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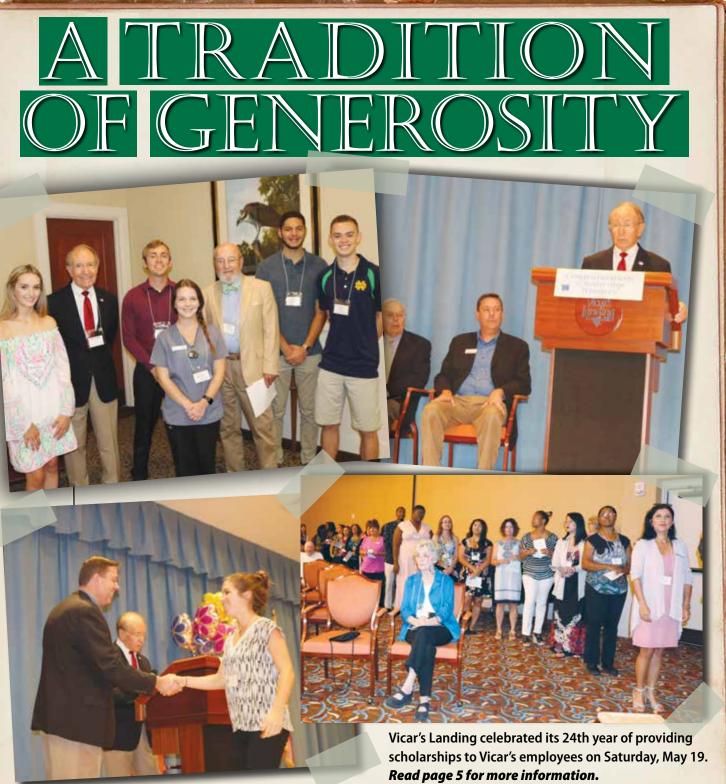
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Email your answer to jonb@opcfla.com by Monday at 5 p.m. All correct entries will be entered into a random drawing to win tickets for two adults and two children to the Jacksonville Zoo. In

order to allow as many families as possible to win, participants are only eligible to win a ticket prize pack once every four months.



ADOPT A PET

WHAT'S THIS?

CAT OF THE WEEK

My name is Pepper, and I am a 2-year-old male cat who was brought to the pet center by my owners. Come visit me today here at the pet center! #33405



Three readers correctly identified last week's

photo as the GTM Research Reserve sign.

The winner of the random drawing was **Mary Maples**. Congratulations, Mary —

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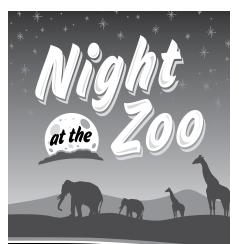
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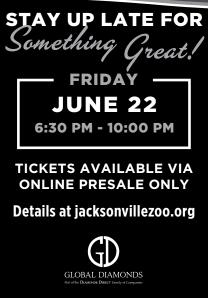
My name is Bell, and I am a 4-yearold hound mix who was brought to the pet center by my owners. I prefer to be in a single pet family. Come visit me today here at the pet center! #42560

PUZZLE SOLUTIONS



Solutions correspond to last week's puzzles









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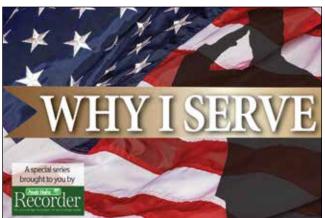
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Ponte Vedra Beaches Coalition hosts forum for County Commission candidates

Candidates share views on county's growth, beaches and financial future

By Samantha Logue

Growth and development, economic stability and beach restoration were the main topics discussed Monday, May 21 at a forum hosted by the Ponte Vedra Beaches Coalition for County Commission candidates.

Held at the Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library, the debate provided candidates the opportunity to share their platforms with local voters, as well as their positions on key issues. Candidates in attendance included District 4 contenders Erika Alba (R), Jeremiah Blocker (R), Nicholas "Mike" Dudynskay (R), Andrew Evener (R) and Dick Williams (R); as well as District 2 incumbent Jeb Smith (R), who is currently unopposed in his bid for reelection. District 4 candidate Catherine Hawkinson Guevarra (D), however, was not in attendance.

Growth and development

One topic the candidates were asked to share their perspectives on was the growth and development of St. Johns County.

Right now, we have a residential to commercial split of 87 to 13 percent," said Alba, a political law attorney. "This is just not working. We are paralyzed by our residential growth because we don't have the commercial growth to offset that. A balanced community needs about 35 percent commercial, versus 65 percent residential. We are upsidedown."

Dudynskay, the principal consultant for Max+Friends, LLC, agreed that the county needs to recruit more businesses, and contended that he was the only candidate with the knowledge and experience to do so.

"I've talked to 50 of my friends who are CEOs, who are entrepreneurs and venture capitalists," he said. "Each one of them said, 'You are the ideal location. ... You have low construction costs, you have a low cost of living, tax rates are good, the environment's perfect, you have great schools.' There's no reason why we can't be a hub for this kind of generation for 'next economy' developments, but it takes the right person to be able to talk to these people. I live in that space."

While the candidates all seemed to concur that an increase in commercial development is needed throughout the county, Evener — a former member of the St. Johns County Affordable Housing Advisory Committee — took the matter even further, proposing a halt on residential development altogether.

"I am the only candidate that is pledging a moratorium on approving new housing developments," he said. "We have thousands of homes that have already been approved that we haven't even cleared land for yet, and we just keep approving more, and more and more, and we can't even handle what we have."

Blocker, a military veteran and lawyer, also expressed the concern that too many residential developments were being "rubber-stamped" for approval by the county, but Williams — a former volunteer on the county's Planning and Zoning Agency — disagreed with that assessment, pointing out that developments are often required to be changed before receiving approval.

"I can tell you, in the nine years I spent on Planning and Zoning, I spent countless hours reviewing development code, working with the applicant to make sure that the best



The Ponte Vedra Beaches Coalition hosted a forum for County Commission candidates on Monday, May 21 at the Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library.



District 2 incumbent Jeb Smith (R) addresses the forum alongside District 4 contenders Andrew Evener (R) and Dick Williams (R).

use of that land, for the benefit of the county, was what we did," the retired businessman said. "I've also spent, I can't even begin to number the hundreds of hours of meeting with the residents. ... I took it upon myself to meet with them, answer their questions and often explain the process, but it is a long and arduous process."

Economic stability

Candidates were also asked whether they would support a property or sales tax increase to help alleviate St. Johns County's financial woes.

For Smith, who is both a farmer and a pastor, the answer was simple: "No, no, no taxes."

Likewise, Dudynskay, Alba and Blocker all agreed that the county should exercise caution when it comes to tax increases, and that its focus should instead be on increasing commercial development, with Blocker also stressing the importance of fiscal responsibility and accountability.

'We have revenue coming into the county," he said. "We need to make sure we use those dollars effectively and efficiently."

Williams, however, said he felt the decision regarding a sales tax increase should be left up to the voters, provided the county could establish a clear need for the additional revenue and a "clearly-defined and limited" use for the money. He also added that any new sales tax would need to be phased out after a certain period of time, which he clarified with the Recorder to be 10 years.

Evener agreed that the voters should have a say in whether their taxes are increased, stating, "We need to make sure there is complete transparency with where all of our money is spent in government."



District 4 candidate Jeremiah Blocker (R) addresses the forum alongside fellow District 4 contender Erika Alba (R).

Beach restoration

Of all the topics discussed, one stood out as a key issue for voters: the beaches. With many residents who either live along or simply enjoy visiting the beach, the Ponte Vedra community has been devastated by the impacts of erosion, and at Monday's forum, it was clear that the issue could be a determining factor for many voters.

"St. Johns County is one of the few counties on the Atlantic Coast that does not have a sustainable beach management program," said Williams on the topic. "There's been some things done every year ... but there is not an agencylevel attention to this problem, and it's time we do that."

Williams said he would support raising the bed tax by 1 percent to fund such a program, and Evener also expressed support for the increase, adding that the county should also "go after FEMA" for disaster relief funds related to Hurricanes Matthew and Irma.

Blocker and Alba preferred the idea of obtaining state and federal funding for the project over a tax increase, with Alba suggesting the possible reallocation of current bed tax revenue. Smith reiterated his general opposition to raising taxes and expressed doubt that the tax revenue would be enough to fund the project anyway.

Dudynskay, meanwhile, said he was in favor of creating a beach renourishment program, but not until the county could afford the project.

"It's no question (beach renourishment) has to be done, but do we want to go into debt to do that?" he asked. "That's my question, because we do not have the extra money to do it right now."

The next County Commission debate will take place July 16 at 5:30 p.m. at the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall.

District 4 candidate Nicholas

"Mike" Dudynskay (R)



Vicar's Landing CEO Bruce Jones congratulates Nicole Audette on receiving a scholarship at the retirement community's 24th annual scholarship awards ceremony on May 19.

Vicar's Landing awards 104 employees with scholarships

By Jon Blauvelt

Vicar's Landing presented 104 employees of the retirement community with scholarships totaling \$290,750 at a special ceremony held on Saturday, May 19, continuing an annual tradition of generosity that has been ongoing for 24 years.

All of this was started by a dedicated group of members in 1994 who wanted to ensure Vicar's employees in every department had the opportu-

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scholarship award winner Andrew Faus speaks about the impact of Vicar's and the scholarships on his life. Photos by Jon Blauvelt

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I totally support Philip Vineyard's opposition to the continued development of the Oak Bridge Club; however, his letter (published in the May 10 Recorder) contained a huge discrepancy regarding the "gated communities" limited access claims.

The idea that the gate guards or patrol officers actually do their job is a stretch of the imagination, at least more like a huge farce. I have a friend who I secured a 30-day pass for and for six months he was never challenged at the gate.

Recently, there was a hugely complimentary restaurant review for the 3 Palms Grille restaurant located at the Oak Bridge Club, plus a restaurant at the Players Club clubhouse that is open to the public. Simply mention you're going to the restaurant or have a tee time and it's, "Come on in." I know because I tested my theory in a friend's car, and it worked every time.

As for patrol, when you call for assistance, they refer you to the St Johns County Sheriff's Office. I have observed one officer asleep in his patrol car parked under the Palm Valley bridge and often you will find a car pulled up tight in the recreation field parking lot, almost invisible to passing traffic. For this, thousands upon thousands of dollars per year are budgeted for controlled access.

It is my understanding that Mr. Miler intends to replace the swimming pool with a daycare center, even more unchallenged entries, not to mention the hundreds of deliveries and maintenance crews that come and go on a daily basis, sometimes pausing at the end of the day to fish in one of the numerous ponds.

I live in the Oak Bridge subdivision, and the only thing the Oak Bridge Club does for me is lengthen the time it takes to leave or enter my subdivision.

I much prefer a nature park; it would only increase the value of my home.

Rick Mansfield, Ponte Vedra Beach

PONTE VEDRA DEMOCRATIC **CLUB MEETING FEATURES DISCUSSION ON PROPAGANDA**

On Wednesday, May 16, Helmut Zitzwitz delivered a presentation on propaganda at the monthly Ponte Vedra Democratic **Club meeting at the Ponte Vedra Beach** Branch Library. He provided the origins of propaganda, its techniques, commercial and political uses and current applications. Helmut was born in Berlin in 1932 and provided personal recollections of the 1938 Kristallnacht, propaganda campaigns of the Third Reich, the placement of neighbors and Jewish families into concentration camps, severe food shortages and his family's struggles before, during and after World War II. The June Ponte Vedra Democratic Club meeting on Wednesday, June 13 will feature a presentation from Ges Selmont, a Democratic candidate for Florida's 4th congressional district.

Photo provided by Ed Warren



Rutherford appointed to House Appropriations Committee

Rep. John Rutherford (R-FL) has been appointed to the U.S. House Committee on Appropriations, the standing committee responsible for the federal government's spending priorities, which debates and sets specific amounts for all discretionary federal spending on all federal agencies and programs.

"I am honored to join the House Appropriations Committee and take on a greater role in ensuring that precious taxpayer dollars are spent wisely," Rutherford said. "Responsibly prioritizing our nation's spending is one of Congress' most fundamental constitutional responsibilities, and I look forward to working to rebuild our national defense, properly care for our veterans and promote efficiency and accountability within every federal agency and program. I extend my thanks to Chairman Frelinghuysen for the invitation

to join this vital Committee."

A first-term member of Congress, Rutherford previously served on the House Committees on Veterans Affairs, Homeland Security and the Judiciary.

"We are in the midst of a very aggressive and busy appropriations season," said House Appropriations Committee Chairman Rodney Frelinghuysen (R-NJ). "With the retirement of one of our great subcommittee chairmen, Charlie Dent, we needed to bring a new member on board, and have made additional changes in subcommittee leadership as well. We welcome Rep. John Rutherford to the Committee, and I look forward to working closely with him over the next weeks and months to complete all 12 Appropriations bills in the House, and to fulfill our fiscal commitments to the country and the American people."

Mike Taylor is a regional vice president for GreenPointe Communities, which is currently building the new EvenTide community in Ponte Vedra Beach.

Mike Taylor

Can you please tell us about your background?

I bring 33 years of homebuilding, development and operations experience to GreenPointe Communities. After graduating from the Kelley School of Business at Indiana University with a Bachelor of Science in marketing, I decided to move back to my hometown of Atlanta and get my real estate license. I first joined Rubloff, a commercial real estate brokerage firm, where I provided a combination of corporate asset consulting and transaction negotiation for local, regional and national companies. Following a successful sales career in commercial real estate, I held various management positions with John Wieland Homes and was instrumental in expanding its operations to Jacksonville.

In 1998, I joined Hines and led the development and construction efforts in the creation of Palencia, a 2,350-acre master-planned golf course community in St. Johns County. In 2006, I returned to Atlanta and joined one of the nation's largest privately held homebuilders, McCar Homes, as division president. I was charged with developing multiple communities in Atlanta and Jacksonville. Missing the beach lifestyle, my family and I decided to move back to Jacksonville in 2008 where I joined LandSouth Construction to lead a team of project managers, superintendents and field personnel in the construction of over 1,900 apartments throughout the Southeast. From 2013 to 2017, I worked in Orlando and Naples for FrontDoor Communities, building high-end single family and multifamily luxury homes. Today, I'm an active member with Urban Land Institute North Florida and Northeast Florida Builders Association.

What are your primary roles and responsibilities as regional vice president for GreenPointe Communities?

