



Tasty food and drink supports community's most vulnerable

Co-chairs Chris and Aly Leeper enjoy luscious cuisine paired with fine wine and spirits at Ascension St. Vincent's annual Delicious Destinations event in Ponte Vedra. The Leepers were one of three couples that co-chaired the event.

READ MORE, **PAGE 25**

Publix finally coming to San Marco

SMPS to host town hall Oct. 3 so public can view plans

By Marcia Hodgson
Resident Community News

It looks like Publix might finally make its way to its long-awaited location in East San Marco after all.

Regency Centers, owner of the property, plans to unveil plans for its 4.33-acre parcel at the corner of Atlantic Boulevard and Hendricks Avenue during a special San Marco Preservation Society (SMPS) Town Meeting, Thursday, Oct. 3 at Southside Baptist Church.

The meeting is one of three the preservation society is sponsoring in October. On Wednesday, October 16 at 6 p.m. SMPS is hosting a town hall at Preservation Hall to discuss the city's plans to install a floating boat dock and fishing pier at Riverfront Park. A week later, at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 23, District 5 Councilwoman LeAnna Cumber will be the guest speaker during the society's Speaker Series at Preservation Hall. All three events are free, and the public is welcome.

STORY CONTINUES ON **PAGE 4**

PRSR.T STD
US POSTAGE
PAID
FT PIERCE, FL
PERMIT No. 785

SAN JOSE · SAN MARCO · ST. NICHOLAS



Providing a colorful place for families and children to enjoy

San Marco Garden Circle restores garden in one of San Marco's favorite parks. **READ MORE, PAGE 28**

INSIDE THIS ISSUE

- P.10** | Record crowd welcomes best-selling author
- P.22** | Lawyers honor colleague lost to cancer in Real Men Wear Pink fundraiser
- P.32** | Resident pops question on doorstep of historic home
- P.40** | Patriarch Eagle Scout honored by national association
- P.43** | San Marco teens donate mission money to hurricane relief
- P.46** | Treasure trove of wartime memorabilia inspires fascinating video



Opening the gates to San Marco

Steve Lohbeck of Ameris Bank, Jeff Rosen of Chance Partners, Paul Bertozzi of Live Oak Contracting, Walker Palmer of Live Oak Contracting, District 5 Councilwoman LeAnna Cumber and Kevin Peterkin of EJP Capital dip the tips of their golden shovels to break ground at a celebration of the upcoming construction of San Marco Crossing.

READ MORE, **PAGE 2**



Mixing it up for the love of San Marco

SMMA President Joe Carlucci, General Manager of Posting House, Riley Leuthold, SMPS President Linzee Ott, SMMA Vice President Scott Wohlers and Posting House owner Stuart Green networked with a perfect mix of nearly 100 San Marco merchants and preservationists during happy hour.

READ MORE, **PAGE 34**



Honorary Chairs Alex and Kami Harrison with Kim and Derek Dewan, Laura and Mark McCollum

Cowford Ball raises money to fight cancer

Guests boot-scoot-boogied the night away at the 24th Annual Cowford Ball. The Western-themed event raised money to help give cancer the boot.

READ MORE, **PAGE 25**



Legal community honors its own at 20th Annual JALA awards

The Honorable Bruce Anderson and Curtis Pajcic and others within Jacksonville's legal community commemorate philanthropy and volunteerism during JALA's annual awards celebration.

READE MORE, **PAGE 24**

Gateway project to San Marco breaks ground

By Marcia Hodgson
Resident Community News

Milton Dykes, pastor of Southside Assembly of God Church, grew emotional as he blessed the flattened ground where San Marco Crossing would soon be built. It was the place his church, which has moved to a new edifice in Southside, had once stood and where his flock had worshiped for 70 years. "It's a real honor to be here today. For 17 years I preached hundreds of sermons right over there," he said, motioning to a spot behind him. "Our church blessed families around the world in many ways, and it's exciting to me to know that families are going to be blessed here, through this project and on this property," he said.

After taking two years to plan, design and engineer the nearly 500 residential units that will soon stand on two city blocks of land near the intersection of Kings



Jeff Rosen, Chance Partners, District 5 Councilwoman LeAnna Cumber

Highway and Atlantic Boulevard, Chance Partners newest project, San Marco Crossing, officially broke ground Sept. 26.

"We're thrilled to create a gateway project that will connect the transformation on Philips Highway into San Marco Square," said Jeff Rosen of Chance Partners. "I live in the neighborhood and am able to see the effect it will have on the local businesses. People will have the option to walk to all the exciting things that are happening, and that is really special."

Rosen was one of four individuals, including Dykes, that spoke at the ground-breaking ceremony, which was held under a tent on Bertha Street, between the two parcels. Also remarking on the milestone were District 5 Councilwoman LeAnna Cumber and Paul Bertozzi, president and CEO of Live Oak Contracting, which is doing construction on the project.



Debra Pataky, Carlo Fassi of Southern Group, Katherine Ruttell of Live Oak Contracting, and Jake Gordon, CEO of Downtown Vision, Inc.

The smaller of the two residential complexes, the south building, will be built on the parcel between Bertha and Mitchell Roads. It will open at the end of 2020, said Bertozzi. The larger north building, between Bertha and Olevia Street is expected to open six months later, in the summer of 2021, he said.

The first phase of Chance Partner's neighboring project, San Marco Promenade, which is further south on Philips Highway is nearly complete, said Rosen. Pre-leasing will begin in October 2019, and residents will be able to move in early next year, in January or February 2020.

The second phase of the Promenade project, which will be built further south on Philips Highway near St. Augustine Road, is not in the works yet, he said. "We still want to wait on the design of it until we get people into the first phase of San Marco Promenade. We want to make sure

we are designing the right product for our residents. It's likely not to start for a couple of years," he continued. "You don't know until you open a project and get it leased up. You need to understand what residents want so you are sure you have designed a property that people desire."

Cumber was very enthusiastic about the San Marco Crossing project. "I'm very excited about all this development on Philips Highway. This is going to be the anchor to really revitalize the rest of Philips Highway going south to make it really a more walkable, family-friendly part of the community. I think it will be excellent for San Marco Square. We will have more people coming into the area who can patronize the businesses and the stores. That's what the square needs – foot traffic. Foot traffic into the theater, into the bookstore, and into all the businesses. It's really exciting," she said.



Walker Palmer, director of construction Live Oak Contracting with Paul Bertozzi, CEO and president of Live Oak Contracting, and Jeff Rosen of Chance Partners

the LEGENDS OF REAL ESTATE

Thank you to our amazing preferred partners who sponsored the 2019 Luxury Masterclass!

By way of your expertise and training, you're bettering the experience for buyers, sellers and all parties involved in exceptional real estate transactions.

Brian Blanchard	Buzz Thomas	Missy Kehres
Beverly Hamilton	Kim McCall-Kessler	Pamela Chesser
Christine Baker	Leanne Hartle	Rick Beeson
Donna Goedecke	Lenny Hanapel	Sherry Webb
Evelyn Martin	David Peters	Susie Johnston
Gerri Landrum	MJ Wallis-Coppedge	Troy Smith

CLS | CERTIFIED LUXURY SPECIALIST

<p>904.717.9145 1343 Rogero Road Jacksonville</p>	<p>904.739.7100 8777 San Jose Blvd, Ste 903 Jacksonville</p>	<p>904.595.5959 1236 3rd Street South Jacksonville Beach</p>
--	---	---

CUSTOM BUILDING - REMODELING

Celebrating 56 Years as Jacksonville's Premier Custom Builder & Remodeler

TOM TROUT, inc.
GENERAL CONTRACTOR

CBC026189

Residential & Commercial

(904) 737-5412 • tomtroutinc.com • Contact us for a FREE consultation!

A Sweet River Road Treat!

2508 RIVER ROAD

150'+ FEET ON ST. JOHNS RIVER • 1.26'+ ACRES IN SAN MARCO

5 BEDROOMS • 5.5 BATHS • APPROXIMATELY 7,557 SF

Missie Sarra LePrel,
Broker Associate, GRI
Multi Million Dollar Producer
904.803.4141
Missie@MissieSold.com

"Expect The Best"

Each office independently owned and operated.

Resident COMMUNITY NEWS GROUP, INC.

www.ResidentNews.net

Phone: (904) 388-8839
Fax: (904) 423-1183
1650-302 Margaret St. #310,
Jacksonville, FL 32204

PUBLISHERS
Seth Williams - seth@residentnews.net
Pamela B. Williams - pamela@residentnews.net

SALES
Debra McGregor - debra@residentnews.net
Beth Murphree - beth@residentnews.net
Jose M. Velasco - jose@residentnews.net

DESIGN
Joshua Garrett - josh@residentnews.net

EDITORIAL
Kandace Lankford - Managing Editor (Riverside)
kandace@residentnews.net
Marcia Hodgson - Managing Editor (San Marco)
marcia@residentnews.net
Jennifer Edwards - Associate Editor
jennifer@residentnews.net

GOT NEWS? EMAIL US AT
editor@residentnews.net

The Resident is a monthly newspaper mailed to homeowners in Riverside, Avondale, Ortega, Murray Hill, San Marco, San Jose and St. Nicholas. For advertising information please call 904.388.8839. Editorial submissions are welcome, but subject to editing at the publisher's discretion. Facts and statements expressed in the editorial content are not necessarily those of The Resident. All content is copyrighted and may not be reprinted, copied or reproduced without written permission from the publisher. ©2019. Locally Owned and Operated



What can 3D mammograms do for your peace of mind?

New breast imaging technique makes breast cancer easier to see and reduces false-positives.



3D mammography (digital breast tomosynthesis) is approved by the FDA and is quickly becoming the standard of care for breast cancer screening. Because it's a newer technology, 3D screening mammography is not available at all screening facilities – but it's **now available at all Baptist Health screening locations.**

3D screening mammography is different from a 2D mammogram:

- 3D mammography makes it easier to see the layers of breast tissue, allowing for better cancer detection.
- 2D mammograms take one picture across the entire breast, in two directions: top to bottom and side to side. Unclear or suspicious findings from 2D views can increase the need for additional imaging and also lead to more false-positives.

3D mammography is designed to overcome these limitations. 3D imaging technology moves in an arc around the breast to take X-ray pictures from many angles in seconds. A computer quickly assembles the pictures to produce clear, highly focused 3D images. This allows the radiologist to view the entire breast, layer by layer, for **a more accurate screening** — especially important for anyone with dense breast tissue or patients with an increased risk of breast cancer.

Ask your doctor to recommend a facility that offers 3D mammograms. Or simply contact Baptist Health, now offering easy-to-schedule appointments for 3D mammograms at all six screening locations.

SAME-DAY OR NEXT-DAY APPOINTMENTS AVAILABLE AT MOST LOCATIONS:

- Downtown Jacksonville/San Marco
- Jacksonville Beaches
- Fernandina Beach/Nassau County
- Fleming Island/Clay County
- North Jacksonville
- South Jacksonville/St. Johns County

Schedule online or by phone today:
baptistjax.com/3dmammo
904.202.2222



Changing Health Care for Good.®

Publix finally coming to San Marco FROM PAGE 1

The topic under discussion Oct. 3 will be Regency Center's plans to modify their existing PUD, which had been tailored for a multi-story, mixed-use project that would include 239 residential units, 46,000 square feet of retail space, including a 33,000 square-foot Publix and a six-story garage.

The new plans will not be nearly as grandiose, said Cumber. Although she said she could not go into specific details, Cumber said Regency intends to remove all the residences from the PUD and transform the project into a partial two-story courtyard commercial shopping area with a large Publix on the second floor and a surface parking underneath. The height of the structure in the PUD will be reduced from 77 feet to 50 feet, she said.

"Because they are moving the Publix upstairs, they will be able to have two entrances, one off Alford Street and one off Mango Street," Cumber said, noting the previous plan, which included a ground-floor Publix with residences above, allowed for only one entrance to the project.

Also included in the project will be retail stores along Atlantic Boulevard and Hendricks Avenue, with a two-story restaurant on the corner of Atlantic and Hendricks, she said, adding the project will form a courtyard with stores along the perimeter and parking in the middle and underneath the Publix. "The grocery store will be the same size as the Publix at University Boulevard, not the baby Publix in Riverside," Cumber said.

A walkway will divide the parking underneath Publix from the remaining stores along Atlantic Avenue, and an effort will be made to screen the courtyard parking lot and parking area underneath Publix with foliage to make it more attractive to

the community, she said. "It's important for the neighborhood to have walkability," she said. The buildings will boast a Mediterranean design to be in keeping with San Marco Square. "We want to make sure it fits into the neighborhood and with the square."

"It will be a single-floor Publix on top of first-floor parking," confirmed Eric Davidson of Regency Centers. "There will be a surface lot, but also hidden parking in the first-floor space under the Publix. The entrances to the parking lot will be on Mango and Alford, with plenty of pedestrian access as well."

Shoppers will be able to access the second-floor grocery store through "spacious elevators" and a customer staircase," Davidson said.

SMPS President Linzee Ott, who has also reviewed the plans, said the preservation society is "reserving judgement" on the project until it determines what the community wants. "We're happy with the architectural plans and the design so far," she said. "Everything looks consistent with the atmosphere of San Marco, and we're pleased with what we've seen so far. We're working with them on a couple of little things. What the public's opinion is on October 3 will impact our decision and our opinion."

"I live in San Marco, and I would love to be able to walk to a Publix to get my groceries," Ott continued. "It's a huge benefit, but there are some concerns, obviously, that I think the public will echo, but a Publix or a grocery store in San Marco would be a huge asset and make San Marco the most walkable neighborhood in all of Jacksonville. I'm really excited about the far-reaching community-wide impacts this will have."

Patrick McKinley, vice president and market officer for Regency Center's North Florida portfolio, is the team leader for



"A Publix or a grocery store in San Marco would be a huge asset and make San Marco the most walkable neighborhood in all of Jacksonville."

— Linzee Ott, president, SMPS

Regency Centers, Ott said, adding that the company wants to approach the public in a transparent way. "They want to message it the right way because they know people have been wanting it so long," she said.

The East San Marco project has had several false starts over the past decade. Previous plans for East San Marco's long-awaited multi-use development fell apart in 2017 when ArchCo Residential of Atlanta, primary developer of the project, declined to move forward with the purchase of the land during its closing on March 13, 2017. ArchCo and Blue Rock Residential Growth REIT, Inc. had intended to purchase the land from Regency Centers, then sell back the retail space to Regency once the project was complete. At that time, construction on the project had been expected

to start April 1, 2017, with expected delivery on the residential units in early 2019.

ArchCo was also co-developing the project with G. John Carey of Whitehall Realty Partners of San Marco, who was to be the boots-on-the-ground partner overseeing the construction. ArchCo Residential had been granted \$48 million in building permits for the development in late December 2016.

Davidson said Regency Centers is serious this time and plans to break ground and complete construction as soon as possible. "Publix has been fully committed this entire time. We modified the plan to eliminate the residential, which was previously slowing things down. We're excited to present this latest plan that will provide the best experience for the people of San Marco," he said.

AT THE HEART OF EVERY
FAMILY TRADITION
IS A MEANINGFUL
EXPERIENCE

Amenities exclusive to membership:

- Adult and family pools
- Sprawling playground
- On-site nursery
- Har-tru clay courts
- State-of-the art fitness center
- Exquisite dining options
- Spa services
- Reciprocity at 200+ clubs
- Year Round Camps & Aquatic Programs

EPPING FOREST
YACHT & COUNTRY CLUB

Book your tour with Kimberly Patterson today
Call **904.421.2236** or email kyounkin@gatehospitality.com to make arrangements.

summum woman

Linda
CUNNINGHAM

1049 Kings Avenue, 32207 399-4864
M-F 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Sat. 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

www.lindacunningham.com One Block East of Hendricks Avenue At Prudential Drive



First responders from as far away as Wichita, Kansas, and Pennsylvania, were welcomed at the Metro Square facilities off Philips Highway during Hurricane Dorian.

San Marco East Business Association welcomes visiting first responders

By Marcia Hodgson
Resident Community News

When Hurricane Dorian began its trek north after leveling the Bahamas, the First Coast was spared its wrath, but thanks to members of the San Marco East Business Association (SMEBA), a temporary home was provided for out-of-state visiting First Responders so that Jacksonville could be ready to meet whatever damage the storm incurred.

Although many in the community are unaware, Metro Square on Philips Highway has been used by the City of Jacksonville and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) four times in the past 19 years for relief staging and as a resting place for out-of-town, first-response teams when hurricanes have hit Florida. The 37-acre property is ideal because of the open space and large amount of parking it can offer as well as its easy access to I-95, allowing emergency teams the ability to quickly move into action or continue traveling with the storm.

When Hurricane Dorian was escalating to a Category 4 storm and taking aim at Florida Aug. 30, the city again asked if Metro Square could be used as a staging area for FEMA and emergency response teams from other states.

The next day, members of SMEBA met at Metro Square with District 5 City Councilwoman LeAnna Cumber, the Emergency Preparedness Division of the City of Jacksonville, and FEMA to review the staging process for the more than 180 first responders that were being mobilized and heading to Florida. Plans were put forth so that the staging area could accommodate numerous vehicles, and access was provided in the vacant space in Building F for the responders to set up their operation center as well as areas to sleep. They were also able to use the bathroom facilities and showers in the Edge Rock Climbing Gym.

The first wave of responders, who hailed from Pennsylvania, arrived late Sept. 2. A second group, coming from Kansas, arrived Sept. 3. In total, throughout the three-day period, there were approximately 180 emergency personnel at Metro Square at the ready to cover any needs that might arise within a 100-mile radius.

Members of SMEBA, led by Bryan Croft of Holmes Custom, Jeff Rosen of Chance Partners, Craig Meeks of the Meek companies and Matthew Hugo of Hugo Companies, made sure visiting and local first responders had food, additional water and other supplies, and all their other needs cared for. The Palms Café & Catering, owned by Basim Tannous, and located in Metro Square, offered catering for breakfast, lunch and to-go bagged lunches for the first responders on the site. SMEBA and Prescott Group covered all the associated costs of the effort.

“As part of the San Marco East Business Association, Prescott Group is committed to the Northeast Florida community and to our neighbors. It is our honor to provide a safe, accessible space for dedicated first responders to stage in anticipation of any emergent needs from the effects of Hurricane Dorian,” said Jud Pankey, CEO and founder of Prescott Group. “We will continue to work in close connection with District 5 Councilwoman LeAnna Cumber and the City of Jacksonville in support of all residents. We are keeping all of the communities along the East Coast in our prayers.”

Although the city was basically shut down from noon Sept. 3 and all day, Sept. 4, Tannous made it to Metro Square the morning of Sept. 4 to provide food for the rescue teams. This included lunch and dinner Sept. 4, and breakfast and bagged lunches Sept. 5.

“It is important to the San Marco East Business Association to come together and support the first responders who selflessly provided their services during this time of



Basim Tannous, center, who owns Palms Café & Catering, stands with two first responders and a truckload of prepared meals during Hurricane Dorian.

emergency or crisis – whether to our neighbors or other communities. We want them to know that their efforts and sacrifices are so greatly appreciated,” said Hugo on behalf of SMEBA.

When it was determined the First Coast was going to be spared, the first responders left mid-morning Sept. 5 to head northward, following the storm.

Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices
Florida Network Realty

Anita Vining
REALTOR®

904.923.1511 - cell | anitavining.com

CHOOSE A LOT. BUILD YOUR DREAM HOME

MANDARIN | \$1,275,000

OWNER FINANCING AVAILABLE - (with acceptable offer)

Experience riverfront living at its finest on this private 2-acre high bluff lot. 140 feet on the river offering expansive southwest views. (No Flooding here). Create lasting memories with your family, hop in your boat and go to Jag games or to Atlantic Ocean. Jacksonville's greatest restaurants as well as upscale grocery stores less than 10 minutes away. Take advantage of this awesome opportunity. No HOA Fees! | MLS#883569

<p>Mandarin \$900,000</p> <p>RIVERFRONT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lot Dimensions: 102' x 470' • 1.1-acre lot • Close to multiple grocery stores, restaurants, and shops • MLS#972572 	<p>Mandarin \$850,000</p> <p>RIVERFRONT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Gated Community • Cul-de-sac lot • Lot Dimensions: 104' x 420' • 1-acre lot • MLS#1002555
<p>San Jose \$150,000</p> <p>BUILD YOUR DREAM HOME</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lot Dimensions: 77' x 296' • Cul-de-sac lot • Surrounded by custom built homes • MLS#967387 	<p>Springfield \$65,000</p> <p>ACTIVE & VIBRANT COMMUNITY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Near FSCJ Downtown Campus, parks, and downtown Jax • Urban lifestyle features "PorchFest" annually • MLS#972573
<p>Ponte Vedra Beach \$1,425,000</p> <p>WALK TO THE BEACH</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walk or Bike to nearby private clubs • Lot Dimensions: 105' x 213' • Front Lake Views • Current home great reno opportunity 	<p>Arlington \$450,000</p> <p>RIVERFRONT HIGH BLUFF LOT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lot dimensions: 100' x 523' • 1.19 acres • Located near Jacksonville University and easy commute to downtown Jax • No flooding on this high elevation lot

SAN MARCO MERCHANT ASSOCIATION PRESENTS:
SMMA ANNUAL FLORIDA GEORGIA BASH IN BALIS PARK
Friday, November 1, 2019 | 5:30 p.m.-9 p.m.
Wear your favorite team colors and join the parade around San Marco Square
Stanton Marching Band | Live Music | Fun & Games

Give your home the protection it deserves.

Matthew F Carlucci Ins Agy Inc
Matt Carlucci, Agent
3707 Hendricks Avenue, Jacksonville, FL 32207
Toll Free: 888-339-5544 Cell: 904-703-0999

State Farm

Your home is where you make some of your best memories, and that's worth protecting. I'm here to help.
LET'S TALK TODAY.

1708136 State Farm Fire and Casualty Company, State Farm General Insurance Company, Bloomington, IL

POW/MIA memorial gets new name, bill introduced to Congress

The National POW/MIA Memorial & Museum may get federal designation

By Jennifer Edwards

Resident Community News Group

The POW/MIA memorial complex at Cecil Commerce Center is a big step closer to a sought-after national historic designation that could help net funding for further development.

It also has a new name: The National POW/MIA Memorial & Museum.

Retired Navy Capt. Robert "Bob" Buehn said that U.S. Reps. John Rutherford and Al Lawson introduced legislation to the House Sept. 20 that would federally designate the memorial as the National POW/MIA Memorial and Museum.

The legislation is currently in committee but could be out on the floor for a vote as soon as mid-October, said memorial Executive Director Mike Cassata. From there, it would go to the Senate and, if passed, on to the president for signature.

"It's a big step," said Buehn, the keynote speaker at the memorial on Sept. 21, National POW/MIA Recognition Day. "We are going from just a base to a national memorial and museum."

The event included status updates, a missing-man table ceremony by the Filipino American Veterans Society, a flyover, a car and bike show and an address by Buehn. Attendance was 400 to 450 compared to last year's 350, said William "Bill" Dudley, retired Air Force lieutenant colonel, another event speaker.

Perhaps more importantly, the event foreshadowed big things on the horizon at the memorial.

While the legislation is not yet a done deal, Buehn told the crowd that "we are confident it will be a national memorial that honors all POWs and the 82,000 still listed as missing in action and unaccounted for."

Cassata said that the volunteer group that staffs the non-profit memorial has now begun officially referring to it as the National POW/MIA Memorial & Museum. He said that in addition to possible funding opportunities, the national designation would comfort the families of POWs and those still missing in action.

"There is not a national memorial in the country," Cassata said. He believes Jacksonville's memorial should be that memorial, noting that the national flag devoted to prisoners of war and those missing in action – the iconic black flag with the soldier in the white circle – was created at Cecil Field.

He said that growing up as a military dependent, he was fortunate to have his father come home. Other families didn't, he said, and for those who never learn what happened to their loved one, grief can be never-ending.

"We could move on," he recalled. "These families couldn't. It's a big deal, it's an issue, and I am shocked that our nation does not have (an officially designated) national memorial."

The memorial is situated at the former NAS Cecil Field Master Jet Base (now Cecil Commerce Center) and has an existing memorial to NAS Cecil Field aviators stationed there during the Vietnam and Desert Storm conflicts. It contains markers for 16 pilots who were lost, a pavilion with a stage and a metal aircraft display.



Members of the Filipino American Veterans Society of Duval County are pictured during the Gathering of the Pines at the Cecil Field POW/MIA Memorial Sept. 21.

The current memorial non-profit has a 26-acre lease with the City of Jacksonville and its volunteers plan to continue improving the property. They dedicated its Chapel of the High-Speed Pass in March after more than a year of restoration and renovation.

In November 2018, the Jacksonville City Council voted to designate the chapel as a historic landmark.

There are also plans to bring historic Viet Nam-era planes to the park soon, and parts for one of them are already nearby. Buehn said a nearby hangar contains an A-7 Corsair fuselage that will need to be rebuilt.

