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WHAT'S THIS?



Do you know what this is?

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

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

One reader correctly identified last week's photo as the sign for M Shack. That reader was **Erin Kapustka**. Congratulations, Erin — you may pick up your prize at the Recorder office during normal business hours.



ADOPT A PET



CAT OF THE WEEK

Storm is a 10-month-old, neutered male cat. He is a grey and white domestic short hair who loves to snuggle, love on people and let you rub his tummy. He loves kids, cats and dogs. Come see Storm today at the Pet Center. #49566



DOG OF THE WEEK

A concerned citizen called regarding Ava. This 2-year-old spayed brindle terrier mix was brought in as an emaciated stray. Since then, she has blossomed into a healthy weight with lots of energy. Ava loves to play, especially with other dogs. Come see Ava today at the Pet Center. #49762

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

St. Johns County Pet Center

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

PUZZLE SOLUTIONS

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Solutions correspond to last week's puzzles.

Discover something **NEW!**



AFRICAN FOREST



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Stunning Riverfront Estate
Riverfront/ San Marco
Instantly makes you feel you've been swept away to a chateau in France. Exquisitely designed with extensive custom finishes, this 10,204-sq.-ft. Tudor-style home is a masterpiece in design and built for entertaining. **5 bedroom, 6 full bath, 5 half bath \$7,800,000**



Furnished Coastal Cottage
With direct beach access and an open floor plan this is the ideal vacation home or rental property. Features new roof, 2 new AC units, no HOA, and is being sold furnished. **5 bedrooms, 4 baths \$1,225,000**



Most Desired Oceanfront Location in NE Florida
Las Mirandas / Oceanfront Condo
This first-floor unit was totally renovated with the finest finishes & craftsmanship. Includes an office, staurnia floors, mahogany doors & built-in custom cabinetry. **2 bedrooms & 2 bathrooms + powder room \$1,700,000**



A Sophisticated and Luxurious Retreat on Ponte Vedra Blvd.
Ponte Vedra Beach/ Oceanfront
This impressive oceanfront home reflects that magical merging of beach living and architecture. Situated on 220ft of Oceanfront and designed by Residential Designs by Kevin Gray, Inc and built by Elwood Collier, this estate is a masterpiece of design and craftsmanship. It's location atop one of the highest natural sand dunes along the Florida coast (with the finished floor elevation is approximately 33.5' above sea level) allows owners the ultimate beach living experience. **4 bedrooms, 5 and 3 1/2 bathrooms \$7,995,000**



LOCAL RESIDENT AND JCDS STUDENT ENJOYS MORNING WITH MOM

Bentin, a kindergarten student from Ponte Vedra, recently hosted his mom at Jacksonville Country Day School for the annual "Mom's Morning with Me." He presented his mom, Leah Preston, with a mixed-media art piece that said, "I love you to the moon and back."

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COLLECTION



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Meticulously maintained home on deep preserve lot. Features 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, & gourmet kitchen with granite countertops, cooking island, double ovens, & stainless steel appliances. Enjoy beautiful views of nature from the extended screened lanai & oversized fully fenced backyard. MLS 989592

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KELLY POINTE
\$455,000

Contemporary lakefront home in Nocatee. Features over 2,700 SqFt & fresh updates throughout, including ceramic wood floors & an epicurean kitchen with subway tile backsplash & stainless steel appliances. Host friends in the formal dining room or dine al fresco under the covered patio! MLS 992201

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VILLARIVA
\$1,350,000

Enjoy breathtaking views of the St. Johns River from this luxurious condo! This elegant end unit offers a master suite with Jacuzzi tub, custom closets, travertine & marble floors, granite countertops, gourmet kitchen with 5-burner gas cooktop & SS appliances, & 3 terraces. MLS 993384

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NOCATEE HAPPENINGS

Community leaders address current issues in St. Johns County at town hall

By Amber Lake

Community members had the rare opportunity to raise concerns with three different St. Johns County officials at a town hall held in Nocatee on Wednesday, May 15.

Commissioner Jeremiah Blocker of District 4, County Administrator Michael Wanchick and Sheriff David Shoar attended the event at Crosswater Hall to present on current topics and answer questions to a packed house of almost 200 residents.

Notable topics included growing pains associated with the area's tremendous population growth, golf cart regulation, county budget issues and new facilities.

Blocker pointed out that St. Johns County is facing an increased demand in many basic services it provides, including fire rescue, roads, parks and libraries. He stressed that there is no way to curb the influx of people moving to the area, so accounting for the demand is something the county is tasked with handling.

In addition, this growth isn't limited to residential increases, Blocker said, but non-residential developments such as the new PGA TOUR expansion for its headquarters in Ponte Vedra Beach and



Photo by Amber Lake

St. Johns County Administrator Michael Wanchick, District 4 County Commissioner Jeremiah Blocker and Sheriff David Shoar address attendees of a town hall in Nocatee on Wednesday, May 15.

Northrop Grumman's Center of Excellence. According to the U.S Census Bureau, St. Johns County's population was at 254,261 in 2018, which was over 10,000 more than it was the previous year.

A few questions were raised by Nocatee residents about adding a library to their own community. Blocker said the board recently passed a vote in favor of opening a process for building the facility in the location with the intention of it

being a "public and private partnership." He also mentioned that a developer may be willing to donate land to the county for the library.

"We are primed," Blocker said. "The residents want it. We in the county want it as well but going forward having limited dollars, (we feel that) having a strategic partnership with a public and private (partnership) is the way to go."

The issue of "limited dollars" has been raised often, particularly by County Administrator Michael Wanchick, who spoke to the concern at the town hall meeting.

"The question is simply this, what form of government do you want from St. Johns County?" Wanchick asked. "Is it more important to you to keep taxes and fees low if it means diminishing our quality of life? Or is there some level of revenue increase that is acceptable to the community? Because it's your community. If it means maintaining and enhancing our quality of life ... I ask that question because the needs of the community far outweigh the financial resources we have."

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Passport services now available at Ponte Vedra annex

Passport services are now available locally to residents of Ponte Vedra and surrounding areas at the Ponte Vedra branch of the St. Johns County Tax Collector.

According to the office of St. Johns County Clerk of Court & Comptroller Hunter S. Conrad, this service will alleviate the need to travel to the Judicial Center in St. Augustine to apply for a passport. This service will be available Mondays and Wednesdays between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. by appointment only, as of May 20. To make an appointment, call (904) 819-3632.

"After a very successful pilot program launch and implementation in the Northwest, it's now time to expand our offered services to the Northeast as well," Conrad said. "We're constantly looking at ways to meet the needs of our constituents in a sustainable and fiscally conservative manner and this has proven to be just that."

Upon making an appointment, the Clerk's staff will advise you regarding the forms needed to complete the application and the acceptable methods of payment. In addition to passport applications, citizens will also be able to get their passport photos taken on site for a fee of \$10.65.

The Ponte Vedra annex is located at 151 Sawgrass Corners Drive, Suite 100, Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082.



Photo courtesy of St. Johns County Clerk of Court & Comptroller
Residents of Ponte Vedra and surrounding areas can now receive passport services at the Ponte Vedra branch of the St. Johns County Tax Collector.

Crash on Ponte Vedra Boulevard leaves 1 dead

By Amber Lake

A fatal crash occurred Sunday on Ponte Vedra Boulevard at approximately 12:15 a.m.

According to the crash report from the St. Johns County Sheriff's Office (SJSO), two men were riding in a Ferrari headed north, approaching the intersection of Sawgrass Drive East, when the vehicle hit a curb, causing the driver to lose control, slide and strike a power pole, utility box and multiple trees. Tennessee residents James Richardson, 42, and Jeffery Richmond Jr., 41, were ejected from the vehicle. Richardson was pronounced deceased at Beaches Baptist hospital, while Richmond remained hospitalized at Memorial Hospital.

Neither occupant was registered to the vehicle. In fact, the car was registered to a Ponte Vedra Beach resident who lives on Ponte Vedra Boulevard. SJSO said investigators are still working on determining who was driving.

MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

Nominations still open for Recorder's Best of the Best of Ponte Vedra contest

By Jon Blauvelt

In celebration of our 50th anniversary, the Ponte Vedra Recorder has launched its first-ever Best of the Best of Ponte Vedra contest, covering zip codes 32082 and 32081.

Readers have the chance to nominate their favorite businesses, professional services, organizations and more in nearly 300 categories online. From best boss to best charity event, best artist to best yoga instructor and best barbecue to best jewelry store, the categories run the gamut and are sure to include your favorite things. Nominations for the contest opened May 16 at www.pontevedrarecorder.com/BestOf. So far, community members from the Ponte Vedra area have submitted 746 nominations.

Anyone can nominate a business or person — there is no limit to the number of nominations each person can submit — through May 31. Online voting will begin once nominations are complete. Voting will take place from



June 1 to July 20, during which each person can vote once per day in as many categories as he or she wants. The nominees who receive the most votes will be named

2019 Best of the Best of Ponte Vedra. Nominations and voting are completely free and open to the public.

The Best Of platform on the Recorder's website features lists of nominees in an easy-to-use format. Nominees can participate in advertising packages that promote their entry by expanding their listing to feature additional details on the business.

Winners will receive a free framed certificate and a Best of the Best of Ponte Vedra window cling. Each winner will also be listed in our Best of the Best of Ponte Vedra special section and on the winners' website. Winners will be notified by Ponte Vedra Recorder staff in July.

For more information or to find out how to get your nominated business or product involved in promotions that will be going on throughout the contest cycle, contact your sales representative, email susan@opcfla.com or call (904) 285-8831. Nominate your favorite business, service, person, restaurant or product now at www.pontevedrarecorder.com/BestOf.



Ponte Vedra Inn & Club to fully renovate Ocean Course

\$40 million committed for upgrades, modernization throughout resort

Ponte Vedra Inn & Club announced in a press release on Monday plans to conduct a comprehensive, \$8 million restoration of the Ocean Course 18-hole golf course.

Beginning in August 2019, the Ocean Course will close for one year, allowing for the full renovation of the course. According to the release, the project will fully restore the greens, fairways, tees, bunkers, irrigation, drainage, grassing, bridges/bulkhead and landscaping, as well as make significant improvements to the driving range and practice facilities. The renovation project is led by noted course designer Bobby Weed, who led the course's previous renovation in 1998.

"For more than 90 years, the Ocean Course has been enjoyed by club members and guests from around the world," said Herbert Hill Peyton, chairman of GATE Petroleum

Company. "We are pleased that the \$8 million project will restore the Ocean Course to its past glory."

As the Ponte Vedra Inn & Club approaches its centennial anniversary, the company has committed nearly \$40 million for upgrades and modernization of the resort. Over the last 18 months, enhancements have included updates to the gym and expansion of its locker room, renovations of the Golf Pro-Shop and Golf Club Dining Room and a remodel of The Surf Club family pool. Next summer, the resort will open a new Ocean House room facility featuring 41 rooms and suites.

The Ocean Course first debuted in 1928. With its famous 9th hole, one of the game's earliest examples of an island green, the new course was tapped to host the 1939 Ryder Cup matches. As time has passed, the course has experienced two major redesigns to improve the appeal and quality of the course, first in 1940 and later in 1998. While the Ocean Course is under renovations, the resort's Lagoon Course will remain open.

Town Hall

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Population growth has also led to an influx of golf carts, especially in the Nocatee area. Many residents were concerned about safety issues because of the extra traffic.

Sheriff Shoar said he was also concerned with the issue, particularly since a few recent accidents involving golf carts have resulted in life-threatening injuries.

"We are in the process of rolling out a pretty robust campaign about golf carts," Shoar said. "In our profession we believe if its predictable, its preventable. ... You're going to see it on TV and on our social media. In case someone gets hurt on these golf carts we are going to be smart about how we deal with that."

In addition, Shoar mentioned that he was planning on working out a few ordinances tailored to the issue with the county commissioners. With that in mind, he stated later in the evening that he is an "independent entity of the board" and that although commissioners fund public safety, "historically the cooperation and collaboration (between them) has been remarkable."

Although he applauds Blocker, Commissioner Paul Waldron of District 3 and Commissioner Henry Dean of District 5 for their support, he said other commissioners on the board are having issues collaborating.

"I won't go into it tonight because we want to keep it positive, but it's my considered opinion that I've got a couple of county commissioners that are trying to undermine public safety," Shoar said. "That's (District 1 Commissioner) Jimmy Johns and Commissioner Jeb Smith (of District 2). I'm going to deal with that because I'm an elected official and I've dealt with people like that before. I will tell you historically, we have never gotten along."

