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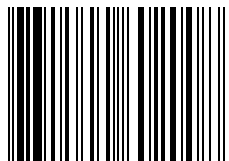
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Si Woo Kim displays THE PLAYERS Championship trophy after besting the toughest field in golf Sunday. Kim, at 21, is the youngest golfer ever to win THE PLAYERS. Read more on page 46.

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## PUZZLE SOLUTIONS

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Solutions correspond to last week's puzzles.

## WHAT'S THIS?



Do you know what this is?

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

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

Four readers correctly identified last week's photo as the William Hill Estate Wine Lounge at TPC Sawgrass. Winner of the random drawing was **Denise Smith** – congratulations, Denise! You may pick up your prize at The Recorder office during regular business hours.



## ADOPT A PET

### CAT OF THE WEEK

My name is Buddy and I am a 10-year-old male, declawed cat who is looking for a new home to call my own. I was brought to the pet center by my owners because they could no longer care



for me. Will you make me part of your family? Come visit me today here at the pet center! #38035

### DOG OF THE WEEK

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this animal was a stray there may be some traits that are unknown at this time. Come visit us today here at the pet center! #37791

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## Nease, Ponte Vedra High students selected as National Merit Scholars

Two students at Allen D. Nease High School and one student at Ponte Vedra High School have been selected as National Merit Scholars.

Nease students Ava Hampton and Malavika Nair each earned the designation, as did Ponte Vedra High School student Adam Snowden. All three students received a \$2,500 scholarship from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation.

The students were among 2,500 Merit Scholar designees selected from more than 15,000 finalists in the 2017 National Merit Scholarship Program. National Merit scholarship recipients are those finalists in each state judged to have the strongest combination of accomplishment, skills and potential for success in college studies. The number of winners named in each state is proportional to the state's percentage of the nation's graduating high school seniors.

Scholars were selected by a committee of college admissions officers and high school counselors, who assessed finalists' academic records, an essay written by the finalist and recommendations by a high school official.

This year's National Merit Scholarship Program began in October 2015, when more than 1.6 million juniors in more than 22,000 high schools took the Preliminary

SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®), which served as an initial screen of program entrants. Last fall, the highest-scoring participants in each state, representing less than 1 percent of the nation's high school seniors, were named semi-finalists on a state-representational basis.

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**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR****Kohnke: Don't blame Nocatee for traffic woes**

Where are all those people I hear are overwhelming us in Ponte Vedra coming from?

Let's look.

First, let's look at the number of cars that travel in-bound to Ponte Vedra and Ponte Vedra Beach. According to an analysis of FDOT and transportation statistics, 7 percent (3,500 cars) of the average daily traffic in a 24-hour period on A1A comes from the south. From the Palm Valley Bridge, there

are 10,525 or 22 percent (half of that comes from US1). The JTB ramp brings 13,000 or 28 percent. A1A from Jacksonville Beach: 20,250 or 43 percent.

The vast majority, at 71 percent, is driving into PV from the north Beaches and/or JTB. And you have 29 percent coming in from the south and west. Some of these are pass throughs from A1A South and Nocatee Parkway – that's the old 210 – because A1A is a faster route to get to Butler and the Beaches.

Next, let's look at who works here. We have four large schools that employ about 324 people. Of those, 104 reside outside Ponte Vedra. We have golf courses, clubs and hotels. The Ponte Vedra Inn and Club

has two golf courses and employs about 600 people. The PGA Tour has two courses and the Sawgrass Marriott has two courses and a club. Then we also have Marsh Landing and Players Club.

Now look at the number of restaurants, stores of every kind and office buildings – plus all the lawn people who keep the yards up, the cleaning people who keep us tidy and many more not mentioned.

We are a great employment mecca. We are bringing all those people here.

Many of these workers don't live in Ponte Vedra or Ponte Vedra Beach. They can't afford it. Nor do most of them live in Nocatee. Again, not affordable, with an average price of around \$400,000 a house.

Further, the biggest place to live in Nocatee is Del Webb. Mostly retired people.

These working people come to us from the north and west – always have and always will.

Nocatee is not bringing us all these people. Some come to us via Nocatee Parkway; most come from the west and north. All those other people on the road live here and are going to work or wherever.

Now, if you want those people not to come, then I guess you've got to do the work yourselves. See, it's a lot more fun to complain when you don't have the facts. You asked them to come help us. Guess what? They did.

**Mary Kohnke**  
Ponte Vedra Beach

"If you build it, they will come." Is this what Jed Davis, grandson of J.E. Davis, and his family thought with the Florida 9B project (Nocatee development)?

When interviewed, Jed Davis stated,

"We as a family try to be good citizens of Jacksonville."

Please try harder. With approximately 27,000 acres owned by the family, could not more roads on open land be constructed

to and from Nocatee to reach other highways?

A1A in St. Johns County is a way of life for thousands living off A1A. A beach community should never become a major

highway. Please don't allow this to happen. Do the right thing as a good, caring citizen.

**Mary Ann Mann**

# Cultural center receives \$25,000 matching grant for 'Sound Connections' program

The Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach has received a \$25,000 matching grant challenge for "Sound Connections," the center's music therapy outreach program that serves children with special needs in three Ponte Vedra elementary schools.

Established by the Persbacker-Wyman Family Foundation, the matching gift is aimed at sparking community support for the program. The cultural center is now challenging the community to help raise \$50,000 to sustain this outreach program for the 2017-2018 school year at Ocean Palms and PVPV/Rawlings elementary schools as well as Valley Ridge Academy. From now until Dec. 1, every contribution of \$50 or more will be matched dollar for dollar up to \$25,000 to help the center achieve its \$50,000 goal.

The center's board-certified music therapists, Minda Gordon and Candice Sirak, use music to promote learning and skill acquisition at selected public schools in St. Johns County. Music therapy uses music as the therapeutic stimulus to achieve treatment goals. The practice has shown correlation to speech, singing, rhythm and motor behavior, memory for song and academic material and an overall ability to enhance mood, attention and behavior.

To contribute to the Sound Connections Matching Gift Challenge, visit the cultural center website at [www.ccpvb.org](http://www.ccpvb.org) or call (904) 280-0614 ext. 203.



Photo Credit: Kim Kirk Photography



# Community PedsCare children, families enjoy day at THE PLAYERS

## THE PLAYERS and EverBank contribute \$60,000 to organization

By Jon Blauvelt

Children and families from Community PedsCare enjoyed a morning of games and a visit from PGA Tour players last week at TPC Sawgrass, as the PGA Tour Wives Association, the Jim & Tabitha Furyk Foundation and THE PLAYERS Championship hosted them for the annual “These Kids Can Play” event.

Held during the May 9 practice round prior to the tournament, the event was intended to serve as a fun-filled distraction for the kids, many of whom are dealing with life-limiting or life-threatening injuries and diseases. The morning concluded with THE PLAYERS Championship and event sponsor EverBank each presenting donations of \$30,000 to Community PedsCare. Tabitha Furyk, who served as the event’s chairperson, said following the check presentation that they are just happy to help.

“It’s so special for these families that have come year after year,” she said with a tear in her eye. “You think about the challenges they deal with every day, and the fact that you can put something together like this that’s so special is really quite an honor to be able to do.”

Face painting, selfies with Ponte Vedra High School drama students dressed as superheroes, animals from the Jacksonville Zoo and a simulation of TPC Sawgrass’ 17th island hole were among the activities and attractions enjoyed by the children and their families at the event’s 18 different “holes” or stations. While immersed in the fun, attendees also had the opportunity to meet PGA Tour players Jim Furyk and Kevin Kisner, as well as the wives of many other players who helped orchestrate the event.

“The PGA Tour Wives Association’s mission is to help needy children and their families,” said Jennifer Perry, executive director of the organization. “In the different

tournament markets around the country, that’s what we try and do, and this is very near and dear to our heart.”

Kristen Monger, who attended the event with her disabled son and daughter, said the event provides her children with a day away from the doctor and the ultimate stress that often characterizes their lives. As for Community PedsCare, she said the program is a “life support” for her family.

Run by Community Hospice & Palliative Care, Community PedsCare provides pediatric, palliative hospice services to approximately 165 children in the Northeast Florida area. Established in 2001, it is one of only a few community pediatric programs in the nation. Working in collaboration with Wolfson Children’s Hospital, Nemours Children’s Specialty Care and the University of Florida-Jacksonville, Community PedsCare provides kids and their families with support as the children progress through different levels of care settings, with services including counseling and spiritual support, music and pet therapy, parent support groups, respite care and more.

Community Hospice & Palliative Care Vice President of Community Engagement John Erstling explained that the annual event at THE PLAYERS Championship provides the children with exposure to the game of golf, which is an opportunity he said they may not otherwise have. Overall, he said These Kids Can Play is one of the more exciting events of the year for the children, allowing them to simply play and be like their peers.

“Whatever it is they’re battling, either medically or clinically, that’s a nuisance for them,” said Erstling. “This event is just a great time to see them behaving like kids. It’s a celebration.”



Jim and Tabitha Furyk greet one of the children from Community PedsCare.



One of the children at the event kicks over a stack of blocks.

Photos by Jon Blauvelt



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**THE PLAYERS Championship Executive Director Jared Rice, PGA Tour player Jim Furyk and Everbank President of North Florida Banking Curt Cunkle display the donations to Community PedsCare.**

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As an anchor and digital producer for the PGA Tour, Kelly Hawkins has a front-row seat for all the tournament action. A Ponte Vedra Beach resident since the age of 5, Hawkins draws on her lifelong love of sports to share the latest golf news with PGA Tour fans.

## Kelly Hawkins

By Jennifer Logue

### What's an average day like for you in your work for the PGA Tour?

As a digital producer and host for the PGA Tour, each day is different. I host digital shows, produce content for our social media channels and help maintain our website. Sometimes that includes me providing analysis and commentary for live, on-site content and other days I am locked into our website making sure all our content is promoted in the best way possible. There is no such thing as an average day for PGA Tour Digital (which is awesome).

### How did you become interested in sports and golf in particular?

My love for sports began when I lived in Knoxville, Tennessee. Despite being a University of Florida graduate, I grew up a Tennessee Volunteer watching the women's basketball team three-peat in the National Championship and cheering on Peyton Manning as our QB. I became hooked on golf when my family moved to Ponte Vedra Beach in 1997 and started coming to THE PLAYERS Championship. I saw Freddie Couples put it straight in the hole on 17 from the drop zone after dunking his first shot in the water in 1999. I was immediately hooked.

### What's the most challenging part of covering the PGA Tour? The most rewarding?

The digital landscape is constantly changing, which requires a lot of thinking ahead and preparing for the unexpected while covering the Tour. My job is completely different than it was a year ago. That is definitely the most rewarding part – a constant challenge and opportunity to do things that have never been done before. The most challenging part is battling the elements on site! I swear I'm a magnet for the rain. It poured on me in the desert at Palm Springs this year and that's when I knew I was basically Johnny Raincloud.

### Tell us about The Daily Rally, the newsletter you started with your sister.

The Daily Rally is a daily sports email newsletter that gives you a rundown of everything that happened in sports the previous day so you can be well-informed and out the door. It focuses on both on- and off-the-field stories from all sports and will hopefully make you laugh while getting you caught up on the sports news of the day. The Daily Rally is for all audiences – from the casual sports fan to the die-hard, lifelong fan. Bonus: You can read it in under five minutes! Sign up at [thedailyrally.com](http://thedailyrally.com).

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

I've lived in Ponte Vedra Beach since I was 5 years old, with the exception of my time in Gainesville at UF. It has been amazing to watch it grow into the city it is today. My family is here and I absolutely cherish this place. There is so much to do and it truly will always be home, no matter where life takes me.

### How do you spend your free time?

I work a lot, and a lot of weird hours on the weekends, so free time is hard to come by sometimes! I enjoy taking



Photo by Jon Blauvelt

classes at Pure Barre, spending time outside walking with my boyfriend in our neighborhood, watching shows and movies on Netflix, and hanging out with my cat, Mila Kunis. We are pretty into food and wine, too, so you

can usually find us trying out new restaurants or visiting some of our standard favorites. Nona Blue is definitely up there!



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# Fans pack the TPC Sawgrass 17th hole at Military Appreciation Day, Sam Hunt concert



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Sam Hunt (right) performs at Military Appreciation Day.

**By Jon Blauvelt**

Soon after fans watched the American flag unfurled upon TPC Sawgrass' iconic island green and the Florida Air National Guard roar through the sky, General Ray Odierno reminded the crowd surrounding the 17th hole just how lucky they are to be Americans.

"There is nothing like this great country," said Odierno, who served as the

38th Chief of Staff of the Army. "We're here today to honor those who are willing to sacrifice anything to protect what this country stands for: delivering freedom and liberty to its people."

Odierno was one of the speakers at the May 9 ceremony that capped off THE PLAYERS Championship's ninth annual Military Appreciation Day, which also featured a concert from Grammy Award-

nominated country artist Sam Hunt. Representatives from all branches of the military attended the event, with several marching into place at the beginning of the ceremony as "God Bless America"

reverberated across the golf course. NBC sportscaster Dan Hicks, who has broadcast THE PLAYERS Championship the past 10 years, emceed the evening.

PGA Tour Commissioner Jay Monahan thanked the tournament's sponsors, partners and volunteers, and also recognized the military members and veterans who he said are central to the PGA Tour's mission.

"There's no better way for us to come together than to be here on the 17th hole, with this spectacular weather, to honor our men and women in uniform," he said. Monahan succeeded former Commissioner Tim Finchem in January.

Odierno asked fans to remember those deployed in harm's way and their families, as they enjoy the competition and amenities of the tournament. The general, who retired from the Army in 2015 after more than 40 years of service, also extended his gratitude to the PGA Tour for supporting and recognizing the military.

