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## CLASSIC COUPE NAMED BEST IN SHOW



Mark Becker's 1936 Chrysler C-9 Airflow Coupe took home the Wells Fargo Advisors Best in Show Classic award at the 2017 Ponte Vedra Auto Show, held Sept. 24 at Nocatee Town Center. Show here with Becker (center) are SJC Chamber PVB Division Director Toni Boudreaux, Auto Show Head Judge Larry Weisman, Porsche Jacksonville General Manager Brandon Starks of Fields Auto Group and SJC Chamber President and CEO Isabelle Rodriguez. Read pages 14 and 15 for more on the Auto Show.

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## WHAT'S THIS?



Do you know what this is?

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

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

Eight readers correctly identified last week's photo as the SandwichMan Deli sign. Good job, everyone! The winner of the random drawing was **Thomas Raab**. Congratulations, Thomas – you may pick up your prize at the Recorder office during normal business hours.



## ADOPT A PET

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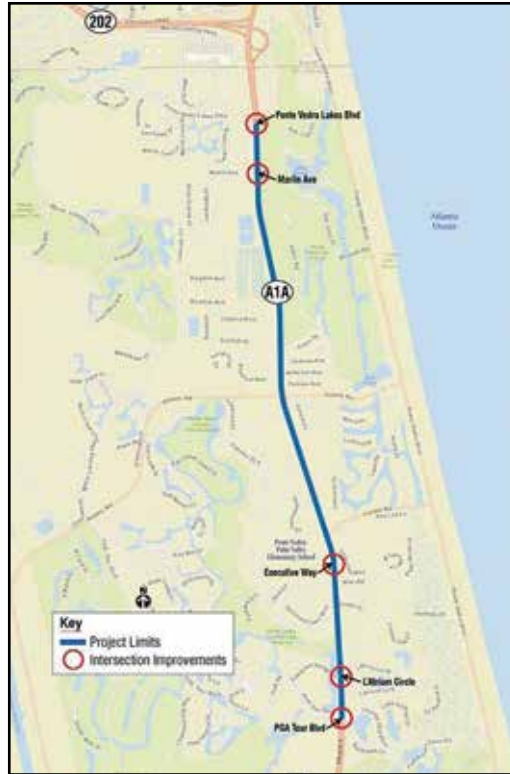
# FDOT contractor starts A1A traffic signal and crosswalk upgrades in Ponte Vedra

A contractor for the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) began implementing traffic signal and crosswalk improvements to five intersections on A1A in Ponte Vedra this week.

Intersection improvements at A1A and Country Club Boulevard/PGA Tour Boulevard, L'Atrium Circle, Executive Way, Marlin Avenue and Ponte Vedra Lakes Boulevard include the installation of upgraded traffic signals and new mast arms, countdown pedestrian timers and enhanced crosswalk striping.

Construction will occur weekdays with some occasional weekend work, as needed. No lane closures are allowed during peak driving times or on holidays or special events.

Florida Safety Contractors, Inc. of Thonotosassa, Florida, is the contractor for FDOT's \$1.6 million project. It is scheduled for completion, weather or possible unforeseen circumstances permitting, in spring 2018.



Map courtesy of FDOT  
A map displays the locations of five intersections on A1A in Ponte Vedra that are undergoing traffic signal and crosswalk improvements.

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# Public works officials provide guidance on storm debris cleanup timing and policies

By Jon Blauvelt

St. Johns County public works officials said the county will not disclose the exact timing of Hurricane Irma debris cleanup efforts in specific locations to avoid setting false expectations.

“That’s definitely a lesson learned from previous storms,” said Greg Caldwell, assistant public works director for the county. “It’s very difficult for us to put that out there.”

Caldwell explained, however, that the county’s methodology is to clear major roads first and then establish a presence in surrounding communities. In Ponte Vedra, he said the county’s contractors first addressed Roscoe Boulevard and will subsequently move onto the next most impacted parts of town. Caldwell said residents can call the county’s Solid Waste division at (904) 827-6980 to see if trucks are in their area.

St. Johns County has contracted two companies for its storm debris operation, Caldwell noted. AshBritt Environmental is managing the debris hauling process, and Tetra Tech is overseeing and monitoring the entire debris cleanup effort. With these two companies involved, Caldwell said a total of 21 trucks are working throughout the county to pick up the lasting reminders of Irma. As of Friday, Sept. 22, Caldwell said 77,000 cubic yards of debris have been



Photo by Jon Blauvelt

## Storm debris from Hurricane Irma lines a resident’s yard in St. Augustine.

taken off the streets. He added that the contractors have been picking up an average of 12,000-13,000 additional cubic yards per day.

Caldwell revealed that TPC Sawgrass is providing the county with a debris management site to help expedite the process. Trucks fill up, unload at TPC, manage the debris there and eventually take it to a final disposal site, he said, which ultimately enables the contractors to have quicker turnarounds.

The assistant public works director also explained that the storm debris contractors have different guidelines for pickup that than those of the residential waste collectors like Republic

Services and Advanced Disposal, which presents a challenge for the county and its residents.

“Our residential wants everything in containers and bags,” said Caldwell. “Our storm guy wants everything large and in big piles for them to come up and grab. Our storm guy will not pick up containers or bags because they mulch everything at the end of the day.”

As a result, St. Johns County Solid Waste Division Manager Wendy Hicks recommends residents bag or containerize anything that is small and place piles of large storm debris in a separate location at the curb. Caldwell emphasized that it’s important for residents to

separate their debris from their normal household garbage and recycling, which will continue to be picked up as usual on the normal schedule. He added that it’s important that residents also separate the different types of storm debris, explaining that the county is noticing that many residents are mixing vegetative debris with construction and demolition debris, which is difficult for the contractors to pick up.

Hicks said storm debris should not be placed on the sidewalks or the road, under power lines or adjacent to any structures, fences, power poles, meter boxes, fire hydrants or mailboxes. She also reminded residents not to

place any hazardous waste or biowaste with the debris. Hicks said residents can bring hazardous waste to the county’s transfer stations at 250 North Stratton Road in St. Augustine or at 3005 Allen Nease Road in Elkton. If residents have questions regarding storm debris, Hicks said they can call Solid Waste at (904) 827-6980 or visit [Recyclestjohns.com](http://Recyclestjohns.com).

As far as an overall timeline for the storm debris operation, Caldwell said it took St. Johns County and its contractors three-and-a-half months to clean up approximately 700,000 cubic yards of debris from Hurricane Matthew. He said the county had more resources with that storm because it wasn’t as damaging across the state; yet, he said the county is hoping that Irma produced less debris than Matthew.

Overall, Caldwell said that St. Johns County is confident in its plan to get the job done, especially compared to surrounding communities that he said are struggling with their respective contractors and resources.

“St. Johns County is probably in the best position right now to respond,” he said. “We are very happy to have the amount [resources] that we currently have in St. Johns County and feel like it’s going to be enough to get us through. We will be here until the final pile is picked up and removed.”

# MSD adopts balanced budget for 2017-2018

By Jon Blauvelt

The Ponte Vedra Beach Municipal Service District (MSD) Board of Trustees adopted a balanced budget for the 2017-2018 fiscal year at its meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 20, with appropriated expenditures/reserves and revenue/balances both totaling \$846,540.

As part of the budget adoption process, the MSD Board also officially approved the district’s final millage rate of .375 mills, which the trustees voted to maintain in July.

The approved budget shows that the MSD is expecting to receive \$661,127 in ad valorem taxes. Estimated interest of \$1,500 and a cash balance of \$183,913 coupled with the tax dollars bring the total revenue

and balances for the MSD to \$846,540.

Law enforcement and sanitation represent the highest costing line items on the budget, with \$312,010 allocated for the services of the St. Johns County Sheriff’s Office (SJSO) and \$194,436 allocated for Republic Services.

MSD Board Vice Chairman Gary Jurenovich explained that the district contracts SJSO to designate five deputies specifically to patrolling the MSD.

“That was one of the main reasons we set up the MSD 30 years ago... for law enforcement,” he said. “We’re different from a gated community. Our roads are public; we don’t know who’s driving around.”

Jurenovich explained that the MSD also

contracts Republic to provide the district with an extra garbage pickup and side door pickup, which are not privileges afforded to the rest of St. Johns County. The MSD receives trash pickups on Mondays and Thursdays, he said.

The budget shows that \$173,486 is allocated for reserves. Jurenovich said these funds are sometimes used in October, November and December when the MSD is waiting to receive its ad valorem tax dollars, which typically come in at the end of December or early January. Also of note is a \$20,000-line item for hurricane clean up; \$35,000 for street lighting, which is a service of Beaches Energy; \$19,500 for new MSD street signs and about \$17,500 combined for landscape services and

beautification efforts.

Other items on the budget include a number of general administrative services, such as the MSD’s website, annual newsletter and office supplies, as well as support services like the tax collector and property appraiser.

Total appropriated expenditures and reserves amount to \$846,540.

To review the entire approved budget, visit the MSD’s website at <http://www.pvmsd.org/> and click on the financials tab.

The MSD’s next meeting is Monday, Oct 9 at 6 p.m. at the Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library. The trustees will host both Republic Services and St. Johns County officials to review trash, recycling and yard waste collections in the MSD.



# DEP issues emergency order to protect coastal properties from future hurricanes

By Benjamin Naim

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) recently issued an emergency order that will expedite the process for seawall eligibility and waive associated fees, enabling certain coastal residents of St. Johns County to protect their property from future hurricanes. But, there's an Oct. 4 deadline for residents to submit applications for review.

Howard White, St. Johns County's chief building official, explained that the DEP's emergency order will help coastal homeowners from the Ponte Vedra Inn & Club to Vilano Beach by making both "conforming" and "nonconforming" homes eligible for both temporary and permanent seawalls. White said the DEP had a standing rule for years that prohibited conforming homes (any home built with newer building codes) from receiving temporary or permanent armoring because they can withstand hurricanes and beach erosion.

"The only eligible homes were nonconforming homes," White added. "They were the homes that weren't built to the newer construction standards, and erosion would have a deleterious effect on them standing where they were."

In response to Irma, the chief building

official issued temporary armoring permits to nonconforming and conforming homes. According to White, the DEP added to that philosophy by announcing through the department's emergency order that conforming and nonconforming homes can receive both temporary *and* permanent armoring.

However, applicants must submit their paper work by Oct. 4.

"I'm going to throw a caveat out there and a disclaimer that something may change or I may not have it exactly correct," White prefaced regarding the deadline. "As I understand the Oct. 4 deadline, that is a deadline for applicants to get their permit packages submitted to DEP for review, and that review would be expedited."

The DEP's emergency authorization document states that the final order takes effect "immediately upon execution by the Secretary of the Department" and will expire Oct. 4 "unless modified or extended by further order."

## Reaction from a resident

John Clegg, a Ponte Vedra Beach resident, is aware of the Oct. 4 deadline, but he's most concerned with the possibility of immediate flooding due to Hurricane Irma's impact on the coastline.

"I've been living on the oceanfront for

19 years, and the erosion is ongoing," he said in an interview with the Recorder. "Basically what's happened is the beach is significantly flattened as a result of the two hurricanes in quick succession ... Sand that was previously at the top of the beach at the top of the dunes has been washed down and basically flattened the beach."

According to Clegg, heavily eroded, flat beaches could lead to catastrophic flooding because storm surge can send water toward "extremely vulnerable" homes in low-lying areas. As a result, the Ponte Vedra Beach resident believes local government should be doing more to address the problem.

"Just look at how proactive Duval County and Dade County have been," he said. "They've been incredibly proactive for many years in taking steps to armor the beach."

Clegg asserted that coastal armoring would be "tremendously effective" but the most prohibitive "in terms of expense." He suggested that officials should consider a shore restoration project, a process commonly known as "scraping," to restore the original gradient of the beach and fix its flat configuration.

For more information on coastal armoring, call St. Johns County Building Services at (904) 827-6800.

## Letter to the Editor

Hurricane Irma arrived to our county almost a year after Hurricane Matthew made its unwelcome visit. While many of us are busy clearing storm damage, it is important to stop and say thank you to those who have worked to keep us safe.

Our St. Johns County first responders, from our officials at the St Johns County Sheriff's Office under the leadership of Sheriff David Shoar to the police departments from the cities of St. Augustine and St. Augustine Beach, deserve our thanks and appreciation. I also want to thank our firefighters and emergency health care workers for the important role that they played during the storm.