John Cellucci is the chairman of the Board of Trustees for the Municipal Service District of Ponte Vedra Beach.

John Cellucci

Can you please briefly tell us about your background?

I was born and raised in Philadelphia and came to live in Ponte Vedra Beach with my wife, MJ, by way of Basking Ridge, New Jersey, 32 years ago. After serving in the U.S. Navy on an aircraft carrier during the Vietnam era, I spent the next 40 years in the insurance industry in various capacities. Along the way, I earned a number of professional insurance designations and my MBA.

It didn't take long for me to love the lifestyle and sense of community in Ponte Vedra Beach. After retirement, I decided I wanted to give back to this great community. I became active by serving on the Ponte Vedra Sidewalk Connection Committee, which was instrumental in adding over two and a half miles of sidewalk along Ponte Vedra Boulevard. I also served on the Ponte Vedra Zoning and Adjustment Board prior to being elected as a trustee on the MSD Board, later serving as vice-chairman and currently serving as chairman.

What are your goals this year as chairman of the MSD Board?

The MSD works closely with the county to provide and supplement standard county services. My goal is to foster our relationship with the county and gain their support on the pressing issues that face the MSD. In addition to safety, beach renourishment is a top priority. Traffic, drainage, road maintenance, sanitation, beach access, water and sewage and lighting are among the other issues we address.

What do you enjoy most about serving on the Board?

I most enjoy meeting people — from MSD residents to county staff and elected officials. I also enjoy solving problems for individual MSD residents that later become beneficial to the community as a whole.

What have you found most surprising while serving on the Board?

What I have found most surprising is the time commitment required to fulfill the duties of being a trustee. I have a great deal of admiration and respect for all former and current trustees who volunteer their time and talent and tirelessly work at making this the delightful community that it is.

What do you enjoy most about living in Ponte Vedra Beach?

Wow — that is a hard question to answer. There are so many things to enjoy about this community that it's difficult to identify one thing that I enjoy most. I grew up in big-city Philadelphia. In a million years I never dreamed God would bless me with living in such a welcoming and beautiful community. I love to watch the sun come up, walk on the beach looking for sharks' teeth or just sit on the beach with a good book and listen to waves crashing on the shore.

What do you like to do in your free time?

MJ and I love spending our free time making memories with family. We have a large extended family in the Jacksonville area. We call it "Philly South." We are blessed to have MJ's parents also living in Ponte Vedra Beach. After visiting us several times, they decided to move here after their retirement. Now in their mid-90s, they have been here 26 years. MJ's brother and our nieces and nephews are also close by. We even have a great,



Photo by Jon Blauvelt

great nephew. So, when the family gets together, it is five generations and about 20 people. Needless to say, our big Italian family dinners are a little bit chaotic and a whole lot of fun. Spending time at the beach is part of the family tradition and looking for sharks' teeth has become a competition. Who can find the most? Who has found the biggest one?

The Southern charm of Jacksonville has captivated us. Since moving here, we have made such wonderful friends. They are part of our extended family, and we

love spending our free time with them, too.

Travel is something MJ and I also enjoy. During the past year, we have been to Italy and the Holy Lands (Israel and Jordan). In between those international trips, we went to Isle of Palms for our annual cousins' reunion and to Augusta for the Masters. We are trying to decide where we'll go in 2020. Wherever it is, I know we'll enjoy it and we'll always look forward to returning home to Ponte Vedra Beach.

Edited by Jon Blauvelt

FSDB receives matching gift endowment in honor of board member

The Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind (FSDB) recently received an endowment gift of \$250,000 from the Lastinger Family Foundation in honor of Dr. Thomas M. Zavelson, a member of the FSDB Board of Trustees.

“The Dr. Thomas M. Zavelson Endowment for Student Achievement will support professional development opportunities for FSDB educators, with the ultimate goal of increasing student success in all aspects of their academic experience,” FSDB President Dr. Jeanne Glidden Prickett said in a press release from the school.

A retired pediatrician, Zavelson was a

clinical professor of pediatrics at the University of Florida College of Medicine. Previously, he was a founding and senior partner with the Pediatric Associates of Gainesville, a pediatric consultant for Children’s Medical Services, chair of the North Florida Regional Medical Center Department of Pediatrics, and member of the North Florida Regional Hospital Board of Trustees. In 2010, he was appointed by the Florida governor to the FSDB Board of Directors (reappointed in 2012 and 2016).

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Allen L. and Delores Taylor Lastinger with Dr. Thomas M. Zavelson



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Thursday, May 23	Friday, May 24	Saturday, May 25	Sunday, May 26
<p>2019 Jacksonville Jazz Festival Join the city of Jacksonville from May 23-26 and experience two stages of live entertainment, local food, drinks, shopping and more! For over 30 years the "Jazzfest" in Jacksonville has flooded the streets with rhythm. It has become one of the largest jazz festivals in the state, offering a fun and vibrant street festival atmosphere through downtown. This year kicks off with the Jacksonville Jazz Piano Competition on May 23 at 7 p.m. at the Florida Theatre! The festival is free to attend with VIP options available. For the full festival schedule and more information, visit www.jacksonvillejazzfest.com. The Jacksonville Jazz fest will be located at 117 West Duval St. in Jacksonville.</p> <p>'Ain't Misbehavin' at the Alhambra This winner of the 1978 Tony Award for Best Musical is a celebration of legendary jazz writer Thomas "Fats" Waller, who rose to international fame during the Golden Age of the Cotton Club and swing music. A tribute to the black musicians of the Harlem Renaissance of the 1920s and '30s, this revue provides an evening of rowdy and humorous songs for all. Arrive at 6 p.m. on May 23, for dinner and stick around for the show opening at 7:50 p.m. For ticket pirings and purchases, more showtimes and information, visit www.alhambrajax.com. The Alhambra Theatre & Dining is located at 12000 Beach Blvd. in Jacksonville.</p> <p>Sip & Science Series: 'Shoreline stewards monitoring today, protecting tomorrow' * Enjoy free, light refreshments and learn about the local environment on May 23 while University of Florida graduate student, Lauren Brisley presents a brief background and overview of research efforts in the Intracoastal Waterway and opportunities to volunteer. The event is free to the public and runs from 5 to 6 p.m. at the GTM Research Reserve Visitor Center. RSVP is requested. For more information or to reserve a spot, contact (904) 823-4524. The GTM Research Reserve Visitor Center is located at 505 Guana River Rd. in Ponte Vedra Beach.</p>	<p>St. Johns County Parks and Recreation's 'Not in Your Backyard' Ever wonder how to identify and remove the plants that are "bad" for gardening and the environment? St. Johns County Parks and Recreation partnered with GTM Research Reserve for an opportunity to learn about invasive plant species within Northeast Florida. On May 24 from 10 to 11 a.m., guests can learn about the top coastal invasive species, how to remove them, and recommendations on natives to plant. This program will be held at The Players Community Senior Center and is free and open to the public. Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. For more info, contact Kelly Ussia at kussia@sjcf.us or (904)209-0335. The Players Community Senior Center is located at 175 Landrum Lane in Ponte Vedra Beach.</p> <p>Jax Jazz Jam: Jazz Fest After Dark Is the Jacksonville Jazz Festival ending too early for a Friday night? Visit The Justice Pub from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m. on May 24 to continue the jam session. The Justice Pub is hosting "Jazz Fest After Dark," a free afterparty open to all jazz lovers. Enjoy Jazz like never before. The show will feature Kiaya Cash performing with The Justice Pub's house band. Afterwards, all musicians are welcome to jam with the crew and continue the good times. The Justice Pub is located at 315 E. Bay St., #101 in Jacksonville.</p> <p>JAX Cooking Studio's American BBQ Favorites Ready for Memorial Day, but don't know what to eat? The JAX Cooking Studio is hosting a cooking class on May 24 at 6:30 p.m. to learn how to make some mean American BBQ, just in time for Memorial Day weekend. Learn how to make fall-off-the-bone baby back ribs, three cheese mac-n-cheese, peach and blueberry cobbler and more, alongside Chef Spencer, who has mastered his technique while working in a hunting lodge in Wyoming. Learn how he prepares ribs using an indoor oven, but with the same, smokey, outdoor taste. Complimentary beer and wine will be available while the class barbecues indoors. JAX Cooking Studio is located at 14035 Beach Blvd., #6 in Jacksonville.</p>	<p>David Dunlop Exhibition: 'Travel in Light' * David Dunlop is a modern-day artist whose luminous paintings draw from both Renaissance techniques and contemporary science. Dunlop's paintings have been shown internationally and are held in the collections of major corporations including Aetna Insurance, Citibank, Delta Airlines, IBM and more. Now through June 15, The Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach is honored to show some of Dunlop's most intriguing work. Visit anytime from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. for a play of light and dark, night and day and cities and landscapes. The Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach is located at 50 Executive Way in Ponte Vedra Beach.</p> <p>Circus Train* Ride the rails through a backdrop where "Dumbo" was filmed with circus-themed entertainment along the way. On May 25, get picked up at St. Marys Depot and enjoy the antics of clowns and other circus characters as you ride the rails to the "big top" stage where circus performers entertain. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$14 for kids ages 14 and under. For train schedules and more information, visit www.stmarysrailroad.com. St. Mary's Depot is located at 1000 Osborne St. in St. Marys, Georgia.</p> <p>Art for Tots: 'Circles and Sea of the Ear Rings' Join the Cummer Museum on May 25 for this hour-long monthly program that helps develop a child's sensory and motor skills through art, movement, music, and storytelling. Starting at 9:30 a.m., children will view Sea of the Ear Rings by Takashi Soga and try to create circles with their bodies and friends, possibly seeking to defy gravity as Soga does in his work. Back in the studio, children will create art inspired by this unique sculptor. Class size is limited and costs \$15 per pair for members and \$20 for non-members. For more information, call (904) 355-0630. The Cummer Museum is located at 829 Riverside Ave. in Jacksonville.</p>	<p>Sundays at Surfer the Bar Every Sunday, join Big Fish Power Yoga for a free Music & Flow class at Surfer the Bar. The class is held upstairs at the bar and runs from 10 to 11 a.m. every week. Bring friends and family and enjoy brunch and mimosas downstairs following class. Register under classes on bigfishpoweryoga.com. Surfer the Bar is located at 200 First St. in Jacksonville Beach.</p> <p>Beach Clean-Up with Lush It doesn't take living right next to the beach to understand the importance of keeping Jacksonville's beaches clean. Join the Lush crew from the Avenues Mall on May 26 as they venture "over the ditch" to the Jacksonville Beach Pier and host their own beach clean-up! Cleaning supplies will be provided. Invite some friends and help Lush make the beaches even more "LUSHer" than they were before. The clean up will run from 8 to 10 a.m. The Jacksonville Beach Pier is located at 503 First St. N. in Jacksonville Beach.</p> <p>Sunset Yoga at Jax Beach Hosted by Samantha Ortego from The Conscious Approach, this sunset yoga session guides fellow yogis through gentle postures and transformative mediation called "Yoga Nidra." This technique enables one enter deeper realms of consciousness and reshape life and health. Yoga Nidra includes simple, techniques for accelerating physical and emotional healing. The yoga session will run from 6:45 to 7:45 p.m. Sunset Yoga will be located at Sixth Ave. S. in Jacksonville Beach.</p> <p>Military Appreciation Day at Victory Lutheran Church In honor of Memorial Day, Victory Lutheran Church and Preschool will be hosting a Military Appreciation Day on May 26 at 10:30 a.m. to honor military members in the community. All are welcome to attend. Military members and guests can enjoy some light refreshments, receive a flag and other handouts while supplies last. For more information, visit www.victorlutheran.org or call (904) 642-8900 for more details. Victory Lutheran Church and Preschool is located at 4651 Kernan Blvd. S. in Jacksonville.</p>

