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### WHAT'S THIS?



Do you know what this is?

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

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

Four readers correctly identified last week's photo as the Portofino at Ponte Vedra sign. The winner of the random drawing was **Patricia Callaway Daniel**. Congratulations, Patricia — you may pick up your prize at the Recorder office during normal business hours.



### ADOPT A PET

#### CAT OF THE WEEK

Thackery is a 1-year-old male cat who was brought to the Pet Center by his owners. He is looking for a new loving family to take him home. Come visit him at the Pet Center today! #45590



#### DOG OF THE WEEK

Petey is a 4-year-old male dog who was brought to the Pet Center as a stray. He is heartworm positive so his adoption fee, plus \$250 of his heartworm treatment, are sponsored by the Friends of the



Pet Center. Come visit him today! #45731

Any new pet being introduced to a new home will need time to adjust to its new environment. Please reinforce house training and behavioral training, and be mindful of interacting with other pets.

### St. Johns County Pet Center

Cat adoptions are currently \$15 and are being sponsored by the Friends of the Pet Center! They are usually \$30 for males and \$40 for females. Dog adoptions are \$45 for males and \$60 for females. Adoption fees include microchipping, neutering/spaying, rabies vaccinations and shots. The pet center is located at 130 N. Stratton Road in St. Augustine, off U.S. 1 between County Road 210 and International Golf Parkway. Business hours are Tuesday through Friday 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The center is closed to the public on Sunday. On Monday, the office is open by appointment only to claim a lost pet. **For more information, please call the St. Johns County Pet Center at (904) 209-6190.**

### PUZZLE SOLUTIONS

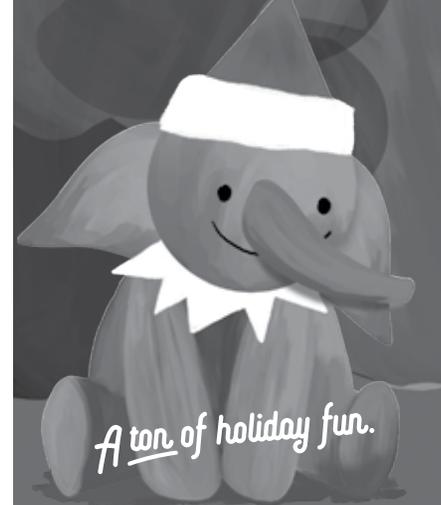
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**Move-in Ready on Exceptional Lot**  
 Located on one of the most extraordinary lots in all of The Plantation, this property recently underwent a makeover and is move-in ready. The beauty outside of the home is reflected throughout with stunning views of the pool, lake, and golf course creating the ideal space for indoor-outdoor living. **4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths \$950,000**



**Stunning Classic with Beach Access**  
 Marshside, Off Ponte Vedra Blvd. Picturesque home in a charming neighborhood off Ponte Vedra Blvd. Large kitchen with granite countertops and island plumbed for gas. Also features a downstairs master, study & game room. Access available to the Old Ponte Vedra Condos amenities. This home is the perfect backdrop for all of life's memories. **3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths \$649,500**



**Turnkey Beach Condo**  
 Oceanfront turnkey property features a 2 bedroom/2 bath Condo, which comes completely furnished. This gated community features amenities such as pool/spa, clubhouse, basketball/tennis courts, and beach walkovers. **2 bedrooms, 2 baths \$999,000**



**Stunning Riverfront Estate**  
 You will instantly feel as though you have been swept away to a chateau in Normandy, France. Exquisitely designed with extensive custom finishes, this 10,204 square foot tudor-style home is truly a masterpiece in design and built for entertaining. Designed with the materials and attention to detail expected with this architecture, this **5 bedroom, 6 full bath, 5 half bath** home will not disappoint. **\$7,800,000**

# ROTARY CLUB HOSTS LOCAL HISTORIAN SCOTT GRANT



Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach Sunset Past President Cyndi King gathers with Scott Grant and Jennifer Price at a recent club meeting. A local historian, Grant delivered a presentation entitled "The Summer of 1964," detailing the history of the civil rights movement on the First Coast.

Photo by Susan Griffin

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# Sheriff Shoar responds to arrest of former SJSO finance director

By Benjamin Naim

In a Facebook Live stream on Wednesday, Nov. 21, St. Johns County Sheriff David B. Shoar said this is a very difficult time for his agency amid the arrest and ongoing investigation of former St. Johns County Sheriff's Office (SJSO) finance director Raye Brutnell.

Shoar noted that, although SJSO usually conducts investigations of its own staff, the Polk County Sheriff's Office is conducting an independent investigation on Brutnell because of her rank, history and relationships.

"I can tell you there's a lot of angst," the sheriff added. "The reason I'm here today is I subscribe to the leadership model that leaders don't get to just be at the helm



Raye Brutnell

when the good news comes. It's more important that they're there when the bad news comes and this, of course, is not great news."

According to a SJSO warrant affidavit obtained by the Recorder, Brutnell is being accused of defrauding the Sheriff's Office and associated Benevolence Fund of more than \$700,000. She was arrested on charges of grand theft of over \$100,000; organizing a scheme to defraud over \$50,000; criminal use of personal identification information; forgery of bank checks; uttering a forged bank check; criminal use of personal

identification; a scheme to defraud a financial institution; official misconduct; and unlawful use of a two way communication device.

Shoar, who has spent 38 years in law enforcement and 18 years as a chief of police or sheriff, said he learned over the years that he cannot control how others behave.

"There are times where you have to look at somebody you've known for 30 years, and have watched them grow professionally and personally and have always been considered one of the finest people anybody's ever met," he said. "You get to a point ... where you have to take some people at faith. Sometimes, humans disappoint in that category."

Shoar commended the Sheriff's Office for admitting to mistakes rather than

covering them up.

"At the end of the day, we never claim perfection," he said. "We're flawed people ... These are things that happen, but they are profoundly disappointing when it's people you know and love."

Furthermore, Shoar said there are no indications that anyone else is involved in Brutnell's scheme and that these cases tend to be carried out by a lone wolf.

Brutnell, 47, was arrested on a warrant signed by Judge Howard Maltz. She turned herself in with her attorney, Hank Cox, on the morning of Tuesday, Nov. 20 at the Flagler County Sheriff's Office Jail. SJSO terminated her employment after her arrest. Brutnell had been the director of finance since January 2013 and employed with SJSO since 1991.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

There is a request for a comprehensive plan land change for 347 North Roscoe Blvd. They want to divide the lot into two to create 68-foot wide lots. A real money maker.

The property at 347 North Roscoe flooded two years in a row, like all land on the west side of Roscoe, after the hurricanes. They all flooded after Dora in 1965. This time, the damage was severe, the site sold, the house turned down.

Roscoe Boulevard lanes are 9 feet wide, and the road is 18 feet with 6-foot deep ditches on both sides with 5-foot grass banks that sink down into the ditches. These are tidal ditches that drain into the Intracoastal at low tide after rains.

These conditions are why the land densities were set at 1 per acre, narrow lanes and low-lying land on the waterway. I served on the Compre-

hensive Plan Committee when it was written in 1987, representing Palm Valley. The entire community informed us they did not want the density increased because of flooding, the narrow road and no shoulders.

In 2000, the PVCC asked to have the road double yellow lined (no passing) and speed limit set at 35 miles per hour due to the danger of the road. It remains like that today.

In November of this year, the PVCC requested the sheriff to police the road more because of speeding, cars passing school buses and overall dangerous conditions. The sheriff's men said they would do their best.

Requesting a comprehensive plan to increase densities in these conditions and areas is asking for increased dangers for our kids and residents.

Mary Kohnke, Ponte Vedra Beach

A photo submitted by Mary Kohnke shows the recent condition of the ditches on Roscoe Boulevard. Kohnke is using the photo to show how dangerous she says the road is and what added cars will do to exacerbate the situation.

Photo courtesy of Mary Kohnke



Photo by Gary L. Howe

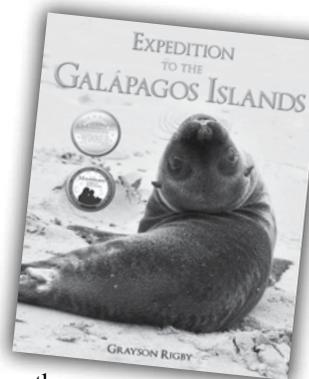
Landrum Middle School student Grayson Rigby stands with Jim Barnes, awards director of the Moonbeam Children's Book Awards, after winning a silver medal in the contest on Nov. 10 in Traverse City, Michigan.

## Landrum student wins silver medal at Moonbeam Children's Book Awards

Landrum Middle School student Grayson Rigby won a silver medal for his book, "Expedition to the Galapagos Islands," at the Moonbeam Children's Book Awards on Saturday, Nov. 10 in Traverse City, Michigan.

The Moonbeam Children's Book Awards, which recognizes children's books in 42 different categories, is open to authors and publishers worldwide.

Rigby won the silver medal in the "Best book by Youth Author" category. Addition-



ally, he participated in the Traverse City Children's Book Festival at the historical City Opera House in downtown Traverse City. The event, which celebrated children's literacy, was open to the public and featured kids activities, games, a puppet show, face painting and crafts. Rigby spoke to kids and parents about his book and sold copies.

Visit [www.Moonbeamawards.com](http://www.Moonbeamawards.com) for more information on the Moonbeam Children's Book Awards.

# PVPV/Rawlings kicks off '10 Small Steps of Kindness, One Giant Leap for K9s' initiative



**ABOVE:** Students at PVPV/Rawlings Elementary School learn about K9s for Warriors from the local nonprofit's puppy raisers on Tuesday, Nov. 27. The school has started a program that encourages students to complete acts of kindness, while also supporting K9s For Warriors.

**LEFT:** K9s For Warriors representatives talk about the organization and how it uses service dogs to help veterans.

Photos by Benjamin Naim



**By Benjamin Naim**

Puppy raisers from K9s for Warriors — the nation's largest provider of service dogs for American veterans based in Ponte Vedra — visited PVPV/Rawlings Elementary School's fifth-grade classes on Tuesday, Nov. 27 to kick off "10 Small Steps of Kindness, One Giant Leap for K9s."

Through the initiative, students at the school in kindergarten through fifth grade will be challenged to complete 10 acts of kindness between the end of November and Dec. 20. First, students will be given a "kindness card" to document their good work. After completing 10 acts of kindness, students will get a chance to write about their favorite one on the back of their kindness card to reflect on the nice things they did.

Parents whose kids complete the challenge will make a \$10 donation (\$1 per act of kindness) to K9s For Warriors. Kindness cards featuring the achieved ten acts of kindness (and the summary on the back) will be collected no later than Dec. 20.

If 100 percent of the students in kindergarten through fifth grade take part in the challenge, the money earned by the students will allow PVPV/Rawlings to sponsor a service dog that will be trained and later offered to a military veteran with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), traumatic brain injury (TBI) and/or mili-

tary sexual trauma (MST). Additionally, students will be able to vote on the name of the dog, and PVPV/Rawlings will be honored when the chosen dog graduates with a warrior.

Catherine Van Housen, the principal at PVPV/Rawlings, said she appreciated that fifth-grade teacher Shelley Bettler collaborated with K9s to facilitate her service learning project.

"We like that it's a local group," she said. "We like that we're supporting a local effort to make lives better for veterans and really for everyone that gets to be around these dogs."

The principal then underlined the importance of helping children develop into good people.

"We want them to be learners, we want them to be curious, our mission is to help develop lifelong learners who are interested in the world," she said. "But our mission is also to create a culture of caring and a sense of community."

Van Housen said she was happy to see children taking pride in being kind to others, just as much as they enjoy winning contests and achieving academic success.

"We have a lot of students who are really high achievers and they can take pride in winning essay contests or robotics club contests or things like that," she said. "But how wonderful to see them take pride in being kind, wonderful children."

## Cherish God's Children to hold hoedown supporting Florida Baptist Children's Home

**By Jon Blauvelt**

Cherish God's Children, a Ponte Vedra-based foundation that supports Florida Baptist Children's Home, is holding a hoedown-style fundraiser this weekend at a cabin in Palm Valley.

To be held Saturday, Dec. 1, the event is the third annual fundraiser for the organization and will be hosted by Jack and Patty Billingsley on a 4-acre plot of land on Wilderness Trail known as "El Sueno," or "The Dream." The event will feature a low country boil.

"Not only is it a fundraiser, but (the purpose) is to create an awareness of the orphans in Jacksonville," said Jayne Doherty, the chair of Cherish God's Children. "Most people don't even know we have an orphanage here."

Florida Baptist Children's Homes provides safe, stable, Christian homes and

services to children and families in need across the state and globe. The Jacksonville campus located at 2300 Bartram Road provides housing for 24 children ranging in age from newborns to teenagers and offers residential care, foster care, adoption services, transition to independent living, maternity care counseling and more.

According to Doherty, the Jacksonville campus' roots derive from the efforts of Solomon J. Highsmith, a member of the Main Street Baptist Church who founded the Jacksonville Baptist Home for Children in 1926. The Baptist Home for Children later joined the Florida Baptist Children's Homes organization in January 1999. Doherty said it is a Christian home but no longer affiliated with the Baptist Church.

After visiting the Jacksonville campus' McGowan house in 2015, Doherty realized the organization didn't have a



Photo by Stacey Bonner/www.staceybonnerphotography.com

**Cherish God's Children committee members Suzanne Trammell, Ann Dutcher, Pam Keegan, Judi Penn, Jayne Doherty, Shari Crisman and Beverly Norman gather at the organization's fundraiser in 2017. This year's fundraiser is being held Dec. 1 at a cabin in Palm Valley.**

presence in Ponte Vedra, so she founded Cherish God's Children, which donates 100 percent of its proceeds to Florida Baptist Children's Homes. Doherty held the organization's first fundraiser in 2016.

