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Steve and Diane Halverson, Mayor Alvin Brown with Jorge and Diane Brunet-Garcia. See Photos on page 20



Residents raise a toast at RiverHops

Local support remained strong, as the largest fundraiser for the North Florida School of Special Education rallied donors along the Intracoastal waterway for the annual riverfront showcase. Standing are Gary McCalla, Melanie Jensen, Peggy Holt, Dr. Scott Kramerich and Ann Kramerich. Seated in the front; David Rinzler, Dr. Joseph Barton and Rick Beavers. For more photos and details, see page 21

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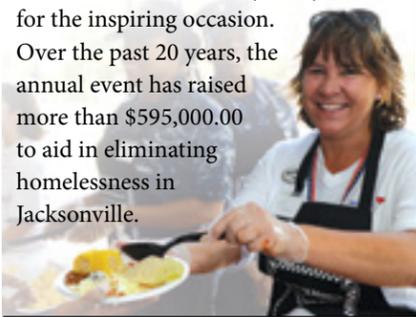
Chase Bank, Kitchen on San Marco, 1620 -1636 Hendricks Ave., First Citizens Bank, Side Car, and V Pizza were among the winners.

Fabulous 50's Rocked the Theatre

The Florida Theatre rolled out the oldies and classic pin-up styles as patrons had a blast on the Forsyth Street blacktop. The night concluded with patrons dancing the night away and cutting a rug on the theatre stage—followed by a sweet treat dessert course. See photos on page 20

Another Miracle on Ashley Street

The Clara White Mission's 21st Annual "Miracle on Ashley Street Celebrity Servers" helped to bridge the gap for one of the city's vital nonprofits, helping to feed our city's homeless veterans and low-income residents. As one of the Mission's most successful fundraisers, the event drew Jacksonville's political and business community this year for the inspiring occasion. Over the past 20 years, the annual event has raised more than \$595,000.00 to aid in eliminating homelessness in Jacksonville.



San Marco by Design, the "smart growth plan" for the commercial and residential areas "north of the square" instituted by the San Marco Preservation Society, has begun to bear fruit. This year in the commercial corridor one new structure, First Citizens Bank, and four renovated buildings were honored by the society for their attention to detail and ability to blend well into the existing development

of North San Marco, said SMPS Beautification Chairman Rob Smith, noting that their example will continue to inspire other area establishments.

Winning commercial awards this year were two banks and three restaurants. "We are more than thrilled to receive this award," said Eve Markowicz, general manager of Kitchen on San Marco. Markowicz expressed appreciation for the

fact the restaurant opened in April and has received a warm welcome from the San Marco community. It is wonderful to be recognized by someone as well established and regarded as the San Marco Preservation Society, she said.

To read more about the Preservation Society's Beautification Awards turn to page 8.



Betty Benfield, Emmett Kelly

Clowning around at Baptist

The late Emmett Kelly, who created the memorable clown figure Weary Willie, based on the hobos of the Depression era, goes cheek to cheek with Betty Benfield of San Marco in the early 1960s at Baptist Hospital. Kelly, who was a major attraction for Ringling Bros. Barnum and Bailey Circus, routinely stopped by Wolfson Children's Hospital to entertain the younger patients. Often when he was in Jacksonville, he would have lunch with Benfield, a Baptist Hospital employee, during his visits.

Kelly worked as a mime, never uttering a word while he was in clown make-up. One day when Benfield returned home after work, she asked her 9-year-old daughter, Betsy, to come near. "Mom whispered to me, 'I have a secret: Emmett Kelly talked to me at lunch,'" Betsy recalled.

For more about Betty Benfield's long affiliation with Baptist Medical Center, turn to page 17.

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Veteran reporter joins *The Resident*

As summer approaches, we want to introduce you to our new News Editor, Marcia Hodgson, a veteran journalist with newspaper experience in Boston, Alaska, Connecticut, New Hampshire and Florida. Although you will see her byline in both editions of *The Resident*, Marcia's main focus will be the San Marco edition.

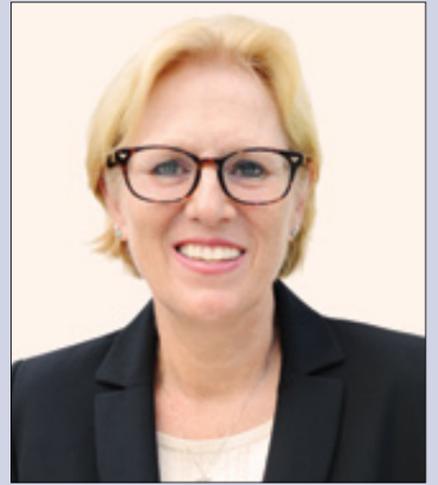
A native of Wellesley, Massachusetts, Marcia has a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science from George Washington University, a certificate of creative writing from Washington University in St. Louis and a Master of Fine Arts degree in creative writing from the University of Tampa.

As a student, Marcia worked part-time in the sports department of *The Washington Post*. After graduation, she wrote feature articles and worked in the newsroom *The Christian Science Monitor*

in Boston. She has also served as a sport reporter for the *Anchorage Daily News* in Alaska, *The Day* in New London, Conn., and as sports editor for *The Milford Cabinet and Wilton Journal* in Milford, New Hampshire.

As a student in Washington, D.C., she was part of an investigative team that won the collegiate award for depth reporting in her region from the Sigma Delta Chi Society of Professional Journalists. At the *Anchorage Daily News*, she won three writing awards from the Alaska Press Club.

Marcia and her husband, Bob, moved to Florida in 1993 where she worked as a reporter and photographer for *The Beaches Leader* and *The Ponte Vedra Leader*. After taking more than a decade off to bring up her daughters, Celia Hope and Hillary, and to care for her ailing



Marcia Hodgson

mother, she is now ready take pen and pad in hand and continue her journalism career – this time in the historic districts of Riverside/Avondale and San Marco.

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Correction

In the article, "Cyclists cautiously optimistic about city progress," which appeared in the May 2015 San Marco edition of *The Resident*, it was noted that the Federal Department of Transportation has agreed to construct a separate pathway across the Fuller Warren Bridge to connect Riverside with San Marco. It is the Florida Department of Transportation, which is working on this project. *The Resident* regrets the error.

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San Marco cleans up after tornado

By Marcia Hodgson
Resident Community News

Things are finally settling down, after a tornado swept through San Marco on April 25.

According to the National Weather Service, an EF-1 tornado touched down about 5:52 p.m., cutting a 3.45-mile alley through San Marco after pushing ashore from the St. Johns River just south of River Oaks Park. In its wake, neighborhoods just south of Hendricks Elementary School were littered with fallen limbs and debris.

The initial damage was tightly clustered to a path of approximately 200 yards, the National Weather Service reported. As the tornado crossed Phillips Highway, several businesses sustained roof damage and trailers in the Pine Oaks Mobile Home Park were also harmed. The tornado eventually turned southeast as it passed I-95 and widened to 350 yards as it neared Englewood High School, where it finally dissipated.

For six minutes, winds reached an estimated 104 mph, the National Weather Service reported. The tornado cut through fences, snapped towering pine

trees like matchsticks, ripped power lines from their poles and shingles from off roofs. A swath of “straight-line winds” continued to wreak havoc south and east of the path until shortly after 6 p.m., the weather service said.

Ten days after the storm, residents were still cleaning up. In the backyard of a home along Hendricks Avenue, the whirring buzz of a chainsaw could be heard as men worked to minimize scattered trees so they could be sent through a wood chipper. In an adjacent yard, a ruined cement shed could be seen, its sides and roof crushed, while the planks of a fence, which formerly hid the yard from Hendricks Avenue, lay broken nearby.

As Hilton Tyre picked up debris in front of his home on Shirl Lane, he said he wasn’t home during the storm, but witnessed the mess of its aftermath. The roof of his house had been punctured by a fallen oak tree branch and had incurred a gash four inches in diameter.

“The street was blocked heading north on San Jose [Boulevard], and we couldn’t get into Shirl,” Tyre said, noting that he had heard downed power lines had caused a “small fire” nearby. “San Jose was a mess. The police had it blocked off,



Ruined shed behind a home along Hendricks Avenue

then they cleared it to one lane and things slowly got back to normal. The city has been very responsive,” he added. “I was pleasantly pleased that the city responded so fast to get the trash picked up.”

Three 100-foot pine trees in back of his home were reduced to 30 feet, said John Davidson, also of Shirl Road.

At John Mahle’s home on Parkwood Street, the storm busted a window, downed an oak tree, took out a fence and blew the shingles off his house. “I picked up the dogs and ran to the center of the house,” he said. “Everything happened so quick.”

Across the street, the winds lifted up part of his neighbor’s roof, flinging it against a metal carport until it came to rest across the street, Mahle said.

Yet Mahle didn’t seem particularly impressed. Although the homes on Parkwood Street lay directly in the path of the tornado and incurred some of the worst damage in San Marco, he dismissed the storm’s ferocity. “It’s not the worst storm, I’ve been in,” he said. “I was in a sand storm in Desert Storm,” and in Mississippi during Hurricane Katrina. “That was a lot worse.”

Financial aid available to residents, businesses affected by tornado

Homeowners and businesses that received the brunt of the tornado that plowed through San Marco on April 25 are eligible for financial help. As of May 11, low-interest disaster loans are available from the U.S. Small Business Administration.

On May 6, Gov. Rick Scott requested a disaster declaration by the SBA. The declaration covers Duval County as well as the adjacent counties of Baker, Clay, Nassau and St. Johns.

Loans up to \$200,000 are available to homeowners to repair or replace damaged or destroyed real estate. Homeowners and renters are eligible for loans up to \$40,000 to repair or replace damaged or destroyed personal property.

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tions may borrow up to \$2 million to repair or replace damaged or destroyed real estate, machinery or equipment, inventory and other business assets.

For small businesses, small agricultural cooperatives, small aquaculture businesses and most private non-profit organizations, the SBA offers Economic Injury Disaster Loans to help meet working capital needs caused by the disaster. This assistance is available regardless of whether the business suffered any physical property damage.

Interest rates are as low as four percent for businesses, 2.625 percent for nonprofit organizations and 1.688 percent for homeowners and renters with terms up to 30 years. Loan amount and terms are set by the SBA and are based on each applicant’s financial condition.

Applicants may also be eligible for a loan amount increase up to 20 percent of their physical damages, as verified by the SBA, to make improvements that will

help prevent the risk of future property damage caused by a similar disaster.

Those interested may apply online using the Electronic Loan Application via SBA’s secure website at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela>.

Businesses and individuals may obtain information and loan applications by calling the SBA’s Customer Service Center at 1-800-659-2955 (1-800-877-8339 for the deaf and hard of hearing) or by emailing disastercustomerservice@sba.gov. Loan applications can also be downloaded at www.sba.gov/disaster.

Completed applications should be returned to the U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

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Neighborhood consensus reached on Whatley Park improvements

By Marcia Hodgson
Resident Community News

When it comes to improving Brown L. Whatley Park, the neighborhood's residents have finally come to a consensus: building a concrete path through the park is okay as long as it follows a less intrusive route through the park than the proposal originally presented by the San Marco Preservation Society.

During a neighborhood meeting May 11 in Whatley Park, 16 residents gathered to discuss alternatives to the proposed improvements to the park presented by the Society during its Winedown in the Park fundraiser in April.

Many residents had decried the Society's proposition to have a tree-lined path divide the park, saying it would break up the park's large grassy expanse and distract from its main focal point, the stream. Instead the residents decided to put forward a plan presented by neighborhood resident Don Halil, which shows a concrete path winding through the park along a different course than had been proposed by the Society.

Halil's plan calls for the concrete footpath to start at the top of the park near Avoca Place, extend a short distance to a small circular paved seating area before curving toward Broadmoor Lane where it would then hug the side along South Alexandria Place. Midway down the length of the park, the path would cut across and connect with the footbridge. On the north side of the bridge, the path would extend west, winding slightly before hugging the side of North Alexandria Place and extending west to Hendricks Avenue. Two additional small circular seating areas would be placed midway along the path on the south and north sides of the footbridge.

The benches would include a handrail in the middle to prevent transients from sleeping. All other benches would be removed from the park. Pavers and lights used in the three seating areas would look similar to those in Balis Park, and so add continuity within the community.

According to Halil's plan, only three benches and three lampposts would be used and the balance of the money would pay for additional upward lighting of the trees' canopy.

Unlike the SMPS proposal, Halil's plan also does not call for any improvements to be made to the railing across the footbridge.



Whatley Park as seen on a mural in The Grotto Wine and Tapas Bar on San Marco Square.

The placement of additional trees would be decided as the project proceeds.

During the meeting, Matt Carlucci, a neighborhood resident, said the Office of [at that time] Mayor Alvin Brown, was amenable to providing additional funds to make up for any shortfall in funding the improvements.

"The original proposal gave us a start but needed to be tweaked by the neighbors," said Carlucci. "I am so appreciative of how the neighbors voiced their opinions and how we worked through those opinions to reach a consensus. If the plan is executed, it will be a great enhancement and add great value to our neighborhood and the San Marco community."

Carlucci also said he and his neighbors appreciate the support District 5 Councilwoman Lori Boyer and the Preservation Society have given the project.

In addition to the path, the residents also requested that the "side" swale in the northeast corner of the park, which feeds into the concrete creek, be replaced with an underground pipe and covered with grass to add "continuity" and "connectivity" to the grassy areas within the park. The swale is not lined with concrete, and might be considered an additional project for the city's Parks, Recreation and Community Services or Public Works departments, said Carlucci. "In the long haul, it might save money spent on its constant cleaning and maintenance," he said.

During the meeting it was also decided that Joe Marks, Don Halil and Mike Saltmarsh would connect with the



A rendering of the concrete path according to the plan presented by Don Halil, which was accepted by the Whatley Park neighborhood.

engineers to oversee the neighborhood's interests. Shaun Salari agreed to provide communications by coordinating a group list, and Carlucci offered to be a liaison between the group, city council and the mayor's office.

The original estimate for the Preservation Society proposal was \$38,000, said SMPS President Andrew Dickson, noting that he thinks the residents' plan might cost less than the original proposal.