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<p>Memorial Day community workout Come kick off Memorial Day on May 27 with a free community work-out session from Camp Gladiator. The workout session will be held at South Beach Park & Sunshine Playground from 7:45 to 8:45 a.m. Each workout or "camp" is a 60-minute, full-body workout, incorporating both cardio and strength training. Come celebrate military members who have given their all and remember to rock some red, white and blue! For more information, call (904) 247-6100. South Beach Park & Sunshine Playground is located at 2514 S. Beach Pkwy. in Jacksonville Beach.</p> <p>Memorial Concert & Picnic In collaboration with the City of Jacksonville, the Memorial Park Association presents, a Memorial Concert and Picnic featuring the U.S. Navy Band Southeast on Memorial Day, May 27, at Memorial Park. Enjoy a free concert, honoring all who died while in military service. Guests are encouraged to bring their own blankets or chairs, along with snacks to enjoy during or after the show. Everyone is also welcome and encouraged to wear red, white and blue. The show starts at 5 p.m. Get there early for a good spot, bring some food, and most importantly, bring family, friends and loved ones for a special event in honor of those who have served. For more information, visit the official website at www.memparkjax.org. Memorial Park is located at 1620 Riverside Ave. in Jacksonville.</p> <p>Kayak Lark at Palm Valley Outdoors Memorial Day Monday is a perfect day for kayaking! Venture out on the water with the "A Lark About" club on May 27 and then for a bite to eat at Palm Valley Outdoors. The event will run from 9 to 11 a.m., but arrive early if renting a kayak. Single and tandem kayaks will be available to rent at Palm Valley Outdoors. Be ready to paddle out at 9 a.m. and bring a life jacket! Please reserve a spot before the event. For more information, contact "A Lark About" at (904) 210-7765. Palm Valley Outdoors is located at 377 S. Roscoe Blvd. in Ponte Vedra Beach.</p>	<p>Florida Blue free Tuesdays at The Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens Each Tuesday evening from 4 to 9 p.m. enjoy free admission to the Cummer Museum and its historic art galleries and gardens, thanks to the generous support of Florida Blue. The Cummer Café is also open for Tapas Tuesday, sponsored by Vystar. The Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens is located at 829 Riverside Ave. in Jacksonville.</p> <p>Karaoke party at theLoft Tired of the same old Tuesday nights? Visit the LOFT for its karaoke party with Dj. Keith Wilson on May 28 from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Wilson has a wide-range catalog of karaoke songs with up-to-date song titles available to sing. The lyrics are projected on a massive screen on the walls while participants sing away on stage with colorful lights. The first five singers get a free shot of Fireball served up by theLoft bartender Ben DelaPena. There is no cover to karaoke. Just bring some friends, gain some liquid courage at the bar and sing that heart out. TheLoft is located at 325 King St. in Jacksonville.</p> <p>Kids \$1 Tuesdays at Trasca Co. & Eatery Take the kids out to eat and save some money every Tuesday at Trasca & Co Eatery. Children eat for \$1 with the purchase of an adult entrée. The special works for dine-in, take out and deliveries. For more information, call Trasca & Co Eatery at (904) 395-3989. Trasca & Co Eatery is located at 155 Tourside Drive in Ponte Vedra Beach.</p> <p>First Coast Newcomers Club Of Northeast Florida monthly games day The First Coast Newcomers Club Of Northeast Florida will host its monthly game day on May 28 at 1 p.m. in an Italian restaurant and game shop St. Augustine. Enjoy games, such as Taboo, Rummykub, Yatzee, and more. Contact the event organizer for more information at (904) 829-0643.</p>	<p>Twilight golf league at St. Johns Golf Club Sign up a three-person, captain's choice team for St. Johns Club's drop-in every Wednesday evening at 5:30 p.m. The league runs through fall and costs \$17 for members and \$23 for non-members. For more information, contact Tommy Aycocock at taycock@sjcfl.us or (904) 209-0350. The St. Johns Club is located at 4900 Cypress Links Blvd. in Elkton.</p> <p>Hoptinger & Aardwolf brew launch Come on by Hoptinger in Jacksonville Beach on May 29 to try the new Hoptinger Lager, brewed especially by Aardwolf Brewery. There will be a member of the Aardwolf team in-house, as well as glassware giveaways from both Hoptinger and Aardwolf. As for the beer, the Hoptinger Lager is a light Vienna lager, according to Hoptinger. It's a sweet up front, full bodied, and with a light dry finish. Come out and try a new and local flavor. Hoptinger is located at 333 First St. N. in Jacksonville Beach.</p> <p>Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library: FOL Speaker series On May 29 from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m., the Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library will host Michel Oesterreicher to discuss her book, "Pioneer Family: Life on Florida's Twentieth-Century Frontier," with its recollections of Hugie and Oleta Oesterreicher, who lived in rural northeast Florida in the early twentieth century. Michel, the daughter of Hugie and Oleta will share her family's story of hardship and triumph in the Durbin Swamp. The Oesterreicher home is now part of the Beaches Museum in Jacksonville Beach.. This program is free and open to the public. The Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library is located at 101 Library Blvd. in Ponte Vedra Beach.</p> <p>Wine Wednesday at the Renaissance Join the World Golf Village every Wednesday evening in the Villagio Lounge from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. for complimentary wine and hors d'oeuvre tasting. Attendees can sample red and white wines from around the world and savor a chef-inspired appetizer to complement the wines. The World Golf Village is located at 1 World Golf Place in St. Augustine.</p>	<p>'Improv for Everyone' workshop with Amy Angelilli Check all inhibitions at the door and discover how to feel more confident and fun, in everyday life. with the help of Amy Angelilli from the Limelight Theatre. Improvisational theater games aren't just for actors or comedians. They're for anyone who wants to be more spontaneous, communicate more effectively, and be more present in life. No acting or comedy experience is needed. Just bring an open mind and a sense of adventure. The class will be held on May 30 from 6 to 8 p.m. at The Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach. Register for the class at www.ccpvb.org. Fees are \$35 for members and \$40 for non-members. The Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach is located at 50 Executive Way in Ponte Vedra Beach.</p> <p>Art Technique classes at River House Beginning May 30 from 10 a.m. to noon or 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. every Thursday, River House will host two art classes for artists of all levels. Improve techniques, such as watercolor, pastels, colored pencil, mixed media and more. Bring in current projects so that instructor, Jaime Bernstein, may guide through the tips and tricks of various art forms. Space is limited. and reservations required. For more information, contact 904-209-3655. River House is located at 179 Marine Street in St. Augustine.</p> <p>The Band Be Easy at Casa Marina Local funk, soul and pop band, The Band Be Easy will be performing Casa Marina Hotel & Restaurant on May 30 from 7 to 10 p.m. Take a night off, enjoy a couple drinks and listen to the popular Jacksonville group. This high-energy band brings down the house every time with music ranging from pop, soul, funk, reggae and more. For more information, call Casa Marina at (904) 270-0025. Casa Marina Hotel & Restaurant is located at 691 First St. N. in Jacksonville Beach.</p>

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Barret Platten Naylor

“When it comes to living large, I say turn it up ‘til the knob falls off and throw it out the window.”

Barret Platten Naylor lived a large, joyful life which was cut short a day after his 57th birthday on Thursday, May 9, 2019, due to complications from a liver transplant.



Barret Platen Naylor

Barret was a life force who radiated love and selflessness. His spirit is carried on by his wife, Kim, and two children, Christian (27) and Whitney (26), along with many extended relatives and friends whose lives are

blessed to have been touched by Barret.

Barrett was born in Greenwich, Connecticut, in 1962. The son of Randolph Naylor and Katherine Tyson, Barret grew up in the Northeast, working in New York City and enjoying summers on Martha’s Vineyard. On Oct. 27, 1990, Barret married his childhood best friend and the love of his life, Kimberly Brainard Naylor, at the Federated Church in Edgartown, Massachusetts. The love Kim and Barrett had for one another was the deepest and most significant type of love one can come across.

Barret was an exceptional father to their children, Christian and Whitney. Everything he did in life was to provide love and support to Kim, Christian and Whitney. There was nothing he wouldn’t do for them. They were the proudest parts of his life. He supported Christian and Whitney immensely throughout each of their careers, in the sport of rowing and always gave back to their respective school programs. He became a true shining beacon in each of their communities throughout all walks of their lives.

Barret began his professional career at Grey Advertising in New York City, but soon thereafter brought his skills and passion to the field of finance. In 1998, he became “Co-Founder and Poobah” when he and business partner Doug Lowey started Brownstone Investment Group. Barret became a force to be reckoned with as a bond salesman and industry leader. He was what Doug explained as, “the heart and soul of Brownstone,” providing endless mentorship, loyalty and leadership to the firm. Barret never failed to put the interest of his employees before his own.

There are no adequate words to describe Barret’s immense selflessness and love of life. His greatest joy was mentoring and coaching the “leaders of tomorrow.” He sat as the president of the New Canaan Football Association for two years, and was football coach to his son, Christian. Most people in their hometown of New Canaan, Connecticut, knew Barret as “coach,” and elsewhere, he was simply referred to as “BB.” He mentored his kids and their friends all throughout their lives.

“Smart is attractive,” “The best four years of your life are the next four years,”

and “We build the beach one grain of sand at a time” were three of his most recognizable BB-isms. Another famous Barret line was, “if you didn’t pour it, don’t drink it,” and his house rule was, “If you can find it you can have it.” His passion was to teach life lessons of communication, humility, leadership and balance.

The places you could most often find BB were Norton Point Beach in Martha’s Vineyard with his family and friends in what he called “the Circle of Love,” golfing (he was very proud of his hole-in-one at Pine Valley) or cheering on the New England Patriots with his wife Kim, who he referred to as “coach” when the games were on.

Many define Barret as one-of-a-kind, a legend. He truly left a lasting mark on each person he met. Barret will be missed by so many, but will watch over us as he dances above with loved ones in eternal life.

Please join his wife and children in celebrating Barret’s legacy Thursday, May 30, at 4 p.m. at Noroton Presbyterian Church in Darien, Connecticut.

In lieu of flowers, the Naylor family requests that gifts in memory of Barret be made to the Transplant Program at Mayo Clinic in Florida. Gifts can be directly mailed to: Mayo Clinic, Department of Development, 4500 San Pablo Road, Jacksonville, Florida, 32224, Attention: Susan Harris or call (904) 953-6393 for further information.

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Murle E. Harrison

Murle E. Harrison, 88, died on Tuesday, May 14, 2019. He was born in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, on March 8, 1931, and lived and worked in Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida, for over 60 years.

Murle graduated from the University of Florida in 1953 with a degree in accounting. He was a proud member of the Pi Kappa Phi fraternity, joined the ROTC and upon graduation, was commissioned as a 2nd lieutenant in the United States Army.

During his senior year at Florida, Murle met Ann Reed on a blind date in Jacksonville. They were married a year later and spent 54 years together. After his service as finance officer in the Army, Murle began work at Stockton, Whatley & Davin as an accountant and in 1958, was tagged by Mr. J. P. LeMaster to be the accountant of the Ponte Vedra Club. Murle continued to accept more responsibility for resort operations and became the general manager in 1979, leading the operation of the resort and club until 1986. As Gate Petroleum assumed ownership of the Ponte Vedra Club, Murle served in a variety of corporate positions at Gate, including

commercial real estate, internal auditor, establishment of the Gate Governor’s Club and as broker of Ponte Vedra Club Realty. Murle retired from the company in 1997.

During his 60 years in Ponte Vedra, Murle was always active in the community serving as deacon and elder at Palms Presbyterian Church, fire chief of the Ponte Vedra Beach Volunteer Fire Department and scout master of Boy Scout Troop #277. He helped found the Ponte Vedra Chapter of Ducks Unlimited, was Ponte Vedra Elementary PTA president, president of the St. Johns County Republican Club, Draft Board member, Ponte Vedra Community Association secretary and treasurer and most recently as trustee of the Ponte Vedra Municipal Service District.

Murle was predeceased by his wife, Ann, in 2008 and is survived by his daughter, Debbie (John) Edwards; his son, Steve (Debbie); grandchildren, Susanna (Josh) and Lindsay; and great-granddaughter, Vanessa.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, May 23, at Palms Presbyterian Church in Jacksonville Beach, Florida. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Palms Presbyterian Church.

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Arthur Hadfield Blair, 91, of Atlantic Beach, died May 15, 2019. Arrangements by Quinn-Shalz, A Family Funeral Home & Cremation Centre.

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Robert J. Fischer, 84, of Ponte Vedra Beach, died May 14, 2019. Arrangements by Quinn-Shalz, A Family Funeral Home & Cremation Centre.

Johnathon Lawrence Gagnon

Johnathon Lawrence Gagnon, 28, of Jacksonville, died May 7, 2019. Arrangements by Quinn-Shalz Family Funeral Home & Cremation Centre.

