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Carlucci calls for public charrettes to discuss future of The Landing before demolition

By Marcia Hodgson

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The Landing has been referred to as "home plate," the "front porch of Downtown," or as At-Large Group 4 City Councilman-elect Matt Carlucci likes to call it, the "centerpiece of Jacksonville's Thanksgiving table." Although Carlucci agrees with most in the community that the iconic landmark has seen better days, he still feels strongly the orange-roofed shopping center and riverfront meeting place is an important piece of public property that deserves more public input about its future before it's torn down.

Carlucci, a San Marco resident, was not in on the 15-1 decision by City Council March 26 to

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— Matt Carlucci, At-Large Group 4 City Councilman-elect

allocate \$18 million to buy out Jacksonville Landing Investments LLC's long-term lease and cover the cost of buying out long-term tenant leases, demolition, and clearing of the land. He was also unable to weigh in on District 11 Councilman Danny Becton's last-minute floor amendment to approve the \$18 million, paying \$15 million to developer Toney Sleiman right away, but delaying demolition until later, which was soundly rejected by City Council.

Mayor Lenny Curry's plan has been to install a large waterfront park on the property with two new buildings for mixed use along the perimeter furthest from the St. Johns River. Carlucci met with the Downtown Investment Authority April 17 to appeal for more public engagement before a final decision about The Landing's future is made. He also had a one-on-one meeting with the mayor and DIA Interim CEO Brian Hughes at City Hall April 23 about the issue.

"The Council passed the bill that paid a negotiated settlement to the Sleiman family that included money for demolition and relocation of some of the tenants when I had just gotten elected," said Carlucci, who won his Council seat with more than 70% of the vote and will be

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Annual Easter parade a rite of passage in San Marco

As colorful as a basket of dyed eggs and Easter candy, students from South Jacksonville Presbyterian Preschool cluster around their teacher, Kelly Rumbach, during the Easter parade through San Marco Square April 18.

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Florida Forum draws fans from historic neighborhoods

Enjoying the reception following NFL Coach Tony Dungy's talk at the Florida Forum's season finale were Chip and Megan O'Steen, John and Maddie Milne, and Alex and Holly Hepler, also showing support for the Woman's Board for Wolfson Children's Hospital.

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Letter to the Editor

San Marco senior wants to see Landing revived

Glad to see so many San Marco folks concerned about the fate of The Jacksonville Landing. There's much wisdom in what most are expressing through their thoughtful words.

I've enjoyed many trips to The Landing over the years, mostly by the Skyway or parking my car a few blocks away. If there could be a closer link between the Skyway and The Landing that would be a big plus.

Previously at The Landing, you could refresh yourself with a cold drink and escape the blazing summer heat for awhile or get out of a drenching thunderstorm. A proposed park can't protect you from incumbent weather.

I've enjoyed good, affordable food and snacks there often. It seems The Landing has lost its friendly family appeal in recent years. Providing a children's fun section I feel would help, but of course must be perceived as a very safe environment.

Popular band performances will always draw those big crowds we long to see. Making The Landing a creative art center I think has strong possibilities, but would take talented leadership to make it work. I'm a former member of The Art League of Jacksonville that sadly disbanded in the late 1980s. You found yourself painting masterpieces and exhibiting them in art shows. I strongly advise organizing such an art group. It's not a money-maker for most of us, but gives a personal feeling of enjoyment and accomplishment.

Jags fans will never tire of partying at The Landing. Is there a better place for fans to get excited about the upcoming game? I don't think so.

Let's revive The Jacksonville Landing!

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Crash sidelines Metro Diner for 12 days



Construction workers work to repair the building after a car crashed through the wall of the Metro Diner in San Marco.

By Marcia Hodgson

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Due to expedited help from the City, construction companies and the neighborhood, the historic Metro Diner in San Marco was able to reopen on April 20, just in time for Easter, after being closed 12 days after a car accidentally crashed into the side of its building April 8.

No one, including the driver of the Toyota Camry, was hurt in the after-hours crash that occurred at 7:45 p.m. The Camry had swerved to avoid another car on Hendricks Avenue and hydroplaned into the breakfast-and-lunch-only eatery, said Ken Taylor, joint venture operating partner for Metro Diner. "It had rained earlier, and the road was slightly damp. It looked like it hydroplaned into the building," he said.

The building was built in 1938 and served as a drugstore and hamburger joint prior to becoming the Metro Diner. Established in 1992, the San Marco location was the first Metro Diner to be built in the Jacksonville area.

Taylor estimated a cost of more than \$100,000 to fix the building and recover from lost sales. Originally estimated to be out of commission for more than three weeks, the restaurant made a swift recovery in less than two – and before a holiday weekend – due to expedited help from the City, residents in the neighborhood, and the construction

companies. "The City was very instrumental in helping us get reopened," said Taylor. "They made themselves available to us throughout the whole process," he said, adding that the San Marco location has 38 employees that the company wanted to get back to work as soon as possible.

One element that assisted in the speed of reopening was Metro's ability to get its custom-made booths, which were destroyed in the crash, remade in three days, he said. The company also has changed the lighting and added a second larger window into the wall where the crash occurred. Bollards have been installed at the corner of Hendricks Avenue and Inman Terrace to prevent any future accidents. "We put bollards up so if a car ever comes this way again, it will hit that instead," Taylor said.

"We had a lot of cars in and out of there, all down the street and everybody was very receptive to everything we needed to get done to get it back open," Taylor said. "Our construction company, TWT, – they build a lot of our diners – and our home construction crew did a phenomenal job. All things considered and the fact that we were going into a holiday weekend, it worked out well. People did amazing things to get it all done. The people in the neighborhood who have been eating at the diner for a long time walked in and checked on us and were so happy to see us back open."

Friends of Library to host big book sale

The Friends of the Jacksonville Public Library will hold its semi-annual "Big Bag Sale" of books, DVDs and CDs Thursday-Saturday, May 16-18, at FJPL's Book Warehouse at University Park Library, 3435 University Blvd. North.

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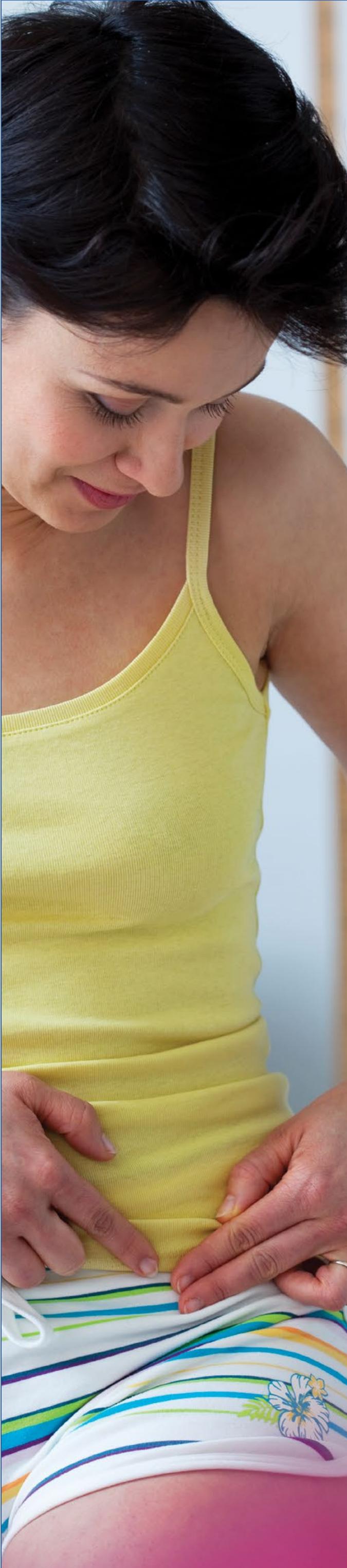
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Carlucci calls for public charrettes

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seated July 1. "I found many people coming up to me at the Winn-Dixie, the Gate gas station, or wherever I was going in the community, or calling me on the phone asking me what I thought and to tell me what they thought about it. They were saying, 'Don't tear it down until we know what we are going to do.'

"I think a combination of what happened with Danny [Becton], the vote, and your article [The Resident April 2019] has brought the community at this particular time to a boiling point," Carlucci continued. "I sense it very clearly. I've felt it. I haven't been to The Landing in a long time, but I love The Landing, and I want to see it fixed. I want to see what's best for the property."

After hearing from many younger residents, Carlucci decided to pose the question, "What do you want to do with The Landing?" on his Facebook page and was surprised to find within a day or two he had collected 128 comments. "It was quite a few comments in a short period of time, and they may have been coming in quicker than that," he said. "I really wasn't responding back to them because it is a public record, but I was more interested in learning and listening to what the people were thinking. I've found the best things that I've done as a Councilperson in the past or when working for a not-for-profit or public service entity came from listening to others. So, I just put it out there on Facebook. Most people are just happy and thankful to be asked."

Carlucci recalled during his term as City Council president in 2001-2002 he had set up a task force to receive public input about whether to preserve old historical buildings downtown. "When the taskforce was done, we implemented a bunch of those ideas into law," he said, noting some of the ideas, such as restoration of the Laura Street Trio, are just now coming to fruition.

After discussing the matter with Tom Nolan, a member of his campaign team, he decided to suggest to city officials the idea of setting up charrettes – meetings with stakeholders and the public – in order to resolve conflicts and map solutions. The City of Sarasota used the charrette concept when it sought ways to connect its downtown to the waterfront with success, Carlucci said.

"I started reading up on charrettes and it all blended with what I did in 2001-02 and with the theme of my campaign. My theme, to pull people together to make great things happen for Jacksonville, was not just to get votes. I meant it. Jacksonville is at its best when we pull people together, and that's how we make great things happen for the city."

Carlucci received no promises when he proposed the charrette idea to DIA. In a phone interview he said he thought it was important for DIA to head the effort and have "professionals" lead the charrette discussions.



A rendering of The Landing portal created in 2014, courtesy of Haskell, when the public was invited to discuss its future five years ago.

"I have been stormed by people asking me about The Landing. I am very happy to report that our citizens consider this a beloved piece of property, even if not currently viable, and so many very much want to have a say in its future. The Landing is like the centerpiece on the Thanksgiving table. For this reason, I believe we need to involve Jacksonville citizens in a decision-making process of what to do with The Landing. We most importantly need their buy-in, engagement, and involvement on the front end," he told DIA.

"I gave a lot of thought coming to this meeting and making this suggestion. I am not a councilmember yet, but this may land on my watch," he continued. "This approach or one similar takes courage, but this is a great chance to reach for excellence, and a great chance to be better off and being more together as a city if we use this approach because then the people will have played a major role in what the future of this beloved property will be, not only for this generation, but also for future generations to come!"

In the April 23 half-hour meeting, that he described as "respectful," with Mayor Curry and Hughes, who is future chief of staff to the Mayor's Office, Carlucci said many issues were discussed including his idea about holding public charrettes to talk about The Landing's future. "I shared with him my thoughts and he listened," said Carlucci. "He said he wants community discussions. I'm not sure what his approach is compared to mine, but it doesn't matter as long as the community has input. He said they have some legalities to get through first."

An email from Nikki Kimbleton, a spokesperson for Mayor Curry, said the mayor will welcome public input about the next phase after The Landing is demolished.

Hughes, a San Marco resident, said that a previous charrette led by the DIA, similar to what Carlucci is suggesting happen now, was held five years ago under the Alvin Brown administration with the conclusion that The Landing should be demolished and the area should be turned into a green space. The conversation is not new, and the administration is confused about why it's being brought up now when the City has already gone through the process, he said. "The conclusion and opinions of those involved in that charrette was to demolish The Landing and turn it into an activated riverfront space with park components, connecting the riverfront and open view of the St. Johns to the core of downtown," Hughes said.

In a phone interview, Carlucci said nearly everyone who was around since The Landing opened in 1987 has positive memories of the landmark in its heyday. He recalled how he and his wife Karen went to a toy store after the busy shopping area was built and purchased an expensive train set for their two sons.

"Why The Landing is so beloved is because so many people in this town have a personal connection or memory of it. My wife and I barely had two nickels to rub together, but we went down to the coolest toy store there and saw this train we fell in love with for our kids. We spent \$374 of money we did not have. I remember telling Karen, 'this is an investment that not only our children will enjoy but also our grandchildren.' We put that train out every Christmas and every time I see it, I think of The Landing," he said. "The place is much beloved, and the people should have a chance to get engaged on the front end. If they do, they will offer a lot of great ideas, and if they do, they will buy into it."

LeAnna Cumber



Cumber shares City view:
Tear down The Landing

Like her predecessor District 5 Councilwoman Lori Boyer, who voted in favor of demolishing The Landing, District 5 Councilwoman-elect LeAnna Cumber shares the Curry Administration's view that The Landing must be torn down to allow the city to better utilize the river.

"I don't want to step on what the previous Council has done," said Cumber, who will take over her Council seat July 1. "They voted to tear it down, and I think that we really need to utilize the river. The only way to do that is to open it up so we can see it. I think there will be plenty of time for public comment once we figure out exactly what we want to do with it. It's not a building that can be repurposed or should be repurposed because it really does close off the river from downtown. We can have public comment after the demolition."

Cumber said, personally, she would like to see green space and mixed-use buildings share The Landing property once the site is cleared. "As far as I know, nothing is set in stone as to what we are going to do after it is gone, but it is set in stone that it will be torn down. I run a lot, and I run along the river and having some green space would be nice. The river is one of our greatest assets, so I would like to see that. We also need something that would attract people, so doing mixed use with green space so you could boat or walk up and have dinner would be great. We have a great opportunity right now to make that area a centerpiece of the city. I'm really excited about it."

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Administration plans to demolish The Landing despite Carlucci pushback

By Marcia Hodgson

Resident Community News

The Curry Administration plans to stay the course with plans to demolish The Landing later this year, regardless of calls from At-Large Group 4 Councilman Matt Carlucci for a public charrette to discuss the matter again before the orange-roofed shopping and entertainment center is torn down.

According to Downtown Investment Authority Interim CEO Brian Hughes, the recent hue and cry raised by Carlucci during a meeting with the DIA April 17 and another one-on-one meeting with Mayor Lenny Curry and Hughes is confusing because the City is simply carrying out plans that were discussed at length during the Peyton Administration and decided long ago in the Brown Administration.

On March 26, after much discussion, the City Council approved, 15-1, an ordinance allocating \$18 million to buy out the long-term lease on The Landing property held by Jacksonville Landing Investments LLC. Included within the sum was \$15 to pay off developer Toney Sleiman, holder of the lease, \$1.5 million to demolish the structure and clear the site, and another \$1.5 million to terminate leases and relocate its existing tenants. At that time, Hughes told the Council demolition of the site could begin in six months.

The decision made by City Council was carefully thought through and was a long-time coming, said Hughes. The recommendation to tear down The Landing came more than four years earlier when in December 2014, the DIA, under the direction of Mayor Alvin Brown, adopted a resolution instructing CEO Aundra Wallace to issue a Request for Proposals to study the future of The Landing. By March 2015, the top three proposals had been received and scored so that a real estate consulting and planning organization could be selected to do the study. More than \$100,000 of taxpayer money was spent on the study, which included a charrette held on June 16, 2015 that was attended by 100 members of the public, Hughes said.

"The result of the public meeting, along with a month-long study by real estate experts and development experts, was that you need to remove The Landing from that site in order to develop it," Hughes said. "Mr. Carlucci is now saying, before we demolish it, we have to have another public charrette. What I am trying to point out is that four years ago, when there was another mayor – a mayor Mr. Carlucci supported for election – the DIA did have a charrette, and they did undertake a consulting process, which cost the taxpayers over \$100,000. The result of that public meeting, as well as the expertise that they hired, was to move forward, to demolish and remove The Landing structure. I believe, if I am reading

the press accounts correctly, Mr. Carlucci thinks there should be a charrette about the future of The Landing before we demolish it, and I'm trying to say there has already been a charrette. It cost us money, and it was done with public input, and its recommendation was to demolish The Landing.

"What's frustrating is that Mr. Carlucci and the administration have come to different places," Hughes continued. "What we're trying to communicate to the new Councilmember and to the press is that what he is asking for has already been accomplished. It's been done. I saw a note that said we had promised him there would be a public meeting before demolition. We promised nothing, and we certainly would not have promised a public meeting before demolition because it is the intent of this administration to follow the good advice that has been on the books for years previous to this mayor, which is that removing The Landing is the absolute first step to developing that area for the future."

Public discussion on The Landing's future occurred even earlier than the public charrette in June 2015. On Dec. 9, 2013, a public planning workshop entitled, "Making waves: realizing a world-class waterfront," was held at the Jacksonville Main Library with Mayor Alvin Brown kicking off the presentation, according to a January 2014 article in *The Resident*. The workshop was presented by DIA in partnership with Downtown Vision, Inc., the American Institute of Architects (AIA), Sleiman Enterprises, and the Haskell Company. It was facilitated by Tom Hurst, AIA Jacksonville president.

"Critical to improving Downtown is The Landing. It has not met its full potential, and a new game plan for The Landing needs to focus on housing," Brown said at the 2013 meeting. Jax Chamber President Daniel Davis agreed, saying "I am bullish about the future of Northeast Florida and Downtown. Let's get the bulldozers going and make it happen."

According to the article, Alan Wilson, an architect and employee of Haskell, shared the group's goals for The Landing, which included the following: "view" corridors and a waterfront connection; pedestrian-friendly; a rejuvenated event and entertainment center, a destination restaurant experience and a public art infusion. Proposed plans also included opening a portal from Laura Street by demolishing the northern building and erecting two buildings on either side of an open area to include restaurants and banquet facilities; parking lots on the east and west that can be operated independently for private conferences and banquets; an art promenade on the west and an exhibit space on the Riverwalk near the Main Street Bridge.

Hughes said DIA was taken off guard when Carlucci suggested holding another



Rendering of one of three proposals for a new Landing design created in 2015 by Wakefield Beasley & Associates, a Ponte Vedra Beach architectural firm.

charrette prior to The Landing's demolition during its meeting April 17. He said he has told Carlucci that after The Landing is demolished, the City is willing to engage the public in discussion about the specifics of the site and how to proceed. "We will undoubtedly have developers who will have ideas. We will allow members of the public to talk about what they want to see on the river as far as public space. Public safety experts will tell us how to ensure that what we do is consistent with keeping our downtown safe. We will have engineering experts let us know how to do it along the river. We will have financial discussions between DIA and City Council. There will be a host of ways the public will be engaged in what comes next," Hughes said.

Although The Landing is not a viable candidate, the Curry Administration is "progressively in favor of adaptive reuse where it makes sense," Hughes said, noting the City has put into motion projects to restore the Jones Brothers Furniture Company Building, the Ambassador Hotel, the Barnett Building, the Laura Street Trio, and the Bostwick Building (now the Cowford Chophouse). "Those things have been in the works for years and are finally coming to fruition under this mayor," he said. "Those

are all adaptive reuse of old architecture." In contrast, Old City Hall and the Old Courthouse are not viable for reuse due to environmental issues, asbestos and the fact their structures have "sat for more than two decades rotting from the inside out," he said.

The Landing falls into the same category. "It is not a historic place, but a shopping mall built on our river in the 1980s. It has steel and post construction, not the most artistic or creative sort of use. The material used was done for economics more than anything else."

Demolishing The Landing is important because it prevents the folks on the Northbank and Downtown from looking at the river and feeling attached to the waterfront. Cities like San Antonio have spent tens of millions of dollars to install fake waterways through the midst of their downtowns for the purpose of economic development and tourism, he said.

"We don't have a fake river. We have this big lumbering natural asset, and yet right now, if you are on the north bank of Downtown or on almost any uphill component trying to look to the river you don't see the river, you see this orange safety-cone-colored monstrosity blocking the view of the water. That's not how you develop a unified, connected, vibrant downtown," he said.

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Emerald Trail first mile walk brings completion one step closer

By Kandace Lankford

Resident Community News

It has been more than a century since architect Henry Klutho came up with the gem of an idea to build a circle of trails connecting the neighborhoods around downtown Jacksonville, and his plan is finally coming close to fruition.

At the Emerald Trail first mile walk, held April 13, hundreds came out to walk the site where the beginning of the trail will be built. Maps were distributed and docents led small groups along the route, stopping at several points of interest along the way to explain how the Emerald Trail will be built and what it will look like when finished.

The walk began at the Prime Osborn Convention Center and concluded at the south end of the existing S-Line Rail. Plans for the first mile of the trail include making the Park Street viaduct more pedestrian- and

bicycle-friendly by adding a dedicated two-way bicycle track and a pedestrian area with benches and art; a proposed greenway along East Duval Street with an overlook area adjacent to the pond, and the proposed side path on Church Street could possibly use the FDOT land under I-95 to transition into a greenway heading through city-owned greenspace.

Groundwork Jacksonville's Emerald Trail Master Plan was approved by the City Council March 26. The \$88,200 plan cost was privately underwritten by a \$50,000 donation from JTC Running (JTC) and through grants from Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) and the Giving Forward Community Endowment Fund at The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida.

According to Ehas, the next step will be to design and build the "Model Project," a portion of the trail that will be highly utilized and will offer the community a tangible example of what the finished Emerald Trail can be. The 1.3-mile Model Project will connect the south end of the existing S-Line Rail Trail to the intersection of Park Street and Stonewall Street, near the convention center. The goal is to have the project completed in 2020.

"The Emerald Trail will not only create unprecedented recreational opportunities in the urban core, it is a transformative transportation and economic redevelopment project," said Ehas. "Groundwork sees Jacksonville's neighbor to the north as an example of the impact this project could have. If you look at the Atlanta BeltLine, the direct economic impact is almost \$4 billion dollars thus far. We believe the Emerald Trail will deliver significant economic benefits to Jacksonville as well."



