

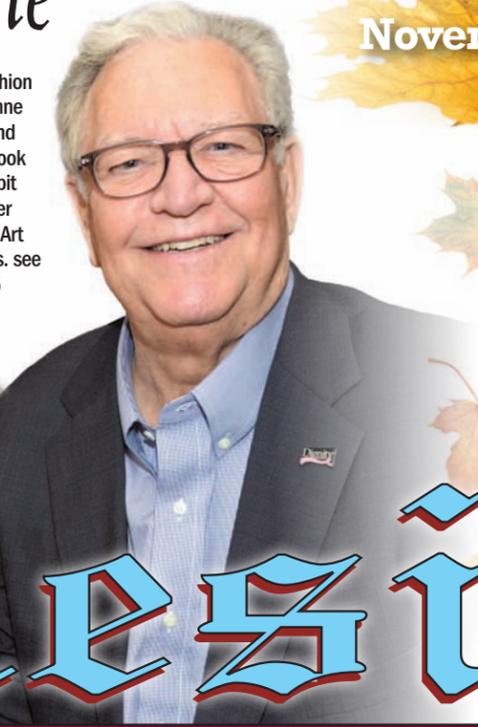
# Icons of Style

November 2014

# A Day Devoted to Dreamers

Looking the fashion icon herself, Janne Brandenburg and husband Jody took in the new exhibit at The Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens. see page 15

Sean Watts and his children Miles and Skyler enjoyed a special pool party at EverBank Field thanks to Community First Credit Union and the Jaguars Foundation through Dreams Come True. Miles is a survivor of Wilms Tumor Syndrome, a rare form of cancer that affects the kidneys.



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## City gets serious about pedestrian crashes

By Kate A. Hallock  
Resident Community News

“Enough is enough,” said Jim Robinson, Public Works Director for the City of Jacksonville. That comment was part of Robinson’s remarks last month to a group of concerned individuals who convened for the kickoff of the Crosswalk Coalition.

Robinson was referring to the spate of bicycle and pedestrian accidents that have occurred in recent years to make Jacksonville number three in the nation for pedestrian accidents or fatalities. He is part of a group challenged by Mayor Alvin Brown to develop and launch a campaign that looks at a broad set of factors to create an initiative in engineering, education and enforcement that will “make a dent in solving this public problem.”

At the same time, District 5 Councilwoman Lori Boyer has initiated legislation to address speed on local roads (Bill 2014-666) and to create a process that enables a City Council member to request the installation of a marked crosswalk (2014-667).

“Motorists need to know that they have an obligation to yield to the pedestrian.”

— Lori Boyer, District 5 Council Member

She also recently launched a crosswalk coalition with the goal to identify locations where pedestrian accidents have occurred, where there are bus stops, and where there are concentrations of senior citizens or middle schools.

“The rising number of fatalities is unacceptable and we have to provide safe ways for citizens to cross a street. Education will certainly be part of the process, for pedestrians as well as drivers,” Boyer noted.

### Crosswalk Coalition

At the kickoff meeting on Oct. 23, attended by about 35 people, mostly from a variety of health, safety and senior services agencies, Boyer said that her initial focus

was on seniors and middle schools, not on an all-purpose comprehensive solution.

“In Jacksonville, middle schools do not have crosswalks or crossing guards. Students come out of duPont Middle like a shotgun across St. Augustine Road and there have been some near accidents as a result,” Boyer said. “If they don’t have a good place to cross, it’s hard to fault them for crossing wherever they choose.”

She noted that when it comes to the senior population, “we have circumstances where they’re not quite as quick crossing the road, maybe don’t hear or see as well.”

After a presentation of statistics on pedestrian crashes and fatalities by Denise Chaplick, bicycle/pedestrian coordinator

for the City, Boyer asked the audience to help her broaden the base of individuals knowledgeable about the concentration of middle schools and senior centers and facilities, the destinations to and from which they are walking, the locations or absences of bus stops and crosswalks.

Boyer hopes that one result of this coalition is to get funding from civic organizations, PTAs and senior facilities to “adopt a road for safety” and pay for the installed of an appropriate crosswalk. She provided a range of costs from \$1500 to \$5500, depending on the location of the intersection, the type of road, volume and speed of traffic, and the type of crosswalk required.

Public education will be a large part of both the Mayor’s initiative and Boyer’s coalition. “Motorists need to know that they have an obligation to yield to the pedestrian. It’s not a normal mode of driving in Jacksonville where they yield every time a pedestrian steps into a crosswalk,” she remarked. It is a state law that drivers are required to stop when a pedestrian begins to

see Pedestrian page 6 —

### Opening of Nordstrom bears nonprofit fruit



Elli Zimmerman with Linda Stein and Nancy Zimmerman

Three area organizations take in donations from Gala Opening in early October. See more, Section B, page 23

### Sharing the Love in the Square



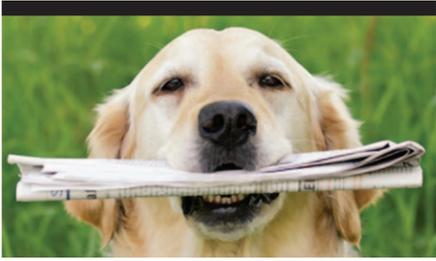
A beautiful night brought Liz Karas and her granddaughter, Isabella Bongiovanni, out to enjoy some dining during the opening festivities of Hope Squared in the heart of San Marco. Twenty-six participating businesses, from restaurants to boutiques, donated a percentage of their fundraising efforts to the Donna Foundation. See more page 17



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People often ask Seth and me what we love most about the historic districts. I think they usually expect to hear that we love the beautiful views or gorgeous historic homes and while these are fabulous perks of living in these communities, what really lifts our spirits is the continuing evidence of the district's philanthropic-minded residents.

As you will note in this issue, we have included our Local Faces of Philanthropy special supplement.

The donations that pour in every year from the residents of our communities are immeasurable and help sustain the charities of Jacksonville and the First Coast.

While you may not be in the same position to give so generously, there are

many ways to be charitable and make a difference.

Take a moment to extend a helping hand to some of the organizations we have featured in these pages and in our special insert.

When time is too tight to be involved, shop locally. By making purchases from small business owners who pay taxes in your community and who give generously to local causes, more people will experience the positive effect of keeping it local.

Above all, whatever your passion is, find a way to use it for the benefit of others and enjoy this giving season.

Pamela Bradford Williams  
Publisher

## FEC Railroad requests 8-day closure

As of Oct. 22 the City of Jacksonville Waterways Coordinator has indicated that the Florida East Coast Railroad requested that the Coast Guard allow the FEC to close the railroad bridge across the St. John's River for an eight-day period.

During this work outage the bridge will be in the locked down position with no boat traffic being able to pass through the opening. However smaller boats may use the small boat span if they desire.

The proposed outage will start on Friday, Nov. 14 at 8 a.m. and continue until Friday, Nov. 21, until 6 p.m. The Railway will be doing heavy machinery repairs during this bridge outage. The closure will allow FEC to finish repairing this bridge so that it is fully functional and will no longer be on the temporary operating schedule the mariners are currently subject to.

This closing does not conflict with game day or special events.

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# Task Force presents report

## Next step is implementation

By Kate A. Hallock  
Resident Community News

A little more than a year after Jacksonville City Council passed a resolution creating the Task Force on Consolidated Government, District 5 Councilwoman Lori Boyer, as chair of the Task Force, presented the 118-page final report to City Council last month.

Boyer – and many others – put a lot of time into an in-depth review of the history, formation and operation of the consolidated government of Jacksonville.

“It’s very exciting to get to this point, where we have the published report,” Boyer noted. “Now it’s out there for people to respond to.”

She stated that this is also the starting point of the implementation phase. “We completed the work and the meetings of the task force in May and now we’re going to gear back up again. From an implementation standpoint, it’s City Council, but I’m sure many of the members will continue to be engaged and advocate for particular recommendations.”

Boyer and Bill Gulliford, District 13, spoke of scheduling regular noticed meetings to talk about the status of the recommendations and what the next step will be.

The Blueprint for Improvement II, as the

report is called, identifies challenges with consolidated government structure and operation.

One of those challenges is neighborhood engagement, participation and involvement. Rena Coughlin, chair for the committee on Neighborhoods, Infrastructure, Planning, Service and the St. John’s River, said being a member of the Task Force was “hugely eye-opening. The issues are so complicated, and you really need to understand so much context in order to make smart decisions, that we spent a lot of time on context, on history and the evolution of city government before we even looked at specific issues.”

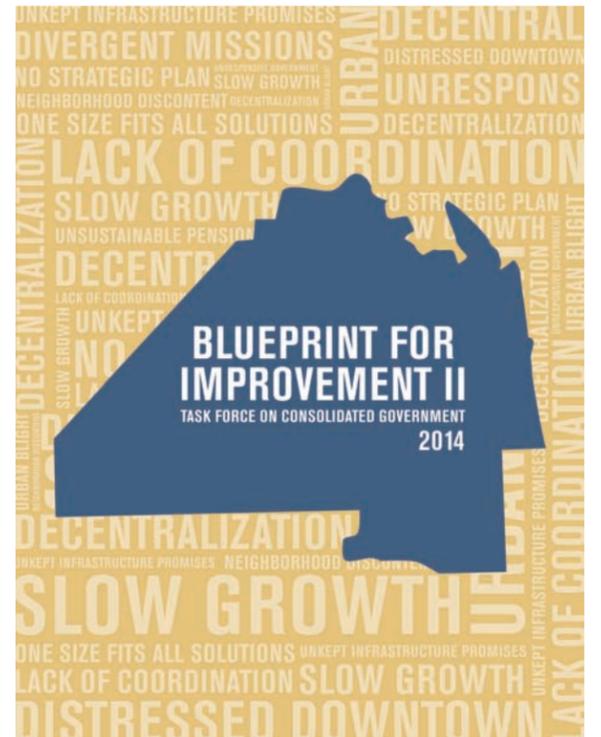
Coughlin noted that findings revealed discrepancies between what is the perception of accurate and efficient city service delivery and what the neighborhoods really think and feel about their connection to and the responsive of city government.

“We looked at mechanisms for connecting both individuals and communities back to city government and found that to some extent they’ve been eroded over the years,” Coughlin said. “The connection to the infrastructure in city government that really made the voice of individual neighborhoods

more easily heard seems to have been changed.”

In addition to the challenges reported, the Blueprint also contains specific recommendations for Charter amendments, ordinance code changes and policy and process improvements, but the Task Force noted that other alternative solutions may be preferable to codification.

Boyer commented “I don’t think any one recommendation is going to make an earth-shattering difference in the way our city government operates but I think one of the things that was a game changer at the time of consolidation was the buy-in and enthusiasm and community backing for our city government; we were behind this and we bought into it for maybe 20 years. We were known for something...we were this consolidated, bold, groundbreaking city. That enthusiasm has waned and, if we can by adjustment, bring our consolidated government back to a point where the



citizens feel that way about it [again], that would be a game changer.”

To see the final report in its entirety, go to <http://www.coj.net/city-council/docs/reports/consolidation-task-force/task-force-final-report.aspx>.

# Southbank Riverwalk nears completion



Progress in Downtown Jacksonville is perpetuated by the finishing touches to the Southbank Riverwalk renovation project.

The Riverwalk extends along the bank of the St. John’s River from the Museum of Science and History to the Duval County Public Schools building. The project began in September 2013 and is projected to complete in February of 2015.

“We’re excited that it’s moving along,” said Debbie Delgado, City of Jacksonville Public Communications Officer.

Along with colored brick pavers and steel guardrails, the Riverwalk will have LED light poles and in-ground lighting. Increased lighting is meant to lessen the chance of mischievous activity after dark.

District 4 Councilman Don Redman hopes for the Southbank Riverwalk to be as enjoyable as the Northbank is.

“The project will be a great enhancement to the Southbank community,” Redman said.

Redman witnessed firsthand the unsafe conditions of the old Riverwalk.

On Thanksgiving morning five years ago, Redman was taking a ride on his bicycle down the uneven surface. He noticed that the boards had become quite slippery from the morning dew. When he decided to turn around and exit the Riverwalk, his bicycle lost traction and he fell, breaking his femur.

After that accident, Redman knew the importance of the Riverwalk’s renovation.

“There were many loose boards,” Redman said. “When it got wet, it was slippery like glass.”

According to Redman, the project should be finished on or ahead of its scheduled finish date in February.

“The Riverwalk area on the Southbank was once a very vibrant place,” Redman said. “It will soon be vibrant once again.”

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**Mary Chapin Carpenter with Tift Merritt**  
Sunday, November 9 at 7:00 PM  
Five-time Grammy Award-winning singer-songwriter and 2012 Nashville Songwriters Hall of Fame inductee.

**Beyond Glory**  
Friday, November 14 at 8:00 PM  
The stories of eight veterans from World War II, Korea, and Vietnam, rendering first hand accounts of valor which resulted in the nation's highest military award.