Fernando A. Gisbert

Fernando A. Gisbert, 72, of Ponte Vedra, Florida, died May 9, 2019. Ponte Vedra Valley Funeral Home, Cremation Center & Cemetery – (904) 285-1130 – www.pontevedravalle.com

Mary Ann Hopfe

Mary Ann Hopfe, 76, of Jacksonville, died May 19, 2019. Arrangements by Quinn-Shalz Family Funeral Home & Cremation Centre.

Roy Ervin Humphrey

Roy Ervin Humphrey, 68, of Atlantic Beach, died May 14, 2019. Arrangements by Quinn-Shalz Family Funeral Home & Cremation Centre.

Ronald J. Ingenito

Ronald J. Ingenito, 44, of Ponte Vedra, Florida, died May 4, 2019. Ponte Vedra Valley Funeral Home, Cremation Center & Cemetery – (904) 285-1130 – www.pontevedravalle.com

Francis McDermott

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Spring into summer with Sand Castles



Janet Westling
Contributing Editor

The spring issue arrives every Memorial Day weekend, which begins the unofficial start of summer vacation season.

On May 14, Francesca Rutherford invited me, my daughter Allison Fere-

bee and their friend Linda Lisowski to Washington D.C., to attend the 107th First Lady's Luncheon honoring First Lady Melania Trump. Minority Whip Kevin McCarthy hosted a reception the evening before in the Capitol, and the luncheon at the Washington Hilton the next day was filled to capacity with over 1,800 guests in attendance.

In this issue, our local market watch is written by David Johnson of Ameris Bank. Ponte Vedra Beach, says Johnson, is a vacation home hot spot, with an excellent vacation home real estate market located in a popular tourist destination.

We see a huge surge in tourism in our community during THE PLAYERS Championship, which moved back to the original time slot in the month of March. Alice Hickox, who writes a regular column for Sand Castles, shares her story as a personal chef to a pro golfer. "Ever wonder what a pro golfer eats during TPC week?" asks Hickox. You can find the answer to that question in her story along with some delicious recipes!

Speaking of great recipes, the Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach Home & Art Tour took place on Saturday, May 11. It was the largest tour with seven beautiful properties and a fabulous VIP reception at the stunning home of builder Brad Scott and his wife Joy. Alice Hickox catered the reception and introduced her sushi biscottis, which were a great hit. I cooked and shared my Ponte Vedra Shrimp and Grits recipe and Rhoda's potatoes. Rhoda McKean, who founded the Cultural Center, shared her potato dish with me, and we have served it at many events in her honor. The Cultural Center is getting ready to launch a major capital campaign to build a much-needed Cultural and Arts center in the heart of Ponte Vedra Beach to serve this thriving community!

From the ocean to the Intracoastal and River Marsh to Old Ponte Vedra, many of our unique neighborhoods are featured in this issue with stories that our contributed by local real estate agents.

One of those agents, Kathy Ball, shares her amazing adventure when she attended

the Super Bowl as the guest of the LA Rams general manager, who just happens to be her son-in-law!

As spring turns into summer, it is a perfect time to talk about pools. Judson Clarkson, with Pools by John Clarkson, shares his tips for summertime pool prep with a mini list to keep your pool in perfect shape!

Getting your home in great shape to put on the market is the message in my article, "Designed to Sell," in which I share some staging ideas that produce great results!

Our home is our castle and at the beaches, it is our castle in the sand. From palm trees to sand dunes, golf courses to resort living, Jacksonville, Ponte Vedra Beach and the Beaches communities offer the most desirable real estate in Northeast Florida!

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MARKET WATCH

Ponte Vedra Beach is a vacation home hot spot

By **David Johnson**
Ameris Bank

We all realize Ponte Vedra Beach is a tourist destination. Local and regional highlights include the Ponte Vedra Inn & Club, the Sawgrass Marriott, THE PLAYERS Championship, the ocean, sport fishing, boating, world-class golf facilities and restaurants. Plus, the proximity to Jacksonville International Airport, St. Augustine and a multitude of Northeast Florida attractions make it a popular place to visit and invest in real estate.

Many people that holiday here decide to buy a vacation home. A vacation home can serve dual purposes. In the short- and medium-term, it allows the owner, their family and friends a respite from their current home and career in a less hospitable part of the U.S. or world. Longer-term it can serve as an eventual primary residence after retirement. The same benefits of home ownership apply to a vacation home, beachfront condominium or Ponte Vedra Boulevard estate. Increased value and equity allow owners a more diversified portfolio including real estate. Ponte Vedra Beach has an excellent vacation home real estate market, so take advantage of it!

Because vacation homes are located in popular tourist destinations, they are more

likely to retain their value and appreciate because of a geographically limited supply. After all, there is a limited amount of property between the Intracoastal Waterway and the Atlantic Ocean. It is safe to say as time goes by and people experience the Ponte Vedra Beach quality of life, more vacationers will decide to buy, which will contribute to a thriving real estate market for local realtors, lenders, property managers and sellers.

A vacation property can be considered an investment. Similar with stocks or commodities, it is not guaranteed to increase in value. Passive rental income, however, creates financial benefit when the home is vacant. Property managers and internet sites such as Airbnb and VRBO make it easy to manage your vacation home if your goal is to profit while not in personal use.

Confirm with your accountant if some annual expenses can be deducted. Although most communities don't restrict vacation home purchases as an occupancy type, rental policies vary per neighborhood. Short-term rentals may be acceptable for your attached condo or detached home in one Sawgrass association, but not in a different association. Research the condo or homeowner association rental policy for the actual property and



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master association before buying if your goal is to enjoy your vacation home for personal and profitable reasons.

A buyer is not restricted to purchasing a vacation home with cash. Vacation home mortgage rate and terms are competitive. A conventional vacation home down payment is 10% of the sales price. The interest rate will probably be comparable or slightly higher than your primary residential mortgage, but less than an investment property rate. It depends on your credit score, debt-to-income ratio and other factors. It will take 21 to 60 days to close on a vacation home loan once the sales contract is executed. If you have a mortgage on your current home, it will be important to be prequalified by a lender

for the vacation home mortgage to make sure you can afford both payments including homeowners insurance, flood insurance (if required), homeowner association dues (if required) and property taxes.

The current Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae conventional loan limit is \$484,350. Vacation and Second home loans above this are considered Jumbo loans. A buyer can use a mortgage regardless of the sale price.

In conclusion, Ponte Vedra Beach is a proven tourist destination with a track record of appreciating home values. Buying a vacation home promises to be a wonderful opportunity to visit a world-class destination as often as your family schedule allows.

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Life's a beach east of A1A!

By **Clare Berry**
Berry & Co. Real Estate

Just down from Solana Road's pedestrian beach access, on a dead-end street behind Christ Church, there's a resort-style home tucked away on a 140-foot-wide lot, waiting to be discovered by its new owner ... 65 Jackson Ave.

The façade is beachy, a timeless standing seam metal roof accenting the soft sunshine yellow exterior. Plentiful natural landscaping envelops this home, including a rare Madagascar Palm. The paver driveway and walks lead to a welcoming shady entry.

Inside the double entry doors, there's an immediately warm, light-filled and very open entertaining area. The kitchen remodel is a real eye-catcher. Finished in 2018, it features state-of-the-art lighting, custom cabinetry, a five-burner gas range, stainless appliances and its piece de resistance: a 9-foot-long stone island designed for comfortable seating on two sides. This kitchen is a "wow!"

The other "wow" is the amazing

lap pool. The focal point as you enter the home, as well as from all living areas as well as most bedrooms, it stretches beyond the width of the home. Iridescent tiles grace the pool's back wall, from which water flows both from fountains and from a waterfall. There's also a spa, which could be heated if the new owner desires. The current owners enjoy it for its jets.

The owners just installed a 10 by 14-foot shed, making it taller than normal so they could add windows for more natural light. This could be a workout or art studio, a very private office or just some great storage space. It's like they thought of everything!

Two of the secondary bedrooms have their own bathroom; the other two share a bathroom. The master bedroom is on the second floor, off a wraparound balcony. It has a very high ceiling, and cabinetry built-in to take advantage of that space!

This home is represented by Berry & Co. Real Estate, listed by Clare Berry (broker/owner) and offered for \$849,000.



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Ever wonder what a pro golfer eats during THE PLAYERS?

By **Alice Hickox**
Lettuce Do Dinner

As a personal chef, answering this question takes a lot of attention to details. With dietary goals to consider, as well as incorporating their favorite cuisines, I, along with my sous chef, Bob, went to work on menu planning and came up with dinners that made us envious we were the chefs, and not the guests!

So, what was on the menu? For PGA TOUR golfer Russell Knox and his wife Andrea, this meant clean, fresh ingredients with lots of protein and veggies. On the initial consultation with Russell and his wife, I learned they both love a wide variety of food and cuisines. Knowing they desired a casual, buffet-style dinner the first night, we created a fun Mexican menu including pulled pork carnitas and blackened mahi tacos. The fixings included fresh homemade salsa, guacamole, shredded cabbage slaw and garlic aioli served alongside grilled corn on the cob with cotija cheese, and last but not least, homemade corn tortillas made fresh just before serving.

The following nights involved a surf and turf with my sous chef's special spin on ri-



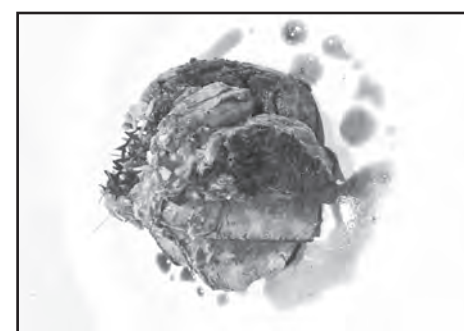
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PGA TOUR golfer Russell Knox and Lettuce Do Dinner owner Alice Hickox

beye, as well as king crab legs with drawn butter. The final evening, we served a pan seared chicken rollatini stuffed with sundried tomatoes, prosciutto, fresh basil and fontina cheese, along with roasted baby

potatoes and a decked-out spinach salad with dark cherry balsamic vinaigrette.

As the week unfolded, I had the opportunity to have some great conversation with Russell and his wife. They are truly



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some of the most down-to-earth people. When Russell arrived home after practice rounds the first day, he came into the kitchen asking immediately, "What can I do to help?" I thought he was kidding, so I joked back and asked if he would cook dinner for me. After a few chuckles, I soon learned he was genuine in his offer, as he later wound up setting the table and often checking in on us to see if we needed anything or what he could do. His wife was equally charming and helpful, and always available.

When I mentioned to Russell that my husband and I would be at the 17th hole on the final day of the tournament, he

Old Ponte Vedra home exudes love, warmth and happiness

By Jan Fisher
Coldwell Banker Realty

If you have ever wandered through “Old Ponte Vedra,” then you have no doubt gazed in wonder at 317 San Juan Drive.

The owners, Bob and Sallie Anne Hart, named their creation Serendipity. The loose definition is good fortune. This home exudes love, warmth and happiness. To call it impressive is an injustice to its classical architectural design. To go inside is an adventure to itself with soaring ceilings, arched doorways and perfectly balanced symmetry. At that point, you realize you have found something remarkable in every way.

“Everything is in order and proportion,” said Michael Lenahen, the builder and president of Aurora Builders, who is himself an architect. “It has a sense of human scale. You know what is right when you feel the home.”

There are many one-of-a-kind features in this home. The most obvious is the sweeping staircase to the master suite. It is, in essence, a free-standing structure, not attached and built within tolerances so small they are almost immeasurable, and then there is the ecosystem.

“All of the elements of energy conservation that we could employ are employed in this house,” architect owner Bob Hart said. “We in a sense make our own energy. We

use the sun through photomosaic cells. We take advantage of a heat exchange system. Our geothermal system heats our water, warms and cools the air. Our energy is a clean renewable source.”

The house does use electricity, but far less than even the average.

Everything in this house captures the eye and raises the senses. There’s a natural traffic flow from room to room. Your eye roams from the wide-planked hardwood floors to the intricate crown molding throughout. The soft colors contrast with the bright sunshine outside. At what point does a house become a home? Sallie Anne Hart, who designed the interior, has the answer.

“There are moments when it feels like a little cottage by the sea because it has so many warm, inviting spaces,” she said. “There are other moments when it feels grand and beautiful.”

Grand and beautiful it is, without question. It is comprised of three structures, the main house, a guest house and caretaker’s quarters. It has two elevators, eight bedrooms and baths as well as two half baths. In total, it is nearly 12,000 square feet. The living area outside is stately with an expansive patio, infinity pool, two gardens, an outdoor fireplace, a full enclosed summer kitchen, two pavilions and a huge fenced backyard with water-to-golf views. In short, this estate is unlike anything in North



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Florida. A video of the home is available at 317sanjuandrive.com.

