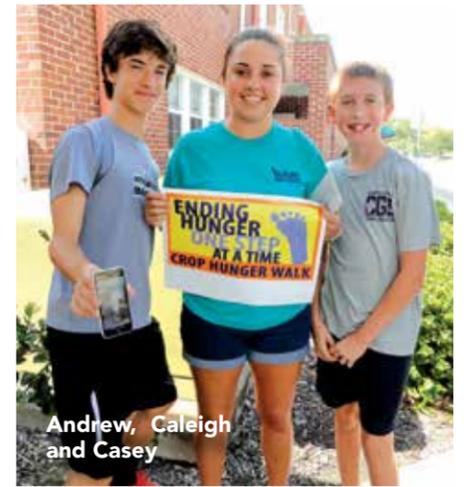




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FOUR CHURCHES FIGHT HUNGER

An annual community event which raises funds to fight hunger globally, the CROP Walk was hosted by South Jacksonville Presbyterian Church and raised \$4,076. Joining the folks from the Presbyterian Church in San Marco were members from Hendricks Avenue Baptist Church, Lakewood Presbyterian and Faith United Methodist Church.

Giving cancer the boot, one spur at a time

Fitted with bling, denim and diamond-studded attire, this year's Cowford Ball drew big guns to blast cancer. The night exceeded the goal of \$500,000 and delivered on its mission to fund research, deliver lifesaving care and provide shelter for those fighting cancer in North Florida.

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Roxanne Epstein, Nittal Desai, Manala Douglas, Kinnari Shah and Darshana Choksi

Celebrating the Salvation Army

Serving North Florida for over 125 years, the Salvation Army continues to build upon its legacy of service. Funds raised in this celebratory anniversary year will bolster the services of the Red Shield Lodge.

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Marilyn and Pete Carpenter

DDRB Gives Final Design Approval to The District

JEA Grants 12-Month Extension to Close on Property



Rendering for THE DISTRICT – LIFE WELL LIVED depicts an open space which maximizes views to the St. Johns River (Rendering by Elkus Manfredi Architects)

By Marcia Hodgson
Resident Community News

It took less than an hour for the Downtown Development Review Board

to unanimously vote its final approval – with one abstention – on the Final Master Plan Guidelines for The District – Life Well Lived during a special meeting at City Hall Oct. 26. Board member Bill Schilling

abstained due to a conflict of interest. There was no public comment and nary a negative word by the board as it signed off on the “catalyst” project that it expects to be a “gamechanger” for the city.

[Read more, page 14](#)

Making miracles happen for those with diabetes

Patrons were out to support the fight against Type I Diabetes as they gathered at the Sawgrass Marriott Oct. 15 for the North Florida Chapter of Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. This year's gala, the 16th annual Miracles Gala, titled “One Night,” delivered on an elegant safari-themed evening for guests who travelled from across Northeast Florida to fight the good fight.

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Thankful.

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We're also thankful for our first responders and leadership, from the Mayor's Office to the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office, Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department, and the list goes on. We are fortunate that our elected officials have rallied and inspired so many to work hard, even as the recovery and cleanup carries on.

It's the time to continue thinking of others, to get inspired, and share in the spirit of the season – the season of giving. Each year, this issue in November delivers stories of philanthropic endeavors from the youth in our community, to the elders, and everyone in between. For these neighbors and their efforts outside of the everyday lives they lead, we're thankful.

In the same vein, our second edition of Circles, Social Datebook & Charity Register, our news group's charity magazine, debuts Nov. 18 at the National Philanthropy Day Awards Luncheon. It's the ultimate guide to giving and charitable work being done to better our city. We're humbled to be able to compile, produce and share these valuable resources with the greater community in this publication. Circles illustrates the very best of what it means to be thankful – from the givers to the recipients.

When you're surrounded by people making a difference, it's contagious. Get inspired, go volunteer or try to share a great idea that raises funds for a nonprofit or individual in need. Get engaged and do something for someone else, you will feel good, you will grow from each experience.

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Letter to the Editor

For all of us at Jacksonville Touch Rugby, we really appreciate you including us in your paper and the wonderful story that Marcia Hodgson put together. As a result, we've already recruited a former rugby player from Australia who now lives in San Marco. Today we all head down for the Nationals tournament that begins tomorrow. As the newest team in the competition, we're hoping for a great learning experience!

Many thanks, Maxwell Lee

Editor's Note: See story, page 41, for the team's standings in the national tournament.

Blood Donations needed

If you are healthy, 16 years of age or older and weigh at least 110 pounds, donating blood is one of the easiest recurring ways to give back to the community in general and, in some cases, to someone you may know.

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"The hurricane greatly reduced our ability to collect blood ... and as a result, we are now facing the reality of a severe blood shortage," said Susan Forbes, vice president of marketing and communications.

Hurricane Matthew forced suspension of blood center operations throughout parts of the state for several days, but OneBlood resumed operations Oct. 10 with a call for donors to donate as soon as possible to replenish the blood supply. There is an urgent need of O negative whole blood, platelets and AB plasma.

"The donations that come in from the areas where we are now operating are helping sustain the blood supply throughout OneBlood's entire service area," said Forbes.

For a list of OneBlood Donor Centers and Big Red Bus blood drive locations visit www.oneblood.org.



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Those who wish to immortalize their names in San Marco Square now have the opportunity.

Just in time for Christmas, the San Marco Preservation Society is selling custom engraved bricks that will be placed on the plaza in Balis Park near the Fountain of Lions. The bricks start at \$100 and can be ordered until Wednesday, Nov. 16 to ensure installation in the Square by Sunday, Dec. 25.

All proceeds from the sale go to benefit the Balis Park beautification fund.

Order forms are available online, in person at San Marco Preservation Society headquarters at 1468 Hendricks Ave. or by request. See the San Marco Preservation Society's website for more information: smpsjax.com.



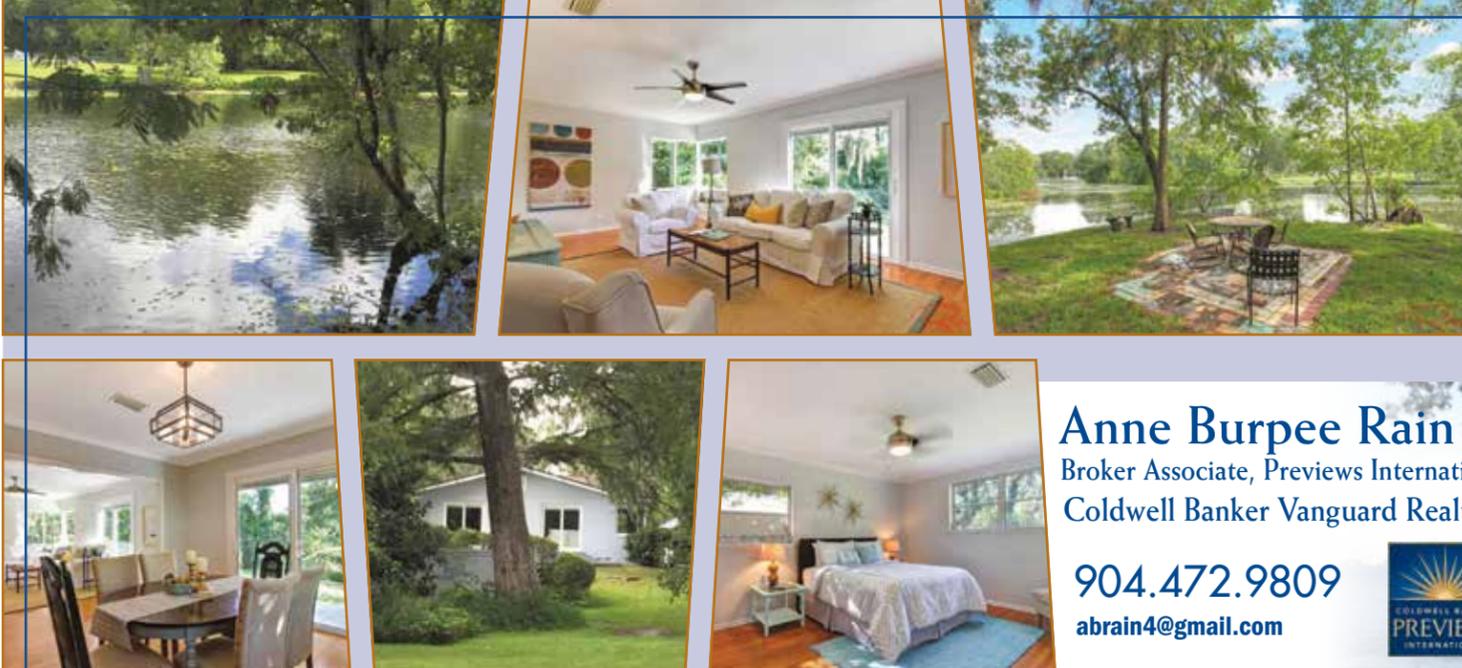
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City to install Love Locks location on Southbank Riverwalk



The city plans to use the "Stairs to Nowhere" on either side of the Southbank Riverwalk as a place for couples to place locks to show their love.

By Marcia Hodgson
Resident Community News

Love Locks is coming to Jacksonville.

In the future, the Jacksonville Parks and Recreation Department plans to make a special place along the Southbank Riverwalk for strolling couples to leave padlocks to symbolize their affection, said Jill Enz, a landscape architect with the city Parks and Recreation Department during a meeting of the Downtown Dwellers Sept. 27.

The locks follow a tradition started in Paris, France, where couples put locks on the Pont des Arts bridge to symbolize their affection, followed by throwing the key into the Seine River below. Jacksonville plans to install special panels on the two "staircases to nowhere" which sit on either side of the Main Street Bridge along the Southbank Riverwalk, said Enz. In the past, the staircases led from the Main Street Bridge to Riverbank museums, which have since been torn down so that the Riverwalk could be built, she said.

Screen panels will be added to the top of the staircases for the locks to be added, and the story of Love Locks will be written in script on one of the open walls, she said.

Also in the plan is a sculptural stainless

steel tree to be installed in the open area on the Riverwalk near base of the staircases with branches low enough for locks to be hung, making the project Americans with Disabilities (ADA) accessible, she said.

The tree will be mounted on a large granite boulder and placed on the Riverwalk. The trunk and branches will be made from punched stainless steel sheets and will be two intersecting planes, with the roots becoming more organic around the boulder. Hooks to hang locks will be mounted to the branches and the locks will become the leaves of the tree, she said.

Enz said she is currently getting bids for the Love Locks project and is looking for other private organizations that might assist as sources of funding. She said it may be six to nine months before the project is completed.

An estimated one million padlocks were removed from the famed Paris bridge in June 2015 because sections of the bridge's fencing began crumbling under the locks' weight.

At present, many lovers in Jacksonville have placed locks with their names or initials engraved on them on a chain link fence on the pedestrian bridge over the railroad tracks and under the Acosta Bridge between the CSX and Times-Union buildings. The city cut off the locks two years ago because the fence couldn't handle the added weight, Enz said, noting after the new attraction is built, signage directing couples to the new Southbank Riverwalk site will be installed at

the old site on the pedestrian bridge.

Having a special location for the Love Locks on the Southbank Riverwalk near its hotels will add another attraction to the city, hopefully inspiring honeymooning couples to visit and leave a tangible remembrance of their lasting love, she said, noting that selling the special locks with the couples' names and wedding dates provides an opportunity for small businesses nearby.

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DDRB expresses concerns about proposed high rise on Southbank

By Marcia Hodgson
Resident Community News

It was back to the drawing board, so to speak, for the Ventures Development Group which had at first requested that the Downtown Development Review Board grant conceptual approval during its meeting Oct. 20 for the developer's planned 250-unit high-rise apartment building on land adjacent to the Aetna Building and the railroad tracks on the Southbank.

Recognizing the board had issues with more than one aspect of the proposed development at 841 Prudential Drive, which lies near the railroad tracks and the entrance to the Acosta Bridge, Attorney Steve Diebenow of Driver McAfee Peek & Hawthorne, who represents the developer, requested a discussion of the approval be taken off the table so that a workshop to discuss the intricacies of the project with the board could be scheduled for a future date.

The estimated \$40 to \$50 million project, which is being developed by Ventures Development Group of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, proposes to build a 10-story apartment building atop four stories of parking garage on the site, part of which is now used as a surface parking lot which wraps around the Aetna Building.

If accepted in its present state, the building will offer 250 apartments including studios, one-bedroom and two-bedroom units, as well as a fitness center, club room and sky lounge, according to plans presented to the city. Developers received approval to increase the number of units to 275 by the Downtown Development Authority in its meeting Oct. 18.

Ventures Development Group currently holds a contract on the 2.9 acre Southbank parcel, which is owned by GV-IP Jacksonville Owner LLC. The DIA's approval restricts the closing on the property to within nine months and requires the developers get building



A rendering of the high-rise apartment building which is proposed to be built on land next to the Aetna Building on the Southbank by Ventures Development Group.



Ventures Development Group's proposed apartment complex near the Aetna Building on the Southbank calls for 10 stories of apartments on top of a four-story parking garage.

permits within 18 months and beginning vertical construction within 24 months. If these requirements are not adhered to, the group will lose its development rights.

In 2005, the Hines Tower, a 43-story mixed-use condominium development was planned for the site but was never built due to unfavorable real estate conditions in the following years.

Although the DDRB decided to defer formal discussion of the project until after the workshop, DDRB members and staff voiced some of their concerns about the project during the meeting.

Jim Klement, DDRB development coordinator, said that in delving into the new application, DDRB staff reviewed the approval for the Hines project and noticed several parts that were similar within its development agreement which today seemed problematic. He said staff was considering Ventures proposal in light of the city's community redevelopment area downtown master plan, the city's redevelopment goals for increasing the "urban lifestyle" downtown, and its general policies of incorporating healthy living

within its design criteria.

"Part of the overview that staff immediately noted was that there appeared to be a lot of parts that potentially, if the conceptual was granted without good review of those moving parts, may give an improper green light to the applicant to move forward with the development," Klement said, adding if these concerns were not considered, site juxtaposition, relocation or redesign might become necessary.

"We were hesitant to offer a recommendation of approval with conditions because those conditions dealt with some setback issues, some pedestrian engagement issues which could very aggressively cause relocation or redesign of the structure," he said.

While recognizing the challenges of such a "complicated and chopped up site," many of the DDRB members agreed with staff, expressing concern about setbacks from the Riverwalk, walkability especially in regards to neighboring Baptist Hospital and the Aetna Building as well as how a building with such "imposing structure"

would impinge on or energize the existing Riverwalk. Also discussed was how the structure would look from the river and how it would mesh visually with the adjacent properties.

DDRB member Craig Davisson noted the project would be the "front door to downtown" and a "major billboard," and suggested the developer study what Baptist Hospital had done with its river frontage.

DDRB member Joseph Loretta said he was interested in knowing how the current lease agreement with the Aetna Building to provide 100 spaces for the employees that work there would impact the project's overall parking requirements.

Loretta's colleague, Rafael Caldera, said he had no trouble with the idea of a big building eventually resting on the site but recognized that the parking lot was "complicated" and that there were numerous other issues with the project.

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Local trio brings fresh perspective to San Marco Square

By Marcia Hodgson
Resident Community News

Aiming to bring a new name, new look and new menu to San Marco, three San Marco residents have begun to renovate the space on San Marco Square formerly occupied by The Grotto.

In October, renovations began at 2012 San Marco Blvd. where Town Hall, a new culinary venture owned by an investment group headed by San Marco entrepreneur Frank Sanchez and Chef Tom Gray and his wife, Sarah Marie Johnston, both of San Marco, will be located. The new restaurant is slated to open early next year, perhaps in late January or early February, said Gray.

And, as if they don't have enough to do, Sanchez, Gray and Johnston, who also own and operate Moxie Kitchen + Cocktails at St. Johns Town Center, have also taken over management of The Grape and Grain Exchange, a craft bar also located a few doors down the street on San Marco Square at 2000 San Marco Blvd.

The Grotto, one of the first wine bars in Jacksonville, closed July 3, 2016 after it was purchased by Sanchez, Gray and Johnston from former owner Mitch Woodlief. Recognizing that the 2,100-square-foot space offered a unique opportunity to advance a new dining concept, the three went to work developing an overall concept and design for the space with the goal to be a "California-inspired restaurant."

"As an investor with Tom in Moxie Kitchen + Cocktails, I have a great respect for his skill as a chef and restaurateur. It



San Marco residents Frank Sanchez, Sarah Marie Johnston and her husband, Chef Tom Gray, have taken over management of the Grape and Grain and will soon open Town Hall, a new restaurant in San Marco Square.

was natural to approach him about this project," said Sanchez. "San Marco is one of the great, quaint commerce districts that is somewhat unique to Florida and exudes a friendly, neighborhood feeling. It's a privilege to renovate this space and maintain its relevance moving forward as a part of our historic community."

In seeking a new name for the restaurant, Johnston said she spent many hours researching historical records of the restaurant's location and the square. The moniker Town Hall was selected because the couple intends for their restaurant to become a cozy, intimate meeting place with a casual "West Coast vibe," said Gray.

"Town Hall is the meeting place," said

Gray. "It's supporting concept is the Town Hall community food and drink," Johnston added. "It's kind of a harkening back to the historic nature of San Marco, having that place that you gather and will be the optimum convenience for everybody to collect and share information and have an event of some sort. We like the idea of it being kind of a reference to the historic nature of San Marco, and also the kind of freshness of making it a new meeting place," she said.

After holding an auction to remove the Grotto's furnishings and finding a new home for the popular mural of Whatley Park, which formerly adorned the wall of The Grotto, Gray gutted the interior of the space and is in the process of upgrading its infrastructure including plumbing, wiring, heating and air conditioning. Skylights will be installed to bring in natural light, and the new space will include Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) bathrooms and a new kitchen with a hood system.

Seating will be for 50, down from the Grotto's 64 seats, said Gray. The restaurant aims to serve a small dinner menu with beer and wine Tuesday through Sunday as well as brunch on the weekends.

The layout will be divided into three sections – a cozy front living room lounge, a relaxed bar space and a small dining room with seating for 24 with views of an open kitchen.

The goal is to make the space feel "very residential," and the open kitchen will allow for a better sense of "connection and community," Gray said. "It will be modern/cozy, almost residential in its feel, like walking into a living room," said Gray. "We

want to impart the sense that you are in someone's home, and they are cooking and you are dining. That's the feel we are going for," he said.

Joining Sanchez, Gray and Johnston in the Town Hall enterprise are a small group of private investors including Greg Delany, Kellie and Drew Pruseicki of San Marco and Felicia and Mike Fox, many of whom are also investors in Moxie Kitchen + Cocktails. "Together we are passionate about our community. We want to build something very special to share with all that gather at Town Hall," said Sanchez.

No real change at Grape and Grain

Meanwhile, Sanchez, Gray and Johnston recognize the Grape and Grain Exchange (GGX) has a successful brand. They expect to only make subtle changes as they become more comfortable with the business.

