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Ponte Vedra Rotarians  
to mentor Beaches  
Rotaract members

### Healing hands: Ponte Vedra doctor looks to transform healthcare system

**By Jennifer Marshall**  
Dr. Thomas Hays, a Ponte Vedra-based physician, is looking to transform the healthcare system in the area. He is the founder of the Thomas Hays Foundation, which is dedicated to improving the lives of the community through various initiatives. Dr. Hays is a member of the Ponte Vedra Rotarian Club and is actively involved in community service.

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# Ready for play

**THE PLAYERS Stadium Course is slated to re-open for play on Nov. 15 after a months-long, multimillion-dollar upgrade. Read more on page 11.**



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## WHAT'S THIS?



### Do you know what this is?

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

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

Several readers correctly identified last week's photo as Yobe Frozen Yogurt. Winner of the random drawing was **Ronnell Bryant** – congratulations! You may pick up your prize at the Recorder office during regular business hours.

**Don't forget** — incorrect but entertaining guesses might also be rewarded with a trip to the zoo.



## ADOPT A PET

### CAT OF THE WEEK

Hi! My name is Tabitha and I am a 2-year-old female cat who is looking for a new home. I was brought to the pet center because I was out alone in the wild without my owner around. As this animal was a stray there may be some traits that are unknown at this time. Come visit us today here at the pet center! #34408



### DOG OF THE WEEK

My name is Rascal and I am a 1-year-old male lab mix who is looking for a new home. I was brought to the pet center as a stray because I was out running around all alone without my owner around! I love to play and I'm very excited to meet you and go on a long run outside. As

this animal was a stray there may be some traits that are unknown at this time. Come visit us today here at the pet center! #34859

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

## St. Johns County Pet Center

Cat adoptions at the St. Johns County Pet Center are \$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 Rd., off US 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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Solutions correspond to last week's puzzles.

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# Tax notices in the mail

The St. Johns County 2016 property tax rolls are now open for collection. Notices were sent to customers via email and mail Oct. 31. Payment may be made effective immediately.

Questions regarding homestead exemptions and property assessment may be addressed to the St. Johns County Property Appraiser, who is responsible for providing the St. Johns County Tax Collector with the tax roll.

Questions regarding the individual

taxing authorities' millage rates, CDD rates, assessments and exemptions listed on a tax notice should be addressed to those individual authorities provided on the insert in the tax notice.

Total taxes to be collected by the St. Johns County Tax Collector are \$411,764,143 – an increase of \$25,776,722 – and includes notices for real estate, tangible personal property, railroad, and non ad valorem assessments.

“For the past 26 years, your Tax Collector’s office has maintained a 99.3 percent or greater collection rate, with this year’s collection rate standing at 99.74 percent,” said St. Johns County Tax Collector Dennis W. Hollingsworth. “Ultimately, this assists all local taxing authorities to finance services for the citizens’ needs.”

Although all tax notices become due Nov. 1, 2016, they are payable through March 31, 2017, without incurring a

penalty.

Residents who opt to pay their taxes in November will receive a 4 percent discount, with the discount decreasing by 1 percent each month until March 2017 when taxes must be paid and no discount is applied.

Residents may pay their taxes in a number of ways.

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# The shifting winds of political discourse

By Edith Andersen

## COMMENTARY

The first time I voted was in the 2008 presidential election, the year I took the Oath of Allegiance to the United States of America. I remember the 20-minute walk to the polling station.

Heck, I even remember what I was wearing. I also recall 2000, when daughter Rachael, a first-year student at University of Michigan, took a daybreak train home where her father rushed her to the polling station, then right back to the train. Neither party are early morning risers.

Like other Icelanders, politics is in my DNA. My parents' views rested on opposite sides of the political see-saw, Independence to Social Democratic Alliance. It's how I learned that business and integrity were my father's big issues and for mother it was women's rights and child welfare.

Teaching sixth grade at election time, I incorporated local proposals into

my social studies, language and math lessons, presenting both sides of the issues. After explaining that raising property taxes meant less money in the household budget, and passing of the proposal could mean that their grandparents living on fixed incomes might have to move out of their home to one with lower taxes, the kids voted "no."

Confidence and solidarity reigned among them until the next day when I explained what the taxes would be used for — a new high school with state-of-the-art technology, a community center with a ping-pong table and bike paths.

All traces of confidence erased; one girl said to me, "Ms. Andersen, you are confusing us."

Yes, indeed, democracy is a messy business, but we have yet to come up with anything better.

Through my years of teaching, I tried

to impress upon my students their responsibility to be informed of the issues and participate in the political process.

"I'm voting for Clinton to keep Trump out of the White House." Another friend said, "Hillary is crooked and corrupt, so I'm voting for Trump."

When I ask if they've looked into alternatives, the Green Party and the Libertarian Party, people dismiss it. "That's just throwing your vote away."

Iceland has seven political parties represented in parliament. Of 63 seats, 40 percent are women. In 2015, Iceland held second place on the Democracy Index of 67 countries in the world.

The Democracy Index, compiled by the Economist Intelligence Unit, measures the state of democracy in 167 countries: full democracies, flawed democracies, hybrid regimes and authoritarian regimes.

The Netherlands' parliament has 225 seats, with 39 percent women and 12 parties. It's ranked number 10 on the Democracy Index. <http://www.althingi.is/english/members-of-parliament/political-parties/>.

The U.S. Congress has a combined 535 seats. The Senate has two parties represented, Republicans (majority) and Democrats, and two members who got there as Independents.

In American politics, an independent or non-party politician is an individual not affiliated with any political party. Republicans hold 234 seats in the House of Representatives, Democrats 201.

That's it. Out of 435 seats, not a single seat for any other party. Women are 51 percent of the U.S. population. They occupy 19 percent of the seats in Congress. <http://www.cawp.rutgers.edu/current-numbers>

Last week, I wrote about a business monopoly. In the United States Congress we have an oligopoly-like structure.

I wrote that to end a business monopoly, you take your dollars to their competitors.

To end an oligopoly, we must vote

in new parties that will serve as competitors on how our money is spent and what laws are passed.

By just repeating what we hear on the news or posting on Facebook something another person said, the result will remain the same — a two-party system that appears not to be serving a large number of Americans and, in this election, parties that most seem fed up with.

The privilege of living in a democracy requires that we do our part, learn what the different parties and candidates stand for and vote for one that matches our beliefs. That's not throwing your vote away. It is voting your conscience, instead of giving into fear of what might happen.

Eleanor Roosevelt said, "Do one thing every day that scares you." Nov. 8 is just around the corner.

Now, as cooler air sweeps in from the Atlantic Ocean, I can feel the winds of political discord shifting. Today, Millennials outnumber Baby Boomers as the country's largest generation and they are not affiliating themselves with either of the two parties as they have in past elections.

After announcing to my family of 72 members on Facebook that I was conducting an Andersen/Watts survey of the U.S. political election, the first three to respond were my college granddaughters.

"Millennials tend not to be motivated by any single unifying issue," writes Jeremy W. Peters from the Wall Street Journal.

"They are declaring themselves unaffiliated with either party at a rate faster than any other generation. They say the political process and the two-party system are unresponsive to their concerns."

More than a third of voters between the ages of 18 and 29 back Johnson or Stein, the New York Times/CBS reports. (Oct. 2016).

It may not be the Greatest Generation or the Baby Boomers who shift the winds of political discord, but the Millennials who are now wise enough to think for themselves.

## GENERAL ELECTION NOVEMBER 8TH OPEN TO ALL REGISTERED VOTERS IN ST. JOHNS COUNTY

### VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT DROP-OFF LOCATIONS

Vote by mail ballots CANNOT be turned in at the polls on Election Day.  
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## Tax

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the SJTC website at [www.sjctax.us](http://www.sjctax.us). Online payments can be made via e-check for \$1.30, or by credit card for a 2.5 percent transaction fee paid to the financial institution.

Payment can also be made by mailing a check or visiting one of the tax collector's four offices.

In addition to the 68,344 tax notices sent to property owners, 43,016 tax no-

tices were sent to mortgage companies with escrow accounts.

Property owners with escrow accounts should receive an "information only" notice detailing their tax status and stating that it is not a bill.

Those who are unable to pay their homestead property taxes should contact the St. Johns County Tax Collector as early as possible to determine eligibility for the Homestead Tax Deferral.

For more information, email [taxcollector@sjctax.us](mailto:taxcollector@sjctax.us).



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dave Bruderly is by far the best choice for U.S. Congressional District #4. Dave is a Vietnam era veteran, professional environmental engineer, successful small business owner and a green energy entrepreneur.

Dave is committed to strengthening our public educational system, insuring affordable health care including prescriptions and mental health care, safeguarding Social Security and veterans' benefits and maintaining and increasing the military presence in Northeast Florida. Dave's background in environmental engineering provides expertise in fostering clean energy independence and expanding ecologically friendly tourism in Northeast Florida.

Dave's education, military and business experience, commitment to the environment and his pledge to "Put People First" make him an excellent choice for U.S. Congress in Florida District #4.

Dave's major opponent in this race is John Rutherford, former sheriff in Duval County. John has name recognition but is

not a military veteran, has never faced the challenges of operating a small business and has existed within the narrow confines of Duval County civil service for more than 30 years. John is still supporting and endorsing Donald Trump despite the abandonment of many influential Republican leaders and recently when pressured he was still wearing his police hat and characterized Black Lives Matter as a hate group.

John Rutherford has refused to debate the other candidates for this congressional seat despite numerous invitations from media and civic groups. His reluctance to debate could be attributed to his lack of in-depth knowledge of critical issues and lack of experience outside of the law enforcement arena and does not want these deficiencies to be highlighted on a major stage. The best way for John Rutherford to demonstrate his knowledge and experience level is to fully participate in the debate forum.

The future of Northeast Florida is far too critical and should be entrusted to the

best candidate for U.S. Congressional District #4, Dave Bruderly.

— Edward F. Warren

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This unusual election has overshadowed the real issues facing us. If Hillary Clinton is elected president, our country will be destroyed by more of her corruption.

On the internet there are 11,500,000 results on the topic "Clinton Scandals." There are 67,100,000 results for "The Clintons' History of Corruption." There are 2,580,000 results for the "Clinton Foundation Fraud." Here are only a few of them: Improper campaign donations in Arkansas election, Clintons obtaining tax records of political rivals, the many sex scandals about Bill and Hillary trashing the victims, Clinton Global Initiative making financial gains in Haiti 2010 relief efforts, Benghazi attack, Hillary's personal email server for State Department business, and the pay-for-play with donors to the Clinton Foundation.

Do you want a repeat of the Clinton's shady, corrupt and scandalous activities to continue in our White House? With a Republican president and Republican congress, Obamacare will be replaced, our borders closed to illegals, taxes lowered, and conservative Supreme Court justices appointed. There will be change from the failed policies of Obama.

You have a choice: Vote for Hillary and continue with big corrupt government controlling everything or vote for Trump and have our country's government reduced and the power given back to the people.

— Paula Ellis

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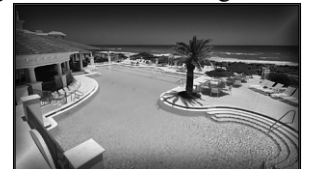
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*As chief executive officer of Infinity Design Builders, Michael Bruce oversees a full-service design/build company. He currently serves as president of the Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach.*

## Michael Bruce

By Jennifer Logue

### What range of services does Infinity Design Builders provide?

Infinity Design Builders developed from an architectural/engineering practice in the 1980s into a full-service Design/Build company in 1993. Since then, we've ranked as the 6th and 3rd fastest growing privately held company in Jacksonville (years 2000 and 2001). Infinity steers projects from their earliest inception, from due diligence through certificate of occupancy. Services include: land planning, regulatory agency permitting, feasibility studies, programming, space and facility design, technical documents and specifications, value engineering, construction management and turn-key construction.

### What types of buildings has your company designed?

Infinity has five areas of core competency, with decades of experience and dozens of projects in each category. These best-practice areas are Commercial & Office, Healthcare, Food Service & Retail, Multi-Family Residential and Educational. The budgets and scope of our buildings range from \$100,000 to more than \$15 million.

### How did you become interested in architecture and construction?

My personal interest began in the 7th grade, when we were assigned to assess our skill sets and discuss these on "Career-Day" at school. I was intrinsically artistic (my family has professionals in commercial art and marketing) but I also enjoyed mathematics and rational problem solving. I considered what career might blend those skills, and the word "Architecture" popped into my head. I opened our World Book Encyclopedia to learn more. There was a two-page photograph of Frank Lloyd Wright's Fallingwater house in rural Pennsylvania, and a vision of my future unfolded before me at that exact moment.

### Does building in Florida present any unique architectural/construction challenges?

Florida is the home of big skies, flat lands, blinding sunlight, gale force winds and hard rains. Buildings in Florida shrink and expand through our daily cycle like an accordion.

The result is that designing and building facilities in Florida is ultimately a series of waterproofing, temperature and humidity control challenges unique to our environment.

### What was your favorite design/build project on which you've worked? The most challenging?

Infinity Design Builders recently completed a world headquarters for a company based in Jacksonville, encompassing 45,000 square feet of corporate offices and 315,000 square feet of warehousing (an area of nearly seven football fields). The owners required a world-class state-of-the-art facility, both technically and aesthetically, to reflect their history and project their company into the future. It was both the most challenging and rewarding design/build project of my 30-plus year career.