Helping Doherty with this year's fundraiser are Justin and Mary Beth Clark and their four sons, Donna Harmon and her

family, Vita Blasi, Ann McCracken and Ann Dutcher, among others.

"They are the nuts and bolts of the committee," Doherty said.

For more information about the event and to inquire about tickets, visit Village Arts at Sawgrass Village in Ponte Vedra Beach.

*A resident of Neptune Beach, Pixie Larizza is a local artist, teacher at UNF and retired massage therapist.*

## Pixie Larizza

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

I am a native of Jacksonville. It was my dream from childhood to have my own business. I spent 12 years after high school working with small companies in their bookkeeping/finance departments (learning how to run a business from the financial side). In 1990, I opened my massage practice and spent 28 years in the holistic wellness/education field as a licensed massage therapist and teacher (UNF, Baptist Health and FSCJ). I've been a business owner since 1990.

### How did you develop a passion for art?

I have always loved color and as an adult would periodically have "art days" with girlfriends where we would paint flower pots, floor mats, broom handles, mandalas and anything else we could find. The fun and relaxation of the day always left me feeling refreshed and inspired. My mom was also an influencer in that realm: We would hit any and all art shows in our area during my teen years, and I loved seeing the creative ideas/products that the artists had.

### What's the story of Pixieglas™?

In 2002, I attended a workshop on using art for "process" instead of "product." The entire weekend was putting paint to paper and slowly, my brain began to unclog. There was a freedom in not thinking of what the outcome of any painting would be and letting it unfold organically. Of course, I bought all the supplies to replicate the process at home. It wasn't the same, yet I knew that finding a way to process my emotions/thoughts through color was important. Being a fan of all things glass, I decided to purchase a few pots of glass paint and see where that led. I also loved the idea that I would be creating art that would be FUNctional.

So, I sat down at my dining room table (that would serve as my studio for a few years) and painted four wine glasses. Two Christmas colors and two Hanukkah colors (my husband is Jewish), and Pixieglas™ was born. The rest they say is herstory! I painted and painted and after a few years, people started wanting to purchase my work. Art shows soon followed. After that, friends wanted to paint with me, which was the beginning of Glas Clas™. Now I offer individual classes, groups, events and classes at UNF on how to paint on glass, with an underlying theme of "relaxation therapy."

Even now, I seldom approach my studio time with a plan in place. Typically, I will paint a few pieces and see where that leads. Sometimes new designs will surface, which is always a blessing. Other times, I may end up painting the same designs the entire day with some variation. Pixieglas™ continues to grow and develop with new designs and products. Over the last three years, I have researched and explored how to take my designs and put them on clothing. This is how Art You Wear™ was born. I always knew that my designs would look great on clothing and once the idea hatched, moving forward to make it happen was the only option.

### What products do you offer?

Pixieglas™ ranges from all types of glass and ceramic pieces: wine, martini, champagne, margarita glasses and more, to vases of all sizes and shapes. Christmas ornaments, platters and bowls and even light bulbs have been requested. Art You Wear™ line encompasses colorful scarves, sheer wraps and leggings showing off some of my most popular Pixieglas™ designs.



Photo by Jon Blauvelt

### How can people learn more about your work?

People may visit my websites, [www.Pixieglas.com](http://www.Pixieglas.com) and [www.ArtYouWear.net](http://www.ArtYouWear.net), to learn more about my products. I am open to emails as well at [Pixie@Pixieglas.com](mailto:Pixie@Pixieglas.com) or [Pixie@ArtYouWear.net](mailto:Pixie@ArtYouWear.net). I am also on Facebook and Instagram w/ [ArtYouWearbyPixie](#), and on Facebook for Pixieglas.

### What do you enjoy most about living on the First Coast?

I'd have to say the beach. I am an earth sign and being

able to get to the beach in a few minutes is a true blessing.

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

I love to cook. Actually, my first foray into entrepreneurship was baking sweets and catering. I am also an avid reader and love to travel.

*Edited by Jon Blauvelt*

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

# University of North Florida Camp Composition to benefit local students

The College of Education and Human Services at the University of North Florida (UNF) will host its annual Camp Composition from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Saturdays, beginning Jan. 19, 2019 and running through Feb. 23, in Tom and Betty Petway Hall, Building 57, on the UNF campus.

A writing camp to help fourth- through 11th-graders earn higher Florida Standards Assessments English language arts and writing scores, Camp Composition will be led by local lead area teachers who specialize in writing instruction. Fourth and fifth graders will work on opinion and informative/explanatory prompts, while students in sixth through 11th grades will work on argumentative and informative/explanatory prompts.

Mandatory camp orientation will take

place from 6 to 7 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 18 in Tom and Betty Petway Hall, Room 1100A, where the camp schedule and room assignments will be shared with participants. Space is limited. Scholarships will be offered on a limited basis to students who attend a Title 1 school or are receiving free/reduced lunch. These students would attend at no cost; documentation is required. Students who are first-time attendees will be given preference.

To apply for a scholarship, register multiple siblings or apply for a UNF employee discount, a promotion code is required prior to registration. To receive a promotion code, contact UNF professor Dr. Christine Weber at (904) 620-1754 or at [cweber@unf.edu](mailto:cweber@unf.edu).

For more information on the camp and to register, visit [bit.ly/2BaegQG](http://bit.ly/2BaegQG).

# CHARACTER COUNTS! run/walk to be held Feb. 2

The CHARACTER COUNTS! steering committee is calling all walkers, runners and fitness enthusiasts to participate in the CHARACTER COUNTS! 6 Pillars 6K/3K Run/Walk on Saturday, Feb. 2, 2019 at 9 a.m.

The run/walk will begin and end at Palencia Elementary School at 355 Palencia Village Drive in St. Augustine. Walkers and runners will enjoy a course running through the neighborhoods of Kensington and Las Calinas and can choose to participate in the 6K (3.73 miles) or 3K (1.86 miles) distance.

Registration fees are as follows:

■ 6K-\$25 before Jan. 1; \$30 Jan. 1 to Feb. 1; \$35 on race day

■ 3K-\$20 before Jan. 1; \$25 Jan. 1-Feb. 1; \$30 on race day

Race proceeds will support CHARACTER COUNTS! initiatives throughout the St. Johns County School District (SJCSD). The run/walk is open to all ages, and the top three winners will be awarded in each of the age categories as well as the overall male and female finishers. A cash donation will be awarded to the top three to five schools with the most registrants. All race registrants will receive a tech T-shirt and other goodies from area businesses and organizations. At the finish line, each race participant will receive a commemorative dog tag

Registration forms and more information are available online at [www.racesmith.com/races/CHARACTER-COUNTS.html](http://www.racesmith.com/races/CHARACTER-COUNTS.html).



In this edition of *Why I Serve*, featuring Wounded Warrior Project, Dan Nevins, a retired staff sergeant from the United States Army, sat down with the Recorder for this edition of *Why I Serve*. Nevins enlisted in 1991 before retiring in 2006. He was deployed in Operation Iraqi Freedom while serving in the California National Guard.



Watch the full interview with Nevins at [pontevedrarecorder.com](http://pontevedrarecorder.com).

## What was the most difficult aspect of your role in the military?

When I look at a struggle and challenge of my career in the military, I'd have to look to serving in combat in Iraq. As a leader, the most difficult part was in fighting a war where there wasn't a distinguishable enemy. You're maybe shaking hands with someone one day and then you turn around and they're the same people trying to blow you up the next day. That can be frustrating. People think war is war and there's the good guys and the bad guys, and the reality is you're trying to fulfill a mission that you believe is ultimately very good for everyone. Obviously, not everyone is on the same page, so it becomes very challenging as a leader when you're trying to effectively lead a team in combat operations that's mission focused and not retaliatory or revenge-seeking. I'd say the most difficult part was negotiating the way to fight a war in which there's no distinguishable enemy.

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<p><b>Volunteers needed at St. Johns County Council on Aging</b> A volunteer is needed to help with activities at the Sunshine Center adult daycare, a volunteer manicurist is needed for the Coastal Community Senior Center, volunteers are needed to deliver food to home-bound seniors through the Meals on Wheels program, a volunteer is needed to help with Medicare and Medicaid clients and volunteers are needed at THE PLAYERS Community Senior Center to help set up, serve and clean up for holiday parties. For more information on any of these opportunities, call (904) 209-3686 or email <a href="mailto:aleach@stjohnscoa.com">aleach@stjohnscoa.com</a>.</p> <p><b>Beginner's Drawing Workshop</b> In this class, participants will learn the basic tools and tricks that the masters have used for centuries to make images from life that are accurate and beautiful to the eye. The class will cover significant information through hand-outs. This event will take place Nov. 29 at 5 p.m. at the Flow Studio Art Center, located at 1112 3rd St. Suite #11 in Neptune Beach. Search for Beginner's Drawing Workshop on Eventbrite to register for the class.</p> <p><b>Marc Broussard at Ponte Vedra Concert Hall</b> Marc Broussard, along with guest Kristopher James, will perform at the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall Nov. 29 at 8 p.m. (gates open at 7 p.m.). Broussard is an artist who channels the spirits of classic R&amp;B, rock and soul into contemporary terms. His father, Louisiana Hall of Famer guitarist of The Boogie Kings, nurtured Broussard's musical gifts at an early age. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit <a href="http://www.pvconverthall.com">www.pvconverthall.com</a> or call the box office at (904) 209-0399. The Ponte Vedra Concert Hall is located at 1050 A1A N.</p> <p><b>Throwback Thursday: 'The Yellow Submarine' at the Corazon Cinema and Cafe</b> The Beatles agree to accompany Captain Fred in his Yellow Submarine and go to Pepperland to free it from the music hating Blue Meanies. This film is showing at the Corazon Cinema and Cafe Nov. 29 at noon.</p>	<p><b>Kids Free November at World Golf Hall of Fame</b> Kids under 12 can visit the World Golf Hall of Fame &amp; Museum for free during the month of November (offer valid for up to five children) with a general admission paying adult. No coupon necessary. The museum is open Monday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday noon to 6 p.m. The World Golf Hall of Fame &amp; Museum is located at 1 World Golf Place in St. Augustine.</p> <p><b>John Kretschmer at The BookMark</b> Writer, sailor and philosopher John Kretschmer will appear at The BookMark Nov. 30 at 7 p.m. to discuss and sign copies of his new book, <i>Sailing to the Edge of Time: The Promise, the Challenges and the Freedom of Ocean Voyaging</i>. The book is a chronicle of Kretschmer's sailing life, inspired by hundreds of thousands of nautical miles sailed and uncounted adventures. The BookMark is located at 220 1st St. in Neptune Beach. Call (904) 241-9026 for more information.</p> <p><b>Foxfire at the Limelight Theatre</b> This drama/comedy is playing on stage at the Limelight Theatre Nov. 30 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$26 for general admission, \$24 for seniors, \$20 for students and military. Limelight Theatre is located at 11 Old Mission Ave. in St. Augustine. Call (904) 825-1164 for more information or visit <a href="http://www.limelight-theatre.org">www.limelight-theatre.org</a>.</p> <p><b>Santa and Mrs. Claus in the City Gate Plaza</b> Visit Santa and Mrs. Claus every Friday and Saturday until Christmas from 6 to 8 p.m. in the plaza near the City Gate, located at 246 Saint George St. in St. Augustine. On Saturdays, there will be carolers. The event continues from 8 to 9 p.m. in the courtyard. Admission is free. Email <a href="mailto:binningers@bellsouth.net">binningers@bellsouth.net</a> for more information.</p>	<p><b>Love Me True Rescue</b> Love Me True Rescue, located at 5150 Palm Valley Road #403, will hold adoption events every Saturday between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. For more information, visit <a href="http://www.lovemetruerescue.com">www.lovemetruerescue.com</a>. The rescue is also looking for volunteers (18+). Interested suitors can contact Peggy Hatfield at <a href="mailto:peggyhatfield63@comcast.net">peggyhatfield63@comcast.net</a>.</p> <p><b>Seven Bridges School PTO book fair</b> The Seven Bridges School PTO, Inc, a nonprofit organization that benefits students with learning differences and disabilities who attend the Seven Bridges School in Orange Park, is partnering with Barnes &amp; Noble at the St. Johns Town Center for a book fair on Dec. 1. This free event will feature crafts for kids, storytimes, raffles and more. Festivities will begin at 10 a.m. Contact (516) 303-6018 for more information.</p> <p><b>Kidney cancer educational symposium</b> Join patients, families, professional caregivers and medical professionals for an educational symposium focused specifically on kidney cancer Dec. 1 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the University of North Florida. This free event, presented by the Judy Nicholson Kidney Cancer Foundation, will offer a full day of education and information related to treatment and care. Topics will include management of small renal masses, cytoreductive surgery, yoga and the kidney cancer patient, management of non-clear cell carcinoma and more. The University of North Florida is located at 1 UNF Drive in Jacksonville.</p> <p><b>Sensory-friendly pictures with Santa</b> Hope at Hand and Hannah Joy Photography are partnering to provide a sensory-friendly photo shoot with Santa for children in North Florida Dec. 1 from 11:50 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Register for Sensitive Santa on Eventbrite.com or email <a href="mailto:Dakota@HopeAtHand.org">Dakota@HopeAtHand.org</a>. Participants must make an appointment. This event will take place at Hope at Hand, Inc, located at 3886 Atlantic Blvd. in Jacksonville.</p>	<p><b>Chanukah at the Landing w/ Tali Yess</b> Light up the world Dec. 2 from 2 to 6 p.m. with dreidels and doughnuts featuring donut making, hot latkes, dreidel decorating, face painting, games, family fun and more. To RSVP, visit <a href="http://www.chabadbeaches.com/light">www.chabadbeaches.com/light</a>.</p> <p><b>Guided bird walk</b> Meet the birds at Anastasia State Park Dec. 2 from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. at his informative walk open to participants of all birding levels. Visitors can observe a variety of shore birds, marsh birds and hammock birds by walking the beach, boardwalks, nature trails and other areas. Participants should dress for the weather and bring binoculars, water, comfortable walking shoes and a field guide. This event, taking place at 300 Anastasia Park Road in St. Augustine, is free with regular park admission.</p> <p><b>Christmas concert</b> Kickstart the holiday season with this special Christmas concert Dec. 2 at 4 p.m. featuring the North Florida Women's Chorale, directed by Kerry Fradley. The concert will take place at Arlington Presbyterian Church, located at 1351 Sprinkle Drive in Jacksonville. The program will feature "Go Tell it on the Mountain," "The Cherry Tree Carol" and more.</p> <p><b>Guana Back to Nature Trail Race</b> JTC Running will host its seventh 50k/12k Guana Back to Nature Trail Races Dec. 2 through GTM Research Reserve's trails. The 50K teams will meet at 8 a.m. and the 12K teams will meet at 1 p.m. For more information and to register, visit <a href="http://www.jtcrunning.com/2018/11/09/registration-open-for-guana-trail-races-dec-2">www.jtcrunning.com/2018/11/09/registration-open-for-guana-trail-races-dec-2</a>.</p> <p><b>Celestial Star Gazing party at Trailmark</b> Enjoy an evening under the stars with the Ancient City Astronomy Club of St. Augustine at TrailMark's star gazing party Dec. 2 from 6 to 8 p.m. Club members will have telescopes available for a close-up view of the moon, Venus, Jupiter, Saturn, Mars and many other celestial objects. This event will take place at the TrailMark community in St. Johns County, located 20 miles south of Jacksonville. For more information, call (904) 280-7960 or email <a href="mailto:maxine@clockworkmarketing.com">maxine@clockworkmarketing.com</a>.</p>