In May 2016, Bob Smith, founder of GGX, relinquished his interest to focus his energy on other Jacksonville business ventures including The Cask Wine Bar in 5 Points, said Johnston. Sanchez, a founding investor in the GGX, took over direct management as president, general manager and registered agent.

After taking over from Smith, Sanchez reached out to Gray, asking him to join in managing the endeavor. Gray, who with his wife has founded the restaurant management and consulting firm CuliVino in San Marco, set out to evaluate the most apparent needs of the business without losing its "core essence."

"With a true respect for the craft cocktail reputation that Grape and Grain holds in the community, we also saw areas we felt would benefit from some retooling, such as a need to make a stronger service connection with guests, offer more variety on the menu, and to connect the front bar space and the back area, which is known as the Parlour, more coherently," said Gray.

Some improvements the trio have already instituted include adding local beers on tap, installing TVs, extending hours of operation and enhancing the physical space with sidewalk patio tables and more seating in the front bar area where display wine racks were previously.

"We're trying to find a balance between the familiar and the unique with packaged wine, liquor and beer," said Gray. "It's a really nice opportunity for San Marco to have its own craft cocktail and package store right in the neighborhood," Johnston said.

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JEA pays fine for dumping yellow muck in Miller's Creek

By Marcia Hodgson
Resident Community News

Although there was no official admission of guilt, after an investigation by John Flowe, water branch manager of the Jacksonville Environmental Quality Division (EQD) the Jacksonville Electric Authority agreed to pay a fine of \$6,400 for unlawfully discharging turbid water into Millers Creek, said Sharon Johnson, secretary of the Millers Creek Special District during a meeting Oct. 17 at Cuba Libre in St. Nicholas.

In a letter written to the JEA, the City of Jacksonville's Neighborhoods Department said an investigation of the incident, known as WP-16-XY, was resolved with the payment of a civil penalty of \$6,400, a total that equals \$8,000 less 20 percent due to JEA's good faith effort to cooperate.

Although, at the time Special District Board Member Jonathan Wright, and a few of his Millers Creek neighbors felt the money should be put into the Millers Creek Special District's coffers to help pay for the dredging project, JEA made out a check to the Jacksonville Environmental Protection Trust Fund, as it is required to do by law. The city's environmental trust fund money is used for environmental studies and some restoration projects as limited by the Ordinance Code.

The letter from the Neighborhood Department also stated that "payment of such amount does not constitute, nor shall

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- Lori Boyer

it be construed as, an admission of liability or wrongdoing for any allegations from the investigation, nor shall it constitute or be construed as an admission of liability or wrongdoing for violation of any federal, state, or local law, statute, rule, regulation, ordinance, or other requirements."

Miller's Creek residents became aware of the incident on July 13, 2016 when creek resident Louis Joseph took a video of yellowish liquid with sediment emitting from a drain pipe into the creek from property owned by Kate Thilges. A second video, recorded late in the day by Wright showed a JEA truck in the background and the chemicals beginning to disperse throughout the creek. Wright said Millers Creek resident Bobby Baker had taken photos during a similar incident involving a different storm drain on Millers Creek May 15.

At the time of the July incident, Wright

said JEA was working on a pipe behind the old Baptist Church on Gay Avenue when the pipe burst. Instead of allowing the water, which was filled with clay and sediment, to run into the street, JEA workers hooked up a hose to run the discharge out a storm pipe off Thilges' property into the creek. When Andrew Sear of JEA was called out to the site, he agreed JEA was in violation because they had neglected to put a filter on the hose to catch the dirt and clay, Wright said after the incident.

Wright said he was glad to hear JEA had paid a fine for its recklessness. "JEA officials on the day of the incident said there were infractions and that they should be fined," he said in an email. "I'm glad that JEA followed through and paid the fine. Fines do help, but I am not sure it is severe enough to stop future infractions," he continued.

"Fortunately, the residents on Millers

Creek are personally invested and take ownership of what goes on in and around the creek. We have become vigilant residents and highly sensitive to the creek, more than any corporation or government body could, which can only help the future of the creek. I hope there will be no future infractions, but time will tell and the residents of Millers Creek will be watching," he said.

During the meeting, Jacksonville City Council President Lori Boyer, who represents District 5, said when she heard about the situation she had personally reached out to JEA CEO Paul McElroy. She said McElroy had followed it "through the chain" and said they had been working in the area and the damage in July was not dirty water from somewhere else, but from the immediate area.

Boyer said she planned to do a public records request to determine how many times JEA has repaired pipes in the Millers Creek storm water system so she can quantify the problem and better correct the people responsible for not using the proper procedure to dispose of the dirty water.

"Is it something that happens once every four years or once every couple of months? Is it happening repeatedly by a team assigned to this area that's not following the rules or is it going on citywide? If we know this then we can get their attention," she said. "I'm interested in preventing this in the future."

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To protect the bulkhead, the City has erected a six-foot chain-link semi-permanent fence along the border of Riverfront Park.



The bulkhead in Riverfront Park was severely damaged during Hurricane Matthew in early October.

Riverfront Park off limits until bulkhead damage repaired

By Marcia Hodgson
Resident Community News

Because Hurricane Matthew took its toll on Riverfront Park, the grassy waterfront span so popular with fishermen, dogwalkers and other visitors is now off limits indefinitely.

Although San Marco was largely spared, suffering mainly tree damage when the Category 4 hurricane passed by, the bulkhead running along the river in the park adjacent to River Road between Landon Avenue and Laverne Street was

severely damaged.

Already suffering holes inflicted by Hurricane Hermine in September, Matthew's wrath served to widen and deepen the craters, pulling away much of the soil and grass that runs adjacent to the cement wall alongside the river, making for a dangerous situation for anyone walking or fishing near the river's edge.

To prevent further damage to the park, the Jacksonville Parks and Recreation Department has erected a semi-permanent, six-foot-high chain-link fence along River Road spanning the

park's entire length.

Jacksonville City Council President and District 5 Representative Lori Boyer said the city intends to do the bulkhead repairs next year but has been waiting to see if President Barak Obama would make a disaster declaration to cover public facilities and private homes so federal funding can be used for the repairs. On Oct. 25, the city was advised the declaration had been expanded to include repair of damaged public facilities, she said.

"We got some complaints from residents that people were moving the temporary

fencing aside and stepping over it. From a risk management and safety standpoint the city installed a fence in that vicinity until we can get the bulkhead repaired. Right now, it is dangerous. Right now, it has become a hazard," she said.

"We don't know to what extent the bulkhead may be covered, but it was clearly damaged by the storm," Boyer continued. "The Geotech work has been completed and Public Works expects a final design and price in the next several weeks. If all goes well, construction could begin in early 2017."



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City to address Riverwalk shrimping issues

By Marcia Hodgson
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Lately the pavers which line the Southbank Riverwalk have taken a beating due to wind, rain, frequent pressure washing and damage from shrimpers who pull their weighted nets up from the river and create cracks and divots in the pavers, said Jill Enz, a landscape architect who works for the Jacksonville Parks and Recreation Department.

Addressing residents' concerns at a meeting of the Downtown Dwellers Sept. 27, Enz said the Parks and Recreation Department is getting bids to attend to maintenance issues so additional sand can be placed between the pavers' joints since so much of the existing sand has been washed into the river.

Enz also said the city was aware fishing and shrimping have been taking place along the Southbank Riverwalk even though those activities are prohibited. The shrimpers favor the areas around the Duval County School Board Building and the area east of the Peninsula Condominiums near the Chart House, she said.

She said the city intends to paint signs on the Riverwalk or install medallions in the floor of the Riverwalk every 20 to 30 feet so the restrictions noted in Ordinance 616 can be upheld by police. The signs must be installed within sight of those who are breaking the law by shrimping and fishing, she said. "Once we have the signs up we can have a better law enforcement," she said.

After the meeting, JSO Sergeant Michael Senterfitt said the Southbank Riverwalk suffers from many of the same problems fishing has brought to Riverfront Park, particularly when fishermen urinate or defecate in public because there are no



The city plans to install signs cautioning against shrimping and fishing every 20 to 30 feet along the Southbank Riverwalk.

public restrooms nearby.

"It's been vicious and unpleasant," he said, adding it is not wise for residents to approach or antagonize anyone. In order for JSO to enforce the law, the signs need to be clearly visible from where the fishermen or shrimpers are standing, he said. "If they can't see it, we can't enforce it," he said.

Hurricane Matthew largely spared the Riverwalk, destroying only six canvas shade structures between the Main Street Bridge and the Lexington Hotel, Enz said. "It will be a lengthy process (to get them replaced)," she said, estimating it may take three to five months.

Other maintenance issues the city plans to address are a replacement of many LED lights along the riverfront span as well as trash that collects in the river near the Main Street Bridge.



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Baptist to build Southbank parking garage

By Marcia Hodgson
Resident Community News

In addition to the towering Baptist MD Anderson Cancer Center building, which is currently being constructed on San Marco Boulevard in North San Marco, the folks at Baptist Health may soon be engaged in another sizable building project on the Southbank side of Interstate 95 near Wolfson Children's Hospital.

In a meeting held Oct.20 at City Hall, the Downtown Development Review Board unanimously granted conceptual approval, with a few conditions, on plans presented by Baptist Medical Center to build a parking garage on surface parking lot A across the street from Wolfson Children's Hospital.

With the plans, Baptist intends to spruce up the existing parking lot which lies on land bordered by Gary Street and I-95 to the south, Palm Avenue to the west, Prudential Drive to the north and San Marco Boulevard to the east. The proposed parking garage will sit on land bordered by Prudential Drive, San Marco Boulevard, Palm Avenue and a new, private road named Baptist Way, which will separate the garage from a smaller surface lot to its south. The surface lot will border Gary Street/I-95, Palm Avenue, San Marco Boulevard and Baptist Way.

The proposed 817,000-square-foot parking structure will comprise seven stories and accommodate 2,247 cars, including 33 handicapped spaces. No public parking will be available; it will be reserved exclusively for Baptist and Wolfson Children's Hospital employees, patients and some employees who work for companies housed in the Aetna Building, said Frank Brooks, Chairman of FreemanWhite, an architectural firm in charge of the project for Baptist.

The entrance and exit to the garage will be at the corner of Palm Avenue and the newly formed Baptist Way, where a park-like lawn and shade trees will be installed and a louvered awning will provide shade along a walkway that extends along the west side in



Rendering of new Baptist parking garage slated to be built on the surface lot adjacent to Wolfson Children's Hospital, as seen from the corner of Palm Avenue and a relocated Baptist Way.

front of the garage. A potential sky bridge spanning Palm Avenue near the intersection of Prudential Drive, connecting the garage with Wolfson Children's Hospital has also been drawn into the plans.

The garage will be constructed of precast concrete panels and curtain wall elements to complement the surrounding structures, while metal sun shading devices will accent the west façade. Also on the side facing Palm Avenue, LED bands will be installed across the façade to create an abstract "river of light" across the west elevation.

To the east along San Marco Boulevard, the garage will have a "saw tooth" design and a layered landscape buffer and palm trees will screen the new, smaller surface parking lot. The sidewalk improvements will mirror what is called for in the San Marco historic district.

Along Prudential Drive to the north and along San Marco Boulevard to the east, the architects are hoping to use black vinyl-coated chain-link fence and landscaping, Brooks said.

Monumental signage will be placed on the towering corners of the garage, Brooks said.

Although the board raved about the west

side of the garage facing Palm Avenue and Baptist Hospital, several members were less than happy with the garage's appearance on the other three sides. "It is obvious the budget on your garage diminishes as you get away from Palm Avenue," said Craig Davisson, calling the sides facing Prudential Drive and San Marco Boulevard "lackluster." Davisson also said he felt the architects should be more cognizant that 90 percent of the traffic would view the structure from San Marco Boulevard and I-95. "The garage is turning its back on the Southbank," he said.

Christian Harden shared similar concerns, particularly on the south side where the structure faces Gary Street and I-95. "We have 75,000 people driving by the city and will see a blank horizon," he said. "It's a gateway. I think the shadowbox you've created on the west is brilliant and the lighting is great. I think it looks terrific. It may not be realistic to match this on the south elevation, but that to me is what's needed. It will look wonderful from Baptist's perspective, but to everyone else who drives by it, it would be nice to have something that is more visually appealing."

Baptist AgeWell to host palliative care conference

Many caregivers are not sure what palliative care means and are reluctant to consider it when caring for an older loved one, who is plagued by serious illness. Others confuse palliative care with hospice care. However, palliative care is a way to help manage the stress, symptoms and pain of a serious illness, even if curative treatments are underway.

To spread the word about how palliative care really works, Baptist AgeWell is sponsoring a Care Partners Conference "Palliative Care – Any Age, Any Stage," on Saturday, Nov. 12 from 8 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. at the University of North Florida's University Center.

The keynote speaker at the conference will be Diane E. Meier, M.D., director of the Center to Advance Palliative Care. Meier is a recipient of a "Genius Grant," a prize awarded annually by the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation.

The conference is ideally suited for seriously ill older adults as well as their informal caregivers or anyone who is eager to learn how palliative care can help.

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Rendering of the exterior of the new waterfront condo community The Palazzo on St. Johns on Goodby's Creek.



Rendering of the interior of new condos built at The Palazzo on St. Johns

Phase II to begin on The Palazzo

By Marcia Hodgson
Resident Community News

The Palazzo on St. Johns, a waterfront condominium community on Goodby's Creek, is poised and ready to begin construction on Phase II of its building plan. Permit applications were filed in early September to start construction on the third and fourth buildings of four, and developers expect to get the go ahead from the city in early November, said spokesperson Maria Coppola.

The new development is located near

the intersection of Baymeadows Road and San Jose Boulevard. It consists of three- and four-bedroom units ranging from 1,900 to 2,500 square feet. Pricing for Phase I starts from the low to mid \$400,000s and the cost of the units in Phase II is expected to be the same.

No timeline has yet been established for the construction start of Phase II.

"We will announce more details on Phase II as the permits are approved," said Peter Collins, co-founder and managing principal at Prospect Cove Development LLL and Forge Capital Partners. "Our

team has worked hard to redevelop and deliver this exceptional development since we took over the property. We are proud to work to complete the entire Palazzo community."

In total, The Palazzo will consist of 66 units. The 26 units in the first two buildings (70 percent), which comprise Phase I have been sold.

In Phase II, the units have not been released for sale in Building 3, which will consist of four stories – three residential stories with a garage for homeowners on the ground floor. It will also house the community's fitness center and community room.

Building 4, with 16 units now on the

market, has five units already under contract. It will consist of five stories with a resident garage on the ground floor.

The Palazzo at St. Johns is being developed by Prospect Cove Development LLC, a joint venture of Tampa-based Forge Capital Partners LLC, which is the managing member, and the Orlando-based Prospect Real Estate Group LLC. The Condo Group, which is based in Jacksonville, is the exclusive sales and marketing broker for The Palazzo. Wakefield Beasley & Associates is the architect and McVeigh & Mangum Engineering is also working on the project.

The District

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Elements Development LLC, a company owned by San Marco developers Peter Rummell and Michael Munz have a contract to buy the former Jacksonville Energy Authority Southside Generating Station for more than \$17 million where they plan to create a massive mixed-use urban project consisting of 1,170 residential units, 200 hotel rooms, 125 marina slips, 288,500 square feet of commercial/retail and 200,000 square feet of office space. The \$500 million project is the brainchild of Rummell, who seeks to build a multi-generational community that promotes a healthy urban lifestyle.

Elements was scheduled to close on the 30-acre Southbank property at the end of December, but received a 12-month extension on the closing date from the JEA Board of Directors Oct. 18. In extending the date, JEA included a provision that closing will occur within 45 days of approval of all state and local entitlements and agreements for the project.

"Getting this type of plan approved, it is a sea change for Jacksonville when it comes to multipurpose, mixed-use development," said Munz, following the Oct. 26 meeting. The Master Plan Design Guidelines will provide a framework for all future development on the "catalyst redevelopment site," which has been deemed by city officials as crucial to the revitalization of Jacksonville's urban core.

Rummell was not able to attend the meeting. As a past president of the Urban Land Institute, he was in Dallas, Texas, addressing a meeting of the ULI's national organization.

"It's ironic that this (project) started when

he was chairing ULI and that he's there today while this is being voted on in Jacksonville," said Munz, after the meeting.

"The overarching big idea Peter Rummell would talk about if he was here is the healthy living component, both wellness and multi-generational aspects," Munz said during the meeting. "That's a big idea for Jacksonville, but it's also a big idea for the redevelopment world. At ULI, he's talking about the fact that here in Jacksonville we are talking about a project that not only promotes health and wellness but also a multi-generational component."

Having approval of the master plan design guidelines was a huge step in a long process to realize Rummell's vision, Munz said.

"Getting this design master guidebook approved was critical to going forward with this project," Munz said. The guidelines will be a tool to provide guidance and examples of architectural quality and style for both the master developer and future third party developers, and will be included with the legal documentation as Elements LLC goes forward with marketing the project, he said. "If someone comes in to build a hotel, they'll have to use this guidebook when they plan the design of their hotel," Munz explained. "That way everybody will know what every block is going to look and feel like."

In his opening remarks, DDRB

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— Michael Munz

Development Coordinator Jim Klement gave a hearty endorsement for the project saying it is "an important collaboration between the applicant, the DIA (Downtown Investment Authority) and the DDRB staff."

He also explained in detail the guidebook's purpose and the six requested deviations that went along with the project's final approval, each of which the board voted on individually during the meeting. Included among the deviations were four that deal with design elements – river views, heights of buildings and structures; off-street parking, streetscape design standards, waterfront design regulations – and two that deal with procedure – DDRB staff consistency review and DDRB final approval time period, which allows the site plan approval to be valid for 10 years from the date of final, written approval of the final project site plan with a "benchmark" status report provided to DDRB staff from the developers within five years.

"Historically, the process was just a process. The intent here, and this will be one of the deviations at the end of our presentation, is we are doing now a master plan review in adopting these master plan guidelines as a part of their product," Klement said. "The review and consideration by staff, this product gives staff sufficient specificity so when they

come forward to review a project – anyone who comes in – we can go to this document and use it to review the final project."

Perhaps most problematic for the board was the deviation requiring the DDRB project site plan approval be valid for 10 years.

After claiming he was excited about the project because it will "really add value to our city and our quality of life," City Council member Aaron Bowman questioned the wisdom of the 10-year timeline expressing fear that "what looks good today in 10 years might look outdated," and that "I don't want to see nothing over there for nine years."

However, Munz allayed his fears. "It's a complicated site, a 30-acre site. We are creating a market. It will take a while to go beyond here. Nothing like this has been done in Jacksonville, and a 10-year window with a five-year report-back period was the most realistic plan. It allows us to give our partners on the horizontal and vertical sides the assurances they need," he said.

Elements LLC was granted a 12-month extension to close on the Southbank property from JEA because it still needs to execute a redevelopment agreement with the Downtown Investment Authority, as well as be approved by both the Mayor's Budget Review Committee and the Jacksonville City Council, Munz said. He said he expects the closing to occur in a few months and for Elements to hold a groundbreaking ceremony on the property in "early to mid-spring at the very latest."