Photo by Jennifer Logue

### You're currently serving as president of the Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach. How did you become involved in Rotary and what do you think the organization contributes to the community?

My father was a Rotarian, and I used to peruse the ROTARIAN magazine when it was delivered to our home. I knew Rotary was a service organization whose purpose was to bring together business and professional leaders to provide humanitarian services, encourage high ethical standards, and advance goodwill and peace around the world. What I didn't know was how much fun and camaraderie Rotarians have working and socializing together as they pursue that mission. The Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach ("The Best Rotary Club in the World!") is an incredibly active and committed group of over 120 women and men living and working in Ponte Vedra and our Beach communities.

We've raised over \$1 million for dozens of local charities (including ARC of St. Johns, Beaches Habitat, BEAM, Boys and Girls Clubs, Daniel Kids, Mission House, the Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach, Pace Center for Girls, Wounded Warriors and the YMCA).

Our club is supporting international projects in Honduras and Guatemala, bringing clean water and school buildings to underserved peoples. And Rotary International (with 33,000 member clubs in hundreds of nations), is the world's leader and initiator of the inspiring campaign to END POLIO NOW. We are passionate about our Rotary in Ponte Vedra Beach!

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

I'm a native Floridian, born and raised in Miami and educated at the University of Florida. Since moving to Jacksonville in 1982 to begin our careers, my wife Rebecca and I have enjoyed everything on the First Coast. Raising two children (Rachael and Will) within walking distance of the Atlantic Ocean has been a dream. With our rivers and waterways, recreational opportunities, symphony and theaters, an NFL team and proximity to St. Augustine and Amelia Island, we feel blessed to be in Northeast Florida. And despite being a fairly big city, our home retains its small-town charm with quiet good manners; we love the people of the First Coast.



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<p><b>Humane Society fundraiser</b></p> <p>The St. Augustine Humane Society's 6th annual Pin Up Paws calendar fundraiser will be Thursday, Nov. 3 from 6 to 9 p.m. at Mark Lance Armory, 190 San Marco Ave., St. Augustine. The SAHS's 2017 Pin Up Paws Travel Tails theme will be featured at the event with travel-related auction items and fine wines from around the world. The cost is \$50 per person in advance, \$60 per person at the door. The ticket includes dinner, cash bar, music, a silent auction and wine pull. The calendar will make its debut at the party and copies will be available for \$10 each. For tickets, visit <a href="http://www.pupparty.org">www.pupparty.org</a> or for more information, call (904) 829-2737.</p> <p><b>NF with special guest Fleurie</b></p> <p>NF with special guest Fleurie will perform Thursday, Nov. 3 at the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall. Advance general admission tickets for the standing room only show are \$22, \$27 day of show. Tickets are available at the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall and St. Augustine Amphitheatre box offices, <a href="http://ticketmaster.com">ticketmaster.com</a> and all Ticketmaster outlets or by phone at (800) 745-3000. The Ponte Vedra Concert Hall is located at 1050 A1A N., Ponte Vedra Beach.</p> <p><b>'Love/Sick'</b></p> <p>Florida State College at Jacksonville's (FSCJ) DramaWorks will present "Love/Sick," a new comedy by John Cariani on stage Nov. 3-6 at the Nathan H. Wilson Center for the Arts-FSCJ South Campus, 11901 Beach Blvd., Jacksonville. The production features nine short plays and a cast of 14 student actors and more than 15 crew members from all areas of the First Coast, with set and lighting design by Johnny Pettegrew. The production is directed by FSCJ Professor of Theatre Ken McCulough. Tickets are \$10 for the general public and \$5 (advance purchase) for FSCJ faculty, staff and students (two tickets per valid ID). For more information or to purchase tickets, call (904) 646-2222.</p>	<p><b>Sing Out for St. Augustine benefit</b></p> <p>The Sing Out Loud Backyard Showcase featuring local acts Ramona Quimby, Jim Johnston's Trio of Boom and Jon Bailey scheduled for Nov. 4 has morphed into a benefit concert: Sing Out for St. Augustine. In addition to the previously scheduled performers, local musicians Papercutt, Musical Chairs, Chelsea Saddler and Amy Hendrickson, and Lu Rubino will also be performing. The event remains free and open to the public. Donations will be accepted at the event and may also be made online at the #STASTRONG Musicians Guild Recovery page at <a href="http://bit.ly/2eFBYeb">http://bit.ly/2eFBYeb</a>. Gates open at 2 p.m.; show starts at 3 p.m. The St. Augustine Amphitheatre is located at 1340C A1A S., St. Augustine. For more information, visit <a href="http://www.staugamphitheatre.com">www.staugamphitheatre.com</a>.</p> <p><b>PV Professionals Networking Group</b></p> <p>The Ponte Vedra Professionals Networking Group meets Fridays at 9 a.m. at Watson Realty Corp., 615 Highway A1A S., Ponte Vedra Beach. For more information, call Gloria at (904) 635-6103, visit <a href="http://www.pvpng.com">www.pvpng.com</a> or email <a href="mailto:pontevedrapng@gmail.com">pontevedrapng@gmail.com</a>.</p> <p><b>Coastal Wine Market Wine Tasting</b></p> <p>Coastal Wine Market will host a Friday wine tasting Nov. 4 from 6 to 8 p.m. at 641 Crosswater Parkway, Suite B, Ponte Vedra Beach. Taste six wines for \$10. For more information, call (904) 395-3520.</p> <p><b>Caffeinated Comedy</b></p> <p>Caffeinated Comedy, a comedy show featuring local stand-up and improv talent, will take place Friday, Nov. 4 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at City Bistro, 1280 N. Ponce De Leon Blvd., St. Augustine. Performers will include stand-up comedians Lauren Bressette, Shayne Druback and Nick Davis with an improv performance, "It's All About Amy" (featuring Mad Cowford's Sebastian Inks). City Bistro will present a special menu as well as coffee blends and cocktails for the comedy show. Tickets are \$8. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit <a href="http://www.eventbrite.com">www.eventbrite.com</a> and search for "Caffeinated Comedy."</p>	<p><b>Katz 4 Keeps Adoption Days</b></p> <p>Katz 4 Keeps adoption days will take place Saturday, Nov. 5 and Sunday, Nov. 6 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Katz 4 Keeps, 935B A1A N. in Ponte Vedra Beach (next to Sherwin Williams). 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For more information, call (904) 395-3520 or visit <a href="http://www.facebook.com/coastalwinemarket">www.facebook.com/coastalwinemarket</a>.</p> <p><b>Give Thanks Breakfast</b></p> <p>The Bartram Trail Friends of the Library will honor the St. Johns County Sheriff and Fire Rescue departments with a breakfast Saturday, Nov. 5 at the Bartram Trail Branch Library, 60 Davis Pond Blvd., Fruit Cove. Breakfast will be served from 10 a.m. to noon. RSVP by calling the library at (904) 827-6960 or email <a href="mailto:Maribeth.Wood@mwood@sjcfl.us">Maribeth.Wood@mwood@sjcfl.us</a>. Giveaways from the local community and other surprises will be distributed at the event.</p> <p><b>Christmas at Downton</b></p> <p>The Sisterhood of the Traveling Plants will host a Christmas at Downton event Nov. 5 at 1 p.m. at the Anastasia Island Branch Library. Participants will be shown how to make arrangements using flowers and food as the medium, with the popular historical period drama television series "Downton Abbey" as inspiration. Arrangements made at the event will be raffled off. The Friends of the Library organization will be selling raffle tickets at the event. Light refreshments will be served.</p>	<p><b>Sliders and wine pairing</b></p> <p>Coastal Wine Market will hosts a wine pairing event featuring Twisting Roots "Southernrican" Cuisine Sunday, Nov. 6 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Chef Rovetkey will offer five different sliders to be paired with wines. Tickets are \$30 and are non-refundable. Tickets are available at <a href="http://www.eventbrite.com">www.eventbrite.com</a>. Coastal Wine Market is located at 641 Crosswater Parkway, Suite B, Ponte Vedra Beach. For more information, call (904) 395-3520 or visit <a href="http://www.facebook.com/coastalwinemarket">www.facebook.com/coastalwinemarket</a>.</p> <p><b>'Annie Get Your Gun'</b></p> <p>"Annie Get Your Gun" will be performed at Alhambra Theatre &amp; Dining through Nov. 20. Buffalo Bill discovers sharpshooter Annie Oakley, who joins his Wild West Show and later falls in love with the show's star, Frank Butler. Jealous of Oakley's success, Butler leaves to join a rival show but is ultimately pitted against Oakley in a final shoot-out. The theater is located at 12000 Beach Blvd., Jacksonville. For tickets, call (904) 641-1212 or visit <a href="http://www.alhambrajax.com">www.alhambrajax.com</a>.</p> <p><b>Practice with Purpose at Big Fish Yoga</b></p> <p>Practice with Purpose is an all-level yoga class offered on Sundays from 4 to 5 p.m. at Big Fish Power Yoga. The fee for the class is a \$5 cash donation that goes to the charity that Big Fish Power Yoga has selected for the quarter. Big Fish Yoga is located in the South Beach Regional Shopping Center in Jacksonville Beach at 3852 South Third St. For more info, call (904) 372-0601.</p> <p><b>Habitat for Humanity volunteers</b></p> <p>Habitat for Humanity of St. Augustine/St. Johns County is currently seeking qualified homeowners. Habitat does not give away homes for free. Instead, homeowners pay an affordable monthly mortgage payment and Habitat helps build them a simple, decent place to live. For more information on volunteering, donating or qualifying for a Habitat home, visit <a href="http://habitatstjohns.org">habitatstjohns.org</a>.</p>