Albert "Buddy" Harris, memorial spokesman, said plans are on the table for at least four aircraft. He said those planes include the Corsair, an A-4 Skyhawk, an S-3 Viking and an FA-18 Hornet.

"There may be more in the future, but these four are definite," Harris said. He said

the first to go in would be the A-7, perhaps as soon as March 2020.

Meanwhile, Buehn encourages county residents to lend a hand at the memorial.

"If you can, get involved," Buehn told the crowd at the gathering in September. "We are going to make it beautiful."

But there were already would-be volunteers in attendance.

Frank Lange of Port St. Lucie, a retired aircraft mechanic, drove up especially for the event presentations and the car show that came after.

Local ties prompted him to offer his help. "I was stationed here for almost 14 years," Lange said. "And I had an uncle that was a POW."

He hopes the name of his uncle, Joseph McCarthy, will join other names at a memorial wall that is among other future projects possibly in the works for the memorial.

Introducing the New 2020 Cadillac SUV's

Roaring into the 20's Test Drive Event



CLAUDE NOLAN
BEGINNING LASTING RELATIONSHIPS SINCE 1905

Get an
Exclusive
Sneak Peek
of the
2020 CT5

Saturday November 9th 2019
10am-3pm

Please join us at
4700 Southside Blvd. Jacksonville, FL
to experience the new
2020 Cadillac XT4, XT5, XT6, and Escalade.
Complimentary food and beverage
will be provided. Exceptional gift baskets to be raffled.

www.claudenolancadillac.com | 642-5111



**BERKSHIRE
HATHAWAY**
HomeServices

Florida Network
Realty

**The #1 Metropolitan
Real Estate Company**
with Offices in San Marco Square and
The Shoppes of Avondale

www.SanMarcoHomes.com | (904) 739-0717



Anita Vining
REALTOR®
(904) 923-1511



Beverly Brooke
REALTOR®
(904) 910-2782



Billie Bernhardt
REALTOR®
(904) 710-1550



Camilo Ramirez
REALTOR®
(954) 805-0428



Caroline Powell & Allison
Steilberg, REALTORS®
(904) 463-1898 / 252-5181



CeCe Cummings
REALTOR®
(904) 434-9777



Claire Franson
REALTOR®
(904) 923-5331



Conor Flynn
REALTOR®
(352) 406-2042



Dee Burnett
REALTOR®
(904) 923-4073



Elizabeth O'Steen
REALTOR®
(904) 465-1706



Zackery Williams
REALTOR®
(904) 962-5479



**1431 RIVERPLACE BLVD # 910 - \$598,000
COMMERCIAL CONDO UNIT!**

UNIQUE, RARE, AND ONCE IN A LIFETIME OPPORTUNITY ARE NOT EXAGGERATIONS! Commercial Condo unit @ The Peninsula with 4 garage spaces, 3 balconies, Downtown Jacksonville, TIAA Field, and St Johns River views. Imagine your clients valet park, are escorted by the concierge (only with your permission) and sent up an elevator that opens directly into the foyer/waiting area of your office.



Tracy Thompson
REALTOR®
(904) 445-8170



**2626 RIVER RD - \$5.35MM
6/7/2-8,321 sqft.**

Nantucket Coastal Style living at its best! Sitting high above the St. Johns River bank, a rare find for a newer home in history filled San Marco. Current owners spared no expense when designing and constructing this incredible family home and guest cottage.



**2825 SYLVAN LN - \$569,000
5/5/1-4,768 sqft.**

Well maintained two-story California contemporary pool home in desirable north Mandarin awaits large/growing family. This home boasts hickory floors downstairs w/new carpet upstairs, 2 dining areas which can be partitioned or opened, living area w/ built-ins & a large family room w/wet bar, fireplace, slides to pool & high ceilings. Kosher ready kitchen complete w/new granite, pendant lighting, tin back-splash & walk-in pantry.



**2727 KELSEY PL - \$1.795MM
5/6/2-6,978 sqft.**

Live the riverfront dream in this magnificently well built and constructed home. Original owners spared no expense when they custom designed in 1995. Situated on higher bluff lot adorned with live oaks and lush landscape. Contemporary style of all concrete construction. High ceilings and spacious rooms found on 1st & 2nd floors.



Genni Jet
REALTOR®
(904) 802-0820



Susan Tuohy
REALTOR®
(904) 707-6548



**1634 LORIMER RD - \$325,000
2/1-1,521 sqft.**

Located on a hill, on an oversized lot & on one of the most desirable streets in San Marco. Walking distance to San Marco Square. Charming red brick ranch home with over 1500 SF. Completely renovated and updated. Features 2 oversized Bedrooms, 1 stunning Bathroom, spacious Living Room with wood burning fireplace, separate Dining Room, and amazing kitchen.



**8850 PALLAZZO TER - \$425,000
3/2/1-1,997 sqft.**

Luxury living made easy in this highly convenient location of San Jose. No yard work! Enter through the private courtyard and step inside the open and inviting living space. 2 Story home designed for comfortable family living. The beautiful Kitchen offers abundance of storage, large breakfast bar island, stainless steel appliances including gas range/oven.



**1412 RIVER OAKS RD - \$325,000
3/1-1,173 sqft.**

Charm, Character and True Convenience. Premier location on west side of Hendricks towards St. Johns River. Live, Shop & Dine in San Marco! Walk to restaurants, shops, or catch a movie or play in the theatres. Enjoy your morning coffee or afternoon beverage on the covered front porch.



**3215 FRONT RD - \$1.375MM
4/3/2-4,066 sqft.**

Sophisticated and truly elegant. You will be wowed the moment you step inside. Dramatic glass vaulted ceiling welcomes you into the gallery. (An art collectors dream). Amazing River views captured by walls of windows are your welcome.



Heather Cosgrove
REALTOR®
(904) 903-8993



Heather Riley
REALTOR®
(904) 993-4483



Nelson Higgins & Shannon
Guillion, REALTORS®
(904) 613-4514 / 686-4312



**1478 RIVERPLACE BLVD #2101 - \$1.750MM
3/3-4,200 sqft.**

Nothing else like it anywhere in Jacksonville!! This Penthouse was completely gutted when the sellers purchased it years ago. It then became a modern marvel with no expense spared. Boasts stunning panoramic city and river views.



**1320 RIVER OAKS RD - \$974,000
4/4/1-3,644 sqft.**

Modern conveniences with inviting Southern historic charm! This beautiful brick two story home, will welcome you in from the moment you walk through the door. Great for entertaining, this open floor plan offers a large family room, gourmet kitchen, in addition to both a formal living and dining room.



**1431 RIVERPLACE BLVD #2004 - \$385,000
2/2-1,382 sqft.**

Rare opportunity to capture a B1 West 2/2 under \$400K! 38' balcony overlooking incredible city and skyline views! Italian marble clad bath with dual vanities, roman tub, and separate shower. Italian cherry cabinets, stainless Kitchen Aid appliances and Black Absolute granite throughout! 24 hour concierge and valet service.



**6000 SAN JOSE BLVD # 9-D - \$425,000
2/2-1,169 sqft.**

Nothing to do but Move in & live the Carefree Lifestyle! This beautifully updated 9th floor condo has been completely redone with high quality designer finishes. Open living space with St. Johns River views and incredible sunsets year-round.



Helen Willoughby
REALTOR®
(904) 655-8232



Jane Owen
REALTOR®
(904) 502-1406



Melissa Keyes & Bronwen
Krause, REALTORS®
(904) 616-6425 / 616-6523



**831 LASALLE ST # 831 - \$199,000
2/2-856 sqft.**

AFFORDABLE San Marco condo w/courtyard to river views awaits new owner. Freshly painted two story condo lives larger than square footage shows. Beautiful hardwood floors & beamed ceiling in living area & new neutral carpet in bedrooms.



**945 MAPLETON TER - \$625,000
4/3/1-4,024 sqft.**

Spacious Mid-century modern home near Duck Pond on dead end street awaits new owners. Unique opportunity to enjoy multiple living areas perfect for entertaining guests or relaxing w/family. Updated kitchen boasts abundant cabinetry, breakfast bar, subway tile back splash stainless steel appliances & opens to breakfast area, sitting room & family room w/new carpet & woodburning fireplace.



**1872 EPPING FOREST WAY S - \$725,000
4/3/1-3,680 sqft.**

Live in prestigious & beautiful Epping Forest. Make this home what you want it to be. Priced to sell "As Is". Soaring 2-story foyer brings in loads of natural light. Original and lovely true hardwood floors. Living and dining room is great for formal entertaining with wet bar and easy walkthrough to Kitchen.



**2946 BERNICE CT - \$362,000
4/2/1-2,263 sqft.**

Come live in this beautiful, treed, executive neighborhood tucked away between San Jose Boulevard and Scott Mill Road convenient to shopping and I-295. The owners have just completed a 100K renovation! This spacious home has a brand new roof, brand new HVAC, an open living/dining area with high vaulted ceilings and a NEW eat in kitchen.



Jane Slater
REALTOR®
(904) 333-3883



Josh Nugent
REALTOR®
(904) 962-5176



Lynne Ferguson
REALTOR®
(904) 514-0577



Liz Bobeck
REALTOR®
(904) 210-6399



Lisa Ly Nguyen
REALTOR®
(904) 755-1911



Linda Maxwell & Sarah
Leuthold, REALTORS®
(904) 534-7253 / 233-5533



Leslie Fraleigh
REALTOR®
(904) 705-6464



Lee Sheftall Elmore
REALTOR®
(904) 699-4503



Kathy Suber
REALTOR®
(904) 509-0587



Julio Cesar Mendez
REALTOR®
(904) 304-5458



Joy Walker
REALTOR®
(904) 699-4417



Julia Fattahi
REALTOR®
(904) 728-8992

© 2019 BHH Affiliates, LLC. An independently operated subsidiary of HomeServices of America, Inc., a Berkshire Hathaway affiliate, and a franchisee of BHH Affiliates, LLC. Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices and the Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices symbol are registered service marks of HomeServices of America, Inc. Equal Housing Opportunity. Information not verified or guaranteed. If your home is currently listed with a Broker, this is not intended as a solicitation

NOW HIRING NEW & EXPERIENCED AGENTS

- Exceptional support so you can focus on dollar productive activities
- Personalized coaching sessions with a non-competing broker
- New Agent Training Program, differentiate yourself in a competitive business and build a career



Contact:
Josh Cohen, Managing Broker
904.422.2031
josh.cohen@floridanetworkrealty.com

Buying a home?
Contact me to discuss your financing options!



PROSPERITY
HOME MORTGAGE, LLC

Prosperity Home Mortgage, LLC NMLS# 75164. (NMLS Consumer Access @ www.nmlsconsumeraccess.org/)



Meredith Medvec
NMLSR ID: 1020414
Mortgage Consultant
(904) 477-6417
Meredith.Medvec@phmlans.com
Apply Online: MeredithMedvec.PHMLans.com

Multi-million-dollar bequests made to local nonprofits

Several large bequests will help four local non-profits continue their good work, thanks to the Honorable John H. Moore II and Joan Kraft Moore Living Trust. Judge Moore passed away in July 2013 and was followed by his wife, a high school English teacher, in April of this year.

Community Hospice and Palliative Care Foundation, Dreams Come True, Mayo Clinic, and Ronald McDonald House Charities of Jacksonville each received \$2.4 million this August, according to a news release. Thomas M. Donahoo Sr. and Thomas M. Donahoo Jr., from the law firm of Donahoo & McMenamy, presented the last trust distribution on Aug. 22 to Amy Davis, vice president of the Community Hospice & Palliative Care Foundation, according to the release.

“The Moores were a prime example of giving back to the community,” Davis said. “Their legacy will live on through



Mary Waldroff, director of Major and Planned Gifts; Andrea Fritz, vice president of Finance; Amy Davis, vice president and executive director of Philanthropy, all of Community Hospice. Middle: Thomas M. Donahoo Sr. and Thomas M. Donahoo Jr. and Carlos Bosque, chief financial officer of and Jim Monahan, vice president of Education and Community Engagement at Community Hospice

their thoughtful gift that will impact future generations.

“We will continue to provide compassionate end of life care, as well as providing for comfort and care for both children and adult patients. This transformative gift will be invested into our endowment, enabling our free programs to continue and grow into the future,” she continued.

Treaty Oak park lights up for Festival D’Vine

Festival d’Vine is a notable occasion when patrons spend a cool evening outdoors in the Treaty Oak Park on the Southbank listening as the music jams, the fine wines are poured, and some of the areas finest food is served.

“Every year the goal of Festival d’Vine is not only to bring our community together for a delicious and fun event, it’s to raise crucial funds that help Catholic Charities continue to be a resource for the most vulnerable in our community,” said Lauren Weedon Hopkins, regional director for Catholic Charities Jacksonville. “We’re grateful for the continued support of many local organizations, sponsors and guests.”

Barbara Bredehoeft, proprietor of two local legendary restaurants – bb’s in San

Marco and Biscotti’s of Avondale – has been a longtime supporter of the event and always lends a hand in the execution of Catholic Charities events. “It’s a fabulous time of the year, there’s always a great band and the wines are spectacular,” she said. “Everyone is dressed in jeans, relaxed, and the knowledge of the wines being poured is extraordinary.”

Festival D’Vine is held annually in November, so take note when ticket sales roll out for the Oct. 25 event date with a 6 p.m. kickoff. Sponsorship opportunities from \$500 to \$10,000 are still available. Please call Nicola Barnack at (904) 899-5505 for more information. To purchase tickets, visit the Catholic Charities website at ccbjax.org.

State of the River report raises red flags

Pollution and saltwater intrusion show cause for alarm

The 12th Annual State of the River report for the lower St. Johns River basin shows a striking jump in phosphorus as well as elevated levels of metals, continued loss of wetlands, and increasing impacts from saltwater intrusion and sea-level rise.

The report not only indicates an increase in phosphorous levels that are fueling frequent blue-green algae outbreaks, but also shows that sea-level rise from climate change and a legacy of dredging are causing salinity to rise and saltwater to move further upriver. This saltwater intrusion has “potential negative impacts on submerged aquatic vegetation,” undermining the river’s ability to filter out excess pollution and provide habitat for numerous aquatic organisms.

“While the state is growing by 900 people a day, Florida must have a sustainable plan to dispose of human waste without polluting our waterways or threatening human health.”

— Lisa Rinaman

At the same time, South Florida is transporting its sewage sludge, a byproduct of wastewater treatment, to the head waters region of the St. Johns for disposal on farm and ranch lands. Sewage sludge contains high levels of phosphorus as well as a host of metals not removed in the treatment process. Since the St. Johns River flows north, excess pollution in its headwaters will eventually reach north Florida. Without immediate action to stop sewage sludge, which is also known as Biosolids, from being dumped in our watershed, north Florida faces a future of algal blooms and impact to human and ecosystem health, according to the report.

“There are early indicators that phosphorus is rising,” said Gerry Pinto, chief scientist for the 2019 State of the River Report. “While the report card focuses on five-year trends, we do see an uptick in phosphorus and that is concerning for the lower St. Johns.”

The 2019 River report showed several interesting findings:

- **Total nitrogen and phosphorus levels remain unsatisfactory, exceeding state water quality standards. An abrupt uptick in phosphorous occurred in 2018.**
- **Metals, including arsenic, cadmium, lead, silver, and mercury show elevated levels and a unique pattern from the 2016-2018 previously downward trend.**
- **Sea-level rise is increasing groundwater levels. This reduces the capacity of the ground to hold and store nutrients and rainfall, resulting in more runoff, leaching and pollution.**
- **Saltwater intrusion is damaging wetlands and submerged vegetation that are critical to the river’s health.**
- **Wetland losses continue, due to increased land development.**
- **Submerged vegetation destabilized by drought and back-to-back hurricanes has seen limited recovery.**

Stephanie Freeman, chair of the St. Johns Riverkeeper Water Policy Group is also concerned. “As a mom, I am most concerned about the increase in metals being detected in our waterways,” she said. “This newly released report makes me not only fear for the health of our river, but also the exposure to our children. As a family that fishes, boats, and kayaks with my kids, I want my children to be able to enjoy our waterways without worrying about the harmful effects of metals, especially lead, in our waters.”

Florida must prioritize a comprehensive statewide solution to deal with human waste,” said Lisa Rinaman, the St. Johns Riverkeeper. “While the state is growing by 900 people a day, Florida must have a sustainable plan to dispose of human waste without polluting our waterways or threatening human health.”

“This report underscores the fact that for Florida to be truly resilient to the growing threat of sea-level rise, we have to make better decisions to offset impacts,” Rinaman continued. “We must protect wetlands, deny permits that accelerate impacts, and fortify our river for future generations.”

The St. Johns Riverkeeper is circulating a petition asking for the same protections as South Florida to protect water quality in the St. Johns River from sewage sludge. To date, more than 13,000 have signed the petition. To read and sign the petition, go to www.stjohnsriverkeeper.org.

Official Launch Party

Saturday October 19th
6:30pm-10:30pm

Reserve Your Complimentary Ticket Today
www.BalancedSoulWellness.com

Erase the Sins of Summer

- IV VITAMIN THERAPY
- LASH EXTENSIONS (Full Set)
- LASH EXTENSIONS (Fill In)
- MICROBLADING
- FACIALS/CHEMICAL PEELS
- HYDRADERMABRASION
- MICRONEEDLING
- PRP FACIAL

- BOTOX/ XEOMIN
- FACIAL FILLERS
- MEDICAL WEIGHT LOSS
- FITNESS
- NORVELL SPRAY TAN
- MASSAGE/CUPPING THERAPY
- BODY CONTOURING / VELASHAPE

Wedding,
Bachelorette,
Birthday
Packages
Available!!!

904-586-2024 | BalancedSoulWellness.com | 1704 Hendricks Ave, Jacksonville, FL 32207

Mon. Closed | Tue - Fri: 10am - 7pm | Sat: By Appointment | Sun: Closed

Join JDRF North Florida for
THE 19TH ANNUAL MIRACLES GALA
AN EVENING FOR

Kings & Queens

SATURDAY • 10 • 19 • 2019

SAWGRASS MARRIOTT
1000 PGA Tour Boulevard • Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082

6:00
IN THE EVENING

JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO OUR
2019 HONOREE
STEVE HALVERSON
Chairman of The Haskell Company

Presented by Florida Blue

[CSX] JDRF

(904) 739-2101 • www.jdrf.org



Watson Realty Corp. REALTORS®

We're in *your* neighborhood.

904.421.6920

www.watsonrealtycorp.com/offices/san-marco-san-jose

SAN MARCO OFFICE COLLECTION

REDUCED



Stately San Jose Home with Upgrades Galore!
6521 CHRISTOPHER POINT RD.
5 bedrooms | 3.5 baths
4,200 sq ft | \$649,900
ANNO TEAM 904.993.7487

NEW PRICE



New Listing, Pool Home in Beauclerc
9561 WATERFORD RD.
4 bedrooms | 2.5 baths
3,388 sq ft | \$449,000
ANNO TEAM 904.993.7487

UNDER CONTRACT



Room to Roam in this San Jose Beauty
3689 RUSTIC LN.
3 bed | 2.5 bath
2,836 sq ft | \$375,000
ANNO TEAM 904.993.7487



Four Bedroom Pool Home
1407 CADDELL DR.
4 bed | 3 bath
2,576 sq ft | \$375,000
JON SINGLETON 904.226.3480



Reduced
Newly Constructed Estate on Quiet St.
1668 SHIRL LN.
5 bed | 6.5 bath
6,355 sq ft | \$1,599,900
JON SINGLETON 904.226.3480



Lovely Pool Home on a Cul-de-sac Street
1433 JEAN CT.
3 bed | 2 bath
2,071 sq ft | \$409,900
JON SINGLETON 904.226.3480



Under Contract
Gorgeous San Marco Home on 1/2 Acre
1152 MORVENWOOD RD.
3 bed | 2 bath
2,108 sq ft | \$439,900
JON SINGLETON 904.226.3480



Updated & Open Miramar Bungalow
1244 PRESTON PL.
3 bed | 2 bath
1,468 sq ft | \$329,900
JON SINGLETON 904.226.3480



Under Contract
Renovated! 2 Blocks from the Square
1544 LANDON AVE.
4 bedrooms | 2.5 baths
1,624 sqft | \$349,900
JON SINGLETON 904.226.3480



Modern & Open Empire Point Home
4807 RIVER BASIN DR. N.
6 bed | 3.5 bath
3,760 sq ft | \$439,900
JON SINGLETON 904.226.3480



Charming Bungalow, River Oaks Park
2786 RIVERWOOD LN.
3 bed | 2 bath
1,812 sq ft | \$375,000
DAVID & CLAIR TEAM 904.716.7863



Active Adult Community in Del Webb
9831 DEL WEBB PKWY. #3207
3 bed | 2 bath
2,002 sq ft | \$261,500
DAVID & CLAIR TEAM 904.716.7863



Brick Bungalow
4617 ROSEWOOD AVE.
3 bed | 2 bath
1,626 sq ft | \$264,000
DAVID & CLAIR TEAM 904.716.7863

OUR FEATURED AGENTS



Jon Singleton
904.226.3480



Kirk Johanson
904.208.8009



David & Clair Team
904.716.7863



TRANSITION TEAM
Liz Reiman, 904.535.8686
Bruce Homeyer, 904.349.1390



CHARLES AND LORNA ANNO TEAM
Charles Anno, 904.993.7487 &
Lorna Anno, 904.485.0675



Katherine Wohlers
904.314.7524

Leading
REAL ESTATE
COMPANIES
OF THE WORLD

Missi Howell
Vice-President
Managing Broker



LUXURY
PORTFOLIO
INTERNATIONAL



CAREER OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE!

Are you looking for a career with an established successful history, full-time agent support but with a boutique feel? Do you want to be on a winning team where 90% of our agents are listing and selling every single month? Look no further than the Watson San Marco/San Jose office. Call Missi Howell today at 904-421-6921 to get started.

Best-selling author wows capacity crowd at Southside Baptist Church

By Marcia Hodgson
Resident Community News

Every seat in the sanctuary – including the balcony – of Southside Baptist Church was filled to capacity as more than 650 avid readers came to hear *New York Times* best-selling author Amor Towles discuss his second book, *A Gentleman in Moscow*.

The evening with Towles, whose debut novel is *The Age of Civility*, was sponsored by Desiree Bailey, owner of San Marco Bookstore. Bailey won the opportunity to have Towles visit her bookstore to speak and sign books after she entered a window-display contest sponsored by Penguin Books. Her bookstore was one of three in the United States selected to win a visit from the author as the grand prize.

“I was just thrilled with the evening! Our planning paid off, and Mr. Towles was an eloquent and entertaining speaker. Good books, like *A Gentleman in Moscow*, have the power to bring people together, and I’m still amazed at the phenomenal response,” said Bailey, expressing her sorrow that it was necessary to turn people away two

weeks prior to the event after 650 tickets were sold due to a limited amount of space in the church.

Bailey’s display window consisted of a medley of different items representing elements within the story and included a typewriter, an accordion, film reels, wine bottles, suitcases, books read by the title character, Russian nesting dolls, fine China tea cups and saucers, and Hotel Metropol key fobs that Bailey designed herself. Several San Marco merchants assisted her with the display, including the owners of Town Hall, The Wardroom, and the San Marco Theatre.

“I entered this contest knowing that we are just a small independent bookstore in Jacksonville but hoping that our design would appeal to a larger audience,” she said, after learning she won the award. “To me, this window shows how books can both transport and connect people, because over the last few weeks, I’ve thoroughly enjoyed hearing what people thought of the book and how they have encouraged others to read it.”

Having the display window shine from a small independent bookstore was what Towles had in mind when he and his Penguin Books publisher discussed launching the contest. “I wanted to go to an independent bookstore where I haven’t been, in a town where I haven’t seen a large group of people,” he told the audience.

Penguin complied by sending him photos of the various displays from across the country, narrowing it down to the seven best out of 50, he said. “It was easy to pick the top three,” he added, noting that San Marco Bookstore’s display reminded him of a “Cabinet of



The line was long when more than 650 residents filed into Southside Baptist Church to attend an evening with *New York Times* best-selling author Amor Towles Sept. 17.



San Marco Books owner Desiree Bailey and Amor Towles, author of *A Gentleman in Moscow* and *The Age of Civility*.

Curiosity,” boxes or rooms filled with objects popular at the turn of the century that were precursors to modern museums.

“I’m a Joseph Cornell guy. He is the 20th Century American artist who makes little boxes with collages and small objects inside. Perhaps you have seen them at MOMA (Museum of Modern Art) or the Chicago Institute of Art. You can look at them for hours. I’ve found them fascinating since I was a little child,” he explained. “When I saw Desiree’s display I thought, ‘oh wow, this is so neat.’ She nailed it for me, and luckily I was on the (selection) committee.”

Plans are currently in the works to make *A Gentleman in Moscow* into a 16-hour

miniseries starring Kenneth Branagh, Towles said. “I love his work. I think he’s terrific, and I’m glad he’s doing it.”