"This has taken a lot of time. The amount of hours it's taken to create this plan and the level of detail and complexity has been all consuming for the past several months. We can now shift our focus to the next step," he said.

City approves San Marco Overlay amendment

By Marcia Hodgson
Resident Community News

Future developers got their wish when the Jacksonville Land Use and Zoning Committee voted unanimously Oct. 4 to amend a proposed amendment to the San Marco Overlay Ordinance 2016-367, which Council President Lori Boyer had submitted in May. City Council also approved the bill on Oct. 11.

On May 18, Boyer had filed Ordinance 2016-367, which would prevent developers from applying for Planned Unit Development (PUD) rezoning as a way of weakening the Overlay's development standards. The amended ordinance stated "no PUD rezoning shall be allowed that waives or alters any development standard established by the Overlay."

However, soon after she filed the new ordinance Boyer began to have second thoughts. After speaking with several would-be developers, she decided to amend the proposed ordinance to "relax" several aspects of the San Marco Overlay, particularly where it concerns certain areas of commercial development in San Marco.

The newly amended ordinance, which LUZ passed without hesitation Oct. 4, involves three changes to the existing San Marco Overlay, adopted in 2006, essentially making it less restrictive.

The amended version changes three aspects of the Overlay, Boyer said. First, it loosens the height requirements set for the Overlay on commercial properties in the designated "transportation corridors" from 35 feet and allows a baseline of 50 feet for properties on the north side of Atlantic Boulevard from Hendricks Avenue to the railroad tracks. Also affected by the change will be a block of properties on the south side of Atlantic that back up to Olevia Street near the new Overland Expressway exit ramps, Daily's, and the Southside Assembly of God Church, where it might make sense for a developer to construct taller buildings.

All the areas are currently zoned CCG-1 and CCG-2, which allows 50-foot buildings

in areas not superseded by the Overlay district. Two buildings – East San Marco and the Demetree Office Building, which were already approved – are higher than 35 feet, with portions of East San Marco planned to tower higher than 50 feet. None of the buildings in this area are adjacent to residential neighborhoods.

The area east of the railroad tracks on the north side of Atlantic Boulevard would be left at 35 feet due to its proximity to historic World War I housing and several Klutho homes.

In Parcel 4, the area on Hendricks where the Bank of America and Southern Bell-AT&T building lie, as well as some commercial frontage on either side along Hendricks Avenue near Southside Baptist Church, PUDs would be allowed which waive the height requirement, but developers would submit their applications with the understanding they would be judged by the criteria of the Overlay and evaluated on how they impact and transition to single-family houses which rest behind the commercial corridor.

The second change to the proposed amendment concerns parking standards in regards to multifamily housing. The current Overlay states if improvements to the buildings were made in excess of 35 percent of the property's value, the property had to be brought up to current parking standards. The amendment modifies this restriction so improvements can be made up to 50 percent of the value before the property is required to be in conformance with current parking standards.

"Most of the multifamily units that are within the boundary of the Overlay don't comply with the parking standards because they were built years ago," Boyer said. "I thought that was an unreasonable restriction in terms of value because if you look at the cost of repairing an older building, you are going to spend more than 35 percent in a heartbeat, and if you have to bring it up to current parking standards you won't be able to renovate units the way you would like to."

The third change to the ordinance had to do with the aggregation of lots, Boyer said. The

original Overlay was written in response to the fact that when existing buildings and residences were demolished, new buildings would be put in their place in accordance with the current zoning standards and were not consistent with the character of the area, she said.

To protect the historic character of San Marco, the Overlay said setback lines had to comply with the old platted setback lines that were in existence years ago. If a developer wanted to put two or three lots together to build a residence or commercial building, they had to override the Overlay with a waiver because the setback lines that were in the middle were on the lot lines, Boyer said.

"Part of what we wanted to be sure of here is that you could use a PUD to get around eliminating those internal setback lines so they would not prevent someone from putting together a block of properties and be able to do a development on multiple parcels," she said.

"Part of why we did the amendment is that we wanted to make sure the things that were already developed or already approved would not have had a different result with this document," Boyer said.

The boundaries of the San Marco Overlay are Cedar Street in the north, Craig Creek in the south, the St. Johns River in the west and the railroad tracks and Kings Street in the east. The Overlay and its boundaries differ from the San Marco Preservation Society's neighborhood action plan, San Marco by Design, which seeks to provide guidance for neighborhood continuity to developers and the city's Planning and Development Department as to walkability and to preserve the character of San Marco's neighborhoods.

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Florida Forum hosts Ben Carson

Former presidential candidate Dr. Ben Carson was the featured speaker as the Women's Board of Wolfson Children's Hospital kicked off its silver anniversary season of the Florida Forum Oct. 25 at the Times-Union Center for the Performing Arts.

A world-renowned pediatric neurosurgeon, syndicated columnist and New York Times bestselling author, Carson shared several inspiring stories about what it means to be on the cutting edge of medical science, including his experience conducting a revolutionary but nerve-racking surgery in South Africa to separate conjoined twins.

Carson's talk was the first of three Florida Forum events to take place this season. On January 30, 2017, Fox News Anchor Megyn Kelly will be the featured speaker followed by Jacksonville hometown hero Tim Tebow on March 13, 2017.

This year's series continues the Women's Board's efforts to raise \$4 million to establish the Pediatric Surgery Center of Distinction as well as fund ongoing programs and equipment needs at Wolfson Children's Hospital.



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Jaguars join team to defeat breast cancer



Surrounded by employees of the Baptist MD Anderson Cancer Center, Jacksonville Jaguars owner Shahid Khan and Baptist Health President and CEO Hugh Greene hold up a check for \$1 million, which will help establish an endowment for breast cancer prevention.

Shahid Khan, owner of the Jacksonville Jaguars, has made a gift of \$1 million to the Baptist MD Anderson Cancer Center that, with matching funds, has created a \$2.25 million Jacksonville Jaguars endowment for breast cancer prevention, treatment and care.

Khan presented a check to Baptist Health President and Chief Executive Officer Hugh Greene during a football game between the Jaguars and the Oakland Raiders at EverBank Field Oct. 23.

“Baptist MD Anderson Cancer Center provides a unique opportunity for Jacksonville in the international efforts to prevent, treat and cure cancer,” Khan said. “For this reason, we are making a significant commitment to create an endowment to support and help advance their efforts, specifically in the area of breast cancer, which continues to impact the lives of women daily. This is a serious disease and one that requires teamwork to defeat it, and we are honored to be part of the team.”

During the presentation ceremony at EverBank field Greene expressed his appreciation for the sizable donation. “We are very grateful for Shad Khan’s generosity, which recognizes the transformational nature of the Baptist MD Anderson partnership and the world-renowned model of care it has brought to our region,” said Greene. “This gift is yet another indication of our longstanding relationship as the official health care provider of the Jacksonville Jaguars since 1993.”

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Ritz Chamber Players enjoy 15 years jazzing it up



Terrance Patterson

Now in its 15th year fostering the appreciation of chamber music featuring preeminent African-American musicians and composers, the Ritz Chamber Players opened the season with a concert, titled "Coexist," Oct. 20 at Hendricks Avenue Baptist Church. In addition to delighting local music lovers, this year The Players will expand their reach with concerts in New York, Orlando and Atlanta.

Terrance Patterson, artistic director and executive, founded The Players in 2002 to help build the participation of multicultural audiences reflective of Jacksonville's diverse society.

SCORE honors 50 businesses for longevity

SCORE (formerly Senior Corps of Retired Executives) Jacksonville celebrated its 50th anniversary Oct. 24 with a showcase of 50 local companies that have been in business in Jacksonville for at least 50 years. The honored companies represented a broad spectrum of commercial enterprise, including the 151-year-old Downtown law firm of Bedell Dittmar DeVault Pillans & Coxe, which also claims to be Florida's oldest law firm, established by a former Union Army colonel in 1865.

Thriving and Surviving - 50 Years in Jacksonville was held at Unity Plaza, where the event served as a networking venue for the sharing of stories and histories, as well as celebrating the diversity of successful business models.

Several longtime businesses have their roots in the historic districts, including Burger Roofing Company (1966), Miller Electric (1928), Peninsular Pest Control Service (1954), and W.W. Gay (1962) as well as Naugle Funeral Home & Cremation Services (1919), Holmes Stamp Company (1954), Marks Gray, P.A. (1899), Rogers Towers (1905) and Rosenblum's (1898), among others.



Front, Roy Schnauss, III, and Cameron Naugle, president; back: Katherine Schnauss Naugle, Patty and Paul Naugle of Naugle Funeral Home & Cremation Services

Arc Jacksonville wins Judges' Choice at ULI annual awards

The Urban Land Institute (ULI) North Florida held its annual Awards for Excellence program Oct. 11 at historic Taliaferro Hall in St. John's Cathedral, presenting the 2016 Visionary Leader Award to Robert M. Rhodes, Attorney at Law, for his active role and strong leadership in national and regional land use and development. Rhodes has been a ULI member for more than 30 years and served ULI in various capacities including chairing national policy forums and technical advisory panels and serving on the North Florida District Council Advisory Board.

Arc Jacksonville Village, one of three local award nominees, was given the Judges' Choice Award. The new facility for disabled adults was up against the Winston YMCA, and winner Infinity Hall in Gainesville in the Nonprofit/Public category.

The Edison, a former power station turned restaurant, in Tallahassee edged out Jacksonville's own Intuition Ale Works in the Reuse/Repurpose category, and there were no local entries in Open Space, which went to Maritime Park in Pensacola.

Two of the five judges included Jacksonville residents Russ Ervin of Ervin Lovett Miller, and William Killingsworth, City of Jacksonville director of planning and development department.

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Bolles teacher honors late husband with generous gift

Cathy Stupski, a San Jose resident and long-time kindergarten teacher on the Bolles Lower School campus in Ponte Vedra, honored her late husband, Karl, with a \$500,000 gift to Bolles.

Stupski's donation will serve as initial funding for a new 10,800-square-foot multipurpose gymnasium on the Lower School campus. Included in the new building will be a basketball court, bleachers, a stage for school performances, bathrooms, and proximity to the school's existing athletic fields.

Prior to teaching at Bolles, Stupski served for 12 years as preschool instructor at Southside United Methodist Church in San Marco. She worked as a substitute for two years at Bolles before being offered a permanent job on the Ponte Vedra campus in 2005.

Building a gym is a fitting way to



Cathy Stupski

memorialize her husband because he worked out his problems on the treadmill at Epping Forest Yacht and Country Club, and often coached basketball at the YMCA, Stupski said.

GATE president named JAX Chamber chair-elect

The JAX Chamber Board of Directors has selected John Peyton, former Jacksonville mayor and president of GATE Petroleum Company, as 2018 Chamber Chair. Peyton currently serves on the Chamber's board and will begin as Chair-elect in January 2017. Darnell Smith, North Florida Market President for Florida Blue, is Chair-elect this year and will serve as Chair of the Board of Directors in 2017.

In his role as Chair-elect, Peyton will lead the 2017 Leadership Trip and the Chamber's Board of Governors in 2017, a larger group of business leaders that helps to implement policy and priorities set by the Board of Directors.

"With business-friendly governments, low tax burden, a great quality of life and top-notch transportation infrastructure, Jacksonville continues to be a prime location for companies to relocate and grow," said Peyton. "I look forward to being a part of the continued economic growth in our city and working with businesses to expand and invest in Jacksonville."

While serving as mayor, Peyton focused on programs and policies that helped improve the overall quality of life for citizens and was also known for aggressively recruiting companies to Jacksonville, working closely



John Peyton

with JAXUSA Partnership, the Chamber's economic development arm, to showcase the city to businesses looking to expand.

Peyton rejoined GATE Petroleum after leaving City Hall and was named president in 2012. Among other community activities, Peyton is a former chair of the Jacksonville Transportation Authority and the Jacksonville Symphony. Peyton is a graduate of Mercer University and the Harvard Business School Executive Education Program.

City Rescue Mission names new board members, officers



Chad Perce



Arthur Crofton

The City Rescue Mission has elected iMethods CEO Chad Perce, of Empire Point, to serve as chair of its Board of Directors. Former Councilman Clay Yarborough will serve as vice chair, and retired FSCJ North Campus president, Dr. Barbara Darby, as board secretary. Also, radio talk show host Arthur Crofton, of Venetia, and Jim Dickenson, retired JEA CEO, were appointed as new board members.

Jaguars honor Flanagan

In honor of Jacksonville Jaguars Chief Financial Officer Kelly Flanagan, who is a member of the Episcopal School Class of 2002, the Jacksonville Jaguars Foundation has agreed to double all Lead the Way capital campaign gifts made by the school's young alumni (ages 35 years and younger) up to \$50,000.

Flanagan joined the Episcopal Board of Trustees July 1, 2016.

Lead the Way is the school's 50th anniversary campaign. With the money raised, the school plans to add to the school's endowment and renovate the library, enhance the athletics facilities and build a new campus entrance.

The campaign's athletic improvements include the completion of a new stadium and improved swimming complex, a new weight room and practice room for wrestling, a new softball field, additional facilities for baseball, a new field house with locker rooms and coaches' offices, an updated cross country course, 12 USTA tennis courts with stadium seating, as well as a lacrosse wall and additional field.

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Toys For Tots - U.S. Marine Corps Reserve

Through December 17

Each year the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve conducts their Toys For Tots campaign, helping to provide toys at Christmas as well as a message of hope to thousands of underprivileged children. New, unwrapped toys are accepted for donation at various drop-off locations around Jacksonville. Visit jacksonville-fl.toysfortots.org for more information and toy drop-off collection sites. Toys may also be dropped off at any Duval County Publix Supermarket or Duval County Fire Station.

Southside United Methodist Church Angel Tree

November - December

In an effort to support their faith-based family partner, Hendricks Avenue Elementary, the United Methodist Women of Southside United Methodist Church will collect donations of gifts, clothing, and shoes for the names on the Angel Tree. Families are also provided with a Christmas meal. To sponsor a child or family from the Angel Tree, visit www.sumcjax.org or call (904) 396-2676 for more information.



YMCA of Florida - First Coast Angel Tree

November - December

Help brighten a child's holiday and pick an angel from the YMCA's Angel Tree at any of the YMCA branches and donate new, unwrapped toys and gifts for a child's Christmas present. Visit firstcoastymca.org/events for more information.

Robert Half "Make Spirits Bright" Holiday Toy Drive

Through December 5

Robert Half holds its annual holiday toy drive to collect new, unwrapped toys for children ages five to seven. Robert Half staff will bring and pick up a collection box to any business that would like to have its employees donate. Toys will be presented to 500 Boys & Girls Club children during their Toy Celebration event on December 10. For drop off locations or additional information, contact Chris Luther at (904) 632-0941.

Sulzbacher Center Holiday Toy & Stocking Stuffer Drive

Through December 15

The Sulzbacher Center would like to ensure that every child staying in their shelter will have gifts to open on Christmas morning. Donations of unwrapped, new toys are being collected to distribute to children at the Sulzbacher Center Shelter. In addition, the Center is also collecting stocking stuffer items to be given to the adult men and women at the shelter. Donations may be dropped off at 611 East Adams Street. For more information, visit www.sulzbachercenter.org or call (904) 394-8082.

Roberta's Angels - Family Support Services Collection for Local Foster Children

Through December 6

Family Support Services is helping to make Christmas special for older children and teens in foster care through Roberta's Angels. This group, ages 10 to 22, does not typically receive gifts through donation programs which are often geared toward younger children. The drive was founded by long-time St. Nicholas resident Roberta Zipperer and is held each year as part of the Be An Angel Campaign. To sponsor a child or teen, visit beanangeljax.org or call (904) 418-5816. Unwrapped gifts may be dropped off at Family Support Services, 1300 Riverplace Blvd., Suite 700 or at Watson Realty's Avondale/Ortega office, 4194 San Juan Ave.

All I Know Annual Warming Duval Coat Drive

December 12, 2016 - January 7, 2017

All I Know collects winter wear and monetary donations to provide coats, sweaters, socks, gloves and mittens to underserved men, women and children across Northeast Florida. Distribution will take place on January 7. Visit alliknowjax.com for details or call (904) 305-4124



All I Know Annual Backpack Drive

December 19-30

All I Know collects donations to purchase backpacks and school supplies to distribute to children for the second half of the school year, helping them to be prepared, refreshed and eager to learn. While most children are provided these supplies at the beginning of the school year, typically by the end of winter break, children often struggle to get together the basic school supplies needed to complete the second half of the school year successfully. Visit alliknowjax.com for details or call (904) 305-4124.

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Veterans looking for a new 'uniform' find new careers

By Kate A. Hallock
Resident Community News

After honorably serving his country for more than 20 years in active military duty, U.S. Marine Corps Gunnery Sergeant Michael Johnson tried to come to grips with civilian employment for six years.

"I was unsure of my marketability after getting out of the service," said Johnson, a St. Nicholas resident. "I also didn't know what career field I might want to integrate into."

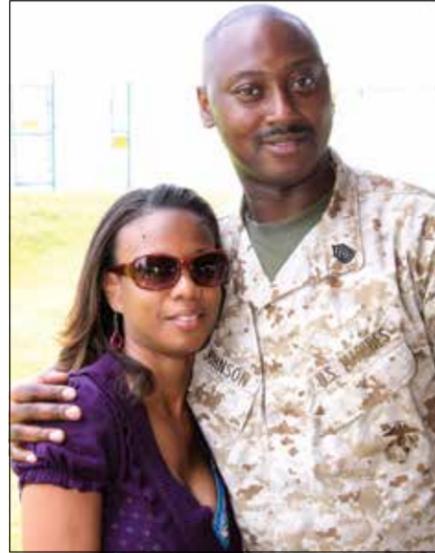
He spent some of those years earning college degrees – a Bachelor of Science in Management and a Master's in Business Administration – and working in the automotive industry, but despite a lengthy military resume of administrative and supervisory roles, Johnson still wasn't sure how to translate it into a civilian career.

"I was told by the Wounded Warrior Program that Operation New Uniform helps provide skills valuable to transitioning service members and that it might aid me in my career search," said Johnson, who graduated from the program in April 2016.

"Even though I didn't know the direction I wanted to go, I never had anxiety because I am naturally a calm person," he said. "ONU did provide a higher form of confidence while I was navigating the job market."



Michael Johnson



Carlene and Gunnery Sergeant Michael Johnson

Facing the challenge

Operation New Uniform was founded as a nonprofit in January 2014 by Justin Justice, a Navy veteran who understood the challenges former service members face after they transition from the military, and Michele McManamon, vice president of Sandler Training, who co-founded ONU as a way to give back and support those who have served.

Educated, trained and skilled, veterans often find themselves unable to compete in the professional marketplace. ONU addresses those challenges through training

and development programs, resources and professional networks.

"Through the many connections ONU possesses, I was able to gain employment almost immediately completing the program," said Johnson, who is a Mortgage Banking Client Care Specialist for JP Morgan Chase Bank since May. "Thanks to a strong allegiance from its graduates, ONU possesses the strength in numbers to aid each other throughout the career search."