"We're thrilled that the neighborhood took ownership of the process. (Don Halil's) drawing looks fantastic. It ties together parts of the park not in the original proposal. I think it's a great plan," Dickson said.

The Society is still accepting donations to cover the cost of commemorative trees and benches at \$750 per tree and \$1500 per bench.

The May 11 meeting was called as the result of a vote taken during a meeting between Preservation Society officials and neighborhood residents May 4 at

Preservation Hall. That meeting had been called to discuss ways to utilize \$40,000 in city funds allocated to Whatley Park as well as \$7000 raised by the SMPS Winedown event April 18. Because the residents could not come to a consensus about the improvements at that meeting, they voted "to do something" with the money and present the Society with an alternative proposal before May 15.

If the residents had not agreed upon a workable plan for the improvements by June 30, the group risked losing the city funds to another park in the district, said Boyer during the May 4 meeting.

The Preservation Society came by the city funds after they were suddenly forfeited by another project in District 5. They had been allocated to Whatley Park after the Society assured the city it had a "shovel-ready" project that could be completed in a timely way within the dollar limit. The city will control these funds as well as the bidding and construction process, said Dickson.

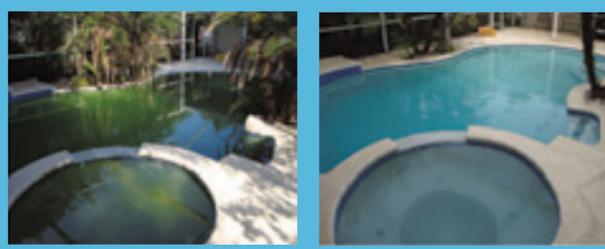


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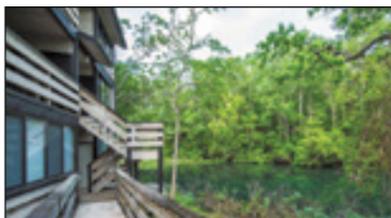
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New owners spend millions to give Towers of Jacksonville makeover

By Marcia Hodgson
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For the first time since it was built in 1972, the Towers of Jacksonville is getting a makeover.

Six years ago, in the wake of Hurricane Katrina, a million dollars was spent to install new windows to comply with hurricane codes, but that has been the only real improvement to the building in 44 years, said Towers administrator Michael McClernon, who has managed the property for the past 10 years.

Over a month ago, the Retirement Housing Foundation, a non-profit in Long Beach, Calif., and its general partner, The Towers of Jacksonville paid \$10.38 million for the riverfront high-rise, located at 1400 E. LeBaron Ave. in San Marco. The housing complex includes 194 apartments for residents ages 62 and older.

The Towers of Jacksonville is governed by a not-for-profit Board of Directors and operates under the guidelines of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to provide affordable housing for the elderly. Retirement Housing Foundation specializes in providing affordable housing for seniors in 26 states as well as Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands, McClernon said. The Foundation has been active for 51 years.

RHF is spending \$8.5 million to renovate the building, and will replace the plumbing, HVAC, wiring, elevators and other infrastructure throughout the building, said Chris Ragon, a spokesperson

for RHF in Long Beach, Calif. At present, the building still sports the name Baptist Towers, but the signage will change once the building is renovated, she said.

In 2005, the owners of the community changed the name of the building from Baptist Towers to The Towers of Jacksonville. The change was initiated because there was some confusion on the part of the seniors who thought they had to be a member of the Baptist faith in order to move into the building, said Ragon. At that time, the community changed all its marketing materials with the exception of the sign atop the building because it was too costly to remove, she said.

Some people have lived in the building for more than 20 years, and it will be like getting a new house, said McClernon.

Retirement Housing Foundation focuses on acquiring subsidized senior citizen housing that is on the cusp of going "market rate," she said, adding that RHF has been working for more than two years to acquire Baptist Towers. "We try to get housing at the tail end of its being affordable. [Then we renovate it in order to] make it so that it remains affordable for the next 40 years," Ragon said.

At the Towers of Jacksonville, each apartment will be modernized with new kitchen cabinets, full-size appliances and new bathrooms as well as fresh paint and carpeting, McClernon said.

Work will start on the ground floor, and rehabbing will include several common areas including the laundry room, main office, lounge, meeting room,



A new sign will replace Baptist Towers with The Towers of Jacksonville

library, card room, beauty shop and five apartments. McClernon estimates it will take at least eight weeks to renovate the first floor. When the first floor is finished, demolition of the 12th floor will begin.

While their living quarters are being renovated, each resident will be moved to an empty apartment on the property, McClernon said, noting that 22 empty units will be used for this purpose. The Foundation will pay to have each resident's belongings packed and moved into an empty apartment on another floor, where they will stay during the time their apartment is renovated. RHF will also pick up the tab to have their belongings packed again and moved back into their quarters once the renovation is finished, Ragon said.

Residents will be given a 30-day notice before they are moved within the building, McClernon said. "They will know well in advance what will happen, when and where," he said.

"They will move into a similar size unit as they have now," McClernon said. "HUD will allow them to relocate on the property so they won't have to leave the building. It will be disruptive, but we will try to keep it

orderly as best we can," he said.

Ragon agreed. "We try to make it as painless as possible," she said. "But even the painless is painful," she said about the elderly residents who may find the experience difficult.

Provided there are no construction delays, McClernon estimates the entire project could take 18 months. In the meantime, parking will be difficult. A shuttle service will be available to ferry people to an off-site parking lot, he said.

And the chaos and confusion will be compounded because a new wing is currently under construction at the Ronald McDonald House across the street. "It couldn't happen at a worse time, for both of us, but it's got to be done," said McClernon.

So far, some Tower residents are ambivalent about the project, he said.

"Some are looking forward to the change and modernization, but for others there are mixed feelings with the chaos. Of course that comes naturally with construction," McClernon said. "It's going to be difficult, but we will try to keep their lives as normal as possible to get them through the changes."

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Senior living facility slated for Goodby's Creek

By Marcia Hodgson
Resident Community News

Land just south of Goodby's Creek is being cleared so that a new senior living facility can be built.

Watercrest of San Jose will be an \$18.3 million luxury senior living facility located at 9069 San Jose Blvd. The project is a joint venture between Starling Senior Living and Watercrest Senior Living Group. A groundbreaking ceremony was held May 19 for the 90-bed facility that will include 24 beds for memory care and 66 for assisted living.

"We were actively looking for a site in the San Jose area for an assisted living and memory care development given the lack of modern communities catering to seniors in the sub-market," said Bill Long of Starling Senior Living, the owner of the property. "When we came across the Goodby's site, we immediately fell in love



Rendering of the new Watercrest senior living facility being built at 9069 San Jose Blvd., south of Goodby's Creek.

with it given the opportunity to design a first class building that would incorporate the natural beauty of Goodby's Creek and the surrounding conservation land for our residents to enjoy."

Residents of Watercrest will be provided with wellness programs, restaurant-style dining, and personalized care. The memory-care unit will include Certified Dementia Specialists and

programs that focus on innovative lifestyle approaches including personal life silhouettes, multi-sensory enhancements, "Memories in the Making," music and other memory-related activities.

The facility is expected to open June 2016 and to hire 75 full and part-time employees, said Ryland Lucie of Starling. It will be managed by the Watercrest Senior Living Group.

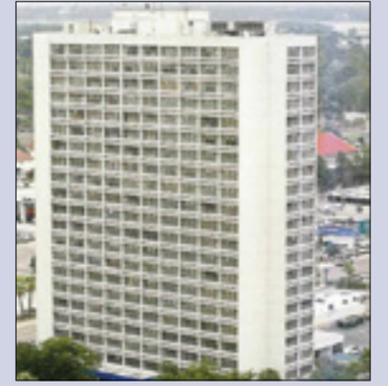


Joan Williams of Watercrest and Kirk Gilbert, Director of Operations for Choate Construction Savannah, prepare the golden shovels for the groundbreaking at the Watercrest of San Jose development, May 19.



Brent Pearson of Starling, Bill Long of Starling, Marc Vorkapich of Watercrest, Joan Williams of Watercrest and Ryland Lucie of Starling

Cathedral Terrace to undergo renovation



Cathedral Terrace, a downtown apartment building for seniors owned by Lakeshore South-based Aging True, will receive a major renovation in October.

The \$27 million makeover is part of the latest Renew Jax project. The city will contribute \$803,000 in State Housing initiatives Partnership program funds. The funding includes a combination of private tax credit financing and state and Jacksonville Housing Finance Authority sources.

Cathedral Terrace houses 240 one-bedroom apartments reserved exclusively for low-income residents who are elderly or disabled. The renovations will take place floor by floor. Residents will be relocated to vacant apartments while their units are being rehabbed. The renovations, which will include new flooring, appliances and painting, are expected to take a year to complete.



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Preservation Society bestows beautification awards

By Marcia Hodgson
Resident Community News

Over hand crafter cocktails at the Grape and Grain Exchange May 18, members of the San Marco Preservation Society celebrated their annual meeting by sharing the Society's accomplishments, announcing new officers and bestowing its yearly beautification awards.

Outgoing president Mary Toomey listed several of the Society's achievements this year, some of which included two new fundraising events – Wine Down in the Park and Farm to San Marco, an emphasis on "traffic calming," regular trash pick-up in the parks, walk- and

bike-ability in San Marco, a refurbished clock in San Marco Square thanks to a hefty donation by Ernie Saltmarsh, and more dog stations in the parks. She also lauded SMPS for its efforts in decorating San Marco at Christmas and working to maintain the "character of the neighborhood" during meetings about rezoning.

Toomey introduced incoming President Andrew Dickson, who spoke of the Society's efforts to improve sustainability through its relationship with St. John's Riverkeeper and other community organizations. Dickson also mentioned upcoming plans to improve Whatley Park, extending his appreciation to the neighborhood for its involvement. When



Elizabeth Hill and Rob Smith

the improvements are made, the park will look "as good as one in Savannah or Charleston," he said.

Rob Smith announced the annual beautification awards. Residential winners this year were: Corner Lot

Properties, 1317-1319 LaSalle Street; Donny Mak, 1505 Belmonte Street; Elizabeth Hill, 1511 Flagler Street. Commercial winners included: Matthew Ruttner, 1620-1636 Hendricks Avenue; Chase Bank, 1515 Atlantic Blvd., First Citizen's Bank, 1471 San Marco Blvd., Kitchen on San Marco, 1402 San Marco Blvd., Sidecar, 1406 Hendricks Ave., and V Pizza, 1406 Hendricks Ave.

Serving as officers for the next year will be Dickson, president; Toomey, past president; Jim Stevens, treasurer; Liz Klein, communications; Glen Weiger, zoning/traffic; Alex Varkonda, events; Neil Chandler, safety; Bryan Mickler, parks; Diane Martin, special projects; Jan Bebeau, membership; Rick Kohn, nuisance; Susanna Barton, newsletter. Rob Smith, Suzanne Perritt, Lori Boyer and Zim Boulos will continue as Directors Emeriti.



Neil and Allison Chandler, Anna Jacobson, Andrew Dickson, Bryan Mickler



James Newman and Judge Tyrie Boyer

Celebrating past, present and future

Assumption Catholic Church had a trifecta of celebrations on May 16. Beginning with the 40th anniversary of Father Fred Parke's ordination, at which Bishop Felipe Estevez was in attendance, the afternoon proceeded with the groundbreaking for the new school building.

Bishop Estevez led the blessing of the site and 10 people involved in the building campaign helped to break ground. About 100 students joined in the first dig practically had to be dragged away from the digging by their parents. A party in honor of Father Parke's birthday ended the evening with dinner and dancing in the courtyard.

Patrick Thornton, Sister Mary Donovan, Superior of Jacksonville Community of the Servant Sisters of the Home of the Mother, Fr. Fred Parke, Pastor, Betty Demetree, Bishop Felipe Estevez, Maryann Jimenez, Principal, Mary Maszy, Erin Avera, ACS Advisory Board President, Diane Frasier, Parish Council.



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Men's Garden Club welcomes life members



Donn Elliott, president of the Men's Garden Club, presents Terry DelValle with a plaque commemorating honorary membership.

During its May meeting, the Men's Garden Club of Jacksonville, established in 1945, inducted Bill Huebner into its roster of Honorary Life Members, which includes Chaplain Roy Lightfoot, Richard Basford, Jim Fortenberry, Jim Love and Russ Snyder.

The club also awarded its second honorary membership to Terry DelValle, Duval County Program Leader/ Urban Horticulture Agent, for her outstanding service to and in recognition of achievements which exemplify the club's highest ideals. The first honorary member is Karen Love, of San Marco, who provided the club's members with refreshments for many years.

MOVERS & SHAKERS

Eco-friendly Salon comes to San Marco



Lisa Thomas, Ronny King

Verde Eco Salon, a hair establishment specializing in organic, vegan/vegetarian and "cruelty-free" hair products has opened at 1550 Hendricks Ave. in San Marco.

Lisa Thomas, who owns the salon jointly with her sister Tanya Netting and stylist Ronny King, said they were happy to go into business in San Marco because they want to be in the "urban core."

"We want to be where the most growth in Jacksonville is, which is San Marco, Riverside and Avondale," Thomas said.

"We feel what we do, being an eco-friendly salon, that there are more people in

the urban core who identify with us," she said, noting that their location is very centrally located and that King has much of his clientele in the area.

Verde Eco is a certified "clean air" salon, and offers "eco-friendly" packages, Thomas said. The salon does not offer permanents or straightening services, which often have toxic ingredients like formaldehyde, and insists on using only low-ammonia and no-ammonia color. Also offered is a full line of Davines natural hair care products.

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New Garden Club executive board: Vice President Jay Hester, Lauren Baxter, Debbie Byrd, LaVonne O'Shields, Nancy Mahon, President Carol Waters, Charlene Hughes, Bobby Arnold (missing from the photo are Nan Chopskie and Debbie Keller)

Women's Garden Club helps fund St. Johns Riverkeeper campaign

At its annual meeting to install new officers, the Garden Club of Jacksonville also presented a check for \$1,800 to the St. Johns Riverkeeper for its civic outreach project.