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<p><b>Holy Yoga</b> Join Integrative health coach and certified Holy Yoga instructor Cheryl Olson for a hatha-based yoga practice combined with breathwork and a mindful intention on God's Word on Mondays at 6:30 p.m. and Tuesdays at 9 a.m. This yoga session, which will be held at various locations in Ponte Vedra, promises to nourish the heart, mind, body and soul. For more information on class locations and to register, visit <a href="http://www.transformandradiate.com">www.transformandradiate.com</a>.</p> <p><b>Let's Talk Turtle</b> This Let's Talk Turtle event will offer a chance for participants to learn about the sea turtles of Anastasia State Park. This event will take place Dec. 3 at 1 p.m. at Anastasia State Park, located at 300 Anastasia Park Road in St. Augustine.</p> <p><b>First Coast Newcomers Club of Northeast Florida concert</b> Join the First Coast Newcomers Club of Northeast Florida for a professional brass bell ringers/chorus concert at the Clay Library Dec. 3 at 6 p.m. Admission is free. Contact (904) 829-0643 for more information.</p> <p><b>Sierra Club general meeting</b> Bill Armstrong of the Northeast Florida Group will conduct a presentation on his hiking trip earlier this year along the Hadrian's Wall Path in England at the next Sierra Club general meeting. This event is set for Dec. 3 at 6 p.m. in the Clubhouse of the Ocean Grove Condominiums at 1 Arbor Club Drive in Ponte Vedra Beach. All members and nonmembers are welcome. For more information, email Brian Paradise at <a href="mailto:bgparadise@comcast.net">bgparadise@comcast.net</a>.</p> <p><b>Jax Cello Quartet concert</b> The Jax Cello Quartet, comprised of Jacksonville Symphony cellists Alexei Romanenko, Kacy Clopton, Brian Magnus and Betsy Federman, will perform at St. Paul's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church Dec. 3 at 7:30 p.m. This free concert will include music from the opera Carmen, Strauss's Blue Danube, music of Duke Ellington along with some Christmas music. Donations will benefit the St. Paul's by-the-Sea music program. St. Paul's by-the-Sea is located at 465 11 Ave. N. in Jacksonville Beach.</p>	<p><b>Tapas Tuesday</b> The Cummer Museum of Art &amp; Gardens presents Tapas Tuesday at the Cummer Cafe every Tuesday from 5 to 7:30 p.m. View the sunset on the Cummer Cafe patio while listening to local musicians and enjoying beer, wine or artfully-inspired tapas for sale at the Cafe. Reserve your table by calling (904) 899-6022. For more information, visit <a href="http://www.cummermuseum.org">www.cummermuseum.org</a>. The museum is located at 829 Riverside Ave.</p> <p><b>Prenatal yoga</b> Prenatal and postnatal yoga is designed to help women cope with the changing needs of their body before and after pregnancy and birth. The public is invited Dec. 4 at 6 p.m. to share individual experiences with other women and gain empowerment through yoga, meditation and guided visualization. This approach is gentle and safe for women in all stages of pregnancy, and once recovered from birth, but prior approval from a healthcare provider is advised. This event will take place at the Y Healthy Living Center, located at 170 Landrum Lane in Ponte Vedra Beach.</p> <p><b>John Kerry at The BookMark</b> Former Secretary of State and five-term U.S. Senator John Kerry will present his new book, Every Day is Extra, Dec. 4 at 7 p.m. at The BookMark in Neptune Beach. In Every Day is Extra, Kerry relates his personal story from his student days at Yale to his service in Vietnam, from a five-term span as Senator to his nearly successful bid for the presidency. The event will be held in the Dance Trance studio building located directly behind The BookMark for space accommodations. For more information, visit <a href="http://www.bookmarkbeach.com">www.bookmarkbeach.com</a> or call (904) 241-9026.</p> <p><b>Polar Express at IMAX Theater at World Golf Hall of Fame</b> A young boy embarks on a magical adventure to the North Pole on the Polar Express. During his adventure he learns about friendship, bravery, and the spirit of Christmas. This film is showing Dec. 4 at 10 a.m. at the IMAX Theater at World Golf Hall of Fame. Visit <a href="http://www.worldgolfimax.com">www.worldgolfimax.com</a> for more information.</p>	<p><b>Yoga at the church</b> Grab a mat and enjoy a weekly yoga session at St. Paul's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church each Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. All ages and skill levels are welcome. St. Paul's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church is located at 465 11th Ave. N. in Jacksonville. Call (904) 249-4091 Ext. 103 for more information.</p> <p><b>Wednesday Market at St. Augustine Beach</b> 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 to 80 vendors can be found at the market selling locally grown produce, baked goods, prepared foods, arts, crafts and more. Visit <a href="http://www.sabca.org">www.sabca.org</a> for more information.</p> <p><b>Culhane's Irish Pub &amp; Restaurant trivia</b> Join Culhane's Irish Pub &amp; Restaurant for free trivia every Wednesday and Thursday from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Guests can get a team together and test their knowledge to try and win house cash prizes. Food and drink specials will be available. Culhane's Irish Pub &amp; Restaurant is located at 967 Atlantic Blvd. in Atlantic Beach.</p> <p><b>A look into Old Spanish Quarries</b> Experience a new perspective of the Old Spanish Quarries at Anastasia State Park Dec. 5 from 10 to 11 a.m. This informative program with a knowledgeable ranger will bring the history of the quarry to life, as participants learn about the work that occurred in the Old Spanish Quarries and the architecture that influenced the history of St. Augustine.</p> <p><b>First Coast Card Club meeting</b> The First Coast Card Club will meet Dec. 5 at 12:30 p.m. at the Main Library, located at 1960 N. Ponce De Leon Blvd. in St. Augustine. Contact (904) 829-0643 for more event information.</p>	<p><b>Yoga for Survivors</b> The Y Healthy Living Center at the Ponte Vedra YMCA will host a Yoga for Survivors class Dec. 6 at 11:30 a.m. Cancer patients, survivors, caregivers and others with range of motion and pain limitations are invited to join in this gentle and safe yoga practice, which is free and open to the public. Call (904) 202-5376 or visit <a href="http://www.baptistjax.com/ymca">www.baptistjax.com/ymca</a> to reserve a spot. The Ponte Vedra YMCA is located at 170 Landrum Lane.</p> <p><b>Free Speaker Series: 500 Years of Maritime Florida</b> The St. Augustine Lighthouse and Maritime Museum will host this free speaker series with Brendan Burke Dec. 6 at the St. Augustine Lighthouse and Maritime Museum at 7 p.m. The talk is titled Shrimping in St. Augustine. The St. Augustine Lighthouse and Maritime Museum is located at 81 Lighthouse Ave. For more information go to <a href="http://www.staugustine-lighthouse.org">www.staugustine-lighthouse.org</a> or call (904) 829-0745.</p> <p><b>NocaTour</b> The NocaTour, taking place Dec. 6 at 10 a.m., will allow visitors to participate in a personal golf cart tour on Nocatee's Greenway Trailway System, Nocatee Community Park and brushing by Coastal oaks and Del Webb. The tour will return to the Welcome Center for a walking tour of the Splash Water Park and Fitness Club. Email <a href="mailto:WelcomeCenter@Nocatee.com">WelcomeCenter@Nocatee.com</a> for more information.</p> <p><b>TedxFSCJWomen: Showing Up</b> Melissa Ross, host of WJCT's First Coast Connect, will moderate a local panel of experts who will address the Speak Out! theme Dec. 6 at 3:30 p.m. at FSCJ's Downtown Campus. The panel will explore issues of fear, sexual violence and survival. Panelists will include Vicky Basra, Robin Graber, Kirstin Keen, Paige Mahogany Parks and Emily Rokosch. Visit <a href="http://www.tedxfscj.com">www.tedxfscj.com</a> for more information.</p> <p><b>Free calendar listings for community groups and nonprofit organizations are published at our discretion on a space-available basis. Send your event at least 10 days before publication. Submit events to <a href="mailto:Amber@opcfla.com">Amber@opcfla.com</a> or call (904) 686-3939.</b></p>

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# NOCATEE-A-GLOW TO BE HELD THIS WEEKEND



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Nocatee-A-Glow is taking place this Friday and Saturday, Nov. 30 and Dec. 1, from 6 to 9 p.m. Festivities are set to include North Pole visits with Santa and Mrs. Claus, a live nativity scene, horse drawn carriage rides, train rides, a food truck village, a Letters to Santa station, various live musical and dance performances, a "snow" zone, a balloon artist and more. Both nights will feature a tree lighting countdown, followed by the kick off of Splash Waterpark's Christmas light show. The show will continue to run every night throughout the month of December with a special Hanukkah Celebration on Dec. 4. This is a free event for residents. Friday night will be for residents only, and guests of residents will be admitted entry on Saturday evening for \$7 per person. There will be a small service fee added to any online purchases. Guest tickets will be \$10 per guest at the door on Saturday evening. Guests must be accompanied by a resident, and residents must bring their resident ID cards both nights.



ABOVE: A rendering displays the plans for the new Flagler Health Village in Nocatee, which is scheduled to open in the summer of 2020.

LEFT: A map shows the location where the new Flagler Health Village will be located in Nocatee.

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# Flagler Health Village to open in Nocatee in summer 2020

Flagler Hospital recently announced its plan to begin construction of the Flagler Health Village at Nocatee, which will include dedicated green space for healthy lifestyle and arts activities, a community education and partnership center, family practice, pediatrics, specialty care and women's health services.

Flagler Health Village at Nocatee is slated to open in the summer of 2020. It will be located on a 4-acre property adjacent to the Nocatee Town Center. "Our health villages are designed to advance the physical, social and economic

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## OBITUARIES

### Nancy Sandra Permenter Goode

Nancy Sandra Permenter Goode died Nov. 22 after a brief illness. She was born June 23, 1937, in Jacksonville to John Ray Permenter and Ethel Hightower Permenter. Nancy attended Robert E. Lee High School, Brenau University and graduated from the University of Georgia. She was a member of the Phi Mu Fraternity and taught elementary school after graduation. Nancy was a member of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, Ponte Vedra Chapter DAR and of the Ponte Vedra Inn and Club. She was a member of Palms Presby-

terian Church and served in the Shepherd Ministry.

Nancy is survived by her husband, Bryan Collier Goode, Jr; son, Bryan Collier "Tripp" Goode, III (Sandra); daughter, Sandra Allison Sternberg (James); grandchildren, Chloe and Claire Goode and Jack Sternberg; sister, Marianne Permenter Hibbard; brother in law, Gordon W. Gerber and many nieces and nephews. Nancy was preceded in death by her daughter, Nancy Melissa Goode; sister, Martha Permenter Gerber; and brother, John Ray Permenter, Jr.

Nancy was a bright light in many lives, warm and welcoming, the perfect hostess. She was witty and clever,

always ready with a quick comeback in any situation. Family parties will never be the same.

A Celebration of Life service will be held Friday, Nov. 30, at 2 p.m. at Palms Presbyterian Church, located at 3410 S. 3rd St. in Jacksonville Beach. Visit the online tribute at [www.quinn-shalz.com](http://www.quinn-shalz.com). Arrangements by Quinn-Shalz Family Funeral Home.