It's personal for ONU as many of the staff and its board of directors are veterans. Justice served in the Navy for nine years, including four years at Naval Station Mayport.

Operation New Uniform's Veteran Transition Director Mary Maszy, who conducts one-on-one career coaching, also served in the Navy in active duty for four years and in the reserves for more than 11 years. A St. Nicholas resident, she has a civilian career in human resources, personnel and employment, which serves ONU and its graduates well.

By the end of the year, ONU will have graduated 16 cohort classes in three years, classes totaling 126 veterans who complete 30 hours of classroom training and 15 hours of

resume services and coaching. ONU boasts a success rate of 94 percent, seeing veterans employed at companies such as FIS Global, Florida East Coast Railway, Haskell, the City of Jacksonville, Healogics, Wounded Warrior Project and many others.

Although Justice and Maszy fit the ONU profile of the 30 percent who served between four and 12 years, the majority of the clients – such as Johnson – served in the military for 20 years or more. All branches are represented, but the Navy, thanks in part to Jacksonville's two naval stations, has contributed 64 percent of the men and women who have gone through the program.

Like Johnson, more than 70 percent of the veterans are 40 years of age or older, often a demographic which has a hard time finding a new job in short order. Fortunately for its clients, 93 percent are working full-time at a reported average annual salary of nearly \$60,000.

To support Operation New Uniform, hire an ONU veteran, or apply to be in the program, visit www.OperationNewUniform.org or call (904) 328-1600.

Granada residents celebrate OktoberFest

It was a lowkey occasion when Granada residents turned out for their annual OktoberFest celebration in Granada Park Oct. 3.

On hand were Toby's Hot Dog truck and Kona Ice as residents mingled for an afternoon of neighborhood fun and games.



Steve Watrel, Mark MacLean and Jorge Lopez have fun socializing at OktoberFest in Granada Park Oct. 3.



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Mary Baer, anchor WJXT Channel 4 News; Hubbard House CEO Ellen Siler; Bob Baldwin, president of Hubbard House's Board of Directors; Jacksonville Sheriff Mike Williams and State Attorney-elect Melissa Nelson.

Hubbard House betters fundraising goal

Hubbard House surpassed its goal raising more than \$117,000 to combat the effects of domestic violence during its 22nd Annual Barbara Ann Campbell Memorial Breakfast Oct. 4. During the event nearly 700 community leaders were urged to take action to bring about social change.

Speaking at the event were Ellen Siler, chief executive officer of Hubbard House, Bob Baldwin, president of the Hubbard House, Inc. Board of Directors and three survivors of domestic violence.

"At Hubbard House, we are working every day toward the vision of Every Relationship Violence Free," said Siler. "Will we see this radical social change in our lifetimes? It's possible, if we keep working together. If we each leave here and find a way to involve more people and do even more."

The breakfast was presented by the Endowed \$10,000 Event Grant Fund established in 2015 by Delores Barr Weaver, the Green Family Foundation, Hubbard House Foundation, Jacksonville

Jaguars Foundation, Paula and Jim Liang, and Mrs. James S. Taylor. All funds raised at the event support Hubbard House's programs and services year-round.

For 40 years Hubbard House has offered life-saving services to local domestic violence victims and their children. In addition to emergency shelter and 24-hour hotline, Hubbard House offers a wide range of community outreach services, including group and individual support programs for adults, children and teens throughout the community and school-based prevention programs for children and teens.

"Victims in our community would have nowhere to turn if it weren't for Hubbard House. For the sake of these men, women and children, we must do everything we can do to support Hubbard House," said Baldwin.

Individuals who are in an abusive relationship, or know someone who is, are urged to call Hubbard House's 24-hour domestic violence hotline at (904) 354-3114 or 1-800-500-1119.

Century-old Woman's Club carries on despite loss of clubhouse

By Kate A. Hallock
Resident Community News

Despite the sale of its nearly 60-year-old clubhouse, the Southside Woman's Club carries on its 104-year-old mission of service and charity.

It wasn't an easy decision in 2015, but club members knew maintaining the 11,000-square-foot building on 5.5 acres at 2560 Club Terrace and, at the same time, continuing its service mission was becoming difficult to manage.

Two years after celebrating its 100th anniversary in 2013, the Southside Woman's Club building was put up for sale, and on June 12, 2015 the clubhouse was sold to the Jacksonville Chin Baptist



Colonel Len Loving, CEO and founder of Five Star Veterans Center, accepts a check from Helen Frankenberg, Southside Woman's Club first vice president 2015-2016.



Southside Woman's Club 2015-16 Board: Valerie Campbell, Cathy Stringer, Alice Mound, Vera Minion, Sandy Marshall, Christine Flora, Anne Michael, and Helen Frankenberg; in the back is Janet DeLoach

Church, a Burmese congregation.

Proceeds from the sale were invested to guarantee the club's legacy of serving the community, but the members intend to be thoughtful and deliberate about filling the needs of a variety of local charities.

"The charities committee makes recommendations based on suggestions from our members and the requests we have received," said Christine Flora, membership and publicity chair. "The amount each charity is given varies based on their needs, and we consider supplies and food donations as well as monetary gifts."

In 2016, the members voted to present checks to Rethreaded, Tony Meduri Traumatic Brain Injury, Angelwood, Five Star Alliance, Greenwood Elementary,

The Salvation Army, Grace Ministry, Jacksonville Humane Society, Dignity U Wear, and Trinity Rescue Mission, according to Flora.

For 38 years, long-standing member Dot Williamson has been making Christmas stockings filled with shampoo, conditioner, lotions, soaps and various sundries for Meals on Wheels, but this year the club will fill bags with food for Thanksgiving meals at the United Community Outreach Ministry.

The club now meets on the second Thursday of each month at Embassy Suites on Baymeadows Road, where members enjoy lunch and a speaker. Membership is open; contact Christine Flora at (904) 318-9095.

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Local fashion studio hosts art exhibition

Gallery goers and art enthusiasts were treated to a local art show and opening in the San Marco studios of clothing designer, Linda Cunningham. The work of artists Dustin Harewood, Mark Creegan and Joanne Cellar were on display at the show titled "How to Now" on Oct. 15. The show was attended by many prominent Jacksonville artists and collectors alike.



Ann Marie Maige, Suzanne Shaw, Suzanne Hendrix, Jill Morrow and Sally Hazelip

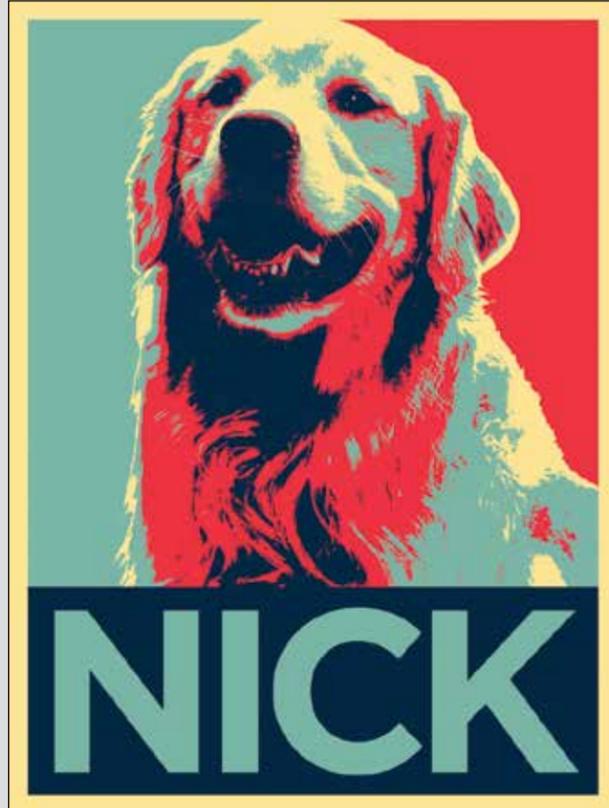


Featured exhibition artists Mark Creegan, Joanne Cellar and Dustin Harewood



Dave and Deonne Josserand with Rhonda Gwin, Gail Black and Dean Gwin

Man's best friend runs for office



Carolyn Hawthorne, owner of The Write Touch in San Marco Square, has her own write-in candidate for president this election. Nick, her beautiful Golden Retriever, is running on a platform of fairness and balance and is considered the best dog-gone candidate ever!

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Motorca thanks models, staff

Custom tailor, designer and fine clothing craftsman Daniel Motorca recently held a wrap-up, customer appreciation event at his Southside studio Oct. 15. He gathered a team of loyal clients, models and staff who helped deliver a seamless fashion show the prior month.

Motorca's recent couture clothing line debut took place Sept. 24 at the annual Couture Fashion Show and night of

entertainment, which is held each year at the Herbert University Center at UNF.

The show unveils fashions from both men's and women's wear, includes live music performances and fine luxury automobiles on display. Motorca custom designs and executes his own fashions each year and rolls out a unique experience for North Florida's fashion scene.

Make-A-Wish hosts Handbags and Happy Hour



Mallory Haines, Devin Callery, Jessica Norris

Since 1994, more than 5,000 Northeast Florida children's wishes have been granted out of Make-A-Wish's Orlando office, but when staff realized just how many wishes were coming from Jacksonville in the past 20 years they opened a new office at 3938 Sunbeam Rd. in 2015.

Claudia Foxworth was hired in January 2016 as the Northeast Regional director for Make-A-Wish® Central and Northern Florida, which serves 54 counties.

To help fund wishes for children with life-threatening medical conditions, Make-A-Wish holds two fundraising events each year. The Northeast Region's fall event, Handbags and Happy Hour, was held Oct. 13 at Haskell Company in Riverside.

This second annual silent auction featured 137 handbags donated by local

stores and boutiques, handbag companies and individual donors, as well as other items more appealing to its male supporters. At the 2015 event, the regional office raised \$34,000 and felt that Hurricane Matthew didn't deter too many guests this year.

"The turnout after the storm was unbelievable," said Board Member Cindy Craig Johnson, who said 150 were expected. Supporters enjoyed a fashion show by Dillard's, and the top netting purse in the live auction was a \$950 Louis Vuitton handbag, which went for \$900.

Make-A-Wish Northeast Region will hold two events in the spring, Wish Madness on March 23, 2017 in conjunction with the college Sweet 16 basketball games, and Walk for Wishes, May 6. Last year's Jacksonville walk raised \$64,000.

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Gala delivers big bucks to fight Type I Diabetes

Michael Mayo, FACHE, hospital president of Baptist Medical Center Jacksonville, was the honoree at the 16th annual Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation or JDRF Gala, One Night on Safari, at Sawgrass Marriott Oct. 15.

Event chair Katie Bush acknowledged Mayo as a visionary leader committed to a future with advancements in patient care and quality outcomes as well as his narrowed focus on finding a cure for Type 1 Diabetes. Mayo is not the first Baptist executive to be honored by JDRF; in 2005, Baptist Health System President and CEO Hugh Greene was acknowledged.

The event was delayed a week due to Hurricane Matthew, but the aftermath of the storm couldn't deter supporters from coming out for the popular gala.



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Matt and Alexis Kane with Katie and Mike Bush

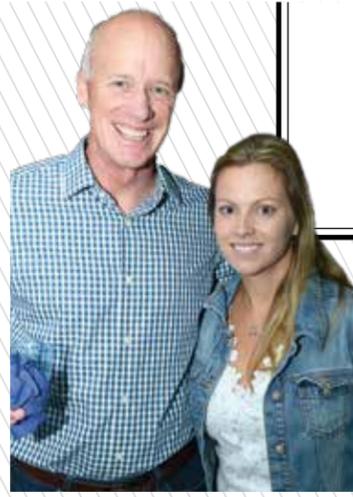


Jennifer Glock with Michael Ward



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Bill and Valerie Robinson with Betsy Lovett and Bill Gardner



Kathy Soler-Sala with Lori Wells, Kim Anderson and Jennifer Lazzara



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2016 Cowford Ball a boot scootin' good time

It was a diamond-studded affair at the American Cancer Society's annual Cowford Ball. This year's theme, "Denim and Diamonds," delivered many a fashionable boot helping to give cancer more than a swift kick. It was a family affair at the 21st annual event as Honorary Chairs Gaspar and Irene Lazzara led the way, followed by Chairs Jennifer and John Lazzara, Rachel and Chris Lazzara, alongside Jessica and Chris Wynne.

Over 600 people attended the annual gala, helping to raise over \$620,000 for the American Cancer Society. A

whopping \$240,000 of the total will be dedicated to the Hope Lodge Campaign, a nice chunk of change for the current fundraising campaign. The Hope Lodge is being built on the Mayo Clinic campus and will deliver respite for families coming to Jacksonville for loved ones undergoing cancer treatment at various area hospitals. The groundbreaking and opening are both slated for 2017. This year's gala took place at the Morocco Shrine Auditorium and was held October 1.

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Considering those in need, sheltering families

The Salvation Army of North Florida celebrated its third annual Red Shield Ball at the Deerwood Country Club, Oct. 23. The annual event helps to grow programs and heighten awareness related to services offered at the area's Red Shield Lodges. One of our area's longest serving nonprofits, the Salvation Army's lodges continue to be a place of respite for those experiencing difficult times.

Last year, 133 families stayed at the lodge and

1,022 individuals, including 332 children, were served. In addition to providing shelter, services are also provided for families to help solve critical issues. Crisis intervention, counseling, personal finance, parenting skills, child development, and stress management, as well as health and wellness initiatives, are just a few of the programs offered by the staff at the Red Shield Lodge. This year's honorary chairs were Mrs. Edward W. Lane, Jr. and Mrs. C. Herman Terry.



Jane Thomasino with Nancy Chartrand, Soha Bahri and Tina Grainger



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David Smith with Gordon Steadman, Steve Betz and Paul Grainger



Katie Smith, Kimberly Jackson, Kajal Patel, Shetal Patel and Katie Patel

Young professionals gather at downtown distillery

It was a night to focus on the efforts of Christopher's Circle, Gabriel House of Care's young professional's advisory council. The group held its first Downtown After Sundown fundraiser Oct. 13 at Jacksonville's newest distillery, Manifest Distilling.

The event took place in the new space for the spirits company, one that neighbors Intuition Ale Works in the newly-renovated building at 960 E. Forsyth St. Tastings and tours afforded patrons a unique experience and an unforgettable signature cocktail – the Manifest Buck. Small batch, hand-crafted spirits accompanied Intuition Ales as well as great eats, thanks to the catering of Revelry.

Proceeds raised by the silent auction will support the lodging and integrative therapy programs Gabriel House provides. The organization helps organ transplant and cancer patients, as well as their families, to have a place to stay during a visit to Jacksonville's various medical centers for specialized care.

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Haitian and French connection explored through art in San Marco

Art lovers were treated to the works of Moliere Dimanche, Jr., of Orlando during the opening of a new art exhibition entitled, "Libete," Oct. 14 at the headquarters of the Alliance Francaise de Jacksonville in San Marco.

The exhibition, which is part of the Serie d'Artist Francophile (SAFE), will be on display through Wednesday, Dec. 14 and can be viewed by appointment.

An artist of Haitian descent, Dimanche's work demonstrates the connection between Haitian and French history while celebrating the French influence upon some of the greatest art in the world. In many of his paintings, Dimanche channels art masters such as Van Gogh, Da Vinci and Moreau and plays on legendary mysteries within art history, which have puzzled some of the world's greatest philosophers.

Dimanche terms his art "Moliere Expressions," and often incorporates riddles in his art forms in an effort to engage the mind and excite it. Hidden messages, lessons learned, stories and jokes can be found in several of his pieces. He termed his show "Libete," which means "freedom" in Haitian Creole, and freedom is what Dimanche cherishes most, especially after being released from an eight-and-a-half-year prison sentence.

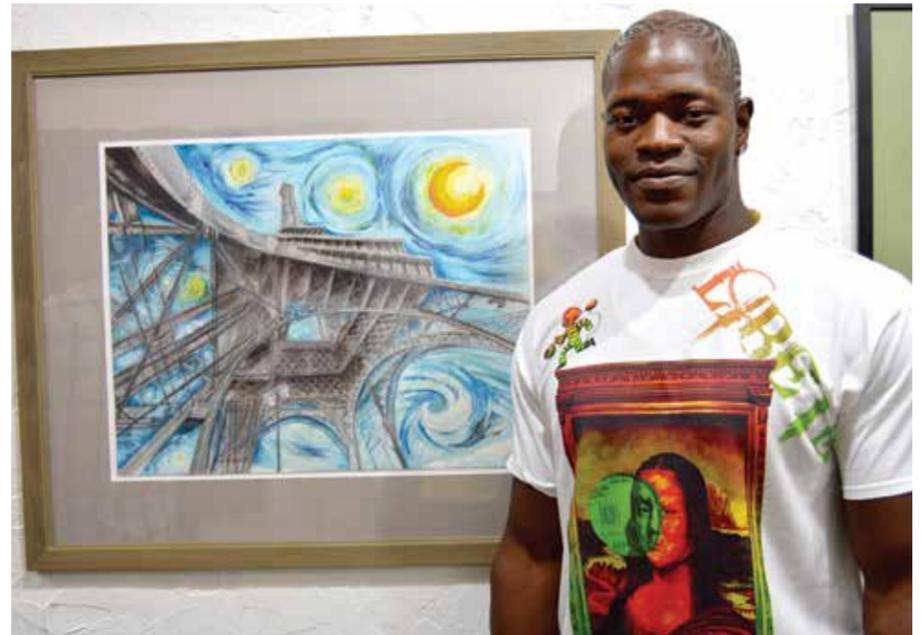
"The people here are receiving it well," said Dimanche during the exhibition. "I enjoy doing art shows anywhere," he said, noting the SAFE series provided his first experience showing his work in Jacksonville. "This work demonstrates my Haitian heritage and the relationship with France, which is not the prettiest history," he said. "It's painful, but I want to educate people about it and celebrate the French art as well."



Mary Atwood, Jim Smith with Jennifer Chase at an art exhibition featuring the works of Moliere Dimanche Jr. in Serie d'Artist Francophile (SAFE). The exhibition was held Oct. 14 at the Alliance Francaise de Jacksonville headquarters in San Marco.



Francois Kloc, honorary consul of France in Jacksonville with his wife, Sheila Kloc, president of the Alliance Francaise de Jacksonville and Alliance board member Jennifer Suharmadji at the art opening of Moliere Dimanche, Jr.'s work Oct. 14 in San Marco.



Moliere Dimanche, Jr. stands beside one of his paintings during the opening of an exhibition of his art sponsored by Alliance Francaise de Jacksonville and Serie d'Artist Francophile (SAFE) at the organization's headquarters in San Marco Oct. 14.

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CAPtivated patrons enjoy unique mystery dinner

At their recent masquerade pop-up dinner, young professionals and other supportive patrons enjoyed the element of surprise for an elegant evening of Parisian-styled dining, Oct. 15. The whereabouts of their *Diner en Noir* were unveiled two short hours via text message prior its commencement. The evening certainly delivered on the element of surprise for the CAPtivators and the guests of the young professionals representing the Cathedral Arts Project (CAP).