“I was adamant it not become a feature film,” he continued. “There was a lot of interest in making a feature film, but I said we can’t do it. We started with a six-hour plan – Apple with its new streaming service is producing it – and they were like, six is not enough. We could go 12, 14, or 16. We will do the story of the novel in 16 hours. When and if it happens, that’s tough. With Hollywood you never know until the last minute, but they are writing the screenplay right now. Everyone is signed on contractually, so it should happen.”

INTRODUCING

ACKERMAN UROLOGY
Men's Health and Vitality

COMING OCTOBER 2019

CONVENIENTLY LOCATED
SAN JOSE BLVD
JUST NORTH OF TARGET

ACKERMANUROLOGY.COM

RESY

a groovy place to b.
BOOK NOW

bbsrestaurant.com
904/306.0100

Saturday & Sunday
October 26-27, 2019
11 A.M. - 4 P.M.

JACKSONVILLE BEACH OCEANFRONT

SEA AND SKY

FREE
Air Show

**Interactive displays,
simulators, games
and more!**

Military and civilian aerobatic performers featuring the U.S. Navy Blue Angels, U.S. Army Golden Knights, the GEICO Skytypers, the Commemorative Air Force Red Tail Squadron and more!

**UPGRADE
YOUR VIEW!**

View the air show in style with show center seating, complimentary soda products and water, tented areas, complimentary earplugs, and more!

**Tickets are \$25 for adults
and \$15 for children.**

PARK & RIDE

Make parking a breeze! Park at FSCJ South Campus on Beach Boulevard for free and ride the **Sea & Sky Air Show Shuttle for \$5.**

For seating upgrades,
transportation information
and more, visit

JaxSeaAndSky.com

A golden opportunity awaits in St. Nicholas

Calling entrepreneurs, business owners and savvy investors

There's commercial space in St. Nicholas for lease that's ripe for strong business concepts. The collection of buildings, located from 2705 to 2727 Atlantic Blvd, is being redefined as a pet-oriented campus, and can accommodate anyone looking to grow their business in conjunction with one of the best loved animal hospitals in the Jacksonville area. The location is prime, next door to San Marco, the bustling Southbank and our growing Downtown.

Forward-thinking entrepreneurs can take full advantage of the innate factors that matter most to the success of businesses – high traffic counts, street visibility and the nearby affluent customer base, along with a built in draw of 1,000s of loyal pet owners, bringing their furry family members to St. Francis Animal Hospital from all over Northeast Florida. Currently, St. Francis occupies 5,000 of the 20,000 square-foot campus, leaving plenty of availability for grooming, boarding, retail, day care, and food concepts catering to pet owners.

"The entire block has such potential, from the surplus of parking, to the steady flow of traffic on the thoroughfare that is Atlantic Blvd.," said Dr. Susie Shelton, owner of the property. She's also the lead veterinarian at St. Francis Animal Hospital that occupies the building and knows that the campus can suit a multitude of uses. "There's approximately 15,000-square-feet of indoor space available to work with and great outdoor potential as well. We feel that the possibilities are endless for the right fit," she said.

Shelton has enlisted the help of Jon Singleton with Watson Realty, one of the area's top real estate agents. Jon is confident in the strength of the market and the demand for this type of use. He's so confident that he's immediately jumped in and taken on the showings and conversations with future tenants and is working to foster the right relationships for Dr. Shelton in future ventures.

"Susie and I have worked together for years, she's a great businesswoman and a compassionate veterinarian. She understands the market, and she knows we can find some fantastic people that want to either partner up with animal-based business models or can provide a service outside of that niche that takes advantage of this customer stream," shared Singleton. "There are models that exist in the pet industry and many of them would marry nicely into this business. Susie has such a loyal following, and this will simply complete the package and provide a more holistic experience for her customers," Singleton continued. "We also really enjoy collaborating, and have partnered with the fundraiser Chariots of Fur, and other endeavors in the past. She and I have both been recognized as city-wide favorites through numerous venues, and love combining our positive energies!"

While not dead set on an animal-related concept, Singleton and Shelton are also welcoming ideas for an entirely new venture – like a brewing company, natural juice bar, gym concept, wellness center, or any other 'outside of the box' tenant. With ample parking and a sprawling oak that provides shade and green space in the back of the property, there's a lot to work with. "The fact that I have a thriving practice with clients coming from over 25 different ZIP



codes is huge," said Shelton. It provides a pipeline for any animal related businesses or others that offer amenities for those waiting for their pets.

For the entrepreneur seeking space for expanding a model concept like Kanine Social in the Brooklyn area or Brew Hound in Atlantic Beach; the immediate impact could be felt by way of the veterinary practice. Many animal procedures take time, grooming takes time, and the recovery from trauma takes time. This time could be spent enjoying downtime at a hybrid brewing concept, a juice bar, or perhaps a complimentary wellness concept for animals. Additionally, services like boarding could be combined with grooming in a

campus-like setting with shopping and other amenities.

If you have a project and want to explore the options, visit the buildings, and walk the property, give Jon Singleton a call or visit www.2727AtlanticBlvd.com to view photos, learn more and discover the best location for your next venture. Bring your concept to the masses and get noticed in this prime piece of real estate by calling 904-226-3480, ask for Jon Singleton.



You're Invited

Lunch and Learn
MY WISHES
Presented by Oaklawn Cemetery

Luncheon host and sponsor, Camille Ott of Oaklawn Cemetery will share four simple steps you can take to prepare for the future. She will be joined by Chris Haley, COO of LegacyShield, a digital asset protection specialist as well as financial planners.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13 @ 12:30 P.M.
TALIAFERRO HALL

Recital
A VOYAGE THROUGH THE AMERICAS

Cesar Pimental, trombone
and Teresa Perrin, flute

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13 @ 5:00 P.M.
TALIAFERRO HALL
Reception following

256 EAST CHURCH STREET
JACKSONVILLE, FL 32202
(904) 356-5507 • JaxCathedral.org

Terry Vereen
PLUMBING INC.

904-384-5661 or 904-241-2884

AT TERRY VEREEN PLUMBING, WE CAN HANDLE PLUMBING EMERGENCIES SUCH AS:

- Broken Pipes
- Damaged Faucets
- Leaks
- Slab Leaks or Under Slab Leaks
- Broken or Overflowing Toilets

OTHER SERVICES OFFERED INCLUDE:

- Expert Plumbing Repairs & Re-piping
- Emergency Plumbing Services
- Water Heater Service & Installation
- Sewer & Drain Service
- Drain Cleaning/Stoppages
- Complete Bath & Kitchen Remodeling

2018 Angie's list SUPER SERVICE AWARD

RESIDENTIAL OR COMMERCIAL • PERSONALIZED SERVICE

2690 Rosselle Street, Jacksonville, FL 32204
TerryVereenPlumbing.net
STATE CERTIFIED PLUMBING CONTRACTOR CFCO 25597

\$25.00 OFF Get \$25 OFF your service.
Call any Weekday in October.

Clip this coupon and schedule your appointment. Saving money has never been this easy!
CALL US TODAY. TERRY VEREEN PLUMBING, INC. 904-384-5661

Some restrictions apply. Offer valid only during regular business hours (8am-5pm). Does not include installation of fixtures or appliances. Coupon must be presented to receive discount. Limit One per customer per visit. Cannot be combined with any other offers or discounts. Not valid on jobs already quoted. Payments must be made at time of service to receive discount. Offer expires October 31, 2019.

18TH ANNUAL
OYSTER ROAST

ST. JOHN'S RIVERKEEPER

Friday
November 15, 2019
7:00 pm

Garden Club of Jacksonville

Tickets available at:
stjohnsriverkeeper.org
or call
904.256.7591

Residents debate favorability of infill projects in the neighborhood

Q: Are you or are you not in favor of the increase in infill projects in our neighborhoods and neighboring growth points? Why or why not?

By Marcia Hodgson, Resident Community News



I'm in favor of them. Absolutely. Why not? I love the growth and seeing new things happen. I think the Presbyterian Church project is going to be a major asset to the community. We will have to get used to the added traffic, but they will work that out. That's the only downside to this in San Marco, because it's tight and access to that property is not easy, but we'll work it out because what it is going to bring to our neighborhood is wonderful. It will bring in younger people, more professionals, and that will help the restaurants and shops and maybe we will get the boutique-like shops back again. I don't see a downside to it.

— GARY MCCALLA, GRANADA



I'm totally in favor. I think it adds to the community and will continue to build the city of San Marco. The businesses that are in San Marco that are owned by our own residents will continue to grow and survive. We've had a lot of closings so it will help us sustain. I know there is a lot of concern about parking, so I think we will need a solution around parking, but I'm totally in favor of the growth. I think our aldermen can find a solution for parking, and the recent Beach Buggy addition has been wonderful. It helps people park a few blocks away or go from home to restaurants.

— KRIS TIEFENTHALER, SAN MARCO



Infill projects are going to do a lot to bring back parts of the city that haven't been productive economically or healthy or livable for a long time. So, it's valuable to focus on infill to take advantage of the resources we have close to Downtown. Infill will help strengthen Downtown growth, too. If we infill the areas surrounding Downtown, Downtown will be likely to grow, too. In terms of San Marco, it's important to do these things deliberately with a sense of scale and proportion that corresponds with the neighborhood around it, keeping in mind the walking experience and the conscious building of a community. I'm for it, but it needs to be done deliberately. It needs to be planned well with best current practices and with input from community groups such as the San Marco Preservation Society. It needs to be done hand in hand with the planning department Downtown, making sure they agree on the right priorities for any given site. A focus on mixed-use projects with street-level retail, offices, and apartments is a pretty organic way to do it so that every use supports and buttresses every other use, and that goes along with the model of what traditional Main Streets do best.

— ANDREW DICKSON, SAN MARCO



I'm very much in opposition of several of these developments. I would tell you specifically the one I'm most concerned about is scheduled to be built where the (Presbyterian) church is right now. I understand the church is selling its property and building an apartment complex right there. That's immediately adjacent to my residence. Although my street address is on Alexandria Place, the back of our house is on Mitchell Avenue, and my driveway is directly opposite to the proposed driveway for this four-story parking garage. We have a pool in our backyard, and my young children, ages 5 and 7, play in that pool each evening and on the weekends. To think there might be people in that garage overlooking my backyard and seeing my children play in the privacy of our own home is revolting. It should never be. We should never have a situation where apartment complexes are built immediately adjacent to single family residences. It's sad to see this happening. I see other apartments are already under construction off Philips Highway and near Aardwolf. There are plenty already being built. To have another immediately adjacent to single-family homes is a disaster for San Marco. It's not appropriate. I understand some people are very much in favor of a parking garage being there, but that needs to be moved. I would hope the San Marco Preservation Society, as a whole, starts to realize this isn't going to be an appropriate addition to San Marco. It's a historic preservation society. There is nothing historic about building an apartment complex immediately adjacent to our homes. I'm in support of additional development in San Marco, as long as it is in concert with preserving the existing culture. We need to make this a neighborhood people want to come to, that people want to walk around in. We can't have it be a community of four-story apartment complexes.

— DR. NED CLARK, SAN MARCO



I'm totally in favor of revamping the urban area that's already here. The revitalization of Downtown and San Marco will be great. Traffic is always a worry. Right now, I commute from Jacksonville to the tiny town of Starke, so I don't have to deal with that much traffic. Knowing I am going to live and work in San Marco with the excess construction that's going to happen and the building of apartments that's going to add people and residents, it's a little bit of a worry and concern, but I also think it's going to bring so much revenue to the city. I think in the long run, it's going to be a great thing.

— CHASITY WHITAKER, SAN MARCO



Infill projects? Yes, I'm in favor. Rather than encouraging urban sprawl, you should do infill rather than getting into new virgin territory. You should make use of what you have. Make use of the existing infrastructure. It saves the city money. I think it's a smart way to go, if done properly. In San Marco, I wish they would do more. They are doing all kinds of good things. I wish Publix would go forward. They need to do a little better on parking, but high density is the way to go, similar to Europe.

— MARCEL DULAY, SAN MARCO



I'm absolutely in favor, especially in North San Marco where we did the San Marco Neighborhood Action Plan – San Marco by Design – to give developers an understanding of how we see the north area growing. We included higher densities, taller buildings, and that's been adopted by the city as a guideline for development in the neighborhood. I think the Commander Apartments (in Avondale), when they were built were not fine apartments, but they have been completely redone. They are quite nice. That whole development is wonderful. It's a boon, I think, for Avondale. I'm happy with the Presbyterian Church project and San Marco Crossing, but I do think that traffic is going to be a problem. But we can make it work, and we will make it work.

— ROB SMITH, SAN MARCO



I'm not against it. The only thing you can count on is change. I love San Marco. I think more people want to live here, and it's not what I do to say, 'I live here. I love it, and you can't come,' so I am not against it. I think it should be done tastefully. I think they should think about the neighbors they back up to and whether they should put a parking garage up or townhomes to kind of front the garage, like the Presbyterian Church project. I've heard that's coming, and they need to do it thoughtfully. Change is coming, and this is the only thing we can count on, and we will probably get a Publix. I grew up here. I love it. Years ago, it was a two-lane road to Mandarin, where we rode the train. Things have changed. It's okay. We will live with it.

— MIMI SHERMAN PEARCE, SAN MARCO

ASK THE EXPERT

THE BIGGEST THING HAPPENING IN 2020: 5G

Fifth generation wireless technology (5G) isn't just poised to add another "G" to cellular's alliterative alphabet. It may signal the start of a new industrial revolution. While it takes time to adopt and fully utilize new technologies, each wireless generation had drastically changed our world. 5G has the potential to be the most disruptive yet. 5G could be the biggest thing to happen in 2020 because of the speed, reliability, and size of its network.

In 1981, 1G allowed us to make wireless calls in neon ski clothes but we had to wait until the Shania Twain era before 2g gave us the ability to either text or play Nokia's snake game. In 2001, 3G gave us the ability to access emails if we somehow hit the right combination of bunny pellet buttons on our Blackberry while we pretended to work from home. In 2008, 4G allowed our employers to see what we were doing while working from home as video streaming became available and 2020 is when 5G is set to take the stage. That performance has a lot of expectations.

1G: calls
2G: calls, text
3G: calls, text, data
4G: calls, text, data, video
5G: calls, text, data, video, ?

The reason there is an enhanced anticipation around 5G is the potential disruptive power of low latency, high reliability, and high speeds. Whenever you click to watch Baby Shark at a lower quality because you need it to play NOW, you are reducing the latency or the delay happening between the signals. 5G has such a low delay and such a reliable network that things like manufacturing equipment no longer need to be hardwired together, instead, you have an entire factory wirelessly communicating what is happening in real time. In a home setting, this results in your A/C turning down, the lights and TV turning on, and the coffee machine starting just because you and your phone walked from your bedroom to the kitchen in the morning. While convenient and potentially noisy, take that same concept into the factory except there the small sensors allow for an engine to tell itself to send coolant to a specific coil that just started overheating. Overlay that concept on a city and you can see why GM is set to spend \$1 billion on self-driving technology. Many things never live up to their expectations, e.g. my decade old "How to Play the Bagpipes" book, but 5G gives plenty of reason to mark 2020 down as a potential year of change.

Caleb Cronin is a financial advisor with Raymond James & Associates, Inc. Opinions expressed in the attached article are those of the author and are not necessarily those of Raymond James.



OTTERTSON ALLISON
 Wealth Management Group of
RAYMOND JAMES®

245 Riverside Avenue, Ste 500, Jacksonville, FL 32202
 904.858.4100 | www.ottersonallison.com

Raymond James & Associates, Inc., Member New York Stock Exchange/SIPC. Diversification and strategic asset allocation do not ensure a profit against a loss. Investing always involves risk and you may incur a profit or loss. No investment strategy can guarantee success. Investments & Wealth Institute: The Institute is the owner of the certification mark "CIMA," the service mark Certified Investment Management AnalystSM, "CIMA" or Certified Investment Management AnalystSM signifies that the user has successfully completed The Institute's initial and ongoing credentialing requirements for investment management professionals.



Meghan Garner of Southside Baptist Church delivers the Jesus Film in San Marco

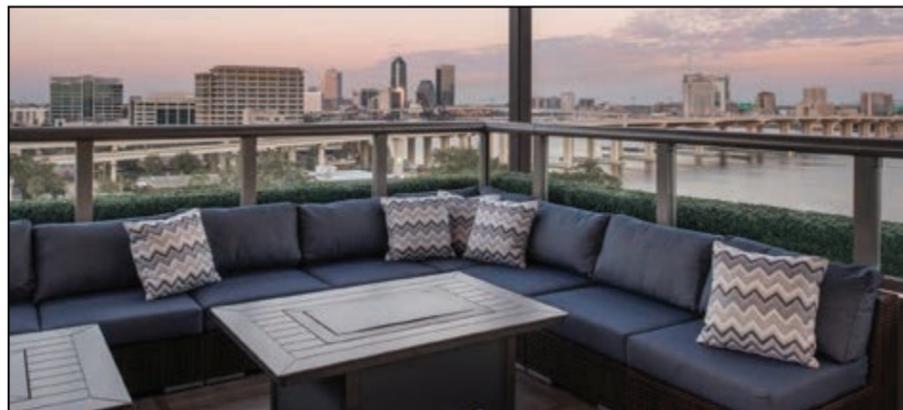
San Marco churches distribute Jesus film until every home is reached

Members of 10 churches in the San Marco area banded together at Southside Baptist Church Aug. 24 to put together 16,000 packets containing the Jesus Film, with information about local churches and ministry opportunities. On Sept. 7, members from the churches distributed the packets door-to-door within various neighborhoods in the 32207 ZIP code. The effort, part of the initiative, Saturate First Coast, has begun delivering 599,329 packets to homes throughout greater Jacksonville.

The Jesus Film depicts the life of Jesus using the Gospel of Luke and has been in existence since 1979. A Christian donor was so moved after viewing it, he decided everyone should hear this “Good News.” Copies of the film were made, and the churches have gotten on board to distribute it throughout the United States.

Local churches taking part in the distribution effort included Southside Baptist Church, Faith United Church with Kim’s Open Door, Southside United Methodist Church, TheCity.church, First Coast Christian Ministries, New Kingdom Harvest, Victory Way Christian Center, River City Church, St. Nicholas Bethel Baptist Church, and Impacting Lives Christian Ministries.

Members from the various churches met early at Southside Baptist Church, where they enjoyed breakfast and a time of worship before assembling the packets. Two weeks later, as the packets were placed on door-knobs, prayers were said over each street, house, and individual that the film would be played, and eyes would be opened to the goodness of Jesus Christ.



Weekends on the Rooftop

NOW OPEN AT 11AM SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS



- Enjoy full appetizer, charcuterie, and cocktail menus served on the Rooftop everyday
- Brunch is served Sundays on the 1st floor from 11am – 3 pm
- Happy Hour Sunday – Thursday, 3pm – 6:30pm



904.575.2366 | RIVERANDPOSTJAX.COM

Dredging to begin at Millers Creek

By Marcia Hodgson
Resident Community News

Dredging will soon begin at Millers Creek. The Millers Creek Special Tax District Board unanimously voted to sign a contract with DredgIt, a fully integrated sediment management company from Houston, Texas, to remove sediment from Millers Creek, during a meeting Sept. 16 in the Compass Bank building in St. Nicholas. Board Chairman Michelle Wright said DredgIt could possibly begin “mobilizing” its equipment as early as the day after the contract was signed.

The vote was not taken without some discussion. On Sept. 13, the Friday before the meeting, Wright was apprised of a new revelation concerning the high cost associated with the transportation and disposal of the waste materials by Independent Recycling, the company recommended to distribute the balance of the dirt – approximately 20,000-cubic-yards – that is not slated to be taken by Jacksonville’s Trail Ridge Landfill.

Trail Ridge has already agreed to take on 10,000-cubic-yards of soil that is contaminated with benzo(a)pyrene for free, with the only cost to the special tax district being transportation. Right now, the district’s plan is to remove 30,000-cubic-yards of soil from the creek.

Because DredgIt is a specialist in “dewatering” soil from dredging projects and owns special equipment for this purpose, Wright said she expects less soil than the 10,000-cubic-yards will be transported to Trail Ridge. It is the board’s plan to have Wright and her husband, Jonathan, join Joe Wagner, of Wood Environment and Infrastructure Solutions, in a meeting with Trail Ridge personnel to see if it is possible for the city landfill to dispose of the entire 30,000- cubic-yards at no cost. Jonathan Wright is not a board member but serves as board secretary.

“All we then would have to pay is transportation, which is included in our bid,” said Wright. “Joe Wagner is setting up that meeting, and we will have Jonathan and myself go and make that pitch. If Trail Ridge tells us no, that all we can get is 10,000 yards, DredgIt has found us a land developer locally that will take all of our materials that do not have benzo(a)pyrene. So the 20,000 that’s not going to Trail Ridge, can go to the local developer with the contingency that DredgIt has to prepare the landfill for their use,” she said, adding the contingency cost will be an additional \$22,000, which, when added to DredgIt’s bid, is less than the cost Independent Recycling was going to charge at \$21 a cubic foot to distribute the soil.

“The worst-case scenario is our bid will jump up to \$877,000, which is still less than our second lowest bid from Dames Point,”

she said. A local company, Dames Point Workboats LLC had bid \$877,487. DredgIt’s original bid was \$855,000.

“In our contract it says, if we are able to get Trail Ridge to take the full 30,000, or there is another opportunity where we can get people to take our material for free, we can do it. It’s kind of like a change order as a disposal cost. At least we have something definite as a back-up,” Wright continued. In the contract, DredgIt had specified only 2,000-cubic-yards with benzo(a)pyrene going to Trail Ridge, 5,000-cubic-yards being distributed among Millers Creek homeowners to assist in building up their yards, and 22,000 being distributed by Independent Recycling, she added.

“So, what it comes down to is this, it’s only 15,000 cubic yards that we are looking to find a home for elsewhere,” she said. “I still think it is a great contract.”

“So, what it comes down to is this, it’s only 15,000 cubic yards that we are looking to find a home for elsewhere. I still think it is a great contract.”

— Michelle Wright, president,
Millers Creek Special Tax District

More good news

During the meeting, the board also unanimously agreed to purchase a performance bond from Suretec Insurance Company at a cost of \$20,000. The bond will ensure that DredgIt will perform the work to completion and pay any subcontractors it hires to work on the creek. “I recommend we buy it,” said Tamara Grooms Baker, a board member. “I think it will give homeowners peace of mind.”

The board also revealed in the news that the city’s Environmental Protection Board had approved a grant of \$50,000 to assist in removing benzo(a)pyrene from the creek. The board had initially requested only \$25,000, but when the Environmental Protection Board heard its case, it recommended doubling the amount, said Millers Creek Treasurer Scott Bates. “They asked us why we were not asking for more. They were confused by our methodology,” he said.

The \$50,000 allocation still needs to be approved by the Jacksonville City Council, said Wright. “Basically, it is a rubber stamp because once they get a recommendation from the Environmental Protection Board, they will cut us a check,” she said.



Are you anxious or afraid of the dentist?

At River Oaks Dental we make sure you are comfortable and relaxed for your dental treatment.

With sedation dentistry you can regain your health and have the fabulous smile you always wanted.



Dr. Rachel Harris Monteiro

Call or visit our website to schedule an appointment today!
Convenient evening hours are available!

(904) 348-0416 | RiverOaksDentalJax.com | @riveroaksdentaljax
6120 San Jose Blvd., Jacksonville, Florida 32217

From London to Tokyo, this wealth-management firm goes the distance

BREXIT provided opportunities and a new firm strategy

During 2015, Capital Dimensions Wealth Management started advising its clients that U.S. markets would at some point slow their ascent, as the Federal Reserve began throttling back on its quantitative easing and began to implement plans to start raising interest rates. Among the solutions we offered for this scenario was for certain clients to further diversify their portfolios and consider changing the proportion of U.S. versus non-U.S. assets held.

While we strive to ensure portfolios include high-quality U.S. assets, the number of holdings outside the United States can vary depending on many factors. We kept that in mind while also considering the unforeseen vote to separate the United Kingdom from the European Union (BREXIT). After the vote, we analyzed country-specific industry and individual company data and created a plan to diversify.

Rather than just adding another international mutual fund or ETF to our client's portfolio, Capital Dimensions staff felt that the Brexit vote produced a price reduction, of anywhere from 15 to 30 percent on many stocks. We then interviewed many of those companies, before making any investment decisions.

There's a good chance that you won't get that type of advice or direction from your \$4.95 per trade discount broker.

Since this initial international foray, we have visited, interviewed and invested in great companies on almost every continent. This international-process is in our company's DNA now, transforming Capital Dimensions Wealth Management from a local firm to a neighborhood financial source with first-hand international expertise. We now invest for clients who live coast to coast and in 13 states across America – all thanks to word-of-mouth referrals from existing clients.

International diversification, with hands-on analysis, is just one aspect of why we believe capitalism works and that there are reasons for optimism when investing.