"We are the voice of the St. Johns River and get our funds through private donations; we don't seek any government funding at all. These funds will be designated for the Save the St. Johns Campaign for technical, legal and scientific expertise to address the myriad of issues that are affecting the St. Johns," said Jimmy Orth, executive director, St. Johns Riverkeeper. "The good news is that to help raise \$250,000 the Delores Barr Weaver Foundation is matching up to \$125,000, so this contribution you've given us will be doubled. There are so many issues affecting the river and as this is the Year of the River, this gift is perfect timing."



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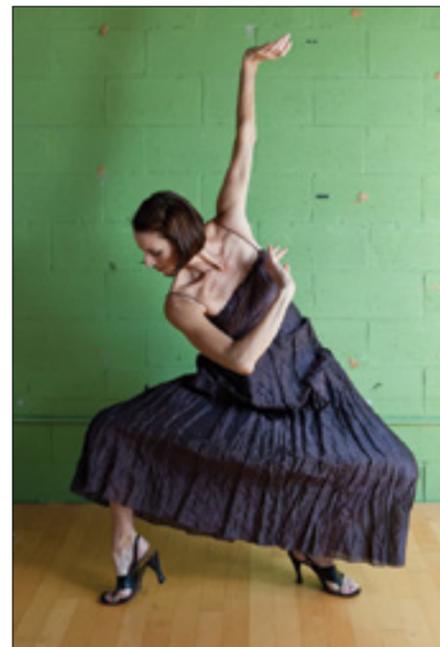
San Marco dance choreographer and teacher Suzanne Saltmarsh presented "OBStacleS" at the Martha Graham Studio Theatre in April in New York City, dancing alongside six former students of hers, all graduates of Douglas Anderson School of the Arts, who continue to flourish in their dance careers.

"OBStacleS" was a celebration of 30 years of mentoring from Ethel Winter, a beloved dance teacher to Saltmarsh. Dancers Hilary Bodin, Landes Dixon, Matt Doolin, Ruth Howard, Mikaila Koenig, Robert Stevenson IV danced alongside Saltmarsh in the sold-out performance, attend by Martha Graham School director Virginie Mecene and principal dancer Katherine Crockett.

Saltmarsh grew up in San Marco, where

she and a neighbor would put on dance shows for an audience in a San Marco park. She was the first scholarship student at the Florida Ballet in downtown Jacksonville.

For Saltmarsh, the ballet was a learning experience, melding together art and technology. While many of the dancers reside in NYC, Saltmarsh held multiple rehearsals through Skype while in her Jacksonville home. "It forced me to look at my work in a different way" says Saltmarsh. Through a mesh of live and virtual rehearsals connecting the dancers across a wide geographical distance, Saltmarsh witnessed the many layers of her choreography emerge. "I believe that this fragmentation and layering of the ballet is similar to people growing and changing in life."



Suzanne Saltmarsh

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Gator Bowl Sports announces new chairman, chairman-elect

Heather Duncan, regional director of external affairs for AT&T Florida, will take the reins as the 2015 Chairman of Gator Bowl Sports. Duncan is a graduate of Leadership Jacksonville, the Northeast Florida Regional Leadership Academy and Leadership Florida. She also serves on the boards of the Jacksonville Regional Chamber of Commerce, the Mayor's Advisory Commission on Television, Motion Picture and Commercial Production, Dreams Come True of Jacksonville as a past chairman, and the JAXUSA Partnership Policy Council.

In addition, San Jose resident David Boree, will serve as Chairman-Elect of Gator Bowl Sports. Boree, president of W.W. Gay Mechanical Contractor Inc., has served as a board member of the Association of General Contractors, JCCI, PACE Center for Girls, Catholic Charities, JU Council and the Leukemia Lymphoma Society.

Boree's current civic involvements include serving as board member of Downtown Jacksonville Rotary Club, University of Florida Mechanical Engineering Advisory Board, TaxSlayer Bowl Membership



David Boree



Heather Duncan

Chairman, UNF Engineering Advisory Council and Northeast Florida Executive Board of Boy Scouts of Florida.

MOVERS & SHAKERS

Local chef takes home a top prize



Chef Tom Gray (Photo courtesy of Omni Amelia Island Plantation Resort)

Chef Tom Gray of Moxie Kitchen + Cocktails in Jacksonville recently participated in the second annual "Fish to Fork" culinary weekend at Omni Amelia Island Plantation Resort in collaboration with the James Beard Foundation, April 30-May 3. The event benefitted the James Beard Foundation scholarship program. Six award-winning chefs from around the country joined Amelia Island charter captains on fishing excursions before turning their catch-of-the-day into scrumptious seafood dishes – culminating in a chef showdown where Chef Tom Gray, formerly founding partner and executive chef of San Marco's Bistro AIX, came in second place.

ReMax offers one-stop real estate experience

A new realty has taken over the old gas station near San Marco Square. ReMax Active Realty has moved in, and the husband and wife team of Todd Addicott and Paula Buzeta hope to provide their customers with a different kind of real estate experience.

"We want to try to provide more than having a customer walk in and have someone just show them a house," said Addicott. "We want to provide good customer service and have an enjoyable place to other realtors to work."

ReMax Active Realty differs from other real estate firms because it provides a one-stop shopping experience for the home buyer by housing a mortgage company, a title company and a property management firm all under one roof. The firm also employs the latest technology and has a bilingual capability, Addicott said. A native of Venezuela, Buzeta is fluent in Spanish. "We have the ability to deal with foreign buyers in a different way. In this business you are dealing with everybody. We try to bring a different feel to it."

Addicott and his wife picked their San Marco location because it is central to the neighborhood. "This place is perfect. It's in the



Paula Buzeta, Todd Addicott

middle of San Marco and that's what we want," Addicott said. "We were attracted to the diversity of San Marco and Riverside. These neighborhoods are different than anywhere else in Jacksonville. We want to be here. Our focus is to be here," Buzeta said. Contact Todd Addicott at their office, 1665 San Marco Blvd., (904) 503-3956.

Klein to head Jewish Community Foundation

The Jewish Community Foundation of Northeast Florida will soon have a new administrator.

Jeff Klein of Cherry Hill, N.J. has been tapped to serve as executive director of the foundation. He will begin serving Sept. 3.

Klein, who is now a San Jose resident, served for 18 years as executive director of the Jewish Community Foundation of Cherry Hill, N.J. During his time working for the Jewish Federation of Southern New Jersey and the community's Jewish foundation, Klein guided the growth of the endowment program, including current and future assets, from \$6 million to more than \$50 million. The number of funds



Jeff Klein

increased from 75 to almost 500.

Jewish Community Foundation President Mark Green and Federation President Hal Resnick co-chaired the search committee that selected

Klein. During the interview process, Klein met with several professional leaders in the Jacksonville Jewish community including Rabbi Yaakov Fisch of the Etz Chaim Synagogue, Colleen Rodriguez CEO of Jewish Family and Community Services, Marty Goetz, Myron Flagler executive director of the Jewish Community Alliance and Alan Margolies, Executive Director of the Jewish Federation of Jacksonville.

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Community Hospice earns distinction of excellence

For the second year in a row, Community Hospice of Northeast Florida has been designated Elite Status, the only organization in Florida to receive the distinction. Only two percent of the hospices evaluated received the Elite Status designation.

Community Hospice is one of only 39 hospices nationally with such an accolade. Community Hospice Senior Vice President of Hospice Services Mary McElroy said the honor is just part of the remarkable story the organization continues to weave for itself.

“As the leader of the clinical team, I see on a very personal level the professionalism and commitment to each patient our staff provides,” said McElroy, a San Jose resident. “I could not be more proud of earning this designation as it is a reflection of our mission-driven values to improve the quality of life for those facing this part of life’s journey.”

The award was granted by Deyta, a division of HEALTHCAREfirst, as part of



Mary McElroy



Joy Korman

its Hospice Honors program, a landmark compilation of more than 1,700 hospices providing the highest level of satisfaction as measured from the caregiver’s point of view.

“What a comfort it is, knowing this community has one of the best hospices in the country available to them,” said

Joy Korman, an Epping Forest resident and Community Hospice board member. “For Community Hospice to again achieve this honor, and to be the only hospice in the state to earn Elite Status, is a reflection of the commitment and dedication of our staff.”

Melt-in-the-mouth macarons

Legends abound about the creation of the French Macaron.

History shows an Italian recipe from the Renaissance when Catherine de’ Medici’s pastry chefs created them for her wedding to Henry II of France. A more colorful story features a group of French monks who modeled the dessert after the shape of their own belly buttons.

The French Macaron (translated as macaroon in English) is a meringue-based cookie made of finely ground almonds, egg whites and sugar, then colorfully sandwiched with a smooth ganache, jam or buttercream filling.

Matthew’s Pastry Chef Rebecca Reed held a French Macaron cooking class on May 16 at the restaurant for aspiring pastry chefs, who enjoyed learning the theory behind Macarons, taking a tour of the kitchen, and a hands-on cooking class resulting in a dozen mixed French Macarons and a dozen Coconut Macarons to go, recipes, a light brunch with Mimosas, and a Macaron scoop – so they can create their own at home.



Chef Rebecca Reed, right, gives Mimi Dinh instruction in mixing a meringue base for a French Macaron.



Pastry class watches Chef Rebecca Reed prepares to add filling to the cookie halves.

Kaywork honored for career in child welfare

Lee Kaywork, chief executive officer, Family Support Services of North Florida, was named recipient of a Lifetime Achievement Award at the 22nd Annual Child Abuse Prevention Luncheon held April 22. The Exchange Club Family Center of Northeast Florida honored five distinguished industry leaders for their commendable work in child abuse prevention. Lifetime Achievement honorees

are recognized for exceptional careers in child abuse prevention and treatment, and child welfare services.

Kaywork was noted as an exceptional agency leader who has focused his efforts on strengthening the child welfare system for dependent children and providing a more effective and innovative array of program choices, including neighborhood networks and prevention services.

Chief executive officer at FSS since February 2012, Kaywork and his wife Mary have been foster parents to 35 children and have two adopted daughters.



Lee Kaywork, chief executive officer, Family Support Services of North Florida, holds his Lifetime Achievement Award for Child Abuse Prevention. Celebrating with him is David Abramowitz, regional director, Department of Children and Families.

San Marco cousins join Florida Bar



Terry Byrd, Stacy Byrd, Connie Byrd, Avery Sander and James Poindexter

There is more than one newly-minted legal advocate living in San Marco. James Poindexter and his cousin, Stacy Byrd, recently joined the Florida Bar after graduating from law school in 2014.

Poindexter, son of Carole and Al Poindexter of San Marco, passed the Florida Bar exam and was sworn into the Bar at the Jacksonville Court House on April 20.

In 2014, Poindexter graduated with both a Juris Doctor degree from Florida Coastal School of Law and a Master of Business Administration from Jacksonville University. A graduate of Episcopal High School, Poindexter attended Principia College in Elsah, Illinois and graduated from Rollins College in Winter Park with a Bachelor of Arts in political science in 2011. Poindexter is employed as an Associate with Delegal Law Offices, P.A. as an employment law specialist.

Byrd, who is the daughter of Connie and Terry Byrd of Miramar, graduated in 2014 with law degree, magna cum laude from the University of Miami School of Law and a Masters degree in tax law. A resident of San Marco, she is a graduate of Episcopal High School and Wofford College in South Carolina where she majored in accounting. She is employed as an associate at Holland and Knight on the firm’s Public Companies and Securities Team. Her parents are the owners of the Byrd and Byrd law firm on Emerson Street in San Marco.

Poindexter’s sister, Avery D. Sander, also a San Marco resident, recently accepted a new position with the civil litigation firm of Conroy Simberg. Sander graduated from Episcopal High School and Principia College where she majored in English. She is a graduate of Florida Coastal School of Law and was admitted to the Florida Bar in 2011.

MOVERS & SHAKERS

Lamell named chapter delegate to Florida AIA board

Stellar vice president Tony Lamell was named a chapter delegate to the American Institute of Architects (AIA) Florida



Tony Lamell

Board of Directors. Lamell has been involved with AIA Jacksonville for over 20 years and this marks Lamell’s third term as a chapter delegate. In this role, Lamell serves on a 20-person task force that’s helping reposition the structure of the AIA board at the state level with the initiative of providing the utmost value and services to AIA members.

“In our industry, your responsibility goes beyond just being the architect. It’s also about understanding how you can interact with the community and make our profession better understood,” said Lamell, a San Marco resident. “This role has been both enlightening and rewarding because I’m helping to facilitate that for chapters across the state of Florida.”

Lamell is also serving on the Membership Committee of the AIA Florida Board, representing the Jacksonville chapter. Previously, Lamell has held leadership roles with both the Jacksonville and state AIA chapter, including the State Director position on AIA’s Florida board.

Another Stellar architect, Jennifer Suharmadji, was named board secretary and is also trade show chair. She mentors with ACE (Architecture, Construction and Engineering) and is the vice president/president-elect of First Coast Rotaract, a young professional service organization affiliated with Rotary International.

Nursing Honor Society celebrates 25 years

Sigma Theta Tau, the international nursing honor society in over 90 countries and across the United States,



includes over 2000 Sigma members in Northeast Florida. Lambda Rho-at-Large is the Sigma chapter here in Jacksonville and is a joint chapter between the Schools of Nursing at The University of North Florida and Jacksonville University. The chapter celebrates its 25th anniversary this year and plans on hosting a celebration reception at the Garden Club of Jacksonville on June 18, 5:30 p.m. The event will celebrate nursing excellence in scholarship, leadership and service in the Jacksonville area.

Save the date for 'tour de food'

The fall social season starts off with a bang at the annual Delicious Destinations event at the Ponte Vedra Inn & Club, Sept. 10-12. With Tour de France as the theme, event chairs Jennifer and Henry Brown, Kelley and Stephen Kunz and Kristen and Josh Martino have planned a long weekend's worth of fun and food.

Beginning with a Celebrity Chef Reception and Luncheon on Thursday, Sept. 10,

Chef Jean-Pierre Brehier, of France and Ft. Lauderdale, will demonstrate recipes, ingredients and techniques while Chef Hermann Muller's team of talented chefs assemble the dishes for the patrons.

On Friday night, major donors and sponsors will enjoy a private reception with the chefs, then on Saturday night, the gourmet event will wow everyone with the food and wine pairings by chefs from up and down the East Coast. Don't forget about the live and silent auctions with many unique items. Visit deliciousdestinationsjax.com for details.



