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ABOVE: U.S. Rep. Ron DeSantis advocates for passage of the PAWS Act as K9s for Warriors Founder Shari Duval looks on.

LEFT: Brett Simon interacts with service dog Reagan. Read more on **Page 4**.



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Solutions correspond to last week's puzzles.

WHAT'S THIS?



Do you know what this is?

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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.

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Between now and Oct. 31, vehicular traffic on local beaches is allowed between the hours of 8 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. In addition, all beachfront properties are required to reduce their impact by eliminating interior and exterior lights which may disrupt nesting sea turtles. Volleyball court lights at St. Johns County Pier Park will turn on at sunset and turn off at 9 p.m. during this time.

Officials note that beach visitors can have a positive impact on nesting sea turtles by observing the following guidelines:

- Refrain from using fireworks and open fires
- Remove ruts and fill in holes left by vehicles and sand castle building
- Remove all chairs, umbrellas or canopies from the beach before dark. Items left behind are subject to removal by county staff.
- When using a flashlight on the beach, use a flashlight filter. Free filters

For more information

Please contact St. Johns County Habitat Conservation and Beach Management at 904.209.3740 or visit www.sjcfi.us/hcp.

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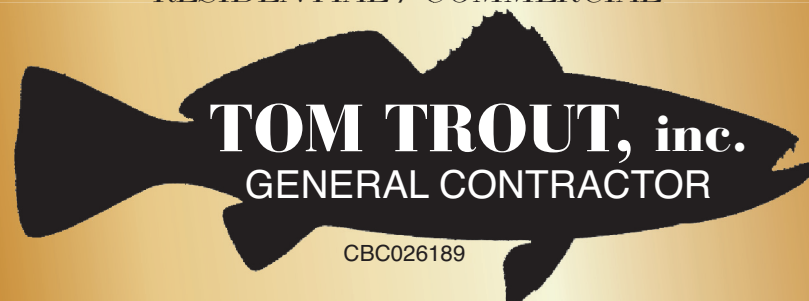
- Avoid entering sand dunes and conservation zones (15 feet seaward of the dune line)
- Refrain from using balloons, as they can fall into the ocean and harm marine life
- Never approach sea turtles emerging from, or returning to the sea

Nesting sea turtles are timid, officials say, and they can be easily frightened away. Beach goers are also instructed never to push an injured animal back into the ocean. If an injured, sick, or deceased sea turtle is encountered, visitors should call the St. Johns County Sheriff's Office non-emergency dispatch line at (904) 824-8304.

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U.S. Rep. Ron DeSantis visited K9s for Warriors in Ponte Vedra on Monday to call for passage of the PAWS Act.

DeSantis pushes PAWS Act passage

Bill would make service dogs available to veterans through VA

By Jennifer Logue

U.S. Rep. Ron DeSantis joined with officials from the Ponte Vedra-based K9s for Warriors Monday to call for swift passage of the Puppies Assisting Wounded Servicemembers (PAWS) Act.

Introduced recently by DeSantis, the proposed legislation would authorize the Veterans Administration to create a \$10 million program to provide specially trained service dogs to veterans suffering from post-traumatic stress (PTS).

At a press conference held at the nonprofit organization's new Nocatee training camp, DeSantis joined with K9s for Warriors Founder Shari Duval and Executive Director Rory Diamond to raise awareness of the impact that specially trained service dogs can have on veterans, particularly those most at risk of committing suicide.

"We're losing 22 veterans to suicide every day and that is simply unacceptable," Duval said. "We know (the K9s for

Warriors program) works. And as a veteran himself, Rep. DeSantis knows the importance of this."

DeSantis, a Naval Reserve officer, noted that the issue of veterans' suicide was brought to his attention after meeting with veterans who served in Iraq and Afghanistan who suffered from post-traumatic stress.

"What struck me was the number of people who were serving over and over again," DeSantis said. "There's a small number of people serving repeatedly in very difficult circumstances and that has to take a toll."

After hearing from veterans whose specially trained service dogs dramatically reduced their PTS symptoms, DeSantis added, he was surprised to learn that while the VA would provide service dogs for veterans with physical injuries, they would not provide them for veterans with PTS.

"Sometimes the invisible wounds," he said, "are harder to comprehend."

Government inaction

DeSantis noted that in 2010 Congress ordered the VA to complete a study on the effectiveness of service dogs as treatment for PTS, instructing them to complete the study by 2013.

"Here we are in 2016 and has the study been completed? No," he said. "And it likely won't be completed until 2019."

Despite failing to complete the study, he added, the VA continues to maintain that there is "no evidence" that service dogs are effective in alleviating the effects of post-traumatic stress.

"Maybe if the VA had done its job, they'd have the evidence," he noted wryly.

K9s for Warriors Executive Director Rory Diamond disputed the VA's contention that evidence is lacking on the effectiveness of service dogs for veterans with PTS.

"There is a mountain of evidence," he said, "and K9s for Warriors is leading the charge in a \$1 million research effort so the VA can't deny the fact that these dogs save lives."

Diamond said that studies of veterans who have graduated from the K9s for Warriors

training program found that:

- 92% reported decreasing or stopping their use of drugs within six months of completing the program
- 73% reported improved overall health
- 82% said they had fewer suicidal thoughts
- 77% reported a decrease or end to their nightmares

Both DeSantis and Diamond recounted being told by veterans who sought assistance for their post-traumatic stress that the VA would simply prescribe drugs that did nothing to quell their fears or suicidal thoughts.

"We have a veterans' suicide crisis and the VA's response is pills, pills and more pills," Diamond said.

PAWS Act

The legislation proposed by DeSantis would allocate \$10 million of VA funding to create a pilot program that pairs post-9/11 veterans who exhibit the most severe levels of post-traumatic stress with service dogs. Qualified veterans would then be referred to an accredited organization or private provider for service dog pairing and training. The VA would provide \$27,000 per dog to the organization to

cover the costs of acquiring and training the dog.

In order to maintain their eligibility for the program, veterans would be required to see a primary care physician or mental health provider at least quarterly. The bill also instructs the Government Accountability Office to conduct a study of the pilot program's effectiveness.

At Monday's event, K9s for Warriors staff demonstrated some of the special maneuvers their service dogs are trained to use in order to decrease a veteran's anxiety and increase feelings of safety.

In order to expedite passage of the PAWS Act, DeSantis said he hopes to attach the bill to the Defense Department bill or another piece of legislation likely to move swiftly to the U.S. Senate. If that doesn't happen, he said, he'll push for a standalone vote in the House.

"So many veterans have told me, 'If not for my dog, I wouldn't be here,'" DeSantis said. "That's a very, very powerful piece of evidence."

Diamond agreed. "This is an easy one for America," he said. "The PAWS Act is the answer."

Faith-based non-profit runs with a mission in Nocatee

Proceeds provide for children, families in Panama, Costa Rica

By Jasmine Marshall

Faithful Servant Missions (FSM) held its third annual Run with a Mission event April 30 in Nocatee, where more than 400 registered runners showed support for the non-profit with 10K, 5K and one-mile runs through the community's paved Greenway Trails.

Dylan Nelson of Orange Park came in first in the 5K, besting 186 runners in just over 19 minutes, while Riley Searcey of Jacksonville Beach won the 10K in just over 48 minutes.

The race's proceeds help provide for the needs of children and families in Costa Rica and Panama, where FSM has established missions that provide everything from clean water and eye care to social services.

"It's important for people to show their support because it will help raise awareness for our cause," said Andrea Toro, a former missionary for FSM's Costa Rican location.

Music, dancing, face painting, grilled food and a bounce-house were among the pre- and post-race entertainment available to attendees. Participants were also treated



Photos by Jasmine Marshall

A crowd of more than 400 racers await the siren to run.

to goodie bags, a post-race celebration and a silent auction. But the real draw, Toro said, was the show of support from one community to another.

"It's good because it's for kids, for families and for their educational and spiritual development," Toro said. "This will go to helping them."



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As tournament chairman for the 2016 PLAYERS Championship, Michele McManamon oversees the more than 2,000 volunteers who help make the tournament the successful event that it is. McManamon's role as chairman is the culmination of her long volunteer association with THE PLAYERS Championship – a relationship that capitalizes on her skills as both a business owner and the founder of nonprofit organization that aids returning veterans. — By Jennifer Logue, The Recorder

Michele McManamon

How did you first come to be involved as a tournament volunteer?

A friend and past chair, Tommy Douglas, invited me to a meeting THE PLAYERS was hosting to give recognition to the local charities they support. After the meeting, I told Tommy I couldn't wait to get involved in what THE PLAYERS was doing to make such a huge impact in our community. I've been involved with THE PLAYERS for over 15 years and worked on committees such as corporate hospitality, practice round markers, VIP parking, volunteer shuttle, benefactor hospitality, and vice chair over each division – which eventually led to becoming the tournament chairman.

Have there been other women tournament chairmen in the past?

Yes, there were two other women before me: Ann Nimnicht in 1997 and Theresa Green Hazel in 1999.

What is the most challenging part about holding a volunteer position like this? The most rewarding?

The most challenging part of being in the leadership role is the time. My husband and I own our own business, which gives us flexibility but (volunteering) also takes time away from running it. The most rewarding part is giving the checks to all of the amazing charities we serve!

Many people may not be aware of the charitable aspect of THE PLAYERS Championship. Can you tell us a bit about that, and how your role as tournament chairman impacts that?

Since the staff at THE PLAYERS is small, they rely on volunteers to donate their time to help with the operations of the tournament. We do everything from marshaling to parking to ecology (which is a nice way of saying trash). We have over 2,000 volunteers working over the course of the week and some that work just about all year round. By staffing most of the positions with volunteers, most of the proceeds from the tournament go to our charities throughout Northeast Florida.

The chairman's role is to promote the merits of the tournament's economic impact and involvement in the community. In conjunction with the vice chairs, the chairman creates initiatives that engage the volunteers and respond to the ever-changing growth of the tournament. PLAYERS PRIDE is one example of engaging the volunteers. There are three factors of PLAYERS PRIDE: cleanliness, courtesy and safety.

You and your husband own a business together, Sandler Training. What services do you offer?

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Has your training experience proven useful in your role as tournament chairman?

Yes, from the perspective that

we not only train but we coach our clients. With coaching comes the need for encouragement, motivation and organization.

What is "Operation New Uniform" and what role do you play in the organization?

Operation New Uniform is a 501c3 nonprofit that trains veterans and their families for fulfilling

careers, and develops their skills as they grow in an organization. My position with ONU is co-founder and board chair.

How do you and your family enjoy spending your free time?

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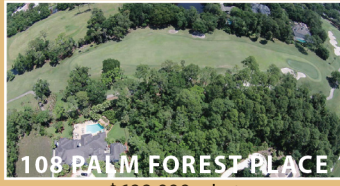
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Rotary, Recorder salute 'Local Heroes'

By Jennifer Logue

When Todd Blake was 18, he was diagnosed with stage four cancer.

Over the next six years, Blake would battle the disease while continuing his studies at the University of Florida, graduating with a 4.0 GPA. Along the way, he gained an appreciation for the particular challenges faced by his peers who were also battling the disease.

"I recognized the incredible need for support for young adults with cancer," Blake said. "You're so isolated, surrounded by older people."

To address that need, Blake founded the Live for Today Foundation — a non-profit organization that brings together cancer survivors ages 18 to 35 for events, activities and one-of-a-kind experiences that uplift and encourage members. And for his efforts, Blake was recognized last week, when the Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach and the Ponte Vedra Recorder honored him as one of nine local residents to receive the 2016 Local Heroes Award.

"One of the greatest things we get to do as a Rotary Club is recognize individuals who give back so much to the community," said Rotarian Jim Clark, who organized this year's Local Heroes Awards, which were presented at recent two Rotary Club meetings. "We identify individuals who do outstanding things."

Now in its 24th year — 17 of them co-sponsored by The Ponte Vedra Recorder — the Local Heroes Awards honor individuals who give back to the community and reflect the Rotary motto of "Service Above Self." In addition to honoring Blake — who received this year's Volunteer Hero Award — honors were presented to local volunteers in the categories of arts, education, vocational service, corporate and youth volunteer.

Arts Hero: Walter Dickinson

Recipient of the 2016 Local Arts Hero Award was Walter Dickinson, who was recognized for his longstanding support of the local arts community.

"Walter's passion and commitment to growing the arts is demonstrated through his generous personal service and financial support for nonprofit arts organizations, including the Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach, Beaches Museum & History Park, the Jacksonville Symphony and others," said Rotarian Sam Hall, who served as the event's master of ceremonies.

Hall noted that he had an opportunity to witness Dickinson's commitment to the arts firsthand while serving together on a committee that secured and relocated that 142-year-old Oesterreicher McCormick cabin from its original location on Palm Valley's Twenty



Photos by Jennifer Logue

Front (from left); Pat Philo, Tess Reiman, Eddie Dickinson and Helen Coppedge (accepting on behalf of Walter Dickinson), Rotarian Sam Hall, Patti Hughes and Rotary Club President Will Montoya. Back: Willie Lee Toby, Roy Lee Barrett and Rotarian Jim Clark.



Todd Blake, President-elect Michael Bruce, Connie Smith and Vance Edeker

Mile Road to the Beaches Museum & History Park.

"I can tell you, it's a labor of love to take a building that's 142 years old and retrofit it for today's use!" Hall said.

While unable to attend the ceremonies, Dickinson's award was accepted on his behalf by his son, Eddie, who expressed his father's appreciation for the honor.

Education Heroes: Vance Edeker and Connie Smith

"Education is key," Clark said, "and our Education Hero Award recipients have together created an atmosphere where children want to learn."

In their roles as media specialists at the PVPV/Rawlings Elementary School, Clark said, Education Heroes Vance Edeker and Connie Smith have created a world-class learning facility. In addition to a library well-stocked with fiction,

non-fiction and reference titles, the media center features a computer room outfitted with 25 Apple computers as well as an instructional room. Through their efforts, Rawlings students have competed and won the countywide Battle of the Books competition a number of times.

"We just love the children," Smith said. "It's just a perk that we get paid for what we do!"

Edeker, meanwhile, credited their success to the overall school environment. "We have a wonderful support system," he said. "The PTO, the parents and teachers are all so supportive."

Vocational Service: Pat Philo, Willie Lee Toby and Roy Lee Barrett

The Sawgrass Country Club golf course opened in 1974, and ever since then Pat Philo, Willie Lee Toby and Roy Lee Barrett have been serving the club's members. Their dedication and com-

mitment to customer service earned them recognition as the 2016 Vocational Service Hero Award recipients.