**Celtic Thunder**  
Saturday, November 15 at 8:00 PM  
International singing sensation Celtic Thunder, hailed twice by Billboard magazine as the "Top World Music Artist" and "Top World Imprint"

**Melissa Etheridge**  
Friday, November 21 at 8:00 PM  
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**Mike Birbiglia**  
Saturday, November 22 at 8:00 PM  
Award-winning filmmaker, author, and comedian.

**Chinese Acrobats**  
Friday, December 5 at 7:00 PM  
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**Jeanne Robertson**  
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**Wyonna and the Big Noise: A Simpler Christmas**  
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**A Peter White Christmas**  
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**Bowzer's Rock N Roll Holiday Party**  
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**Trace Adkins Christmas Show**  
Friday, December 19 at 8:00 PM  
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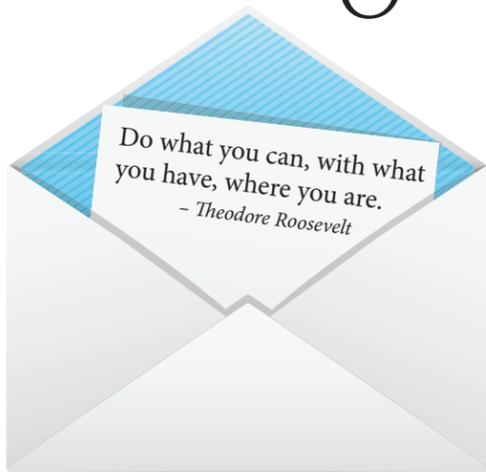
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Dear Loyal Readers,

This issue is a cornucopia of stories about local residents - your friends and family, neighbors and coworkers - who do the little things and the tremendous things to make our city a better place to live.

While November - Nonprofit Awareness Month - makes this a bit of a no-brainer when it comes to our line-up of stories, it's also fitting that it is National Inspirational Role Models Month. What better role model to be than one who gives? And what better role models to follow than those who have spent decades

championing charities and causes to ensure that children are nurtured, seniors are honored, the homeless are fed, clothed and cared for medically, and our four-legged friends find loving homes?

We also acknowledge individuals and groups who support the arts and culture, education and the environment, and the growth and prosperity of our city. Without such patrons we would be poorer in spirit as a community. With them, we are rich in what matters the most - each other.

In thanks for all of you,  
Kate A. Hallock  
Editor

## Patriot's Pen essay contest deadline extended

By Julie Kerns Garmendia  
Resident Community News

The deadline for entry into the 2014-2015 Patriot's Pen Essay Competition has been extended through the first week of November according to Scholarship Chairman Patricia McQuaig. Students in grades 6 to 8 are invited to compete in the VFW's annual essay scholarship competition to win \$5,000.

The Patriot's Pen is part of a nationwide VFW-sponsored youth essay competition to give students a chance to examine America's history

along with their own experience in modern American society. Students will write a 300 to 400 word essay expressing their views regarding democracy, based upon a patriotic theme chosen by the VFW Commander-in-Chief. The 2014-2015 theme is Why I Appreciate America's Veterans.

Interested students begin by visiting the website, [www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org), to download the entry form and rules of the competition. VFW Post 1689 has extended the Nov. 1 deadline and entries may be turned in to Post 1689 through the first week of November.

Post winners compete first at the local Post level. Local winners advance to District competition and those winners compete at the State level. The top 46 national winners each receive at least \$500 and the first place national winner wins \$5,000 plus an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. for the winner and a parent or guardian. More than 104,000 students participated in 2013.

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# Letters to the Editor

## Readers respond to traffic problems

The problem city planners failed to recognize and plan for is that they removed a lane from Hendricks Avenue and San Marco Boulevard. Of course the traffic would bottle up. For people living in San Marco, it is the only choice to get on the bridges and interstate to get to work. Certainly, you can cut down River Oaks Road and Lorimer to get on Philips Highway to onto the bridges and the interstate that way, but guess what? That is all torn up.

You take your life in your hands everyday going that way while the Overland Bridge is in the works. The lines are repainted, lanes are closed, semis are barreling through there, it's crazy. So of course people would rather drive safely through San Marco, but we bottled that up too.

It doesn't take a rocket scientist to realize that the light at Alford place is a big waste, and it should be removed. It totally causes a bottleneck. And instead of putting policemen in the neighborhoods to curb speeding, they should put them on the corners to control the lights, so at rush hour the cars can get through Atlantic Boulevard and Landon Avenue.

I live in San Marco, and love the beautification, but I still think it

was beautiful before we jammed it all up with high curbs, and roundabouts that nobody knows how to use. Why don't they work on trying to find a way to make traffic flow faster during rush over on Hendricks and San Marco, instead of wasting more money on things that don't work, like speed humps and high curbs? The median at River Oaks Road and the RR crossing is a nightmare. People drive over that all the time and tear down the markers and tear up their cars. It's the same for the exit off the Fuller Warren Bridge to San Marco Blvd. There is a high median there and it's a tight squeeze. Semis drive all over the curb, people scrape their tires in the rain. The light pole and the palm tree have been hit repeatedly. That's a poor design too.

I think it's the planners that need to have a meeting and put on their thinking caps.

*Tricia Cox*

Our daughter lives on Landon Avenue and, as you already know, it is one of the difficult and unsafe driving streets in San Marco. We have an idea: Put at least two or even three STOP SIGNS at corners on Landon from Hendricks to the new traffic circle to slow down traffic whizzing along that stretch like it is the interstate. The construction left that a cut-through and it has become habit and turned it into a main thoroughfare. It is much too residential to permanently house such traffic.

*Susan Natale*

## Councilman works for Main Street Bridge solution

Councilman-At-Large Robin Lumb responds to residents who have questions about the pedestrian and cyclist access to the Main Street Bridge.

The good news is that FDOT's proposed plans will accommodate continued access to the Main Street Bridge from the North bank for both pedestrians and cyclists.

Unfortunately, however, these plans call for re-routing foot and bicycle traffic north on Laura Street and east on Bay Street before allowing it to proceed across the bridge. Clearly, this option would be significantly less convenient than the present arrangement.

The FDOT has promised to continue looking for ways to

maximize ease of access to the Main Street bridge and will now consider constructing a 'corkscrew' or 'switchback' ramp that would create access to the bridge at a point just east of the Jacksonville Landing and close to the river.

I've told the FDOT that such a solution is much preferred over what was originally proposed

and have asked them to keep me apprised as they move forward with the design and engineering.

*Best regards,  
Robin Lumb  
Jacksonville City Council  
At-Large Group 5*



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# Jessie Ball duPont Center making progress

Six months ahead of the scheduled opening of the Jessie Ball duPont Center, 11 of 13 potential office spaces have been reserved by other nonprofit organizations. Letters of intent have been signed to occupy 54,518 square feet of space on the three main floors; two smaller spaces are available above ground and in the lower level.

Among those future tenants are The Nonprofit Center of Northeast Florida, Jacksonville Public Education Fund, The Delores Barr Weaver Policy Center and Baptist Health's Office of Social Responsibility.

In the meantime, framing of offices is well under way on the first three

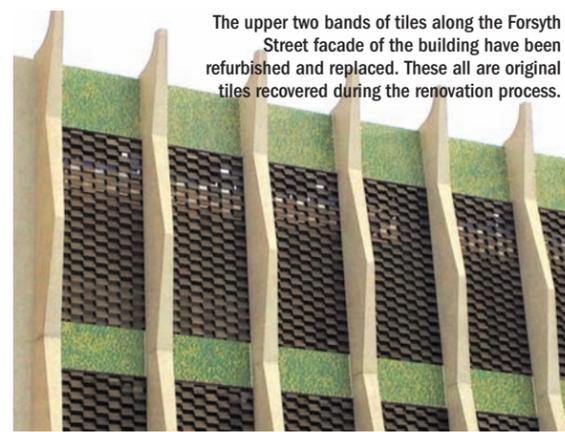
floors of the former Haydon Burns Library at 122 Ocean Street in downtown Jacksonville.

According to spokesperson Mary Kress Littlepage, resurfacing in the basement has been completed and framing was to have begun late last month. Construction of the \$21 million project is on target for occupancy to begin April 2015, in time for the building's 50th birthday. Engineered to meet LEED certification requirements, the building will include an accessible "green" roof, recycled water and other energy-saving features. The work is being done by Danis Building

Construction.

Vacant since 2005, the Center will house the offices of the Jessie Ball duPont Fund, as well as a variety of philanthropic and nonprofit organizations in 80,000 square feet of leasable space.

The Jessie Ball duPont Fund creates opportunity through grants to more than 330 eligible organizations identified in Mrs. duPont's will. The Fund has assets of more than \$270 million and has awarded more than \$329 million in grants since 1977. In 2013, the Fund



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## Pedestrian

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cross a street within a designated crosswalk, noted at a minimum with striped pavement or inclusive of flashing signs or in-pavement warning lights.

Teresa Barton, CEO of Aging True, was one of the participants and shared that safety is the most important thing for seniors, especially seniors living Downtown. "There is a real concern that they feel that in order to take advantage of the services, they have to have better assurances of safety from the city in terms of crosswalks," she said. "We're in the community at large and we see the

senior population; unfortunately some of them become homebound through no fault of their own, simply because they are fearful of even getting to a bus stop."

Barton stated that without appropriate crosswalks and adequate crossing times, it's a complete barrier to independence for seniors.

"It will take us all; not one group can do it alone. This is truly a group effort to be effective," said Robinson. "We applaud Council Member Boyer's efforts to take this on as a personal initiative and to focus on doing something quickly."

If you think you can contribute to the conversation about pedestrian safety and adequate crosswalks, contact Councilwoman Boyer at boyer@coj.net.

## Just the facts

Denise Chaplick, bicycle/pedestrian coordinator for the City of Jacksonville, shared the following facts about pedestrian accidents:

- When it comes to national ranking of cities, Jacksonville is number three (following Orlando and Tampa as one and two) for pedestrian fatalities.
- November is most deadly time of year for bike/pedestrian accidents due to the change from Daylight Saving Time.
- In 2013, Jacksonville had 412 pedestrian crashes with 38 fatalities; 56 percent of those fatalities occurred while it was dark and 27 percent in the daylight
- Of those fatalities, 78 percent were not at an intersection; 41 percent of the fatal crashes occurred on state roads, while 38 percent happened on local roads.
- The majority of both drivers and pedestrians involved in accidents are male: 73 percent of pedestrians and 63 percent of the drivers are male.
- The pedestrians involved in accidents were predominantly 20-29, 50-59 and 60-69 years old; each age group is about 22 percent of the total. The majority of drivers involved in those crashes were, on the other hand, in their 20s.
- While the majority of the crashes were in the urban core, most of the fatalities were concentrated on multi-lane, higher speed highways. Key corridors for repetitive fatal crashes include Philips Highway, Lem Turner Blvd., MLK Blvd., Atlantic Blvd. and Timuquana Road.

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**NEW PRICE**

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**NEW PRICE**

**1032 1st St S # 4 - \$600,000**

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# Annual crowd-pleasing parade to be funded

Dozens of area boaters and thousands of spectators will be pleased to hear that the Light Boat Parade will be funded this year. This year marks the 30th that the residents of Jacksonville will be treated to a spectacular display of creativity and engineering ingenuity.

Last month Mayor Alvin Brown announced that Gator Bowl Sports, in partnership with Community First Credit Union, the City of Jacksonville and the Light Boat Parade Committee, will guarantee funding for at least three years.

Though participation grew steadily over the years, the economic recession saw a drop off. This year the goal is to have 100 boats participating, according to Jim Suber, City of Jacksonville Dock Master at Metropolitan

Park Marina, where the boats stage and make finishing touches on their displays.

The 30th annual Light Boat Parade will commence on Sat., Nov. 29 at 7 p.m. and can be viewed from The Jacksonville Landing and along both the Northbank Riverwalk and sections of the Southbank Riverwalk that are not under construction. The boats will make two loops for the spectators and the judges who will be viewing the parade from the Hyatt Regency Riverfront. Following the parade, fireworks will be set off from two barges and the signature "waterfall" fireworks from the Acosta Bridge.

Registration for the 2014 Community First Jacksonville Light Boat Parade is now open. Boaters may register at [www.jacksonvillelightboatparade.com](http://www.jacksonvillelightboatparade.com).



# Bach cantata in honor of church anniversary



The Bach Vespers Choir and Orchestra of St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church. Photo by Bill Daugherty

On Sunday, Nov. 23 at 6 p.m., a chorale cantata by Johann Sebastian Bach, *Meine Seel erhebt den Herren*, BWV No. 10 (My soul magnifies the Lord), will be presented as part of the Lutheran Vespers Service. There will be a full choir with professional soloists and musicians from the Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra at St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 3976 Hendricks Avenue. Cantor Tony Cruz, celebrating eight years with St. Mark's, will conduct.