The 4th Annual *Diner en Noir* was held in 10,000 square feet of entertaining space at Bella Sera, located at 919 King Street. The annual fundraiser, which drew over 100 guests, benefitted the Cathedral Arts Project, which provides free, quality arts education to children and youth in Jacksonville.



Elizabeth Ann Otterson, Briehn Wildman, Blair Haikimian, Kate Jolley, Casey Stamps, Amy Womack, Paul Vranesh, Charlie Hardison, Camilo Ramirez, Mike Neuenfeldt, Kristin Livingston and Teresa Lind



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Wallace featured speaker at State of the Arts annual luncheon

Paula Wallace, president and founder of Savannah College of Art and Design was the keynote speaker at the State of the Arts annual luncheon Oct. 13 at the Jessie Ball duPont Center.

Sponsored by the Cultural Council of Greater Jacksonville, the event included the annual arts and culture year in review as well as the PNC Arts Alive grant announcement, which was made by Cressman Bronson, PNC regional president for Florida East.

Sharing a total of \$75,000 in grant awards this year were Joe Schwartz of Players by the Sea; Rebecca Levy of the Jacksonville Dance Theatre; Annelies Dykgraaf of the Jacksonville Cultural Development Corporation; Darryl Reuben Hall of Stage Aurora, and Nicole Holderbaum of the Jax Kids Mural Project.

“The arts are alive and thriving on the First Coast,” said Wallace. “My recent afternoon with the Cultural Council of Greater Jacksonville buoyed my spirit as I learned about the city’s stellar creative stewardship. Jacksonville should feel great pride in its performing arts programs! I was especially impressed by the city’s beautification of public spaces through commissioned paintings and sculptures, including works by SCAD’s own alumni. Jacksonville shines brightly, indeed. I can’t wait to come back.”

Also speaking at the event was Hugh Greene, president and chief executive officer of Baptist Health, who spoke about the Baptist MD Anderson Cancer Center and how art can have a positive impact on patients’ health.



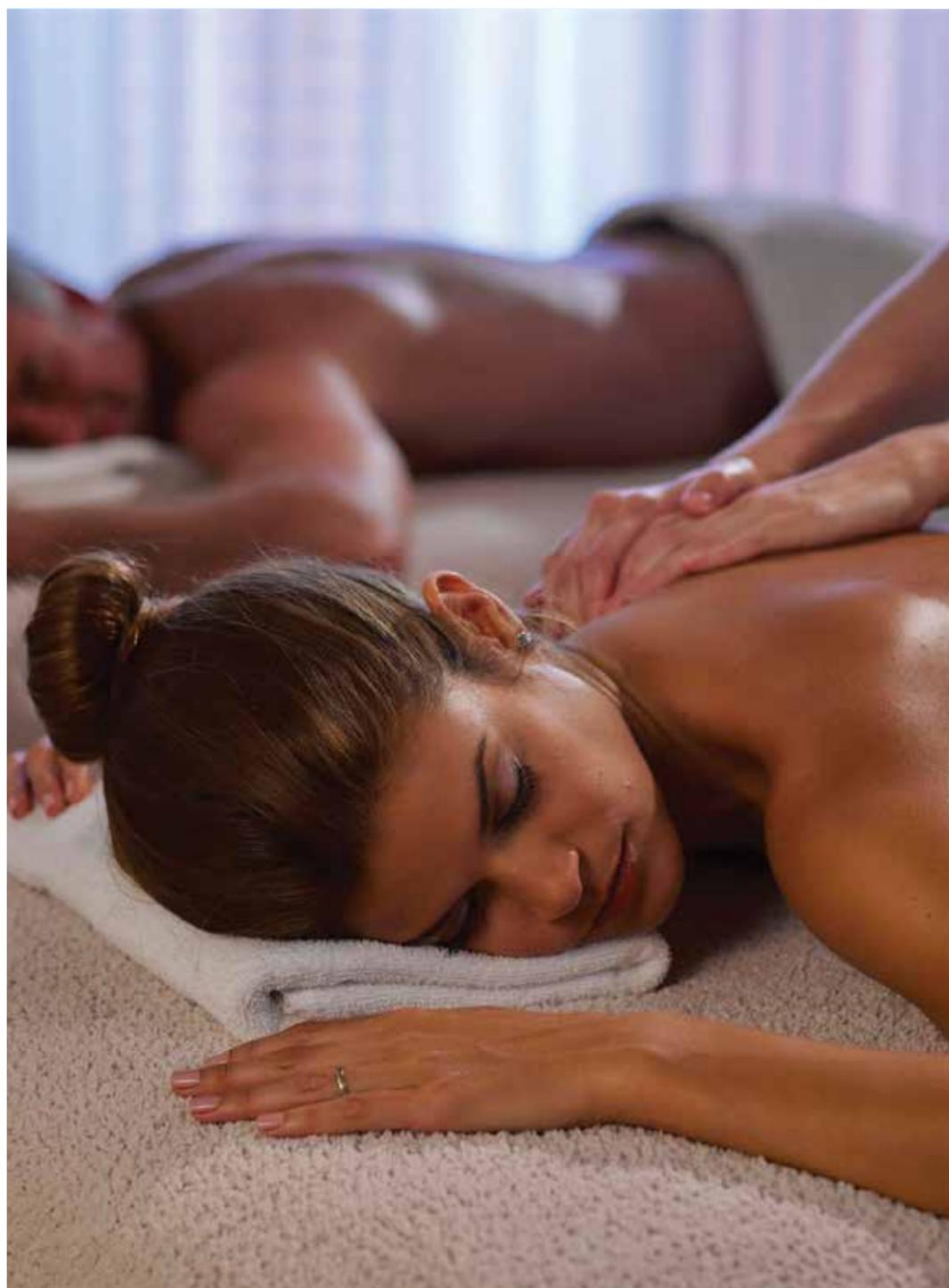
Joe Schwartz, Rebecca Levy, Annelies Dykgraaf, Kimberly Reckley of PNC Bank; Cressman D. Bronson, Darryl Reuben Hall, and Nicole Holderbaum.



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Presbyterian kids launch shoebox giving campaign

In an effort to teach that no matter what your age you can make an impact by giving from the heart, the children's ministry of South Jacksonville Presbyterian Church demonstrates that giving is not just for adults.

The ministry is currently collecting items for its annual Samaritan's Purse Shoebox Campaign. Community members are invited to donate shoeboxes and small items such as toys, games, clothing, stuffed animals, individually wrapped candies and non-liquid hygiene products such as combs and toothbrushes. The children will pack the boxes at 6:15 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 9 in Harvin Hall at the church.

Last year, the ministry collected enough supplies and boxes to help 88 children. This year its goal is to reach 100. All donations are greatly appreciated and can be left at the Ask Desk in the church office.

Earlier this year during Vacation Bible School, the children collected more than 200 canned goods as well as a full grocery cart of school supplies and donated them to UCOM, a local food bank.

With funds collected from the children's offering, the ministry also donated \$400 worth of animals to Heifer International, which included a goat, pig, three rabbits, two honeybee hives, a flock of chicks and a flock of ducks. Heifer International matched the donation, doubling the number of animals purchased by the children at the church.

For Valentine's Day, the ministry collected 250 stuffed animals, attaching a personalized card to each and donating them to Wolfson Children's Hospital.

For more information on children's ministry activities, contact Wendi Orr at childrensministry@sjaxpc.org.

Assumption students learn gardening techniques



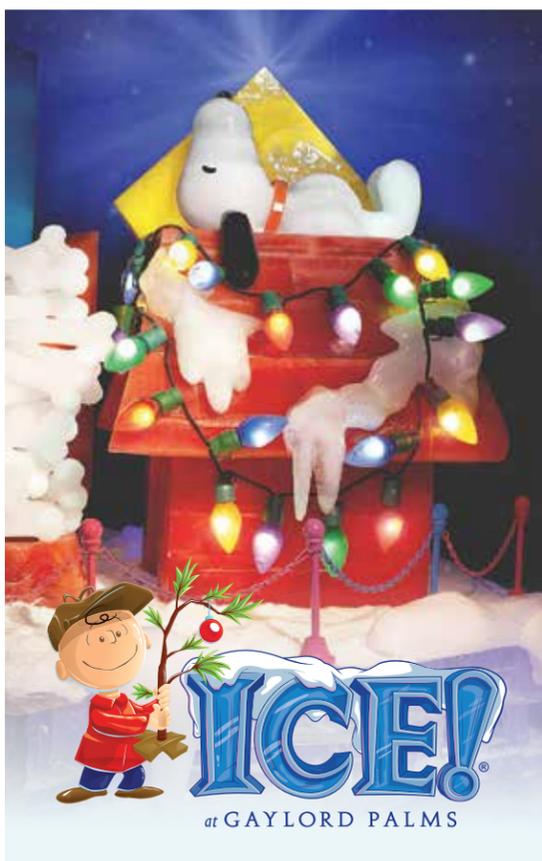
Dave Korlacki, a garden specialist known as Dave the Plant Man, gives instruction to students at Assumption Catholic School Sept. 21.

Dave Korlacki, a gardening specialist known as Dave the Plant Man, was on hand to assist the students at Assumption Catholic School who signed up for the gardening elective Sept. 21.

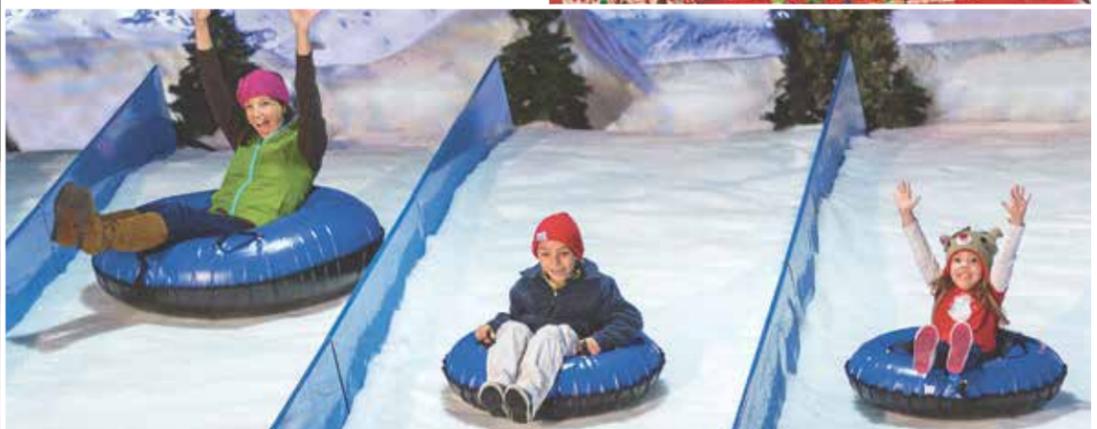
Korlacki, a former teacher who often gives students at area schools instruction in gardening and botany, assisted

the students in planting tomato seedlings and talked about proper fertilization techniques.

The elective classes, which range from gardening, to sports journalism and print media, are held once a week during the school day.



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Young artists share ideas of philanthropy

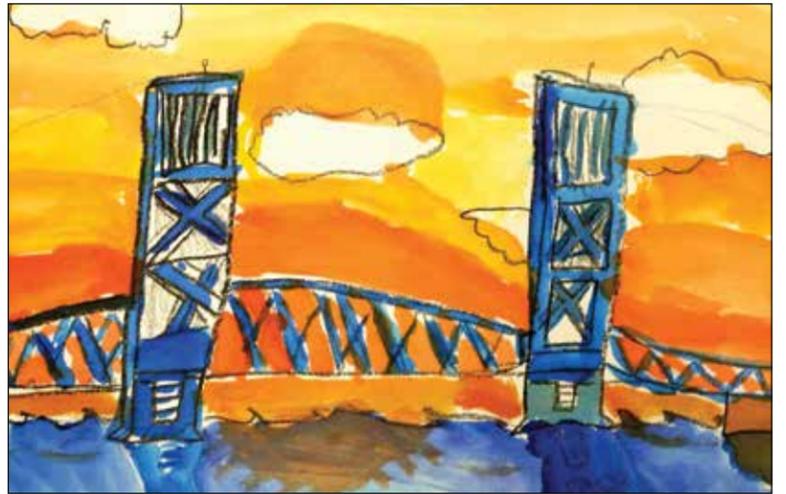
Students in Jacksonville middle and high schools were invited to share their interpretation of philanthropy, a concept often difficult to express through an artistic medium. Using the key words “compassion,” “serving,” and “giving,” students in grades six to 12 expressed themselves and their thoughts about charity through sculpture, watercolor, and photography. Hands down, *The Resident* staff voted Svetlana Saleh’s sculpture as the grand prize winner.



HONORABLE MENTION

“Rivers Soothe the Soul” Miles Easley

Fishweir Elementary School, Grade 3
The Main Street Bridge reflected in the peaceful St. John’s River shows the importance of keeping our rivers clean so the people of Jacksonville can take in this amazing site. This student does his part to keep our waters clean by picking up cans and trash near our rivers.



GRAND PRIZE

“Tribute to Generosity”

Svetlana Saleh

Wolfson High School, Grade 12
Size: 14”(W)x 19”(H) x 10”(D)
Medium: Plaster wrap, wood, metallic paints, wire

Tribute to Generosity is about how we are all tied together in our humanity. Providing a helping hand does well for the public, however, it can often put restrictions on our own lives. Yet, we must find in our own heart to break the chain of restrictions and realize that the act of philanthropy is part of what brings humanity together.



“Kindness Matters” - Emily Skyles, Bishop Kenny, Grade 10
Most people when they think about giving, think of donating money, but it’s more than that. Giving can truly touch someone’s life, and when you do it in kindness, it’s powerful.



“Big Heart” - Braylon Cook
Riverside Presbyterian Day School, Grade 2
I chose to create a colorful heart because it takes a big heart to serve others and be giving.



“Be a Giving and Compassionate Hero”

Isabel Colón

The Episcopal School of Jacksonville, Grade 8
The girl holding up her hand is saying NOW is the TIME to deliver the message that everyone deserves compassion and respect.



“Everyone gives and loves” - Shepherd College and Olivia Davis

Riverside Presbyterian Day School, Kindergarten
Two budding young artists collaborate to show the synergism of giving and loving.



All you need is LOVE”

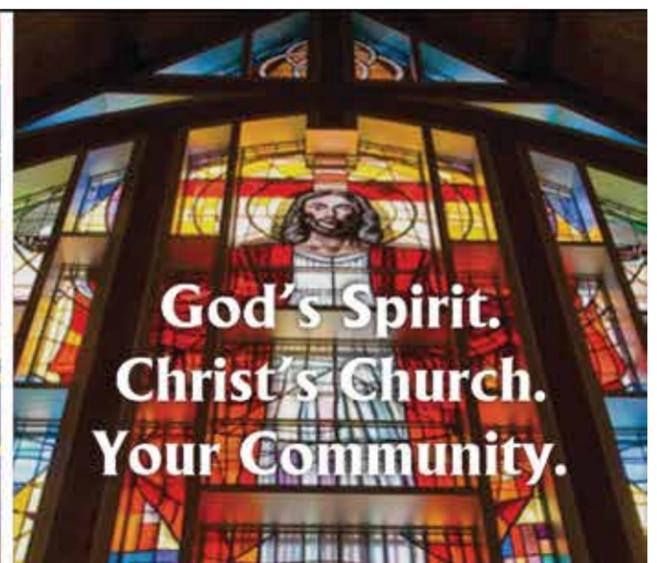
Parker Buerck
The Episcopal School of Jacksonville, Grade 6. The hands are a way to show how to give, the heart shows compassion, the American flag represents the ultimate way to serve one’s country.



“Circles of Giving”

Savanna Ludden

Bishop Kenny, Grade 11
This digital painting shows someone reaching out to the poor or elderly and showing them care, compassion, and charity.



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Everyday Hero: Cassie Orlando

While many high school students rack up community service hours few do it with the quiet dedication of Cassie Orlando.

Orlando, who hails from St. Nicholas, entered her senior year at Bishop Kenny High School with an impressive total of 477 community service hours. This year, she heads up the school's Anchor Club and contributes to many other student community service organizations including St. Vincent de Paul, where she is a board member and secretary, as well as the Zip Club and Anthropology Club.

Sporting a 3.5 grade-point average going into her senior year, Orlando has received teacher awards for excellence in geometry, creative photography and religion. She is president of the German Honor Society and has been a reader/lecturer during school Masses since her freshman year, which is something she takes "very seriously and really enjoys," said Anchor Club sponsor Bernadette Bakkar.

"Cassie is such an asset to the Anchor Club. I can honestly say that the club would not be where it is today without her. She has



Cassie Orlando

always been reliable, driven and willing to offer her help. She has gone above and beyond any other member to make this one of the best service clubs here at BKHS," Bakkar said. "When I've spoken with other teachers, who have her as an officer, they have all agreed that she is always consistently reliable and loves service. She has a quiet presence and isn't usually the center of attention, but she is one of the most sweet-natured, genuine people I've ever known."

Orlando is the daughter of Bishop Kenny Principal Todd Orlando and his wife, Stacey.

Mayor Curry joins parents in HAE Walk to School Day



Mayor Lenny Curry and his children took time out for a photo opportunity with other parents and children who participated in the HAE's Walk-to-School Day. Adults in the photo include Stacy Chupp, PTA President Amy Cumbow, Mayor Lenny Curry, Samantha Livingston, HAE Principal Lacy Healy, Jeff Farah and Patrick Robinson. Students include Peyton Chupp, Alex and Katherine Cumbow, Bridget and Brooke Curry, Annabelle Davis, Sara Maloney, Palmer Robinson, Reece Livingston and Luke Farah.



Burke Scharer, Grant Scharer, Peyton Grace Chupp, Kyle Troup, Katherine Cumbow and Alex Cumbow.

Despite the fact Hurricane Matthew had Jacksonville in its sights, Mayor Lenny Curry took time away from the city's emergency preparations to be one among dozens of parents who accompanied his children by foot to Hendricks Avenue Elementary during International Walk-to-School Day Oct. 5.

For the past 20 years, the global event, which involves students from more than 40 countries walking and biking to school on the same day, has sought to raise awareness about pedestrian safety and healthy behavior.

HAE became involved in the one-day event several years ago, and over time it has become part of a movement for year-around safe routes to school as well as a celebration every October. This year, in addition to walking with his own children, Brook and Bridget, Mayor Curry took time to welcome many of the Hendricks Avenue



Zac Mitchell and his son, Dean



Jaylen Johnsen with Nicole Lewis

Elementary families and hand out stickers and water to the children.

This year there was record-breaking participation from the HAE students, said PTA President Amy Cumbow, who expressed gratitude to Mayor Curry "for supporting our community in so many ways."

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Sixth graders at Riverside Presbyterian Day School completed more than 550 hours of community service around Jacksonville during October, as part of a year-long Project LEADS program. Community programs touched by the hands and feet of sixth grade students included Catholic Charities, The City Rescue Mission, Family Promise, Feeding NE Florida Food Bank, MaliVai Washington Foundation, Presbyterian Social Ministries, Sanctuary on 8th Street, St. Catherine's Episcopal Church Food Pantry, Impact Learning Center, Fathom Church, and Sulzbacher Center. Project LEADS continues throughout the school year as students serve God and the school with gifts of time volunteered in after-school programs.