"Our honorees are professional and can be counted on to be on the job rain or shine," Hall said. "They exemplify the Rotary ideal of service in the workplace and conducting business with high ethical standards."

Philo said her time at Sawgrass has been a pleasure.

"Forty years sounds like a long time," she said. "But we don't consider it a job. The Sawgrass Country Club members are absolutely wonderful. It's a pleasure to go to work every day, and when going to work is a pleasure you tend to show up."

Corporate Hero: Patti Hughes

The 2016 Corporate Hero Award was presented to Natural Life Founder Patti Hughes for her efforts to give back to the community.

"Patti used her God-given talents to create a wonderful company that delivers unique items for the home, to wear or to give," Hall said, "and she has never forgotten how to give back."

Among Hughes' community service efforts was the creation of a local music festival that raises money for the Children's Home Society.

"I'm so inspired by everybody's story," Hughes said in accepting her award. "I'm very lucky — I get to do what I love every day, and when you're fortunate enough to do that, you find success."

Youth Volunteer Hero: Tess Reiman

Ponte Vedra High School junior Tess Reiman already has a long history of giving back to the community. In addition to founding Project Storybook — an award-winning national organization that provides books to children moving into Habitat for Humanity homes — she also co-founded Project Play, which donates outdoor play equipment, board games and craft supplies to Habitat families. Other volunteer efforts include founding the PVHS Sharks and Minnows Club, which mentors at-risk elementary school children at the Rhoda Martin Cultural Heritage Center.

"Thank you so much," Reiman told Rotary Club members in accepting her award. "I can't wait to continue doing this in the community as long as I can."

Master of ceremonies Hall said that seeing young people such as Reiman gave him hope for the future.

"The closer I get to being a senior citizen, the more I find myself saying, 'What is this world coming to?'" Hall said. "Seeing young people accomplish so much really attests to the fact that we're in good hands and Tess



Dan, Brette and Tess Reiman



Jim Clark, Patti Hughes and Sam Hall



Vance Edeker, Connie Smith and Jim Clark



Todd Blake and Jim Clark



Rotarian Sam Hall, Willie Lee Toby, Jim Clark, Pat Philo and Roy Lee Barrett

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exemplifies that.”

Clark agreed. “When you read all the contributions that our award recipients have made,” he said, “it feels good to be able to recognize them for all they do for our community.”

Rotary Club President Will Montoya thanked all of the award recipients for their community service efforts, and noted how important an honor such as the Local Heroes Award can be to the “unsung heroes” among us who give so much without the appreciation or fanfare awarded to celebrities.

He recalled attending the funeral of an acquaintance, and seeing a display of the person’s family photos and treasured items. There among the display was the Rotary Club’s Local Hero Award.

“I’ve seen firsthand how an award like this can have a significant impact on people’s lives,” Montoya said. “It really becomes a special event and special item in a person’s life.”

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No day at the beach: Ponte Vedra Beach man tackles Mickler's trash

By Jennifer Logue

The surfers call him “Bucket Bob.” Armed with a five-gallon bucket from Home Depot and a pair of grabber tongs, Ponte Vedra Beach resident Bob Davenport rises with the sun and heads to Mickler's Landing several times a week, picking up some of the copious amounts of trash he finds strewn across the beach and dunes. It's a task that's gotten more laborious, he said, since he first began picking up trash about a year ago, and one he fears is only going to get worse as the local population grows and more people flock to the beach.

“I'm no tree hugger,” Davenport emphasized in a recent interview in between trash collections. “But I was a Boy Scout and I have a certain respect for picking up and cleaning up after myself. And to see the beach being defiled as it is bothers me.”

Amateur photographer

Davenport didn't set out to become the unofficial trash collector for Mickler's Landing. His true love is photography.

“I started going to the beach to photograph the sunrises,” he said, “and I started to notice that there was a lot of trash left behind on the beach.”

At first, Davenport said, he would simply pick up what he could and put it in his pockets. He soon found, however, that his pockets weren't big enough, so he started bringing grocery bags. Those were also too small to handle the growing amount of trash he was finding on his photography trips. He finally settled on the five-gallon bucket and tongs to ease the wear and tear on his back from constantly bending over to pick up the trash left behind by other beachgoers.



Photos courtesy of Bob Davenport
Ponte Vedra Beach resident Bob Davenport collects trash on Mickler's Beach.

Now, picking up trash at the beach has become a regular part of Davenport's daily routine. Sometimes he makes his trash collection rounds in the mornings; other days, he returns home from his Southside job as a risk analyst and stops at his Seaside home just long enough to prep himself for the task at hand.

“I get home from work,” he said, “change into my shorts, kiss my wife and head to the beach.”

Too much trash

From toys and towels to soda cans, clothing and cigarette butts — lots and lots of cigarette butts — you name it, Davenport has found it all strewn across the sand at Mickler's beach. While he donates some items, such as beach towels, to a local pet shelter, other items are simply too unsavory to save — such as the countless bags of dog waste Davenport finds each day laying about the beach.



Bob Davenport has taken to posting signs to encourage beachgoers not to leave their pet waste behind.

“I've found syringes, underwear, beer bottles,” he said. “I've also found used children's diapers buried in the sand.”

Perhaps the biggest item of “trash” Davenport has found is a full-size beach canopy tent left standing on the beach.

“It was broken, so the owners just walked away and left it there.”

Davenport ended up disposing of it for them.

As the mounds of trash he's col-

lected have grown, so has Davenport's frustration with his fellow beachgoers. So much so, that's he's taken to posting signs at the beach in an attempt to raise awareness of the growing trash problem, in the hope that it will cause visitors to think twice about leaving trash behind after a day at Mickler's Landing.

“When you come to the beach,” he said, “the only things you should leave behind are footprints in the sand and memories.”

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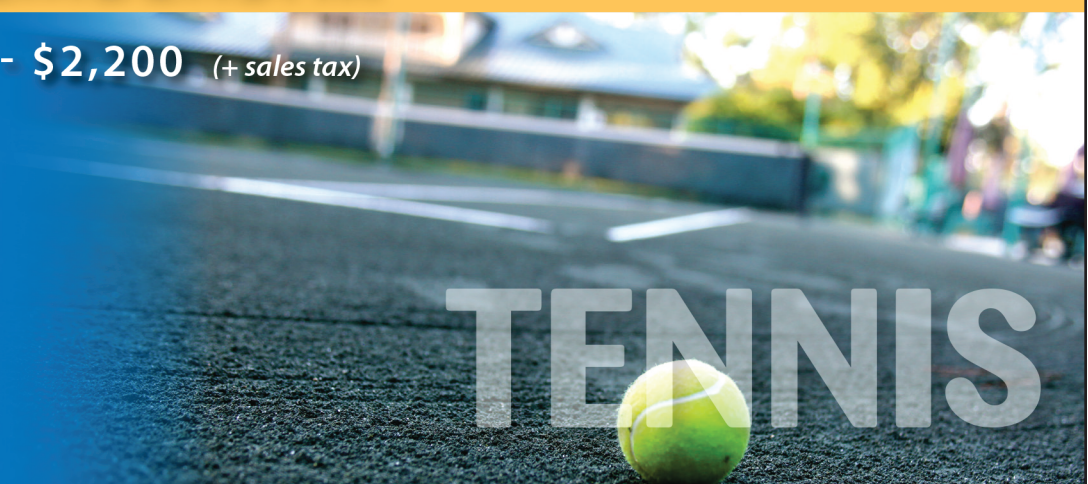
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Carla Shoes & Accessories to relocate to Sawgrass Village

Business celebrates 20th anniversary with a new storefront

By Jasmine Marshall

For Carla Shoes & Accessories Owner and Founder Charlie Slaton, the shoe business is familiar territory.

His history with Carla Shoes & Accessories, the long-standing store named for his daughter, goes back to October of 1996 — but his beginnings in the industry can be traced back 62 years, when he got his first job as a shoe salesman at the age of 18 in his hometown of Austin, Texas.

“I’ve always said that my background and history with the business



has made it special,” said Slaton. “It’s always been personal for us.”

Backed with the help of “Charlie’s Angels” – employees Amy Vanwart, Amy Rubinstein and Kathy Monroe



Owner Charlie Slaton with junior partner Joanne Long



Kathy Monroe, Amy Vanwart and Amy Rubinstein (not pictured) make up the team at Carla Shoes.

— as he approaches the 20th anniversary of his store’s opening, Slaton is packing for a brand new storefront in Ponte Vedra’s Sawgrass Village that he and junior partner Joanne Long hope to have open in time for THE PLAYERS Championship.

“We’re excited about the new location because it’s all the buzz right now,” Long said. “There’s a lot of compatible businesses in Sawgrass Village and people are excited about the area. We think it’ll offer a new level of visibility for the store.”

Following the dry run opening of the new location, they intend to host a grand opening in late May or early June as well as a “Day of Beauty” May 21 featuring a trunk show, makeup artists and an appearance by Denise Sebbag, a designer for Simon Sebbag jewelry.

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that the service clients have come to expect from Carla Shoes & Accessories will stay the same.

“Brands change — there’s some coming and some going — but we’ll always search out things that fit our area and our needs,” said Slaton. “From the time the store opened, we wanted a family-owned business for the people of the area. Our goal has always been to service the people here and bring them what they want.”



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The Swamp Cuban featuring pulled pork butt, ham, house-made pimento cheese and pickles on a brioche bun

Sawgrass Marriott's American Gator Club offers distinctive casual fare, prime TPC views

By Jennifer Logue

As THE PLAYERS Championship looms, a new restaurant with prime waterfront views of TPC Sawgrass is serving up a distinctive menu full of fresh, locally sourced ingredients.

The American Gator Club® offers casual outdoor dining with picturesque views of the Stadium Course's 13th hole and lagoon. Located at the Sawgrass Marriott Resort & Spa adjacent to the pool, the restaurant replaces the former 100th Hole restaurant. With a new kitchen, new menu and expanded seating on its waterfront patio and deck, the American Gator Club aims to become a favorite gathering spot for both resort guests and local residents alike.

"This is one of the best places to watch THE PLAYERS," said Executive Chef Joe Natoli, noting that last year he watched Tiger Woods play through from the restaurant's deck. "It's one of Ponte Vedra's best kept secrets."

Locally sourced cuisine

Much of the new menu, Natoli said, features locally sourced ingredients from nearby farms.

"We've made some great partnerships, including with Gyo Farms and First Start Hydroponics," he said.

In addition to providing ingredients that will feature in special PLAYERS Championship week menu offerings, First Start will be growing everglades tomatoes and other produce especially for use by the American Gator Club.

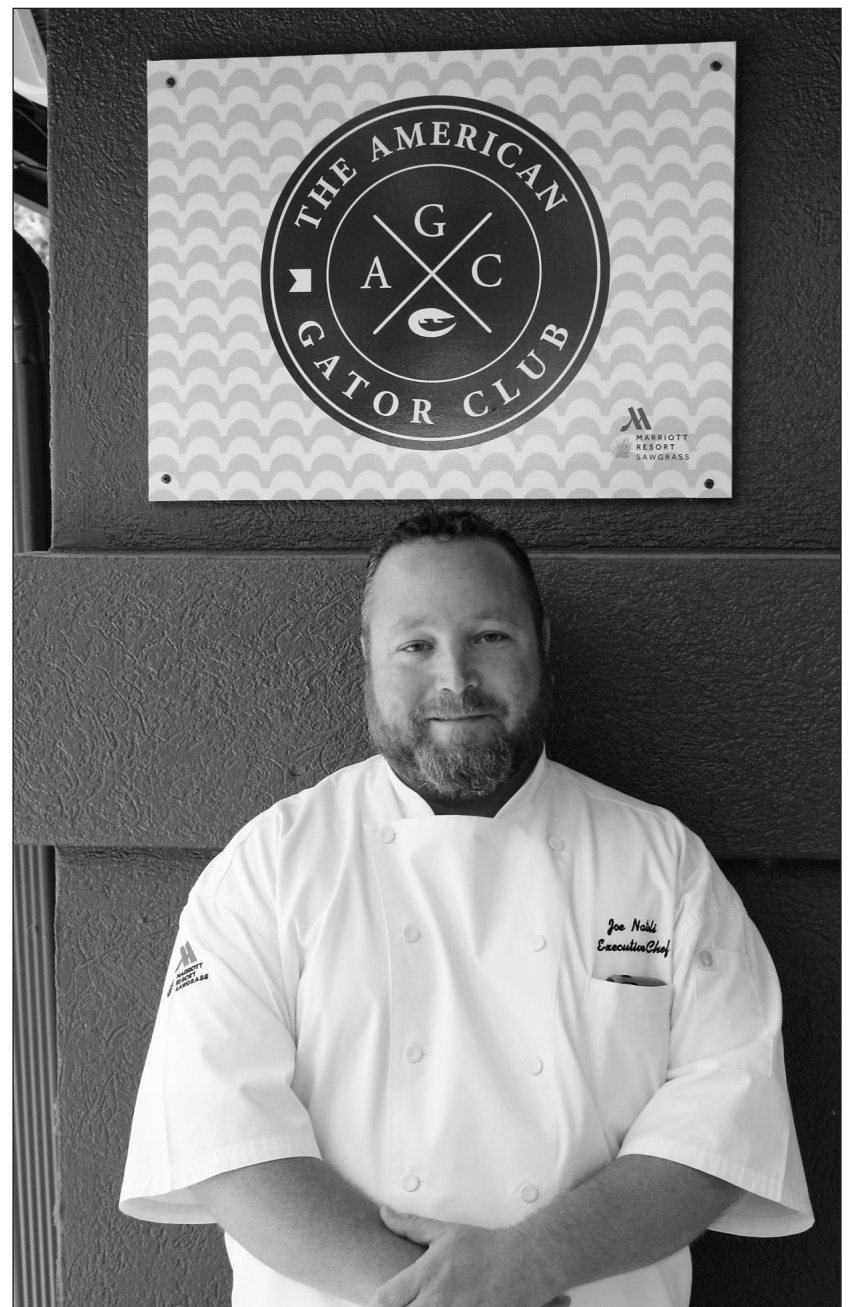
"We're trying to locally source as much as we can," Natoli said.

And while the restaurant embraces its casual feel, menu offerings include



Chili glazed gator nugget tacos in an alligator server

traditional casual fare with an upscale twist. The smokehouse chicken salad wrap, for example, features grapes, cashews, red onion and mango jam with a honey mustard yogurt dressing. The "Plant City Strawberry Salad" features goat cheese, candied pistachios, baby arugula and a sherry vinaigrette, while appetizers include chili-glazed gator nugget tacos, smoked brisket nachos and Buffalo-style St. Johns cauliflower.