"St. Mark's Lutheran has just celebrated its 75th anniversary of serving the Jacksonville community and offering the Bach Cantata as part of the worship service has become a very special tradition every year. Inviting the greater community to share this service with us is part of our ongoing commitment to be an open and welcoming church," Rev. Thomas Hanson said. Rev. Hanson has been pastor at St. Mark's since 2010 and has been in ministry for 35 years.

The Bach Cantata, written for the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, was composed in Leipzig, Germany, first performed in 1724 and is a setting of the Magnificat. It is considered to be perfect preparation for the beginning of Advent the following week. The worship service will also include hymns, psalms and evening prayers. Last year 160 people attended the service, which is free. There will be a reception immediately following the service in the church fellowship hall.

For more information contact Cantor Tony Cruz at [vespers@comcast.net](mailto:vespers@comcast.net).

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# More development in store for Southbank

## Local team wins initial bid for JEA property

If zoning and other allowances from the City of Jacksonville line up favorably, the property could become the home of a mixed-use development constructed by local developers Peter Rummell and Mike Balanky.

They teamed up as Elements Development of Jacksonville LLC to submit a proposal, which was awarded the bid last month by the JEA.

A JEA committee used a 500-point scorecard to determine whether the local team would trump Atlanta-based RocaPoint Partners. The offering price constituted 40 percent of the score, with 60 percent of the criteria including schedule, experience, local presence, job creation, capital investment and plans for access, stormwater, bulkhead, environment and Riverwalk extensions, among several others.

Elements Development's points totaled 463 versus 385 for RocaPoint, whose bid price was \$12 million.

Rummell envisions a sort of "Healthy Town" for the property, with a subtle, but noticeable, atmosphere of well-being and community for individuals and families of

all ages.

Rummell has been involved in creating many successful residential and mixed-use developments throughout his career, including the completion of more than 20,000 hotel rooms during his stint with Disney Imagineering.

"He's one of those guys that just get it," Balanky said. "He is a visionary, but he is also very practical."

Balanky has strong ties to Jacksonville, and specifically the Southbank area, after developing several successful properties, including San Marco Place. His office is located only a few hundred yards from JEA's Southbank property.

"It needs to be developed," Balanky said. "The big picture for Jacksonville is that this project, no matter who gets it, can be a huge catalyst to Downtown advancement."

Balanky suggests that health will be the amenity platform for successful urban developments in the future. For the Southbank property, which was designated as a brownfield in 2001, a focus on health couldn't hurt.

JEA's Southside Generation site operated at the location from 1947 until 2001. Many



"Healthy Town" aerial view rendering by Ervin, Lovett & Miller

years of soil pollution required remediation, costing JEA more than \$28 million.

"What's really cool is that we could take a brownfield site and turn it into a very green and healthy place to live," Balanky said.

JEA is only selling 28.6 acres of the property and the proceeds will help offset the costs spent on demolition and site remediation. Balanky has been eyeing the plot for more than three years to determine what steps will be necessary to finish out the remediation.

"JEA had a responsibility to remediate the environmental problems that were there," Balanky said. "They've been very

responsible about it."

Continuing the remediation of the property is one requirement, among other considerations, for the winning bidder. "We feel like we have a good handle on the brownfield aspect," Balanky said.

Rummell believes that finishing out the remediation can only perpetuate his idea of a healthy town.

Elements of Jacksonville offered JEA just under \$18.6 million for the property in question. Their \$400 million project could create 2,500 jobs in residential, retail and restaurant services and about \$8 million in property taxes paid to the City each year.



"Healthy Town" development concept rendering by Ervin, Lovett & Miller

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# MOVERS & SHAKERS

## Philanthropic sorority group celebrates 100



Carol Russell, Beverly Barrs, Janet Booth and Barbara Maurer

The Jacksonville Alumnae Panhellenic Association celebrated its 100th anniversary with a centennial celebration last month at the Haskell Building.

JAPA focuses on community service through the involvement of college graduates who are members of sororities. They have given more than 25,000 hours of volunteer service in their 100 years of community involvement throughout Jacksonville and currently have a goal to collect 1,000 T-shirts for Rethreaded.

Founded by eight women in October 1914,

the organization now includes women ages 22 to 87 from various walks of life.

"We're so proud to have kept this going," said Kathy Lechner, Centennial Committee Co-Chair. "We hope to continue serving the community for many more years."

Another celebration will be held Jan. 24, 2015 at Timuquana Country Club at 10:30 a.m. with Jean Mrasek, president of The National Panhellenic Conference as guest speaker. For information, contact Lechner at (904) 910-0722 or epicct@aol.com.



Marilyn Kerr, Holly McMurry, Molly Knight and 50th anniversary chair Jane Chadbourne

## VIM appoints Ketchum to board

Will Ketchum, of San Marco-based Ketchum-Burdette, was recently appointed to the Board of Directors for Volunteers in Medicine Jacksonville (VIM), a non-profit organization that provides free health care to low-income, working adults and their families at their downtown clinic.

In his first role as a board member, Ketchum, an Avondale resident, helped to create and spearhead an annual fund-raising campaign for VIM that launched in October and consisted of direct mail, media relations and social media outreach with the goal to increase annual donations.



## San Jose resident on Hemming Park staff

Friends of Hemming Park (FOHP) board president Dr. Wayne Wood and executive director Vince Cavin introduced its new team charged with activating and programming Jacksonville's oldest public park, Hemming Park.

The staff includes Riverside resident Liz Grebe, Events and Programming Director; Avondale resident Keith Marks, Marketing and Community Outreach Director; San Jose resident Od'Juan Whitfield, Social Services

Manager, along with Angie Nixon, Development Director; Damien Lamar Robinson, Operations Director, and Jim Webb, Special Events Coordinator.

Friends of Hemming Park has its offices on the first floor of the Downtown Main Library just inside the front entrance on Laura Street. The team has already started programming the park and plans to have its daily programs fully operational by the end of 2014.

## Catholic Charities Women's Guild

Catholic Charities Women's Guild members gathered at the home of Caroline Holmes for their meeting on Oct. 7 to learn how they can help those in our community through Catholic Charities. Opportunities include providing Christmas gifts for children, volunteering as a job coach for Workforce Development, helping in a food pantry, or working with Dignity U Wear to provide clothing for Catholic Charities' clients. The wine and cheese tasting event was a prelude to Festival d'Vine, one of Catholic Charities largest fundraising events, which will take place on Nov. 8 at Treaty Oak. To join the Women's Guild or volunteer for Catholic Charities call (904) 354-4846 ext. 269.



Jessica Mills, Catholic Charities Women's Guild President, Caroline Holmes and Kerry Warren

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Wingard Creative full-time employees to use 12 hours of company time per year to volunteer at a local nonprofit.

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# Local winners at ULI Awards

The Urban Land Institute (ULI) North Florida held the 2014 Awards for Excellence last month recognizing real estate development projects throughout North Florida based on ULI's mission to provide leadership in the responsible use of land and in creating and sustaining thriving communities worldwide.

Peter S. Rummell received the Visionary Leader for his more than 40-year career in the real estate development industry. Mellow Mushroom received the Private Sector award for a 9,000-square foot restaurant in Avondale for bringing new life and energy to a piece of property which had an existing historic structure and abandoned gas station.

Also locally, the New Town Success Zone was honored in the Downtown Sector category for their \$16 million capital campaign to provide homeownership to 135 families and complete 300 projects for homeowners already living in the neighborhood at Kings Road and West Beaver Street.

Two other Florida venues received awards: Cascades Park in Tallahassee was recognized in the Public/Open Space Category for its

community-wide impact including improved water quality, enhanced traffic circulation and revitalized ecosystems and St. Augustine Distillery and Ice Plant received the Reuse/Repurpose Sector award for their conversion of the 100-year-old St. Augustine Ice Plant and converting the building into an iconic distillery and restaurant/bar.



Seen at ULI Awards, at left, Lori Boyer and Daniel Bean; above, Sarah Small, Gayle and Michael Balanky

## Making good music great

Courtney Lewis, Jacksonville Symphony Music Director Designate, met with members of the Douglas Anderson School of the Arts Chamber Orchestra and Wind Symphony last month to work with each section, offering hints that would make their good music great.

The Wind Symphony has performed at the International Music Festival in Carnegie Hall in New York City 2014, participated in the 2014 College Band Director's National Association Southern Division Conference in Jacksonville 2014, and been a National Wind Band Honors National Winner 2009, 2012. The Wind Symphony has been consistently represented by more than 25 students annually in the Florida All-State Bands.

In 2012, the DA Chamber Orchestra became the first string orchestra from Florida to perform



Courtney Lewis helps students prepare for performance with Jacksonville University's First Coast Wind Ensemble.

at the annual Midwest International Band and Orchestra Clinic in Chicago. In 2011, the DA Chamber Orchestra performed at the Florida Music Educators' Association Clinic-Conference. In 2010 and 2012, this ensemble contributed to the DA Music Department being recognized as the National GRAMMY Signature School by the GRAMMY Foundation.

## Playing games for Children's Hospitals

Game lovers spent 24 hours raising funds and playing their favorite gaming activities on Oct. 25 while participating in the Extra Life Marathon in support of Children's Miracle Network Hospitals.

Local gamers who set a fundraising goal of \$100 or more participated in the Extra Life Gaming Event and raised over \$15,000 for the pediatric programs at UF Health Jacksonville and Wolfson Children's Hospital. Jacksonville was named one of the first cities in Florida to reach "Guild" Status. An Extra Life Guild is a group of passionate Extra Lifers who want to get more involved and help strengthen the Extra Life community on a local level. In order to become a Guild City, at least 75 people must raise \$75 through their Extra Life



Jacksonville Extra Life participants spent 24 hours playing games to heal kids.

fundraising page.

Gamers can continue their fundraising efforts through Dec. 31, 2014. Visit [www.Extra-Life.org](http://www.Extra-Life.org) to make a donation through Extra Life to support local children's hospitals.

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## Nurses nominate four for Nursing Recognition Award



Sharon Wiggs, Mary Trask, Carol Pitman, Maria Tedder and Gay Guthrie

Carol Pitman, who resides in Empire Point, has followed her heart in her volunteer work in Jacksonville. Once a nursing school student herself at the former St. Vincent's School of Nursing, she now works to recognize and uplift outstanding nurses at St. Vincent's Medical Center. She has worked to establish a nursing society and to secure donations to fund an award to be presented each year to nurses at St. Vincent's who are recognized for providing exemplary compassionate care to their patients.

The Carol Wilder Pitman Nursing Recognition Society recently celebrated its 10th anniversary at this year's awards ceremony. The awards honor men and women who have a passion for nursing and compassion for the patient. The recipients

are recognized for their patient-centered care and their leadership with a positive spirit.

Four direct care nurses, nominated by their peers, were inducted into the Society at this year's celebration: Gay Guthrie (St. Vincent's Riverside ICU), Mary Trask (St. Vincent's Southside NICU/Birth Place), Sharon Wiggs (St. Vincent's Clay County Surgical Services), and Maria Tedder (St. Catherine Laboure Manor).

Induction into the Society includes the winners' photos displayed on the Wall of Honor in the Nursing Center, a Society pin to wear and a \$2,500 monetary gift to thank them for "a job well done." Also as part of the 10th anniversary celebration, a former St. Vincent's nursing graduate, the late Joyce Kent Robinson, was honored and a plaque created in her memory.

## Bolles Trustees select eighth Head of School

The Bolles School Board of Trustees announced the appointment of David J. Farace as the School's eighth Head of School, effective July 1, 2015. Farace comes to Bolles with more than 20 years of independent school leadership, most recently as Head of School at The Montgomery Academy preparatory school in Montgomery, Alabama.

The announcement comes after a yearlong search process that attracted a pool of accomplished national and international candidates. Farace will take over the School's top leadership position from Bradley R. Johnson (class of '79), who has served Bolles most recently as Interim Head of School.

"Our search profile was used to assess accomplished educators from around the country and internationally and Dave was the clear and unanimous choice," said Board of Trustees Chair Ellen Fitzsimmons-Rogowski. "He has all the qualities desired for our next Head of School, with a visionary and collaborative leadership style."

Farace received his bachelor's degree in economics from Washington and Lee University and a master's degree from Johns Hopkins University. Bolles Search Committee Co-Chairs C. Daniel Rice and Charles E. Wyckoff said Farace's breadth of experience



in education and his approachable and engaging style will make him a perfect fit for the Bolles community.

"Bolles has a wonderful combination of values, culture, tradition and success - this is a very attractive opportunity both professionally and personally," Farace said.

He believes the future of education lies in developing ethical leaders. "In a world that is changing so quickly, it is critical to develop the whole child while educating ethical leaders who will not only respond to change, but take the lead in shaping the future."

## Massey Motors building gets new life



Gary Adler has turned a former automobile showroom into a new home furnishings showroom and art gallery.