Isabella Buschini, Maggie May Stoll, Ellie Spickelmier, Natalie Rabil

Speaker illustrates lessons learned from summer reading assignment

As part of a new summer reading and literacy program, "One School, One Read," the entire middle school student body and faculty at San Jose Catholic School decided to read "Wonder," a book about a 10-year-old boy suffering from Treacher Collins syndrome, whose parents were forced to homeschool him after he was bullied severely by his classmates at school.



The San Jose Catholic Middle School heard a riveting talk by educator Kathy Poe on the importance of being kind when encountering someone with Treacher Collins syndrome.

On Oct. 12, the book "Wonder" came to life when Kathy Poe, an educator from another school who has Treacher Collins Syndrome, agreed to speak to the San Jose Catholic middle schoolers about her experience with the disease, which causes sufferers to have severe facial abnormalities.

"Her words came straight from the heart as she relived the horrific bullying she endured as a child – especially as a middle schooler," said Stacey Orlando of St. Nicholas, a teacher at the school. "The San Jose students sat awestruck and inspired as Kathy Poe told of her grandson, Evan, who, after being born with the same syndrome, now faces the same cruelty and judgment that she experienced. Mrs. Poe told the students that the bullies think they are the tough ones when, actually as an infant (born with the disease) who

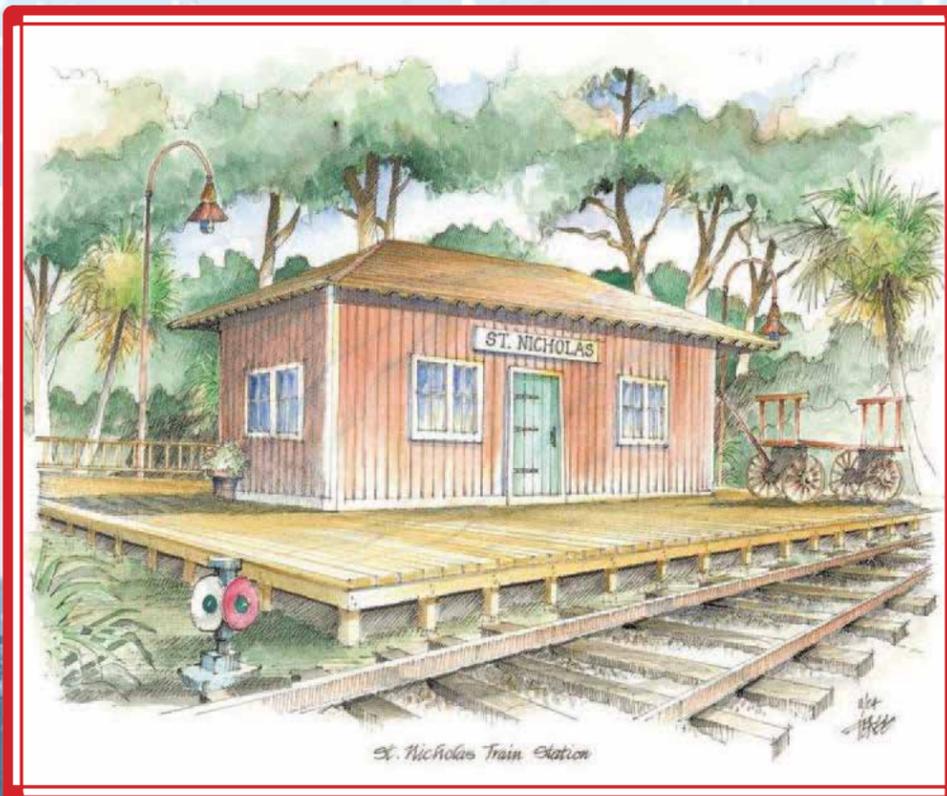
needed to have its jaw broken at 15 days old in order to have it expanded, she was the tough one."

After multiple surgeries as a child, as well adult surgeries to implant cheekbones and a chin, Poe assured the students she felt much more "normal," said Orlando. The disease also caused Poe to spend every summer vacation in the hospital, Orlando said. Insurance did not cover the astronomical medical bills because the surgeries were considered "cosmetic," she said.

"Kathy Poe's message (about the importance of kindness) was clear and well received by our students," said Orlando. "It is up to them to make a difference in the world. Her words made a lasting impression."

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Hanging out near the Lions Fountain after working in Balis Park were Bolles Environmental Club members: Victor Vaccarello, Anthony Vaccarello, Alexander McIntyre, Paul McIntyre, Blake Perdakis, Henry Li, Wyatt Kogan, Andrew Culver. Top row: Andrew Dickson, Emmett Kogan and Grace Igel

Bolles environmentalists strive to enhance community

The Environmental Club at the Bolles School was hard at work on three different occasions in October helping to keep San Marco beautiful.

In an effort to spiff up four different locations in honor of San Marco's 90th birthday celebration Oct. 9, 10 members of the club spread dozens of bales of pine straw mulch in the beds and around newly planted trees at four community locations – Davin Park, Balis Park, Alexandria Oaks Park and around the perimeter of the San Marco library.

The club, which is sponsored by Bolles teacher Andrew Dickson of San Marco, volunteered to assist San Marco Preservation

Society Special Projects Chairman Mary Toomey in doing the routine maintenance. "Those four locations were looking a little shopworn," said Dickson, noting the effort in Balis Park was to help prep the area for the Feast of Carnevale, a special birthday dinner celebration in honor of the neighborhood, which was postponed until November due to Hurricane Matthew.

On Oct. 16, the Bolles environmentalists worked to remove water hyacinth and clean up Craig Creek in River Oaks Park. Three days later on Oct. 19, they served the community again by cleaning up the bio swale near the San Marco Library as part of Bolles' annual "Make a Difference Day."

Assumption students Pray It Forward

Thanks to the arrival of Hurricane Matthew in Jacksonville and the example of a class of sixth graders at a Catholic school in Ohio, students at Assumption Catholic School in St. Nicholas began "Paying It Forward" with their prayers.

On Oct. 11, Assumption Catholic School in St. Nicholas received a beautiful care package from the sixth graders at St. Ignatius School in Cincinnati, Ohio, said Assumption Principal Maryann Jimenez.

"The students at St. Ignatius pray the rosary every Friday but the teacher, Matt Meyer, looks for ways to make it more authentic and more meaningful," she said. "He took a 'teachable moment,' (when something happens that you know will mean more to the students than what's on your lesson plans) of the hurricane to make it impactful that day."

Realizing Jacksonville was slated to be hit by the hurricane, Meyer searched for Catholic schools, selecting six in the Jacksonville area, and had his students pray for a different school during each of his class periods, Jimenez said. "While praying, he had Assumption's website pulled up as well as the radar showing where the hurricane was located while they were praying," she said. "He said he had never had so much class participation in the



Assumption School Principal Maryann Jimenez holds up letters she received from the students at St. Ignatius School in Cincinnati, Ohio, after Hurricane Matthew.

Rosary than on that day."

Impressed by the Ohio students' example, Assumption has decided to "pay it forward," said Jimenez. Beginning Oct. 17, the St. Nicholas students began choosing other Catholic schools that were hit by the hurricane up the coast and started praying for them as well. "We were so fortunate during the hurricane because of the prayers of the sixth grade students at St. Ignatius, and we want to help others in the same way," Jimenez said.

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Apples and Almonds

By Peggy Harrell Jennings
Resident Community News

The age-old adage about the apple not falling far from the tree is apparent in the Almond family.

Kathryn Almond, 11, wanted to start a pet business. Using her artistic talents, she designed flyers and, with the help of her eight-year-old sister Fenley, hand-delivered them to 51 homes in her San Marco neighborhood.

“Just out of nowhere, Kathryn decided to start a business,” said her mother, Hillary. “She just insisted, so I told her she had to figure it all out herself.”

In short order, Kathryn’s Dog Walking Service was born. Little did she know she was treading in her mother’s footsteps.

“For years I’ve wanted to have my own business and I love dogs,” said Kathryn. “When I told my grandparents (Rutledge and Noel Liles), my grandmother said, ‘Did you know your mom had a dog-walking service when she was your age?’ I was so surprised!”

But it should be no surprise Kathryn has the spirit of an entrepreneur.

“I watched my dad work in a firm and then watched both of my parents go out on a limb to start Dad’s law firm,” said Hillary. “Kathryn has watched her dad (Eric) and me pour everything into our business while taking care of three kids. We started Almond Engineering from scratch. It’s very healthy for the kids to see. We have good years and lean years and they roll through it.”

Kathryn said her family is very supportive of her endeavors. “My mother drove me around to deliver some of the flyers and my grandparents ask me how it’s going and



Kat Almond walks her client, Monty, while sister Fenley tags along on a bicycle.

encourage me,” she said.

When asked about her qualifications for starting this business, Kathryn remarked, “Well, I love dogs and cats. I am responsible. I know to be on time and be nice and polite.”

Kathryn is undecided about how to best use the money from her dog walking and pet sitting endeavors so she is saving her earnings until she decides. Mother and daughter are amused and amazed that they had the same business idea a generation apart, and it seems Kathryn Almond has what it takes to succeed.

After all, this junior entrepreneur just can’t help herself – it’s in her genes.



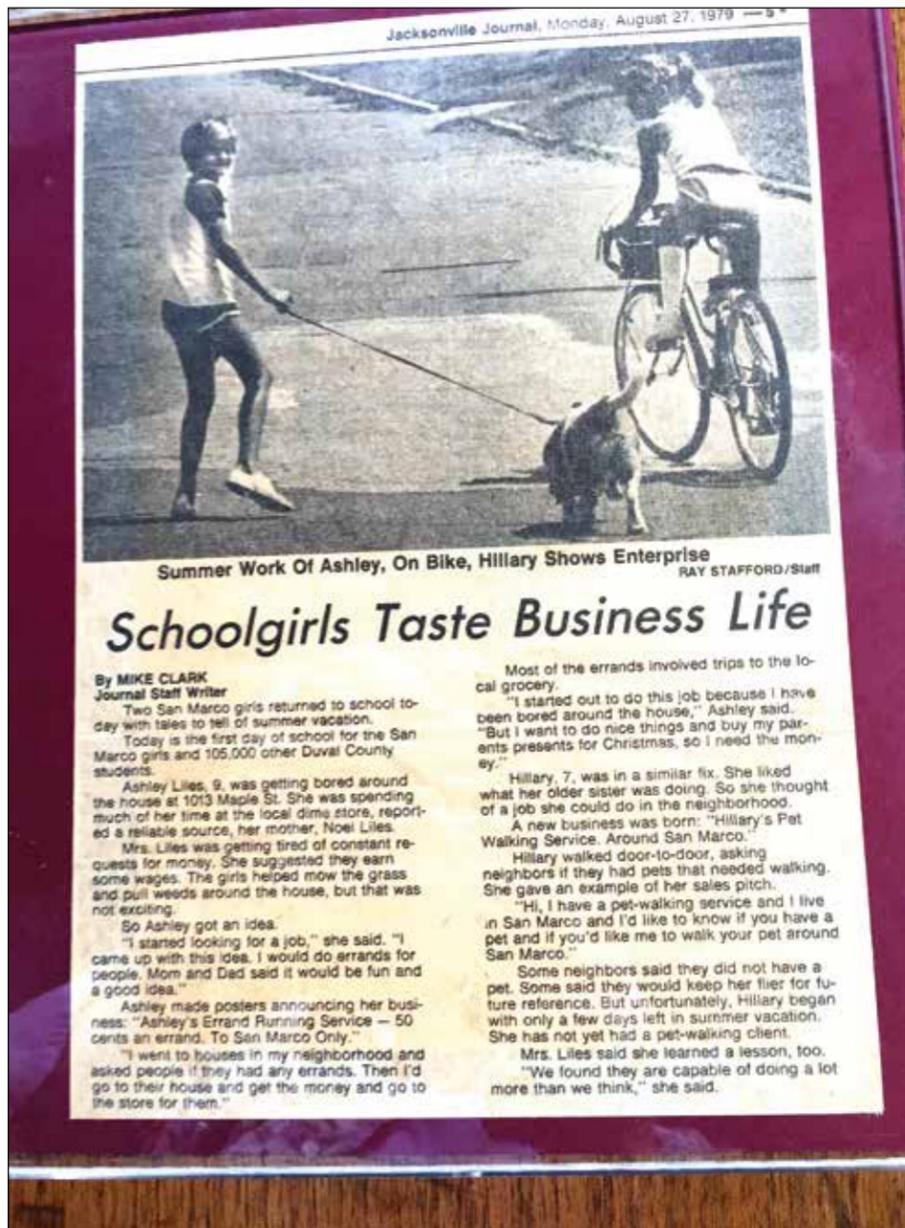
Benjamin Amos takes a turn on the dance floor with Campbell Farace during Make a Difference Day at Pine Castle Oct. 19.

Bolles freshmen seek ways to Make a Difference

The entire freshman class at The Bolles School fanned out throughout the city to Make a Difference by doing community service with 12 different nonprofit organizations Oct. 19.

The nonprofit agencies the students worked for included Angels for Allison, Angelwood, Hope Haven, Mandarin Museum, McKenzie’s Academic Resource Center, NAS JAX, North Florida School, Pine Castle, Sanctuary on 8th Street, St. Johns Riverkeepers, Sulzbacher Center, and two locations of Taylor Residences.

Upon returning to the school, the freshmen went to Davis Gym to hear to a panel of students from the senior class discuss the importance of volunteering and community service. Included among the panelists were Megan Arnold, Lillian Daboul, Christian Glover, Anderson Gronvold, all from San Jose; Lillie Kulik and Natalie Spadaro of San Marco; John Norcross of Ortega and Gustavo Esteves de Oliveira Cesar of Brazil, who is a boarding student in the dorm on the San Jose campus.



Like mother, like daughter: Hillary Almond’s dog walking service was featured in the Jacksonville Journal, August 27, 1979.



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Students turn out for club day at Bolles



William Levinson, Anna Csikai, Lilly Edwards, Claire Hogan, Cameron Perry Walker and Summer Schreiner, members of the Kenzie Club, which motivates young people to reach their full potential and discover their purpose in the world.

Student organizers from most of Bolles' Upper School campus clubs manned booths in the school's gymnasium to field interest in servant leadership during Bolles Club Day Sept. 28.

More than 80 organizations representing special interests, causes and associations were represented during the event.

Community service is not required at the San Jose private school, however a majority of its students are motivated personally to make a difference in the lives of others. The clubs provide students with fun and meaningful opportunities to demonstrate a passion for service and an awareness of nonprofit groups, foundations and other causes throughout the world. Through club membership students organize fundraisers, community service events and other programs throughout the school year.

Granada resident wins a modeling trip to New York

Jennifer DiLoreto, a Granada resident, received the surprise of a lifetime in mid-October, when a representative from Cady Studios, the company which took DiLoreto's senior portraits over the summer, greeted her during cheerleading practice with the news that she had won a trip to New York City.

DiLoreto's senior portrait was one of five student portraits selected from Cady's Jacksonville and Atlanta markets. The Bolles cheerleader's photo was selected from among 500 senior students that Cady Studios photographed before July 30. The studio said the "fab five" winners represented a variety of backgrounds, styles and interests.

This is the first year the photography studio has rewarded winners with a trip to New York City. Once in the Big Apple, the students attended a model day and photo shoot.

DiLoreto, who is a model with Session Modeling Agency in Mandarin, attended the Oct. 14-15 trip with her mother, Teresa, who was also on hand for the surprise announcement at Bolles. It was DiLoreto's first trip to New York City.



A representative from Cady Studios holds the winning photo of Jennifer DiLoreto, a Bolles senior, whose portrait was selected to win a free trip to New York City.



Jennifer DiLoreto, a senior at Bolles, received exciting news at cheerleading practice when a representative from Cady Studios, the company which took her senior portraits over the summer, announced that she had won a trip to New York City.



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Canine finds purpose in life as therapist

By Kate A. Hallock
Resident Community News

Twice a month, Jett goes to work at Wolfson Children's Hospital. The gentle giant with a laid-back temperament delights everyone he encounters as he makes his rounds.

The 100-pound Black Russian Terrier, owned by Lakewood resident Terri McQuiddy, was considered too small to breed or show. As a working dog Jett needed a purpose in life, so despite his intimidating size, Jett is eagerly welcomed by patients and staff at Wolfson Children's Hospital.

McQuiddy, an Organ Procurement Coordinator with LifeQuest, lost two dogs within two weeks of each other in June 2012. A month later, still devastated from her loss, a friend told her Jett's breeder was looking for a good home for the year-old not-show-worthy dog.

"I just didn't know if I was ready. I had never had a dog that big and powerful and stubborn," said McQuiddy. "I spent about three months talking to the owner and researching the breed and finally went to visit him. First visit and I was done. I paid \$1 for Jett and call him my Dollar General dog. Jett needed a home where he could just be a pet, and I needed him. He rescued me, and I gave him a loving home."

Four years later McQuiddy found the perfect job for the terrier. Formerly a respiratory therapist with Wolfson Children's Hospital, McQuiddy saw the joy that the therapy dogs bring to the patients, families, staff and visitors, and decided she and Jett should become part of the team.

"I wanted to do this because in my career in organ donation, I am often in stressful and sad situations. As a former employee of Wolfson Children's Hospital, pet therapy day was always a great day," she said. "The kids talked about the dogs all day long after they visited, and they brought joy to the employees as well."

Before meeting with the Alliance of Therapy Dogs evaluator, Jett had to pass the American Kennel Club's Canine Good Citizen® course.

"Once Jett completed the Canine Good Citizen course the rest was a piece of cake," said McQuiddy. "Most of that has to do with the fact that Jett has a great disposition, and Jett's mom and dad are both therapy dogs."

Part of Jett's evaluation test looked for reactions to experiences he could encounter while working as a therapy team, for example, being petted all over his body; a person rushing past the team while they are standing still and when they are moving; being near a person who is walking unsteadily. To become a registered therapy team, McQuiddy and Jett had to pass three working visits.

Jett proved he was up to the task during on-the-job training when a fire alarm went off at Life Care Center of Orange Park.

"Jett didn't jump or startle, he just kept visiting the person he was with," McQuiddy said.

During one of the training visits at Wolfson Children's Hospital, Jett and McQuiddy received a request to visit a specific patient. During the visit, a doctor asked the trainer if Jett could visit every room. "Is that a prescription?" asked the trainer, according to McQuiddy. The doctor replied, "Absolutely!"

The pet therapy team visits the hospital every second and fourth Monday, and McQuiddy said she hopes they have a long career there.

"The joy I get from seeing the smiles and happiness that Jett brings does wonders for my soul," said McQuiddy. "As for Jett, he totally gets what he is doing and loves the attention that they give him. He just has this instinct that these children need him."

For information about Northeast Florida Therapy Animals and pet therapy training, visit neftagroup.org.