Knowing that they worked throughout both storms to help with evacuations, while also continuing to execute their normal duties, demonstrates professionalism and dedication that we as a community are lucky to have—and they also had to help prepare their families for the storm.

Our first responders' actions are one more example of what makes St Johns County a very special place. I say thank you again for your service.

Dick Williams  
Ponte Vedra Beach

Local yoga enthusiasts participate in a Yoga With Heart fundraiser benefiting Volunteers in Medicine at TPC Sawgrass Sept. 23.

Photo by Samantha Logue



## Ponte Vedra 'Woman With Heart' hosts yoga fundraiser at TPC Sawgrass

By Samantha Logue

Local yoga enthusiasts gathered Saturday, Sept. 23 on the TPC Sawgrass Clubhouse lawn for a Yoga With Heart fundraiser. Organized by Ponte Vedra resident Aimee Boggs, the event raised more than \$5,000 for Jacksonville nonprofit Volunteers in Medicine.

The event started off with a gentle yoga class – led by Boggs – followed by a breakfast of muffins and mimosas. The fundraiser marked the first time the TPC lawn had been used for a yoga class.

"A lot of people were trying yoga for the first time, but for a lot of regular

practitioners, hopefully, it was just nice to have a different kind of setting to do their yoga practice," Boggs said.

Boggs, who is a licensed yoga instructor, is also the senior vice president of investments for Boggs Huffman Wealth Management of Raymond James. In February, she became involved with Volunteers in Medicine – a free healthcare clinic in Jacksonville that serves Northeast Florida's working, low-income and uninsured individuals and families – when she was named one of the nonprofit's 12 "Women With Heart" honorees.

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*Barbara Matteson is the executive director of The Palms at Ponte Vedra.*

## Barbara Matteson

By Jon Blauvelt

### Please tell us about your background and what brought you to the Palms.

I hold a master's degree in psychology from the State University of New York at Oneonta. Prior to my relocation to Jacksonville, my family resided in upstate New York, and I had my own practice as a marriage and family therapist. Prior to establishing my private practice, I worked as a director of social services in the nursing home industry. Upon my move to Jacksonville, I knew that I was ready for a change and fortunately, I found that change with Marriott Senior Living, where I became an administrator of an assisted living facility in Orange Park. However, Marriott chose not to continue its venture with senior living. But before they exited the business, I was fortunate enough to work for them and be trained by them. I am always grateful to Marriott for the training, and I had and the opportunity to work for and meet Mr. Bill Marriott.

After Marriott, I had the opportunity to work for other senior living companies based in Jacksonville. The Palms community was especially interesting to me because it was a unique opportunity to lead a new startup assisted living and memory care facility, as well as an opportunity to work for a locally-based company. When I came to the Palms, they were just pouring the foundation for the building. I was very interested in bringing my experiences and knowledge to a new startup venture and to have the opportunity to provide input to every phase of the community. Another key fact of my association with the Palms is that my three granddaughters, Josephine, Amelia, and Madelynn Boyle, live nearby in Sawgrass and encouraged me to explore working at the Palms. They love visiting the Palms and interacting with residents. It is very important to teach our youth the importance of taking care of our seniors. They call the Palms "Grandma's House."

### What are your primary roles and responsibilities as executive director?

The executive director is responsible for all facets of the operation of both the assisted living and Morningside (our memory care facility). The buck stops with me! I have been extremely fortunate to have a supportive and very experienced management team who works for me. I have five department managers in the areas of maintenance and housekeeping, culinary, marketing and sales, resident services and community business and activities. Our success is directly related to this experienced team that I am fortunate to have. Kay Tober, my marketing and sales director, has 12 years of experience. Director of Culinary Darryl Young and Maintenance Director Gerald Serrano each previously worked for me for over 12 years and came to join me at the Palms. Gwen Wunder has eight years of experience as an LPN (Licensed Practical Nurse) in nursing home and assisted living facilities. Lauren Leddy was a director at a preschool and is now my community business director. Marylee Lewis is our activities director, who came to the Palms from Mayo Hospital.

### What is the most rewarding part of your job?

Caring for your senior parents or your spouse is extremely challenging. The most rewarding part of my job is helping people with that challenge and serving the seniors and their families at the Palms. I like to make them feel that they can trust me to lead the Palms and take care of their precious loved ones. I want to earn their trust and hold their hand through the difficult journey of assisted living and memory care. It is a privilege to serve the seniors and families. Assisted living can be a difficult journey without the trust and guidance from sincere professionals in the business.



Photo by Jon Blauvelt

Barbara Matteson

### What are some of the biggest challenges for the senior health care industry?

The biggest concern in the health care industry today is the cost. To provide the best care, you need to charge accordingly. You need a high quality and experienced staff and a safe building. Also, another challenge is the difficult journey of assisted living and memory care for families. You need to spend a lot of time with each family. Kay Tober is great at listening and counseling families during an inquiry or tour.

### What are your goals for the Palms going forward?

My goals for the Palms are to maintain a safe and efficient operation, which we presently have achieved. This encompasses making sure the staff is properly trained and prepared. We are going to invest in our employees, making sure that they have the education

and resources they need to keep the Palms at number one. Throughout the year, we have various in-service and educational programs that Palms employees are required to satisfactorily complete. Taking care of our employees and retaining them is the key goal to maintaining our product, which is "care, the best in Jacksonville."

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

I am very fortunate that the Palms is located on the First Coast and that my family is here with me. I am able to enjoy our beautiful beaches and run on them to replenish my energy. After a nice morning run, I can go to work with a clear mind, and it helps me to stay healthy to better serve my residents, families and employees.



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<p><b>Yoga for Survivors</b> The Y Healthy Living Center at the Ponte Vedra YMCA will host a "Yoga for Survivors" class Sept. 28 at 11:30 a.m. Cancer patients, survivors, caregivers and others with range of motion and pain limitations are invited to join in this gentle and safe yoga practice, which is free and open to the public. Call (904) 202-5376 or visit <a href="http://www.baptistjax.com/ymca">www.baptistjax.com/ymca</a> to reserve a spot. The Ponte Vedra YMCA is located at 170 Landrum Lane.</p> <p><b>NocaTour</b> The NocaTour, taking place Sept. 28 at 10 a.m., is a personal golf cart tour of Nocatee's Greenway Trailway System, Nocatee Community Park, Coastal Oaks and Del Webb. Participants will return to the welcome center for a walking tour of Splash Water Park and the fitness club. This event is weather permitting. Email <a href="mailto:WelcomeCenter@Nocatee.com">WelcomeCenter@Nocatee.com</a> to re-register if the tour is cancelled due to weather. The Nocatee welcome center is located at 245 Nocatee Center Way in Ponte Vedra.</p> <p><b>Fourth annual Wellness Fair</b> The Wellness Fair and anniversary party hosted by the Ponte Vedra Wellness Center, located at 100 Corridor Road #220, will take place Sept. 28 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. The event will feature displays from a variety of local health and wellness providers, as well as raffle prize drawings, organic wine tasting, food and other treats from Metro Diner and Peterbrooke Chocolatier of Ponte Vedra Beach. Call (904) 273-2691 for more information; this event is free and open to the public.</p> <p><b>An Evening with Alison Krauss and David Gray</b> The St. Augustine Amphitheatre will host multi-platinum artists Alison Krauss and David Gray live in concert. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., while the performance starts at 7 p.m. Visit <a href="http://www.staugamphitheatre.com">www.staugamphitheatre.com</a> for tickets.</p>	<p><b>Coastal Wine Market wine tasting</b> Coastal Wine Market hosts Friday wine tastings from 6 to 8 p.m. at 641 Crosswater Parkway, Suite B, Ponte Vedra Beach. Taste six wines for \$10. For more information, call (904) 395-3520.</p> <p><b>Cannon Firing Demonstration at Castillo de San Marcos</b> National Parks Service volunteers and personnel demonstrate a cannon firing at the Castillo de San Marcos museum / monument every Friday, Saturday and Sunday at 10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. Rangers and volunteers demonstrate the weapons and relate the experiences of the colonial Spanish soldier of 1740s St. Augustine. Firing times are subject to change depending on weather conditions and staff availability. Castillo de San Marcos is located at 1 S. Castillo Drive in St. Augustine.</p> <p><b>St. Augustine Chamber Singers Concert</b> The St. Augustine Chamber Singers will present a free concert at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Augustine at 7 p.m. The concert, titled "A Patchwork Quilt of American Music," will trace the arrival of unique musical expressions to the shores of America. The Cathedral Basilica of St. Augustine is located at 38 Cathedral Place. For more information, call (904) 824-2806.</p> <p><b>Moonlight Movies – 'The Secret Life of Pets'</b> Moonlight Movies is a Jacksonville beach event for the whole family. Visitors can bring a lawn chair or blanket and enjoy this month's movie, "The Secret Life of Pets," which will be shown at the SeaWalk Pavilion Sept. 29 at 9 p.m. Vendors will provide popcorn, candy and beverages.</p> <p><b>St. Augustine Whiskey Experience</b> This whiskey tour held at different bars throughout St. Augustine features specialty, Irish, bourbon and scotch whiskey samples. Those in the group who do not drink whiskey will have the choice of a special martini, well mixed drink or draft beer. The cost to participate is \$73, and the tour starts at 4 p.m. For information on locations and tickets, call (904) 392-7137 or visit <a href="http://www.staugustinehistorictours.com">www.staugustinehistorictours.com</a></p>	<p><b>MOSH boat tours</b> St. Johns River Taxi and MOSH (Museum of Science and History) host a St. Johns River boat tour every Saturday afternoon at 1 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. The tour features a history host who explains the historical significance of the river and various landmarks in Jacksonville. Tickets cost \$15 for adults and \$12 for children. MOSH is located at 1025 Museum Circle in Jacksonville.</p> <p><b>Old City Farmers Market</b> The Old City Farmers Market features fresh produce, baked goods, handcrafted items and plants along with live entertainment. Fresh seafood in season will be available for purchase as well. The farmers market takes place every Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the St. Augustine Amphitheatre at 1340 A1A S. Admission is free.</p> <p><b>Rotary Youth Exchange information meeting</b> Rotary Youth Exchange (RYE) will host an information meeting for area students Saturday, Sept. 30 at THE PLAYERS Community Senior Center in Ponte Vedra Beach from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. All area high school students interested in applying for either the RYE Scholarship Program—a 10-month academic year opportunity—or the RYE Short Term Exchange Program—a three to four week summer cultural exchange—need to attend an RYE information meeting to be eligible to apply. Doors open at 1 p.m. to allow prospective exchange students to ask questions. For further information or to register for the meeting, contact the RYE Outbound Chair Paula Roderick at <a href="mailto:paula@ryeflorida.org">paula@ryeflorida.org</a> or call (904) 280-8933. The PLAYERS Community Senior Center is located at 175 Landrum Lane.</p> <p><b>Free admission to Castillo de San Marcos</b> To commemorate National Public Lands Day Sept. 30, a day that promotes enjoyment and volunteer conservation of public lands, admission into the Castillo de San Marcos is free. The park is open from 8:45 a.m. to 5 p.m. Castillo de San Marcos is located at 1 S. Castillo Drive in St. Augustine.</p>	<p><b>Sandals, Shorts and Steel Drum Service</b> Every Sunday from 11:30 a.m. to noon, St. Paul's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church invites guests to put on sandals and shorts for a more casual worship service featuring the tropical sound of steel drum music. The church is located at 465 11th Ave. N. in Jacksonville Beach.</p> <p><b>Chemo Noir 1 Mile &amp; Tasting</b> To be held in Jacksonville Beach, this race benefits Chemo Noir, a nonprofit that hosts wine-centric events dedicated to providing financial assistance to those suffering under the many burdens of cancer. The race will begin at 12:30 p.m. at the Jacksonville Beach Pier. The half mile turn will be dedicated to one of the very first Chemo Noir supporters and friends, Tara Newton Richardson. A cheering section and water station will be there known as Tara's Turn. Registration for the race is closed, but supporters are welcome. Visit <a href="https://chemonoir.com/">https://chemonoir.com/</a> for more information.</p> <p><b>Ordinary People Exhibition by Don Trousdell</b> This 450th commemoration exhibition (running through Oct. 1) at the St. Augustine Art Association features paintings by the late Don Trousdell that highlight the first settlers who founded and built St. Augustine during the 16th century. The exhibition is free and open to the public Tuesday through Saturday, noon to 4 p.m. and Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m. The St. Augustine Art Association is located at 22 Marine St.</p> <p><b>Taste of Amelia Island</b> The 26th Annual "Taste of Amelia Island" will take place Oct. 1 from 6 to 9 p.m. at Omni Amelia Island Plantation in the Magnolia Ballroom adjoining terrace and garden areas. This year's event will feature 22 chefs and restaurants, complimentary wines, several wine tastings by Island Grove Winery, a live chef demo, live music and more. Online tickets (<a href="http://www.volunteernassau.org">www.volunteernassau.org</a>) close Friday 9/29, at 5 p.m. Tickets, which cost \$100 per person, can be purchased up to the event by calling Lori Hoerl, Taste coordinator, at (904) 206-2309.</p>