Kay Ehas, CEO of Groundwork Jacksonville, and District 5 Councilwoman Lori Boyer spoke to the large crowd that gathered at the Prime Osborne Convention Center April 13 to walk the first mile of the Emerald Trail. Construction of the first mile will begin in 2020.



While walking the first mile of the Emerald Trail, docent-led groups paused at Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing Park, one of 28 parks that will connect directly to the trail when it is complete.

"The Emerald Trail will not only create unprecedented recreational opportunities in the urban core, it is a transformative transportation and economic redevelopment project."

— Kay Ehas, CEO, Groundwork Jacksonville

The estimated cost of the Emerald Trail is \$31 million, not including land purchases, and it will take approximately 10 years to create and connect 30 miles of new and existing trails in the urban core. Groundwork Jax is responsible for raising half the money for design and permitting costs from private donors, grants and foundations. The trail will eventually connect to 18 public schools, two colleges, and 28 parks directly and within three blocks of another 20 schools and 20 parks.

"Everyone involved in revitalizing Jacksonville is looking for ways to create a more livable, walkable, recreational downtown to attract residents, visitors and business expansion to the urban core," said District 5 Councilwoman Lori Boyer. "The Emerald Trail will help to accomplish this while also improving mobility and economic opportunity for those who currently live in the historic urban neighborhoods along the proposed trail."

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Baptist Health's new Hybrid OR offers heart patients peace of mind

Fox Sports reporter recounts her battle with cardiomyopathy

By Marcia Hodgson

Resident Community News

A visit from award-winning Fox Sports reporter Jennifer Hale seemed like the perfect time for Baptist Medical Center Jacksonville to publicly unveil the new Hybrid Operating Room in its Heart Center.

Having survived a diagnosis of dilated cardiomyopathy at age 38 without a heart transplant, Hale was the guest speaker during Baptist's Sisisky-Kleppinger Endowed Annual Lecture for Women's Health April 10.



Baptist Medical Center President Michael Mayo with Jennifer Hale, Fox Sports reporter

Prior to the lecture, which was held at WJCT, Hale was invited to a special tour of the Baptist Heart Center's Hybrid Operating Room, one of the few in the region. The tour was conducted by Dr. Ruby Satpathy, FACC, FSCAI, a top cardiologist in its Structural Heart Program, and Dr. Pamela Rama, chief of staff and medical director

of Cardio-Pulmonary Rehabilitation at Baptist Medical Center Beaches.

The Hybrid OR is an advanced surgical room where Baptist cardiologists perform high-risk heart surgeries with unique, minimally invasive techniques. Unlike a traditional surgical operating room, a Hybrid OR is equipped with the technology, tools and space to accommodate a full medical team in the event a patient's condition changes during minimally invasive surgery requiring staff to pivot to open-heart surgery.

"These days we can replace heart valves without doing open heart surgery, and the beauty of having a Hybrid OR team and Hybrid Lab is if something happens, we can completely transform it into an OR," said Rama. "If we run into trouble, and we need to open up a heart, we can do it immediately without having to transfer the patient and get them into another operating room. Everyone is there, and everyone comes to the patient."

It only takes two minutes and 30 seconds to move the camera out of the way in order to convert the Hybrid OR into a full-blown operating room, Satpathy said. In the last 10 years that she has been performing non-invasive procedures, she has never run into an emergency requiring the patient to be moved but feels more secure knowing she can conduct an open-heart operation quickly if the need occurs, she said. Since she is using real-time image guidance with technology that provides rich 3D detail, the quality of the image in the Hybrid OR is better, making it safer and quicker to do the procedures. "Hopefully we will never need it, but it's nice to have it," Satpathy said.



Catherine Graham, vice president of Business Innovation and Development, with Ron Roberts, director, Cardiovascular Service Line, with Dr. Ruby Satpathy, Baptist Medical Center Jacksonville President Michael Mayo, Jennifer Hale, Fox Sports reporter, and Dr. Pamela Rama



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Spencer White, Baptist Heart Center tech and Robin Davison, manager of Patient Care in the new hybrid operating room at Baptist Medical Center Jacksonville

Shocking diagnosis

In 2016, Hale was preparing for her sixth season as an NFL and NBA reporter for Fox Sports when she noticed she was consistently feeling fatigued and short of breath. "Right before the diagnosis, my feet, ankles, and legs started swelling, and that's when I thought it must be something other than just working too hard," she said.

An echocardiogram revealed that her heart was only pumping at 16% capacity, signaling that she had dilated cardiomyopathy, a condition where the left ventricle of the heart becomes enlarged or dilated and can't effectively pump blood out of the heart.

"I was shocked. I'd worked an NFL game the day before where I normally walk about five miles – both sidelines. I figured, it can't be that bad if I was able to do that, but yes, it was," she said.

Although her father and grandfather had both suffered fatal heart attacks before the age of 50, Hale thought heart disease was something that only affected the men in her family. "Cardiomyopathy had never affected the women in my family, only the men," she said. "I had always worried about my brother's heart health, but I never thought twice about my own."

With the diagnosis, she was told there was a small chance medication might help but that she still needed to be immediately put on the heart transplant list. "It took me a week to accept it. It was mind blowing," she said. "The mental battle to get through something like this is just as big a component as the physical one."

After her diagnosis, Hale was referred to a cardiologist in New Orleans who specializes in advanced heart failure and transplant cardiology. She was told to cut back on her

work schedule – her "passion" – and issued a personal defibrillator known as a LifeVest®, that continuously monitored her heart's activity. She was also put on a medication to reduce the size of her enlarged heart and, fortunately, it worked. After two and a half years, her heart is now pumping at 50%, the low end of normal, and she was taken off the heart transplant list in February 2018.

According to Rama, women tend to think heart disease won't happen to them, so they often ignore their symptoms. "Most of the time, they seek medical attention later when the condition is far more advanced," she said.



Two of Baptist Health's top cardiologists, Dr. Pamela Rama and Dr. Ruby Satpathy

Hale said if she could send other women one message it would be this: "I hope they are smarter than I was and will write down their family history. I had this in my family, and I should have known, but I thought it was always the males and never the females," she said. "I don't eat red meat. I don't smoke, I don't do drugs. A heart problem never crossed my mind. If I had caught this when I started having symptoms, maybe it would have taken me two and a half years to heal. Maybe it would only have taken a couple of months and the peace of mind that would have given me would have been huge."



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Failing selection by JEA, Balanky considers Plan B for his Kings Avenue property

By Marcia Hodgson

Resident Community News

When the Jacksonville Energy Authority's Board of Directors unanimously selected Ryan Companies' plan to build its new headquarters at Block 48, land currently owned by the City of Jacksonville at 325 W. Adams St., Southbank resident and Chase Properties CEO Mike Balanky knew it was time to start thinking about a Plan B for his property on Kings Avenue in San Marco near Route I-95.

Balanky's Kings Avenue plan had been shortlisted by JEA as a location where it might build its new headquarters. Unfortunately for Balanky, his plan trailed behind the Adams Street property when the points were tallied after a series of criteria was graded by a team of experts from CBRE and the JEA board. Some criteria they considered included customer engagement, building program accommodation, workforce engagement/culture, development schedule, economic development, timing and site control. Also rejected by the JEA board was a proposal to establish JEA's headquarters near the "50-yard-line" of Lot J, a mixed-use development west of TIAA Bank Field that has been proposed by Jaguars' owner Shad Khan. The Cordish Companies had been tapped by Khan's organization as developer, and if selected, the new headquarters would have encompassed the office portion and first phase of Khan's ambitious Shipyards' plan that would include retail, residential, a convention center and entertainment district near the Jaguars' stadium.

The cost to build Ryan Companies' winning 207,810-square-foot building is approximately \$72 million, according to

documents submitted to JEA. Construction could begin as soon as April 2020, with work expected to be completed within 18 months. Unlike Balanky's project, which was to be built on land he already controls that includes a 1,650-space garage, Ryan Companies, a Minnesota-based firm, still needs to purchase the property from the City and build an 850-space garage adjacent to the building for JEA employees. The Adams Street project also needs to be signed off by the Downtown Investment Authority and the Downtown Development Review Board, whereas Balanky's land is already zoned correctly and needs no additional approvals from the City, he said.

"JEA looked at the site they ended up with for two years. They considered buying it themselves and building on it but then decided they did not want to take the development risk. Then they decided to take out an RFP (Request for Proposal) and see what else was out there. As they would have it, they ended up right back there anyway. There are a lot of reasons to keep them downtown in the core," explained Balanky. "There is a lot coming on in downtown Jacksonville, which is exciting. We were, of course, disappointed we didn't get selected, but we are happy for JEA. It was a fun process to work with them. We knew going in there was a possibility, obviously, we would not win, and we did a risk-benefit analysis to see if it was worth the time and the money to do it."

Although Balanky spent a lot of time and money creating a new design for his Kings Avenue property with some of the top architects in Jacksonville, the effort was not wasted, he said. Going through the process and being on JEA's shortlist provided his location with visibility that's tough to obtain any other way, he said.



A rendering of a high-rise residential building Michael Balanky is considering building on his Kings Avenue property.



Rendering at street level of the building Chase Properties is peddling as a possible headquarters building for corporations interested in settling in Jacksonville.

"The exposure we got for the site made it worth it if we didn't get it. "That was our exit strategy going in," he said, adding a "number of office brokers" from throughout the country have already contacted him about the property. "We have a design already formulated if anybody wants to use it. Also, there is the possibility to repurpose it or redesign it. It's almost like staging your house. We have showed what could be at this location because it was one of the finalists," he continued, noting he still has his design team at the ready. "If construction costs would come down just a little bit, we could get started sooner rather than later. We just have to see how it shakes out."

One idea Balanky is also considering is to return to his original plan of building a high-rise residential building on the property. "Unfortunately, construction costs are high right now for high-rise residential," he said, noting the current the cost of steel and concrete are prohibitive because so much construction is going on and labor costs are "through the roof." Because so many residential units are being built in the San Marco area, he is still deciding whether it is worthwhile to build residential

units at this time. "We want to be careful we don't step into an over-saturated situation," he said. "We have a fresh 70-year lease [from the Jacksonville Transportation Authority]. We want to make sure when we do build a building, it gets absorbed properly."

At the same time, he is also looking at possibly providing space for other office users – office condos or traditional office rental space – or for retailers by building a structure with ground-floor retail and either office or residential above it. If he can get a 50% prelease of the building, he may build office space on speculation, he said. "Ideally, we'd like to find somebody who is looking for corporate office headquarters. People now realize the connectivity of this location, and it's got 155,000 cars a day driving by. That's over 56 million cars [on I-95] per year. It's a great location."

In the meantime, Chase Properties is occupied with building a 280-acre adult community with 372 homes called Parkland Preserve in St. Johns County. It is also working on a retail project at the northwest corner of University and Atlantic Boulevards, he said.

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San Marco residents notoriously reluctant to impose historic restrictions

By Marcia Hodgson

Resident Community News

The balance between urban development and preserving the small-town character of Jacksonville's historic neighborhoods has always been tricky. Residents flock to San Marco's tree-lined streets, proximity to neighborhood parks, and its Norman Rockwell-esque square, complete with a gazebo reminiscent of what is often found on New England town commons.

But as home prices rise due to a tightening real estate market, the temptation for developers to raze older houses in order to build multiple more modern dwellings on one lot is becoming more frequent, threatening to change forever the density and historic charm of the neighborhood.

In the past, Jacksonville Historian Wayne Wood called such tear-downs a "cancer" sweeping through the neighborhood, especially after more than 25 historic San Marco homes were demolished during the last 20 years. "San Marco is a very cohesive community," he said noting many of its original structures were built in the 1920s and 1930s. "It's not cohesive if these buildings get torn down and modern houses are built in their place."

"I'm okay with subdividing larger lots, but I do think the area is special for a reason, and we need to preserve the charm that is a net positive for the community."

— Scott Parks

However, unlike the historic communities of Avondale and Riverside across the river, San Marco area residents are reluctant to establish the harsh rules that govern a nationally designated Historic District, favoring to establish more broad-brush guidelines as are apparent within the San Marco Overlay, the San Marco Neighborhood Plan and the recent change of zoning within the Granada subdivision from RLD-60 (Residential Low Density) to RLD-70.

The City of Jacksonville adopted the San Marco Overlay in 2004 when there was a concern about several development proposals coming before the City's Planning Department causing a push to establish a historic overlay in San Marco similar to the one in Riverside/Avondale. However, at that time, it was decided to go with a less restrictive overlay than one that would require property owners to get certificates of appropriateness when they wanted to make changes to their property.

Most buildings in the San Marco Overlay, which consists of Cedar Street in the north, Craig Creek in the south, the St. Johns River to the west, and the railroad tracks and Kings Street in the east, are required to be no higher than 35 feet, which is consistent with the original plats as well

as historic building restrictions and setback lines. Because the Overlay had a provision for administrative deviations, this would allow developers to relax the existing requirements as long as they met the other criteria of the Overlay, said District 5 Councilwoman Lori Boyer when she filed an amendment to the Overlay ordinance in 2016. The amendment would prevent developers from applying for Planned Unit Development (PUD) rezoning as a way of weakening the Overlay's development standards while also loosening the height requirements of 35 feet to allow a baseline of 50 feet for properties on the north side of Atlantic Boulevard from Hendricks Avenue to the railroad tracks, the block of properties on the south side of Atlantic Boulevard that back up to Olevia Street, Daily's and the former Assembly of God Church property where San Marco Crossing is slated to be built.

San Marco Preservation, an organization which prides itself in serving as a watchdog over consistency within the community, spearheaded the San Marco Neighborhood Action Plan in April 2016 to help guide developers interested in building in North San Marco. The plan, which was finally passed into law in 2018, is to provide a "road map" for smart growth so that the quality of life for the people living, working and playing in San Marco is preserved.

Although River Road resident Michael Ward created quite a stir among the neighborhood in early 2016 when he was able to demolish the historic 1922 River Road house due to the fact its prior owner opted out of placing it on the list of designated local or National Register historic properties, which had been compiled by the preservation society in the early 1990s,

a man-on-the-street column printed in the February 2016 issue of *The Resident* indicates San Marco area residents at that time were divided about the prospect of establishing a historic overlay to prevent homeowners from tearing down antique properties and subdividing house lots.

While several shared Lakewood's Leigh Burdett's feelings that tearing down historic homes is akin to buying Leonardo da Vinci's Mona Lisa and tearing it to bits, others championed less restrictions on homeowner's rights. "There should be some limitations but not so restrictive that it's like a homeowner's association where you can't do anything," said Patty Shannon of San Marco.

"I think there should be something, however individuals should have the right to do what they want with their property, within zoning restrictions," said Scott Parks of Miramar. "I'm okay with subdividing larger lots, but I do think the area is special for a reason, and we need to preserve the charm that is a net positive for the community."

Meanwhile, Tiffany Davis of San Marco had mixed feelings. "As a homeowner of a historic 1928 English Tudor on the river, similar to the one that was torn down, it was heartbreaking to see it go. But our own English Tudor and these homes are hard to maintain and sometimes the feasibility of maintaining or starting over is a question every homeowner struggles with. We understand the historic importance of the home, and it was sad to see it go, but what will be built there will help our property values and the neighborhood and that I am excited about. I like the fact we (San Marco) are such a melting pot of structures."



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Residents agree older neighborhoods' charm to be treasured

By Marcia Hodgson, Resident Community News

Historic neighborhoods have always been popular places to live and raise a family. The charm of their walkability, tree canopy, eclectic architecture, small businesses, and neighborhood schools lends to their appeal, but as real estate tightens and homes are harder to find, the trend to raze older houses to build multiple dwellings on one lot increases.

The Resident reached out to area residents with the following question: "Do you think buyers of homes in older platted neighborhoods compromise the integrity, look and feel and overall nature of historic areas when they choose to demolish homes and build two structures on what was historically a single-family homesite?"

I haven't seen that, but I don't think that's a good thing to do. It takes away from the original feel of the area. It makes them unbalanced. I think it would change the energy, but I haven't seen it. I don't like the idea. I think things should be how they were intended originally, like a structure, especially a home in a space and a yard. To demolish that and put up two new things, I don't know. Something happens to the soul of the area, and it's not a good thing. Go to a different area if you don't find what you are looking for. If it is something that is condemned, obviously you would want to demolish it and put up another structure, but why two? I don't know, that's all for profit. To me, it would be unbalanced. - **Laura Garrett**, Lakewood



If they are destroying the structure, sure, but ultimately people need a place to live and that's a more important concern. We have an immense housing crisis in this country. Destroying old houses does destroy the authenticity of the neighborhood. I see a lot of old houses around here that are really beautiful and really wonderful, but people have got to live somewhere, and I think we need to balance those needs.

Ultimately, it depends on what the new structures are going to look like. A lot of new structures are cookie-cutter stuff. I think there is a way to do it so that it preserves authenticity by turning the new architecture into an old style. I see a lot of new buildings go up, especially around the Town Center, and they are completely soulless. They are garbage buildings. The historical authenticity argument is often used in kind of a classist way to attack new structures that can often help people with their housing needs. Wages haven't gone up since the '80s and housing costs continue to increase. People need a place to live. We need to figure out how to restore the historical authenticity without being classist, and to preserve inexpensive housing for people. I feel there is a way to do that, maybe, with making sure new buildings have a certain character, but ultimately that is a big problem to tackle, and I'm not equipped to do it. - **JON STANSEL**, SAN MARCO



I think sometimes the integrity can be compromised, but sometimes it makes sense if it encourages growth in blighted areas in our city. I think it's important to keep things in scale and in aesthetic keeping with the neighborhood.

- **LINDA KING**, ST. NICHOLAS



Yes. Absolutely. It destroys the integrity of the neighborhood. This is what SNAP [St. Nicholas Area Preservation] is all about, preserving the neighborhood. I don't want to see it happen in St. Nicholas.

- **SUE BUSH**, ST. NICHOLAS



Oh, definitely. There is no question about that. For one thing, the historic homes that are being torn down are treasures. They should not be obliterated. And, of course, the entire feel of the neighborhood is set up by size, by parks in the area, how the roads curve and how the roads are set up. It's not intended for one lot to house two houses. The whole ambience of the neighborhood is dependent on lots being the size they were plotted. I hate to see houses torn down, but when they are, hopefully they will put up something that blends with the neighborhood. - **ROBIN ROBINSON**, SAN MARCO



I'm not a fan of subdividing property. I like the feel of San Marco and Riverside. We're foodies. We love this area. We moved here from the beach. San Marco, Avondale, Riverside, we love. And downtown. We're waiting for downtown to be redeveloped. That's very important to us. In tearing things down, it depends on which house. Beautiful homes I'd like to keep, and other ones – you can tear them all down.

- **RUDY LEMING**, SOUTHBANK



I think if the initial home was something that could be rehabbed or renovated, I would love to see it kept because of the historical perspective and nature of the home, but if it can't be salvaged, that's a different story. I don't have a problem with people wanting to put another structure on it if the lots permit and the zoning's okay. I have no problem putting two houses on one lot.

- **ERIK KALDOR**, ST. NICHOLAS



I would agree it does compromise the character of the neighborhood. I don't know enough about the regulations, but I would disagree with doing that. I think it does subtract from the neighborhood. There are ways to increase the square footage of properties without compromising the character of the neighborhood. I wouldn't do it myself, and I wouldn't recommend anybody else do it. If they are going to be building things that tightly, they probably have to apply for some sort of variance, in which case the zoning folks would have to weigh in. In those instances, where variances are being requested, I think our officials need to be responsible in how they answer that request. There are some areas outside of San Marco that are depressed and might benefit economically. They are historic, but if the conditions of the property are degraded then sometimes it's necessary. - **JASON EVERT**, SAN MARCO



It is disappointing to see that, and it always saddens me, but in today's time with home prices and taxes on older homes and estates, it's just difficult to maintain the cost of the house. I can understand the reason for them doing it. I can't say I necessarily support it, but I understand their reasons. I would probably do the same thing, too, if I had to.

- **WALTER BRYANT**, ST. NICHOLAS



It depends on the place. I don't like, in general, taking down and subdividing into smaller lots. My preference is bigger land area and a balance between the size of the house and the size of the lot. As far as the historical feel, probably so. The loss of the big trees, with mitigation you don't get the same ones back.

- **JOYCE KIMBALL**, SAN MARCO

ASK THE EXPERT

HOW DO I TALK TO MY CHILDREN ABOUT MONEY?

As a part of financial literacy month, this article provides a brief summary of how to talk to your children about money and you may even teach them some finances along the way. A great resource is www.consumerfinance.gov. Cut out this article and post it on your refrigerator as a quick summary.

Early Childhood (Ages 3-5): Up to this point, the main money lesson has been teaching them to not put pennies in their nose. Early Childhood is where children begin to build their foundational skills. This is where they can sort money, pretend to grocery shop, and learn why people work. A crucial skill is learning to wait to buy something and the importance of waiting. A fun activity is to create 3 jars: Savings, Spending, and Sharing. Then discuss reaching goals with each jar.

Middle Childhood (Ages 6-12): This is the age where children develop financial habits, attitudes, and shortcuts. Some helpful topics can be: What is on a receipt? Financial bingo where they learn how different buildings and services such as roads are paid for. Another key concept is understanding that the amount of money they have is finite. You can begin to include them on some financial decisions such as planning a trip or you can give them some money and have them pick out the fruit at the grocery store.

At any age, the best thing you can do is simply talk aloud while you are making any financial decisions, big or small

- Caleb Cronic, AAMS®, Financial Advisor

Teen and Young Adult (Ages 13-18): Though you may be feeling the financial strain of your children at this stage, this is where your children begin to practice their skills, habits, and attitudes. You can have them ask family members what their job is and what requirements there are to do the job. Explain what is on a paycheck. Use numbers to teach them compounding interest. This is vital in understanding the negatives of debt as well as the positives of investing. As they mature into their high school years, you can have them compare the costs of colleges and their net price when compared to the jobs they could look to have post-graduation at collegescorecard.edu.gov.