Per the annual tradition of including a PGA Tour player in the ceremony, Northern Ireland native and 2010 U.S. Open Champion Graeme McDowell told the crowd you don't need to be born in the United States to appreciate the prowess of its military.

McDowell concluded the ceremony by recognizing Sergeant Thomas Allen,

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Sam Hunt

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a Clearwater native and Purple Heart recipient who was medically discharged from the Army after injuring his head, neck and back in an IED explosion in Afghanistan. McDowell surprised Allen by announcing that he'd be receiving \$5,000 toward child care expenses, a \$2,000 gift card to Rooms To Go and most significantly, a paid off mortgage, thanks to THE PLAYERS Championship, the Military Warriors Support Foundation and Wells Fargo. A speechless Allen said it was the biggest honor of his life to serve in the Army.

Following the ceremony, Sam Hunt played an hour of his hits, including his latest single "Body Like a Backroad," as well as older songs "Leave the Night On," "Take Your Time" and "House Party." Hunt also performed a few country covers, including Thomas Rhett's "T-Shirt" and Dierks Bentley's "Somewhere on a Beach." The country artist received a roar of applause and cheers when he recognized the military throughout the show.

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Thursday, May 18	Friday, May 19	Saturday, May 20	Sunday, May 21
<p><b>'Early Literacy for Happy Babies'</b> The library will host lapsit infants, pre-walkers and their caregivers during this class featuring rhymes, rhythm and songs to help build early literacy skills. "Early Literacy for Happy Babies" will take place Thursday, May 18 and 25 from 11:15 to 11:45 a.m. This class is specifically designed to develop a love of reading with one-on-one interaction between caregiver and infant with 15 minutes of class time and 15 minutes of post-play. For the safety of all babies attending, caregivers with active walkers are asked to attend Toddler Movement class.</p> <p><b>Ponte Vedra Woman's Club Social Hour</b> The Ponte Vedra Woman's Club invites local women to join the group at its regular social hour, to be held Thursday, May 18 from 5 to 7 p.m. at Nona Blue Modern Tavern in Sawgrass Village. Join members of the PVWC for some great conversation, socializing and good food while making new friends and learning about the club's community service opportunities. For more information, contact Teri at (904) 285-1474.</p> <p><b>'Boardwalk Talk'</b> The Beaches Museum and History Park will host a Boardwalk Talk Thursday, May 18 at 5:30 p.m. on four Atlantic Beach men who died during World War II. Johnny Woodhouse will share the stories about the men, including Lt. John "Jack" Ahern, a pilot who saved an English village by piloting his crippled B-17 bomber and thwarting its destruction; Staff Sgt. Bob David, a paratrooper who was part of the first combat jump in U.S. military history and a member of the first football team at Fletcher High School; Solomon Sturdivant; and Richard Bull, the son of Mayor Harcourt Bull. The lecture will also discuss the subsequent dedication of a stone memorial in their honor in 1946. This event is free to museum members with a suggested \$5 donation for non-members. For additional information, visit <a href="http://www.beachmuseum.org">www.beachmuseum.org</a> or call (904) 241-5657.</p>	<p><b>Dean L. Mitchell at Cutter &amp; Cutter</b> Cutter and Cutter Fine Art will host the opening of an exhibition and appearance by artist Dean L. Mitchell on Friday, May 19 from 7 to 10 p.m. Mitchell, a master of the watercolor medium, will display a body of more than 60 originals and limited edition works. The event will be held at Cutter &amp; Cutter's gallery at 25 King St. in the heart of historic St. Augustine. To RSVP, visit <a href="http://www.cutterandcutter.com/pages/events">www.cutterandcutter.com/pages/events</a>.</p> <p><b>Riding into History</b> Riding Into History, one of America's premier motorcycle events, returns to World Golf Village in St. Augustine on Saturday, May 20 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. On Friday, May 19, there will be a motorcycle ride and dinner. On Saturday, May 20, there will be hundreds of classic American motorcycles to view along the Village's Walk of Champions plus vendors, exhibitors and entertainment will be on site. Spectator admission is \$10 for adults; children 12 and under are free. All proceeds benefit K9s for Warriors.</p> <p><b>Art 4 Charities Auction</b> A live and silent art auction to benefit seven local charities will be held Friday, May 19 from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Royal St. Augustine Golf and Country Club. Presented by Art 4 Charities, the event will include a public viewing of the artworks from 4 to 6 p.m., with the live auction beginning at 6 p.m. The silent auction will run throughout the evening. A cash bar and menu items will be available for purchase at the clubhouse. Charities to benefit from the event include the PACT Prevention Coalition, Dreams Come True, Mission House, Alpha Omega Miracle Home, St. Augustine Youth Services (SAYS), Clarke Schools for Hearing and Speech, Learn To Read of St. Johns County and Vilano Beach Main Street. Royal St. Augustine Golf and Country Club located at 301 Royal St. Augustine Parkway in St. Augustine. For more information on Art 4 Charities, visit <a href="http://www.Art4Charities.net">www.Art4Charities.net</a> or call (904) 469-7428.</p>	<p><b>SoMMA Meeting</b> On May 20, 2017, multi-media artist Linda Hawkins will be the presenter at the Society of Mixed Media Artists (SoMMA) meeting. Scheduled to begin at 10:30 a.m., the meeting will be held at the Ponte Vedra Cultural Center, located at 50 Executive Way in Ponte Vedra Beach. The public is invited to attend. Hawkins is an award-winning artist in many media. At this meeting she will demonstrate a variety of techniques using paints, stamps, transfers, paper, hardware, "found objects" and more. In addition to SoMMA, Hawkins is a member of the Jacksonville Coalition for the Arts and the Jacksonville Watercolor Society.</p> <p><b>North Florida Land Trust Fish Fry</b> The North Florida Land Trust will host its Sixth Annual Fish Fry at Big Talbot Island on Saturday, May 20. The family-friendly event will be held from noon until 5 p.m. at Talbot House on Big Talbot Island, located at 12134 Houston Ave. in Jacksonville. Guests can enjoy live music, marsh views, food, local beers, lawn games and more. A Florida Master Naturalist will be on site to take guests on free guided nature hikes leaving at 12:30 p.m., 2 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. Space is limited and guests can sign up for the preferred time when purchasing tickets. Tickets are \$30 in advance or \$40 at the door and include entry and a meal. Kids under 12 are \$10 in advance or \$20 at the door, and students with ID are \$15 in advance and \$25 at the door. Tickets can be purchased at <a href="http://www.northfloridalandtrust.org/events/fishfry">www.northfloridalandtrust.org/events/fishfry</a>. For more information, contact <a href="mailto:gffletcher@northfloridalandtrust.org">gffletcher@northfloridalandtrust.org</a> or call (904) 479-1962. Tickets are rain or shine with no refunds.</p> <p><b>Katz 4 Keeps Adoption Event</b> Join Katz 4 Keeps May 20 for an adoption event helping cats and kittens find their forever homes. The event will be held from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Katz 4 Keeps facility located at 935B A1A North in Ponte Vedra Beach. For more information about this event or organization, call (904) 834-3223 or email <a href="mailto:info@katz4keeps.org">info@katz4keeps.org</a>.</p>	<p><b>Church Blood Drive</b> Ponte Vedra United Methodist Church will hold a blood drive on Sunday, May 21. The OneBlood mobile unit will be parked at the church at 76 S. Roscoe Blvd. from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Anyone who is in good health, at least 17 years old and weighs at least 110 pounds can donate blood; a photo ID card is required. Donors can sign up at <a href="http://www.oneblood.org">www.oneblood.org</a> and the code for this drive is 31016. For more information, contact <a href="mailto:nflagal@aol.com">nflagal@aol.com</a>. Walk ins are welcome.</p> <p><b>Bus trip to Jacksonville Symphony</b> The Jacksonville Symphony will bring a bus to the Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library parking lot on Sunday, May 21 to take guests to the symphony. Tickets are \$55 per person and include round-trip transportation, a complimentary Mimosa, and premium seating at the symphony. The program will include Mahler's Symphony No. 2, "Resurrection." For reservations or more information contact Carolyn Jones at (904) 356-0426 or <a href="mailto:cjones@jaxsymphony.org">cjones@jaxsymphony.org</a>.</p> <p><b>Life Enrichment Group</b> The Life Enrichment Group is designed for those with memory changes who want to remain mentally, physically and socially active, while giving caregivers and loved ones some free time for themselves. The program is offered daily, serving the Jacksonville Beach and Ponte Vedra area. For more information call (904) 417-7354 or email <a href="mailto:life_enrichmentgroup@yahoo.com">life_enrichmentgroup@yahoo.com</a>.</p> <p><b>'Friends for the Arts'</b> Get involved in the arts by joining a team of fellow art supporters at the Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach. Help develop and support fundraising projects and help initiate special projects to benefit and promote The Cultural Center and the arts in our community. 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Monday, May 22	Tuesday, May 23	Wednesday, May 24	Thursday, May 25
<p><b>Ponte Vedra Woman's Club Luncheon</b> The Ponte Vedra Woman's Club invites local women to attend its monthly luncheon meeting, to be held Monday, May 22 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Sawgrass Country Club Golf Clubhouse. The speaker for this month's luncheon will be Christine Hoffman, executive director of The Beaches Museum &amp; History Park. She will discuss what's new -- and old -- at the Beaches Museum, including new programs and events, additions to the History Park and a preview of the Mineral City exhibit. Lunch registration is \$22 per person. To RSVP, email <a href="mailto:TonyaS-nowdenPVB@gmail.com">TonyaS-nowdenPVB@gmail.com</a>.</p> <p><b>Volunteers Needed</b> Life Enrichment Day Retreat in Ponte Vedra is in need of volunteers any weekday for a few hours. This volunteer will assist participants with simple activities. Call (904) 417-7354 or email <a href="mailto:life_enrichmentgroup@yahoo.com">life_enrichmentgroup@yahoo.com</a> for more information.</p> <p><b>Ink, Silk and Gold: Islamic Treasures</b> "Ink, Silk, and Gold" is now on display at the Cummer Museum of Art &amp; Gardens through Sept. 3. The exhibition illuminates Islamic and Middle Eastern history, culture, religious beliefs, and their contributions to global society. Exceptional objects from the Islamic art collection belonging to the Museum of Fine Arts Boston will make a final stop in Jacksonville before returning to their home institution. The objects highlighted in this exhibition not only cover a wide variety of artistic traditions, they also span centuries and vast territories. Ranging from the 8th to the 21st century, the works originated in an Islamic world that spreads from Spain and Morocco in the West to India and Indonesia in the East, with recent works created in New York and other American cities. The museum is located at 829 Riverside Ave. in Jacksonville. Museum hours are Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Wednesday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday noon to 4 p.m. and closed Monday.</p>	<p><b>Meals on Wheels Drivers Needed</b> Volunteer drivers are needed for the weekly delivery of "Meals on Wheels" to seniors. On Tuesdays, drivers are needed for Route 5, Old Downtown St. Augustine (permanently, starting June 6) and Route 10, Shores (also permanent). For additional days and routes, call (904) 209-3686 or send an email to <a href="mailto:aleach@stjohnscoa.com">aleach@stjohnscoa.com</a>.</p> <p><b>Farmer's Market</b> Join the Palm Valley Community Center Farmer's Market every Tuesday for fresh local produce, fresh seafood and artisan breads and sauces from 1 to 5 p.m. at 148 Canal Blvd. in Ponte Vedra Beach.</p> <p><b>'A Positive Way to Menopause'</b> Balanced Physician Care is inviting local women to find a "positive way to menopause" with its interactive workshop. During each session, guests will receive resources and learn strategies to help achieve hormone balance, fat loss, and fitness in a group-based setting. Each week individuals will set goals and take action to improve their health and wellbeing. Remaining workshops will be held May 23 and 30 from 7:15 to 8:30 p.m. To RSVP, call (904) 930-4774 or email <a href="mailto:membership@balancedphysiciancare.com">membership@balancedphysiciancare.com</a>.</p> <p><b>Sunset Rotary Club Meeting</b> The Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach Sunset meets Tuesdays from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Hilton Garden Inn. Community leaders are welcome to attend. For more information, call club President Janeene Hart at (904) 412-5409 or email <a href="mailto:jwhart1208@gmail.com">jwhart1208@gmail.com</a>.</p>	<p><b>Talk with a Doc: Stroke Readiness</b> "When a stroke happens, be FAST!" has been rescheduled to Wednesday, May 24 at 6 p.m. Join neurologist Warren "Casey" Carrigan, MD, to learn more about how to help someone who's having a stroke, which risk factors you have the power to change, and overcoming barriers to seeking prompt care. This free event is open to the community. Call (904) 202-5376 or visit <a href="http://baptistjax.com/ymca">baptistjax.com/ymca</a> to reserve your spot.</p> <p><b>Toastmasters Club</b> Toastmasters Club #5199 of Ponte Vedra Beach meets every Wednesday at 7:30 a.m. at the Players Community Senior Center. These meetings will help attendees improve public speaking and gain leadership skills. The senior center is located at 175 Landrum Lane in Ponte Vedra Beach. Email Carmen at <a href="mailto:carmenjsardinas@gmail.com">carmenjsardinas@gmail.com</a> for additional information.</p> <p><b>Well-being Wednesday</b> Free well-being classes will be held at the Adele Grage Cultural Center at new evening times. Mindfulness Meditation classes are now being taught Wednesday evenings by certified instructor Melissa Stratford at the Adele Grage Center from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. For pricing information, call (904) 270-9760 or email <a href="mailto:Melissa@meditationbuzzfl.com">Melissa@meditationbuzzfl.com</a>. Instructors and speakers interested in teaching are encouraged to contact the Department of Recreation and Special Events at (904) 247-5828 for more details about providing the community with well-being information and classes.</p> <p><b>Chamber Member Appreciation Awards</b> The Ponte Vedra Beach Division of the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce will host a Chamber After Hours reception Wednesday, May 24 at 5:30 p.m. at Sawgrass Golf Club, 10034 Golf Club Drive in Ponte Vedra Beach. Guests will enjoy appetizers and refreshments while networking. The division will also recognize members with its signature Jeff Jenkins Community Service Award, Pat Morgan Outstanding Member Award and numerous other awards. Registration fee is \$25 for chamber members, \$30 day-of registration. To register or for more information, visit <a href="http://www.stjohnscountychamber.com">www.stjohnscountychamber.com</a>.</p>	<p><b>'Go Figure' Art Exhibit</b> The St. Augustine Art Association presents "Go Figure," an art exhibit and juried show on display through May 28 that showcases interpretations of the human body by locally and regionally based artists. Featured works include gesture drawings, studies and figures in different settings with two awards given to selected artists: The Carl Steinsieck Best Figure Drawing Award and the Ann James Best Pastel Portrait Award. The St. Augustine Art Association is open from noon to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and from 2 to 5 p.m. on Sunday. The building is located at 22 Marine St. in St. Augustine.</p> <p><b>'Early Literacy for Happy Babies'</b> The library will host lapsit infants, pre-walkers and their caregivers during this class featuring rhymes, rhythm and songs to help build early literacy skills. 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For tickets and menu information, visit <a href="http://www.alhambrajax.com">www.alhambrajax.com</a>.</p> <p><b>Free calendar listings for community groups and nonprofit organizations are published at our discretion on a space-available basis. Send your event at least 10 days before publication. Submit events to <a href="mailto:jasmine@opcfla.com">jasmine@opcfla.com</a>, post online at <a href="http://www.pontevedrarecorder.com">www.pontevedrarecorder.com</a> using</b></p>

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# Underwood's hosts PGA Tour Wives Luncheon

Underwood's Jewelers of Ponte Vedra Beach once again hosted a luncheon and jewelry show to support the PGA Tour Wives Association benefiting children in need.

