rory Diamond, represents the anticipation of the K9s staff in his welcoming of Dexter to lead future warrior classes.

"This campus feels like it was made for K9s For Warriors, and we all feel that Randy has built himself up to lead such an effort," said Diamond. "We're thrilled that Randy will be the campus director, and anticipate the Gold Family Campus helping manifest our goal to save more lives in 2018."

K9s For Warriors is based in Ponte Vedra.



## HICKS NAMED ST. JOHNS COUNTY EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

St. Johns County has named Wendy Hicks, Solid Waste manager, the 2017 Employee of the Year award winner for her dedicated service to the residents of the county. The award was presented at the annual St. Johns County Employee Service Awards Ceremony celebrating dedicated staff with up to 35 years of service in the County.

Photo courtesy of St. Johns County

## CUB SCOUTS PACK 277 COMPLETES SERVICE PROJECT AT TREE HILL NATURE CENTER



Photo courtesy of Jennifer York

**Spencer York (from left), Jackson Bohsali, Forrest Lindow, Ryan Tawk, Seth Dowling, Austin Barber, Carter Stoltz and Conner Dunning of Cub Scouts Pack 277 (Ponte Vedra Beach) complete a community service project at Tree Hill Nature Center in Jacksonville. The boys pulled weeds and cleaned up the entrance to the nature center on Jan. 27.**



Image courtesy of the Beaches Museum & History Park

**Construction takes place on the golf course at the Jacksonville Beach Golf Links (later to become the Ponte Vedra Inn & Club) in the late 1920s.**

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In 1996, Cozby said the resort built its second-generation spa, a 10,000 square-foot facility with 100 pampering services. Then in 1997, Gate purchased the Lodge & Club, which subsequently joined forces with the Inn & Club to essentially operate as one team.

At the turn of the century, Cozby explained that Gate decided to invest between \$70-100 million into the Inn & Club. The company renovated the Ocean Course and simultaneously built the resort's parking garage, which houses the purchasing/receiving department, housekeeping and laundry services in the

basement level.

Come the 2000s, Cozby noted that the resort renovated its fitness center and replaced its old Olympic pool in 2004 with what is known as the "Family Pool." The resort constructed its third-generation spa, encompassing over 28,000 square feet and over 100 pampering services, in 2006. Renovations took place on the Lagoon Course in 2007, and the ocean-front courtyard was built in 2014. The most recently added feature, said Cozby, is the Surf Deck Grille.

"That takes us up to where we are today," said Cozby. "We're very privileged and honored to be a part of how all of this got to be here."

For more information on the Ponte Vedra Inn & Club, visit [www.pontevedra.com/inn\\_and\\_club](http://www.pontevedra.com/inn_and_club).



# PVB students connect with Kansas school via Skype



Photo courtesy of The Bolles School

Students in Amy Cole's third grade classroom on the Bolles Lower School Ponte Vedra Beach Campus were dressed in short sleeves and shorts Jan. 22 under blue skies and warm sun. The mystery class they Skyped that day, however, was full of students in sweaters, and their teacher said snow was on the ground.

Both classes participated in an hour-long “Mystery Skype” event with one goal: figure out, using carefully cultivated yes or no questions, what state their virtual friends called home. Students in both classes were assigned roles to help eliminate states, research questions, answer questions and share information.

Following the session, the Bolles students figured out that their friends go to school in Kansas. Later, both classes congregated in front of the computer to exchange greetings and congratulations at the end of the exercise.

Bolles Instructional Technology Specialist Jennifer Moore helped facilitate the exchange between the two schools.

Bolles PVB  
students  
enjoy snow  
day at school

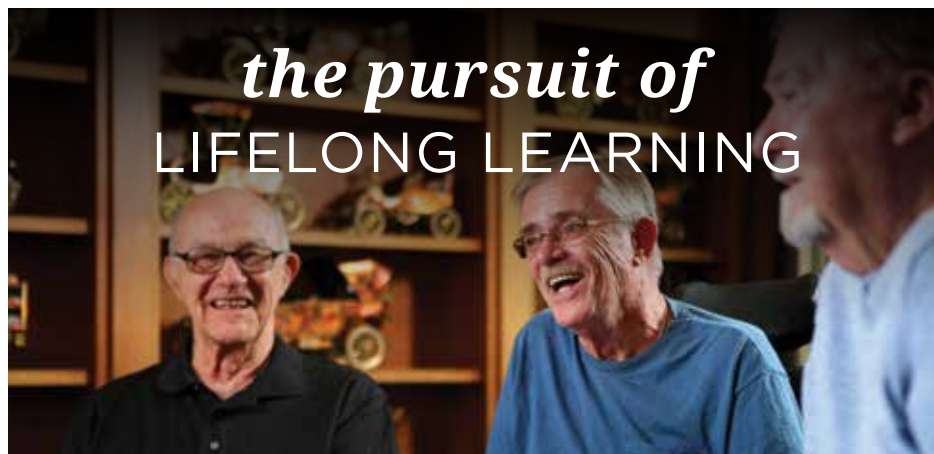
On Tuesday, Jan. 30, students at the Bolles Lower School Ponte Vedra Beach Campus came to school to find that the campus had been transformed into a winter wonderland

Just a few blocks from the Atlantic Ocean, the Florida Bulldog students enjoyed a mountain of man-made snow, an area to play and build snowmen and another area where they could make snow angels and experience the wonder of it all.

The snow was produced by The Ice Man, a Jacksonville-based ice company that also provides snow blowing services to bring the wonders of snow to those who have never experienced it. Visit [theicemanfl.com](http://theicemanfl.com) for more information.



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Sponsorship opportunities are available for Why I Serve; any interested parties should contact [Ben@OPCFLA.com](mailto:Ben@OPCFLA.com) for more information.

## OBITUARIES

### Ruth Moulton

Ruth Naomi Moulton, 87, died Wednesday, Jan. 10, 2018, at her home in Wake Forest, North Carolina. She was born July 17, 1930, in Dallas, Texas.

Ruth was preceded in death by her loving husband, Francis E. Moulton (Aug. 4, 2017) and her oldest daughter. She is survived by her three children, two stepchildren, many grandchildren and great-grandchildren, as well as several sisters, brothers, nieces and nephews. Ruth was also survived by some very loving and caring friends.

In Ruth's younger years, she enjoyed roller skating and winning the honor of "Queen of the Roller Rink" in Dallas. Once moving to the Philadelphia area, she enjoyed her job as a food service manager. She and her husband Frank enjoyed their time in Ponte Vedra Beach as well as traveling the country in their RV, allowing them to spend time with friends and family.

Ruth often attended St. Andrews Lutheran Church in Jacksonville Beach when she wasn't traveling. In 2017, Ruth and Frank moved to Wake Forest,

where Ruth enjoyed spending time with her grandkids. Her favorite time was spent watching her great-grandkids in their softball, soccer and baseball games. She made many new friends at her new home and loved all the activities she participated in. She was very loved and cared for by the entire Brookdale team and her Heartland Hospice team.

A Lutheran service was held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 27 at Ponte Vedra Valley Funeral Home, 4750 Palm Valley Road, Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082. In lieu of flowers, Ruth had requested a donation be made in the name of Ruth and Frank Moulton to: Heartland Hospice, 4505 Falls of Neuse Road, Unit 650, Raleigh, NC 27609.



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Harold Leonard Barton Jr., 90, of Ponte Vedra Beach, died Jan. 18, 2018. Arrangements by Quinn-Shalz, A Family Funeral Home & Cremation Centre.

### Richard Piper

Richard N. Piper, 54, of Jacksonville, died Jan. 20, 2018. Services under the direction and care of Quinn-Shalz, A Family Funeral Home & Cremation Centre.

### Elayne Saul

Elayne Saul, 85, of Ponte Vedra Beach, died Jan. 14, 2018. Arrangements by Quinn-Shalz, A Family Funeral Home & Cremation Centre.



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# Local nurse practitioner to be honored at national conference

Dr. Amanda Chaney of Ponte Vedra Beach will be among the recipients of the American Association of Nurse Practitioners (AANP) 2018 State Award for Excellence at the AANP National Conference June 26-July 1 in Denver.

The State Award for Nurse Practitioner Excellence, founded in 1991, recognizes a nurse practitioner (NP) in a state who demonstrates excellence in practice. In 1993, the State Award for Nurse Practitioner Advocate was added to recognize the efforts of individuals who have made a significant contribution toward increasing awareness and recognition of NPs.

Chaney is a nurse practitioner at Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville and a graduate of the University of North Florida. Chaney holds academic appointment as an assistant professor in medicine at the Mayo Clinic College of Medicine and holds an associate appointment in transplant medicine.

She cares for liver transplant and hepatology patients and is the chair of the Advance Practice Provider Subcommittee. She has authored over 10 peer-reviewed articles and is the author of the bestselling book, "Fast Facts in GI and Liver Disease for Nurses: What APRNs Need To Know In a Nutshell," by

Springer Publishing. Chaney has presented on topics including sepsis, post op care of the transplant patient, malnutrition, liver disease management, professional development and leadership.

Chaney was inducted as a fellow with the American Association of Nurse Practitioners in 2017. She is an active member of several professional societies, including the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners (AANP), Florida Nurse Practitioner Network (FNP) and American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases (AASLD), and Sigma Theta Tau International, Lambda Rho-at-Large Chapter.



Photo courtesy of metrocreativeconnection.com

## Chocolate and Beyond event returning to St. Augustine Feb. 24

Chocolate and Beyond, a celebration of chocolate, desserts and other culinary sensations, will take place Feb. 24 from 2 to 4 p.m. at First Coast Technical College.

Guests can sample chocolate and other creations from local restaurants and specialty shops at the event while enjoying contests and a silent auction. This year marks the 25th anniversary of Chocolate and Beyond.

Samples of chocolates, desserts and savory fare will be available from area artisans. Additionally, guests will get to cast their vote for the People's Choice Award winner. Gift certificates and tickets to fun attractions will be available for bid at the silent auction.

This event is hosted by RSVP of St. Johns County. Proceeds will assist the program in recruiting, placing and recognizing volunteers 55 years and older as they mentor and tutor students in the St. Johns County School District, and assist in preschool reading in the Head Start program and local child care centers. Last year, over 600 students received assistance from volunteers.