Adult (18+): If you have lost your child's ear, you will more than likely find it when they run into financial issues. This is the stage to discuss budgeting (yes a concept from middle childhood they probably forgot) Talk about the proper use of credit cards, what a credit score is, and the importance of long-term savings.

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Rare tugboats set sail in San Marco Duck Pond

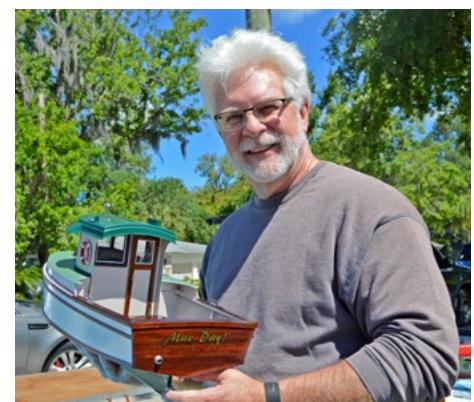


Joe and Suzanne Honeycutt stand with North Florida O.R.C.A.S. President Gary Dickinson and their "adopted" granddaughter, Emly O'Brien, after being inducted as honorary members into the club on April 20 at the Duck Pond.

Suzanne and Joe Honeycutt, who live adjacent to the Duck Pond in Colonial Manor, were made honorary members of the North Florida O.R.C.A.S. (Operational and Radio Control Association of Shipwrights) during a club event at the pond April 20.

Although the Honeycutts do not have any remote-controlled boats of their own, club members honored the couple to "express appreciation for all they have done for us," said O.R.C.A.S. President Gary Dickinson. To make the ever-supportive Honeycutts feel even more like they are part of the group, club members installed a motor in the decoy swan the Honeycutts use to frighten the Canada geese from their yard so it could swim among the boats during the O.R.C.A.S. events.

At least 35 of the club's 50 members showed up with their fleet of sailboats, cigarette boats, tugboats, cruisers, tankers, among others. Included among the boats sailing were four Hartman tugboats, the largest gathering to cruise together in the Southeast United States. "They are a rare boat. Only 650 kits were made based on a design by Clayton Toms of his Douglas Greg Tugboat," said Dickinson, noting it takes an average of 800 hours to construct one of the remote-controlled vessels.



Mark Laurint holds up his remote-controlled boat, Mae Day, made from an Osprey kit and registered at Colonial Manors' Duck Pond according to its transom.



Bill Dion stands with several of the boats he was sailing in the North Florida O.R.C.A.S. regatta on the Duck Pond in San Marco April 20.



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Space available in historic Southbank office building

Once upon a time, before the 20th century, the City of South Jacksonville was distinctive from Jacksonville and was incorporated into Jacksonville in 1932. Prior, South Jax was the pioneer's town with a huge railroad depot as a gateway for transporting goods throughout Florida. Today, possibly only three to five commercial buildings still exist in what was then the vibrant business district of South Jacksonville.

The Kings Building appears to be the oldest commercial building surviving today and dates to the late 1800s. In 2000, the building was recognized as a Jacksonville Landmark and also awarded the commercial renovation award from the Historical Society.

The open rafters and beautiful handmade brick walls create an inspiring atmosphere for unique boutique office space, a rare find in Jacksonville. Each of the building's three floors is 4,500 square feet. Lease price is around \$20 per square foot. Currently, the 4,500 square feet of second floor and 2,000 square feet on the first floor are available.

The history of the building at 1001 Kings Avenue is associated with at least two influential business leaders, John F. White and William P. Belote, both of whom were mayors for South Jacksonville.

White bought the Kings Building in 1902 after the Great Fire of 1901 and moved his business to South Jacksonville with his family while building a home in Avondale. White opened a grocery/feed store on the first floor where McCabe Law is located now.

White was a mover and a shaker. He would host the South Jacksonville Pioneers on

Saturday nights for family fun in and around the building. On Saturday night, there was candy for kids and pole-sitting contests outside while the second floor had dancing and music. On Sundays, the second floor was a church gathering. The church group meeting at the Kings Building went on to spawn three of the largest existing churches in San Marco.

White went on to be actively involved in real estate and developed subdivisions in South Jacksonville, including South Riverside, St. Nicholas Springs and San Jose Park (now called River Oaks). He was appointed clerk and assessor and then the first mayor of the City of South Jacksonville. He also served on its City Council, as well as governor of the South Jacksonville Board of Trade.

Belote, per his wife, ran a hardware store in the building from 1911-1927, after which he built his own building on St Johns Road (now Prudential) and stayed in business for more than 50 years in South Jacksonville. Belote served on the South Jacksonville City Council, then later as its mayor. He also served on the Board of County Commissioners and was chairman of the local draft board during World War II.

Nan Sutton, the current building owner, said research indicates the building was constructed in the late 1800s, since records show it was bought in 1902 by White.

The building was bought again in 1999 after being burned and boarded up in 1993. It took over five years to completely restore and renovate the beautiful diamond in the rough. The original red brick finish of the



exterior was covered by layers of coquina from 1960s and ugly rough gray stucco finish from 1980s with fire damaging the back half of first floor and some of the second. The old coatings were removed to reveal the handmade brick walls and exposed rafters. All the original openings were restored as well as replacing the windows and doors back to their original sizes. An elevator was installed, in addition to cleaning the interior brick, adding air conditioning and upgrading the electricity and plumbing. The structural integrity was reinforced with steel beams and pilings.

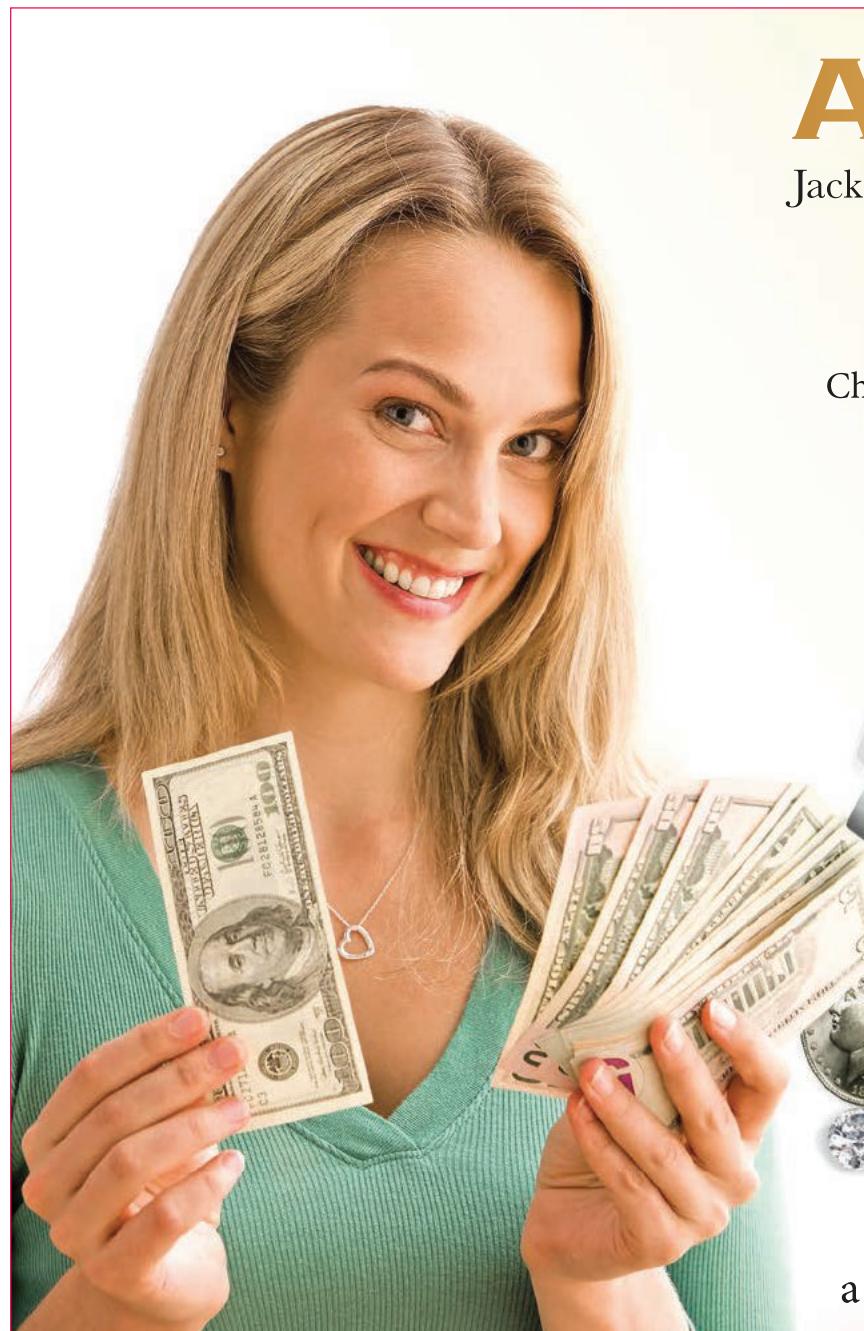
A decorative original central staircase is showcased under a skylight. Over the years, it had been painted and repainted. The old paint was stripped and the original staircase was restored. An atrium was created in the front to buffer the encroaching Kings Avenue that was originally

a one-horse path. The atrium has wrought-iron grills to open storefronts through which Confederate Jasmine weaves delicately under the canvas awnings.

The renovated and restored building at 1001 Kings Avenue offers the opportunity for businesses and organizations an iconic and distinctive space that preserves a piece of history of the vibrant South Jacksonville central business district. The three-story building located at the southeast corner of Prudential Drive and Kings Avenue has an elevator and ground-floor parking. The location is within walking distance to the Skyway's Kings Avenue Transit Stop, restaurants, Southbank Riverwalk, and the Jacksonville Water Taxi, giving it easy access to St. Nicholas, San Marco, Downtown and even the Brooklyn, Riverside and 5 Points neighborhoods on the west bank of the river.

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Brewing company pours passion into products, invites you to explore more



With the exponential growth of the brewing scene in Jacksonville, there's a buzz in the air about the latest and greatest suds and the unique locations where you can enjoy them. Handcrafted with creativity and inspired by a thirst for finely crafted concoctions, the scene continues to grow. For one local, family-owned-and-operated brewing company, Tabula Rasa, not only are the beers brimming with flavor, but the family behind the business pours their passion into more than just pints.

Along with being heavily invested in brewing the best beer, they've also put their heart and soul into the building, the neighborhood, and the experience for visitors and fans of their craft business.

Tabula Rasa Brewing is an original, hence the namesake. It alludes to the unadulterated, clean slate of the [tablet] or 'tabula rasa', where waxes could be imprinted with ideas and thoughts, then freshly melted and scraped clean of inscriptions, allowing

fresh content and ideas to flourish. In this case, it applies to their craft creations, where the delivery of fresh, original ideas in the creative application of ingredients and process delivers originality and uniqueness, along with great flavors.

The original 'blank slate' for this brewing company dates to the 1990s when Randy Peterson was gifted a book on brewing beer by his wife, Jackie. This thoughtful present helped kick off the journey into craft beer exploration and freedom from the mundane, mass produced brews on the shelf at that time. Alongside his wife, Randy engaged the help of his son, Ryan, who learned everything he could from his father, eventually taking off for college with craft creations and methodologies all his own. He continued to fine-tune his skills taught in the family home. The rich history and family pride in recipes and fresh ideas have led them to today's successful venture.

Twenty-seven years later and an investment in North Riverside's burgeoning scene in the Railyard District, the brewery is making massive strides along McCoy's Creek on Stockton Street, neighboring Eco Relics and Darsco Plumbing Supply.

The latest in a series of growth and progress, Tabula Rasa recently inked a deal with Champion Brands, known for their expansive distribution channels for local and imported beer, liquor and the beverage industry for North Florida. With the new deal, the local brewery's beer is now served in bars, pubs and restaurants near you and continues its trajectory of growth. The distribution deal is a huge stride for the family business and it's a testament to quality, exceptional flavor profiles and sound business planning.

The Tabula Rasa family knows that the experience when visiting the brewery must be for the entire family, not simply for indulging in craft beer. The importance of enjoyment and relaxation is incorporated

into each visit, where an air-conditioned, comfortable taproom offers inside seating and private parties and other gatherings have plenty of room to entertain. The outdoor space at the brewery invites the game of Frisbee or a cornhole tournament, and a bonfire in the firepit gives ambiance to evenings along McCoy's Creek. The greenery is teeming over the banks of the creek, as patrons can sip, kick back in lawn chairs and relax with their pets.

The brewery is upping the ante for guests that seek a weekday refuge or special events to enjoy - from food trucks and 5Ks to Thursday Night Trivia or Tuesday Night Beer Bingo [both at 7 p.m.] as well as Wheels Up Wednesdays, where cycling enthusiasts are embraced with deals and specials for biking to the brewery. The availability of taproom space for events, private gatherings, wedding and engagement parties, as well as nonprofit events and fundraising functions are endless with the right plans in place.

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San Jose Episcopal Day School receives major grant for media center

San Jose Episcopal Day School recently received \$50,000 of an anticipated two-year grant from The Bryan Family Trustees of The Henry and Lucy Gooding Endowment. These funds will support the school in transforming the library to reflect a creative learning media center and gathering space for students that models and reflects the school's philosophy on education.

"We are beyond grateful for this opportunity and will use the grant money to create an updated learning environment while honoring the historic feel of our current library," said Lori Menger, SJEDS Head of School. "Specifically, some of the upgrades will include an ADA compliant bathroom, modular furniture, enhanced technology and self-checkout stations for our students."

The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida, Florida's oldest and largest community foundation, works to stimulate philanthropy to build a better community. The Foundation helps donors invest their philanthropic gifts wisely, helps nonprofits serve the region effectively, and helps people come together to make the community a better place. Now in its 54th year, the Foundation has assets of \$398 million and has made nearly \$450 million in grants since 1964.

Pearce wins alumni award in UNF art show

Mimi Pearce of San Marco was one of three artists to be named an alumni winner during the "Pre[serve]" Student Juried Exhibition at Lufrano Intercultural Gallery at the University of North Florida March 28.

The juried art exhibition was open to all UNF students and alumni and featured works inspired by the Sawmill Slough Preserve, a 382-acre nature preserve located on UNF's campus. The Preserve has been a focal point of campus life since UNF's founding in 1972, and students have played an integral role in its preservation. It was officially designated Sawmill Slough Preserve in 2004 by the

Baptist Health's new CEO coming from Texas

Beginning in early July, the baton will be passed at Baptist Health from Hugh Greene, FACHE, to Brett S. McClung, FACHE, currently an executive vice president and chief operations leader for Texas Health Resources in the Dallas-Ft. Worth area.

Greene, who has been with Baptist Health since 1989 and served as its CEO and president for the past 19 years, will retire.

"This 'passing of the torch' is of paramount importance to our faith-based mission and culture of care. We simply couldn't ask for a better person to build upon the incredibly rich legacy of leadership that Hugh Greene has continued over the past 30 years," said Baptist Health Board Chair Richard Sisisky.

McClung serves one of the largest faith-based, nonprofit health care systems in the United States, with 29 hospitals serving nearly 7 million people. The North Zone of Texas Health Resources, where McClung was located, comprises nine hospitals and more than 150 points of care, including outpatient diagnostic/surgery centers, imaging centers, sports medicine sites, primary and specialty physician practices, behavioral health and home health care.

Prior to this role, McClung served as the president of hospitals in suburban and large urban markets; vice president of ambulatory services; and director/network manager of the Harris Methodist Texas Health Plan. He has been associated with Texas Health Resources and Harris Methodist since 1993.

During his tenure at Texas Health Resources, McClung led many transformational efforts, accelerated the adoption of best practices and achieved top rankings in patient safety and satisfaction, employee partnership and physician alignment. McClung also led many consumer-facing initiatives designed to provide greater convenience, value and ease of use.

He partnered with developers and communities to create Neighborhood and Wellness Centers as well as health hubs near corporate campuses to increase access to preventive care. McClung collaborated with physicians to build The Ben Hogan Sports Therapy Institute from a single hospital department to the Texas Health Sports MedicineSM service line with 16 sites across north Texas, including sports physical therapy, concussion management, athletic training outreach, professional residencies, nutrition services, performance conditioning, and a research foundation. To improve community health, he pioneered an award-winning program, which dramatically reduced the infection rate among area school children.

"I want to add my own word of congratulations to Brett, who I had the opportunity to get to know during the selection process," said Greene. "Given his impressive background and accomplishments, I am most confident in the future of Baptist Health under his leadership."

McClung is recognized as a Wharton Fellow with the Wharton School at the



Brett McClung

University of Pennsylvania and a Marshall Memorial Leadership Fellow with the German Marshall Fund of the United States. He is involved in numerous community and health care industry organizations and serves as faculty/moderator for the American College of Healthcare Executives (2017 Regent's Award).

McClung, originally from south Texas, earned a Bachelor of Arts in Business from Southwestern University and a Master of Science in Healthcare Administration from Trinity University. He and his wife Nancy, who is an accomplished CPA, have been married for 27 years and have two adult daughters.



Mimi Pearce was one of three alumni winners with her painting, "After the Rain."

Board of Trustees at the urging of UNF President John Delaney.

Joining Pearce as an alumni winner were Douglas J. Eng with his work, "Goldenrod," and Meredith Sullivan, with her work, "Birds."

New Legacy Lodge chapel named for Brandenburg

Hardage-Giddens recently opened its brand-new Celebration of Life center, named Legacy Lodge, at historic Oaklawn Cemetery and named the new chapel after the company's longtime president, Jody Brandenburg.

For his years of dedicated service to the funeral and cemetery profession, Brandenburg was presented a bronze plaque commemorating the chapel in his honor.

"We are proud and honored to name our Celebration of Life space 'Brandenburg Hall' to preserve Jody's legacy for so many years of helping families during their most



Jody Brandenburg at naming of new chapel

difficult times," said Matt Tucci, director of operations for Hardage-Giddens.

The Legacy Lodge is available for multiple functions, including celebrations of life, special events, and nonprofit fundraisers. The facility is state-of-the-art and preserves the architecture of the original Hardage-Giddens Funeral Home in San Jose.

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Mary Fisher Design celebrates 30 years of success



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Now, 30 years later, she runs one of the top advertising and marketing agencies in the city. Fisher continued to educate herself as the industry changed, which helped lead her along the path to success. Her group of graphic designers were some of the first to work on computers in the 1980s, and, these days, they are inspired

and invigorated by the future of digital marketing. Another important component of her business is the personal connections her team members – some that have been with her for nearly 20 years – have with their clients.

Fisher is a graduate of Florida State University and is a past president of the American Institute of Graphic Arts (AIGA). She has received numerous awards and honors over the years and has served on the advisory board at FSCJ for the Graphic Design and Interactive Design departments as well as Keiser University. She is a member



of several local clubs and organizations, serves as a mentor for other women and also does a lot of public speaking about marketing. She is a regular speaker for U.S. Veterans transitioning into entrepreneurship in Jacksonville.

Mary Fisher Design, based in South Riverside, offers a plethora of services, including strategic planning, graphic design and identity design, print, radio, television and digital marketing, brochures, websites, press releases, community outreach, media placement, social media and more.

San Jose man selected to chair Gator Bowl Sports

Rich Thompson, Head of Human Resources at The Adecco Group for The Americas, UK and Ireland, will take the reins as the 2019 Chairman of Gator Bowl Sports, according to Gator Bowl Sports.



Thompson will preside over all three Gator Bowl Sports entities (TaxSlayer Gator Bowl, JAXSPORTS Council, and JAXSPORTS Charities) with a primary focus on the 75th annual TaxSlayer Gator Bowl game and events.

Thompson, a San Jose resident, has a long history with Adecco, whose North American headquarters are in Jacksonville. Thompson and his family moved to Jacksonville in 2013 from international headquarters in Zurich, Switzerland when he assumed the role of Chief HR Officer, North America. Since that time, his role has expanded to include the United Kingdom, Ireland and Latin America. As an executive for a Global Fortune 500 company with operations in over 60 countries, Thompson brings a wealth of national and international expertise to his role as chairman of Gator Bowl Sports.

A native of Skiatook, Oklahoma, Thompson was an outstanding athlete at Skiatook High School, which led him to the University of Wisconsin where he played football for legendary coach Barry Alvarez and earned First Team All-Big Ten honors. Thompson still remains in the record books at Wisconsin for Season Field Goals (22) and Career Field Goals Made (50). He finished his career as the No. 3 all-time scorer for the University of Wisconsin. Following his career at Wisconsin, Thompson was a free agent with the Green Bay Packers in 1993 and 1994.

He earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Wisconsin and has subsequently received his Certificate in Human Resource Management and Master of Management from North Park University in Chicago. He is also a graduate of the Adecco Leadership Development Program at IMD in Lausanne, Switzerland and the Senior Leadership Program in Fontainebleau, France.

30th Annual Women of Distinction honors six Northeast Florida women



Kathleen Brandt



Lise' Everly



Paige Hakimian



Paola Parra Harris



Ann-Marie Knight



Ellen Wiss

Girl Scouts of Gateway Council (GSGC) held its Women of Distinction 2019 event April 30, at the University of North Florida University Center.

Celebrating its 30th year as GSGC's signature event, Women of Distinction honors outstanding women in Northeast Florida for their professional

accomplishments, service to others and community impact.

The six 2019 Women of Distinction honorees are influential female business leaders who positively impact and support their communities. They include Kathleen Brandt, CSX senior vice president and chief information officer, Intracoastal;

Lise' Everly, community volunteer, Riverside; Paige Hakimian, Hakimian Holdings, San Jose; Paola Parra Harris, founder/owner, Parra Harris Law, San Marco; Ann-Marie Knight, Mayo Clinic community engagement administrator, Springfield, and Ellen Wiss, community volunteer, Atlantic Beach.