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<p><b>MOSH Daily Programs</b> Join Jacksonville's Museum of Science and History for its Daily Animal shows. On Monday at 2 p.m., explore "Skin and Scales" in the Florida Naturalist's Center, where guests learn about the cold-blooded world of reptiles and amphibians. Prior to the program at 1 p.m., museum-goers can witness the exploration of space in the Bryan-Gooding Planetarium during "Astronaut," an interactive venture led by a test astronaut named Chad. For tickets and additional information, visit <a href="http://www.themosh.org">www.themosh.org</a>.</p> <p><b>Friends for the Arts</b> Get involved in the arts by joining a team of fellow art supporters at the Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach. Help develop and support fundraising projects and help initiate special projects to benefit and promote the cultural center and the arts in our community. For more information, visit <a href="http://www.ccpvb.org/friends-for-the-arts">www.ccpvb.org/friends-for-the-arts</a>.</p> <p><b>Alzheimer's Association Caregiver College session</b> This is an interactive workshop hosted by the Alzheimer's Association in which participants will discuss tips for caregivers on what they need to know, what they need to plan and more. All programs will be held at noon on Mondays through Oct. 30 at the Ponte Vedra Memory Center located at 1048 A1A N. Call (800) 272-3900 to RSVP, seats are limited.</p> <p><b>Climate change: economic and health opportunities for Northeast Florida</b> Dr. Todd Sack, a physician and Sierra Club outings leader, will explain how residents of Northeast Florida can benefit from climate change to become healthier and economically stronger Oct. 2 at 6 p.m. The program will be held in the main meeting room of the Ponte Vedra Beach Public Library at 101 Library Blvd. Call Brian Paradise at (904) 710-0479 for more information.</p>	<p><b>Halloween tour</b> Learn about Halloween customs such as jack-o'-lanterns, costumes, masks and trick-or-treating while searching for ghosts and goblins at pubs and taverns on this 2.5-hour Halloween tour, which departs from 1 St. George St., St. Augustine at 7 p.m. Tickets cost \$25, and advanced reservations are required. Visit <a href="http://www.ghosttoursofstaugustine.net">www.ghosttoursofstaugustine.net</a> to book a tour.</p> <p><b>Free Admission at Cummer Museum</b> Every Tuesday, the Cummer Museum of Art &amp; Gardens offers visitors free admission to its galleries and gardens through its "Florida Blue Free Tuesday" promotion. The Cummer Museum is located at 829 Riverside Ave., Jacksonville.</p> <p><b>MBF Champions for Child Safety Pro-Am Golf Tournament</b> The Monique Burr Foundation (MBF) for Children's MBF Champions for Child Safety Pro-Am Golf Tournament will be held Oct. 3 with registration and breakfast starting at 9 a.m. at the Palencia Club. With a shotgun start of 10 a.m., the tournament will offer corporate teams and individuals the opportunity to golf for a charitable cause with professional golfers. In celebration of its 20th year, MBF has added activities such as the \$1 million shoot-out, six hole-in-one contests and a pre-event putting contest. The Palencia Club is located at 600 Palencia Club Drive in St. Augustine.</p> <p><b>Understanding the Civil War meeting</b> The "Understanding the Civil War" discussion group will hold its monthly meeting Oct. 3 at the Anastasia Island Branch Public Library located in the Seagrove Subdivision on A1A S. The session is scheduled for 1 p.m., and the topic will be "The Battle of Franklin - Nov. 30, 1864." This discussion group is open to the public. For more information, e-mail Charlie Smith at <a href="mailto:smithc32@bellsouth.net">smithc32@bellsouth.net</a>.</p> <p><b>First Coast Card Club</b> The First Coast Card Club will meet throughout the month of October at various locations in the Ponte Vedra / St. Augustine area. Join the group at the St. Augustine Main Library, located at 1960 N. Ponce De Leon Blvd., Oct. 3 at 1:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Toastmasters Club</b> Toastmasters Club #5199 of Ponte Vedra Beach meets every Wednesday at 7:30 a.m. at THE PLAYERS Community Senior Center. These meetings help attendees improve public speaking and gain leadership skills. The senior center is located at 175 Landrum Lane in Ponte Vedra Beach. Email Lucy Reep at <a href="mailto:lucyreep@gmail.com">lucyreep@gmail.com</a> for additional information.</p> <p><b>Postpartum Support Group</b> Mothers experiencing depression and/or anxiety can get support in a safe, non-judgmental environment at Baptist Health's postpartum support group. The group meets Oct. 4 at 10 a.m. at the Y Healthy Living Center, located at 170 Landrum Lane, Ponte Vedra Beach.</p> <p><b>Sukkot Dinner Under the Stars</b> Chabad @ the Beaches will host its Sukkot Dinner Under the Stars event Oct. 4 at the Aaron and Blanche Scharf Chabad Center in Ponte Vedra Beach starting at 7 p.m.. The evening will begin with a short service followed by dinner in the newly expanded sukkah. RSVP online at <a href="http://Chabadbeaches.com">Chabadbeaches.com</a> or email <a href="mailto:Chabad@Chabadbeaches.com">Chabad@Chabadbeaches.com</a>. Dinner is free. The Aaron and Blanche Scharf Chabad Center is located at 521 A1A N. For more information, call (904) 543-9301.</p> <p><b>Pink Ribbon Golf Classic Tee Off Cocktail Party</b> The Pink Ribbon Golf Classic cocktail party benefiting breast cancer research will take place Oct. 4 from 6 to 9 p.m. at a private home in Marsh Landing. Tickets cost \$100. The party will feature a silent auction with local artists. Interested guests can visit <a href="http://www.pinkribbonjax.org">www.pinkribbonjax.org</a> for more information and to purchase tickets.</p> <p><b>Hard Working Americans at the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall</b> The Ponte Vedra Concert Hall will host the jam band Hard Working Americans Oct. 4 at 8 p.m. Doors open at 7. The band consists of bassist Dave Schools, drummer Duane Trucks of Widespread Panic, guitarist Neal Casal of Chris Robinson Brotherhood, Todd Snider on lead vocals and keyboardist Chad Staehly. Visit <a href="http://www.pvconcerthall.com">www.pvconcerthall.com</a> for more information.</p>	<p><b>Yoga for Survivors</b> The Y Healthy Living Center at the Ponte Vedra YMCA will host a "Yoga for Survivors" class Oct. 5 at 11:30 a.m. Cancer patients, survivors, caregivers and others with range of motion and pain limitations are invited to join in this gentle and safe yoga practice, which is free and open to the public. Call (904) 202-5376 or visit <a href="http://www.baptistjax.com/ymca">www.baptistjax.com/ymca</a> to reserve a spot. The Ponte Vedra YMCA is located at 170 Landrum Lane.</p> <p><b>Adventures in Art</b> The first Adventures in Art program will be held Oct. 5 at 2 p.m. at the Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library at 101 Library Blvd. and will feature Debra Murphy, PHD and chair/professor of art and design at the College of Arts and Science at University of North Florida. Murphy will present "Facelift of Two Grand Florentine Museums: Revisiting the Uffici and the Museo dell'Opera del Duomo." Adventures in Art is sponsored by Cummer Beaches, an affinity group of the Cummer Museum of Art and Gardens, and by Friends of the Library, Ponte Vedra beach. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, call (904) 280-2976.</p> <p><b>Full Moon Sail</b> Enjoy a moonlit evening aboard the Schooner Freedom as it sails through St. Augustine's Matanzas Bay. This sailing excursion departs from the St. Augustine Municipal Marina. There will be live music, complimentary beer, soda and wine. The sail departs Oct. 5 at 7:45 p.m. Visit <a href="http://www.schoonerfreedom.com">www.schoonerfreedom.com</a> for more information or call (904) 810-1010 to book a reservation.</p> <p><b>Sunset/Moonrise at St. Augustine Lighthouse</b> Enjoy the sunset and moonrise from the top of the lighthouse. The \$30 admission includes a champagne toast. The St. Augustine Lighthouse is located at 81 Lighthouse Ave.</p> <p><b>Free calendar listings for community groups and nonprofit organizations are published at our discretion on a space-available basis. Send your event at least 10 days before publication. Submit events to <a href="mailto:recorderintern@opcfcla.com">recorderintern@opcfcla.com</a>, post online at <a href="http://www.pontevedrarecorder.com">www.pontevedrarecorder.com</a> using the automated form or call (904) 686-3939.</b></p>




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“Women With Heart is an annual luncheon that recognizes 12 outstanding Northeast Florida women for their leadership, philanthropy and personal commitment to improving the lives of individuals and families in our community,” Volunteers in Medicine Chief Development Officer Cindy Cooper said. “In addition to being recognized at a kick-off luncheon, each woman then agrees to serve as an ambassador for Volunteers in Medicine during a month in which they advocate, ‘friend-raise’ and fundraise to help raise awareness and much needed funds for patient services and programs.”

According to Cooper, the proceeds of Women With Heart events are contributed toward the organization’s various patient services and programs, including annual wellness exams, mammograms, medications and more.

In addition to raising funds and awareness for Volunteers in Medicine, Women With Heart honorees also have the unique opportunity to wear a \$7,000 diamond necklace donated by Beard’s Jewelry. The necklace, appropriately named “The Heart of Jacksonville,” features a 2-carat diamond heart-shaped pendant. Designed to stand out, the necklace serves as a conversation starter to help honorees spread the word about Volunteers in Medicine. After each honoree has worn the necklace, it will be raffled off at the next Women With Heart luncheon in February 2018.

Although she will have to pass the necklace on at the end of the month, Boggs was glad to have been able to contribute toward the cause of Volunteers in Medicine.

“I am thrilled that everything came together – the weather, the crowd, the volunteers – and we just were blessed to have this experience,” she said.



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# Ponte Vedra teen competes on hit TV game show

By Paris Moulden

Ever wonder what it's like to be on "Who Wants to be a Millionaire?" One Ponte Vedra teen knows, and it isn't an easy process.

Chase Magnano, a 15-year-old Ponte Vedra High School student, will appear on the show's "Whiz Kids" edition Oct. 3 and 4. Magnano couldn't say how he fared on the show, but he did say it was a tough process, and well worth it.

Magnano first learned about the opportunity through his involvement with Duke University Talent Identification Program (Duke TIP), a nonprofit organization that serves academically gifted and talented youth. After he made the initial contact two summers ago, he had to fill out a laborious application, send in essays, answer multiple trivia questions and complete several interviews to test his performance. He eventually made the contestant pool and received an email stating he would be on the show, which was filmed this summer in Las Vegas.

"I was super excited," Magnano said. "It was incredible, especially to see how all the hard work I've done over the years paid off. It was a once-in-a-lifetime experience."

Once a contestant is selected to appear



Photo courtesy of Elizabeth Paul Magnano  
**Ponte Vedra high school student Chase Magnano will appear on "Who Wants to be a Millionaire" Oct 3 and 4.**

on the show, perhaps that's when the real hard work begins. Magnano had to prepare for the randomness and difficulty of questions in multiple categories. Magnano said the questions and categories on the teen show are largely academic, so he devised a plan of attack.

"I watched all the previous episodes I could find of the kid editions of the show, and then I used that to make a spreadsheet and then came up with a good list of different topic areas to study," Magnano said.

He also got some help from his mom, Elizabeth Paul Magnano.

"He was cramming, I tell you," Elizabeth said. "Trying to memorize all these random facts. I was sending him trivia questions from the internet every five minutes."

Magnano said he found the experience rewarding and that it changed the way he views TV game shows now, knowing about certain angles and production issues. He also had praise for the show's host, Chris Harrison.