Executive Chef Joe Natoli

Gator Club

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Where possible, Natoli said, the menu features popular items adapted with a local flavor. The “Swamp Cuban” sandwich, therefore, reflects the decade Natoli spent at the Miami Marriott, but with local variations.

“I wanted to do a Cuban sandwich but with a Jacksonville approach,” he said. “We use ham and pulled pork that we smoke on site. But instead of the traditional Swiss cheese, we use pimento cheese and replace the mustard with our mustard-tinged barbecue sauce.”

Signature drinks, meanwhile, include a white peach sangria garnished with fresh berries, pomegranate lemonade and a “heat relief” made with Captain Morgan’s spiced rum, Malibu rum, Blue Curacao Midori, fresh-squeezed lime and pineapple juice.

Open daily from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., the American Gator Club will likely extend its hours until 9 p.m. during the summer.

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First Coast Pastel Society Member Show to feature more than 50 works, 27 artists

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The opening reception and award presentation will be held on Friday June 3 from 6 to 8 p.m.

The First Coast Pastel Society is based in Northeast Florida and offers workshops, demonstrations and

plein air opportunities at their monthly meetings. The exhibit will feature more than 50 works of pastel by 27 artists that showcase the pastel medium.

This year's exhibit is juried by nationally known pastel artist Karen Margulis, who will teach a mini-workshop called "It Begins with the Sky: Painting Sky and Clouds" on Saturday, June 4, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Hilton Garden Inn.

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PVHS students display the total amount raised at their recent dance marathon held to benefit the Children's Miracle Network.

Ponte Vedra High School students hold marathon for Children's Miracle Network

Ponte Vedra High School students recently held their first dance marathon to benefit Children's Miracle Network, raising \$4,095 to support local programs at Wolfson Children's Hospital and UF Children's Hospital.

Student dancers stayed on their feet as long as possible at the fundraiser as a symbol of support for those children who are unable to stand or have to endure lengthy treatment procedures. At each hour during the dance marathon, participants performed a "morale dance" created by students Caroline Schwalbe and Maddie Paris.

In addition to dancing, the event featured a variety of games, including basketball, ping pong and dodge ball.

Attendees also were treated to pizza, chicken and other snacks provided by Brucci's, Domino's, Papa John's, Winn Dixie, Publix, McDonald's and Wendy's. Entertainment was provided by the PVHS jazz band as well as Atlantic Coast Dance Studio.

A special highlight of the dance marathon was the presence of a "miracle family" that told their story of how CMN has benefited their lives, allowing students to see how their efforts help families in need.

Hays Molm, president of the high school's Children's Miracle Network committee, said, "I'm happy that we were able to support CMN for a great cause while having a great time."

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Thursday, May 5	Friday, May 6	Saturday, May 7	Sunday, May 8
<p>Arbor Terrace Life Enrichment Group The Life Enrichment Group Day Program takes place every Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Arbor Terrace Ponte Vedra, 5125 Palm Valley Road, Ponte Vedra Beach. The group is designed for those with memory changes who would like to stay active mentally, physically and socially. For more information, call (904) 497-4346 or visit www.at-pontevedra.com.</p> <p>Chamber After Hours After Hours at THE PLAYERS Championship will take place May 5 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at THE PLAYERS Championship/PGA Tour, 103 Championship Way, Ponte Vedra Beach. This annual event, in partnership with the JAX Chamber, sells out every year. The cost is \$15 for Chamber members; \$25 for non-members. Early RSVP is recommended to guarantee admission. Register online at www.stjohnscounty-chamber.com.</p> <p>Southern Soiree farm to table event Southern Soiree will be held May 5 at Nocatee Crosswater Hall, 245 Nocatee Center Way, Ponte Vedra Beach. The fundraising event for the Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach will feature Southern-inspired cuisine prepared by local restaurants as well as silent and live auctions and live entertainment. The cost is \$125 for members, \$150 for non-members. Table sponsorships with reserved seating for eight are available. Complimentary cocktails and appetizers will be offered on the Green at 6 p.m.; dinner will be served at 7 p.m. in the Nocatee Room. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit www.ccpvb.org.</p> <p>Free Bridge Lessons Free beginning bridge lessons are available on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Jacksonville School of Bridge, 3353 Washburn Road, Jacksonville Beach. Lessons start at 9:30 a.m. and end at 10:15 a.m. This is followed by an actual game at 10:30 a.m. and ends by 2:15 p.m. Contact Burt O'Dell at (352) 428-1075 for more information.</p>	<p>Jacksonville Symphony: 'All Gershwin' The Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra presents "All Gershwin" Friday May 6 at 11 a.m. and 8 p.m. and Saturday May 7 at 8 p.m. at Times-Union Center for the Performing Arts, 300 Water St., Jacksonville. Selections will include "Rhapsody in Blue," "An American in Paris," "S Wonderful," "Someone to Watch Over Me" and "Summertime." "All Gershwin" tickets for the May 6 concert range from \$19 to \$40. The evening performances range from \$25 to \$74. Tickets are available for purchase at www.jaxsymphony.org or by calling the ticket office at (904) 354-5547.</p> <p>First Friday Cosmic Concerts Experience total-sensory entertainment as laser lights, high-definition images and digital sound collide to create a cosmic concert! The Bryan-Gooding Planetarium rocks with Cosmic Concert laser light shows at 5, 6, 7 and 8 p.m. Tickets are available at www.moshplanetarium.org or at the door. Tickets are \$5 per person per show; laser glasses cost \$1.</p> <p>First Friday Art Walk The First Friday Art Walk takes place on the first Friday of every month from 5 to 9 p.m. in downtown St. Augustine. For more information, call (904) 829-0065 or visit www.artgalleriesof-staugustine.com.</p> <p>Annual Activity Member Become an Annual Activity Member at The Players Community Senior Center. Membership includes discounts on fee-based classes, designated events and Coastal Travel along with complimentary participation in a wide variety of scheduled activities. Call Darlene Mahany at (904) 280-3233 for more information.</p> <p>Habitat for Humanity volunteers Habitat for Humanity of St. Augustine/St. Johns County is currently seeking qualified homeowners. Habitat does not give away homes for free. Instead, homeowners pay an affordable monthly mortgage payment and Habitat helps build them a simple, decent place to live. For more information on volunteering, donating or qualifying for a Habitat home, visit habitatstjohns.org.</p>	<p>Katz 4 Keeps Adoptions Adoption Days Katz 4 Keeps adoption days will take place Saturday May 7 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Katz 4 Keeps, 935B A1A N. in Ponte Vedra Beach (next to Sherwin Williams). For more information, call (904) 834-3223 or email katz4keeps.org.</p> <p>PVWC fashion show The Ponte Vedra Woman's Club will host the "Dance in Style" Fashion Show on Saturday May 7 at the Sawgrass Country Club, 10034 Golf Club Drive, Ponte Vedra. Celebrate mom one day early and help raise funds for the Florida School for the Deaf and Blind at the same time. The fashion show and shopping event will include raffles, a silent auction, entertainment and a luncheon at 12:15 p.m. consisting of chicken marsala, salad, mashed potatoes, asparagus and chocolate lava cake. There will also be a cash bar. The cost is \$50 per person; advance sales only. Table reservations are available. Doors open at 10 a.m. for boutique shopping. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit www.pontevedrawomansclub.com.</p> <p>'All the Way' at Players by the Sea Players by the Sea Theatre presents "All the Way," a political drama about former President Lyndon Baines Johnson's passage of the Civil Rights Act on the theatre's main stage May 5, 6, 7 at 8 p.m. and Sunday May 1 at 2 p.m. General admission tickets are \$23; senior, student and military tickets are \$20. The theatre is located at 106 Sixth St. N., Jacksonville Beach. For more information or to purchase tickets, call (904) 249-0289 or visit www.playersbythesea.org.</p> <p>Arf Barket at Riverside Arts Market Riverside Arts Market will cater to its furry fans on May 7 during its Spring Arf Barket, presented by Pet Supermarket. All leashed and well-socialized pets are invited to attend. The event will include special vendors promoting their pet-related products and services, and a canine costume contest on the River Stage at 11:30 a.m. Arf Barket will take place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. RAM takes place under the Fuller Warren Bridge in Jacksonville.</p>	<p>Practice with Purpose at Big Fish Yoga Practice with Purpose is an all-level yoga class offered on Sundays from 4 to 5 p.m. at Big Fish Power Yoga. The fee for the class is a \$5 cash donation that goes to the charity that Big Fish Power Yoga has selected for the quarter. Big Fish Yoga is located in the South Beach Regional Shopping Center in Jacksonville Beach at 3852 South Third St. For more info, call (904) 372-0601.</p> <p>Travel Training Program The Council on Aging's Travel Training program is designed to assist seniors in learning to ride the Sunshine Bus. Residents interested in expanding their transportation options or who would like to increase their confidence as a bus rider can receive assistance from trained volunteers in navigating routes, reading time tables and making transfers. Contact the mobility manager at the Council on Aging at (904) 315-6505 or email Katie Arnold at karnold@stjohnscoa.com.</p> <p>'Sweet Emmaline' at A Classic Theatre A Classic Theatre presents: "Sweet Emmaline: The Musical Journey of Debbie McDade" opening May 8 and continuing through Thursday May 12 at the Lincolnville Museum & Cultural Center, 102 MLK Ave., St. Augustine. The May 8 show is already sold out, but tickets are still available for the remaining four performances and may be purchased online at www.aclassictheatre.org. For reservations or more information, call (904) 501-5093 or email aclassictheatre@hotmail.com.</p> <p>'The 39 Steps' at Limelight Theatre Limelight Theatre presents "The 39 Steps" on the Matuza Main Stage through May 8. Showtime is 7:30 p.m. on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. on Sundays. Tickets are \$26 for adults, \$24 for seniors and \$20 for military and students. Limelight Theatre is located at 11 Old Mission Ave., St. Augustine. For more information or to purchase tickets, call (904) 825-1164 or visit www.limelight-theatre.org.</p>



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Monday, May 9	Tuesday, May 10	Wednesday, May 11	Thursday, May 12
<p>Republican Club Meeting The Republican Club of Greater St. Augustine will meet from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at 250 Brainerd Drive, St. Augustine. Meetings are held the second Monday of every month and are open to all registered Republicans. There is no charge for attending. For more information, visit republicanclubgsa.com or email information@republicanclubgsa.com.</p> <p>Sawgrass Women's Club Meeting The Sawgrass Women's Club meets the second Monday of the month at 10 a.m. at Sawgrass Country Club Golf Club. For more information, email Susan Summers at sritchiesummers@aol.com.</p> <p>Caregiver Support Group The Players Caregiver Support Group meets every Monday from noon to 1 p.m. at The Players Senior Center, 175 Landrum Lane in Ponte Vedra Beach. Kimberly Weir of Heartland Hospice facilitates a weekly discussion of current concerns and issues of caregivers. For more information, call (904) 280-3233.</p> <p>Life Enrichment Group The Life Enrichment Group is a program designed for those with memory changes who like to stay active mentally, physically and socially while allowing caregivers and loved ones some free time for themselves. This program is offered weekdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Ashford Court, 1700 The Greens Way in Jacksonville Beach. For more information, call (904) 568-8174, or email life_enrichmentgroup@yahoo.com.</p> <p>For The Love of Driving Volunteer drivers are needed to assist seniors in achieving their mobility goals in St. Johns County. Transportation needs range from trips to the grocery store and classes to spousal hospital visits or social activities. Contact the mobility manager at the Council on Aging, (904) 315-6505, or email Katie Arnold at kar-nold@stjohnscoa.com.</p>	<p>Ponte Vedra Forum Meet Ann Browning Masters, author of "Floridanos, Menorcans, Cattle-Whip Crackers: Poetry of St. Augustine" on Tuesday May 10 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library, 101 Library Blvd., Ponte Vedra Beach. For more information, call (904) 827-6955.</p> <p>Palm Valley Farmers Market The Palm Valley Farmers Market takes place every Tuesday from 1:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the Palm Valley Community Center, 148 Canal Blvd., Ponte Vedra Beach.</p> <p>Sunset Rotary Club weekly meeting The Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach Sunset meets Tuesdays from 6 to 7:15 p.m. at the Hilton Garden Inn. Community leaders are welcome to attend. For more information, call club President Ron Mott at (904) 460-7092 or email hojron@aol.com.</p> <p>Prostate Cancer Support Group Bro to Bro is a monthly support meeting which provides information for men with prostate cancer and their families. The group meets the second Tuesday of each month at 6:15 p.m. in the Wilson Cancer Care Center at Baptist Medical Center Beaches, 1375 Roberts Drive, Suite 105, Jacksonville Beach. For more information, call Steve at (904) 508-4956.</p> <p>Widows' support group "Lillies of the Valley," a new support/social group for widows, will have its first meeting on May 10 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the reception hall at Ponte Vedra Valley Funeral Home, 4750 Palm Valley Road, Ponte Vedra Beach. Each meeting will include social time, sharing time and a featured educational topic along with the luncheon. Reservations for the meeting are requested to be made by the Friday before each luncheon. The meetings will be held on the second Tuesday of every month. For more information or to make a reservation, call (904) 285-1130 or email jacque@pontevedravally.com.</p>	<p>Newcomers Monthly Meeting Newcomers of the Beaches monthly luncheon will be held Wednesday May 11 at 11 a.m. at the Marsh Landing Country Club in Ponte Vedra Beach. The cost is \$23. Reservations are required. For more information, visit www.newcomersofthebeaches.com.</p> <p>Alzheimers Caregiver Support Group Alzheimers Caregiver Support Group meets the second Wednesday of the month, at 6:30 p.m. in the Library at Palms Presbyterian Church, 3410 Third Street S., Jacksonville Beach. The next meeting will be held May 11 at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend this monthly support group. For more information, contact Pastor Laurie at the church office at (904) 246-6427 or email laurie.furr-vancini@palmschurch.org.</p> <p>PV Professionals Networking Group The Ponte Vedra Professionals Networking Group meets Wednesdays from noon to 1 p.m. at Mulligans, 43 PGA Tour Blvd., Ponte Vedra Beach. For more information, call Gloria at (904) 635-6103, visit www.pvpng.com or email pontevedrapng@gmail.com.</p> <p>Ponte Vedra Toastmasters The Ponte Vedra Toastmasters Club offers opportunities for developing your leadership and communication skills. The group meets Wednesdays at The Players Community Center, 175 Landrum Lane, Ponte Vedra. The meeting starts promptly at 7:30 a.m. and lasts one hour. Contact Lucy Reep at (904) 607-3695 or contact-5199@toastmastersclubs.org for more information.</p> <p>Mental Health Recovery Support Free mental health support is available to the public facilitated by Georgia/Florida Certified Peer Specialist Whitney Bolin. Sessions are by appointment only Monday through Friday; call (770) 403-4991 or email whitneybat76@gmail.com. Bolin also facilitates a mental health recovery group at Flagler Hospital from 2 to 4 p.m. every Tuesday.</p>	<p>Photography Show The 5th Annual Saint Augustine Camera Club's (SACC) juried member photography show will be on display in the Rotunda Gallery at the St. Johns County Administration Building, 500 Sebastian View, St. Augustine from May 3 through June 8. The St. Johns County Administration Building is open to the public from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.</p> <p>Good for You Gathering Good for You Gathering: "Well-women in action" will be held Thursday May 12 at 11 a.m. at the Y Healthy Living Center at the Ponte Vedra YMCA, 170 Landrum Lane, Ponte Vedra Beach. Join Patricia Calhoun, MD, to take steps to protect your health now and in the future. Get updates on recommended check-ups, exercise and healthy eating appropriate for you. This free event is open to the community. Reserve your seat today at baptistjax.com/ymca or by calling (904) 202-5376.</p> <p>Evenings at Whitney Lecture The Evenings at Whitney Lecture Series hosted by the University of Florida Whitney Laboratory returns on May 12, 2016, at 7 p.m. with the program titled "Historic Trees: The Science Behind the Preservation and Conservation of our Largest Specimens." Danny Lippi, International Society of Arboriculture certified arborist and qualified tree risk assessor as well as University of Florida master naturalist instructor, will talk about the biology of tree growth, specifically how older trees grow in comparison to younger trees. The free lecture is presented at Lohman Auditorium located at 9505 Ocean Shore Blvd., St. Augustine. For more information, call (904) 461-4000 or visit www.whitney.ufl.edu.</p> <p>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 carrie@opcfla.com, post online at www.pontevedrarecorder.com using the automated form or call (904) 686-3939.</p>