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Commodore Victor Barbe' takes the helm at Epping Forest

Epping Forest Yacht and Country Club held its 31st Change of Command ceremony March 29 as members watched Fleet Captain Victor Barbe' take the gavel from Commodore Hillary Almond.

The traditional evening ritual included replacing Commodore Almond's burgee on the flagpole with that of incoming Commodore Barbe', a Southbank resident. Past Commodore Rut Liles was Master of Ceremonies and Rev. Dr. Nicholas Louh, senior pastor of St. John the Divine Greek Orthodox Church, gave the invocation and benediction.

Serving under Barbe' will be Vice Commodore George Henley, Rear Commodore Annie Tutt, Immediate Past Commodore Hillary Almond, Fleet Captain Joshua Horenstein, as well as Board members Morgan Teichert, Guy Cuddihie, Phil Littlefield, Dr. Sal Goodwin, Kristian Villano, Ryan Rafferty and Joe Sheffield.

Barbe' is a transplant from the New Orleans area, growing up in the small town of

Westwego, 12 miles from New Orleans. He was submerged in the family-owned dairy business at a very early age, and his hands-on work experience was enhanced by an education at Nicholls State University.

In 1982, Barbe' took over as president of the family business, then after he and his brother established Barbe' Dairy as the premiere dairy of the New Orleans area and parts of Mississippi, they sold the dairy in 1996. For the next 10 years, Barbe' stayed with the company in an advisory role and also supervised special projects.

After losing their home in New Orleans to Hurricane Katrina, Barbe' and his wife, Susan, moved to Jacksonville in 2005. They have two children, four grandchildren and will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary in August. The Barbes are members of Assumption Catholic Church. Barbe' is also a member of the North Florida Cruising Club and the Jacksonville Commodores League.



Seated: George Henley, Commodore Victor Barbe', Founder Herbert Peyton, Annie Tutt and Immediate Past Commodore Hillary Almond; Standing: Joe Sheffield, Ryan Rafferty, Phil Littlefield, Morgan Teichert, Kristian Villano

San Marco is a sweet spot for honey purveyors

What started with two beehives has blossomed into two stores, owned and operated by two brothers, with the latest establishment taking up residence in San Marco Square.

Justin Stubblefield and his younger brother, Austin, have recently opened Stubbees Honey Purveyors at 1960 San Marco Square.

The 100% solar-operated store offers traditional honeys, local honeys for allergies, varietals as well as "the New Era" of honey, which are honeys blended with organic fruit and spices, bourbon honey infusions, and apothecary merchandise such as skin care and bath products exclusively made from plants and beeswax, with package-free options. "Everything here is natural. The ingredients are plant derived. You can read them on the labels," Justin said. "It started with my bees, but we are working with other beekeepers, too. Our big thing is working with domestic beekeepers. We want to support American beekeepers. A lot of honey on grocery shelves is being imported and diluted. We like to ensure



the integrity of the honey is there. We want our customers to have an experience. We want them to touch, feel, taste and smell our products."

Justin, 24, essentially started the business when he began beekeeping at age 16 with his mother and brother. "I found out bees were declining in population, and I had the opportunity to have bees, so I thought, why not try to do something about it?" he said. "I had hobby hives, then I would do different [farmer's] markets."

After graduating from Mandarin High School, Justin decided to see where the business might go. The brothers sold honey on the internet and as wholesalers before setting up shop in St. Augustine and San Marco Square. "The neighborhood here is a 'class act,' said Justin. "There is a charm to it, and it's a very neighborly community."

San Marco Toastmasters succeed in competition



Members of Top O' The Rock Toastmasters: Club President Yvette Chica, Adamou Siddo, Zedekiah Young, Sue Mills, Bill Mills, Elly Liao and Robert Warren

Two members of Top O' The Rock Toastmasters club recently competed in the February 23 Area 11 International Speech and Table Topics (impromptu speaking) contests, walking away with honors.

Zedekiah Young competed in the Table Topics contest. Young's response to a question about a Henry David Thoreau quotation brought him the second-place trophy.

Adamou Siddo was the first-place winner in the International Speech contest. Siddo's 7-minute speech, titled "Change of

Perspective," was good enough to propel him to the next level, the Division A contest on May 4.

Toastmasters is a world-wide organization dedicated to helping individuals improve their public speaking and leadership skills. Top O' The Rock Toastmasters meets in San Marco every Wednesday from noon to 1:15 p.m. at Beaver Chevrolet, 3494 Philips Hwy. It is open to the public and serves all surrounding areas. More information is available at www.toporock.com.





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Goals set, chairs announced, Women's Board moves into new season

The Women's Board for Wolfson Children's Hospital held its annual spring luncheon April 11 at the Pirate's Cove waterfront home of Karla and Will Newton, who graciously served as hosts for the occasion. There the Board's members selected their 2019-2020 fundraising goals and announced the chairs for next season's Florida Forum. Serving as 2019-2020 co-chairs of the renowned 27-year-old Speaker Series are Heather Moseley, Anna Neal and Dearing Thoburn.



Sharon Lucie with Karla Newton, Debra Gervin and Beverley Brooke



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SMPS names Ott as president

Twenty-seven-year-old Linzee Ott of San Marco has been named the next president of the San Marco Preservation Society (SMPS). Ott, who grew up in the Ardsley neighborhood, is the youngest president ever to lead the preservation society.

Ott will take over from Bryan Mickler of San Marco, during the SMPS annual meeting Thursday, May 9 at Preservation Hall. Mickler has served as president for the past two years.

Ott attended gifted classes at Hendricks Avenue Elementary and LaVilla School of the Arts before graduating from Stanton College Preparatory School in 2010.

At Florida State University Ott graduated magna cum laude in 2014 with dual bachelor's degrees in international affairs and political science, having interned for State Representative Ross Spano and State Senator Rob Bradley during her college years. After graduation she headed to Washington D.C. where she interned at the U.S. State Department.

Upon returning to Florida, Ott worked in the legislative offices of the Florida Department of Health, the Executive Office of Governor Rick Scott and as a private lobbyist with the Fiorentino Group in Tallahassee before returning to Jacksonville in 2016. She is currently Community Engagement Coordinator for the Office of the State Attorney, Fourth Judicial Circuit (SAO), where she acts as a liaison between the SAO, the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office, the City of Jacksonville, local nonprofits, the faith-based community, and service providers. She is also a trainer at FightFit™.

Prior to being named president, Ott served as administrator for SMPS and worked with District 5 Councilwoman Lori Boyer on the initial organization and coordination of resources, information, and interested parties for the City's ongoing waterfront activation efforts.

"I was born and raised in the Ardsley neighborhood, just south of Miramar. Growing up in that neighborhood shaped a large part of who I am today," Ott said. "It's the kind of neighborhood where everyone goes on walks in the evenings and checks in on their neighbors. It is the kind of neighborhood



where kids grow up with each other and are still friends, 20-plus years later. The year I was born, Ardsley started an annual picnic. The same annual picnic is held to this day, and I still attend as a proud alumna. To me this picture is the definition of 'neighborhood' and 'community.' This example is the lens through which I view San Marco."

As president of SMPS, Ott said she wants to emphasize the inclusiveness of the organization and reach out to younger residents in particular. "We've got a lot of different types of people in San Marco. We've got a large rental population, a lot of young families, a lot of young single people, and we've got people like my parents, who live in San Marco. It's a big range. I want to make it my goal to make San Marco a great and fun place for all of the age ranges," she said.

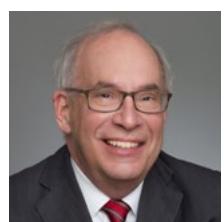
Ott said the preservation society is currently working with the City and the San Marco Merchant's Association on some landscaping projects and will also focus on the area's "art scene" once she is president. "We are going to try to bring more attention to our fantastic art scene that we have here in San Marco. It's kind of been an underground thing, and we want to highlight it because we have great talent here. We will have some more perks we want to roll out to our members and possibly some merchandise. We are updating the look and brand feel of the organization, and my goal as incoming president is to make it more inclusive, especially for younger families."

DESC welcomes new board member

The Downtown Ecumenical Services Council, also known as DESC, recently welcomed Claude Moulton as a new member of its Board of Directors.

Moulton is the Managing Partner of the Law Office of Moulton Bosshardt LLC. He is also the Vice Chair for Operation New Hope, where he has volunteered for the last 10 years, and is a member of the Vestry of St. John's Cathedral.

DESC was founded in 1981 when several downtown churches joined forces to help homeless people and working poor families. The organization seeks to proclaim the love of Jesus Christ by providing basic needs for those in emergency situations. The center is accessible on Ocean Street in the basement of the First Presbyterian Church and served more than 13,000 families with food, clothing and financial assistance last year.



Claude Moulton

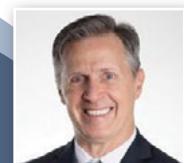
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Cameron Naugle, owner and president of Naugle Funeral Home & Cremation Services, said one of the best ways to plan for and fund your final wishes is with a pre-need arrangement.

"It's not easy to confront your own mortality," he said, "but even if you don't want to pre-fund your final needs, at least pre-plan the aspects of it."



Naugle said there are two vehicles which help you prepare financially to ensure your last requests will be honored. "A pre-need trust is for people who know exactly what they want and can fund it fully," he said, while a pre-need insurance policy allows you to put down a smaller amount and pay for your funeral or cremation needs over a longer period.

"A trust has an inflation hedge built in," said Naugle, "and we lock in the price when the trust is written."

Pre-need trusts or insurance policies aren't just for the wealthy, either. They are available for anyone who wants to have the peace of mind knowing that their loved ones won't have to struggle with awkward decisions or quarrel with family members about what mom or dad really wanted.

Pre-need arrangements make it clear to everyone exactly what you want, but you can also change your mind about where you want to be buried or how you want your remains handled or even who you want on the guest

list at your funeral or memorial service or your celebration of life.

"Do it while you have time," urged Naugle. "It's just smart planning. Even if you can't fund it the pre-need arrangement right now, it's nice for your family to know what you were thinking when the time comes."

Pre-need planning isn't a new trend either. Naugle said his grandfather, Robert Naugle, opened pre-need savings accounts in the 1950s for his customers. "He would set them up at First Federal Bank and even after multiple bank mergers, we were still holding some accounts."

Since Naugle took over seven years ago as president of the company founded in 1919 by his great-grandparents, Vernon and Stella Naugle, he said the number of pre-need accounts has jumped from seven to nearly 300.

Pre-need arrangements are also valuable if you think you might outlive your funds. "An irrevocable pre-need trust ensures you will have funds for your death because it is

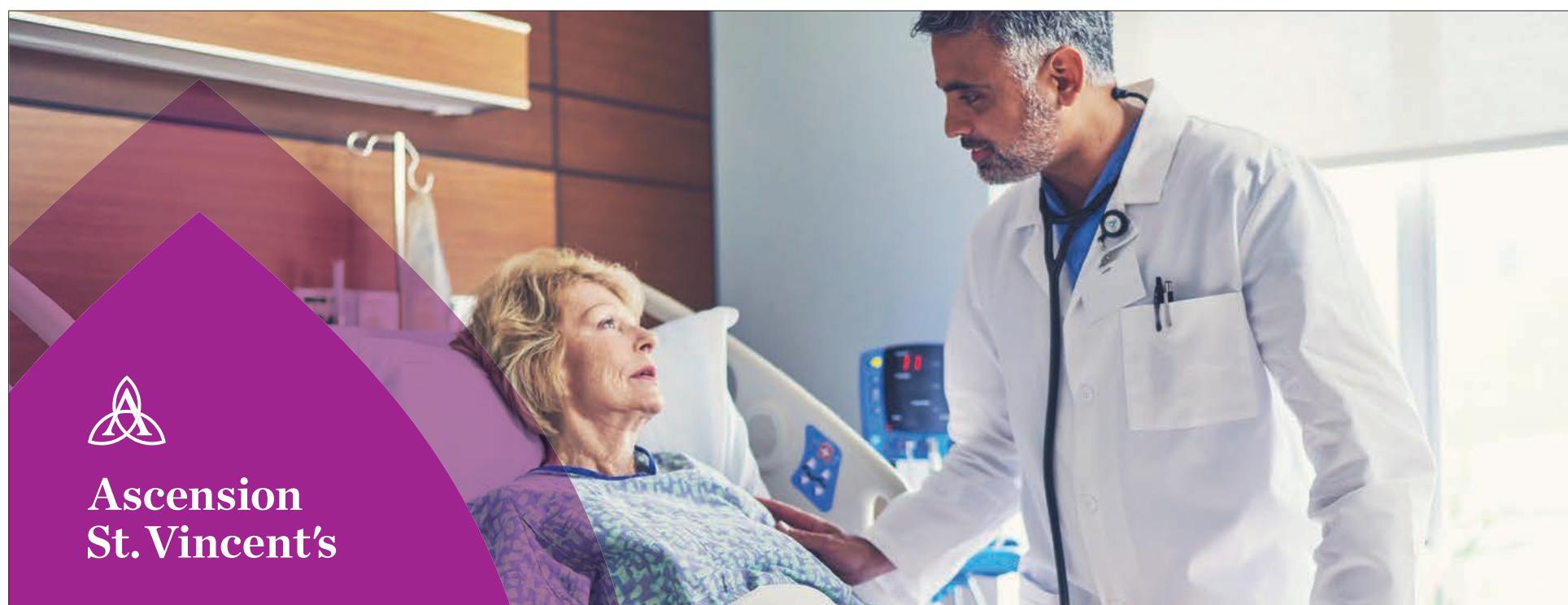
not counted as an asset if you need to qualify for Medicare/Medicaid," said Naugle.

Some customers set up pre-need arrangements because there is no one after them to handle the details of their death. "When there is nobody, we step in to fill the shoes of family," said Naugle. "And it's an honor and privilege to do so."

If you have questions about planning for the inevitable, first visit nauglefuneiral.com/plan-ahead/ and review the checklist. You can even complete the pre-planning form online. Or, for that good old-fashioned face-to-face touch, call Cameron Naugle for an appointment. Naugle Funeral Home & Cremation Services has two convenient locations; for the San Marco area, call (904) 396-1611. For Riverside/Avondale, call (904) 683-9288. Your loved ones will be glad you did.



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Weekend urban farm festival raises funds for campus programs, expansion

A trio of events at Berry Good Farms, an urban farm and culinary arts program on the campus of North Florida School of Special Education, offered a weekend of family, fun and food April 5-7. The first event, Farm to Family, included games, dancing to live music, a petting zoo, and concession stand as well as barbecue and a fish fry from Black Sheep Group on Friday.

The next day's event, Farm to Tap, paired food from Chef Kenny Gilbert and other local chefs with local craft beers. While guests enjoyed a corn hole tournament in the rain, others danced under the tent to tunes from regional and national musicians.

The culmination of the weekend was the popular Dinner on the Farm where Berry Good Farm's Chef Brett Swearingen and his culinary staff teamed up with Restaurateur and Chef Matthew Medure to present an al fresco dinner served by the school's transition and post-graduate students on Sunday evening.

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Honorees acknowledged at humanitarian awards dinner

Five honorees were recognized at the 49th annual OneJax Humanitarian Awards Dinner April 11.

The 2019 Silver Medallion honorees included Myron Flagler, former executive director of the Jewish Community Alliance; Patrick Geraghty, chief executive officer, GuideWell Mutual Holding Corporation, Florida Blue and GuideWell Group, Inc.; Janet Owens, executive director, Jacksonville Office of Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC Jacksonville); and Julia Taylor, community trustee. The Silver Medallion is awarded to recipients in recognition of their outstanding dedication and community service.

The 2019 Acosta-Rua Young Professional Award was presented to Basma Alawee, Florida refugee organizer, Florida Immigrant Coalition (FLIC). This award is periodically given to young professionals who are making a significant impact in their community by promoting understanding and awareness, furthering the cause of social



justice issues and providing leadership that encourages responsible action by others in the community.

Howard Korman, CEO of bestbet and Joy Korman, community trustee and volunteer, served as chairs at the event, which was held at the Prime Osborn Convention Center.

OneJax, an Institute of the University of North Florida, is an interfaith organization dedicated to achieving civility, understanding and respect for all through education, dialogue and community-building. Their vision is an inclusive community where difference is welcomed and celebrated.

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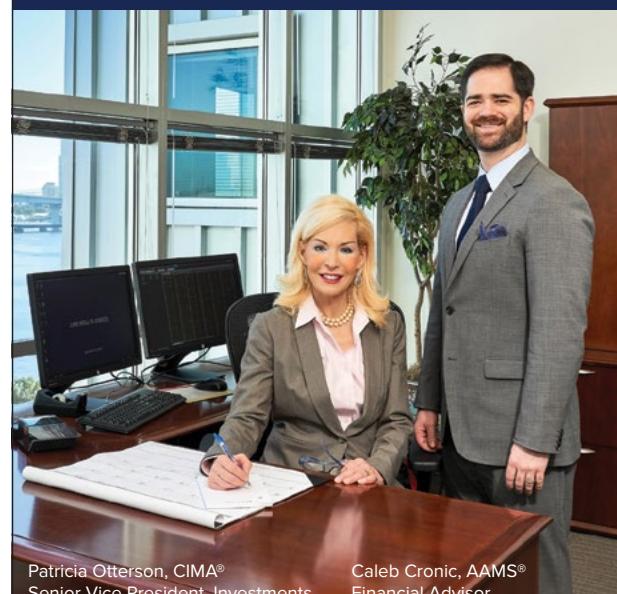
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'Heroes Among Us' come from community

Jewish Family & Community Services (JFCS) annual fundraiser, Heroes Among Us – Transforming Tomorrows, was held April 4 at the Prime Osborn Convention Center, co-chaired by Sheryl and Todd Johnson.

Since 1917, JFCS has been a strong voice for people in need in the community, providing the highest quality of care through services that aid people of all ages, races, religions and backgrounds. This includes children who have been physically, verbally and emotionally abused, children in foster/relative care and low-income, at-risk middle school students struggling to keep their grades up in 10 local middle schools. Funds raised from the annual event help support programs and services at JFCS; this year JFCS dedicated the evening to those which support mental health.

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Famed NFL player, coach delivers for audience at Forum

Over 1,200 supporters of the Women's Board and fans of the Florida Forum attended the 2018-2019 Speaker Series season finale to hear from Pro Football Hall of Fame Member and Coach Tony Dungy. Around 350 attended the cocktail reception following Dungy's talk about his championship years as a player for the Pittsburgh Steelers and as head coach for the Indianapolis Colts.

The Women's Board has produced the Forum since 1992, hosting renowned speakers from around the world to raise awareness and funds for Wolfson Children's Hospital.

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San Marco philanthropists named Guardians of the Arts

Jennifer Glock and Michael Ward were honored by supporters of Cathedral Arts Project as the 2019 Guardians of the Arts during the 15th Annual Spring for the Arts April 26 at The River Club. CAP Board Chair Beth Jennison was event chair for the fourth year in a row, inspiring all with her passion for and dedication to CAP's mission to unleash the creative spirit of underserved young people in the community. Major sponsors included FIS, Black Knight, Fidelity National Financial, Monica and Bob Jacoby, Marisa and Frank Martire and Karen and Greg Montana.

Heart ball celebrates mission, donors, volunteers and saved lives

Generous donors opened their hearts and their pocketbooks to raise a whopping \$1,063,000 during the 2019 First Coast Heart Ball at the Sawgrass Marriott April 13. The record-setting amount was the most ever raised by the American Heart Association gala, said Lisa Craig, communications director. The glamourous event was chaired by Russ and Claudia Thomas, and honored Darnell Smith, the market president for Florida Blue of Northeast Florida. Speaking at the event were heart disease survivors Koralee Jacobs and Oscar Munoz. Florida Senator Aaron Bean served as moderator. Guests also had an opportunity to view images of a heart on an anatomage machine, courtesy of The Mayo Clinic.



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Bolles Bash raises funds for scholarships, financial assistance

The Bolles Parent Association Bolles Bash All Parent Social was a wash-out success, raising important dollars for the PA Scholarship and Financial Assistance fund.

New this year, a silent auction was the vehicle for fundraising and included exciting bid items. Among the prizes were reserved seating for graduation, grade level-themed baskets, getaways and a Yeti cooler. A wine pull included an assortment of many fine bottles of wine.



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Laurie Gelman and Bolles Board Trustee Anika Comar

The April 6 event was a fun mixture of friends, food, friendly competition in bidding and, of course, the Final Four basketball games. While the rain made an appearance, it certainly did not dampen the Bulldog spirit of this annual event.



Roxanna Epstein with Tyler and Tristan Hodges



Bolles Dean of Admission and Financial Aid Scott Smith and Bolles Parent Association Co-Chair John Newman with Carol and Don Imfeld

Leadership Jacksonville honors three in community

Leadership Jacksonville held its 24th Annual Celebration of Leadership April 16 at the Jessie Ball duPont Center to honor three leaders in the community. Alberta Hipps, LJ Class of 1993; David Miller, LJ Class of 2008, and Darnell Smith, LJ Class of 2000 were celebrated for their contributions to the nonprofit and the community at large.

Serving as master of ceremonies was Assistant State Attorney Ashleigh Brooks, member of LJ's Next Generation Class of 2018. Cecilia Molis, a student at Allen D. Nease High School, and member of the Youth LJ Class XXIX, provided some inspirational thoughts.

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Preservation society sponsors happy hour gathering

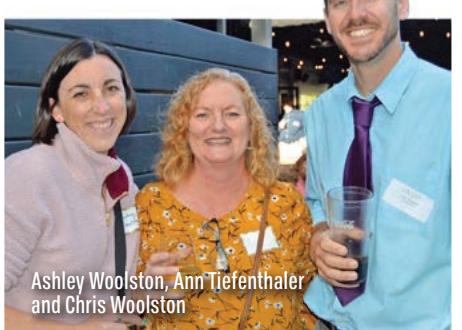
More than 50 residents from both sides of the river gathered for the San Marco Preservation Society's Happy Hour at the Bearded Pig April 2.