Tickets for Chocolate and Beyond cost \$20 per person and can be obtained online at [www.rsvpstjohns.com](http://www.rsvpstjohns.com) or at Whetstone Chocolates, located at 139 King St. in St. Augustine and 13 Anastasia Blvd. First Coast Technical College is located at 2980 Collins Ave. in St. Augustine.

## COMMANDER HARRINGTON OF SJSO ADDRESSES PVB ROTARY CLUB

Commander Brian Harrington, who leads the St. Johns County Sheriff's Office's northeast district, stands with Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach Sunset President Cynthia King after addressing the club Tuesday, Jan. 23.

Photo by Susan Griffin



## Tips for Kids Sake campaign returning to Bogey Grille Feb. 6, 20



Photos courtesy of Teresa Andrews

David Dunlap from the Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach serves as greeter in 2017.

The 23rd Annual Tips for Kids Sake campaign benefitting Big Brothers Big Sisters of St. Johns County will take place at Bogey Grille Tuesday, Feb. 6 from 5-8 p.m. and Tuesday, Feb. 20 from 5-8 p.m.

The events will provide an opportunity for patrons to enjoy a good dinner, be entertained and support a good cause. "Celebrity waiters" will wait on tables and collect tips as donations to the nonprofit organization. The local "celebrities" will be recruiting their family, friends and colleagues to come and sit in their section during the dinner event. "Celebrity waiters" are also encouraged to dress in a costume for this year's theme, "Elementary School Days."

"Tips is always such a fun time," said Teresa Andrews, development director of Big Brothers Big Sisters of St. Johns County. "Folks coming to the event not only eat a great meal, they have a great time watching their 'celebrity waiter' serve them and have fun giving them a hard time."

This year, the "celebrity waiters" at Bogey Grille include:

■ The Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach

on Feb. 6 – Mark Farrell, Kelly Barrera, Richard Hana, Lee Lockett, Marc Ressler and David Dunlap.

■ MasterCraft Builders Group on Feb. 20 – Chris Shee, Trisha Sikes, Becky Ecklof, Dennis McMott, Brad Shee and Jen Pledger.

"We are really thankful for the Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach – they have enthusiastically supported Tips for many years," said Andrews. "We are also appreciative to MasterCraft Builders Group for partnering with Tips this year. For many of our 'celebrity waiters,' this is out of their comfort zone, yet they participate in order to help more kids in our community."

Reservations are strongly encouraged for those folks who would like to attend Tips for Kids Sake. Interested parties can contact Bogey Grille at (904) 285-5524.

Tips for Kids Sake will also be taking place at 22 other restaurants around St. Johns County. For more information on other participating restaurants or the available mentoring programs, contact Big Brothers Big Sisters at (904) 829-9986 or visit [www.bbsstjohns.org](http://www.bbsstjohns.org).



Jeanette Edwards, Cathy Stupski and Lynn Wilkinson from The Bolles School serve as celebrity waiters in 2017.



# Valentine's Day Guide

## Some gift ideas for that special someone

By Samantha Logue

*With Valentine's Day quickly approaching, local couples are beginning their search for the perfect gifts to show their loved ones they care. For those in need of ideas, the Recorder has compiled the following gift guide to help make it a holiday to remember.*

### The Alhambra Theatre & Dining

For the avid theater-goer, an evening at the Alhambra could be the perfect gift. Upcoming 2018 season shows include

"Little Shop of Horrors," "Five Guys Named Moe," "A Fox on the Fairway," "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang," "Kiss Me Kate," "Do Patent Leather Shoes Really Reflect Up?," "1776" and "Elf." Tickets

include the cost of parking, dinner and the show. Celebration packages can also be purchased to make the night extra special for that special someone. For tickets and additional information, call (904) 641-1212 or visit [www.alhambrajax.com](http://www.alhambrajax.com).



### The Jacksonville Icemen

Surprise your favorite sports fan with tickets to watch Jacksonville's minor league hockey team, the Jacksonville Icemen, tear up the ice at Jacksonville Veterans Memorial Arena. In addition to single-game tickets, season tickets are also available for purchase, starting at \$380.

For tickets and additional information, visit [www.jacksonvilleicemen.com](http://www.jacksonvilleicemen.com).



### Peterbrooke Chocolatier

What's Valentine's Day without chocolate? For those sweethearts with a sweet tooth, a basket of assorted, chocolate-dipped pretzels, popcorn, Oreos and more will satisfy their cravings.

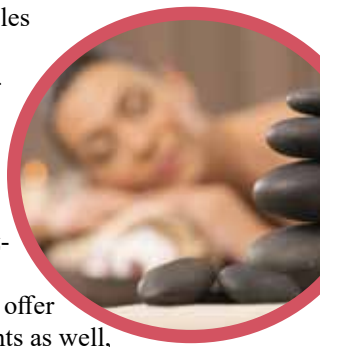
With several locations throughout the Jacksonville area – including a Ponte Vedra Beach location at 333 Village Main St., Unit 650 – Peterbrooke is a convenient place to pick out the perfect Valentine's Day gift basket. For a detailed list of offerings, visit [www.peterbrooke.com](http://www.peterbrooke.com).



### The Spa at Ponte Vedra Inn & Club

Know someone who could use a relaxing retreat? The Spa at Ponte Vedra Inn & Club offers a variety of packages perfect for pampering both you and your loved one. For example, starting at \$330, the "Couples Massage" package includes an aromatherapy steam and soak and a full-body massage.

The indulgent "Romantic Rendezvous" and "Lucky in Love" packages offer additional treatments as well, starting at \$450 and \$595, respectively. Couples Suite services are enjoyed in a private treatment room for two, and guests also receive access to the spa's other amenities. For appointments and additional information, call (904) 273-7700 or visit [www.pvspa.com](http://www.pvspa.com).



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# Celebrate a First Coast Valentine's Day with these restaurant specials

By Benjamin Naim

*First Coast restaurants are offering Valentine's Day specials to ring in this year's romantic holiday. The following is a list of some of those places you can enjoy Feb. 14 with that special someone:*

## TPC Sawgrass

Celebrate Valentine's Day with a romantic dinner at TPC Sawgrass's NINETEEN from 5 to 9 p.m. Enjoy a beef tartare or oyster appetizer for \$22-24. Then, sink into your entrée, a roasted tilefish with roasted medalions, charred carrots, mushrooms and aji amarillo, for \$41. Finish off your meal with a passion fruit crepe soufflé for \$12. TPC Sawgrass is located at 110 Championship Way in Ponte Vedra Beach; call (904) 273-3238 for more information and to make a reservation.



## III Forks

III Forks is participating in Valentine's Day festivities Feb. 9-14 with a three-course "Sweetheart" menu featuring two filet mignon steaks and two lobster tails, wine and champagne specials and more. The dinner is \$160 per couple. The restaurant is open Monday through Thursday from 5 to 10 p.m. and Friday to Saturday from 5 to 11 p.m. Call (904) 928-9277 to make a reservation. III Forks is located at 9822 Tapestry Park Circle, Suite #111 in Jacksonville.



## Azurea at One Ocean Resort & Spa

Azurea at One Ocean Resort & Spa will offer a Valentine's Day special featuring a five-course tasting menu with optional sommelier-selected wine pairings for each course. The tasting menu costs \$110, and the wine pairings cost \$45. For more information and to make a reservation, visit [www.oneoceanresort.com](http://www.oneoceanresort.com) or call (904) 249-7402. Azurea at One Ocean is located at One Ocean Blvd in Atlantic Beach.



## Costa Brava

Visit Costa Brava for a romantic four-course dinner for \$99 per person and a complimentary glass of champagne upon arrival, offered from 5 to 10 p.m. Visitors can choose from lobster and crab bisque, beef carpaccio and more for the second course and New England dayboat scallops, beef ten-



derloin and sea bass for the third course menu. Grand Marnier strawberries and a lava cake will be available for dessert. Costa Brava is located at 95 Cordova St. in St. Augustine. Call (904) 810-6810 to make a reservation.

## Michael's Tasting Room

Michael's Tasting Room in St. Augustine will be serving a four-course prix fixe menu for \$65 per person for Valentine's Day. Guests can enjoy beet risotto with goat cheese, filet mignon with butter-poached lobster and more. The restaurant, located at 25 Cuna St. in St. Augustine, is open from 5 to 9 p.m. For more information and to make a reservation, visit [www.michaeltastingroom.com](http://www.michaeltastingroom.com) or call (904) 810-2400.



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# Vilano Fest 2018 to be held April 20-21

Vilano Beach Main Street will host Vilano Fest 2018 in the Vilano Beach Town Center April 20-21, continuing an annual tradition that celebrates the community and heritage of the barrier island community.

The event includes the Dish N Fish, Music Fest, the Sea Turtle Soiree (1920's themed Party on the Vilano Pier) and the Vilano Beach Tour of Homes. The culinary competition returns by popular demand with local food vendors, student culinary teams, dancers, bands and acoustic music set for Saturday's events. Beach 105.5 and WFOY will be on hand for live coverage during the events. The objective is to create a fun-filled weekend for visitors and residents with proceeds benefitting ongoing Main Street improvement projects for lighting and safety in and around Vilano and the North Beaches near St Augustine.

The weekend kicks off with the Sea Turtle Soiree on Friday, April 20, from 6 to 10 p.m. This year, local act Ramona and its eight-piece band will entertain guests with hits from the 20s and the Motown era. A newly added happy hour at 6 p.m. features local artist Amy Hendrickson. Lighted tents on the end of Vilano Pier will provide a magical environment over the Intracoastal Waterway. With catered gourmet food and a wide spectrum of spirits, the evening will showcase the 'tastes' of the 20s. Period attire is encouraged.

"There's nothing like this!" said Andy Hill, chair of the Soiree. "Our first event last year exceeded all expectations. When you combine energy of this community with the unique setting of a pier party over the water, add a full eight-

piece band, gourmet food and drinks – it's amazing."

Music Fest on Saturday, April 21, features an afternoon of local entertainment with local food vendors and food trucks. All food stations compete in a slider cook off, and artists such as Dewey Via and Sam Pacetti are returning in the nine-act line up. This event takes place at the Town Center from noon to 8 p.m.

Also on April 21, The Tour of Homes from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. features eight stops, one of which includes a refreshment center with tastings offered from local restaurants such as The Reef, Dessert First Bistro and more. The home tour features historic and modern homes throughout the Vilano Beach community, showcasing Art Deco, Florida Vernacular and new homes with inland and sea views. Souvenir tour booklets detail each property and its history. Old Town Trolley will transport event attendees from stop to stop.