First Coast Rotaract hosts Black Tie & Blue Jeans benefit

First Coast Rotaract raised \$12,000 during its 12th Biennial Black Tie & Blue Jeans Gala May 2 at the Jacksonville Historical Society's Old St. Andrews Church. The money will benefit The Cathedral Arts Project. The charity fundraiser also celebrated First Coast Rotaract's 25th anniversary, its "Silver Year of Service."

"We are very excited about our sponsor this year," said Rotaract President Lucas Hildebrand. "When selecting an organization, we always look at where we can make a lasting impact and there is no better place than helping the underserved children of North East Florida."

Gala attendees donned a mix of black tie and blue jeans attire as they enjoyed



Angie Buonadonna, Marie Gallee

open bar and hors d'oeuvres from local restaurants. Live music and a raffle highlighted the event. Over the past 12 years, the gala has raised more than \$160,000 for various organizations.



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CAP opens door to new home

Supporters of The Cathedral Arts Project were in for a treat at its open house event May 21 in the historic Elks Building downtown. Two galleries, the Charles Margiotta Student Gallery and the Heather Moore Geraghty Community Gallery, displayed student and art teacher works. Also, in honor of the first night of Jazz Fest, local jazz drummer and Cathedral Arts instructor John Lumpkin set the mood with Erik Lofgren on the keyboards and Lawrence Buckner on the upright bass, while guests noshed on hors

d'oeuvres catered by Café Nola.

The Cathedral Arts Project recently received a Certificate of Excellence from the President's Committee on the Arts and Humanities, as one of the top programs of its kind in the country. In its third decade of serving more than 2,000 students two afternoons each week during the school year and summer, CAP provides quality, standards-based instruction in dance, music, theatre and the visual arts at no charge to the students.



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Local seminary plans future care center for PTSD sufferers

By Kate A. Hallock
Resident Community News

Combat...domestic violence...early childhood abuse...sexual abuse. All can result in post-traumatic stress disorder, which an estimated 20 million Americans – slightly higher than the total population of Florida – suffer from at any given time.

Given the large military presence here, Jacksonville most likely has more than its share of veterans and active duty servicemen and women who struggle with PTSD. Organizations such as Wounded Warriors and K9s for Warriors provide services to help treat returning warriors, but there is an inadequate number of psychotherapists to treat the many who suffer with PTSD as a result of domestic violence, sexual and/or childhood abuse.

According to Dr. Heyward Ewart III, president of St. James the Elder Theological Seminary in St. Nicholas, “The mental health community is so overwhelmed that victims are hard pressed to find a competent psychotherapist. And the subject is very rarely covered in the doctoral psychology programs at colleges and universities.”

The eight-year-old seminary has taken on the task of educating men and women in the knowledge and skills required for dealing with PTSD cases and, in addition to providing a low-cost education in traumatology examination, hopes to open St. James Care Center to address the need specifically for the care of victims of human trafficking.

“With the burgeoning of human trafficking, PTSD is skyrocketing,” said Dr. Ewart, a St. Nicholas resident. “A project is being planned to establish a facility for victims – men, women and children – in Jacksonville to provide protection, housing, food, medical and psychological help, and education aimed at employability.”

Dr. Ewart, himself a victim of extreme physical abuse as a child, has spent 35 years in practice as a psychotherapist but said, “Teaching future traumatologists is by far the most rewarding work I’ve ever done. It’s also the most important.”

As with the seminary, which relies on a highly qualified volunteer staff to provide distance learning, mentors and hands-on supervision in preparation for the licensing exam, the care center will also look for volunteers from the community and for contributors, including a cooperating pharmacy to dispense prescription medication donated by pharmaceutical companies.

Area psychologists and psychotherapists see the need and applaud any efforts to address it. “Any mission designed to help people who have been subjected to the horrors of human trafficking would be a step in the right direction,” said Mary Lou Prendergast LMHC, Psychological Services of Jacksonville.

The St. James Care Center will be a joint effort between St. James the Elder Theological Seminary, the Holy Catholic

Church International (which operates the seminary) and the Beautiful Heart Foundation, an outreach of the church.

Dr. Ewart, director of psychological services and clinical training for students at the seminary, is appealing to the community for assistance with St. James Care Center.

“The Care Center will be located in St. Nicholas in an existing structure yet to be chosen. We first must have an idea of how much our start-up funds will be,” explained Dr. Ewart. “Hopefully we will care for at least 20 victims at a time, who will ‘graduate’ to live successfully in society and then will be replaced with new people needing care.”

The business plan is in the early discussion stage. Before proceeding too far, Dr. Ewart plans to meet with the Office of the Mayor, the sheriff’s department, housing and victim services.

If interested in assisting with St. James Care Center, contact Dr. Ewart at bewart3804@comcast.net.

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Long affiliation with Baptist pays off for San Marco resident

By Marcia Hodgson
Resident Community News

When Baptist Medical Center first approached Betty Benfield in 2006 about selling her home in San Marco, she would have none of it. She and her husband had bought their two-bedroom, one-bath bungalow at 937 Dante Place for \$10,500 in August of 1962. It was the house where their daughter Betsy grew up. It was the house where their daughter Beverly Anne lived briefly before she died.

Over the years, Benfield had watched Baptist Hospital and Nemours Children's Specialty Care slowly encroach on her neighborhood. Gradually the area from Gary Street to Childrens Way transformed from a cozy residential enclave into a commercial outlier.

"When we first lived here, it was lovely. A lot of children and elderly people were here. It was a real family neighborhood. There was a sidewalk in front of our house. Kids rode their bicycles on the sidewalk," she said.

So when Baptist made Benfield an offer in 2008, she turned it down flat. "She said, 'I'm not selling for a parking lot,'" recalled Benfield's daughter, Betsy Harper. "She told them she would take no less than a million dollars and even then she would charge them for air space."

But on April 20, 2015, Benfield was more than happy to hand over the keys to her 1,050-square-foot home and sign on the dotted line. The difference was not only money – although she got a big number – but purpose. About a year ago, Baptist Medical Center announced plans to join forces with the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center and bring one of the country's top cancer treatment and research facilities to Jacksonville. Benfield's home on Dante Place became ground zero for where Baptist hoped to build the new hospital.

"When I heard MD Anderson was coming I was very pleased that my property would be used to help treat cancer patients. This is something near and dear to my heart," Benfield said. "It was bitter-sweet. I loved my little home and it was hard to give it up, but with MD Anderson coming, how could I say no?"

Baptist paid Benfield \$558,000 for her home. The price included \$8,000 for a long-term hospital bed and nightstand she could use when she moved to Julington Creek to live with Betsy, son-in-law Mike Harper and 14-year-old grandson Ben.



Betty Benfield stands in front of the fireplace in her Dante Place bungalow circa 1964



Baptist Memorial Hospital, 1955

Also included are plans to immortalize Benfield with a plaque on the walls of the new MD Anderson facility. The plaque will tell the story of Benfield's long career with the health system and note that her home once stood in the same place as the new facility.

"Betty Benfield has been an important part of Baptist Health's history in our community. And so it seems fitting that the sale of her family home will help usher in an exciting part of our future – the new Baptist/MD Anderson Cancer Center," said Audrey Moran, Senior Vice President for Social Responsibility and Community Advocacy at Baptist Health.

Knowing her mother will be forever a part of the new cancer center is particularly meaningful, Harper said. "That's the only thing that brought me to tears," Betsy said. "I was blown away by that."

Long career

Although Benfield had refused to entertain Baptist's first offer seven years before, it was not for lack of love for Baptist. Her affiliation with the Southbank hospital has been a long and happy one.

Born and raised in South Carolina, Benfield moved to Jacksonville after marrying her husband Emory in 1960. The hospital was only five years old when Baptist Memorial Hospital hired her as a full-time medical secretary. At that time, Benfield recalled the main hospital was a five-sto-



Emory S. "Ben" Benfield introduces his newborn daughter, Betsy, to his friends, Charles Sikes and Chaplin Cumbee at Baptist Hospital in July, 1961. Sikes was Baptist's Personnel Director at that time.

ry building with 268 beds, and Wolfson Children's Hospital comprised a two-story building adjacent to the hospital on the Southbank of the St. Johns River.

Betsy was born at Baptist in July 1961, and Benfield took a short break to stay home with her daughter. In the meantime, she and her husband bought the house on Dante Place in 1962. It became a short commute for Benfield when she returned to Baptist in 1963, taking a job as a secretary in its public relations department.

During this time, Benfield often walked to work. Baptist had only 500 employees and was a "low" building by the river, she said. The intersection of Gary and Palm Streets was highly trafficked. The Fuller Warren Bridge was a drawbridge with a tollbooth and the high overpass leading to the bridge had not been built.

"It was a dangerous highway where I had to cross," Benfield said. "It was always busy. I had to be very cautious."

When she was very young, Betsy played in Friendship Park and the bawl of the trains nearby bothered her. "I couldn't handle the sound of trains growing up. Now I work for East Coast Railway," she said, laughing at the irony.

When Hurricane Dora hit in 1964, three feet of water swirled around the foundation of Benfield's house and an inch of river crept over her living room floor.

"My husband took Betsy out on his shoulders," Benfield recalled. "When he walked out of the house, the water was knee deep."

"I can remember a boat floating down Dante Place," Harper said. "I recall looking down at the water."

The Benfields took refuge at Baptist Hospital for three days and nights, where they were given their own room and Betsy was able to play with other children.

Answer to prayer

In 1966, Benfield's second daughter, Beverly Anne, was born at Baptist. When the previously healthy nine-pound, five-ounce baby began to fail due to cysts on her kidneys 10 weeks later, she died at Baptist.

Meanwhile, Benfield continued to work at the hospital and was promoted to Assistant Director of Public Relations in 1968. During her tenure she served as editor of the monthly employee newsletter,



Betty Benfield, Betsy Harper

Stethoscope, and was responsible for the "Mother's Day Offering," a fundraiser she coordinated with local churches to collect donations for indigent patients that had been admitted to the hospital. She also worked as a surgical photographer on certain procedures by a physician's group. By the time she left Baptist to be full-time mother to 10-year-old Betsy, she had been made a member of the hospital's six-member executive committee.

"Betsy asked me to quit because she didn't want to go to extended day," Benfield said.

When her daughter turned 16, Benfield returned again to Baptist, working as a hematology/oncology researcher with Dr. Neil Abramson helping with clinical trials. She finally retired in 1984 because her husband was ill.

In retirement, Benfield cared for her husband, attended church and "power" walked five miles a day down River Road and through San Marco. She also started an abandoned cat rescue, at one time housing 28 felines in her "Kitty Kondo," a screened enclosure in back of her house. "She turned into the San Marco cat lady," Harper said. "It was a hobby," Benfield explained.

In 1998, Emory died at Baptist of complications from prostate cancer. "Finding a cure for cancer is important to me," Benfield said.

Harper agreed. "Baptist is an answer to prayer, not just for us, but for all of Jacksonville due to the fact that MD Anderson Cancer facility will be here," she said. "It will have every aspect of everything you need to know about cancer. It will save lives, not just in the southeast region, but also throughout the country. MD Anderson could save our lives. It's a phenomenal thing that is happening for Jacksonville."

Foster teens learn ease of working together

By Marcia Hodgson
Resident Community News

“Working together is easier than working alone” was the lesson one competitor learned during the Foster Teens Scavenger Hunt sponsored by Family Services of North Florida May 7. FSS is the lead agency for foster care, adoption, transitioning youth services and family preservation in Duval and Nassau Counties.

Adorned in army-green t-shirts with the Challenge slogan, “Are you up for it?”, 11 teens and three FSS chaperones, tracked clues and completed tasks designed to encourage decision-making, teamwork and communications while traveling on public transportation throughout downtown Jacksonville.

“The teens successfully pushed themselves past their limits and worked in teams to figure out clues, the bus system and where important Jacksonville locations are. They conquered this challenge!” said Kendra Hilton of Riverside, and FSS project specialist who coordinated the event.

The event started at FSS headquarters on Riverplace Blvd. and included visits to Rosa Parks Transit Station, Friendship Park, the Department of Motor Vehicles, Klutho Park, the County Jail and the Riverwalk as well as other city landmarks

before ending with dinner in Hemming Park. FSS staff were stationed at each location and provided clues so the teens would know where to go next.

Some of the challenges the teens needed to face were: locating a specific book by a reference number in the city library, gather admissions information at Florida State College Jacksonville, learning the history of each landmark, and spending as close to \$10 as possible at Sweet Pete’s candy store.

The scavenger hunt is one of many activities comprising “The Challenge,” a new enrichment program provided by FSS that incorporates challenging and fun activities with life skills focusing on education, careers, health and community. Other activities included in the three-month “Challenge” program are canoeing, horseback riding, a ropes course and camping, which will be formatted after the popular TV reality shows, Survivor and the Amazing Race.

Each participant in the “Challenge” program is asked to keep a journal to share their thoughts and feelings about each activity they complete. After the scavenger hunt, one teen wrote: “I learned working together is easier than working alone. It brings people closer. Pushing your limits makes you stronger.”



Back row: Acastia Mares, Daisy Dabney, Agnes Amante, Ethen Finley, Jasmine Forssell, Matt Hair. Front row: Brittany Ware, Clinton Dove, Aaliyah Oates, Jordan Hair.



The team of Agnes Amante, Ethen Finley, Jasmine Forssell, Matt Hair and team chaperone Bob West discuss using the Skyway, which they rode from San Marco to the Rosa Parks Transit Station.



Brittany Ware, Daisy Dabney, Rebekah Caruso and Clinton Dove of Spring Glen were the first team to arrive at Friendship Fountain Park on the Southbank.



Winning team: Agnes Amante, Ethen Finley, Jasmine Forssell, Matt Hair and Bob Miller, team chaperone.

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Steve and Michael Pajcic of Pajcic & Pajcic hosted their 3rd Annual Wiffle Golf + Happy Hour to benefit Jacksonville Area Legal Aid. The event held at Steve and Anne Pajcic's home on May 15 offered awards, including \$6,000 for a hole in one, with an additional \$6,000 donated in the golfer's name to JALA.