Memberships to the preservation society were for sale as were tickets to the popular SMPS fundraiser, Wine Down in the Parks, which was held April 13.

Some of the folks seen at the gathering were Riverside Avondale Executive Director Warren Jones, At-Large Group 3 Councilman-elect Matt Carlucci, Cameron and Katherine Naugle, owners of Naugle Funeral Home, San Marco Preservation Society President Bryan Mickler, Matthew Lindsay and Hunter Sparks of San Marco's Pick of the Litter, and David W. Strange, owner of Diamond Clothiers of San Marco.



Bryan Mickler with Reece Wilson and Jon Singleton



Ashley Woolston, Ann Tiefenthaler and Chris Woolston



Cameron and Katherine Naugle with Matt Carlucci



Matthew Lindsay and Hunter Sparks



Erin Weinberg, Erica Nagy, Patrick Gallagher, with Joe Nagy, Weston Nagy, and Ellen and Reece Wilson

Urban safari raises funds for beloved zoo

The Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens is always an exciting adventure and provides the perfect backdrop for its yearly benefit. Rainy weather did not deter supporters who attended the 24th Annual ExZOOberation, themed Sippin' Safari, April 6.

Dressed casually in safari or resort-style garb, guests enjoyed a variety of live music from Calahoney, Let's Ride Brass Band, Junco Royals, and the Paul Lundgren Band in the Savanna Blooms Garden, the African Forest and the Range of the Jaguar. As they strolled through the exhibits, the zoo's enthusiastic supporters enjoyed craft cocktails and culinary creations from nearly two dozen purveyors and restaurants, while participating in a silent auction to raise funds for one of Jacksonville's best tourist attractions.



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Families have fun at Granada Fest

Residents turned out in force to enjoy socializing with their neighbors during the annual Granada Fest celebration April 6.

As they have done for the past 15 years, Larry Balch and his wife, Brenda, led a crew of cooks serving up barbecue chicken and pulled pork to the picnicking crowd, while the children enjoyed laser tag, outdoor games, jumping in inflatables, playing on the playground, and viewing a fire truck and two Jacksonville firemen up close.



Steve, Trip, Julie and Nash Dorman enjoyed family fun at Granada Fest.



Vincent and Whitney Shillingford had fun meeting real firemen with a real fire truck.



Ellis Balch, Kimberly Ellis, Nancy Balch, Linda Ellis, Ryan Henson and Brian Hedge



Jump and Fun Owners Brenda and Mike Mahaney sponsored laser tag.



Children and adults alike enjoyed outdoor games like hula hoop and dancing the macarena at Granada Fest April 6.

Annual barbecue raises funds for volunteer eye doctors

Thanks to the generosity of almost 300 supporters of Vision Is Priceless, volunteer doctors are able to provide free vision screenings for children and adults throughout Baker, Clay, Duval, Nassau, and St. Johns Counties who are without insurance and are low-income. Proceeds of more than \$90,000 raised through the 36th Annual Vision Is Priceless BBQ & Western support the sight-saving programs and services offered through Vision Is Priceless.

The March 30 fundraiser, held at the Jacksonville Fairgrounds, featured a barbecue meal of chicken, ribs, slaw, beans and all of

the fixings, all made by a team of volunteers. Many of the chefs are second- or third-generation volunteers cooking alongside fathers and grandfathers.

Country music provided by Jim West Productions resulted in some good ol' line dancing to Boot Scootin' Boogie. In addition to a silent auction, one hundred \$100 tickets were sold for a chance for one grand prize winner to choose one of five getaways. New this year was the chance to play classic casino games with fun money, where guests had the opportunity to test their skills at the poker, blackjack, roulette, and craps tables.



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Down Syndrome Association of Jacksonville celebrates 30 years

Down Syndrome Association Jacksonville celebrated 30 years in style when it held its Illuminate the Night, A Toast on the Coast gala at Atlantic Beach Country Club March 30.

More than 250 guests enjoyed the sold-out event, which offered an open bar, awards ceremony, dinner, dancing, a silent auction and a raffle drawing.

"This anniversary means a lot. We've made a lot of changes through the years and now offer a totally different community for those with Down Syndrome," said Executive Director Debbie Revels. "These 30 years have made such a difference in their lives."



Members of the Down Syndrome Association Young Professionals Board include Danielle Frei, Ashley Clark and Desiree Barrentine



Young Professionals Board Member Alicia Revels and her mother, Tina Kapusta



Ashley Wilkinson with Down Syndrome Association Board Chairman Jeff Leach and Peyton Miller



Nick Revels with his mother, Executive Director Debbie Revels

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San Marco garden tour wows visitors

Flowering plant lovers had a treat when The Garden Conservancy, in partnership with the Cummer Museum of Art and Gardens, sponsored tours of the lush landscaping at four San Marco area waterfront homes March 30. Included in the tour was cultivated foliage outside of the neighboring Thomas and McCalla homes in Granada and the Hardington and Slay homes on River Road in San Marco.

Among the many local visitors from Jacksonville's historic neighborhoods who toured the four locations were Andy and Kay Shaw of Denver, Colo., who have visited 25 Garden Conservancy sites throughout the United States. "We plan our vacations around these tours," said Kay, adding that San Marco's Gardens and the Cummer Museum of Art and Gardens did not disappoint.

When the Thomas family moved into their 1970s ranch home they wanted to improve on the "good plants" in the yard, so they asked Sunscapes Landscape Designs to help by creating garden areas with different personalities. Included in their vision in the frontyard is a classic fountain, the focal point from the front door, a small rose garden containing a Lutyens bench and a secret garden behind an arch. In the backyard the St. Johns River takes precedence,



Jezarena Lagasca and Miriam King in the Thomas Garden

especially when viewed from a spacious covered porch, large swimming pool and an arbor alongside the pool, which was designed by Richard Skinner & Associates. The garden areas are varied with a classic parterre garden by the porch and a summer flower garden beyond. "Belinda's Dream" roses flank the arbor, with a small more formal garden to view at the opposite end of the pool.



Jake Ingram with Jean Pyle and Charlie Lembcke in the McCalla Garden

One Cummer Garden volunteer described the exquisite foliage at Gary McCalla's home as simply "jaw dropping." Designed jointly by McCalla and his full-time landscaper Jason Heape, the French country-style estate has gardens infused with casual elegance. Rock walls, stone baths, koi ponds, fountains, river-front terraces, a jacuzzi spa and flowering plants including holly trees, magnolias, azaleas, bougainvillea, roses and hydrangea make the luscious surroundings something to behold.

The Slay Garden, positioned around a new English Tudor home designed by architect Scott Leuthold, is located on River Road alongside both the San Marco Canal and the St. Johns River. Designed by Sunscapes Landscape Designs, it includes



Connie Triano and Debbie Safford in the Hardington Garden

an infinity pool, putting green, a live oak canopy, bright flowers in large pots and a dock extending out into the river. In the entry garden in front of the house is a more formal boxwood period garden that includes azaleas, camellias, sasanquas, agapanthus, plumbago and thryallis.

The Hardington Garden, also on River Road, includes a total of six connecting spaces within the grounds – front-facing gardens with a natural double hedge green barrier in lieu of a wall and gates; a south-facing music terrace and reflective



Katy Kearnson, Mary Ann Clark and Celina Rohman in the Slay Garden



Mark McCombs and Mattie Ledew in the Hardington Garden

shade garden, a north-facing guest patio and shade area; a rear-facing English butterfly garden terrace, patio pool, and a Zoysia grass soccer field. Connecticut-based landscape architect Rick Worcester of Worcester + Worcester Landscape Architects, collaborated with the family in its design. Plantings included in the garden are Sago palms, American maples, Japanese maples, Drakes Chinese elms, multi-stem loquat trees, magnolias, holly trees, Camellia Sasanqua, ferns, azaleas, and agapanthus.



Working hard to clean up the island at the intersection of Jolly Road and San Mateo Avenue on April 13 were Walter Bryant, Linda King, Ken King, St. Nicholas Area Preservation President Erik Kaldor, Sue Bush and A.J. Adamowich

SNAP completes Jolly Island beautification project

The Jolly Island at the intersection of Jolly Road and San Mateo Avenue received a spring cleaning thanks to residents belonging to the St. Nicholas Area Preservation Society, who volunteered to work three weekends in April to spruce up the once overgrown island with new plants.

"The plantings were overgrown and had become an aesthetic eyesore and motorists' safety hazard," said Linda King, who helped organize the event.

With the support of a City of Jacksonville neighborhood matching grant, SNAP members removed the overgrown shrubbery and replaced it with native plantings such as azalea, walking iris, fern and a crape myrtle. "We will add small and dwarf shrubs and native flowers to complement the live oak and drake elm that will remain in the island," King added.



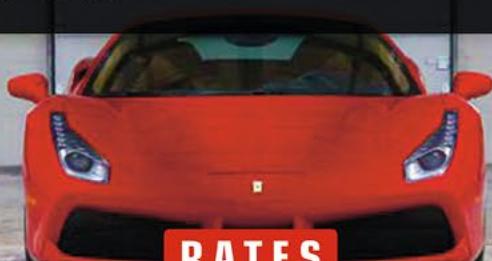
St. Nicholas Area Preservation members Sue Bush, Ken King and Walter Bryant work hard to plant bushes in the island on Jolly Road in St. Nicholas.

The group also plans to repair the masonry of the existing traffic island.

Although he is not a St. Nicholas resident, A.J. Adamowich of K and A Landscaping, who learned of the project while working in the neighborhood, chose to come by to assist on April 13 while also donating 10 bales of pine straw to the project.

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Sold-out crowd drinks, dines al fresco at annual Wine Down in the Parks

A sold-out crowd of 300 San Marco residents and friends turned out for a wine-filled evening of al fresco fun when the San Marco Preservation Society hosted its yearly fundraiser, Wine Down in the Parks, April 13.

Resembling a giant block party, guests socialized in three San Marco neighborhood parks, each within walking distance of the other – Whatley, Davin and Balis. Each location featured a different theme and flavor including food from Southern Grounds, Klein's Meats, and the Bearded Pig, which were accompanied by beer from Aardwolf and Southern Swells Brewing Companies, while Grape and Grain mixed drinks provided by Carve Vodka. The Wetland Stringband, an old-time country blues and string band, serenaded folks at Whatley, soul singer Akia Uwanda performed in Davin Park, and Junco Royals, a traditional jazz band, entertained the group in Balis.



Wine Down's Signature Sponsor Matt Carlucci with Joe Sheffield

Matt Carlucci, a San Marco resident and local State Farm representative, was the signature sponsor. Others sponsoring the event were Green Palm Realty and Nuera Marketing, Live Oak Contracting, Mary Toomey, a San Marco resident, Robert Harris of the San Marco Law Firm Harris Guidi, bb's Restaurant and Bar, Upchurch and Corn Advisors LLC, and Cronk Duch Architects.

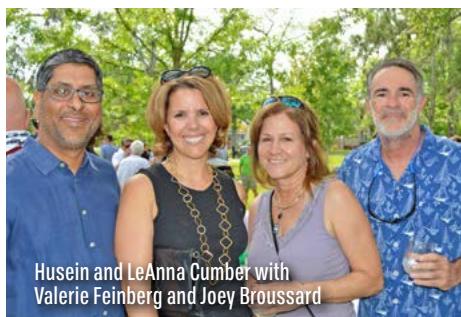
"We had a really good sponsorship reaction this year. We've got great food and the entertainment is really going to be special," said Bryan Mickler, president of the San Marco Preservation Society.



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The Arbor Day Festival has replaced Greenscape's former annual tree sale, instead offering thousands of free trees to visitors on a first-come, first-served basis. This year the nonprofit offered 3,000 trees of four species: Live Oak, Dahoon Holly, Southern Magnolia, and Bald Cypress. Helping tote trees to vehicles were members of Noles in Action, a group of volunteers who are alumni of Florida State University, who chose the Arbor Day event as their community service project for the month of April.



Robin Patton and Kim Bongiovanni, incoming Greenscape board president, with Linda Vacca and Anna Dooley, Greenscape executive director



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Among the nearly 350 who attended the Jacksonville Children's Chorus Springtime Serenade April 7 at Hendricks Avenue Baptist Church were Elizabeth and Amy Defullers and Sue Coady. The free concert, attended by nearly 250 guests, featured Voices of Jacksonville, JCC's adult professional ensemble, with special performances by the JCC's Training, Lyric, and Treble Choirs.



Nora Weaver and KT Boling, members of the Jacksonville Children's Chorus administrative staff, greet guests at the Springtime Serenade concert held April 7 at Hendricks Avenue Baptist Church.



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Bridging cultural conflicts with open conversation



Tehila Menahem, Sumra Rathore, Jeanine Hoff, Ameera Sayeed, Manar Ahmed, Roxy Garcia Marcus, Sabeen Perwaiz, Sunny Gettinger, Ellen Cottrill, Leah Palestrean, Edrea Porter, Anita Sheikh, Savana Parveen, Jill Metlin, Basma Alawee

Submitted by Sabeen Perwaiz

generation immigrants and hail from India, Iraq, Kuwait, Pakistan, and Sudan.

"To think, just a few short months ago, most of us didn't know each other," said Jill Metlin. "Today, we grieve together, support each other, share our pasts and hopes for our future. We are brave sisters coming together for greater understanding and a greater purpose. I look forward to our unfolding story."

Eight Muslim women and eight Jewish women have been meeting once a month since October 2018. Lev B'lev, heart to heart in Hebrew, started as an idea in the fall of 2017. After a trip to Israel and Palestine with the Muslim Leadership Institute, I wanted to explore ways in which Muslim and Jewish women in Jacksonville could connect, learn from one another and be there for each other.

Jacksonville has such a large and dynamic Jewish and Muslim population and they share so many commonalities. The two communities often avoid speaking to one another in North America because of a conflict that is very far away but one they feel deeply connected to. Imagine what a group of women could accomplish if they learned to trust each other and work toward peace, together. By creating a space in which they could speak honestly about what they cared about most while also listening to one another turned into a powerful experience.

The topics of the monthly conversations ranged from the history of each religion, to holidays and prayer to politics, incorporating a time of personal sharing as each woman reflected on how the topic influenced them in their lives. The discussions were always lively, heartfelt and difficult.

The participants represented an array of backgrounds, cultures and religious denominations. The Jewish women range from secular to modern Orthodox and include both Israeli and American born. The Muslim women vary from American born to first

generation immigrants and hail from India, Iraq, Kuwait, Pakistan, and Sudan.

"I loved the open discussions. Getting to know all the women has truly been an amazing experience. Not only learning things that I had never known about the Muslim faith, but also challenging my own ideas and how Judaism has played a role in my own life," said Ellen Cottrill.

Basma Alawee said, "When I heard about this program, I got so excited because of the opportunity to learn from Jewish women while connecting and sharing my beliefs and lived experiences in a safe space. I was yearning for a place for both of our groups to learn, connect and share with one another."

The participants were fully engaged from the beginning. They requested a WhatsApp group so they could continue the discussions outside of the scheduled meetings. Much to my surprise, members were vulnerable from the very first meeting and always shared honest and painful truths. They challenged each other at every meeting and everyone always left with a new perspective.

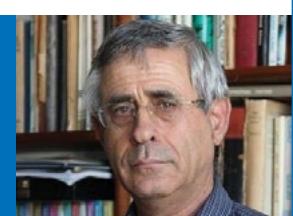
At the end of the programmed six-month period, a bond was formed between the group and a realization that, first and foremost, they are all women, wives, and mothers – things that know no cultural boundaries. And, despite the many varied differences, what stands out the most is exactly what I had hope for; through open dialogue and discussions, they discovered that there is so much that unites these women.

The success of the program can be seen in each participant's desire to continue to build their relationship, find new ways to meet and make a difference together in their community. They have been there for each other through the Pittsburgh and Christchurch tragedies. They have broken bread together, supported each other and celebrated together. Sometimes a little heart to heart is all it takes to stepping up for a better Jacksonville and a better world. This is just the beginning.

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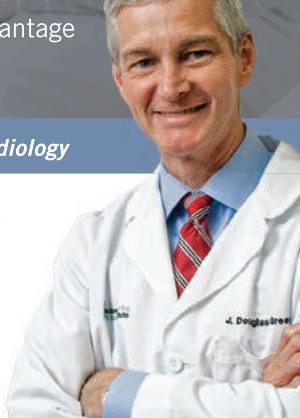
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San Jose Country Club honors longstanding members, prepares for renovations

By Kandace Lankford

Resident Community News

When Mig Hicklin reflects on her 72 years of membership at the San Jose Country Club, some of her fondest memories are of the early years of the club, when Saturday nights were spent dining and dancing the night away with her husband, William, and all their friends.

At that time, the club consisted of a clubhouse that contained a ballroom, small locker room, pro shop and a small kitchen. The club was situated on about 135 acres of property and there was an 18-hole golf course that needed a lot of work.

"Back when we joined, my husband was a charter member. The men came back from the war and they wanted a golf course. The wait list at Timuquana was a mile long, so they started the San Jose Country Club," she said. "When the club first opened, it was small – everything was centered around the dining room. At the Saturday night dances, all the tables were around the edge of the room and we danced in the middle."

Hicklin and other longstanding members of San Jose Country Club shared their stories at a member appreciation luncheon held April 16, the week of the club's 72nd anniversary. The room was filled with those who have had continuous membership at the club for 40 years or more.

Betty Acosta, a member since 1948, attended the luncheon with her daughter, Andrea Newman. For Acosta, it was the people that prompted her to maintain her membership for so many years. She developed deep friendships and those friends have seen each other through the different seasons of their lives. She isn't able to go to the club as much she once did, but she enjoys it on occasion.



Former Circuit Judge Charles Arnold and his wife, Carolyn, have been members of San Jose Country Club for 50 years. They enjoy golfing and socializing at the club.



Betty Acosta and Mig Hicklin are two of the longest standing members at San Jose Country Club. Acosta joined in 1948, and Hicklin and her late husband were charter members who came on board in 1947.

"My mom was always here, playing golf and bridge and spending time with her friends. This club has been a huge part of her life," said Newman.

When former Circuit Judge Charles Arnold and his wife, Carolyn, joined the club in 1969, they came on as junior members, under the umbrella of Judge Arnold's parents. At that time, most of the members were much older. The junior membership option encouraged younger people to join and allowed them to pay their initiation in installments.

"I remember when we first got here, I was probably one of two women under the age of 50. Children did not use the swimming pool – there were very few children because the members were all older and their children were grown. Now we have tons of children and tons of activities for children," said Carolyn Arnold. "We did not have a fitness center – my husband was instrumental in getting that built. We did not have a tennis pro shop at that time either."

"It's been a good place to gather, especially since Jacksonville has grown," she added. "You used to know everybody in town and now there are not many places you can go and recognize a lot of people. I come here and it's like home."

For Judge Arnold, it's all about the golf.

"They've always had first class golf professionals that are very kind and courteous and helpful, and that's the real reason I'm a member – because of those folks," he said. "We've been members of several clubs over the years and it's not that way everywhere."

While longstanding members reminisced about the roots of the club and ruminated on how it has changed through the years, they stand on the cusp of another exciting evolution – the club is preparing to begin a \$9 million renovation project. The clubhouse portion of the project is expected to begin in June and be finished in late October. The second phase of the renovation will focus on the golf course and is scheduled to take place May–October 2020.

Wiffle golf tournament challenges even best golfer



Ray Reid, Steve Pajcic, Katy DeBriere Pajcic and Sheri Friebus

To ensure all residents have access to justice, the law office of Pajcic & Pajcic held its annual fundraiser to support Jacksonville Area Legal Aid (JALA), which offers civil legal support to those who cannot afford an attorney for matters ranging from fair housing to employment and much more.

Challenging even the best duffer, the 7th Annual Yard Course & Back 9 Wiffle ball golf tournament held April 27 was a dual-location event. The famous "island green" stymied golfers at the Avondale home of Steve and Anne Pajcic, where the Pajcic firm matches the dock-to-lawn hole-in-one, a \$6,000 win, for JALA. This year Camilo Ramirez hit the hole in one, and Jaguars Kicker Josh Lambo won \$6,000 for his favorite charity for getting closest to the pin in a celebrity shootout with Frank Frangie, Artis Gilmore, Keelan Cole and Allen Hurns.

At Michael Pajcic and Katy DeBriere's home – just a stroll away – children enjoyed a water slide bounce house, face painting and other games. Hot dogs at the turn were offered on the front nine at Steve Pajcic's home, while barbecue was served on the back nine.



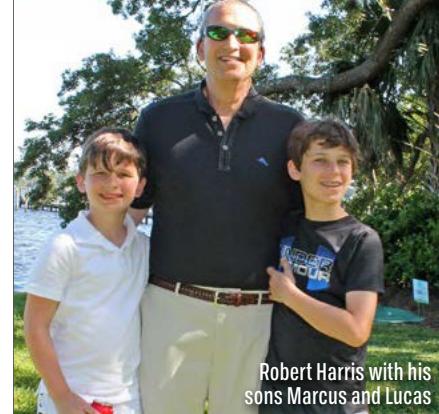
Curry Pajcic tees off at the infamous hole-in-one challenge, while Judge Greg McCauley, John-John Pajcic and Annie Pajcic watch.



Michael and Tara McCaffrey with Luis Aleman and Michelle and Damon Otto



Bill Shelton and Marshall Skidmore with John Parker



Robert Harris with his sons Marcus and Lucas

PACE event 'finds great in every girl'

"Find the GREAT in Every Girl" was the theme of the 2019 Portrait of PACE Luncheon, held March 28 at the Florida Blue Conference Center.