Capital Dimensions opened its doors 14 years ago for the express purpose of developing a local *independent* financial-services firm staffed by one or more *credentialed* financial advisors and serviced by an Independent bank/broker-dealer. As an Independent broker-dealer, LPL Financial does not offer any proprietary products. As a result, Capital Dimensions can offer objective advice based on each client's individual situation.

If you would like us to look at your portfolio and see if there is anything we can do to help you work toward your goals, call us at 904-730-3877. The Capital Dimensions Wealth Management office is located at 2120 University Blvd., three blocks off San Jose Boulevard.



Beijing



Hangzhou



Mumbai



Brussels



Capital Dimensions Wealth Management
2120 University Blvd. | 904-730-3877

Please keep in mind that investing in Marketable securities involves risk and loss of principal. The above information is not meant to substitute for specific individual tax, legal or investment planning. The information stated is not intended to provide specific advice or recommendations for individuals. Securities and Advisory services through LPL Financial. A registered investment advisor. Member FINRA & SIPC.



Jacksonville's Premiere Ping Pong Restaurant & Bar

burgers done right



smashjax.com
904.712.6500 | 8206 Philips Hwy, Unit 6 Jacksonville, FL, 32256





11789 BRADY ROAD
\$1,250,000

This is one of the most beautifully appointed homes to come on the market in a long time! Designed by noted Architect, Kevin Gray, only the finest quality fixtures and finishes were used to create this exquisite home! Most rooms have a view of the pond and wooded land beyond the far edge. Screened pool surrounded by spacious covered and open patio areas. The vaulted ceiling in the family room has hand-carved solid cypress beams and adjoins the large kitchen with center island and separate wine room with chiller and dishwasher - large butler's pantry and walk-in food pantry make entertaining a breeze! Three car garage and magnificent landscaped grounds! Truly a private paradise!

Linda McMorrow
REALTOR®
904-626-9900
florida_legends@msn.com



Selby Kaiser
REALTOR®
904-626-8800
selbykaiser@bellsouth.net





1215 BOULEVARD STREET
\$775,000

Return to yesteryear in this gracious three-story home across from Klutho Park in Springfield. Spacious rooms, original fireplaces, remodeled kitchen and much more! Beautiful pool and patio with fireplace/oven for dining under the pergola! Two-car garage with guest apartment containing bedroom, sitting area, kitchen and bath. Veranda overlooking the park with its community activities such as Springfield Porchfest and the Disc Golf Course.




Selby Kaiser & Linda McMorrow
sellinglegends.com

Physician recommends healthy lifestyle to ward off aging, disease

To remain healthy and combat many diseases that go hand-in-hand with aging, Dr. Lewis Obi recommends turning back the clock to a bygone era to make healthy lifestyle choices.

“We need to go back to the traditional ways in our lifestyle. I think we need to live like we used to live before the 1960s,” said the renowned plastic surgeon, who holds both a pharmacy degree from the University of Florida and a medical degree from the University of Miami, noting there has been a rise in obesity with the prevalence of fast food and more sedentary habits. Attention deficit disorders are now common in children as they play video games and young people remain glued to laptop computers, he said. “You never used to see ALS or Alzheimer’s before the 1960s and 70s. We can avoid 80% of diseases with a healthy lifestyle and stem cell therapies.”

At age 84, Obi has long practiced what he preaches.

Obi was born on the same day Hurricane Three made landfall in 1935 and began working to help his family from the age of 6, walking an average of 25 to 30 miles a day throughout his youth. He joined the Marine Corps at age 16, earning the rank of Staff Sergeant by the time he was 19. He earned his first black belt during the Korean War. After he served in the Korean War, he started his education toward an undergraduate degree in Pharmacy and Pre-med at the University of Florida. He worked as a pharmacist in Jacksonville, before heading to the University of Miami Medical School where he acquired his M.D. degree in 1965. After graduation, he completed his internship in the United States Navy during the Viet Nam War. After four different residency trainings, he became board certified in plastic surgery at the age of 38.

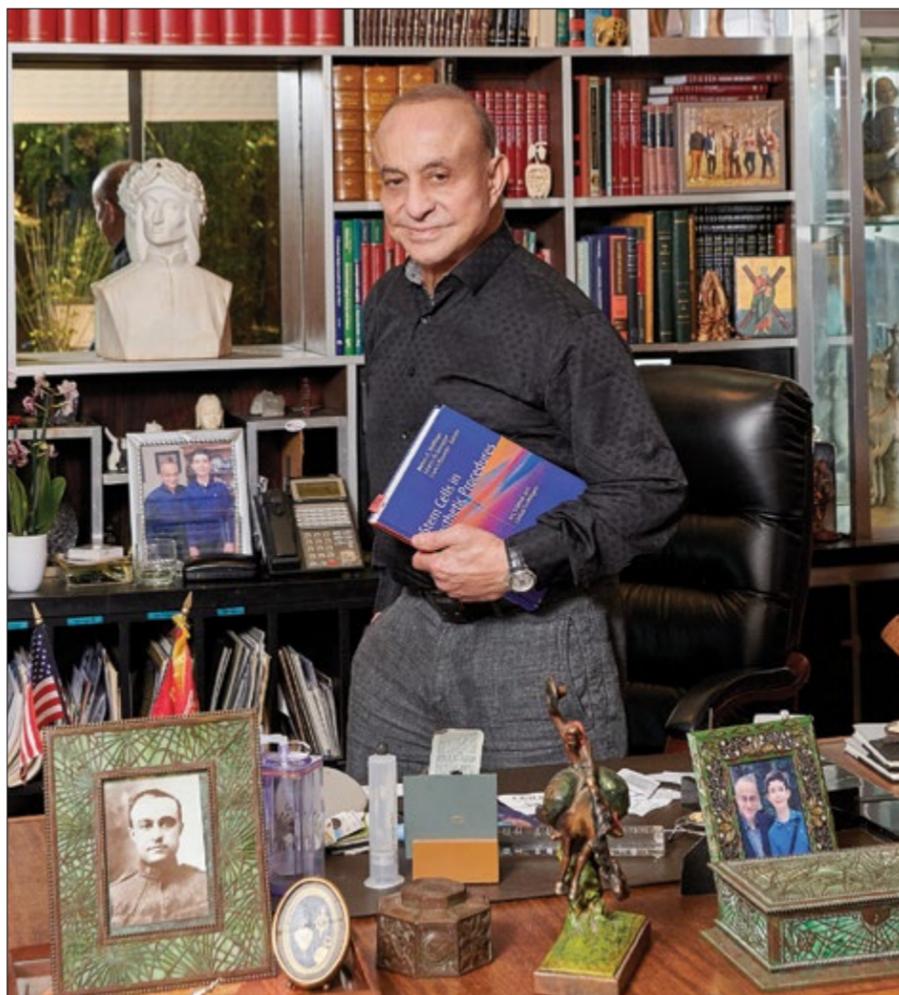
Now a renowned plastic surgeon and internationally recognized stem cell specialist who spearheads Obi Plastic Surgery and Pangenics Regenerative Center at 3599 University Blvd., Obi works 18 hour days in his plastic surgery clinic, needs no glasses to read or to drive, ran his first of three marathons at age 63, and is currently working on earning a second-degree black

belt with a private karate dojo. “I have all my faculties. My cognition is outstanding. Genetics is important, too, but you can bypass genetics with lifestyle. If you have good genes, you can negate those with lifestyle. For instance, we never used to see autoimmune diseases, but they are very prevalent now, because we absorb foreign proteins through a compromised GI tract from eating bad foods.”

Genetic mutations can be caused by unhealthy habits or exposure to chemicals and substances, he said, adding that rheumatoid arthritis, lupus, and multiple sclerosis can be mitigated with a healthy lifestyle and stem-cell therapy. “A healthy lifestyle helps you ward off a lot of these diseases,” he said, recommending people stay away from TV, especially the news, and if they must watch, stick to classic movies from the 1930s and 40s. Watching violence on TV can be very stressful, he said.

To stay healthy and vigorous, Obi recommends eating only healthy organic foods, such as eggs, rice with no gluten, cheese, chicken sausage -- nothing greasy -- vegetables and fruits, choosing lots of berries over citrus or bananas, which are highly caloric. “Stay away from carbs, fast food, and GMOs. Diets do not work. Obesity is epidemic today. Over half of Americans are overweight, and they have tons of diets -- none of them work. It’s lifestyle change that is needed to lose weight. I was overweight when I started running marathons. I had tried many diets and I ran 70 miles a week and didn’t lose a single pound,” he said.

Obi’s daily schedule, which is not for the faint of heart, requires he sleep only three hours per night, heading to bed at 11:30 p.m. and arising between 2:30 and 3 a.m. Once he rises, he eats his largest meal, followed by five to six smaller meals throughout the day until 5 p.m., after which he consumes no calories. Smoking is forbidden. Alcohol should be limited to one glass of wine or a highball, preferably not too close to bedtime. “Eat food early. Eighty percent of your calories should be ingested in the first half of your day. The body stores the calories we take in at nighttime in the form of fat,” he said. He



Lewis J. Obi, ABPS, BSP: Medical director of the Lewis Obi Plastic Surgery Clinic (www.obiplasticsurgery.com) and The Pangenics Regenerative Center (www.stemcellsurgeryflorida.com)

also drinks eight to 10 glasses of filtered water -- not bottled -- or probiotic drinks each day and eats only fresh food -- none with labels -- or fast foods. When he eats out, which is infrequently, it is only at select restaurants. “I prepare 95% of my own food,” he said.

Obi’s vitamins/supplements are all fat and water soluble and are an important part of Obi’s dietary regimen. Fat soluble vitamins, including all of his eye vitamins, are taken together after his breakfast, which contains a little fat. He also takes other vitamins throughout the day, after eating a series of small meals, consuming approximately 45 vitamins/supplements in total.

Obi also schedules at least two hours of exercise into his early morning routine. From 4:30 to 5:30 a.m. he works out with a seventh-degree karate dojo in the studio at his clinic before heading to HCA Columbia Hospital to do an “insanity” cross-training workout.

“You truly are what you eat, and it is so true in terms of the quality, quantity, and food types,” he said. “The most important aspect of life extension is caloric restriction. Obesity and belly fat is the number one risk factor for cancer, heart disease, stroke and cognitive disorders. Exercise of body and mind with equanimity of mind and without injury to joints is important.”

T P C TOUCHTON

PLUMBING CONTRACTORS INC.

Northeast Florida Plumbing Experts

- Expert Repairs & Repiping
- Backflow Installations
- Septic Tank Systems
- Drain Fields
- Lift Stations
- Water Heater Service & Installation
- TV/Video Sewer Line Inspections
- Under Slab Leaks
- Sewer & Drain Service
- Bath & Kitchen Remodeling
- Shower Pan & Tile Work

STATE CERT. #CFC056489 RSTC-SR0051487

Residential & Commercial | 24 Hour Service | Free Estimates | TouchtonPlumbing.com | (904) 389-9299 | 416 Ryan Ave., Jacksonville

2019-2020

FLORIDA FORUM

NIKKI HALEY

US Ambassador to the United Nations (2017-2019)
October 28, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

JON MEACHAM

Presidential historian and Pulitzer Prize-winning Author
January 22, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

JERRY RICE

Hall of Fame Wide Receiver & Three-Time Super Bowl Champion
February 25, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

PRODUCED BY THE WOMEN'S BOARD TO BENEFIT WOLFSON CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL
For Tickets & Sponsorship Information: 904.222.2284 | FloridaForum.com | TheFloridaForum.com

JACKSONVILLE ARBORETUM & GARDENS SIXTH ANNUAL FUN, OUTDOOR FUNDRAISER

Spirits Under The Sun

A Pairing of Food & Drink with Nature

Showcasing some of Jacksonville's favorite restaurants with samples of their signature dishes, craft beer and wine along with the 'pairing' of plants with the cocktails, live entertainment, a silent auction and guided tours of the gardens

Saturday, October 19th

3-6pm at the Arboretum's Lakefront Pavilion

Go to www.jacksonvillearboretum.org for more information and to purchase tickets

New Nemours physician to bring hope to kids with hearing loss

Children in North Florida with conditions ranging from hearing loss to sleep disorders now have more resources for life-changing treatment close to home. Pediatric otolaryngologist Scott Brietzke, MD, MPH, has joined the team at Wolfson Children's Hospital and Nemours Children's Specialty Care.

Brietzke, who maintains special interests in sleep apnea and cochlear implants, comes to Jacksonville from Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital in Hollywood, Fla. He will focus on the following treatment areas: adenoidectomy, bone-anchored hearing aids (BAHA), complex sleep disorders, ear drum repair, ear drum reconstruction, facial nerve disorder treatment, fiberoptic laryngoscopy, foreign body removal, laser laryngoscopy, laser bronchoscopy, mastoid disorder treatment, middle ear reconstruction, myringotomy with ventilating tubes, nasal endoscopy, obstructive sleep apnea, otology treatment, pediatric sinus disease treatment, tonsillectomy and trachea reconstruction.

"I looked for an opportunity where I could be part of a team that offered the most comprehensive care for children and their families," Brietzke said. "When children come to Wolfson Children's and Nemours, they have access to a full range of specialists to treat every aspect of each individual condition."

Brietzke served in the U.S. Army for more than 20 years and was the director of pediatric otolaryngology and adult sleep surgery at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda, Maryland. He has also directed 11 humanitarian missions to Honduras to provide adult and pediatric ear surgery and hearing rehabilitation.

"The military has played a huge role in my life, and it's an honor to be able to serve military families in a city like Jacksonville that appreciates its service members," he said.

Brietzke and his wife have five children. In his free time, he enjoys attending his children's sporting events, participating in church activities, and cycling.



Dr. Scott Brietzke

Philanthropists Cindy and Dan Edelman establish excellence in teaching fellowship for Duval County

Public and charter school teachers
will create their dream professional
development experience

Dan Edelman honored his wife, Cindy – a passionate public education champion – by initiating the establishment of a fund at The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida to provide professional development opportunities for K-12 teachers in the Duval County Public Schools.

The permanent fund, The Cindy Edelman Excellence in Teaching Fellowship, is intended to identify and reward excellence in teaching, and support a program of professional development or research. It will provide successful applicants up to \$6,500 per teacher or \$10,000 per teacher team to pursue career-enhancing strategies for professional educators.

"Great teachers share an incredible passion to elevate their practice so they can be more effective in the classroom," noted Cindy Edelman, who is a retired art history educator. "With this fellowship, I hope we can open doors for these dedicated professionals to have the learning experience they seek to advance their craft and deliver even more impact for our students."

The Fellowship will be administered by the Jacksonville Public Education Fund (JPEF), a nonprofit organization that works



Cindy Edelman

to close the opportunity gap for low-income students by investing in great leaders in and around area public schools. Cindy has been deeply involved in JPEF since its inception 10 years ago, chairing its board of directors in 2012 and 2013. She also chaired The Community Foundation's board of trustees in 2010 and 2011 and helped lead the Foundation's Quality Education for All Initiative, and its private philanthropy component, the Quality Education for All Fund.

"Investing in excellent education will always yield an invaluable return to our children and the entire community, and I could not be more grateful to the Edelmanns for this tremendous gift to our educators," said Duval County Schools Superintendent

Dr. Diana Greene. "Our teachers are our foundation. They are what keep Team Duval moving forward, and I know these fellowships will provide more fuel in our journey to becoming an A-district with outstanding student achievement."

Sarah Pasion, the 2019 Florida Blue Duval County Teacher of the Year, is enthusiastic about the prospect of such a generous professional development opportunity. "When teachers are inspired to teach, students are inspired to learn," she said. "The Edelman Fellowship is an incredible opportunity for public school teachers in Duval County to design their own learning experience and pursue their passions. I'm grateful to the Edelman family for their steadfast support of educators."

Applications for The Cindy Edelman Excellence in Teaching Fellowship are now open now—the deadline is Jan. 10, 2020. Fellowships are available to full-time Duval County Public School and Duval County Charter School teachers in any subject area. Funds may be used for approved expenses for any learning experience that will help transform their classroom teaching and provide greater impact for their students. If selected, the grantee's funds must be spent within one year of being awarded the grant. Please go to www.jaxpef.org/edelman for details and instructions on how to apply.

New family business aims to illuminate San Marco

Remember the lovely scent of honeysuckle and lilac you may have smelled during summer as a child? It is now possible to recreate that sensory memory into a custom-made candle at a new store in San Marco.

Wick, a Candle Bar has opened at 1641 Hendricks Avenue. The new store is owned by longtime San Marco resident Kristanna Barnes and her son, Hampton and his wife, Mary, who are Venetia residents.

At Wick, nearly any scent imaginable and several no one has yet thought of, can be created into a candle. The Barnes have 93 scents to select from with more seasonal scents coming during the holidays on their candle wall, where 93 single scent candles can be purchased. Customers should allow at least a half hour to smell everything, as more creative candle connoisseurs will want to devise their own scent by mixing the oils of two or three

fragrances to create a unique, one-of-a-kind candle with a fragrance all its own.

"The candles are made out of soy wax with cotton wicks, so they burn cleaner and last longer. They are environmentally friendly," said Hampton.

Also available at Wick are body products such as goat milk and honey lotion, hand soap and brown sugar scrub in the scents of lavender cinnamon or mango mint, as well as customized no-flame, reed diffusers, room sprays and body mist.

One-ounce wax tarts that transport aromas throughout a room when placed on a flameless warmer are also available as are custom two-ounce fragrance oils. For those wishing to purchase several smaller two-ounce candles as a gift, sets of four are available in several different varieties such as Fall Harvest (autumn leaves, pumpkin spice, hot cocoa and malt cider), Coffee



Mary and Hampton Barnes with Kristanna Barnes

Shop (coffee bean, chai tea, hazelnut and whipped cream), Citrus Grove (grapefruit, key lime, orange zest and yuzu), Wild Flower (honeysuckle, lily of the valley, magnolia and peony) and Fresh and Clean (Bergamot, clothesline, olive blossom and verbena).

Wick is also a venue for small private parties. "We recommend if you are a party of five or more that you call ahead and make a reservation so we can save you a seat," said Hampton.

For more information go to wickcandlebar.com or call (904) 613-8778.



**LEARN TO DANCE
WITH CONFIDENCE
AND STYLE**

SWING, SALSA, CHA CHA, TANGO, RUMBA, WALTZ & MORE!

\$59 INTRODUCTORY
DANCE PACKAGE
3 PRIVATE LESSONS,
1 GROUP CLASS & 1 PARTY

Mention this ad for \$10 OFF

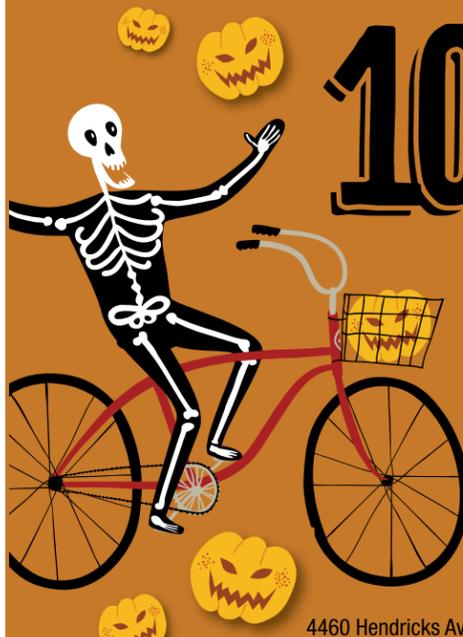


A

vondale Dance Directions
add dance to your life

Give the Gift of Dance! Gift Certificates Available

AvondaleDance.com | (904) 384-8324 | 1080 Edgewood Ave. S #11, Jacksonville, FL 32205



10% OFF MSRP
ALL BIKES

Must present ad.
Not valid on sale items.
Expires 10/31/19.

IN STOCK



4460 Hendricks Avenue | 904.636.7772 | openroadbicycles.com

Boyer named 2019 ULI Visionary Leader

Lori Boyer, CEO of Jacksonville's Downtown Investment Authority (DIA) and a San Marco resident, has been awarded the Urban Land Institute's Visionary Leader award for 2019.

The award will be presented to Boyer during a special event Wednesday, Nov. 13, from 5 to 7:30 p.m. at the Ritz Theater and Museum, 829 North Davis St. Also, during the evening, ULI will present its, as yet, undisclosed annual Awards of Excellence. The awards recognize the full development process of a project including planning, construction, economic vitality and management as well as design.

Visionary Leader award winners are selected by ULI's 21-member advisory board. The candidates are those who have made a difference in "place making" in northeast Florida, are recognized leaders either in the public or private sectors who have championed Best Practice principles in development of land use, and have demonstrated multi-year, sustained leadership efforts for development in a targeted area such as downtown, open space, or the marketplace.

Before Boyer was recently hired as CEO of Jacksonville's DIA, she served two consecutive four-year terms as the Jacksonville City Council's District 5 representative. She was unanimously selected by her colleagues to serve as Council President



Lori Boyer

in 2016 and also served as chair of the Council's Land Use and Zoning Committee for two years during her tenure.

Prior to her work in public service, Boyer earned an undergraduate degree from Georgetown University and a law degree from the University of Florida. She began her legal career practicing primarily in land use and environmental law. A resident of San Marco for 32 years, she has served as president of the San Marco Preservation Society for two years and held countless other board and committee chair positions for the Society over the years. Her accomplishments include overseeing the construction of the tennis complex at Southside Park, the relocation of Preservation Hall to Fletcher Park and the construction of the Balis Community Center.

Past ULI Visionary Leader award winners include Martin E. (Hap) Stein, Jr., Robert M. Rhodes, M. Lynn Pappas, Peter Rummell, Preston Haskell, and John Delaney.

Clay Eye Physicians & Surgeons welcomes new medical surgical retina specialist

One of Jacksonville's own, J. Parker DuPree, M.D., has returned to his roots to begin his tenure with Clay Eye Physicians & Surgeons. Dupree graduated medical school from the University of Florida and completed his internship and residency at the University of Kentucky, Department of Ophthalmology, where he also completed his vitreoretinal fellowship.

"Jacksonville is my hometown, and I'm really happy for the opportunity to be back. I have always loved the city, the culture and this community. Clay Eye has an amazing reputation and a longevity that I knew I wanted to be part of. Clay Eye offers comprehensive eye care with sub specialists to support any and all patients," said DuPree.

Established more than 40 years ago, Clay Eye's ultimate mission remains the same – to put the needs of the patient first, said Dr. Russell Pecoraro, ophthalmologist and retina specialist for Clay Eye.

"We hire new associates not solely based on skill set, but also the ability to fit into our culture...as a team and as a family," Pecoraro said. "Dr. DuPree will provide a full complement to the existing care of patients with macular degeneration, retinal disease, and diabetes related eye problems. In addition, he will bring an entirely new skill set to the Clay Eye family, to include the surgical correction of retinal related



J. Parker DuPree, M.D.

problems, which will expand our reach to the community even further. We are very excited about Dr. DuPree joining Clay Eye."

Clay Eye Physicians & Surgeons offers comprehensive eye care in numerous specialties, including glaucoma surgery, diabetic eye disease and macular degeneration, laser cataract surgery, and more. They also offer routine eye exams, contacts lenses and boutique eyewear. The 12-physician group has offices in Orange Park, Fleming Island, Mandarin and Riverside.

Cline's Custom Meats celebrates one year

Over the past year, customers from Fruit Cove to Jacksonville Beach to Amelia Island have discovered what folks in Jacksonville's historic neighborhoods know as well – that if you want good quality meat, Cline's Custom Meats in San Marco is the place to go.

"Business is up. The neighborhood has been real supportive of us. We have a lot of good, repeat customers," said Joe Cline, San Marco's neighborhood butcher.

Cline's meat market, located off Hendricks Avenue, celebrated its first anniversary Aug. 20. Outside, there is ample parking, and within its walls, customers can purchase a variety of different cuts of beef – including Wagyu beef – lamb and chicken as well as everything from caviar to cheese to seafood.

"Over the past year, our product line has doubled," Cline said, adding he previously worked as a salesman selling high quality meats to upscale hotels and restaurants in Jacksonville for eight years before opening his own shop.

"We've been learning the business and learning what people are looking for. What gave me the idea to open my own butcher shop was that you couldn't find a good quality steak on a retail level anywhere in town like what I was selling to the Ritz Carlton and Sawgrass Marriott. I saw the demand for it, the need for it," he said. "People are very happy that we're here, because we're filling a void as far as allowing them to find higher quality meats that they can't find anywhere else in town."



Joe, Amina and Milouda Cline



GROW STRONGER

—

LIVE LONGER!

LEARN TO FLY

ARM BALANCE WORKSHOP

WITH TAMARA BETTES RYT500

October 20th

10:30am-12:30am

\$30 Pre Registration

AVONDALE - 3653 St Johns Ave 32205 | Yoga-Den.com



E.W. NASH & SON, LLC

APPRECIATION OF THE PAST
PRESERVATION FOR THE FUTURE

Personal Property Appraisers &
Conservators of Antiques and Decorative Arts

www.ewdash.com

TABULA RASA BREWING

OKTOBERFEST

OCT. 5TH, 2019 - 12PM-10PM

"LIQUID OZ PUMPKIN ALE"
NEW BEER RELEASE

NOTHING BUNDT CAKES AND
CRAFT BEER PAIRINGS

LIVE MUSIC WITH TRAVIS HARDIN

PUMPKIN CARVING, GAMES,
BONFIRE & A LOT OF FUN!