### Janet Grant

Janet Grant, 66, of Jacksonville, died on Sunday, Nov. 25. Arrangements by Quinn-Shalz, A Family Funeral Home & Cremation Centre.

### Marian McClure Lockwood

Marian McClure Lockwood, 80, died on Saturday, Nov. 10. Ponte Vedra Valley Funeral Home, Cremation Center & Cemetery – (904) 285-1130 – [www.pontevedravalle.com](http://www.pontevedravalle.com)

### Florence McCulley Moon

Florence McCulley Moon, 90, of Jacksonville Beach, died on Nov. 21. Arrangements by Quinn-Shalz, A Family Funeral Home & Cremation Centre.

## Flagler

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health of the communities we serve," Flagler Hospital President and CEO Jason Barrett said. "We share Nocatee's vision to create a place with a truly exceptional quality of living and are committed to serve as the center-point for building an even healthier community for mind, body and spirit, together."

One of the key aspects about this health village is the Community Health Advisory Council, which will collaborate with area schools, businesses, residents and other stakeholders to build and deploy a customized healthy community plan for Nocatee. Flagler Hospital's community health team will bring its proven approach to identifying and improving health factors and outcomes for area residents of all ages to the process. Interested residents can apply for the council by visiting [www.flaglerhospital.org/Flagler-Health-Villages.aspx](http://www.flaglerhospital.org/Flagler-Health-Villages.aspx).

"From our clinical services to healthy living, art in medicine and education programs, our health village offerings will be custom-designed in collaboration with area residents to ensure the unique needs and desires of Nocatee residents are met," Barrett said. "We're not focused on disconnected, episodic interactions, but rather building relationship of care throughout the journey of life."

While planning and design has yet to be finalized, the Flagler Health Village is conceptualized to include interior and exterior spaces that accommodate a wide array of community-centric offerings.

In October, Baptist Health also an-

nounced its plans to open a comprehensive health campus in Nocatee that will include primary care, specialty care and wellness programming. Groundbreak-

ing will take place in early 2019 for the campus, which will be located west of Nocatee Town Center and the Lakeside neighborhood facing Nocatee Parkway.

To learn more about new homes in the Nocatee community, visit [Nocatee.com](http://Nocatee.com), stop by the Nocatee Welcome Center or call (904) 924-6863.

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# Holiday Fitness & Beauty



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LASH owner Tammy Barr (third from left) gathers with attendees of "An Evening of Luxury" on Nov. 15 at her studio in Jacksonville Beach.

## LASH holds 'An Evening of Luxury'

LASH, a high-end beauty studio and boutique in Jacksonville Beach, hosted a pre-holiday mixer called "An Evening of Luxury" on Nov. 15.

The local business partnered with a few other First Coast businesses for the event including Maria Poole Luxury Travel, Simply Weddings by Amanda, Hair by Erica Loves Colour, Monahan Jewelers and Laser Loft Ponte Vedra.

Attendees of the event learned about travel packing tips and where to travel in 2019, as well as how to host the perfect holiday party, Laser Loft cryoskin and more. Guests also enjoyed drinks, snacks and sweets.

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Danairi Torres and Madysen Glynn

Babes, is also hosting a "Very Versace Holiday Party" on Tuesday, Dec. 11. Attendees will receive treatment demonstrations, engage in a question and answer session with experts and participate in boutique sales and raffles.

Visit [lashjax.com](http://lashjax.com) or call (904) 758-1072 for more information. LASH is located at 1500 Beach Blvd., Suite 114, in Jacksonville Beach.



Photo by Benjamin Naim

David Reid-Foley, Tiffany and Josh Maxwell and Kloe Bell Maxwell enjoy the Family Fun Day event at ABOVE Athletics on Nov. 17.

## ABOVE Athletics hosts Family Fun Day, offers sneak peek at Phase II of facility

By Benjamin Naim

ABOVE Athletics hosted a Family Fun Day on Saturday, Nov. 17 at its location on Philips Highway in Jacksonville that featured a bounce house, food trucks, a guided tour, clinics and demos, raffles and a sneak peek at Phase II of the sports and recreation facility.

Jay Glattig, a commercial real estate developer who is leading the development and leasing at ABOVE Athletics, said the facility's sports programs are among the most impressive services offered at the location.

"The businesses that we have here are

the best basketball academy, the best gymnastics, the best girls travel softball," he asserted. "People come here and they can go to one location and they can have that top-level experience."

The Family Fun Day offered locals a chance to take the family out for a day of fun, learn more about the opportunities available at ABOVE Athletics and view renderings of Phase II of the project.

Current ABOVE Athletics tenants include First Coast Gymnastics, Above Basketball Academy, 5 Tool Training, MaxFit and BASL Soccer.

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**ABOVE: Kids enjoy the gymnastics facility during the Family Fun Day event at ABOVE Athletics on Nov. 17.**

**RIGHT: Displayed is a 20,000-square-foot airnasium that can be used for a variety of sports and activities.**

Photos by Benjamin Naim



## ABOVE Athletics

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“We started two and a half years ago,” Glatting explained. “It took a year just to start and then another year to finish.”

Furthermore, the developer revealed that the original plan was to simply construct a basketball court, but it never materialized because the project was unaffordable.

“We realized we can’t afford to buy a piece of land and do a parking lot for just one basketball court,” he said. “So, it kind of grew and grew, and then after Phase II is complete, it ends up being an \$8 million project with multiple investors, partners and people along the way.”

Phase 1 of ABOVE Athletics, which opened its doors in August 2018, features a total space of 30,000 square feet with facilities and programs for gymnastics,

group physical training, soccer, softball and basketball. The groundbreaking of the 26,000-square-foot Phase II of the project will take place in January 2019, with expected completion is March 2019. It will include a building dedicated to health, wellness and recovery.

Confirmed tenants for Phase II include Rainbow Pediatric Center — a pediatric practice that will offer a holistic model of practice at the ABOVE location including pediatric concussion treatment and management through its Healthy Brains Youth Concussion Center — and Blue32Jax — a pre or post-fitness recovery center. Phase II will also include youth sports injury prevention classes, mental and physical health and fitness classes, parenting classes and comprehensive pediatric care.

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# Santa's mailbox to accept letters at Sawgrass Village and Recorder office

Letters mailed to Saint Nick will receive responses

First Coast children seeking to send their Christmas lists to Santa Claus may drop them off at Santa's mailbox located near Nona Blue in Sawgrass Village and at the Ponte Vedra Recorder office (1102 A1A N., Unit 108, Ponte Vedra Beach).

Letters mailed by Dec. 15 will receive a response from Santa thanks to a special arrangement the Ponte Vedra Beach Division of the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce made with the North Pole.

"I have asked the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce to help me out by collecting your letters in this special mailbox," Saint Nick said. "No need for a stamp, but if you would like me to respond to your letter, please include your return address on the envelope."

"The nice folks at the Chamber will be collecting letters for me up until Dec. 15," Santa added. "After that, I will be too busy to respond because I will be preparing for my busy night on Christmas Eve. I look forward to reading your letters!"



A mailbox for letters to Santa will be located near Nona Blue in Sawgrass Village. Letters mailed by Dec. 15 will receive a response from Saint Nick.

Recorder file photo



## St. Johns County Parks and Recreation to facilitate phone calls from Santa

St. Johns County Parks and Recreation is once again helping families make the holiday season brighter for their children this year.

Parents with children under the age of 8 who live in St. Johns County can sign up to have Santa call their child at home this holiday season. Registration is open now until 5 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 7. Visit [www.sjcf.us/Recreation/index.aspx](http://www.sjcf.us/Recreation/index.aspx) to submit a request or download the form and drop it off at the St. Johns County Parks and Recreation Department.

For more information, contact Ashley Brown at (904) 209-0379 or [abrown@sjcf.us](mailto:abrown@sjcf.us).

## Gov.-elect Desantis and incoming first lady prepare Thanksgiving meals at Trinity Rescue Mission

Gov.-elect Ron DeSantis and Incoming First Lady Casey DeSantis, of Ponte Vedra Beach, visited Trinity Rescue Mission, a homeless shelter in Jacksonville, Wednesday, Nov. 21, to help prepare Thanksgiving meals for the community.

The governor-elect and incoming first lady also served lunch and read a Thanksgiving story to the children at Trinity Rescue Mission's Women and Children's Center, the only faith-based residential recovery program in Jacksonville, offering long-term, comprehensive service to women and children.

Photos courtesy of the DeSantis transition team



ABOVE: Gov.-elect Ron DeSantis, and Incoming First Lady Casey DeSantis prepare Thanksgiving meals at Trinity Rescue Mission in Jacksonville on Nov. 21.

LEFT: Casey DeSantis reads to children at Trinity Rescue Mission's Women and Children's Center.

## World Golf Hall of Fame & IMAX Theater are offering holiday specials through end of year

This holiday season, the World Golf Hall of Fame & IMAX Theater is offering limited time deals on special gifts through Dec. 31.

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# Dangerous binge drinking linked to holiday heart syndrome



**By Dr. Anthony Magnano**

Special to the Recorder

Gatherings with family and friends are sure to yield memorable moments, but they may also bring worrisome health concerns into focus.

Every year around the holidays, emergency rooms note an influx of otherwise healthy patients presenting with symptoms of Atrial Fibrillation (AFib). This phenomenon is known as “holiday heart syndrome” and is most closely associated with a spike in binge drinking commonly seen this time of year.

Symptoms of AFib can be frightening:

rapid heart rate, shortness of breath, fainting, fatigue and heart palpitations. But what’s most concerning is the increased stroke risk for individuals with AFib. In fact, individuals with the arrhythmia are five times more likely to suffer from a stroke.

Fortunately, for many, temporary AFib linked to holiday heart syndrome will resolve itself, but it’s important to know the signs and be wary of binge drinking this season.

### Binge drinking and your heart

Holiday heart syndrome was first reported in the early 1970s when researchers noted the association between binge drinking and the onset of AFib in individuals who were generally healthy.

Binge drinking is defined as the intake

of more than four servings of alcohol in a two-hour span for women and more than five drinks in the same time period for men. While the habit tends to be associated with a younger crowd, it is common among all ages — especially during holiday gatherings.

Because alcohol causes blood pressure to rise rapidly, people may be at risk of not only developing seasonal AFib, but also triggering a heart attack in those with underlying or undiagnosed heart issues.

It’s important to note that the effects of binge drinking can last longer than the evening’s festivities. In fact, a Harvard research review found that binge drinking six or more drinks in one night may raise a person’s risk of cardiovascular events for an entire week after consumption.

### How to minimize your risk

Luckily, you don’t have to skip the celebratory drinks altogether to protect your heart.

Moderate drinking can actually produce various positive benefits, including reduced risk of heart attack and stroke. “Moderate,”

however, is probably a lot less than you may think. The American Heart Association recommends only one to two servings of alcohol per day for men and up to one full serving of alcohol per day for women.

It’s also important to consider the type of alcohol you choose to consume. Red wine is a smart choice over holiday staples like eggnog, which is packed with fatty calories and high amounts of cholesterol.

If you notice any signs of a cardiac event while enjoying yourself this holiday season, be as proactive as possible. Call 911 immediately for medical emergency symptoms such as chest pain, heart palpitations, shortness of breath or a cold sweat.

It pays to be mindful of how you treat your heart this time of year. Taking care of your body’s most vital organ will help keep you around for many holiday seasons to come.

**Dr. Anthony Magnano is a Ponte Vedra resident and cardiac electrophysiologist at St. Vincent’s Medical Center Riverside. For more information on Dr. Magnano and his specialty treating Atrial Fibrillation, visit [AfbJax.com](http://AfbJax.com).**

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Event attendees checked out the various arts and crafts exhibits and also enjoyed unique and gourmet food and entertainment.



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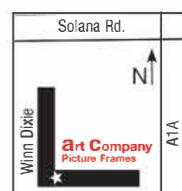
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# Love Your Smile



## New dental office opens in Jacksonville Beach featuring community café and comprehensive care



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Steve Pirnia, Dr. Shyam Paryani, Ramila Orasheva, Dr. Shankeertha Sundar and Cassandra Chesser of Gentle Dentists Beaches gather in the café of their office in Jacksonville Beach.

**By Jon Blauvelt**

A new dental office offering a café, state-of-the-art technology and amenities and comprehensive care seven days a week has opened in the Beaches area.

Located at 3316 Third Street South, Suite 101, across the hall from Atlantic Eye Institute in the Beaches Medical Pavilion of Jacksonville Beach, Gentle Dentists Beaches opened Oct. 18 as part of the Gentle Dentists USA company.

“Basically, the idea was to create a different concept of dentistry,” said Dr. Shyam Paryani, CEO of Gentle Dentists USA and a Ponte Vedra Beach resident. “We thought the Beaches was the perfect spot for it.”

Paryani has a background primarily in oncology, serving as director of First Radiation and Oncology Group (FROG) for several years. In addition, Paryani teaches graduate courses in healthcare administra-

tion at University of North Florida, where he received a master’s degree in health administration. He is also, however, a patient of Dr. Holly Nadji, a dentist with a practice in the Baymeadows area who expressed interest to him about expanding her efforts to the Beaches area. So, applying his business background, Paryani helped Nadji open the new office in Jacksonville Beach and start Gentle Dentists USA, which now includes Nadji’s Baymeadows office.