"He was very helpful," Magnano said. "He's a good comic relief, especially given the high-pressure situation that you're in when you're on national television like that."

And if Magnano does win any money (find out Oct. 3 and 4), he plans to donate some of it to his charity, JaxTHRIVE, which aims to provide refugee education, academically and culturally, throughout the school year.

Magnano said he was inspired by his mother, who worked in refugee camps in

Thailand after college, to become involved with refugee organizations.

"She raised me with an altruistic empathy, so when I got an opportunity like this, I wanted to use it in a positive way," Magnano said.

This summer, Magnano visited a few refugee camps in Hamburg, Germany, where he spent time with teen refugees and their families. The experience made Magnano want to help refugees in the Jacksonville area.

So, Magnano and his friend, Grace Freedman, started JaxTHRIVE, which organizes volunteers from schools all throughout Jacksonville to help assist with refugee education.

While any winnings may go to help his charity, Magnano also feels the adventure of competing on the high-pressure game show changed his life too.

"It was an incredible experience, and I think it just changed me so much on how I view things," he said. "It was so much fun, getting to go there for the experience. If anyone has the opportunity, it's definitely something I recommend."

Magnano will appear on "Who Wants to be a Millionaire" Oct. 3 and 4, with the show airing at 5 p.m. on ABC-affiliate WTLV TV-12.

## ROTARY NEWS

**Barr's Transportation Owner Glenn Barr (second from left), Ponte Vedra Recorder Editor Jon Blauvelt (third from right) and Risk Confidence Group, LLC CEO and former FBI Agent Toni Chrobot receive their new member pins and materials after being inducted into the Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach last week. Pictured alongside the new members from left to right are Rotary sponsors Rob Stursberg and Jennifer Logue and David Dunlap, a past club president.**

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**ABOVE: Major Tim Williford of the Salvation Army (center) is inducted into the Rotary Club of Ponte Vedra Beach Sunset last week by District Governor Brent Coates and club President Cyndi King.**

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**BELOW: Rotarian and Mission House Executive Director Lori Anderson receives a Paul Harris "Plus 4" Award last week from District Governor Brent Coates, recognizing her contributions of \$5,000 or more to the Rotary International Foundation.**

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**Rotarian and Ad-Visor Media Consulting Group Owner Vincent Grassia receives recognition from District Governor Brent Coates last week for making a planned giving bequest to the Rotary International Foundation.**



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A member of Perfection on Wheel's BMX Pros Trick Team performs a half-pipe trick in front of the crowd at the Nocatee Farmers Market Sept. 16. In addition to this action-packed show, visitors at the market enjoyed checking out over 70 vendors offering items such as organic produce, herbs, spices, unique foods, crafts, jewelry and more. The next Nocatee Farmers Market is Oct. 21, for the annual Fall Festival. The event takes place the third Saturday of each month on the Farmers Market Field at Nocatee Town Center.



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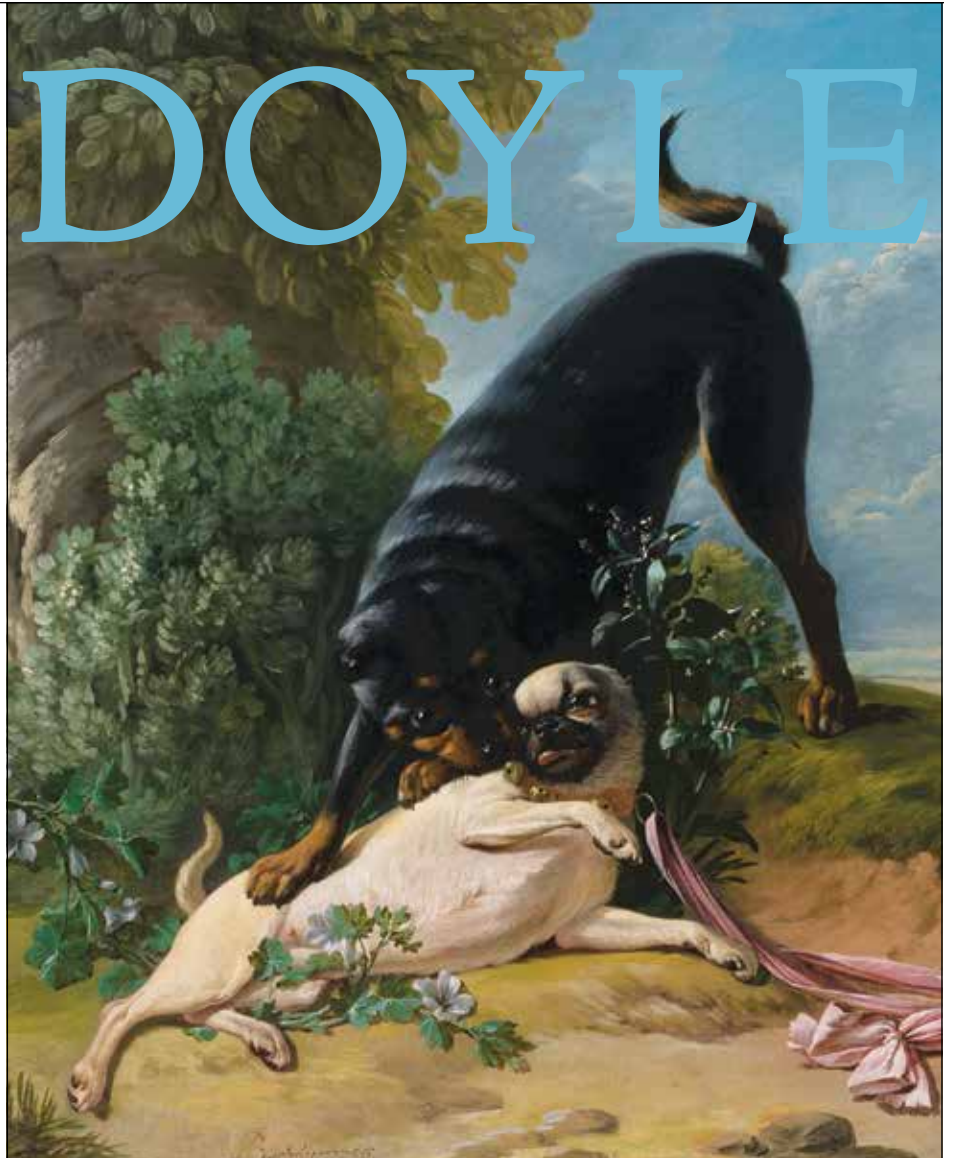
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# 1936 Chrysler C-9 Airflow Coupe wins top honors at Ponte Vedra Auto Show

A 1936 Chrysler C-9 Airflow Coupe was named the Wells Fargo Advisors Best in Show Classic at the 2017 Ponte Vedra Auto Show this past weekend, claiming one of the event's most coveted prizes.

Owned by Mark Becker, the acclaimed automobile was one of more than 150 classics and collectables on display at the 15th annual event hosted by the St. Johns County (SJC) Chamber of Commerce at the Nocatee Town Center.

In addition to Becker and his coupe, Rob Sewell received the "Porsche for the Spirit of It!" award for his 1997 Porsche Carrera S, and Mitt Layton won the award commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Shelby Super Snake with his 1968 Shelby GT500KR. In total, participants vied for 31 awards at the Auto Show, which was presented by Fields Auto Group. The event, which ultimately hosted about 3,500 visitors, was originally scheduled for Sept. 10 and postponed due to Hurricane Irma.

"Despite having to reschedule, we are very proud to have been able to host this event for the community and everyone who visits to see these incredible automobiles," said Isabelle Rodriguez, president and CEO of the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce. "Thanks to our partnership with Fields Auto Group and our other great sponsors, this Auto Show has been our best yet."

To find out more about the Ponte Vedra Auto Show, visit [www.pvautoshow.com](http://www.pvautoshow.com) or call the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce Ponte Vedra Beach (PVB) Division at (904) 285-2004. To find out more about the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce, visit [www.sjchamber.com](http://www.sjchamber.com). The Ponte Vedra Auto Show is funded in part by the St. Johns County Tourist Development Council.

**For more photos from the Auto Show, visit [Pontevedrarecorder.com](http://Pontevedrarecorder.com).**



**ABOVE:** Mark Becker sits inside his 1936 Chrysler C-9 Airflow Coupe, which was named the event's Wells Fargo Advisors Best in Show Classic.



**MIDDLE:** Rob Sewell (left) displays his 1997 Porsche Carrera S—the winner of the "Porsche for the Spirit of It!" award—alongside Porsche Jacksonville General Manager Brandon Starks of Fields Auto Group, SJC Chamber President and CEO Isabelle Rodriguez and SJC Chamber PVB Division Director Toni Boudreaux.



**BOTTOM:** Mitt Layton (second from left), the owner of a 1968 Shelby GT500KR, receives the award commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Shelby Super Snake.

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**Wells Fargo Advisors Best in Show Classic:**  
Mark Becker, 1936 Chrysler C-9 Airflow Coupe

**Porsche For the Spirit of It!:** Rob Sewell,  
1997 Porsche Carrera S

**Best in Show Off-Road:** Steve Rand, 1969  
Citroen Mehari

**Best in Show 50th Anniversary of the  
Shelby Super Snake:** Mitt Layton, 1968  
Shelby GT500KR

**Best in Show 70th Anniversary of the  
Ferrari:** Duke and Melanie Steinemann, 2007  
Ferrari 599 GTB

**Best in Show 50th Anniversary of the  
Camaro:** Rick Mills, 1969 Chevrolet Camaro  
Z28

**Lexus Pursuit of Perfection:** Craig Dion,  
1980 Datsun by Nissan 280 ZX

**Porsche Heritage Trophy:** John Lovejoy,  
1965 Porsche Cabriolet

**Pre War Classic:** George and Maureen Beebe,  
1935 Ford Deluxe Woodie Station Wagon

**Post War Classic Domestic:** Jerry Richter,  
1950 Mercury Monterey

**Post War Classic Euro:** Michael Losey, 1949  
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**Most Outstanding Pony Car:** Chris Baldwin,  
1969 Chevrolet Camaro

**Judges Favorite Pony Car:** Scott Maycott,  
1967 Chevy Camaro

**Most Outstanding American Muscle:** Rich  
Dizinho, 1970 Chevy Chevelle SS Convertible

**Judges Favorite American Muscle:** Marc  
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**Most Outstanding Corvette:** Michael Lucas,  
1967 Chevrolet Corvette

**Judges Favorite Corvette:** Ronnie and Pam  
Edge, 1956 Chevrolet Corvette

**Most Outstanding Mustang:** Mike Smith,  
1966 Ford Mustang

**Judges Favorite Mustang:** Mark Greer, 1966  
Ford Mustang

**Most Original/Barn Find:** Edward Witlen,  
1959 MG MGA

**Best Classic Off-Road:** Robin Springer, 1951  
Willy's M38

**Porsche Future Classic:** Bryan Barker, 2016  
Porsche GT4

**Future Classic Euro:** Kevin Robert Cook, 2017  
Mercedes Benz C43 AMG

**Future Classic – Best New Pony Car:** Luis  
Perez Jr., 2017 Chevrolet Camaro Fifty

**Future Classic – Best New Corvette:** Michael  
Simpson, 2007 Chevrolet Corvette Z06

**Future Classic - Best New Muscle Car:** Steve  
Luty, 2003 Mercury Marauder

**Future Classic - Best New Off-Road:** Brian  
Webber, 1988 Honda Acty

**Chambers Choice Award:** Tom Hindle, 1985  
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Visitors enjoy seeing the various classics and collectibles at the 2017 Ponte Vedra Auto Show.



Dr. Erika Hamer (second from left) and her Ponte Vedra Wellness team gather at their Auto Show booth.



Dexter Turner displays his Polaris Slingshot.



Vintage automobiles hailing from the 1920s and beyond are displayed at last weekend's Auto Show.



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# First Coast toy shop owner offers guidance on top toys of 2017

By Jennifer Ellen-Ellis

Special to the Recorder

Every child wants toys to play with, and that is a good thing. Toys help children develop lifelong skills. They promote imagination and discovery, problem-solving skills, fine motor skills, self-discovery, physical skills, social skills and so much more.

Yet as today's toy market has exploded with so many great toys, the selection out there has become overwhelming. So, to help with that, I will provide you with examples of award-winning and top toys of 2017 in all different categories and ages.