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Winners of BRASS Ring student music competition announced

Liam Harrington and Eric Zeng were recently named the grand prize winners of the 2016 BRASS Ring student music competition.

Sponsored by the nonprofit BRASS (Beaches Residents Actively Supporting the Symphony), the BRASS Ring is an annual music competition for Beaches-area students in grades 4 through 12. Students competed in four divisions by grade level: Division IV – 4th -6th, Division III – 7th -8th, Division II – 9th -10th and Division I – 11th-12th.

Harrington, a senior, studies violin with Melissa Barrett. Zeng, a freshman, studies piano with Peggy Edwards. As grand prize winners, each received a \$500 music scholarship and earned the title of 2016 BRASS/Jacksonville Symphony Music Scholar. The winners performed at the



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2016 BRASS/Jacksonville Symphony Music Scholars Eric Zeng, piano, and Liam Harrison, violin

recent BRASS Annual Dinner and Gala as well as at an April 23 recital held at St. Paul's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church in

Jacksonville Beach. They will also represent BRASS and the Jacksonville Symphony at various functions throughout the 2016-2017 year.

BRASS awarded its Karen B. Boling Memorial Scholarship to Grace Remmer. She will receive tuition to study the viola for up to four weeks at a summer music camp of her choosing.

Division winners

Students who won medals in their BRASS Ring division competitions include: Division IV Piano: 1st Alexandra Lin, 2nd Katrina Kirov; Division III Piano: 1st Zachary Yu, 2nd Dahlia Kirov; Division III Voice: Bianca Fasanelli; Division II Piano: 1st Eric Zeng, 2nd Chadrick Schwipper, honorable mention Harrison Snowden and Sadie Pichelmann; Division II Orchestral Instruments: 1st Amanda Friedman, 2nd Brianna Howard; Division I Piano: 1st Skylar Derr, 2nd Remy Van Nostrand; Division I Violin: 1st Liam Harrington, 2nd Jacob Whitney. Runner up for the BRASS Karen B. Boling Memorial Scholarship was Breanna Lang.

Each student prepared and memo-



Grace Remmer, center, winner of the 2016 Karen B. Boling Memorial Scholarship for the Viola with BRASS Ring co-chairs Lynne Radcliffe (left) and Aida Ribeiro Mechetti.

rized two classical or original pieces and received written remarks from the judges. Judges were Nathan Aspinall, assistant conductor of the Jacksonville Symphony; Scott C. Gregg, music director and principal conductor of the Jacksonville Symphony Youth Orchestra; Lorraine Roettges, flutist and director of leadership giving for the Jacksonville Symphony; and Arjola Miruku, pianist, winner of the 2000 BRASS Ring, and founder and director of PLAY Academy of Arts.



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Local businesswomen, entrepreneurs attend 2nd Annual Women's Empowerment Conference

Achieving goals, fulfilling dreams and breaking the glass ceiling were just a few of the topics discussed at the recent Women's Empowerment Conference held at TPC Sawgrass.

Sponsored by the Quick Law Group and Morgan Stanley Wealth Management, the second annual conference offered local businesswomen and entrepreneurs motivation and inspiration through a day-long series of panel discussions and workshops. Quick Law Group founder and CEO Heather Quick and Morgan Stanley Vice President Michelle Paul guided the day's events, which included a "power panel" discussion on career paths, family and personal growth. Panelists included Ju'Coby Pittman, CEO/president of the Clara White Mission; Donna Orender, CEO and founder of Generation W and Generation WOW; and Tracy Raulerson, Southeast senior business development manager for Opterra Energy.

Keynote speaker for the conference was nationally recognized motivational speaker Carla Harris. Vice president of global wealth management for Morgan Stanley, Harris is the author of "Carla's Pearls" and "Strategize to Win."

The event also featured a luncheon fashion show choreographed by Stein Mart, with hair styling provided by Zimmiz Hair Salon and makeup by Ponte Vedra Plastic Surgery.



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The conference's Empowerment Panel included (left to right) Heather Quick, Donna Orender, Ju'Coby Pittman, Tracy Raulerson and Michelle Paul.



National Motivational Speaker Carla Harris addresses the Women's Empowerment Conference.

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Celebrating mom: First Coast events and gift ideas

Compiled by Carrie Resch

From chocolates and Sunday brunch to jewelry and fashion shows, the First Coast offers no shortage of ways to show Mom you care. Here are just a few of the many events and special Mother's Day promotions from which to choose:

Ponte Vedra Woman's Club fashion show

The Ponte Vedra Woman's Club will host the "Dance in Style" Fashion Show on Saturday May 7 at the Sawgrass Country Club, 10034 Golf Club Drive, Ponte Vedra. Celebrate mom one day early and help raise funds for the Florida School for the Deaf and Blind at the same time. The fashion show and shopping event will include raffles, a silent auction, entertainment and a luncheon at 12:15 p.m. consisting of chicken marsala, salad, mashed potatoes, asparagus and chocolate lava cake. There will also be a cash bar. The cost is \$50 per person and tickets must be purchased in advance. Table reservations are available. Doors open at 10 a.m. for boutique shopping. For more information or to



purchase tickets, visit www.pontevedrawomansclub.com.

Vernon's Restaurant Mother's Day buffet

Vernon's Restaurant at Sawgrass Marriott Golf Resort & Spa will hold

a Mother's Day buffet on Sunday May 8 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The southern gourmet-inspired unlimited-helpings menu will include salads, fresh seasonal fruit and berries, soups, artisanal bread with whipped honey butter, a carving station with prime rib and datil pepper orange marmalade glazed ham, a French toast and bacon bar, and entrees including Florida Red Snapper with fennel tomato broth, Ashley Farms roasted chicken with herb jus and First Coast crab cake benedict, among other offerings, plus Chef Melanie's sweet treat desserts.

The cost of the buffet is \$60 for adults, \$24 for children ages 4-12 plus tax and gratuity. The price includes choice of mimosa or champagne for adults. Sawgrass Marriott Golf Resort & Spa is located at 1000 PGA Tour Blvd., Ponte Vedra Beach. For reservations, call (904) 280-3405 or visit <http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/jaxsw-sawgrass-marriott>

golf-resort-and-spa/.

'Mamma Mia!'

The farewell tour for the musical "Mamma Mia!" will be in town for three shows Mother's Day weekend, May 6-7 at the Times-Union Center for Performing Arts. Tickets start at \$33.50. Purchase tickets by phone at (904) 442-2929 or online at www.fscjartistseries.org.

Adventure Landing

Adventure Landing will offer free admission to Shipwreck Island Waterpark and free miniature golf for mothers on May 8. Moms swim free with the purchase of one full-priced water park daily admission. The special is not valid with any other offers, and a coupon is required, limit one per person. Moms can also test their putting skills for free. Moms play free mini golf with each paying player at regular price. The specials are valid on Sunday May 8 only. Visit www.adventurelanding.com to download the water park coupon. Adventure Landing is located at 1944 Beach Blvd., Jacksonville Beach. For more information, call (904) 246-4386.

NOLA MOCA Mother's Day brunch

Visit Café Nola May 8 for a Mother's Day brunch from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The buffet options will include salads, pastries, shrimp and grits, Kentucky hot brown, spicy Korean fried chicken and waffles and oysters Rockefeller risotto. Reservations are suggested; call (904) 224-0113 to make a reservation. The cost is \$30 per person, \$8 for children younger than 10. NOLA MOCA is located in the Museum of Contemporary Art Jacksonville (MOCA), 333 N. Laura

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St., Jacksonville. The museum will be open from noon to 5 p.m., so after brunch, you can pop over to the museum for a visit. Museum admission is \$8 for adults; \$5 for seniors, military and students and children ages 2-12. Children under 2 are admitted free.

Peterbrooke Chocolatier

Make mom's heart melt with chocolate delicacies from Peterbrooke Chocolatier this Mother's Day. The neighborhood chocolate shop is offering a special Mother's Day collection featuring milk chocolate pansie foils, chocolate assortments in a watering can, flower pot, floral canvas tin or pails packaging, and dark chocolate "mother" molds or a milk chocolate "mom" molds. Visit Peterbrooke Chocolatier at the new Ponte Vedra location in the Sawgrass Village shopping center at 333 Village Main St., suite 650. Call (904) 273-7878 or visit www.peterbrooke.com for more information or to place an online order.

Underwood's Jewelers

Underwood's Jewelers of Ponte Vedra will also host a Dao Fournier trunk show featuring designers Kimberly and Lucy May 5-11. A portion of the trunk show proceeds will be donated to PGA Tour wives' designated children charities. Underwood's of Ponte Vedra is located in The Shoppes of Ponte Vedra at 330 A1A N., Suite 204. For more information, call (904) 280-1202 or visit www.underwoodjewelers.com.

Village Jeweler Mother's Day sale

Village Jeweler is holding a Mother's Day sale. The jewelry store carries a selection of rings, necklaces, pendants, bracelets, earrings and watches as well as nautical and island designs. Custom jewelry and jewelry repair are also offered if mom has a favorite heirloom piece in need of some repair or care. The store is located at 260 Front St., Suite 610, in Sawgrass Village. For more information, call (904) 285-4812 or visit www.villagejewelerofpontevedra.com.

Forking Amazing Restaurants Mother's Day specials

Forking Amazing Restaurants, the parent company behind Jacksonville-based restaurants Ovinté, Bistro Aix and Il Desco, has announced special Mother's Day dining promotions. Reservations are strongly encouraged and can be made by calling each restaurant directly or via OpenTable.

Bistro Aix, located at 1440 San

Marco Blvd., Jacksonville, will offer a traditional brunch menu for Mother's Day along with its standard lunch menu.

Selections include house-made granola, chocolate fondue, vegetable omelet, bread basket with house-made pastries, muffins, scones and croissants, crepes, omelets, Crème Brûlée French toast and more. Brunch hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; dinner hours are 5 to 9 p.m. Call (904) 398-1949 for more information or to make a reservation.

Jacksonville-based band Chilly Rhino will perform live music at Ovinté starting at noon. Brunch will be served from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Ovinté is located at 10208 Buckhead Branch Drive, Jacksonville. Call (904) 900-7730 for more information or to make a reservation.

Il Desco will offer brunch from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and dinner from 5 to 9 p.m. Seasonal specials will be served in addition to the restaurant's standard brunch and dinner menus. Bottomless mimosas will be available for purchase for \$12 per person. Il Desco is located at 2665 Park St., Jacksonville. Call (904) 290-6711 for more information or to make a reservation.

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'Munchies with Mom' at Mainstream Boutique

Mainstream Boutique in Ponte Vedra will host a Mother's Day shopping event, "Munchies with Mom" Saturday May 7 from 10 a.m. to noon. Shoppers who spend \$100 or more on May 7 will receive a free Erimish bracelet while supplies last. Mainstream Boutique is located at 880 A1A N., Suite 4, Ponte Vedra Beach. For more information, call

(904) 834-7708.

Dinner and a show

Dinner? A show? How about both? Just in time for Mother's Day, Alhambra Theatre & Dining presents "Blithe Spirit" May 4-June 5. The comedy centers around socialite and novelist Charles Condomine who enlists the services of a medium in the hopes of gathering material for his next book, but the scheme backfires in an unexpected way. The theatre is located at 12000 Beach Blvd. in Jacksonville. For more information or to purchase tickets, call (904) 641-1212 or visit www.alhambrajax.com.

Ponte Vedra Inn & Club

Gift certificates are available for Ponte Vedra Inn & Club's Spa. The Spa offers over 100 pampering services, an on-site boutique, outdoor pool, sauna, Spa Café and more. The Spa is located at 302 Ponte

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Be Pampered Wellness Spa

During the month of May, Be Pampered Wellness Spa will be offering a Mother's Day special: an herbal lavender pedicure with a 20 minute foot rub for \$45.

Be Pampered Wellness Spa is owned and operated by certified MediNail Advanced Nail Technologist, Kathy Griggs, who has more than 15 years experience. A variety of services are offered at the wellness spa such as specialty wellness pedicures, manicures, and nail treatments. Be Pampered is located at 150 Professional Drive, Suite B, Ponte Vedra Beach. For more information, call (904) 729-9525.

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Like mother, like daughter: Real estate duo Linda Sherrer and Christy Budnick

By Carrie Resch

When it comes to mother and daughter power houses in Northeast Florida, Linda Sherrer and her daughter, Christy Budnick, come to mind.