Approximately 400 guests attended the annual event, including founder Vicki Burke, President and CEO Mary Marx, and Peggy Bryan, a Lifetime Member of PACE Center for Girls. Board Member Nadine Gramling and former model Semone Blair-Walker, a PACE volunteer, were also on hand to applaud the testimonies of PACE girls who are now successful alumni of the program.

Founded by Burke in 1985, PACE Center for Girls began with 10 troubled girls in a small downtown Jacksonville location and in just over three decades has grown to 21 centers statewide, serving more than 3,000 girls annually.



"It's wonderful to see this kind of support," said Burke, remembering those first few years of struggling to bring above positive change in the lives of young girls. "We knew back then that there was a desperate need for this program and that it could change lives. Now, thanks to the advocacy, hard work and dedication of so many good people, PACE is helping thousands of young girls discover their potential and the greatness within each of them."



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Hope Haven offers touching reunion between physician and burn victim

By Marcia Hodgson

Resident Community News

More than 50 years ago, Randy Highsmith, then only 16 months old, endured severe burns over 40 percent of his body during an accidental kitchen fire at his family home. Wanting to thank the doctor who literally saved his life at Hope Haven Hospital in 1967, Highsmith recently contacted the staff at the St. Nicholas facility to see if it was possible to reconnect with now-retired pediatric surgeon. The result was a touching reunion between Highsmith and his wife, Kelley, with Dr. H. Warner Webb and his wife, Sherrie, of Riverside, at Hope Haven March 22.

"Randy made a point of wanting to meet Dr. Webb," said Nancy Weaver, a spokesperson for Hope Haven. "When I told Dr. Webb about it, he said there are people in his life that he's always wanted to thank and didn't. He said he regrets that, so he really wanted to give Randy this opportunity to speak to him."



Dr. H. Warner Webb greets his former patient, Randy Highsmith, during a special reunion at Hope Haven March 22.

Highsmith, who lives in High Springs, did not know whether Hope Haven still existed when he looked up the facility online in March. In 1967, when his accident occurred, Hope Haven was the only pediatric hospital serving the Jacksonville community. In the 1980s, Hope Haven sold its inpatient services to Nemours Children's Specialty Care and realigned its mission to focus on children with developmental and special needs. It also moved its facility from Atlantic Boulevard to its existing location on Beach Boulevard.

"We have a grandson named Jude who turned 1 year old in September and that got me to thinking, he's about the age I was when I got burned. Then I wondered if Hope Haven was still in existence, and I looked them up online and wrote them a note," Highsmith said.

Too young to recall the exact circumstances of his accident, Highsmith said his mother told him he had already been put to bed before the accident, while the rest of the family socialized in the living room. "We lived on a chicken farm in Orange Park. There was a gas hot water heater going in the house with copper tubing. I had gotten out of my bed and was heading to the kitchen, which I associated with my mom. I was holding myself up in the doorway and the hot-water heater was to my right. The pilot light came on and gas that was in the kitchen ignited. My dad had recently painted the kitchen walls, so it immediately caught on fire," he said.

The fire burned the back of young Highsmith's legs, hands, and the side of his face. His parents immediately transported



Kelley and Randy Highsmith with Dr. H. Warner Webb, Hope Haven Chief Executive Officer Stella Johnson, and Sherrie Webb.

him to Baptist Medical Center, where he met Webb who injected him with painkillers and arranged to have him transported to Hope Haven. Over the following years, up until he turned 18, Highsmith endured more than 30 surgeries, with Dr. Webb conducting skin grafts on his legs and hands at least twice a year from 1967 to 1976. Eventually Highsmith's family moved closer to Gainesville, and he resumed his medical treatment at Shands Hospital.

"He is the doctor that saved my life," Highsmith said. "During one of the surgeries I died. My mother told me my heart stopped beating for something like two minutes. He literally saved my life."

Although Webb said he couldn't recall the specifics of Highsmith's condition so long ago, his young patient's name was familiar to him when he was contacted by the Hope Haven staff. "I don't recall the

specifics of all that, but I'm glad things worked out," he said. "You were a pretty sick child when you had extensive burns at your age. That's a pretty tough battle to fight."

Growing up disfigured was tough, said Highsmith, who added that he was teased and bullied in school. "It's made me conscious of that when it comes to other folks," he said. He eventually graduated from Santa Fe High School, received a degree in accounting and processing from Webster College and is currently employed by Moses Engineering.

Webb, who began practicing medicine in Jacksonville in 1966, said he was grateful Highsmith wanted to reconnect. "I'm very humbled. I practiced surgery here for 45 years and never had a day when I got up and dreaded going to work. I did what I loved to do. Part of that was taking care of you the best I could," he said to Highsmith. "I appreciate the remembrance, I really do."

New San Marco art gallery holds grand opening exhibit

The opening of the new Home Street Gallery and Studios in San Marco offered a bohemian milieu as 350 viewers and art connoisseurs packed the two-story Victorian house at 1451 Home Street for its official opening April 10.

April Collum, founder and curator, offered a fresh approach to presenting two- and three-dimensional works of local artists Kevin Arthur, Steve Durden, Jeff Luque, Colin Misenar, Terese Mullen Muller, Pablo Rivera, Enzo Torcoletti and Allison Watson. Artists and patrons mingled on the porch enjoying the music of Jay Anthony Terry, lined up for refreshments in the kitchen and wandered upstairs, downstairs and throughout the gallery, where each room held surprises for the viewer.



Bob Smith with a portrait of himself with the artist, Kevin Arthur



Dr. Jack Crump and Sheryl Phipps admire a Pablo Rivera sculpture of three faces.

Old Fashioned Garden Club members visit Walter Jones Park

San Marco's Old Fashioned Garden Circle ventured out of its ZIP Code April 17 when 15 to 20 members took a field trip to Walter Jones Historical Park in Mandarin to tour the grounds, museum and visit the last remaining one-room school house in Duval County.

The Old Fashioned Garden Circle is the longest continuously active circle in Jacksonville, having been organized Feb. 12, 1924. It is open to anyone, although most of its members hail from the 32207 ZIP Code, living in either the San Marco or Granada neighborhoods. One of the few Garden Club circles to meet in the evenings, its slogan is "we're the club that's never closed," said member Mimi Pearce of San Marco.

During the tour of Walter Jones Park, the group was led by Mandarin Museum and Historical Society President Sandy Arpen and was able to view one remaining pillar of a home once owned by Harriet



Beecher Stowe, that has been preserved in the museum. They also toured St. Joseph's Mission Schoolhouse for African-American Children, which had been originally located on St. Joseph's Church property at the corner of Loretto and Old St. Augustine Roads. The schoolhouse is where the Sisters of St. Joseph taught black Mandarin students in 1898.

Anyone interested in joining the Old Fashioned Garden Circle should contact the Garden Club of Jacksonville and ask for a referral, said Pearce.



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San Jose Car & Truck Show fundraiser benefits seniors

Tim Collins won two awards, but it was the Bishop John J. Snyder Community Center at San Jose Apartments that received the biggest gift at the fourth annual San Jose Car & Truck Show, held April 6 at Dupont Station Shopping Center.

Collins' 1971 Buick Riviera was judged Best of Show for the second-straight year, while his 1987 Mercedes-Benz 560SL convertible took top honors in the Best European class.

"It was quite a surprise, but I'm honored to have received them," Collins said. "I hadn't planned to show the Mercedes, but it was a late-minute thing to bring it."

Thirty-seven vehicles from various eras competed for awards, and the event raised just under \$3,500. The show has raised



Denny Patten's beautiful 1963 Chevrolet Corvette Stingray Split Window Coupe took the Best Corvette (pre-1980) class. (Photo by Joe DeSalvo)

\$13,000 for the community center since the inception of the event.

The money helps to fund activities at the center, located between the two three-story apartment buildings. The San Jose Apartments board of directors and Family Housing Management Company, Inc. coordinates those events. The Diocese of St. Augustine formed the company to manage low-income, HUD-subsidized facilities for seniors; however, the Bishop John J. Snyder Community Center does not receive HUD funding.

"This annual fundraiser is so important to the well-being of our residents," said Alma Ballard, executive director/management agent of Family Housing Management Company. "When the community comes out to support the most vulnerable – our seniors – it gives us pause to say thank you for caring."

The show was sponsored by Key Buick GMC Hyundai Genesis for the fourth consecutive year and they were joined for a second year by North Florida Lincoln, all part of the Lynch Automotive Group. Visitors were able to check out and test drive new models brought to the show. Returning sponsors also included Krispy Kreme Doughnuts in Mandarin and Pepe's Hacienda and Restaurant at Dupont Station.

For list of all winners, visit residentnews.net and search for Car Show.



Alma Ballard (right), executive director/management agent of Family Housing Management Company, presents Best of Show awards to Tim Collins (left), owner of the winning 1971 Buick Riviera; Gene Gorman, whose 2017 Aston Martin DB11 took second place; and Donna and Tren Brownley, whose 1974 Triumph TR-6 earned a third-place ribbon. (Photo by Joe DeSalvo)

In Memoriam James Patrick Thornton

August 8, 1935 to March 15, 2019

He was a man who thought of others before himself, and he was "the most exemplary man as far as living Catholic values and faith."

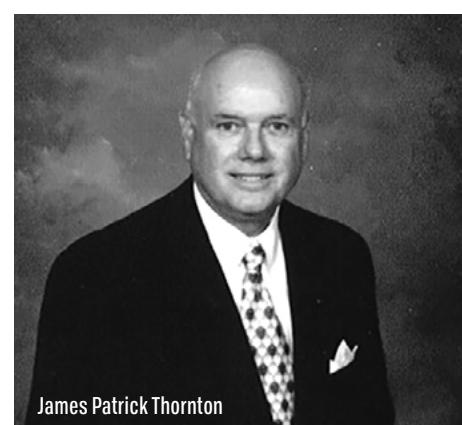
That is how St. Vincent's Foundation President and Health System Chief Development Officer Jane Lanier summed up the life of James Patrick Thornton, a man she knew well, who died on March 15.

A member of Bishop Kenny's graduating class of 1953, the first graduating class of the Catholic high school in St. Nicholas, Thornton went on to serve in the United States Army and graduate from the University of Florida in 1960. After graduation he had a successful career in commercial real estate and was chairman of The Development Group. One highlight of his career was his work bringing The Ritz-Carlton to Amelia Island and the development of the golf course nearby, said Lanier.

"The Amelia Island Ritz-Carlton is only there because Pat Thornton and Jim Winston negotiated to bring it there," she said. "They had the land and were going to develop it. They talked to several different hotel chains, and they decided they just weren't going to do the project unless they could get the Ritz-Carlton to come in because the piece of property was on the ocean front, and it was the prettiest thing you could ever imagine. It is here today because Pat Thornton and Jim Winston had the fore-sight to say we are not going to have any other hotel there but the Ritz-Carlton."

A San Jose resident, Thornton was a staunch Catholic. A man of faith, he generously served his church, his family and his favorite charities – San Jose Catholic Church and School, St. Vincent's Medical Center, the Knights of Malta and the Diocese of St. Augustine. Lanier recalled that at one time he was chair of the St. Vincent's Health System Board and chair of St. Vincent's Foundation Board.

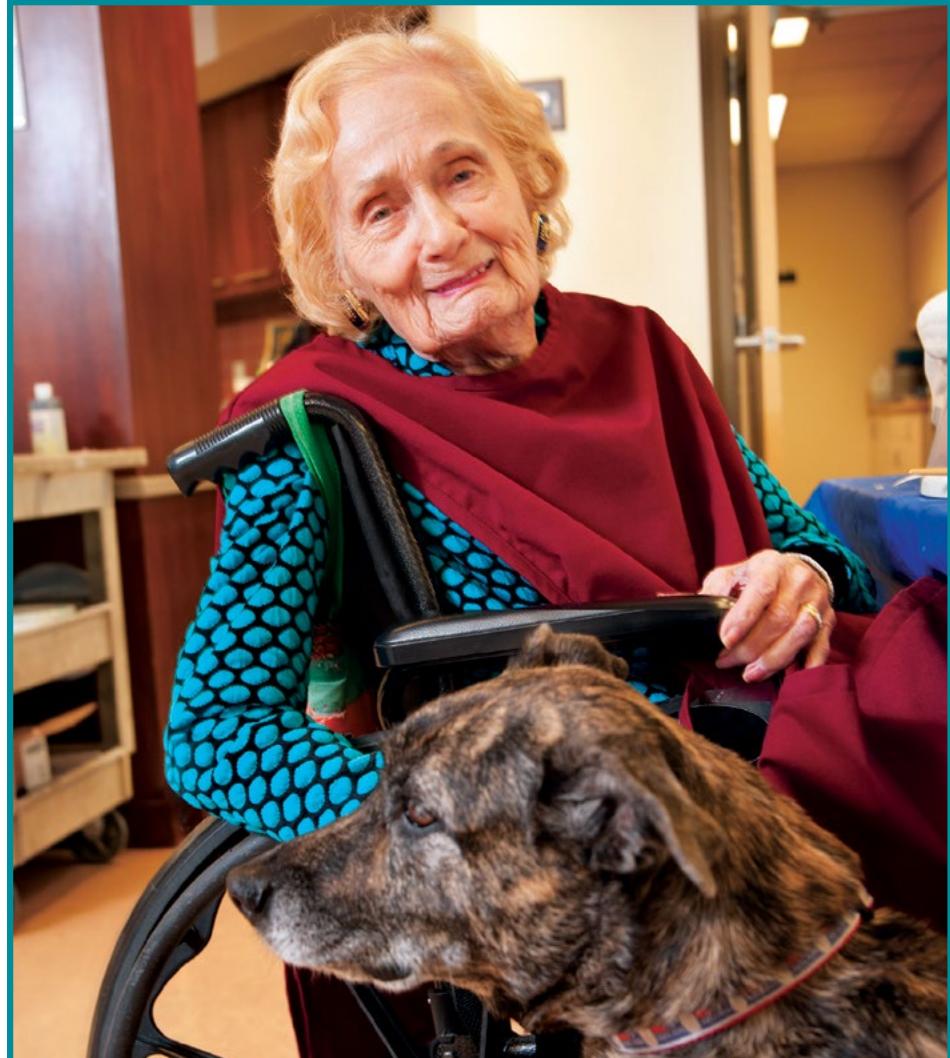
"It all started when he was 11 years old. When Pat was very young, his father passed away," she recalled, noting Thornton sold The Jacksonville Journal, the city's afternoon newspaper, to earn money to help care for his brothers and sisters and assist his mother. "He figured out he could sell it at St. Vincent's



by going into the patient's rooms, so at age 11 he had quite a little business going selling newspapers room to room until the Sisters caught him doing it. They said, 'You can't go into the patients' rooms.' Pat listened and thought about it but knew when he brought the newspapers into the rooms, he cheered the patients up. They were so happy to see this darling little boy who had quite a personality, so he went right back on doing it," Lanier said, adding that he would duck down the hallway if he saw one of the Sisters approaching. "Little did he know he would become one of the Sisters' – The Daughters of Charity – greatest champions. He became their biggest fan and advocate and served them right up until his death.

"Last year, four of the Daughters of Charity wanted to come to Jacksonville for a spiritual retreat, a brief retreat, just for a week, and Pat said, 'I'll take care of that. I'll get them a place up on Amelia Island,' and he did," she continued. "He did it along with Bob Shircliff. He was always thinking of ways to thank the Sisters for bringing St. Vincent's to Jacksonville 103 years ago. Pat was loved by everybody at St. Vincent's. He did so much to make St. Vincent's what it is today. He chaired every committee and was just a great, great leader for us."

Thornton is survived by his wife, Gayle Tischer, his sisters, Mary Anne Kuelbs and Linda Harris, his brother, Bill, and his five children, Patrick (Mary), John, Greg, Katie (Jere Smith), Tommy (Tiffany) as well as 12 grandchildren.



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THE WAY WE WERE: THREE GENERATIONS IN SAN MARCO

BY SUSAN D. BRANDENBURG
RESIDENT COMMUNITY NEWS

"Love Where You Live" is Juliette C. D. Vaughn's mantra, both for business as a realtor and for life. Her grandparents, George and Martha Carlyon, moved to San Marco from Springfield in 1939. Three generations of Juliette's family have attended Hendricks Avenue Elementary School. Both Juliette and her mother, Julianne "Julie" Carlyon DeJong, were born at St. Vincent's Hospital, and each of them were married at Southside Methodist Church (Julie on April 16, 1966 to Norman DeJong, and Juliette on March 20, 1993, to Edward Vaughn). Juliette's sister, Jennifer, was also born at St. Vincent's and was married at Southside United Methodist Church in 1999 to Michael Smith.

Growing up in San Marco, Julie and her brothers, Jim and Steve Carlyon, lived a carefree life with few restrictions. "We stayed out and played all day," remembered Julie, who was known as a "tomboy," but posed in

a pretty, checked dress for her first day of school at Hendricks Avenue Elementary in 1945. During her girlhood, she sprained her ankle jumping off the balcony of their home at Pineridge Road in San Marco on a "Dare for a Dime," and broke her arm twice, once in fourth grade and again in ninth grade when she tripped over a root playing "Duck & Cover." Sadly, she was stricken with nephritis (a kidney disease) while in seventh grade and spent her eighth-grade year out of school and being treated by Dr. Thomas Palmer, a pediatrician at 5 Points.

Julie's cousin and best friend, Eleanor Burns, lived nearby on Lorimer Road in San Marco. "Eleanor and I played together all the time," Julie recalled, remembering how the girls used to walk down to the Gulf Gas Station or the Dime Store to get a Coke, and play for hours in the big field behind the Carlyons' home on Pineridge. Later, when the Carlyon family built a home on Mapleton Terrace, they had a brown and black dog named Prince, who slept on the back porch.

Eleanor was the daughter of Julie's Aunt Mildred Carlyon (George's sister) and William Haydon Burns (mayor of Jacksonville from 1949 to 1965, and Florida's governor from 1965 to 1967). Having a mayor for a father came with some special perks for the Burns kids and their cousins. A photo of movie star Fess Parker (Davy Crockett) with Bill and Eleanor Burns and their cousins, Julie and Nancy Carlyon, brings back memories of getting to ride in the limousine with Parker to a special event in downtown Jacksonville. Today, Eleanor Burns Watkins and Julie Carlyon DeJong remain best friends. "Eleanor and I talk on the phone every day and see one another as often as possible,"



Mapleton Terrace, 1952: Steve, Jim, Julie and Martha Carlyon

said Julie recently, as she and her daughter, Juliette, enjoyed an afternoon at the family's beach house in South Ponte Vedra.

Beautifully decorated with maritime symbols that portray a love of ocean-going vessels and travel to faraway places, Julie Carlyon DeJong's beach house is a poignant reminder of her late husband, Naval Architect Norman DeJong. After graduating from Landon High School in 1957, attending Florida State University for a year and then the University of Florida for a semester, Julie met Norman DeJong, the love of her life.

Norman, originally from the Netherlands, worked as a Naval Architect in Seattle and San Diego before coming to Jacksonville to work at the Gibbs/Jacksonville Shipyards. In 1968, two years after Norman married Julie, they started DeJong and Associates, Inc., specializing in design and conversion of all types of marine vessels. "Norman designed ships and tugboats and yachts all over the world," said Julie, "and I traveled with him to places like Egypt, Germany, Holland and the Panama Canal. Wherever people wanted ships built, we traveled. Norman, having been born in the Netherlands and traveled so many places even before I knew him, always joked that I had lived in an 11-block radius all my life until we met!"

Later, when Norman partnered with Naval Architect and Marine Engineer Andrew D. Lebet, the company became DeJong & Lebet, Inc. Today, more than half a century later, DeJong & Lebet, Inc., still located on Emerson Street near San Marco, continues to design and convert innovative and distinctive sea-going vessels for customers around the globe.

The DeJong family moved into a home at 1604 Kingswood Road, across from Southside United Methodist, and eventually bought their San Marco home on Alhambra Drive North, where they raised their daughters, Juliette and Jennifer. The girls were doubly blessed by having their grandmother, Mamma

(Martha Carlyon) and great-grandmother, Nanny (Bess Morris) within walking distance. One Easter, they had a four-generation photo taken – a photo that remains a treasure to this day, reminding them of special weekends with Nanny and being served "grownup coffee" in tiny demitasse cups. Juliette also remembers walking with Nanny to buy a Coca-Cola in a bottle at the place that is now "Beer 30" in San Marco.



Juliette and Jennifer DeJong enjoy snow at the Duck Pond, December 1989

The girls were also privileged to travel a great deal with their parents during summer breaks, and, when not traveling to faraway places with her husband, Julie DeJong was active in the San Marco community. She was a member of the Women's Guild, the Children's Museum (which became MOSH), president of the PTA at Hendricks Avenue Elementary School, and a volunteer with the annual Nutcracker, Haunted House and Fall Carnival. She was also office manager for Mah/Jong's Discount Marine Supply.

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Julie Carlyon, 1945

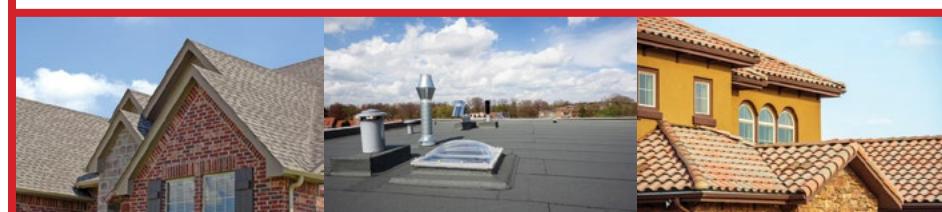
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Disney Cruise: Front: Juliana Smith, Julie DeJong, Cornelis Vaughn, Norman DeJong, Sonja Smith; back: Mike and Jennifer Smith, Coulson Vaughn, Juliette and Ed Vaughn

Often, the girls and their cousins would walk to the Pic 'N Save and the dollar movies at San Marco Theatre as well as playing by the Duck Pond in San Marco. During the "blizzard" of 1989, Juliette and Jennifer posed by the Duck Pond – memorializing that unique day in December when snow fell in Jacksonville. Juliette, who graduated from Wolfson High School in 1985, also remembers the popular "make-out" spots – "San Marco Beach" (the bulkhead of the Duck Pond), and the drive-ins that were still around on Beach and Atlantic Boulevard and Philips Highway.