If we start with the little ones 6 months and under, touch and feel is so important. The crinkle of the pages in the Fluffy Tails book by Jellycat, the Yoe Baby soother (new to the market this past year), the NogginStik® by SmartNoggin and Tobbles Neo by Fat Brain are all great, award-winning products.

As the child develops through ages 1-3, there are wonderful products like Hape's Pound and Tap Bench, Counting Cookies by Learning Resources and Tobbly Wobbly featuring Squigs, DripDrip and Waddle Bobbers by Fat Brain that help develop imagination and creativity, fine motor skills, visual thinking and problem-solving skills. Even at 18 months, a child can start to learn STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) skills with Start-Up Circuits by Mindware!

Once a child reaches the age of 3, the market really opens up! You have choices consisting of games, construction, pretend play ... It's endless. Gears! Gears! Gears! ® Robot Factory by Learning Resources, Quadrilla Marble Run by Hape and Design, Drill by Educational Insights and GeoSafari's Jr. Talking Microscope are just a few of the great choices.

Let's not forget a little "pretend play." When children dress up and pretend to be a princess or a dinosaur (Great Pretenders) or play with their pretend kitchen, they are developing social, imagination and creativity skills.

As our children grow, we can teach them programming and logic skills as early as age 4 and 5 with games such as Robot Turtles and Balance Beans by Think Fun!

When children reach age 8 and up, they use a computer more and more in school. Get the kids involved with science, arts and crafts and programming with Lego Make Your Own Movie by Klutz. Or enable them to build and program their own vehicles with meeperBOT 2.0. If they like an experiment, the Make Your Own Soap science kit by Klutz or the Bath Bomb Lab by Mindware should do the trick. They can also build all types of different robots with the Glow In The Dark Lab by SmartLab. If they like astrology, try a National Geographic telescope that has an attachment for your phone so you and others can all see the moon and stars together!

Also remember to get outside and have fun, whether you're in the yard or at the beach! Spikeball and Bellz Bucket (next generation corn hole) are great family games. Jump on a Grom or Flight pogo stick by NSG, which are some of the best on the market. If your family likes "American Ninja Warrior," then you'll want to try Slacker's Ninja Line or its slack and ziplines! They're well-made for years and years of use.

There are so many great products on the market that aren't driven by television ads and are made to last! Reach out to your local specialty toy store; I'm sure the business would love to help!

**Jennifer Ellen-Ellis is the Owner and CEO of Olde Town Toys, LLC in St. Augustine.**

# Party tips from an expert

By Chris Aller

Special to the Recorder

You may wonder which age is a good age to begin having planned parties with guests. The answer certainly can vary; however, at ages 4-5, the process becomes a bit easier.

At this time in your child's life, you will have a better understanding of what your little one likes and doesn't like, as well as who you may consider inviting to the party. Not to mention, your child will have had a little bit of experience eating ice cream and cake!

As your child approaches this age and you start planning his/her birthday party or attending friends' parties, be sure to consider the below pieces of advice.

## How many invites should you send?

I know it can be tough narrowing that number down. So, a good rule of thumb is to add one to the age of your child. While that may seem low to some, it can make the party much more manageable, and everyone will feel included in all activities.

## How elaborate should the party be?

While we all want the best for our children, sometimes keeping things simple can go a long way. You will find that your child and his/her guests are looking for yummy cake, fun activities and presents!

You may even want to think outside the box. Think of a destination party, in which someone else will host your party. This may be a bit more reasonable than you would think. Think of a popcorn shop, a chocolatier or even a small toy shop in your community. You may find that the business will host a party at a reasonable price. Your party can be unique to the children, have some time restraints and be of no mess to you.

## Always RSVP

Planning parties is already hard enough. Taking time to RSVP can make the planning process easier. If you plan to RSVP via phone or email, you may want to take the opportunity to find out what type of present the guest of honor might like, as well as consider the interests he or she has.

## Do parents drop their child off or attend?

If the kids are 5 or older, parents can probably drop their child off. Assuming you have proper assistance, the children don't need mom and/or dad to monitor their every move or more importantly their consumption of candy, cake and soda. Certainly, this will depend on your comfort level.

To ensure timely pickup, be sure to make the time frame clear on the invite. A friendly reminder at drop off is also a good idea.

## Gift giving/receiving

The average gift at birthday parties ranges from \$5 to \$15. Parents often struggle with when to open the gifts. Wait till everyone is gone or in front of the guests? Things can get crazy when kids start ripping open presents, but clearly they enjoy every bit of it. If you choose this option, remind your child prior to the party to be polite and gracious. Sometimes kids will be kids and filtering is not an option.

Mention that every gift is from the heart and how thoughtful it is regardless of what's inside the package. A good practice to help eliminate an abundance of old toys is to have the child pick one old toy for donation for every new toy that is brought into the house. This not only keeps things manageable at your house but more importantly teaches your child compassion for kids less fortunate. Consider variations of this concept. It's a lesson that can go a long way!

## Goodies for guests

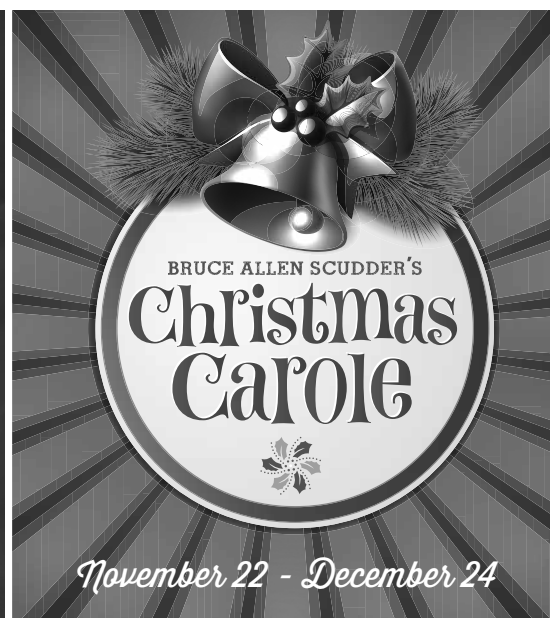
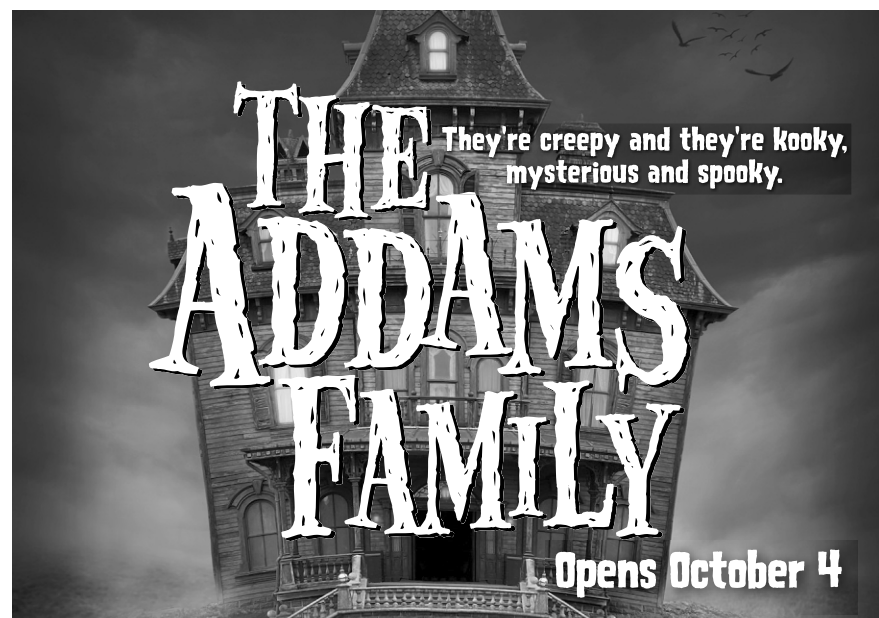
If you choose a goodie bag for each guest, keep it simple. Remember that even a box of colorful chalk can go a long way. Guest bags should be under \$5.

## Finally, the lesson of a thankful heart

It's always a good practice to have your child write thank you notes. It's a great lesson, and the guest will feel all the more special. If the guest can take time to carefully pick a card and present, the guest of honor can express his/her gratitude! Regardless of age, the children can personalize the note in their own way.

If planning your birthday party is more of a chore, you're thinking too hard. Have fun, and remember that the little ones have a much different idea of what FUN looks like!

**Chris Aller is the co-owner of The Poppin' Box LLC, a gourmet popcorn shop in St. Johns.**



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**OBITUARIES**

**James Keith Inman**

James Keith Inman, 53, died Thursday, Sept. 14, 2017, at Baptist Beaches Hospital in Jacksonville Beach.



James Keith Inman

Keith was born June 8, 1964, in Gaffney, South Carolina, to Lila Grace (McDowell) Baker and James Pridmore Inman. He grew up in Gaffney of the Baptist faith and enjoyed family vacations

to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. He graduated from Gaffney High School in 1982 and then attended the University of South Carolina on a golf scholarship. He obtained degrees in computer science and accounting and worked in the technology field.

In his spare time, Keith enjoyed surfing, golfing, snowboarding, skateboarding and time at the beach and pool. He was a Gamecock football fan and an Eagle Scout. He loved animals, especially his pet dogs, Sayde, Sissy and Ace, and cats, Kiki, Tabby and Chubs.

Keith is survived by his wife, Corrie (Missy) Miles Inman; son, Zeryn Inman of Ponte Vedra Beach; mother, Lila Grace (Carl) Baker; father, James (Anne) Inman; sister, Kathy (Mark) Bradley; niece, Danelle (Lloyd) Hink; nephew, Blake Bradley, of Gaffney, South Carolina; mother-in-law, Ella Jo Miles; brother-in-law, Eric Miles, and niece, Kylie Miles of Chipley, Florida, along with several stepbrothers and stepsisters, nieces and nephews.

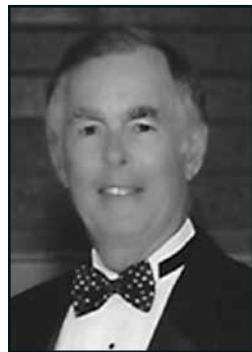
A celebration of life memorial is being planned for friends and family for a future date. The family will be spreading his ashes at sea since as he was an avid surfer and loved the ocean. Donations may be made in memory of Keith at [www.gofundme.com/4g5f2hs](http://www.gofundme.com/4g5f2hs). Please sign the online guestbook at [www.pontevedravalley.com](http://www.pontevedravalley.com).



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**Robert G. Lingenfelter**

It is with heartbreak that we announce the passing of our beloved father. His



Robert G. Lingenfelter

presence and influence in our lives will forever be missed. After battling dementia for a number of years, he died Wednesday, Aug. 30, 2017, at the age of 79. Bob will be lovingly remembered by

his wife of 60 years, Rose Marie, his eight children, 21 grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

A funeral service in memory of Bob will be held Monday, Oct. 2, 2017, at 11 a.m. at Saint Francis De Sales Catholic Church, 600 Lennox Ave., Miami Beach, Florida 33139. In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Bob may be made to the Dementia Society of America.

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**Martha Middleton**

Martha Whitelaw Middleton died at home at Vicar's Landing in Ponte Vedra Beach on Sept. 18, 2017, at the age of 94.



Martha Middleton

Martha was born in Memphis, Tennessee, the first child of James and Mary Whitelaw, and was raised in the Mississippi Delta, graduating from Greenville High School.

She attended Ole Miss and graduated from Louisiana State University with a Bachelor of Arts in English, and worked in Washington, D.C., and later for C&S Air Lines and Delta Air Lines as a stewardess, following World War II.

Martha met her beloved husband-to-be

Joe in 1949 when she was stationed in Miami. They married in 1950 and enjoyed 60 years of marriage, spending most of those cherished years raising three sons and helping to build a state-wide business from Coral Gables (Joe Middleton & Company).

Martha had a gift for raising her three sons with consistency, fun, loyalty, adventure and unconditional love. She was equally adept at entertaining clients with Joe, and she loved to travel and had a passion for family roots as a Daughter of the American Colonists and Americans of Royal Descent (Robert the Bruce). Martha was beautiful without being vain, resourceful and had a song for almost any circumstance. In their retirement years, Martha and Joe traveled the world, enjoyed entertaining at their cottage in Highlands, North Carolina, and later moved to Ponte Vedra in 1999. Duty to family permeated her life, including her sister, Mary Jane, and grandmother, Lottie Armistead.