TAP ROOM HOURS: TU-TH: 3-10pm | FR-SA: 12-10pm | SU: 12-8pm
2385 Corbett St. | (904) 353-1523 | tabularasa.beer

A Sign of Good Things to Come

WS Builders

A glorious
HOZZ AWARDS
winning
collaboration
with




Photos By Jessie Preza

904.388.2883
WSBUILDERSJACKSONVILLE.COM






Junior League of Jacksonville celebrates new president

The Junior League of Jacksonville recently installed Katie Thompson Neilson as its 2019-2020 president. Neilson has been a member of the Junior League for eight years and has served as president-elect, secretary and legal counsel.



Katie Thompson Neilson

A Jacksonville native, Neilson is an alumna of St. Johns Country Day School, Florida State University, and Florida Coastal School of Law. She is in-house counsel for Government Employees Insurance Company, where she has worked since 2015 and also serves as a board member of the Jacksonville Association of Defense Counsel. Neilson lives in San Marco with her husband, Rob.

The 2019-2020 Junior League Board of Directors includes: Megan Bush Del Pizzo, president-elect; Jennifer Suharmadji, executive vice president; Latasha Brown, executive vice president-elect; Natalie Woods, treasurer; Bevin Ankrom, treasurer-elect; Ashley Clark, secretary; Vanessa Proudfoot Andrews, nominating chair; Tonya Wood, nominating chair-elect; Ellen Ball, legal counsel; Bonnie McCormick, sustainer representative; Lori Bayler and Linda Kim, members-at-large.

Since 1923, the Junior League of Jacksonville has been committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women, and improving communities through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers, according to its website. During the past 90-plus years, the organization has contributed over \$1.3 million and more than 1 million hours of service to the community. Their efforts have reached all areas of concern: young people, the elderly, families, health issues, education, the arts, and the environment.

Bolles honors Coach Corky Rogers with a plaza

Thanks to longtime Bolles football supporter A. Chester Skinner, Jr. and his family, the accomplishments of Charles "Corky" Rogers, the Bulldog's former head football coach, will live on in perpetuity.

Skinner, a member of Bolles class of 1940, sponsored the construction of a new plaza honoring Rogers' storied career. The plaza, which is located at the west entrance to the stadium on the school's San Jose campus, creates a new arrival point for fans and showcases Rogers' legendary wins. It was unveiled prior to the start of the Bolles vs. University Christian football game Aug. 24. The game was the finale of the inaugural Bold City Showcase, an event created by Airstream Ventures, which was founded by Bolles alumnus Alan Verlander.

Bolles President and Head of School Tyler Hodges joined Skinner and Rogers at the 50-yard line as he shared remarks on Rogers' coaching history and announced the official opening of the plaza to an enthusiastic crowd during the end of the game's first quarter.

Famous throughout Florida and the United States, Rogers' name is listed in the National High School Hall of Fame, the Florida Sports Hall of Fame, the Gator Bowl Hall of Fame, the Florida High School Athletic Hall of Fame, and the Florida Coaches Association Hall of Fame, among other honors. During his coaching career, he racked up a 449-80-1 coaching record



Charles "Corky" Rogers and his family join A. Chester Skinner and his family during the opening of the Corky Rogers Plaza at The Bolles School Aug. 24.

within the 43 years he spent overseeing football teams at both Robert E. Lee High School and Bolles. Over 16 years at Lee, his record was 141-39-1. During 27 years at Bolles, he tallied 304 wins, 41 losses and 10 state championships.

During his tenure, he ranked fifth nationally in career wins among active coaches and is the eighth coach in the history of high school football throughout the United States to reach 400 wins. He was named National High School Football Coach of the Year for 2004-05 by the National High School Coaches Association. In August 2015, he landed on top of a field of 28 high school, college and NFL head coaches in the "Greatest Football

Coach in Florida" bracket established by the Orlando Sentinel, where he beat out Bobby Bowden of Florida State, Steve Spurrier of the University of Florida and Don Shula of the Miami Dolphins.

"When Coach Rogers retired from Bolles in 2016, we knew we had to do something to commemorate such an outstanding career and influential person," said Hodges. "The Skinner family, led by Mr. Chester Skinner from the class of 1940, stepped up to create a space to honor Coach Rogers' important legacy. Thanks to their generosity, the new Corky Rogers Plaza was built - establishing an entirely new front entrance to our Skinner-Barco Stadium."

Multi-million-dollar bequests made to local non-profits

Several large bequests will help four local non-profits continue their good work, thanks to the Honorable John H. Moore II and Joan Kraft Moore Living Trust. Judge Moore passed away in July 2013 and was followed by his wife, a high school English teacher, in April of this year.

Community Hospice and Palliative Care Foundation, Dreams Come True, Mayo Clinic, and Ronald McDonald House Charities of Jacksonville each received \$2.4 million this August, according to a news release. Thomas M. Donahoo Sr. and Thomas M. Donahoo Jr., from the law firm of Donahoo & McMenamy, presented the last trust distribution on Aug. 22 to Amy Davis, vice president of the Community Hospice & Palliative Care Foundation, according to the release.

"The Moores were a prime example of giving back to the community," Davis said. "Their legacy will live on through their thoughtful gift that will impact future generations."



Community Hospice & Palliative Care Leadership: Mary Waldroff, director of Major and Planned Gifts; Andrea Fritz, vice president of Finance; Amy Davis, vice president and Executive Director of Philanthropy; Middle: Thomas M. Donahoo Sr. and Thomas M. Donahoo Jr. of the law firm of Donahoo & McMenamy and, Community Hospice & Palliative Care Leadership: Carlos Bosque, chief financial officer of and Jim Monahan, vice president of Education and Community Engagement

"We will continue to provide compassionate end-of-life care, as well as providing for comfort and care for both children and adult patients. This transformative gift will be invested into our endowment, enabling our free programs to continue and grow into the future," she continued.

Ortega Computer Repair

Don't be *scared* of **VIRUSES**, let me get rid of them for you!

Bryan Arnold, Owner
904.410.0127
 Ocr.410.0127@gmail.com
 Monday - Friday: 9:30 - 5
 Saturday: 10:00 - 4

36th Annual Caring Chefs

★ Enjoy samples from nearly 50 local chefs, sommeliers and brewers.

Sunday, October 20, 2019
 7-9:30 p.m. • The Avenues Mall
 Tickets \$75

chscaringchefs.com

B&B EXTERMINATING CO., INC.

For All Your Pest Control Needs

PEST Cemetery
- EST 1938 -

Termite

Ant

Bed Bug

Spider

Rodent

Roach

Flea

Call 389-DEAD

\$100 OFF
 "NEW" **TERMIDOR®**
TERMITE
 Elimination & Protection
 100% GUARANTEED

New customers only. Must present coupon at time of estimate. Not valid with any other offer. Expires 10/31/19.

\$50 OFF
 "NEW" **ANNUAL SERVICE (APC)**
 Pest Elimination & Protection
 GUARANTEED 1 Full Year

New customers only. Must present coupon at time of estimate. Not valid with any other offer. Expires 10/31/19.

\$25 OFF
RODENT PROTECTION & PROOFING
 Protect your home & family.
 Rodents can carry over 35 diseases

New customers only. Must present coupon at time of estimate. Not valid with any other offer. Expires 10/31/19.

\$50 OFF
BED BUG SERVICE
 CALL FOR DETAILS

New customers only. Must present coupon at time of estimate. Not valid with any other offer. Expires 10/31/19.

Call for details about our **ROACH ELIMINATION SERVICES**

\$25 OFF
OPTION 2 OR 3, FLEA SERVICE

New customers only. Must present coupon at time of estimate. Not valid with any other offer. Expires 10/31/19.

FREE LAWN SERVICE (12th Service FREE with a 1 Year Contract)

New customers only. Must present coupon at time of estimate. Not valid with any other offer. Expires 10/31/19.

Suicide prevention focus of event at Episcopal School

Mental health and suicide prevention were the focus of the first student health, safety and well-being event at Episcopal School of Jacksonville Sept. 12.

Dr. Elise Fallucco, chief of UF Health's Division of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and Dennis Gillan, a mental health advocate and professional speaker, addressed the crowd. Fallucco addressed anxiety, depression, and coping strategies that promote maintaining mental health. Gillan shared his personal message about the importance of suicide prevention and awareness. He also held a session for parents.

In addition, stationary bicycles were installed on the school's Kirwan Flag Plaza so that students, faculty and staff could log miles to support Cycle Around the Globe, an initiative to raise awareness of



Episcopal students, faculty and staff logged more than 400 miles a day on stationary bikes set up on campus to bring awareness to the need for suicide prevention.

the risks of suicide and to fund suicide prevention activities. Faculty, staff and students were encouraged to ride a few minutes Sept. 12 and 13 as a way to tangibly

connect to the need for suicide prevention and awareness around the world. The bicycles and their installation were supplied by Open Road Bicycles and the Health Planning Council of Northeast Florida.

"We received great feedback from students, faculty and staff, and parents on our speakers. Dr. Fallucco and Mr. Gillan provided education about mental health, suicide prevention, and how to take care of each other," said Amy Perkins, director of Student Services at Episcopal. "Participating in Cycle Around the Globe connected our conversation to a worldwide effort to promote suicide awareness and prevention. The students seemed to really love having the chance to bike a mile or two during the day. The fact that it supports a great cause made it even better. We logged more than 400 miles over two days!"

JDRF plans annual gala



Steve Halverson, chairman of Haskell, is serving as Honoree for the upcoming JDRF Miracles Gala, planned for Saturday, Oct. 19 at the Sawgrass Marriott. Steve and his wife Diane, live in San Marco

Steve Halverson of Haskell will be honored Oct. 19

The North Florida chapter of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation will host its Miracles Gala from 6-11 p.m. Oct. 19 at the Sawgrass Marriott. The night will include a cocktail hour, silent and live auctions, a special Fund A Cure segment, inspirational program, dinner, and dancing. Tickets are available through the chapter website, <https://www.jdrf.org/northflorida/>.

Steve Halverson, chairman of Haskell, will serve as the Honoree. Steve and his wife Diane, of San Marco, will be recognized for their many contributions to the community and presenters will award him with the Living and Giving Award.

TTV Architects celebrate 25 years in business

TTV Architects is celebrating a memorable milestone this year, 25 years in business. The firm opened its doors in October 1994 and through the years, has always placed a huge priority on respecting its clients, employees, and peers, remaining competitive, professional, and honest, and always striving to gain knowledge and flourish as individuals and as a team.

The staff at TTV said they sincerely appreciate all of their clients, friends, and families who have supported them during their 25-year journey. They look forward to an exceptional future for TTV Architects and many more milestones to celebrate.



Lori Vu, Jessica Vu, Lejon Smith, Donnell Pinder, Chad Horton, and Rachel Noel Bottom: William Hoang, Tri Vu, and Chris Noel

The Temple welcomes new executive director



Gene Meyers and his wife, Janie

The Temple, home of the Congregation Ahavath Chesed, has welcomed a new executive director. On July 1, Gene Meyers, a native of Philadelphia, Penn., took over for longtime executive director Goldie Lansky, who retired June 30.

A man with a vast and diverse business background, Meyers most recently served three years as executive director for Rockdale Temple in Cincinnati, Ohio.

"Jacksonville is a community that had a lot of appeal because my wife has always wanted to move to Florida," Meyers said. "It's a great atmosphere, and I don't mean just the physical atmosphere but the people and everything associated with it."

Born at Presbyterian Hospital in Philadelphia, Meyers earned an undergraduate degree in accounting at Virginia Tech and a master's degree in finance from Temple University. He has passed his Certified Public Accountant exam and has the financial credentials to be a broker and a supervisor. "I have a varied business background," he said, adding that he worked at the CPA firm Price Waterhouse before becoming president of Pennsylvania Sporting

Goods, a wholesale company. He has also served as an advisor with AXA Financial Advisors and Sun Trust Bank before taking over at Rockdale Temple.

Meyers said he desired to leave the financial world to work in religious communities after serving on the school board in Upper Darby, Penn. "I was president of the school board in Pennsylvania, and I loved the challenge and satisfaction of working with the community members and staff. Being an executive director was the closest I could come to that," he said.

"When I interviewed for this opportunity, I knew right away this was an organization that I wanted to be affiliated with," he continued. "It takes a very positive attitude towards meeting and exceeding the needs of its congregants, and I wanted the opportunity of really being a part of the total community and not just a part of the congregational community."

Joining Meyers at The Temple is his wife, Janie. The couple has three grown daughters, Julie, Pam and Debbie, and five grandchildren.

Dr. Larry and Kathy Kanter Fund for Jewish Preservation presents:

Jewish Phenomenon in Sub-Saharan Africa



Dr. Marla Brettschneider
Professor of Political Philosophy & Women's Studies
University of New Hampshire

Thursday, October 24 at 7 p.m.
Congregation Ahavath Chesed
8727 San Jose Boulevard, Jacksonville, FL 32217

Dr. Marla Brettschneider is Professor of political philosophy with a joint appointment in Political Science and Women's Studies at the University of New Hampshire, where she chaired her departments for a decade. Long active in the Jewish community, Brettschneider's ground breaking work in Jewish diversity politics has included award winning scholarship with numerous, articles, books, and special issues of academic journals on the subject of this talk, including: 2015 The Jewish Phenomenon in Sub-Saharan Africa and the 2019 co-edited Africana Jewish Journeys with contributors from four continents.

Dr. Brettschneider will examine global paradigms of colonialism and imperialism in a new way. Taking seriously the conceptual framework of incommensurability, she explores Jewishness and the history of the Jewish people as they relate to the millions of people in sub-Saharan Africa involved in Jewish and Jewishly related activity and identity formation. The discussion further analyzes the phenomenon of Jewish connectedness using a wide-range of conflicting political discourses (state, nation, rabbinics, science, and cis-gendered hetero-patriarchy) to bring a fresh perspective to this complex paradigm.

RSVP: (904) 733-7078 or rsvp@TheTempleJacksonville.org

Thanks to Dr. Larry and Kathy Kanter, whose generosity through the Kanter Fund for Jewish Preservation enables us to provide this learning opportunity to the Temple family and general community.



(904) 733-7078 | 8727 San Jose Blvd, Jacksonville, FL 32217 | TheTempleJacksonville.org



UP IN SMOKE & VAPE SHOP

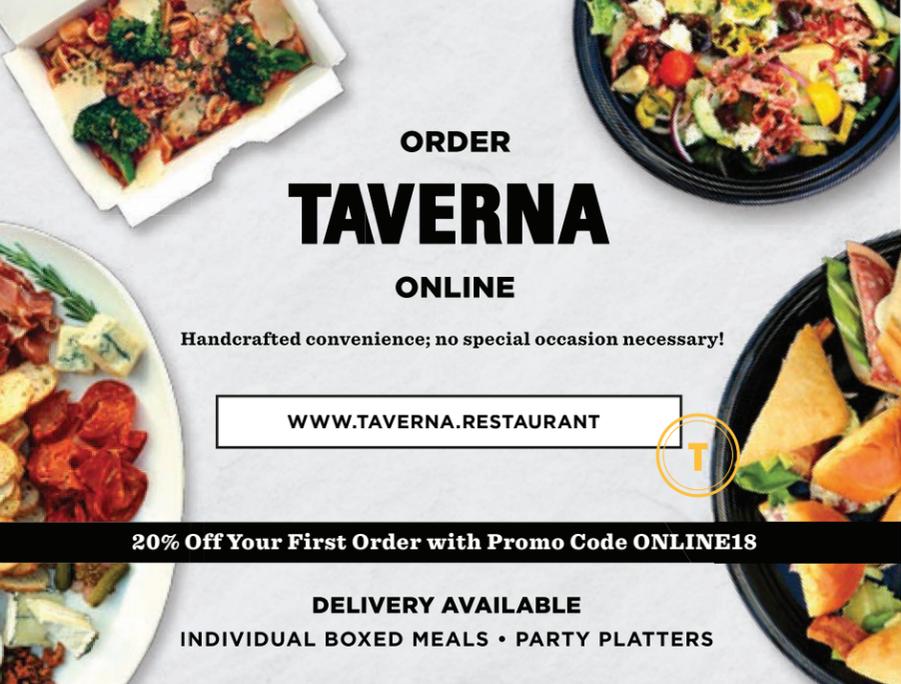
Hookah tobacco & accessories, tobacco pipes & accessories, glass gallery, CBD, Kratom, e-cigarettes, e-liquid, vaporizers & much more

10% OFF

Restrictions apply. Must present coupon. Offer expires 09/31/19

Mon-Thur, 10 am-11pm | Fri & Sat, 10 am-12 am | Sun, 10 am-10 pm

904.328.6837 | 3622 St. Johns Ave. | [@upinsmokeandvapeshop](https://www.instagram.com/upinsmokeandvapeshop)



ORDER TAVERNA ONLINE

Handcrafted convenience; no special occasion necessary!

WWW.TAVERNA.RESTAURANT

20% Off Your First Order with Promo Code ONLINE18

DELIVERY AVAILABLE
INDIVIDUAL BOXED MEALS • PARTY PLATTERS

Neurosurgery Outreach Foundation celebrates 10 years

It's been 10 years since Dr. Philipp Aldana and his wife, Carmina, formed the Neurosurgery Outreach Foundation. A pediatric neurosurgeon and co-medical director of the Stys Neuroscience Institute at Wolfson Children's Hospital, Aldana was trained in his field in Miami, which is where he noticed the stark contrast between neurological care and resources in the United States and those in his native land, the Philippines.

"We are so lucky to have all the medical resources available to us here in the U.S. Simple treatments that we take for granted here are scarcely available in most underdeveloped countries," Aldana said.

Currently there is a large unmet need for access to all forms of surgery globally. The lack of access to surgical care results in more deaths than those ascribed to malaria, HIV/AIDS and TB combined, he said. To help address this need, Aldana and his wife, Carmina, who were both born in the Philippines, started the

Neurosurgery Outreach Foundation (NOF) to advance neurosurgical care in underserved communities through education, service and support, particularly in Southeast Asia.

Over the past decade, NOF has gathered generous donations of time and resources from First Coast residents. These donations have made their way to help patients, hospitals, and neurosurgery trainees halfway around the world. The donations have helped treat approximately 500 patients with neurosurgical conditions and have facilitated the training of 130 doctors through education and surgical missions in the Philippines. They have also provided scholarships for the education of 44 neurosurgical trainees from countries as far away as Nepal, Malaysia, Bangladesh, India, Vietnam and Indonesia.

One such neurosurgery trainee that has taken advantage of the nonprofit's assistance is Dr. Astri Avianti, a neurosurgeon from



Dr. Ricardo Hanel of Baptist, Dr. Philipp Aldana of Wolfson Children's Hospital and UF, Carmina Aldana, co-founder of NOF, Melanie Boree, board member of NOF, Dr. Gordon Deen of the Mayo Clinic, Dr. Karen Lidsky of Wolfson and UF.

Indonesia. She went on to practice in her field in her native land and was later motivated to receive further training by observing at Wolfson Children's Hospital and Baptist Medical Center Jacksonville.

"I was inspired to become a pediatric neurosurgeon after attending my first advanced course in pediatric neurosurgery as a fourth-year resident," said Avianti, noting she could not have done it without the help of a NOF education award.

NOF celebrated its 10th anniversary with a sold-out Philippine-themed fundraising event, Filipiniana, at WJCT Studios Aug. 17. It featured a fancy dinner crafted by Jax Filipino Chefs and pieces of art by Filipino artists from around the world. The goal of the event was to raise funds and sustain its programs for 10 more years.

For more information about NOF and to support its programs, visit <http://www.neurosurgeryoutreach.org/>.

LGBTQ Community Fund for Northeast Florida welcomes new advisory board members

To further its effort to support and enhance the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer/questioning community in Duval and surrounding counties, the LGBTQ Community Fund for Northeast Florida has added four individuals to serve on its advisory board.

Mario Decunto, Samir Gupte, Ellen Thrower and Jake Wolfburg, will assist the existing advisory board members in managing the fund's affairs, including recommending grants, developing relationships with potential donors and communicating the mission and impact of the fund.

Decunto is a licensed mental health counselor at Episcopal Children's Services. Gupte is chief change officer with Samiracles Consulting. Thrower is a retired executive director and professor at St. Johns University's School of Risk Management, Insurance and Actuarial Science in New York, and Wolfburg is a policy advocate for community and regional affairs.

"This is a pivotal time in the fund's work, as we are poised to make our 2019 grants to area nonprofits that are building greater togetherness within our LGBTQ community, and making Northeast Florida more welcoming to its LGBTQ population," noted Dr. Joe Barton, chairman of the LGBTQ Community Fund Advisory Board. "Mario, Samir, Ellen and Jake will add a wealth of additional experience and perspective to the knowledge we have gained in our first five years of grantmaking."

In addition to Dr. Barton, other members of the advisory board include Garry Bevel; Barbara Drake; Carter Elliott; Randy Kammer; Jesse Kraker; Michael Meyers; Glenn Miller; Sharon Simmons; Carl Utter; and Nina Waters, president of The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida.

Since it began making grants in 2014, the LGBTQ Community Fund has awarded \$640,000 to various organizations that



Mario Decunto



Samir Gupte



Ellen Thrower



Jake Wolfburg

represent the LGBTQ population and invested \$168,000 in local research and convenings to improve the lives of those in the LGBTQ community. In 2019, the LGBTQ Community Fund added a Grassroots Grants Program—grants up to \$1,500 for organizations to improve their competence and/or capacity to serve the LGBTQ community. The Chartrand Family and Delores Barr Weaver

have established a \$1 million LGBTQ endowment that will anchor the work of fund for years to come.

The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida is Florida's oldest and one of its largest community foundations. Now in its 55th year, the Foundation has assets of \$384 million and has made \$500 million in grants since 1964.

Leggett
Heating & Air Conditioning, Inc.
60 YEARS IN THE BUSINESS

904-384-2612
STATE CERTIFIED: CAC058450

SCARE
\$10 OFF
your next service call

Upgrade your selfie to a more professional you!

dan harris
PHOTOART

www.ProfessionalHeadshot.biz 904-398-7668



Did they spend a fortune to look and feel cozy outdoors or did they go to Viktor's?

VP VIKTOR'S PAYLESS One of Jacksonville's best kept secrets for discount furniture & more!

Loss prompts attorneys to fundraise for breast cancer

Participation in Real Men Wear Pink growing locally, nationally

Yelena Chizhik was an important member of Coker Law until she died of breast cancer.

Chizhik created the trial firms' trial presentations, focus groups and trial technology. "She was an outdoors woman - hiking, she loved to train dogs, she lived an amazing robust life," said Charlene Shirk, public relations chair for the local Real Men Wear Pink breast cancer fundraising campaign.

Battling breast cancer for the second time, Chizhik lost her life earlier this year prompting members of her firm to launch a vigorous fundraising campaign for cancer research.

"In addition to being an important member of our trial team, she was a very warm, very wonderful person, had a great sense of humor," said Howard Coker, partner. "It does hurt a lot on a personal and professional level. Her loss put Dan and I in a situation where we felt we should do our part and make people aware of the ramifications of breast cancer," he said referring to his law partner, Dan Iracki.

Coker and Iracki joined this year's local Real Men Wear Pink fundraiser, which empowers men to raise money and awareness for breast cancer. To that end, they'll be encouraging staff to swap suits and ties for pink shirts and tutus some days, and "all the things that people do," said Iracki, including decorating for "save the tatas," a slogan that goes with the breast cancer campaign.



Yelena Chizhik and Howard Coker

Coker and Iracki are just two of growing numbers of men joining in the fight against breast cancer. Nationally, Real Men Wear Pink has grown exponentially since it began six years ago, said American Cancer Society Communications Director Joe Culotta.

Culotta said the event grew from a campaign in Jackson, Tenn., in 2013 to 200 communities and 3,500 participants in 2019. Culotta said campaign participants have raised \$9.5 million nationally so far, and local participants say fundraising has grown in Jacksonville as well.

"The trend has definitely been that we raise more money year over year," said Shirk, the public relations chair. This is the fourth year for the Jacksonville-area campaign, she said, adding that the group has raised \$289,000 total since 2016 and seen participation rise from 28 men the first year to 38 in 2019. Last year alone, the local campaign

brought in \$140,000, said campaign Co-Chair Chris Condon said in a news release.

Each year, organizers start with a list of 60 men as potential fundraisers and then narrow down the list somewhere in the 30s or 40s, Shirk said. "It ends up being a magical mixture, different backgrounds. Some are business managers, some are corporate leaders, some are educators." All are asked to make a commitment to fundraise or write a check for \$2,500 at minimum.