After high school, Juliette graduated from Florida State University, where she was a member of Alpha Chi Omega. She joined the Junior League of Jacksonville and became employed by the City of

Jacksonville's Special Events Department. She recalled one particular World of Nations festival where she "stopped a border dispute" between the South American and Polish American Pavilions. "The South Americans were playing loud Latin Music and disrupting the Polish Chicken Dance music," she said, noting that, by necessity, she quickly learned the art of diplomacy.

Juliette was still working with the City of Jacksonville when she married Edward Vaughn, a marine designer with DeJong & Lebet, Inc. Edward is now vice president with the company, following in his father-in-law's tradition of designing the finest of marine vessels. Edward and Juliette have two sons, Coulson and Cornelis, both of whom attended Hendricks Avenue Elementary School. They also attended Landon Middle School. Coulson, who graduated from Darnell-Cookman and the University of North Florida, is a contracts specialist at Crowley Maritime. Cornelis graduated from Paxson School for Advanced Studies and attends Florida State College Jacksonville while working as a draftsman at DeJong & Lebet.

Juliette's sister, Jennifer Smith, became a special education teacher and was chosen Teacher of the Year in Seminole County



Juliette Vaughn and Julie DeJong



Vaughn Family from December 2018 - Coulson, Ed, Juliette and Cory Vaughn

several years ago. She has also taught at Raines High School and is currently teaching at Ocean Palms Elementary School in Ponte Vedra. Juliette is proud of her sister's educational choice and notes that when she was with the City of Jacksonville, they sponsored the Special Olympics and the two sisters attended. "Jennifer has always said that was when she decided to go into Special Ed." Jennifer and her husband, Mike, have two daughters, Sonja and Juliana Nel.

During the past couple of decades, Norman and Julie DeJong and their family (Juliette and Ed Vaughn and sons, and Jennifer and Mike Smith and daughters), have taken several Disney Cruises together. Although the Disney ships are larger and more commercially common than the unique yachts and special sea-going vessels designed by DeJong & Lebet, Inc., the family thoroughly enjoyed their carefree

cruises. Each cruise photo holds special memories for the family now that Norman DeJong has passed away.

And, while their parents instilled a love of travel in Juliette's heart, there is no doubt about her favorite place in all the world. San Marco is home. It has always been home – to her mother, to her and to her sons. The close-knit family is forever memorialized on a brick in San Marco Square that reads: "Carlyon-DeJong-Vaughn Families – Est. 1939."

Juliette's eyes light up when she describes Granada Fest, Holiday Magic, the San Marco Art Festival, the former Grotto wine bar, The Loop, the Town Pump in the San Marco Building, and weekly trivia at European Street Café. The real estate slogan that is part of her professional signature is more than a slogan – Juliette Vaughn literally loves where she lives.

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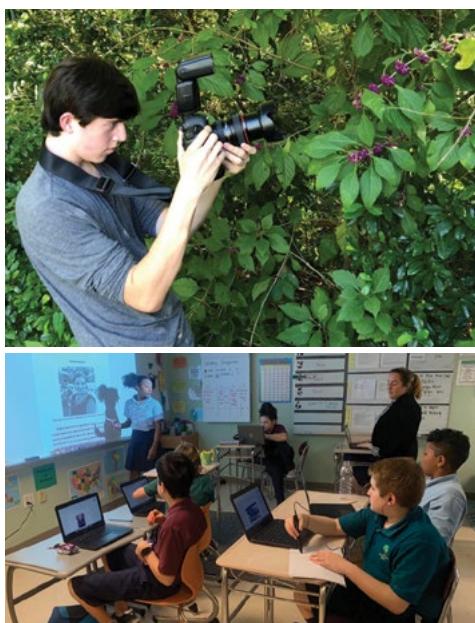
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Greenwood School often exceeds Florida high school graduation standards, using specialized delivery of instruction in a relationship-based, strengths-centered, personalized and cooperative partnership, enabling students with specialized learning needs to achieve their potential through opportunities not offered by other Northeast Florida schools.

Greenwood students have made significant contributions to environmental and conservation research through partnerships with the Jacksonville Zoo & Gardens, St. Johns Riverkeeper, the Jacksonville Arboretum, the Universities of Florida, Kansas, Minnesota, and Cornell University and the National Oceanographic & Atmospheric Administration. They also helped educate the community about population tracking and the spread of invasive and endangered species, environmentally responsible control of invasive plant species and prevention of mosquito population growth, water quality and health of the St Johns River, and the effects of microplastics upon our environment and health.

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Greenwood School at a Glance

- Founded in 1985
- Head of School: Dr. Anthony D. Mortimer
- Accredited by Florida Council of Independent Schools
- Enrollment: 180-190, limited per grade level to maintain small classes.
- Full standard academic program for grades 6-12 enrichment, STEAM, and guidance course selections integrated for each grade level.
- Tuition for 2019-2020: \$14,000, no additional fees for extracurricular activities
- Greenwood accepts funding through the McKay and Gardner Scholarship programs, the Hope Scholarship, and other similar foundations and programs.
- High school students contribute over 3,000 hours of service to their communities annually.

Florida and the Weaver Family Foundation at The Community Foundation will allow Greenwood School to expand their environmental and conservation work within their 10 acres of wetlands property.

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Students also develop leadership and advocacy skills to ensure personal success and to protect the rights of others. Each summer, a number of Greenwood high school students spend a week in Tallahassee

as delegates and staff facilitators for the Florida Youth Leadership Forum, sponsored by the McKay Scholarship Foundation. Of the 50 statewide delegates in 2018, seven were Greenwood School students – one served as a staff member. Students spend part of their summer vacations learning to advocate for educational supports and legislative budget processes to provide programs for students with specialized educational needs.

In 2017 and 2018, juniors and seniors beat the state average ACT scores, and several grade level cohorts exceeded the national averages in English, Mathematics, and Science on the ACT ASPIRE exams.

Approximately two-thirds of graduates attend college, with most others entering career-path trades and technical schools or seeking military service. The graduating class of 2019 has earned acceptance to the

University of North Florida, Valdosta State University, College of Charleston, Beacon College, Santa Fe Community College, and Florida State College of Jacksonville. Additional schools attended by graduates in the past several years also include Landmark College, Flagler College, Jacksonville University, and Lynn University.

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Douglas Anderson dance troupe performs in Montreal

**Submitted by Sheldon White
and Jasper Darnell**

Douglas Anderson Creative Writing Students

Students from Douglas Anderson School of the Arts Dance Theatre traveled to Montreal, Canada, in March to perform with ballet master Eddy Toussaint and his world-renowned dance company. This was the first time a DA dance troupe has performed outside the country.

During their six-day stay in Montreal, the students participated in workshops and performed with the company's professional ballet dancers. The students also attended classes at the headquarters of another famous repertory company, Les Grands Ballet Canadiens de Montreal.

Toussaint, who founded his company – Ballet Eddy Toussaint – in 1974, has conducted master classes at Douglas Anderson for more than 20 years. However, this is the first time DA students were invited to come to Montreal and perform with his dancers. The cost of the trip was subsidized by the Douglas Anderson Foundation.

Jennifer Turbyfill, chair of the DA Dance Department, described the workshop and performance as "a unique, once in a lifetime opportunity." The dancers had a chance to work directly with Toussaint and with Timothy Tompkins, the company's general director.



Eddy Toussaint, Rhonda Stampalia and Timothy Tompkins



Douglas Anderson School of the Arts Dance Theatre troupe in Montreal, Canada

"Monsieur Tomkins brought a professional approach to all our workshops and performances," said Reece Weaver, a senior at DA. "We really got a sense of what it means to be part of a professional company, and the dedication that entails."

"It was a challenging week because we frequently needed to be at the studio at 7 a.m., and often would not finish our work until 10 p.m.," said Amanda Trujillo, also a senior. "Plus, the instructors and dancers spoke in French or heavily-accented English, so we really had to focus."

When not participating in the ballet workshops, dancers had time to experience the French-Canadian culture of Montreal, despite freezing temperatures all week.

"I was so impressed with the Canadian people and culture," said Simone Matchett, a DA senior. "In addition, the lessons I learned about the dance profession are something I will take back to Douglas Anderson and to my dance studies next year at Alabama State."

At the conclusion of the workshops, the DA dance troupe performed before a live audience at the Leonardo DaVinci Center, wowing the appreciative crowds with "Say



Rhonda Stampalia and Gary McCalla, a member of the Douglas Anderson Foundation, which helped underwrite the trip

Something," choreographed by DA Ballet instructor Rhonda Stampalia; "Sonata Cantata," choreographed by instructor Ellie Potts Barrett; and "Dream State," choreographed by Turbyfill.

"The trip truly prepared us for the future," said Weaver. "Stepping into such a profound, elite company was so rewarding."

Whitehurst drama course wins national award



Showcasing their study of North American cultures and countries on the McGehee Auditorium stage, Whitehurst third-graders shared a colorful performance about Mexican folklore and traditions.

The Bolles Lower School Whitehurst Campus was honored with one of the Global Education Benchmark Group's most prestigious awards. The school won the primary school category GET Prize, which "recognizes students for their learning and growth in the field of global education."

Global Education Benchmark Group, a St. Louis-based nonprofit organization comprised of 250 K-12 member schools, specifically acclaimed this year's drama productions under the direction of Daniel Austin, with music direction by Beth Zerkowski and art instruction by Elizabeth Miron. The submission included works from the entire year, representing all grade levels. Written by Austin, all seven of the lower school campus plays this year have been based on themes and stories from continents each grade level has been studying collectively. Fourth-grade students, for example, have been studying the continent of Australia this year. Their show, "Aboriginal Dreamtime Stories," was based on and adapted from dream folktales and creation myths of the Aboriginal people of Australia.

"It has been an incredible learning experience for our students," Austin said in the prize application. "In class, we work on improvisatory exercises to explore our themes – the culture, animals, story-telling elements and more. Then as we work on the script and assign parts, we discuss different aspects of the culture we are portraying. This opens the opportunity to have conversations comparing our culture and the one we're depicting."

The GET Prize is awarded annually at three levels: primary, middle and high school. As part of the prize, Austin received \$333 to use for global learning activities. Winning projects were required to examine two or more cultures, languages or families. Winners were selected by a panel of members of the Global Education Benchmark Group's curriculum working group.

McKee joins San Jose Episcopal Day School as director of marketing, development

San Jose Episcopal Day School (SJEDS) announced that Éres McKee will take over as its director of marketing and development, after joining the school in February.

"We're proud to welcome Éres to the SJEDS family," said Lori Menger, Head of School. "The strength of experience and skills Éres brings with her will be an asset to our school, and already we have seen her passion and excitement for what she does."

Most recently, McKee worked for Edward Waters College as an adjunct faculty member as well as the Accreditation Coordinator. She holds bachelor's and master's degrees in business administration from Youngstown State University in Youngstown, Ohio. Prior to relocating to Jacksonville in 2017, McKee worked for a family foundation as a program officer and was the assistant vice president of retail sales and services for Huntington Bank.



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Wolfson senior wins place in national speech competition

Trinity King, a senior at Samuel Wolfson School for Advanced Studies, delivered a winning four-minute speech on "Fake News" and won a place in the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) national competition this summer in San Antonio, Texas.

King was the only Duval County Public Schools student to advance, having placed fourth at the state FBLA competition for impromptu speaking. She was given 10 minutes to prepare her response to the topic about "Fake News," and expanded on two key points: Check your sources and do your own research. King joined



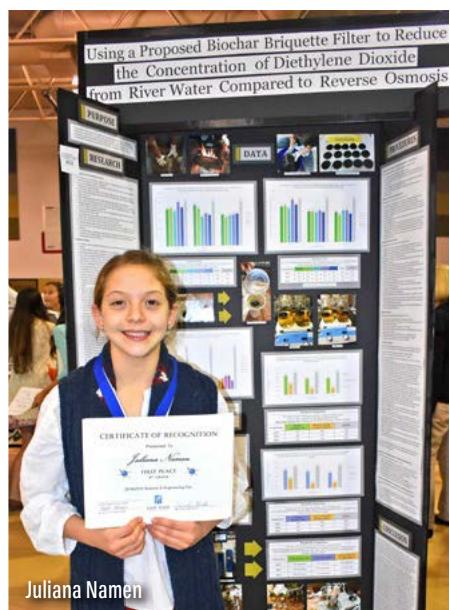
the school's FBLA club her freshman year, which changed her desire to be a professional choreographer to studying business administration and eventually opening her own financial firm.

Ambitious young scientist takes first place in state

San Jose Catholic School eighth grader Juliana Namen took first place in Earth & Environmental Sciences at the 2019 State Science and Engineering Fair of Florida, held March 26-28 in Lakeland, Florida.

"Mom is from a developing country and when I have visited, I noticed the brackish and dirty water. I know how lucky I am to be able to access clean drinking water at any time, and I want the children in other countries to have the same advantage," said Namen about how she selected her project. "I researched how to filter water with bio-adsorbent materials. I created my own filter using corn cob, rice hull, and sugar cane bagasse."

It's not the first time the San Jose resident has won prizes in science and engineering competitions; she also won in sixth and seventh grades. Namen plans to attend Bishop Kenny High School next year and



is looking ahead at several potential college majors.

"I want to pursue zoology, marine biology, veterinary science, and environmental science," she said.

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Episcopal School in blue, Bishop Kenny in gray, front: Xander Magevney, Charlotte Rosenberg, Knox Greene, Tori Zlatanoff, John Adams, Emma St. John, Patrick Patangan, Mary Hassan, Hope Pitman, Caroline Chappano; back: Connor Murphy, Elizabeth Riggs, Cadee Cooper, Brooke Tollett, Alston Rachels, Charlie Swain, Adrianna Gjergji, Daniel Maher, Brock Hinson; not available, Mark Khadour

Bishop Kenny and Episcopal School of Jacksonville students united their efforts March 30 to hold the second combined Dance Marathon event for both schools. The six-hour dance was held in the Carla Harris Center for the Performing Arts at Bishop Kenny. Approximately 260 students in grades 9-12 raised \$51,384, a 51% increase over the previous year's total.

The students, united by one mission to help sick and injured kids in the local Jacksonville community, raised funds and created awareness through Dance Marathon for two local Children's Miracle Network hospitals: Wolfson's Children's Hospital and UF Health Jacksonville.

The Interact Club sponsored the event. Bishop Kenny Senior Emma St. John, Dance Marathon chair, along with nine other BK Interact students and 10 Episcopal students, set out to make this the best dance marathon to date. Lively music, fun decorations, delicious snacks, and fantastic dancing filled the night. The students are thankful

for all the donors who gave so generously to help the cause.

"Dance Marathon is part of a nationwide movement involving college and high school students around the country, all raising money for the Children's Miracle Network Hospitals in the community," said Patrick Patangan, a BK student. "Students spend a year raising money and interacting with patients and families. The year culminates with an event in which students stay on their feet through dancing, games, and entertainment in celebration of the total amount raised that year."

Along with the students, various businesses in the community helped raise funds, including Black Knight Financial Services, Roberts Pharmacy, Medtronic, Maple Street, Wicked Barley, Brusters, and Mudville Grille. All proceeds will be used to purchase medical equipment, child life activities, and educational resources for both pediatric programs in the community, Patangan said.

Middle schoolers find fun in competitive reading

Assumption Catholic School students participated in the annual Battle of the Books, a voluntary reading incentive program to encourage students in grades 6-8 to read quality books and have fun while competing with peers.

Students participated by reading from a list of 16 advanced reading books provided by media specialists at the Diocese of St. Augustine. Students formed teams, one per school, to participate in the Diocesan Battle Feb. 27 at St. Joseph's Catholic School in the Mandarin area.

Ten teams played several rounds, earning points by answering questions about the books on the book list. At the end of the allotted time, points were totaled, and the



Assumption Catholic School middle school students at the Diocese's Battle of the Books

winner was the Grade 7-8 team from San Juan Del Rio Catholic School in Fruit Cove.

"Although we did not win, we are proud of the team that worked so hard to represent our school!" said Jennifer Soulby, Assumption Catholic School registrar and director of admissions.

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Hicks, Rivera tear up track in successful senior year

Ortega resident Charles Hicks and Chase Rivera of San Jose are tearing up the track during their senior year at The Bolles School. Both young men recently posted outstanding performances at the Arcadia Invitational in California on April 6. The meet annually attracts some of the top high school track and field athletes in the nation.



Charles Hicks

Chase Rivera

Hicks placed fourth in the 3200-meter run in a Florida all-time best 8:49.62, bettering his personal best by 10 seconds. The time is the fifth-fastest in the nation this year. Rivera won the Invitational Mile in 4:11.24, a personal season-best and the fourth-fastest time in the nation this season.

Prior to the meet on the West Coast, the students earned All-America honors at the New Balance Indoor National meet, held March 8-10 at the Armory Track in New York City. The top six finishers in the high school championship division races earned All-America honors. Hicks placed third in the boys' 2-mile run championship race, clocking a personal-best time of 8:59.81. The time converts to a new school record time of 8:56.68 in the 3200-meter run. Rivera placed sixth in the boys' 1-mile run championship race in an indoor personal-best time of 4:11.24. They also competed in this annual meet in 2016 and 2018.

In February, Hicks was named Gatorade Florida Boys' Cross Country Athlete of the Year, an honor recognizing not only athletic excellence, but also high standards of academic achievement and exemplary character. Hicks is the third Gatorade State Athlete of the Year to be chosen from Bolles following Caitlin Collier in girls' track and field in 2018 and Chipper Jones in baseball in 1990.

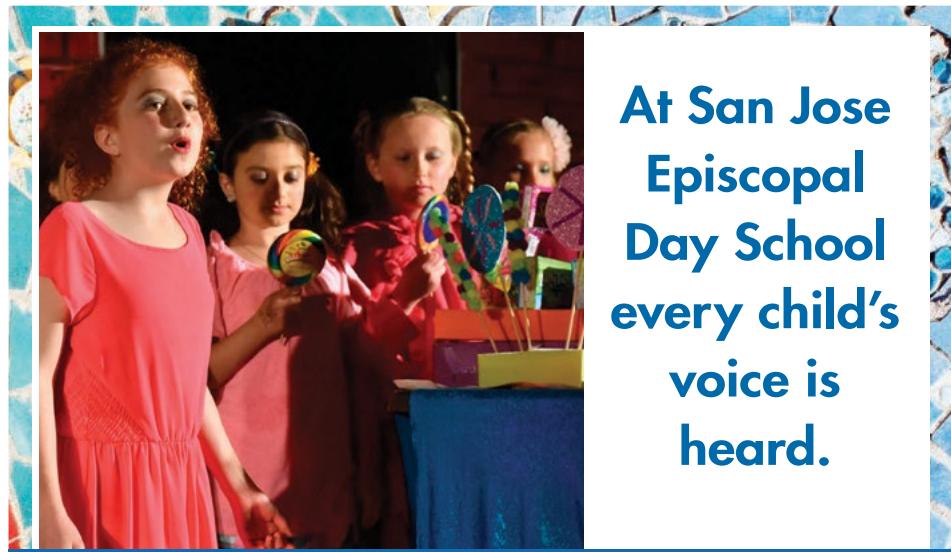
Hicks also won his second consecutive Class 2A individual state championship this past season with a time of 15:29.2, leading the Bulldogs to their second consecutive state title as a team. Hicks won the Nike Cross Nationals Southeast Regional championships in 15:04.5 and placed 14th nationally at the NXN Final, earning All-American status. He also broke the tape at the Manhattan Invitational, the Region 1 championships, the Alligator Lake Invitational and the Bale-n-Trail Cross Country Original, while taking fourth at the Great American Cross Country Festival.

Wolfson lacrosse season a learning experience



The girls lacrosse team at Samuel Wolfson School for Advanced Studies wrapped up its first season with a record of 1-8. The plan for this year was to introduce the girls to the sport and learn the basics. The team met their goal of being competitive each week and earning at least one win by defeating Robert E. Lee High School, 12-4.

Coach Jessica Fessenden is excited about the future of lacrosse at Wolfson. "This year was a huge learning experience for the girls on the team, none of whom had ever played the sport before. The vast majority of the team is all 9th and 10th grade students, so there is a lot of potential for talent for the years to come," she said.



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Patrick Patangan, Scott Thompson, Caitlynn Lucey, Nancy Gilreath, Bryanna Racke, Donna Lewis, Ramzy Bakkar, Michael Rukab, Eric Partain, Elias Hionides (Not pictured: Vincent Fetchero)

In what was a first for Bishop Kenny High School, 27 economics students took part in Urban Plan, a hands-on, 15-hour course created by the Urban Land Institute of North Florida to teach urban planning concepts to high school and college students.

At the end of the course, the students presented their redevelopment vision on March 22 to a fictitious city council made up of ULI volunteers. Taking home certificates as the winning team were Michael Rukab of San Jose and his classmates, Eric Partain, Bryanna Racke, Vincent Fetchero, and Caitlynn Lucey.

Volunteering to sit on the fictitious city council were Patrick Patangan, from Medronic, Nancy Gilreath of Van Metre Companies, Donna Lewis, a retired urban planner, Ramzy Bakkar, The Bakkar Group, Elias Hionides of Petra Management and Dan Jackson. Bakkar, Patangan and Jackson are all Bishop Kenny alumni.