Adler Interior Design Associates, Inc., formerly located in the San Marco Square since 1992 has relocated its interior design offices and home furnishings showrooms to the mid-century modern classic Massey Motors building at 2434 Atlantic Blvd. in St. Nicholas.

Also located in the building is Atlantic Florist, specializing in custom floral arrangements, wedding and event floral designs, and home décor, and Gallery 2434, Jacksonville's new source for an eclectic mix of traditional and contemporary original and unique art and design.

## Swim coach makes Florida Swimming Hall of Fame



Martin Zubero, head swim coach and program director at The Episcopal School of Jacksonville, was inducted last month into the Florida Swimming Hall of Fame, adding another honor to his lengthy list of accomplishments.

Zubero, who started his career with Episcopal last May is a graduate of The Bolles School and is a decorated Olympic and World Champion. Among his wins, Zubero was a gold medal winner in the 200m backstroke in the 1992 Olympics in Barcelona, Spain. He held the world record for the 200m backstroke from 1991 to 1999.

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## Six agencies benefit from Uptown Civitan annual awards

Uptown Civitan, named Best Civitan Club in the World by Civitan International 13 times in 31 years since its founding, recently awarded philanthropic grants to six area agencies: \$3,000 each to North Florida School for Special Education, for Berry Good Farms Barkin' Biscuits program and to WJCT for Radio Reading Program; \$2,000 each to Pine Castle for the Seth Tenenbaum Memorial Assistance Fund; Horse Sense and Sensitivity

for scholarship fund, and to JASMYN (Jacksonville Area Sexual Minority Youth Network) for student support, and \$1,000 to Civitans at the Helm for the Civitan International Research Center.

The women's club has approximately 85 members in Jacksonville, dedicated to serving individual and community needs with an emphasis on helping people with developmental disabilities.



Mary Jo Marjenhoff, Philanthropic Chair with award recipients Melanie Jensen, North Florida School for Special Education; Michelle Corum, WJCT Radio Reading Service; Cindy Watson, JASMYN; Betty Richardson, Horse Sense & Sensitivity Award; and Jon May, Pine Castle, Inc.; with Gayle Kanak, past Uptown president, accepting for the Civitan International Research Center.

## Baldwin named 'Fab Grad'

San Marco resident Scott Baldwin was named the University of North Florida's College of Computing, Engineering & Construction 2014 "Fab Grad."



Every year, each of UNF's colleges chooses one of its graduates for special recognition as a Fabulous Graduate, for having distinguished themselves in their careers and communities and who are outstanding ambassadors for UNF.

Baldwin graduated from UNF's construction program in 1992. As a vice president in Stellar's Food Group, Baldwin's construction career has taken him throughout the world, from the United States and Canada to the Caribbean and the Middle East. While working full time, Baldwin also earned an MBA from Jacksonville University.

## Moran selected as Chamber Chair for 2016

San Marco Resident Audrey Moran has had an outstanding career, she now has had another notch in her leadership belt with the title of 2016 Chamber Chair.



Moran will lead the Chamber's Board of Governors in 2015 and the 2015 Leadership Trip. She is the senior vice president for social responsibility and community advocacy at Baptist Health. She also currently serves on their board and will begin as chair-elect in January of next year.

"We're positioned to make tremendous strides as a city over the next few years and the Chamber can play a significant role in helping

businesses and families prosper here in Jacksonville," Moran said.

Moran graduated from Duke University's School of Law. She was the first female attorney appointed to a director position in the fourth judicial circuit. She serves on the board of the Women's Giving Alliance and the LeRoy Collins Public Policy Institute at Florida State University.

She recently led a panel of business and community leaders in Nashville, Tenn. on how to develop and mentor diverse talent for leadership role.

"We've come a long way as a community, but I also believe we can be a national leader in developing a diverse group of future leaders," Moran said.

## Professionals elected to board

Howard Dyal, President and Principal Broker of Prodigy Home Loans, was elected as the president of the Jacksonville Chapter of Florida Association of Mortgage Professionals. Julie Payton, Prodigy Home Loans Sales Manager, was elected as the Board secretary.



Howard Dyal

FAMP focuses on advancing the mortgage profession through advocacy, education and ethical practice. The Jacksonville chapter serves mortgage professionals in Duval, St. John's, Nassau, Clay, Flagler and Columbia counties.

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## A record-breaking season for JDRF

The themed "One Night" masquerade ball drew glances of intrigue at the 14th Annual Miracles Gala at the Sawgrass Marriott in Ponte Vedra Beach, held Oct.11. The event drew hundreds of patrons who supported the mission to better treat, prevent, and eventually cure Type 1 Diabetes (T1D).

"On behalf of the JDRF North Florida Chapter, and the children and families we serve, we would like to thank Rick Cox, Corporate Honoree, Vistakon and all of our generous sponsors, and all of our guests for the remarkable support this year for our 14th Annual Miracles Gala. The Gala, auction, and Fund A Cure were tremendous successes, raising over \$360,000 for Type 1 diabetes research! This is a record for the North Florida Chapter," said Candace Monroe, JDRF Development Manager.



Lenny and Molly Curry



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PJ, Casey and Leslie Burkhalter with Anna Valent

# Florida Forum goes b

Jacksonville patrons welcomed Michael J. Fox to the Times-Union Center for the Performing Arts on Oct. 13 for the first installment of the Florida Forum speaker series of 2014. Despite his challenges and setbacks with Parkinson's disease, the Emmy and Golden Globe award-winning actor drew high marks from the 1,500-plus guests.

"It was a true pleasure to welcome Mr. Fox to Jacksonville. We all were moved by his incredible optimism, touched by his transparency and uplifted by his unique brand of humor. It was a special evening, with a special man, for a very special purpose - to help thousands of children served by Wolfson Children's Hospital," said Grace Sarber, president of The Women's Board.

The next installment of the season will welcome James Carville and Marilyn Matalin to Jacksonville on Nov. 12, presented by Wells Fargo.



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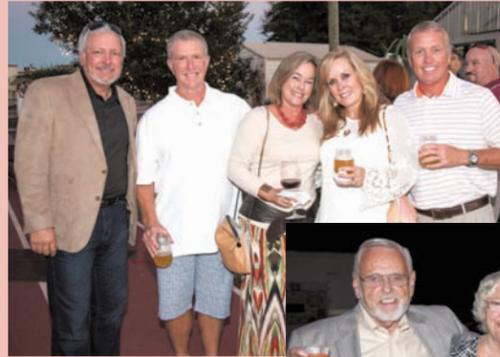
Complete with 30 dressed mannequins draped in fashions by Galliano, Dior, Scaasi and LaCroix, alongside photographs adorning the exhibit, the experience walks patrons through the iconic process of design concept to runway, through to the finished image. The exhibit will run through Jan. 4, 2015. Visit [cummuseum.org](http://cummuseum.org) for further information.



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# Cultivating special needs into successful seeds



Chris Hazelip, Mark Hickin, Fran Higginbotham, Karen and Mark Darr

There's nothing more important for the parent of a child with special needs to see than that child gain confidence. A special program at the North Florida School of Special Education does just that, as students cultivate and, in some cases, prepare their own herbs, berries and other agricultural produce for the dinner table. Dinner on the Farm was held Oct. 10, as the fruits of the labor were served to parents, sponsors and friends.

"The weather was picture perfect as a sell-out crowd showed their support in celebration of our students and the mission of Berry Good Farms to provide a self-sustaining industry for individuals with intellectual disabilities in the field of horticulture and culinary arts," said NFFSE Executive Director, Sally Hazelip.



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# San Marco merchants go big for Donna Foundation

It was not a typical Thursday night Affair in the Square, as the San Marco Square was painted pink with enthusiasm for a worthy benefactor during Hope Squared, appropriately coined, "a good time for a good cause." The three-day fundraiser kicked off on Oct. 16, as a special Happy Hour Affair in the Square was accompanied by musical guests, The Firewater Tent Revival, and beer tastings in every store. Featured brews on tap were from Aardwolf Brewing Company, Bold City Brewery and Intuition Ale Works and were complemented by local produce, flowers and herbs from Black Hog and Down to Earth farms.

Over 26 participating shops rallied for the Donna Foundation during the weekend-long event. According to one event organizer, Krista Nilsson of Therapie Boutique, a tally of the donations was still coming in as of press time.



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## Putting the best shoe forward



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For women, pairing wine and shoes is a huge winning event, but the biggest winner was Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northeast Florida, which benefited from the exclusive Wine Women & Shoes event on Oct. 25 at the Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront.

Attendees of the event enjoyed access to a glamorous fashion show; unlimited wine tastings and wine raffle; a fun, spirited "Key to the

Closet" raffle where winner takes all clothing, accessories, cosmetics and gift certificates; live and silent auctions and the Shoe Guys.

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testament to our surgical skills, results, and the care we give our patients is the fact that so many physicians send their family members to us."

PVPS's physicians commonly performs procedures ranging from minimally-invasive out-

patient procedures — such as laser resurfacing and injectables like Restylane and Botox — to breast augmentations and weight-loss recontouring. Supporting the physicians is a team of skilled aesthetically-focused nurse practitioners, alongside an experienced aesthetician staff who provide facials and peels, skin care education, and at-home skincare and cosmetics recommendations. PVPS's diverse personnel allows the clinic to provide holistic cosmetic care for each patient.

Beyond day-to-day patient care at Ponte Vedra Plastic Surgery, the staff gives back to the community through their PVPS Cares program, which organizes volunteer efforts, sponsorships, and donations for many local health-related charities, including the 26.2 Donna National Marathon to Finish Breast Cancer, Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure, and several other major events. Additionally, PVPS surgeon Brett Snyder, MD, who also performs complex pediatric craniofacial procedures at Nemours Children's Clinic, travels annually with ReSurge International to provide reconstructive surgery for the poor in impoverished countries.

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In moot court, Coastal Law finished last year ranked first in the country, one spot in front of Georgetown, and considerably in front of other moot court top 50 law schools such as Harvard, Columbia, NYU, UPenn, Berkeley, Washington University, Emory and GWU (all *U.S. News and World Report* top-20 law schools). Florida Coastal has ranked top 10 in the country in moot court for most of the last decade. The school also earned an A- by *The National Jurist* and *pre-Law* magazine for its experiential learning curriculum.

President Dennis Stone was a founding executive two decades ago when Coastal Law

was first conceived and he is back with a renewed vision to prepare students for the future in law practice. The Center for Law Practice Technology is among the initiatives preparing law students for the 21st century. Students learn to leverage technology to better serve their clients. The center is ranked fourth out of the top 10 law school technology programs in the country.

"Our new Center for Law Practice Technology and Entrepreneurial and Business program are innovative programs which address needs that are extremely relevant to our community," said Stone.

Coastal Law's overall mission has always been to "Unlock human potential, first in ourselves, and then in others. It focuses on student-outcomes, serving the underserved, and preparing students practice."

"While other law schools may be teaching theory only, Florida Coastal faculty prides itself on also teaching students to be ready to practice law. Coastal Law's innovative model provides our graduates the opportunity to hit the ground running," said Stone.

Adam Edgecombe is the president of the Jacksonville chapter alumni association; the

law school has alumni practicing in 49 states. He is a practicing insurance defense attorney with Quintairo, Prieto, Wood & Boyer. He was a small business owner when he decided to become an attorney. Graduating from The Bolles School, he had friends who went to Coastal Law and became successful attorneys, so he decided to go the same route.

Coastal Law's graduates, Edgecombe said, are building a network of success with 4,000 alumni around the country.

"A rising tide lifts all boats," said Edgecombe, a class of 2009 graduate. "The more success some of us have the more successful we all can become."

Coastal Law's alumni association members hold prestigious positions within the community. Those include D.W. Perkins Bar President Stephen Smith, Jacksonville Bar Association President-elect Giselle Carson, Jacksonville Bar Association President Susanne Weisman and Florida Bar Association Young Lawyers Division President Michael Orr.

The law school targets a diverse student body for admission which encompasses

first generation college students, domestic minorities, international students, and diverse socioeconomic backgrounds, according to Director of Institutional Advancement Alicia Edwards.

"We do not follow the traditional model of legal education," Edwards said. "We are a school of opportunity."

"Our students put to action what it means to serve the underserved," she said, "often via pro bono work and supporting community organizations. The class of 2014 provided over 38,000 hours of pro bono work to the community and raised \$33,000 for the MaliVai Washington Youth Foundation."

"Since 2008, 194,186 hours of pro bono service have been logged. Partnerships with Jacksonville Legal Aid and Three Rivers Legal Services allow us to offer pro bono hours to a larger segment of the population, expounding our offerings to the community," said Dean Chidi Ogene.

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After three years as Chair of the Division of Cardiovascular Diseases and Director of the Cardiac Catheterization Laboratory at Mayo Clinic Jacksonville, Dr. Moussa joins First Coast Cardiovascular Institute (FCCI) with the same focus on innovation and the highest standards of care.