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What you need to know about summertime pool prep

By Judson Clarkson
Pools by John Clarkson

The heat is here, the sun is shining and the smell of barbecue on the grill is filling the air. Finally, Memorial Day and the unofficial kick off to summer has arrived!

We are fortunate in Florida to rarely close our pools during the winter. But winter often makes us lax in our routine maintenance of our pool and backyard area during the colder months.

Now that it is time to return to your outdoor oasis, I have compiled a mini-list to help ensure you will enjoy your personal backyard retreat throughout the coming months.

1. Set a reminder to check your water chemistry twice a week. With the warmer temperatures, afternoon rains and various lotions that will be in your water now that you are using your pool more frequently, it is important to monitor your water chemistry. Running your pump longer during the day than



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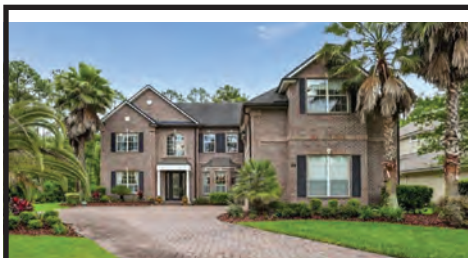
you did in the winter months, maintaining a proper pH and increasing chlorine production as needed will help ensure you and your family/friends have safe

swimming water. Keep in mind, you can take water samples to local pool service stores to check the chemistry for you. Or, if you decide you just want to enjoy

your pool and have someone else handle the chemistry, contact your local licensed pool service company.

2. When checking your water chemistry, make sure the water level in your pool is halfway up your waterline tile. With all the extra swimming (and cannonballs!) that will be taking place, you will lose more water than usual, and it is imperative the water level does not drop below the skimmer so your pump does not burn out. Purchase a hose reel and set it near the pool deck for quick access and easy storage.

3. Do a solid check of the pool equipment. First, make sure the pump is not making any loud noises, as this may indicate the motor is in need of inspection. Second, increase the amount of time your pump runs each day to make sure your water is being properly circulated. Third, clean your filter to make sure you are getting optimal filtration (and clean your



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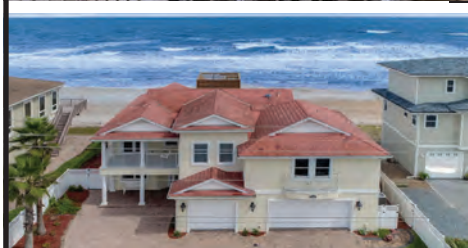
You will love this amazing cul de sac lot featuring an amazingly updated 4BR/4BA, 3863SF Benchmark home. Enter thru exquisite etched glass doors to your open foyer, high ceilings with a bright contemporary color palette coastal design and open one story floor plan. Hallmark Nu-Oil Hardwoods grace the floors. Note the Custom Brazilian Cherrywood & Mahogany Kitchen Island Table, Quartzite Kitchen Counters, Interior Bahama Shutters. The home has been renovated throughout and freshly painted with the exception of the master bath. Chef's kitchen gas burner stove with high end appliances, beautiful white cabinetry with hidden utility drawers and spice racks. Great for entertaining, the covered lanai opens to a screened pool overlooking the sparkling lake & views of the 14th green & 15th fairway. \$1,200,000



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replied, "I hope you get to see me tee off; I haven't made the cut the last two years." I told him, "Russell, we are cooking for you this week, so you WILL make the cut!" He indeed made the cut, and I would like to think a little piece of that was good fuel from good food.

A few weeks later, I interviewed Russell and Andrea about their experience having personal chefs during THE PLAYERS week. They expressed how refreshing it was not having to deal with restaurant reservations, limited menu options and having the flexibility to adjust the number of guests for dinner each evening as needed. Another huge perk for them was having customized meals where they did not have to worry about hidden ingredients that could aggravate food sensitivities.

According to Russell, "The best part was knowing I could come home to relax and unwind, and know that we had an amazing dinner prepared right here in our home."

The best part for me as a chef, was hearing them both say that all of the food was "incredible!"

Here are a few recipes that made the cut:

Pulled Pork Carnitas

- 4-5 pounds of fresh pork shoulder (Boston butt)
- 6-8 cloves of fresh garlic, rough chopped
- 1 tablespoon of sea salt
- 2 teaspoons of freshly ground black pepper
- 1 teaspoon of chili powder
- 1 teaspoon of cumin
- 2 teaspoons of oregano
- 1/4 teaspoon of cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon of cayenne pepper
- 1 tablespoon of chipotle hot sauce
- Juice of 2 limes
- 1/2 cup of fresh squeezed orange juice
- 12 ounces of standard lager beer — we used a gluten-free beer
- 1/2 cup of good quality fire-roasted tomato salsa



Pork carnitas

Place pork shoulder in slow cooker. Roughly chop garlic and rub onto meat. Mix dry seasonings and sprinkle onto meat and rub in. Add lime juice, orange juice, beer and salsa. Cover and cook on low for eight hours.

When done, remove meat to separate pan and shred with fork, reserving sauce separately. Preheat oven to broil. Line a baking sheet with aluminum foil. Place shredded meat on baking sheet. Broil for five to seven minutes, watching carefully. You want to "crisp" up the tips of the meat. Midway, remove and toss around. Continue until edges of meat are browned. Just before serving, drizzle juices from pork over meat and serve on tortillas with all of your favorite toppings.

Alice's Salsa

- 2 (15-ounce) cans of fire roasted diced tomatoes
- 2 (10-ounce) cans of Ro-Tel diced tomatoes with green chilis
- 1 adobo pepper, chopped, plus 1 teaspoon of adobo sauce (canned)
- 1 small white onion, diced
- 1 jalapeño pepper, seeded and cut into strips
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- 1 lime, juiced
- 1/2 bunch fresh cilantro, rough chopped
- 1 teaspoon of salt
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salt cell according to the manufacturer's recommendation if you have one at this time). Again, if you do not feel comfortable with this (or you hear unexpected noises!), contact your local licensed pool company to perform a service call.

4. Once you've confirmed the pool and the equipment are in proper operating condition, it is time to shift your attention to the surrounding area. Start by cleaning up your deck so it is ready for all the foot traffic it will experience over the coming months. You can find a pressure washer at any local hardware store that will do the job along with weed killer that you can spray as needed. You may also choose to have your deck sealed to help protect it from the sun and debris (as well as any food or beverages) over the course of the summer. Professionally licensed companies will clean your deck prior to sealing, though be sure they are sealing your deck according to the manufacturer's guidelines and using a sealer that accomplishes your goal for your deck.

5. Freshen up your landscaping to capture that resort feel in your backyard. Get your planters re-mulched or rocked, and add a few colorful perennial plants or palms to amplify that tropical feel.

6. Don't shy from last-minute additions. It is not too late to add a pergola to create some shade if your backyard has great sun exposure, an outdoor kitchen with built-in appliances to maximize your time outside or even new outdoor furniture (with umbrellas as needed). These last-minute additions are all great ways to maximize your backyard time during the months ahead!

Handle this checklist so you can spend your Memorial Day (and beyond) making memories in your backyard this summer. Now grab the sunscreen and enjoy your oasis!



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Cultural Center hosts Benefactor Party as kickoff to annual Home & Art Tour

By Jon Blauvelt

The Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach's ninth annual Home & Art Tour kicked off May 9 with a Benefactor Party held at the home of Brad and Joye Scott on Pablo Terrace.

Event attendees enjoyed drinks, catering by Lettuce Do Dinner, and entertainment, as well as the opportunity to tour the family's home.

"We've been supporters of the Cultural Center for years," said Brad Scott, a local developer and home builder. "We just wanted to give back to the community."

Living in the home for six years, Scott said its design is the result of building homes in Atlanta and Ponte Vedra for 35 years. The house features the family's favorite concepts from their homes over the years, including imported stone from Texas, old timber from the Great Lakes and Northern Ohio and millwork from Atlanta.

The Scott family's home was the

first of eight featured on the Home & Art Tour, marking the highest number of houses ever presented for the event. Other homes on the tour included a coastal traditional condo in Sawgrass at Spinnakers Reach; an estate home on the golf course at the Plantation at Ponte Vedra Beach; four homes in Marsh Landing, including the home and art studio of Ponte Vedra artist Janet Wilson; and a home on San Juan Drive in Old Ponte Vedra.

Janet Westling, the chair of the Home & Art Tour and sponsor of the Benefactor Party, said the overall event would make Cultural Center founder Rhoda McKean smile.

"Without the tenacity of Rhoda McCain, none of this would be here today," said Westling, who cooked McKean's potato recipe for the Benefactor Party, as well as shrimp and grits. "She'd be proud of this today."

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ABOVE: Joye and Brad Scott gather with Cultural Center Executive Director Donna Guzzo and her husband, Glenn, on May 9 at the Scott family's home in Ponte Vedra Beach for the Benefactor Party to kick off the Home & Art Tour.



LEFT: Janice Hayden, Cultural Center Board of Directors President Art Hayden and Home & Art Tour Chair Janet Westling

Photos by Jon Blauvelt

Oceanfront condo provides best of the Sawgrass experience



Photos courtesy of Janet Westling

By Janet Westling

Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices
Florida Network Realty

A rare find on the ocean in Sawgrass, this spectacular first-floor condo has the only elevator in Spinnakers 1 from the garage to the first floor. This once-in-a-lifetime, unique custom home is completely renovated with stunning details and designer finishes. Interior designer Kelly Canada and her husband Jim helped homeowners Lisa and Frank Kolisek with the renovations that are simply stunning.

Step inside 719 Spinnakers Reach 1 and experience a spacious, sophisticated and beautifully designed condo and one of only eight Spinnakers Reach condos directly fronting the beach in the heart of Ponte Vedra Beach. This first-floor condo is warm and inviting with 2,523 square feet, three bedrooms, three bathrooms and an abundance of ocean views. A spacious, open floor plan with kitchen, dining, breakfast and living room includes oceanfront balconies with spectacular ocean views.

Savor your morning cup of coffee in your spectacular kitchen overlooking the Atlantic Ocean. The kitchen was remodeled by local craftsman Stan Dukeman with a weathered grey finish and quartz countertops. The custom bathrooms feature beautiful ocean-inspired iridescent glass tiles and quartz countertops. The master bath with custom cabinetry has an unpolished marble counter-

top with a chiseled edge.

Magnificent oceanfront views await you from every room. The Sawgrass experience offers oceanfront dining, championship golf, a world-class racquet club with 13 tennis courts, fitness center and oceanfront pools.

The unique neighborhood of Spinnakers Reach with its security guard gate, convenient beach access and private pool is just a short walk to the Sawgrass Country Club and Beach Club. Sawgrass Country Club is an internationally recognized resort community that continually strives to update and improve the Sawgrass experience.

The 27-hole golf course was the first home of THE PLAYERS in Ponte Vedra Beach from 1977-1981. In 2010, the tennis complex was completely renovated to accommodate the Women's Tennis Invitational. The fitness center and pool were built in 2013.

With fine dining in the golf club, beach club and outdoor dining by the sea, Sawgrass offers its members and guests a variety of dining options. Ponte Vedra Beach, a community on the ocean, is convenient to Jacksonville, close to the Mayo Clinic hospital and the University of North Florida. Just minutes to the beach, golf and tennis and fitness center, experience oceanfront living and enjoy vacation living all year round.

Walk the beach, breathe deeply of the ocean breeze, catch whispers of the past and experience Ponte Vedra living, which is simply the best!

A bucolic paradise awaits in Ponte Vedra Beach

By **Kathy Ball**

Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Network Realty

North Wilderness Trail in Ponte Vedra Beach is situated between the beach and Intracoastal, but without the hustle and bustle of the crowds.

Turning onto the street, you might see horses grazing in the pasture along the side of the road. When you arrive at the winding drive of 561 North Wilderness Trail, nestled among the trees, a spring fed pond on the right sparkles a greeting to relax and enjoy all the natural beauty this unique property has to offer.

Sitting on 3.75 acres, the three-bedroom home has an inviting screened front porch that looks out over the pond and treed yard, where you can hear all the soothing sounds Mother Nature has to offer. The remodeled kitchen, with a sit-up breakfast island, opens to the living room with a fireplace for those cooler fall and winter evenings.