Visitors can enjoy a discounted bundled weekend package for \$75 before March 1 while tickets last. After March 1, tickets return to normal pricing: The total weekend package is \$85, and individual prices are \$70 for the Soiree, \$20 for the Tour of Homes and \$5 for Music Fest.

There are still vendor spaces available, sponsorship opportunities, advertising in the Tour Booklet and volunteer slots available. To participate as a volunteer, vendor or sponsor, email Sallie O'Hara at [Sallie\\_OHara@vilanobeachfl.com](mailto:Sallie_OHara@vilanobeachfl.com) or call (904) 540-0402. Visit [www.vilanobeachfl.com](http://www.vilanobeachfl.com) to register online; click on the "featured" events for more details.



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**Ripley's Believe It or Not! in St. Augustine will unveil the world's most expensive dress once worn by Marilyn Monroe on Feb. 13.**

## World's most expensive dress once worn by Marilyn Monroe coming to Ripley's Believe It or Not!

Ripley's Believe It or Not! in St. Augustine will unveil the world's most expensive dress on Feb. 13. The dress was worn by Marilyn Monroe when she sang "Happy Birthday, Mr. President" to John F. Kennedy on his 45th birthday at Madison Square Garden.

Ripley's set a new Guinness World Record for the most expensive dress sold at auction after acquiring the dress from Julien's Auctions for \$4.8 million. After auction fees, the dress cost over \$5 million – making it the most expensive dress in the world.

"This is the most famous item of clothing in 20th-century culture," said Vice President of Exhibits & Archives for Ripley's

Believe It or Not! Edward Meyer. "It has the significance of Marilyn, of JFK and of American politics."

Meyer has been acquiring items for Ripley's for over 39 years; he placed the winning bid on the dress.

The dress will be on display from Feb. 10 to March 31. To be held from 6 to 8 p.m., the event at Ripley's will also feature wine, a professional Marilyn Monroe impersonator, a screening of "Some Like It Hot" and more. Those dressed in a 50s themed attire will get the chance to win a prize for best outfit. For more information, visit [www.ripleys.com/staugustine](http://www.ripleys.com/staugustine) and [www.facebook.com/SaintAugustineRipleys](http://www.facebook.com/SaintAugustineRipleys). Ripley's is located at 19 San Marco Ave.

## St. Augustine St. Patrick's Day Parade to take place March 10

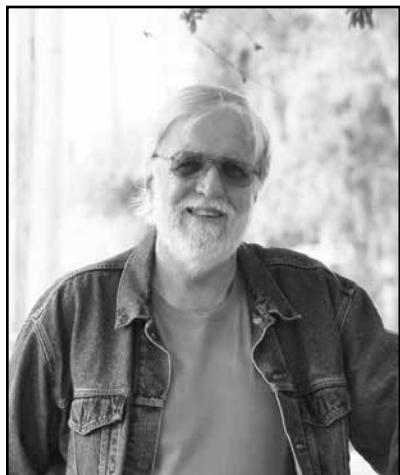


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**City of St. Augustine archaeologist Carl Hailbirt will serve as the 2018 grand marshal of the parade.**

The eighth annual St. Augustine St. Patrick's Day Parade will take place March 10.

Starting at 10 a.m. at Francis Field, located at 29 W. Castillo Drive, the parade will travel down Orange Street to Avenida Menendez (the bayfront), then to Cathedral Place, Cordova Street and back to Orange. Spectators are encouraged to arrive early to claim a spot along the route, and then head to the St. Augustine Celtic Music & Heritage Festival following the parade.

City of St. Augustine archaeologist Carl Hailbirt will serve as the 2018 grand marshal of the parade. Hailbirt has been involved in 800 projects, with 150 of them involving excavation throughout the city. He has uncovered church cemeteries, skeletal remains of early St. Augustine colonists, animals, alligator eggs and various artifacts.

"I was shocked when I was asked to be the grand marshal, but then felt it was such an honor," Hailbirt said. "St. Augustine is such a diverse community, and the Irish are part of our history. We have certainly found archaeological remains of the Irish."

There will be nearly 50 units in the parade this year. Among them will be the Clans and athletes from the Highland Games, who will be carrying their flags and banners with the music, colors, language and stories of their ancestors. Local officials will also be part of the parade, including Mayor Nancy Shaver and City of St. Augustine commissioners. Other units include the 501st Legion (storm troopers in kilts), ghostbusters, pirates and clowns, four pipe and drum corps, two schools of Irish dance, two horse units and two honor guards.

Entrants will be judged in one of three categories: band, marching unit or float. Prizes will be given for the best in each category. The reviewing stand is on the balcony of Ann O'Malley's Irish Pub on Orange Street.

The St. Augustine St. Patrick's Day Parade is produced by Romanza - St. Augustine and is funded in part by St. Johns County Tourist Development Council, and by the State of Florida Department of State, Division of Cultural Affairs and Florida Council on Arts and Culture.

"We want to make this a community event that everyone can enjoy," said parade organizer Chris Fulmer, who has been involved with the parade since its second year. "And we have a really dedicated team working with us to make everything run smoothly."



# WHO'S WHO IN HEALTH

## Nemours Fund Princess Ball to benefit art and music therapy program

By Samantha Logue

From 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. this Saturday, Feb. 3, young girls throughout the Greater Jacksonville area will have the opportunity to embrace their inner princesses and attend the ball of the season with the most important men in their lives – their dads.

To be held at the Adam W. Herbert University Center on the University of North Florida campus, the Nemours Fund for Children's Health Princess Ball is a father-daughter dance that will not only feature music and dancing, but also games, arts and crafts and the opportunity for attendees to meet their favorite princesses.

"We reached out to the University of North Florida and their Panhellenic Association, and they were very excited and offered to adopt the event as their spring philanthropy," said Hilary Keeley, Nemours chief legal officer of Florida operations. "We have several sororities that are participating and are going to be dressing up in princess-inspired attire, as well as doing arts and crafts, and we also have a DJ."

All proceeds from the dance will benefit the art and music therapy program at Nemours Children's Specialty Care in Jacksonville, which is a clinic that provides medical services and treatment to chronically ill children.

"The art and music therapy program provides art and music therapy to the children in our hematology and oncology lobby on the eighth floor," Keeley explained. "Our music therapist will sit in the lobby and play songs and do interactive dance with the children, and then the art program is part of a not-for-profit called Art With a Heart. We have artists who come and help children waiting for various treatments to do art projects, or

manipulatives or play with Play-Doh. The programs really are just opportunities for distraction, and opportunities to create a more warm and welcoming environment in a place that's otherwise very sterile."

The program is so popular, Keeley advised, that patients and their families often schedule their therapies to coincide with it. As the program is currently offered only two to three days a week, the Nemours Women's Committee adopted it as their philanthropy project for this year, with a goal of increasing the program's offerings to five days a week. To raise

funds, the committee decided that a dance incorporating both music and art would be the perfect event.

According to Nemours Marketing Communication Program Manager Erin Wallner, increasing the availability of the art and music therapy program would mean helping Nemours patients to heal not only physically, but emotionally as well.

"These kids go through so much during their hematology and oncology experience," she said. "They're poked, they're prodded, they go through often painful procedures, but

when we're able to provide them a place and an opportunity for them to be kids, they actually look forward to coming to Nemours for their care. It turns what could otherwise be a negative trip to the doctor into a really positive experience, so any opportunity we have to give that to even more children, the better."

For tickets and additional information about the Nemours Princess Ball, visit [www.nemours.org/jaxprincessball](http://www.nemours.org/jaxprincessball).



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Photos courtesy of Bruce Reid

Attendees at a previously held auction check out the silent auction items.

## Bogey Grille to host sixth annual MS silent auction

More than 230 items, including certificates to local restaurants, weekend getaways and vacations, will be up for bidding March 5 at the sixth annual National MS Awareness Week kickoff silent auction at Bogey Grille. The event is free and open to the public.

Since 2013, the auction has been supported by more than 200 area restaurants, merchants and entertainment providers, and has raised more than \$90,000 to support programs and services for the more than 18,000 people affected by multiple sclerosis in North Florida. Worldwide, 1 million people have been diagnosed with the disease, for which there is no cure.

In addition to the 6 to 9 p.m. auction, Bogey Grille will donate a percentage of food and beverage sales to the society. There will also be a 50/50 drawing.

Beaches area donors include Metro Diner, Pusser's, Tire Kingdom, North Guana Outpost, The Loop, Beach Diner,



Ruth's Chris Steak House, Adventure Landing, Kudos Massage, Tim's Wine Market, the PGA TOUR, Coastal Wine Market, One Ocean, Beaches Dermatology, Tropical Smoothie Cafe and Lulu's. Vacations include trips to Pinehurst, North Carolina, Amelia Island and Atlantic Beach.

This event is presented by the local Big Banana bicycling team, which was the top fundraiser in the 2017 Bike MS ride (\$145,000). Bogey Grill is located at 150 Valley Circle in Ponte Vedra Beach.

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# Community Hospice & Palliative Care breaks ground on Stephen R. Chapman Family Community Campus

By Jon Blauvelt

Community Hospice & Palliative Care held a groundbreaking ceremony Friday, Jan. 26, for its Stephen R. Chapman Family Community Campus in St. Augustine, a facility that will provide St. Johns County residents with a central destination to learn more about hospice and palliative care services.

Slated to open in late 2018, the 16,550 square-foot campus will include a conference and education center featuring four flexible conference rooms with over 2,500 square feet of meeting space, corporate and clinical offices and a resale store that will consist of a large sales floor and donation drop-off area.

Located at 1373 Dixie Highway, the new Community Hospice location will offer a variety of consumer- and health care provider-focused educational programs, advance care planning and community grief counselling and workshops and community meeting space open to residents and organizations. Construction is anticipated to begin in the spring, with Fisher Koppenhafer Architecture, Matthews Design Group and Auld & White secured for the project.

"It's a special day to really think about what's going to happen here on this campus," said Susan Ponder-Stansel, president and CEO of Community Hospice & Palliative Care. "We have dreamed of this campus for about a decade. This is a huge step forward for us and another investment in this community that's done so much for us."