With over 200 medical publications, lectures all over the U.S. and around the world on cardiovascular health, and initiatives to improve outcomes, Dr. Moussa, is here to further assert our commitment to excellence, says Dr. Khatib co-founder and president of FCCI.

As an Interventional Cardiologist and Endovascular Interventionalist, he specializes in performing catheter-based cardiovascular procedures in patients with valvular heart disease, coronary artery disease and peripheral arterial disease (PAD). He performs minimally invasive transcatheter aortic valve replacement (TAVR), as well as other innovative minimally invasive procedures for mitral valve repair and procedures geared at reducing the risk of stroke.

A graduate of Damascus University Medical School, Dr. Moussa spent the last 20 years at prestigious medical institutions in the U.S. initially as a trainee and then as an educator training an entire generation of younger physicians. The highly regarded Lenox Hill

hospital, Columbia University Medical Center, and Weill Cornell Medical Center in New York City are among the places where he served.

Dr. Moussa sees a paradigm shift in the future of health care in the U.S. He says although hospitals will always have a crucial role to play, that role will become limited to treatment of the acute, very ill patients. Healthcare will be moving towards an outpatient service at home or in a large group practice, such as FCCI. Group practices will no longer be just a few doctors but a team of doctors and allied health professionals with various specialties. While FCCI will continue to specialize in cardiovascular health, Dr. Moussa says FCCI is recruiting doctors in other specialties such as podiatry, neurology and primary care.

The driving force behind this new healthcare model is for patients to take care of all of their medical needs in one location and reserve hospital visits for only serious health needs. "We at FCCI have a commitment to both high quality and affordability," he says, "We can address multiple needs and provide quality and convenient care."

Clinical research currently being done in hospitals will increasingly be done in outpatient organizations such as FCCI. With providing high quality care comes the drive to take part in new and advancing treatments. Dr. Moussa is excited to build on the 8 year tradition of research taking place at FCCI. "We want to bring more cutting edge technology to Northeast Florida," Dr. Moussa says, "We're always looking for new treatments, whether it's medicine or devices."

Dr. Moussa also lauds programs at FCCI such as continuing education programs for local and regional groups of doctors. He expects those to grow and possibly go national. Dr. Moussa is excited to serve and educate his patients. He says FCCI will soon hold patient educational conferences with groups of up to 100 patients, giving patients the opportunity to ask questions about their health concerns.

Dr. Moussa will also be working with the entire FCCI staff on organizational and quality initiatives, with the majority of his time focusing on patients.

Dr. Moussa is involved with several national medical journals. He has been the editor-in-chief of "Acute Cardiac Care" and associate editor of "Catheterization and Cardiovascular Interventions" since 2011. He also currently serves as Chair of the Steering Committee of the American College of Cardiology Cardiovascular Data base which sets the quality measures for cardiovascular care in the United States.



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# Pets, owners blessed at fair in Fletcher Park

Dogs, cats and even pigs accompanied their owners at the Family Pet Fair and Blessing of the Pets held just off the Square in San Marco.

At least four cats and two dogs were adopted during the fair, according to organizers. A charity dog wash, cleverly coined "Laundromutt," meant clean fur for more than 30 dogs as they made their way through the festivities. Pups were also able to receive a pedicure if they needed it along with \$15 micro-chipping services.

Blessing participant and St. Nicholas-area resident Amy Snowden passed by the neighborhood park while running errands. "I drove by and went back to get my girl," she said, insisting that she have a blessing bestowed upon her pampered pooch.

Father John Oliver of St. Philip Neri Ecumenical Church not only blessed more than 75 dogs, he blessed two teacup-sized pigs and two deaf Chihuahuas.

"The event was a major success," said fair organizer Rebecca Hamilton. "So many families were able to enjoy the festivities."

Funds from the event will benefit St. Francis Animal Hospital and St. Philip Neri Animal Ministry. Both nonprofits focus on providing medical care for family pets in need. Over 30 businesses came out in support of the event, for more information visit [www.SaintFrancisAnimalHospital.org](http://www.SaintFrancisAnimalHospital.org) or [www.NeriChurch.org](http://www.NeriChurch.org).



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# Preserving veterans' war stories

By Julie Kerns Garmendia  
Resident Community News

Toula Wootan, Community Hospice Development Director, spends her days meeting and talking to seniors and learning about their lives. Their joyful, touching, sometimes heartbreaking, life stories are often shared more easily with others when age or illness brings them to hospice for care and comfort at the end of life.

Wootan and staff consider it an honor and privilege to care for all elderly in need of hospice, but for



The Community Hospice Veterans Partnership (CHVP) records veteran wartime stories in a quiet conference room, or volunteers travel to veterans' homes if necessary. CHVP has recorded approximately 100 veterans and their mission is to reach veterans of all ages, from all wars including current service members, according to David Butler, one of the first CHVP veteran volunteers and a 20-year community hospice volunteer. Individuals who served in military support capacity (USO workers, medical volunteers, etc.) are also encouraged to record their wartime experience.

Bob Buehn, volunteer, retired U.S. Navy Captain, former Jacksonville Chief of Military Affairs & Veteran Services for Mayor Peyton and current chairman of CHVP, said he and other veteran volunteers come together to help veterans and families. There's urgency to complete the recordings, especially for elderly veterans whose stories may be lost forever upon their death.

Recently World War II veteran John Joyce Mathis of Lakewood was recorded. Mathis will celebrate his 100th birthday Nov. 25. Both Wootan and Buehn say that amazing things have happened as a result of the recordings. Often, families hear for the first time what their loved one experienced, or the recordings spark emotional reunions and reconnect veterans from all parts of the U.S. when they are made public.

The Veterans History Project was created by Congress in 2000 to collect, preserve and make accessible personal accounts of American war veterans for future generations. Their website, [www.loc.gov/AmericanFolklifeCenter](http://www.loc.gov/AmericanFolklifeCenter) includes complete information and recordings. For information, to volunteer or to schedule a recording session contact Wootan at [twootan@communityhospice.com](mailto:twootan@communityhospice.com), call (904) 407-6211 or visit [vhpfirstcoast.org](http://vhpfirstcoast.org).



Volunteer interviewer Steve Jorgensen, Toula Wootan, WWII Veteran Marvin Edwards and volunteer David Butler

WWII veteran John Joyce Mathis, who will celebrate his 100th birthday Nov. 25

military veteran men and women, Wootan feels deep responsibility to show them the gratitude, pride and respect their service to the country has earned. That is how Community Hospice partnered with the U.S. Library of Congress Veterans History Project to record and archive Northeast Florida veterans' wartime memories.

"In 2008 I was Internet surfing for ideas to honor our veterans when I saw the Library of Congress Veterans History Project. It's a perfect way to honor hospice veterans by recording their wartime stories. Our local volunteers coordinate with veterans to do the recordings," she said. "Community Hospice provides space, volunteer training and specific recording equipment that is required. We upload all recordings to the Library of Congress. There is no funding other than donations and we must raise money to cover expenses. Donations are greatly appreciated and we always need volunteers."

## Caregivers conference on depression, delirium and dementia

Baptist Health's AgeWell Institute will host "Sorting out the 3 Ds – Depression, Delirium and Dementia," on Nov. 8, 8 a.m. – 3 p.m., at the University of North Florida's University Center. The conference is ideally suited for those who provide informal caregiving to older adults.

Keynote speaker is William H. Thomas, an international authority on geriatric medicine and eldercare and founder of The Eden Alternative, a program that

deinstitutionalized nursing homes in all 50 states and worldwide during the past 20 years. Local experts on geriatrics will provide information about the differences between depression, delirium and dementia and how to best care for older adults with these conditions.

Space is limited. To register for the day-long conference, go to [agewell-caregivers-conference.eventbrite.com](http://agewell-caregivers-conference.eventbrite.com) or call (904) 202-4AGE. The \$35 fee includes lunch; free parking is available

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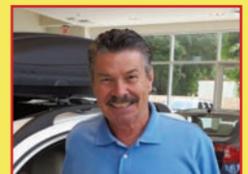
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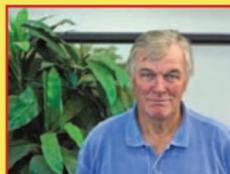
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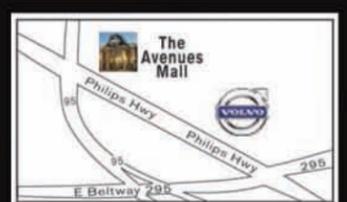
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# Ducks Unlimited growing fundraising, bet on banquet



Ryan Switzer with Lottie Grace and Brian Horn

The leadership of the local Jacksonville Chapter of Ducks Unlimited has continued to grow donations and fundraising for the last few years. The group, recognized nationally for their event, held their annual banquet at the Firefighter's Hall on Stockton Street on Oct. 23.

"These fundraising events are the backbone of DU's habitat conservation efforts, and the volunteers who make up these chapters are the grassroots force making a difference for North American waterfowl populations," said past DU President John Newman. "It takes a great deal of effort to crack the Top 100, and these chapters deserve to be congratulated by every person who enjoys the outdoors."

DU's event fundraising system has long been a model for other conservation organizations around the world and has funded a significant portion of the more than 12 million acres of wetlands and associated habitat DU has conserved since 1937.

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# Farm to San Marco a delightful success

San Marco's Whatley Park was the place to be on Oct. 25, a perfect autumn day for an outdoor gourmet dinner. The five-course Farm to Table event, sponsored by the San Marco Preservation Society, raised funds for Whatley Park improvements and for North Florida School for Special Education's Berry Good Farms. Mouthwatering foods from Corner Taco, Black Hog Farm, Berry Good Farms, Dig Foods, Bistro AIX and Ribault French Bakery were paired with cocktails from Grape & Grain Exchange and craft brews from Intuition Ale Works and Aardwolf Brewery.



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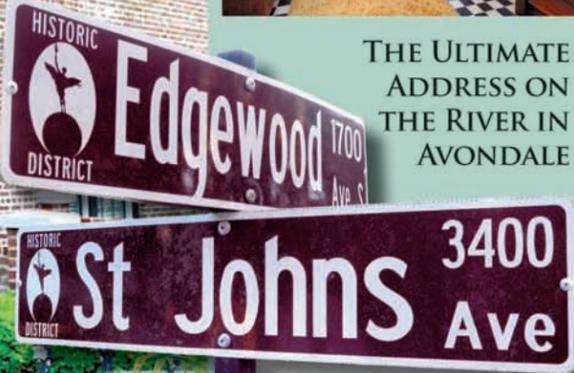
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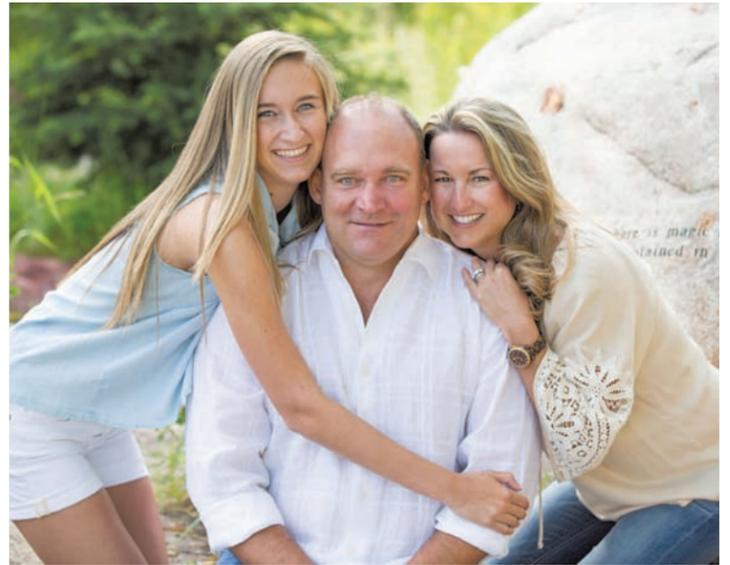






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# Hello Getting to Know Charlie & Jill Arnold



The Arnold family – Charlie, Jill and Megan – have more than a soft spot in their hearts for children and urgent care needs; they have dedicated the past 10 years as a family to PedsCare, a division of Community Hospice. Jill shared with The Resident why the Southside family has such a strong commitment to children in Jacksonville. Her story begins...

“Charlie was raised in Jacksonville and went to Bolles; I grew up in Arlington, Texas and we met at and both graduated from the University of Florida in 1990,” said Jill. “I moved here in 1994 after we got married – it will be 20 years this December.”

Charlie is president of Regional Development Group, LLC and Jill is employed by Regional as a design consultant. The couple has spent the past several years designing and building homes in the Jacksonville/Ponte Vedra area. When they aren’t busy with their careers, they are strong, active supporters of Community Hospice and St. Vincent’s HealthCare.