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Monday, Nov. 7	Tuesday, Nov. 8	Wednesday, Nov. 9	Thursday, Nov. 10
<p><b>Sierra Club presentation</b></p> <p>The Northeast Florida Sierra Club will host a presentation by Bill Armstrong, a long-time Sierra Club member, on his recent trip to Muir Woods, Yosemite National Park and Sequoia National Park Monday, Nov. 7 at 6 p.m. at the Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library. His presentation will include some amateur geology and botany, John Muir biography, National Park history, pictures, tourist advice, and a touch of “What I did this summer.” All are welcome to attend. For more information, call Larry Lickenbrock at (904) 537-6047. The program will be held in the PGA meeting room of the Ponte Vedra Beach Public Library, 101 Library Blvd.</p> <p><b>Caregiver Support Group</b></p> <p>The Players Caregiver Support Group meets every Monday from noon to 1 p.m. at The Players Senior Center, 175 Landrum Lane in Ponte Vedra Beach. Kimberly Weir of Heartland Hospice facilitates a weekly discussion of current concerns and issues of caregivers. For more information, call (904) 280-3233.</p> <p><b>For the Love of Driving</b></p> <p>Volunteer drivers are needed to assist seniors in achieving their mobility goals in St. Johns County. Transportation needs range from trips to the grocery store and classes to spousal hospital visits or social activities. Contact the mobility manager at the Council on Aging, (904) 315-6505, or email Katie Arnold at karnold@stjohnscoa.com.</p> <p><b>Life Enrichment Group</b></p> <p>The Life Enrichment Group is a program designed for those with memory changes who like to stay active mentally, physically and socially while allowing caregivers and loved ones some free time for themselves. This program is offered weekdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Ashford Court, 1700 The Greens Way in Jacksonville Beach. For more information, call (904) 568-8174, or email life_enrichment-group@yahoo.com.</p>	<p><b>Election Watch Party</b></p> <p>The Ponte Vedra Democratic Club will host an election watch party Tuesday, Nov. 8 from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. at TPC Sawgrass Clubhouse, Pub 17, 110 Championship Way, Ponte Vedra Beach. Free admission and appetizers; cash bar. RSVP to pontevedrademocrats@gmail.com.</p> <p><b>Women Artists talk at The Cummer</b></p> <p>The Cummer Museum will host the third talk in the Women Artists series, “Women Artist: From the Renaissance to Abstract Expressionism,” Tuesday, Nov. 8 from 1:30 to 3 p.m. Rosa Bonheur, Berthe Morisot, Mary Cassatt, and Lila Cabot Perry were at the vanguard of a large contingent of women artists who concentrated on scenes of everyday life. Members are free; non-members are \$10 (includes admission). Space is limited; registration is required. For more information, email education@cummuseum.org or call (904) 355-0630. The museum is located at 829 Riverside Ave., Jacksonville.</p> <p><b>Life Enrichment Day Retreat</b></p> <p>Arbor Terrace Ponte Vedra hosts a Life Enrichment Day Retreat every Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Arbor Terrace Ponte Vedra, 5125 Palm Valley Road, Ponte Vedra Beach. The group is designed for those with memory changes who would like to stay active mentally, physically and socially. For more information, call (904) 834-7578 and ask for Ilene Thrasher or visit www.at-pontevedra.com.</p> <p><b>Sunset Rotary Club Meeting</b></p> <p>The Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach Sunset meets Tuesdays from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Hilton Garden Inn. Community leaders are welcome to attend. For more information, call club President Janeene Hart at (904) 412-5409 or email jwhart1208@gmail.com.</p> <p><b>Adult Coloring Club</b></p> <p>The Adult Coloring Club will meet Tuesday, Nov. 8 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library, 101 Library Blvd. All are welcome; supplies will be provided. For more information, call (904) 827-6955.</p>	<p><b>Annual Activity Member</b></p> <p>Become an Annual Activity Member at The Players Community Senior Center. Membership includes discounts on fee-based classes, designated events and coastal travel along with complimentary participation in a wide variety of scheduled activities. Call Darlene Mahany at (904) 280-3233 for more information.</p> <p><b>Ponte Vedra Toastmasters</b></p> <p>The Ponte Vedra Toastmasters Club offers opportunities for developing your leadership and communication skills. The group meets Wednesdays at The Players Community Senior Center, located at 175 Landrum Lane, Ponte Vedra Beach. The meeting starts promptly at 7:30 a.m. Contact Carmen J. Sardiñas at (904) 382-3303 or contact-5199@toastmastersclubs.org for more information.</p> <p><b>Travel Training Program</b></p> <p>The Council on Aging’s Travel Training program is designed to assist seniors in learning to ride the Sunshine Bus. Residents interested in expanding their transportation options or who would like to increase their confidence as a bus rider can receive assistance from trained volunteers in navigating routes, reading time tables and making transfers. Contact the mobility manager at the Council on Aging at (904) 315-6505 or email Katie Arnold at karnold@stjohnscoa.com.</p> <p><b>Meet the “Friends for the Arts”</b></p> <p>Become a “Friend.” The Cultural Center recently recreated a volunteer organization dedicated to supporting the arts. Get involved in the arts by joining a team of fellow art supporters in Ponte Vedra Beach. Help develop and support fundraising projects and help initiate special projects to benefit and promote The Cultural Center and the arts in our community. Over 50 volunteer art supporters have already joined. Make a difference in our community. For more information visit www.ccpvb.org/friends-for-the-arts.</p>	<p><b>Cummer Beaches event</b></p> <p>Cummer Beaches and Cummer Amelia partner for a Lunch, Lecture &amp; Tour at the Cummer Museum Thursday, Nov. 10 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Fabio Costa from Project Runway will make a presentation relating to “Folk Couture: Fashion and Folk Art,” an exhibition currently on display at the museum. The cost is \$30 for members; \$45 for non-members. Registration is required. For more information, call Wendy Mayle at (904) 899-6007 or email wmayle@cummuseum.org. The museum is located at 829 Riverside Ave., Jacksonville.</p> <p><b>Evanescence concert</b></p> <p>Evanescence with guest Sick Puppies will perform live in concert Thursday, Nov. 10 at the St. Augustine Amphitheatre. Gates open at 6 p.m.; show starts at 7 p.m. Tickets start at \$39.50 and are available at the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall and St. Augustine Amphitheatre box offices, ticketmaster.com and all Ticketmaster outlets or by phone at (800) 745-3000. The St. Augustine Amphitheatre is located at 1340C A1A S., St. Augustine.</p> <p><b>Yellow Ribbon Fund Golf Tournament</b></p> <p>The 7th annual Jacksonville Yellow Ribbon Fund Golf Tournament and Fundraiser will take place Nov. 10 and 11 at Marsh Landing Country Club. The mission of the Yellow Ribbon Fund (YRF) is to provide financial support to injured military veterans and their families. The “Salute to the Yellow Ribbon Fund” dinner will take place Thursday, Nov. 10 at 7 p.m. The golf tournament will begin with a shotgun start at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 11, followed by lunch and an awards ceremony. The entry fee to the YRF dinner is \$100 per person or \$150 per couple. The individual golf entry fee is \$450. The entry fee for foursomes is \$1,800. For more information or to register, visit www.yellowribbonfund-neflorida.org.</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:carrie@opcfla.com">carrie@opcfla.com</a>, post online at <a href="http://www.pontevedrarecorder.com">www.pontevedrarecorder.com</a> using the automated form or call (904) 686-3939.</b></p>



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Raising children who are resilient and self-reliant will be the focus of a free community program to be held from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 15 in the Ponte Vedra High School media center.

Parents, guardians, students and members of the community are invited to attend.

Presented by the PVHS PTO as part of its Community Program Series, the session will feature Edward C. Taylor, Ph.D.. Taylor will discuss how par-



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ents can prepare their children for success in college and beyond by helping them to be “gritty” – students who are resilient, perseverant, resourceful and self-reliant.

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# THE PLAYERS Stadium Course to reopen Nov. 15

## Multimillion-dollar upgrade transforms popular course

By Jennifer Logue

THE PLAYERS Stadium Course will reopen for play Nov. 15, capping a multimillion-dollar renovation that officials say will benefit both players and spectators alike.

So dramatic are the changes, officials say, that longtime fans may not recognize the venerable course.

“To say that it’s a transformation is an understatement,” said Matt Rapp, executive director of THE PLAYERS Championship. “It’s really hard to describe how different it is from what it was at the last (PLAYERS) tournament in May to what it is now. There have been changes to many aspects of the course and it’s all for the benefit of the players and the fans.”

In addition to rebuilding and resurfacing the course’s greens with TifEagle bermudagrass, crews rebuilt all the bunkers and re-grassed the bunker surrounds with Celebration bermudagrass. The practice facility has also been upgraded significantly, said Steve Wenzloff, vice president of design services for the PGA Tour.

“The goal was to create a world-class practice facility for our members and guests,” Wenzloff said, “and offer a more realistic experience similar to what they’ll find out on the golf course.”

Significant changes have been made to several holes and tees, he added.

“The biggest change is the redesign of the 12th hole, which has been transformed into a drivable par-four,” Wenzloff said. “Our goal was to add some additional drama and excitement to the back nine holes.”

Players and spectators will also find a much more open course, Rapp said, thanks to the removal of mounds that obscured

some of the vantage points. Mounds that were initially created to enable spectators to see were “a little too severe,” he said.

“We’ve been able to reshape these mounds and make them much easier for people to walk on,” Rapp said.

In addition, a large land mass between the 6th and 7th holes has been removed and a lake added.

“Pete Dye called the 6th hole the most beautiful hole, but we didn’t have much traffic out there the way it was situated,” Rapp said. “Now it’s so wide open and the hole itself hasn’t changed one centimeter. I think we’re going to see people wanting to go out there.”

All of the changes to the course, Wenzloff said, will serve the goal of improving the overall PLAYERS Championship experience.

“From a player’s standpoint, a spectator standpoint and a member/guest standpoint, the PGA Tour is always striving to improve THE PLAYERS Championship,” Wenzloff said, “and this was a big step in that direction.”

In addition to the modifications to the course, renovations are still underway to the entrance to TPC Sawgrass.

“It’s going to be a complete transformation,” Rapp said. “I liken the change on the entry experience...as similar to the difference between the old clubhouse and the new clubhouse. It’s that big of a difference.

“The changes are really true to the ethos that this course was created upon: to create an incredible experience for golf fans and make this a bigger and better experience than you can have at any other attended golf event,” Rapp continued. “It is a testament to golf fans, a shrine to golf fans, and it’s going to be that much better moving forward.”



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# PVPV/Rawlings Turtle Trot raises \$97,000 for outdoor improvements

PVPV/Rawlings Elementary School held its annual Turtle Trot Fund Run Oct. 20, raising more than \$97,000 to revitalize the outdoor spaces on the PVPV and Rawlings playgrounds.

Organized by the PTO, Community Partners in Education and Coastal Luxury Outdoors, the fundraiser underscored the importance of outdoor play and recess toward a well-rounded school experience while encouraging fitness for students in kindergarten through fifth grade.

To participate in the Turtle Trot Fund Run, students walked or ran up to 30 minutes while being cheered on by their teachers, family members and commu-

nity partners, including Coastal Luxury Outdoors, Chick-fil-A, Lazzara Orthodontics, Jake Bestic, Ponte Vedra Realty and New York Life. Volunteers marked each lap completed on the back of the t-shirts featuring the Turtle Trot logo donated to each student by the PTO.

“Coastal Luxury Outdoors was thrilled to be the community partner for the Turtle Trot this year and looks forward to partnering for years to come,” owner Kevin Carroll said. “We were incredibly impressed with the PTO’s planning and execution of this event. They raised a significant amount of money while providing a fun experience for the kids and families.”



Coastal Luxury Outdoors owner Kevin Carroll, PTO board member Kate Zarczynski and Turtle Trot Committee member Kristin Glunt

Photo courtesy of PVPV/Rawlings

# Characters come to life at Beaches Episcopal School costume parade



The Beaches Episcopal School held its annual Costume Parade Friday, Oct. 28, giving students and faculty the opportunity to dress in their favorite outfits and parade around the campus together. From the Three Blind Mice and Harry Potter to Cleopatra, a variety of colorful characters were brought to life, demonstrating students’ creativity and school spirit.

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# Talk with a Doc: Dr. Jennifer Crozier encourages a healthier lifestyle to reduce risk of breast cancer

By Jasmine Marshall

The Ponte Vedra YMCA's Healthy Living Center hosted another in its series of "Talk with a Doc" events Oct. 20, this time covering lifestyle links to breast health.

Baptist MD Anderson Cancer Center's Jennifer Crozier, MD, a hematologist oncologist, presented a slideshow detailing breast health information ranging from risks to prevention and lifestyle changes.

Dr. Crozier said that although breast cancer rates have been declining since 1989, it remains the number one cancer among women.

"Unfortunately, there's no sure way to prevent breast cancer," she said. "But there are some things that all women can do to try and reduce their risk. Our goal is to be finding these cancers at an earlier stage when they're more treatable and more curable."

Identifying four major steps to bettering breast health, she stressed the importance of screening, weight control, physical activity and healthy dietary choices to reduce the risk of breast cancer.

## Screening

"Screening helps find cancers usually at an earlier stage, before they've spread and when they're usually more curable with surgery, possibly chemotherapy and radiation therapy," Crozier said, noting that the earlier the cancer is found the better.

Though the American Cancer Society recommends discussing when screening may be right for the patient once they turn 40 with yearly mammograms beginning at age 45, she recommends sooner, more frequent checks.

"(At Anderson), we think that's a little



Photo by Jasmine Marshall

Dr. Crozier addresses attendees at the Y Healthy Living Center Talk with a Doc.

on the conservative side," she said. "We start at age 40. That's typically our recommendation: starting at age 40 and continuing annually from there."

## Weight control

More than two in three American adults are overweight, and more than one in three are obese.

Among children and teens aged 2 to 19, nearly one in six are obese. Crozier said that it's important to consider body mass index (BMI) because studies have shown that as BMI increases, the risk of getting breast cancer increases as well.

Getting to a healthy weight as young as possible and maintaining it as long as possible is key, she said, but it's never too late to try and reach a healthy weight.

Studies have shown that incorporating

physical activity into the day and choosing healthier diet options, in addition to assisting with weight loss, can reduce the risk of breast cancer as well.

## Physical activity

Crozier says that studies have shown that breast cancer is reduced among physically active women compared to less active women.

"We recommend that you get at least 150 minutes of moderate intensity or 75 minutes of vigorous activity each week, or an equivalent combination throughout the week," Crozier said, noting that personal responsibilities might make it difficult to get continuous exercise.

"Even doing them in different intervals is usually about the same. Perhaps not for weight loss, but the health benefits in

terms of cancer, diabetes and the heart — is likely equivalent in 15 to 20 minute sets."

## Healthy dietary choices

"What we really want to do is rearrange the plate by promoting a plant-based diet where fruits and vegetables are the center and the side items are protein, meats and whole grains," Crozier said. "Choosing foods and beverages in the right amounts can help achieve a healthy weight."

Likewise, women who consume more servings of vegetables see lowered risk of breast cancer compared to women who consume too few. According to Crozier, meta-analysis of several studies has shown a link between high consumption of vegetables and reduction of risk. The increased intake of fruits and vegetables is linked to total health benefits and reduced risk with all cancers, in heart health and diabetes and stroke — not only breast cancer.

She suggested limiting the intake of sugary beverages like soda and sports drinks so as not to negate the effects of a healthy diet and physical activity. More importantly, Crozier strongly suggested limiting alcohol to one drink per day for women and two for men (where either 12 ounces of beer, one and a half ounces of spirits or five ounces of wine constitutes one drink).

Overall, Crozier urged attendees to take charge by maintaining a healthy, balanced lifestyle and managing risks where possible.

"These are the things you can do — being active, maintaining a healthy weight and being aware of our breasts and any changes," she said. "Limit your risks and get screened every year."

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Dottie and George Dorion



Ed Malesky

The Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach's newest exhibition "Splashes of a Colorful Life," abstract paintings by Dottie Dorion and "Shadows," turned wood works by Ed Malesky will be on display through Nov. 11.

Photos by Carrie Resch

# Cultural Center exhibition spotlights works by Dottie Dorion, Ed Malesky

## By Carrie Resch

"Splashes of a Colorful Life" — featuring abstract paintings by Dottie Dorion — and "Shadows," turned wood works by Ed Malesky, will be on display at the Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach through Nov. 11.

An opening reception for the artists' works was held Oct. 21 and featured live music, appetizers, cocktails and a chance to be among the first to view the Cultural Center's newest exhibition and meet the artists.