Upon entering the doors of the new Beaches office, patients enter the café, or what Paryani describes as the “sitting area,” instead of a traditional waiting area. Six comfortable chairs positioned in a semicircle, rather than a line, sit in front of the front desk, with views of large screen TVs displaying soothing pictures of beaches and coral reefs. Adjacent to

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**RIGHT:** Nease cadets Teagen Pettit and Thomas Olinger, second overall in female and male sit-ups, receive the first-place team sit-ups trophy.



**ABOVE:** Nease NJROTC celebrates winning its sixth consecutive Mandarin Drill Meet championship on Nov. 17.

Photos courtesy of Nease NJROTC



**ABOVE:** Nease Battalion Cmdr. Erin Sass and Executive Officer Troy Barber receive the overall championship trophy at the Mandarin Drill Meet.

**LEFT:** Nease NJROTC's Armed Basic first-place team competes at the Mandarin Drill Meet on Nov. 17.

## Nease NJROTC dominates at Mandarin Drill Meet, qualifies for Florida-Georgia Championships

Nease Navy JROTC's varsity drill team dominated across the board in Personnel Inspection, Academics, Drill and Athletics to take home the championship at the Mandarin High School NJROTC sanctioned drill meet on Nov. 17 in Jacksonville, marking the sixth consecutive year of the team taking home top honors.

Nease beat out 11 other NJROTC units from Northern Florida and Georgia.

With the victory, Nease has secured its slot in the Area 12 Drill Championships in Douglas, Georgia on March 2, 2019, when it will attempt to defend its title as four-time defending Area-12 Drill champion.

In addition to claiming the overall trophy, Nease picked up 10-of-13 first-place trophies for Personnel Inspection, Academics, Overall Athletics, Push-Ups, Sit Ups, 16x100 Relay, 8x220 Relay, Overall Drill, Armed Basic and Armed Exhibition.

"We're on a mission (this year) to return to Navy Nationals," Cadet Battalion Cmdr. Erin Sass said. "We performed well today, but the best is hopefully yet to come."

Several cadets took home individual medals for exceptional performance. Chris Oliver and Sass took first place in male and female push-ups; Teagen Pettit took second place in female push-ups and sit-ups; Thomas Olinger finished second in male sit-ups; and Abigail Vidler and Hayden Rowe placed third in female and male push-ups.

"We're in this for the long haul," Cadet Battalion Master Chief Peyton Gustafson said. "We've got seven freshmen on the team this year, a fresh attitude and a no-nonsense work ethic. I expect us to be even better at our next competition."

Nease will similarly attempt to claim its sixth title in a row at Terry Parker's Sanctioned Drill Meet on Dec. 15.

Other top schools in the competition were Clay in second place, First Coast in third place, Coffee County in fourth place and Ridgeview in fifth place.

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# Rotary, Recorder seek nominations for 27th Annual Local Heroes Awards

The Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach and the Ponte Vedra Recorder are seeking nominations for the 27th Annual Local Heroes Awards.

Presented each year, the Local Heroes Awards recognize individuals who give back to the community and reflect the spirit of the Rotary Club's motto, "Service Above Self." From volunteering with local charities to giving back through the arts, education,

environmental protection activities and more, the Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach and Recorder seek to recognize the "unsung heroes" who make Ponte Vedra such a special place to live, work and raise a family.

Residents who know of an individual they believe is deserving of recognition as a Local Hero are encouraged to complete the nomination form on

this page and email it to Rotarian Ken Smith at lk-smith59@yahoo.com. Nomination forms may also be mailed to: Local Heroes Awards Committee, Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach, PO Box 70, Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32004. The deadline for submission of nominations is Friday, Dec. 14.

Award recipients will be recognized at the Local Heroes Awards reception to be held Thursday, Feb. 7,



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**Nomination Deadline: Friday, Dec. 14, 2018**  
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Chabad at the Beaches' "Grand Chanukah Celebration" on Dec. 3 at Watson Realty Corp. will feature a BMX stunt show.

## Chabad at the Beaches to offer BMX stunt show, menorah lighting

Chabad at the Beaches is holding its 15th annual "Grand Chanukah Celebration" on Monday, Dec. 3 at 6 p.m. at Watson Realty Corp. in Ponte Vedra Beach.

This year's event, which is open to the public and for all ages, will feature a BMX stunt show, as well as eating latkes (potato pancakes), playing dreidel games and listening to holiday music. There will also be a free raffle and the lighting of the menorah for the second night of Chanukah, the eight-day celebration of the Festival of Lights. Chanukah returns early this year, beginning the evening of Sunday, Dec. 2 and ending the evening of Monday, Dec. 10.

"I love Chabad's annual Chanukah event" Ponte Vedra Beach resident Dafne Blank said. "I bring my children, my neighbors and friends every year. They are always grateful that they came."

Chabad at the Beaches is also promot-

ing the following events this holiday season:

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#### Chanukah at Adele Grange

Wednesday, Dec. 5 at 6 p.m.  
716 Ocean Blvd. in Atlantic Beach

#### Chanukah Shabbat Dinner

Friday, Dec. 9 at 6:30 p.m.  
521 A1A North in Ponte Vedra Beach

For more information about the Beaches Chanukah events, including the Shabbat Dinner, visit [www.ChabadBeaches.com](http://www.ChabadBeaches.com) or call (904) 543-9301.



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# Rory Diamond rallies local support for Jacksonville City Council run



Rory Diamond, CEO of K9s For Warriors and candidate for Jacksonville City Council District 13, addresses attendees of a fundraiser for his race on Nov. 16 at Coastal Oaks Clubhouse in Ponte Vedra.

A group of local couples recently hosted a fundraising reception for Rory Diamond, the CEO of Ponte Vedra-based K9s For Warriors who is running for Jacksonville City Council District 13.

Held Nov. 16 at the Coastal Oaks Clubhouse in Ponte Vedra, the event allowed those in attendance to hear from Diamond, a Republican candidate who is currently unopposed in his race.

Prior to leading K9s For Warriors, Diamond was a litigator at two international law firms. He also served as a federal prosecutor for the U.S. Department of Justice, specializing in public

corruption and financial fraud prosecutions. Before earning his law degree, Diamond served as briefing director for California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and as a deputy associate director at the White House for President George W. Bush. He was working in the White House on 9/11 and, ultimately, served as part of the startup staff for the U.S. Office of Homeland Security.

Diamond is currently a member of the Neptune Beach City Council. The election for the Jacksonville City Council District 13 race will take place May 14, 2019.



Diamond poses with St. Johns County District 4 Commissioner Jeremiah Blocker and his wife, Lauren Blocker during the fundraiser.

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Heritage Homes is now building in EvenTide in Ponte Vedra Beach.

## Heritage Homes to build in EvenTide in Ponte Vedra Beach

GreenPointe Communities recently announced the addition of Heritage Homes to its custom home builder team at EvenTide, a new Ponte Vedra Beach neighborhood by the ocean.

Heritage Homes has partnered with Cronk Duch Architecture to develop home designs specific to EvenTide's coastal setting. The homes are designed

to reflect the properties of the homesite and the needs and lifestyle of the homebuyer. In addition, they are designed for high efficiency, equipped for smart home technology and tailored for the modern family with floor plans featuring spacious master suites and large kitchens. Heritage Homes has been featured in national publications such as

Florida Architecture, Traditional Homes and Country French Magazine.

EvenTide is located along Ponte Vedra Boulevard between Sawgrass Drive and Mickler Road. The EvenTide enclave is planned for 23 coastal eclectic-style homes and is marketed

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10 questions you should be asking your insurance agent



**Billy Wagner**  
Guest Columnist

**By Billy Wagner**

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Seeking counsel from an insurance agent is common when you're buying a home or a car. But what about when you're renovating your home, adding to your family or experiencing other changes that increase your exposure to financial risk?

Homeowners often purchase coverage and forget about it until a named storm comes barreling across the Atlantic, but reviewing your coverage with your agent periodically is the best way to ensure you have total protection of your assets. When you talk with your agent, below are questions you should ask to ensure you make informed decisions about your financial future.

### 1. How many insurance companies do you have access to shop from?

The more insurance companies an agent has access to, the more choice he/she can offer. Work with an agent who has numer-

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**Dan Armstrong**

## Local attorney Dan Armstrong recognized as a top elder law attorney in Florida by American Institute of Legal Council

Ponte Vedra Beach elder law attorney Dan Armstrong was recently named to the 2018 10 Best Legal Counsel for Client Satisfaction list by The American Institute of Legal Council (AIOLC).

The American Institute of Legal Council is a third-party attorney rating organization that publishes an annual list of Top 10 Elder Law Attorneys in each state. Attorneys who are selected to the "10 Best" list must pass AIOLC's

rigorous selection process, which is based on client and/or peer nominations, thorough research and AIOLC's independent evaluation. AIOLC's annual list was created to be used as a resource for clients during the attorney selection process.

One of the most significant aspects of the selection process involves attorneys' relationships and reputation among his or her clients. As clients should be an attorney's top priority,

AIOLC places emphasis on selecting lawyers who have achieved significant success in the field of legal counsel without sacrificing the service and support they provide. Selection criteria therefore focuses on attorneys who demonstrate the highest standards of client satisfaction.

The Law Offices of Dan W. Armstrong are located at 822 A1A N., Suite 310, in Ponte Vedra Beach. Call (904) 280-0058 or visit [www.danarmstrong.com](http://www.danarmstrong.com) for more information.

# Italian jeweler Marco Bicego makes personal appearance at Underwood's in Ponte Vedra

Italian jewelry designer Marco Bicego recently visited Ponte Vedra Beach to present his latest collections at Underwood Jewelers.

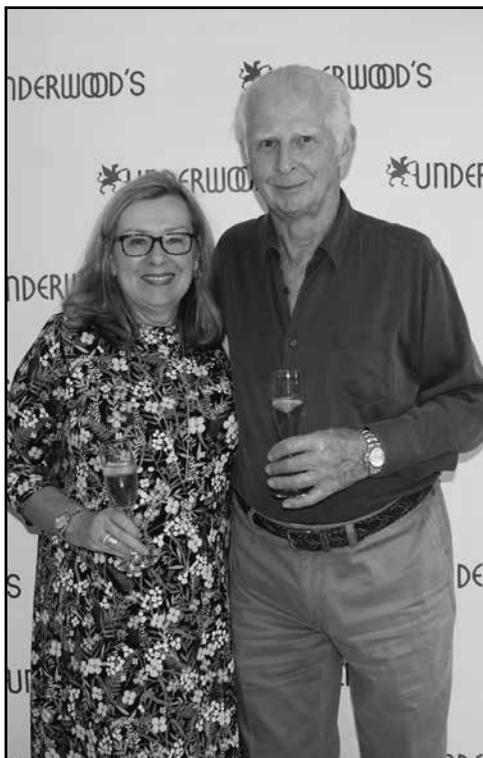
Visiting the local business on Nov. 14, Bicego offered on-site hand-engraving for existing or newly purchased pieces, while guests enjoyed complimentary artisanal Italian bites from Poppy's Italiano.

Bicego is known for his 18-karat gold designs. His jewelry includes necklaces, earrings, bracelets, rings and more. Visit [us.marcobicego.com](http://us.marcobicego.com) for more information on the designer and his collections.



Photos by Susan Griffin

Italian jewelry designer Marco Bicego (second from left) gathers with Underwood Jewelers owners Clayton and Christy Bromberg and Underwood's Ponte Vedra Beach general manager John Rutkowski on Nov. 14.



Cyndi King and Chris Tchorznicki



Tammy Barr, Bicego and Maria Poole



Food from Poppy's Italiano

## EventTide

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by Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Network Realty.

"EventTide is a rare opportunity along Ponte Vedra Boulevard for homeowners seeking private beach access to one of Florida's most pristine beaches," Heritage Homes President/Owner Scott Ulm said. "Our experience building in Ponte Vedra makes EventTide a perfect fit and we look forward to bringing uniquely designed homes to this preeminent community."

Heritage is building a new showcase home with traditional Dutch West Indies-style architecture designed exclusively for EventTide. Heritage homes are designed for active beach goers that enjoy outdoor living and easy access to the sea shore.

"EventTide offers the unique opportunity to build a distinctive new construction home along Ponte Vedra Boulevard," GreenPoint Communities North Florida Division Manager and Ponte Vedra resident Mike Taylor said. "GreenPoint Communities has established design guidelines to maintain EventTide's architectural vision and worked earnestly to

ensure the highest construction standards are incorporated into the design of each home."

The community's 23 estate-sized lots, priced from the \$500s, offer preserve and lake views and range in size from approximately one-third acre to more than one acre. Home and lot packages are priced from \$1.5 million. Homebuyers may choose to work with one of EventTide's preferred builders or are welcome to their own builder.

GreenPoint has partnered with several Northeast Florida home builders to build in EventTide, including Arthur Rutenberg

Homes by Mark Refosco, Glenn Layton Homes and now Heritage Homes.

EventTide is within minutes of elite clubs, golf courses, specialty boutiques and dining destinations with easy access to Jacksonville, St. Augustine and major employment centers. EventTide is zoned for A-rated public schools in the St. Johns County School District.

For more information about EventTide, call Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Network Realty Realtors Elizabeth Hudgins or Lee Elmore at (904) 285-5499 or visit [www.EventTide-Living.com](http://www.EventTide-Living.com).

## Wagner

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ous options to make sure he/she can find the best combination of coverage, quality of the company and price.

### 2. How do you navigate and decide which insurance company has the best policy for my situation?

A good agent does market research on

your home and considers all available options. During the review, an agent should pay attention to the rating of the carrier (an indicator of reputation), claims experience and the best overall value.