The course, with two par 5s and three par 3s, involved real golf shots, including putting and plays about as tough as a player's home course. Rounds at TPC were among the prizes for "closest to the pin" and lowest gross score. Pajcic & Pajcic also matched all entry fees, hole sponsorships and prizes won with a donation to JALA.



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Underwear challenge raises \$55,000



Captain Underwear, Jeff Meyer, Nancy Chamblin and Laura Crooks

By Marcia Hodgson
Resident Community News

When Nancy Chamblin of San Marco retired from her job as a registered nurse she needed something to do. So she headed over to the Downtown Ecumenical Services Council to see if she could help out.

"I was looking around for something to do as an encore job," she said, noting that she works three days a week. "It's amazing how when you leave the place you feel blessed."

Chamblin was part of the "non-committee" that planned this year's first annual Great Underwear Challenge that took place at Mellow Mushroom in Avondale May 12.

During the event donors were charmed by Captain Underwear who, as well as Jacksonville sports personality Cole Pepper, served as host of the event.

DESC held the charity event to raise money so that it can provide seven days of underwear and socks to each member of the homeless families it serves. Last year DESC served more than 5,000 families, but with its limited budget it was only able to provide two pairs of socks and underwear per person, said Julie Handley of Avondale, Chairman of the Fundraising Committee.

"It's a hard thing to imagine waking up and having to use yesterday's underwear, but for our families it is an everyday

reality," said Beth Wilson of DESC. "The Great Underwear Challenge is about providing self esteem and hope to families in Jacksonville."

Supporters of the DESC campaign raised \$55,000 during the gathering where the charitable organization accepted monetary donations as well as socks and underwear. Mellow Mushroom also contributed a percentage of the night's food and beer sales to the charity. The total included a matching donation of \$20,000 from Jeff Meyer of Ortega.

"We've been supporting DESC for years," Meyer said. "It has low overhead and services and does a tremendous amount for the people and our cities most pressing needs." Meyer also said he felt his support was a "good investment."

Chamblin said she loves to work with DESC because in doing so she feels that she is "living the Beatitudes."

"We're supposed to feed people and clothe people and not just feed them if we agree with them politically or clothe them if their religion is what we think it should be," she said. DESC "also provides people with financial assistance if they have overdue rent or electric. We will pay to keep them in their homes another 30 days to give them breathing room. Sometimes just a small amount of money makes it possible for them to get ahead. So many people just live paycheck to paycheck," she said.



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Early Derby gala raises funds for families in crisis

The men donned bow ties and the ladies were adorned in festive hats as Catholic Charities held its 22nd annual Kentucky Derby themed gala April 25 at the Sawgrass Marriott Golf Resort & Spa in Ponte Vedra.

Beginning with a cocktail reception and a silent auction, the event included a raffle, dinner and dancing. Local philanthropist Ernie Bono, chairman of

Baptist Medical Center and a member of Our Lady Star of the Sea in Ponte Vedra, was the featured speaker.

The event raised money for Catholic Charities' emergency assistance program, said event organizer Kerry Warren of San Marco. "This is our biggest fundraiser of the year. The money is going to help families in crisis in our community," she said.



George Bateh and Kathy Schwartz



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Greg and Karen Montana

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Rockin' the night away to raise funds

Board members, major donors and friends of The Florida Theatre rolled back the clock to 1950 when they celebrated a festive evening on May 16. Marilyn Monroe and Elvis Presley made special guest appearances, entertaining the guests and taking time for photos.

There were poodle skirts aplenty as well as polka dots and sock hop essentials as

participants danced the

theater's stage after enjoying a silent auction cocktail reception. Most of the event took place at the Forsyth Street entrance where hand-crafted cocktails and silent auction were displayed.

According to Florida Theatre CEO Numa Saisselin, proceeds from the event help cover 20 percent of



Dr. John Lazzarra and wife Jennifer with Jessica Wynne, Natalie Lubo, Irene Lazzarra, Renee Finley and Debbie Kopp



Jennifer Earnest, Rob Middleton and Krista Eberle



Joanelle Mulrain, Cultural Council Executive Director Tony Allegretti and his wife Tammy, Mary Alegretti

Winning spirit lights the way for awardees

The Cultural Council of Greater Jacksonville honored several neighborhood artists during its 39th Annual Art Awards Gala, Light the Night, on May 2 in the Spark District. Money raised from the gala will benefit the Council's private arts grant program.

The honorees included Amber Amerson of Riverside, Art Educator Award; Cari Sanchez-Potter of Riverside, Art Innovator Award; Kedgar Volta of San Marco, Emerging Artist Award; Al Letson of Ortega, National Impact Award; Martha "Marty" Lanahan of San Marco, Helen Lane Founders Award; Dr. Mauricio Gonzalez, the Robert Arleigh White Award for Art Advocacy and Baptist Health, the Business Award for its commitment to enhancing the hospital experience with visual art, gardens, natural light and "sense-sensitive" design, as well as its dedication to arts in healing.



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budget. "A night like tonight helps us to get there, as we fund theater programming for educational opportunities," he said.
Saisselin also talked about the arts programs at Douglas Anderson School for the arts and LaVilla, which provide unique experiences for their students thanks to donors and supporters.



Jean Baker (Camille and Robyn Denny)

Lorraine Rodriguez and Kyle Etkorn



Ryan Kramer, Courtney Kramer, Jen Feber, Adam Feber, Morgan Teichert and Joe Teichert



Anne and John McKenzie

Patrons gather to celebrate 6th annual RiverHops

The stunning home of Charlene Johnson at the Marsh Landing Country Club in Ponte Vedra was the venue of the 6th Annual RiverHops charity benefit for North Florida School of Special Education May 2.

More than 200 guests attended the pairings dinner, which featured beers from Intuition Ale Works and delicious food prepared by Executive Chef Ian Welch of Bistro Aix/Ovinte and Chef Brett Swearingen of Berry Good

Farms, the school's teaching farm. The event featured a silent and live auction. Two popular items that were auctioned off included a dinner at the riverfront home of Gary McCalla and a party with the school's new food truck. Proceeds from the event will help fund North Florida School of Special Education's programs for children and young adults with intellectual disabilities.



Rhonda and Dean Gwin, Dr. Akin Cabi, Carl Loop, Audrey Cabi and Charlie Arnold

Pine Castle raises \$60,000 on Derby Day

The racehorse American Pharaoh may have won the Kentucky Derby, but Pine Castle's programs for the disabled were the real winners during its annual "Run for the Roses" Derby Day fundraiser May 2. Kelly and Erik Smith served as honorary co-chairmen for the event.

Over \$60,000 was raised during the benefit at Timuquana Country Club where more than 200 guests dined on traditional Derby fare – bourbon flank steak, shrimp and grits, Derby pie and mint juleps. The event included a live telecast of the race from Churchill Downs, which allowed guests to choose a horse and enter drawings to win prizes. The evening also included live music, silent and live auctions, a photo booth and bonnets and bow ties contests.

"Run for the Roses is a festive, fun way to support Pine Castle," said Mary Jarret of Riverside, past president and current board chair. "It's a party with a purpose that you don't want to miss. Mark your calendars for next year!"

The next Pine Castle "Run for the Roses" event will be held Saturday, May 7, 2016, as the Kentucky Derby is annually held on the first Saturday of May.



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It was a fun way to fundraise! The Law Firm of Pajcic and Pajcic held a whiffle golf tournament with all the proceeds going to Jacksonville Area Legal Aid, Inc. "JALA" provides legal assistance to low income and special-needs individuals. The 9-hole-course included an island green and sand traps. The Pajcic Firm matched every donation dollar for dollar for a grand total of nearly \$40,000 collected at the event. The Pajcic Firm is passionate about making sure everyone in our community has access to legal services.



Employees in the Pajcic Firm love to compete so it was no sweat finding people to participate in Jacksonville's 5K Corporate Run. All types of businesses, government agencies and financial institutions get together for the annual event billed as the city's largest office party. Overall, more than 3,000 people raced. We were able to take home a few trophies this year and training is already underway for next time!



For the second year in a row, The Pajcic Firm has given a donation to help staff Jacksonville's urban parks during the summer months. This will help pay for coaches to be in more than 20 parks when school is out of session. They will referee games, supervise activities and provide mentoring to young people. Steve Pajcic and his brother Gary grew up playing basketball in their neighborhood park. Steve told reporters it is something we owe our children, giving them the opportunity to have fun and grow up in a safe environment.



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Mosaic mural project draws observers, helpers

Art in Public Places truly a public work of art



Dale Burden is a regular at the evening sessions.

By *Kate A. Hallock*
Resident Community News

Had the “call for artists” for the Southbank Riverwalk Main Street Bridge mural project gone another way, the process may have been a whole lot different and the outcome, perhaps, viewed in another light.

Fortuitously, the Cultural Council of Greater Jacksonville’s project description to create permanent public art on a 60-foot wall along the newly renovated Southbank Riverwalk included criteria that the project have a level of community engagement.

During the 41-day – and night – installation of “Mirrored River: Where Do You See Yourself?” winning artist Kate Garcia Rouh and husband Kenny Rouh have, without a doubt, fulfilled the engagement criteria.

A steady stream of visitors along the St. Johns River’s Southbank have been drawn back again and again as collaborators in the mosaic mural project.

One “regular” said she has worked on the mosaic almost since the project began in March and, toward its completion in May, Dale Burden averaged four to five nights a week affixing pieces of ceramic tile and mirror to the concrete façade under the Main Street Bridge.

“So many senses are involved with this project,” Burden said. “Besides the visual focus, you feel the wind through the tunnel, hear sounds of traffic overhead, smell the lingering scent of a cigar...and people come by and make wonderful comments about it.”

Fellow tile affixer Judy Robertson said she appreciated the opportunity to do something for the community and at the same time meet people from all over. “We had a young man from Brazil who was in Jacksonville for a week with his job and saw us working one night,” she said. “The next night he came back and worked with us for two hours and said it really helped him unwind.”

Robertson also noted that a homeless man had helped often and was very

enthusiastic about the project. “He was a delight to work with,” she said.

Samantha Catanese, who by day is a preschool teacher at Little Friends Preschool, located at Hendricks Avenue Baptist Church, first encountered Roux Art when she saw their Song Bird display in Hemming Park. “Kenny introduced us to the project at One Spark and I decided to check this out,” said Catanese. “My favorite thing about this project is that they allowed the community to collaborate. It’s a cool thing to give back.”

For those who paused on their stroll along the Southbank to affix one tile, as well as for these stalwarts, the answer to the Mirrored River question is clear: they will forever see themselves in this magnificent piece of public art.

Main Street Bridge project completed

Just a few short weeks before Roux Art laid the last piece of tile on the mosaic under the southern end of the Main Street Bridge on May 12, the Florida Department of Transportation finished its rehabilitation project of the Main Street Bridge on April 30.

The project included rehabilitating structural steel on the bridge, replacing cables and replacing the handrail with crash-resistant steel barriers. The sidewalks on each side of the bridge were also replaced.

Superior Construction Company Southeast of Jacksonville began construction in January 2014 and completed the project on schedule for \$11.1 million. The Main Street Bridge is one of the oldest bridges in Jacksonville, requiring essential maintenance to preserve its integrity and reliability.



Samantha Catanese carefully places tiles along the bottom of the 448-square-foot Southbank Riverwalk mural.

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Conservation and connections made at annual chapter gathering

It was a fitting evening on the waterway as Sadler Point Marina hosted the CCA Florida Jacksonville Chapter annual barbecue and auction on the Ortega River. A gathering of supporters, friends and family of members and future anglers rallied for the cause of protecting our resources for fishing into the future.

The Coastal Conservation Association (or CCA) has a statewide presence that helps to drive lobbying efforts in support of sound recreational fishing opportunities and conservations efforts. By creating

a lasting impact on tributaries, waterways and fish habitats in the state of Florida, the group ensures a better future for anglers. More specifically, the local Jacksonville Chapter for Northeast Florida gains considerable ground on the waterways and habitats by the fundraising efforts of local membership. One of the largest undertakings and groundbreaking efforts to date is the establishment of the George Holt Reef and the CCA Reef deployed Dec. 4, 2014 in the St. Johns River.

The event was highlighted by a live

auction featuring charter trips, fine art, fishing gear and vacation trips as far away as Costa Rica were also made available to the highest bidder. The generous support of Bold City Brewing, Willard's BBQ Junction and Sadler Point Marina made the event a memorable occasion through their sponsorship of this year's event. For more information or sponsorship opportunities visit www.ccaflorida.org, click on the Jacksonville Chapter.



Regional Director CCA, Nick Pectol and Committee Member Charles Holt presented the live auction items and worked the bids



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Sporting clays course opens to shooting enthusiasts

Club raises funds and level of competition

Shooting sports in Jacksonville have put a fresh feather in the cap for shooters, as the Jacksonville Clay Target Sports, formerly known as the Jacksonville Skeet and Trap Club unveiled a new sporting clays course while branding a new name in early May.

Operating as one of the oldest continuously running facilities of its kind in the country, dating back to 1936, the news delivers a fresh, competitive perspective for current members and guests – many from the local neighborhoods.

“It is first class, we’ve almost doubled our participation and we’ve seen an uptick in the numbers,” said Past President and Board Member Larry Rolfe, a Riverside resident. “Sporting clays is more of an imitation and test of true shooting,” shared Rolfe, as he spoke on the history of shooting sports.

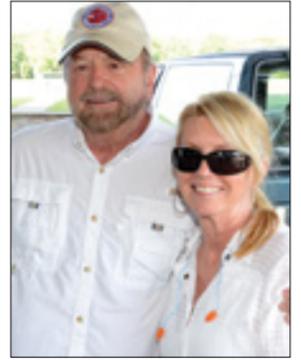
The course has helped to secure the club as one of the finest in Northeast Florida and the efforts to increase membership at the gun club has come to fruition after 12 months of fundraising and hard work. In order to deliver this world class outing, the current leadership made a decision to enlist the help of consultant, Rich Hemingway, a sporting clays course specialist from South Caro-



Past President Larry Rolfe, George Prattos and John Strom



Father and son shooters Michael and John Salassa with Tom Quinn



Board Member and Founding Members of the new Sporting Clays course are Buzz Tyre and his wife Meg; the Tyres are also Life Members of the club



Christina Mincek, Susan and George Prados, Mollie and Larry Rolfe, Sara and John Strom, Meg and Buzz Tyre



Fitzhugh Powell Sr. with wife Peggy, Kathy Barco Jossim, Safety Officer Early Piety and Club President Z. Mincek

lina last October. With the goal set to create a top notch facility, the advice led the club to further the design and layout of the course. The fundraising goals were met by enlisting the support of donors and companies, many jumped at the opportunity to participate.