There is also a dining room and separate breakfast room that could be used as an office. The roof is new, and both bathrooms have been redone. The master bath has a big walk-in shower, and the second bath connects the two bedrooms at the opposite side of the house. In the rear, the den with wood-burning stove overlooks the park-like backyard.

There, the inviting pool and patio area add to the retreat feeling that says come relax and stay a while. Beyond the pool, stroll down to cross the small bridge that leads to the rear of your private retreat, with another smaller spring fed pond and an area where previous owners have had horses.

The property can be reached from A1A by taking a right on Solano Road to North Roscoe Boulevard, then left on Canal Boulevard to the next left on North Wilderness Trail.

This property is represented by Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Network Realty, listed by Kathy Ball and offered for \$815,000.



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A super time at the Super Bowl

By **Kathy Ball**

Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Network Realty

I have always liked football. My father played professionally and being the only girl in a family with five brothers, I have attended many, many games. I had almost given up on ever going to a Super Bowl, but when the LA Rams were headed to Atlanta this year, I knew I would be going. That's because my eldest daughter is married to the Rams' general manager.

It was exciting on so many levels. I had lived in the Atlanta area for over 20 years, and was anxious to go back, see friends and explore all the wonderful things that the city has to offer.

I arrived on Thursday at the hotel, which was directly across the street from Lenox Square (great shopping if you have the time). There was a welcome reception that evening on the fourth floor of the hotel in the ballroom, which was

designated the Rams Friends and Family Lounge. This was open 24 hours for the duration of the trip with food, drinks and entertainment for all of the "Rams family" that were staying at the hotel. So basically, you didn't need to spend any extra money on food or drinks for the entire trip.

Friday morning, I was off with my younger daughter, her husband and young grandson to the Georgia Aquarium, one of the largest in the world with 100,000 animals and 10 million gallons of marine and saltwater. Truly a wonder!

Friday night, there was a welcome party at an event venue for all the friends and family, attended by probably 2,000 people. It reminded me of a very large wedding reception with multiple food stations, bars and fun things for the kids to do, such as having your photo taken with Rampage (the Rams' mascot). By the way, there were shuttle busses to

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Harbour Island home appeals to large family, those looking to entertain

By Devon Witt

Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices
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Ponte Vedra Beach is blessed to be nestled in between the sparkling Atlantic Ocean and a boater's gateway that is the Intracoastal Waterway.

Proximity to water and/or expansive views of water are in high demand in the community. The homes in Marsh Landing's Harbour Island claim both exceptional location and panoramic vistas. Harbour Island was established in 1994 and offers its residents a deep-water marina with boat slips just steps away from their owners' homes. This neighborhood within Marsh Landing is where many of the gated community's most expensive real estate resides and for good reason — it's beautiful!

As you enter Harbour Island, just over the bridge is Harbourmaster Court, a shady cul-de-sac with homes that look onto the harbor or Intracoastal. At the end of the street, just one lot off of the Intracoastal, is 133 Harbourmaster Court. Here you'll find a home that has undergone a full-blown transformation in recent years and is enticing to families with children young and grown or those looking to entertain a house full of guests.

The private oasis in the backyard calls to you from the two-story foyer. Multiple covered seating areas by the pool invite you to take in the secluded surroundings. When inside, the home has excellent flow for large families or gatherings with a gleaming white kitchen that opens up to the large family room and breakfast nook.

The upstairs loft opens to the covered, screened-in balcony overlooking the pool. In this home, everyone can have their own space while still being a part of it all. Beyond the loft are three bedrooms, three baths and a spacious bonus room perfect for a movie theater. But don't block the window that boasts one of the best views of the Intracoastal. This space also has its own balcony and a private bath.

With over 4,500 square feet, five bedrooms and five and a half bathrooms, this home can accommodate a large family or a lot of friends who want to visit their Ponte Vedra Beach friends. The peaceful, private and serene setting will allow you to escape the hectic world that exists beyond the gates.

This home is represented by Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Network Realty, listed by Devon Witt and offered for \$1,350,000.

Renovating and updating our home in Marsh Landing

By Heidi Zawacki

Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices
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After living in our home in Marsh Landing Country Club for nine years, we took the plunge and decided that we would redo our kitchen and master bath and do a complete renovation.

We started out by interviewing three companies and decided to work with R Cabinet Studio because the staff and owner were easy to work with and had a team of contractors that they have used time after time and trusted. Once we decided we would do those two big projects, I started to think of what other items could cost, and I created a wish list.

WISH LIST

Since they were going to be here, I was curious to see what some other items on my wish list would cost. These items/projects included adding beams to the ceiling in our family room, redoing the built-ins around the fireplace and a new fireplace insert. Another item/project that seemed simple was updating the dining room molding, adding a coffered ceiling and molding up the stairs, as



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well as painting. We found out the costs and R Cabinet Studio helped me coordinate different trades to come in and quote these jobs. We saw the final price and said let's do it all.

BE YOUR OWN GENERAL CONTRACTOR

You might be surprised that if you have the patience and do not need someone managing

the job, you will save a lot by being your own general contractor. Going through a general contractor, my quote was almost double! During the start of the kitchen project, I have been working with the designers, and I shared with them the look we envisioned and my inspirational photos. We walked through the kitchen on

how we use it and they were off and running with their plan! One major part of a kitchen renovation is finding appliances. There are so many choices so it was easy for me to go into some of the local stores to touch and feel them in person.



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Fun and friendship at the First Lady's Luncheon

By Janet Westling

A prestigious tradition that began 107 years ago, the Congressional Club's annual First Lady's Luncheon is held each spring in Washington, D.C., where almost 2,000 members and guests at the Washington Hilton Hotel welcome and honor the nation's sitting First Lady.

I, along with my daughter Allison Ferebee and Linda Lisowski, were the invited guests of Francesca Rutherford, daughter-in-law of Congressman John Rutherford, to attend the First Lady's luncheon honoring Melania Trump. We arrived in Washington on Monday and toured the Capitol with Congressman Rutherford and tour guide Zach Wagner, from the Congressman's office.

That evening, we joined John and Pat Rutherford for a reception hosted by House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy in the Capitol with all the congressional spouses in town for the luncheon the next day.

This year, the First Lady's Luncheon, chaired by Mrs. Jennifer Messer, celebrated the state of Indiana with a beautifully designed event that honored the Hoosier state. First, with a nod to the Indianapolis 500, the tablecloths were black and white checked with beautiful, red floral arrangements. The signature bag given out at every luncheon was designed by Vera Bradley which is headquartered in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

The entertainment included outstanding performers Lee Greenwood, Michael W. Smith and Nicole S. Mullen, who performed, "A God Who Sees," which was directed by Kathie Lee Gifford. The highlight of the luncheon, according to Louise Gay, was Nicole Mullen's moving performance that "touches every woman's life in some way."

Our table was perfectly located at the front of the room, and we were joined by Tara Crenshaw, whose husband Dan is the newly elected congressman from Houston, Texas. This was Tara's first luncheon, and she attended with her mom, her great aunt and Sydney Eubanks, staff assistant to Congressman Crenshaw.

"The First Lady's Luncheon," Tara Crenshaw said, "was an absolutely beautiful event to come together for. I am so proud that the Congressional Club was able to support breast cancer research and education."

That evening, we joined the Rutherfords for dinner at Charlie Palmers along with Pat Rutherford's guests, Louise Gay, Char Miller and Kim Wiggins.

The Congressional Club of Washington, D.C., is a nonpartisan group that promotes friendship among the spouses of the House, Senate, Cabinet and Supreme Court. The club's First Lady's Luncheon is an annual springtime event, held every year since 1912.



Francesca Rutherford (first row), Linda Lisowski, Tara Crenshaw (back row), Allison Ferebee and Janet Westling

RIGHT: Char Miller, House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy, Pat Rutherford, Kim Wiggins and Louise Gay



BELOW: Tables at the First Lady's Luncheon celebrated the state of Indiana with black and white-checked tablecloths and red floral arrangements, paying homage to the Indianapolis 500.

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Janet Westling, Allison Ferebee, House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy, Francesca Rutherford and Linda Lisowski



First Lady Melania Trump speaks at the recent First Lady's Luncheon in Washington, D.C.



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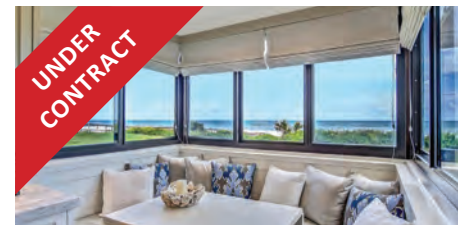


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Designed to sell

By Janet Westling

Berkshire Hathaway Home Services
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Does staging help your home sell faster and for a higher price? When I posed that question to Google, here is some of the feedback I got from homeownership matters realtor:

“Staged homes sell faster. Selling your home is not an easy process. In fact, it is harder than you think. ... According to a study conducted by the National Association of Realtors, (NAR), homes that are staged are selling faster and at higher prices than those that are not staged.”

I have seen the results of homes that I have staged time and time again. I almost sound like a broken record when I share this info with my clients. But the proof is in the pudding. And according to the Real Estate Staging Association, “homes which are staged before going on the market, sell 73% faster on average than their non-staged counterparts.”

I decided in 2015 to invest in high-end furniture that I have bought at J. Turner and Co. to place in my new listings. I have created a certain look that appeals to the younger buyer, with a coastal contemporary look and a coastal traditional look. I recently introduced this design to a Tuscan home I staged in River Marsh. This beautiful home with

classic Italian design is now complemented with white slipcovered sofas, white slipcovered club chairs and blue distressed area rugs with accessories that accent the built-ins and tables!

The dining room table is the owners’ Ethan Allen dark rectangular mahogany that is surrounded by white slipcovered dining chairs with arms that was a recent purchase from J. Turner and Co. This home looks stunning, and the contrast of California contemporary and warm Tuscan design is amazing!

I repeated this look in my listing in Summerfield and I purchased a dining table at Luxury for Less that is from Restoration Hardware. The contrast of the cool grey walls, white slipcovered dining chairs and the rustic wood table create an inviting space in this updated coastal traditional home.

Designed to sell paints a lifestyle where the buyer can visualize the space, and clearly see themselves living in their new home. Buying and selling is an emotional experience and creating a personal connection to the home produces positive results for the buyer and seller.

One last benefit of design to sell is this: Many times a seller has a hard time letting go of their home. The designed to sell process removes their personal furniture and eases the transition for the seller to say goodbye and say hello to a quick sale at a higher price!



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Super Bowl

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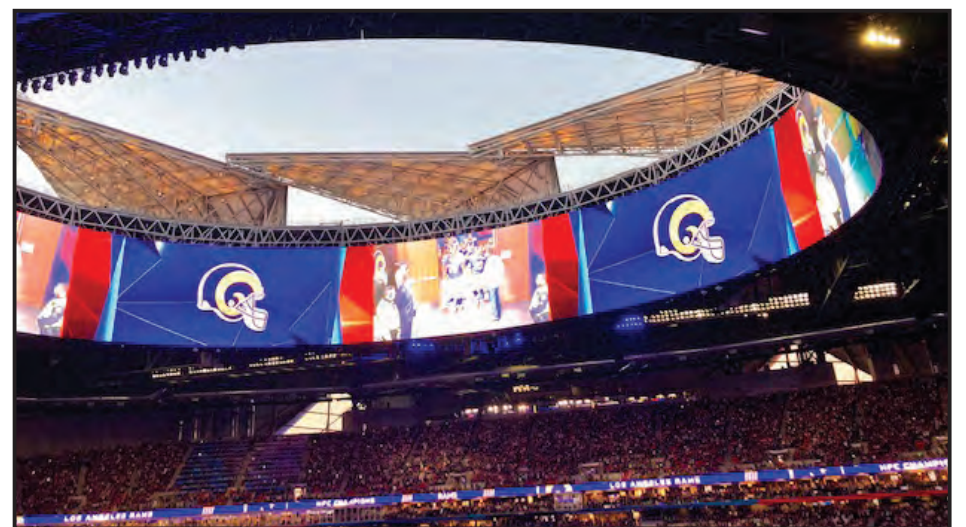
take everyone to and from all the events, a massive undertaking.

Saturday was a “do what you want day,” and of course it was fun just to hang out with family and go visit friends in Atlanta.