I'm charged with creating and executing the vision and strategic plan for GreenPointe Communities throughout the Northeast Florida region. I'm responsible for managing the day-today operations for the division, including land acquisition, development, construction, sales, marketing and investor relations. In addition to new deal sourcing, I am currently managing four residential master-planned communities in Jacksonville, including Amelia Walk, 749 homes in Nassau County; Greyhawk, 500 homes in Clay County; TrailMark, 2,200 homes in St. Johns County; and Eventide, 23 estate homesites in Ponte Vedra Beach.

What's most exciting to you about EvenTide?

It's the best kept secret in Northeast Florida. You can build a new custom luxury home with private beach access starting at \$1.3 million. Living at EvenTide, you can experience coastal living with all the conveniences and amenities in Ponte Vedra Beach.



What do you think is the future of Northeast Florida?

The future of Northeast Florida is bright. The positive economic indicators for North Florida suggest we are in a healthy market. We will continue to see a migration of businesses and families moving to the area because of the unique quality of life in Northeast Florida. Our natural resources, diverse landscape, low cost of living, existing and planned infrastructure provide unique attraction.

What do you enjoy most about living in Ponte Vedra?

I like the community feel of Ponte Vedra. It's a small neighborhood community with proximity to Jacksonville.

What do you like to do in your free time?

I like to spend time with my family - my wife Susan and two daughters - at the beach. I also enjoy golf, hunting and fishing. When possible, I like to go flying in the Florida blue skies with my aviator friends.

Edited by Jon Blauvelt

Scholarships

nity to improve their education," said Bill Tickle, chair of the Vicar's Landing Scholarship Committee, at the event held in the community's auditorium. "None of this would occur without the generous help of our members' and their families' support in contribution to the scholarship fund."

The 104 Vicar's employees, who work across the community's departments, received awards up to \$2,500 to pay for courses and programs that will help them advance their careers. 15 Special Awards established by the generosity of individual Vicar's members were also presented to employees at the ceremony. In addition to Tickle, Vicar's Landing CEO Bruce Jones and Vicar's Landing Membership Association President Bob Hood presented the awards.

Previous scholarship award winner Andrew Faus spoke at the ceremony about the impact of Vicar's and the scholarships on his life. He served and bartended at the retirement community and worked as a certified nursing assistant (CNA) in the Health Center. Over the course of his tenure at Vicar's, Faus received \$19,000 in scholarship awards, which he said accounted for approximately 75 percent of his undergraduate studies.

"After lifeguarding in the summer and then getting a job here at Vicar's Land-

ing, I developed a passion for first aid and medicine," said Faus. "The people at Vicar's Landing helped me turn this passion into a career, which is something I owe a lot of thanks to the scholarship committee and the people of Vicar's Land-

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ing themselves."

Next month, Faus will begin his medical doctorate and master's degree in public health at the University of Miami's Miller School of Medicine.

Since the scholarship program began at

Vicar's Landing in 1994, over \$4,000,000 has been awarded to employees. The community's annual Boutique, which consists of a sale of members' treasures and furnishings, and other fundraising projects contribute to the program's efforts.

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Thursday, May 24

St. Johns County Budget workshops

In conjunction with the annual budget process, members of the public are invited to attend the St. Johns County Fiscal Year 2019 Administrator's Budget Workshops scheduled from 9 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. on May 23 and 24 at the St. Johns County Health and Human Services Building, located at 200 San Sebastian View in St. Augustine. Hosted by St. Johns County Administration and the Office of Management and Budget, the workshops will provide a departmental line item review of the proposed fiscal year 2019 St. Johns County budget in its formative stage prior to its presentation to the Board of County Commissioners.

Rule development workshop

The St. Johns River Water Management District will hold a rule development workshop May 24 at 3 p.m. at St. Johns River Water Management District headquarters. The workshop will discuss and receive stakeholder input on proposed rule amendments updating the types of consumptive use permits that may be delegated to district staff to approve. This meeting will take place at 4049 Reid St. in Palatka.

Jacksonville National Cemetry seeking volunteers

The Jacksonville National Cemetery is seeking volunteers to assist in a tradition of placing flags at gravesites May 24 at 2:30 p.m. in preparation for Memorial Day. Volunteers should arrive by 2:15 p.m. at the Jacksonville National Cemetery, located at 4083 Lannie Road (Committal Shelter 1). The event is open to the public. For more information, call (904) 766-5222.

Yoga for Survivors

The Y Healthy Living Center at the Ponte Vedra YMCA will host a Yoga for Survivors class May 24 at 11:30 a.m. Cancer patients, survivors, caregivers and others with range of motion a nd pain limitations are invited to join in this gentle and safe yoga practice, which is free and open to the public. Call (904) 202-5376 or visit www.baptistjax.com/ymca to reserve a spot. The Ponte Vedra YMCA is located at 170 Landrum Lane.

Friday, May 25

Exhibition of Works by Candace Knapp & Ron Vellucci

Enjoy this exhibition featuring the art of Candace Knapp and Ron Vellucci in the Main Gallery of the Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach. Knapp presents new paintings inspired by observations of light and shapes in nature, by reflections of water. Vellucci's wall sculptures nicely balance Knapp's paintings with shiny metal and wood.

Moonlight Movies

The City of Jacksonville Beach, PRI Productions, WJXT Channel 4 The Local Station, The Personal Injury Law Firm of Harrell & Harrell and 96.1 WEJZ will kick off the 17th season of Moonlight Movies May 25 at 9 p.m. with "Moana." This event will take place at the Sea Walk Pavilion, located at 1st St. N. in Jacksonville Beach. Visit www.jacksonvillebeach.org for more information.

POP Tennis Championship

The POP Tennis Championship begins Friday May 25 from 5 to 9 p.m. at Treaty Park, located at 1595 Wildwood Drive in St. Augustine. Paddle tennis is a game adapted from tennis and played for over a century. Compared to tennis, the court is smaller and has no doubles lines, and the net is lower. The game is played with a solid paddle, instead of a strung racket; the tennis balls are depressurized and the players serve underhand. Visit www.staugpoptennis.com for more information.

'Solo: A Star Wars Story' at IMAX Theater at World Golf Hall of Fame

See Han Solo and Chewbacca's adventures before joining the Rebellion, including their early encounters with Lando Calrissian, in this film showing at the IMAX Theater at World Golf Hall of Fame. For more information on showtimes and to purchase tickets, visit www.worldgolfimax.com. The World Golf Hall of Fame IMAX Theater is located at 1 World Golf Place in St. Augustine.

Saturday, May 26

Charity fitness competition

A charity fitness competition benefitting the Sound Connections music therapy programs in St. Johns County schools will be held May 26 at Pearson Fitness, located at 616 State Road 13N in St. Johns. Sign in/registration starts at 7:30 a.m. with the first heat at 8:30 a.m. The entry fee is \$40 per team, cash or check. Email kari@pearsonfitness.com to enter.

FWA Ponte Vedra Writers meeting

Award-winning author Vic DiGenti will share writing secrets in his presentation, "Start Strong and End Strong: Crafting Compelling Beginnings and Endings," at the next FWA Ponte Vedra Writers meeting May 26 at 10:30 a.m. at the Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library. For more information, visit www.floridawriters.net. The Library is located at 101 Library Blvd.

St. Augustine Amphitheatre Farmers Market

The St. Augustine Amphitheatre Farmers Market will take place every Saturday morning from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The market feature more than 100 tents with local produce, flowers, baked goods, handmate arts and crafts and more. The St. Augustine Amphitheatre Farmers Market is located at 1340 A1A S. in St. Augustine.

Cannon firing demonstration at Castillo de San Marcos

National Park Service volunteers and personnel demonstrate a cannon firing at the Castillo de San Marcos museum / monument every Friday, Saturday and Sunday at 10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. Rangers and volunteers demonstrate the weapons and relate the experiences of the colonial Spanish soldier of 1740s St. Augustine. Firing times are subject to change depending on weather conditions and staff availability. Castillo de San Marcos is located at 1 S. Castillo Drive in St. Augustine.

Sunday, May 27

Sandals, Shorts and Steel Drum Service Every Sunday from 11:30 a.m. to noon, St. Paul's

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.

X106.5's BBQ at the St. Augustine Amphitheatre

Jacksonville's New Alternative X106.5 will host its BBQ featuring reggae rock radio's biggest acts, such as Dirty Heads and AWOLNATION, Judah & The Lion, The Front Bottoms and AJR live May 27 at the St. Augustine Amphitheatre. Doors open at 4 p.m. and the show starts at 4:30 p.m. Visit www.staugamphitheatre.com for more information. The St. Augustine Amphitheatre is located at 1340 A1A S.

David Crosby at the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall

The Ponte Vedra Concert Hall will host the return of legendary singer-songwriter David Crosby, who is touring to promote his new album "Sky Trails." Joining him on the road will be James Raymon, Mai Agan, Steve DiStanislao, Jeff Pevar and Michelle Willis. This event will take place May 27; doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the show starts at 7:30 p.m. The Ponte Vedra Concert Hall is located 1050 A1A N.

High Teas at the Corazon Cinema and Cafe

Visit the Corazon Cinema and Cafe every Saturday and Sunday for afternoon tea. Enjoy seasonal savories, sweets and cultivated teas along with a screening of "The Gosford Park" at 12:30 p.m. for \$40. The 3:30 p.m. tea will feature hot tea and scones. Visit www.showclix.com/event/ high-tea-at-the-corazon for more information. The Corazon Cinema and Cafe is located at 36 Granada St. in St. Augustine.



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Monday, May 28

Caregiver support meetings

The St. Johns County Council on Aging will host caregiver support meetings Mondays (except holidays) from noon to 1 p.m. at the Ponte Vedra Memory Care Center at 1048 A1A N. For more information, call Paulette Kozlowski at (904) 209-3674 or email pkozlowski@ stjohnscoa.com. The meetings will provide a supportive environment for people who are experiencing similar challenges in which they can share problems, ideas and solutions.

First Coast Pastel Society exhibition

This exhibition at The Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach features a juried member show of works from the First Coast Pastel Society. The Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach is located at 50 Executive Way. For more information, visit www.ccpvb.org or call (904) 280-0614.

MOSH Mondays

The Museum of Science and History's MOSH Mondays feature discounts including buyone-get-one-half-off admission for adults, 10 percent off MOSH-branded items in the museum shop, 10 percent off memberships when signing up in-person and 10 percent off birthday packages when signing up in-person. MOSH Mondays also feature rotating weekly programs. MOSH is located at 1025 Museum Circle in Jacksonville. Visit www.themosh.org for more information

Florida East Coast: Selections from the Guidi Collection Exhibition

This exhibition showcases a selection of works from the Guidi Collection highlighting local artist depictions of the Florida East Coast over the years. The paintings, ranging from the late 1880s until the 1970s, include idealized images of Florida's natural landscape, along with paintings of St. Augustine architecture that still exists today. The museum's hours are Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, visit www.flagler.edu/newsevents/crisp-ellert-art-museum.

Tuesday, May 29

Volunteers needed

Volunteers are needed at THE PLAYERS Communiy Senior Center Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the kitchen. The center is looking for upbeat volunteers to help with new spring and summer programs. Contact Amy leach at (904) 209-3686 or email aleach@stjohnscoa.com for more information. The PLAYERS Community Senior Center is located at 175 Landrum Lane in Ponte Vedra.

Florida Blue free Tuesday

Every Tuesday, enjoy free admission to the Cummer Museum thanks to the support of Florida Blue The Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens is located at 829 Riverside Ave. in Jacksonville. The Cummer Museum's Tuesday hours are 4 to 9 p.m. No registration is required. For more information, visit www.cummermuseum.org or call (904) 356-6857.

Bookmobile

Visit Publix at Nocatee Town Center for a Bookmobile Tuesdays from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. The Bookmobile will feature books, movies, music and more. Publix at Nocatee Town Center is located at 120 Marketside Ave in Ponte Vedra Beach.

Yoga on the beach

Each Tuesday morning through September, join yoga fitness instructor Emily Busichio as she leads a free yoga session on St. Augustine Beach at 8 a.m., weather permitting. The yoga sessions take place on the beach at the Ocean Hammock Walkover.

Sunset and full moon paddle

Experience breathtaking views, sunsets and full moon rises illuminating the Salt Run tidal basin May 29 at Anastasia State Park from 7:15 to 8:45 p.m. Multiple watercraft options are available to rent, including single kayaks, tandem kayaks and stand-up paddleboards. Anastasia State Park is located at 300 Anastasia Park Road in St. Augustine. For more information, visit www.floridastateparks.org/park/Anastasia.

Wednesday, May 30

Toastmasters Club

Toastmasters Club #5199 of Ponte Vedra Beach meets every Wednesday at 7:30 a.m. at THE PLAYERS Community Senior Center. These meetings 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 lucyreep@gmail.com for additional information

Making Do Exhibit at Lincolnville Museum and Cultural Center

Learn about the South's rich African-American culture at the Lincoln Museum and Cultural Center, which features a collection of Gullah Geechee artifacts, culture and stories. The exhibit also features Willis Hakeem Jones' collection of treasures discovered in Africa and from coastal Georgia. The museum is open Wednesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Wednesday Market at St. Augustine Beach

The St. Augustine Beach Wednesday Market offers oceanfront shopping at the St. Johns County Pier Park every Wednesday starting at 8 a.m. Approximately 60-80 vendors can be found at the market selling locally grown produce, baked goods, prepared foods, arts, crafts and more. Visit www.sabca.org for more information.

Senior Health and Fitness Day at the Ponte Vedra YMCA

Join the Ponte Vedra YMCA May 30 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for a day filled with fun, fitness and education to celebrate National Senior Health and Fitness Day. The event will feature special fitness classes such as aqua aerobics, chair yoga, silver sneakers and line dancing. Additionally, visitors can enjoy free health and vision screenings, educational seminars and food samplings. All are welcome. The Ponte Vedra YMCA is located at 170 landrum Lane.

Thursday, May 31

Yoga for Survivors

The Y Healthy Living Center at the Ponte Vedra YMCA will host a Yoga for Survivors class May 31 at 11:30 a.m. Cancer patients, survivors, caregivers and others with range of motion and pain limitations are invited to join in this gentle and safe yoga practice, which is free and open to the public. Call (904) 202-5376 or visit www.baptistjax.com/ymca to reserve a spot. The Ponte Vedra YMCA is located at 170 Landrum Lane.