According to board member, club safety officer and shooting instructor Early Piety, the club had significant acreage to make it all a possibility. In addition to the sporting clays, the club already had 10 skeet fields with a

total of eight stations on each field for members to utilize.

Today, with the skills necessary for the sporting clays the competition will be fierce on the grounds of the club. The future will continue to draw competitive shooters, just what the club had in mind when looking to expand. A recent opening on May 15 brought together leaders of the club who celebrated the opening by emptying rounds on the course, sharing steak and salmon dinners complete with libations – reveling in the club’s success.

Spend the day in memory of Clay

A tradition for the fishing community on Father’s Day weekend and a nice way to spend time with others who remember good times with loved ones, the 8th Annual Clay Roberts Memorial Inshore Slam Fishing Tournament is scheduled for Saturday, June 20.

This will be the third year that Clay’s Tournament will offer a Junior Anglers Division, sponsored by Key Auto Company. The competition is open for children ages 4 to 15, and 10 prizes will be awarded. Registration is \$15 per junior angler.

The tournament will be held at Beach Marine, located at 2315 Beach Blvd. at the Intracoastal Waterway. Beach Marine is a great venue for the tournament,



Delana and Joe Joseph, along with their cousin (in front) Haleigh Eason hold their Trout for the camera

providing ample space and parking for on-shore activities and promoting greater participation from the community.

All proceeds from the tournament are used to fund the Clay Roberts Memorial Scholarship at Bishop Kenny High School. The 2015 recipient is Joseph “Jay” Nasrallah, who plans to attend Florida Atlantic College, beginning summer session after competing in the tournament.

Entry Fee/ Registration

Entry Fee is \$120 per boat through June 19. Registration closes at the end of the Captain’s Meeting scheduled for Friday, June 19, 7 p.m. at the Mudville Grille, 3105 Beach Blvd.

Tournament Schedule

The tournament begins at “safe light” on Saturday, June 20, and weigh-in will be 2-4 p.m. and is open to the public. Food and festivities begin at 3 p.m. and awards ceremony at 5 p.m. Weather date will be Sunday, June 21.

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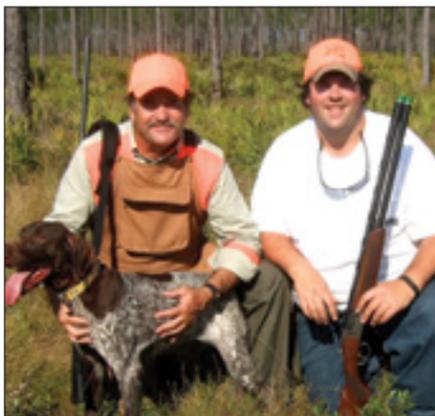
HOOKED ON HUNTING

Bill Parker knew his son Bradley was hooked on hunting from his first foray into the forest. In 2002 Parker took his then 11-year-old son on a deer hunting trip and said that within an hour of their arrival at the deer stand, they were a father-son team.

"Together we have spread into other types of hunting, but what we still enjoy to the fullest every chance we get together, is quail hunting," said Parker. "Quail hunting is a southern tradition. It's a chance for a father and son to spend the day together, and once again, every outing has a story to be re-lived."

Now at 23, Brad continues to spend the majority of his time outdoors. He is a competitive skeet shooter, helps trap nuisance gators for the Florida Wildlife Commission. He will sleep in his truck to be ready for ducks at sunrise. He's been to South Dakota to hunt pheasant...and then comes fishing: inshore and offshore.

"I've seen Brad shoot skeet on Wednesday, fish inshore on Thursday, hunt quail on Friday, and then be 60 miles off shore on Saturday. All in the same week," said Parker, who lives in Empire Point. "We call it 'living the dream.'"



Bradley Parker, 23 with father Bill Parker



Brad Parker's very first deer hunt

THE VIRTUE OF TURKEY

Ortega Forest resident Braxton Gillam grew up hunting with his father and grandfather and continues the tradition today with his father and two sons.

"I spent a lot of time in the woods and on the water when I was growing up," said Gillam, an attorney with Milam Howard Nicandri Dees & Gillam. "I have turkey hunted all over the country. Over the last couple of years I have been able to share this sport with my two boys. My older son, Wiley, shot his first turkey when he was about to turn 10. This year Grady showed interested for the first time in hunting and was able to harvest his first turkey in March. All I have to do know is convince my daughter to forsake sleeping in on the weekends during turkey season to have the trifecta."

Gillam shared that one of the 'life lessons' he's learned in hunting is patience.

"I have always struggled with patience. I heard an old man once say that patience has killed more turkeys than any turkey call, so turkey hunting is an appropriate challenge for me," Gillam said. "At 44, I am still working on my patience."



Wiley Gillam, 14 with father Braxton Gillam



Grady Gillam, 11

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Ken and his brother Bill were taught that when taking an animal the meat must be used for food so that the animal is respected. He has passed other life lessons on to his children, too, through hunting, fishing and scuba diving.



Reid, Carol, Ken, Laina and Blaine Parry

“As my father did for me I have done the same for my three kids. The biggest lesson – life is short and you need to take the time now to enjoy these sporting activities and the beauty of nature,” Parry said. “By doing so they have grown into better people and are able to use these skills in their school and social lives.”

The Empire Point resident said that while hunting and fishing can be a solitary activity, the bonds that are formed doing it with family are rewarding. “Sitting in a tree stand and watching the sun rise and the animals coming out to forage is a beautiful site to see and makes me realize how wonderful God is and how blessed I am,” Parry shared. “I’ve watched as my sons [Reid and Blaine] and daughter [Laina] have enjoyed the same.”

FOR THE LOVE OF MUSIC



Father Steph Britt and his daughter Katherine

Father Steph Britt, Rector at San Jose Episcopal Church, shares a very special connection with his daughter Katherine, a sophomore at Episcopal School of Jacksonville. Both avid lovers of music, this duet shares a love of the guitar, and sing together at church and at home along to Jimmy Buffet (their absolute favorite). When not traveling to Jimmy Buffet concerts, they also enjoy father/daughter trips to Disney World, discussing Harry Potter and watching Phineas and Ferb.

BONDING WITH GRANDPA

The first time she went deer hunting, Erica Juchniewicz dropped a buck at 245 yards, hitting it in the sweet spot right behind a shoulder. The 15-year-old learned to handle a gun practicing at a shooting range with her father Eric, but it was her grandfather Hugh Gunter, of Hugh’s Riverside Automotive, who taught her how to hunt.

“When she was 12, I started taking her deer hunting. The first day she ever went hunting in her life, she killed a deer,” said Gunter. “She’s quite a shot; she’s pretty good at it and she’s constantly learning.”

Gunter said that while he and his

granddaughter have always been close, it was hunting that gave them something to do together that wasn’t related to the family business. “It’s something she really enjoys and will remember for a long time,” Gunter said. “I tried to hunt with her older brother and he really loved it until he got up into the teen years. She still loves it as much as she did when she was 12 and I think she’ll continue with it.”

Erica has also been a member for two years of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, of which Gunter is chairman for the Jacksonville Chapter. She manages the youth raffle table at the annual banquet, which raises funds to support hunting heritage programs and help restore wild elk herds.



Hugh Gunter and granddaughter Erica Juchniewicz

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The Way We Were - Lillian Margulies Meizlik

By Julie Kerns Garmendia
Resident Community News

Lillian Magulies Meizlik, "Aunt Lil" to her friends, is truly a "golden girl." At 99, she radiates the same poise and elegance that can be seen in the photographs of her when she was a striking tall young woman, one who always wore a red rose in her hair.

"She's the type of person you can always count on, an exceptional lady," said Debbie Rubens Gottlieb, who, growing up, was a neighbor. Debbie is married to Mel Gottlieb, whose late mother Ilse Gottlieb was one of Lillian's closest friends.

"Everyone loves her. She's the most caring person," Gottlieb said, recalling a time when her father-in-law, Sol Gottlieb, was dying. "Lillian had heard his potassium was low so she bought bananas late that night to put in her freezer and left them on our doorstep the next morning. Lillian knew Sol liked his bananas cold. That's the type of person she is," she said.

A native of New Jersey, Lillian was the daughter of Max and Anna Margulies and had two famous uncles - Vienna-born American painter and printmaker Joseph Margulies of New York City, and Samuel Margulies, an engineer-inventor who was on the team that constructed the first elevator for the Otis Elevator Company.

Lillian moved to Jacksonville after her husband, Leo, was discharged from the Army. She had met him while vacationing in Miami Beach and fell immediately in love with the handsome, wavy-haired school teacher from Pennsylvania, marrying him in April 1942.

"While Leo was away serving in the military, my father was invited by a friend to attend a lecture. Dad's friend described the speaker as excellent, a schoolmate of his from Europe. When my father couldn't attend, I went instead," said Lillian. "We arrived late, everyone was already seated. As we entered, the speaker asked me, 'Is that your husband?' I said no, my husband was serving in the army overseas and I mentioned that I happened to have a letter in my pocket I hadn't mailed to him yet. The speaker asked if he could add a message for my husband. I said yes and handed him the letter. He wrote on it, 'with kindest regards, Albert Einstein,'" she recalled.

When they moved to Jacksonville, Leo, who earned both a Bachelor's and Master's degree in languages from New York

University, taught at Andrew Jackson High School. "When I'm asked if we had children, I always say, no, because Leo had so many at school," Lillian said, laughing.

The Meizliks used their talents to help the community through both work and volunteer activities. "Our motto was always 'Volunteer, volunteer, volunteer!'" Lillian said, noting many of their efforts centered around memberships in the Beth Shalom Congregation, the Jacksonville Jewish Center and the Temple Congregation Ahavath Chesed.

Leo originally studied at Yeshiva University to become a rabbi, and later used his rabbinical education to teach Hebrew and Jewish History at the Jacksonville Jewish Center.

Lillian, meanwhile, majored in business administration at Hunter College in New York where she excelled in finance. In Jacksonville, she held several civil service positions for the city and at Florida National Bank. During her career, she completed IBM courses and converted countless handwritten bank record into IBM electronic records. She was also instrumental in the start-up and success of several local businesses by offering merchant and physician billing/collections and financial services.

Lillian and her good friend the late Jay Aronson of San Jose, started the Jacksonville chapter of the American Red Magen David for Israel, Israel's American Red Cross. She is also a member and former president of Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America, and the River Garden Auxiliary. Over the years she has supported St. Augustine's School for the Deaf and Blind, the Smile Train, which provides surgery for children with cleft lips and palates, and Theatre Jacksonville.

When Leo passed away in 1976, the Jacksonville Zionist District planted 1,000 trees in American Bicentennial National Park in Israel in his memory. He had been a member and past local president of ZOA-Zionist Organization of America.

"It's sad because I miss my husband every day," she said, noting that she is always delighted to run into Leo's former students from Andrew Jackson High because they always recognize her. "But after his death I saw some humor in what happened and I know he would, too. We were leaving the house when Leo suffered a heart attack. Emergency rescue arrived and tried to resuscitate him. When they



Lillian Meizlik

Lillian and Leo Meizlik

Lillian's parents Max and Anna Margulies

could not revive Leo, one young man looked up at me, so upset, and said, 'Mrs. Meizlik, I'm so sorry. He's gone. I was in his class at Andrew Jackson High School.'

We never know when or where we'll meet our teachers again, she said.

After Leo's death, Lillian moved to a new condominium in San Jose to be near her friends. One of six children, Lillian remains close to her only surviving sibling, a brother Lee, as well as her large extended family in the Northeast. Nearly 70 turned out to celebrate her 99th birthday at Maggiano's in March.

Lillian said she misses traveling with Isle Gottlieb and Jay Aronson, who have passed away and noted that they three of them were known as "The Golden Girls," because they were inseparable. But Lillian

keeps active and still attends River Garden, Temple meetings and other cultural events with her friends and caregivers Curline Darden and Robin Simmons.

Failing eyesight prevents her from enjoying many artistic hobbies as well as the fine oil paintings and drawings done by her Uncle Joseph and her father, but she is still a master at answering crossword and jumble puzzle questions.

She also said she fully intends to surpass the age of 100 like her friend, Tessie Taxier of San Jose. Taxier died at 104.

"Tessie came to visit me, saw my piano and said she would like to play for me," Lillian said. "Even though she was over 100 years old then, that's exactly what she did, played an entire composition!"