Guests enjoyed the opportunity to view pieces from the Dao Fournier jewelry line created by twin sisters Kimberly Gibson and Lucy Price, the wife of PGA Tour golfer Aron Price.

"It's always so nice to see you ladies year after year supporting this amazing cause," Price told guests.

Underwood's General Manager John Rutkowski noted that this was the fourth year the jewelry store had hosted the luncheon and show. In that time, the event has raised more than \$15,000 for the PGA Tour Wives Association.



Photos by Jasmine Marshall

Customers mill about the store May 11 during the PGA Tour Wives Luncheon at Underwood's Jewelers.



Underwood's Jewelers' John Rutkowski (center) joins Dao Fournier jewelry founders Kimberly Gibson (left) and Lucy Price at the PGA Tour Wives event.



Kimberly Gibson discusses pieces from the Dao Fournier collection on display.



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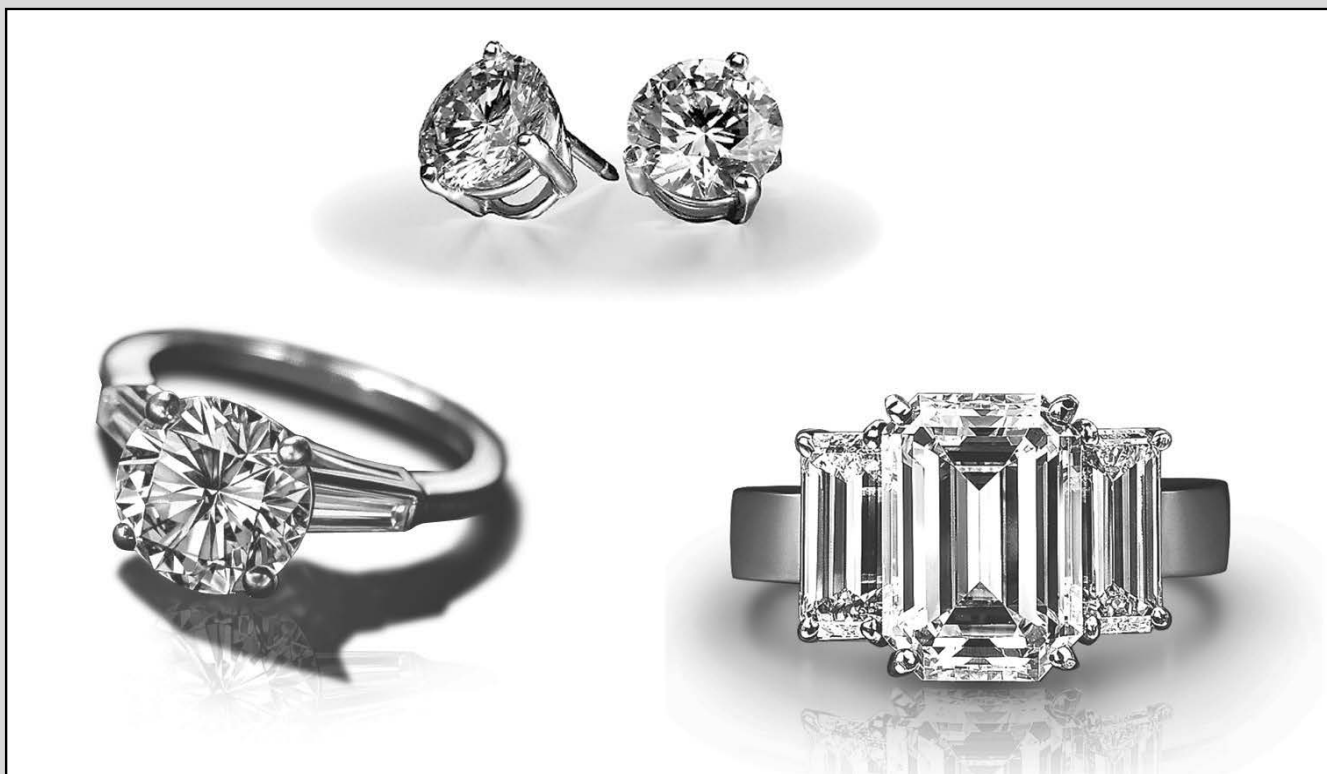
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# Ponte Vedra resident wins 'Innovative Educator Award'

Jacksonville teacher and Ponte Vedra resident Shannon Johnson recently won the 2017 Innovative Educator award from the "Jacksonville Business Journal," recognizing individuals who have created cutting-edge programs that positively impact students or take other innovative steps to increase learning, according to the publication.

The Jacksonville Country Day School science specialist was nominated for her work combining the science and computer labs to create a STEM lab, which includes a "makerspace" and a technol-

ogy studio. She accepted the award at a May 2 ceremony held at the Hyatt Regency in Downtown Jacksonville.

Under Johnson's guidance, the school's science lab has incorporated a fully equipped makerspace furnished with 3D printers, sewing machines and electrical components. In addition, a technology studio was recently established for students to practice the use of technology for productivity, communication and research.

"We are so proud of Shannon's accomplishment," said Pat Walker, head

of school at Jacksonville Country Day School. "She is an outstanding example of an innovator – always pushing the limits, thinking of new ways to engage children in science and other disciplines and working hard to bring those around her onboard to new ideas."

Johnson's peers agreed.

"[Johnson] recognizes how important it is to inspire innovators," said former teacher, parent and substitute Sue Stepp. "And she truly brings out the creative problem solving abilities of each child."

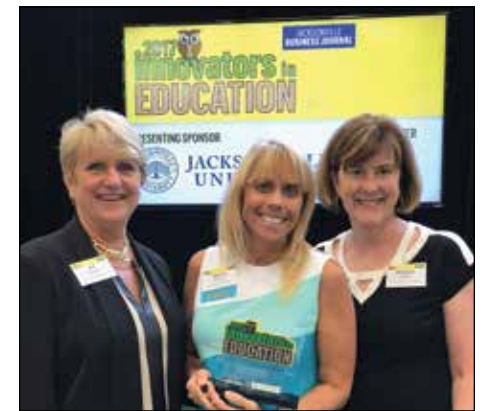


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**Dr. Jeffrey W. Bowden**

Dr. Jeffrey W. Bowden, 67, of Ponte Vedra Beach died peacefully surrounded by his loved ones on May 2, 2017. He was born in Baltimore to the late Neal and Elaine Bowden. He

attended the University of Maryland, College Park, and graduated from the University of South Florida. He earned his Doctor of Dental Surgery and completed his endodontic residency at the Medical College of Virginia.

He is survived by his three sons, Aaron, Matthew, and Alexander Bowden; and one daughter, Megan Case, and her husband, Jeff Case. He has six grandchildren: Brittany, Jonathan, and Savannah Neal; and Adam, Brian and Caleb Case. Jeff is also survived by his two brothers, Tracy and Jay Bowden of Maryland; and one sister, Bridget Fowler of Maryland, as well as five nephews. He was preceded in death by his stepmother, Maggi Bowden.

As he fought pancreatic cancer for almost 12 years, Jeff's strength and perseverance became an inspiration to everyone who knew him. Even

through all of that, he could still be found cruising the Caribbean, hitting the blackjack tables in Vegas or on the sidelines at a Gator game. His kindness and generous spirit that touched so many will be missed by all.

Jeff's family will receive friends and relatives for a celebration of his life at noon on Sunday, May 21, at 255 Sanctuary Estates Lane in Ponte Vedra Beach.

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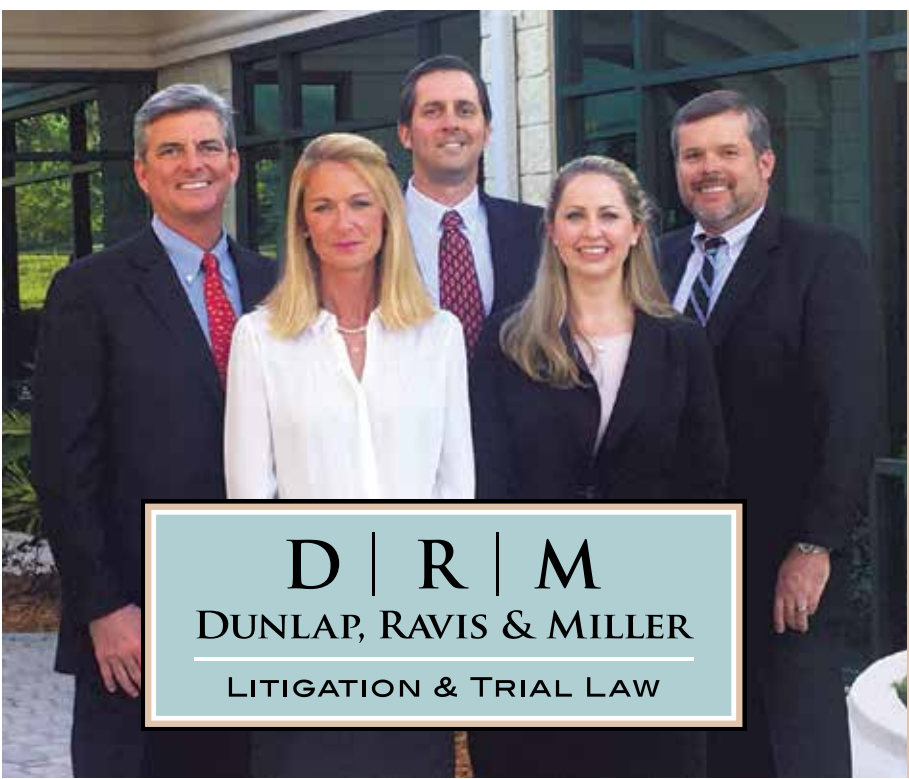


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# Pro golfers share breakfast, faith with local youth

By Jennifer Logue

When PGA Tour golfer Wesley Bryan was growing up, he said his father used to have to drag him to church.

“I thought I knew a lot about Jesus,” Bryan told local youth golfers last week at the annual FCA Golf Jax “THE PLAYERS Breakfast with the Pros.” “I thought he was like this ‘Get Out of Jail Free’ card. But I didn’t have a relationship with him.”

Bryan credited the Christian fellowship and camaraderie he experienced as a teen and through playing golf with helping him develop and deepen that relationship. So much so, in fact, that when he achieved his first PGA Tour victory last month at the RBC Heritage in his native South Carolina, Bryan said he was less focused on his victory than on the greater victory celebrated on that day – Easter Sunday.

“I want this day to be as little about me as possible and more about our savior who came out of the tomb,” Bryan told sportscasters Nick Faldo and Jim Nantz that day. “It was so special to get it done on such a special day.”

Bryan was one of several professional golfers to share his faith with several hundred young golfers at the breakfast, held May 10 at the Sawgrass Marriott in conjunction with THE PLAYERS Championship. Tournament Chairman Kevin English welcomed students and shared a passage of scripture, stressing the important role faith plays in THE PLAYERS Championship and its 2,000 volunteers.

“We couldn’t do what we do without the Lord shining down on the volunteers,” English said. “He enables us to not just put on a golf tournament. He enables us to change people’s lives. And we do that every year by giving back millions of dollars to local charities.”

As Audio Adrenaline vocalist Adam Agee provided entertainment, students ate breakfast with numerous pro golfers, including KJ Choi, Kevin Streelman, Blayne Barber and Ben Martin.

## Building a foundation

Several of the pros present credited FCA golf programs with helping them keep the sport in proper perspective.

“Golf is so often inner focused,” said Patrick Lamb, who noted that he first got involved with FCA at a youth golf camp in St. Augustine’s World Golf Village. “It’s an individual sport, and it’s often easy to be so self-centered that you kind of lose sight of what’s going on around you.”

Connecting with other Christian golfers while on the road, Lamb said, has both helped

him personally and inspired him to remain involved with FCA Golf.

“It’s a great way to introduce (kids) to the most important thing they’ll ever know in their life,” he said, “and that’s Jesus.”