When Super Bowl Sunday finally arrived, excitement was everywhere. Our bus took us to the Georgia World Congress Center (right next to Mercedes-Benz

Stadium) for the Pre-game Party, which started at 2:30 p.m. I walked about 3 miles just to get to the pre-game tailgate, which had all different kinds of appetizers, games, favor, and performances by artists including Tim McGraw.

At long last it was time to make our way to the stadium, which was right next door and truly an engineering marvel. After a few wrong turns, and doing some celebrity spotting which included Martha Stewart, Shaquille O’Neil, the Foo Fighters’ lead singer and country singer Kelsea Ballerini,



Photos courtesy of Kathy Ball

we found our box suite, equipped with more food, TVs and yes, a bartender.

During the pre-game show, they showcased the stadium roof, which operates like the lens of a camera and takes only 12 minutes to open with the push of a button. When the roof was opened, there was a military jet flyover all perfectly timed with the playing of the national anthem.

The game was so exciting, and the half-time show with Maroon 5 was even better in person. Although the outcome was not the one the Rams fans were hoping for, it was a tremendous experience for both team and fans alike. It is not just the game itself, but the total Super Bowl package and all the things that go along with it that make it such a “Super” time.

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working with when you choose where you end up purchasing. We made the purchase with Kyle at First Coast Supply, and he was so helpful as well informative.

THE DEMO BEGINS

This week we started more of the cosmetic work. Skim coated ceilings laid out the beams in the family room and the lines of the coffered ceiling were made. The painting and prepping has started, and we decided on Simply White by Benjamin Moore. It will bring lots more light into our home and enhance our dark hand-scraped hardwood floors. Stay tuned for more updates on part two of three!



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Deer Run Villas is a very desirable Sawgrass Country Club condominium community. The location near the Fitness Center, Tennis Center and the Golf Club, plus its close proximity to the ocean and beach, are the real reasons for its popularity. Deer Run was originally constructed during the early 1970s during the energy crisis in the U.S., when many in the country were waiting in gas lines due to the gasoline shortage.

These condos were constructed with 8-foot ceilings, but the designer decided to lower the ceilings in the hallways, bathrooms and kitchens to save energy, which was a hot issue at the time. Numerous Deer Run owners have raised the ceilings as the floor joists are 8 feet in all

rooms, so it's not an impossible project, but creates a much better room design.

We currently have two very nice Deer Run condos for sale and located on the 8 East Golf Course overlooking Lake Elizabeth, Bird Island and the West Golf Course. Both are three-bedroom, two-and-a-half bath units with two-car garages, plus a very nice outdoor living space. They offer privacy and the feel of a single-family home.

The condo at 9660 Deer Run Drive is an end unit with a very nice courtyard entry priced at \$499,000. And 9692 Deer Run Drive is nicely updated and offers a view of the proposed Members Clubhouse and priced at \$232 per square foot.

During the past 12 months, 46 condominiums sold in Sawgrass Country Club at an average square-foot price of \$295. Inventory levels of for sale condos are currently low with only 19 on the market.

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Beach it up in affordable Ponte Vedra Boulevard condo



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By Barbara Maple
Watson Realty Corp

Feel the ocean breeze as you pull up to this carefree home away from home. Located directly across the street from the ocean, you won't have to go far to enjoy the salt air and feel yourself slipping into the beach lifestyle.

As you walk upstairs to this second-floor unit and enter through the private front porch, you'll leave your worries at the door. Upon entering the three-bedroom property, you immediately get beach vibes from the light-colored hardwood floors and the blue and green hues on the walls. One of the three bedrooms can easily be used as an office, getting plenty of sunlight through the French doors and from the Eastern exposure.

The third bedroom, which is the same size as the master, also faces the ocean, drenching the room in natural light. This room features a large walk-in closet that provides plenty of storage for all your extra swimsuits and flip flops.

Just a little farther and you will enter the heart of this home. The spacious kitchen is a chef's dream, from the custom cabinetry to the rich granite counter tops and the high-end

stainless appliances to the double-drawer wine chiller. The large kitchen prep area, equipped with extra storage, opens to the dining area and living room creating a perfect place for friends and family to gather. On the occasional chilly evening, you can enjoy a beverage or watch a movie by the fireplace.

Off the open living space, you will find the spacious master suite, featuring a totally remodeled en-suite bathroom. The large walk-in shower and double vanity give you all the room you will need to wash the sand from between your toes after a hard day of soaking up the sun, catching a wave or collecting shark teeth.

An enclosed porch overlooking the Guana Preserve provides you with extra space to cozy up with a good book or enjoy a cold, refreshing drink. It's always five o'clock somewhere!

You will even have room to invite your friends and family from up north to come visit during the winter months. Just be careful, you may have a hard time getting them to leave!

Located at 622 Ponte Vedra Boulevard, D4, this home is represented by Watson Realty Corp, listed by Barbara Maple and offered for \$489,000.

Home in Old Ponte Vedra offers water-to-golf vistas

By Natalie Bryant
Ponte Vedra Club Realty

Upon entering 309 Pablo Road, you are welcomed with the bright natural light, open floor plan and some impressive views. The large floor-to-ceiling windows and Anderson French doors that lead you to the patio bring the outside in, enabling you to take full advantage of those water-to-golf vistas.

The open-concept floor plan is perfect for entertaining or enjoying the ambiance no matter where you are.

A six-burner Wolf range with a grill and griddle is the focal point in the kitchen. It also has two 30-inch ovens. A custom Butcher Block island completes the package. You can cook up delicious meals while entertaining as your audience watches from your granite bar with seating for six.

Downstairs are three bedrooms. Two share a bathroom while the other is en-suite. All three rooms are quite large with floor-to-ceiling windows allowing for the natural light to shine through.

Walking upstairs to the owner's

suite, once again you feel drawn toward the view. Go enjoy your private easterly facing balcony. Hear the ocean, feel the breezes and maybe the birds might be going for a swim in the lagoon. Upstairs off the owner's suite is the fifth bedroom, nursery or office. It is very quiet up there with tranquil views.

The owner expanded this home from a ranch to a lovely transitional home, adding the second floor, 10-foot high ceilings and the large windows to take advantage of the light. There was a new roof installed in 2018. This really is a ready-to-move-in home.

This home at 309 Pablo Road in Old Ponte Vedra is truly a rare find, located on the seventh hole on the famed Lagoon Course at the Ponte Vedra Inn and Club. Preferred membership initialization fee pricing to the Ponte Vedra Inn & Club, the Lodge and Club, Epping Forest and the River Club is available exclusively to Ponte Vedra Club Realty customers and clients.

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Guests at the Benefactor Party also had the chance to hear from the Cultural Center team, led by Executive Director Donna Guzzo, about the organization's upcoming events and activities. One such highlight is the Cultural Center's first national exhibition, "1 Cent Life," a pop art exhibition including works by Andy Warhol coming in fall 2019. Proceeds from the Home & Art Tour benefited that exhibition.

Board President Art Hayden also discussed the Cultural Center's plans to build a new building on A1A between Sawgrass Village and the Summer House condos. The project is pending negotiations with

Alta Mar Holdings LLC. The owners of the Oak Bridge Club plan to sell the back 40 acres of the golf course for commercial and age-restricted residential, including a section of land to the Cultural Center, but has faced a lawsuit over the proposed development. Hayden said he expects the situation to settle in early July. At that point, he said he expects the project to start, with groundbreaking expected to take place in early 2020.

"We think it's going to be a great addition to the community," Hayden said. "We currently service about 8,000 people a year, but with this facility and the kinds of things we can do, we will touch the community in the area of 30,000 or 35,000 people. It's a big effort for Ponte Vedra and a big effort for us."

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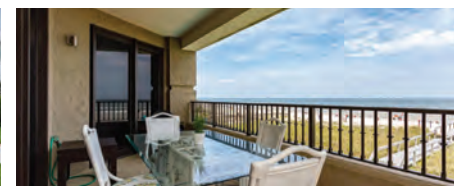


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Atlantic Beach home offers incredible value

By Jennifer Sexton
Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices
Florida Network Realty

Ahh summer, we've missed you! Long days of sunshine, lazy dips in the ocean, the smell of barbecue in the air. Could life get any better than this? Welcome to 580 Sherry Drive in Atlantic Beach. This home will take your downtime to new heights.

The central location of this four-bedroom, three-and-a-half bathroom, 2,810-square-foot home in the heart of Atlantic Beach is optimal. Sitting on a corner lot with no through street on the north end, the owners stroll to the beach just three blocks away and to an array of restaurants that Neptune Beach and Atlantic Beach have to offer.

If that's not enough, there are three parks, plus tennis courts all within blocks of this home. Another selling point of the home is the exterior. The cheerful blue-colored cedar shingles give this residence extra personality and often make people wonder, "What's behind those blue shingles?"

So many of us enjoy sitting on our

front porches with our favorite beverage, watching all the action go by. The covered front porch, overlooking the mature and plush landscaping, is the perfect spot to sit and unwind at the end of your day.

Now let's move on to the floorplan. The open layout is ideal with most of the living space on the main level. There's an over-sized room with a full bathroom on the second floor, which is perfect for a media room, workout space or the teen/in-law requiring a little privacy.

Lastly, the price can't be beat in this much-sought-after community of Atlantic Beach. Remodeled homes in the low \$800,000s — this close to the ocean while offering ample square footage for the entire family — are a rare find these days.

Come by to see this home and all that it has to offer. Warning: You may get lazy escaping the humdrum and be tempted to put your toes in the sand with your favorite beverage in hand.

This property is represented by Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Network Realty, listed by Jennifer Sexton and offered for \$815,000.

Iconic mid-century marvel on St. Johns River on the market at \$6.995 million

By Jayne Young and Gwinn Volen
Ponte Vedra Club Realty

The Jacksonville area has a wide variety of architectural styles, but there is a dearth of authentic mid-century modern architecture. Thus, 3940 Alhambra Drive West, a recently listed San Marco riverfront estate, is something to behold.

The home was purchased by Robert and Debby Schiller in 2005. The former Ponte Vedra Beach residents decided to make the move inland to be close to the Bolles School. The Schiller family fell in love with what they describe as "the best view" in all of Jacksonville, a sweeping view of downtown with St. Vincent's Hospital off in the distance.

But beyond the view, the mid-century aesthetic is what sealed the deal for them. Upon purchase, the home underwent a multi-phase renovation and expansion that lasted through 2014.

Debby Schiller, an architect by trade, realized that mid-century architecture was quickly disappearing

in the Jacksonville area, and she thus took on a labor of love to restore and celebrate the original home while also expanding it to accommodate her family's needs.

The end result is nothing short of unbelievable.

The main home, with modern storefront windows and 10-foot Fleetwood sliders, overlooks an infinity pool that melts into the panoramic river view and the downtown Jacksonville skyline. The living spaces are all thoughtfully designed to blur the delineation between indoor and outdoor space. Additional features include a guest apartment, four-car garage and a three-story athletic facility with separate entrance equipped with an underground squash court. There is also a locker room and gym and a separate pool house with bathroom, storage and entertainment sun deck overlooking the river.

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ABOVE: Todd Hickey, Karen Everett and Win Everett enjoy happy hour at Vernon's at the Sawgrass Marriott on Thursday.

RIGHT: Aaron Weegar and Kim Davis

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Jon Blauvelt



Local business leaders enjoy new happy hour at Vernon's

By Jon Blauvelt

Vernon's at Sawgrass Marriott Golf Resort & Spa hosted a small group of local business leaders on Thursday to promote its new happy hour and kick off the Ponte Vedra Recorder's "Cheers to 50 Years" anniversary celebration.

Attendees enjoyed various cocktails including an old fashioned and Aperol spritz, as well as several small plates. Known as V Hour, the happy hour was launched within the last seven months. Held Monday to Friday from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., the menu features half-priced house wines, well liquors and domestic and import beers, as well as small plates such as fish & frites (\$7), crostini (\$6), beef tenderloin tips (\$9) and oysters (\$2 each). Parking is free with restaurant validation.

Aaron Weegar, director of sales and

marketing at the Sawgrass Marriott, said the hope is for local residents to enjoy the happy hour on a regular basis.

"Our Executive Chef Joe Natoli has developed Vernon's menu to reflect local homegrown ingredients," Weegar told the Recorder in an email. "This local approach ties into the local patrons we are also welcoming."

"The hotel has a rich history acting as a warm welcoming safe haven for the local community to enjoy the vibrant hotel food and beverage offerings," Weegar continued. "Vernon's V Hour is the perfect setting for the local community to continue our rich tradition together."