Coming from an artistic family and taking art studies elective courses in undergraduate

and graduate school, Dorion displays a body of work that includes abstracts, landscapes and what she refers to as "alternative visions" where she employs the use of non-traditional paint. One such work, "Goldfish," which is part of the CCPVB exhibition, uses oil and glass beads to create depth and texture.

Her primary mediums are acrylic and oil. Dorion utilizes bold color and sweeping textures combined with delicate strokes to convey the mood and tone of her paintings. The curator for Dorion's exhibition, Paul Ladnier, has been her instructor for the past 10 years, but they've known each other about

three decades.

"It's amazing," Ladnier said of Dorion's work. "There was no shortage of high-quality work, so it was exciting to put it together and see it all come to fruition. I kind of watched it grow for the last 10 years and watched it morph into a very unique vision."

Proceeds from Dorion's exhibition sales will benefit the cultural center's educational programs.

"[I] feel like the kids don't get any art in the schools anymore, so I really am so happy that I get to do that," said Dorion, who has a master's degree in special education.

Dorion enjoyed a career in nursing before retiring and is the co-founder of Volunteers in Medicine, an organization that provides free outpatient primary and specialty medical services to Jacksonville's working low-income and uninsured individuals and families.

## Malesky's 'Shadows'

Malesky was a chemist before retiring to focus on his art. Drawn to woodworking, he began creating furniture and other projects for the house before turning his attention to





Dr. Leo Alonzo, Reagan Alonzo, Dottie Dorion and Cindy Cooper



Leslie Kleiman, Cultural Center Executive Director Judy Hixenbaugh and Terry Blady



Cultural Center Development Director Toni Boudreaux with Paul Ladnier, curator of “Splashes of a Colorful Life”



Tom Blady with Dee Marling, cultural center finance manager

# Exhibition

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woodturning.

The process of woodturning involves the use of a lathe, a machine that rotates the wood on its axis in order to manipulate it. For his creations, Malesky uses native Florida wood.

Malesky is the president of the Northeast Florida Woodturners Association, chairman of the Florida Woodturning Symposium and a board member of The Art Center Cooperative, a nonprofit corporation that supports the arts in Jacksonville.

Works from each of the artists are displayed in CCPVB’s Main, Scene and Community galleries. Gallery admission is free and open to the public.

The Cultural Center is located at 50 Executive Way, Ponte Vedra Beach. For more information, call (904) 280-0614 or visit [www.ccpvb.org](http://www.ccpvb.org).

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# ABET to hold auditions for the musical 'Celebration'

The Atlantic Beach Experimental Theatre (ABET) will hold auditions for the musical "Celebration" Saturday, Nov. 5 at 2 p.m.

"Celebration" (1969) is a rarely performed musical by the writing team that created "The Fantasticks." Employing a nearly bare stage, the musical fable explores the contrasts between youth and old age, innocence and corruption, love and ambition, and poverty and wealth.

A multi-ethnic cast is highly desired for the 10 to 12 cast members ranging in age from the 20s to 50s. There are four named characters with solos.

ABET will also be casting the ensemble or "revelers" who will contribute throughout the show – primarily singers and dancers.

Between three and four men and women will be cast as ensemble members.

The vocal audition will begin at 2 p.m.

Auditioners should prepare to bring with them 32 to 40 bars of piano sheet music from a Broadway show.

Once the vocal auditions are complete, auditioners will move on to the choreography section. It is recommended to bring clothes that are form fitting and move easily; dance shoes are also recommended. The choreography will be highly stylized and incorporate a variety of modern styles.

The final process of the audition will include a reading of short sections from

the script in a cold-reading style, or a storytelling game will be played.

Resumes and headshots are helpful, but not required. Auditioners are asked to arrive 15 minutes early in order to begin filling out the audition form.

Performance dates for "Celebration" are: Jan. 20, 21, 27, 28, 29 and Feb. 3, 4 and 5. Performances and auditions will take place at the Adele Grage Cultural Center, 716 Ocean Blvd., Atlantic Beach.

For more information, call (904) 249-7177 or visit [www.abetheatre.com](http://www.abetheatre.com).

## SHORT TAKES

### Artist Reception

Mixed media artist and author Michelle Davidson presents her Apocalyptic Dream show Nov. 1-30 at P.A.S.T.A. Art Gallery, St. Augustine.

An opening reception will be held Nov. 4 from 5 to 9 p.m. at the gallery, located at 214 Charlotte St., St. Augustine.

Apocalyptic Dreams is a series of abstract acrylic paintings that reflects surrealistic landscapes, cityscapes and dream visions of the past, present and future workings of the mind and elements that affect human kind. An original poem that represents emotions of the mind going through change and rebirth will accom-

pany each painting.

An art book of Davidson's Apocalyptic Dream series will be available for purchase at the gallery.

### JaxbyJax Literary Arts Festival 2016

JaxbyJax Literary Arts Festival will take place Saturday, Nov. 12 from 3 to 6 p.m. in Jacksonville.

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# Jacksonville Symphony to present 'Ella and Louis: The Lady's Centennial' Celebration'

By Jennifer Logue

The Jacksonville Symphony will honor the musical legacy of jazz greats Ella Fitzgerald and Louis Armstrong this weekend, when the orchestra presents "Ella and Louis: The Lady's Centennial Celebration."

To be performed at 11 a.m. and 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 4 and 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 5 in the Times-Union Center's Jacoby Hall, the concert will feature guest vocalists Byron Stripling and Marva Hicks along with guest percussionist Robert Breithaupt.

Stripling is a trumpet virtuoso who has soloed with the Boston Pops Orchestra. He currently serves as artistic director and conductor of the Columbus Jazz Orchestra. Hicks was recently seen on Broadway in the roles of Esther Gordy and Gladys Knight in "Motown the Musical." She has also appeared in the Netflix dramatic series "House of Cards."

Associate Conductor Nathan Aspinall will lead the orchestra in the program, which is dedicated by The Vanguard-Kessler Fund in honor of the 14th Annual

Daniel Pearl World Music Days, a global initiative that seeks to use the power of music to bridge cultural differences.

## Musical legends

Born in 1917 in Newport News, Virginia, Ella Fitzgerald had her first number one hit at the age of 21 with her celebrated rendition of "A-Tisket, A-Tasket." She became famous for her scat singing, performing duets with such top artists as Frank Sinatra, Duke Ellington and Armstrong and earning the moniker the "First Lady of Song."

Armstrong – better known as "Satchmo" – was born in New Orleans in 1901. His musical career began when as a child he was sent to a boys' home, where he learned to play the cornet. He rose to prominence in the 1920s, becoming the first jazz superstar and influencing generations of performers.

Tickets for "Ella and Louis: The Lady's Centennial Celebration" range from \$27 to \$77 and are available at Jaxsymphony.org, the Times-Union Center for the Performing Arts box office or by calling (904) 354-5547.



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Dancer Carolina Rodriguez, Ana Lugo and Hannah Pancoast



Hannah Pancoast, 13, of the Ponte Vedra Ballet entertains guests.

# Cultural Center hosts **CRUSH!** wine tasting

By Jennifer Logue

Gourmet food and wine pairings, internationally themed entertainment and artist demonstrations were just a few of the highlights of CRUSH! A Wine Tasting.

Presented Oct. 14 by the Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach, the sold-out event offered attendees a chance to sample a variety of wines from Spain, New Zealand, Australia and more. Complementing the various varietals were food pairings from By Design Catering: Campo Viejo's Cava Brute Rosé, for example, was paired with a sage cream corn risotto with crispy prosciutto, while pulled pork tacos with Chimichurri sauce and peppers complemented an Australian Chardonnay. Other wine/menu offerings included a Sauvignon Blanc paired with

a spinach, artichoke and smoked Gouda pasta, and Cabernet paired with brie and balsamic roasted cranberries.

The evening's international flavor was also reflected in the entertainment, with Flamenco-style dances performed by Carolina Rodriguez and 13-year-old Hannah Pancoast of the Ponte Vedra Ballet accompanied by Andre Gruber.

Guests also had a chance to view artist demonstrations by Robert Leedy and Linda Richichi while perusing silent auction trips to Tuscany, Asia and other exotic locales.

Cultural Center Development Director Toni Boudreaux noted that a portion of the proceeds from the event would benefit St. Augustine's Butterfield Garage Gallery, which sustained damage during Hurricane Matthew.



Artist Linda Richichi provides a painting demonstration.



Leslie and Linda Palmer



Mary Ann Beckwith, wife of the late Gates Beckwith, who designed the cultural center



Artist Robert Leedy discusses his work with Denise Thomas



Mixed-media artist Adam Green demonstrates his technique.



# Visiting artists

## South Korean artists demonstrate tapestry techniques at Cutter & Cutter gallery

By Jennifer Logue

Jeong and Choon Yun demonstrated their unique process for creating paper tapestries for local residents recently, when the South Korean artists visited Ponte Vedra's newly opened Cutter & Cutter Fine Art gallery in Sawgrass Village.

The artists traveled from their Pennsylvania home studio to demonstrate their technique for gallery visitors Oct. 14 and 15 during a special exhibition of their work. It's a technique the couple has perfected over the past quarter century, Jeong Yun said.

"If I do say so, it's an unprecedented process," he said. "It's a totally new technique."

Far from merely creating tapestries out of paper, Yun explained, he and his wife actually harvest the bark of trees and create the paper and cellulose fibers themselves. The papers are then dried and dyed using a myriad of vibrant, all-natural organic dyes.

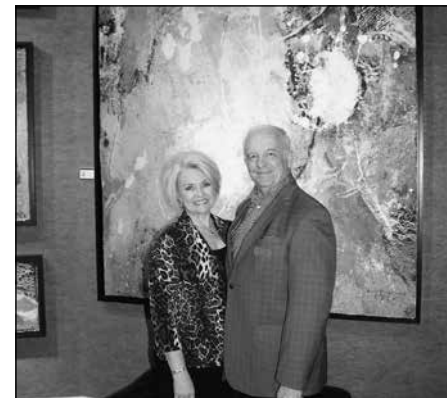
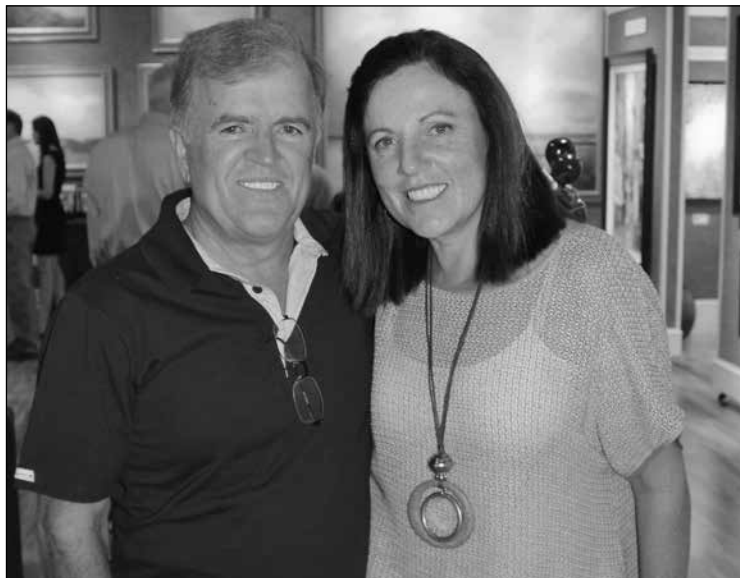
"These fibers are so strong," Yun said, dipping his hand into a container of saffron-hued dye and pulling out the strings of fibers. "And yet these are so soft," he said, gesturing to some colored fibers that appeared to have the texture of cotton balls.

Gallery co-owner Sonya Cutter praised the Yuns' natural technique and the couple's collaborative artistic process.

"They both know what they're trying to present," she said, "and they are so skilled in how they balance their art."

Cutter & Cutter unveiled more than 50 of the couple's works ranging in size from 16 inches by 16 inches to 72 inches by 72 inches. Prices range from \$1,500 to \$24,000.

Jose and Maria Cortes



Sonya and Len Cutter stand before one of the Yuns' handmade paper tapestries.



Jeong Yun displays some of the handmade organic fibers he creates to make paper tapestries.

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As part of the Yun's visit, Cutter noted, the artists donated an original work that the gallery raffled off to benefit the St. Johns County 1st Responders Relief Fund.