Pro Aaron Baddeley agreed. “FCA’s such a great program,” he said. “It gives you that platform, a foundation you can build your life upon. It teaches you that Christianity isn’t this weird thing. The gospel really, truly changes your life.”

Golfer Kevin Streelman, meanwhile, said the positive impact of FCA Golf inspired him to help create the GAMEDAY program, which enables kids to walk the golf course with pros who share their faith.

“We all have a platform, and one day God is going to ask us what we did with the platform He gave us,” Streelman said. “I want to use my platform for more than making money and taking home trophies.”

Streelman said his faith keeps him from losing sight of what’s truly important in life.



Photos by Jennifer Logue

Landrum Middle School’s golf team was represented at the FCA Golf Jax “Breakfast with the Pros.” Front: Thomas Cush, Stefan Madaffari, Lucas Slayden, Jonathan Greco and Luke Calamari. Back: FCA Golf Jax Director Matt Roop, Carter Lewis, Coach Scot Maxwell and Colin Lytle.

“I always thought once I got on the PGA Tour, that would be it,” Streelman said. “Then it was, ‘Oh, I want to keep my card the next year.’ Then it was, ‘I want a win.’ Then another win.”

“There’s always going to be something else if you don’t have a foundation of something eternal,” he told the young golfers. “God’s love and eternal grace – that’s a foundation you can build your life on.”

View more event photos online at [www.pontevedrarecorder.com](http://www.pontevedrarecorder.com).



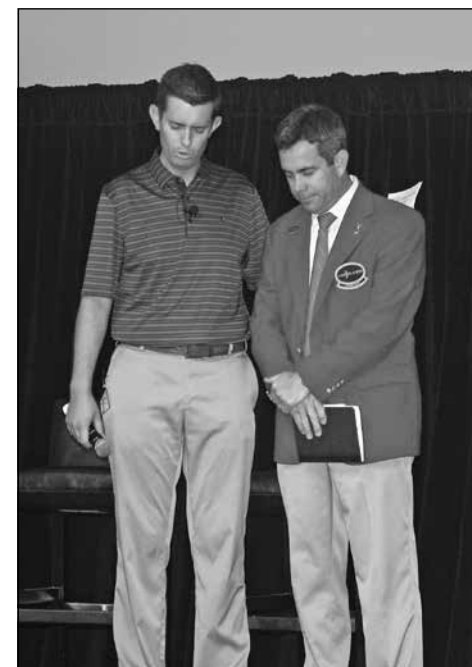
Wesley Bryan tells local youth golfers how his faith helps him keep the game of golf in proper perspective.



PGA Tour golfer Kevin Streelman shares his faith with youth golfers.



FCA Golf Jax Director Matt Roop and Sawgrass Marriott General Manager Todd Hickey



Matt Roop leads guests in prayer for Tournament Chairman Kevin English and THE PLAYERS’ 2,000 volunteers.





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# Special needs children learn to golf at Tesori Family Foundation clinic at Sawgrass Country Club

## PGA Tour player Jordan Spieth makes special appearance

By Jon Blauvelt

For the second consecutive year, the Tesori Family Foundation hosted a group of local special needs children and their families for a golf clinic at Sawgrass Country Club that included a special demonstration from PGA Tour player Jordan Spieth.

A field of 25 “VIPs” participated in the All-Star Kids Clinic, which was held May 10 on the eve of the opening round of THE PLAYERS Championship. A total of 175 people, including family members, volunteers, partners and sponsors, attended. Among the volunteers were coaches from The First Tee of North Florida and eight PGA Tour caddies, including Paul Tesori himself, who is the caddie for Webb Simpson and a former PGA Tour player and St. Augustine native.

“The joy that you young people bring – the happiness, the strength – is something so beautiful,” said Tesori at the beginning of the event. He and his wife Michelle, who now live in Nocatee, started the golf clinics for special needs kids in 2014 after their son Isaiah was born with Down syndrome. Before Ponte Vedra, the clinics were held at the Grandover Resort in Greensboro, North Carolina, the site of the Wyndham Championship.

Spieth kicked off last week’s clinic by demonstrating the five main shots of golf: a hook, draw, straight shot, fade and slice. As he sent balls sailing high, low, left and right down the driving range, he discussed the pros and cons of the shots, as well as the strategies

behind them.

Spieth, whose younger sister Ellie has learning disabilities, seemed to enjoy himself just as much as the kids. At one point, he turned to the crowd of children and asked which shot they wanted to see next. A girl pointed her finger high in the sky, which prompted the 23-year-old golf phenom to shoot a vertical bomber toward the clouds, eliciting “oohs” and “ahs” from the kids.

“If there’s any way that any of us can bring more happiness to our already extremely smiling kids, then it’s a no brainer,” said Spieth about attending the clinic. “The happiness that’s displayed is second to none.”

After Spieth’s demonstration, the children were divided by age group and partnered with a coach for the evening. The groups proceeded to rotate through 15- to 20-minute sessions on putting, chipping and driving, which to the enjoyment of the kids, included using the automated ball teeing system known as Power Tee.

Following the clinic, the Tesoris presented awards and prizes to each of the participants and then sent them in golf carts to Sawgrass Beach Club, where they enjoyed an all-you-can-eat pizza party.

Ponte Vedra resident Van Kerner attended the event with her special needs son Jack. She learned about the clinic last year after reading about it in the Recorder and wanted to make sure he could attend this year. Unfortunately, she remembered to sign up a bit too



Photos by Jon Blauvelt

Paul Tesori with son Isaiah, Jordan Spieth and Michelle Tesori at the All-Star Kids Clinic



Jordan Spieth demonstrates several different shots at the clinic.



Paul Tesori and Jordan Spieth make funny faces with the children at the clinic.



Paul Tesori presents an award and prize to one of the clinic’s VIPs.

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# Stryker donates \$20,000 to K9s for Warriors at THE PLAYERS Championship

By Jon Blauvelt

As part of Military Appreciation Day at THE PLAYERS Championship last week, medical technology and equipment company Stryker awarded a \$20,000 donation to K9s for Warriors for the sponsorship of a service dog.

Meg Smith, vice president of clinical/quality/regulatory affairs for Stryker, presented the donation and a black and gold Stryker vest to K9s for Warriors President Brett Simon at a special ceremony held at the Birdies for the Brave Patriots' Outpost.

"Stryker has a long history of supporting our nation's military," said Smith during the May 9 ceremony. "Our relationship with K9s for Warriors reaffirms our commitment to the health and wellbeing of our veterans."

The contribution marks Stryker's second \$20,000 donation of the year to the local nonprofit. Since 2015, Stryker has sponsored eight service dogs for K9s for Warriors, totaling more than \$160,000 in support. In addition, the company has donated \$10,000 in proceeds from the sales of Stryker hats worn by PGA Tour and Champions Tour players Fred Funk and Hal Sutton to the nonprofit. Stryker offers an array of products and services in the areas

of orthopedics, medical and surgical, neurotechnology and spine.

Simon said the Stryker donations are used to fund dog food, veterinary care, equipment and the hours that are poured into training the dogs and the warriors.

Based in Nocatee, K9s for Warriors trains and pairs rescued service dogs with military veterans suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), traumatic brain injury and/or military sexual trauma as a result of military service post-9/11.

The organization was started in 2011 after Simon, a former police officer and bomb dog handler in Iraq and Afghanistan, returned home with extreme PTSD. Simon's mother, Shari Duval, noticed he was only comfortable around dogs and surmised that service dogs may be the treatment veterans need. The nonprofit has since rescued 500 animals from shelters, ultimately graduating more than 300 service dog teams from its three-week training program. Simon said each of the organization's corporate sponsors has helped in accomplishing these feats, but Stryker has gone above and beyond in doing so.

"What they've done for us has been instrumental in keeping our mission



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K9s For Warriors President Brett Simon accepts the donation and Stryker vest from Stryker Vice President of Clinical/Quality/Regulatory Affairs Meg Smith.

going forward," remarked Simon prior to the ceremony. "We look forward to the future with them to see what it can

bring and how much good we can do for our veterans and dogs."

# Del Webb residents win PGA Tour Volunteer Challenge at THE PLAYERS Championship

## Group earns opportunity to present donations to local charities

By Jon Blauvelt

Four Del Webb residents and THE PLAYERS Championship volunteers were named winners of the tournament's PGA Tour Volunteer Challenge last weekend.

The "Dreams" team consisting of Riverwood Men's Club members Howard Killgo, Thomas Kinney, Dennis Craft and Reed Henley garnered the most support in the online competition, with 781 votes. With its victory, the group earned the opportunity to present a \$10,000 check to The First Tee of North Florida, a youth development organization that focuses on strengthening youth core values and life skills through golf. The team also was awarded \$2,500 from THE PLAYERS Championship to do-

nate to Dreams Come True of Jacksonville, which supports children battling life-threatening illnesses.

Co-created by pharmaceutical company Astellas and the PGA Tour in 2015, the challenge is a friendly competition among participating tournaments and their volunteers designed to recognize the commitment and passion of volunteers while also raising money for local charities.

The challenge for THE PLAYERS Championship was open for more than 75 days, inviting fans to vote for their favorite volunteer groups online. THE PLAYERS Championship First Vice Chairman Damon Olinto received the challenge's second most votes, with 364.



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Adam Campbell, Kevin English, Astellas' Katie Benefield, Howard Killgo of the "Dreams" team and Damon Olinto



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## Tesori

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late and was added to the clinic's waiting list, which typically is more than 30 kids deep. A slot opened for Jack, however, and he was able to attend after all.

"He's been grinning from ear to ear," said Kerner about her son. "He couldn't wait until today. For him to feel like he can do something that everyone else does means a lot."

Founded in 2009, the Tesori Family Foundation supports more than 20 local and national nonprofits throughout the year. In addition to supporting the special needs community, the foundation

benefits the elderly and the homeless, as well as many other groups in need.

When Michelle Tesori took a moment to reflect on the clinic, a few tears streamed down her face as she remarked how glad she was to be wearing sunglasses on that particular day.

"I think the joy that we see here exemplifies everything that we get to experience every day with our child in ways that we had no idea our lives would be positively impacted when he was born," she said.

"The most important thing is that the best way we can demonstrate Jesus' love for us is by loving others," she continued. "This clinic gives us the opportunity to do that for everyone."



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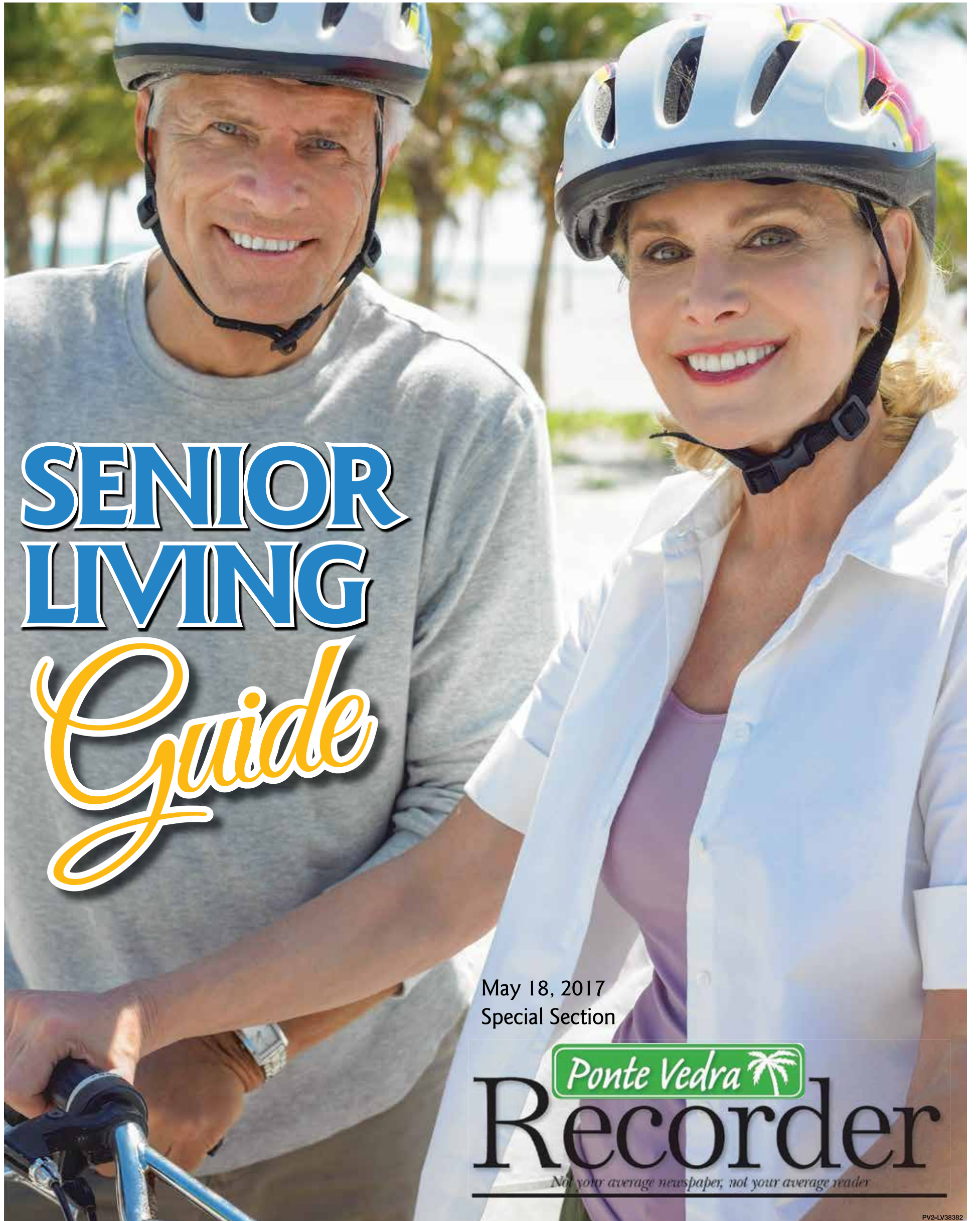
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# Increase in Alzheimer's funding offers hope



**By Kay Redington**

Special to the Recorder

These are times when it's exceptionally hard to make sense of what is happening in our government. It's even harder to find a silver lining. But, there are glimmering slivers of hope this month and a reason to cautiously celebrate some victories in our legislature.