As CEO and executive vice president, respectively, of Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Network Realty, the dynamic duo are Beaches residents and fell into working together when Budnick joined the company in 2002 as the branch manager of the company's Beaches office. Sherrer founded the company in 1988.

"I admire Christy's tenacity and focus on growth and success. From day one,

we had the same expectations and goals," Sherrer said.

Budnick grew up in the world of real estate and that was what ultimately influenced her to make the transition from banking to realty. Budnick said she spent many a weekend as a child stuffing marketing collateral, walking neighborhoods and measuring houses with her sister and her mother.

The pair has said that they are often asked if they don't tire of working together, but the answer to that is a resounding "no," according to Budnick. In fact, the two enjoy spending time together so much that Sherrer recently built a home a block away from her



Photo by Bekkah Clifford

daughter in the same Atlantic Beach neighborhood so that she could spend even more time with her daughter and granddaughter, Cate. They even enjoy vacationing with each other.

"Our relationship has become stronger and closer since we have worked together," Budnick said. "I have always looked at Linda not only as my Mom, but as a best friend. Working with her on a business level has made me appreciate our close bond even more."

Sherrer agreed.

"There is an incredible connection that happens when working together that I believe can only occur with two people who are as close as a mother and daughter," Sherrer said. "Working with my daughter is rewarding on so many levels. Not only do I have a front-row seat to her growth and success, but I am able to share in her life to a degree that would make many mothers envious."

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Ocean Palms Elementary honors outstanding school volunteers

Ocean Palms Elementary recently honored Karen Freedman, Suzanne Mulvee and Chloe Bomar as its "Outstanding School Volunteers" for 2015-2016.

The recipients were recognized at a St. Johns County School District reception at St. Johns Technical College held to honor outstanding volunteer award nominees and recipients across the county.

Freedman was recognized in the Adult category. A past PTO president, she continues to lead a successful collaboration of parents, community and school personnel resulting in a positive impact for the benefit of the school's students. At the awards ceremony, Freedman was recognized for helping to raise more than \$80,000 from local business partnerships and for her role in making OPE one of the few county schools to install hydroponic gardens. She has also worked closely with the school's third grade teachers on STEM standards and has served in numerous volunteer capacities, including as a room mother, event coordinator, grant writer and more.

Mulvee was honored as the school's outstanding senior volunteer. A master gardener, she has volunteered in the



Photos submitted by Ocean Palms Elementary Outstanding Youth Volunteer Chloe Bomar

A moving tale: Who are your real, true friends?

If you ask me why I moved to a new house, I will look you straight in the eye and say, "I'm downsizing." The truth is I cannot figure out how to use my stove. It's a new-fangled thing that drives me to dig into the peanut butter jar with a tablespoon and throw out the pot roast.

Two months before your moving date, people will chirp that they'll be happy to help you move. But two weeks before you do move, they go curiously radio silent. They will have scheduled a knee or hip replacement or have planned a 50th wedding anniversary trip to Paris. Or maybe a cataract operation.

And speaking of cataracts, if you need to have your eyes repaired, do it before you start preparing your house for showings. "Mom, it's dusty over there."

"Where? Where's the dust? There isn't any dust."

"How can you not see any dust (or cat hair or Schuyler's popsicle

stick near the couch from last summer)."

A few random tips: I was determined not to let my back go into spasms because of using huge, 1970s TV set boxes. Wine boxes by the dozen are available at Trader Joe's. Of course using smallish boxes



Mims Cushing
By the Way...

involves making multiple trips into the new house. But at least 10 liquor-sized boxes, filled with the flotsam and jetsam of my life — which I ferried every day for a week before moving day — fit into my car for the two-mile drive to my new place. Very satisfying. And yes, exhausting.

Of course movers could have handled it, but I was determined to get the truckers out of my old house

and into the new fast because I told the estimator it would not take eight hours.

Comcast, which I like to call Bombast, was arriving at 3 p.m. and I wanted to make sure the TVs, my computer and telephones were settled in correctly. (They were there until 9 p.m.)

Besides, movers use a ridiculous amount of paper. I wrap my wine glasses in soft socks.

A day before the move, it seemed that all of Ponte Vedra Beach had come down with stomach flu. The nasty you-are-flattened, sick-for-a-week kind.

When talking to a friend who had, let's just be delicate and say, been sick, I hung up and felt queasy for 24 hours, but nothing erupted. Sadly my peppermint tea had made the voyage to the new place. But then, I thought, maybe there is no flu at all.

Maybe everybody's just saying they're sick because they do not

want to help me move!

Tips, continued: Do not get so excited about the whole move that you leave your cell phone in a hardware store. I did. Luckily, when I called my cell phone several hours later, a voice answered and told me I could come and get it in the office.

Do not pack all your bath towels. You will want to shower on the morning of your big moving day. Drying yourself with paper towels and a hair dryer is tedious.

Do not flatten all those boxes with your hands when you're done with them.

I am still nursing my fingers from ripping them up without using a box cutter, the kind that gets you thrown off a plane. Spring for a \$3.99 box cutter. You just bought a house, for heaven's sake, you can buy a measly box cutter.

Good luck to you if you move, but better not call me. I'll be down with the flu.

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Cantus, Kaleidoscope of Dance among highlights of Romanza Festivale

By Jennifer Logue

Golf isn't the only game in town this week.

While golfers eagerly await the start of the 2016 PLAYERS Championship, lovers of the arts will have a full array of offerings from which to choose as the annual Romanza Festivale of the Arts brings 10 days of music, art, theatre, dance and more to St. Augustine. To be held May 6-15 at venues across the historic city, the Romanza Festivale celebrates the diversity of the arts with offerings from both local and nationally renowned artists. Highlights of the 10-day festival include:

Music

Among the headliners of this year's Romanza Festivale is the nine-member male vocal ensemble Cantus, which will perform its touring program, "The Four Loves," at 7:30 p.m. Thursday May 12 at the Cathedral Basilica. Acclaimed by Fanfare as "the premier men's vocal ensemble in the United States," Cantus performs an eclectic repertoire that includes everything from Renaissance chamber music to the Beach Boys' "Their Hearts Were Full of Spring."

Public radio fans may know the group from their frequent performances on "A Prairie Home Companion with Garrison Keillor" and "Performance Today's" annual Thanksgiving program, "Thanksgiving with Cantus."

Tickets are \$30 for adults, \$10 for students with a valid ID and \$5 for children 12 and under.

Musical acts will also include Jacksonville's Big Orange Chorus, which will perform Monday May 9 at 7:30 p.m. at Flagler College's Lewis Auditorium. Named the Sunshine District Chorus champions in 2014 and 2015, the barbershop chorus placed ninth in the world at the Pittsburgh International Chorus Competition, while the group's barbershop quartet placed third in the world at the same event.

Tickets for the Big Orange Chorus are \$30 for adults, \$10 for students with ID and \$5 for children 12 and under. Combination tickets for both Cantus and Big Orange Chorus may be purchased for \$50, a savings of \$10.

Visual Art

The St. Augustine Art Association will present an exhibition titled "Canvas, Clay, Collage, Cutting Edge" as well as a special art exhibit commemorating the 150th anniversary of the Sisters of St. Joseph. Museum hours are Tuesday through Saturday from noon to 4 p.m. and Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m.

Theatre

Making its world premiere during this year's Romanza Festivale is "Sweet Emmaline — the Musical



Romanza Dance Kaleidoscope

Photos courtesy of Romanza Festivale



Cantus

Journey of Debbie McDade." Written by Deborah B. Dickey, the musical play tells the story of St. Augustine native Emmaline Maultsby, who as a teenager traveled to New York City to launch a career as a jazz singer and composer. The play will be performed at 3 p.m. May 8 and 7:30 p.m. May 9-12 at the Lincolnville Museum and Cultural Center, 102 MLK Ave. Admission is \$25.

Dance

Thirteen local dance troupes will perform as part of the Romanza Kaleidoscope of Dance. To be held at 7:30 p.m. Saturday May 7 at Flagler College's Lewis Auditorium, the event will feature Aerial Athletes, Abella's School of Dance, Blue Lotus Mid East Dance Troupe, Dance Guild of St. Augustine, Florida School of the Arts, Mia Bella Academy of Dance,

Mia Bella Academy north, Matanzas Tap, Noise Complaint, Perla Ballet, St. Augustine Dance Conservatory, SJCCA: St. Augustine High School, and Deidre and Felix.

Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$5 for students; children 12 and under are free.

To view a complete schedule of all Romanza Festivale activities, visit www.romanzafestivale.com.



Photos by Jasmine Marshall

Owner Emily Rhodin

Scout & Molly's Boutique opens in Sawgrass Village

By Jasmine Marshall

Sawgrass Village welcomed another store to its growing shopping center with the April 23 opening of the second Jacksonville-area Scout & Molly's Boutique.

Spearheaded by Emily Rhodin, a Ponte Vedra resident and owner of Scout and Molly's Greater Jacksonville locations, the new storefront joins a growing directory of shops and eateries to the revitalized Sawgrass Village area.

"It's been so exciting to see the rejuvenation of the area and it's amazing what's being done here," Rhodin said. "We've needed a lifestyle center for quite a while, so as a resident I was excited to be a part of it."

The store is one of several in a franchise started in 2002 by Founder and COO Lisa Kornstein in Raleigh, North Carolina. Specializing in fashion-forward clothing for a wide range of women, the Sawgrass location features a mix of clothing for all occasions.

"This boutique is special because it

offers everything from active wear to Friday night out to workwear, all in one location" said Rhodin. "We want it to feel as if our customers are shopping in their best friend's closet."

In addition to accessories and attire, Scout & Molly's Boutique also offers personal services, include personal shopping from home, and in-store and after-hours shopping parties for groups of eight to 15. Rhodin said the boutique is committed to offering a variety of clothing and accessories from brands both global and local, carrying names such as Tom Ford and Roberto Cavalli in eyewear as well as Jacksonville-based jewelry brands Liana Paula and Liv N Grace.

And on the subject of working local, Rhodin has a personal interest in bringing the boutique's flair to Jacksonville.

"I'm very passionate about the Jacksonville area because I was born and raised here," she said. "I've always wanted to own a business so I'm excited to bring a new brand to the city's market."

Scout & Molly's Boutique offers a range of clothing, shoes and accessories for women.



Photos submitted by Ocean Palms Elementary

Suzanne Mulvee (Senior), Karen Freedman (Adult) and Sheila Rice (PTO President).

Volunteers

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school's kindergarten classrooms, incorporating environmental education into the classes' curriculum plans. She also serves as a board member of Bird Island Park, volunteering to assist with its maintenance.

As outstanding youth volunteer, Landrum Middle School student Bomar has assisted OPE teachers

in their classrooms as well as in the media center.

Under the supervision of teachers, she has lead small-group discussions and worked with students individually on reading aloud, using flash cards and more.

Bomar's community service also includes participation in the Small Steps youth-led service group and its Change for a Change Project. She is also a member of Landrum's Best Buddies club.

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Beat boredom with local summer movie series

By Carrie Resch

May 27 — "The LEGO Movie"

Movies can be a great way to spend a hot summer day — either in air-conditioned theaters or outside after the sun has gone down. There are many options for free or low-cost movies this summer to take advantage of, and Ripley's free "Movies by the Bay" summer series will be throwing a bonus Star Wars party for the final screening of the season.

For more information, including restrictions, visit www.jacksonvillebeach.org.

Free 'Movies by the Bay'

Ripley's St. Augustine Attractions and St. Augustine Municipal Marina present the free summer movie series "Movies by the Bay." Movies will run each Wednesday night from June 1-Aug. 3 at 8:30 p.m. at the St. Augustine Municipal Marina, located just behind Bayfront Mini Golf.

Guests should bring chairs or blankets for seating, and the schedule might change due to inclement weather. Ripley's Red Train Tours will offer a complimentary shuttle from the garage at the Visitor Information Center on Castillo Drive; pick-ups begin at 7:30 p.m. at the train depot and run every 15-20 minutes until 8:20 p.m. The train will also transport guests back to the garage after the film.

On Wednesday, Aug. 3, there will be

City of Jacksonville Beach Moonlight Movies

Catch a movie under the stars. The Jacksonville Beach Moonlight Movie series kicked off April 22 and will continue through the month of May. The movies are free and are shown on a large screen on stage at the Seawalk Pavilion. Movies start at 9 p.m. Bring a lawn chair or a blanket and picnic before the movie. A vendor will be on site selling popcorn, candy and beverages.

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Donor establishes matching gift challenge for Music Therapy Outreach Program

The Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach announced that the Lazzara Family Foundation has established a \$20,000 matching gift challenge in support of "Sound Connections," a music therapy outreach program offered by the cultural center that benefits children with special needs.

The program is currently offered at three Ponte Vedra elementary schools: Ocean Palms, Valley Ridge Academy and PVPV/Rawlings.

From now until Dec. 1, 2016, every contribution of \$25 or over will

be matched dollar for dollar up to \$20,000.

The goal is to raise \$40,000 to sustain the outreach program for the 2016-2017 school year.

The cultural center's board certified music therapists, Minda Gordon and Candice Sirak, utilize music as an educational related service to promote learning and skill acquisition at selected public schools in St. Johns County.

According to CCPVB, the practice of music therapy has shown

a correlation between speech and singing, rhythm and motor behavior, memory for song and memory for academic material, and overall ability of preferred music to enhance mood, attention, and behavior to optimize the student's ability to learn and interact.

To contribute to the Sound Con-

nections Matching Gift Challenge, visit www.ccpvb.org or call (904) 280-0614 ext. 203. All gifts to the matching gift challenge are tax deductible.

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Summer camp offerings abound in Northeast Florida. Children can hone their skills or explore new horizons during summer camps. A variety of camps are available including arts camps and workshops, sports camps, theater camps and more. Here is just a small sampling of the many summer camp options on the First Coast.

Summer arts camps and workshops at Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach

The Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach presents summer arts camps and workshops for young artists of all skill levels. Children ages 4 to 16 are encouraged to express their imagination using quality artist's materials with guidance from art instructors. Supplies and snack included. Campers must bring a brown bag lunch and "dress for mess."

To register, visit www.ccpvb.org or call (904)-280-0614 ext 204. Early registration discount ends May 16, 2016. The Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach is located at 50 Executive Way, Ponte Vedra Beach.