“We attended the first Halloween Doors & More back in 2004 with our daughter Megan, who is now 16. We just fell in love with the concept of PedsCare and what they were doing for children in the NE Florida area. We had lost a child years ago so it touched

us on such a personal level,” shared Jill. “From then on I joined the committee that puts on the Doors & More event, chairing specific areas at the event and also helping with the Monster Mash 5K Dash too.

“All of us are involved from a volunteer perspective. Charlie helps out during setup week for Doors & More and Megan, who is on the Teen Board Council for PedsCare, volunteers as a character at Doors & More and other events the Teen Board is responsible for.

“In some way, shape or form, we’ve always been financially tied to PedsCare but when I was asked to join the Community PedsCare Council several years ago, things took on a whole new perspective for us. The council works together to make sure that PedsCare is staying on top of current trends in the healthcare place as it pertains to our kids and how we can best serve them.

“It was out of a council meeting, I think three years ago, that an idea was discussed about music therapy and subsequently Charlie and I were able to assist with funding for Community Hospice’s first music therapist who will work with both the adult and the children’s divisions of Hospice. We are so excited to be a part of something so local and so worthwhile; not only are we helping children and adults in the program, but their families, too. We have a tremendous love for the arts so marrying the two seemed perfect plan.”

Jill’s first connection with St. Vincent’s HealthCare was as co-chair of the 2013 Red Rose Ball.

“Being Catholic, it was something that I felt called to do and the mission of St. Vincent’s HealthCare is one that is so close to my heart: service to the sick and the poor,” Jill said. “Charlie and I have been blessed in so many ways and if we can help anyone even

just a little, we feel like we are serving the One who has bestowed upon us all our fortune and grace.”

Jill has recently undertaken a new project for St. Vincent’s Healthcare called the Mary Awards, which honor the courage and the willingness of senior girls in high school who are serving God through their own faith community and serving their neighbor.

“It’s very important to me that we lift up young women in our community that are making the right choices in a time when it seems that we are constantly bombarded with bad behavior of young girls in the magazines, social media, news, etc. I love that the Mary Awards is multi-denominational and will be publicized in not only Duval, but Nassau, Baker, Clay and St. John’s counties,” she explained. “These young ladies can be nominated by anyone, endorsed by their faith leaders and ultimately interviewed by a group of women I have assembled that represent many different religious and cultural backgrounds.”

When the family has a little free time, they attend football games – Bolles, where Megan is a cheerleader and member of the Varsity Dance Team – as well as Gator and Jaguar games. They are members of San Jose Catholic Church, attend Broadway plays brought to Jacksonville through the Artist Series and enjoy many of the historic district restaurants.

“If I’m not cooking, which I love to do – my family is very Southern – we are at Enza’s Italian Restaurant, Cruisers, Picasso’s, or Waffle House!” Jill said. “We’ve also ventured across the river to some of our other favorites including The Blind Fig, Moon River Pizza, The Brick, Biscottis and Orsay.”

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# GO GIVERS

By Julie Kerns Garmendia  
Resident Community News

On November 18, 1999 Leslie Burkhalter's life changed forever.

She noticed that her son Tyler, 11, had lost five pounds and was constantly thirsty, symptoms she recognized from his friend Ben who was diagnosed with Juvenile Diabetes Type 1 (JD1) two years earlier.

Burkhalter took Tyler straight to his pediatrician, where an abnormal blood sugar test landed him in Wolfson Children's Hospital. Tyler was hospitalized four days, the family learned to manage his diabetes and the fifth grader returned to San Jose Episcopal Day School on Monday.

"After his diagnosis we tried to keep everything normal for Tyler, but diabetics must constantly check blood sugar levels by finger prick and inject insulin three to eight times depending on meals and exercise levels...life is far from normal," Burkhalter said.

JD1 is an autoimmune disease that causes the pancreas to stop producing or to resist insulin, a hormone required to process sugar. Diabetes strikes all ages; researchers have worked since the 1960s to find a cure. It can cause vision loss, heart disease, stroke, blindness, kidney disease, amputation and long term complications.

Burkhalter's 25-year banking career and her husband P.J.'s job as president of the 85-year-old family business, Burkhalter Wrecking, had to accommodate their new reality; Tyler's JD1. Everywhere Tyler went, to school, sports or activities, the supervising adults had to understand his needs: to test sugar levels, inject insulin, have snacks or juice.

"I became a volunteer advocate for Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF) after Tyler's best friend was diagnosed. With Tyler's diagnosis, I became an even more involved, passionate volunteer fundraiser for research to find a cure and to educate others about diabetes," Burkhalter said.

JDRF's national network of advocates is dedicated to curing JD1, and is the largest nonprofit funder of diabetes research in the world. Their goal to prevent or find a cure for the disease includes developing therapies and products to control blood sugar, treat or reverse complications and improve life for diabetics.

In 2003 Burkhalter's daughter Casey, 10, was diagnosed with JD1. A few months later, she was also diagnosed with Celiac Disease, another autoimmune disease linked to JD1. Celiac Disease (CD) is damage to the small intestine and its lining caused by gluten; celiac patients require a strict non-gluten diet.

"I felt shot through my heart when Casey was diagnosed, but it confirmed my commitment to JD1 education and research funding, not just for my children, but for all diabetics," Burkhalter said. "In 2006 Casey was among the first patients to wear a Continuous Glucose Monitor (CGM) as part of a clinical

## Leslie Burkhalter



Leslie Burkhalter and her mother Judy Beatrice

study to develop an artificial pancreas to control blood sugar: the closest thing to a cure since the discovery of insulin in 1921. The CGM monitors fluctuations and sounds an alarm if food or insulin is needed."

Burkhalter travels often to the University of Florida in Gainesville and to Tallahassee State offices. She meets with legislators in Washington, D.C. to lobby for the Special Diabetes Program, which Congress must renew annually. The \$150M program is credited with developing artificial pancreas technology to manage blood sugar. She also supports Trial Net, a global network of researchers working to prevent, delay or reverse the progression of JD1. She speaks at public events, answers questions internationally online for JDRF and



Casey, P.J., Leslie and Tyler



Leslie Burkhalter



A T-shirt with photos of son Tyler and daughter Casey

spearheads advocacy.

The Burkhalters have been interviewed extensively by local, regional and national media: newspaper articles, television appearances and in advertisements. Often they are joined in their volunteer efforts by her mother, Judy Beatrice and mother-in-law Ann Burkhalter, formerly of Ortega.

As a mentor for newly diagnosed children and their families, Burkhalter readily shares her encyclopedic knowledge of diabetes, research and new advances and has been repeatedly honored for her volunteerism. The JDRF has commended her strength, character and unending volunteer work to help find the cure for diabetes.

Burkhalter is a registered jeweler who has worked for Underwood's Jewelers in Avondale for 10 years and praised owner Clayton Bromberg and staff for their support and contributions to JDRF. She also works part-time as a Clinical Research Coordinator for the University of Florida.

She and husband P.J. just celebrated 28 years of marriage and volunteer side-by-side in support of JDRF. They support breast cancer causes, Epilepsy Foundation, Lou

Gehrig's disease (ALS) research and volunteer for United Community Outreach Ministry (UCOM) food bank. They are members of Hendricks Avenue Baptist Church.

Avid Jaguars ticket holders since 1995, the family rarely misses a game and also cheers for Florida State University. Casey and her dad are dirt bike enthusiasts and Tyler is musical, playing several instruments. P.J. is the designated dog walker for their Dalmatians, Italian Greyhound and Rat Terrier; Leslie speed-walks, crafts jewelry and practices retail therapy.

Tyler, now 25, and Casey, 21, both University of North Florida students, work part-time jobs and are doing well. They frequently volunteer for JDRF with their parents.

For more information about National Diabetes Month (November) activities and events including free screenings and a photo contest go to [www.ufdiabetes.org](http://www.ufdiabetes.org). JDRF information on activities, monthly and annual events are available at [NorthFlorida.jdrf.org](http://NorthFlorida.jdrf.org). Trial Net information: [www.trialnet.diabetes.ufl.edu](http://www.trialnet.diabetes.ufl.edu). To volunteer as an advocate go to [Advocacy.JDRF.org](http://Advocacy.JDRF.org).

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# Jr. Residents

## Be an angel to a foster child



CenterState Bank and Family Support Services of North Florida (FSS), the lead agency for adoption and foster care in Duval and Nassau counties, are teaming up to collect holiday gifts for older children in foster care.

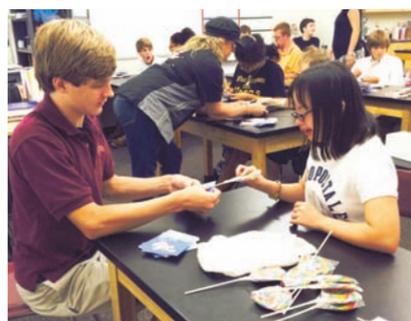
Throughout the month of November, Be an Angel trees that have been decorated with ornaments containing the name, age, and gender of a child in foster care will be displayed at all CenterState branch locations. The ornaments are adorned with a large lollipop and a holiday wish list for a specific child in care, age 10 and up.

People are encouraged to select an angel from the tree, complete a donor card and donate gifts from the child's wish list. Angels may be adopted by individuals or organizations.

The Be an Angel program was created by St. Nicholas resident Roberta Zipperer, a passionate advocate for children in foster care, who recently passed away unexpectedly. Zipperer was the senior director of community services for FSS.

"Roberta is greatly missed by all of us here at Family Support Services," said FSS CEO Lee Kaywork. "Her steadfast love and devotion to our children was evident in everything she did. Our Be an Angel program is one of many initiatives inspired by Roberta. Her life ended prematurely, but her legacy lives on through all of our programs that enrich the lives of children in care."

For more information on the Be an Angel program or to learn more about foster care and adoption, visit [www.fssjax.org](http://www.fssjax.org) or call (904) 421-5800.



Students from Episcopal High School and the North Florida School of Special Education worked together to assemble the ornaments during an after-school enrichment program.

## Nurse shares health tips with Bumblebees



Elizabeth Heekin, RN, Baptist Medical Center, speaks to four-year-old students in the Bumblebee class at South Jacksonville Presbyterian School during Community Helpers Week, sharing healthcare tips.

## JROTC to honor Taylor Manor veterans

Students at Wolfson High School involved in the Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (JROTC) program will march to Taylor Manor to honor those who have served in the military.

JROTC members at the school have been marching in their uniforms the more than one mile to the assisted living facility for the past 18 years.

Sgt. First Class Myron Jackson has been involved with JROTC for 19 years and looks forward to the march every year.

"The seniors enjoy it and the kids do too," Jackson said.

More than 40 students will make the march to Taylor Manor, where they will parade several times for the seniors to watch. After the parade, students and Taylor Manor residents assemble inside for a presentation of flags to each

branch of the armed forces. Students who are making their last march to Taylor Manor before graduating are recognized and the veterans who served in World War II or the Korean War share their stories.

"It lets the students see how much veterans appreciate continued service," Jackson said. "It also lets them pay it forward, as many of them will also be serving in the military."

"It is a most moving and poignant occasion," said Kathleen Wilkes-Pierce, Activity Director/Volunteer Coordinator at Taylor Manor & Villas. "The residents and the young people get very emotional and often we share tears of sadness and joy - all at the same time!"

The students will make their march sometime around Veterans' Day, which is November 11.

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# Bolles freshmen make a difference

Bolles Upper School San Jose Campus freshmen spent a day last month volunteering at 11 local nonprofit organizations, as part of the School's annual Make A Difference Day.

On Oct. 15, a caravan of school buses took small groups of students from Bolles to a diverse selection of locations and charitable organizations around Jacksonville: Taylor Residences; Pine Castle; Sanctuary on 8th Street; the St. Johns Riverkeeper in Tomahawk Park; the North Florida School; the McKenzie Academic Resource Center (MARC); Sulzbacher Center for the Homeless; Kathryn Abbey Hanna Park; Feeding Northeast Florida; and Angels for Allison. At the outdoor destinations, students took in lessons on environmental stewardship and culled through trash and invasive species. Client interaction and relationship-building were the focus of visits to sites serving adults and children during the day. Other organizations asked students to help with site cleanup, organization and gardening.

Following the morning of service, students returned to Bolles for a special message about the importance of service and "finding your passion" from Sophomore Annie Ungrady.

"This is an exciting, real-life lesson for students – supporting this mission of local charitable groups and those they serve reinforces the foundational values of their Bolles experience. This gives students a taste of the kind of impact they can make in our community, and in the world today," said Bolles Upper School Head Moya Marks. "We don't require community service hours at Bolles, but students here are very eager to share their courage, integrity and compassion with the communities in ways that are meaningful to them."