Southeast Book Club: 'The Two-Family House'

Join other local readers for a discussion on "The Two-Family House" by Lynda Cohen Loigman May 31 from 6:45 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. at the Southeast Branch Library. "The Two Family House" is about the impenetrable bond forged between two mothers in 1947 Brooklyn who raise their families side-by-side, supporting one another. The Southeast Branch Library is located at 6670 U.S. 1 S. in St. Augustine.

Farm Swap & Music Jam

Enjoy music from local musicians while shopping for farm-fresh produce at the Florida Agricultural Museum May 31 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. The event will feature musicians, singers and songwriters of folk, bluegrass, old time, fiddle, country and blues, along with vendors offering fruits, veggies, honeys, jellies, nuts, arts and more. The Farm Swap & Music Jam will take place at 7900 Old Kings Road N. in Palm Coast. Visit www.floridaagmuseum.org for more information.

Zen meditation

Join the Southeast Branch library for zen meditation May 31 from 4 to 5 p.m. Participants will get the chance to settle the mind and body and sit in still quietness. The library is located at 6670 U.S. 1 S. in St. Augustine.

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Girl Scouts of Gateway Council launches extended-year membership program

Girl Scouts of Gateway Council recently launched a new extended-year membership program. For the first time, those joining Girl Scouts of Gateway Council can register this summer without paying an additional membership fee in the fall.

"Through this extended-year membership opportunity, new Girl Scouts and those wishing to enroll as troop members can seamlessly transition from a summer glimpse of Girl Scouts to a traditional fall troop experience," said Mary Anne Jacobs, Gateway Council CEO. "This opportunity is a chance to sign up for Girl Scouts early, without having to renew your membership once fall enrollment begins."

With adventures at Girl Scout summer camp around the corner, the extendedyear membership provides girls that have not yet joined the group a convenient way to enroll in the camp and in Girl Scouts during the same season. New girls and troop members enrolling in Girl Scouts before July 31 are eligible for the extended-year membership offer.

At Girl Scouts of Gateway Council, girls are encouraged to discover their inner G.I.R.L. (Go-getter, Innovator, Risk-Taker, Leader)[™] and work together to change the world. Girls learn to thrive by developing a key sense of self, identifying and solving problems, seeking challenges and learning from setbacks. Experiences encourage girls to lead by example and make the world a better place.

"The idea behind extended-year membership is for girls to get started on their Girl Scout adventure in the summer and then stay engaged for the rest of the year where they can continue to develop into the next generation of female leaders," said Jacobs.



For more information on the extendedyear membership, or to take advantage of this membership opportunity, visit www. Photo courtesy of Clockwork Marketing

girlscouts-gateway.org or contact TriciaRae Stancato at tstancato@girlscoutsgatway.org or (904) 421-3484.



COMMUNITY NEWS 11

Bronson nonprofit to host fundraiser in Ponte Vedra Beach to support horse rescue efforts

By Benjamin Naim

Southern Redhead Farms Rescue, Inc., a Bronson, Florida, based 501(c)(3) horse rescue organization, will host a fundraiser on Saturday, June 23 in Ponte Vedra Beach to help the nonprofit pay for feed, veterinary services and other operating costs.

Although the organization's farm is located near Gainesville, the fundraiser will take place at a home in Marsh Landing. The goal of the event is to raise funds to help Southern Redhead Farms, which costs thousands of dollars to run, continue to save horses from unhealthy, underkept conditions. The fundraiser will kick off at 6 p.m. at 113 Teal Pointe Lane. Owner/operator Dr. Susan Spivey launched the nonprofit after learning about kill pens, a term used to describe pens where slaughter-bound horses are auctioned off. Subsequently, she began rescuing horses and taking care of them at her farm.

"Next thing I know I had 11 of them," said Spivey. "I told my husband, 'We need to start a 501(c)(3) charity.' We started on that path, registering with the state and last year we got our 501(c)(3) status from the IRS to become a full-fledged charity."

Spivey said her mission is to "rescue, rehabilitate and rehome" the farm's 32-horse population, which would likely be headed to the slaughter house without the charity.



"We are to the point now that some of the first ones that are here are now getting ready to actually go into the rehoming status and adoption," she said. "I have a trainer that comes and helps me train the little ones and then retrain those that just need some touch ups."

According to Spivey, the rescue's feed bill — including hay — costs \$5,000 to \$6,000 per month. Additionally, the farm needs funds to help with veterinary fees, **Horses at Southern Redhead Farms** Rescue, Inc., a horse rescue organization in Bronson, Florida, are saved, rehomed and rehabilitated. The organization will hold a June 23 fundraiser at 113 Teal Pointe Lane in Ponte Vedra Beach to help cover the expenses associated with the charity. Photo courtesy of Kim Seals

the cost of maintaining the facility and other expenses.

The fundraiser in Marsh Landing will feature raffle prizes, including a weekend Cedar Key getaway. Spivey noted that her team is currently getting other prizes that can be raffled off in a silent auction or presented in a basket.

For more information on the event and to RSVP, contact Kim Seals at kim.st-clair1@gmail.com or call (904) 547-0939.

Women's Board of Wolfson Children's Hospital announces new funding target

The Women's Board of Wolfson Children's Hospital recently celebrated its 2017-18 accomplishments at its Spring Luncheon held at Epping Forest Yacht & Country Club.

Beth Langley, the 2017-18 president of the Women's Board, announced that the board had exceeded its \$800,000 pledge to Wolfson Children's Hospital by donating more than \$825,000 during the fundraising period. The donations were raised from the board's two signature events: the Florida Forum speaker series and the Arts & Antiques show presented in December 2017. Langley recognized event chairs Katherine Forrester, Jane Pomar, Frances Hutto, Kelley Kunz and Jan Kirby, thanking them for their leadership, passion and dedication to the Women's Board.

The 2017-2018 fundraising season marked the last year of a five-year \$4 million pledge for the Pediatric Surgery Center of Distinction at Wolfson Children's Hospital. A new funding target was announced at the luncheon: a new state-of-the-art Neonatal Intensive Care



Past chairs of the Women's Board (from left) Katherine Forrester, Jane Pomar, Frances Hutto, Kelley Kunz and Jan Kirby

Unit (NICU).

"We know that all of our efforts are extremely important, and we are honored to be in a position to make an impact for the Children's Hospital," Langley said. "Supporting this new and improved NICU funding target is especially meaningful, since the special needs of premature babies is why the Women's Board formed over 40 years ago. We are thrilled to be able to support this cause."

At the luncheon, Katherine Forrester was named the 2019-2020 president of the Women's Board. The immediate past co-chair of the Florida Forum, Forrester

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co-chaired the Arts & Antiques show in 2013 and has been a devoted member of the board for more than 20 years.

The Spring Luncheon also awarded Susie Arbizzani Miller with the Abbie Award, named for founder Ellen Cavert's granddaughter, Abbie Ray Martin, whose early passing inspired the organization of the Women's Board. "I've been a member for over 30 years," Miller said in her acceptance speech. "I hope each of you find the same pleasure and meaning that I have over the years volunteering for this very special organization."

For more information about the Women's Board and this year's events, visit womensboardwolfsonchildrenshospital.com.





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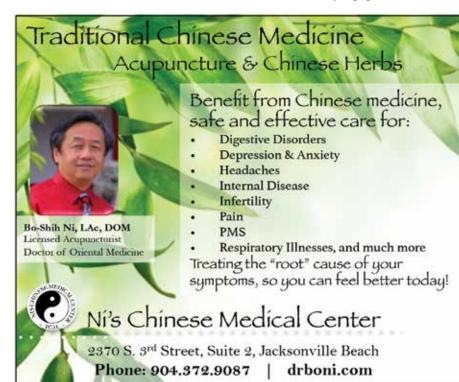
Bring lawn chairs for seating. Alcoholic beverages are prohibited in the Plaza.



Concerts in the Plaza is a free cultural event presented by the City of St. Augustine.

Chabad Beaches celebrating 15 years at A Night in Morocco annual gala June 3

Chabad at the Beaches will celebrate its 15th year of commitment to Jewish life in the Ponte Vedra and Jacksonville Beaches communities with its annual Gala Dinner and Celebration on Sunday, June 3 at 4:30 p.m. at One Ocean Resort and Spa in Atlantic Beach. This year's honorees are Robert and Carolyn Hirsch, who are being recognized for their financial support and involvement with the local Jewish community, as well as 14-year-old stars Noam Bensimon and Avi Kurinsky. Bensimon serves as the Gabai or synagogue sexton assist-



ing in prayers, Torah reading and giving out honors. He has accepted an academic scholarship to the Manhattan Torah Academy High School in New York. Kurinsky, who is involved in almost every program, event or service at Chabad, will be attending Yeshivas Lubavitch High School in Cincinnati.

The evening will highlight the educational and social work of Chabad at the Beaches as guests enjoy a four-course dinner with first-class entertainment, including a performance from opera tenor/cantor David Babinet.

There are 250 Chabad institutions in Florida alone, seven of which are in the Jacksonville area. This year, 15,000 children attended Chabad's 18 schools, 51 preschools, 85 Hebrew schools and 29 Summer camps in Florida. The gala is timed to coincide with the yahrtzeit (anniversary of passing of) of Aaron Scharf, who is the center's namesake along with wife Blanche.

For sponsorship opportunities, program journal ads, dedications, details about tickets or to RSVP, visit www.JewishDinner. com or contact Chabad at the Beaches at Dinner@ChabadBeaches.com or (904) 543-9301. One Ocean is located at 1 Ocean Blvd. in Atlantic Beach.

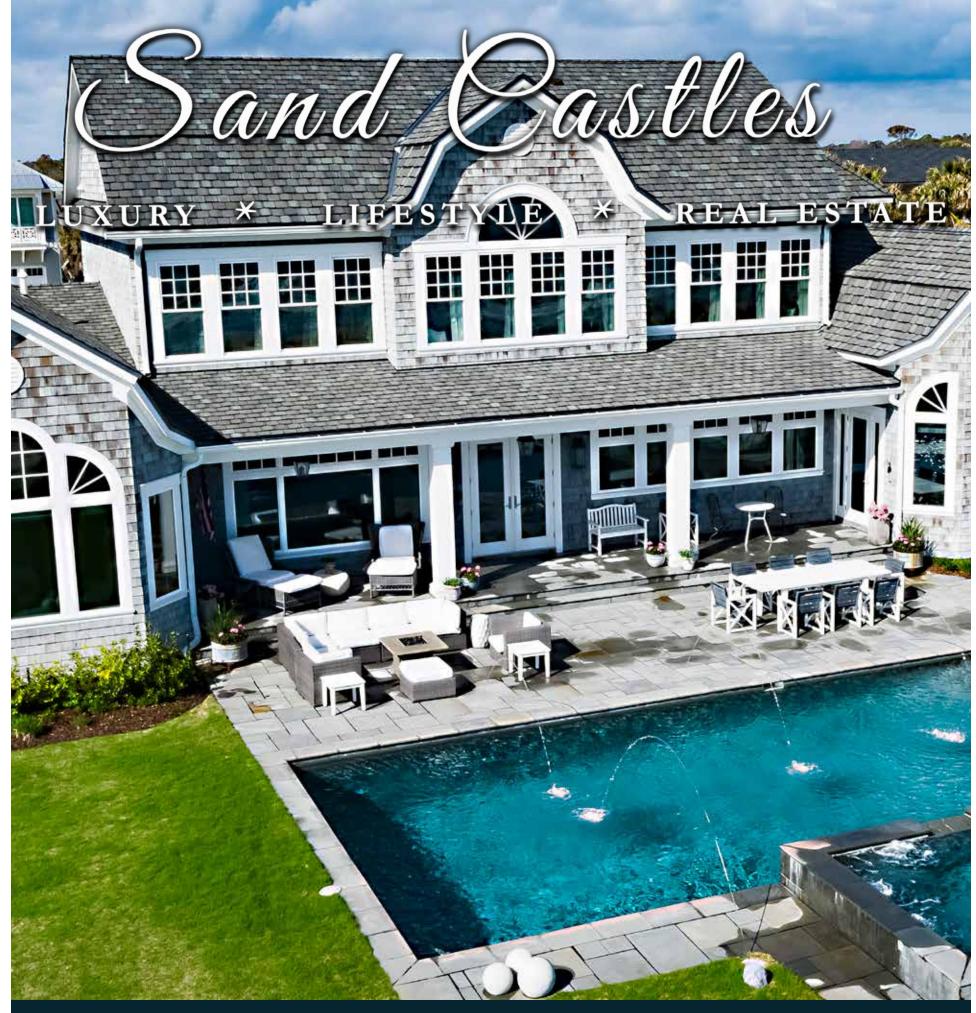


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Janet Westling Contributing editor

By Janet Westling Contributing Editor

Welcome to our "Spring into Summer" issue of Sand Castles, a luxury, lifestyle and real estate seasonal section. This spring issue arrives every May during Memorial Day weekend, the unofficial start of the summer vacation season.

Memorial Day is a day to remember those who died while serving in the country's armed forces.

The holiday is always observed on the last Monday in May. We celebrate it with family, parades, cookouts, trips to the beach and for some in the Washington, D.C. area, a trip to Arlington National Cemetery.

In this issue, you can read about a very special trip to exactly there by the Floyd family. When I asked Michelle Floyd to write about her trip with her daughter Allison and grandson Zach, I thought it would be a nice travel article. Boy, was I surprised to read that it was so much more!

Overall, springtime is a time of rebirth, renewal and the perfect time to buy a home. We have plenty of homes that are on the market in this issue. From the ocean to the Intracoastal and River Marsh to Isle of Palms, many of our unique neighborhoods are featured in this issue, thanks to stories contributed by local real estate agents.

But first, you need the financing! Our market watch by Eric Spottswood, mortgage broker with Prosperity Home Mortgage, gives us insight into how to best prepare for the lending process.

Staging is an important factor to consider when selling your home. You have several options, including doing it yourself. Heidi Zawacki shares her sources for great finds for purchasing beautiful furnishings, from antiques and arts and everything in between.

Remodeling is also something to consider when selling your home. This issue features a St. Augustine-based stone and tile company that could help you with such a project.

Also in this issue, we take a look at some nonprofits who are making an impact in our community. For example, the Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach held its eighth annual Legacy Trust Family Wealth Offices Home & Art Tour in April. You can read about the success of the event from the center's new development director, Jennifer Sartiano, who joined the Cultural Center just one month before two major events and pulled them off like a pro.