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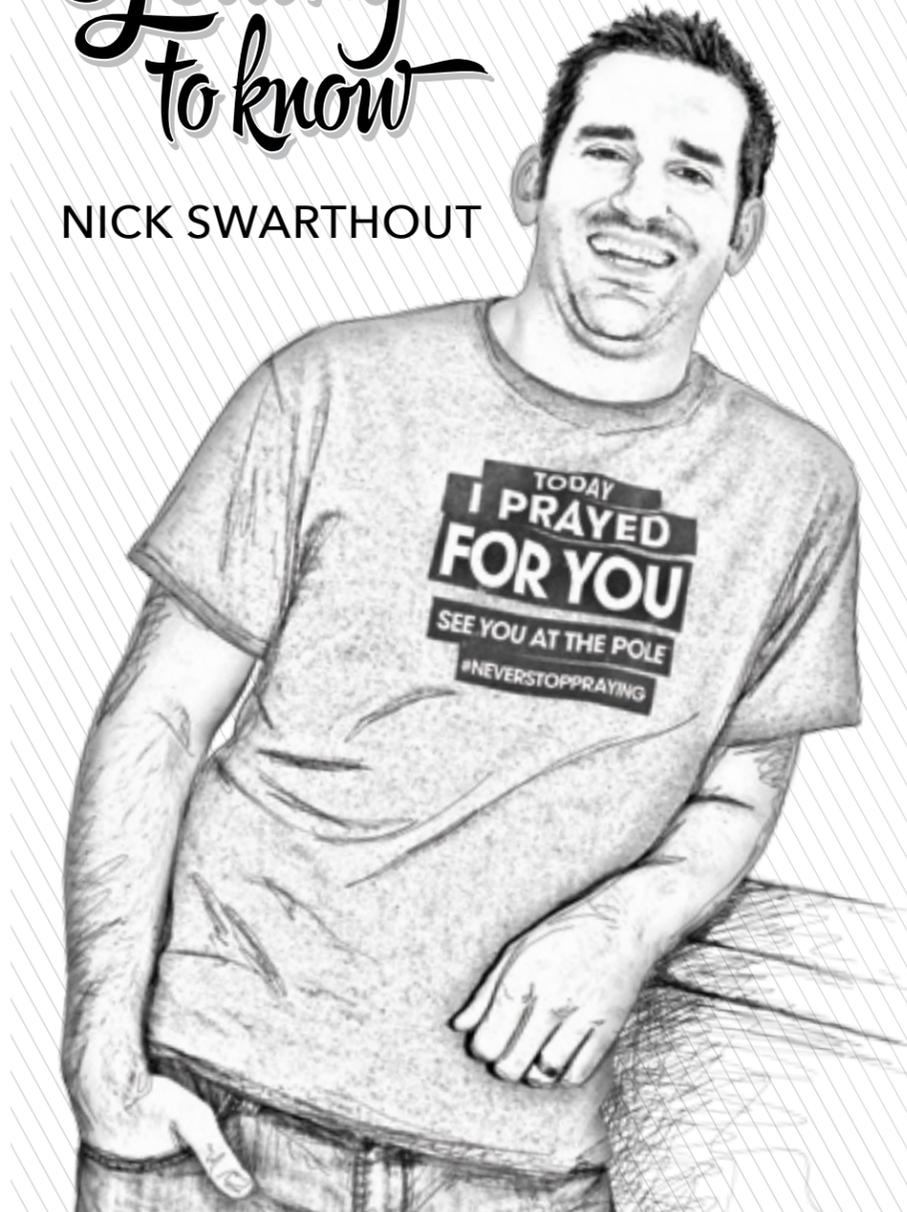
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Getting to know

NICK SWARTHOUT



His cheeseburger is paradise and whipped cream his guilty pleasure. For more fun facts about Empire Point resident Nick Swarthout, read on.

Happiest Childhood Memory

When my parents signed me up for Little League Baseball at age 6. I played for nine years and will never forget how much fun I had playing ball with my friends at the ballpark, eating too much sugar and drinking lots of soda.

Greatest Adventure or Challenge

Serving six years and three tours to Iraq in the U.S. Army as a communications operator for a Special Forces Unit of the Tenth Special Forces Group. My buddies and I stay in touch and try to get together for significant occasions in our lives.

Favorite Dish

My special grilled cheeseburgers with no buns. I wrap them in Romaine lettuce leaves, with two beef patties, avocados, jalapenos, bacon, a fried egg and pepper jack cheese. It's the greatest burger.

Best Life Decision

A major change was cutting out sugar and carbs from my diet in 2013 and I've never felt better. I feel energized and never lethargic. I wanted to stay as fit as possible...I've got my wife and two young children depending on me!

Favorite Movie

My very favorite movie is Elf starring Will Ferrell. It reminds me that it's okay to have fun and enjoy life every day.

Guilty Pleasure

I can lose hours and hours online book-shopping on Amazon.com at night. I have to literally drag myself away from the computer. It's bad. I'm trying to curb that. My second guilty treat is iced, unsweetened coffee from Starbucks with heavy whipping cream instead of Half & Half. When I'm in a holiday mood it's the sugar-free Cinnamon Dolce Latte with heavy whipping cream!



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‘Best book club ever’ takes to the water

Submitted By Pat Larmoyeux

On a recent spring afternoon, 13 members of the Winey Readers Book Club took to the river aboard the “Litenup III” to discuss their April selection, “The Boys in the Boat” by Daniel James Brown. The outing had been much anticipated by the club and made possible by the generosity of member Judi Wilcox and her husband Terry, owners of a beautiful 65-foot Huckins wooden yacht.

The Winey Readers have been a reading group since September 2000. Inspired by Oprah Winfrey’s popular book club and several members’ empty nest situation, the club has endured and grown to its current 16 members, which includes Sara Basinger, Judy Bryan, Cheryl Efstathion, Kay Johnson, Patsy Johnson, Pat Larmoyeux, Debbie McGehee, Margie Morales, Martha McMullen, Laine Silverfield, Martha VanDerMallie, Patti Vaughn, Anita Vining, Leona Wilson, Judi Wilcox and honorary member Betty Wilcox.

All genre of books are considered for the



Top: Judi Wilcox, Cheryl Efstathion, Debbie McGehee, Anita Vining, Kay Johnson, Laine Silverfield; bottom: Margie Morales, Leona Wilson, Patsy Johnson, Pat Larmoyeux, Judy Bryan, Patti Vaughn, Martha VanDerMallie



Litenup III, a 65-foot Huckins built in 1969, made of Philippine mahogany.

monthly meetings, including classics, best sellers, memoirs, non-fiction and biographies.

The members have travelled to Athens, Georgia to meet author Terry Kay, as well as hosting local authors Charles Martin and Sharon Reed. Even the mountains of North Carolina are not too far to travel for this group. When one of their past book

selections make it to the silver screen, the club likes to have a movie night to rate the book versus film version. At the 13-year anniversary party of the Winey Readers, members voted “The Land Remembered,” “Unbroken,” and “Cutting for Stone” as all-time favorites from the more than 150 books read through the years.

While it might have been the gorgeous weather, yummy food and libations, safe piloting by Captain Mike, or the magnificent views of Jacksonville up and down the St. Johns, the bar has been set high for any future ventures. All the girls on the boat were in agreement: best book club ever!

Local philanthropist celebrates milestone

Sid Gefen’s family turned out for a special party on April 26 at Epping Forest Yacht & Country Club. Daughters Barbara Jaffe, Anne Grenadier and Carol Greenspan threw a 95th birthday party honoring their father, who has made his mark in Jacksonville in a variety of businesses and through philanthropic gifts to organizations such as The Temple (Congregation Ahavath Chesed).



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In Memoriam - Charles D. Towers, Jr.

Nov. 9, 1923 – April 30, 2015

Just 26 years old when he began his long career as an attorney, Charles D. Towers, Jr. had already started garnering accolades.

He played first-string guard on the varsity football team, received a Silver Star for action during World War II as a U.S. Navy Lieutenant J.G. and after graduating from Princeton, attended Harvard and Stetson law schools.

Towers worked at Rogers Towers & Bailey Law Firm from 1949 until his retirement in 2000, serving as managing partner for many years, and was involved with many other business ventures as well, but it was his love for Jacksonville that some say earned him his laurels.

“He was a great friend, a great mentor, who would do anything in the world for me and for anyone. If you were a drunk in the street, he would get out of the car and help you,” said Jim Winston, a friend for 60-plus years. “Thank God, he lived a long life. He deserved it and this town deserved it.”

Towers served as president and chairman of the Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce, and of the United Way, where he was a cofounder of Jacksonville’s Tocqueville Society. He was an honorary member and a Paul Harris Fellow of Rotary International. He served on the Riverside Hospital Board and then the Riverside Hospital Foundation Board as Grants Chairman.

More laurel leaves were added to his crown as deacon, elder, and trustee at

First Presbyterian Church and for his life-long service on the Salvation Army’s local advisory and ARC boards and Red Kettle drive. He was on the Board of Visitors at the Salvation Army college in Atlanta and served on the national advisory board for nine years, and was given their very highest award, “The Others Award for Meritorious Service.”

Towers was a cofounder of Prisoners of Christ, an international board member of Mercy Ships, involved with Campus Crusade for Christ, and on the steering committee for the Billy Graham Crusade in 2000. He was a regular participant of the Monday Group, who have met since 1976 in Winston’s office.

After a life lived well, toward the end Towers recorded video messages to be played at his memorial service on May 9 at First Presbyterian Church, saying “So long” to hundreds of friends and family even as they said good bye to the man who meant so much to so many.

Members of the Monday Group, who served as honorary pallbearers, are going to build a church in Tower’s memory through his foundation, The Lord’s Foundation, Inc. Memorials can be given to the foundation at 6215 Wilson Blvd. #5B, Jacksonville, FL 32210.

Towers was preceded in death by his parents Elizabeth Morley and Charles Daughtry Towers, first wife Louise “Beezie” DeVore, brother William



Charlie Towers, seated center, is surrounded by family at a reunion in 2013. (Photo by Heather Stine)

Benjamin Towers, and sister Elizabeth Towers Miller. He is survived by his second wife Katy; sister Sarah Towers Van Cleve (Robert); five daughters: Cathy Hardage (Robert), Morley Towers, Susan Dennard (Dave), Sally Ragsdale (John), Margaret Towers; close family friends Sue Johnsen, Sharon Woodbery, Velta Sorrell; eleven grandchildren: Bobby

Hardage, Charlie Hardage (Liz), Susan Hoffman (Derek), Emily McCloskey, John McCloskey (Katie), Susan Jaeger (Seb), David Dennard, Jennifer Dennard, John Ragsdale, Charlie Ragsdale (Lauren), Christopher Ragsdale; four great-grandchildren; numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and in-laws.


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Purposeful Preservation

By Robin Robinson - Resident Community News

While many houses of worship are deconsecrated to be repurposed as anything from restaurants to residences, sometimes the life of a church building comes nearly full circle. Once an Episcopal church, the 127-year-old building in Fletcher Park has been the venue for many weddings and worship services.



St. Paul's Episcopal Church was built in 1888 on present day Atlantic Boulevard near Pottsborg Creek. The builder of the church arrived from Michigan in 1887 and had hoped to bring his family down when the work was done. However, the Yellow Fever epidemic struck Jacksonville in 1888 and he succumbed to the disease shortly after the church was completed. The majority of parishioners attending the church at that time were winter residents so the services were held on Sundays from November to May until they went back up North for the summer. (Photo courtesy of the Jacksonville Historical Society)

The building was no longer used as a church in 1977 and was donated to the Museum of Science and History where it remained until 1995. That year it was moved from the museum grounds to Fletcher Park in San Marco where it became the headquarters for San Marco Preservation Society. Repairs were made and the building got an updated look with its new tricolor paint job. (Photo courtesy of San Marco Preservation Society)



The old church has been lovingly restored and is nestled in Fletcher Park in San Marco. A brick entryway and attractive landscaping complete the setting for the building known as San Marco Preservation Hall and its next door neighbor Stockton Cottage. It is well utilized as a meeting center and party venue by the community.

Stockton Cottage was originally the sales office for Stockton, Whatley & Davin when San Marco was first developed. It later became a playhouse for Stockton's daughter, Muff. In 2004 San Marco Preservation Society moved the structure next to Preservation Hall in Fletcher Park. Today it is used as a bridal dressing room for weddings which are held in the old church.



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No longer rare, Lyme disease hits home twice

Treatment regimen can make the difference

By Kate A. Hallock
Resident Community News

It was bad enough that Mary Appleton Jaycox contracted Lyme disease. Then, her husband William got it too while she was battling a recurrence of the tick-borne disease.

Jaycox contracted Lyme disease 17 years ago – along with Babesiosis, Ehrlichiosis and Rickettsia, which causes Rocky Mountain spotted fever – when she was a 34-year-old mother of three young children.

The San Marco resident found the tick on a trip to Africa, but because it was within two days' travel from Florida, she believes there's a strong chance it traveled with her. It took three months of illness before the diagnosis was confirmed but, according to Jaycox, that was a fast track because she was very, very ill.

"I could have died at some point; it was very acute," she related. "I took boatloads of antibiotics...two weeks' worth through a PICC (peripherally inserted central catheter) line every day."

Once considered a rare disease based on the number of reported cases in the United States per year, Lyme is transmitted by the bite of a tick infected with the bacterium *Borrelia burgdorferi*. That purported rarity has traditionally determined the type and intensity of treatment, usually resulting in less than successful cure rates.

Recently the Center for Disease Control reported that Lyme disease has grown to epidemic proportions with more than 300,000 new cases annually. For Jaycox, that's not enough.

"It's underreported because most states don't have a structure for reporting it," she said. "There's been very little publicity about it, so sufferers all fall through the cracks. It's a lot more prevalent than people realize."

Recurrence triggered

After two very aggressive years of antibiotics, Jaycox had 10 years of good health and thought she was cured. Unfortunately, when her sister died unexpectedly four years ago her immune system "took a nose dive and it was suddenly back as big and bold as ever."



Mary Jaycox holds a drawer full of medications but says that Moose, her Great Pyrenees, is the "best medication there is."

The *Borrelia burgdorferi* bacteria burrows into the body's tissues and can hide for years, and as long as one's immune system is in good shape most people can deal with it, she explained.

"I spend half my life charging up for the other half. I have to pick and choose what I'm going to do, where I'm going to go," Jaycox said. "Some nights I wonder if I'm going to wake up in the morning and the most frightening thing about it is that there's nobody out there who knows how to help me. Even my Lyme doctor really doesn't know how to help me."

In spite of the toll the disease takes on her health, Jaycox hasn't let that stop her advocating for greater awareness, better testing, improved treatment guidelines and greater understanding from the medical community.

She is on the board of the Jacksonville-based Florida Lyme Association, dedicated to education, awareness, and research; it is one of the most active groups in the nation.

Because Lyme disease was once believed to be a problem limited to north of the Mason-Dixon Line, stated Jaycox, not much was understood about its severity and research funding was next to nothing.

Lyme disease research only received \$21 million in funding in 2014 by the National Institute of Health. Compare that to more than \$3 billion for HIV, which affects one-sixth the number of people who contract Lyme disease, and you can understand why Jaycox and others are frustrated.

"It knows no boundaries – age, gender or geography," said Jaycox. "Testing is extremely poor. There are only about three labs in the whole country that do the testing, and it's not reliable."

For what has become the fastest growing disease in the country, the guidelines for treatment are inadequate. The International Lyme and Associated Diseases Society (ILADS) is attempting to change those guidelines produced by the Infectious Diseases Society of America (IDSA).