Event attendees also interacted with staff from the Ponte Vedra Recorder, who partnered with the Sawgrass Marriott on the event. The Recorder is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year.

New nonprofit supporting children in foster care holds Chamber ribbon cutting

Fostering Connections St. Johns, a new nonprofit organization in St. Johns County, held its ribbon cutting with the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce on May 10 at The Gillis Law Firm in St. Augustine.

Thirty people were in attendance, including Chamber ambassadors, community members and board members. According to a press release from the nonprofit, the mission of Fostering Connections St. Johns is to provide support to children in foster care and foster families through fundraising, volunteerism and advocacy.

The organization was founded by Aubrie Simpson-Gotham, a local educator and active community volunteer.

"In my work as an educator and community volunteer, I saw that there was a shortage in social services for children in foster care," she said. "Fostering Connections St. Johns will fill this need by providing a 'connection' between foster families and our local communities, helping all children in foster care reach their full potential."

Fostering Connections St. Johns' ini-

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Fostering Connections St. Johns participates in a ribbon-cutting ceremony with the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce, community members and board members May 10 at The Gillis Law Firm in St. Augustine.



Fostering Connections St. Johns Board members Michael Boen, Adrienne Gillis, Brittany Rowand, Aubrie Simpson-Gotham, Dr. Eliana Melendez, Katy Gillis, Tricia Hare and Jen Lee (not pictured: Emili-Erin Puente and Adam Lynn)

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HILTON GARDEN INN DONATES MULLIGANS CHARITY TAP TAKEOVER PROCEEDS TO ANGELWOOD



Photo submitted by Carol Maurer

Carol Maurer, Hilton Garden Inn sales manager, presents proceeds from Mulligans Pub's recent Charity Tap Takeover to Damara Farwell, chief development officer of Angelwood Inc., a non-profit assisting families in caring for the special needs of their loved ones across their lifespans.

Nonprofit

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tial programming will be providing care packages for children entering foster care and outreach programs for foster families. The Board of Directors and community supporters donated gift cards for foster parents to receive at the upcoming Foster Parent Appreciation Dinner.

On Aug. 10, Fostering Connections St. Johns will be hosting a Back to School Bash for local foster and adoptive families. Additional planned events include Purge Party fundraisers, a PJ Family Movie Nigh and a holiday gift drive in collaboration with the Island Christmas Drive.

For more information, visit www.fosteringconnectionsstjohns.org or www.facebook.com/fosteringconnectionsstjohns.

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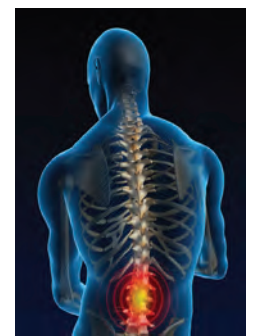
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PVPEF hosts annual student art show

The Ponte Vedra Public Education Foundation held its annual student art show May 5 at the Sawgrass Marriott Golf Resort & Spa.

Expanding this year into an art show and festival, the event featured the local public schools' top artwork made during the 2018-2019 school year. The work was selected by art teachers, and a live adjudication of Best in Shown honors by three pillars of the local arts community — local artist and art teacher Sharon Goldman, Florida State College at Jacksonville professor of art and community mural artist Dustin Harewood, and Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach community outreach advisor Angela de Gregory.

The event also featured performances by Ponte Vedra High School's 17-piece jazz band, Nease High School's jazz quartet and a troupe of dancers led by Nease alumnus Drue Williams. The high school bands were invited to showcase the schools' music departments, and the dance trio was incorporated to illustrate the elegance of collaboration among the arts. Their Bob Fosse-inspired choreography by Miss Williams was performed in an improvisational delivery, set to match the tempo of jazz numbers that the two bands played. These dancers are current students at PV/PV Rawlings Elementary School, Landrum Middle School and Palm Valley Academy.

This expansion of the annual public celebration of Ponte Vedra's student artists kicks off an expansion of the Foundation's programming in support of public schools' funding and resources for arts education. Beginning in the 2019-2020 school year, the Foundation will add grants to music and drama departments at Ponte Vedra High School and Nease High School, engaging their ensembles to perform at local elementary and middle schools.

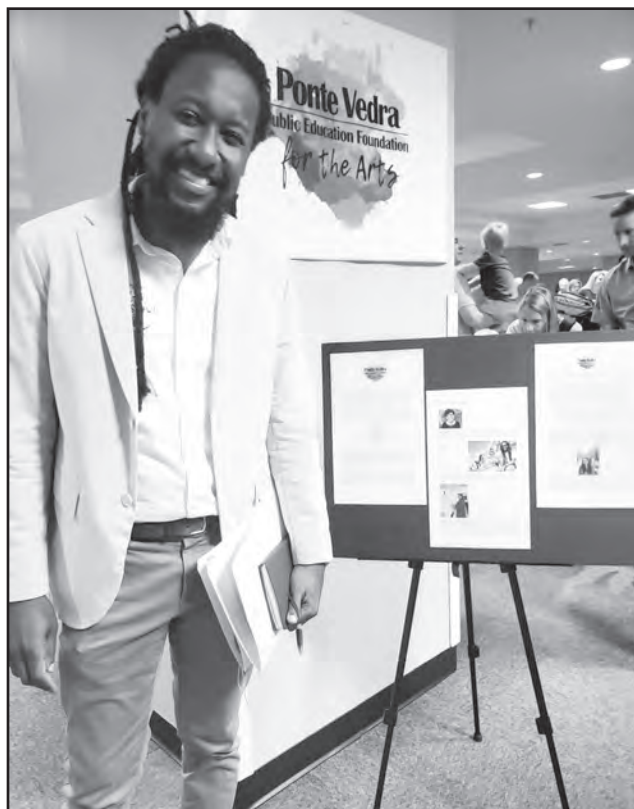
Also, traditional teacher mini-grants, fine art reference materials and the annual art show geared toward the schools' art departments will feature a focus on cross-school education and activities. According to the Foundation, the aim is to give high school students a chance to present their arts and the rising students educational experiences from their esteemed upper-classmen. The mission is also to foster an arts community among Ponte Vedra public school students of all locales and ages.



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ABOVE: Guests view the exhibits at the Ponte Vedra Public Education Foundation's student art show.

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Gonzalo Farias named Jacksonville Symphony's new associate conductor

The Jacksonville Symphony recently announced in a press release that Chilean conductor Gonzalo Farias will join the orchestra as associate conductor.

Farias was selected through an audition process that was held this spring. This announcement was made by Music Director Courtney Lewis and Vice President and General Manager Roger Wight.

"I'm delighted to welcome Gonzalo to the Jacksonville Symphony family, after a confident and inspiring audition," Lewis said. "He's a passionate musician who will bring joy and enthusiasm to our concerts."

Farias will be responsible for conducting the Jacksonville Symphony concerts in a variety of settings and series including community concerts, educational programs for kids, Symphonic Night at the Movies and Fidelity National Financial Pops concerts. Farias will assist Music Director Courtney Lewis and guest conductors in rehearsals while preparing to fill in last minute.

"Gonzalo is a well-rounded artist with



Gonzalo Farias

a particular penchant for storytelling and engaging people with his excitement for symphonic music," Wight said. "I'm

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thrilled to have him join our team and look forward to all he will bring to the Jacksonville Symphony and our community.”

Prior to his appointment with the Jacksonville Symphony, Farias served as the assistant conductor of the Virginia Symphony Orchestra under JoAnn Falletta’s leadership. The Virginia Gazette noted that “with a lyrical, almost Zen-like quality, the amiable Farias established himself as a focused, musical artist who knows what he wants and how to get it — with grace and style and substance.”

Farias was the recipient of the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra Conducting Fellowship for two seasons. Mentored by Marin Alsop, he assisted conductors Robert Spano, Bernard Labadie, Markus Stenz, Christoph König, Johannes Debus and Lahav Shani, among others. As former music director of the Joliet Symphony Orchestra, Farias embraced the Hispanic residents of the greater Chicago area with pre-concert lectures, Latin-based repertoire and a unique side-by-side bilingual narration of Bizet’s Carmen.

Out of 566 applicants from 78 countries, he was recently chosen as one of 24 finalists in the 2018 Malko Conducting Competition with the Danish National Symphony Orchestra.

Farias was born in Santiago de Chile, where he began his piano studies at age 5. He earned his bachelor’s degree at the P.C. University of Chile, and then continued his graduate piano studies at the New England Conservatory as a full-scholarship student of Wha-Kyung Byun and Russell Sherman. He has won first prize at the Claudio Arrau International Piano Competition and prizes at the Maria Canals and Luis Sigall Piano Competitions. As a conductor, Farias attended the University of Illinois working with Donald Schleicher, the Peabody Conservatory with Marin Alsop and worked privately with Larry Rachleff and the late Otto-Werner Mueller.

Besides having a fond love for piano, chamber and contemporary music, Farias

is a passionate reader of second-order cybernetics as a way to help understand how complex systems organize, coordinate and interconnect with one another. This includes the interdependent and recursive nature of musical experiences, in which performers and audiences alike interact and respond to each other.

“It’s just so exciting to be part of such an extraordinary organization like the Jacksonville Symphony,” Farias said. “I’m looking forward to working with the amazing musicians of the Symphony, Music Director Courtney Lewis and the entire administration. I very much admire what the Symphony has done for the Jacksonville community, so I can’t wait to call Jacksonville my new home and share my life story with all of you.”



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PVHS tops Bishop Kenny in spring game

The Ponte Vedra football team defeated Bishop Kenny at home on Friday in the Sharks' annual spring game.

The varsity Sharks played the first half, beating the Crusaders 28-10. The junior varsity and second-string players competed in the second half and topped Bishop Kenny 13-0.

The game served as the debut appearance for new Ponte Vedra head coach Jeff DiSandro, who previously was the offensive coordinator at Bishop Kenny.

The Sharks will take on the Nease Panthers in the first game of the season Aug. 23.



Tommy Zitiello reels in a long touchdown pass from quarterback Jacobi Myers to put Ponte Vedra up 28-10 to end the first half.



Kyle Bondra intercepts a pass for Ponte Vedra in the Sharks' victory over Bishop Kenny on Friday in the annual spring game.

Photos by Chris Norton



ABOVE: A Nease runner finds a hole against Palatka in the Panthers' 48-35 win in the spring game on Friday.

RIGHT: The Nease defense attempts a stop against Palatka.

Photos by Hannah Favorite



Nease beats Palatka in spring game

By Hannah Favorite

Special to the Recorder

Nease defeated Palatka 48-35 in their spring game on Friday.

New head coach Collin Drafts, who previously was the head coach of AC Flora High School in Columbia, South Carolina, led Nease to victory in front of a packed crowd.

The Panthers kept the lead for the majority of the game and maintained a strong defense and offense. The team hopes to take the energy from this win into the upcoming fall season. Nease takes on Ponte Vedra in their first game of the season on Aug. 23.

Hannah Favorite is a student at Nease High School.

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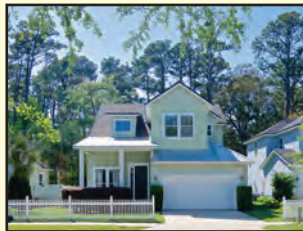
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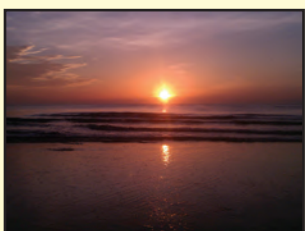
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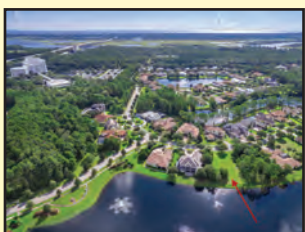
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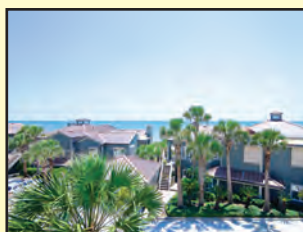
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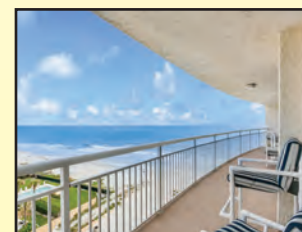
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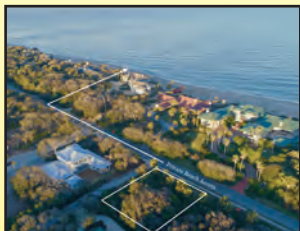
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