Speaking of events, the Salvation Army is gearing up for its Red Shield Ball in October. We hear from Kelly Belich on the annual event, which is chaired by Francesca Rutherford and Meredith Guess.

A national event in May turned our attention to horses and hats. Local milliner Tracie Rampley spent the past several months in her workroom designing the perfect hat for the most famous race, the Kentucky Derby. You can read about that in this section.

And lastly, as we transition from spring to summer, we look into Adventure Landing's new slide complex at Shipwreck Island, which will serve as a great spot to take the kids over the next few months.

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Janet Westling, REALTOR, GRI, CIPS

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MARKET How do I prepare to buy a home?

By Eric Spottswood Prosperity Home Mortgage

This is a two-part article on how to best prepare for the lending process. The second part will appear in the next edition of Sand Castles in July.

Whether you're buying your first home, moving into your dream house or downsizing to your retirement home, buying a house can be a special time and an incredible experience.

There can also be an undertone of stress and anxiety, however, when setting up your mortgage. Buying a home is, after all, the largest financial transaction that most people make in their lives.

So, how can you prepare ahead of time, decrease the stress, shift the focus away from the mortgage process and simply look forward to enjoying your new home? Below is one particular factor to consider.

Know what goes into a lending transaction

Most people only go through the mortgage process a few times in their lives, and the timing between those events can be spread over a vast period of time.

As a result, the financing process can be unfamiliar and daunting. It can seem like a never-ending list of items is needed to approve the loan. So, what really does go into a lending transaction, and why is it so important that those items are included? There are four main factors in a loan, and each one is equally important to a lender. To demonstrate that a borrower is qualified to obtain a mortgage, a lender must carefully examine the borrower's credit, income, collateral and assets. Let's take a look at each:

■ Credit — Most lenders will pull your credit report from all three credit bureaus — Experian, Equifax and TransUnion

— and use the middle score to determine whether you qualify for a loan. An important thing to know is that mortgage credit scores are unique and different from what many people see when they monitor their own credit. One reason that a mortgage credit score may be different is that mortgage credit is run on an 850-point scale versus a scale of 900, and mortgage credit calculations weigh your credit history differently. This means scores could be lower when pulled for your mortgage loan than you anticipate. A common belief is that a lower mortgage credit score is a result of the score being impacted from pulling your credit, but the reality is that scores are only slightly impacted when obtained by a lender. Credit agencies also want to make sure they're not negatively impacting clients who want to shop lenders to find the best deal. As a result, your credit report can be obtained as often as needed for 14 days, and it only counts as one inquiry against your score. Most conventional loans, which are \$453,000 or less, require a score of at least 620. However, programs like FHA may allow a score as low as 580.

■ Income — Lenders want to make sure clients are in a financial position where they can comfortably afford the homes they

are purchasing. Individual loan programs vary in their requirements, but a lender will generally recommend that your total outstanding debt - such as your mortgage, vehicle and credit card payments - represent no more than 43 percent of your gross monthly income (or net income, if you happen to be self-employed). If you want to know a good price range for a home, comparing your monthly expenses to your monthly income will give you an idea of the mortgage amount you may be able to afford. Another item lenders consider is consistency of income. Customers who have an all-salary income or receive set retirement payments have a very steady stream of income. As such, you can use the full amount of that income, even if you just started receiving that amount. Income that traditionally varies, such as bonus, commission and self-employed income, considers a two-year average to make sure the income is consistent to be able to be considered.

■ Collateral — The amount that you put down on the home is a factor in the mortgage approval process as well. Some programs require a 20 percent down payment, but that can vary depending on the loan size and property type. Lenders also realize that some customers may have difficulty putting 20 percent down and may prefer to put less money down up front. For those situations, lenders offer a wide array of programs with lower down payment options. Some programs require as little as 3 percent down, allow gifts from family members or allow sellers to contribute toward the transaction. To account for the reduced equity in the home, loans carrying less than 20 percent down may require mortgage insurance until more equity is built in the home.

■ Assets — Assets can come in many different forms, from checking and savings accounts, to retirement accounts, to bonuses or stock options. The primary consideration is how accessible the accounts are. For example, can you access without penalty immediately? How stable has the balance been in these accounts? Large fluctuations can be acceptable; the lender would just need to validate the reason for the variation. If you plan to make a large deposit into your account, such as a gift from a family member to help purchase the home, be sure to ask your mortgage lender if it will affect the loan process. Large deposits into your account can be a great thing, but lenders need to ensure the money isn't an additional loan that needs to be paid back and, thus, factored into your debt ratios.

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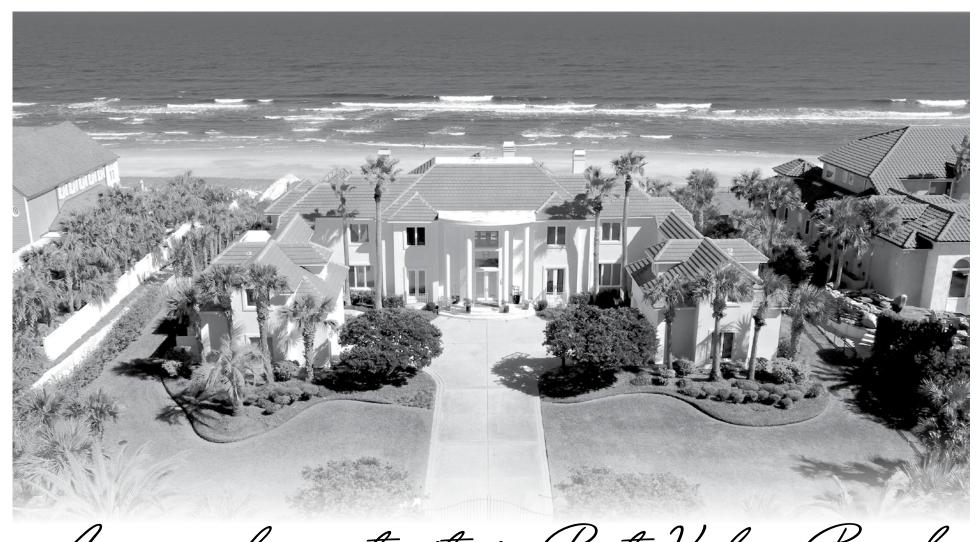
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A wave of opportunity in Ponte Vedra Beach Elizabeth Hudgins home offers both front and back staircases,

By Elizabeth Hudgins and Sarah Alexander

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Upon entering 1051 Ponte Vedra Blvd., the floor-to-ceiling windows magnetically draw your attention across the two-story living room to the home's expansive oceanfront views. The progressive elevation design throughout the 8,500-squarefoot home highlights the spectacular ocean views seen from virtually every room.

Set back from the road and situated on 1.44 acres, this gated property offers homeowners a comforting level of security and privacy; yet its central location allows for easy access to the local community and attractions. Built like a fortress and positioned on a high dune with 26 feet of elevation, this home's two-story masonry construction was made for sustainability and permanence.

Designed with a neo-traditional costal elegance, the spacious and bright interior reflects the tranquility and beauty of the home's stunning natural backdrop. With seven bedrooms, including two owner's suites with one located downstairs and the other upstairs, this property was created to handle households of all sizes. The upstairs master bedroom offers an exquisite private retreat, with features such as a gas fireplace and spacious balcony. So whether you begin your morning by enjoying the breathtaking sunrise views, or finish it by relaxing by the fire, this enticing space offers you a peaceful respite from the world.

Created with ease of living in mind, this

home offers both front and back staircases, dual laundry rooms located on the first and second level and a live-in nanny suite. Each of the three additional bedrooms features en-suite baths. The chef's kitchen is designed to accommodate the chef of any skill level. With an eat-in dining area, and access to the family room, this area is perfect for bringing the family together.

The connecting butler's pantry leads to the spacious dining room with gorgeous views overlooking the ocean, making it the perfect space for intimate dinners and social gatherings. With a separate study, billiard room with bar and bonus/game room which can be used as a seventh bedroom, this home is equipped to meet all of the owner's wants and needs.

As impeccable and luxurious as the accommodations are inside the home, the exquisite backyard that features over 150 feet of ocean frontage is just as impressive. The sparkling pool and spa will compete for your attention away from the ocean. The spacious pool deck and patio will make you wish for lazy afternoons spent lounging in the sun. The outdoor living space is complete with a covered summer kitchen with cabana bath and storage closet. With a private walkway leading directly to the pristine Ponte Vedra beaches, this dream home offers the perfect wave of opportunity for the discerning buyer looking for a new shore to explore.

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The Salvation Army's Red Shield Ball: A sensational time for a worthy cause

By Kelly Belich

The Salvation Army depends on donations from the community to help local families in need, and one of the most important sources of funding for the nonprofit's Red Shield Lodge shelter for women and families is the Red Shield Ball.

Now in its fifth year, this event is taking place Oct. 20, 2018 at the Herbert University Center at the University of North Florida. Salvation Army supporters will enjoy an elegant seated dinner, live and silent auctions, live music and dancing and a special opportunity to show their "heart for the Army" and raise money for the lodge.

The Red Shield Lodge in Downtown Jacksonville provides safe and supportive housing for single women and families of all kinds, including fathers with children. Here they receive three meals per day, individualized case management, coaching on financial and parenting skills and most of all a place to get back on their feet so they can return to a life of self-sufficiency.

This year's Red Shield Ball honorary chairs are longtime supporters of the Army, Chip and Jenifer Skinner. Past honorary chairs have included Michael Ward and Jennifer Glock, C. Herman Terry and Edward W. Lane, Jr., Pete and Marilyn Carpenter and Clarence and Corkie Gooden. Chairing the event committee this year are Meredith Guess and Francesca Rutherford.

The upcoming event is receiving notice by some high-end, international brands. Gay Oden Antica cioccolateria of Naples, Italy, recently featured at an event for Dolce & Gabbana in New York, has donated its internationally acclaimed chocolates for Red Shield Ball guests to take with them. Other guest favors have been donated by CuciChic Studio by Maria Grazia Todisco of Naples, Italy. Ponte Vedra's own Janet Westling, realtor at Berkshire Hathaway HSFNR, is once again donating limited edition perfume for the ladies.

Sponsorships are being sought now for the October event. Interested individuals or businesses should contact Christine at (904) 905-7460 or RSBsponsor@gmail.com. Tickets are \$150 and \$100 for those ages 35 and younger.

The Salvation Army of Northeast Florida started serving in Jacksonville in 1891 — the first location for the Army in Florida - and grew to provide services in Duval, St. Johns, Nassau, Clay, Baker and Putnam counties. Here in Jacksonville, The Salvation Army works to meet basic human needs in the name of Christ without discrimination.

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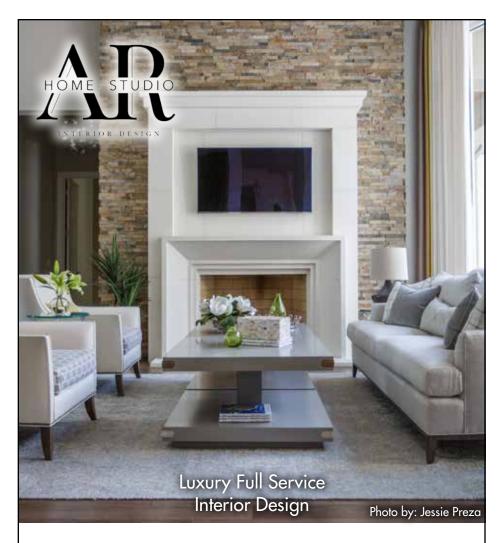








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By Lisa Barton

Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Network Realty

Inspired by glorious Spanish villas and Italian palazzos, this luxurious European-style estate is a sophisticated and luxurious private retreat that reflects the magical merging of architecture and family.

Built in 2007, this special home at 366 Royal Tern Road South in Ponte Vedra Beach was designed by the renowned Kevin Gray, with landscape and outdoor lighting design by prominent designer Cynthia Burns.

The current owners fell in love with the home upon entering through the custom wrought iron gates and tall mahogany double doors leading into a grand Mediterranean central courtyard living area. The parade of arches is immediately reminiscent of classic homes in Seville and along the Amalfi Coast, but also perfect for the Florida lifestyle and endless year-round entertaining.

Imagine a home where you and your guests can unwind by the beautiful marble-tiled outdoor fireplace to the sound of the Italian water fountain and music from built-in speakers in Cypress wood ceilings. Then take a dip in the saltwater pool/heated spa topped by twinkling festival lights, and create a masterpiece in the granite-topped chef's outdoor kitchen and bar area. This home lovingly wraps itself around the central courtyard, offering the best of Florida indoor and outdoor living, with beautiful water views from every room.

Moving seamlessly from the courtyard living area, step through one of three sets of French doors into the most exquisite kitchen in Ponte Vedra Beach. With dark, wide-plank hardwood floors as far as your eye can see, a 5 x 12-foot Carrara marble island is the striking centerpiece. Serving is made seamless with your butler's pantry and wine room. The current owners report numerous guests are stunned as they enter this remarkable space, including seasoned world travelers who think they've "seen it all."

An open concept kitchen, with expansive family sitting and eating areas, includes endless stainless appliances,





such as dual Sub-Zero refrigerators/freezers; four Sub-Zero refrigerator drawers; two Sub-Zero freezer drawers; two ice makers; a Miele steam oven and Miele coffee station; two Miele dishwashers; two Wolf warming drawers; and a commercial Viking range hood over the Tesla of ranges — the La Cornue Grand Palais 180-Chateau Series Range, which offers gas and electric options and is well over 6 feet long.

Relax at the end of the day before several choices of

roaring fires: in the kitchen sitting area, in the family room/library, in the formal living room or out in the gorgeous courtyard. In the living and dining room, you'll love the 12-foot ceilings with unobstructed views of the Intracoastal Waterway and large pond, where the pond grasses are washed by a soft glow of uplighting in the evening.

The serene master retreat offers soaring ceilings, and walls of tall windows so you wake to water views of the pool and pond. The spacious sitting area also includes a breakfast/coffee bar, and another French door leads out to a small private courtyard filled with your very own lime orchard.

The spectacular master bath is straight from the most elegant European resort spa, with 1-inch hand-laid marble tile flooring, custom cabinetry and a freestanding tub, Waterworks sinks and fixtures throughout and an unforgettable 22 x 13-foot custom closet, ideal for the most discriminating buyer. See the amazing Waterworks shower with four shower heads, a rain shower and a separate area to bathe your pet.