Bolles freshman at Sulzbacher Center on Make a Difference Day



Students from Bolles School visit with residents of Taylor Manor



Jennie Busey, Riverkeeper Education Director, measures the turbidity of Goodbys Creek after Bolles students removed invasive plants and cleaned up the park

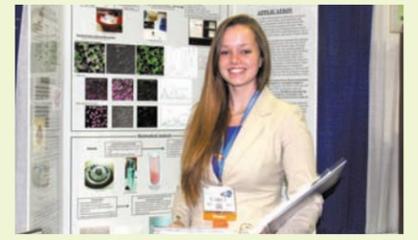


Bolles freshman work in the warehouse at Feeding Northeast Florida



Bolles freshman paint angels for Angels for Allison on Make a Difference Day

## Episcopal student makes regional finals

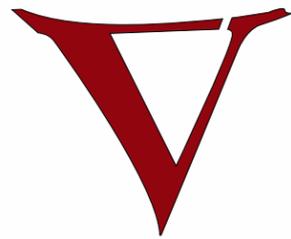


Carly Crump, a senior at The Episcopal School of Jacksonville, broke a 10-year state streak by being named a Semifinalist in the Siemens Competition in Math, Science & Technology 2014 for her investigation of the transmission of the dengue virus in mosquitoes. The last time a student from Florida was a Regional Finalist in the Siemens Competition was 2004-05.

The competition recognizes the top 300 high school students nationwide who completed outstanding science research projects in the last year. The competition is administered by The College Board and funded by the Siemens Foundation.

The Avondale resident is a student in the Honors Science Seminar class, and her investigation has been conducted in stages. Last year she worked at the University of Florida Whitney Lab to characterize molecular interactions in cultured mosquito cells, and at the International Science Fair in May 2014, she was awarded third place and \$1,000 in the Category of Microbiology.

During this past summer Crump's work focused on the protein interactions in cultured mosquito cells at the Bloomberg School of Health at the Johns Hopkins Malaria Research Institute, Baltimore. The ultimate goal of Crump's project is develop a pathway to eradicate the dengue virus, which is endemic in over 100 countries.

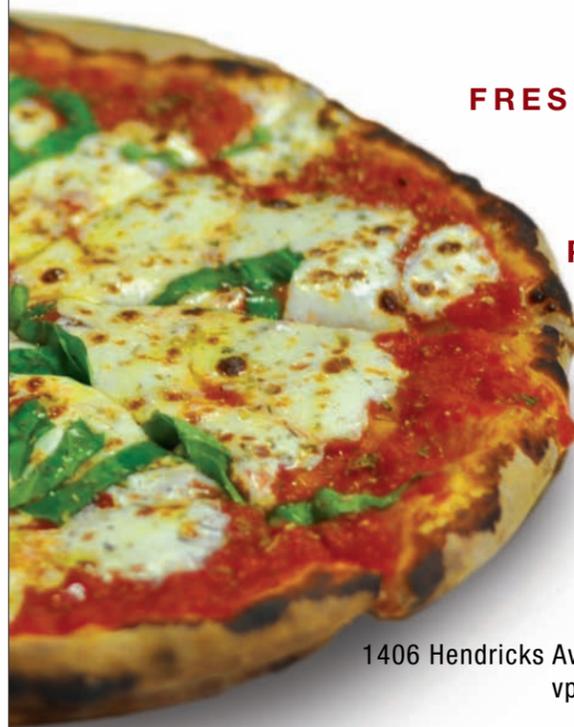


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# Getting seniors out of rooms a coordinated effort

By Kate A. Hallock  
Resident Community News

Betsy White lived in San Jose where she led an active lifestyle for 50 years. Now a resident at Taylor Manor where she receives assisted care, the 94-year-old woman doesn't let a missing leg keep her down.

"I'm a real extrovert and I live alone. This is an opportunity to get together with our friends who live here. It's very popular as you can see," she said about the monthly arts and crafts session. "They really turn out; they enjoy doing it to make these cute things."

White and the other hundred or so residents at the assisted living facility on Chester Avenue are given opportunities nearly every day to get out of their rooms, mingle and have fun.

For the past 25 years, Kathleen Wilkes-Pierce, activity director and volunteer coordinator, has been in charge of ensuring that no senior is left behind when it comes to good times. But she's quick to say that she couldn't do it alone.

The Christian Volunteer Organization, which draws members from area churches, including San Jose Church of Christ, visits every month to provide an activity and refreshment for the Manor residents. Taylor Residences is affiliated, through its founder Samuel Taylor, with the Church of Christ. The Wesconnett businessman left nearly his entire estate in 1963, in memory of his wife, to the Samuel C. Taylor Foundation to support the care of aged citizens.

"We are so blessed here to have such a large variety of longtime devoted volunteers who grace our social hall and other social areas in the building to enhance the quality of life for our assisted living residents," said Wilkes-Pierce, who will be retiring at the end of this month.

Each year Wilkes-Pierce honors the more than 150 volunteers, which includes Taylor Villas residents as well, with a reception at the Manor.

"Our most dedicated Villas residents (independent seniors who live in the Villas) are arts and crafts volunteers, too. The two groups work hand-in-hand in a beautiful way!" she enthused. In addition to helping residents assemble the monthly craft project, the Villas volunteers first set up and then clean up the



Gwen Broward, a member of the Christian Volunteer Organization, watches Nancy Ashmeade apply glue to the witch's broom. Manor.



Members of the Christian Volunteer Organization visit residents at Taylor Manor each month to assist them with a craft project. Front: Margaret Carter, Annette Alexander, Dottie Reeves and granddaughter Stella Noelke, Gwen Broward, Maria Michalski; back: Kathy Riall, Deborah Elliott, Vicki Jackson.



Manor residents Janice Layman and Marty Reynolds at monthly craft day at Taylor

social hall, and also go door to door to each room, reminding and encouraging the residents to attend the activity.

Vivian Denison, who lived in Ortega Forest until moving to Taylor Manor two years ago, found that the activities helped her through the loss of her husband. "He was in the care center for seven or eight months before he passed away," she said. Now she's grateful for the volunteers who make sure that everyone has the opportunity to attend the events. "They're great, a big help," Denison said. "I really like these activities."



Maria Michalski, CVO member, helps Manor resident Jeannette Mayo with a craft project.



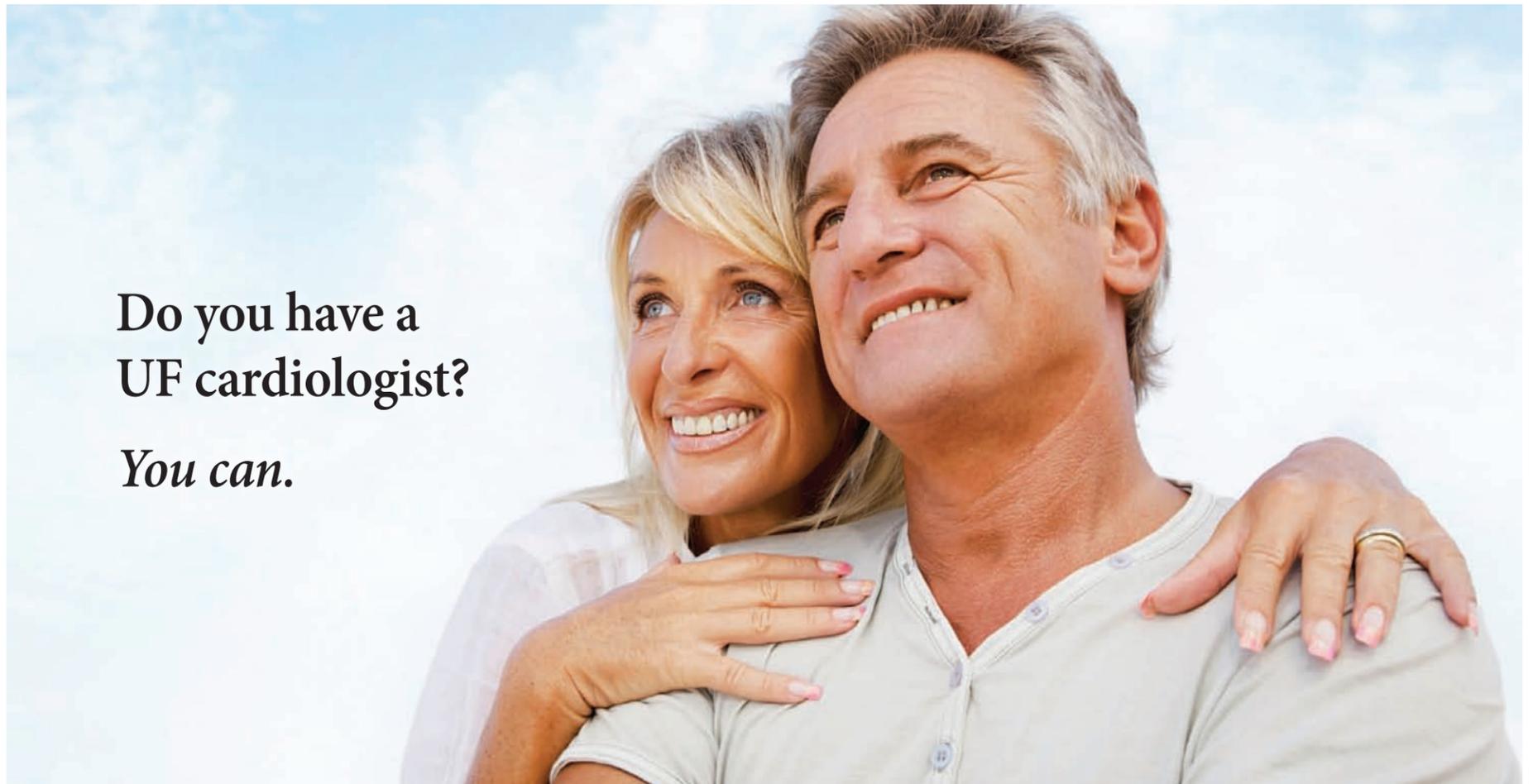
Vivian Denison carefully applies glue to pieces for the witch door hanger on craft day.



Manor resident Burline Anderson gets a little help from CVO member Rita Simcsuk.



Activity Director Kathleen Wilkes-Pierce shows Manor resident Marie Haeberle how to use a glue stick to assemble her door hanger.



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# Bringing Good News to Home Bound

By Kate A. Hallock  
Resident Community News

For the believing home-bound senior, one of the most poignant losses faced is the ability to engage in the faith community on a regular basis and receive the Sacrament. Whether shut in at home, enduring a stay at the hospital or permanently residing in an assisted living facility, immobile seniors crave the communion of believers as well as the Holy Communion.

Thanks to volunteers like Martin Hussey, those who find getting to church on a regular basis difficult, if not impossible, look forward to the weekly visits of Good News and the Eucharist.

"It's not about me, it's about Jesus Christ," said Hussey. "It's about what we're doing."

Hussey is humble about this ministry, although he has quite a track record. He began serving as a Eucharistic minister in 1980 as a member of the Roman Catholic Church. "When the Father invited me to become a Eucharistic minister, it was a humbling experience," he shared.

Hussey holds two licenses, one to serve the

Eucharist – either during a worship service or to the shut-ins – and the other to visit without serving Communion. Qualification requires taking an eight-hour course and then a refresher course every three years.

Now, as a member of All Saints Episcopal Church since 1992, Hussey continues in that good work. But he also gets something back from those weekly visits to Taylor Residences.

"It's a two-way street," said Hussey, "because it reinforces your own faith."

The visits to Taylor Manor began a few years ago when a former All Saints parishioner could no longer get out and attend Thursday morning services; Hussey volunteered to visit her and soon had a small group eagerly waiting for his visits. Even after that member passed way, Hussey continues to make weekly visits to the assisted living facility.

When Hussey and his wife Vernadine go to Taylor Manor, they meet in the den with a group of residents. Hussey delivers a little homily and distributes Holy Communion while Steven Peacock, another All Saints' Eucharistic minister, plays the cello.

## Uptown Sisters for Haiti support Fonkoze

Women helping women is one of the reasons that Uptown Civitan has thrown its support behind Michael Fisher's private foundation, Haitian Microfinance, Inc. Fisher, founding and senior partner of the law firm Fisher, Tousey, Leas & Ball, started his foundation seven years ago to help fund Fonkoze.

Fonkoze (Shoulder-to-Shoulder) is the largest Haitian microfinance institution providing financial services and humanitarian services for the poor in Haiti with 46 offices nationwide, 60,000 plus loans outstanding and over 200,000 depositors. The board of Fonkoze USA chose Jacksonville for its quarterly meeting last month because of the great support the community has given to Fonkoze to empower Haiti's poorest women to lift themselves out of poverty.

Laura Crooks, and past president of

Uptown Civitan, explained the motivation for raising funds for Fonkoze through Haitian Microfinance. "A group of women in the Uptown Club were inspired by a talk that Michael Fisher gave to the club some time ago. We got together over dinner one night at my home and decided we wanted to support the poorest of the poor in the Haiti Fonkoze program, the women who were just starting out," Crooks said. "We all felt we lived such privileged lives and wanted to give back in some way to help women. The Fonkoze Microfinance program was a perfect fit for us...thus Uptown Sisters for Haiti was born."