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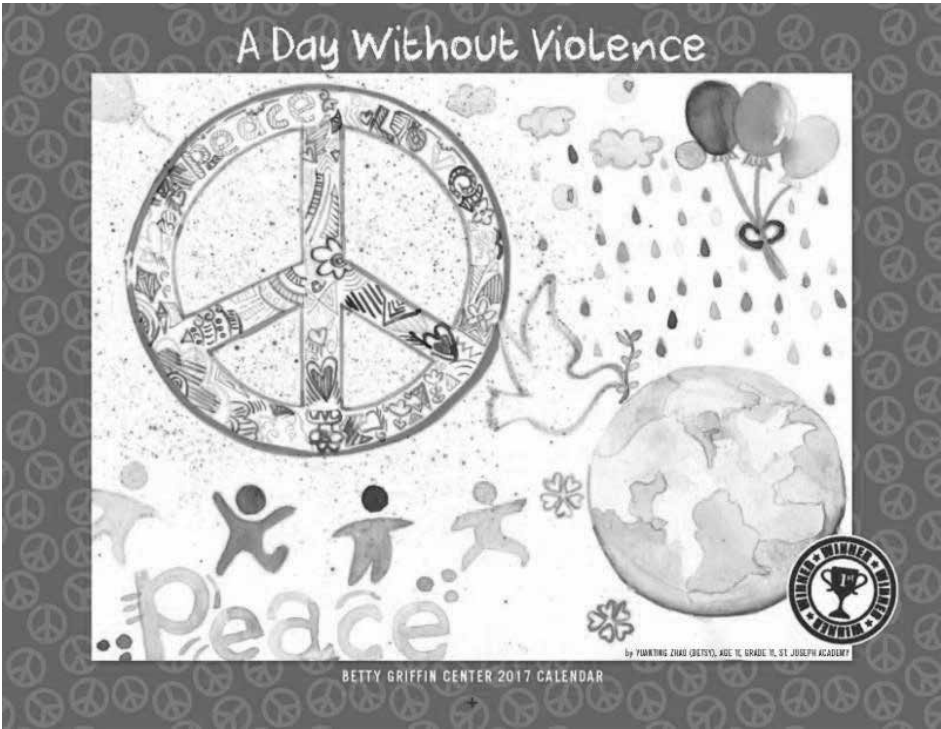
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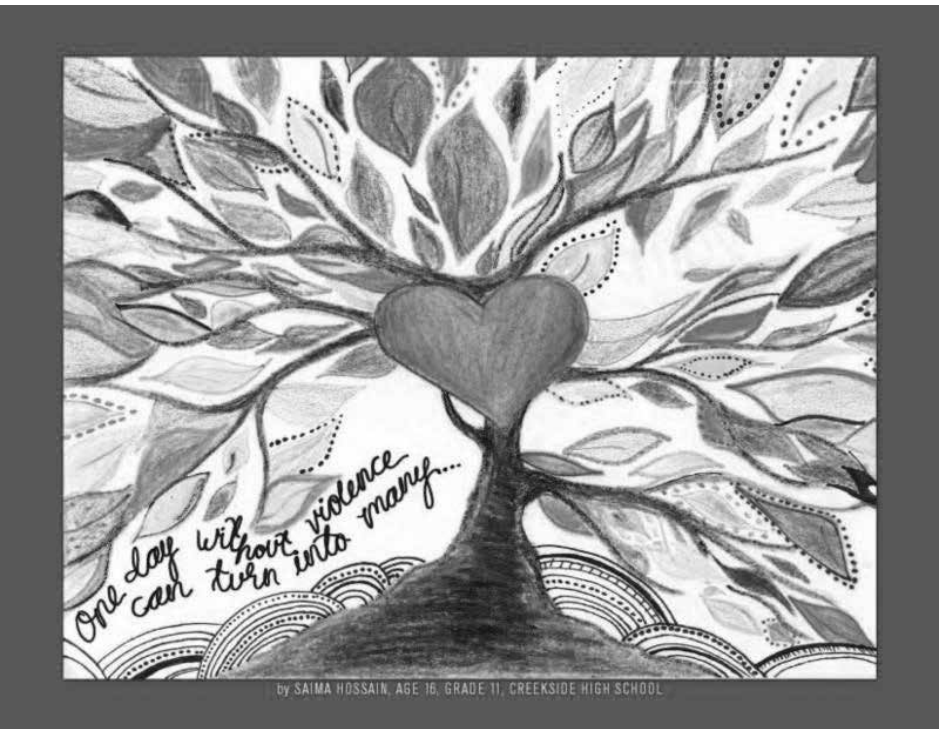
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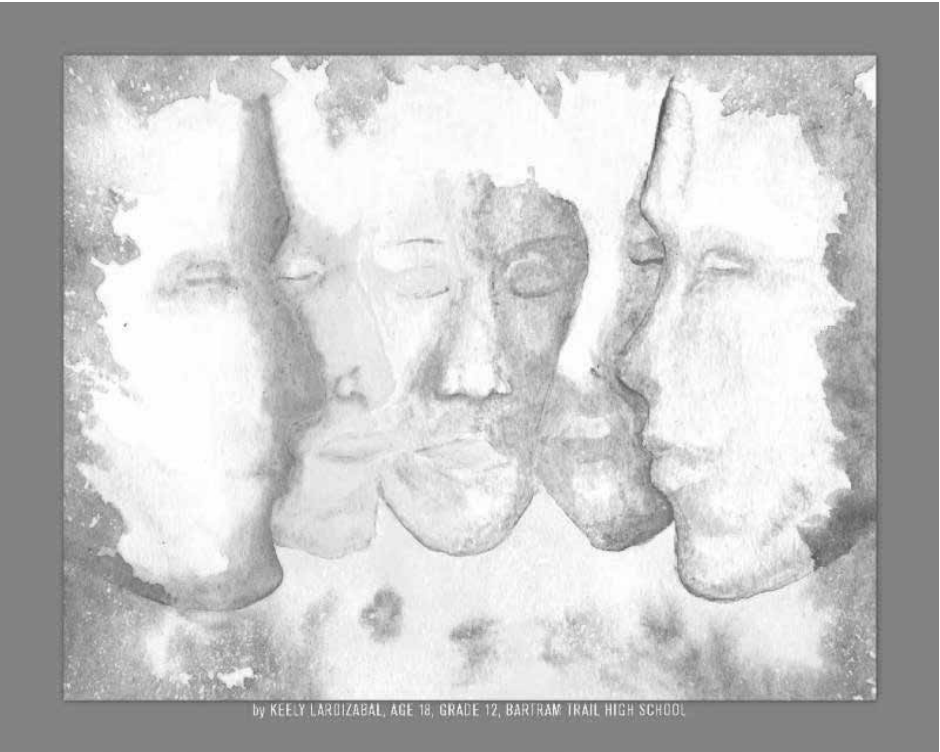


Artwork by Saima Hossain

# Art show showcases ‘A Day Without Violence’

“A Day Without Violence” is the focus of a new art exhibit currently on display in the Rotunda Gallery of the St. Johns County Administration Building. Sponsored by the Betty Griffin Center, the exhibition features artwork submitted to an art and poetry contest which attracted nearly 1,200 art and 65 poetry entries. From those submissions, 13 pieces of art and 12 poems are selected for the annual “A Day Without Violence” calendar distributed to every classroom in

the county and sold in Betty Griffin thrift stores to raise funds for the organization. The Betty Griffin Center is a private nonprofit providing emergency shelter and other support services to abused adults and their minor children. The organization is presenting and sponsoring the art show alongside the St. Johns Cultural Council through Jan. 26. To learn more about the Betty Griffin Center or to make a donation, visit [www.bettygriffinhouse.org](http://www.bettygriffinhouse.org).



Artwork by Keely Lardizabal

## Stellers

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portion of the proceeds from the opening and opening night raffle benefited Art With A Heart in Healthcare. Stellers Gallery at Ponte Vedra Beach is located at 240 A1A N., Suite 13, Ponte Vedra Beach. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, call (904) 273-6065 or visit [www.stellersgallery.com](http://www.stellersgallery.com).



Oupa Seane and Dave Reed



Kim Beaulieu, Allen Ball and Josean Rosario

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# COMING FULL CIRCLE

## Dr. Ben Carson kicks off 25th anniversary of Florida Forum



Photos by Jennifer Logue

Women's Board President Grace Sarber, Ann Gattoni and LandStar CEO Jim Gattoni

### Women's Board of Wolfson Children's Hospital celebrates legacy of caring for children

**By Jennifer Logue**

Dr. Ben Carson believes God has a sense of humor.

The acclaimed pediatric neurosurgeon — famed for being the first doctor to successfully separate twins conjoined at the head — told attendees at his Florida Forum presentation Oct. 25 that as a youth he struggled both academically and with a temper that threatened to send his life down a dark and troubled path. After praying that God would grant him wisdom, Carson found his perspective transformed by reading from the book of Proverbs, which was written by King Solomon.

"My middle name is Solomon," Carson noted. "So God knew that I was going to have an affinity for the book of Proverbs and Solomon."

The connection went even further. "Solomon was famous for his wisdom and for telling the two women who fought over a baby to divide it in half," he continued. "And that's how I became very well known — for dividing a baby. So, I think God has a sense of humor!"

Carson's story held particular significance for members of The Women's Board of Wolf-



**DR. BEN CARSON**

son Children's Hospital, which was founded in the 1970s after twin girls Annie and Abbie Martin were born prematurely and the hospital lacked the equipment needed to care for both infants. As a result, Abbie lived just eight

days. Since that time, The Women's Board has raised more than \$28 million to support the hospital's program and equipment needs through fundraising events such as the Florida Forum speaker series.

Thanks in part to that support, in 2015 Wolfson Children's Hospital was the facility at which conjoined twins Conner and Carter Mirabal were successfully separated. Now at home with their parents, the twins were backstage briefly at Carson's Florida Forum presentation — an experience that organizers said felt like The Women's Board had "come full circle."

"What a poignant evening this is for us," said Grace Sarber, president of The

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# Carson

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Women’s Board and the older sister of Annie and Abbie Martin. “To have this renowned pediatric neurosurgeon visit our hospital and to hear about his life and his perspective on medicine, it was really just the perfect way to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Florida Forum.”

Robin Albaneze, who co-chairs the Florida Forum series with Judy D’Antignac, agreed. “To have Dr. Carson here and to see how far we’ve come,” she said, “it just makes your heart sing.”

## Harnessing potential

Carson said the most rewarding part of his recent presidential campaign was having an opportunity to meet some of the 15,000 patients on whom he operated during his 29-year career as a pediatric neurosurgeon. At an appearance in Kentucky, for example, Carson was approached by a family who pointed to a young man in his 20s and said, “Do you recognize this young man?...You operated on his brain when he was a year old and he just graduated from college, number one in his class.”

At another event, a young woman told Carson, “You operated on me when I was still in my mother’s womb.”

“That’s why no one will ever convince me that what’s in a woman’s womb is a meaningless bunch of cells,” he said.

Carson also addressed the nation’s current political climate and stressed that Americans must be unified if our country and its people are to realize their full potential.

“We the American people are not each other’s enemies,” he said. “Because there really are people out there who want to destroy us.”

America is unique on the world stage, Carson said, because our founding documents are based on Judeo-Christian values and an inherent belief in right and wrong that is currently being sacrificed at the altar of political correctness.

“The secular progressive movement, they don’t care if you disagree with them as long as you sit down and shut up,” he said. “If America is to remain ‘One Nation Under God,’ then it’s time for people who believe that to stand up and shout out.”

In order for America to remain competitive with other countries, Carson said, it is imperative for all Americans to have the opportunity to climb out of poverty and become part of the fabric of society.

“When we look at the myriad young people wasting time, we begin to understand how important it is for us to cultivate that talent,” he said. “And isn’t that what real success is – using the talent God has given you to elevate other people?”

The 25th anniversary season of the Florida Forum continues on Jan. 30, 2017 with a presentation by FOX News Anchor Megyn Kelly. The series will conclude March 13, 2017 with an evening with Tim Tebow.

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# St. Augustine novelist to present strategies for publishing

Novelist Laura Lee Smith will present a step-by-step strategy for breaking into the publishing scene at the next meeting of the Florida Writers Association (FWA) Ponte Vedra group, to be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 12 at the Ponte Vedra Beach public library.

Smith will inform guests of the keys to “Breaking In,” covering topics such as learning to handle rejection and securing acceptances in literary magazines.

She will also discuss how to find the best market for writing, as well as how to strategize and track submissions and cultivate positive relationships with editors.

Smith’s 2013 debut novel, “Heart of Palm,” was named one of Oprah’s “Ten Titles to Pick Up Now.” Her short fiction has been published in several writing journals, among them, “The Best American Short Stories,” “New Stories from the South: The Year’s Best,” “New England Review,” “The Florida Review,” “Natural Bridge” and “Bayou.” She currently lives in St. Augustine and works as an advertising copywriter.

All FWA meetings are free and open to members and non-members. To learn more about upcoming FWA workshops and events, visit [www.floridawriters.net](http://www.floridawriters.net).



## Bestselling authors to appear at The BookMark

Bestselling authors Stephanie Dray and Laura Kamoie will be at The BookMark Saturday, Nov. 12 at 7 p.m. to discuss and sign copies of their new book, “America’s First Daughter.”

The novel chronicles the days of Patsy Jefferson, Thomas Jefferson’s eldest daughter, as she acts as assistant, protector and companion to her father in the wake of her mother’s death. When Patsy falls in love with staunch abolitionist and diplomat William Short, she is torn between love and her family. As scandal, tragedy and poverty threaten her loved ones, she must decide how much she’s willing to sacrifice to protect her father’s reputation -- a decision that will help define

not only Jefferson’s political legacy but that of the nation he helped found.

Dray is an award-nominated author of historical fiction who lives near Washington, D.C. and whose work has been translated into six languages. Kamoie has published two nonfiction books on early America and was most recently associate professor of history at the U.S. Naval Academy. She is a New York Times bestselling author of more than 20 works of fiction penned under the name “Laura Kaye.”