This home also has four additional en-suite bedrooms, four full baths and two half baths, two laundry rooms, a front and back staircase and a bonus room. Upstairs is a spacious second family room, which is perfect for a kids' hangout area, and the second large laundry room/kitchen. You'll also enjoy the home gym or ballet room.

A lovely guest casita off the courtyard, with a kitchen, Sub-Zero refrigerator, Fisher & Paykel dishwasher drawer, built-in microwave, living room and separate bedroom, works great for in-laws or guests.

In the evening, finish work in your home office and then settle comfortably on the marble back porch for spectacular sunset views, looking due west out to the Intracoastal Waterway. The fully fenced backyard is ultra-private, with new uplighting and downlighting and fresh landscaping throughout the half-acre property.

This home is represented by Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Network Realty, listed by Lisa Barton and offered at \$1,999,999.



1039 Ponte Vedra Blvd.

By Clare Berry

Berry & Co. Real Estate

Dragonfly Dune is a rare find. Located at 1039 Ponte Vedra Blvd., this home combines warmth and style, practical finishes and attention to detail. When you enter the home, it's a "take your breath away" feeling! The architect created a connection of the inside with the outside, so you immediately see the sweeping ocean views, a preview of the fine design of this oceanfront estate.

Only a 200-foot-wide lot like this one provides the space for such a large oceanfront terrace, which accommodates numerous seating and entertaining groupings and runs nearly the length of the lot. The pool and spa are the color of the sea. The Trex walkover provides easy beach access. Pool baths are accessible from either end of the property.

Inside, the recently renovated kitchen is perfect for entertaining a crowd, with several gathering spots around the sizeable island, as well as ocean view nooks for smaller groups. Here you'll find Ponte Vedra Beach's best pantry, floor-to-ceiling storage for all the cook's tools! Gas cooking and top-of-the-line appliances are surrounded by numerous cabinets. Storage is plentiful in this home; every nook opens to a closet, and the two three-car garages offer endless possibilities.

The owner's end of the house includes an office with beautiful wood detail in the coffered ceiling and builtins. The bedroom and sitting room have warm wood floors, a fireplace, a huge closet and his and hers bathrooms.

There are four other bedroom suites, all generous in size and very private. Each upstairs bedroom has its own oceanfront balcony. Walk-in closets are the norm. Up a private stairway, you'll find an oceanfront exercise room!

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For the hats, frills and thrills of the Kentucky Derby

By Tracie Rampley

When you think about the Kentucky Derby, hats and horses come to mind, and yes, in that order. As the event takes place each year, my excitement becomes almost childlike since I design custom hats at Tracie Rampley Embellished Designs in Ponte Vedra Beach.

Since 1965, when Churchill Downs added a clubhouse known as Millionaires Row, attendees have been dressing to impress, wearing the latest fashion with the ladies topping it off with fashionable custom hats of all sizes and shape. With artistry ranging from bold, flamboyant over the top embellished designs to the demure and dainty, everyone knows the show is on. The Kentucky Derby is where horseracing and fashion come together.

Still today, the glamour, stylish attire, incredible hats and the mint julep are fashionable staples of this stately affair, all in awe with the planning of next year to soon begin. No matter what, where or the horses you bet on, it's the hats we always remember.

This year on the First Coast, we enjoyed many of the local Kentucky Derby parties where the hat contests are as competitive as horseracing on the track, including at Cowford Chophouse, Culhane's Irish Pub, The Tavern at Ponte Vedra Inn & Club and Rosenblums.

I had a great time designing many hats for this stately event, celebrated near and afar. I am blessed to own a business where my days are artistly fun, with the welcoming of design challenges and the smiles on the faces of returning and new clients when sporting their custom design hats. I am always pondering new hat designs, colors, textures and the thought of topping last year's designs. For all of that, I am grateful.

For more information on my work, email me at tmrampleydesigns@gmail. com or call (904) 236-3663.







Photos courtesy of Tracie Rampley Kentucky Derby-themed designs by Tracie Rampley Embellished Designs in Ponte Vedra Beach

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CCP1/B's annual Home & Art Tour provides guests with access to luxurious homes and fun entertainment

By Jennifer Sartiano

There was a lot of buzz around our community at this year's Legacy Trust Family Wealth Offices Home & Art Tour, held on Saturday, April 21.

iHeartRadio conducted a live broadcast, local newscasters gave shoutouts in addition to their weather forecasts and guests sipped on mimosas. The Cultural Center hosted breakfast before the tour, which offered the opportunity for patrons to explore the pottery studio, artist workspaces and gallery exhibits.

The variety of homes entertained attendees as they got to step inside a secluded luxury estate on the Intracoastal point of Marsh Landing, a complete 1970s remodel, an oceanfront family residence built for 12 and a lovely home appointed with antiques and family heirlooms. This fundraiser brings in hundreds of ticket holders and over \$20,000 to support arts education and access to the arts within our vibrant community.

It was a treat to see how each home was decorated and crafted for daily living. A highlight was the ranch style home transformation into a modern marvel punctuated with oversized art and practical technology in the interior and summer kitchens.

In the spirit of elevating programs and awareness as the Cultural Center has its sights on a new address, supporters of the tour of homes can expect a fresh approach in 2019. Plans are already underway to increase the number of homes and add more art influences inside the residences.







TOP LEFT: Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach Executive Director Donna Guzzo

TOP RIGHT: Glenn Hettinger (right) sells his book on distinctive Ponte Vedra Beach homes during the home and art tour.

BOTTOM LEFT: Kelly and Gil Barrera and Linda and Dick Williams

BOTTOM RIGHT: Lisa Barton, Marsha Keller and Tonya O'Quinn Photos courtesy of Janet Westling







Photos courtesy of Kathleen Larrivi An inside look at Cielo Stone and Tile's showroom, located at 6370 U.S. Highway 1 N. Unit 9 in St. Augustine

Cielo Stone and Tile offers tile and flooring options for First Coast sand castles

By Benjamin Naim

Owned by Kathleen Larrivier, Cielo Stone and Tile in St. Augustine offers a variety of stone, tile and flooring products for large, upscale homes in St. Johns County and across the United States.

"We are probably the best in the state," Larrivier said in an interview with the Recorder. "Certainly, the best in North Florida. We carry a very large range from lower cost all the way to highest end. Anyone looking for any kind of stone, tile or flooring for the house can come here and have it all in one place."

Regarding high-end selections, Larrivier claimed that Cielo was "probably the only store in North Florida" with extravagant offerings, and that her showroom features unique lines and products often seen in architectural magazines. Unlike other tile stores in Florida, Larrivier said Cielo carries the "ultimate" tiles with textures, waves and 3D dimensions.

"We carry pool tile that's very unusual," she added. "Some of it hand made. If you're looking for it, we probably carry it. We don't keep inventory; we order all of this stuff which is what allows us to have this kind of variety."

Larrivier, who moved to Florida in 2005, said the most unique aspect of Cielo is the "quantity and quality of selection."

"We do some lower-end stuff," she said, "but if you're looking for something unique — you have no choice but to come here. There's just nothing like it in the area."

Visitors in need of help with selection or layout will find it at Cielo. The store's owner and its sales staff are designers, and assistance comes with the purchase.

Cielo Stone and Tile is located at 6370 U.S. Highway 1 N. Unit 9 in St. Augustine. For more information on the store, call (904) 687-1981.



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Spring break in our nation's capital

By Michelle Floyd

When I asked my grandson Zach where he wanted to go for spring break, he immediately, without hesitation, said "Washington, D.C.!" So, plans were made for my daughter Allison, Zach and me to go off on an adventure!

I was raised in Washington, D.C. and spent my first year of college in the city. My love runs deep for the city, and it is always such a thrill to fly into Washington National, or as it is now called, Reagan National Airport. I so hoped the flight pattern would take us by a few monuments, as Zach was glued to the plane window. We came in from the south, so the traffic plan wasn't perfect. But, he was the first to see the Washington Monument. The many thrills of the trip had begun!

Our first stop was the Trump International Hotel, which was our home for the next week. The hotel in considered a 5-Star hotel but in my opinion needs a sixth star. The personalized service cannot be duplicated by any hotel I have ever stayed. My favorite 5-Star hotel has always been the Sacher in Salzburg, Austria. However, the Trump Hotel has altered that standing!

From the day I made the reservations, to the day before we left for our trip, there were numerous emails from the hotel. The staff at the hotel knew what time we were arriving, and a luxurious SUV was waiting at the airport. When we walked up to the desk in the lobby to check in, Zach was asked, "Zach, how was your flight?" Zach turned to me and said, "Gigi, how do they know my name?" I replied, "They are expecting us like you would expect a guest to your home!" Zach, at check-in, received a Trump ski hat, a goody box of assorted candies and a passport to keep track of all the attractions he would visit during the stay.

Each day, Zach went to the front desk and presented his passport, with each attraction visited, to be stamped for a gift. At the end of our stay, Zach presented his stamped "passport" and was rewarded with a Trump backpack and sunglasses — polarized! The hotel is so attentive to children and made a sophisticated hotel so child-friendly. Upon our arrival back at the hotel every evening, the bell men would say, "Welcome home Ms. Floyd, welcome home Zach!" It was as if we were the only guests in the hotel.

The next day was another "first" for Zach. We visited the Capitol and met Rep. John Rutherford. We were able to go to his office, sit in on a Senate session and tour the Capitol building. Zach was also able to see a copy of the Declaration of Independence, which our ancestor William Floyd signed (on the right side – very top). Zach also saw a painting of William Floyd. There is a strong family resemblance!



Zach stands in front of the White House during his spring break trip to Washington, D.C.

Photos courtesy of Michelle Floyd



ABOVE: Zach embraces the gravestone of his great-grandfather at Arlington National Cemetery.

A very emotional day was our visit to the Arlington National Cemetery. The changing of the guard was mesmerizing for Zach, Allison and me! Zach got to meet my father, his great-grandfather, who served in World War II. I was able to tell Zach about his great-grandfather who stayed in Germany until 1956 to find and prosecute Nazi war criminals. I explained that experience in Europe was why his great-grandfather left Germany and went to law school.

RIGHT : Michelle Floyd and her grandson Zach meet with Rep. John Rutherford in Washington, D.C. during Zach's spring break.

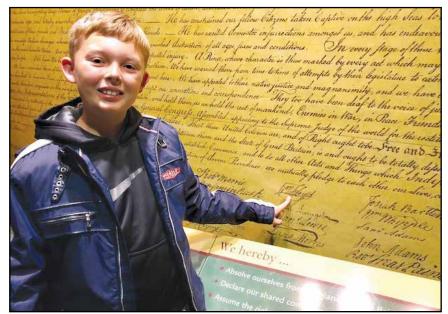
> When we located the grave, Zach sat down and hugged the head stone. Zach said, "I love you grandpa." It brought my daughter and I to tears. A very emotional day! So, now Zach has been able to relate to two grandfathers — one active in building our nation and one working to maintain our freedoms for this nation.

> Zach saw so many museums that on the fourth day he said, "Gigi, no more museums!" I remember his mother, when she was about this age, late in the day just



walking past every item in the Smithsonian saying, "This is old, this is old, this is old!" We saw the National History Museum, American History Museum, The National Archives, Air and Space Museum and Spy Museum. We also took a tour of Madame Tussaud's Wax Museum.

It snowed on our third day in D.C. Zach had never seen snow! We built snow animals, had snowballs fights and built forts.



ABOVE: Zach points to where his family ancestor, William Floyd, signed the Declaration of Independence.

Spring break

Another first for Zach! The land in front of the Capitol is the reflection park and was covered in snow. It was absolutely beautiful. We were scheduled to go the White House and our tour was cancelled, but it was worth the snow!

The cherry blossoms were just starting to come out and due to the snow were delayed a couple of weeks. But we did see a few in full bloom around the large sculpture garden, off the grand mall where the trees were more protected. The home where I lived in Washington D.C. was lined with cherry blossom trees and it was a spectacular drive to see my old home. Incredible beauty from nature!

We also were able to experience the March for Our Lives event for school safety. The streets all around our hotel were barricaded with concrete barricades and army trucks. The police and national guard were abundant. When we left the Trump Hotel, a bellman had to push our luggage cart three blocks for us to meet



Zach experiences snow for the first time in front of the Trump International Hotel.

our car to take us to the airport. Zach thought it was just so much fun! And he was amazed to see other children trying to help and make our country better.

Photos courtesy of Michelle Floyd

RIGHT: Zach was able to visit several museums

during his stay in Washington, D.C.

At the end of the trip, Zach said it was the best trip ever. And Zach does travel a lot with his parents and the Jaguars. so this was a big accomplishment for me. So, we are definitely going every spring break for cherry blossom season to Washington D.C. I knew from the first time I met Zach, when he was 5 minutes old, that we would make great travel companions!







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Adventure Landing unveils new Pirate Play Village

By Natalie Dunlap

It's out with the old and in with the new at Adventure Landing's flagship Jacksonville Beach location.

On April 25, the park unveiled its \$1 million interactive Pirate Play Village as the new centerpiece of Shipwreck Island Waterpark. Opened in time for the 2018 season, the slide complex features five new slides along with a variety of interactive water features for children and families to enjoy. With Shipwreck Island Waterpark celebrating its 23rd year, Adventure Landing Jacksonville Beach Owner Hank Woodburn said the park was ready to take a bold step forward.

"We're constantly making improvements to offer the best experience to our guests," he said. "The new complex offers five slides with more water features that are much more substantial than the previous village. There will simply be more for families to do!"

Pirate Play Village features attractions like Cannonball Burst, an enclosed slide for single riders with 360-degree loops; Pirate's Plunge, a tunneling body slide featuring two 360-degree turns; and Black Beard's Revenge, an exciting open flume body slide with twists and turns. The new complex also includes fun for the park's youngest visitors. Junior Jolly, a wide platform waterslide, and Sea Pups Racer, an open, two-person slide racer, provide exciting and safe thrills for youngsters. Kids will also be delighted with the bucket that dumps endless amounts of water on the unsuspecting people below.

While the Pirate Play Village is Shipwreck Island's new centerpiece, guests will still be able to enjoy the park's other popular attractions. Guests looking to relax can lay back and float along the Little St. Johns Lazy River. Those looking for a little more action can get tossed around in the 500,000-gallon Typhoon Lagoon Wave Pool or try their luck on the four Xtreme Slides.

Shipwreck Island Waterpark has set up its schedule to appeal to guests of all ages this season, including older adults for the Sip 'N' Slide on June 30. Also for older guests, there are Night Swims from 6 to 10 p.m. on Friday and Saturday nights starting in June.