Summer Arts Camps: ages 4-5 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

- June 6-10** — Sea Escape
- June 13-17** — Mud Makers & Pottery Painters
- June 20-24** — Magic Potions and Robots in Motion
- June 27-31** — Bugged Out & Beedazzled
- July 5-8** — Dance Jam
- July 11-15** — Whimsical Wonderland
- July 18-22** — Building Outside the Box
- July 25-29** — Scribbling Siblings (9 a.m. to 2 p.m.)
- Aug. 1-5** — Mixed Media Montage

Summer Arts Camps: ages 6-8

9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

- June 6-10** — Animation-Claymation Combination
- June 13-17** — Mud Makers & Pottery Painters
- June 20-24** — Magic Potions and Robots in Motion
- June 27-31** — Bugged Out & Beedazzled
- July 5-8** — Dance Jam
- July 5-8** — Clay Days
- July 11-15** — Whimsical Wonderland
- July 18-22** — Building Outside the Box
- July 25-29** — Scribbling Siblings
- Aug. 1-5** — Mixed Media Montage

Summer Arts Workshops: ages 9-16 (times and prices vary by workshop)

- June 6-10** — Beginning Sewing for Fashion
- June 13-17** — Culinary Boot Camp
- June 20-24** — Intro to Drawing
- June 20-July 1** — Alhambra Theatre Camp
- June 27-July 1** — Digital Animation Creation
- June 27-July 1** — Bake-Off (held at A. Chef's Cooking Studio)
- July 5-8** — Intro to Painting
- July 11-15** — Drawing Comic Characters/ International Cuisine (held at A. Chef's Cooking Studio)
- July 11-22** — Alhambra Theatre Group
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Sylvan Learning Center

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Marineland S.E.A. Camp Dolphin Adventure

Marineland's S.E.A. Camp is a week-long camp for kids ages 7 through 12 and teens ages 13 through 16. The program is filled with science, activities, exploration, beach combing and dolphins. Sessions run Monday through Friday from June through August. Space is limited.

Marineland is located at 9600 Oceanshore Blvd., St. Augustine. For more information, call (904) 471-1111 or visit www.marineland.net.

Surf Into Summer Surf Camp

All children can learn to surf with help from the Ponte Vedra and Jacksonville Beach Surf Camps. Even kids who spent all season indoors will learn to hang 10 with ease. All sessions begin with introductory instruction on general water, ocean safety and surfing etiquette. Most of the time is spent in the water with instructors, learning to surf. The camp is open to kids age 6 and older. Camps run all summer long beginning June 13 and running through Aug. 5. Camps run from 8:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

The price is \$210 per camp and includes a money-back guarantee. The instructor to camper ratio is 1 to 3. The camp always has a lifeguard on duty, and instructors are some of the top surfers in North Florida.

The Jacksonville Beach camp is located at Seagate Avenue, across from Fletcher Middle School. The Ponte Vedra camp is located at Mickler's

Landing. All necessary equipment is provided, including both hard boards and soft boards, wetsuits, leashes, wax and more. Instructors and campers will be identified with same color rash guards. Visit www.surfintosummer.com for more information.

Ponte Vedra YMCA Summer Camps

Campers ages 5 through 12 can travel around the world, visiting a different country each week. Summer camp begins May 31 and runs through Aug. 5. Activities range from arts and humanities to math, science and literacy. Camps also include outdoor recreation play, reading activities and weekly field trips.

There are three Ponte Vedra area locations for camps: Ponte Vedra YMCA, 170 Landrum Lane; Ponte Vedra Presbyterian Church, 4510 Palm Valley Road; and The Bolles School, 200 ATP Blvd.

- Week 1** — South Africa
- Week 2** — Australia
- Week 3** — France
- Week 4** — Greece
- Week 5** — India
- Week 6** — United States
- Week 7** — Egypt
- Week 8** — Thailand
- Week 9** — Peru
- Week 10** — Brazil
- Week 11** — South Africa

For more information, call (904) 543-9622 or visit www.firstcoastymca.org/programs/camp/summer-camp.

Apex Theatre Studio camp and music theatre intensives

Camp Apex for ages 10 through 14 begins May 31 and runs through Aug. 5. Themed camps cover an array

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of stage genres including improv, comedy, Broadway to writing and publishing camps for screenwriting, storytelling, poetry, comic books, graphic novels and cartoons.

Music Theatre Intensives for ages 12 through 21: Camp options include The Boot, a 14-day intensive designed to challenge the intermediate to advanced level artist; or The Standard, a four-week experience for artists in the early stage of their craft.

Class sizes are limited. Apex Theatre is located at 5105 Palm Valley Road, Ponte Vedra Beach. For more information, visit www.apextheatrejax.com.

Bud Beech

Bud Beech Summer Camp has been running for nearly 30 years. A variety of activities are offered, including sports fitness, dance, basketball and more. The camp is open to boys and girls ages 6 through 13 and takes place Monday through Thursday from May 31 – July 30. All activities are indoors at Ponte Vedra High School.

Parent drop off is in the gym after 8:15 a.m. Monday through Thursday for full day and/or morning session campers. Afternoon campers drop off is at 11:45 p.m. Both full day and half-day camp options are available. Full-day camps are offered from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and half day camps are from 9 a.m. to noon or 1 to 4 p.m.

For more information, call (904) 686-4075 or visit www.budbeech.com.

Tommy Hulihan's Basketball Camp and Sports Camp

Tommy Hulihan's summertime activities are designed to get campers moving this summer while learning sports and basketball fundamentals. The camps take place at St. Paul's Gym, located at 212 Fifth St. N., Jacksonville Beach. There are three camp options to choose from:

Summer Sports Camp is open to girls and boys ages 5 through rising sixth graders. Camp runs May 31 – Aug. 5. Campers will participate in team sports and age appropriate activities.

Summer Beaches Basketball League is open to girls and boys ages 3 through rising sixth graders. The deadline to register is May 20. The league runs June 4 – Aug. 6.

Tommy Hulihan's Basketball Camp is open to girls and boys from third grade through eighth grade. Camps are divided into sessions. The basketball camp runs from June 13-17.

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ter, call (904) 349-2611 or visit www.tommybulihanbasketball.com.

DramaWorks

DramaWorks is an improvisational inclusion program for children through young adults who are on the mild to moderate end of the autism spectrum. Individuals with related disorders such as ADHD and PDD-NOS are also welcome to attend.

DramaWorks uses improvisation to develop social cues awareness, improved social skills, teamwork and trust, self-confidence and a sense of accomplishment, flexible thinking, handling unexpected changes, creativity, friendship, learning to support and be supported by others. Weekly sessions and summer camp programs are available. Summer camp begins May 31. For more information, call (904) 834-2938, visit www.healthyunow.org or email contact@healthyunow.org.

Marine Biology Camp at Whitney Laboratory

The Whitney Laboratory for Marine Bioscience will hold a Marine Biology Camp for students entering fifth, sixth and seventh grades in the fall.

There will be two sessions offered: June 20-24 or July 1-15. Camp is Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. with an early release on Friday at 2:30 p.m.

Campers will spend the week exploring the biological diversity of the Matanzas River Basin and conduct lab experiments.

The camp fee is \$375 per week and includes a lab tour, instruction, presentations, field and lab activities, a kayak trip, snacks, drinks and a t-shirt.

Whitney Laboratory for Marine Bioscience is located at 9505 Ocean Shore Blvd., St. Augustine. For more information, contact Brenda Cannaliato at (904) 461-4014 or brenda@whitney.ufl.edu or Angie Golubovich at (904) 461-4015 or angie@whitney.ufl.edu.

Fort Matanzas and Castillo de San Marcos Summer Camps

Get hands-on with history with Fort Matanzas National Monument and Castillo de San Marcos National Monument summer camps.

Hands-on-History & Nature Camp at Fort Matanzas will be held June 6-10. Hands-on-History & Nature Camp at Castillo de San Marcos will be held June 20-24, June 27-July 1 and July 11-15. Camps will take place Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Camps are for children ages 9-11. A variety of topics will be covered including: archeology, Native Americans, nature, Spanish exploration,

colonial Florida, and Spanish military and artillery. Students will have the opportunity to work on projects involving pottery, leatherwork, textiles, musket drills and more.

Space is limited to 20 campers per week. Participants will be accepted on a first come, first served basis. To help cover the cost of materials, there is a nonrefundable camp fee of \$25. A scholarship program for families with financial hardships is available.

For registration, call Rebecca Busch Tuesday through Friday, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. at (904) 829-6506 ext. 232 to reserve your spot.

Fort Matanzas National Monument is located at 8635 A1A S., St. Augustine. The Castillo de San Marcos National Monument is located at 1 S. Castillo Drive, St. Augustine.

For more information, visit the Fort Matanzas National Monument at www.nps.gov/foma/forkids/index.htm or the Castillo de San Marcos National Monument website at www.nps.gov/casa/forkids/index.htm

Guana Tolomato Matanzas National Estuarine Research Reserve Junior Camp Counselor summer camp

The GTM Research Reserve Junior Camp Counselor Camp for ages 13-15 will be held June 8-10. For campers to attend this camp, they must have attended an GTM Research Reserve Adventures in the Estuary Summer Camp. Junior Camp Counselors must commit to assist with at least two camp weeks of the younger Adventures in the Estuary summer camp.

This is an overnight camp; The Overnight Camp experience will take place at the Environmental Education Center and utilize the classrooms as dorms. The cost is \$275.

The GTM Research Reserve Environmental Education Center, 505 Guana River Road, Ponte Vedra Beach.

Coastal Kicks Soccer

Open to boys and girls of all skill levels, Coastal Kicks Soccer 2016 summer camps take place at a number of locations throughout Northeast Florida. Children will learn and develop technical and tactical soccer skills from trained and certified professional soccer coaches and trainers. Choose from morning and overnight camps.

A special "mini-kickers" group for children ages 3 and 4 will be available at select locations. All campers will receive a free soccer ball. For more information, call (904) 240-2353, email info@coastalkicks.com or visit www.coastalkicks.com.

Berardi Golf Academy to host summer golf camps

Young golfers looking to improve their game will be able to sharpen their skills at weeklong instructional summer camps offered by the Berardi Golf Academy (BGA).

To be held at the Ponte Vedra Golf and Country Club from June through August, this year's camps have been extended from four days to five days, and a Saturday middle school program has also been added. Appropriate for players who either have or feel they are ready to make the transition into tournament play, the BGA Summer Academy is a one-week, instructional program designed to hone swing fundamentals with a focus on playing experience, mental training, course management and scoring. All players will receive video instruction as well as personalized attention in a 6:1 maximum student to teacher environment. Players can take multiple week sessions as well as daily programming and private lessons.

"Working with junior golfers to help them get the most out of their game is my focus and my passion," said John Berardi, a PGA Class-A certified professional instructor. "We have built a culture of excellence at BGA, and we combine a systematic method of technical instruction along with coaching and strategy so that our players can achieve their goals on and off the course."

Berardi said that whether students come for one week or every week, the goals are the same as the full-time school-year academy: training a repeatable swing, developing solid short game and scoring techniques and developing positive practice skills in a structured environment. Student will also receive physical training advice — with an emphasis on core strength, flexibility and injury prevention — as well as guidance in goal setting and mental aptitude, process and awareness.

A typical day for Summer Academy students begins at 9 a.m. with golf training that includes putting, short game and full swing. Participants break for lunch at noon, then resume training at 1 p.m. with education seminars followed by three hours of on-course play and instruction.

"I am very excited about the summer program," Berardi said, "as it will give our students a chance to learn in an intensive academy setting, surrounded by other players, all who help motivate each other and who have fun doing it."

Full day programs run weekly Monday through Friday beginning June 13. Tuition is \$800 per week for the full day, with half-day programs and pricing available. Private lessons and playing lesson packages are also available. To register or for more information, call John Berardi at (904) 571-7420 or by email at jberardipga@aol.com.

ABET to offer summer drama camps

Atlantic Beach Experimental Theatre will offer a series of creative drama summer camps for kids who have completed grade 2 and up. Taught by The First Act owner Aine Healy-Richardson, one- and two-week camp sessions will run Monday through Friday from 9 am.

to 1 p.m. (Tuesday through Saturday the week of July 4). In addition to age-appropriate theater games, music and dance, each camp session will culminate in a play performance with music, singing, lights, costumes and props. Learning lines is required unless a non-

speaking part is requested.

Scheduled camp sessions include:

June 20 – July 1 (two weeks): grade 4 and up

July 5-9 (one week): grades 2 and 3

July 11-22 (two weeks): grade 4 and up

July 25-29 (one week): grades 2 and 3

Aug. 1-14 (two weeks): grade 4 and up

The fee is \$160 per camper per week; a \$50 deposit is due at time of registration. To register or for more information, contact ABET at (904) 509-1472 or aine@thefirstact.net.



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a screening of “Star Wars: The Force Awakens” and a Star Wars party with games, free mini golf, prizes, characters and more starting at 7 p.m. All movies are rated PG with the exception of “Pixels” and “Star Wars: The Force Awakens” which are both rated PG-13. The movie line-up is as follows:

- June 1** — “Inside Out”
- June 8** — “ET”
- June 15** — “The Minions”
- June 22** — “The Goonies”
- June 29** — “Pixels”
- July 6** — “Norm of the North”
- July 13** — “Goosebumps”
- July 20** — “The God Dinosaur”
- July 27** — “Hotel Transylvania 2”
- Aug. 3** — “Star Wars: The Force Awakens”

Regal Cinema’s Summer Movie Express

Regal Cinema’s Summer Movie

Express is back for 2016. The 9-week series begins June 14 and runs through Aug. 10. The movies are shown on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. All movies are rated G or PG and cost \$1.

A portion of the proceeds from the ticket sales of the Summer Movie Express movies will benefit the Will Rogers Institute. All movies begin at 10 a.m.; tickets are available for sale at the box office.

All three Regal Cinema locations in Jacksonville are participating in the program: Regal Beach Boulevard, 14051 Beach Blvd., Regal Avenues, 9525 Phillips Hwy. and Regal River City Marketplace, 12884 City Center Blvd. Visit www.regmovies.com/Movies/Summer-Movie-Express for more information. Both movies for each week will play on both

- June 14** — “The LEGO Movie”
- June 15** — “Max”
- June 21** — “Goosebumps”

June 22 — “Iron Giant: Signature Edition”

June 28 — “Pan”

June 29 — “The Smurfs 2”

July 5 — “Despicable Me 2”

July 6 — “Home”

July 12 — “Minions”

July 13 — “The Peanuts Movie”

July 19 — “Alvin & The Chipmunks: The Road Chip”

July 20 — “Curious George”

July 26 — “The Book of Life”

July 27 — “Hotel Transylvania 2”

Aug. 2 — “Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2”

Aug. 3 — “Shaun the Sheep Movie”

Aug. 9 — “The Croods”

Aug. 10 — “Dr. Seuss’ The Lorax”

Cinemark Summer Movie Clubhouse

Cinemark Summer Movie Clubhouse at Cinemark Tinseltown, a 10-week series of films rated G or PG, begins June 7 and runs through August 11.