Martha is survived by her three sons, Lane Middleton of Miami Shores, wife Nancy and granddaughters Diana (Arun) and Chelsea (Dan); Jim Middleton of Ponte Vedra and grandsons James and Christian; and Mike Middleton of Chattanooga, Tennessee, wife Vicky and grandson John, and four nieces and nephews (Bob, Len, Sara Jane and Doris). Martha was predeceased by her husband Joe, sister and parents.

A celebration of Martha's long life was held Sept. 22, 2017, at Christ Episcopal Church in Ponte Vedra. Inurnment was held Sept. 25 at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral in Miami, where she joined Joe. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the Salvation Army at [www.give.salvationarmyusa.org](http://www.give.salvationarmyusa.org) or the charity of their choice.

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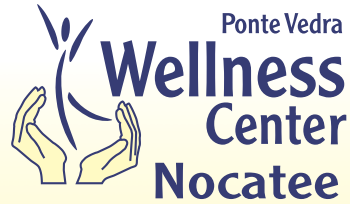
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**ABOVE: Ponte Vedra's Connor Cawood tries to make a catch against three Pedro Menendez defenders during last Friday's loss.**

**RIGHT: Ponte Vedra's CD James fights off a stiff arm to the face by a Pedro Menendez runner on Friday.**

Photos by Jerry and Chris Norton



# Falcons shock Sharks 15-14

**By Jerry Norton**

Special to the Recorder

Pedro Menendez probably wishes it played in the same conference as Ponte Vedra. And why shouldn't they after beating the Sharks four times in the past five years. Last Friday evening, the host Falcons ended Ponte Vedra's three-game win streak with a last minute, come-from-behind 15-14 victory.

Prior to Friday, Pedro's defense had given up more than 34 points per game, but somehow the Falcons managed to find a way to limit the Sharks to a season low 160 yards and just one offensive touchdown. Neither team displayed much offense as evidenced by the game's 14 punts—seven by each team. Two critical Shark turnovers led to nine Falcon points and ultimately cost Ponte Vedra the game.

After a scoreless first quarter, Menendez intercepted a Jack Murrah pass at the PV 30-yard line but had to settle for a 37-yard field goal and a 3-0 lead. The Sharks were aided by a pass interference penalty on their only offensive touchdown. The score came when Murrah found his tight end, Kit Connelly, open in the right corner of the end zone just before the first half ended.

Both defenses continued to dominate in a scoreless third quarter as each team was forced to punt twice. The second Falcon punt proved costly for Pedro. Tommy

Zitiello blocked the punt, and teammate Wes Davis scooped the ball up and returned it 28 yards for a Shark touchdown, resulting in a 14-3 Ponte Vedra lead.

Midway through the fourth quarter, the Falcons drove 43 yards to narrow the gap, but Zitiello denied Pedro's attempt at a 2-point conversion and left the Falcons trailing 14-9.

Then with less than two minutes left in the game, misfortune struck for the Sharks. It came after Ponte Vedra's offense picked up a first down inside the Falcon 30-yard line because of a 15-yard reception by Jarrett Stepp. One play later, however, the Shark quarterback was unable to handle the shotgun snap, and the Falcons recovered the loose football. The scoreboard clock showed 1:50 left in the game and Menendez—with a first down at its own 40-yard line—trailed 14-9. But not for long.

A 37-yard pass completion followed by a 13-yard run produced the go-ahead touchdown and a 15-14 Menendez lead. Stepp's interception on the 2-point conversion attempt kept it a one-point Falcon advantage.

The Sharks, however, weren't able to mount a drive in the final minute and suffered their first loss of the season.

Their schedule doesn't get any easier as they return home to play Bishop Kenny on Friday, Sept. 29, followed by St. Augustine, Trinity Christian and Bolles.

## Nease going with run out of necessity – and it's working

**By Paris Moulden**

Nease used its powerful running game to earn a 49-37 homecoming victory over Creekside last Friday night, and may have to stick with it this week as the Panthers try to get quarterback Preston Staples back to 100 percent.

In the win over Creekside, three Nease players each ran for more than 100 yards as the Panthers finished with 391 total rushing yards. Nease standout running back Jareem Westcott finished with 179 yards rushing and five touchdowns, Ashton Wood had 110 rushing yards and tight end Zach Sheffer ran for 110 yards.

Staples, who has been dealing with a knee injury, came in for one snap and threw a 30-yard touchdown pass to Wood. Nease coach Tim Krause said Staples

has been able to practice the last week-and-a-half and that his injury is slowly healing, so it's difficult to say how much the passing game will be a part of the plan this week.

"I think we go into every week as a staff and evaluate what we need to do to win," he said. "Sometimes that means you have to throw a little bit more, and obviously, last week, we felt like we had the advantage up front, and we can run the ball downhill pretty consistently. We're just going week-by-week and whatever we need to do to get first downs, we're going to do."

Creekside's offense started strong in the first half scoring 30 points, but the Nease defense shut down the Knights and standout quarterback Tai Lavatai in the second half.

"I was really proud of how our

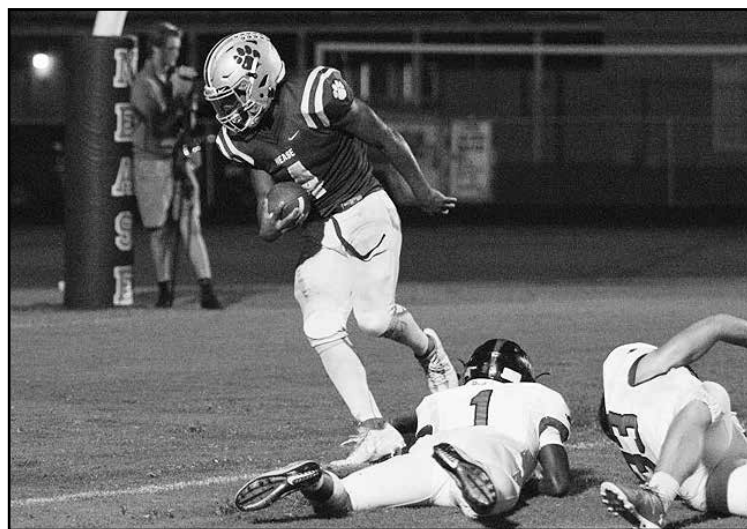


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**Nease running back Jareem Westcott scores one of his five touchdowns during last Friday night's game against Creekside.**

team reacted and responded and took some adjustments and ran with them in the second half," Krause said. "We gave up seven points in the second half to a team I think is really talented on

offense. I feel holding them to seven points in the second half was a big win for us."

Krause believes each game gives the team more opportunity to improve.

"Every time you struggle a little bit, it's as a chance to learn and grow and get better, so hopefully we take the things we need to correct and get better at it this week," he said.

And this week's game against Matanzas may give the Panthers even more insight on what they need to work on.

"Coach [Robert] Ripley has done a great job down there building their program," Krause said. "They're a really good football team, really sound in a lot of different phases. ... They're a team that plays the style of football that I think will prepare us for district play, so we're excited to go down there."

The Panthers (2-2) play at Matanzas in Palm Coast on Friday at 7 p.m. The Pirates (2-1), who have won two in a row, made the playoffs for the first time last season.



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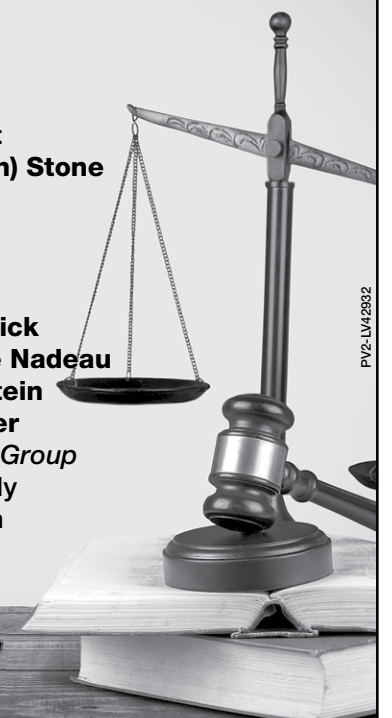
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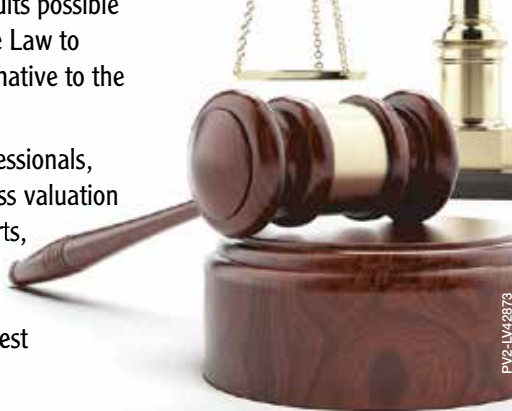
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# Top three things you can do to support someone through divorce



## By Heather B. Quick

Special to the Recorder

The number one question I get asked by friends and family members when a loved one is going through divorce is, “How can I help?”

Therefore, I’ve come up with three ways in which friends and family members can support a woman going through the divorce process.

### Be encouraging and positive

There is a lot of grieving that happens when women divorce. I have found that if friends and family members stay positive and supportive, it can make a significant difference in their lives because the road is not going to be easy.

I find a lot of women are not in this situation by choice. They didn’t want this. They wanted to stay married, and they didn’t see this coming. As friends and family, we need to encourage them and stay positive. Divorce can give women the opportunity for a new chapter in life. It can bring wonderful changes, but it will be painful to go through.

As a friend or family member, you might

want to help your loved one through this process by helping her come up with a plan for her new life and create opportunities that will benefit her in the future. This process will take a toll as it is not a sprint, but rather a marathon.

I let our clients know we are going to work slow and steady so we can be deliberate and strategic as we work to attain their goals. This may seem like it goes on forever and it will be difficult, but it will be worth it in the end. Positive friends and family members creating a strong support system will be key to helping loved ones weather the storm.

### Have a girl’s night

When you are going through a divorce, your social circles will change. As a friend, you need to make time to get together with your girlfriend (without your husband) and go out to the movies, have lunch or go to the beach. Create new activities for just the girls, and make time to regularly get together.

You need to be sensitive that it might not be easy for your friend to go out with both you and your husband; it could be very awkward. Change is hard and as friends, it is our duty to help her through this tough time. Just be there for her and encourage her to get out of the house.

This may be especially prevalent if the ex-husband has the kids for the weekend.

We do not want to leave her sitting in the house missing her kids. As friends, we need to make time to take her to lunch and attend an exercise class together. Alone time can be scary, and it can be sad. This is an excellent opportunity for you to support your friend and take her out.

### Don’t be judgmental

Your friend or family member is going through a divorce, and she’s going to make a lot of decisions, maybe more decisions than she’s ever had to make on her own before. These decisions are going to affect the rest of her life. In doing so, it can be easy to criticize the decisions that are being made.

It is important as a friend or family member to not get invested in a specific outcome of your friend’s divorce because her goals may not be what you think they should be. Be careful not to dictate what you think that person should do even if you’ve gone through divorce yourself. Divorce is different each time, and you don’t know what that marriage was like on the inside. Only those two people know what went on so be careful about offering your opinion. Women going through divorce have a lot on their plate, and you should know if they have a good attorney based on if they are structuring their divorce on where they are going, not where they’ve been. In fact, that

is a great discussion to have with a friend or family member to show support—ask them where they want to be in three years.

Don’t be judgmental as a parent, either. Women find it difficult at any age to let their parents know the marriage is over because they worry about their parents’ opinion. But truthfully speaking, parents need to encourage their daughters through this process and not remain negative.

Many times, parents do not have all the facts. There may be compromises on visitation rights or money, and many do not want to have this discussion with their parents. Women are worried their parents will judge them, and this adds a whole other stress level to the divorce. Parents need to be encouraging and supportive through the process and not make any judgements. This is easier said than done.

It is hard to go through a divorce. That is why it is crucial to have friends and family members rally and ask how they can help. We need to create a circle of positivity and encourage our loved one to get through this because a new life is waiting for them, and it’s going to be great.

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# The effects of domestic violence in divorces



## By Joseph Alvarez, Esq.

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Divorce (with or without children), regardless of what the issues for that family may be, is difficult enough physically and

mentally. However, what happens when a spouse prior to or subsequent to the filing of a divorce, commits or is accused of committing domestic violence against the other spouse or any household family member? Well, let’s just say this spouse would have a lengthy and more costly legal battle ahead of them.