While some men contract breast cancer, it occurs overwhelmingly in women. Still, men are powerfully affected as well, Shirk said.

"When a woman in their life is diagnosed, the men in their life are significantly impacted," she said, noting the roles of men may change due to appointments and treatments and chemotherapy-associated sickness. "She is going to go through physical changes that her partner is obviously going to go through as well with her," Shirk said. "The minute a woman is diagnosed with breast cancer, then man in her life is impacted."

Coker and Iracki would agree, noting that Chizhik's loss impacted their entire firm. That's why they're on a mission to help others.

"We want to win," Iracki said. "We want to continue to raise the bar. We challenge our other brothers and sisters to fight. We are coming after them to win."

Those interested in learning more about the campaign or getting help can call 800-277-2345 or visit cancer.org

Gast named Outstanding Young American



Lindsay Gast has been named one of 10 Outstanding Young Americans

JCI USA, commonly known as the Jaycees, has announced that Lindsey Gast, 40, of St. Johns, has been named one of the 2019 Ten Outstanding Young Americans to be honored at a black-tie awards ceremony

Saturday, Sept. 28, at the Omni Hotel in Corpus Christi, Texas. The Ten Outstanding Young Americans program is one of the oldest and most prestigious recognition programs in America.

Gast, who launched her firm GastHouse Public Relations in 2015, was chosen for her excellence and achievements in the area of business and entrepreneurship.

"I am humbled to be honored as one of the Ten Outstanding Young Americans" said Gast. "To know that this award highlighted the lives of such historically notable Americans like John F. Kennedy, Elvis Presley, and Howard Hughes reminds us that success is not an achievement, but a mindset. I can only hope that my future will pay homage to the caliber of those honored before me and serve as an inspiration for those to come to continue to serve their communities and the ideals of the Jaycees."

Also named as a JCI USA 2019 Ten Outstanding Young American was Jacksonville's Jessica Armstrong, 39, assistant director/assistant team coordinator of the UF First Coast Child Protection Team.

Wolfson lights Weaver Tower gold for childhood cancer awareness

September was National Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, and to bring awareness to Jacksonville's "Home Team" of pediatric cancer specialists, the folks at Wolfson Children's Hospital and Nemours Children's Specialty Care celebrated by illuminating the Weaver Tower at Wolfson Children's Hospital in gold flood lights for a week in early September.

Mayor Lenny Curry kicked off the celebration during a press conference Sept. 6, where he issued a proclamation denoting September as "Childhood Cancer Awareness Month," to celebrate the more than 50 pediatric cancer specialists at Wolfson, Nemours, and UF Health Proton Therapy Institute. These physicians care for 95 percent of all children in the eight-county region who are diagnosed with cancer, said

Michael Aubin, president of Wolfson Children's Hospital. The team of doctors, who are all part of nationally known and recognized organizations, treat children with 12 major types of cancer and more than 100 subtypes, he said.

Also joining in the festivities were Keli Coughlin Joyce of the Tom Coughlin Jay Fund and Carla Montgomery of the Child Cancer Fund, two childhood cancer organizations that provide programs and services, so families of kids diagnosed with cancer within the Northeast Florida will feel supported and not alone.

During the month, the "Home Team" requested individuals within the community wear gold to show their support for the local childhood cancer awareness initiative.



Celebrating National Childhood Cancer Awareness Month were Radiation Oncologist Daniel J. Indelicato, MD, UF Health Proton Therapy Institute; Jesse Dreicer, Esq., president, Child Cancer Fund; Carla Montgomery, executive director, Child Cancer Fund; Jacksonville Mayor Lenny Curry; Pediatric Hematologist Oncologist Howard M. Katzenstein, MD, medical director of the Wolfson Children's Hospital Cancer Center, division chief of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology at Nemours; Pediatric Hematologist Oncologist Eric S. Sandler, chief of Hematology and Oncology at Wolfson Children's, Pediatric Hematologist Oncologist at Nemours; Paul A. Pitel, MD, chair of Pediatrics, Division of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology at Nemours; Keli Coughlin Joyce, executive director of the Jay Fund; Gary Josephson, MD, chief medical officer, Nemours Children's Specialty Care, Jacksonville; NOT PICTURED: Michael D. Aubin, president of Wolfson Children's Hospital (Photo by Jeff Strohecker)

Year after year, Wolfson is ranked among the 50 Best Children's Hospitals for pediatric cancer and pediatric neurology and neurosurgery by U.S. News & World Report. Along with Nemours and UF Health's Proton

Therapy Institute, the conglomeration offers nationally recognized programs in the treatment of blood cancers, bone and soft tissue cancers, brain and spine tumors, liver tumors and solid organ tumors.

"We Build The Best and Fix The Rest"

B&W
MARINE
CONSTRUCTION, INC.

ESTABLISHED 1981

- » Dock Repairs
- » New Construction
- » Piling Repair & Replacement
- » Bulkheads/Concrete Caps
- » Boat Lift Experts
- » Gazebos & Nature Walks
- » Dock and Bulkhead Inspections

Annual service agreement available

\$299

Boat Lift Special

Complete service adjustment, grease fittings and replacement of belts for single lift.*

* Does not include electrical components.

PROUDLY SERVING OUR CUSTOMERS FOR OVER 38 YEARS

904.387.4814 | BWMarineConstruction.com

DMS7-G

TAKE BACK CONTROL

Patricia Otterson, CIMA®
Senior Vice President, Investments

Caleb Cronin, AAMS®
Financial Advisor

Individual Portfolios for Individual Investors

Do you know what you own?

BOXES-
MODELS-
PRODUCTS

Speak to us in person about your financial strategy

OTTERTSON & ALLISON
Wealth Management Group of
RAYMOND JAMES®

904.858.4100

245 Riverside Avenue, Ste 500
Jacksonville, FL 32202
www.ottersonallison.com

Raymond James & Associates, Inc., Member New York Stock Exchange/SIPC. Diversification and strategic asset allocation do not ensure a profit against a loss. Investing always involves risk and you may incur a profit or loss. No investment strategy can guarantee success.
Investments & Wealth Institute (The Institute) is the owner of the certification mark "CIMA", the service marks Certified Investment Management Analyst/CIMA, Use of CIMA or Certified Investment Management Analyst/CIMA signifies that the user has successfully completed The Institute's initial and ongoing credentialing requirements for investment management professionals.

WATSON
Realty Corp. REALTORS®

LP LUXURY
PORTFOLIO
INTERNATIONAL®

Leading
REAL ESTATE
COMPANIES
OF THE WORLD

SAN MARCO LUXURY LIVING

lux • ur • y:

1. Something that adds to one's ease of living
2. Something that is helpful or welcome and that is not usually or always available

With Watson Realty Corp., you have access to the Luxury Portfolio International® network of agents. These individuals are the luxury face of Leading Real Estate Companies of the World®, which is the largest global network of premier locally branded companies dominated by many of the world's most powerful independent luxury brokerages. We collaborate within our network to ensure our consumers are benefiting from the affiliation with the most elite associates in real estate around the world.

We provide a luxury service to our clients that is always welcomed, but not always available in real estate. That is why Watson Realty Corp. defines the luxury real estate experience from start to finish.



Call your local Watson office today to speak with a luxury properties expert and get your listing in front of high-worth clients from around the world.

SAN MARCO/SAN JOSE OFFICE

904.731.5800

5443 San Jose Blvd.

Jacksonville, FL 32207

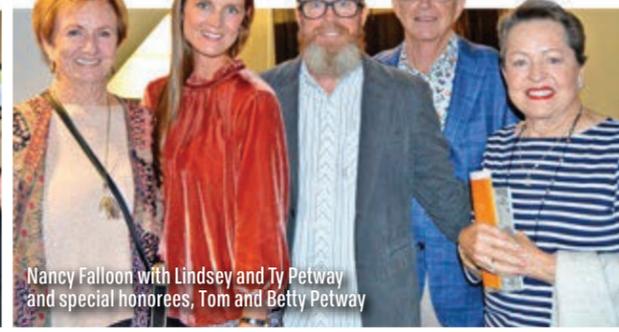
WatsonRealtyCorp.com | LuxuryPortfolio.com



Josh Taylor with Jessica Jowers, Nate Evans, Bre Pinnacle and Bruce Maxwell



Jaxson de Ville with Jessi Stone



Nancy Falloon with Lindsey and Ty Petway and special honorees, Tom and Betty Petway



Justin Dixon with Melina Bumcome and Finley Williams



Tom Edwards with Jamie Holland, Holt Harrell and The Honorable Virginia Norton



Andie Peart with Debbie Brooks and Sandy Golding



Ryan Schwartz with Mary Calcote and Dana Desjarlais



Tad Delegal with Shakira and Nashon Nicks, Julie Delegal



Kim Martyn with Joy Hamilton



Nancy Falloon with Laurie DuBow



Toast of the Animals Co-chairs Dave and Joelle Caldwell



Missi Sarra and Sam LaPrell

Equal Justice Award named for 2019

Judge Hugh Carithers, chair of the Fourth Judicial Circuit Court Pro Bono Committee, took home the Equal Justice Award hardware during the 20th Annual Robert J. Beckham Equal Justice Award Celebration Sept. 18 at the Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront. Carithers recently retired after serving as administrative judge of the Family Division of the Fourth Judicial Circuit. He previously has served in all the court's other divisions and as an associate judge on the First District Court of Appeals. The awards event celebrated philanthropy and volunteerism within the legal community, and all proceeds support Jacksonville Area Legal Aid. The keynote speaker this year was Maurice P. Daring, professor of sociology at Princeton University.

Love for animals feted during Humane Society gala

Longtime animal lovers Tom and Betty Petway were honored during the Jacksonville Humane Society's 21st Annual Toast of the Animals gala at TIAA Stadium Sept. 21. Hundreds of guests roamed the spacious US Assure Club West while enjoying scrumptious fare and drinks from 24 vendors and restaurants. Jacksonville Jaguars General Manager Dave Caldwell and his wife, Joelle, served as co-chairs, leading the official toast to the Petways and Jacksonville's furry rescue friends. Also on hand were Kristine Cherek, president, and Denise Deisler, CEO, of the Humane Society. The society expected to raise \$250,000 to benefit its medical fund, said Lindsay Leyendecker, senior manager of Education and Outreach.



8652 Cathedral Oaks Place West

— Only —
First Coast | **Sotheby's**
 INTERNATIONAL REALTY

Your home is more than a building or an address. It's where you experience life, family, connection, growth. Your home should be as exceptional as you are, and as you are going to be. For a lifestyle inspired by your potential, there is only **Sotheby's International Realty**

FirstCoastSIR.com SothebysRealty.com

San Marco 904.731.9770 | Ponte Vedra Beach 904.285.7700 | Amelia Island | Ritz Carlton 904.277.6522 | Palm coast 386.276.9200



OYSTER PERPETUAL DATEJUST 36



Since 1928 Florida's Finest Jeweler

The Shoppes of Ponte Vedra (904) 280-1202
 San Marco 2044 San Marco Blvd. (904) 398-9741
 Jacksonville, Florida 32207



Christian Harden with Heather Courtney, Stephanie Harden and Will Courtney



Marcia and Dick Morales with Lawrence and Ia Howard



Paul Rohan with Cathy and Atillio Cerqueria



Liz Franklin with Michelle Franklin



Co-Chairs Chris and Aly Leeper, Heather and Alan Creef, Jenny and Michael Brumback



David Meyer with Kathy VanOsdol, Virginia Hall and Tom VanOsdol



Lorraine Horn with Patty Taggart, Jan and Lou Walsh



Mac McGehee and Virginia Hall



Kristina Abbassi and Dr. Abdi Abbassi with Thomas and Charise Szwed, Dr. Saumil Oza and Neetal Oza

Duel at Cowford raises money to battle cancer

Dueling piano players were the featured entertainment as guests armed themselves with a favorite song list during the 24th Annual Cowford Ball, which benefits the American Cancer Society. Honorary chairs Kami and Alex Harrison joined Event Chairs Donna and Tommy Zaccour in inviting guests to don their Western best while giving generously and purchasing glow bracelets to honor or in memory of friends or family who have vigorously aimed to shoot down the dread disease. Since its inception in 1995 the Cowford Ball has raised more than \$9 million in the fight against cancer.

St. Vincent's draws a crowd for Delicious Destinations

The Ascension St. Vincent's Foundation brought friends together, as top donors and the mission's biggest fans made way to the beaches to celebrate the 18th Annual Delicious Destinations. The Ponte Vedra Inn & Club played host to the gathering of top chefs from throughout the Southeast who served superb cuisine paired with fine wines and spirits. Ascension St. Vincent's mission continues to grow and serve the region's most vulnerable populations who simply cannot afford medical services. From free healthcare services, wellness, exercise and nutritional education, to essential items such as food and clothing; support from the donors and attendees of Delicious Destinations assists in making compassionate care possible.



Only
First Coast | Sotheby's
INTERNATIONAL REALTY

 ANGIE RENN 904.465.0357 angie.ren@sothebysrealty.com	 KASEY RITTER RITTER SOARES TEAM 904.449.6648 ritter.soaresteam@sothebysrealty.com	 CATARINA SOARES RITTER SOARES TEAM 352.222.2224 ritter.soaresteam@sothebysrealty.com	 DANA MERRILL 904.424.4999 dana.merrill@sothebysrealty.com	 MARK TUTOR 904.614.8554 mark.tutor@sothebysrealty.com
 ROBERTA GJELOSHAJ ROLEKS GROUP 904.571.7966 roleks.group@sothebysrealty.com	 ALEKSANDER PERVAZA ROLEKS GROUP 904.571.7288 roleks.group@sothebysrealty.com	 DEANNE NOLES 904.716.3521 deanne.noles@sothebysrealty.com	 HAGEN H VAN HENDRIX 305.904.5577 hagen@hagenhendrix.com	 KRISTEN SCHMIDT SEAY 904.607.1426 kristen.seay@sothebysrealty.com
 THOMAS ZACCOUR 904.614.6789 thomas.zaccour@sothebysrealty.com	 COLLEEN MURPHY KC TEAM 904.465.3208 kc.team@sothebysrealty.com	 KATHY JOHNSON GROSS KC TEAM 904.514.2884 kc.team@sothebysrealty.com	 MAHSHID BOSWELL 904.472.0464 mahshid.boswell@sothebysrealty.com	 HENRY ROGERS 904.614.4828 henry.rogers@sothebysrealty.com
 GAYLE WASHNOCK 904.716.8129 gayle.washnock@sothebysrealty.com	 JANE CHEFAN 904.463.1179 jane.chefan@sothebysrealty.com	 JESSICA CHEFAN HANSEN 904.200.8855 jessica.chefan@sothebysrealty.com	 JEFFREY CHEFAN PRINCIPAL BROKER, CEO 904.400.3884 jeffrey.chefan@sothebysrealty.com	

SAN MARCO OFFICE

Town: 5233 San Jose Boulevard, Jacksonville, Florida 32207 - 904.731.9770
Beaches: 820 Highway A1A N., Suite E15, Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida 32082 - 904.285.7700
Amelia Island: 5548 First Coast Highway Suite 101, Amelia Island, Florida 32034 - 904.277.6522
Gallery Office: Inside the Ritz Carlton, Amelia Island - 904-310-0981
Palm Coast: 4440 N Oceanshore Blvd Suite 110, Palm Coast, Florida 32137 - 386.276.9200

FirstCoastSIR.com | SothebysRealty.com

THE LAW FIRM OF
Pajcic & Pajcic
Since 1974

SERVICE. EXPERIENCE. RESULTS.

For 45 years, The Law Firm of Pajcic & Pajcic has specialized in representing individuals and families who have suffered a serious injury or wrongful death because of the fault of others.



We take pride in our personal, attentive service to clients. We have handled more than 10,000 cases, recovering \$1 billion for our clients. Our firm has 12 AV rated "preeminent" attorneys, and we have received a perfect 5.0 rating in client satisfaction on Martindale-Hubbell's list of Top Ranked Law Firms.



ONE INDEPENDENT DRIVE, SUITE 1900 | JACKSONVILLE, FL 32202 | (904) 358.8881 | WWW.PAJCIC.COM

Sulzbacher celebrates those who have overcome homelessness

Sulzbacher held its biggest fundraising event of the year, Transformations, at the Times Union Center for the Performing Arts Sept. 19. The celebration started with a reception that included dinner, drinks, live music, and a silent auction and was followed by a theater program where Sulzbacher clients, who went from surviving to thriving, shared their victory stories. The evening concluded with dessert – a fitting end for a night filled with sweet success.

The Transformations host committee co-chairs were Bill Gulliford, a former



Sulzbacher Board Member Pat Phelps with Eileen Phelps

City Council member, and Steve Moore, president of the Vestcor Companies, Inc. The Transformations honorary co-chairs were Mayor Lenny Curry and Aaron Bowman, City Council member.



John Bowles, Patrick Finn-Schultz and Carlton Higginbotham



Steve Kelley with Fred and Bobi McGinnis



Bill Gulliford with Cindy Funkhouser, Scott Cairns, Ouida Kuhn and Amy Hardman

A true SHINDIG benefits Sanctuary on 8th

At the Sanctuary on 8th Streets annual friend-raiser Sept. 20, supporters filled the Garden Club to celebrate the organization's achievements and to generously give to fund future endeavors. Attendees mixed and mingled amongst the old Florida décor – the theme for this year's event – while listening to live music and enjoying food and drinks.

Silent auctions items, including trips, art and more, were up for bid, and the amazing students from the Sanctuary put on a show-stopping performance. Shindig was hosted by the Delores Barr Weaver Forever Event Fund, the Jacksonville Jaguars Foundation and J. David Tax Law.

View more photos at photos.residentnews.net



Leslie Jones waves as her charter vessel Now and Zen Charters sails past the evening's event. Jones and her sailing partner, Ralph Hubbard, have been contributing a chartered trip on the St. Johns River for many years in the silent auction to benefit the Sanctuary on 8th Street.



Rick and Lizzy Lasseter, Kyle and Gayle Rudman, Laura and Chris Lambert



Agata and Chad Gardner with Matt Hartley



Morris Applewhite with Felecia Wimbush, Michelle Corse, Pete Gunnlaugsson, Catherine Simms and Rick Cartlidge

Clara White Mission exceeds goal, celebrates community generosity

The Clara White Mission's recent budget shortfall has been fully funded, and further exceeded its goal thanks to generous community members, businesses and foundations. At a press conference Friday, Sept. 13, Clara White staff showered thanks and praise on attendees, as patrons of the mission dined in Taliaferro Hall.

The announcement came during a lunch service for Clara's at the Cathedral, 256 E. Church St., one of the critical funding targets made whole by generous donors.

After a federal grant was reduced in budget cuts – from \$800,000 to \$300,000 – the mission was falling behind and short of funds. Cuts to the organization affect job programs, culinary education and food service for those in critical need of food and job placement.

Service interruptions were inevitable if emergency relief from the community did

not come through by the deadline of August 30. With the initial target of \$455,000 by Aug. 30, the mission had an uphill battle to fight for funds.

"I want to thank the media for following us from day one, to make sure that we were in this thing together. I can't tell you how excited I am to know that we don't have to go from five days a week, to three days a week," said Ju'Coby Pittman, executive director of Clara White Mission, referring to cuts in meal provisions and job training.

"Today is such a special day, and I also want to thank Dean Moorehead for allowing us 13 years of partnership in the community – a long-term partnership. And we are just excited, that as a partner they've been around for over 100 years, and the Clara White Mission has been around for 100 years," she continued.



Board members Dinah Mason, Tasha Cathey and Kris Mattson with Curry Pajcic of Pajcic and Pajcic, Executive Director Ju'Coby Pittman, The Very Rev. Kate Moorehead, Jamie Shelton of bestbet, Chris Sutton of the Jacksonville Jaguars Foundation, Amanda Crawford of VyStar Credit Union and board members pastor Carlton Jones and Thomas Waters and Joe Whitaker.

"Well, I'm here today to tell you that we exceeded our goal, and I want you all to say this together with me -- \$536,933 dollars," she proclaimed, to rounds of applause by those in attendance.

She closed her remarks by stating a call to action, "Do all the good you can, for all

the people you can, and all the places you can, in all the ways you can, while you can."

Donations poured in from all reaches of North Florida, from the legal team at Pajcic and Pajcic, to Vystar Credit Union, bestbet, Jacksonville Jaguars Foundation and many others.

THERE ARE REASONS FOR OPTIMISM WHEN INVESTING...

Steve Hyers, ChFC, CLU
2120 University Blvd. W.
Jacksonville, FL 32217
904.730.3877

Capital Dimensions
WEALTH MANAGEMENT

Securities offered through Linsco Private Ledger (LPL) Member FINRA/SIPC.

IRAS • EDUCATION PLANNING • MUTUAL FUNDS
INSURANCE • RETIREMENT PLANNING
CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT • BONDS • STOCKS

16TH ANNUAL
Festival d'Vine

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25 | 6:00 – 9:00 P.M.
TREATY OAK PARK

- 100+ poured wines
- 20+ restaurants and breweries

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Proceeds Benefit Our Community's Most Vulnerable People

BUY TICKETS NOW AT CCBJAX.ORG

IN HONOR OF PAMELA KENDRICK CONLEY

CLAWS FOR A CAUSE
benefiting
CRM
CITY RESCUE MISSION

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26
VIP Reception @ 6:15 PM
Dinner Served @ 7:00 PM

All you can drink beer and wine, fresh Maine Lobster, Live Auction and more...

Tickets start at \$75 and can be purchased by visiting [EVENTBRITE.COM](https://eventbrite.com) search for "CLAWS FOR A CAUSE"

COOL MOOSE CAFE
2708 PARK ST
JAX, FL 32205



Debbi and John Pataky, Shari Thanner, Sherrill Mullins, Dale Watkiss and Charlie Davis

San Marco Garden Circle celebrates new butterfly garden

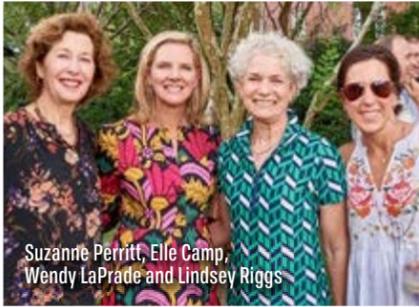
Mission accomplished as far as the San Marco Garden Circle is concerned. Garden Club members and neighborhood activists gathered Sept. 22 to celebrate one of the Circle's latest endeavors, the newly restored butterfly garden in Landon Park, with a ribbon-cutting ceremony.

In May, ladies from the San Marco Garden Circle replaced their former rose garden, which had been destroyed due to salt water intrusion from Hurricane Irma, with Firebush, Pentas, Black-eyed Susan, Autumn Salvia and a few token rosebushes to make the family-friendly butterfly patch spring with glorious color this summer.

"This is a kid's park, and we wanted it to be a place that families and children can come and enjoy," said Garden Circle Member Marla Anderson in May.



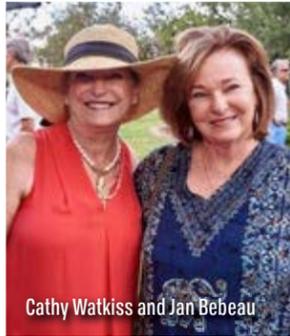
Shelly Boynton, Ann Gamba and Karen Hirshberg



Suzanne Perritt, Elle Camp, Wendy LaPrade and Lindsey Riggs



Cathy Watkiss, Zim Boulos, Bryan Ballard with Linzee Ott and Wendy LaPrade



Cathy Watkiss and Jan Bebeau

Cultural Council LEAPs forward, celebrates impact of the arts

The Cultural Council's 43rd Annual Arts Awards brought like-minded art advocates and fans of the cultural fabric of Jacksonville together to celebrate leaders in the community. Attendees were welcomed to the Aetna Building on the Southbank of the St. Johns River, where the marble clad atrium provided the backdrop for the evening award ceremony. Creatives donned their best 'black tie' attire and enjoyed the soiree with friends and supporters.

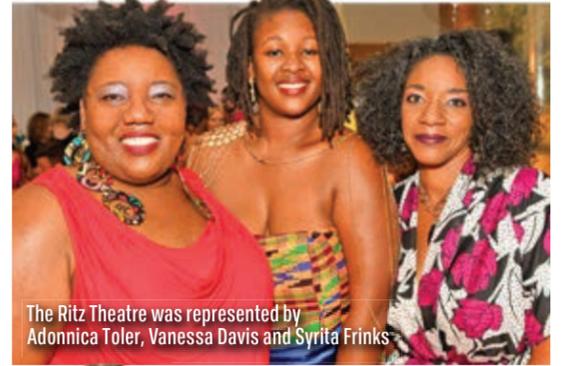
Award winners were Christina Parrish Stone, Helen Lane Founders Award; Hope McMath, Robert Arleigh White Award for

Advocacy; Erin Kendrick, Art Educator of the Year; Donald Bowen, The Art of Giving Award; Keith Marks, Art Innovator Award; Community Impact Award, Art Republic; Special Recognition Awards for Lifetime Service to the Arts went to Baptist Health MD Anderson Cancer Center Healing Arts and the Cultural Heritage Icon went to Ritz Theater and Lavilla Museum.