All show times are at 9:30 a.m. on

Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The cost is \$1 per show when purchased at the box office or \$5 for a 10-week series punch card when purchased in advance at the box office or at www.cinemark.com (while supplies last).

Cinemark Tinseltown is located at 4535 Southside Blvd., Jacksonville. For more information, call (904) 998-2122 or visit www.cinemark.com/summer-movie-clubhouse.aspx.

June 7 and 9 — “Paddington”

June 14 and 16 — “Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Road Chip”

June 21 and 23 — “The Peanuts Movie”

June 28 and 30 — “Pan”

July 5 and 7 — “Home”

July 12 and 14 — “The Boxtrolls”

July 19 and 21 — “The Sandlot”

July 26 and 28 — “Norm of the North”

Aug. 2 and 4 — “Shaun the Sheep Movie”

Aug. 9 and 11 — “Max”



Photo by Vance Edeker, PVPV/Rawlins

PVPV/Rawlins Principal Kathleen Furness accepts a check for \$2,000 from GOODWILL Industries of North Florida CEO Bob Thayer in recognition of the school’s successful “Bag it Up Drive.” From left: Furness, Thayer, GOODWILL Vice President of Marketing Tracy Collins and teacher Dawn Radford.

PVPV/Rawlins conducts GOODWILL donation drive

More than 1,000 PVPV/Rawlins students and families participated in the school’s recent “GOODWILL Bag it Up Drive,” donating clothing, toys, books and household items to GOODWILL Industries of North Florida.

Two truckloads of donations were loaded up for GOODWILL as part of the drive, which was conducted as part of PVPV/Rawlins’ Character

Counts Initiative. So successful was the drive, in fact, that GOODWILL representatives presented school officials with a check for \$2,000 and two new computers, while 10 families won additional prizes in a drawing.

In addition to PVPV/Rawlins, a number of other local schools also participated in the “Bag it Up Drive,” including Ocean Palms Elementary and Valley Ridge Academy.

Nease NJROTC wins Brain Brawl Championship title

Nation’s #1 program caps off 2016 with another victory

Nease NJROTC completed its 2015-2016 Academic, Athletic and Drill competition much the same way it began — claiming another 1st place title, this time as Clay High School NS1/NS2 Brain Brawl champions.

Brain Brawls are similar to Jeopardy contests, with teams ringing in the fastest and with the correct answer score points.

Nease’s Brain Brawl team led all 20 competitive teams after the two preliminary rounds, thereby advancing to the four-team finals. After Nease still remained tied with Terry Parker High School and South Effingham High School, a special one-minute lightning round of questions left Nease standing alone at the top.

Nease cadets Brandon Mum, Preston Rose, Scott Cummings, Jesse Gatewood and Troy Barber repre-

sented the winning team.

“The finals were intense,” team captain Scott Cummings said. “And then three teams tie and we go into the one-minute lightning round — that was really intense.”

The Brain Brawl win marks the seventh championship won this year by the reigning Most Outstanding Unit in the Nation. Other titles claimed include: Middleburg Brain Brawl, Ed White Drill Meet, Mandarin Drill Meet, Terry Parker Drill Meet, Area-12 Championship Drill Meet and Lee Ultimate Frisbee Challenge.

The program recently received recognition as the 2016 Most Outstanding Unit in NJROTC Area 12 (59 school region that covers northern Florida and the state of Georgia) — for the fifth consecutive year.

Nease is now among the top 12 programs competing for the Most Outstanding Unit in the Nation for 2016. Naval Service Training Command in Pensacola will announce those results in the coming weeks.

Signing Day

In other Nease NJROTC news, the program hosted its National Military Signing Day for graduating seniors receiving appointments to the United States service academies or full ROTC scholarships at public universities on April 26. Six cadets signed letters of intent during a formal ceremony held on campus and attended by family, teachers and classmates.

The appointments include: Nolan Alexander of St. Augustine, a full Navy ROTC scholarship to Embry Riddle University; Michael Begun of Ponte Vedra, a full Army ROTC scholarship to Virginia Tech; Daniel Donovan of St. Augustine, a full Air Force scholarship to the University of Florida; Michaela Heinrich of Ponte Vedra, an appointment to the United States Coast Guard Academy; Marcus Sanders of St. Augustine, an appointment to the United States Naval Academy Prep School; and Zachary Yearwood of Ponte Vedra, a full Navy ROTC scholarship to the University of South Carolina.

Jordan Spieth commmits to THE PLAYERS

Nine-time PGA Tour winner Jordan Spieth will join defending champion Rickie Fowler and some of the biggest names in golf next week at the 2016 PLAYERS Championship.

The defending FedExCup champion, Spieth shared the 2014 PLAYERS lead through 54 holes with eventual champion Martin Kaymer.

He faltered on the final day, however, shooting a 2-over 74. Spieth's

five-win performance in 2015 earned him PGA Tour Player of the Year honors, and vaulted him to the No. 1 spot in the Official World Golf Ranking, in addition to helping him win the FedExCup.

This season, Spieth has already claimed victory at the Tournament of Champions in Maui, where he triumphed by eight shots.

Fowler orchestrated the greatest finish in the history of THE PLAYERS

Championship last year, playing the final four holes in 11 shots, going birdie-eagle-birdie-birdie to set a tournament record over that stretch of holes.

His finish in regulation earned him a spot in the first three-hole aggregate playoff in the history of THE PLAYERS against Sergio Garcia and Kevin Kisner.

After Garcia was eliminated in the three-hole playoff, Fowler defeated

Kisner on the first sudden-death hole, the 17th, which he birdied for the third time that day, and the fifth time for the week.

The win was the second of his career and first at THE PLAYERS in six attempts, his previous best finish a T2 in 2012.

So far this season, Fowler has five top-10s in 10 starts, including a playoff loss at the Waste Management Phoenix Open.



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Toby Keith to headline PLAYERS' Military Appreciation Day

Country music star Toby Keith will perform a concert on the 17th hole of the Stadium Course at TPC Sawgrass next week as part of THE PLAYERS Championship's annual Military Appreciation Day.

To be held Tuesday May 10, the Military Appreciation Day Ceremony will begin at 6 p.m. and will include pageantry by military personnel, a flyover by the 125th Fighter Wing of the Florida Air National Guard and the National Anthem performed by Byron Rowe, U.S. Navy Retired. Speakers will include Gen. Mark Welsh, U.S. Air Force Chief of Staff and a member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; PGA Tour Commissioner Tim Finchem; and a PGA Tour player.

The ceremonies will be followed at 6:30 p.m. by Keith's concert.

"I'm extremely excited to honor the men and women who serve our coun-

try by performing at THE PLAYERS Championship," Keith said. "I have always been a proud supporter of the U.S. military and can't wait to rock the stage for our troops and their fans."

Keith has performed more than 200 USO shows and entertained more than 250,000 men and women in uniform and their families.

In April 2014, he received the Spirit of the USO Award.

From his first number one hit, "Should've Been a Cowboy," to subsequent chart toppers such as "Red Solo Cup," "As Good as I Once Was," "Beer for My Horses" and "I Love This Bar," Keith has been one of country music's biggest stars for more than 20 years. His music has also had a strong patriotic theme evident in songs such as "American Soldier" and "Courtesy of the Red, White and Blue."

"We're thrilled to have Toby Keith

kick off tournament week at the most famous hole in golf," said Michele McManamon, THE PLAYERS 2016 volunteer chairman and co-founder of the May 10 Charity of the Day, Operation New Uniform. "The Military Appreciation Day concert is always a fan favorite and the new location (on the 17th hole) allows us to entertain an even bigger crowd in the incredible, wraparound atmosphere of 16 and 17."

Fans will also have access to greater amenities, she added, including a food court and upgraded restrooms, creating a more authentic concert-like experience.

"With a superstar like Toby Keith on stage," McManamon said, "we know the stadium is going to be rocking."

The Military Appreciation Day Ceremony and Concert is free to any Tuesday ticket holder; a Tuesday Sta-

dium Pass starts at \$20.

Thanking our military

In addition to celebrating them during Military Appreciation Day, THE PLAYERS provides all career military (active duty, reserve, military retirees and dependents) with complimentary admission all week to the tournament, where they will have access to the Birdies for the Brave Patriots' Outpost, a hospitality tent offering complimentary food, beverages and activities exclusively for the military.

Prior to tournament week, THE PLAYERS will hold its fourth-annual Military Job Fair in partnership with the Jacksonville Military Veterans Coalition.

To be held Saturday May 7 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Birdies for the

ABC Fine Wine & Spirits to celebrate PLAYERS with wine, cigar event

PGA golfer Retief Goosen to pour samples of his The Goose wines

ABC Fine Wine & Spirits will celebrate THE PLAYERS Championship with a wine, beer and spirits tasting and cigar event at its new store located at 175 Village Main St. in Sawgrass Village.

To be held Wednesday, May 11, the event will begin at 6 p.m. with a two-hour tasting that will include samples of more than 100 wines, 30 spirits and assorted beers from GolfBeer Brewing and Abita Brewing. PGA golfer and two-time U.S. Open winner Retief Goosen will be on hand to pour samples of his The Goose wines.

Husband-and-wife winemaking duo Stewart Boedecker (Boedecker Cellars) and Athena Pappas (Pappas Wine Co.) will also be in attendance, pouring their wines and signing bottles.

From 7 to 9 p.m., attendees will be able to try a variety of fine cigars, including Xikar, Oliva, Drew Estates, JC Newman, Ashton, Gurkha and Rocky Patel. Prize raffles will also be held for golf bags, golf

clubs, bottles of wine and spirits, and more.

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Brave Patriots' Outpost, the event is free and open to military personnel, veterans and military spouses. In addition to having an opportunity to meet with representatives from more than 40 companies, attendees will receive free career counseling and resume-writing assistance as well as information on local educational institutions with veterans' programs.

On Sunday, May 8, THE PLAYERS and Birdies for the Brave® will again partner with Operation Shower to host a group baby shower for 40 military moms-to-be whose spouses are deployed members of the U.S. Navy.

Scheduled to be held from noon to 2 p.m. in the Patriots' Outpost, the event will be hosted by Jim and Tabitha Furyk and will include Operation Shower's signature Shower-In-A-Box featuring high-quality mother and baby products provided by sponsors and donors.

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PV lacrosse team comes up short in state championship

By Jerry Norton

Ponte Vedra's remarkable unbeaten season ended one game short of the state lacrosse championship when the Sharks lost to St. Thomas Aquinas 13-11 Saturday evening.

The Sharks had earned the right to play in the championship game with a 16-11 win over defending champion Lake Highland Prep the night before.

Ponte Vedra never led against the Saints but still kept the game close for most of the play and in fact tied matters at 10-10 with a minute left in the third quarter on Matt Keeler's goal.

St. Thomas regained the lead with seconds left in the third quarter then put the game away with a pair of goals in the final quarter. Reid Smith's goal with 30 seconds left was too little and too late to make a difference.

His goal was his third of the game along with one assist. Clay Welch scored three goals, Ben Buchanan two and Matt Keeler two with an assist.

Jack Burke with a goal and Jacob Reeves with an assist competed the Sharks' scoring.

The Sharks also found themselves on the short end of the score against Lake Highland Prep more than several times in the previous night's game.

They trailed at the break for only the second time all year but overcame the 6-5 deficit in the third quarter to take a 9-8 lead with a little more than a minute left in the quarter.

The tide turned on the Highlanders in the closing seconds of the quarter as Keeler, Andrew O'Dare and Buchanan each scored unanswered goals to push the Shark advantage to 12-8 as the period ended.

Smith again paced the Sharks scoring with three goals and an assist.

Welch also scored three times. Matt Keeler had a pair of goals, Buchanan had two scores and an assist and O'Dare scored twice. Parker Blin finished with a goal and an assist while Burke added a goal and CD James an assist.



#4 Taylor Bradshaw lines a base hit for the Sharks

Photo by Jerry Norton

Lady Sharks finish exciting season

By Jerry Norton

The Ponte Vedra Lady Sharks softball team ended its season in thrilling although bittersweet fashion this past week during the Class 6A regional playoffs, when they split a pair of extra inning games.

After finishing as district runner-up — the result of a 6-0 loss to Clay on a no-hitter in the title game — the Sharks rebounded with a 4-3 quarterfinal win over Paxon only to have to face the Blue Devils again in the regional semi-final round. The Sharks, in what had to be their best effort of the season, shocked the Blue Devils 2-0 scoring twice in the eighth inning. The win earned them a spot in the regional finals against Arnold where the excitement became even more intense.

The Sharks fell behind Arnold 4-1 after the first inning then surrendered another run to the Marlins in the fifth. Ponte Vedra came to bat

in the seventh inning facing what appeared to be an embarrassing 5-1 end of the season loss. But the game is never over until the last out is made and the Marlins would have trouble getting that final out in the seventh.

Abby Zitello beat out an infield single to deep short. Then Kiley Hennessey drew a walk and Lauren Struble lined a base hit to left loading the bases. Next up was freshman shortstop Michelle Leone whose first inning leadoff home run gave the Sharks a brief 1-0 advantage. This time Leone went yard again, over the centerfield fence to tie the game at 5-5.

Neither team could put a run across over the next four extra innings although Ponte Vedra's Farley Callaghan barely missed a home run when her blast to center bounced high off the top of the fence for a double.

The twelfth inning marked the end

of the Sharks' magnificent run when the Marlins' Miranda Smith smacked her second round-tripper of the game, sending the Sharks home.

Ponte Vedra's earlier 2-0 win over Clay showed the grit and determination for which the Sharks were noted. Freshman pitcher Michelle Holder worked eight scoreless innings but was at her best in the seventh when the Blue Devils threatened to bounce the Sharks for the fourth time this year. Clay used a pair of hits to put runners on second and third with one out. Holder struck out the next Blue Devil then issued an intentional walk to the next to load the bases. With the game and the season on the line, Holder struck out the next batter, her fifth K of the game.

Ponte Vedra won the game, scoring twice in the top of the eighth using a Leone single, Quinlan Richmond's line drive triple and Callaghan's RBI base hit.



Isobel Spink, Dottie Hall, Leigh LeMoynes, Helen Short, Pat Tancredi, Lorry McCamey, Lynn Cabrera, Pat Hickerson, Linda Doran and Florrie Redick. Not pictured: Sach Price.