Congress included a \$400 million increase in Alzheimer's research funding at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and is expected to approve it this week. With this action, Alzheimer's research funding by the federal government will reach nearly \$1.4 billion. This nearly threefold increase over five years in NIH

funding for Alzheimer's disease is a monumental accomplishment and a bipartisan effort. Most importantly, it provides Alzheimer's researchers with the resources they so urgently need to one day prevent, treat and hopefully cure Alzheimer's – the sixth leading cause of death in our country and the only top 10 leading cause of death without a prevention, treatment or cure.

Alzheimer's currently has a hold of 5.4 million Americans and 520,000 Floridians according to the Alzheimer's Association Facts and Figures Report released in March of this year. State estimates suggest approximately 31,000 residents of Northeast Florida are living with Alzheimer's. These statistics place our state and our communities at "ground zero" for this

healthcare epidemic.

With crises like these in our families, our districts and our country, there aren't many people thanking members of Congress these days. So, it's important to take a moment out when something splendid happens in Washington. Congressman Al Lawson, a new member of Congress for Florida District 5, really listened to his constituents and immediately asked to become a champion of the Alzheimer's effort by joining the Alzheimer's Congressional Bipartisan Task Force, co-sponsoring the Palliative Care and Hospice Education Act (PCHETA) Bill and supporting a vital research funding increase during a volatile and pivotal congressional budget process. Knowing that African Americans

are twice as likely to develop Alzheimer's and that women make up two-thirds of the population living with the disease, he moved quickly with his support.

In the face of what feels like a lot of losses in our government, this unprecedented and generous collaboration celebrates a "win" for American health care. There is much more to accomplish in the world of Alzheimer's and dementia, but today, many thanks to Congressman Lawson for propelling us further down the path to one day end this disease.

**Kay Redington is the CEO of the Central and North Florida Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association.**





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# Improve your retirement with exercise tips



## By Nemiah Rutledge

Special to the Recorder

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you need is a simple fitness program to increase the quality and longevity of your life.

### Benefits of exercise for older adults

Nearly all seniors can benefit from regular physical activity, according to the American Academy of Family Physicians. The CDC has found regular exercise improves bone strength, heart health, mood and stamina while also preventing chronic disease and lowering the chance of injury. Perhaps one of the most important benefits is that it helps seniors

maintain their independence by reducing the risk of falling and fracturing bones. Many older adults avoid exercise because they are worried it will cause further injury. While the body does take longer to repair itself when older, the benefits of exercise far outweigh the risks.

### Best practices for exercising

If you're an older adult ready to exercise more, here are some tips to help:

**Modify exercises.** Plan to alter exercises to put less strain on your body and meet your unique needs. Many exercises can be modified so you can do them from a chair. If getting down on the floor is difficult for you, keep in mind that any floor exercise can also be done against a wall, like pushups.

**Focus on low impact.** Your regular physical exercise should emphasize low-impact exercises with a higher amount of reps, usually around 15 to 30. The maximum time you should exert yourself is three minutes followed by two minutes of rest.

**Use full extensions.** Concentrate on exercises in which you fully extend your joints, like curls. By ex-

tending, you can elongate muscles and build stronger muscle contraction.

**Stay hydrated.** As we head into summer, it's important for everyone to stay cool and drink plenty of water. Try to do most of your exercising inside and exercise in the early morning if you do go outside. Wherever you work out, make sure your body is getting enough water. Exercise is more beneficial and less risky when your body is well hydrated.

**Buddy up.** Exercising with friends or in groups is a great way to make fitness fun and keep you motivated. If you are concerned about injury, it's an especially good idea to try activities in a class setting with supervision from a trained professional.

The most important rule when exercising is to listen to your body. Once you find the regular fitness activities that best meet your needs, you are on your way to enhanced wellness and a healthier retirement.

*Nemiah Rutledge is the founder and owner of Body Paradox, a Jacksonville-based fitness company that provides corporate and personal fitness training. For more information on his exercise programs and philosophy,*





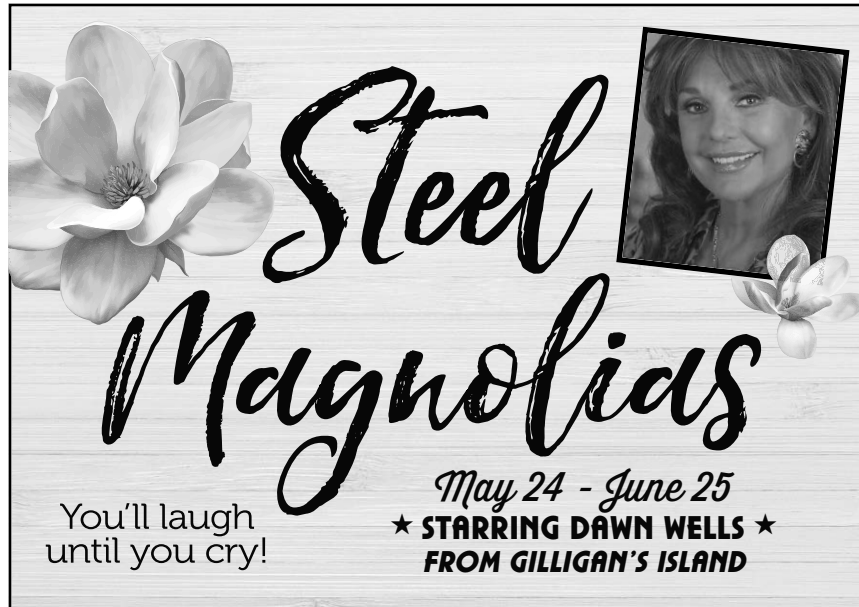
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# Downsizing your home: For empty nesters, less is more



**By Marsha Keller**

Special to the Recorder

**Marsha Keller**  
Guest Columnist

There comes a time in everyone's life when your children grow into adults. They move away and create a life of their own. At

this point, the house where you created a loving family becomes a burden. Empty bedrooms and still hallways. A sizeable mortgage and endless lawn care.

It is time to make that big decision, the chance to relieve the burden of HOA fees and climbing flights of stairs. It's time to downsize.

Downsizing is a way to live simpler – an idea that less is more. You may want to

move closer to children or grandchildren, say goodbye to large neighborhoods and move to a condo on the beach. Many adults 55 and over are choosing to live simpler lives in smaller homes. Communities for those 55 and over are extremely popular, with exciting amenities, restaurants nearby and neighborhoods accessible by walking.

A large house may represent many things to you. Many homebuyers believe that bigger is better. Your current home may act as a place for family get-togethers. It can be a status symbol, a visual representation of your place in the community. By downsizing, you are not eliminating these parts of your life; you are simply re-prioritizing.

You can create a life where you will no longer spend an entire day cleaning empty rooms, or endlessly mowing the lawn. You will have more time and money to spend

on fun activities and dining, and the creative power to reorganize and redecorate.

Choosing the right area to downsize is very important. Would you like a change of scenery? Warmer weather? Choosing the right house is equally significant.

When planning to live smaller, a list is a great way to start your move. Break the list into three parts: must haves, would like to haves, and don't need. A must have is an excellent opportunity to prioritize what is meaningful in your home. For example, a house you are looking for must have a first-floor master bedroom. Running up and down stairs is a burden that you do not need later in life. Another must have could be location based: close to family or in a community with access to tennis courts.

Your must haves drive the search for the perfect house.

The second part of your list, would like

to have, could include granite countertops, or wood floors. They are something that would be nice to have, but wouldn't make or break a deal. The last part of your list, don't need, are things that you want to give up. Popular list items include pool maintenance and HOA fees. Having a reference point of what is important to you will help you find the perfect match for your move.

When you find your new house, the most important key is that you find happiness in the location and new creative space that you call home. Downsizing can be a stressful process if you don't ask for help. With a great Realtor, access to senior move-in specialists and a clear vision of what you are looking for, the greatest stress of moving can be lifted.

**Marsha Keller is a designated Senior Real Estate Specialist (SRES).**





  
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# Haven Hospice recognizes volunteers

For the second consecutive year, Diane Mahoney was the recipient of the Haven Hospice Outstanding Volunteer of the Year Award for the St. Augustine service area during the recent volunteer appreciation luncheon and awards event at the Haven Hospice St. Augustine Community Room.

Mahoney has been volunteering with Haven for seven years. Prior to joining the organization, she worked for 42 years as a psychiatric nurse.

"I think one of the things that sets Haven apart for volunteers is that you can volunteer in so many different capacities," Mahoney said. "I have been involved in a lot of volunteer programs at Haven, but this year I hope to broaden my horizons and get more involved."

One of Mahoney's primary duties as a volunteer for Haven is to perform "tuck-in calls," which are made every Thursday to patients in their homes to ensure they have all the supplies they will need for the upcoming weekend.

"During these calls, patients and caregivers often share details about their personal lives," said St. Augustine Volunteer Coordinator Michelle Colee. "Diane gives them an outlet to discuss what they

are going through during a difficult time."

Additional volunteers who were recognized for the St. Augustine area include Teresa Baker – Patient and Caregiver; Veronika Feltner – Attic Resale Store; Bob Mericle – Community Outreach; Karen Gordon – Administrative; Herb Zieglmeier – Veteran's Recognition; Dennis Alderson – Special Programs/Legacy; and Ed Delgado – Special Programs/Pet Visits.



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**Haven Hospice Director of Volunteer Services Courtney Quirie, Vice President of Organizational Advancement Eric Godet, Administrator Cathy Johnston, Outstanding Volunteer of the Year Diane Mahoney, Volunteer Coordinator Michelle Colee and President Gayle Mattson.**

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# Mixed RITA tennis tournament to be held June 3-4

The inaugural Mixed RITA (Research Is The Answer) tennis tournament will be held June 3-4 at the Sawgrass Country Club to raise money for cancer research and care.

New to the RITA Foundation – which also holds the SenioRITAs and RITA events – the mixed doubles tournament will feature both male and female participants and ultimately support efforts to fight both prostate cancer and breast cancer. All money will remain local, with proceeds for prostate cancer benefiting Baptist Health and those for breast cancer benefiting Mayo Clinic.

The event was started by a group of men whose wives have played for several years in the SenioRITAs tennis tournaments to raise money for breast cancer research and care, which

inspired them to establish an event and cause of their own. The Mixed RITA organizers are anticipating a successful weekend, with all team slots filled and many local businesses and individuals providing donations and support. For more information about the event, including how to add your name to the wait list or become a sponsor, visit <http://www.the-rita-foundation.org/mixed-rita>.

The RITA Foundation was founded more than 20 years ago with the inaugural women’s doubles tennis tournament raising money to help fight breast cancer. The foundation’s efforts help support clinical research, basic research, education, awareness and patient related cancer programs.

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# Gabriel House of Care marks 6th anniversary at annual gala



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Gabriel House of Care celebrated its 6th anniversary recently at the nonprofit's annual gala hosted by honorary chairs Jorge and Leslie Bacardi.

Held April 21 at the TPC Sawgrass Clubhouse, the event attracted more than 300 supporters of the nonprofit organization, which provides lodging and supportive programs for organ transplant and

cancer patients and their caregivers who come to Jacksonville for medical treatment.

"We are very blessed to have so many people who believe in the mission of Gabriel House and the services we provide to those who stay with us," Executive Director Valerie Callahan said. "Everyone who comes through our doors is dealing with

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# New AARP book raises awareness of food, medication interactions

Millions of Americans age 50-plus take prescription drugs, yet few know the health risks of taking them along with certain foods and over-the-counter (OTC) supplements. Some blood thinners, for example, can increase the risk of irregular heartbeat and heart attack if taken with everyday foods like spinach, kale and tomatoes

To address these kinds of food and drug interactions, AARP and Skyhorse Publishing have released a revised edition of "Don't Eat This If You're Taking That: The Hidden Risks of Mixing Food and Medicine" (Skyhorse Publishing paperback; May 2, 2017, \$17.99). Written by Madelyn Fernstrom, Ph.D., and her husband John Fernstrom, Ph.D., the book provides a consumer's guide to understanding how mixing prescription medications with certain foods and supplements can lessen their effectiveness or even cause a serious health problem.

"Most people are surprised to learn that even healthy foods can interfere with the actions of many medicines," Madelyn Fernstrom said.

"Small changes in what you eat can make a big difference in making sure your medications are working the way your doctor intended."

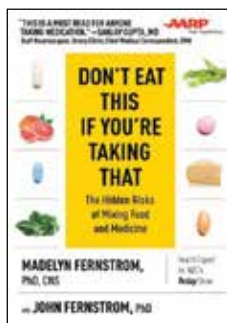
Examples of the book's advice include:

- Avoid eating grapefruit when taking cholesterol medicine
- Steer clear of red wine, hard cheese and chocolate while on certain antidepressants
- Know which of the many herbal supplements can affect blood pressure

Covering everything from antidepressants to herbal supplements, the revised edition focuses on which foods to enjoy and which to avoid when taking the most common prescription drugs. The book is divided into eight sections covering the most widely-used medications, including antidepressants, pain relievers, blood thinners, diabetes drugs, antacids, cholesterol drugs, blood pressure medications and heart medicines.

"This book will help anybody tackle the complexities of food and medicine interaction," said Jodi Lipson, director of AARP Books. "Don't Take This If You're Eating That" is especially useful for people taking more than one medication."