Of the 16 counties that Community Hospice works with, Ponder-Stansel said St. Johns has the highest percentage of older adults. As a result, she noted the need for the support, education and ser-



Courtesy of Community Hospice & Palliative Care

Susan Ponder-Stansel, Fernando J. Acosta-Rua, Steve and Christine Chapman, Ray Driver and Katherine Batenhorst officially break ground on the Stephen R. Chapman Family Community Campus in St. Augustine, which is slated to open in late 2018.



Rendering courtesy of Fisher Koppenhafer Architecture

A rendering displays the vision of the Stephen R. Chapman Family Community Campus.

vices that this St. Augustine-based facility will provide "can't be understated."



Photo by Jon Blauvelt

The Chapmans, whose financial commitment made the new campus possible, listen to the ceremony's closing remarks.

ongoing expenses for the facility.

"Today we celebrate the groundbreaking of a facility that will offer many valuable services to residents of St. Johns County, including the access to advanced care services that will enable not only patients to have control and say in their own healthcare but also provide their families and healthcare givers the opportunity to better understand the resources available to them," said Steve Chapman, who has owned All American Air for 38 years. "Christine and I look forward to working with each of you as we do all we can do to build this campus. I know that without a doubt, St. Augustine will always do what it does best: look out for one another and continue to provide quality service to its people."

For more information about the Chapman campus or to learn about how you can support it, contact Donna Morrow at (904) 407-6136 or visit [ChapmanCampus.CommunityHospice.com](http://ChapmanCampus.CommunityHospice.com).

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Katherine Batenhorst, the chair of the organization's St. Augustine/St. Johns County Advisory Council, noted that although Community Hospice is most known for the care it provides to patients, it also develops and supports programs that can ultimately help communities become more "mindful, caring and meaningful."

"I love the care that Community Hospice provides, but I also love the education that it provides to community members about all sorts of issues that apply to end-of-life but also apply to making life better in general," said Batenhorst. "That really, really makes me happy that we'll have a place to provide that education and outreach to our community."

The campus is named after one of that community's leaders, Steve Chapman, who along with his wife, Christine, made a financial commitment to propel the project forward. The longtime area philanthropists and owners of All American Air are additionally co-leading a capital campaign to raise at least \$1.5 million to cover construction costs and



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Dr. Marijane Boyd, Kelly and Dr. Sean Tracy and Stacey Gabby of New Life Healthcare gather at the Jan. 24 Chamber "After Hours" event.

## New Life Healthcare hosts Chamber 'After Hours' event

By Benjamin Naim

New Life Healthcare hosted an "After Hours" event Wednesday, Jan. 24, for the Ponte Vedra Beach Division of the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce.

Chamber members gathered at the event for food, drinks and live music from local guitarist Chase Rideman of Chilula.

"It was a really good time," said Dr. Sean Tracy of New Life Healthcare. "We had a great turnout between the Chamber of Commerce members here in Ponte Vedra and some of my friends and family and patients coming out to show their support."

Tracy, a Jacksonville Beach native, is the founder and clinic director of New Life Healthcare, a family-owned business that provides patients with chiropractic care, regenerative medicine and other forms of treatment.

Tracy graduated as valedictorian of Duncan U. Fletcher High School and then completed his undergraduate studies at University of Florida with a major in exercise physiology and a minor in business administration. After working for a year in an integrated chiropractic and medical clinic under the guidance of Dr. Mark Pierce, Tracy attended the Palmer College of Chiropractic in Port Orange, Florida. Certified in Advanced Orthogonal Technique, Tracy subsequently started his practice in Ponte Vedra Beach, which he said also offers care for patients seeking better posture and balance.

"We focus on providing patients with another option to fixing their problems," Tracy said. "We give them a very caring, consistent and excellent care. Patients who've had issues they haven't been able to find much help for in the past, we're giving them new and exciting options to treat whatever it is that's bothering them."

Among those options are soundwave adjustments that realign the spine without the usual pushing, cracking or popping caused by regular chiropractic care.

"Because we do it so gentle and specific, patients actually hold their adjustments here rather than having to come back over and over again forever," Tracy said.

New Life's stem cell therapy is re-growing cartilage,



Andrea Marcus and Chelle Thomas attend the Chamber event at New Life Healthcare.



Kim O'Steen and Bryan Fazio come together for a photo at the "After Hours" event.

tendons and ligaments in joints to heal patients, Tracy added, and the regenerative medicine offered by the facility is helping patients get back on their feet and avoid surgery.

Furthermore, Tracy said New Life Healthcare offers free consultations – and they don't just treat injuries.

"Injuries are a lot of times what usually drives people to seek care," he said. "But we love to take care of patients and just help them live a better life. Whether it's fixing posture or correcting imbalances or just simply removing any pressure, interference off the nervous system and allowing the body to heal and function fully like it was designed to."

For more information on the practice, which is located at 1102 A1A North in suite 105, visit [www.newlifehc.com](http://www.newlifehc.com) or call (904) 763-9707.

## Flagler Advanced Care Services launches on the First Coast

Flagler Hospital and First Coast Health Alliance have partnered with Alivia Care to launch the region's first multi-provider collaborative to care for patients with advanced illnesses.

Flagler Advanced Care Services (FACS) provides home-based care coordination with a central focus on the patient's own goals of care. Modeled in partnership with C-TAC Innovations, the implementation affiliate of the nationally recognized Coalition to Transform Advanced Care (C-TAC), the program is designed to improve the level of care for people with serious, late-stage chronic illnesses, moving the focus of care out of the hospital and into wherever the patient calls home within their community.

The goal is to ensure patients with advanced illness receive comprehensive, high quality, personalized care that is consistent with their goals and values while honoring their dignity and quality of life.

As part of the Flagler Advanced Care Services program, Alivia Care provides continuous care coordination, ensuring the patient and caregiver don't feel forgotten once they're home. The patient moves from receiving around-the-clock care in the hospital to being at home and ultimately responsible for their own care with the support of their caregiver. The goal of Alivia Care is to provide care all ways and to care always.

Complex cases of advanced illness typically involve multiple physicians, medicine management and medical protocols, and impact the patient's physical, psychological, emotional, and spiritual well-being. Under the Flagler Advanced Care Services program, the Alivia Care interdisciplinary team offers in-person and telephonic nurse-led support and symptom management, allowing the patient to control his/her condition and enjoy an improved quality of life in the comfort of his/her home.

This is the first and only collaborative effort in Northeast Florida between a hospital and insurance company for a new care model provided by Alivia Care. Healthcare providers refer patients to the program and act as an extension of the patient's primary care and specialty physicians. If the patient meets the eligibility criteria, there is no out-of-pocket cost for services or support. The Flagler Advanced Care Services program offers an additional layer of support to the patient, the caregivers and the physicians.

The partners' leadership recognized the need to offer specialized, person-centered, complex care management and coordinate treatment for patients so each may live better with late-stage or advanced illness (i.e.: COPD, cancer, heart disease, dementia).

To find out if Flagler Advanced Care Services is right for a patient or a family member, call (904) 417-6052 or visit [www.FlaglerHospital.org/AdvancedCare](http://www.FlaglerHospital.org/AdvancedCare).



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## Railroad veterans purchase Sylvan Learning Center of Ponte Vedra Beach

By Benjamin Naim

Railroad veterans Heather Anckner and Andrew Meh stepped into the world of education by purchasing Sylvan Learning of Ponte Vedra Beach in early January. Now, the business partners have set their sights on reaching underprivileged youth and opening satellite locations throughout St. Johns County.

Sylvan Learning Center of Ponte Vedra Beach was open for 16 years prior to its recent change in ownership. Anckner said she met Meh, a former high school math teacher, in the railroad industry and connected with the previous owners of the Ponte Vedra Sylvan location through their consulting firm. Soon enough, Meh and Anckner developed a mutual interest in purchasing a Sylvan Learning Center location in St. Johns County.

Anckner said she was inspired to get involved in education after meeting one of Sylvan's former owners at a conference in Texas. During the conference, she told a story about her second-grade son and how bored he was at school due to being ahead of his peers. The former owner responded by pointing Anckner to Sylvan.

"From there I learned more about the actual franchise and how supportive the environment was and how it really helps every kid," she said. "I love anything that has to do with kids and reading and learning and excelling."

Anckner immediately connected with the franchise because she struggled with dyslexia in school, which posed challenges for her as a child.

"I was fortunate that I didn't have academic chal-



**ABOVE:** Heather Anckner, one of the co-owners of Sylvan Learning Center of Ponte Vedra Beach, poses for a photo in her office.



**LEFT:** Books and other educational materials for younger students are available at Sylvan Learning Center.

Photos by  
Benjamin Naim

lenges," Anckner said. "But I had struggles and frustrations with reading and such. To come into an environment like this where [Sylvan teachers] can help any kid just amazes me. So that's why we decided to take this leap of faith into education."

The negotiation phase with Sylvan was short, Anckner said, but the approval period took

three months.

"Sylvan doesn't let just anyone buy a franchise," she noted. "They go through a very arduous process to make sure you're the type of owners they want to have; they make sure you have valid business plans."

Having negotiated the purchases of \$50-100 million railroads, Anckner said the financial side

of purchasing Sylvan was "small in comparison" to her railroad work. However, the vetting process put Anckner and Meh under a microscope because Sylvan wanted to ensure the new owners would run the location efficiently and promote honorable values. Anckner and Meh weren't scared away by the arduous vetting, she said. In fact, the process made

the railroaders feel more secure about their decision.

"We went up to their corporate offices," Anckner said. "We were required to take orientation classes, we were required to meet everyone from their COO to their PR people. You name it, we had to meet them and understand the process and understand their way of doing things before we made the decision that this is really something we want to move forward with."

Speaking of moving forward, Anckner plans on reaching more children in more communities throughout St. Johns County since the railroaders' franchise agreement covers the entire county.

"Sylvan allows you to open satellites throughout your community, and we are open to the entire St. Johns County area," Anckner said. "It gives us the ability to move into an area and have one or two or three day a week service at a location that isn't a full franchise location like this one. Andy and I would like to open a second franchise location as well in the next few years, but our first point of entry into the community is to open satellites."

Another goal Anckner has for her Sylvan branch is to work with Title I schools.

"One of the things that was really important for Andy and I when we really looked into this is to be able to help children of all economic levels," she said, "not just what you would consider the more privileged."

Anckner noted that she wants to help children without access to educational opportunities, such as tutoring services.