Parents of young kids can enjoy Kids Play Days weekdays from 11 a.m. to

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Get past the ugly

By Heidi Zawacki

As a young girl, my mom and favorite aunt would frequently spend Saturdays shopping by hitting a yard sale or two along with the occasional antique store.

To my sisters and I, this was pure torture. The smell of an antique store is one that will forever be embedded in my nose. Now, as an adult and a mom to two girls, I see myself doing the same. I am not sure when my love for antique finds started to happen, but I am in love with it!

The smell of an antique store gets me so excited to try to find something that blends into our coastal colored traditional theme, yet up to date for our home. You see, I am not sure what my "style" is, but I have been told it works. It consists of coastal colors, slipcovered furniture, a hint of gold accents, random antiques and various pieces I have found that I spruced with some new fabric and paint. In many cases, it just took seeing past the ugly.

I have found some of my treasures at estate sales, consignment stores, antique stores and retail stores such as J. Turner or Luxury for Less that have hit our sleepy beach town.

Buying new can be expensive, but it doesn't have to be. No doubt, buying a few basic pieces of new furniture can be done, but there are options you can do to save money. For instance, reupholstering an old couch with a fresh new fabric is one of my favorite ways to see past the ugly. I think slipcovers are versatile because you can find fabric by the yard on sale and hire one of the many local people around town to reupholster the piece. This approach is a very cost-effective way to introduce a new



Antique console sourced from Swip Swap

look while spending far less for a "new" couch.

Keep your eye out for an old unique lamp, or even an antique and refresh it with a new lampshade. Did you happen to see a pretty picture, but you just didn't like the frame? That is also an easy change. There are many local frame shops that will work with you on a custom frame within your budget.

Mixing old and new is fun. It gives the room character and to my surprise, has frequently been a topic of conversation when hosting friends and family. Through tinkering and more tinkering, I have found when a room is filled with only new furniture, the room can feel cold and unwelcoming.

Seeing past the ugly is not always easy. My approach is to focus on the shape and style of the piece versus the color or fabric on the piece. You might be surprised how a coat of paint can make it feel new again. Once a piece gets a fresh coat of paint, new knobs, a new slipcover or any other various simple modification, the old will



Vintage pair of Dorothy Draper chests sourced from Consignment Barn Antique Mirror local estate sale

become new again. Once you do this, your piece becomes unique and even a one-of-a-kind.

For a consult of simple changes or ideas, I can be reached at (781) 883-4849 or via email at personalassistpvb@att.net.

A return to

By Linda Ostoski and Jim Zeller Watson Realty Corp.

One of the best-kept secrets in Ponte Vedra Beach is Wilderness Trail. Nestled off CR 210 and Roscoe Boulevard, it's a return to Old Florida with large pieces of land that are so hard to find. The Luxury Leaders Team at Watson Realty Corp. is excited to offer for sale two properties: one north, and the other south of Canal Boulevard.

The first home at 561 North Wilderness Trail is situated on 3.75 acres. As you enter the property, drive past the picturesque pond and your eyes will focus on the 2,000 square-foot, three-bedroom and two-bath home. If you are looking for space to park your boat or RV without restriction, this is it. There is a large pool and additional spring-fed pond. It is perfect for teaching your children how to fish.

Stroll along the footbridge over the pond to a green meadow, large enough for horses. The property includes all these benefits; yet, it's also located less than five minutes from Mickler's Beach on the Atlantic Ocean. Mickler's is one of the few beaches in Florida where you can ride your horse right on the sand. All the recreation, fine dining, golf and worldclass shopping of Ponte Vedra Beach are an easy bike ride away. This property is represented by Watson Realty Corp., listed by Linda Ostoski and offered at \$925,000.

The second home is located at 131 South Wilderness Trail. This move-in ready home is almost 3,200 square feet, featuring four bedrooms, three full baths and one half bath. It also includes a dedicated office. The home was built by a local builder with today's desirable open floor plan in mind. It's set on a wooded acre with an aesthetically pleasing long approach driveway.

Step into the foyer and look directly across the living room to the amazing screened pool and large family room, all open to the kitchen. This home is designed for formal or casual entertaining. The master suite is very private, featuring its own foyer, view of the pool, large shower, spa tub and a spacious and customdesigned master closet. There is plenty of parking for your boat or RV. This "high and dry" property is truly a rare find in the center of Ponte Vedra Beach. It's represented by Watson Realty Corp., listed by Jim Zeller and offered at \$872,800.

561 North Wilderness Trail



131 South Wilderness Trail



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3 p.m. until school is out for the summer. After that, the water park is open seven days a week for rest of the season. The park also offers deep discounts on Shipwreck Island season passes, as well as daily specials for parents looking for a fun, affordable way to spend time with the family.

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Coastal craftsman with a little bit of country

By Kelly Whitaker and Wanda Petersen REMAX UNLIMITED

Imagine yourself in this beautiful coastal pool home nestled between soaring oaks on a large lot with preserve views.

Drive into your extended driveway with room for your boat, extra cars or your RV, and walk up to your cozy front porch. This home at 130 South Wilderness Trail in Ponte Vedra Beach offers the ultimate in class, peace and privacy. Lounge by the fire pit at night and watch the stars, go for a swim in your beautiful pool and enjoy serenity relaxing in your spa, all within the wonderfully spacious outdoor lanai.

Anyone would love cooking in this gourmet kitchen featuring white cabinets, a center island, farmhouse sink, subway tile backsplash, Sub-Zero refrigerator and a Wolf gas stove and cooktop. This is the perfect area for entertaining friends and family as it opens up into the great room. There is also a butler's pantry with a wine cooler and a separate dining room.

The owner's retreat is centered under a cathedral ceiling and has beautiful hammered teak hardwood floors. The master bath has two sinks, a Jacuzzi soaking tub and a Pebblestone walk-in shower. An additional bedroom with a full bath is also on the first floor of this home.

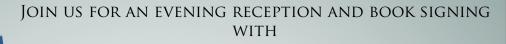
A perfect sized bonus room with hardwood floors and two spacious bedrooms are found upstairs, where amazing natural light comes in through all of the windows. Upstairs also features a huge walk-in dressing room with a closet and a walk-in attic.

Plantation shutters, detailed wood trim, bead board, wainscoting, a water purification and filter system are just some of the custom features in this craftsman beauty with a little bit of country.

This property is represented by REMAX UNLIMITED, listed by Kelly Whitaker and Wanda Petersen and offered at \$699,900.

130 South Wilderness Trail





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By Doris Arnold

Watson Realty Corp.

Vacation in your own backyard in desirable Isle of Palms in this stunning waterfront home complete with a summer kitchen, heated pool and hot tub, boathouse, floating dock, a boatlift and jet ski lift.

Enter this home to a two-story foyer with a sweeping staircase that is sure to impress. Additional features include a recently remodeled kitchen, stunning hardwood floors throughout most of the first floor, plantation shutters and a gas fireplace to enjoy those cool nights.

Canal living offers great times for families and is the perfect antidote for a fast-paced Jacksonville lifestyle. The allure of living on the water prompts many people to search for a home that can offer a true coastal experience. Oceanfront and riverfront property is a commodity that can be out of reach for many homebuyers, not only because of availability but due to affordability. We are fortunate, however, that numerous canals thread the interior of our bustling city.

Located on the west side of the Intracoastal Waterway is the community of Isle of Palms. The extraordinary array of homes along the canals provide a wide range of options for buyers, lured by waterfront living. Whether you enjoy fishing or a casual boat ride to your favorite waterfront restaurant for dinner and an incredible sunset, you will find what you are looking for here.

The opportunities are endless as one indulges in the laid-back lifestyle of canal living. Most properties come complete with a bulkhead, floating or stationary dock and a boat lift or boat house — all the ingredients for Florida fun. One can only imagine driving home from work after a hectic day, walking into the house, changing clothes and walking out the back door to step onto a boat. Life slows to a comfortable pace while cruising down a canal, headed for the Intracoastal or the ocean.

One Isle of Palms resident said it best: "When I come home from work at the end of the day, I come home to a neighborhood, but when I walk out my back door, I'm on vacation. The scenery is always changing on a canal."

This Isle of Palms property located at 4366 Tradewinds Drive in Jacksonville Beach is represented by Watson Realty Corp., listed by Doris Arnold and offered at \$725,000.



4366 Tradewinds Drive, Jacksonville Beach



173 River Marsh Drive



By Lurah Patrick and Vanessa Solomon

Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Network Realty

It's not always easy to find a nontraditional home in Ponte Vedra Beach. Located at 173 River Marsh Drive, this expansive property in River Marsh is custom-built with enormous open living spaces. The Mediterranean exterior might fool you in to thinking this will be a cookie cutter home, but as you enter the front door and foyer, you will feel as if you are in a sophisticated artist loft or gallery. Two story ceilings and ample windows allow natural light to flood the open living, dining and kitchen area. The current owner designed the house to accommodate his passion for music and entertaining.

River Marsh home a special property with endless

possibilities

The kitchen is huge with a six-burner gas cooktop, a breakfast bar that easily accommodates six and a big walk-in pantry. Two large seating areas, one with a cozy fireplace and the other with built-in bookshelves, share space with the grand piano and eight-seat dining table. Three sets of French doors provide access to a rear porch, secret side garden and access to a separate side yard.

This home has two staircases. One is an architectural feature of the main living area while the second one is more utilitarian, providing access to the upstairs living area and downstairs laundry room.

A guest bedroom with en-suite bathroom completes the bottom floor.

Upstairs is yet another gigantic, open area. It currently hosts a ping pong table, gaming area, office space, craft area and reading nook. Upstairs also includes the master bedroom with a European style bathroom with a bidet, whirlpool bath and walk-in shower. A second bedroom with an en-suite bathroom is separated from the master bedroom by the expansive loft area.

Another room upstairs is separated from the loft area and is currently being used as a fitness room. It has a wet bar and encompasses the back staircase with easy access to the laundry room, another full bathroom and separate entrance. This room could easily be converted into a self-contained guest suite.

The property listing includes the lot next door. The current owner had planned to build a pool, outdoor kitchen and living area and gardens there. It is a fully buildable lot that can be sold separately. Set in the quiet gated community of River Marsh, this four-bedroom/four-bathroom house comprises 5,270 total square feet, plus the buildable lot. The proximity to the beach and the heart of Ponte Vedra Beach, as well as an easy commute to the area's excellent schools, make this property a unique and wonderful opportunity for the discerning buyer looking for a special home with endless possibilities. This property is represented by Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Network Realty, listed by Lurah Patrick and Vanessa Solomon and offered at \$1,499,000.

Oceanfront home in Ponte Vedra Beach

turning heads

By Kim Martin Fisher Coldwell Banker Vanguard Realty

As we move from spring to summer, it is becoming apparent that the warm weather is being accompanied by a movement of a different kind. Real estate in the Greater Jacksonville area is getting hotter by the day.

According to a recent Coldwell Banker blog, "Trulia names Jacksonville the hottest real estate market in the country for its impressive population growth, long-term economic stability, plus great schools, fantastic weather and proximity to the ocean." Coastal Living taps our area "as the hottest seaside market, where buyers can purchase their dream home coastal escape."

Oceanfront sales in Ponte Vedra are proof. We have sold or have currently under contract nine oceanfront homes since January. The property that's turning heads right now is 723 Ponte Vedra Blvd. The quality of construction and the attention to detail in this oceanfront estate is a testament to its popularity. Built just three years ago, this magnificent home nearly qualifies as new construction.

Love is in the details from ceiling to floor. It offers a pleasing touch of the old (an antique mantle from Yale University) to Europeandesigned whispering bells lighting.

The kitchen is simply stunning and immense. It effortlessly combines a "beachy" theme with commercial and European design. There's a certain upscale, rustic feeling with beamed and tongue and groove wood ceilings. The centerpiece is the oversized island with a white quartz top by Caesarstone that seats 10. The Bertazzoni range was imported from Italy. Even the cabinets are a marvel. They are all glassPhotos courtesy of Kim Martin Fisher painted from the inside and topped by yards of stainless steel, and the doors to the huge pantry

stainless steel, and the doors to the huge pantry are Belgian from the 1700s. The faux-painted white oak hardwood floors throughout are coated with a special sealant to repel scratches.

Nearly every room in this home has an expansive oceanfront view. Open the doors and the salt-scented sea breeze fills the house. Upstairs, there's a special room for little ones. Bunk beds that sleep 12 were cleverly built into the décor. Outside is an oceanfront paradise with a covered lanai, a large pool with a tanning ledge, fountains, LED lights and a spa that seats 12 people.

Overall, the house features six bedrooms, five-and-a-half baths and 5,041 square feet on a 100-foot oceanfront lot with a private beach walkover.

This property is represented by Coldwell Banker Vanguard Realty, listed by Kim Martin Fisher and offered at \$5,925,000.

723 Ponte Vedra Blvd.









2640 Beach Blvd., Jacksonville Beach



By Jennifer Sexton

Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Network Realty

Start enjoying your endless summer days with sensational unobstructed waterfront views of the Intracoastal Waterway and its estuaries, right from your kitchen, living room and your master suite.

Sleek, coastal and modern is the architectural concept behind this absolutely fabulous four-bedroom/three-bath 3,200+ square-foot Channelside Luxury Townhome, located at 2640 Beach Blvd. in Jacksonville Beach. Water lovers and boaters alike will relish in the lifestyle that this townhome — recently built in 2015 — has to offer.

Channelside is perfectly situated in Jacksonville Beach, just off Beach Boulevard on the east side of the Intracoastal bridge. It is one of the only waterfront communities at the beach offering bulkheaded and dredged deep water access. Use your floating dock, conveniently located behind your home, to park water toys or to entertain guests on a cool evening. Jump on your boat, kayak, SUP or jet ski and take off to see the vibrant sunset that the Intracoastal has to offer. Spot a manatee as it drinks fresh water from your hose and even an osprey flying by with its catch of the day. Or just lounge on one of your covered patios and take in the breathtaking views.

Enter the townhome through your private two-car garage, while being greeted with soaring 10-foot ceilings. The superior interior design is simple yet sophisticated, incorporating the use of cool neutral colors, bright, clean modern fixtures, expansive open living areas and linear lines. The coastal white kitchen will satisfy the pickiest of chefs with Bosch stainless steel appliances and an island with countertop seating.