Section 741.28 of our Florida Statutes defines domestic violence as any assault, battery, stalking, kidnapping, false imprisonment or any criminal offense resulting in physical injury or death of one family or household member by another family or household member.

(Fl. Stat. Ann. § 741.28 (2002).) First, the consequences for a spouse accused of domestic violence vary immensely. These consequences may result in temporary and/or final injunction for protection entered against the spouse; temporary or permanent leave from the marital home; temporary supervised or permanent supervised time-sharing (if children are involved); increased legal costs; termination of parental rights or required classes to attend, such as anger management and a 26 class batterer’s intervention program and mental health evaluations. These are the most common and are only a few of the negative impacts domestic violence may have on a family.

Understanding the severity of the consequences above, prior to a spouse committing an act of domestic violence, may deter that spouse from acting in a violent or improper manner. Each case impacts the other regardless of whether we represent the accused spouse or the victim spouse.

When domestic violence occurs, the party accused of domestic violence is

almost guaranteed to be served with a temporary injunction for protection because the required burden of proof is low. This temporary injunction, depending on the facts of your case and the quality of your representation, may then subsequently turn into a final injunction. These injunctions require certain provisions to follow in order for a party not to be in violation.

The victim spouse involved in a domestic violence altercation may be awarded temporary exclusive use of the parties’ marital home (until final injunction is determined). This impacts both spouses, especially if children are involved, because now one spouse is maintaining the marital home on his or her own, and the other spouse now must find another temporary or permanent place to live.

If children are involved, then the parents may be forced to find a supervised visitation center for the accused spouse to exercise his/her right to visit the children. The process to set up timesharing at a visitation center takes time and money.

Depending on the severity of the domestic violence, a spouse convicted of domestic violence may also be forced to terminate his/her parental rights, a result that happens more than parents may know. Lastly, hours of classes are almost a guarantee for a spouse accused of domestic violence. These classes almost always interfere with everyday schedules and require additional costs.

If you or your spouse decides to file for a divorce, arguments are almost always guaranteed to ensue, and it is imperative for both spouses to be aware of the legal ramifications he or she may be faced with should those arguments turn into verbal or physical violence. A family, especially with children, is already faced with tough decisions to amicably resolve the divorce. It is imperative, that when arguments get hostile or potentially violent, to not act, and understand the consequences of your actions.

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# Emotion makes us strangers to common sense



Harry Pappas  
Columnist

**By Harry Pappas**  
Special to the Recorder

Please repeat after me: “Bear markets are a natural part of the economic cycle, and I should expect a bear market every three-and-a-half years. Moreover, bear

markets, recessions, corrections, high volatility and especially the incredible uncertainty are the psychological price that I pay for potentially high returns.”

I encourage you to sip on these words from Ned Davis Research for a minute. Swirl them around. Relish their essence. No, do not spit it out just yet. Take a good long taste because if we truly savor it, internalize it and most importantly believe it, we should not fall prey to the dreaded plague of investor’s misbehavior!

As we know, another bear market and significant stock declines will happen again. When will it happen? It would not surprise me in the least if it transpires before this narrative goes to print. On the other hand, I would not be amazed if we do not witness a prolonged decline in stock prices for one, two or three years! The fact of the matter is that nobody

knows the direction of the stock market.

Perhaps some of you might think that I am trying to be a wise guy, but the truth is that I have no stronger conviction than the opening quote. Bear markets and prolonged declines in stock prices never make me change my long-term game plan. Of course, just as I do for clients, I may tweak my asset allocation between stocks and bonds, and if I am fortunate enough to have cash on hand, I will likely add some of my “Benjamins” to my existing investment program. Sure, it is painful to watch my portfolio value and clients’ accounts shrink as the declining stock prices run their course, but I recognize this type of action is normal and expected.

The common definition of a bear market is when stock prices decline at least 20 percent from their peaks. According to our friends at First Trust Research, the average bull market lasted nine years with an average cumulative total return of 470 percent, while the average bear market lasted just 1.4 years with an average cumulative loss of -41 percent. At the risk of appearing pompous, I ask you again to sip on these words for a minute.

The characterization of a correction is when stocks fall 10 percent or more from their peak. There have been 24 declines of 10 percent or more during the past 30 years, according to Paul Franke from

Seeking Alpha. With the simple back of the napkin math, that works out to almost one correction every year! This is just another example of an incredible fact that we all should...yep...sorry...last time...sip on these words for a minute. Swirl them around. Relish their essence. No, do not spit it out just yet. Take a good long taste because if we truly savor it, internalize it and most importantly believe it, we should not fall prey to the dreaded plague of investor’s misbehavior!

Warren Buffet said the following in his 2017 shareholder report, “Big market drops can and almost certainly will happen. The years ahead will occasionally deliver major market declines—even panics—that will affect virtually all stocks. No one can tell you when these traumas will occur.” If we agree with the Forrest Gump of Wall Street and we comprehend the above mentioned facts regarding the likelihood of bear markets and stock market corrections, than why do so many of us panic when the dynamic duo (corrections and bear markets) rear their ugly heads?

The answer is simple: fear and greed! These two amazingly controlling sensations are why I argue that you and I are the greatest risks to our respective long-term wealth creation and only in hindsight do we learn that our regrettable decisions were not controlled by logic, but our emotions of either greed or fear.

It is easy to talk a good game about being greedy when others are fearful and fearful when others are greedy, but it is quite another thing to do it. Successful investing is emotionally difficult because staying disciplined in an emotionally charged, 24-hour news cycle world is a challenge. It requires incredible self-control and discipline. If managing human behavior is the keystone to being a successful investor, than the willingness to seek help should be the best predictor of good behavior. I suggest that financial advisors’ most critical role to their clients is acting as their behavioral coach. Look at the following illustration courtesy of Carl Richards CFP® otherwise known as the napkin-sketch guy.



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## The Plantation at Ponte Vedra Beach to host community open house Oct. 1

The Plantation at Ponte Vedra Beach will be opening its community gates to the public on Sunday, Oct. 1, for its fall community open house. A variety of homes that range in price and style will be part of the event.

Visitors will be able to see The Plantation’s newly renovated golf course as the community recently concluded a more than \$7 million facilities improvement plan in 2016, which includes an update to the beach club and a new amenities park featuring a croquet lawn and playground.

In the past, the event has attracted more than 100 visitors to the neighborhood. The event will be from 1 to 5 p.m. Visitors are invited to check in at The Plantation House clubhouse for a list of participating homes, maps, refreshments and amenity tours. Guests can then make their way through the community to view participating homes and stop over to the private beach club at any time to experience The Plantation’s oceanfront property.

## Toll Brothers’ National Sales Event offers limited-time incentives to home buyers

Buyers in search of their dream homes can take advantage of exclusive, money-saving incentives and low interest rates through Toll Brothers’ National Sales Event through Oct. 15.

Home buyers who visit a participating Toll Brothers community in Northeast Florida will have access to extensive selections to customize their homes.

During the National Sales Event, homebuyers can browse through a library of home styles and home sites in communities situated in sought-after locations. Buyers will then work with designers to design a home by choosing from hundreds of options.

Buyers must make a deposit by Oct. 15 to take advantage of the sales event. Toll Brothers communities hosting the event include Coastal

Oaks at Nocatee, Julington Lakes and Toll Brothers at Atlantic Beach Country Club. For more information, visit [TollSalesEventFL.com](http://TollSalesEventFL.com).

An award-winning Fortune 500 company celebrating its 50th year, Toll Brothers is currently building in 20 states nationwide and is a publicly-owned company listed on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE: TOL).

## San Sebastian Winery takes home 43 awards in five months

San Sebastian Winery in St. Augustine won seven international wine competitions nationwide between February and July after each wine was carefully inspected, tasted

and judged—taking home 43 awards for a total of 755 to date.

“I’m always extremely proud of the people that I work with that work tirelessly to produce the quality wines

that have been awarded over and over again,” said Charles Cox, president of San Sebastian Winery and Seavin Inc.

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# What is going on with Equifax?



**Janet Johnson**  
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If you have a credit report, the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) says there's a good chance that you were one of the 143 million consumers whose sensitive

personal information was exposed in a data breach at Equifax.

While much is still unknown about how the breach happened, international news outlets like CNN and Bloomberg are reporting that there was a flaw in a tool designed to build web applications, and the company was aware of the security flaw at least two months before the hackers first gained access to its data.

The tool is called Apache Struts, and

CNN says Equifax used it to support its online portal where customers go to log issues with credit reports. The flaw allowed hackers to control the entire website. According to CNN, the Department of Homeland Security identified and disclosed the flaw to Equifax; however, there appears to have been a delay in the company's response, leaving the birthdates, social security numbers and driver's license information exposed.

Even when Equifax finally informed consumers about the breach, the company directed consumers to a fake phishing site that shared a similar address to the one it set up to help victims. As if this wasn't enough, Bloomberg reported that the Justice Department is now investigating whether executives broke insider trading laws when they sold off nearly \$2 million in stocks before even disclosing the breach to the public.

Implicated in the investigation, according to Bloomberg, are the company's chief financial officer, the president of U.S. information solutions and president of workforce solutions, who all sold off their stocks. Equifax has denied that the company's executives were aware of the breach at the time of the stock sale, but there are a slew of probes and investigations into the hack, and class action lawsuits are being filed by consumers.

So, what should you do if you think you've been hacked? First, the FTC recommends you check your credit reports from Equifax, Experian and TransUnion by visiting [annualcreditreport.com](http://annualcreditreport.com). If you find accounts or activity that you don't recognize, that may mean that your identity has been stolen, said FTC officials, and the government has a website that tells you what to do if that is the case ([IdentityTheft.gov](http://IdentityTheft.gov)). Then, the

FTC recommends setting up a fraud alert and continuing to watch your credit cards and bank accounts. You can freeze your credit accounts to prevent anyone from fraudulently applying for credit in your name, although it won't keep a thief from making charges to your existing accounts. And you may want to set up two-factor authentication on your most important financial accounts. Lastly, the FTC says you may want to file your taxes early, as soon as you have the tax information you need, before a scammer can.

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# HomeASAP named 2017 BizTech Award winner by Jacksonville Business Journal

Real estate technology company HomeASAP, which was founded by Ponte Vedra resident Mark Bloomfield, has been named a 2017 BizTech Award winner by the Jacksonville Business Journal.

The awards honor Northeast Florida-based businesses that are on the cutting edge of creating, using and selling technology and that have demonstrated a strong record of innovation and outstanding performance over the past year.

HomeASAP creates software that is used by real estate agents to market themselves online, with emphasis on Facebook. Its suite of applications and services for agents include the Real Estate Agent Directory on Facebook<sup>sm</sup>, which connects real estate professionals with home buyers, sellers and referral business. HomeASAP's Directory surpassed 500,000 members earlier this year.

Additionally, the company launched Search Alliance<sup>sm</sup>, a cooperative marketing platform that enables agents to create their own national consumer home search marketplace to compete effectively with property portals like Zillow and



Photo courtesy of HomeASAP

**HomeASAP Chief Product Officer David Murphy (center) accepts the BizTech Award.**

Trulia. Search Alliance works by networking thousands of individual agent IDX Home Search sites that HomeASAP provides participating agents.

"We're honored to be recognized by the Jacksonville Business Journal for our innovation and technological

achievements," said Chief Product Officer David Murphy, who accepted the award on behalf of the firm. "It's a testament to our team, and well-deserved. We're aggregating data between 180 MLSs (Multiple Listing Services) representing over 90 percent of

the listings in the country. We have also spent considerable time developing, testing and refining our user-interface so that it's extremely easy to use and provides an exceptional user experience demanded by today's consumers.

"We're attempting to disrupt

the industry," Murphy added. "Agents have talked about creating a platform like this for a long time, but no one had figured out how to do it until now. Zillow went the direction of trying to circumvent real estate agents. We are re-empowering them."

HomeASAP is rolling out Search Alliance to real estate agents nationwide. There is no cost to join.

HomeASAP was recognized as one of Northeast Florida's fastest-growing companies in 2017 based upon its average annual growth rate across all industries over the past three years.