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Photo courtesy of McAfee Hughes Group RE/MAX Specialists PV

**21 Oasis Club Drive in the Oasis Club, which opened its doors for an open house Jan. 25, features four bedrooms, five bathrooms and access to a private deeded beach.**

## Beachfront Oasis Club home showcased at open house

By Jon Blauvelt

McAfee Hughes Group RE/MAX Specialists PV hosted an open house on Thursday, Jan. 25, at one of the properties for sale in the Oasis Club, a new 8-lot community on the west side of Ponte Vedra Boulevard.

Located at 21 Oasis Club Drive, which is half-way between Sawgrass and Mickler's, the four-bedroom, five-bath home with access to a private deeded beach was built by Glenn Layton Homes, which is the preferred builder of the community. Sixty real estate agents in the area attended the open house to view the \$1,855,000 home, which features balconies, several windows, a staircase

tower and an overall open floor plan for entertaining.

The coastal vernacular styled home also includes a gourmet kitchen with Wolf appliances, owner's and guest suites on the first floor, secondary bedrooms on the second floor and an outdoor living design with a pavilion. (A pool can also be installed.)

Glenn Layton attended the open house and said the location of the house and the Oasis Club community in general is what makes it so unique, noting that only 24 other homes share access to that beach area.

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## Neill Lasher joins Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Network Realty

Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Network Realty recently welcomed Neill Lasher to the Ponte Vedra/Nocatee office.

Lasher, a Northeast Florida native, joined Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Network Realty with several years of experience in real estate.



Neill Lasher

Before joining Florida Network Realty, Lasher pursued a career in journalism after graduating from the University of Alabama with a journalism degree. She later joined First Coast News and Action News Jacksonville, where she ran the assignment desk. Lasher learned skills in the news industry that would benefit her eventual career as a realtor, such as networking and community awareness.

Following her stint at First Coast News and Action News Jacksonville, Lasher worked as the public relations manager for a top Jacksonville advertising agency, managed multiple real estate accounts and marketed developing communities such as RiverTown and East San Marco.

Lasher is the mother of two 4-year-old twins, Harbor and Lawton, and a 6-year-old named Wyatt. After experiencing complications with the birth of her children, Lasher developed a passion for Wolfson Children's Hospital, where she serves on the WCH Development Council and the committee for the upcoming Birth and Newborn Hospital. Alongside her husband Patrick, Lasher was an honorary co-chair of this year's Wolfson Children's Challenge on Jan. 27. For more information on her work and the Wolfson Children's Challenge, visit [www.WolfsonChildrensChallenge.com](http://www.WolfsonChildrensChallenge.com).

"I am excited to welcome Neill Lasher to the Ponte Vedra office," said Broker/Manager of the Ponte Vedra/Nocatee office Kevin Waugaman. "From your first meeting to the final closing, Neill provides best-in-class service to her clients. With her local knowledge of Northeast Florida, and a strong background in marketing and sales, she has the experience you can count on, and the passion to make things happen even with the most challenging of circumstances."

Lasher can be reached by phone at (904) 534-5371 or at Neill.Lasher@FloridaNetworkRealty.com. For more information, visit [www.LasherHomes.com](http://www.LasherHomes.com). The Ponte Vedra/Nocatee office is located at 333 Village Main Street, Suite 670 in Ponte Vedra Beach.

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## Fifth Third Private Bank appoints new wealth management advisor

Fifth Third Private Bank in Jacksonville recently announced that Jennifer Desmond has joined its team as vice president and wealth management advisor.

In her new role, Desmond will collaborate closely with an experienced team of Fifth Third specialists to help clients reach their financial goals through personalized wealth planning, banking, insurance, investment management and trust and estate services.



**Jennifer Desmond**

Desmond earned her bachelor's degree in finance from Stetson University in Deland. Prior to joining Fifth Third Private Bank, she worked as a wealth advisor for Regions Bank. In all, she possesses nearly 20 years of financial industry experience in Florida working at TD Bank and SunTrust Bank.

## Chamber to hold workshop on business resiliency with IBM exec

The St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce is holding a Hurricane Irma Small Business Resiliency Workshop Tuesday, Feb. 6 that will feature remarks from IBM's Pat Corcoran.

The workshop will help businesses identify potential threats to businesses, develop a personalized resiliency plan and network with local recovery experts and organizations. Corcoran is a member of the IBM Resiliency Services leadership team, responsible for implementing the global strategy for business resiliency. He also



**Pat Corcoran**

supports solutions for regional and international clients looking to protect their businesses.

Corcoran led the IBM efforts to help clients impacted by the 9-11 terrorist attacks, Hurricane Katrina, Superstorm Sandy and the Haiti earthquake, among others.

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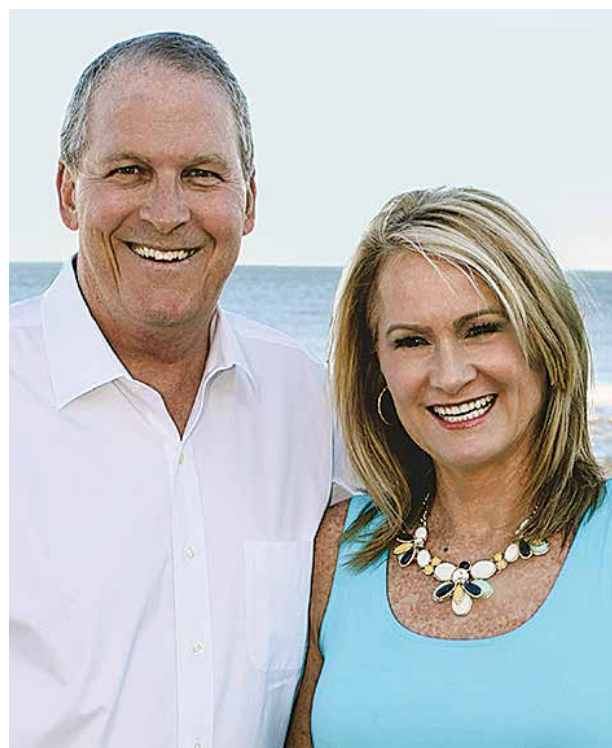
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# A valuable lesson from Ralph, a Manhattan street vendor



**Harry Pappas**  
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**By Harry Pappas**

What do affluent investors want most from their financial advisors? I put forth that the answer is to have complete trust in his or her financial advisor.

Furthermore, clients frequently want a financial advisor that will take away their worries and absorb all their hassles. Yet, all too often, clients encounter professionals who add to their worries and create extra headaches, forcing them to confront things they would prefer to ignore. Nevertheless, I argue that trust is about reciprocity. In other words, you help me, and I will help you.

The following simple but remarkable

story underscores the impact of trust and how one man separates himself from his competition by simply trusting! The story is told by author David Horsager from his brilliant book titled, "The Trust Edge: How Top Leaders Gain Faster Results, Deeper Relationships, and a Stronger Bottom Line." It is about a street vendor, Ralph, who sells donuts and coffee on the streets of Manhattan.

What is unique about Ralph's business model is that he allows his customers to make their own change! On a typical morning, a regular customer will order a coffee and donut from Ralph for \$1.75. The customer drops \$2 in the bin, takes his 25 cents and moves on to allow the next customer to do the same. Ralph doesn't touch the money! Instead he is too busy pouring coffee and fetching donuts to worry about money.

I am sure some people take advantage

of Ralph's trustworthiness, but I suspect he makes up for it in efficiency. As the story is told, Ralph's output of his tiny stand is amazing. He does about twice the business of his competitor with the same resources, and his customers get their coffee and donuts in half the time as they would from a competitor.

Do you think his customers love Ralph and the way he does business? You bet your boots they do. When an environment of trust is created, good things start to happen. Ralph has an incredible reputation and business; all because he delivers trust and fairness. Yes indeed, trust is everything! It's not a technique. It's not a sales tactic. It must be earned and when it happens, the money will follow. Just ask Ralph!

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Layton added that his company's SmartHome technology distinguishes his homes from others. He explained that his company built the house across the street, which features a camera that raises into the air so that the owner, a surfer, can check on the condition of the ocean each day. His company also provides iOS-driven systems that allow owners to lock and unlock doors when away from the house, as well as many more services.

"To me it's a lifestyle choice that people make," said Layton

about the SmartHome technology, which he noted is offered in three packages ranging from \$3,000-15,000. "It's expandable and so easy for them to use."

Although Glenn Layton Homes is the preferred builder of the Oasis Club, Katie Hughes of McAfee Hughes Group said potential owners in the community have the choice to use their own builder if they so choose. Hughes said four properties are available in the community, with prices starting at \$625,000, lots averaging half an acre and homes ranging in size from 3,000 to 7,500 square feet.

For more information on the Oasis Club, visit [www.oasisclub-pontevedra.com](http://www.oasisclub-pontevedra.com).



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**Michael McAfee and Katie Hughes of McAfee Hughes Group RE/MAX Specialists PV host the Jan. 25 open house at 21 Oasis Club Drive.**



**John Harris and Glenn Layton of Glenn Layton Homes, the preferred builder for the Oasis Club, attend the Jan. 25 open house at 21 Oasis Club Drive.**



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**A "motivation station" at Sylvan Learning Center of Ponte Vedra Beach.**

## Sylvan

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### More about Sylvan

Anckner described Sylvan as an established presence in the community that offers "phenomenal" resources for students.

"For students that are struggling, we work with teachers," she said. "The parents have an opportunity to do a release that allows us to contact the teachers and have a three-way communication with the parent and the school system as well."

Sylvan works with students to identify their current strengths by creating an action plan that meets parental and student objectives, the railroader added. The learning center helps a wide variety of students, whether they're struggling or not.

"We have students in here that get As and are working two grade levels

ahead of where they are in school," she revealed. "It's for everyone. We've got student athletes that want to make sure they get into the schools they want. And we have kids that are struggling to make the FSAs [Florida Standards Assessments] – versus being held back at the end of the year – they come here for their homework because they have a limited amount of time outside of practice in order to get their homework done."

According to Anckner, the Ponte Vedra location is one of the leading Sylvan locations for SAT/ACT test-prep. It also helps students get accepted into college and prepared for postsecondary education.

Furthermore, the center offers STEM and robotics classes for students who aren't being challenged in other environments and want to learn something new.

For more information on Sylvan, visit [www.sylvanlearning.com](http://www.sylvanlearning.com) or call (904) 280-8410.



# The Wailers returning to Ponte Vedra Concert Hall April 14

The Wailers will return to the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall on Saturday, April 14. Tickets will go on sale Friday, Feb. 2 at 10 a.m.