New York Times bestselling author Steve Berry will also be in attendance to introduce the authors. The BookMark is located at 220 First Street in Neptune Beach.

## The Sisterhood of the Traveling Plants presents ‘Christmas at Downton’

The Sisterhood of the Traveling Plants will once again host “Downton Abbey”-themed holiday flower arranging shows at the Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library and Anastasia Island Branch Library in November.

Both events, sponsored by Friends of the Library organizations, will be free and open to the public.

The first event will take place Saturday, Nov. 5 at the Anastasia Island Branch Library, followed by an identical show Saturday, Nov. 19 at the Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library. This year’s events will begin at a new time: 1 p.m. Doors will open at 12:30 p.m., and the event will conclude at 3 p.m.

The Sisterhood of the Traveling Plants is comprised of Marilyn Smith and Cathy

Snyder from the Las Adelfas Circle of the Garden Club of St. Augustine. The pair will show participants how to have fun crafting arrangements using flowers and food as the medium, with the popular historical period drama television series “Downton Abbey” as inspiration.

Arrangements made at each event will be raffled off. The Friends of the Library organizations will be selling raffle tickets at both events. Light refreshments will be served.

The Anastasia Island Branch Library is located at 124 Seagrove Main St., St. Augustine Beach. The Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library is located at 101 Library Blvd.

For more information, call the Anastasia Island Branch Library at (904) 209-3730, the Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library at (904) 827-6950 or visit [www.sjcpls.org](http://www.sjcpls.org).





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# Recorder congratulates coloring contest winners

Congratulations to the winners of the Ponte Vedra Recorder’s Halloween Coloring Contest. Winners by age category are:

- Age 3 to 5: Breznai Smolko, age 4
- Age 6 to 9: Franziska Kasten, age 9
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# Nease High School drama program presents 'Kiss Me, Kate'

The music of Cole Porter melded with Shakespeare's classic "Taming of the Shrew" last week, when the Nease High School drama program presented its production of the Broadway musical "Kiss Me, Kate."

Performed Oct. 27-30 at the Nease High School Performing Arts Center, the show featured a cast and crew of more than 40 students, some of whom portrayed dual roles for the Tony Award-winning musical's "play-within-a-play" format. In the modern retelling of the Shakespeare comedy, divorced Broadway stars Fred

Graham (portrayed by Sebastian Conte) and Lilli Vanessi (Abby Watson) reunite on stage to star in Shakespeare's classic play about a battle of the sexes between the headstrong Kate and her suitor, Petruchio. Art soon imitates life, however, as the egotistical actors' on-stage battle spills over into backstage rivalries, romances and run ins with the mob.

The Nease drama program presents several productions each year, with recent theatrical presentations including "The Crucible," "Almost, Maine" and the musical "Cinderella."



Photos by Jessica Cook

Abby Watson performs the dual roles of actress Lilli Vanessi and Kate in Nease High School's production of 'Taming of the Shrew.'



Grant Burmeister (in hat) joins the cast in one of the production's musical numbers.



Lilli (Abby Watson) is shadowed on stage by two gangsters (Kyle Thompson and Katie Logue) intent on making sure she completes the performance.

## Ponte Vedra Concert Hall to host cultural center's Holiday Shoppes

Local residents searching for the perfect gift for that special someone will want to stop by the Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach's Holiday Shoppes event.

To be held from Thursday, Nov. 10 through Saturday Nov. 12, the popular annual event moves to a new location this year, as the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall hosts the seasonal shopping extravaganza. With nearly two dozen vendors from around the country, Holiday Shoppes will feature a variety of one-of-a-kind gifts

including clothing and accessories, fine jewelry, ceramics, home accessories, children's clothing, gourmet items and more. Food trucks will also be on site to provide refreshments.

Shopping hours for Holiday Shoppes will be from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 10, and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 11-12. Admission is \$5.

### Timeless Design raffle

In keeping with the holiday spirit, the

Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach is holding a raffle for an artistic package featuring an original work of art by Ponte Vedra Beach artist Susan Woodburn. Presented in collaboration with Janet Westling and Jennifer Turner, "Marsh on the Harbour" will be raffled off along with a rug from Fixer Uppers' Joanna Gaines and her Magnolia Market rug collection. Raffle tickets are \$100 and will be available at cultural center receptions throughout the season.

Founded in 1994, the Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach is a nonprofit dedicated to bringing the arts to the local community. With programs for both children and adults, the center offers more than 170 ongoing art classes, summer camps and workshops led by regional and national artists.

From drawing and sewing to sculpture, pottery, music, dance and more, the center provides opportunities for artists working in all media and of all skill levels.



# High school student wins writing prize



Ponte Vedra High School sophomore Carissa Clough received 1st place in the youth short story category at the recent Florida Writers Association conference. Her story was included in the FWA Collection Volume 8, Hide and Seek. She also participated in a book signing alongside New York Times best-selling author John Gilstrap.



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Rob Faust – also known as the “Masked Messenger” – and Michael Hannon, chairman of the Ponte Vedra Public Education Foundation

## ‘Masked Messenger’ offers artistic insights to Ponte Vedra schools

Ponte Vedra public school students had an opportunity to learn more about theatrical expression last week, when the “Masked Messenger” visited local schools.

Sponsored by the Ponte Vedra Public Education Foundation, the “Masked Messenger” performed a series of vignettes ranging from comic to bi-

zarre to poignant. Using a collection of masks created by Rob Faust, performers demonstrated how to use body language, psychological insight and humor to captivate audiences.

As masks were removed from the wall, performers assumed the emotional state expressed by that mask, causing a variety of unique characters to emerge.

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# Tickets for Jacksonville Symphony Gala featuring Lang Lang now on sale



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Tickets are now on sale for the Jacksonville Symphony's 2017 gala featuring celebrated Chinese concert pianist Lang Lang.

To be held Friday, Feb. 17, 2017, the "Valentines in Verona" gala will feature a program that includes Berlioz's Selections from Romeo and Juliet, Prokofiev's Selections from Romeo and Juliet and Lang Lang performing Bartók's Piano Concerto No. 2.

The concert will mark the first Jacksonville appearance by the performer dubbed "the hottest artist on the classical music planet" by The New York Times.

"We are excited to be able to present (Lang Lang's) artistry in a Valentine's Day program that will be the highlight of our season," said Robert Massey, president and CEO of the Jacksonville Symphony.

Lang Lang's past performances include the final game of the 2014 World Cup in Rio; the 56th and 57th GRAMMY Awards, where he performed with Metallica and Pharrell Williams; the opening ceremony of the 2008 Beijing

Olympics, where more than 4 billion people around the world viewed his performance; the Last Night of the Proms at London's Royal Albert Hall; and the Liszt 200th birthday concert with the Philadelphia Orchestra and Charles Dutoit, which was broadcast live in more than 300 movie theaters around the United States and 200 cinemas across Europe.

"I know that this concert will be a sell-out," Music Director Courtney Lewis said. "It is such a special opportunity to be in the hall to hear Lang Lang. It is definitely the 'don't miss' of our concert season."

The Valentines in Verona concert is sponsored by Bank of America/Merrill Lynch Wealth Management and Florida Blue. Tickets for the concert only range from \$75 to \$125 per person.

Gala table tickets, which include a pre-concert reception, concert ticket and dinner, are \$500.

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To be held from 5 to 9 p.m. at the Adele Grage Cultural Center, the event will feature two dozen artists who will display a variety

of visual art, mixed media, jewelry and crafts for sale. Strolling violinist Beverly Chapman will provide entertainment, and free food and drinks will be available.

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# Goldie Hawn to highlight 40th Anniversary Art & Antiques Show

Academy Award-winning actress Goldie Hawn will be among the featured speakers at the 40th Anniversary Art & Antiques Show.

To be held Dec. 1-4 at the Prime F. Osborn III Convention Center, the four-day show and sale is produced by The Women's Board of Wolfson Children's Hospital. In addition to antiques dealers from across the nation and around the world, the four-day show and sale features a children's fashion show featuring current and former Wolfson patients along with lectures from iconic celebrities, designers,

architects, party planners and more.

Hawn's "conversation" will be presented Saturday, Dec. 3 at 11 a.m. Well-known for such feature films as "Private Benjamin," "Foul Play," "The First Wives Club" and "Cactus Flower" – for which she received an Academy Award for Best Supporting Actress – Hawn is the founder of The Hawn Foundation, a public charity aimed at equipping children with the social and emotional skills needed to lead smarter, healthier and happier lives. She is also the creator of the MindUP Program, which fosters a classroom-learning

environment where a child's ability to academically succeed and personally thrive is maximized and directly linked to their overall state of well-being.

The MindUP Program has been proven to reduce stress, improve academic performance, strengthen abilities for concentration and help children and educators thrive in a setting that becomes a community of

learners.

Hawn is the author of two best-selling books: "A Lotus Grows in the Mud," a memoir; and "10 Mindful Minutes," offering guidance on raising healthy, joyful and resilient children.

Tickets for Hawn's presentation are \$50 and include admission to the Art & Antiques Show.



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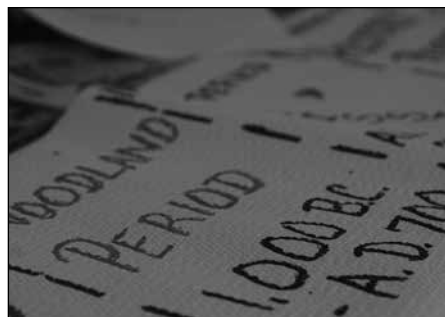
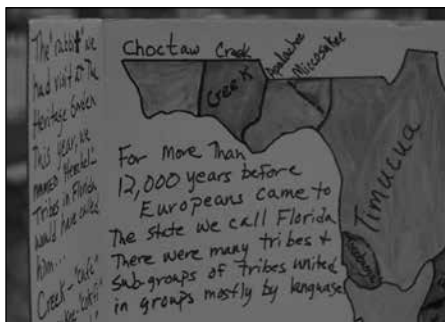
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Gracie Hale puts the finishing touches on her bowl at the pottery station.

Photos by Jasmine Marshall

# Beaches Museum celebrates International Archaeology Day

By Jasmine Marshall

The Beaches Museum's History Park once again played host to an educational day of play with its third annual International Archaeology Day celebration, held Oct. 15.

Braving winds and the threat of rain were families, educators and museum members browsing booths displaying archaeological lessons and activities, all aimed at bringing the past and the future together.

"Our goal today is to help people learn what archaeology really is and what it's about," said Brendan Burke, a maritime historian from the St. Augustine Lighthouse archaeological maritime program. "People don't realize how important archaeology is to modern culture. By teaching others about it, we're essentially blending two cultures: the past and the present."

That lesson was heard loud and clear through events and attractions illustrating often overlooked aspects of archaeology beyond dinosaur bones. Throughout the park, children were encouraged to participate in archaeological activities and create their own "ancient" finds. Stations replete with arts and crafts, containers filled with layers of "aged" sand and prop foods and instruments beckoned visitors.

Young archaeologists enjoyed a day of creating their own pottery, painting their own masks and participating in mock digs, wherein they were given spoon "shovels," paint brushes and logs with which to clean and record their findings. Visitors were also treated to a lecture by Charles R. Cobb of the Florida Museum



Nevaeh Gumbayan shovels through layers of sand at the mock dig table, unearthing an artifact and recording her findings on logs provided by the museum.

of Natural History and local artifact identification by Dr. Keith Ashley, research coordinator of sociology and anthropology at the University of North Florida.

According to Museum Master Gardner Lee McDonald, the day was meant to inform kids of more than just the typical teachings of archaeology; in keeping with the curriculum the museum is establishing, the day's schedule also included lessons on the evolution of food staples, gardening practices and artifacts of Floridian Native Americans from the Ice Age through the Renewal era.

"One of the most important things we can teach children today about the past is how to take care of the environment," he said.

"Our hope is that they'll learn more about the environment, about food, the history of local cultures and artifacts and how to sustain them. Those practices will last them a lifetime and preserve (our history) for generations."

Parents agreed.

Stacy Hale, who brought her daughter Gracie to the event, participated in the pottery and mask making activities in the park. She said by doing so, she hoped the experience would encourage her daughter to treasure the unique history in the community.

"I would really like for her to learn more about the history of where we live and to help her understand the cultures of its past a little better," she said. "Having her work with her hands and seeing what that history looks like is a great way to do that."

Throughout the day, the theme of preserving knowledge of the past while looking toward the future prevailed – and McDonald is hopeful that the annual celebration will spawn new generations eager to learn more.

"The people and cultures we're studying today lived very resourceful, healthy and sustainable lives and we could all stand to learn from them," he said. "Our ultimate hope is that we can teach kids that discoveries are constant and never ending. There will always be new things and new discoveries about these time periods to learn that will help us in the future."





Photos by Susan Griffin

## St. Augustine reenacts changing of the guard

Visitors to St. Augustine Oct. 22 had an opportunity to witness the historic reenactment of the changing of the guard.

Historical interpreters marched down St. George Street from the Colonial Quarter to Government House, where they were met by a second squad of soldiers – or “soldados.”

The relief troops then exchanged places with the soldados already stationed on guard duty, firing their

muskets.