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# Closing the gap: TechVine helps seniors benefit from smart devices



TechVine Founder Michael Schmitt

By Jasmine Marshall

Most people remember the leap to smart devices circa 2010, when tech giants Apple, LG and Samsung forever changed the way people looked at cellphones.

Before the initial shock of a touchscreen keyboard even wore off, a generational rift formed, dividing those adapting to new technology such as iPhones and tablets and consumers who opted to hold onto their “dumb phones” – flip devices with tangible keypads meant to function as phones and not much else.

According to tech educator Michael Schmitt, that shift had unexpected consequences: seniors getting “left behind” in an increasingly adaptive world. To remedy the situation, he founded TechVine, a company geared specifically toward tech education for seniors.

As a tech educator, Schmitt guides seniors through 10-week courses at beginner and intermediate levels. TechVine also offers packages, hourly lessons, group lessons and seminars.

Through each session, Schmitt said, the company aims to “eliminate the intimidation factors” commonly associated with learning to use smartphones by creating a personalized approach to them. The goal: to make the transition easy while demonstrating how technology can help with everyday activities, connectedness and functionality.

## The digital divide

Schmitt first recognized the need for such a service in 2013 after returning to the United States from Italy. The former teacher, nurse and volunteer began working at AT&T, where he noticed a pattern of increasingly baffled seniors struggling to keep up with the technology that had suddenly become so deeply ingrained in their lives.

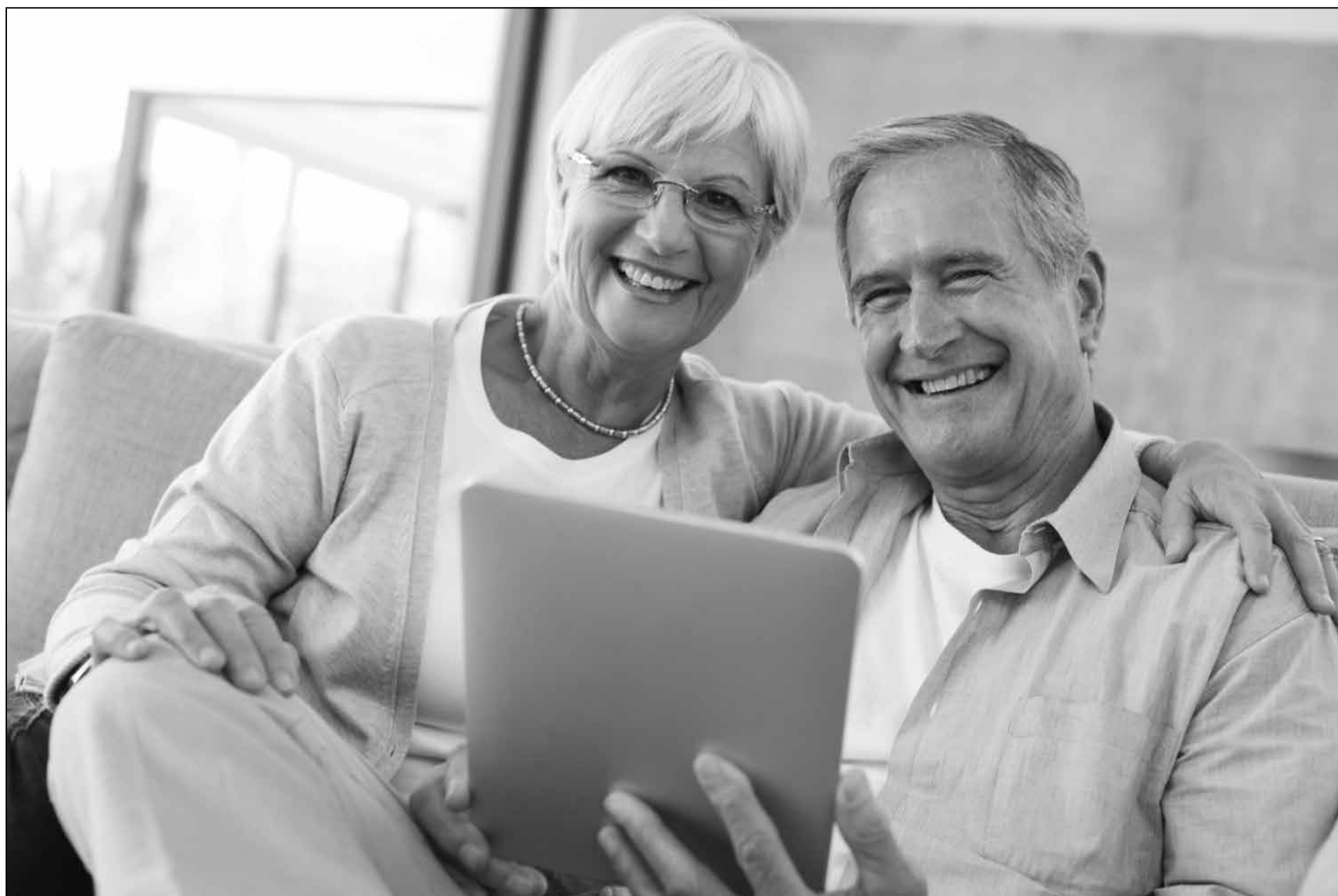
“They missed the gap,” Schmitt said. “That jump from desktops to smart devices – iPads, iPhones, Androids, you name it – and as the world moved toward those devices, they continued to use what they had. All of a sudden, these devices are failing and they can’t make that jump anymore.”

That leap consisted of increasingly complex devices, interfaces and functionality that made telecommunication almost secondary to features like video streaming, messaging and picture taking. Each new generation of devices strays further from the basics – and it can deter seniors from trying them altogether. But technology has stopped for no one, Schmitt said, and its evolution creeps ever closer to the services vital to seniors.

“Now, suddenly even pharmacies are saying ‘use our app to reorder your medication,’” he said. “Kids are deferring to Facebook to share photos of grandchildren, banks are recommending applications to help manage finances. There are so many different ways it becomes more necessary to [understand], but it’s a completely different language.”

Schmitt recognized the overwhelming abilities of smart devices as one factor keeping seniors from adapting; the other side, he said, was the frustration families often felt in trying

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## TechVine

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to get them to learn. In his own teachings, Schmitt has tapped into the desire to adapt in order to demonstrate the ways that seniors and people with disabilities could be helped with smart devices.

### Guided learning

Schmitt's clientele consists of people in the Beaches area, including residents of Cypress Village, where he acted as an iPad instructor. He also installed home systems like Amazon's "Echo," which can be programmed to accept voice commands that allow users to create reminders and make small adjustments to things like the temperature or light intensity. The community served as somewhat of a testing ground where Schmitt could "tweak" his offerings to meet the mission, and where he first learned how to get seniors on board with technology that could prove helpful in their lives.

One example of his instruction is Bess Turk, a Cypress Village resident who began to lose her vision due to macular degeneration years prior to moving to the community. Turk's condition made for abrupt changes in her lifestyle, occasionally causing her to miss appointments and forget daily activities. Schmitt worked with Turk to create a system with Amazon Echo – a system that answers to the name "Alexa" – that would allow her to turn her lights off and on, create grocery

lists, schedule appointments and more with a simple voice command.

"When I met with her, hearing [what she needed] made me realize that there was so much more that could be done," Schmitt said. "And with a lot of my clients, I feel that this technology isn't just a novelty – this can be life-changing."

Schmitt noted that many of his clients are also people with disabilities or limited mobility for whom the challenge of moving around the house was made easier with voice commands.

"Several of my clients have disabilities, some blind or wheelchair bound, and for them, even moving from room to room or reaching a light switch or adjusting the temperature can be difficult," he said. "And teaching them to embrace a system that they can interact with using their voice ... that they can speak to from anywhere in the house just improves the quality of life for so many people."

### Embracing new technology

As he eyes the possibility of expansion, Schmitt looks forward to opening the eyes of people who might have initially rejected the idea of a "pocket computer" in the past. In the process, he hopes more seniors will feel encouraged to get on board with smart technology.

"The end result we hope for is that they feel comfortable with and can include this technology in their daily life to interact and communicate with people and things important to them," he said. "I want to help them embrace it and stop

asking why it's so different so that they can interact with it and grow that way."



Bess Turk uses adaptive technology while playing the piano.

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Florida Eye Specialists is now offering the CyPass Micro-Stent, a treatment believed to be effective in treating glaucoma patients while reducing the complications associated with more invasive procedures. The stent, which is inserted in conjunction with a cataract procedure, is designed for patients with mild to moderate glaucoma.

Glaucoma is a group of diseases in which a buildup of fluid in the eye damages the optic nerve and leads to progressive vision loss. Current glaucoma surgeries aim to reduce intraocular pressure (IOP) to prevent further damage to the optic nerve. Such procedures can be invasive, however, and may produce variable outcomes.

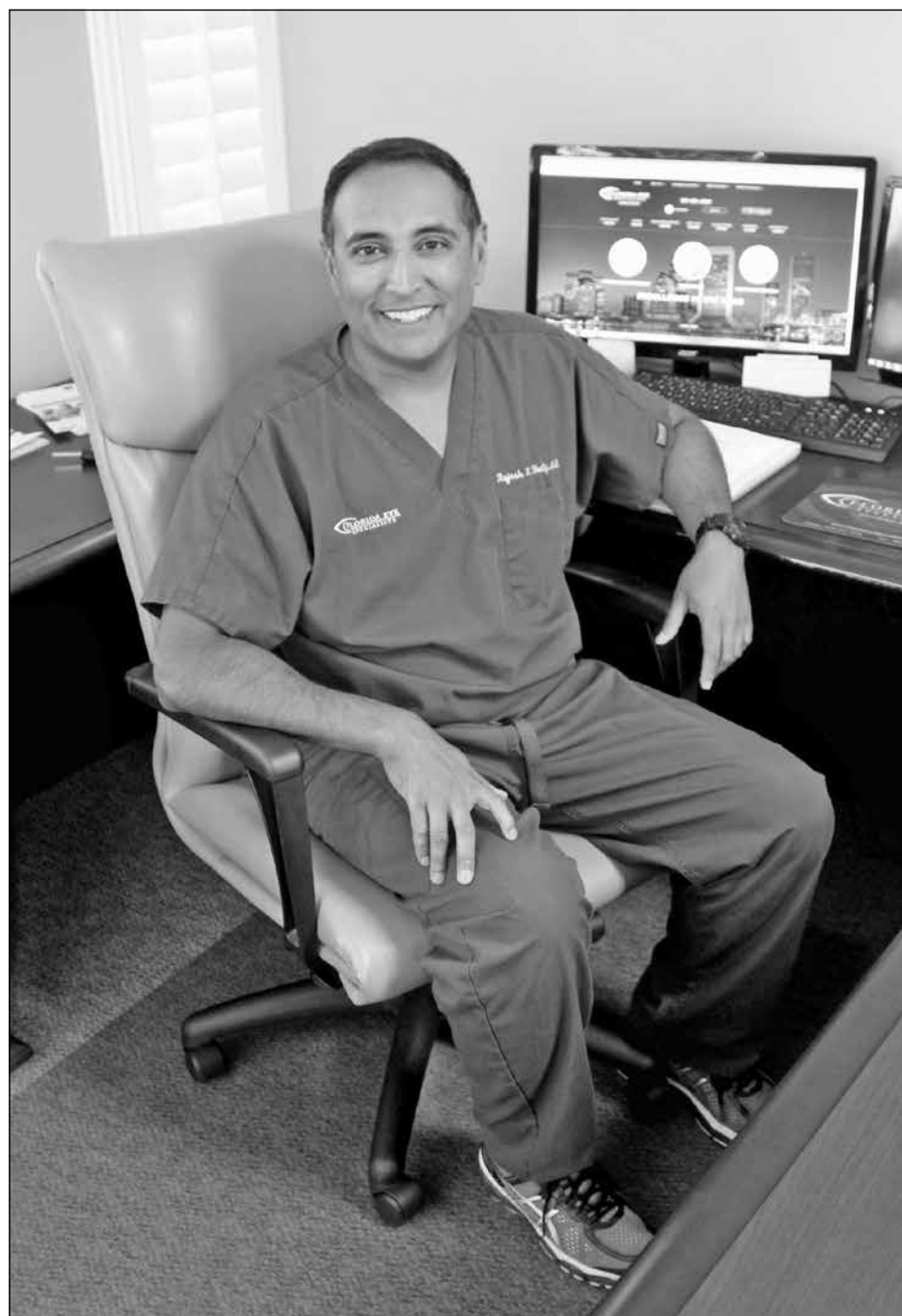
In contrast, the CyPass Micro-Stent device is implanted just below the surface of the eye to create a new drainage pathway that prevents fluid buildup.

The procedure has minimal tissue disruption, reducing complications like scarring or bleeding that may occur in more invasive glaucoma surgeries.

In a clinical study involving more than 500 participants, more than 72 percent of those treated with the CyPass Micro-Stent had significantly lower IOP, with reductions maintained over a two-year period.

"The CyPass Micro-Stent is a revolutionary step in minimally invasive glaucoma treatment," said Dr. Rajesh Shetty, an ophthalmologist at Florida Eye Specialists. "Our patients who have received the procedure are having incredible results, and we can't wait to help more North Florida residents suffering from glaucoma."

Glaucoma is the second leading cause of blindness in the world and affects more than 3 million Americans. Symptoms can take years to develop, but may include blurred vision, eye pain and vision loss.



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Ponte Vedra Wellness Center owner Dr. Erika Hamer (center) with Dr. Casey Means, DC (left) and Daniel Brauch, CCPA (right)

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# Ponte Vedra Wellness Center welcomes Dr. Casey Means

Dr. Casey Means has joined Ponte Vedra Wellness Center, assisting owner Dr. Erika Hamer in the practice's Ponte Vedra and Nocatee offices as a chiropractic physician.