Steered by bassist and founder Aston “Familyman” Barrett, and joined in solidarity with original Wailers’ guitarists Junior Marvin and Donald Kinsey, The Wailers continue to make musical history.

From 1973 to 1980, Bob Marley & The Wailers recorded, toured and performed before countless millions worldwide. Since 1981, Familyman and Junior have carried on the mission to “keep The Wailers together,” just as Marley requested, affirming, “By doing that, you keep me alive through the music.”

In tribute to the late co-founder and drummer Carlton “Carly” Barrett, The Wailers present Aston Barrett, Jr. on drums. Lead singer Joshua David Bar-



Photo courtesy of the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall

**The Wailers return to the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall Saturday, April 14.**

rett is a Rastaman by lifestyle and culture. Barrett delivers Marley’s powerful message of Jah love and unity through his performance and interaction with the audience.

Also on stage are singers Shema McGregor, daughter of I Three Judy Mowatt, and Hassanah, as well as veterans Owen “Dreadie” Reid on guitar/bass and Noel Davey on keyboards. The performance anchor is live engineer Dennis Thompson, the man responsible for The Wailers’ sound in stadiums, clubs, and studios throughout the 1970s.

There are more than 250 million Bob Marley & The Wailers recordings sold,

including 1977’s “Exodus,” anointed Best Album of the Century in 1999 by Time Magazine, and “One Love” named Song of the Millennium that same year by BBC. Spin Magazine listed Bob Marley & The Wailers at No. 4 of the “50 Greatest Bands of All Time,” while The New York Times named Bob Marley the most significant musician of the 20th century.

Doors open at the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall at 7 p.m., and the show starts at 8. Tickets range between \$28.50-33.50 and will be available for purchase at the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall and St. Augustine Amphitheatre Box Offices, [ticketmaster.com](http://ticketmaster.com) and by phone at (800) 745-3000.

## BRASS to hold ‘Wines for Music’ event Feb. 25 at Marsh Landing Country Club

BRASS (Beaches Residents Actively Supporting the Symphony), is inviting guests to its “Wines for Music” fundraising event on Sunday, Feb. 25 at Marsh Landing Country Club.

To be held from 6 to 9 p.m., guests will enjoy premium wines, an abundant buffet of hors d’oeuvres and live music by an ensemble from the Jacksonville Symphony. The evening also features a silent auction of many wines and live auction of wines, dining experiences and travel adventures.

The cost to attend is \$100 per person for BRASS members and \$125 for non-members. To purchase tickets by phone or email, contact Nadine Sabatier at (904) 545-0491 or [nadinesabatier@bellsouth.net](mailto:nadinesabatier@bellsouth.net). The deadline to purchase tickets is Feb. 18.

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The woodwind quintet of the Jacksonville Symphony is displayed from from left to right: Les Roettges (flute), Eric Olson (oboe), Anne Crawford of the library, Kevin Reid (French horn), Stephanie Magnus (bassoon) and Patrick Graham (clarinet).

Photo courtesy of Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library

## Musical Madness for Kids series kicks off at Ponte Vedra Library

The Musical Madness for Kids series, sponsored by the Friends of the Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library, kickstarted Jan. 24 with 74 attendees.

The woodwind quintet of the Jacksonville Symphony performed excerpts from Bach, Mozart and modern (and living) composers, interspersed with dialogue about themselves and their instruments.

Although the event was geared toward elementary school students, both young and old attended the Musical Madness for Kids event at the library.

As the series continues, the library will host the string quartet of the symphony Feb. 21 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. for a show of upbeat tunes from the 1910s in recognition of "Dead Wake: The Last Crossing of



A mother and daughter gather with Stephanie Magnus from the Jacksonville Symphony at the Musical Madness for Kids event Jan. 24 at the Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library.

the Luisitania" by Erik Larson, the 2018 St. Johns Reads selection for February. All are welcome.

The library will also host the brass quintet of the symphony March 7 and the string quartet again May 9. Both events are aimed at elementary school kids, but all are welcome.



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# Jacksonville artist visits Rotary meeting to present parks painting project



By Jon Blauvelt

According to Jacksonville artist Kathy Stark, the First Coast is home to one of the largest urban park systems in the United States, yet many people in the area are unaware of the parks' existence. So, she decided to use her talents to change that and educate the community.

Stark launched in February 2017 the "Wilderness of North Florida's Parks," a 120-page, full color book that features a series of large-scale watercolor paintings illustrating the wildness and beauty of city, state and national parks and preserves within one hour of Jacksonville. She presented her work on the parks to the Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach on Thursday, Jan. 25.

"We live in a beautiful area," Stark told the local Rotary club at Marsh Landing Country Club. "I love painting it."

The Jacksonville artist features all 60 area parks in her book, including Timucuan Preserve, Kathryn Abbey Hanna Park, Little Talbot Island

State Park, Cedar Point and more. Stark includes 19 watercolor park paintings in the project, as well as several sketchbook journal pages that incorporate each park's history, features, nonprofit associations and trail map.

"A unique blend of art and education resulting in a family-oriented book and traveling exhibit," said Stark on her book's Facebook page. "Both will show the quality of life in Northeast Florida to business investors, visitors and locals."

Stark has displayed her park project at Jacksonville's Museum of Science & History (MOSH) and the Thrasher Horne-Center on the campus of St. Johns River State College-Orange Park. The work will also be exhibited at the Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach and The Bolles School in the near future.

The "Wilderness of North Florida's Parks" book is \$25 in paperback and \$40 in hardback. Individual prints of paintings are also for sale. Visit [www.kathystark.com/#home](http://www.kathystark.com/#home) for more information.

Photo by Jon Blauvelt

**Jacksonville artist Kathy Stark presents her work on the First Coast's natural parks to the Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach Thursday, Jan. 25.**

## Jacksonville Symphony to perform 'Sinfonia da Requiem' with British violinist

This weekend, the Jacksonville Symphony will perform English composer Benjamin Britten's "Sinfonia da Requiem" paired with fellow Englishman Edward Elgar's Symphony No. 1. In between the two, the symphony will host British violinist Anthony Marwood to perform Alban Berg's Violin Concerto.

To be held at Jacoby Symphony Hall in the Times-Union Center for Performing Arts, the concert will take place at 8 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 2 and Saturday, Feb. 3.

"Sinfonia da Requiem" was written by Britten at the age of 27. In recent years, this work has emerged as one of the composer's most powerful works full of orchestral color from beginning to end, according to the symphony.

Berg's Violin Concerto is divided into two movements, each with two contrasting parts. The violin concert was the last work that Berg composed. He entitled the work, "to the memory of an angel." The angel was Manon Gropius, the daughter of Alma Mahler (widow of Gustav Mahler) and architect Walter Gropius. He wrote the work in a short amount of time and still managed to create a work that enraptures audiences with its intense emotional capacity, said the symphony. Elgar's Symphony No. 1 is the emotional and musical climax of the concert. The spectrum of Elgar's symphony encompasses doubt, confidence, anger and joy; a complete emotional journey through music.

Marwood is a solo classical violinist, performing with acclaimed orchestras around the world. He was born in London and studied with Emanuel Hurwitz at the Royal Academy of Music, David Takeno at the Guildhall School of Music and took lessons from Sándor Végh and Daniel Phillips at IMS Prussia Cove. He

was named Instrumentalist of the Year by the Royal Philharmonic Society in 2006 and was the violinist of the Florestan Trio for 16 years. This year, Marwood was named Member of the British Empire (MBE), a British order of chivalry that rewards contributions to the arts and sciences, work with charitable and welfare organizations and public service. He is co-artistic director of the Peasmarsh Chamber Music Festival in East Sussex and performs annually at the Yellow Barn Festival in Vermont.

Stephen Tavani will serve as concertmaster, and Courtney Lewis will serve as music director.

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

## CUMMER BEACHES ART BOOK CLUB INVITES MUSEUM MEMBERS TO JOIN



Photo courtesy of Gabriele Van Zon

**Cummer Beaches Art Book Club founding members Patricia Winters, Maurice (Tad) Schuhman and Gabriele Von Zon gather at a recent meeting. The club discusses books that complement current or upcoming exhibits at the Cummer Museum. The club's next meeting is March 19, and the club's next book for discussion is "Bunny Mellon: The Life of an American Legend" by Meryl Gordon. Anyone who is a member of the Cummer Museum or Cummer Beaches is welcome to join.**

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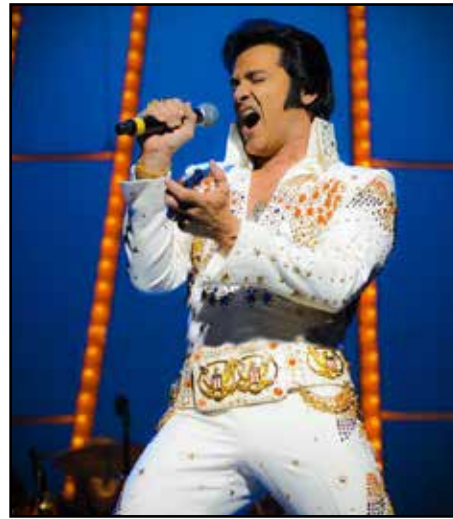


# Alhambra to open music series with Elvis, Buddy Holly tributes

The Alhambra Theatre & Dining will kick off its 2018 Alhambra After Dark music series schedule by celebrating Elvis Presley and Buddy Holly.

Kevin Mills will return to the Alhambra from Feb. 7-11 with his award-winning tribute to Presley in a new show, "Elvis is Back!" Mills' authentic portrayal and interpretation of Presley has made him one of the country's most sought-after and popular performers in the industry, according to the Alhambra. Considered a specialist in the

business, Mills has appeared in dozens of high profile productions, including "Entertainment Tonight," "Inside Edition," "48 Hours," ABC's "Primetime," FOX Television and CNN. Most notable is his starring role and lead performance in "Elvis, The Beginning" on A&E. Mills was crowned Grand Champion at the 2007 Ultimate Elvis Cruise by performers who shared the stage with Elvis. He was also awarded third place in 2009 and second place in 2010 at the Ultimate Elvis Tribute Artist Contest in



Photos courtesy of the Alhambra Theatre & Dining  
**Kevin Mills will portray Elvis Presley in "Elvis is Back!" at the Alhambra from Feb. 7-11.**



**Todd Meredith, along with the Rave-Ons, will portray Buddy Holly and The Crickets in "That'll Be the Day" at the Alhambra from March 28 to April 11.**

Memphis, Tennessee.