The ceremony reenacts the daily ritual instituted in 1740 by the Spanish colonial governor of St. Augustine, who ordered the patrol of soldados to march through the city each evening to ensure residents were safe within its walls.

Once the city was secure, the soldados would march to the governor’s mansion, where a relief squad would assume watch.



## Klezmer concert coming to Temple Bet Yam

Klezmer, a musical tradition of the Ashkenazi Jews of Eastern Europe, will be performed at 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 5 at Temple Bet Yam.

Klezmer originated in the shtetls and ghettos of Eastern Europe where it was performed at weddings and holiday celebrations. Today’s klezmer, influenced early on by its Eastern European roots, gypsy, and Balkan music, now also reflects American jazz and Israeli sounds and uses a variety of musical instruments. The music continues to not only elicit a whole gamut of emotions but reminds many of their Jewish history.

The concert will be performed by four

klezmerim: Joseph and Lynn Goldovitz, Jacob Goldberger, and Ray Guiser. The Goldovitzes – who say their greatest influence has been the music and teachings of Rabbi Shlomo Carlebach – have played at Klezmer festivals in Safed, Israel and the Jewish Renaissance Foundation in Princeton, New Jersey, as well as locally and around the United States. Their repertoire includes numerous traditional klezmer pieces, and its fusion with other forms of music. While continuing as performers, they are also cantorial soloists for Congregation Sinai in Clermont/Mineola, Florida.

Goldberger has been a musician since

his early years in Israel. He has performed in New York with the Gulf Coast Symphony and with a quartet at the International Klezmer Festival in Safed, Israel. Guiser, a renowned saxophonist, reflects the influence of American jazz on klezmer. He began his professional life performing with elite jazz ensembles and other bands of note in Washington, D.C. In addition to teaching woodwinds, he has recorded with many top jazz, classical, pop and blues performers.

Temple Bet Yam is located at 2055 Wildwood Drive, St. Augustine. Tickets are \$25 per person. For more information, call Carol Levy at (954) 895-7732.



Ray Guiser

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# Healing hands: Ponte Vedra doctor looks to transform healthcare system

By Jasmine Marshall

Ponte Vedra based physician Dr. Eva Nasi has her sights set on shaking up the health care system with the opening of PremierCare MD, a direct primary care service providing a viable alternative to the frustrations of traditional medical practices.

The premise of the direct primary care model (DPC), a movement Nasi says is fronted by Atlas MD in Wichita, Kansas, gives individuals and families an alternative to traditional doctor's office visits. The concierge model works by forgoing the fee for service arrangements typically made through insurance companies. Patients instead pay fees periodically that cover most services — things like checkups, labs and simple consultative services — that could otherwise be made difficult or unaffordable.

Uneasy with how little attention she could afford each patient while seeing upwards of 20 per day, and frustrated by time-consuming paperwork and patients blindsided by insurance fees, Nasi began looking to the model after growing unsatisfied with the traditional healthcare system.

"I just thought to myself ... this is not



DR. EVA NASI

the way that healthcare should work," Nasi recalled. "I felt rushed, my patients felt rushed ... there's no time to give them proper care. It didn't sit well with me."

### Making the change

Having become impatient with a traditional system she believed was "broken," Nasi decided to open a new medical practice of her own by turning to the growing field of DPC healthcare that she had been considering for years.

"After doing the research and talking to other doctors who'd embraced the model, I decided to take that leap," she said of founding PremierCare MD almost three months ago. "I think it's the best decision I've ever made."

The difference, she says, was astonishing.

According to Nasi, doctors at traditional fee-for-service practices must see between 2,500 and 3,000 patients, which can make it difficult to get an appointment at all. That frustration is compounded for both doctor and patient when patients are required to

attend appointments needlessly — to review lab work that returned with normal results, for example — when a simple call or email might have sufficed.

At PremierCare MD, the doctor is limited to 400 to 500 patients and is accessible by phone, email and even "virtual visits." Priced between \$19 and \$69 per month, Nasi says patients are afforded the flexibility of home and office visits, discounted lab work, affordable prescriptions and a doctor they can contact directly. And though Nasi still recommends that patients continue to have catastrophic health insurance for major hospital visits and surgeries, she feels a DPC membership could save them money in premium health care costs.

It's a model of considerable growth, one that Nasi says is projected to grow 25 percent in the coming years. The alternative gives the patient the power to make their own decisions regarding their health at a cost that doesn't make them hesitant to seek the care they need. Better still, Nasi said, it gives her the opportunity to form more meaningful relationships with her patients and to give their concerns, questions and care the time they warrant.

"With this model I'm able to practice

medicine the way I was dreaming of," she said. "I don't feel like I'm a 'third party' with my patients. I don't feel as if I'm working for anyone other than them. I can sit with them, talk with them, address their concerns."

Nasi also said she feels she can offer things to her patients with PremierCare MD that were of scarcity in a traditional setting: things like time and, by extension, better quality of care, accessibility and affordability. And it's a system she feels everyone can benefit from.

"Anyone and everyone who wants a tailored health plan could benefit from practice like this," she said. "People with and without insurance, people who want to be able to reach their doctor anytime and people who want ... care they can more easily afford."

Nasi's ultimate hope is that the DPC model will catch on in the Jacksonville area so that she and other physicians can change the system.

"I'm very passionate about this," she said. "A little change goes a long way. This model just makes more sense, and with it I can show my patients that I'm here — they can count on their doctor."



### REAL ESTATE SNAPSHOT

## 3rd quarter market report indicates a strong 'seller's market'

By Michael Hannon

Special to the Recorder

Residential market activity is a bench-

mark commonly used by real estate economists to measure supply/demand as they influence pricing, growth potential and residential real estate opportunity.

One indicator used to assess the current market is known as the "rate of absorption," which is calculated by dividing the number of units currently available by the current month's sales.

It's generally assumed that any number above six months of inventory suggests downward pressure on sales price, or a "Buyer's Market." Any number below six months of inventory suggests upward pressure on home prices or a "Seller's Market."

Using this measurement, residential real estate activity in Ponte Vedra during the third quarter of 2016 demonstrated

impressive performance, with a listing absorption rate at an average of 5.21 months. Condominiums under \$400,000 and single family homes under \$400,000 were the two most active sectors, at a combined average of a sizzling 2.67 months of inventory based on current local market demand.

### Quarterly Residential Summary Single Family Homes under \$400,000

Monthly inventory absorption averaged 2.7 months of inventory and ended at 2.55, which is cause for strong upward pressure on price for a strong "Seller's Market" position.

Sales price against list price averaged a strong 98.9 percent. The quarter ended

with 143 homes available at a price range of \$150,000 to \$399,900.

### Single Family Homes over \$400,000

Monthly inventory absorption averaged 7.9 and ended at 5.15 of inventory at current rate of absorption, which is cause for upward pressure on price, gently moving this category into a "Seller's Market" position.

Sales price against list price averaged a strong 96.9 percent. The quarter ended with 412 homes available at a price range of \$400,000 to \$10,200,000.

### Condominiums under \$400,000

Monthly inventory absorption averaged



# Ponte Vedra Rotarians to mentor Beaches Rotaract members

The Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach recently hosted a reception at Table 1 for the club's mentorship program. More than 20 Rotarians were each introduced to a member of the Beaches Rotaract Club, the Rotary Club for young adults ages 18 to 30. Through the mentorship program, Rotarians will meet one-on-one on a regular basis with their Rotaract member to offer professional development and career advice.

"This is such a huge blessing," said Rotaract Club Secretary Natalie Smith, who

will be mentored this year by Rotarian Kelly Sastre. "It's a great opportunity to grow and learn from people who have already paved the way for us."

Sastre — the local Rotary district chair for Rotaract — agreed, saying the professional development opportunity also strengthens Rotary by introducing young professionals to the global community service organization.

"This is the bloodline of Rotary," she said, "young adults coming in with fresh ideas."



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**Rotarian Kelly Sastre and Rotaract Secretary Natalie Smith**

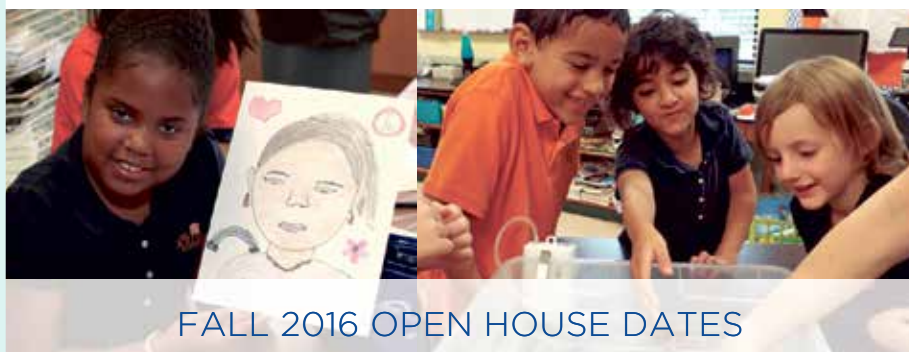


**Rotarian Robert Franskousky and Rotaract member Eric Sevaton**

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### Condominiums over \$400,000

Monthly inventory absorption averaged 7.6 months and ended at 4.14 of inven-

tory at current rate of absorption, which is cause for strong upward pressure on price, moving the category from a "Buyer's Market" position to a "Seller's Market" position. Sales price against list price averaged 97.3 percent. The quarter ended with 412 homes available at a price range of \$400,000 to \$1,950,000.

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## MOVERS & SHAKERS

### Beaches Museum welcomes new executive board

The Beaches Area Historical Society, the organization which operates the Beaches Museum & History Park, has announced the 2016-2017 executive board. Jack Schmidt and Michael Wainer will take the reins as president and vice president. They are joined on the executive board by Secretary Brigetta Lamsback and Treasurer Sam Hall.

New board members Bruce Barber, Dana Voiselle, Brant Lambert, Chris Shea, Randy Hayes, Susan Miller and Noriko Stern will join veteran members Neil McGuinness, Linda Lanier, Robert Boulay, William Carter and Jacqueline Williams.

### Jimerson & Cobb named among America's fastest-growing law firms

Jacksonville law firm Jimerson & Cobb, P.A., was named one of the fastest-growing law firms in the country at the inaugural Law Firm 500 conference and awards gala held last month.

Jimerson & Cobb ranked number 28 in the top 100 fastest-growing law firms in the United States. Recipients were honored at an Oct. 15 gala in Miami.

Earlier this year, Jimerson & Cobb was recognized by "Jacksonville Business Journal" for the fourth consecutive year as one of the 50 fastest-growing companies in Northeast Florida.

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### Robyn Branch awarded first place by ASID

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The prize-winning Windsong townhome belongs to Amelia Island residents Kristen and Wally Mulholland.

A design associate and ASID member, Branch owns and operates Robyn Branch Designs, an interior design business based in Fernandina Beach. The Robyn Branch



Several members of the 2015-2016 Beaches Area Historical Society Board attend the 2016 Beach Legends event held on Sept. 23.

Courtesy of Deanne Dunlop Photography

Design team is comprised of Branch, Ellen Lupone, Andrea Adair, Robin Whitfield and Phoebe Ricard.

### LEE teachers awarded 'Most Valued Educator,' 'Teacher of Promise' awards

Donna Guzzo, Language Exploration Enrichment (LEE) operations administrator for the St. Johns County Schools, was presented with the "Most Valued Educator" award for the fifth consecutive year at the annual Florida Foreign Language Association conference in Orlando Oct. 20.

Alejandra Rivera was presented with the "Teacher of Promise" award, which recognizes outstanding educators in their first three years in the profession.

LEE was founded in 2003. Its mission is to encourage all students to explore world languages and cultures.

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### Donna Guzzo and Michelle Olah, President, FFLA

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# Scaring up a good time

Pie in the Sky and Simple Gestures host the 2016 Great American Scarecrow Festival



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**By Carrie Resch**

Pie in the Sky and Simple Gestures partnered again this year for The Great American Scarecrow Festival held Saturday, Oct. 22.

Billed as an old-fashioned gathering and held at Simple Gestures in St. Augustine, the fall festival featured apple bobbing, face painting, pumpkin painting and live music by Lonesome Bert & the Skinny Lizards.

Festival-goers had the opportunity to bring with them old clothes, a hat and a pillow case or t-shirt to learn how to make scarecrows, with hay provided for the scarecrow stuffing.

A raffle and silent auction were also part of the day's festivities. Pork sandwiches, bean burgers and Pie in the Sky pies were for sale at the event.

Proceeds from the annual event benefited Pie in the Sky, an organization that provides fresh produce, healthy foods and other resources to low-income residents in the Hastings area. Specifically, proceeds from this year's festival

were earmarked for Pie in the Sky's new senior program.

Pie in the Sky partnered with the Council on Aging to identify seniors on the COA's Meals on Wheels waiting list who were interested in getting fresh produce delivered to their home. When the senior program began, there were 12 names on the list; now there are 85.

"There are over 4,000 low-income senior citizens in St. Johns County that are food insecure, so 85 is a drop in a bucket," Pie in the Sky Director Malea Guiriba said.

The organization hopes to grow the all-volunteer program because there's simply a lot of need, she said. The program provides food to low-income senior citizens throughout St. Johns County, but the vast majority of the seniors live in St. Augustine. It costs the organization about \$30 a month, or \$1 a day, to provide produce to a low-income senior.