Terri McQuiddy and her therapy dog, Jett

Family pets get annual blessing in Fletcher Park

The 4th annual Family Pet Fair & Blessing of the Pets held Oct. 1 in Fletcher Park in San Marco, was bigger and better than ever. The benefit included pet adoptions, a charity "laundromutt" where at least 30 willing pooches were given a bath, silent auction, pet costume contest, many animal-related vendors and, of course the main event, Father John Oliver from St. Philip Neri, who blessed cats, dogs of all sizes, and an umbrella cockatoo.

"We're grateful and blessed that so many in the community come out to enjoy and support this fundraising event each year," said Becky Hamilton, chairman of St. Philip Neri Animal Ministry and advisor for Friends of Jacksonville Animals. "We're always touched to witness the many people and their companion animals participating in the Blessing of the Pets. We're also grateful and thankful for the many wonderful vendors that participate."

Proceeds of at least \$5,000 from the popular fall event went to St. Philip Neri Animal Ministry and Saint Francis Animal Hospital to help pets in need of medical care.



At the Blessing of the Pets event in San Marco, Claire Fraley adopted Rosie, who was one of five dogs taken in by St. Francis Animal Hospital when she became homeless during flooding in Louisiana.



Front, Lucas Shelton-Setser, Lorelai Scott (with mask), Angela Scott holding Sierra, who gazes at Blake Shelton-Setser.

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COMMUNITY Happenings

Women's Garden Club

Tuesday, Nov. 1, 10 a.m.
Garden Club of Jacksonville
1005 Riverside Ave.

Diane Seymore, Master Gardener with Duval County Extension Service, will present Bucket Gardening; free and open to the public. Also, pecans are on sale now; order by calling (904) 355-4224.

Landon Inaugural Alumni Homecoming

Tuesday, Nov. 1, 4:30 p.m.
Julia Landon College Prep School
1819 Thacker Ave.

Alumni are welcome to attend the Inaugural Alumni Homecoming Football Game and will be introduced by the announcer. Food trucks, concessions and DJ. Tickets are \$4.

Plant Sale

Wednesday, Nov. 2, 5 p.m. - Nov. 13
Jacksonville Fairgrounds
510 Fairground Place

The primary fundraiser for the Men's Garden Club of Jacksonville takes place during the 2016 Greater Jacksonville Agricultural Fair "Red, White & You."

Revivals First Friday

Friday, Nov. 4, Noon-2 p.m.
CoRK Arts District, 2689 Rosselle St.

Whether you work, live or play in the neighborhood, all are welcome. This month, learn more about the CoRK Arts District at Rosselle and King and the artists who have studios at CoRK. Adult beverages will be provided.

Boy Scouts Annual Spaghetti Dinner

Friday, Nov. 4, 4:30-7:30 p.m.
St. Johns Presbyterian Church
4275 Herschel St.

Dine in or drive in for the annual spaghetti dinner hosted by Boy Scout Troop 2. Supports Troop and summer camp programs. \$7 per person.

Fishweir Fall Festival

Friday, Nov. 4, 5-8 p.m.
Fishweir Elementary School
3977 Herschel St.

Sponsored by the PTA, the event is the school's biggest fundraiser and is open to the community. Enjoy music, food trucks, face painting, an engine from Fire Station 14, and more!

4th Annual Ryan's Run/Walk

Saturday, Nov. 5, 9 a.m. • Ortega United Methodist Church, 4807 Roosevelt Blvd.



Annual benefit to grow children's ministries in the Ortega community begins with a one-mile fun run at 9 a.m. and a 5K kicks off at 9:30 a.m. Register at www.1stplacesports.com/ryans.html

Riverside Speaker Series

Saturday, Nov. 5, 11 a.m.
Willowbranch Library, 2875 Park St.

Neil Sindicich will speak about the upcoming Hall of Heroes, a new-to-Jacksonville comic convention, to be held Saturday, Nov. 12 at the Snyder Armory, 9900 Normandy Blvd. Refreshments are provided by the Friends of Willowbranch Library and a local coffee shop. The series is free and open to the public, no RSVP necessary.

Feast of Carnevale

Sunday, Nov. 6, 4-8 p.m.
Balis Park, San Marco Square

In celebration of San Marco's 90th birthday, the San Marco Merchants Association is hosting a banquet-style feast prepared by the chefs of four San Marco restaurants. Tickets can be purchased at www.mysanmarco.com.

Men's Garden Club

Monday, Nov. 7, 7-9 p.m.
Garden Club of Jacksonville
1005 Riverside Ave.

The Men's Garden Club program includes "AlterNative Plants" by Adam Arendall of the Native Plant Society

Angel Lecture Series

Friday, Nov. 11, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Private Avondale home

Hosted by and benefiting Angels for Allison, founder of Christian Healing Ministries and author Judith MacNutt will lecture and sign copies of her book, "Encountering Angels." Tickets are limited and can be purchased at www.classy.org/jacksonville/events. For more information, email angelsforallison@gmail.com.

2nd Annual Corks & Forks

Friday, Nov. 11, 7 p.m.
Club Continental, 2143 Astor Street
Orange Park

The masquerade charity benefit raises funds for St. Vincent's Medical Center Clay County and Community Outreach programs. Ticket includes signature dishes from the region's most talented chefs, exceptional wines, and one-of-a-kind masks created by the Art Guild of Orange Park. For more information, visit corksandforksclay.com

Step Out: Walk to Stop Diabetes

Saturday, Nov. 12, 8 a.m.
Fidelity National Financial parking area
601 Riverside Ave.

One-day signature fundraising walk will benefit the American Diabetes Association. To register, volunteer or get more information, visit diabetes.org/stepout.

St. Paul's Catholic School Fall Festival

Saturday, Nov. 12, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
St. Paul's Catholic School, 2609 Park St.

Rides, games, food and fun make for a great day on the campus in Riverside. Open to the public!

JaxbyJax2016

Saturday, Nov. 12, 3-9 p.m.
2-3 p.m. Student Showcase at Il Desco Italian Restaurant
3-6 p.m. 25 featured writers at 12 venues around Park and King Streets.

6:30-9 p.m. After-party, book market, and signing at CoRK Arts District, 2689 Rosselle St., \$10 at the door

JaxbyJax celebrates the local literary arts, coalesces a community of writers, and provides a venue through which this city can hear its own voice. The full schedule is available at jaxbyjax.com

8th Annual REDTie Affair

Saturday, Nov. 12, 6-10 p.m.
River City Brewing Company
835 Museum Circle

Proceeds from the annual fundraiser benefit Teddy Bear Touchdown to provide a holiday party for local children affected by HIV/AIDS. The party is hosted in December by Lutheran Social Services of Northeast Florida and Dab the AIDS Bear Project. Guests are encouraged to wear red ties to the November benefit. Tickets can be purchased at lssjax.givezooks.com/events

Chamber Music Concert

Sunday, Nov. 20, 7 p.m.
St. Mark's Lutheran Church
3976 Hendricks Ave.

A free concert performed by the San Marco Chamber Music Society will feature the Lawson ensemble, a trio comprised of Jacksonville Symphony musicians Aurica Duca and Clinton Dewing, and UNF Associate Professor of Cello Nick Curry.



Salvation Army Bell Ringing

Thursday, Nov. 10 through Saturday, Dec. 24 (except Sundays), 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Local Publix, Winn-Dixie and Wal-Mart locations

You can make a big impact on the community this holiday season by volunteering to ring a bell at a Salvation Army red kettle at Publix and Winn Dixie locations across Jacksonville. Funds raised through the kettles stay local and help those in the most need with food, shelter, clothing, and emotional/spiritual support. Contact Kettle Coordinator Kathy DeSiena at (904) 301-4852, kathy.desiena@uss.salvationarmy.org, or text JaxKettle to 41444 to sign up.



24th Annual River Garden Gala

Saturday, Nov. 12, 7 p.m.
Sawgrass Marriott, 1000 PGA Tour Blvd.

Held each November, the River Garden Foundation Gala will include cocktails, dinner, silent auction and live entertainment. For information and tickets, visit rivergarden.org.

Eco Relic's Fall Fling

Sunday, Nov. 13, 1-4 p.m.
Eco Relics, 106 Stockton St.

The Fall Fling benefits Best Buddies Jacksonville, dedicated to creating opportunities for one-to-one friendships, integrated employment and leadership development for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Live music provided by Cain't Never Could, food by Best Burgers Jax Food Truck, and free beer.

San Marco Preservation Society Speaker Series

Wednesday, Nov. 16, 6:30 p.m.
Preservation Hall, 1652 Atlantic Blvd. in Fletcher Park

Robin Robinson, Jacksonville Historical Society board member, will discuss the history of San Marco and South Jacksonville at the free event. Wine and cheese will be served and archives will be available to peruse.

Big Bag Sale

Friday, Nov. 18, 4-8 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 19, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 20, Noon-5 p.m.

Book Warehouse, 3435 University Blvd. N. Friends of the Jacksonville Public Library will hold a "big bag" sale of books, DVDs and CDs. Members-only deals on Nov. 18, join at the door for just \$5. Open to the public.

Red, White & Blues

Friday, Nov. 18, 6-10 p.m.
Home of Gary McCalla
3904 Alhambra Dr. West

The annual wine, spirits and food tasting event benefits the North Florida School of Special Education. For tickets or information, call (904) 724-8323 or email mjensen@northfloridaschool.org

Festival D'Vine

Friday, Nov. 18, 6-9 p.m.
Treaty Oak Park, 1123 Prudential Drive

Enjoy a night of live music, great food from local restaurants and a large variety of wines and craft beer to help support Catholic Charities' Emergency Assistance Program, preventing homelessness in our community. Visit ccbjax.org for information.

15th Annual Oyster Roast

Friday, Nov. 18, 7-11 p.m.
Garden Club of Jacksonville
1005 Riverside Ave.

The Oyster Roast supports the effective advocacy, outreach and education programs of St. Johns Riverkeeper. Enjoy delicious oysters and seafood from Fisherman's Dock, other taste treats from Biscottis, live music from Cloud 9, and silent auction. Visit www.stjohnsriverkeeper.org for more information.

GoJax Family Service Events

Saturday, Nov. 19 at 8 a.m. Kickoff event, Friday, Nov. 18, 7 p.m.

South Jacksonville Presbyterian Church
2137 Hendricks Ave.

If you want to participate in the service event, attend the kickoff. On Saturday, participants will head directly to the various locations where they will be doing the community service. Everyone is welcome to participate whether they attend a church that is participating or not. To sign up to join in the fun, register at www.GoJax.net.

CoRK Open Studios

Saturday, Nov. 19, 12-8 p.m.
CoRK Arts District, 2689 Rosselle St.

Studios will be open to the public to enjoy a self-guided tour of more than 70 participating artists in six buildings. Scheduled demonstrations and opportunities to purchase original artwork will be offered. Visit corkartsdistrict.com for more information.

International Games Day

Saturday, Nov. 19, 1-5 p.m.
Willowbranch Library, 2875 Park Street

Celebrate games and gaming at the library. Bring your favorite board and card games to share and learn new ones from others. This is an all-ages event so make sure your games are family-friendly. For more information, call the library at (904) 381-8490.

14th Annual Riverside WineFest

Saturday, Nov. 19, 6-9 p.m.
Riverside Liquors, 1251 King Street

Tickets are available until noon on event day for what may be the largest wine festival in the historic districts. The charity fall festival benefits Riverside Avondale Preservation and includes live entertainment, food vendors and WineFest wine glass. Visit RiversideWineFest.com.

MOSH Bash

Saturday, Nov. 19, 6-9 p.m.
Rooftop After Party, 9 p.m. to midnight
Museum of Science & History
1025 Museum Circle

Celebrating its 75th anniversary, MOSH is holding a big bash for adults and children. For information or to purchase tickets, call (904) 396-6674, ext. 230 or email events@themosh.org

Advent and Alternate Giving Fair

Sunday, Nov. 20, 9:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
Leatherbury Hall, St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 4129 Oxford Ave.

A wreath-making event with other crafts and activities is coupled with a fair featuring the nonprofit organizations supported by St. Mark's members. Call (904) 388-2681 to participate; a donation of \$10 per wreath is requested.

Duval Audubon Society Meeting

Monday, Nov. 21, 6:30-8 p.m.
Swaim Memorial United Methodist Church, 1620 Naldo Ave.

Lisa Rinaman, St. Johns Riverkeeper, will speak about the issues and challenges facing the river and what citizens can do to help protect and restore the river's health.

Jax Juggernauts second best in the USA

Team with San Marco ties takes home silver in Mixed Open Division

By Marcia Hodgson
Resident Community News



The Jax Juggernauts' silver medalists, including team founders Andy Yi and his brother, Eric Yi, (center) in Orlando.

The Jax Juggernauts Touch Rugby team exceeded everyone's expectations by taking home a silver medal during its first foray at the USA Nationals at ESPN World of Sports in Orlando Oct.13-16.

The second-year team, which initially did not plan to compete in the Nationals until next year, expected to come away with nothing more than experience, said Team Captain and Founder Andy Yi. "I can't say enough how proud I am of my team. Honestly, going in, my only expectation was that we play our best game and come out with a ton of experience. In no way did I imagine we would take home silver and the title of '2nd best Mixed Touch Team in the USA!'"

Competing in the Mixed Open Division, which requires three men and three women to be on the field at all times, the Juggernauts played against of eight teams from throughout the world, which were broken into two pools. Performance during pool play determines seeding in the playoffs on the second day of competition.

On the first day, Jacksonville had a

disappointing start losing to Chile 13-0, and to Galaxy DC, the previous Mixed Open Champions, 11-4. "This was the first time some of our team members had played together," said Yi, adding that in order to qualify in the division he had to recruit women who used to play in his old Taipei Touch League from Taiwan, Boston, New York and Georgia. "The first game was very frustrating as much of the team had met only hours before kickoff. We used it as an opportunity for us to figure out how to play as a team."

The Juggernauts started to click in the third game, an 8-3 loss against Jamaica. "We were finally developing some team chemistry and were having a good time," Yi said.

On the second day, Jacksonville finally pulled out a win against Chicago, 9-3, thanks to multiple touchdowns by Eric Yi of San Marco, David Wandel, Ya-Hui Ho of Taipei, and Amy Hsu of Boston. In the semi-finals, Jacksonville defeated a much stronger San

Francisco team, 12-4, with Sean Balaban slicing through San Francisco's defense multiple times.

The Mixed Open Finals was a rematch against Galaxy DC, and the former Mixed Open Champs proved to be too much, with Jacksonville falling to their rivals, 8-3.

"We couldn't believe how far our team had come, and we were ready to play our hearts out for each other," Yi said. "However, Galaxy showed its experience. Though our playing and team chemistry was leaps and bounds better than the day before, Galaxy's attack was relentless and very hard to defend against."

"The MVP of Nationals was definitely our girls. They kept the team focused and improving game after game and never gave up the fight," he said. "For me personally, the Silver medal was secondary to the bonds and esprit de corps that was formed on the pitch. Jax Juggernauts is a family. Like my brother, Eric Yi, said, 'Taking home silver year one of nationals is great. Now we're digging for gold!'"

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Children's museum evolved to delight patrons of all ages

By Kate A. Hallock
Resident Community News

In recognition of 75 years of education, exploration and discovery, the Museum of Science and History, affectionately known by its acronym MOSH, will cap a week-long celebration with a bash Friday, Nov. 18 for adults and children alike, including a rooftop after-party that will keep patrons dancing until midnight.

"In our 75th year of continuous community service, we have focused on reflecting, celebrating and planning for our future. We have evolved with our community since our beginning as the Jacksonville Children's Museum in 1941 and remain committed to present relevant, inspiring and educational exhibitions and programs," said Maria Hane, MOSH executive director. "MOSH reached nearly 240,000 people this year and we are excited to begin 2017 with a vision for growth that will carry us far into the future."

The roots of MOSH began as the Jacksonville Children's Museum, chartered in 1941, but it wasn't until 1988 that the museum received its third and final name.

The children's museum was first located in a Victorian mansion in Riverside until 1969, when the current facility was completed. Renovations and additions to the current location at 1025 Museum Circle on the Southbank were made in 1988, 1994, 1997 and 2010, altogether resulting in 82,200 square feet of space for display of science and history exhibits and the Bryan-Gooding Planetarium.

With three floors of permanent exhibits, the museum features a main exhibit area which changes quarterly. Over the years, some of those exhibits have addressed issues such as the environment (Atlantic Tails: Whales, Dolphins & Manatees of Northeast Florida), local history (Currents of Time: A History of Jacksonville & Northeast Florida), health science (The Body Within), sociology (RACE: Are We So Different?) and archeology (Uncovering the Past: New Archaeological Discoveries of Northeast Florida).

MOSH has a long record of accreditations, awards and certifications, beginning with a 1983 accreditation from the American Alliance of Museums. It also has been designated a Florida Major Cultural Institution by the Department of State,



The Jacksonville Children's Museum, 1061 Riverside Avenue, in 1948



The Museum of Science and History, today on the Southbank

named a Smithsonian affiliate and an International Star Station One partner, and has received numerous awards from the Jacksonville Environmental Protection Agency Institution, the American

Association for State and Local History, the City of Jacksonville Historic Preservation Commission, the Nonprofit Center of Northeast Florida, and the Northeast Florida Regional Council.



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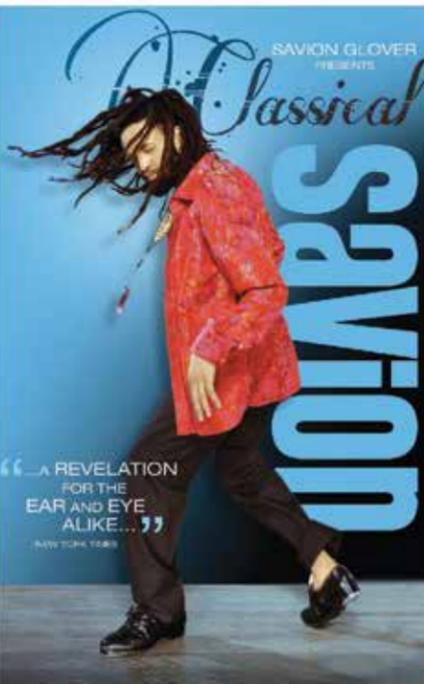


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MOSH Executive Director Maria Hane with Zimmermann Boulos and artist Kathy Stark



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Celebrating the Arts at the Airport, Commission at 20

Artists, donors and enthusiasts for public art were invited to an intimate reception at the Haskell Gallery space in the Jacksonville International Airport to celebrate a milestone for the JIA's Arts Commission. The gathering, held Oct. 25, brought several distinguished guests and leaders to speak on behalf of the accomplishments and impacts the group has made over the course of the last 20 years.

With airport art programs having become a source of great cultural pride displayed at

major airports across the globe, they are often the first introduction newcomers have to a community. The Jacksonville Aviation Authority and City of Jacksonville recognized this need in 1995, and the Jacksonville International Airport Arts Commission was formed. The volunteer board governs the JAX Airport Art & Culture Program, manages its rotating art exhibitions, as well as the commission of large-scale, onsite, permanent and public artworks.