The first floor features the main living and dining areas; a full bath; a laundry room plus a bonus room that can be used for more formal dining; a private study or an additional bedroom. Two spacious guest rooms, a guest bath and a large loft deliver the perfect environment for family living. The master suite is waterfront, inviting the homeowner to soothe and refresh after a long day at work. The water and marsh views continue throughout the master bath, with a separate soaking tub, double vanity and a modern walk-in shower. Glass sliding doors leading to covered patios on both levels allow the water and marsh views to take over and magically bring the outside in with its ever-changing display of scenery.

Channelside's low HOA fee of \$204 per month maintains the townhome's exterior, the grounds, bulkhead and dock so you can experience the convenience of maintenancefree living. Restaurants, such as TacoLu and Safe Harbor, are within walking distance, while shops and the beach are just a short ride away. Beach Marine, a full-service marina, is adjacent to the community. Come see luxury waterfront living at its best! This property is represented by Berkshire Hathaway Home-Services Florida Network Realty, listed by Jennifer Sexton and offered at \$1,170,000.





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RIGHT: Jacksonville Jaguars cheerleaders attend the Nocatee Farmers Market for a special Jaguars rally on May 19.

LOWER RIGHT: Shirley Gibbs and Margaret Workmon of State Farm man a booth at the farmers market.

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Nocatee Farmers Market features Jaguars rally

Guests of this past weekend's Nocatee Farmers Market enjoyed a special Jacksonville Jaguars rally.

The May 19 event offered free Jags swag from the Jax Pack and a chance to see the Jaguars Prowler game day truck. The rally also provided guests with the opportunity to meet previous Jaguars players, members of the Jacksonville Roar and mascot Jaxson de Ville. Other Jaguars activities and attractions were also offered.

Per the usual, the farmers market





featured over 80 local vendors, selling everything from fresh produce, to crafts, jewelry, herbs, unique foods and more.

The next farmers market is Saturday, June 16, and will feature an island theme. Attendees can look forward to Polynesian performances, fire dancing and more. Visit Nocatee.com for more information.



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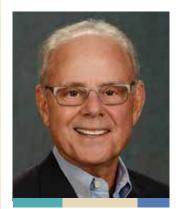
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Travis and Tanya Hutson stand in front of renderings of new master planned community SilverLeaf at a preconstruction opening event held May 16.

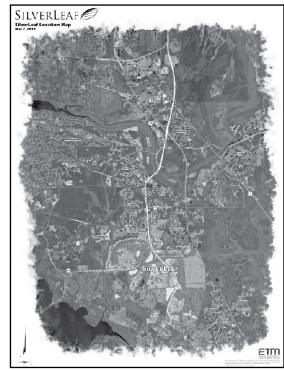
Details unveiled about new master planned community at pre-construction opening

Representatives of The Hutson Company shared details about the new master planned community, SilverLeaf, at a pre-construction opening event on Wednesday, May 16.

Set to open in the first quarter of 2019, the community will be located between County Road 210 and State Road 16 at St. Johns Parkway west of Interstate 95. According to The Hutson Companies Marketing Manager Kathy Merrow, Silver-Leaf will be comprised of approximately 8,000 acres and seven miles of roadway for St. Johns Parkway. It's zoned for 10,700 dwelling units, 1,770,000 square feet of mixed use and commercial space and 3,500 acres of conservation land.

Merrow added that there are schools planned for the overall development, both kindergarten through eighth grade and a high school. Silver-Leaf will consist of several neighborhoods in a wide range of sizes, price points and styles for both individuals and families, making it one of the larger community developments in Northeast Florida.

For more information, visit hutsoncompanies. com/thc_home.html. For more colorful and larger versions of the maps, visit pontevedrarecorder.com.



SilverLeaf will be comprised of approximately 8,000 acres and seven miles of roadway for St. Johns Parkway.

David Weekley Homes' nationwide event benefits local charities

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Sawgrass Country Club welcomes new GM and chief operating officer

Sawgrass Country Club Board of Governors President Fritz Skeen recently announced C.W. Cook has accepted the position of general manager and chief operating officer.

"We look forward to welcoming C.W. and his family to the Club," said Skeen. "We are confident his leadership and hospitality skills will continue to enhance the Sawgrass Country Club experience for our members."

Cook replaces former general manager Barry McDonald, who



plans to pursue opportunities outside of Sawgrass Country Club. Cook was most recently the general manager of North Hills Club in Raleigh, North Carolina. He was integral in helping to lead that club through a renaissance and multiple phases of construction projects into one of the finest athletic clubs in the country. With over 20 years of private club management experience, he has been general manager at River Hills Country Club in South Carolina,

C.W. Cook

Balcones Country Club in Austin, Texas and assistant general manager at Governors Club in Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

Cook holds a degree in hospitality management from Florida International University and a master's degree in hospitality administration from the University of Nevada Las Vegas. He has also achieved the designation of Master Club Manager (MCM), the highest level of professional certification awarded by the Club Managers Association of America. Currently, there are only 22 individuals in the country to have accomplished this certification. In addition to being an MCM, he is a member of the prestigious Club Managers Association of America Honor Society, and was the 2008 National Excellence in Club Management Award recipient given by Club & Resort Business magazine and The McMahon Group.

OnDefend joins BDO Alliance USA, unveils new cyber security software

Ponte Vedra-based business OnDefend has joined BDO Alliance USA, a nationwide association of independently owned local and regional accounting, consulting and service firms with similar client service goals.

As an independent member of the BDO Alliance USA, OnDefend can provide access to strategic relationships, marketing and resources by drawing on the capabilities of BDO USA, LLP, one of the nation's leading professional services firms, and other Alliance members.

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"We are excited to expand our relationship with BDO USA," OnDefend Co-Founder Chris Freedman said. "Being a trusted Alliance member allows opportunities to work even more closely in collaboration with BDO USA and its Alliance members across the country."

Before joining the Alliance, OnDefend was known to BDO USA as a national provider of preventative cyber security testing services to help corporations prepare for and prevent cyber breaches, as well as compliance consulting for national regulations such as PCI-DSS, HIPAA/HITECH and others. OnDefend and BDO USA then began to interact through various strategic opportunities, which led to OnDefend being invited to join the BDO Alliance USA.

"We believe the professionals of OnDefend share BDO's commitment to exemplary client service and we want to welcome them into the BDO Alliance USA," said Michael Horwitz, BDO USA partner and executive director of Alliance Services.

On May 7, the OnDefend team attended the 2018 BDO Alliance USA Conference, where they were introduced for the first time to national Alliance members as well as to the national BDO USA team. Primarily known for enterprise cyber security testing and compliance consulting, OnDefend officially unveiled CyberSURE at the conference. CyberSURE is the company's new cyber security solution for midsize and smaller businesses that previously had no affordable or viable option to become cyber secure.

A proprietary user-led software solution, CyberSURE is a plug-and-play security platform that assesses a company's real-time cyber risks, assigns a Cyber Score, lists recommendations and provides tools and support to secure the company. Once the client's Cyber Score improves, they receive a Cyber Secure Certificate to certify they are safe to do business with.

CyberSURE clients also have access to a discounted cyber insurance policy to cover issues related to attacks and hacks, and the software comes with additional support and services provided by OnDefend.

"CyberSURE is a first-of-its-kind solution giving local and regional companies an affordable way to visualize their current cyber security risks as well as the tools to become cyber secure," OnDefend Co-Founder Ben Fink said. "CyberSURE will help these companies meet the goal of securing and protecting their company from threats while giving them an easy way to ensure a cyber-safe future."

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David Weekley Homes celebrates nationwide event by giving back

Home builder donates \$43,000 to charities, including area Ronald McDonald House

David Weekley Homes celebrated more than 40 years of "Building Dreams, Enhancing Lives" by hosting the third annual David Weekley Homes World's Largest Showcase of Homes.

Through the month of April, more than 8,700 visitors stopped by model or showcase homes across the country to see current innovations in design and decor trends.

As part of the company's charitable and philanthropic efforts, a \$5 donation was given to a local nonprofit organization for each visitor who registered with a sales consultant during David Weekley Homes World's Largest Showcase of Homes, amounting to more than \$43,000 for 19 charities. In Jacksonville, more than \$3,100 was donated to Ronald McDonald House Charities of Jacksonville.

"Ronald McDonald House is grateful for the amazing opportunity, through the Showcase of Homes, to raise awareness about its mission in different communities around Northeast Florida," said Carol Harrison, development director for Ronald McDonald House Charities of Jacksonville. "David Weekley Homes truly understands the importance of supporting their communities and we will forever be thankful to this company and their generous employees for their support."



David Weekley Homes team members present Ronald McDonald House Charities of Jacksonville with a check during the third annual David Weekley Homes World's Largest Showcase of Homes.

The monetary gifts are one of the many ways David Weekley Homes lives out its purpose — Building Dreams, Enhancing Lives — in all the communities in which it builds. The builder joins with team members, homeowners and community partners to engage with communities to make a difference through volunteer and philanthropic efforts.

"It was one thing to share with our customers that we were donating this money to Ronald McDonald, but it's another that we were able to go there and experience what our donations were going toward and be able to share that with our community!" said Jennifer Jeffreys, lead sales consultant for the Jacksonville division and CARE committee member.

For more information about David Weekley Homes in Jacksonville, visit www.davidweekleyhomes.com.

Ulm joins Ponte Vedra/ Nocatee office of Berkshire Hathaway HSFNR

Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Network Realty (HSFNR) recently announced that Terre Ulm has joined the Ponte Vedra/Nocatee office.



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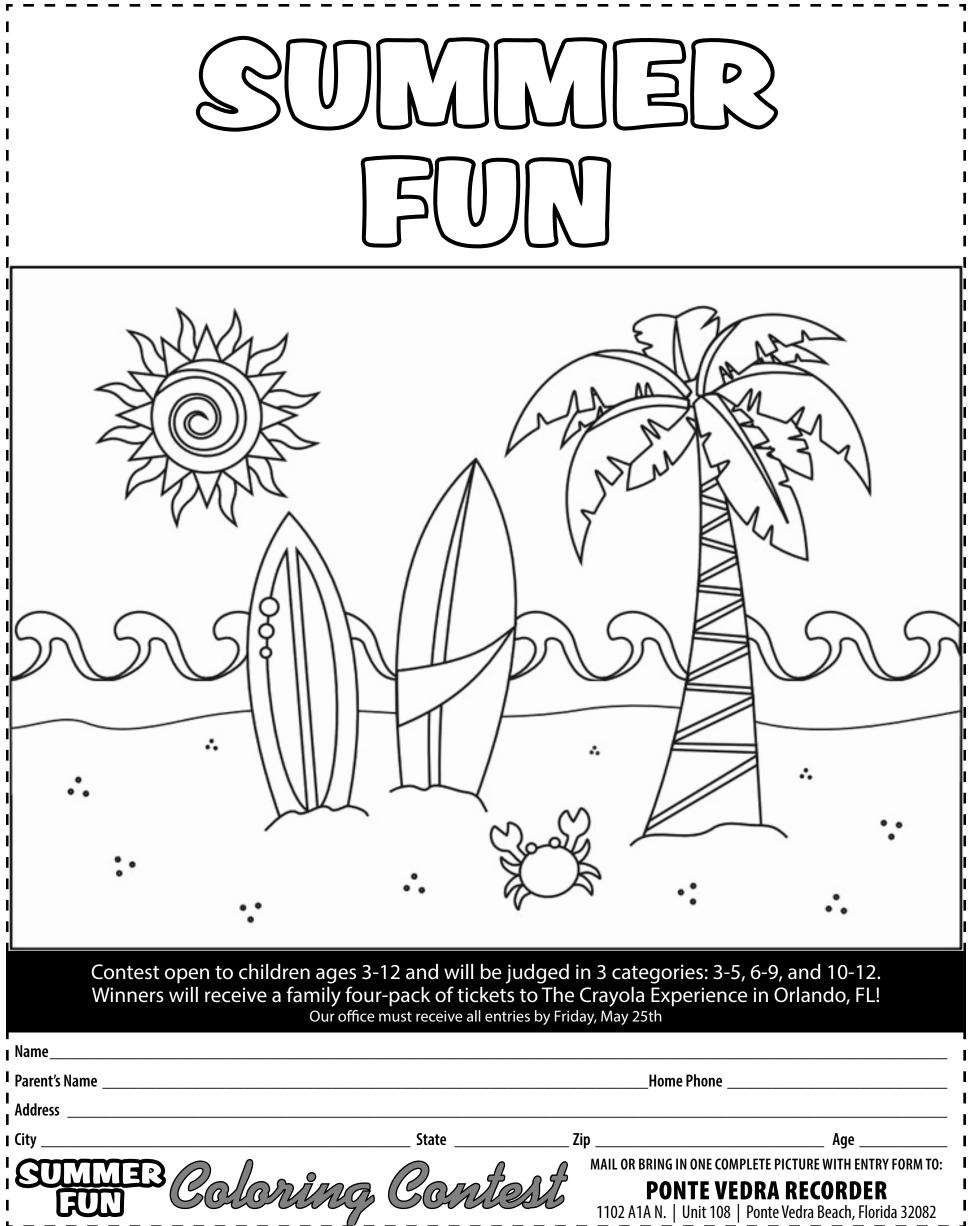
"When I was looking for a brokerage, Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Network Realty seemed to be an obvious choice to me," said Ulm. "They are a well-respected and trusted firm in our community, and the training and support that they offer their agents is outstanding!"

Ulm lives in Ponte Vedra with her husband, who is a Custom Home Builder, and they have two grown children and two grandsons. When not working, she enjoys playing tennis and golf and being outdoors.

"Terre has a strong desire to help her clients achieve their home buying and selling goals," said Kevin Waugaman, broker/manager of the Ponte Vedra/Nocatee office. "We are very excited that she has decided to join Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Network Realty."

For more information, Ulm can be reached by phone at (904) 534-9014 or at Terre.Ulm@FloridaNetworkRealty.com. Her website is TUlm.FloridaNetworkRealty.com. The Ponte Vedra/Nocatee office is located at 333 Village Main St., Suite 670, Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida 32082.







Vic DiGenti

Strong beginnings, rewarding endings to be focus of FWA Ponte Vedra Writers meeting

Novelists fret over their opening pages, writing and rewriting to ensure the reader is drawn into the story. But too often the ending tends to be an afterthought. Award-winning author Vic DiGenti will share writing secrets in his presentation, "Start Strong and End Strong: Crafting Compelling Beginnings and Endings," at the next meeting of the Florida Writers Association's Ponte Vedra Writers on Saturday, May





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26, at 10:30 a.m. at the Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library.