Marsh Landing WGA tops European competitors in 2016 Solheim Cup

The Marsh Landing Women's Golf Association held its annual Solheim Cup April 26 and April 28, with the U.S. team besting its international competitors 13-12. Team USA triumphed in the competition that featured 36 holes of competition, with all competitors playing four different formats — fourball, foursomes, shamble and singles.

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Jacksonville Jaguars go defensive in NFL Draft

FSU's Ramsey taken with first pick

By Mike Bonts

The Jacksonville Jaguars picked Florida State defensive back Jalen Ramsey with their number five pick in the first round of Thursday's NFL Draft.

Ramsey is expected to bolster a Jaguars defense that ranked No. 31 in the NFL in points allowed in 2015, and also ranked No. 31 in third-down defense. Jacksonville spent six of their seven draft picks on defensive players; the only exception was Arkansas quarterback Brandon Allen in the sixth round.

"Obviously I think you know our style; we're looking for guys that have some length out there," Jacksonville head coach Gus Bradley said of Ramsey. "(He's a) tremendous athlete, 4.4 (40-yard dash) speed, 40-inch vertical, his arm length that we're talking about, his ability, his instincts. Overall, just a fantastic player that we feel very fortunate that he fell to us."

Ramsey started all 13 games at cornerback for FSU while also returning kickoffs. He finished the season with 52 tackles, four tackle for a loss, one sack, one fumble recovery and a team-high 10 pass break-ups.

Ramsey's 36-yard fumble recovery for a touchdown against Boston College was the Seminoles' lone defensive touchdown of the season and helped seal FSU's first road win of the season.

"I'm going to do the best I can for the organization," Ramsey said following his selection. "I'm going to come in, I'm going to work hard, I'm going to try and do everything they ask of me as best as I can and give them all the effort in the world that I have in my body."

Ramsey led the FSU defense to a top-10 finish in total defense, a top-15

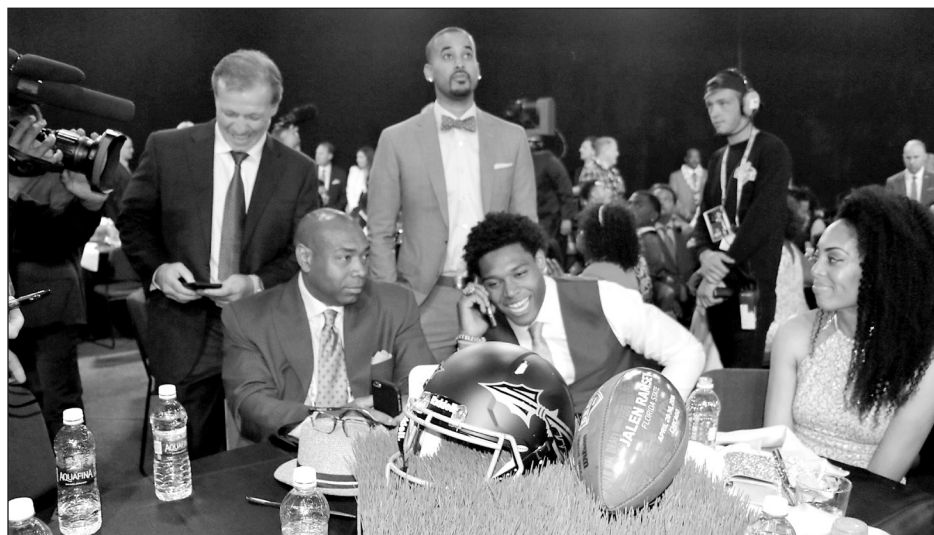


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FSU cornerback Jalen Ramsey gets the call from the Jaguars in the first round of the NFL Draft.

finish in pass efficiency defense, and top-25 finish in passing yards allowed. He finished his career with 180 tackles (119 solo), 15.5 tackles for loss, five sacks, three forced fumbles, two fumble recoveries and 23 pass break-ups to go along with three interceptions.

Ramsey started all 41 games in his three years at FSU but decided to forego his final year of eligibility in 2016 and declare for the NFL Draft. In track and field last season, Ramsey won the ACC long jump title at the outdoor and indoor championship.

"That's one of the things that we looked at, was guys that could get us the ball, had the ability to get turnovers on defense, so I think he brings that trait, without a doubt," said Bradley, adding that there was still work to be done in the draft. "But when you have a guy like that who can cover as well as he does, that's a great start."

Ramsey became the fourth consecutive underclassmen selected by Jaguars' general manager David Caldwell, joining defensive end Dante Fowler Jr. (Florida) in 2015, quarterback Blake Bortles (Central Florida) in 2014 and tackle Luke Joeckel

the Jaguars.

"Well, I think we'll fit him in at corner at first and then obviously we will, with Aaron's (Colvin) four-game suspension, he will play inside too so we will let him compete there at some point in time and see where that goes," Caldwell said. "But we feel good with the cornerback situation for us where we have a really good safety with both cornerbacks, with the addition of Prince [Amukamara] [Devon] House, Coleman and him and D-Mack we went from a good group to a very good group."

Other picks in the draft included UCLA linebacker Myles Jack (second) and Maryland defensive end Yannick Ngakoue (third) on Friday. They also added Notre Dame defensive tackle Sheldon Day (fourth round), Montana defensive end Tyrone Holmes (sixth) and Central Arkansas defensive end Jonathan Woodard (seventh) on the final day.

(Texas A&M) in 2013.

Ramsey is the 21st player from a Florida school to be chosen by Jacksonville, as well as sixth-ever Seminoles player to be drafted by

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Improv acting instructor brings life skills to life stage

By Jasmine Marshall

Few might consider improvisational acting — or “improv” — to be a practice in life skills or an application of philosophy.

But for Amy Angelilli, an instructor at St. Augustine’s Limelight Theatre, the thrill and impact of improv has almost nothing to do with performing. When she got her start in improv 15 years ago, it was a step toward reinvention and rediscovery.

“From day one I wanted to be on stage and that was always my intention,” she said. “But somewhere along the way I discovered there’s so many different uses for improv and that the mindset of saying ‘yes’ opens you up to life in a way that absolutely nothing else does.”

Angelilli had been in Philadelphia when she first started teaching a group of at-risk children as part of a one-week summer camp activity. She said the kids started off “completely unengaged,” making no secret of the fact that they’d rather be elsewhere. But after realizing how fun improv could be, they opened up and became more interactive both on and off the stage.

It was then that Angelilli

realized she’d done more than teach them fun acting activities.

“It’s a very positive thing and it didn’t take them long to start to open up, engage with one another and just enjoy themselves,” she said. “They didn’t know they were learning life skills. After the performance, one of the parents pulled me aside and said to me, ‘I’ve never seen my son light up like that before.’ And I saw something bigger — I realized that it was a lot bigger than just performing.”

That’s what Angelilli hopes to pass on to her adult improv students as she teaches them now: an openness to their artistic, social and professional lives through the power of improv acting.

Her Adult Improv classes see between seven and 12 students each Tuesday and Wednesday night at the Limelight Theatre. Angelilli says the class sizes encourage an almost accelerated sense of camaraderie that spans all generations, interests and backgrounds to create a safe space where students can learn and grow together.

For student John Ryan, improv was a way to creatively indulge after deciding to return to school and give up playing music. The adult improv classes taught him a skill that didn’t re-



Photo provided by Amy Angelilli

Amy Angelilli’s adult improv acting students

quire elaborate planning, while allowing him to attend school and work full-time.

“I think the biggest impact on my life is having a new creative outlet,” he said. “I can learn and grow and express myself in new ways, and that just makes me a happier person overall.”

“Outside of class, I think I just generally feel more confident,” he continued. “I’m less afraid of saying something wrong when speaking to people I’ve never met, which is something I’ve felt in the past. I feel like if I ‘fail’ in a conversation, there is always a chance to recover. Also, that human interactions always involve teamwork. I’m not alone in a conversation, and improv has helped me realize that.”

Ed Siarkowicz, another

student of Angelilli’s, said the improvisational activities have helped him in his work as the lead of a storm chasing show based in Flagler County. For Siarkowicz, whose work covers the parts of Flagler, St. Johns and Volusia that fall into a gap on the doppler radar, the ability to speak on the fly is instrumental.

“My group of storm chasing photographers are the eyes and ears of both the National Weather Service in Jacksonville and the Flagler County EOC in the gap,” Siarkowicz said. “Since I’m the lead in the show, I was hoping that the improv class would make me a better speaker and improve my ability to both interview and describe events as they occur.”

In that way, Angelilli’s activi-

ties work two-fold: Collaboration is encouraged through games like four-part exchanges, wherein two people take turns speaking and ending their sentences with “yes, and ...” to encourage collaboration, and “freeze tag,” in which two players start a scene that’s randomly paused by another player who takes the place of one of the original two. Students also learn through scene work and stage activities.

The biggest take away, Angelilli says, is informing others of the transformative and philosophical power of improv acting, where the biggest “rule” is approaching life with a sense of collaboration and open-mindedness, a skill that’s as important to practice on stage as it is in reality.

“We’re always telling ourselves and each other ‘no’ and the ‘yes’ mindset opens us up to possibilities,” she said. “Only a very small subset of us will get on that best theater stage, but all of us will be on the ‘life’ stage. If improv classes can open us up, we start to apply that mindset to our real world existence. Then we can change our lives and others around us.”

Angelilli’s Adult Improv classes will continue through May 24 for Adult Improv Basics and May 25 for Adult Improv Basics 2. For more information about the classes and to learn how to register, visit www.limelight-theatre.org.

When should one start saving for retirement?

I spend a lot of my time helping people plan for retirement that they hope to start in five to 10 years, and of course much of my time helping those who have already entered into



Frederic Schilling
Columnist

their retirement years. Unfortunately, I don’t get the opportunity to talk to many younger people about the subject of retirement planning. One reason is that very few people in their 20s, 30s or even 40s spend any

time thinking about retirement; they are just too busy with all of the other day-to-day things, both positive and negative, that they face.

Another reason is that there is a prevailing opinion that you don’t need

to think about planning for retirement until you are in your 50s, maybe even later. That’s just not smart planning.

Those in their 20s and 30s today may have to accumulate \$2 million or more (depending on their lifestyle during retirement years) to retire in the future. This is due to a) the failure of Social Security to keep up with inflation, b) longer life spans, c) the disappearance of defined benefit pension plans, and d) the ever-rising cost of health care. How can someone in their 20s or 30s today ever accumulate \$2 million? By starting to save right away and never stopping; let compounding do most of the saving for you.

Let me share an example. If you save a dollar at age 20, your employer matches your contribution at 50 percent and your savings of \$1.50 earns a 6 percent average annual return, you will have \$48 at age 65. However, if

you wait until age 40 to save, you will need to save \$4 plus the employer’s \$2 match — or a total of \$6 — to have the same \$48 at age 65. That is four times as much of your money to get the same result! I tell people all the time that the trick to accumulating a retirement nest egg is to make compounding work for you so the portion of the savings that represents your contributions is small and the portion representing earnings on your contributions is large.

I understand that saving is hard, particularly when you have student loan debt to pay off, house payments and the cost of raising children to tackle. I get it. That \$2 million target isn’t going to go away, however, and as many older adults will tell you, 30 or 40 years can go by quicker than you can imagine. So, whether you are the younger one who needs to start planning for your future or you have

kids or grandkids that are, consider this seriously and develop a plan today.

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How could I be happier in my life?

Our happiness is affected by a variety of temporary feelings and circumstances.

If you run out of gas and are late to work, if your boss gives you a



Neil Rosenthal
Columnist

big raise, if your spouse goes to bed angry with you, if the flowers you planted bloom beautifully, if you twist your ankle — all of this temporarily affects your sense of happiness and well-being.

So if you wish to explore how you could be happier, I have created questions that will assist you in looking at your life longer range rather than keeping you focused on what's temporary:

In what ways have you made yourself proud during the last year? In what ways are you making yourself proud now? What are you proud about yourself lifelong?

Regarding relationship, love, romance and sex, how well is this going for you? What could you reasonably do that would make this part of your life better than it is now?

Make a list of your other most important relationships, including your children, extended family, parents, friends and anyone else important to you. What could you do to strengthen or deepen these relationships?

With respect to money and financial goals, how are you faring? What two things could you do that would positively impact this aspect of your life?

Regarding your work or career goals, are there any changes you

would like to make?

What do you do that's playful and fun — and how can you add more fun to your life?

How would you rate your overall health, including fitness, diet and nutrition? What could you do that would assist you in feeling greater levels of health?

How do you feel about your appearance and the way you present yourself to the world?

Are there any changes that you could make in the next year that would enhance how you feel about the way you present yourself to others?

Is your home environment comfortable? What could you do that would make it better?

How resilient are you? What skills do you possess that allow you to bounce back from adversity? Is there

anything else you could do that would help you be more resilient?

Where in life do you express your creativity? Is this something you wish to do more of?

What adventures would you like in your future?

What are you grateful or thankful for? Be thorough in answering this question.

What two things could you do that would enhance your sense of well-being?

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39. Mold a mind
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43. Purse at the Emmy Awards
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47. Celt, alternative spelling
48. Famous existentialist
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52. Will Ferrell's "Funny or ____"
53. *Alice in "the Brady Bunch"
55. *Ewing family business in "Dallas"
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65. Acid
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3. And others, for short
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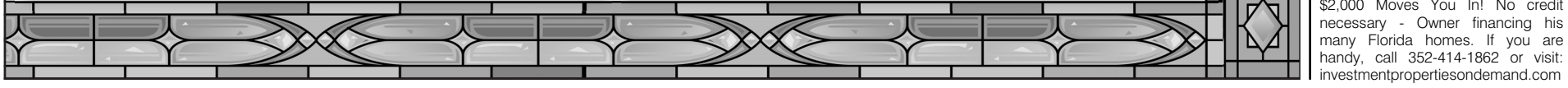
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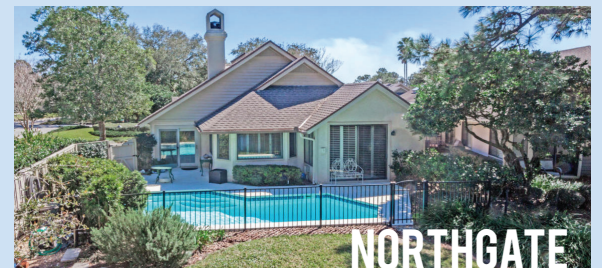


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