### 3. Do I have an adequate dwelling coverage limit on my homeowners policy?

Your Coverage A, commonly called dwelling coverage, is the maximum amount your insurance company will pay you to replace your home. Is it enough to

rebuild and replace your home? The cost to replace your home is not your home's market value (or the amount you could receive if you sold your home).

### 4. If my home floods, will my policy cover the damage?

Most homeowners policies exclude flood damage. Many new options for flood insurance have entered the market in the past few years, so ask your agent to evaluate your options and advise accordingly.

### 5. Do I have a water damage exclusion or limitation on my policy?

Some insurance companies have been excluding water coverage or limiting it to \$10,000 in coverage when the home is older than 30 years old. Check with your agent so you understand if you have this limitation and how it can be avoided.

### 6. Does my policy cover my wedding ring and other expensive jewelry?

Many policies have a maximum limit of \$1,000 for jewelry coverage. You can add a blanket of \$5,000 in coverage or schedule a more valuable item to make sure it is covered.

### 7. What is the deductible for each of my policies?

Pay close attention to your hurricane deductible as many homeowners are surprised to learn that it is 2 percent of your dwelling coverage. For example, if you have a \$400,000 house, the standard deductible for a hurricane would be \$8,000. Your agent can explore options to lower that out-of-pocket expense.

### 8. Does my policy cover animal liability?

Since dog bites account for more than a third of all homeowner liability claims, it is important that you know how your policy would respond. Some breeds are excluded from coverage but with most dogs you can purchase animal liability for \$25 to \$50 per year that will provide \$25,000 in coverage.

### 9. Do I have a wind mitigation inspection on file?

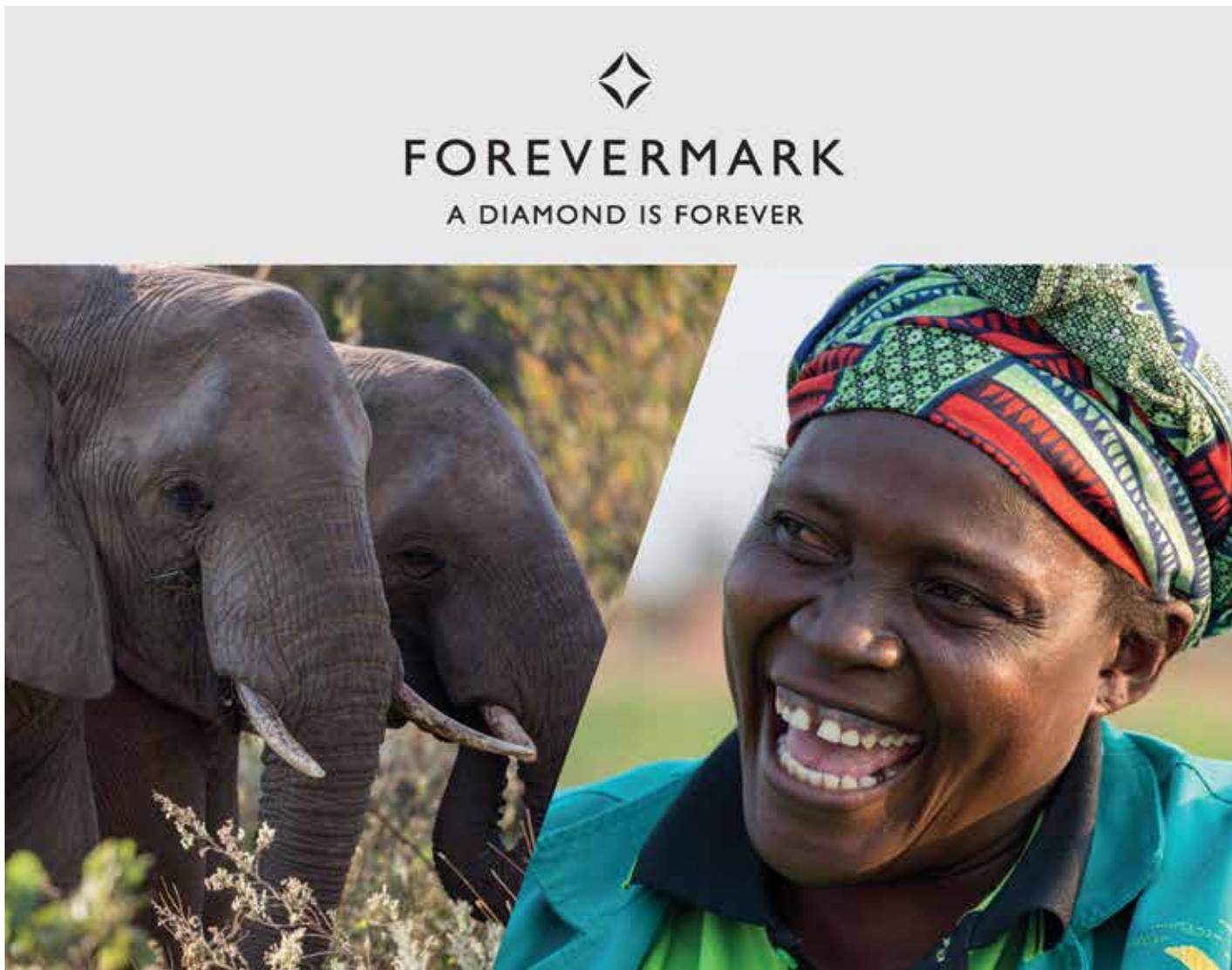
A wind mitigation inspection can help you save money on your home if you have replaced your roof or if your home was built above the code at the time of construction. Most homes in the Beaches area qualify for these discounts, but a wind mitigation inspection is needed to secure a discount.

### 10. Do I need an umbrella policy?

An umbrella policy is an extra layer of protection you can purchase that provides liability coverage in the event you exhaust your other policy limits. If you have assets to lose, it's a good idea to get an umbrella policy, which costs a few hundred dollars a year for a \$1 million in additional protection.

If you have questions, you should lean on professionals who have the heart of a teacher, choice and industry knowledge to help you simplify your choices.

**Billy Wagner owns Brightway Insurance Agencies in Ponte Vedra Beach and Deland. He is the author of "Insuring Your Peace of Mind."**



  
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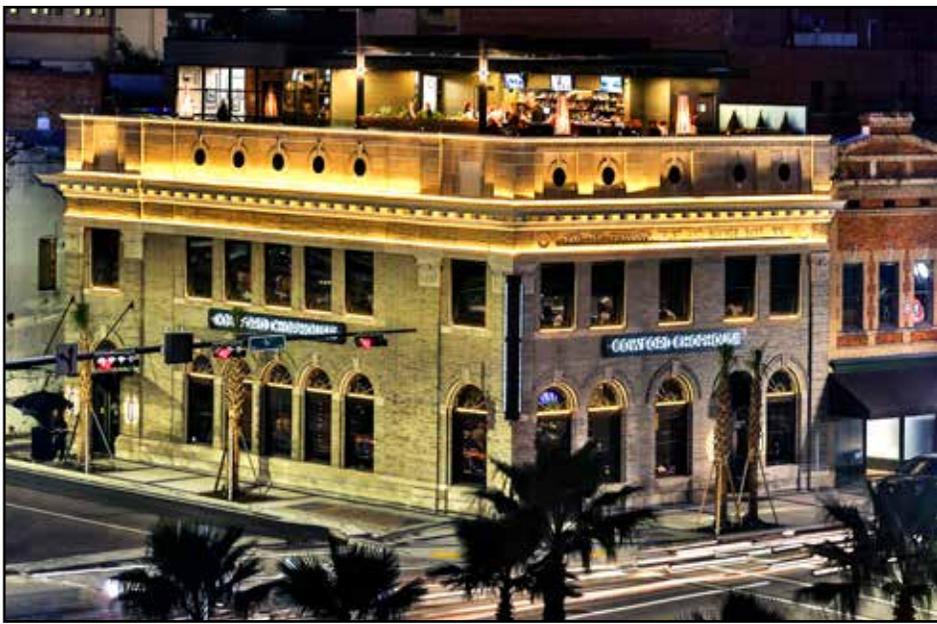
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Owned by Ponte Vedra resident Jacques Klempf, Cowford Chophouse in downtown Jacksonville has recently earned the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Silver Certification by the U.S. Green Building Council.

# Cowford Chophouse earns LEED Silver Certification for restored historical landmark

The Cowford Chophouse — a downtown Jacksonville restaurant owned by Ponte Vedra resident Jacques Klempf — recently announced it has earned the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Silver Certification by the U.S. Green Building Council.

Cowford has been recognized for the environmentally friendly materials and methods used during construction and ongoing operations that reduce the steakhouse's environmental impact.

The Cowford building was originally built in 1902 and is one of Jacksonville's earliest symbols of rebirth after a fire swept through the city in 1901. The building has served as multiple banks and professional offices — including the office of famed architect Henry John Klutho. In 2014, it was purchased by Klempf, who worked with the Jacksonville construction company, Danis and Design Cooperative, to lead the construction and restoration of the historical landmark.

"The preservation of Jacksonville is an important part of what Cowford stands for," Klempf said. "Preserving our community through sustainable business practices is just as important as saving a piece of history. This LEED certification is another representation of our passion for the vitality of Jacksonville, from hospitality to public health to environmental responsibility."

Cowford achieved 51 points during the LEED certification process, earning it the Silver designation. Designed to inspire innovative solutions that support public health and the environment, the LEED certification process evaluates numerous aspects of construction and operations that promote sustainability and reduced environmental impact. Evaluation is conducted on a rating system that includes:



Photos courtesy of Cowford Chophouse

sustainable sites, water efficiency, energy and atmosphere, materials and resources, indoor environmental quality, innovation in design and regional priority credits.

Repurposed materials used in the construction of Cowford include the structural floor and roof decking, exterior brick, exterior limestone lintel blocks and original windows and trim. Additionally, original heart pine and interior marble from the building was recycled and integrated throughout the restaurant.

Danis used sustainable strategies to achieve the LEED Silver Certification, including the use of recycled materials, diverting 75 percent of demolition debris from landfills and incineration facilities and installing water- and energy-efficient building systems and equipment. These practices resulted in energy performance that exceeds the baseline building performance rating and achieved a 25-percent

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## Sarah Alexander of Berkshire Hathaway HSFNR hosts Chamber 'Before Hours'



Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Network Realty (HSFNR) Realtor Sarah Alexander hosted a "Before Hours" event for the Ponte Vedra Beach (PVB) Division of the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce on Nov. 14.

Held at the PVB Division office, the event allowed attendees to network and enjoy breakfast before work.



Lori Adams and Gloria Dongara

**ABOVE:** Chamber Ponte Vedra Beach Division (PVB) Director Toni Boudreaux-Godwin stands with Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Network Realty Realtor Sarah Alexander at the "Before Hours" event on Nov. 14.

**RIGHT:** Attendees of the "Before Hours" event gather in the Chamber Ponte Vedra Beach Division office.

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## FREEDOM BOAT CLUB CELEBRATES GRAND OPENING OF JACKSONVILLE BEACH LOCATION



Photo courtesy of the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce

The team from Freedom Boat Club Jacksonville, Jacksonville Beach and St. Augustine celebrates the grand opening of its new location at Beach Marine in Jacksonville Beach by participating in a ribbon-cutting ceremony with representatives from the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce on Nov. 8.

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# Berkshire Hathaway HSFNR adds Betsy Corbett to Ponte Vedra/Nocatee office

Berkshire Hathaway Home-Services Florida Network Realty recently announced the addition of Betsy Corbett to the Ponte Vedra/Nocatee office.

Corbett joins Florida Network Realty as a realtor with a background in marketing — specifically marketing communications. For the past five years, Corbett has worked as a marketing consultant, creating blogs, website content and social media for various companies and clients. Prior to moving to Jacksonville, Corbett was an account executive and marketing communications manager for Georgia companies and specialized in developing customer marketing plans to increase sales and revenue. She also has experience in creating marketing plans and media campaigns.

As a realtor, Corbett said she is eager to help her clients start new

beginnings and new chapters of their lives. With her background in advertising, Corbett believes she will be able to promote and market her clients' homes effectively.

Originally from Louisiana, Corbett moved to Boston after obtaining her MBA and lived there for five years. After meeting her husband there, they decided to move south to warmer weather and moved to Atlanta, where they lived for 17 years. Four years ago, Corbett and her family moved to Ponte Vedra.

Corbett and her husband have three teenage boys. Their oldest is in drama at Ponte Vedra High School, and their middle and youngest are both lacrosse players at school and on the Sand Gnats travel lacrosse team. Corbett is a member at Sawgrass Country Club, where she's on a tennis team.



**Betsy Corbett**

"I am thrilled to welcome Betsy to the Ponte Vedra office," said Holly Hayes, broker/manager of the Ponte Vedra/Nocatee office. "Betsy's strong background in marketing is sure to help her achieve success as a realtor — and will allow her to help her clients buy or sell their dream homes effectively and efficiently. I'm excited to watch her star rise here at Florida Network Realty."

For more information, Corbett can be reached by phone at (770) 757-9658 or at [Betsy.Corbett@FloridaNetworkRealty.com](mailto:Betsy.Corbett@FloridaNetworkRealty.com). Visit her website at [BetsyCorbett.com](http://BetsyCorbett.com). The Ponte Vedra/Nocatee office is located at 333 Village Main St., Suite 670, in Ponte Vedra Beach.

# David Weekley Homes to build in new eTown community of Marconi

David Weekley Homes will soon begin building homes in the Jacksonville community of Marconi, which will be located in the new master-planned community of eTown.