The Rave-Ons, led by one of Alhambra's most popular performers, Todd Meredith, will bring their rendition of Buddy Holly and The Crickets to the Alhambra from March 28 to April 1 in a show entitled, "That'll Be the Day." Made up of cast members from the national tour of the hit musical, "Buddy - The Buddy Holly Story," The Rave-Ons are a high energy rock and roll band originally formed to revitalize the music of Buddy Holly and The Crickets. Meredith has performed the part of Holly in 20 separate productions of the musical, as well as in various tribute concerts for the past decade. The Rave-Ons have played together all over the country,

delighting audiences in New York City, Reno, Memphis, Nashville, Jacksonville, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Arizona, Colorado, Missouri and even Holly's hometown of Lubbock, Texas.

Through its "After Dark" series, the Alhambra offers live entertainment beyond its traditional Broadway-style theatrical performances. For tickets and additional information about these and other Alhambra Theatre & Dining events, call (904) 641-1212, or visit [www.alhambrajax.com](http://www.alhambrajax.com).

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# Cutter & Cutter offers art of all mediums and tastes in unique exhibit

By Paris Moulden

There's still time to see the unique showcase, "How Do You Figure," at the Cutter & Cutter Fine Art Gallery in Ponte Vedra Beach, before it heads to the St. Augustine gallery.

The exhibit features figurative art from 20 different artists, focusing on representation of the human or animal form. It will be on display in Ponte Vedra until the second week of February.

The exhibit offers something for everyone, featuring sculptures, pastels, oil, watercolor, acrylic, bronze, pottery, and even crochet and wire forms.

"It covers the gamut of about every medium conceivable," said Scott Dingfelder, marketing director for Cutter & Cutter. "We've got everything from abstract works to extremely photo realistic works. It covers the entire gamut of what a collector would want to see. No matter what they like, there's something they're going to like there."

The art includes a sculpture by Paige Bradley of a life-size yoga figure that light pours through, and wire human forms dressed in hand-crocheted shirts by South African artist Estella Fransbergen. The exhibit also features a rare Picasso etching, as well as a special portrait of President John F. Kennedy by renowned artist Daniel Green.



Photos courtesy of Scott Dingfelder/Cutter & Cutter Fine Art Gallery

**An illuminated yoga figure "Expansion" by sculpture Paige Bradley is part of the "How Do You Figure" exhibit at the Cutter & Cutter Fine Art Gallery in Ponte Vedra Beach.**

"We have a portrait that he [Green] did of JFK back in 1963 that's been in his private collection for the past 54 years," Dingfelder said. "And he brought that into the gallery and is making it available for sale for the first time."

Dingfelder said Green had been commissioned to do JFK portraits for a magazine and was supposed to have a sitting with the then-president in 1964, but the project was, of course, cancelled after Kennedy's assassination.

"[Green] ended up having this one pastel



**A portrait of John F. Kennedy by artist Daniel Green**



he completed, and it's the only one out of the project that actually did get completed," Dingfelder said. "It has a history and story behind it, and it's on display at the gallery."

Visitors can see the works of these artists and many more at the Ponte Vedra gallery Monday through Thursday and Sunday from 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Friday and Saturday from 10:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. The gallery is located at 333 Village Main St., Suite 640, and admission is free.

Cutter & Cutter will also be holding



**ABOVE: A figure of white gold with a hand-crocheted skirt by artist Estella Fransbergen**

**LEFT: "Forever," an oil painting by impressionist artist Stephen Shortridge**

a grand opening for the "How Do You Figure" exhibit at its St. Augustine gallery (25 King St.) on Friday, Feb. 16 from 7 to 9 p.m.

Four artists will be on hand at the opening. The artists are former actor and impressionist painter Stephen Shortridge, figurative painter and mixed-media artist Cynthia Packard, Fransbergen and impressionist artist Matthew Cutter.

The event is free, but the gallery is asking attendees to RSVP by clicking on the RSVP link at [cutterandcutter.com](http://cutterandcutter.com).



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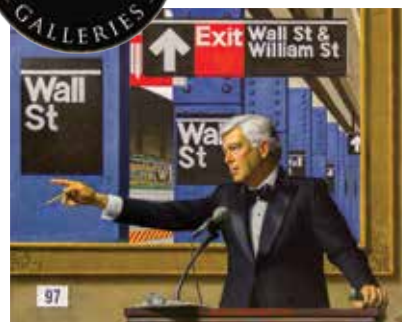
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# Sports

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## Ponte Vedra boys basketball stuns Palatka

By Jim Moyes

Special to the Recorder

Ponte Vedra's boys basketball team capped a winning week last Friday, Jan. 26, by defeating an undefeated Palatka squad 54-45 in front of a large crowd of happy Shark rooters. The visiting Panthers took to the court after moving to the very top of the rankings among prep teams in the First Coast area, boasting a perfect 19-0 record.

Led by 6-foot-8-inch senior center Jackson Johnson, who recorded Ponte Vedra's first triple-double in school history, the Sharks boosted their season record over the .500 mark with the stunning victory.

Johnson shattered his own school record with 16 blocked shots, to go along with 11 rebounds and 10 points, as the Sharks improved their district record to 5-2 heading into tonight's (Thursday, Feb. 1) important contest with Clay High School.

After the first quarter ended with the score deadlocked at 12-12, Palatka took the lead, 18-15, with three minutes left in the second period. The Sharks closed out the half on a 7-2 run to take a 25-20 lead into the locker room, a lead they would never relinquish.

The Sharks extended their lead to 32-21 before the Panthers could unleash a last ditch run. After narrowing the gap to 42-40 with three minutes remaining, the battle-hardened locals kept their poise and did not collapse against the pressing Panthers defense.

Senior Will Mons had a pair of clutch assists, first dishing off to Johnson while driving to the basket for an easy 10-foot tally. Mons then hit a cutting Reese Russi for a layup to extend the PVHS lead to 48-42.

After the Sharks forced a Panther turnover, Mons lofted an overhead, two-hand pass three-quarters of the length of the court to a streaking Russi, a pass that would have made Wes Unseld proud. Russi's layup pushed the lead to 50-42, and then it was fitting that Mons, who has battled knee injuries throughout his high school career, calmly netted four straight free throws to secure the victory.

Although Johnson's triple double was clearly an eye-catcher, the Sharks' sultan of shot blocking had plenty of help from his mates. Russi led the Sharks in scoring with 15 points, but it was his work not seen in the stat column that was instrumental in the victory. Time and again, it was the junior Russi who would somehow come up with loose balls when the action became hectic during the game's final stages.

After being shut out in the scoring column in the first half, junior Logan Conway caught fire in the second half by netting all 10 of his points. Junior Ben Houser chipped in with eight tallies, and Mons added seven.

The Sharks hope to continue their fine play and a chance for some redemption when they host Clay High School tonight at the Shark tank. Ponte Vedra played perhaps its worse game



Photos by Jerry and Chris Norton

Ponte Vedra's Julia Deal, who scored one of the Sharks' goals, heads the ball toward the Pedro Menendez goal. Tatum Taucher scored the Sharks' other goal.



Ponte Vedra's Katherine Wiest (23) heads toward the Falcons' goal.

## Ponte Vedra girls soccer wins district title with win over Pedro Menendez

The Ponte Vedra girls soccer team defeated Pedro Menendez 2-0 on Friday, Jan. 26, to win the District 4-3A championship.

The Sharks (12-7-2) will host Paxton School for Advanced Studies (10-4-5) in the regional quarterfinals on Tuesday, Feb. 6.

Check out some photos from Friday's district contest on this page.



Molly Miller of the Sharks moves the ball past a Pedro defender.



The Sharks' Kai Hayes races past the Pedro defender.

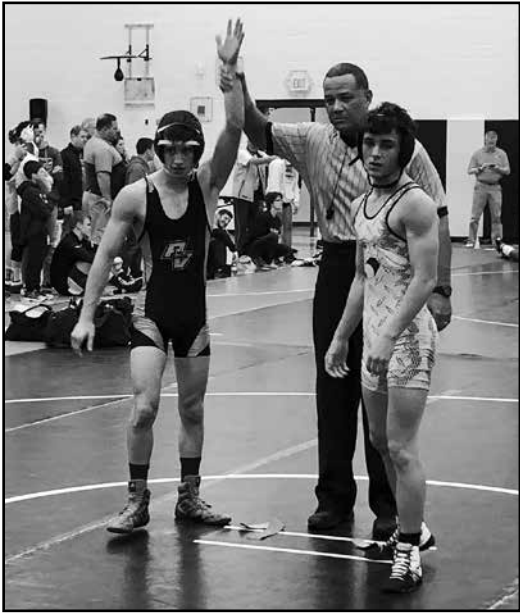
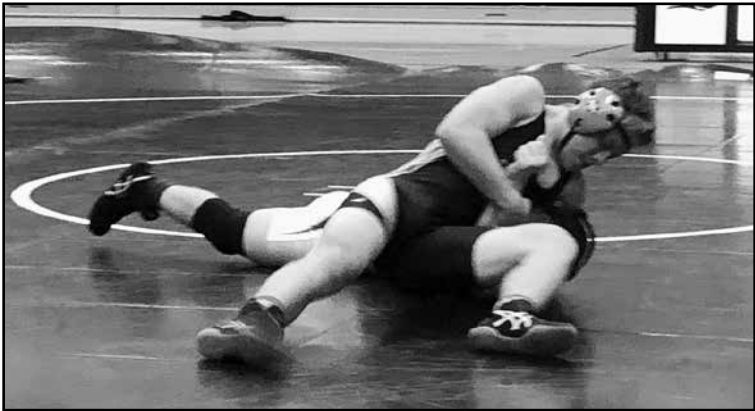


# Three Sharks wrestlers place in Battle of the Border tourney

Three Ponte Vedra wrestlers placed in this past weekend's Battle of the Border tournament in Yulee. Junior Gavin Riccobono and senior Evan Merry both placed second, and junior Preston Turner finished in third.

In other Sharks wrestling news, the team defeated St. Augustine 28-24 on Wednesday, Jan. 24 on senior night. The night started slowly with the Yellow Jackets going up 12-0 on two early pins. The Sharks, however, stormed back into the lead 25-24 behind Gavin Riccobono's pin, a hard-fought Preston Turner match (5-3), a major decision by Rett Maritato (15-2) and an Alex DeAlmeida pin. The stage was set for Evan Merry in the contest's deciding match, and Merry secured the team victory with his strategically wrestled 6-5 win over his Yellow Jacket foe.