The intention of the JAX Airport

Art & Culture Program is to educate visitors regarding the abundant artistic and cultural resources available within Northeast Florida, providing a positive environment for travelers to Jacksonville, and support and encourage creativity among North Floridians.

According to Jen Jones Murray, director of the JAX Art and Culture Program and coordinator for the JIA Arts Commission board of directors, "The Jacksonville Aviation Authority and Jacksonville International

Airport Arts Commission are committed to showing the work of professional and emerging artists. Its gallery spaces showcase fine art, important cultural and educational exhibitions."

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Politics and relationships, building rapport at Senate debate watch

It was a night for political wrangling and debate watching at the Granada home of Jim and Susan Towler, as attendees enjoyed libations, a few laughs and a beautiful buffet spread. Political leanings became a litmus test for party politics, as a live focus group – complete with clickers – was conducted by the Florida Chamber Foundation.

The Northeast region membership of Leadership Florida organized the watch of the telecast of the live debate put on by Leadership Florida and the Florida Press Association at Broward College. “I love

this organization [Leadership Florida], they [events] are always well done and well put together,” shared attendee Kate Wallace, while discussing the evening’s events. “I would be shocked if people weren’t decided on this race, they both have records now,” she said. Wallace was referring to the two US Senate candidates, Republican Junior Senator Marco Rubio and Democratic Rep. of Florida’s 18th District, Patrick Murphy, who went head to head during the debate watch party on Oct. 26.



Courtney Weatherby-Hunter with Maggie Hightower



Host Jim Towler with Tony Carvajal, executive vice president of the Florida Chamber, Herschel Vinyard, former secretary of Florida’s Department of Environmental Protection, with Cyndi Stevenson, Florida House Rep. District 17, with hostess Susan Towler and Husein Cumber



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Artists collaborate to create joyful library mural

By Peggy Harrell Jennings
Resident Community News

The unveiling of a 50-x18-foot mural at the Joy G. Korman Discovery Zone in the Jacksonville Public Library downtown Sept. 29 celebrated months of work by artists Mary Atwood, Jim Smith and Thom Buttner together with the vision of Korman and the Jacksonville Public Library Foundation.

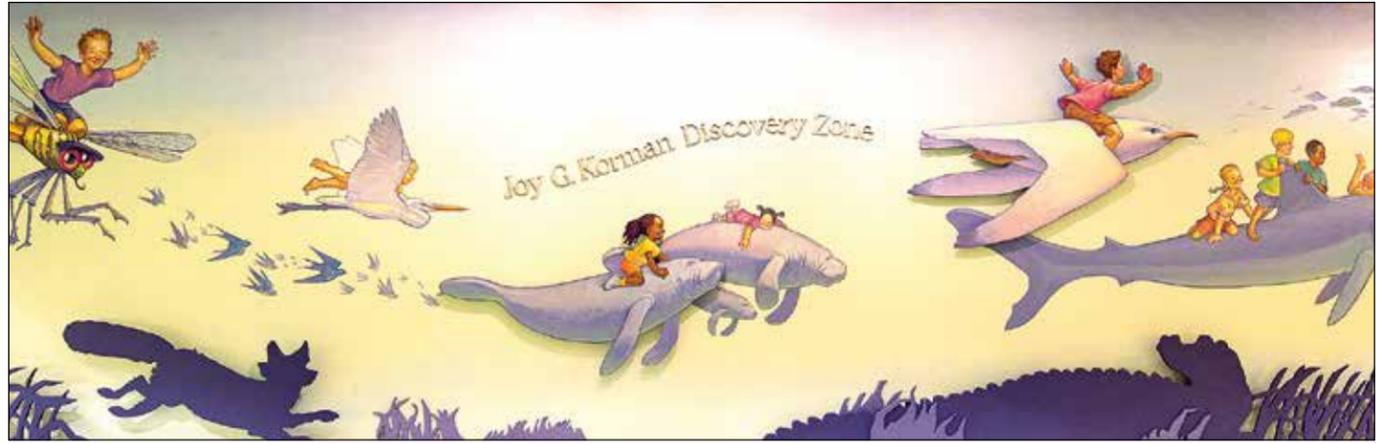
The three artists transformed a bare yellow wall in the Children's Library into an inviting illustration incorporating fantasy with native Florida animals and flora. Children of every ethnicity ride magical dragonflies and friendly creatures of all types cavort about.

Carefully considering each animal and the effect it would have on young viewers, the artists contemplated taking out a shark until Korman commented that her grandson loves sharks.

Buttner's sketch was the foundation for the collaborative effort to create a mural depicting a world of possibilities through reading, explained Atwood.

"The whole purpose of the mural was to build community around the idea of enhanced children's programming – not just at the downtown library but all the libraries," said Jamie Self, Jacksonville Public Library Foundation Director.

Through their endowment, Korman and her family want the mural to inspire and promote early literacy programs for children, said Self. "There has been a tremendous response to the mural already,"



Center portion of a 50-foot wide mural in the Children's Library.

he said. "The night of the unveiling was wonderful and there have been several gifts to the endowment which will help enhance children's programming and underwrite the Jacksonville Book Festival in March of 2017."

When Korman approached Smith, an art and sculpture teacher at The Bolles School, about creating the mural, he enlisted the aid of some of his art students and his San Marco studio mates – Atwood, a photographer, and Buttner, artist and art teacher at Atlantic Coast High School, to help with the project.

"Jim could have done it on his own and it would have been good. Thom could have done it on his own and it would have been good," said Atwood. "I don't know if I could have done it on my own – I have a fear of heights – but we understand each other's strengths and doing it together

made it wonderful."

Smith said after their final decision on the overall design he and Buttner sometimes worked 12 hours a day. They painted the background with graduated color, a technique called feathering.

"We worked really hard to make something difficult look effortless. I used a forced perspective technique to get the open books to look three dimensional. It drove me crazy," Smith said. "We wanted the spines to look like they were receding into the background."

Working at Bolles or at the studio he shares with Buttner and Atwood, Smith would cut out the three-dimensional relief pieces, sand, prime and paint and then take them to the library for installation while Buttner did most of the onsite painting

and Atwood handled the flow charts, time schedules, cover quotes and other paperwork, although she said she did some uneasy painting time on the scaffolding.

A few of Smith's advanced students helped with the installation of the three-dimensional pieces, however the majority of the work was completed by the artists during the summer when students were unavailable.

The artists agree that creating artwork which will touch children, parents and other library visitors for generations to come was one of the most exciting parts of their collaboration.

"I wanted to capture the unbridled joy of children and the joy you have when you are around little kids," said Buttner. "I hope people feel a smidgeon of the joy I got from doing it."

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The Way We Were Rutledge Liles

By Peggy Harrell Jennings
Resident Community News

Rutledge Liles could have had a career in modeling or acting, but the San Jose native doesn't regret choosing a college education over the opportunity to be in an Elvis Presley movie.

Had it panned out, that would have been his second encounter with "The King."

"I was walking down Ocean Street waiting for my folks to pick me up and walked down the alley behind the Florida Theatre to look at this Lincoln Continental parked there," said Liles, recalling the encounter that occurred when he was 14 years old. "Elvis came out the back door. I said 'Hello,' he said 'Hello' and that was that."

A few years later, while Presley was filming "Follow That Dream" in Ocala and a few other Florida towns, Liles said he was offered

a small part, most likely nonspeaking, but turned it down when it interfered with the beginning of the fall college term.

"I had to make a choice—give it a shot, or long shot, or forget about that unlikely career and stay with school," said Liles. "I opted for school, fortunately."

He did land a Dentyne chewing gum commercial in 1961 for \$95 a day. The royalties from that commercial, plus working at the Pi Beta Phi house and the police station in Tallahassee, helped him get through Florida State University. "My cousin in Seattle would call and say, 'Hey Rutty, I saw you on TV,'" said Liles about the commercial.

Liles grew up on Lawrence Circle in the 1950s and, like numerous San Jose children of the time, said he is 'guilty as charged' of trespassing on the Jessie Ball duPont property, now Epping Forest Yacht and Country Club.

"We were never up to anything bad," said



Liles Family

Liles, in his own defense. "We'd sneak along the bulkhead, play in the woods. Sometimes we would see Mrs. duPont's driver in her black Cadillac. Crabbing was a favorite pastime. We'd use some strong twine, attach some scraps from Clark's Market in Lakewood – they were always happy to accommodate us – then we'd drop it in the river and use a net with a long pole to bring the crabs to the surface. Voila! Dinner! Life was fun and carefree and we lived it to the fullest.

"San Jose Boulevard was a two-lane road," he continued. "University was called Longwood Road and where the Winn Dixie is now was just a jungle. There were big Live Oak trees. The old baseball field was on the side where the parking lot is now. We'd play Tarzan, Robin Hood and army; it's a wonder we didn't break our necks. We would come home all cut up, but we never complained. A little iodine and a Band-Aid, and we were ready for the next day's battle."

Liles also recalled there was King's Pharmacy at Lakewood, and Jax Liquors was where the Tijuana Flats is now. "There were lunch counters at the 5 and 10 cent stores, but those days are gone," he said. "All the guys in the neighborhood would go to Christopher Creek, drop our bikes, head to the bridge near Rosenblum's to fish, cruise the docks and play all day in that heavily wooded area. Nobody would see us."

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was passed on to Liles by his parents. Liles' father required him from about age nine until around 13 to do two hours of yard work every day before he could go on his neighborhood jaunts with his friends.

"I thought it was a very unfair rule, but he was teaching me a valuable work ethic that I adhere to today," said Liles, a civil lawyer with Liles and Gavin P.A. "When I was old enough, I had summer jobs at Rosenblum's and Furchgott's as a salesman in the men's department. I made \$33 a week after taxes



Rut Liles, 1940s



Honeymooning in New Orleans, December 1963

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and gave my parents \$10 a week for room and board. My parents always provided the essentials, but if I wanted something special they would advance me the cost and I would have to work it off. It made me appreciate the value of a dollar.”

Liles still shops at Rosenblum's. “I was raised to wear a suit and tie every day – a professional needs to dress appropriately. Ladies used to wear high heels, gloves and a hat just to go shopping.”

Liles graduated from du Pont High School, and attended Florida State University “because there were so many pretty girls there.” It was at FSU that he met his future bride on a double date. However, Noel Doepke, a student at the University of Florida, was Liles' fraternity brother's date. Noel was so taken with Liles that she broke up with the

fraternity brother, transferred to Florida State and went for a fate-filled walk with Rut.

“We spent our first date walking around campus learning how to spell each other's names. I thought his name was ‘Ruddy Lowes,’” laughed Noel. Fast forward to December 28, 1963 and this “pretty FSU girl” from Ft. Lauderdale was walking down the aisle.

“I was a month shy of 22 and Noel had just turned 21,” said Liles. “We had to wait to get the marriage license.”

“There was no interstate highway then so we left Ft. Lauderdale and took the road in the center of the state – the old Woodpecker Trail – to New Orleans,” said Liles, describing their honeymoon trip. “We stayed at a motel on the Perry Highway for \$4 a night then at one that was \$7. We had \$100 to spend in New

Orleans. We ate at Antoine's and Brennan's and still had money left over.”

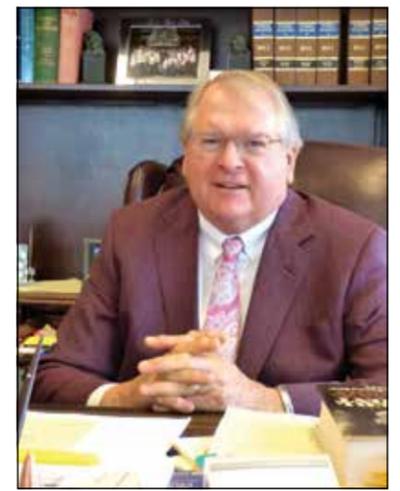
Liles graduated from University of Florida law school in 1966 and he and Noel, who had a nursing degree, moved to Jacksonville. “My mother and dad were here, and Jacksonville is a family-oriented town,” he said.

In the 1970s Noel's parents sold their Ft. Lauderdale home and moved into a patio home at Epping Forest when it was first being developed. Ironically, after spending his youth skulking around Epping Forest, Liles represented a nephew of the duPont Estate, and later he and Noel went to a party hosted by owner William Mason. “I first thought the property should become a museum but I'm so glad that later owner [Herb] Peyton made it into a yacht club. We joined,” said Liles. “I am a past Commodore of the club. When they asked me, I said, ‘Are you sure you want me? I don't even have a boat!’” Liles' daughter, Hillary Almond, is currently in line to become Commodore.

Noel worked as a nurse, nursing instructor and travel agent, then helped Liles when he launched his own law firm. “After volunteering for three months, I said, ‘I want to get paid!’” laughed Noel. “I answered the phone, did bookkeeping – you name it. After 16 years I started writing letters of resignation but I ended up working for 20 years!”

In the meantime she and Rut raised three daughters. “I used to make all the girls' clothes, including Easter dresses. I even made Cabbage Patch dolls and stuffed basset hounds the size of a real dog,” said Noel. “One year I made three prom dresses. Then I packed up my sewing machine!”

The Liles stay busy with their favorite activity – days out with their nine grandchildren. Noel belongs to the San



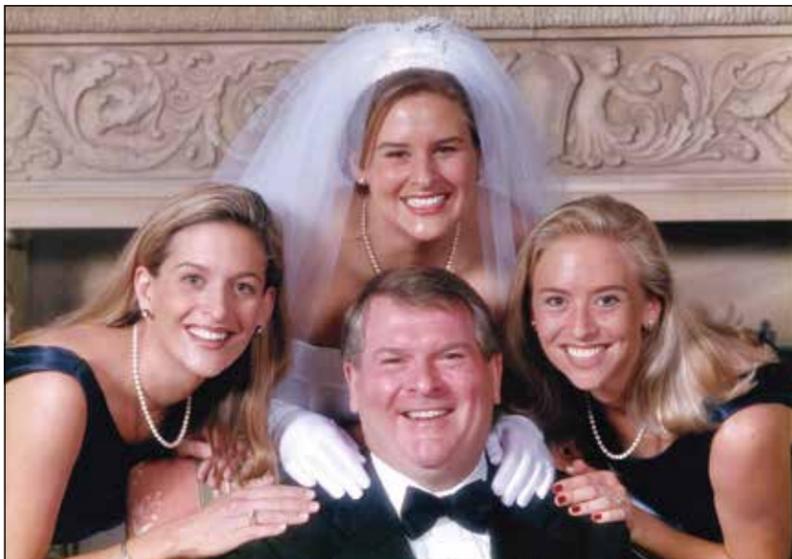
Rut Liles, attorney

Marco Garden Circle and a book club, and they are longtime members of St. John's Cathedral where they have both volunteered over their 40-plus year membership. During leisure time from his practice, Liles also enjoys gardening and is a dedicated history buff and collector.

Liles also spent years serving in numerous offices of the Bar Association and volunteering at church and The Episcopal School of Jacksonville when his three daughters attended. Now he is contemplating a slightly less active schedule.

“I am slowly stepping back to allow younger minds to take over,” said Liles, who doesn't have second thoughts about choosing law over the limelight.

“I don't regret my choices. It would have been great fun to be in a movie, but I would have been a big flop!” laughed Liles. “My granddaughter has aspirations as a singer – so I can live through her.”



Rut Liles with daughters Ashley Jones, Hillary Almond and Stacey Corn

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– In Memoriam –

Callie “Ginger” Virginia Wise Patsy

January 24, 1961 – September 26, 2016

The halls at Hendricks Avenue Elementary will be a lot quieter now that a favorite teacher is gone.

Callie “Ginger” Virginia Wise Patsy of San Jose, who taught fifth grade at HAE passed away from uterine cancer September 26, 2016 after being diagnosed with the disease 19 months earlier.

Known for her “larger than life” personality, “booming” voice and infectious laugh, Ginger taught at the elementary school in San Marco alongside her sister Margaret Samuels and her sister-in-law Allison Wise, who teach third grade and kindergarten at HAE.

“Our community lost a treasured lady,” said Pamela Ellis, a parent who had two children enjoy Ginger’s class in past years. “She was a beloved teacher to many and was special to our family having taught two of my children for a total of three years. You will hear again and again that Ginger made every student feel like they were her favorite. Her love for life and others showed in her smile even as she battled her illness,” Ellis said.

A teacher at HAE for seven years, Ginger was so loved by her students that 100 sixth, seventh and eighth graders returned to form a chorus which sang at her Mass of Christian Burial at San Jose Catholic Church Oct. 1.



Ginger Patsy

Led by Caron Prisby, a music teacher at HAE, the children attended two rehearsals as well as her Saturday funeral service, with many missing sporting events to do so. The chorus consisted of boys donning purple bow ties and girls wearing purple dresses or accessories as a tribute to their former teacher and her favorite color. They sang “For Good,” a signature song from the musical “Wicked,” which was the same song many of her students had

sung during their fifth-grade graduation ceremonies from HAE, said Ellis.

Ginger grew up in Chiefland, Florida, and was a 1983 graduate of Florida State University with a degree in finance and a Master’s degree in education.

She met her best friend and soulmate, Rick Patsy, in Jacksonville in 1987 when he was in the Navy. During their marriage, the Patsys lived in Albany, New York; Chesapeake, Virginia, and Jacksonville, where Ginger worked briefly at Southeast Bank. The couple later moved to Tallahassee and Irmo, South Carolina before finally settling in Jacksonville, where upon her sister’s recommendation, Ginger took a job teaching fourth grade at HAE in 2009.

“Mrs. Patsy was special in many ways. She was always smiling and always laughing. Even if you were having a bad day, she made it impossible to be mad or sad. She loved to read to us, and we loved to listen to her read chapter books as she had such enthusiasm when she read. She always encouraged us to do our best, and she made learning fun because she was having fun all the time. Even after I graduated from Hendricks Avenue, she would have a big loud hello and hug for me in the halls or wherever I saw her. I will never forget her smile, her laugh or her voice,” said Ellis’s son, Davis.

The life of every party, Ginger’s presence was felt by everyone in the room, said Samuels. She most loved spending time with her family, which gathered every Sunday afternoon for dinner, as well as teaching and playing tennis at San Jose Country Club, where she was co-captain of the working women’s team, she said.

“It still does not seem real to us. We are just not believing she will not be with us every Sunday night for family dinners,” said Samuels. “We want to continue the tradition because her girls are here. It is what she would want.”

In addition to her husband, Rick, Ginger is survived by her daughters Callie, Caroline and Maggie; her father, Dr. Kenneth Wise and his wife, Linda; her mother, Mary Jane Humphrys and her husband Jim; her sister, Margaret and brother-in-law Benford Samuels, brothers Derrek Wise, David Wise and his wife, Allison, and stepbrother Marty Greenlee and his wife, Nancy. Ginger’s nieces and nephews include Mary Beth, Eleanor and Virginia Samuels as well as Kenneth and Ella Kate Wise, both of whom are currently attending Hendricks Avenue Elementary.

“We are missing her in the halls at Hendricks Avenue,” said Ellis. “Although her amazing laugh and always booming voice are not ringing the halls, her spirit lives in the hearts of many.”



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