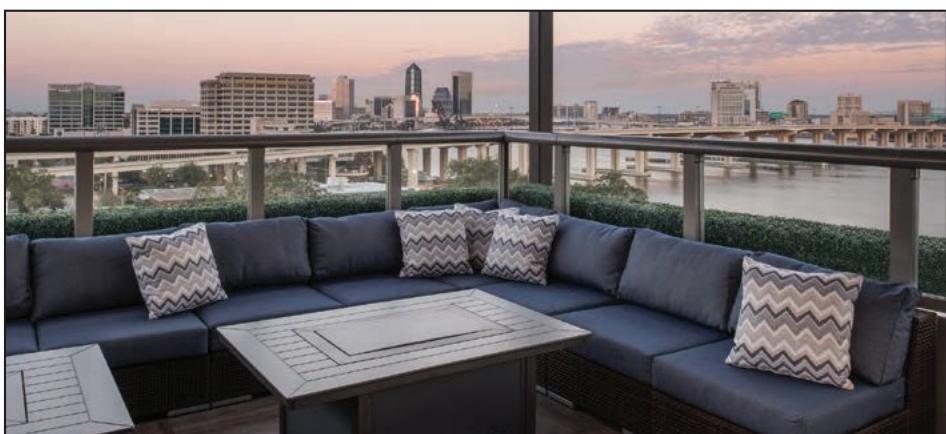
Bishop Kenny is the newest North Florida school to add ULI's program to its curriculum. Other area schools that incorporate the course into their curriculum are The

Episcopal School of Jacksonville, and The Bolles School.

The students, who study under economics teacher Scott Thompson, worked in development teams to analyze and respond to a hypothetical Request for Proposal for the redevelopment of a specific urban area.

Each student was then asked to take on a specific role in their development team, which consisted of site planner, financial analyst, marketing director, city liaison, and neighborhood liaison. Through the program, the students explored how the forces of a market economy worked with and against non-market forces in a democracy to create the environment in which they live.

In completing their plans, the students considered economic, social, cultural and political goals of the fictional city and its residents. Some of the items they considered were zoning and design regulations, market demand for different types of land uses and real estate products, traffic patterns, quality of life and the needs of investors and lenders providing capital for the project.



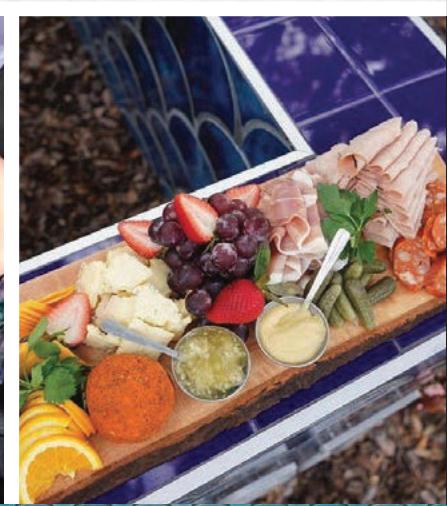
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Eagle Scout learns new game in building bocce court

By Marcia Hodgson

Resident Community News

When James Ranieri, 2018 president of the Italian American Club (IAC) in Mandarin, reached out to the North Florida Boy Scouts Council asking for a Scout to build a bocce ball court at his club, the timing was perfect for Mason Navidi of San Jose.

Navidi, who has been a Boy Scout for 12 years, started his scouting experience as a Tiger Scout in 2007 at Lakewood United Methodist Church. Since crossing over from Cub Scouts, he has been a member of Troop 136 out of All Saints Episcopal Church in San Marco. He had already completed all his required merit badges and was in the process of discussing ideas for his Eagle Scout project.

Although Navidi's name sounds like he might be of Italian heritage, his name is Persian, and he had never heard of the game of bocce. Navidi worked closely with Ranieri in spring 2018 to plan the size and design of the court as well as the benches. After taking measurements and acquiring



Joseph Cuchiara, Mason Navidi, James Mickler, Ethan Luker and Joel Luker

construction materials, Navidi began to build the court in July 2018.

Although there had been a court at the club years ago, the land was overgrown with weeds and required clearing out and leveling. Working over four different weekends, Navidi and the Scouts within his troop cleared the land, leveled the ground, took careful measurements, installed a border of railroad ties, put down weed paper and filled the court with sand. They also built three benches for spectators alongside the court, from a design approved by the IAC. Later Navidi and his father, Will, a troop leader, stained the benches.

"Mason has been a great leader in our troop, rallying other boys to assist with some of the steps. He designed and built a wonderful bocce ball court that will serve the Mandarin IAC for many years to come," said Rob Mickler, Troop 136 committee chair.

Navidi said he was grateful for the experience of learning to build something from scratch. "It was interesting to learn about the planning and construction process as well as a new sport," he said. "I enjoyed it very much."



Vincent Zamarro, Mason Navidi and James Ranieri



Will Navidi, Be Piersall, Kenny Speth (in hat), Scott Piersall (in glasses), Joseph Cuchiara, Mason Navidi, Bryce Kirkwood, James Mickler, Mike Kirkwood (turquoise shirt), Ryan Vogel, Ryan Spinelli, Robert Spinelli, Joe Vogel, Rob Mickler

Ranieri and current IAC President Vincent Zamarro presented a commemorative plaque to Navidi during a luncheon of authentic Italian baked ziti for the Scouts in his honor at the IAC March 31. A permanent plaque was also placed on the middle bench alongside the court and troop members were introduced to a game of bocce.

"While I was president, I decided to take action on getting a bocce court re-built as we had discussed for it for several years," said Ranieri. "That's when I thought it would be a good project for a Boy Scout. When I met with Mason, I found him to be a bright and respectful young man, and I was sure that this would be displayed in his Eagle Scout project, which it was. It was my pleasure to present him with a plaque and cook a meal for the troop members and the families who helped. I am sure that it will be enjoyed by members and guests for years to come, and I would like to thank Mason and Troop 136 for their hard work and dedication," he said.



Mason Navidi, Bryce Kirkwood, Ryan Spinelli and Will Navidi



Front: Jacob Wolpert, Michael Dodd and Stone Henderson; back: Nick Kozlov, Emmett Kogan, Halle Gold, Rishi Misra, Mitchell Henshaw, club president, Mario Vargas.

Longleaf pines added to San Marco park

Nine members of the Bolles Environmental Club turned out to plant Longleaf Pine trees in San Marco's Alexandria Oaks Park April 7.

The community planting was jointly sponsored by the school Environmental Club and the San Marco Preservation Society.

Equipped with shovels, work gloves, closed-toe shoes and buckets the students, led by Environmental Club President Mitchell Henshaw and Club Sponsor Andrew Dickson of San Marco, planted 20 trees in the park according to a 2015 tree plan by city landscape architect Fred Pope. Also helping with the effort were Nick Kozlov, Emmett Kogan, Halle Gold, Rishi Misra, Mario Vargas, Jacob Wolpert, Michael Dodd and Stone Henderson.

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Bolles Environmental Club president Mitchell Henshaw plants a longleaf pine in Alexandria Oaks park.

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DA Show Choir teams up with Princeton Tigertones for concert in park

The Princeton Tigertones, the Ivy League university's signature all-male a cappella group founded in 1946, visited Jacksonville March 21 to perform with the Douglas Anderson School of the Arts Show Choir in Hemming Park.

The lunch-time performance was part of a collaboration between the Douglas Anderson Vocal Department and the Friends of Hemming Park.

The DA vocal ensemble opened the show by performing a half-dozen numbers, including "Before the Parade Passes By" from "Hello, Dolly!"; "You Can't Stop the Beat" from "Hairspray"; "It Might As Well Be Spring" from "State Fair;" and "Jitterbug" from "The Wizard of Oz."

The Princeton group followed the high school vocalists with a series of performance tunes, ranging from Coldplay's "Viva La Vida" to Van Morrison's "Brown Eyed Girl."

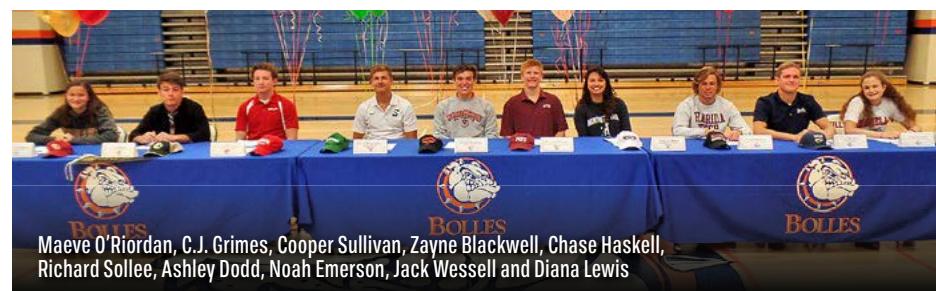
"It was so interesting watching the Tigertones and how much fun they had on stage," said Karis Cuccia, a junior vocal student at DA. "It was obvious that they loved what they were doing."

Following the performance, the students came together not only to congratulate each team, but to learn from one another.

"Watching the Princeton students perform makes me even more excited for what my future in chorus may hold," said Cuccia.



The Douglas Anderson Show Choir performed with the Princeton Tigertones in Hemming Park.



Bolles athletes make college commitments

Bolles School Athletic Director Matt Morris welcomed family, friends, classmates, coaches and faculty to the last of three college commitment ceremonies April 17 in Davis Gymnasium on the San Jose campus. Ten Bolles student-athletes were honored for committing to a particular college or university to continue their athletic and academic careers.

The Bolles student-athletes who were honored include Maeve O'Riordan, Florida State University, Women's Cross Country/Track and Field; C.J. Grimes, University of North Carolina at Pembroke and Cooper Sullivan, Wabash College, both for Football; Zayne Blackwell, Stetson University, Chase Haskell, Princeton University, and Richard Sollee, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, all for Men's Rowing; Ashley Dodd, Northeastern University, for Women's Rowing; Noah Emerson, Florida Institute of Technology, and Jack Wessell, Emory University, both for Men's Swimming, and Diana Lewis, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Women's Swimming.

Exercise made fun at annual duathlon

The 4th Annual Daily's Riverside Kids Duathlon & Tot Trot on April 13 was a huge success, with over 220 children, along with family and friends, from the Jacksonville community taking part in the Saturday morning event, followed by a Celebratory Festival. All who participated were congratulated for their accomplishments. Next year's duathlon is planned for April 4. (Photos courtesy of Riverside Presbyterian Day School)



Stone Harbin, fifth grade, gives it his all during the bicycle portion of the Daily's Riverside Kids Duathlon April 13.



Fourth graders Brodie Colyer, Marco Pulido and West Jones participated in the Daily's Riverside Kids Duathlon April 13.

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Episcopal junior wins scholarship from state science fair

Eight students from the Episcopal School of Jacksonville Honors Science Seminar earned cash prizes and place awards in the categories of Animal Science, Biochemistry, Biomedical Sciences, Chemistry, Environmental Science and Plant Sciences at the Florida state science fair.

The Episcopal winners at the State Science Fair were Jake Barker, Sally Barksdale, Ashton Body, Julia Downes, Spencer Huie, Julia Kagiliery, Cole Nigro and Kaya Olszewski.

In addition, Body, a junior who is conducting her research at the Mayo Clinic on nanoparticle drug delivery, was the recipient of an \$8,000 four-year scholarship at the New College of Florida. Body has also been selected to present



Front: Daniel Wong, Spencer Huie, Cole Nigro and Jake Barker; back: Julia Downes, Aston Body, Kaya Olszewski, Sally Barksdale and Julia Kagiliery

her project at the International Science and Engineering Fair, May 12-17 in Phoenix, where she will compete with approximately 1,700 students from over 75 different countries.

Sophomore Kagiliery, who conducted her research on motor oil phytoremediation at Texas Tech, was the recipient of a \$150 award from the Florida Society of Environmental Analysts.

Foote anchors second-place foil team in national competition

Regan Foote of San Marco, captain of the University of Florida women's foil team, and her team placed second overall in the 2019 Collegiate Fencing National Championship in Philadelphia, Penn., in March.

After the qualifying pools/matches, the UF women had a relatively easy start as the second seed receiving a bye in the first round. In the second round they defeated Dartmouth College, 5-2, to advance to the semifinal where they defeated third-seeded University of Southern California, 5-2. In the final against the University of Michigan, they lost a close match, 4-5, for second place overall.

The UF foil women's team's runner-up status helped lift Florida's overall team



Sarah Arteta, Ale Chaparro, Emily Casper and Regan Foote

of men and women in all three fencing disciplines to third place overall in the national competition, which included teams from 33 colleges and universities.

Wolfson Interact Club enters oratory competition

Senior members of the Samuel Wolfson School for Advanced Studies Interact Club were invited to participate in an oratory scholarship competition sponsored by the Deerwood Rotary Club. They spoke on the following prompt: "What are developing cultural trends that will change our community at home and worldwide over the next 20 years regarding social service to humanity?"

Interact Club President Keneil Gibbs, Interact Club Vice President Byron Byrd, and club members Maddison Robinson, Kaleb Mernagh, and Tierra Watson all participated in the competition at the Deerwood Country Club. All five seniors are part of the IB program at Wolfson and have plans to attend college this fall.



Tierra Watson and David Honig, president of the Rotary Club of Deerwood

Watson won the competition with a speech on the impact of gentrification on urban communities. She was awarded a \$500 scholarship which she plans to use to study architecture at University of North Florida this fall.

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Landon student earns first place at state science, engineering fair

Chace Caven, of San Marco, represented Julia Landon College Preparatory School at Florida's State Science and Engineering Fair again this year in Lakeland. About 875 students, from both middle school (Junior Section) and high school (Senior Section), competed in front of about 100 judges. Caven was the only student from Landon on Northeast Florida's NEFRSEF team.

Caven's project, titled "Designing Ligands as a Potential Intervention for Parkinson's Disease," entered the Junior Section in the category "Mathematics and Computational Sciences." He was inspired to apply his passion for algorithms to medical research when his grandfather, Jack Flynn, passed away in 2015 due, in part, to complications from Parkinson's disease.

Judges awarded Caven's project first place in his category. Caven calls his project a "Digital Drug Discovery Pipeline" because it is a "digital system capable of designing and testing treatments for a range of diseases" and can be applied to a wide variety of patient needs.

Continuing from last year's second place project, Caven expanded the search for potential treatments of Parkinson's disease by adding increasingly stricter criteria for the treatment candidates. Last year's project tested and proved that it is possible to design a digital design process to discover molecular candidates that might stop the disease's



Chace Caven with his first-place trophy at the State Science and Engineering Fair

progression. This year Caven advanced to the next step by testing the candidates for chemical properties needed to become an effective treatment in patients. For example, a molecule might stop the disease's progression, yet might not serve as a viable treatment because it is unable to pass through the membranes protecting the brain or might have unwanted side-effects.

Caven discovered his love for math and coding at a young age and is grateful to his supportive teachers and staff at Hendricks Avenue Elementary and Julia Landon. Although only in 8th grade, Caven is already thinking about schools like the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) where he can learn and improve his skills.

Math and a meal help students grasp concepts

San Jose Elementary school hosted "Dinner and a Problem" as its annual math night during Math Week, celebrated March 25-29, when students participated in various activities throughout the school week.

At the evening event, students and their families rotated through math stations to complete a variety of math challenges with a restaurant and dinner theme. Activities included word problems involving menus and money, manipulating shapes into pizza slices, solving fractions and creating graphs using the data collected throughout the evening.



Hailey Jackson, Sutring Mytsu, and Zo Len Par demonstrate robotics.



Students completing pizza patterns using various shapes.

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Living museum teaches history in fun way

Famous athletes, judges, performers, advocates, and spies visited Hendricks Avenue Elementary School April 5. Fifth-grade GATE (gifted and talented education) students chose and researched a current or historic person, dressed in costumes and performed short monologues in a living museum to teach other students about their characters.



Leilani Simpkins as Susan B. Anthony, Sarah Maloney as Matilda representing Roald Dahl, Piper Hallie as Lindsey Stirling, an American violinist



Burke Scharer as Stan Lee and Romeo Cannata as Jerry Seinfeld



Graham Glasheen as Walt Disney, Charlie DeVoe as Nathan Hale, Lee Ridge as Harry Houdini, and Lucas Repper as George Lucas

School-hospital partnership finishes speaker series

The Rev. Adam Greene, Head of the Episcopal School of Jacksonville, and Michael Wolf, BSN, RN-BC at Baptist Health, at a speaker series event at the school April 9. Episcopal and Baptist hosted "High Risk Behavior, Substance Abuse and Vaping," the last of the events in this year's four-part Episcopal-Baptist speaker series partnership, in the school's Munnerlyn Center. Wolf currently serves as the nurse manager for the Pediatric Behavioral Health Inpatient Unit and the Partial Hospitalization Program (PHP)



at Wolfson Children's Hospital. He was previously the assistant nurse manager for five years for the Adult Behavioral Health Inpatient Unit at Baptist Health.

Wolfson pianist wins first place in competition

Wolfson High School for Advanced Studies sophomore Jacob Gazaleh won first place in the Greater Jacksonville Federation Piano Competition for his piano solo in the Moderately Difficult Division.

According to Band Director Cristina Ledford, "Jacob has been a fabulous addition to the band this year. Not only is he a tremendously talented young pianist, but his school spirit and enthusiasm for music is infectious. We are all better because he's a part of our program here at Wolfson."



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Bishop Kenny students receive state science, engineering fair awards



Lily England, Lauren Massais, MaryAlice Young and Mailene Miranda

Bishop Kenny sophomores Mailene Miranda and Lauren Massais, and juniors Lily England and MaryAlice Young were award recipients at the 2019 State Science and Engineering Fair of Florida, held March 26-28 at The RP Funding Center in Lakeland, Florida. Ten bishop Kenny students qualified for this renowned pre-college science competition where students from throughout the state vied for top honors and a chance to qualify for the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair. There were over 820 projects in this year's state level competition.

Miranda received a recognition award in the cellular/molecular biology and biochemistry category for her project, "Physicochemical Properties of Various Fibers of Musa acuminata and Ananas comosus." She tested banana and pineapple fibers under different conditions to determine their strength. Her goal is to replace nonrenewable synthetic fibers with natural fibers that will have the same strength but be environmentally friendly.

England and Massais received an honorable mention for their team project in the chemistry division. Their project, entitled "The Effects of a Hydrophilic Substance on Polymer Chains and Cross Link," focused on the need to find a solution to help combat plastic pollution. They created different plastics with ingredients to work towards making common plastic waste biodegradable.

HAE Chessmen place second in Spring Open tourney

The Hendricks Avenue Elementary Chess team placed a close second to winning Oak Hall School of Gainesville during the Spring Open Scholastic Chess tournament held at Bolles Bartram campus April 6.

More than 60 students from more than a dozen schools participated in the tournament. Aside from taking second among some fairly stiff competition for the HAE students was their opportunity to meet National Chess Master Theo Slade, 17, of Orlando, who won the High School Division.



HAE Coach George Foote, Isaiah Narain, Jeb Naugle and Luka Popic (not pictured, Griffin Mickey). Back is Tournament Director Kevin Pryor of ScholasticChess.org.

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Easter bunny leads preschoolers to San Marco Square

The Easter bunny was sighted in San Marco Square a few days early when 70 preschoolers and their families followed him during the annual South Jacksonville Presbyterian Preschool parade April 18.

It was the 14th year Bill Galbreath, husband of Tabitha Galbreath, teacher of South Jax's one-year-old class, led the procession dressed in his bunny suit. It is the first year the parade was held under the leadership of Beth Martin, the new preschool director. Martin's mother, Becki de la Rionda, and her sister, Susanna Elliott, teach the four-year-old class, while her younger sister, Caroline Huband, is a graduate of the school.

After the parade and annual school photo in Balis Park, the children, who were each adorned in a handmade Easter bonnet, headed back to the school for a festive Easter egg hunt and refreshments on the playground.



Shanan Farrow takes a breather during the parade with her son, Coen.



Isabella Byll-Cataria gives the Easter bunny a hug in San Marco Square.



Anna Churchill patiently waits for the Easter parade to begin at South Jacksonville Presbyterian Preschool.



Adorned in fancy Easter bonnets, the preschoolers and their teachers pose for a photo in San Marco Square April 18.

Bulldogs take spring break invitational by storm



The Bolles Bulldogs baseball team wins invitational over spring break.

The Bolles baseball team spent Spring Break, March 18-22, in Sanford, Florida participating in the Florida High School Invitational, a tournament which features some of the best teams in the nation and attracts college and professional baseball scouts and coaches.

The Bulldogs dominated the FHSI Classic competition, going undefeated and out-scoring opponents 30-2 in four games. In pool play, Bolles defeated Christian Academy of Knoxville (Tennessee), 2-0, March 18; Grandview High School (Aurora, Colorado), 8-0, March 20, and Colonial High School (Orlando), 10-0, March 21. The Bulldogs advanced to the championship

game March 22, defeating University High School (Orange City), 10-2.

Six Bulldogs earned recognition for outstanding play during the tournament. Patrick Libby, a senior, was named the Co-Cy Young winner for his pitching against Grandview. Libby pitched a complete game shutout, scattering four hits, allowing one walk and striking out 12 batters. Jackson Mayo and Chance Moore were selected to the All-Tournament Offensive Team, Hunter Barco and Jackson Baumeister were named to the All-Tournament Pitching Team and Will Shepherd was named to the All-Tournament Two-Way Player Team.

Service Day event helps dozens in community



All 900 Episcopal School of Jacksonville students participated in the school's annual Celebrating Service Day event April 17, a school day dedicated to community service. The organizations the students helped included Wounded Warriors, North Florida School of Special Education, Arlington Community Academy, Salvation Army, American Cancer Society, Williams Family YMCA, Wolfson Children's Hospital, Farm Share, Hope Haven, Dupont YMCA. They also served breakfast at Clara White Mission and, on campus, about 400 Middle School students completed a food packing project for Hunger Fight, packing meals in the cafeteria.

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