DiGenti will reveal why the opening and closing pages are so important in an interactive session designed to beef up lethargic

beginnings and eliminate feeble endings. These are among the many things writers will learn:

■ Nine things the opening pages should accomplish

■ How to draft a great opening line

• What the ending must accomplish

DiGenti is executive vice president of the Florida Writers Association, and faculty chair for the 2018 Florida Writers Conference. He's the award-winning author of six novels, multiple short stories and five biographies.

The Ponte Vedra Writers group is part of the Florida Writers Association, a statewide, nonprofit organization with over 1,500 members dedicated to the support of both aspiring and published writers in any genre. The May 26 meeting is open to members and non-members. For information on FWA, visit www.floridawriters.net.

St. Augustine Music Festival celebrates 12th year of free classical concerts

The St. Augustine Musical Festival (SAMF) will return for its 12th season of free classical music concerts at the St. Augustine Cathedral Basilica with six performances over two weekends, June 21-23 and June 28-30. All concerts start at 7:30 p.m.

Founded in 2007 by Jacksonville musicians Jorge A. Pena and Jin Kim-Pena, the festival's mission is to educate, elevate and entertain through music. The concerts are free to the public thanks to individual and corporate donors who support the event financially.

SAMF concerts feature professional musicians, many of whom are members of the Jacksonville Symphony. The event is the largest, free festival of its kind in the United States and has been featured on NPR's "Performance Today."

This year's event includes the return of young violinist Nigel Armstrong, a twopiano concert evening featuring a Mozart double-piano concerto and Saint-Saens' "Carnival of the Animals," charismatic cellist Andres Diaz and a program combining the Cathedral's two pipe organs with brass ensembles.

For concert and sponsorship information, visit www.staugustinemusicfestival. org. The St. Augustine Cathedral Basilica is located at 38 Cathedral Place.



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Sing Out Loud Music Festival returning in September

The Sing Out Loud Music Festival, the largest free music festival in St. Johns County, is returning for three weekends in September 2018.

Hundreds of performances will take place at multiple music venues around St. Augustine in a celebration of local, regional and national singers, songwriters and musicians. The festival is presented by Community First Credit Union and produced by the St. Johns County Cultural Events Division (which owns and operates the St. Augustine Amphitheatre and Ponte Vedra Concert Hall), the St. Johns Tourist Development Council and the St. Johns Cultural Council.

This year's Sing Out Loud Festival carries on the traditional of presenting an exciting and eclectic mix of local, national and regional singers, songwriters and musicians. The initial artist lineup includes performances by Jason Isbell and The 400 Unit, The Decemberists, Lucero, Rising Appalachia, The Mountain Goats,

Leftover Salmon, Propagandhi, War On Women, The Weepies, Chuck Ragan, Tim Barry, Southern Avenue, The Commonheart, David Dondero, Leah Song, Al Riggs and hundreds more acts to be announced.

The festival will be held between Sept. 1 and 23. Performances will be free and open to the public with reserved seating available during the Sept. 22 Main Showcase featuring Jason Isbell and The 400 Unit, The Decemberists and Lucero at the St. Augustine Amphitheatre. For a minimum donation of \$25, festival attendees may purchase a reserved seat to the Sept. 22 Main Showcase, guaranteeing their seat location or access to the standing pit during the showcase. Tickets for the Main Showcase are on sale online at www.ticketmaster.com. Proceeds from the donation ticket will go to the Betty Griffin Center to assist in their mission of working to end domestic violence and sexual abuse in St. Johns County.



Florida Chamber Music Project to celebrate end of season with Tango Gala

The Florida Chamber Music Project (FCMP) will celebrate the end of its 2017-18 season with a Masquerade Tango Gala on Saturday, June 9 from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall.

The event will feature a performance from FCMP, a tango dance exhibition and lessons by All About Ballroom. Handpainted, signed and numbered masks by artist Susanne Schuenke (susanneschuenke. com) will be available for sale. Germanborn Schuenke has had her art exhibited around the world.

"Tango music gives us an opportunity to collaborate with dancers Heather Kornick and Jake Lukic from All About Ballroom and to feature the art of Susanne Schuenke," said Susan Pardue, FCMP artistic director and violinist. "It all ties together so

nicely with tango music. We have much to celebrate as we finish out our fifth season." Guests are urged to wear creative black

tie with their favorite mask. Heavy hors doeuvres and a cash bar will be available.

Tickets are \$75 and can be purchased by calling the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall Box Office at (904) 209-0399 or by visiting pvconcerthall.com.

Florida Chamber Music Project was founded five years ago. Joining Pardue are violinists Patrice Evans, Anna Genest and Annie Hertler and cellist Laurie Cassedy. All are members of the Jacksonville Symphony.

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Ponte Vedra boys lacrosse forced to forfeit games from 2016-17 season, pay fine for FHSAA violation

By Jon Blauvelt

The Ponte Vedra High School (PVHS) boys lacrosse program must forfeit an undetermined number of games from the 2016-17 season and pay a fine of at least \$250 after Florida's governing body for high school athletics concluded a player received an "impermissible benefit."

According to a letter sent to PVHS Principal Dr. Fred Oberkehr on Thursday, May 17 from the Florida High School Athletic Association (FHSAA), a PVHS student-athlete on the lacrosse team "was permitted to stay with a representative of the school's athletic interests" during the 2016-17 season. The Sharks finished that season 19-2 and lost to Lake Mary in the second round play-in game of the 2017 State Championship.

Signed by Craig Damon, associate executive director of eligibility and compliance services for the FHSAA, the letter cites a report submitted by PVHS that explains the player stayed with a family friend in Ponte Vedra Beach Tuesday through Thursday at night while his grandmother was at work. According to the letter, he then commuted from his guardian's residence in St. Augustine Friday through Monday. Such activity, according to the FHSAA, is a violation of the organization's Policy 37.2.2.7, which states student-athletes cannot live on a full- or part-time basis with any school employee, athletic department staff member or representative of the school district's interests. The letter states the school, coaches and administration were

not aware of this arrangement while it occurred.

After conversations with the district, lacrosse program and FHSAA, the Recorder concluded the student-athlete stayed with a family whose son was also on the team. According to the FHSAA, a parent of a teammate is considered a representative of the school's athletic interests.

"We define representatives of the school's athletic interest as any studentathlete of the school, the parents of student-athletes of the school, staff members, booster members or people who make donations to the school," Damon told the Recorder. "For this particular incident, the parents did have a kid that was a studentathlete at the school, so that made the parents part of the school's athletic interest."

According to the district and the FH-SAA, the family also happens to include former coaches of the Ponte Vedra girls lacrosse program who resigned their positions in 2015. However, the FHSAA said that detail is not the reason for the sanctions.

The consequences of the FHSAA violation include the forfeiture of all contests the student-athlete participated in during the 2016-17 season, a fine of at least \$250 and an official reprimand from the FH-SAA on the school's membership record. The exact number of forfeited games is to be determined.

The school must communicate its infraction with each of the impacted schools during the 2016-17 season and provide a copy of that correspondence to the FHSAA. As for the fine, \$250 is immediately due to the FHSAA, and an additional \$2,250 is held in abeyance until June 30, 2019, provided no other violations occur.

According to Paul Abbatinozzi, senior director for school services for the St. Johns County School District, the studentathlete was initially on the junior varsity team and moved up to varsity. He said the student-athlete is enrolled at Ponte Vedra through the controlled open enrollment process, part of an academy and fully entitled to participate in athletics.

"We don't agree with the FHSAA's interpretation of this piece," said Abbatinozzi on behalf of the district and PVHS. "We certainly respect their decision, as well as their authority as the governing body for interscholastic athletics. Our plan is to move forward with this. We will accept the sanctions, and we're just going to continue to look to improve our athletic programs across the district."

Andy Dykstra, the parent liaison for the boys lacrosse boosters, said the studentathlete stayed at his best friend's house to save the hassle of commuting back and forth. He noted this happened on occasion and not as consistently as reported. Dykstra said the family was simply trying to help a friend out, and as a result, would like more clarity regarding the FHSAA's ruling.

"As far as we understand it ... the impermissible benefit was that one of the players stayed at his friend's house," said Dykstra. "I don't think it's a reach to say that happens all the time in any sport in high school."

The FHSAA sanctions follow an

investigation that started in January 2018 after the organization received multiple anonymous allegations concerning the lacrosse program. According to the FHSAA letter, the allegations contained potential violations involving non-school teams, unsportsmanlike conduct and possible recruiting by members of the school's lacrosse staff. The letter adds the allegations also referenced unethical behavior by an athletic department staff member.

The FHSAA letter states the allegations were forwarded on Jan. 29 to Oberkehr, who was instructed to review them, as well as athletic director David Scott and district representatives. After reviewing the alleged violations, Scott reportedly submitted a report of findings from the investigation to the FHSAA, which in turn said the report included concerns outside of its authority and more aligned with the day-to-day operations of the district. However, after comparing information provided in the original allegations with the report filed by PVHS, the violation was identified from the 2016-17 season.

Both Abbatinozzi and Dykstra said the allegations were investigated and none of them were substantiated, except this one. As a result, Dykstra said it feels like the FHSAA is trying to make a statement, which he said is unfair.

"I don't purely on principle feel that it's right to just let this go as a slap on the wrist because I don't think it's right to the people involved," said Dykstra. "They didn't do anything knowingly unfair, knowingly to benefit this boy. They literally were trying to help a friend out."

The Plantation at Ponte Vedra Beach Ladies Golf Association Low Gross Champion Tama Caldabaugh (left) stands with the PLGA President's Cup Low Net winner Beatriz Coles on Thursday, May 3.

Photo courtesy of Marianne McNee



Tama Caldabaugh wins the PLGA Ladies Club Championship; Beatriz Coles wins President's Cup

The Plantation at Ponte Vedra Beach Ladies Golf Association (PLGA) recently held its annual Club Championship and President's Cup tournaments, with 18-hole rounds played on Wednesday, May 2, and Thursday, May 3, to award low gross and low net prizes.

The 2018 PLGA Club Champion is Tama Caldabaugh, who posted a 149 to win this year's title. Caldabaugh scored five birdies during the tournament to earn the overall low-gross prize.

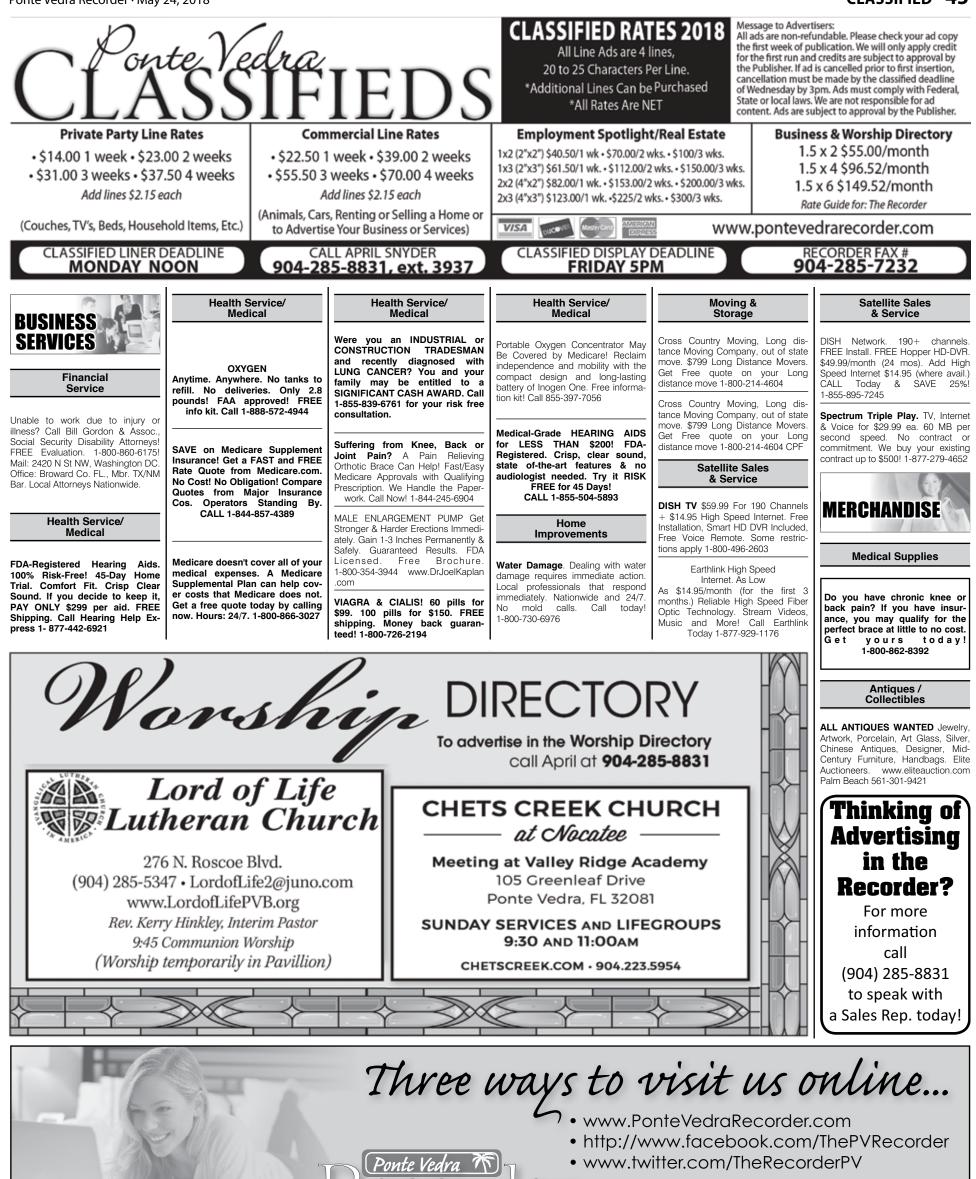
The winner of the 2018 PLGA Presi-

dent's Cup, with the lowest net score for the two rounds, was Beatriz Coles with a score of 143.

There were also two President's Cup flights. The low-net winners for Flight One were Beverly Gavant (147) in first place, Karen Benoit (151) in second place and Mary McCann and Sue Birk tied for third with a 152.

The low-net winners for Flight Two were Mary Girasole (150) in first place, Fran Matthews (153) in second place and Diane Howard (157) in third place. Ponte Vedra Recorder · May 24, 2018

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