She noted that, unlike other Uptown Civitan fundraising events, the Uptown Sisters for Haiti meets quarterly to learn about the latest efforts in Haiti. Then, she said, "We just write a check. Unto whom much has been given, much is expected."



The women of Uptown Civitan – Patti Purcell, Pat Ellis, Tamer Britton, Wynester Sherrer, Nancy Chamblin, Laura Crooks, Gayle Kanak, Mattie Fraser – with Michael Fisher, Fonkoze's Audit Committee Chair and director and founder of Haitian Microfinance, Inc.



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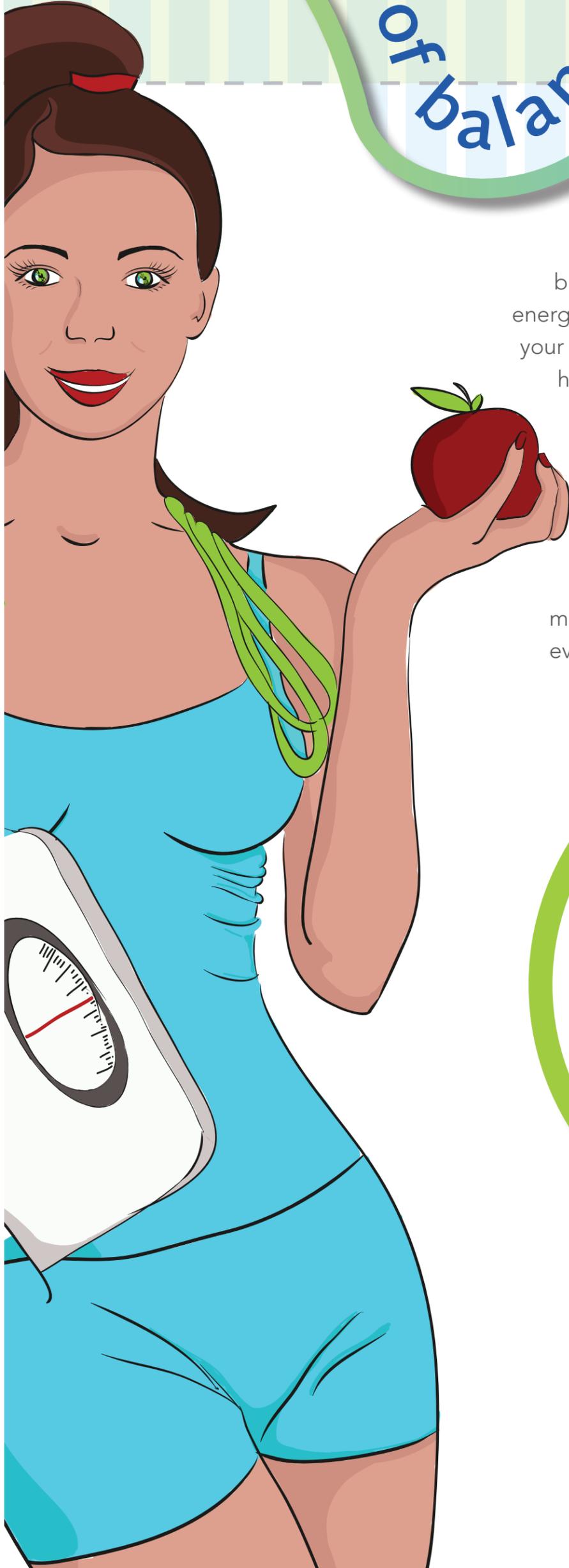
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# November Calendar

## Men's Garden Club

Mon., Nov. 3, 6:30 p.m. Board meeting; 7:30 meeting, Garden Club of Jacksonville, 1005 Riverside Ave.

Larry Figart, Urban Forestry agent, will speak on pruning and grafting. Contact Donn Elliott, (904) 635-7318, sweetwoodfarm@hotmail.com

## Downtown Art Walk

Wed., Nov. 5, 5-9 p.m., Hemming Park  
Downtown Vision hosts the Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra at the First Wednesday Art Walk in Hemming Park. Any Given Child Jacksonville will curate intermissions with music, dance, visual art and theater students. Visit [www.iloveartwalk.com](http://www.iloveartwalk.com)

## Champions for Children Gala

Thurs., Nov. 6, Florida Blue Conference Center  
Malivai Washington Kids Foundation students who have done well in school and on the courts will dine with sports and entertainment celebrities and receive scholarship awards. The itinerary includes a tennis pro-am Nov. 7, 8 a.m. to noon at the San Jose Country Club. (904) 359-5437

## 2014 Children's Champion Awards Gala

Thurs., Nov. 6, 6 p.m. Cocktail Reception; 7 p.m. Dinner and Program; EverBank Field Terrace Suite  
Episcopal Children's Services 9th annual recognition event; (904) 726-1500, ext. 236 for more information.

## Champions for Justice

Thurs., Nov. 6, 6:30 p.m., The Potters House, 5119 Normandy Blvd.  
Awards will be given to those who have gone above and beyond to help victims of violent crime. Funds will be raised to help Justice Coalition continue to serve victims and their families in Northeast Florida.

## Friends of Library Book Warehouse Sale

Fri., Nov. 7, 2-8 p.m.; Sat. Nov. 8, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Sun., Nov. 9, Noon to 5 p.m.; Tues., Nov. 11, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Sat., Nov. 15, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., University Park Library, 3435 University Blvd. N.  
The proceeds will be used to supplement the Library's budget. For more information, go to the FJPL website ([fjpl.org](http://fjpl.org)) or call (904) 630-2304.

## Red, White & Blues

Fri., Nov. 7, 6 p.m.-9:30 p.m., 3904 Alhambra Drive West  
A wine tasting and art auction to benefit the North Florida School for Special Education take place at the home of Gary McCalla. Tickets are \$50; (904) 724-8326 or [www.northfloridaschool.org](http://www.northfloridaschool.org)

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## Sassy Tappers Christmas Show

Tues., Nov. 11, 7 p.m., All Saints Episcopal Church, 4171 Hendricks Ave.  
Senior tap dancers from Neptune Beach Senior Activity Center to perform annual Christmas show. For information, call publicity chair at (904) 248-1774

## Love Goes to Press

Nov 7-22, 8 p.m., Theatre Jacksonville, 2032 San Marco Blvd.  
Theatre Jacksonville opens its 95th season with this comedy by famous 20th century war correspondents. (904) 396-4425. [www.theatrejacksonville.com](http://www.theatrejacksonville.com)

## 11th Annual Festival d'Vine

Sat., Nov. 8, 6:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m., Treaty Oak Park, 1207 Prudential Dr.  
Catholic Charities Jacksonville will partner with Ovinté for a wine and food tasting fundraiser event with more than 200 wines to taste and purchase and 26 food vendors. Performing live will be The Chris Thomas Band. (904) 224-0062

## Jacksonville PorchFest

Sat., Nov. 8, 1-5 p.m., Historic Springfield  
Twenty local bands will play on more than a dozen porches in Historic Springfield - Jacksonville's oldest existing and original front-porch neighborhood - from 1-5 p.m. along a walkable route. [www.jacksonvilleporchfest.org](http://www.jacksonvilleporchfest.org)

## Grape Escape

Mon., Nov. 9, 3-6 p.m., Ovinté, 1028 Buckhead Branch Drive  
An upscale wine-tasting event will raise funds for the Child Cancer Fund. (904) 396-4223 or [www.childcancerfund.org](http://www.childcancerfund.org)

## Lexus Champions for Charity Golf Tournament

Mon., Nov. 10, 11:30 a.m., Timuquana Country Club  
A fundraising tournament will benefit UF Health Jacksonville from the RITA Foundation. Funds raised support the purchase of new high tech breast cancer detection equipment. Individual entry fee \$500, foursome \$1,800. (904) 244-9750

## Salute to Veterans Sunset Concert and Picnic

Mon., Nov. 10, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Memorial Park  
Patriotic music by Navy Band Southeast, pre-order picnic dinners available or bring your own; water, beer, wine available for purchase. Sales benefit Memorial Park Association. Go to [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com) to pre-order meal ((click on Discover, then Category, Music).

## Florida Forum: James Carville & Mary Matalin

Wed., Nov. 12, 7 p.m., Times-Union Center, 300 Water Street  
A political power couple will come to Jacksonville as a part of the Florida Forum Series. The event will benefit the Women's Board of Wolfson Children's Hospital. (904) 202-2886 or [www.womensboardwch.com](http://www.womensboardwch.com)

## Jacksonville Whiskey Affair

Thurs., Nov. 13, 6:30-9 p.m., Aloft Hotel, 4812 Deer Lake Drive West  
Local eateries, breweries, and dessert aficionados will gather at Jacksonville Magazine's fundraising event to benefit Volunteers in Medicine. (904) 389-3622 or [www.jacksonvillemag.com](http://www.jacksonvillemag.com)

## Signature Chefs Auction

Thurs., Nov. 13, 6 p.m., The Omni Hotel, 245 Water Street  
Tasting of signature dishes prepared by local chefs and the bidding for a private meal preparation will benefit the March of Dimes. Tickets are \$150 and Tables are \$1,800. (904) 398-2821 or [www.marchofdimes.org](http://www.marchofdimes.org)

## Holiday Tea

Sat., Nov. 15, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., Things Very Special Stationers, 5816 St. Augustine Rd.  
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## San Marco Arts Festival

Sat.-Sun., Nov. 15-16, 1971 San Marco Blvd.  
More than 100 artists from the US will transform historic San Marco into an outdoor art gallery with original fine artwork on display and for sale. Explore the exhibits, get a jump-start on the holiday shopping, enjoy the live music and register to win the free art giveaway. [www.artfestival.com](http://www.artfestival.com)

## Empty Bowls Luncheon

Tues., Nov. 18, Noon-1 p.m., Prime Osborn Convention Center, 1000 Water Street  
Guests will be served a simple meal by local celebrities. Take home a bowl that was handmade by Jacksonville area senior citizens or students. Individual tickets are \$30, non-profit tables are \$300 and corporate tables are \$600. (904) 353-3663 or [www.wenourishhope.org](http://www.wenourishhope.org)

## St. Johns Riverkeeper Oyster Roast

Fri., Nov. 21, 7 p.m., The Garden Club of Jacksonville  
Fundraiser to celebrate the river and support the organization's advocacy, outreach, and education programs. [www.stjohnsriverkeeper.org](http://www.stjohnsriverkeeper.org), (904) 256-7591

## Holiday Market

Nov. 21-22, Fri. 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Jacksonville Fairgrounds  
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## Step Out: Walk to Stop Diabetes

Sat., Nov. 22, 9 a.m., Riverside Arts Market  
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## Hunger Fight Thanksgiving Outreach

Sat., Nov. 22, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., UNF Campus, 1 UNF Dr.  
Volunteers will package more than 500,000 meals of rice and beans or mac'n cheese. All participants will receive a goody bag valued at over \$150. [www.hungerfight.org](http://www.hungerfight.org)

## Toast for a Cure

Sat., Nov. 22, 6 p.m., Hyatt Regency Downtown, 225 East Coastline Drive  
Attendants will be able to network and donate through various live and silent auction items to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Tickets are \$225 and tables are \$1,700. (904) 296-7434

## River Garden Gala

Sat., Nov. 22, 7 p.m., Sawgrass Marriot Resort, 1000 PGA Tour Boulevard  
Attendants may partake in cocktails, dancing, dinner, and a silent auction to benefit River Garden Hebrew Home and Wolfson Health and Aging Center. (904) 886-8431 or [rivergarden.org](http://rivergarden.org)

## Christmas Craft Market

Sat., Nov. 22, Noon to 4 p.m., Southside United Methodist Church, 3120 Hendricks Avenue  
Dozens of homemade items and unique Christmas gifts will be for sale in the Family Life Center at Southside United Methodist Church. Amy Franks, (904) 635-4721

## Bach Chorale Cantata

Sun., Nov. 23, 6 p.m., St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 3976 Hendricks Ave.  
Cantata choir will include professional soloists and musicians from Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra. For details, contact Cantor Tony Cruz at [vespers@comcast.net](mailto:vespers@comcast.net)

## Champions for Child Safety Pro/Am Golf Tournament

Mon., Dec. 1, 10 a.m., The Palencia Club, 600 Palencia Club Drive  
A pro/am golf tournament will benefit the mission to provide bullying and child abuse prevention education to children throughout Florida. \$7,000 per team. (904) 562-1844

## Art & Antiques Show

Dec. 5-7, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Prime Osborn Convention Center  
A show themed "Boxwoods and Bow-ties" will feature vintage and postmodern art and antiques, along with lectures and workshops, all to benefit the Women's board of Wolfson Children's Hospital. An opening night party will be held Dec. 5. (904) 202-2886

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