"We try to give things that are healthy, that have a lot of vitamins and nutri-

ents that a low-income senior needs," she said. "We've gotten a tremendous response from the seniors we deliver to, saying they wouldn't be able to buy this at the store because it's too expensive."

The Great American Scarecrow Festival has been held annually at Simple Gestures since Pie in the Sky was founded in 2009. A second fundraiser, "It's for the Birds," is held in the spring. Local artists decorate bird houses with proceeds from the sales going to Pie in the Sky.

"We're small, but we do a lot and we get a lot done with a little, and Simple Gestures has just been the best partner we could ever hope for because they have such deep ties to the community of artists and musicians," Guiriba said.

"Lonesome Bert & the Skinny Lizards have volunteered their time every year, twice a year for us — they're always there to play music," she continued. "It's a great support network of folks in St. Augustine that allows us to be able to do this."



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# Yellow Ribbon Fund Golf Tournament to be held Nov. 10-11

The 7th annual Jacksonville Yellow Ribbon Fund Golf Tournament and Fundraiser will take place Nov. 10 and 11 at Marsh Landing Country Club.

The mission of the Yellow Ribbon Fund (YRF) is to provide financial support to injured military veterans and their families.

The "Salute to the Yellow Ribbon Fund" dinner event – featuring a sit down dinner and silent auction for players, spouses and sponsors – will take place Thursday, Nov. 10 at 7 p.m.

The golf tournament will begin with a shotgun start at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 11, followed by lunch and an awards ceremony. Prizes will be awarded for the low net first through third place finishers and low gross teams first through third team winners. Additionally, numerous holes will have a skill prize, such as a "closest to the pin" contest and more.

The "Seal Team Six" 18-hole golf scramble event featuring a six-hole, six-person format, will begin immediately following the awards ceremony.

The event, which replaces the Emergency 9 event from past years, will be an additional \$20 per player entry fee.

Participants will have a chance to win cash prizes.

Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres at the Marsh Landing Club House will close out the day.

The entry fee to the YRF dinner is \$100 per person or \$150 per couple. The individual golf entry fee is \$450 and includes green and cart fees, the YRF dinner for player and guest, continental breakfast, lunch for player and guest and limited beverages. The entry fee for foursomes is \$1,800.

Individual and corporate sponsorship opportunities are also available. The maximum number of participants for this tournament will be 144.

More than 270 people attended the 2015 YRF dinner, raising \$157,000 in support of the YRF.

The goal this year is to raise at least \$200,000.

Contributions made through the YRF, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization created in 2005, have provided services such as rental cars, taxi rides, hotel rooms and free tickets to sporting and other entertainment events to injured service members and their families.

For more information or to register, visit [www.yellowribbonfundne-florida.org](http://www.yellowribbonfundne-florida.org).

## OBITUARIES



### David A. Smith

David A. Smith, 59, originally of Baltimore, MD, died Oct. 16, 2016 with his loving wife by his side.

He had a passion for his family, friends and cycling.

Dave started Bikes for Kids in Jacksonville Beach, which donated bikes and helmets to area children in need. He is survived by his loving wife, daughters, grandsons, mother, siblings and many more family and friends.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to [www.pancan.org](http://www.pancan.org), Bikes for BEAM Kids with checks made payable to Beaches Velo, 1865 Hickory Lane, Atlantic Beach, FL 32233 ("Dave Smith – Bikes for BEAM Kids" in subject

line) or to Mayo Clinic, Department of Development, 200 First Street SW, Rochester, MN 55905 ("In Memory of Dave Smith – Jacksonville Cancer Clinic" in the subject line).

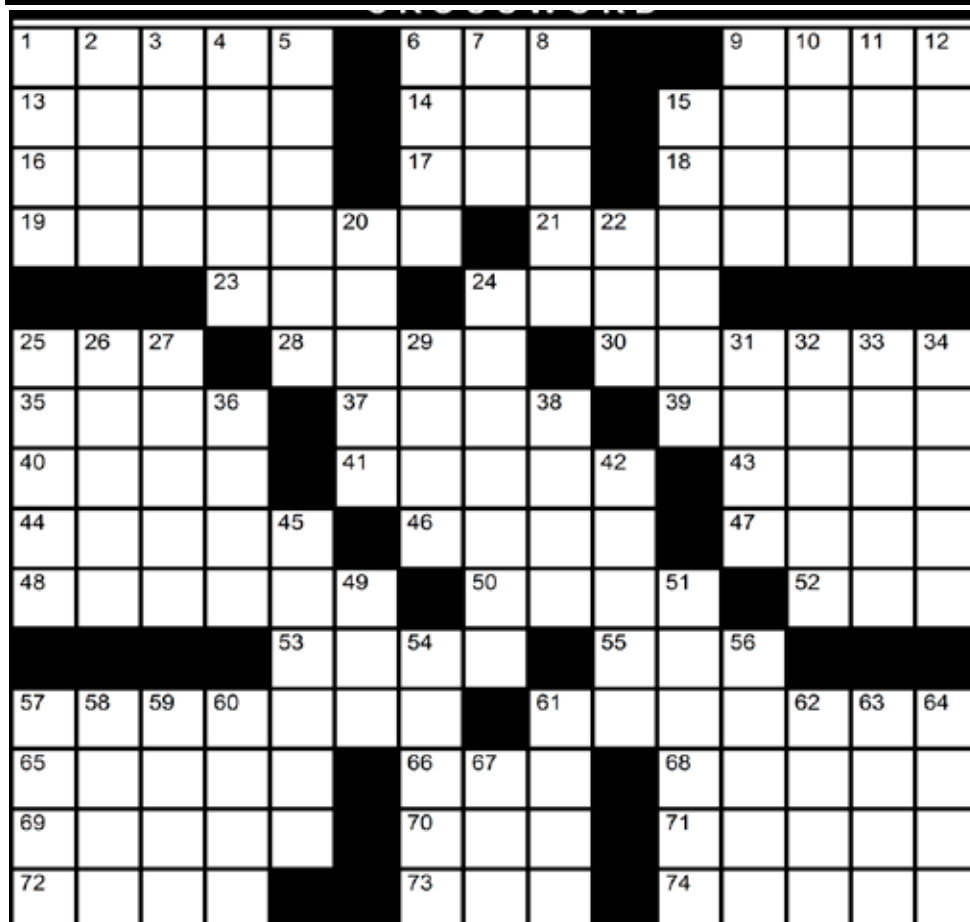
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#45 Duncan Van Kouteren blocks a Parker punt, resulting in a safety for the Sharks.

Photos by Chris and Jerry Norton

# Sharks top Parker 33-14 on Senior Night, capture district title

By Jerry Norton

The Ponte Vedra Sharks extended their season unbeaten streak to eight games, with a 33-14 district win over the Terry Parker Braves on Senior Night at the Shark Tank last Friday.

While it was not the Sharks' best performance of the year, it served to clinch the District 5A Class 4 title. As a result, the Sharks will open the post-season at home against an opponent still to be determined. Perhaps the lackluster performance was simply a let down following an emotionally draining 48-45 win over Bartram Trail the week before on a 42-yard field goal in the game's final seconds.

Whatever the reason, Ponte Vedra missed a pair of chip shot field goals in the first quarter but Duncan Van Kouteren was able to block the Parker punt on the visitor's second possession to earn a safety and a 2-0 lead for Ponte Vedra at the six-minute mark.

Following the safety, the Sharks controlled the ball for 12 plays and a first and goal from the Parker six before settling for their second field goal attempt of the game, this from 34 yards. Like the previous miss, this one sailed wide right.

The Shark defense kept the Braves bottled up in their end of the field and the ensuing short Parker punt gave Ponte Vedra the ball and a short field to work with. Once again, Ponte Vedra had to settle for another field goal attempt. Chris Howard's kick was true and the Sharks took a 5-0

lead as the first quarter ended.

Things got back to normal after Ponte Vedra took over on downs. Nick Tronti and Hal Swan collaborated on a successful 20-yard pass, Swan ran for eight then bulled over from the five to put the Sharks on top 12-0. The half ended with the teams trading unsuccessful possessions.

Parker used the long ball and a two-point conversion to close the gap to 12-8. But the Sharks answered with a 15-play drive. The most exciting in the series — an 80-yard run from scrimmage by Swan for an apparent touchdown — was all for naught when Ponte Vedra was flagged for holding. Still the drive continued. On a third and 18 from midfield, Swan ripped off a 40-yard run to the Parker 10. The next play, Tronti hit his tight end Kit Connelly in the end zone for a touchdown, making the score a little more respectable for the Sharks at 19-8.

Ponte Vedra's defense continued to make matters difficult for the Braves. After quarterback sacks by Van Kouteren and Peter Merlini, JB Shepherd picked off a pass and Tronti turned the possession into a 19-yard touchdown to JD Pirris, bumping the Shark lead to 26-8.

Ponte Vedra got burned on yet another long pass play for the other Brave score but Andrew O'Dare intercepted their two-point attempt. O'Dare has made a habit this season of picking off two-point conversion passes.

After Ponte Vedra's Noah Solaun recovered the Braves' not surprising on-sides



#7 Jake Maguire of the Sharks makes a great attempt but couldn't bring the ball in.

kick-off, Tronti led his team to its final touchdown. It came on a 15-yard pass to Jake Maguire and made the final score 33-14.

Halftime was devoted to the crowning of the Homecoming King and Queen, Molly Voytecek and Davis Massey.

The Sharks host Creekside in the final regular season game on Friday, Nov. 4 at 7 p.m. The Knights, who play in District 7A, have been struggling all season; they stand at 0-8 for the year, having scored just 80 points while allowing 346.

## TITANS 36, JAGUARS 22

## Jaguars lose to a former head coach for second straight game

Team fires offensive coordinator Olson, promotes Hackett

By Mike Bonts

The Jaguars came out of Music City singing a sad country song, as Jacksonville lost an uninspired but important AFC South game to Tennessee 36-22.

The Jaguars now have back-to-back losses this season to former coaches: Mike Mularkey of Tennessee and Oakland's Jack Del Rio.

The Jaguars' lackluster performance on national TV Thursday night included a glaring 27-0 halftime deficit as the Titans had 354 yards of offense after two quarters compared to Jacksonville's 60. It could have been much worse if Tennessee gone to a prevent defense, playing soft in the secondary for the entire second half.

"Well, I've been in a lot of games in my career, and I don't know if there's any cushion," Mularkey said. "When we came out at the half, it was the full game plan. Nothing was going to change because I've been around long enough to know: Don't get comfortable."

Tennessee (4-4) scored on its last five possessions of the first half.

Titans QB Marcus Mariota passed for 270 yards, and DeMarco Murray rushed for 123 yards and a TD. Mariota completed 18 of 22 passes with two touchdowns and no interceptions as the Titans outgained the Jaguars 494 yards to 370.

"I think today was probably the first time all three phases played a complete game, and you know what, that's all you can really ask for," Mariota said. "Those guys deserve a lot of credit, and we've just got to continue to roll."

Jacksonville (2-5) QB Blake Bortles was 33 of 54 for 337 yards and three TDs.

Bortles admitted to being frustrated by the team's performance.

"Confidence isn't an issue," Bortles said. "I believe in myself and this team 100 percent."

Bortles threw a 10-yard TD pass to tight end Julius Thomas to open the second half. He ran in the two-point conversion, cutting the deficit to 27-8. Bortles threw a 5-yard TD to Allen



# District Champs



Photo submitted by Tanis Milicevic

The Ponte Vedra High School Swim & Dive Team recently captured the 2016 District Champions title – their sixth consecutive district title. The team took home the title Oct. 26 at Cecil Field, and now heads to regionals in Panama City.

## Jaguars

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Hurns and then a 7-yard scoring pass to Bryan Walters in the final minutes.

So how did the Jaguars respond to the loss? They fired offensive coordinator Greg Olson Saturday and promoted QB coach Nathaniel Hackett.

The son of former NFL coach Paul Hackett, he previously spent two seasons as offensive coordinator for the Buffalo Bills and two seasons before that was offensive coordinator at Syracuse.

Jacksonville is averaging 72.6 rushing yards and 19.9 points per game, both ranking near the bottom of the NFL.

Jaguars Head Coach Gus Bradley fell to 14-41 in his fourth season. He was asked after the Titans game if he was worried about his job.

“No, I worry about this team and why did we perform like that in the first half and figuring out, ‘OK, how can we get it right?’” Bradley said. “There’s always solutions. This period right here, it happened, and we’ve got to take a hard look at it.”

The Jaguars travel to Kansas City to face the Chiefs on Sunday.

**Tennessee game notes:** Jaguars rookie cornerback Jalen Ramsey, a former star at nearby Brentwood Academy, played his first NFL game in Nashville.

Jaguars defensive tackle Roy Miller III was placed on injured reserve. His roster spot was taken by Richard Ash.

Abry Jones replaced Miller in the starting lineup and made three tackles...defensive end Tyson Alualu took Jared Odrick’s starting position and recorded three tackles.



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Jacksonville wide receiver Allen Hurns catches a 5-yard touchdown pass from QB Blake Bortles in the Jaguars’ 36-22 loss to Tennessee in Nashville.

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