Marconi will offer homes on 50- and 60-foot homesites. Homes will feature modern farmhouse, coastal and craftsman-style elevations with sales expected to begin in March 2019.

Marconi will feature one and two-story homes ranging from 1,900 to 3,000 square feet of living space. Marconi's 50-foot homesites will feature eight different floor plans with a Design It Yourself plan, and the Marconi 60-foot homesites will feature seven floor plans including two Design It Yourself plans. The Design It Yourself program allows home shoppers to create a floor plan in four steps, providing real-time updates to room counts and pricing. Users can print the plans they've created and review them with a sales consultant to begin building their home, based on their design.

Located east of FL-9B, the community of eTown will be a smart living community focused on convenience, technology and sustainability. To be developed by The PARC Group, the developers of Nocatee, the mixed-use community will offer a pedestrian-friendly environment, shopping and dining opportunities, with a focus on an ecological and high-tech lifestyle.

For more information about David Weekley Homes in Marconi, call (904) 345-4293.

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# Power Tee brings on two marketing specialists to expand company's reach

Power Tee, a Ponte Vedra-based designer and producer of automated golf teeing units, recently announced the additions of two marketing specialists, Alyssa Lamp and Kim Hoy.

According to the company, Lamp and Hoy will help bring awareness to the brand and bring Power Tee to a new level. Since they were hired, the company has expanded its marketing services by sending press releases to local and national media contacts, expanding its social media efforts and launching a Google AdWords campaign.

The marketing team used Fremont Park Golf Club as its first customer to experience the marketing benefits. According to Power Tee, the team took over Fremont's Facebook page and ran a campaign reaching 6,000 people in the Bay Area of San

Francisco. The team also ran a Google AdWords campaign that was interacted with by over 9,000 people in the area. They're planning to use this information as a case study to reach more customers and help them with their marketing.

Lamp has turned her focus to Power Tee's online presence and doubled the company's social media since she started, according to the company. Since she has taken over the company's social media accounts, Power Tee has increased its social interaction, reaching an average of 30,000 people on social media a week.

Hoy has started a blog for Power Tee called "Raise Your Game," which has been read by over 200 people since starting in August. In addition, she has completely redone Power Tee's website, making it

possible to order a home-use unit online and making it more user-friendly for all visitors.

Power Tee will be starting off the New Year with the whole team at the 2019 PGA Merchandise Show in Orlando from Jan. 23-25.

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## SJC Chamber of Commerce announces employee promotions

The St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce recently announced the following employee promotions:

- **Lucia Miller** will now assume the role of senior coordinator for the Ponte Vedra Beach Division and Visitors Center. In this role, she will continue with her day-to-day responsibilities and will take on new responsibilities as it relates to securing membership, sponsorship and assigned projects dealing with the Chamber's growing role in tourism through the Destination Architect plan.

- **Bob Porter** will take on the role of vice president of public policy. In this position, he will continue to develop relation-

ships with elected officials from all levels of government as well as other government officials and, along with Karen Everett, will continue to oversee the Chamber's economic development efforts. He will also continue increasing the Chamber's position as an influencer in public policy.

- **Bethany Taylor** will be coming on full time with the Chamber, and her title will now be office coordinator and retention specialist. In her new role, she will continue to manage the reception and event registrations and provide administrative support, but she will now devote an entire day each week solely to the retention of Chamber members.

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# Dental

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the chairs is a table serving as a station for fruits, sweets and nuts, among other treats. Next to the table is the self-service cappuccino machine offering pumpkin spice lattes and several other favorites. Everything in the café is complimentary for patients and non-patients alike.

Paryani said the goal is to create a gathering place and to provide a resource for the community, as opposed to simply just a dental office. One way in which the office is attempting to do so is by holding a weekly breakfast on Thursdays from 7:30 to 10 a.m. Gentle Dentists Beaches held their first such breakfast the Thursday before Thanksgiving, and 30 people attended, none of whom were patients, noted Paryani. In the future, he said the office is planning to incorporate health education into the breakfasts.

“The idea is for it to be a completely non-threatening place,” Paryani said. “So, when you do need dental care, you’re already used to the place.”

Beyond the reception area, Dr. Shankeertha Sundar, the Beaches office’s primary dentist, said patients feel this sense of comfort during their treatment as well, with access to TVs on the ceilings and wireless, Bluetooth headphones. Other state-of-the-art features in the office include electronic dental records that can be accessed via any location on the Cloud and a panoramic X-ray, among other features.

Another differentiating factor of Gentle Den-

tists Beaches, Paryani said, is that the office offers patients a one-stop shop in the dental arena. Instead of referring patients out to other physicians, the new Beaches office has specialists on demand that will come into the office, including endodontists, a periodontist and an oral surgeon. In addition, they have access to the specialists at Nadji’s Baymeadows office.

“Integrative care ... that’s where everything is headed in medicine,” Paryani said. “We want to make sure the patient care is seamless, so you’re not handed off to somebody else.”

Unlike most dental practices, Gentle Dentists Beaches is open seven days a week, with hours on Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. The office will modify hours on demand for patients, and often stays open later on Tuesdays. New patients will receive their first exam and X-rays for free.

The office is hosting an open house on Thursday, Dec. 13 from 3 to 7 p.m., featuring food, fun, gifts and appearances from former Jaguars players. Visit [www.gentledentists.com](http://www.gentledentists.com) for more information on the practice and [www.gentledentistscafe.com](http://www.gentledentistscafe.com) for more information on the café.

Overall, Paryani thinks the new concept is going to catch on like “wildfire” and is planning to expand to other locations in Northeast Florida.

“Traditionally, healthcare has been at the convenience of the provider and more so set for the convenience of the provider rather than the patient,” Paryani said. “So, I think we’re finally getting to the consumer aspect of it. It’s a pretty novel concept.”



**ABOVE:** The new dental office features a comfortable and relaxing sitting area, rather than a traditional waiting room.

**BELOW:** Operatories at Gentle Dentists Beaches include TVs and wireless, Bluetooth headphones.

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**Gentle Dentists Beaches offers a cappuccino machine in its café.**

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**Freedom Boat Club in Jacksonville, Jacksonville Beach and St. Augustine receive the Pacesetter Club Top Five Award at the company's Franchise Conference Awards recently held in Sarasota.**

## Freedom Boat Club receives recognition for 3 area locations at Franchise Conference Awards

Freedom Boat Club locations in Jacksonville, Jacksonville Beach and St. Augustine were once again honored at the company's Franchise Conference Awards recently held in Sarasota.

Lisa Almeida and Kevin Seelig, owners and partners of the Freedom Boat Club franchise, received recognition for being among the top five of the company's franchise owners in year-over-year growth.

"Our staff has been working so very hard to grow our business and our membership, and this award is a testament to their efforts," Almeida said. "Last year, we were named the Franchise of the Year, and it is again an honor to be noticed as one of the top franchises in a company that reaches across the U.S. and into Canada."

In addition to the award, known as the Pacesetter Club Top Five Award, Almeida and Seelig were honored as a National Charity Marketing Partner for their work with Big Brothers Big Sisters of America. They were among the 21 franchise owners who received the designation.

Freedom Boat Club is the world's largest members-only boating club. It has more than 170 locations in 30 states and Canada. For more information on Freedom Boat Club in Jacksonville, Jacksonville Beach and St. Augustine, call (904) 770-4632 or visit [jaxfreedom.com](http://jaxfreedom.com).

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# New St. Augustine Beach surf shop to host grand-opening event following beach cleanup

Mangrove Surf Shop, a new surf shop in St. Augustine Beach, is hosting its grand-opening event this Saturday, Dec. 1 from 1 to 4 p.m.

Located across the street from Ocean Trace Beach Ramp at 4085 A1A South, the new First Coast business will have free beer tastings from Lagunitas Brewing Company, tacos for purchase from Purple Olive and music by the duo Jerm + Ham.

Before the grand opening, Keepers of the Coast (KOTC), a local sustainable living nonprofit organization, will host a beach cleanup from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Ocean Trace Beach Ramp. Founded in 2007 to educate the community about how to protect coastal systems through sustainable living practices, KOTC will provide bags, gloves and more. Guests who bring their beach cleanup debris to the grand opening of Mangrove and/or dress in holiday-themed attire for the event will receive 15 percent off their entire purchase at the business, excluding surfboards.

“Our partnership between Keepers of the Coast and Mangrove Surf Shop is a no-brainer,” explained Billy Zeits, co-founder of KOTC. “Mangrove is owned by Dustin and Lauren Estes, who also own St. Augustine Surf School, one of the top-rated surf schools in the world. Together, living a sustainable lifestyle and keeping our beaches and oceans clean, are top priorities.”

Mangrove Surf Shop is now open seven days a week from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and features Tribe Apothecary all-natural sunscreen, top surf brands and surf essentials such as boards, leashes and wet suits. The shop also serves as the hub for St. Augustine Surf School and will host a DRIFTERS Beach and Bike Rentals outpost. Follow along on Instagram @mangrove-surf and learn more about St. Augustine Surf School at staugustinesurf.com. Visit keepersofthecoast.org for more informa-

tion on KOTC, or follow the organization on Facebook @keepers.ofthecoast.9 and Instagram @keepersofthecoast.



Mangrove Surf Shop, a new surf shop in St. Augustine Beach, is hosting its grand-opening event this Saturday, Dec. 1, following a beach cleanup in partnership with Keepers of the Coast (KOTC).

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To learn more about Cowford and its menu, catering and private dining offerings, visit [www.cowfordchophouse.com](http://www.cowfordchophouse.com).



Photos courtesy of Cutter & Cutter

Art fans gather at Cutter & Cutter's gallery in Ponte Vedra Beach's Sawgrass Village for opening night of the Salvador Dali exhibition on Nov. 16.

## Cutter & Cutter hosts opening night for Dali exhibition in Ponte Vedra Beach

Exhibition to be on display through December

Cutter & Cutter opened a new Salvador Dali exhibition at its gallery in Ponte Vedra Beach's Sawgrass Village the weekend of Nov. 16-17 that will continue to be on display through December.

The exhibition features 90 unique pieces by Salvador Dali hailing from the collection of his former agent and publisher, Pierre Argillet. The works include original drawings, over 80 original copper plate etchings, rare, hand-woven tapestries that were created in France, an original sculpture by Dali and a book collection of 50 etchings.

Cutter & Cutter has direct access



Attendees of the exhibition's opening night examine the Salvador Dali art.

to the work through Pierre Argillet's son, Jean Christophe Argillet, providing the local gallery with direct lineage back to Dali. The pieces in the exhibition range

in price from small etchings for \$3,200 to up to half a million dollars for some of the original pieces.

Visit [www.cutterandcutter.com](http://www.cutterandcutter.com) for more information.

## St. Augustine Community Chorus to kick off new season with 'Gaudete! Rejoice!'



Photo courtesy of St. Augustine Community Chorus

The St. Augustine Community Chorus will celebrate the start of the 2018-19 concert series with performances of "Gaudete! Rejoice!" on Dec. 15-16 at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Augustine.

Under the direction of Mike Sanfilippo, the St. Augustine Community Chorus will celebrate the start of the 2018-19 concert series with performances of "Gaudete! Rejoice!" on Saturday, Dec. 15 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 16 at 2 p.m. at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Augustine.

The chorus, which is celebrating its 70th anniversary, will be accompanied by brass, percussion and strings, including some traditional carols, excerpts from

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## 'Miracles: Messiah Favorites and Carols of Mystery' to be performed Dec. 1 at Ponte Vedra Concert Hall

An annual holiday event, "Miracles: Messiah Favorites and Carols of Mystery," will be held Saturday, Dec. 1 at 3 p.m. at the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall.

The event is sponsored by the Friends of the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall and presented by the University of North Florida Chorale and Chamber Singers under the direction of Dr. Cara Tasher. The performance, which also features collaborative artist Sachiko Frampton, combines popular selections from Handel's "Messiah" interspersed with three settings of the famous "O Magnum Mysterium Text."

Audience participation in the singing of the Christmas carols at the finale of the concert is welcomed and encouraged. This event at the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall is family-friendly.

Doors open at 2 p.m., with the show starting at 3 p.m. General admission tickets cost \$20 and \$10 for students, seniors, teachers and military with valid ID. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit [www.pvconcerthall.com](http://www.pvconcerthall.com).

## LOCAL ARTIST UNVEILS NEW CLOTHING LINE FEATURING HER CREATIVE DESIGNS



Photo by Susan Griffin

Neptune Beach artist Pixie Larizza showcases a piece of clothing from her Art You Wear™ line at a launch party for the new First Coast brand on Nov. 10 at the Coastal Farmhouse in Jacksonville. Larizza is the creator of Pixieglas™, which ranges from all types of glass and ceramic pieces, including wine and martini glasses to vases, Christmas ornaments and platters and bowls. She recently decided to take her designs and put them on clothing, resulting in the recent creation of Art You Wear. Visit [www.pixieglas.com](http://www.pixieglas.com) and [www.artyouwear.net](http://www.artyouwear.net) for more information.

# Jacksonville Symphony to partner with conductor Gemma New for 'A French Fantasy'

The Jacksonville Symphony will be joined by conductor Gemma New for "A French Fantasy" on Friday, Nov. 30 and Saturday, Dec. 1 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 2 at 3 p.m. in the Jacoby Symphony Hall at the Times-Union Center for the Performing Arts in Jacksonville.

The program will feature familiar classics including Dukas' "The Sorcerer's Apprentice" and Ravel's famous "Boléro."

Born in New Zealand, New is currently music director of the Hamilton Philharmonic Orchestra in Ontario, Canada and resident conductor of the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra. Starting in the 2019-20 season, New has been appointed as the Dallas Symphony Orchestra's principal guest conductor.