In addition to Search Alliance and The Real Estate Agent Directory, HomeASAP also provides real estate professionals with Facebook marketing services for content management, lead capture, advertising, and referrals under the names, Page Engage<sup>sm</sup>, Dream Sweeps<sup>sm</sup>, TurnKey Suites<sup>sm</sup>, Agent Advantage<sup>sm</sup> and Real Estate Agent Referrals<sup>sm</sup>.

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## Pappas

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As Carl cleverly illustrates, a financial advisor should be the thing between you and the big mistake. A few years ago, the folks at the famously fee-sensitive Vanguard conducted an in-depth study to determine the value of a competent financial advisor. The results may surprise you. Vanguard determined that “behavioral coaching” could add as much as 1.5 percent a year to a client’s portfolio.

The next time that you feel the urge to believe all the doom and gloom along with the hyped-up inevitable apocalypse, I encourage you to get in contact with your “therapist” (your trusted advisor) and talk through the issues in question. More importantly, I urge you to review historical data regarding bear markets and stock market corrections. If there are two fundamental truths that I have learned during my 32 years as a financial advisor, they are that bear markets, recessions, corrections and just overall gut-wrenching volatility is common and expected. Moreover, during the above mentioned times, we should do less than we think we should. In other words, we should do something ... by doing nothing!

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defense. He received his Bachelor of Science degree from Troy University and earned his Juris Doctor from the University of Florida Levin College of Law in May.

Sherman practices in the areas of civil litigation, commercial litigation, products liability, municipal liability, business and corporate law. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree in political science and is a member of Florida Blue Key at the University of Florida.

Sherman received his Juris Doctor from the University of Florida Levin College of

Law, cum laude, in May. During his time in law school, Sherman served as vice president of the Florida Moot Court Team, and in October 2016, was presented the winning trophy for the Hulsey/ Gambrell Moot Court Competition.

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Vintners Red, San Sebastian's most popular wine, won Best of Class at the Los Angeles International Wine Competition. Additionally, the Vintners Red, Vintners White and Ruby Port were awarded gold.

The Cabernet Sauvignon, Blanc de

Fleur, Chardonnay and Rosa placed silver.

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## Former home of renowned St. Augustine artist for sale

The historic home formerly owned by famous St. Augustine artist Celia Gregor Reid has been renovated and is now ready for its new owners.

Located at 2 Fletcher Lane in Old St. Augustine, the two-bedroom, two-bathroom home has a screened-in porch, a fenced yard, covered off-street parking and is within walking distance of all the go-to destinations in the city. A one-story frame vernacular style, the house was constructed in 1927 in the D.H. Cherry subdivision on the fringes of older Victorian neighborhoods. Parts of the porch and columns were made from locally produced coquina concrete block.

One of the four houses that survived on Fletcher Lane during World War I, the house was first inhabited by John M.T. Reid, a cost engineer for Florida East Coast Railroad, and his wife Celia



**TOP: The former home of St. Augustine artist Celia Gregor Reid at 2 Fletcher Lane in St. Augustine is now for sale.**

**LEFT: The house features two bedrooms, two baths, a screened-in porch, a fenced yard and covered off-street parking.**

Photos by Abe Then

G. Reid, an accomplished graphic artist and president of the St. Augustine Arts Club. Her work is discussed in the book "Lost Colony: The Artists of St. Augustine 1930-1950" by Robert W. Torchia.

Now updated with new roofing, air conditioning, electrical, bathrooms, kitchen and more, the home is move-in ready. For more information, call Janie Coffey of The Coffey Team at (904) 525-1008.

## Markland upgrades playground area with tot lot

Markland, an award-winning residential community in St. Augustine, has added a tot lot to its playground area to provide a full range of activities for children of all age groups.

The tot lot will accompany the KOMPAN Explorer Dome play structure and will include ladder steps, slides, fun bars, a multi-use seesaw and a swing set with infant bucket seats.

Other amenities at Markland include large grassy fields for kickball/soccer games and concerts and movies, neighborhood pocket parks, tennis courts, pickleball, a kayak launch, a lake dock and a fire pit located beside the 30-acre lake network.

The Markland Manor House, with workout equipment, a coffee bar, several large televisions and multi-function rooms for card games or meetings, also offers a resort pool adjacent to the building.

Located east of I-95 on International Golf Parkway, Markland features homes priced from \$280,000 to over \$700,000. Visit [www.Markland.com](http://www.Markland.com) for more information.



Photo courtesy of Markland

**The newest addition to Markland's playground area features a multiple-slide structure, a seesaw and bucket seat swing set.**



Photos courtesy of Mattamy Homes

**RiverTown's Beauclair model, the winner of a silver award in the St. Johns County Parade of Homes, features a living room overlooking a covered lanai.**

## Rivertown wins Silver Award in St. Johns County Parade of Homes

RiverTown, a Mattamy Homes community, was honored by the St. Johns Builders Council with a silver award for its Beauclair model in the 2017 St. Johns County Parade of Homes.

"We are extremely proud of our model homes at RiverTown and honored to receive this award from the St. Johns Builders Council," said Cliff Nelson, Jacksonville division president for Mattamy Homes. "The Parade of Homes provides an ideal opportunity to showcase Mattamy's thoughtful design approach and RiverTown's stunning beauty and charm. I encourage everyone to visit RiverTown and see all that we

have to offer."

The Beauclair model is designed for family living. The heart of the home features a living room overlooking a covered lanai and an open kitchen with a large island. The price of the home starts at \$280,990.

Mattamy Homes has six fully decorated model homes for visitors to tour at RiverTown, ranging in size from 1,700 square feet to more than 3,500 square feet and featuring open and bright floor plans with front porches and covered lanais.

For more information on RiverTown, visit [www.mattamyrivertown.com](http://www.mattamyrivertown.com).

# TrailMark builder Providence Homes honored in St. Johns County Parade of Homes

Providence Homes, one of the builders for TrailMark in St. Augustine, recently received a silver award in the 2017 St. Johns County Parade of Homes for its Juniper model, which highlights the builder's 100 percent ENERGY STAR® certified homes available in the northern St. Johns County master-planned community.

"For 25 years, Jacksonville-based Providence Homes has maintained a commitment to building beautifully designed homes offering tremendous value and extraordinary attention to detail," said GreenPointe Communities Marketing Director Gaynelle James. "With award-winning distinctive homes and healthy lifestyle opportunities, TrailMark offers the lifestyle families today are seeking with naturally beautiful surroundings, exceptional amenities and a genuine sense of community in one thoughtfully planned neighborhood."

Providence Homes' Juniper model is a two-story ENERGY STAR® certified home with three bedrooms, two-and-a-half baths and approximately 2,300 square feet of living space. The first floor features numerous family entertainment areas, including a spacious family room overlooking a covered patio.

The kitchen and café flow into a dining area punctuated by a bay window. The second story includes a family loft, an owners' suite with a private seating area and two additional bedrooms. The home's interior design elements include laminate wood flooring, ceramic tile, designer cabinetry, granite kitchen countertops and island, GE stainless steel appliances and more.



Photos courtesy of GreenPointe Communities

The Juniper model is built with a conditioned attic system that features air-tight foam insulation under the roof deck. This building practice keeps the attic within 6 to 8 degrees of the indoor temperature year-round, providing the homeowner with a greater energy efficiency, lower energy bills, increased moisture control and potentially a much

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Providence Homes' Juniper model at TrailMark was recently honored in the 2017 St. Johns County Parade of Homes.

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# Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Network Realty hosts creative writing workshop

**Speaker Matthew Ferrara poses with Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Network Realty Founder, President and CEO Linda Sherrer during a writing workshop hosted by the realty company.**

Photo courtesy of Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Network Realty



Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Network Realty recently hosted a writing workshop presented by Matthew Ferrara, a celebrated speaker, writer and photographer who focuses on creativity, leadership and growth.

“Matthew is a terrific speaker – he is an engaging instructor with a gift of showing others how to stand out among the crowd,” said Linda Sherrer, Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Network Realty founder, president and CEO. “Christy and I enjoyed attending his dynamic session at the Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices national conference, and we immediately knew we wanted to bring him to Jacksonville to present to our team.”

The event, offered exclusively for Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Network Realty professionals, took attendees on a creative writing

journey to improve their marketing by developing better stories about themselves and their products and services. Using real-world and real-time examples, Ferrara encouraged the audience to focus on creating memorable messages.

“Creative writing is a big piece of the marketing puzzle, and Matthew demonstrates how everyone can make their stories more compelling,” said Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Network Realty Broker/Executive Vice President Christy Budnick. “We offered Matthew’s session to our agents because we believe it offers a huge competitive advantage that benefits our buyers and sellers.”

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healthier living environment. The Juniper at TrailMark is priced from \$257,940.

TrailMark’s builder team, which also includes David Weekley Homes, D.R. Horton, Landon Homes and MasterCraft Builder Group, offers a variety of single-family home designs, ranging in size from approximately 1,500 square feet to more than 4,000 square feet. The community has four model homes available to tour and several move-in ready showcase homes available today and many under construction. Homes are priced from the \$200,000s to the \$500,000s.

With oak tree hammocks, lakes,

winding waterways and trails, TrailMark has been carefully planned around its natural environment. The community offers a recreation-rich lifestyle with amenities that enhance the community experience, such as trails that connect residents with their neighborhood, a planned kayak launch to Six Mile Creek, an amenity center and Camp House, which is a lakeside pavilion.

TrailMark is located within the St. Johns County School District and zoned for Nease High School, Pacetti Bay Middle School and the new Picolata Crossing Elementary School, which is adjacent to TrailMark. The community is located at 805 TrailMark Drive in St. Augustine. For more information, visit [www.TrailMarkLiving.com](http://www.TrailMarkLiving.com).

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9. Diplomat's forte
13. Opposite of cathode
14. \*"Chinatown" sequel: "The \_\_\_\_\_ Jakes"
15. Chocolate tree
16. Considering everything
17. Pro vote
18. Sleep spoiler?
19. \*Famous filmmaker Cecil
21. \*"The Jazz Singer" was the first one
23. "To Kill a Mockingbird" recluse
24. \*Cary Grant in "His \_\_\_\_\_ Friday"
25. FedEx competitor
28. Family room staple
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35. Not kosher
37. Perfect houseplant spot
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43. Pre-college school
44. Opposite of rappel
46. \*Japanese-American actor with star on Hollywood Blvd.
47. Religious offshoot
48. Trojan hero
50. Superbright
52. Pilot's deadline
53. "\_\_\_\_\_ we forget"
55. Ballerina's support
57. \*Famous boulevard
60. \*Grauman's \_\_\_\_\_ Theatre
64. A mood disorder
65. Before
67. Did not smell good
68. Discrimination against seniors
69. Immeasurable period
70. Fear-inspiring
71. \*Scorsese and De Niro flick
72. "\_\_\_\_\_ the wild rumpus begin!"
73. Goes down

**DOWN**

1. Aforementioned
2. \*Hathaway or Bancroft
3. Knock about
4. Impromptu
5. How-do-you-dos
6. Eye affliction
7. Leave speechless
8. Raccoon's South American cousin
9. \*Feature film actors first did it in the 1920s
10. Antioxidant-rich berry
11. Kind of package
12. \*Director Ford or actor Hanks
15. Summon one to enter
20. \*Clint Eastwood's "Every Which Way but \_\_\_\_\_"
22. \*Motion picture, a visual \_\_\_\_\_ form
24. Dandy
25. Carthage's ancient rival
26. Proletarian, for short
27. Become established
29. \*The industry
31. Takes a siesta
32. Rocks at mountain base
33. Upright
34. Former Greek coin
36. \*Walk of \_\_\_\_\_
38. Facebook button
42. Truth, in the olden days
45. Type of fir
49. "Savvy?"
51. Made noise
54. Stainless stuff
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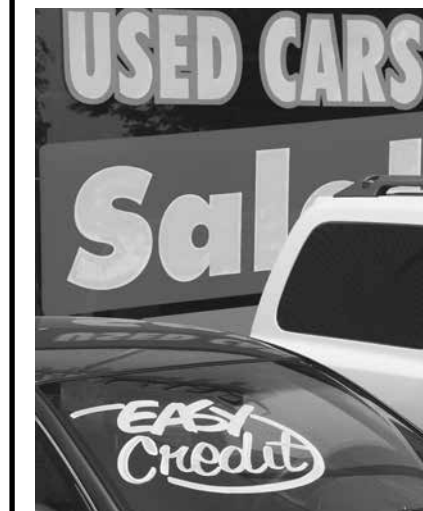
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