The evening was emceed Tenikka Hughes, anchor on CBS47 & FOX 30 Action News Jax, and the welcome introduction to attendees were made by event chair, Diana Donovan.



Ashley Tappan with Daniele Giovanucci



The Ritz Theatre was represented by Adonnica Toler, Vanessa Davis and Syrita Frinks



Carey and Jackie Cornelius with Don and Laurie Zentz



Michelle Kindy and Christina Parrish

"JERSEY BOYS meets WEST SIDE STORY."

AMT NEW YORK

A BRONX TALE

BROADWAY'S NEW HIT MUSICAL

NOVEMBER 13
TIMES-UNION CENTER

ON SALE NOW!

(904) 632-5000
fscjartistseries.org

VyStar
BROADWAY IN JACKSONVILLE
presented by FSCJ ARTIST SERIES

ArborScapes

PROFESSIONAL TREE CARE

Mitigation, Fertilization, Pruning, Preservation, Palm Trimming, Stump Removal, Cable Installation, Disease Diagnosis

DALE LINDER
Certified Arborist/TRAQ qualified

904.514.4930
Dale.Linder@comcast.net
6111 Colgate Rd., Jacksonville, Florida

TRAQ
Tree Risk Assessment Qualified

FL-5631A | Licensed & Insured

WIN CASH AND PRIZES!

FAMILY FEUD

Live
CELEBRITY EDITION

PLAY ON STAGE
Comedy Legends!

WITH
RUBIN ERVIN
TOM ARNOLD VS PAULY SHORE

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5 • 7:30 p.m.
TIMES-UNION CENTER

SURVEY SAYS...
BUY TICKETS NOW!

fscjartistseries.org • (904) 632-5000

VyStar
BROADWAY IN JACKSONVILLE
presented by FSCJ ARTIST SERIES

No purchase necessary. On stage contestants selected at random. Subject to change. Open to U.S. & Canada legal residents, 18+. Residents of Puerto Rico, Guam and other US territories, commonwealths and possessions are ineligible to participate as contestants. For complete rules & regulations, including eligibility requirements & how method of entry, visit fscjartistseries.org or call (904) 632-5000. Sponsored by Food Services Live, Inc. Food where prohibited. Family Feud Live™ ©2019 FSCJ Artist Series. All Rights Reserved. For the full rules, please contact us.

Former general manager returns to Hardage-Giddens

GINNY TAYLOR BRINGS EXPERIENCE AND A FAMILIAR FACE

Hardage-Giddens Oaklawn Chapel & Oaklawn Cemetery has added a new but familiar face to its growing family of staff members.

Former general manager Ginny Taylor has been brought on as general manager again, one of several changes that have taken place at the San Jose Boulevard establishment in recent years.

Taylor was president of Oaklawn Cemetery and Funeral Home when in 2010, the Taylor family sold it to Hardage-Giddens. The cemetery has been a landmark in San Marco/San Jose for more than 90 years and was owned by the Taylor family from 1955 to 2010 before becoming Hardage-Giddens Oaklawn Chapel & Oaklawn Cemetery. The change in ownership brought in additional

staff and added many improvements. Taylor continued as general manager until 2013, when she left to spend time with her family.

"With the construction of our new Legacy Lodge and our new San Marco Hedge Estates, we are really excited to have Ginny back," said Marketing Director, Matt Tucci. "This is the perfect time for her to come back and oversee families that are both old and new to Oaklawn that have more options than they did previously."

Taylor said she is thrilled to come back after what she jokingly referred to as a "six-year vacation."

"The best thing about being back is the staff and the families we serve," Taylor said. "I look forward to seeing them every morning."

As general manager, Taylor said she is following in the footsteps of Tom Harris, who had been general manager for the past three years. "We are fortunate to have Tom still a part of our team as he serves as family services manager as well as being a licensed funeral director," she said. "Tom's involvement in the community combined with his love for Oaklawn makes him the perfect choice for his new role."

At the time that Oaklawn was sold, the Taylor family had just completed the current chapel after tearing down the previous, smaller building. Ginny Taylor worked with Bill Jaycox, Julie Catlin and eventually, The Angelo Group to design it, selecting everything by hand from the tiles and the fixtures to the millwork and the gorgeous boxed-beamed ceilings.



The team at Hardage-Giddens Oaklawn Chapel & Oaklawn Cemetery

Afterward, Oaklawn added more acreage from the acquisition of the Shad property, now known as the Legacy Lodge.

"So many families are getting away from the traditional service and are having celebrations of life to honor their loved ones," she said. "The building can accommodate almost any type of service a family chooses. We also offer catering and a full-service staff."

Oaklawn employs about 26 people, many of whom come from different fields.

"I like to say this is a career that you cannot fully appreciate unless you have experienced a loss. Our family has suffered several losses since 2010, and it is through those losses that I have a deeper understanding of love, loss and the fragile nature of life," she said.

Besides the staff, there's also another reason Taylor is back: The search for a more fulfilling life. "My husband and I have traveled, remodeled an older San Marco home, seen our daughter through college and a law school graduation this coming May," she said. "You find yourself saying, there's got to be more purpose for me."

Hardage-Giddens President Jody Brandenburg said he has known Taylor for 30 years.

"We've been friends for so long, only recently colleagues and teammates," he said, adding she brings a high degree of professionalism to Oaklawn.

Former Gov. Charlie Crist appointed Taylor to the Board of Funeral, Cemetery and Consumer Service, the state regulatory board that regulates and licenses the profession, Brandenburg said. "We served together until 2010. Ginny Taylor brings a quality to our profession in Jacksonville that is of the highest ethical and customer service standards," he said. "She lives our core values of respect, integrity, service, excellence and enduring relationships."

He also said she was well-known in the community. "Customers and staff appreciate and welcome her return," he said.

For her part, Taylor wants to keep Oaklawn's standards high. "My goal is to keep everything running smoothly, make sure the staff are fully supported, and to serve the families with compassion and integrity," she said.



Ginny Taylor

HUGO'S

INTERIORS

CROSBY DESIGNS

*Featuring
Alexa Hampton for
Theodore Alexander*

STOREWIDE SAVINGS UP TO 50% AND MORE

COMPLIMENTARY LOCAL DELIVERY!

Now serving the Highlands/Cashiers plateau

Hugo's Interiors | 3139 Philips Hwy. 32207 | 904.396.2233 | Mon.-Fri. 9-5 Saturday 11-4 | www.hugosinteriors.com
Crosby Designs | 2237 Riverside Ave. 32204 | 904.683.8683 | Mon.- Fri. 9-5 | www.shopcrosbydesigns.com

COMING UP



GUYS & DOLLS
 OCT 17-20, 2019 @ 7:30 PM
 DUBOW THEATRE, DA CAMPUS

EXTRAVAGANZA
 FEB 7, 2020 @ 6:30 PM
 DUBOW THEATRE, DA CAMPUS

DA AUDITIONS FOR 2020-2021
 JAN 21 & JAN 28, 2020
 DUBOW THEATRE, DA CAMPUS



Mary Garcia-Bengochea, Kerry Hutchison, Maruchi Schumacher and Patty Palmer

Tourney raises money for Gabriel House

It was a sold-out affair when Gabriel House of Care held its 8th annual golf tournament Sept. 16 at Marsh Landing Country Club.

The event, which was sponsored by BACARDI®, Mayo Clinic Florida, Availity, and Baston-Cook Construction, included a net captain's choice, lunch, raffle prizes, on-course contests, awards barbeque and more.

Proceeds from the tournament support the lodging and integrative therapy programs Gabriel House provides to organ transplant and cancer patients along with their caregivers, who come to Jacksonville medical centers for specialized care.

Kicking off a fundraising first, a Circle of Sisters unite



Melissa Ross with Kristen Keane

At a recent luncheon in September, Rethreaded, a local nonprofit dedicated to the betterment and wellness of the lives of women who have been exploited in sex trade and trafficking, brought strong women together from across the First Coast to initiate a first-of-its-kind fundraiser. Coined the Circle of Sisters, the new group will help to strengthen the good works and mission of the organization, as it knits more extensive networks of like-minded women together.

"This is the launch of our Circle of Sisters, our giving initiative. We're surrounding Rethreaded with strong women that will invest their time and finances to create a solid foundation for our ladies to have space to heal. It's their financial [obligation], their influence and it's whatever they're giving back to community. And we're doing it *through* community, because that's how women work," shared Kristen Keen, executive director of the organization. Keen also

made mention of the strong support from leadership at the St. John's Cathedral, who have been partners in the work of the nonprofit, providing space and networks of support for women's causes by way of their ministries.

Rethreaded has had many reasons to celebrate of late; the organization celebrated its 8th birthday Aug. 3. Also, coinciding with the luncheon was an announcement from Florida Senator Marco Rubio (R), chairman of the Small Business Committee in the Senate, naming the organization as the Senate Small Business of the Week in Washington, D.C.- a major plus for the nonprofit to notability and increased visibility throughout the country.

The luncheon was held in Taliaferro Hall on the campus of St. John's Cathedral Sept. 14. For more information on how you can join the Circle of Sisters, visit rethreaded.com.

View more photos at photos.residentnews.net



Missy Peters with Haley Hakimian Kasraeian



Emily Usina with Mary Anne Rodriguez and Leah Miller



Marcy Stoudt with Stacey Hogan



The Very Rev. Kate Moorehead with Donna Fenchel



JoAnn Tredennick with Leslie Gordon



**Jacksonville's Public Arts High School...
 Douglas Anderson School of the Arts**
*a safe place where students embrace opportunities,
 create, investigate, compose, improvise, study... and thrive*

Provides intensive and advanced placement stude in the arts & academics

Ranked consistently in the top 1% of Best High Schools in the nation by US News & World Report, the College Board, the Washington Post and the US & Florida Departments of Education

Douglas Anderson is a 11-time National Grammy winner and is recognized as the 2019 best high school jazz band in the country by Downbeat Magazine

Student's SAT College Board scores average 67+ points above the national mean

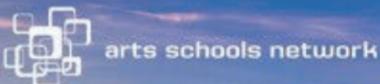
92% of graduates attend colleges, universities, and conservatories

\$21 million offered to 2019 graduates in college scholarships

51% of seniors pursuing degrees/careers in the arts

Auditions to be held on Jan 21 & 28, 2020

Please visit DA website for more information and audition requirements; www.da-arts.org



THE NATIONAL ART SCHOOLS NETWORK CONFERENCE

Comes to the Bold New City of the South, October 21-25, 2019

Douglas School of the Arts and its foundation are thrilled to host the 2019 Art Schools Network (ASN) Conference on the First Coast. Jacksonville now joins the ranks of cities like New York, Chicago and Seattle as a destination for more than 300 conference goers.

"This is not just an opportunity for Douglas Anderson to show its innovative approach to arts education," said Melanie Hammer, principal of Douglas Anderson School of the Arts. "It is a chance for the First Coast to shine as a destination for arts and culture."

"The conference serves as a hub for innovators and creatives to network and grow momentum, building stronger art education opportunities nationally and abroad."

To learn more about the ASN Conference visit artschoolsnetwork.org

Creating a healthy, more beautiful you from the inside out

Two cousins with ties to Jacksonville's historic neighborhoods have opened a one-stop beauty, health and wellness center in San Marco.

Ashley Stauffer, a nurse practitioner with nearly 20 years of healthcare experience, and Kellie Turner, a project manager & fitness instructor, had a vision – to bring nearly every health and beauty procedure possible to one central location. The result is Balanced Soul Wellness, located at 1704 Hendricks Avenue in San Marco.

“I had a practice that included facial aesthetics such as Botox and fillers as well as medical weight loss. Kellie was holding fitness classes, but we had no central office. We had a vision that it would be nice to combine everything so clients could go to one place and get it all done without having to drive around town to separate appointments,” said Stauffer.

“Our desire is to help make women and men feel more confident in themselves,” added Turner. “Individuals come in here with insecurities and fears. They find it hard to talk about things that bother them physically. We want to help make people comfortable while meeting their health, beauty, and fitness needs.” said Stauffer.

Balanced Soul Wellness is a place that offers nearly every beauty or health service imaginable - from IV vitamin therapy to Pilates classes. Included in the service menu are IV vitamin therapy for anti-aging, immunity, full workout recovery, as well as IV bag boosters to assist with hangovers and memory enhancement. BSW signature IV treatment –The Balanced Soul - includes a

“little bit of everything,” and makes you feel fully hydrated and on top of your game. IV vitamin therapy allows for 100% absorption of vitamins and minerals as opposed to the oral route. said Stauffer.

Also in BSW's wheelhouse are lash extensions, eyelash lift and tint, microblading, facials, couples' facials, mommy-and-me facials, chemical peels, dermaplaning, Hydra-dermabrasion, micro needling, PRP (platelet rich plasma) or “ vampire facials”, Botox/Xeomin/Dysport, facial fillers, medical weight loss, fitness, Norvell spray tan, massage/cupping therapy, body contouring with the Velashape system, waxing, Brazilian waxing, event makeup and bridal packages are available. BSW hosts weekly events such as, make-up tutorials and girls' nights out. BSW uses and carries image skincare, a cosmeceutical-grade, Florida-based skincare line, which is customizable. They also carry Tranont vitamins, which are all natural and have no preservatives. Mobile IV therapy, spray tan and facial party services are available upon request. Soon BSW plans to add lasers and additional body contouring machines as well as manicures and pedicures to its extensive list.

Stauffer, who co-owns BSW with Turner, grew up in San Marco and has served in the healthcare field for 20 years, during which she gained valuable knowledge and experience at some of the best healthcare facilities in the southeast. She has worked as an ICU nurse at Shands Hospital and at Baptist Medical Center for 11 years before pursuing her Advanced Practice degree in 2014 at Walden University. As a nurse practitioner



Ashley Stauffer and Kellie Turner

she has worked in internal medicine at Baptist Medical Center. She has also obtained post-graduate certifications in aesthetics, neuromodulator injections, fillers, PDO thread lifting, weight loss, hormone balancing and platelet-rich plasma administration. She offers facial aesthetic services and medical weight loss at the wellness center.

Turner, who spent her formative years in Riverside, is BSW's co-owner and fitness instructor. Her passion is to help clients achieve a balanced lifestyle that encompasses all dimensions of health and wellness. She has worked in the health and wellness industry for more than six years as a radiographer at Baptist Medical Center and owned a private studio in Jax Beach. Turner is ACE certified for group fitness instruction and credentialed in Pilates. She has 16 years of dance experience, including Zumba certifications. She has experience in cardio circuit training, mat Pilates, dance cardio and spin.

She obtained her radiologist technician degree from Florida State College at Jacksonville and holds a bachelor's degree in healthcare administration and business management from the University of West Florida. It is her fervent desire to ease her clients into a healthy, active lifestyle with a “make-it-fun” attitude.

In keeping with the family atmosphere that permeates BSW, Callie Perry, a first cousin to Stauffer and Turner, is also a team member. Perry manages the IV vitamin therapy. She has been in the healthcare field for 16 years. She holds a bachelor's degree in nursing from Chamberlain University and has worked as a nurse at Shands Hospital and Baptist Medical Center prior to completing her master's degree as a Family Nurse Practitioner. She also carries a national certification in progressive care.

“This is a place where customers come in as clients and leave as friends,” said Stauffer.

Viscosupplementation has helped thousands relieve knee arthritis pain, while avoiding surgery.



FDA APPROVED TREATMENT FOR KNEE ARTHRITIS PAIN

ARE YOU STRUGGLING WITH KNEE ARTHRITIS PAIN?

Knee arthritis pain is a problem that effects millions of Americans. Simple aches and pains can eventually lead to a total knee replacement with months of difficult rehab.

THERE IS HOPE: FDA APPROVED KNEE TREATMENT
At Physicians Rehabilitation, we are happy to offer another non-surgical option to those suffering with knee pain. The Viscosupplementation treatment is Easy, Safe, Highly Effective and FDA Approved.

ABOUT THE TREATMENT
All treatments are performed at one of our locations. We use advanced diagnostic equipment to localize the exact point of your knee pain. Then we inject Viscosupplementation into that area of the joint.

DOES INSURANCE COVER THIS?
Yes, Medicare and most major insurances cover viscosupplementation treatment.

Are You a Candidate for Our Knee Program?

- Knees stiff in the morning?
- Do your knees hurt in the morning?
- Do you frequently take ibuprofen for the pain?
- Have you been told you will need knee replacement surgery?

IF YOU ANSWERED YES WE OFFER A NON-SURGICAL OPTION

Viscosupplementation, is a gel like substance similar to the synovial fluid in your knees which reduces inflammation and increases cushioning and lubrication **IMMEDIATELY**. Offered locally by Physicians Rehabilitation, this procedure is minimally invasive, requires no surgery, can provide long lasting relief and has little to no recovery time. Administration takes **ONLY MINUTES** after a consultation and in office imaging studies are performed.

www.PhysiciansRehabilitation.com

No Cost - No Obligation Consultation!
(904) 587-0046

5 Convenient Office Locations:
Jacksonville - 6444 Beach Blvd., 2nd Floor, Jax FL 32216
near The Villages® community | Fort Myers | Naples | Port Charlotte



Local couple opens home for reception, evening of gratitude

The Riggs family of San Marco opened their home to some of their closest friends for an evening with Becca Stevens of Thistle Farms, a nonprofit social enterprise based in Nashville, Tenn.

Lindsey and Ryan Riggs hosted the gathering Sept. 21, so more awareness could be raised for to the mission of Thistle Farms, which is dedicated to helping women survivors recover and heal from sexual trafficking, prostitution and addiction. Not only did Stevens speak, but she brought women who shared their first-hand experiences, so attendees could understand the impact of her work.

Stevens, a nationally recognized speaker, author, social entrepreneur and priest, was in town sharing her story as a guest and invited presenter for the most recent

installment of the St. John's Cathedral's Cerveny Speaker Series the following day, Sept. 22.

During the gathering, she shared her vision for Thistle Farms, a sanctuary for survivors of trafficking, violence, prostitution and addiction for women. In addition to the expansive work being done on her farm in Tennessee, she has affiliate missions' work around the globe. Her mission doesn't solely raise funds, it also raises concern and drives compassionate dialogue so those listening can gain a new perspective about the abuse, neglect and trafficking of women and girls. Her goal is to educate and grow the mission of four justice enterprises under her entrepreneurial umbrella. The overarching and much larger global



The Very Rev. Kate Moorehead with Rev. Becca Stevens and hosts Lindsey and Ryan Riggs



Emmy and Bishop Frank Cerveny with Owenie Courtney and Patty Donohoo



Ben, Paige and Brighton Hakimian with Angela Corey

enterprise markets home and body products, employing over 1,800 women worldwide in the venture.

The Cerveny Speakers Series was established to celebrate The Right Reverend Frank Cerveny's ministry and vision at St. John's Cathedral and throughout the Diocese

of Florida. He served as the fifth Dean of the Cathedral and then continued to bless the community as the sixth Bishop of the Diocese of Florida.

To learn more about Thistle Farms and the work of Becca Stevens visit www.thistlefarms.org.

Historic home provides happy ending for newly engaged couple

By Marcia Hodgson
Resident Community News

Part of the former Barnett Estate, Magnolia, a renowned San Marco home with an expansive antebellum-style porch, became the site of another happy ending when Jonathan Heldenbrandt and Palmer Kuder became engaged on the doorstep of the historic house Sept. 6. Built in 1938 by entrepreneur David H. Tart of Pensacola, the home was originally a wedding gift for Tart's son, David H. Tart Jr. and his bride, Elizabeth Brogden, a Jacksonville native who was born in 1916.

"Last Friday I got engaged on the front steps of 1021 Greenridge," said Heldenbrandt. "The house was originally built in 1938 as a wedding gift. While my fiancée, Palmer, and I had looked at the house, she wasn't aware that I was in the process of purchasing it. We drove to the house, and I had a large bow placed on the front door. To her confusion, I casually asked her if she liked her wedding gift. I then proposed and asked her to spend the rest of her life with me in this beautiful house."

Kuder said she was "surprised, shocked, and elated," by Heldenbrandt's proposal and

the gift of the house. "It was a wonderful mix of emotions," she said. "I'm honored and humbled to carry on such a beautiful tradition with my new family in this house. It's really a dream come true."

Heldenbrandt, the groom-to-be, is chief investment officer for Sleiman Enterprises. He grew up in New Mexico and has lived in Jacksonville for 14 years, having discovered the First Coast during his tenure at the University of Florida business school. His bride-to-be grew up in Ortega, attended the Bolles School and lived in Avondale after graduating from the University of Alabama. She currently works for Mayor Lenny Curry. Her family has owned Rayware Hardware in Avondale for four generations.

Heldenbrandt has two daughters from a previous marriage that live with the couple and attend San Jose Catholic School. "This area will be great for us," he said.

The couple is planning to be married at Timuquana Country Club next fall.

Magnolia looms gracefully over historic Greenridge Road Park in Colonial Manor and was originally part of the old Red Bank Plantation, which was first built by the French in the 1700s. Since 1938, the home has only been owned by two other families, the Tarts and the Barnetts. Tart, who owned several businesses including three cooperage manufacturing facilities in Florida and Georgia, gave it to his son and daughter-in-law, Oscar F. Barnett and his wife purchased the home in 1958 and later sold it to William G. Barnett and his wife, Amy, in 1984.



Jonathan Heldenbrandt and Palmer Kuder in front of their new home

The younger David Tart lived in the home for 20 years and brought up a family of three boys, who attended Hendricks Avenue Elementary. During their tenure the Tart family attended Swaim Methodist Church in San Marco. The family eventually moved to Valdosta, Ga., to manage his family's cooperage manufacturing business.

Oscar Barnett and his wife, who were second-generation Jacksonville business owners, raised their four children in the home, while William and Amy Barnett raised three children before selling the home to Heldenbrandt.

According to a written history of the house, Magnolia has been a happy place of celebration for five generations. Two weddings, Christmas and birthday parties, Young Life meetings, Easter Egg hunts, Bible studies, and even a James Bond event have taken place within its borders. "It's been the location for several television productions airing worldwide on HGTV, Discovery networks, and PBS. One of the visiting celebrities said it reminded her of Martha Stewart's home," according to the written history.

The Downtown Dwellers Celebrate the River

OCTOBER 11, 2019

5:30PM-7:30PM

Lone Sailor Fountain, Southbank Riverwalk

Food, wine & beer, soft drinks & water

SUGGESTED DONATION:

MEMBERS \$10

NON-MEMBERS \$20

ALL attendees must be registered by
OCTOBER 10, 2019

Register on the web:
Eventbrite.com/e/downtown-dwellers-celebrate
OR
TheDowntownDwellers.com/support

QUESTIONS: TheDowntownDwellers@gmail.com

Bronwen Krause
(904) 616-6523
bronwen.krause@gmail.com

Melissa Keyes
(904) 616-6425
melissa.keyes@floridanetworkrealty.com

Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Network Realty

We Listen,
We Work Hard,
We Know the Market

A member of the franchise system of BHH Affiliates, LLC
THEKEYESKRAUSETEAM.COM

Experts at making you look good

In a world of cellphones and selfie sticks, anyone can snap a picture, but it takes the professional eye of Dan Harris or Matt Culpepper to capture the image that is the best version of you.

A fixture in custom photography in Jacksonville for more than 20 years, Harris owns Dan Harris PhotoArt LLC, a full-service studio in San Marco that specializes in weddings, bar mitzvahs, professional portraits, and corporate events. He and Culpepper, his protégé, are masters at everything involved in producing a superb image, including setting up the photo shoot, retouching, editing, photo restoration, fine-art printing, framing, matting, and printing calendars or brochures.

"We do it all. We capture, perfect, and preserve photos, then finish them by framing or creating an album," said Harris. "Our real strength is that we capture the personality of the event," he said, noting he has photographed more than 750 weddings during his career.

"You can have a friend come and take pictures for free, but they seldom catch the true feeling of the event. They just take random snaps of the people who are there. We learned the photography business by doing weddings, and our goal is to capture the story line – to make an album that tells the whole story so that someone, who was not at the event, can look at our photos and feel like they were there," he explained.

To take a great picture, photographers not only need to know how to properly use their camera and the computer application Adobe Photoshop, they also must have an

understanding of lighting, color, and facial structure, he said. "It's not equipment that makes you a good photographer, it's how you apply and use it."

"Sometimes people say they hate having their picture taken," Culpepper said. "We want the person to be comfortable with the situation and us as photographers. We try to make it easy and fluid and, at the end of the day, we come up with the best picture of you that's realistic. Usually it's a natural picture where everyone looks relaxed and happy."

Dan Harris PhotoArt can also fix other people's snapshots, including family vacation photos, and duplicate historic photos without damaging the original. "You can bring in a one-of-a-kind family heirloom, and we'll reproduce so it is as good as new. We can also frame it in an antique-looking oval frame with rounded glass," Harris said. "Our prints are better than the original because they are printed in a manner that will last 300 years."