A Florida native, Means attended Palmer College of Chiropractic at its Port Orange, Florida campus. He has practiced in North Fort Myers and Cape Coral and brings extensive experience working in a family-oriented practice serving patients of all ages and conditions.

"I have experienced the healing benefits of chiropractic care first hand," said Means,

who comes from a family of chiropractors. "I look forward to helping the patients at Ponte Vedra Wellness Center recover effectively from accidents or injuries as well as keeping them healthy so they can continue to enjoy an active lifestyle."

In addition to welcoming Means to the practice, Hamer noted that longtime employee Daniel Brauch has pursued additional studies sponsored by Sherman Chiropractic College and is now credentialed as a certified chiropractic physician assistant. As a licensed CCPA, Brauch is able to handle new patient

intakes, perform initial patient exams and re-exams, and perform x-rays and rehab therapies as ordered by Dr. Hamer.

"I am beyond excited to attain my certified chiropractic physician's assistant license so that I can assist Dr. Hamer in providing the highest quality care to the patients of Ponte Vedra Wellness Center," Brauch said. "I look forward to the new challenges and opportunities ahead and can't wait to help even more patients attain a higher level of functional capacity and wellness."

Hamer added, "We are thrilled to welcome

Dr. Means to the practice and know that his expertise will serve our patients well. In addition, we are so proud of Daniel's accomplishments because there are only a handful of licensed CCPAs in the state of Florida so Daniel brings a distinct honor to this practice. Overall with the addition of Dr. Means and Daniel's expanded abilities, we know we are in a great position to serve the health and wellness needs of our growing communities — both in Nocatee and at the Beaches."



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# 'Fancy Pants' party at Jacksonville's Topgolf facility benefits nonprofit Blessings in a Backpack

By Jasmine Marshall

Jacksonville's newly opened Topgolf location was the setting for this year's "Fancy Pants" party to benefit Blessings in a Backpack, as golf enthusiasts teed off in style May 13 for a good cause.

The Topgolf event was just one more of the North Florida chapter's continued efforts to raise awareness for the

nonprofit, which provides backpacks full of meals for students who rely on their schools for free or reduced lunch and might not have access to food over the weekend.

"What we do is provide meals that are non-perishable, nutritious and kid-friendly for students in need," said Kimberly Ward, executive director of First Coast Blessings in a Backpack. "These are children who may not have refrigerators at home, who may not be able to cook meals – this is a way to make sure that they're fed."

Those efforts are grounded in the links found between student performance and hunger, Fancy Pants Chair Patrick Spacek said, and the work done to ensure students are fed helps improve their ability to focus and willingness to learn. Spacek said the "Fancy Pants" events double as ongoing branding efforts to create a distinctive image for First Coast Blessings in a Backpack.

"We really want people to associate these crazy, fun and patterned pants

with Blessings in a Backpack," he said. "Every pair should ... bring awareness to the work being done with (the charity). I wear these pants out on a normal day and people say to me 'hey, is there an event tonight?' And that means it's

working."

The next First Coast Blessings in a Backpack fundraising event will be a "Taco Tuesday" to be held May 23 at Chipotle Mexican Grill at 13546 Beach Boulevard in Jacksonville.



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# THE PLAYERS Championship Celebration

THE PLAYERS Championship showed its appreciation to the local community for its support for the annual golf tournament with a celebration held May 8 at the TPC Sawgrass Clubhouse. Guests enjoyed a buffet dinner outside on the clubhouse lawn along with live entertainment. View more event photos online at [www.pontevedrarecorder.com](http://www.pontevedrarecorder.com).



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# Sawgrass Marriott reception

The Sawgrass Marriott Golf Resort and Spa hosted a VIP reception Saturday on the eve of the final day of competition for THE PLAYERS Championship 2017.

The hotel's Masters ballroom was transformed into a high-end nightclub for the event, complete with luxury

lounge seating, a DJ and acrobats. Executive Chef Joe Natoli and his team from the Sawgrass Marriott's 619 Ocean View offered a variety of cocktail and menu options, from grilled jumbo prawns and paella to swordfish, pasta dishes, a "meat market" and more. Dessert options, meanwhile,

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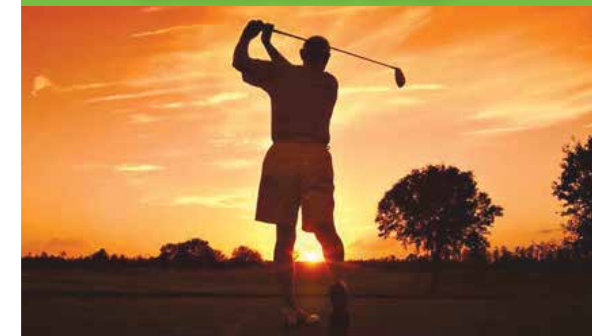
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# YMCA hosts 'After Partee'

The YMCA celebrated the completion of the first day of tournament action at THE PLAYERS Championship May 11 with its 5th annual benefit concert.

Held at Nocatee's Crosswater Hall adjacent to the community's popular Splash Water Park, "The After

Partee" featured a pool party theme complete with beach balls and nautical decorations. In addition to hors d'oeuvres and refreshments, guests enjoyed music from The Chris Thomas Band, DJ E.L. and Jordyn Stoddard. The event also offered a silent auction, wine drawing and more.

Proceeds from the event benefited the Y's Safety Around Water drowning prevention program, which teaches children water safety skills.

View more event photos online at [www.pontevedrarecorder.com](http://www.pontevedrarecorder.com).



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Ponte Vedra YMCA Executive Director Jennifer Ryan with parents Susan and Doug Gornto



Serena Baker and Chris Watson



Heidi Lang and Christine Mack



Savannah, Penny and Sarah Zuber



Jen Zeiller and Sam Kraemer

# ABC Fine Wine & Spirits hosts tasting, cigar event

Guests sampled a variety of wine, spirits and cigars May 10, when ABC Fine Wine & Spirits hosted its annual event in conjunction with THE PLAYERS Championship.

Held in Sawgrass Village, the event featured nearly 35 tasting stations, each of which featured anywhere from four to a dozen different varieties of wine and spirits. Guests also had an opportunity to enjoy fine cigars. View more event photos online at [www.pontevedrarecorder.com](http://www.pontevedrarecorder.com).



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# Common plants that are toxic to cats and dogs

Sago palms, also known as King palms, are common plants found around homes throughout Northeast Florida.

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"Dogs that chew on these palms or ingest the seeds or nuts from a Sago may become extremely ill, and we unfortunately have to treat dogs for liver damage from time to time," said Dr. Abigail Bertalan at Southeast Veterinary Oncology and Internal Medicine (SEVO-Med), which specializes in the treatment of serious internal diseases

and provides cancer treatment for pets.

As a specialist in internal medicine for the clinic, Bertalan has treated several dogs after they ingested parts of the Sago palm – one as recently as last month.

"If your pet does eat the bark or seeds of a Sago palm, it's best to get to a veterinarian immediately," she said. "The sooner the exposure is handled and treatment begins, the less risk of long-term complications and the better chance of survival."

While Sago palms are extremely toxic to dogs, many flowers in the lily

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Dr. Krysta Deitz

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# Who gets the pet in a divorce?

By Lawrence Datz

Special to the Recorder

Americans love their pets. In fact, 68 percent of U.S. households have at least one pet, according to the latest National Pet Owners Survey. But whether a pet is treated like a child or spoiled like a grandchild, pets are often an important part of the family. That's why the question of who gets "custody" of the family pet may become hotly contested in a divorce.

While the term "custody" is associated with children in a divorce, family pets are not treated like children under the law. If you are attached to your pet, brace yourself for the legal reality.

The legal standing of pets derives from Western European law a few hundred years ago, which is the source of many of our laws. Historically, animals were used for work and food, and their value was based on what they could produce. The family horse, cow and pig were all considered property – the same as tools, wagons and furniture. Although the value modern Americans place on family animals changed,

their legal status is unchanged. Thus, our dogs, cats, parakeets and tropical fish are all considered property under the law.

In Florida, the first question when determining who gets the family pet might be whether it is considered "marital" or "nonmarital" property. If one party owned the pet prior to marriage, then the pet is nonmarital and should go with the spouse who owned it before the marriage. If the pet was acquired during the marriage, ownership might depend on how it was acquired. If a spouse received the pet as a gift from someone other than his or her spouse, it might be considered nonmarital, whereas a purchase during the marriage is more likely marital.

If parties do not agree on the disposition of the pet, a judge will make the decision. When a pet is considered marital, the judge will also determine its value and who gets it.

Since the vast majority of divorce cases are settled by agreement of the parties, a pet may be the subject of negotiations. The compassionate person might believe the pet should go where it will be best loved.

The pragmatist might consider who will best care for the pet. And, for the heartless, the pet can be a bargaining chip to be used for leverage in negotiations.

However, most disputes about pets rarely make it to a judge for determination. Instead, people usually resolve their pet issues by agreement. Often, pets go with the children or with the spouse who is most attached to it. In some cases, both humans cannot bear to part with their pet and actually split time with it – similar to a timesharing arrangement with a child.

As with most matters in divorce cases, the outcomes vary by the humans involved. Undoubtedly, the subject of pets is often emotional, especially if they become involved in the owners' legal dispute. Nonetheless, reasonable people balance the best interests of the pet against the best interests of the person.

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## Toxic plants

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family – especially Easter lilies – are extremely poisonous to cats.

"Cats are more common lily-poisoning victims, but they are toxic to both," said Dr. Krysta Deitz, a new internal medicine specialist at SEVO-Med's Beaches clinic. "All lilies, which are extremely popular bouquet items, are toxic to animals to some degree...including tiger lilies, tulips and calla lilies, but Easter lilies are the most dangerous. Even a sniff of the pollen can be fatal to a kitten or cat."

Deitz suggests that if you have a bouquet or lilies in the house and own an animal, make sure they're placed in a location that can't be reached by a pet. Other popular bouquet items that can be hazardous to animals include baby's breath, bird of paradise, carnations, daffodils, dahlias, daisies, irises and peonies.

While not as life-threatening as the others, there are other plants both doctors say pet owners should avoid inside and outside the home. Popular garden items that are poisonous include azaleas, buttercups, chrysanthemums, gardenias, gladiolas, hibiscus, hyacinth, hydrangeas, mums, primroses, rhododendrons and sweet peas. Climbing plants like ivy and wisteria should be off limits to dogs. Even medicinal and recreational plants are unsafe for dogs and cats, including St. John's Wort, aloe, tobacco and rhubarb plants.

"While the holidays are months away, mistletoe is also poisonous, and poinsettias can be extremely irritating to the mouth and stomach if ingested," Deitz said. "Fortunately, the unpleasant taste keeps animals from eating a lot of the plant, but it's best if you keep pets away from them."

The doctors stress that pet owners should keep their favorite flowers where they can appreciate their beauty, but lock them away when they're not at home and keep a close watch when pets are near them. Likewise, with outdoor plants, keep a close eye on pets when they are playing in the yard.

"It's not advisable to let pets out unsupervised, and you can't watch them every second, but you can help keep your pet healthy by knowing which plants and trees are toxic in your area," Bertalan said. "Just by being aware of the danger and by taking proper precautions, you can keep your favorite plants and pets safe."

SEVO-Med has two locations in Northeast Florida – including its Beaches location at San Pablo Road and Beach Boulevard. A complete list of plants toxic to pets can be found at [www.sevo-med.com](http://www.sevo-med.com) under "Resources."



Dr. Abigail Bertalan



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# Kim wins

## South Korean becomes youngest golfer to capture THE PLAYERS trophy

### TPC Sawgrass Stadium Course gives marquee players fits

**By Kathy Bissell**

Special to the Recorder

While all the golfers everybody has heard of were ejected by Pete Dye's most well-known design at TPC Sawgrass, Si Woo Kim, a youngster originally from South Korea, showed them all how it should be done and became the youngest PLAYERS champion ever Sunday.

Until this week, Kim was the 71st-ranked player in the world. Now, he's the champion of the most important event run by the PGA Tour: THE PLAYERS.

The victory changes Kim's life. It gives him exemptions for five years on the PGA Tour, although he already had an exemption for two years from winning the Wyndham last summer. This victory gives him even more time to develop his career as a professional, although from the looks of things this week, his game doesn't need much work. It will also lock up his place on the Presidents Cup team.

"I'm very honored to be the champion for this amazing fifth major," Kim said through his translator. "Usually I'm very nervous, but last year I won one of the tournaments, and I could get the two years of exemption. Because of that, I can play aggressively and I wasn't that nervous this year."

Former PLAYERS champ K.J. Choi has been a mentor to Kim and gave him advice on how to play TPC Sawgrass.

"K.J. has become a really good (role) model," Kim explained, "so because he had won before, I am kind of confident that a Korean can win one of these tournaments, and that actually helps me when I am playing."

The newest PLAYERS champ won by hitting fairways off the tee and by scrambling when he missed greens. His driving distance average was 295 yards for the week, and his driving ac-

curacy was 69 percent of fairways for four windy days. In the final round, his greens in regulation number was only 44 percent, so it was his short game and his ability to hit recovery shots that separated him from the field.

Kim got up and in 10 times on Sunday, which was the key to his success. Three of those recovery shots were from greenside bunkers at the 3rd, 10th and 11th, which could have cost him shots. However, his bunker technique was so good that the longest putt he had after getting out was five feet. It was amazing, really.

Kim learned to play from his father, and then refined his skills with Sean Foley, who has worked with Justin Rose and for a time worked with Tiger Woods.

Although he went through the PGA Tour Q-School in 2012 when he was only 17, Kim was not able to play on the PGA Tour until he reached the age of 18. The reason he tried Q-School then was because 2012 was the last year that golfers could get to the PGA Tour via Q-School. Now they have to go to Web.com Q-school and get to the top 25 on Web.com or finish in the top 25 in the Web.com finals.