In the 2018-19 season, New is enjoying guest engagements with Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra; CMI Chamber Orchestra of San Antonio and Santa Fe Pro Musica; the Philharmonic Orchestras of Calgary, Louisiana, New York and Rochester; the Symphony Orchestras of Charlotte, Detroit, Drummondville, Jacksonville, San Diego, Toronto, Tucson, and Winnipeg; the Florida Orchestra; and the Brandenburgisches Staatsorchester in Germany.

New was a conducting fellow at Tanglewood Music Center in summer 2018. Previously, she has been Dudamel Conducting Fellow at the Los Angeles Philharmonic, a Conducting Fellow at the Aspen Music Festival, an Ansbacher Fellow at the Salzburger Festspiele and a Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy Fellow with the Leipziger Symphonieorchester.



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### Gemma New

"A French Fantasy" contains multiple works that tell a story; whether it's the interpretation of poetry and art (Debussy's "Nocturnes") or a young apprentice who tries on a magical hat without permission (Dukas' "The Sorcerer's Apprentice"). The program will also feature the Symphony's own principal harpist, Kayo Ishimaru-Fleisher in Camille Saint-Saëns' entrancing "Marceau de concert." Kayo has been with the Jacksonville Symphony since 1987.

The Jacksonville Symphony is partnering with Riverside Liquors to host a wine tasting before each performance. The tasting will be held during "Insight," the Symphony's pre-concert discussion series. Each of the five pieces on the program has been paired with a different wine. The event will begin no later than one hour before each concert. Refer to JaxSymphony.org for updated times and location of the pre-concert wine tasting.

Visit [www.JaxSymphony.org](http://www.JaxSymphony.org) for more information.

# 'Noises Off!' to be performed at Players by the Sea in December

"Noises Off!" will take the stage in December at Players by the Sea Theatre in Jacksonville Beach.

A fond look at the follies of theatre folk whose susceptibility to out-of-control egos, memory loss and passionate affairs turn every show into a high-risk adventure, this play-within-a-play gives a window into the inner workings of theatre. With slapstick comedy, slamming doors, and falling trousers, Noises Off! serves as an escape from the stress of the holiday season.

"The point of the show is 'fun,'" Director Tom Fallon said. "Sometimes theatre wants to bend your mind, wants to make you think, wants to make you change perspective — and sometimes it just wants you to have fun. And this show is all about having fun, especially if you've never been backstage at a live theatre experience and have seen what goes on behind the scenes — this particular play shows you what goes on behind the scenes and it's a rare treat."

"Noises Off!" features a team of local volunteers, onstage and off. The cast includes Cathy O'Brien, Michael Lipp, Michael Yarick, Katie Johnston, William Collyer, Christopher Watson, Samantha Parsons, Bryan Martins and Anabella Didion.

The production runs on the theatre's Mainstage Dec. 7, 8, 13, 14, 15, 16, 20, 21, 22 and 23. Tickets are on sale now at [playersbythesea.org](http://playersbythesea.org) or by calling the box office at (904) 249-0289. General admission is \$28, and admission for seniors, students and military is \$25. Thursday night performances are special student nights, at which students can receive half-price tickets with a valid student ID.



Photo courtesy of Players by the Sea

## Chorus

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Handel's "Messiah" and a special appearance by the St. Augustine Youth Chorus. The evening will also commemorate the 200th anniversary of "Silent Night" by including the original version in the program, which includes the music of Z Randall Stroope, Michael Engelhardt and Dr. Peter J. Mathews. To celebrate the chorus' 70th anniversary, a commissioned piece written by Mathews entitled "What Sweeter Music" will be premiered.

Concert tickets cost \$20 in advance for adults and \$25 at the door; \$12 for ages 11-17; and \$5 for active military with a valid ID. Children 10 and under can attend for free. Tickets are available online at [www.staugustinecommunity-chorus.org](http://www.staugustinecommunity-chorus.org).

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## LANDRUM MIDDLE SCHOOL WINS SJMSAA FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP



Photo courtesy of Dan Pearson

The Landrum Middle School Lions gather after winning the St Johns Middle School Athletic Association (SJMSAA) football championship on Nov. 8. With a final score of 8-6, Landrum defeated R. J. Murray Middle School, who was 10-0 entering the contest. The Lions were 9-1 with their only loss coming to Murray earlier in the season.



This week's Athlete of the Week highlights Nease soccer player Savio Palushi Jr., a center midfielder on the boys team that has started 5-0 with wins over Bishop Kenny, St. Johns Country Day, Middleburg, Bolles and Bartram Trail. Palushi has 10 goals and one assist so far this season along with 22 shots and an average of two goals per game. He wears No. 9, and his coach told the Recorder that he deserves to be featured in this week's Athlete of the Week for his huge role on both the offensive and defensive side of the game.

Additionally, Palushi has been nominated for MaxPreps National Player of the Week. Since he started playing soccer at Nease High School, Palushi has been nominated as the MaxPreps Player of the Game three times: Dec. 4, 2017; Nov. 12 in the game against Bishop Kenny (in which he scored two goals); and on Nov. 14 after his team's 5-3 victory in a non-conference game against the St. Johns Country Day Spartans in which he was the hat trick hero.



**Savio Palushi**  
Soccer, Nease High School

Most recently, Nease clinched a victory to remain undefeated after topping Bartram Trail with a 2-0 shutout win; Palushi scored a goal in the game along with teammate Oscar Naranjo. Tyler Butler and Jack Dearie added assists.

To watch the full interview, visit [www.PonteVedraRecorder.com](http://www.PonteVedraRecorder.com).

## Overseed process underway at TPC Sawgrass for THE PLAYERS

Preparations are well underway at TPC Sawgrass to ensure ideal tournament conditions for THE PLAYERS 2019, as the entire property was overseeded with rye grass in late October, and the course closed to the public until Nov. 21.

The 2019 tournament marks the return of THE PLAYERS Championship to the month of March for the first time since 2006. The recent wall-to-wall rye overseed of the greens, tees, fairway and rough will ensure ideal tournament conditions and allow the course to recover much more quickly from inclement weather, if necessary.

In addition, the build out has already begun for all hospitality areas, fan bleachers and infrastructure on tournament grounds.

"Our priority is to continuously elevate all areas of the event in order to ensure THE PLAYERS stands as one of the premier sporting events in the world," Executive Director Jared Rice said. "The most recent advancements at TPC Sawgrass speak to this tournament's commitment to providing the very best experience for players, fans, sponsors and community partners."

The overseeding of all 18 holes on THE PLAYERS Stadium Course took five days and involved four kinds of seed, including Rye/Fine Fescue on the fairways and rough Velvet Bent/Poa Trivialis on the greens. The agronomy team will transition the grass back to Bermuda at the end of May.

"Our Bermuda grass base will not be fully growing by the time of the tournament, so overseeding the golf course gives us the best advantage to have actively growing turf to help produce the best championship playing surfaces possible," said Jeff Plotts, director of golf course operations at TPC Sawgrass. "Divots and ball marks will recover quicker, and the rye grass will handle foot traffic better than Bermuda grass on its own. When you look at the changes and improvements that have been made to the course since 2006, the last time the tournament was hosted in March, the entire facility has been enhanced literally from the ground up. TPC Sawgrass will be challenging, modernized and fully-prepared to host the best players in the world with its new March date."

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**Ibis Flight winners Lorry McCamey, Cindy Gates, Dale Topolski and Peggy Stanley**

## Marsh Landing WGA holds Member-Guest Tournament

The Marsh Landing Women's Golf Association (WGA) held its Member-Guest Tournament Nov. 15-16.

The format was a shamble on day one and best two balls of the four on day two. The winners were:

**Ibis Flight (219 net):** Lorry McCamey, Cindy Gates, Dale Topolski and Peggy Stanley

**Heron Flight (233 net):** Vicki Arnold, Sherri Lubin, Elana Dietz and Judy Tyndal

**Osprey Flight (232 net):** Susan Goodall, Leigh LeMoyne, Dottie Hall and Diana Reek

On-course contests were won by Carin Greene, Sherry Settles, Peggy Stanley, Becki Cameron, Linda Gilberto, Elana Dietz, Barb Weisman, Alison Kusch, Lorry McCamey and Cindy Gates.

**Heron Flight winners Vicki Arnold, Sherri Lubin, Elana Dietz and Judy Tyndal****Osprey Flight winners Susan Goodall, Leigh LeMoyne, Dottie Hall and Diana Reek**

## Jumbo Shrimp to host family holiday event at the Baseball Grounds Dec. 8

The Jacksonville Jumbo Shrimp and Fun 4 First Coast Kids invite fans to kick off the holiday season with the team's Christmas event on Saturday, Dec. 8 at the Baseball Grounds of Jacksonville.

The event, scheduled to run from 4 to 7 p.m., will feature Christmas movie classics such as "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" and "Frosty's Winter Wonderland" on the high-definition video board. Fans can also enjoy free pictures with Santa Claus, face painting and Christmas crafts. Additionally, there will be s'more kits for sale, other Christmas treats and a kids zone on the field with a bouncy house and inflatable slide.

Admission is \$1 per person at the

home plate gate or free with one new unwrapped toy, per family, to donate to children in need this holiday season. All toys will be donated to the Florida Baptist Children's Homes and One More Child.

Attendees may sit on the field or in the stadium seating bowl, where stroller and wheelchair-accessible seating will be available. Guests are welcome to bring blankets for seating on the field. No chairs will be allowed on the field, however. No outside food or beverages will be permitted in the stadium.

For more information, call the Jumbo Shrimp at (904) 358-2846 or visit [www.jaxshrimp.com](http://www.jaxshrimp.com).

# THE PLAYERS announces special holiday ticket offer

Give the sports fan on your shopping list the gift of THE PLAYERS Championship this holiday season.

A special holiday ticket package from THE PLAYERS is now available and includes two stadium passes, unlimited youth tickets and a Stadium scarf for \$120 (Thursday) or \$140 (Friday, Saturday or Sunday). Another package is also available that includes two weekly stadium passes, unlimited youth tickets and a stadium scarf for \$480 (good all week). Prices do not include tax.

This special offer is available now through Jan. 3, 2019, at [www.theplayers.com/tickets/holiday.html](http://www.theplayers.com/tickets/holiday.html). Additional ticket options are available at (904) 285-3700.

THE PLAYERS 2019 will be contested March 12-17, 2019, and fans are reminded that each year, youth 18 and younger are admitted free of charge to THE PLAYERS when accompanied by a ticketed adult. There is no limit to the number of youth 18 and younger who can attend with a ticketed adult.

"A Stadium Pass to THE PLAYERS is the perfect gift this holiday season," Executive Director Jared Rice said. "From sports enthusiasts to business leaders to families, we have something for everyone. And since kids 18 and under are admitted free with any ticketed adult, it is extremely affordable to bring the whole family and enjoy the best fan experience in sports."

## PLAYERS

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For many players in the 2019 field, the experience at TPC Sawgrass in March will be a new one. Of the 144 players on the 2018 field, only 26 (18 percent) played the tournament when it was held that month.

"Obviously I enjoyed it, being in that March date, having won it there," THE PLAYERS 2004 champion Adam Scott said. "I think we're going to see it test us just a little bit more, require that precision off the tee to get it in the fairway, so that we can hit some of those small targets."

These changes will complement several improvements that have taken place through the years. Prior to THE PLAYERS 2007, the course underwent a significant renovation that included sand-capping all fairways and installing sub-air irrigation control systems under all green surfaces.

"You look at the players, and it's the best field we've played all year, and obviously you're on a golf course that tests every player," THE PLAYERS 2015 champion Rickie Fowler said. "It doesn't necessarily favor a long hitter over a short hitter. You've got to hit all kinds of golf shots, so it will be interesting to see how the course will play differently. I'm assuming it'll probably play a little longer. It won't be as dried out. But it will be fun. I think it'll be definitely a different test."

Significant enhancements took place immediately after THE PLAYERS

2016, when the entire infrastructure was revamped to ensure the entire experience — from arrival to departure — was the best on TOUR.

Improvements included:

- Re-built and re-grassed greens with Tiff-Eagle Bermuda grass to provide the best possible putting surface for players.

- Installation of a Precision-Air system under every green to give the maintenance staff better control of the course and allow the course to recover quicker from changes in weather.

- Redesign of holes 6 and 7 to provide a front-nine destination for fans that is more connected to the action surrounding the clubhouse.

- Redesign of holes 11, 12 and 13 to enhance the excitement early on the back nine and anchor a new spectator and sponsor experience on-course.

- New practice grounds area that included expansion by 30 percent, adding targets that mimic course conditions.

- New clubhouse entryway to provide a better view of the clubhouse and create a true, compelling sense of arrival.

In addition to the course improvements, the 77,000-square-foot clubhouse that was completed in just 13 months prior to the start of the 2007 tournament continues to showcase THE PLAYERS' premier stature on the golf calendar. The Mediterranean revival-style clubhouse and centerpiece of TPC Sawgrass is twice as large as the previous clubhouse and is a virtual museum for the history of THE PLAYERS while serving as the host for fans, partners and players alike.

Additional information about THE PLAYERS is available at [THEPLAYERS.com](http://THEPLAYERS.com)



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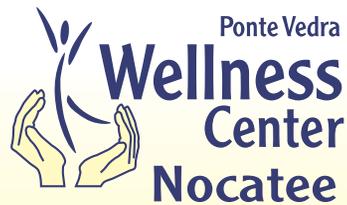
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