The team will travel to Clay High School this weekend to compete in the annual Clay Rotary tournament.



**ABOVE: Ponte Vedra's sole senior, Evan Merry, scores in a 6-5 victory over his St. Augustine foe, which clinched the team's 28-24 victory against the Yellow Jackets on Jan. 24.**

**LEFT: Ponte Vedra's Preston Turner places third in this past weekend's Battle of the Border tournament in Yulee. Gavin Riccobono and Evan Merry both placed second.**

Photos courtesy of Ponte Vedra wrestling

# Basketball

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of the season when the team lost to the Blue Devils 67-55 earlier in the season. The second seed in the upcoming district playoff will go to the winner of tonight's game. The matchup will likely be a preview of these two teams facing each other in the first game of the playoffs Feb. 14 at Matanzas High School.

## Earlier Sharks action

Before defeating Palatka, the Sharks began their busy week by dropping a 61-53 contest to a sizzling hot Bartram Trail team. The Bears were coming off a stunning upset victory over the previous top ranked team in the Creekside Knights. The Sharks, who led by three points at the halftime break, fell to deadly shooting from the Bears, who netted eight three pointers in the contest, while the Sharks would only net a trio of shots from behind the arc.

The Sharks had very little time to sulk about their loss to Bartram Trail as they would travel to St. Augustine the next night to face Pedro Melendez in a district contest. The host Falcons were no match for the Sharks as coach Bud Beech was able to rest many of his starters in the 50-39 victory. So balanced was the Ponte Vedra scoring that 12 Shark players dented the scoring column, with Johnson's 8 points, in but one quarter of play, leading the way.

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14. Nightcap rocks  
15. Relish taste buds' sensation  
16. Fervor  
17. "Le \_\_\_\_ des cygnes"  
18. Togetherness  
19. \*Botanical Valentine's Day gift, pl.  
21. \*Romantic taper  
23. \*Princess Jasmine's love interest  
24. Per person  
25. Rub-a-dub-\_\_\_\_  
28. Distressed cry  
30. Asphalt alternative  
35. Native-American storytelling tradition  
37. Sound of impact  
39. Royal headgear  
40. Morally reprehensible  
41. Type of rug  
43. Tennis serving whiz  
44. Painter's support  
46. Dust allergy trigger  
47. It "was made for you and me"  
48. \*He played Lara Antipova's lover, 1965  
50. Swerve  
52. Is, no longer  
53. Fireplace part  
55. Corn unit

57. \*St. Valentine, e.g.  
60. \*Author of earliest Valentine's Day reference  
64. Chinese silk plant  
65. Fluffy accessory  
67. Window treatment  
68. Change the Constitution  
69. Annoying pop-ups  
70. Implant  
71. It can turn pumpkin into carriage  
72. Fishing mesh  
73. Relieves

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1. Steffi of tennis  
2. "Me and \_\_\_\_ and the Dying Girl"  
3. Cocoyam  
4. Native of American Great Plains  
5. Very much  
6. 0.001 inches, pl.  
7. Mozart's "L' \_\_\_\_ del Cairo"  
8. Hajj destination  
9. Head-hiding place  
10. Bad to the bone  
11. Post-it slip  
12. Like some martinis  
15. Broad-brimmed beachwear  
20. Watts events, 1965  
22. Make a scene  
24. Hard to pin down  
25. \*Avian symbol of love, pl.  
26. "Umble" Heep

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29. Impulse  
31. Iranian coin  
32. Cockatoo's cousin  
33. Rome's Colosseum  
34. \*Paper greetings  
36. Suggestive look  
38. \*Valentine's Day Get-together  
42. Medicinal worm  
45. Up in the air  
49. Tsetse, e.g.  
51. Traveling entertainer's helper  
54. Opposite of rural

56. Aung San Suu Kyi's home  
57. Vicki Lawrence's Thelma Harper  
58. Echoed by the flock  
59. Source of zest  
60. Those in a play  
61. Uber competitors  
62. "The Three Musketeers" dueling sword  
63. Bolsheviks  
64. Like sashimi  
66. Schiller's " \_\_\_\_ to Joy"



# Jumbo Shrimp offer fans opportunity to design team T-shirts for 2018 season

Crustacean Nation can help design a Jacksonville Jumbo Shrimp T-shirt for the upcoming season.

Over the next month, the team is holding a contest and fan vote, from which the winning design will be featured on T-shirts as the free giveaway, courtesy of 121 Financial Credit Union and Atlantic Self Storage, to the first 2,000 fans at the Jumbo Shrimp home game Saturday, April 28.

Fans may submit designs via email to [win@jaxshrimp.com](mailto:win@jaxshrimp.com) by Wednesday, Feb. 14, at 5 p.m. The Jumbo Shrimp will select four finalists to be posted on the Jumbo Shrimp Facebook page ([facebook.com/jaxshrimp](https://facebook.com/jaxshrimp)), where a Crustacean Nation fan vote will take place Feb. 19-23. The winner will be announced on Monday, Feb. 26, and receive 10 tickets to the April 28 game, 15 of the winning shirts and throw a ceremo-

nial first pitch that evening.

All T-shirt designs must be based on the team's four colors – St. Johns Navy (Pantone 282 C), American Red (Pantone 185 C), Patriotic Blue (Pantone 285 C), Shrimp (Pantone 1625 C) – and white. Designs may be altered to fit the team's color scheme.

For questions regarding design or the contest, email [info@jaxshrimp.com](mailto:info@jaxshrimp.com).



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## Jumbo Shrimp set February food and beverage job fairs

The Jacksonville Jumbo Shrimp have set two job fairs in February for 2018 seasonal food and beverage positions at the ballpark.

To be held at the Baseball Grounds of Jacksonville at 301 A. Phillip Randolph Blvd, the Food & Beverage Supervisor/Stand Manager Job Fair will take place Wednesday, Feb. 7, from 5:30 to 8 p.m., for the following positions:

- Concessions manager
- Concessions floor supervisor
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Then, the Food & Beverage Gameday Employees Job Fair will be held Tuesday, Feb. 13, from 5:30 to 8 p.m., for the following positions:

- Concessions workers
- Concessions cooks
- Bartenders
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Interested applicants can find full position descriptions and an application form at [www.jaxshrimp.com](http://www.jaxshrimp.com). Applicants may bring the completed application to the job fair. All applicants should be prepared to interview at the job fairs.

Parking for the events will be in Lot P, east of the stadium, and applicants may enter through the main stadium gates at the corner of A. Philip Randolph Boulevard and E. Adams Street.

Open positions are for seasonal employment, including but not limited to 70 Jacksonville Jumbo Shrimp baseball home games, additional stadium events and training. Candidates are encouraged to bring a resume and dress appropriately.

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# JAGA releases 2018 schedule of events

The Jacksonville Area Golf Association (JAGA) this week released its schedule of events for 2018 (below), which features a variety of tournaments, 12 in all, involving men, women and junior golfers, plus the popular “Jacksonville Golf Banquet-Celebration of Golf” in

late February. Players interested in entering any upcoming JAGA events may do so by going to [www.jaxareagolf.org](http://www.jaxareagolf.org) and clicking on individual tournaments on the “2018 Championship Schedule” on the home page.

Jacksonville Area Golf Association (JAGA) 2018 Event Schedule			
EVENT	DATE(S)	SITE	JAGA CHAIR(S)
JAGA First Coast Amateur	Jan. 13-15	Hidden Hills GC	Joel Lamp/Jeff Adams
27th Underwood Cup	Feb. 19-20	Timuquana CC	Clint Avret/Fred Seely
6th “Celebration of Golf” Banquet	Feb. 28	World Golf Hall of Fame	Joan & Bob Streightiff
JAGA Spring Four-Ball	March 19	Marsh Landing CC	George Halvorsen
61st JAGA Senior Amateur Championship	April 16-18	Eagle Harbor GC	Gregg Deiboldt
JAGA Family Championship	May 19	World Golf Village/Slammer & Squire	Duke Butler III & Family
16th JAGA Match Play Championship (Qualifier: May 20, St. Johns G&CC)	June 1-3	TPC Sawgrass/Dye’s Valley	Thomas Bozzuto
First Coast Women’s Amateur	June 20-21	Timuquana CC	Kevin Glynn
Greater Jacksonville Junior Championship	July 9-10	Eagle Harbor GC	Kevin Glynn
57th JAGA Jacksonville Amateur Championship	July 19-21	Jacksonville G&CC	Jeff Adams/John Milton
JAGA Billy Maxwell / Fall Four-Ball	Late Sept.	Hyde Park GC	Billy Drake/Rusty Holsworth
16th JAGA Scholarship Golf Classic	Oct. 29	Ponte Vedra Inn & CC/Ocean	Adair Roberts
JAGA Club Team Championship	Nov. 26	Timuquana CC	Fred Seely

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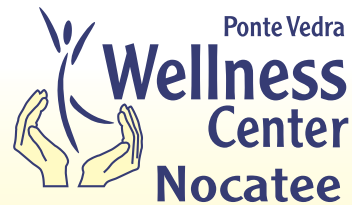
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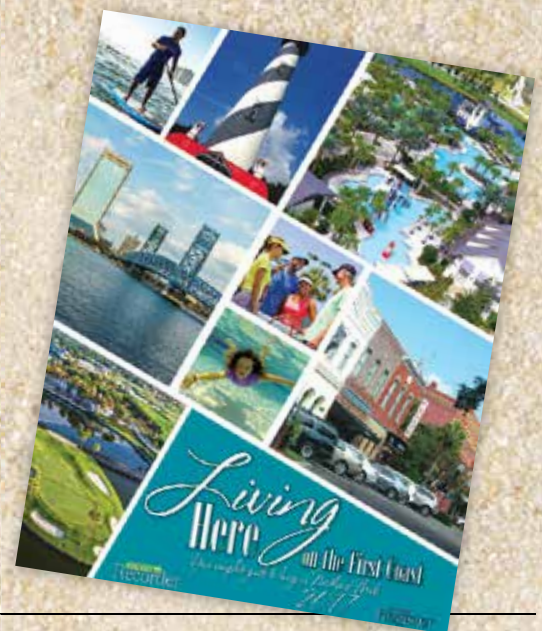
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