In Kim's case, while he was successful in the 2012 qualifying, he did not play well enough after turning 18 in 2013, which was the end of June, to retain his card. That meant he had to go back to the Web.com in 2014 and again in 2015. In 2015, he finished 10th on that money list, which got him a PGA Tour card for 2016. He won the Wyndham Championship in 2016, becoming the season's youngest winner at age 21. He credited his time on the Web.com Tour as being instrumental in his PLAYERS victory.

Just as surprising as Kim's victory was the fact that other, more seasoned

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# Kim

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professionals didn't hold him off in the final round. Louis Oosthuizen shot a 38 on the front and a 35 on the back for a 73. Sergio Garcia had a 41 on the front and 37 on the back for an uncharacteristic 78. Ian Poulter, who was without a PGA Tour card a month ago, tried to push Kim, but was unable to match the youngster's skill.

To see the rest of the leader board players falling back was not as much of a surprise as it was to see Oosthuizen, Garcia and Poulter come up short of the mark. Basically, seven of the top eight going into the final round made too many mistakes, and when Kim made a mistake he was able to recover in better fashion.

The youngster was the only man standing. He played like a true champion.

"You have to take your hat off,"

Poulter said about Kim's play. "You have to respect some good golf, and that's exactly what he's done."

Poulter said he was very happy with the way he played, "barring the nightmare second shot into the last," which he admitted was a shank.

In other course news, Rafa Cabrera-Bello had the first-ever double eagle, or albatross, on the 16th hole.

"I took the risk hitting driver off the tee on 16, hit an enormous drive, and just left myself an 8-iron," he said.

He saw the shot kick of the bank of the bunker and thought it was going into the water.

"Then I saw it bump with the flag, and I didn't know what happened," he admitted.

When the crowd went nuts, he knew. He threw his club into the water by mistake. "Luckily, I was able to fish it out after," he added.

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KJ Choi



Ian Poulter

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## BALLS AT 17

### Scoring:

#### Thursday

Scoring favored those who teed off in the morning by about a stroke and a third. The total scoring average of 72.819 was the highest since 2004, when it was 74.478.

There were 35 rounds under par in the morning wave versus 15 in the afternoon. Fifty rounds were below par and 17 were below 70.

#### Friday

Friday scoring favored those who played in morning once again, but this time by about a half a stroke. The total scoring average for the day was 73.182, the fourth highest since 2003.

There were 21 rounds below par in the afternoon, compared to 20 in the morning. There were 42 rounds below par and 17 rounds were under 70.

#### Saturday

The scoring average on Saturday was significantly higher than the first two rounds at 74.037. And that's with the best players this week playing. Again, the front was harder than the back, but just by about a stroke and a third.

There were just 18 rounds under par and seven under 70.

#### Sunday

The scoring average on Sunday was higher than Friday and lower than Saturday at 73.606. There were 23 rounds under par and seven under 70.

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#### Thursday

Twenty-six players tried to go for the green with 3-wood or driver. Only three hit the putting surface: Tony Finau and Derek Fathauer in the morning and Freddie Jacobsen in the afternoon.

#### Friday

Thirty-nine players tried for the green on their tee shot with either 3-wood or driver. Nine hit the green and Luke List made the first eagle on the new 12th hole. He landed 14 feet 9 inches away.

#### Saturday

Forty-six golfers tried to drive the green with 3-wood or driver on Saturday compared to 26 in round one and 39 in round two. Eleven players hit the green with Cody Gribble being the only one to make eagle. His tee shot landed 7 feet 5 inches from the hole.

#### Sunday

Tyrrell Hatton was first to go for green and reach it on Sunday. Later in the day, Sergio Garcia also reached the green and stayed on it. In all, 41 players – more than half the field – went for the green with 3-wood or driver, compared to 26 in round one, 39 in round two and 46 in round three.



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# THE PLAYERS Championship continues to grow globally

By Jon Blauvelt

THE PLAYERS Championship's efforts to expand its reach beyond the United States did not go unnoticed at TPC Sawgrass last weekend.

Nowhere was that more visible than on the final leader board, which featured players from nine different countries outside the United States in the top 15, including tournament winner Si Woo Kim of South Korea. Finishing the weekend at 10 under, the 21-year-old Kim is the tournament's second straight international winner, with Australia's Jason Day winning in 2016, and the third in four years. Following his victory, Kim praised the influence of mentor and fellow South Korean, K.J. Choi, who won THE PLAYERS Championship in 2011.

"He's been a great golfer representing Korea, and I've always wanted to be like him," said Kim, adding that Choi and Tiger Woods motivated him to start

playing golf.

Trailing Kim in the top five were Ian Poulter of the United Kingdom, Louis Oosthuizen of South Africa, Rafa Cabrera-Bello of Spain and Kyle Stanley of the United States. In total, 56 international players competed in the tournament, representing just under 40 percent of golfers in the field of 147.

Since 2012, PGA Tour International Media has invited media outlets from around the world to cover these international golfers live from THE PLAYERS Championship International Broadcast Village, which is situated a few hundred yards behind the Stadium Course's 17th hole. Over the past five years, the village has grown from two broadcasters in 2012 to six in 2017. Due to renovations made to the facility this year, the village can host up to eight international broadcasters.

According to THE PLAYERS Championship Executive Director Jared Rice,

the tournament credentialed 943 media staff from 202 media outlets from 18 countries, in total. The tournament was broadcast to over 1 billion households across 226 countries and territories outside the United States, in 30 languages, he said. For the first time ever, the tournament was broadcast live in Times Square in New York City – a destination for international travelers – on the side of tournament sponsor Morgan Stanley's building. Also for the first time, Rice added, three international media outlets rebranded and dedicated their respective channels to the tournament all week long. These included Sky Sports UK/Ireland, Fox Sports Australia and Golf Network Japan.

Reiko Takekawa, a golf writer for Japan's Kyodo News, said she believes the tournament is becoming increasingly popular overseas. She said the PGA Tour, in general, has grown in popularity in Japan over the past few years, especially with the rise of Japanese player Hideki Matsuyama. She credits the extensive international media coverage of THE PLAYERS Championship to its recognition as the sport's "fifth major," with the deepest field and most dramatic finish.

In addition to an increase in international media coverage, Rice said the number of international fans at the tournament is growing. According to the tournament director, 5 percent of the event's ticket sales were from outside the United States, which accounts for

about 10,000 of the 200,000 fans that attended. In addition, 55 percent of attendance came from outside of Jacksonville's five-county area, he said. There's nothing more important to Rice than this.

"Our number one goal is to grow the national and international fan base," he said.

As a result of this growth, it was more common than not to hear people speaking in multiple languages about the tournament as you walked from hole to hole.

Edgardo Catari, a golf enthusiast from Venezuela, attended THE PLAYERS Championship this year for the first time to see the "best of the best" play in what he called a "very prestigious tournament." He went home to South America extremely impressed with the Stadium Course.

"It's the best I've seen in my life, and I've been to other tournaments," said Catari, adding that he met fans from Argentina, Guatemala, Ecuador, Japan, Italy and Spain over the weekend.

Mark Ellis, a fan from England, has been watching the tournament for years on television, and he's always wanted to attend.

"It's an absolute dream being here," he said. "I just can't believe how beautiful it is. Every single one of my friends is watching it back home: my dad, my mom, my sister, my brother, cousins and friends abroad all the same. I think it's just amazing."

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**BASEBALL**

# Shark nine eliminated from playoffs

**By Jerry Norton**

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The Ponte Vedra baseball team's pursuit of a state championship ended abruptly last week in the regional quarterfinal round of the 6A playoffs at the Sharks' field following a 2-0 defeat at the hands of Paxon.

The Sharks (17-11) sent their ace, junior Kevin Faulkner, into the game against the ace of the Golden Eagles (13-12), Ben Van Sickle, and the resulting pitchers' battle was not unexpected.

Faulkner started with three straight strikeouts, then pitched flawless baseball for four more innings before showing signs that his invincibility might be unraveling in the fifth. In that inning, he hit a batter and issued a base on balls before inducing a 6-3 ground out to end the inning.

The sixth frame proved the undoing for Faulkner and the rest of the Sharks. In the inning, Paxon scored the game's only runs on three hits – the big blow a double by cleanup batter Sammy Coffrin.

While Faulkner was pitching well for five innings, so also was his opponent.

Shark third baseman Quinton Brehm was able to solve Van Sickle twice, lacing a double inside of the third base bag in the first inning then delivering a single in the sixth in a futile attempt at a Ponte Vedra comeback. Jack Hahnemann had singled for Ponte Vedra in the fifth but was left stranded.

The Sharks had their final opportunity to get back in the game in the seventh inning. With one out, pinch hitter Michael Zenni, delivered a blistering base hit to left, Hahnemann lined out to right and John Brown walked. But Van Sickle ended the inning and the game by striking out the next Shark batter.

Faulkner's final pitching line showed eight strikeouts and only four base hits allowed while losing for the first time.



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Shark catcher Frank Ferrante waits for the throw as the second Paxon run scores.



Kevin Faulkner delivers a pitch against Paxon.



Jack Hahnemann lines a base hit for the Sharks against Paxon

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**SOFTBALL**

# Lady Sharks shine in win over West Florida

**By Jerry Norton**

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Ponte Vedra's softball team is peaking at just the right time. The Lady Sharks have won four straight playoff games and by virtue of their most recent win, a 12-2 mercy win over West Florida, are heading to Vero Beach for state softball playoffs' final-four round. Ponte Vedra used solid pitching, timely hitting, excellent base running and stellar defense to defeat the West Florida Jaguars.

The Sharks started quickly, scoring three runs in the first inning with Scotland David leading the attack. The freshman center fielder singled, moved up a base on a passed ball then scored on Farley Callaghan's base hit. Callaghan scored on Bailey Wagoner's double and Kiley Hennessey's base hit drove in the third run of the inning.

The Jaguars put a runner on with a one-out base hit then a slick, but rare for softball, 4-6-3 double play ended any threat.

Ponte Vedra padded its lead in the second inning, scoring four more times. Elizabeth Fox started things with a four-pitch walk. After the Jaguar third baseman

misplayed Michelle Holder's sac bunt, David singled home a run, Michelle Leone did the same and Wagoner followed with a two-RBI base hit.

The visitors used a pair of infield hits and an error to threaten in the third inning, but the Sharks came up with two fine defensive plays. A comebacker to the pitcher resulted in a 1-2, Holder to Taylor Bradshaw, force at the plate. Then right fielder Callaghan ended the inning with a remarkable diving catch.

Ponte Vedra added three more runs in the third as Fox again ignited the rally with a base hit. David walked then Leone's base hit drove in one and Quinlan Richmond's gapper plated two more to give the Sharks a comfortable 10-0 lead.

West Florida momentarily avoided the threat of the mercy loss with a pair of runs in the fourth inning but that was before Ponte Vedra came to bat in the fifth. The inning started benignly, with the first two Sharks being retired.

David then singled for her third hit of the game. Leone took ball four as David was attempting to steal second. The fourth ball of the walk to Leone went to the backstop and David took off for third.

A pair of Jaguar throwing errors allowed both David and Leone to score, ending the game.

Two days earlier, the Sharks chalked up another playoff mercy win when they

eliminated Ridgeview from the playoffs by the score of 15-0 on Holder's one-hitter. In addition to blanking Panthers,

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**Michelle Holder beats the throw to first for a base hit against West Florida.**

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Holder contributed greatly to the Shark attack with two hits, one a two-run home run. David and Hennessey collected three hits in three trips, while Leone, Callaghan and Bradshaw also had multiple

hit games.

Ponte Vedra will play in the state semi-final game against American Heritage on Friday, May 19 at 11:05 a.m. at Dodgertown in Vero Beach. Should they win, they will play for the state championship on Saturday at 12:30 p.m.

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#6 Scotland David smacks a line drive base hit for the Sharks.



Farley Callaghan comes on to make the catch in short right field for the Sharks.

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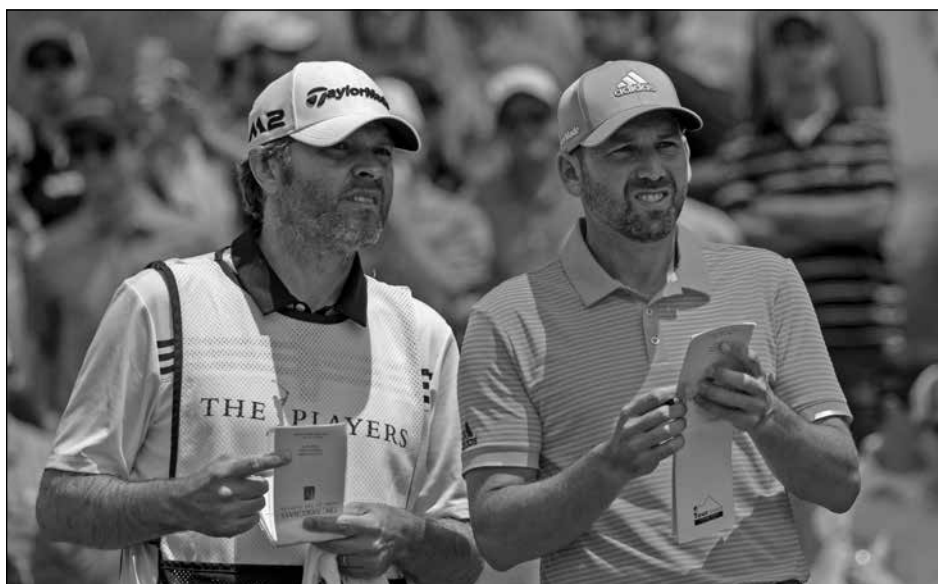
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