"It is far more prevalent than the medical community acknowledges and it's only getting worse, with few doctors able to treat this complex issue," said Jaycox.

Biting back

There's good news and bad news. Lyme disease victims don't build an immunity to it; they can get infected over and over. "But it's treatable if diagnosed and treated immediately," Jaycox said, "as long as you are firm with your doctors about the dosage and length of treatment."

Although Jaycox and her family are hyper-vigilant about checking themselves and their pets for ticks, ironically, her husband got bit by a tick three years ago here in Jacksonville.

"He got the bulls-eye rash (which I had not), managed to get a double dose of antibiotics for a month instead of the normal 10-day course and he is cured," she said.

Though she fears there will be no cure in her lifetime, Jaycox perseveres. To raise awareness for Lyme disease, she spoke at a recent meeting of the Rotary Club of South Jacksonville where she challenged the members to Take a Bite Out of Lyme and then donate to the cause. Recently celebrity Avril Lavigne "came out" as a sufferer of Lyme and Jaycox noted that Justin Timberlake has joined the awareness campaign.

To support the effort or for more information, visit lymediseasechallenge.org.



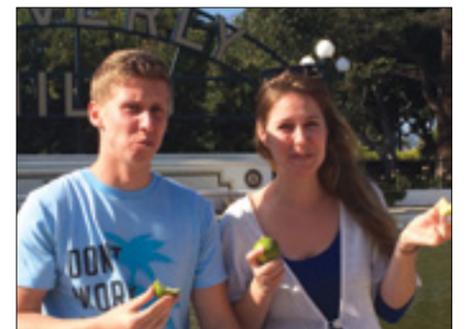
Mary Jaycox gave a presentation on Lyme disease to the Rotary Club of South Jacksonville; husband Bill is 2014-2015 president of the club.



Judge Tyrie Boyer shows off his lime grin in support of Take a Bite Out of Lyme awareness campaign in May.



Rick Mullens clenches a lime slice in the challenge to Take a Bite Out of Lyme.



Randy and Noelle Jaycox make sour faces in the lime challenge in support of their mother Mary Jaycox, who suffers from Lyme and two other diseases.



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Baby boom at the Zoo

Just five months into the year, it has already been an outstanding baby year for the Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens.

According to Dan Maloney, Deputy Director of Animal Care and Conservation, Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens, the reproductive boom is three-fold: the animal care staff's dedication, great animals, and some very good fortune.

"Our brood includes Western Lowland Gorillas, Colobus Monkeys, Black and white ruffed lemurs, Reticulated giraffes, Marabou storks, Kori bustards, Orinoco geese and Mandrills – some of whom are firsts for the zoo, and all are vital members of their cooperative zoo populations and their Species Survival Plans," said Maloney, a Riverside resident. "We are happy to report that these youngsters are thriving and already delighting our guests as they watch the babies grow and flourish."



Mama giraffe Naomi gives her 193-pound, 6-foot 2-inch female calf a loving nudge after its birth on January 17. (Photo by Brittney Hendricks)



Madini's baby was born the evening before Mother's Day. (Photo by Fran Ruchalski)



Deanna, a mandrill, cradles her sixth baby. (Photo by Brittney Hendricks)



New colobus infant (Photo by John Reed)



Gorilla Bulera and baby George, born February 6 (Photo by John Reed)

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Community professionals inspire students

What does a beekeeper have in common with an endocrinologist, a mechanical engineer and a geography professor? According to students at San Jose Episcopal Day School (SJEDS), they all have an inspiring story to tell.

The school's Inspire! series brings STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and math) professionals into the classroom to engage and inspire students, and gets students thinking about and working with real-world concepts.

"Watching children learn something new about the world and themselves is one of the best moments in a teacher's day," states Natalie Inclan, science teacher and creator of the Inspire! series. "This series gives children many of these moments. Bringing professionals in from

various fields exposes them to interests and ideas they never knew they had."

In addition, the series provides professionals a way to give back. "As a kid, I never had any exposure to science-related fields, and didn't know what possibilities existed," explained Dr. Brian Pall, Senior Principal Research Optometrist at Johnson & Johnson Vision Care and Inspire! participant. "I really enjoyed the opportunity to inspire the students to pursue a STEAM career, and got a great deal of personal satisfaction out of contributing to the students' futures."

All students from Pre-K 3 through sixth grade attend the highly-acclaimed Extreme Science Expo each year, and a highlight of every SJEDS graduate's academic career is the sixth grade ecology trip to Kanuga in North Carolina.



Robert (Buzz) Dozier, Senior Account Director at AstraZeneca and Board Member of the Jacksonville Beekeepers Association visited with fourth, first and kindergarten students and brought in samples of honey, honeycombs, an instructional bee hive and other equipment used in the beekeeping industry. He taught them about the important role bees play in food production.



Student runners triple fundraising goal

Assumption Catholic School supporters were more than pleasantly surprised at the amount raised for The Legacy Project from a recent jog-a-thon. As Maryann Jimenez said, "I was hoping to raise \$5,000 while Coach had \$7,500 in mind. We were shocked to learn that our students raised \$15,000!"

Students ran 5,686 laps, nearly 1,400 miles, and top runners received prizes donated by local businesses such as Open Road Bicycle, Mudville Grille, The Brick and Dave & Buster's. Bishop Kenny High School lent the use of its track for the student runners.

Preschoolers don red noses to help children in need

On May 21, four-year-old Leah Postal of San Jose wore a red plastic nose at school for a very special reason. "To raise money for poor kids so they can go to the doctor and stay healthy," she said.

Joining Postal in wearing red noses were 11 of her schoolmates in Nicole Alexander's VPK class at Learning Tree Preschool in San Jose Baptist Church. The children were taking part in Red Nose Day, a fundraiser initiated by the NBC television network in an effort to alleviate childhood poverty.

Red Nose Day got its start in the United Kingdom several years ago as a way to raise funds for childhood poverty, said Alexander. This year is the first time it has been held in the United States, she said.

By giving at least \$1, participants receive a red "clown" nose to wear. Money raised will support several United States charities that focus on children's needs including: Boys & Girls Clubs of America; Children's Health Fund; Feeding America; Gavi, The Vaccine Alliance; The Global Fund; Oxfam; Lift; Save the Children; and The United Way.

For Alexander's students, the purpose of wearing the noses was not so much to raise funds as to build "awareness of childhood poverty and things children can do to help during this pilot year," she said.

Several of Alexander's students got this message. Ben Hopkins of San Marco said he was wearing his nose "because we need everybody to be happy. When we went to Target and saw people on the road, they didn't have a home. It makes them laugh so they won't be sad anymore. Some people don't have mommies and daddies."



Back row (preschool staff)
Karen Mitchell, Nicole Alexander, Barbara O'Connor, Sandra DeLuca.
Children:
Jake McGill, Trey Bragg, Dalton Price, Caroline Antezana, Analee Cotto, Caleb Stow, Leah Postal, Ben Hopkins, Cecilia Platten, Layla Walther, Anna Lane, Emma Moody.

Hopkin's classmate Jake Allen McGill, who is the son of San Jose Baptist Youth Pastor Marcus McGill, agreed that happiness was important. "It's to make children happy so they have enough money to buy food," he said. Meanwhile, his friend

Cecilia Platten is able to recite what children need most. "Children have to have a school, and to have fun, and to have a doctor to go to, and some medicine, and a house, and a school," she said.

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SJEDS student receives art award

San Jose Episcopal Day School student Audrey Swingle, under the direction of art teacher Judy Bryan, received a prestigious Honorable Mention for her painting "Rooster" in the Florida Art Education Association's 2015 K-12 Student Art Assessment and Virtual Exhibition. Out of over 1,300 entries, Swingle received one of three Honorable Mentions and was cited as one of 10 overall winners.



Student wins first place in the nationwide poster contest

Under the direction of Hendricks Day School art teacher Lauren Bayliss and the Spanish teacher Veronica Bolado, Ever McC., won the first place in the nationwide American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese (AATSP) Language Learning Poster Contest, Español: un Puente al futuro.

Out of more than 1,000 entries, Hendricks Day School was selected to represent the state of Florida in the AATSP contest and on May 13, Ever won the first place in the 4th and 5th grade category.



Bishop Kenny Students join Joe Berg Society

Abigale Guy of San Jose and Katie Montana of San Marco were among 10 Bishop Kenny High School students selected to take part in the Joe Berg Society enrichment seminars.

Last fall 14 public and private Duval County high schools sent 225 of their top students to take either the Joe Berg Science or Humanities examination. The 50 top scorers on each test were invited to join the Society.

Guy and Montana were selected due to their top score on the Humanities exam.

As members of the Joe Berg Society, the students will attend twelve 90-minute evening programs per year over the next two years. Leading the programs

will be college professors, medical doctors, PhDs, artists, actors, musicians, environmentalists and engineers at the Museum of Science and History.

Other Bishop Kenny students selected from the science exam were Maeghan Holzbour, Sam Hanania, Nicholas Hartley and Ben Wright. Thomas Boyle, Mary Monk, Makenna Vance and Megan Wordell were selected due to their Humanities exam scores.



Thomas Boyle, Mary Monk, Makenna Vance, Abigale Guy, Megan Wordell, Nicholas Hartley, Katie Montana, Sam Hanania and Ben Wright. Not pictured, Maeghan Holzbour.

Junior journalists in the making

Two second grade students from San Jose Episcopal Day School learned a little bit about the newspaper business last month on a special field trip to *The Resident*. Accompanied by Jenny Clarke, Director of Development and Marketing, Elizabeth Stovall and Alyssa Nunley received instruction in photojournalism and copy editing. The trip was one of the silent auction packages at the school's recent fundraising gala. After spending time at the *The Resident's* offices, Stovall and Nunley also visited a television station.



Elizabeth Stovall and Alyssa Nunley

Former Bolles student receives USC honors

Cen Xu (Trisha), formerly of San Marco, graduated summa cum laude from the Viterbi School of Engineering at the University of Southern California on May 15. She received her Bachelor of Science degree in chemical engineering.

A native of Suzhou, China, Xu lived in San Marco with Jeff and Lisa MacCutcheon for two years while she studied at The Bolles School. At Bolles she was a cheerleader and rowed for the girls' crew. Although she graduated in 2011, she remains a part of the McCutcheon family, said Jeff McCutcheon.

During her tenure at USC, Xu received many honors including: President of the USC Society of Women Engineers; the Order of Troy award for exceptional community service; the Charles J. Rebert Chemical Engineering Outstanding Service Award; the Ronald G. Minet Award for Best Design Project; and the USC Academic Achievement Award. Xu also achieved Dean's List of Distinguished Students every semester.

Xu has been hired as a consultant by Boston Consulting Group and will work in its Los Angeles office.



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Students, staff chose Ronald McDonald House for donations

Throughout the school year, Jacksonville Country Day School (JCDS) has raised over \$1000 to benefit local and national charities, including the Ronald McDonald House, through a faculty-run Jeans For Charity campaign. Two Fridays each month, the staff shed formal work clothes in favor of jeans and a JCDS shirt, donating a dollar to the fund for the privilege.

Last month, Reed, the RMH facility dog, visited the school and met with students, who collected pop tabs from aluminum cans all year to donate to RMH. Early Learning Department students had a chance to pose with Reed for a group photo. JCDS has donated to RMH for over five years through service learning projects that include volunteering, donating money and collecting the pop tabs.



Paleontologists for a day

The 12th annual Dino Dig at Hendricks Day School turned 2nd grade students into amateur paleontologists last month. Each student was assigned a tilled plot of land to share with a partner to uncover bones. There must have been a lot of dinosaurs in this area, because the plots were full of fossils. Some students pulled up femur, hip, or rib bones; others excavated skulls and teeth. After unearthing the bones and holding up their trophies, the students began to sort them and categorize them based on characteristics. Eventually the paleontologists cleaned up and moved onto the next activities, carefully removing chocolate chips from cookies with a toothpick, digging through dinosaur "stools" to remove food, and sewing a dinosaur on burlap.

Technology and art meet at San Jose Catholic School

Just as a work of art evolves, so too does the application of technology in the art classroom. Visual art educators are thinking outside of the box as they challenge their students to do the same. Using QR (Quick Response) codes to create an interactive self-guided tour of an art exhibit, or to create a fun formative assessment tool, are some of the ways technology has entered the art classroom at San Jose Catholic School.

SJCS introduced the use of QR codes recently at its end-of-year Fine Arts Showcase held on April 30. Students Kin-



Rachel Maxwell, 8th grade, with her drawing of a bird.



Kindergartener Benjamin Negron poses with his sunflower piece.

dergarten through 8th grade all chose a piece of artwork and composed an artist's statement. Young artists in Kindergarten and 1st Grade recorded an audio track for their statement. A QR code was created

for each of the recorded statements. The code was printed and labeled onto each individual piece of artwork.

As guests arrived, a QR reader was installed onto their smartphone or tablet. An introduction to the exhibition was the first QR to be scanned. Subsequent QR codes were displayed by grade level, each giving a brief synopsis of the lesson objective for the exhibited work.

Everyone enjoyed listening to the aspiring artists as they shared a title for the piece and described their favorite part of the artwork. Not only did the students enjoy scanning the codes, but the adults did as well. The evening also included a talent show with violin, piano, guitar, drums, duets and solo performances.

Alumni celebrate new beginnings



Alumni of the San Jose Episcopal Day School 6th grade class of 2009, now graduating high seniors, returned to the SJEDS campus to celebrate new beginnings as they move on to college. The alumni will attend a number of impressive schools in the fall, including University of Florida, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Virginia Tech, Flagler College, Syracuse University, Louisiana State University, Centre College, University of West Florida, Stetson, Embry Riddle Aeronautical University, Gardner Webb, Sewanee, Florida Southern College, University of Tennessee Knoxville, University of North Florida, Florida State University, Kent State University, College of Charleston, Auburn University, University of South Carolina, Clemson and Furman University.

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Comedian and actor DeRay Davis won the Comedy Central Laugh Riots Competition and went on to be a standup on the Cedric the Entertainer Tour. Comedian Earthquake always shakes things up. He has performed on One Stand for HBO, Comedy Central, BET's Comic View, Def Comedy Jam and Jenie Fox's LaFapalooza.

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