Harris began his career with a Brownie camera at 8 years old. In high school, he had a dark room in his garage and took impromptu lessons with his best friend's father, a photography teacher at school. As a college student majoring in photojournalism, he worked for Brigham Young University's newspaper, The Daily Universe, winning a regional award for "Best News Article." After graduation, he became a stringer for the Associated Press and later owned his own printing business.

Harris has also served as president of the Jacksonville Professional Photographer's Guild and is a member of the Professional Photographers of America.



Matt Culpepper and Dan Harris

Culpepper, who majored in photography at the University of North Florida, joined Dan Harris PhotoArt eight years ago as an intern and was hired on fulltime after graduation. Under Harris's tutelage, he has learned to mirror his mentor's techniques. "I trained Matt to operate as I would, and today you can't tell the difference in our photographs,"

said Harris. "We know each other's style and can do more for clients because we are able to produce the same product in the end."

"It pays to hire us because of the quality of our work," he continued. "We're good at making you look good. We capture the moment accurately, and whatever we print will last for generations."

Dan Harris PhotoArt | 1124 Riviera Street, Jacksonville, FL 32207 | 904-398-7668 | info@danharrisphotoart.com

A-COIN & STAMP

Jacksonville's Premier dealer of coins, currencies and collectibles



SPOOKTACULAR

SAVINGS!

Stop by and browse our wide selection of watches, jewelry, rare coins, stamps and collectibles or trade your valuables for cash.



Nobody Pays More!

WWW.A-COIN.COM | 904.733.1204 | 6217 St. Augustine Rd., Jacksonville, FL | Hours: Mon. - Fri. 10:30am - 5:30pm

Bank and House Calls Available for Large Estates... "All Transactions Confidential"

WE ARE NOT AFFILIATED WITH ROLEX CORPORATION OR ANY OF ITS SUBSIDIARIES NOR ENDORSED BY ROLEX IN ANY WAY. ALL TRADEMARKED NAMES, BRANDS, AND MODELS, MENTIONED IN THIS AD ARE USED FOR IDENTIFICATION PURPOSES ONLY AND ARE THE SOLE PROPERTY OF THEIR RESPECTIVE TRADEMARKED OWNERS. A-COIN IS KNOWN WORLDWIDE, AND OUR INTERNATIONAL CONTACTS ASSURE YOU OF SELLING TO THE COMPANY WITH THE WIDEST CLIENTELE OF ANY OTHER. WE GUARANTEE THE HIGHEST CASH PRICES. PLEASE NOTE... THERE IS NO OBLIGATION TO SELL... NO CHARGE FOR OUR EXPERTS TO EVALUATE YOUR TREASURES. MINIMUM PURCHASES APPLY. A-COIN IS NOT AFFILIATED WITH ROLEX USA. ALL TRADEMARKED NAMES, BRANDS, AND MODELS, MENTIONED IN THIS AD ARE USED FOR IDENTIFICATION PURPOSES ONLY AND ARE THE SOLE PROPERTY OF THEIR RESPECTIVE TRADEMARKED OWNERS.



Bishop Kenny classmates reunite after 50 years

It's been 50 years since the Class of 1969 graduated from Bishop Kenny High School, and to celebrate, alumni gathered at the Sheraton 4 Points Hotel in Jacksonville Beach to honor the momentous occasion.

Approximately 100 attendees, including spouses, gathered in the large meeting room off the hotel lobby for a "meet and greet" event Sept. 6. The main event occurred the evening of Sept. 7, when classmates gathered at the hotel to enjoy drinks and dinner and the opportunity to further rekindle old acquaintances.

Of the 285 Bishop Kenny 1969 graduates, 26 have passed away, and their names were inscribed on a memorial white board. Graduates enjoyed a continuous slide show of photos taken back during their student days, as well as a table of yearbooks and other school memorabilia saved by class members. Included among the reunioners were several high school sweethearts that



Lennis and Chuck DeBartolomeis with Pete Helow

later married, including Denise Kittel Ostertag and her husband, John, Judi Taylor Logue and her husband, Tom, and Susan Schenkel Robinson and her husband, Tom.

"It feels good to see everybody we grew up with. Nobody has changed at all!" said Joann Nackashi Thomy.

Her classmate, Sylvia Batah, agreed. "I think we look better now than we did back then," she said. "We are so blessed to have each other and to be able to celebrate each other. There's something good about the aging process. We've all enjoyed life's experiences through the past 50 years, and we radiate that. That's why we all look better," she said.



Bill and Maureen Burke Ward with Susan Edmonds Cooney, Kandy Jones, Betty Evans Griffis, Joyce Woods and Chuck DeBartolomeis

San Marco Merchants, preservationists mingle for betterment of neighborhood

When members of the San Marco Merchants' Association gathered with members of the San Marco Preservation Society at Posting House, it was all about synergy, said San Marco Merchants Association Vice President Scott Wohlers.

Nearly 100 guests showed up to "mix and mingle" during the two organization's two-hour happy hour event at San Marco's newest gathering spot Sept. 10.

"It was great to get the two organizations together and for everyone to meet one another, so we could get a better idea of what we are all trying to do in our work in helping to further San Marco and to



Aaron Arter with Laura and Michael Wood

help promote it throughout the city," he said. "I hope tonight we are able to make some nice synergies between the two groups, so we are better able to work together to promote the neighborhood."



Ann Tiefenthaler and Melissa Kingston



Darline Jones with Jacqui Watson and James Nguyen and Missie Sarra LePrell



Elizabeth Valnoha and Caroline Smith



Carlos Bouvier with Barry and Nick Newman



Harby Jewelers

JACKSONVILLE'S DIAMOND SOURCE FOR FOUR GENERATIONS

Located in Riverplace Tower, 1301 Riverplace Blvd. #2552
(904) 346-0642 • www.harbyjewelers.com



Jacksonville's Premier Yachting Destination






IGY MARINAS

904-387-5538 | 4234 Lakeside Dr., Jacksonville
www.OrtegaLanding.com | Office@OrtegaLanding.com



THE FIRST COAST'S 7TH ANNUAL BENGHAZI TRIBUTE PRESENTS

SECURITY, TERRORISM AND HEROES

with Military Honors to the Heroes of Benghazi

October 26, 2019

UNF Adam W. Herbert University Center, 12000 Alumni Dr. Jacksonville

Outspoken Hollywood Actresses, the PolitiChicks, former Nobel Prize Nominee and Terrorist hostage, Security, and Terrorism Experts are coming to Jacksonville on Saturday evening, October 26 to speak at the 7th Annual First Coast's Benghazi Memorial. The Gold Star Father of Benghazi Hero Tyrone Woods will offer comments. A VIP Reception to welcome prominent National speakers to Jacksonville will precede the event.

A special feature of the event is an opportunity for you to honor your hero. The name of your Hero, Military Members, Veteran, First Responder or Loved One can be honored or memorialized in the event program and social media circulars.

MAKE RESERVATIONS—SEATING IS LIMITED:
www.WeCanBeHeroesFoundation.org or 904 373-8817
For tickets, click on: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/security-terrorism-heroes-with-prominent-national-experts-tickets-68745380283>
Early Bird Specials. PLUS discounts for Seniors, Veterans and First Responders.

Be sure to arrive early to purchase speakers' books and recordings. Browse Exhibitor tables with a wide range of information and merchandise. This event is not sponsored by the University of North Florida.

Literary and Visual Arts Exhibit Transforms Community

By Peggy Harrell Jennings
Resident Community News

Six women artists and six women writers paired up to give a “bird’s eye view” of the significance of birds in the community and to promote appreciation and conservation efforts and enhance connections within the arts community.

Inspired by Anne Lamott’s book, *Bird by Bird*, writer Jenny Anderson and artist Emma Greenhill, writer Shawna Brooks and artist Mary St. Germaine, writer Janessa Martin and artist Sylvi Herrick, writer Nancy Murrey-Settle and artist Penny Edwards, writer Alexa Naparstek and artist Lorn Wheeler joined Jennifer Wolfe and artist Suzanne Pickett in using poetry, essays, journals and, of course, art to “inspire, connect and educate” viewers on the importance of birds.



Artists and writers gathered together to celebrate birds during a Women Writing for (a) Change’s fall series event in September.

Fifteen additional artists exhibited during the well-attended Fall Art Show Sept. 20 in Riverside. The event was sponsored by Women Writing for A Change, a nonprofit led by Executive Director Jennifer Wolfe.

Events will be on going through November including readings, a bird walk, lunch and learn, and a Literary Arts Festival focusing on the theme “Transforming our community, bird by bird, and word by word.” Check out www.WomenWritingJacksonville.com for more details.



Jennifer Wolfe with Sandy Blake in front of featured artist Emma Greenhill’s painting.



Annalies Dykgraaf with featured artist Mary St. Germaine

— In Memoriam — Walter “Chuck” Foster, Jr.

Aug. 25, 1949 to Aug. 16, 2019



Walter “Chuck” Foster, Jr. passed away Aug. 16, just two weeks shy of his 70th birthday. His loved ones say he will be remembered for many things, including his love of yachting and his former position as commodore of Epping Forest Yacht Club, but mainly for his overall size and character.

“He loved life, he was bigger than life,” said Heather Snow Foster, his wife of 16 years. A true Southern gentleman who would always help anyone at any time – 6-foot-4 with a heart to match, was how she described him. “He would do anything for you, for anybody, he didn’t care,” she said, noting he liked to fundraise for the Boy Scouts and play Santa for kids at Stellar, his company, and for Dreams Come True. “Chuck brought so much happiness to my family and many others with his annual Santa outing at the Stellar Christmas parties over many years,” wrote Kurt Liebendorfer in Foster’s online memorial guestbook. “It became a tradition for us, and I have collected just a few of the many photos sitting in my house with these wonderful memories. Kim, my kids, and I will remember him fondly.”

Another friend, Chuck Taylor, shared insight into Foster’s good nature. “Chuck never met anyone who wasn’t his friend,” he wrote. “He had a huge personality and lived life to the absolute fullest.”

Heather Foster said she met her husband at the yacht club when he was on the club’s board. At the time, she was working for a friend of his who was also on the board.

“He was a big yachtsman,” she said. “Sport fishing, any kind of boats, he loved boats. Anything outdoors, that was his big thing.” That also included traveling internationally to hunt, she said.

Foster also loved to strum an acoustic guitar, sing, and “play a little piano,” she said.

He was the son of Ruth and Walter Foster, Sr. and spent his entire life in Jacksonville, where he graduated from Wolfson High School in 1968 and went on to serve in the Florida Air National Guard and in law enforcement.

Many in the San Marco community knew him as one of the founders of Stellar, a design-and-build company, that began in 1985 with less than 50 companies and grew to employ more than 600. Stellar, which celebrated its 30th anniversary in 2015, renovated and expanded the Epping Forest Yacht Club. Foster also owned and headed the construction firm The Chuck Foster Company.

Foster is survived by his wife; brother Ron Foster, Sr., son Joe Foster, daughter Missy Foster, granddaughter Rachel Foster and many other family members. A memorial was conducted Aug. 24 at San Jose Episcopal Church with a reception at his beloved Epping Forest.

No matter what pops up, getting care has never been easier

© Ascension 2019. All rights reserved.

Get the care that’s right for you at St. Vincent’s. Check-in online anytime for urgent care. Schedule online for routine care with an Ascension doctor. And see a doctor online 24/7 — from wherever you are — with Ascension Online Care.

Find it all at GetSTVHScare.com



THE WAY WE WERE: MICHAEL TROWER CARLUCCI

BY JENNIFER EDWARDS
RESIDENT COMMUNITY NEWS

The San Marco area was a completely different world 60 years ago, filled with the imaginings of an atomic age side-by-side with hand-mixed cherry cokes, gender-divided dances, and freedom from parental oversight.

The Bolles School was still a military school, Jacksonville International Airport was called Imeson, and kindergarteners still pedaled around on Schwinn bicycles unaccompanied, as they scrounged for Coke bottles they could transmute to tickets for the Saturday children's movie matinee at the San Marco Theatre.

Michael Trower Carlucci, 70, has lived in other places, including Miami and New York, but for 68 years San Marco has been where he hails to.



Michael Carlucci holds up the train set he won in a drawing at the Rexall Drug Store in San Marco when he was 7.

"Jacksonville has always been home," said Carlucci as he visited a contemporary Starbucks in an updated Lakewood Plaza.

Carlucci, an artist and photographer, is the brother of Jacksonville City Council Member Matt Carlucci and the stepson of former City Council Member and Florida Senator Joe Carlucci. He was also the owner of Sincerely Yours, a popular and colorful store that had two locations in the 1980s, San Marco and Mandarin.

Carlucci was born in 1948 and living in Lakewood on Colgate Road with his parents, Milton and Louise Moore Trower (later Louise Moore Trower Carlucci McCreight).

He was just two years old when his father was killed in an airplane crash, leaving a life insurance policy that paid for his mother to move with her young son to the 1600 block of Avoca Place in San Marco. Grandparents Ira and Lottie Moore also moved into the home for a time to help, but when his mother married Joe Carlucci, his grandparents moved again. Their new abode, a one-story home built in 1939, was right around the corner

on Belote Place. After their mother's passing in 2017, Carlucci has remained in his grandparents' home.

Michael's younger brother, Matt, was born when he was 5. "My mother was very pretty," he recalled, noting she went on to become a statesman's wife.

His stepfather, Joe Carlucci, was elected to the first consolidated Jacksonville City Council and eventually to the Florida Senate. Carlucci was a member of the Jacksonville, City Council from 1968 to 1978, after which he served in the Florida State Senate from 1978 to 1986.

His mother was widowed again after Joe Carlucci suffered a massive heart attack in 1986, while still a senator. He died at 58, leaving an extensive legacy. Later, The Joe Carlucci Sisters Creek Park and Boat Ramp on Heritage River Road was named after him.

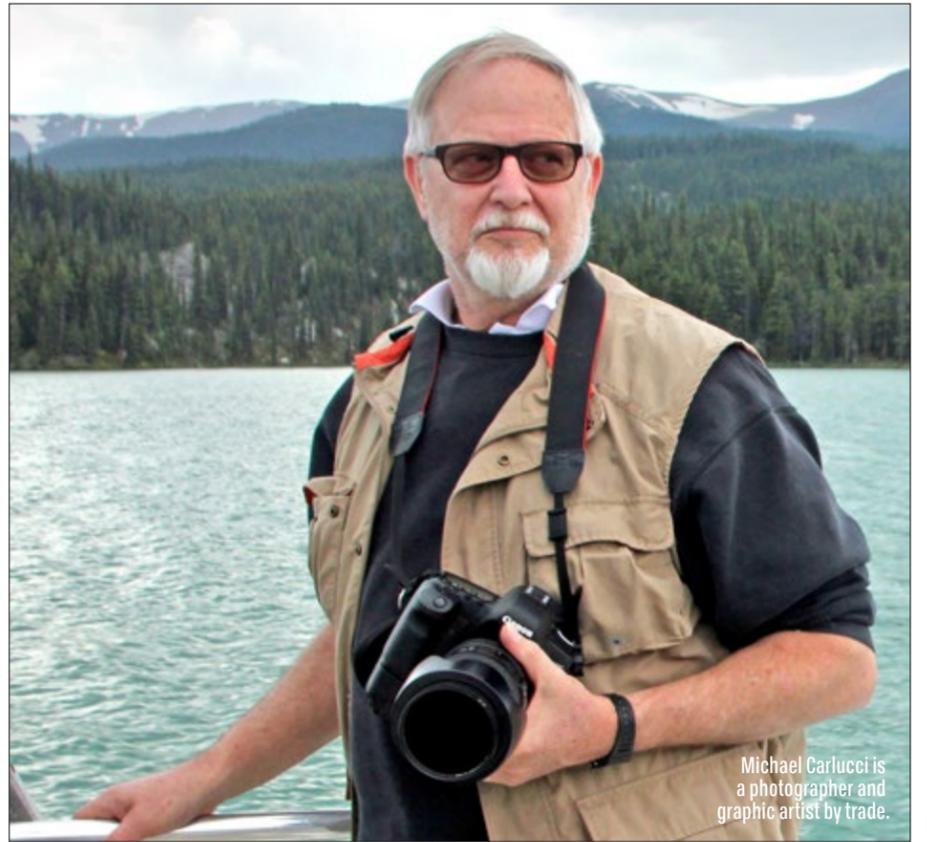
His brother, Matt, went on to follow in their father's footsteps – both were State Farm insurance agents, and Matt still operates Matthew F. Carlucci Insurance Agency Inc. in San Marco. Matt formerly served three terms on the City Council, including a year as president, before recently beginning another term as an At-Large Group 4 representative.

Wearing a digital watch and carrying a cell that rings like a rotary phone, Carlucci recalled 1950s and 60s experiences from his childhood in San Marco, such as the "atomic cleaner," -- a foot-measuring device that literally X-rayed your feet at a run-of-the-mill shoe store – as well as classic drugstore enjoyments and a time when Five-and-Dime stores were the closest thing to Walmart.

"Next to Fire Station 13, there was Abe Levert, a record store," Carlucci remembered. "At that time, they had little booths that were closed in, and each one had a small record player. If there was a record you wanted to buy, you could take a record in and listen to it before you bought it." He said he tried it and bought his first record: James Taylor's "Fire and Rain" and the experience was "almost as cool as when portable radios came out."

When new portable record players came out, the players were "basically a suitcase with a handle," he recalled, noting that some radios were turquoise plastic. "We all thought we were in science world," he said.

The record store later moved next to the San Marco Theatre, which had a children's matinee every Saturday that prompted Carlucci to become perhaps the area's youngest recycler. He would pick up used Coke bottles and turn them in for the deposit. With nickels in hand, he would then have money to go to the show.



Michael Carlucci is a photographer and graphic artist by trade.

Simple times, dangerous times

Carlucci remembers although his red Schwinn bicycle had no decals, he would decorate it with clothespins to make music in the spokes as he rode to the Southside public pool. The pool was a huge draw for young people, although it did later claim his two front teeth.

"I did a backflip off the side and hit my teeth on the bottom," he said. The accident left him with an unintentional Dracula visage until his new teeth were put in place. Even though his appearance was altered, that didn't stop him from going to dances at the pool, which took place in a large empty room where "all the girls were on one side of the room and the boys were on the other."

Also claiming his attention was a shoe shop called Buster Brown that used a fluoroscope, a machine that X-rayed children's feet for entertainment under the guise of helping them find shoes that fit. After he stepped up and put his feet in the holes of a mahogany box, he could see the bones in his feet, wiggling. Although many years later a Smithsonian curator would warn that the radiation-using machine was "the triumph of salesmanship over common sense and a lack of knowledge about the health consequences of certain technologies," Carlucci, like most kids at the time, just thought it was "cool."

The San Marco dry cleaner, that Carlucci can't remember the name of, also gave a nod to radiation by using 'atomic' in its advertising. This was probably because of the age, Carlucci said. It was the Cold War, and at that time, families stocked fallout kits instead of today's hurricane kits, though the contents of both were about the same.

"People were on edge," he said. "Now we have active shooters. Then, we had Cuban or Russian missiles."

There was also an A&P grocery store with four registers to the left and another cool invention: a grinder that let you grind your coffee beans yourself. Although he can't remember the brand of coffee you could grind, he thought it might have been Maxwell House, which has had a plant in Jacksonville since 1910. Today, Jacksonville is the only place in the U.S. that still has an operating Maxwell House plant.

"It was really new," he said of the grinder. "I watched my grandmother do it."

There was also a bowling alley that he didn't go to much and a Rexall Drug Store he went to all the time. It was where adults could get True Detective Magazine and kids could get a cherry coke mixed while sitting on the sleek vinyl seats at the soda fountain. Sometimes kids would get a surprise before they left, as Carlucci recalled he did when he was a child. "There was a nice old man who worked behind the drug counter, and

CONTINUED ON PAGE 37

Compassion Meets Community.

Starling at San Jose offers Assisted Living and Memory Care lifestyles full of unmatched convenience and vitality. Come see our luxurious, new community in Jacksonville to discover what makes Starling the region's premier senior living destination, including:

- First-class, personalized services
- Exquisite dining experiences
- Holistic wellness offerings
- Dynamic engagement opportunities
- Resort-style amenities

For more information, please call 904.299.8298.

StarlingLiving.com/SanJose | Assisted Living Facility #12887



FALL INTO SAVINGS AT SAN JOSE

Schedule your tour and complimentary lunch today to hear about our offerings.



STARLING AT SAN JOSE



Michael Carlucci stands by a sign for his popular store, Sincerely Yours, which used to be in San Marco.

that's where I put my name in the box and won a train set," he said, noting he was around 7 years old at the time and his brother, Matt, was only 2, so he gave him the set.

There was a store with an Indian costume that he always wanted to go into, but never did, just as he never figured out what kind of shop it was. Also, in the square was the Silk Shop, where women could buy material and patterns to make their own clothes, and Underwood's, which advertised on the curved surfaces of the era's television sets. People went to Underwood's to buy wedding presents and other things, he said. "I still remember Mr. (Herb) Underwood. He had commercials of him working on stuff. He was old then, already."

Underwood opened the branch in San Marco in 1953 after growing a successful diamond and watch business in Palatka, then opened a store in downtown Jacksonville, according to the official store website. He sold his business in 1974 and passed away in 1998.

The other store that Carlucci recalled vividly was the popular Peterson's Five-and-Dime in San Marco. "If you needed something, you went to Peterson's first," he said. "Even though they were a Five-and-Dime, they

always seemed to have everything. It had a really good name in San Marco."

The fountain in San Marco never did seem to operate right. It was shaped like a wedding cake, and if the wind blew too hard, it would spray your car. This being Jacksonville, a plastic bubble was placed over the top, which would fog up with condensation whenever it was hot, which is pretty much almost always, he said. "It was the 1960s' worst fountain in the world. The top of it is in Fletcher park, and weeds are growing in the middle of it."

Carlucci's brother, Matt, also has fond memories of drinking cherry Coke as a youngster.

"The Rexall was Coley Walker's drug store, and they had a counter, and they served the absolutely best cheeseburgers, crinkle fries and cherry Cokes you could ever imagine. I would mow yards to make my money, back in those days, and when I would earn enough money, I would go up there with a friend. On a hot summer day in the summertime, when you're out of school, a hamburger and those crinkle fries and a cherry Coke. Whoa mama, that was good."

Matt also said his aunt lived in the neighborhood, and the little family they had all resided within blocks of each other. Matt and his wife, Karen, still live within two blocks of Carlucci. When they were young, the brothers rode their bikes everywhere. "When it was dinner time, my Mom would walk down and call us, knowing we were in hearing distance," he recalled. Years later, while he and his wife were remodeling their home on Alexandria Place, they lived with his mother in her home on Avoca Place. "(One day) she was walking down the driveway saying 'Matthew!' She was calling my son. It brings tears to my eyes right now," Matt said.

Like his brother, Matt also remembers the coffee grinder, and his grandmother letting him grind the beans and their wonderful smell. "It's a sweet memory," he said. "That's why we still love living in San Marco. When the wind begins to blow, it wafts the smell from Maxwell House, just a wonderful smell."



Michael Carlucci

Save THE Date

THE SALVATION ARMY 6TH ANNUAL *Red Shield Ball*
BENEFITING THE RED SHIELD LODGE CENTER FOR WOMEN AND FAMILIES

SATURDAY 10.19.19 | 6:30 PM - 11 PM
Adam H. Herbert University Center

HONORARY CHAIRS
STEVE & PEGGY BACALIS



REHAB EXPERIENCE(D)

Whether you require short stay inpatient rehab or need outpatient rehab therapy, experience River Garden for your rehabilitation needs.

Our clinical professionals handle everything from post-surgical conditions and pain management to physical, occupational and speech therapies. Your experience will include top-rated, one-to-one personalized treatment in our spacious and relaxing 5,000+ square foot therapy gym.



Request River Garden For Your Rehab Experience

RiverGarden.org | (904) 260-1818

BLK SHP
LUNCH | DINNER | BRUNCH
1534 OAK STREET
JACKSONVILLE, FL 32204
BLACKSHEEP5POINTS.COM

**THE ORIGINAL ROOFTOP JUST GOT COOLER
FULL MENU & FULL COVERAGE**

— In Memoriam —

Marjorie Ann Grimes Broward

July 28, 1924 to September 11, 2019

When Marjorie Broward passed away Sept. 11 at the age of 95, she had been just months away from nailing the final notch in her bucket list – a trip to Patagonia.

Although health issues forced the 94-year-old to bow out from making the trip she'd planned with several family members over Christmas, thanks to her grandson, Harrison, she did not have to miss the Patagonia experience.

"She spent Christmas at Harrison's house, and he has a virtual reality headset, so he put up Patagonia on Google Earth, and she was able to see where we were," said her daughter, Kristanna Barnes. "It made her feel connected to us."

Although Broward never did set foot in Patagonia, there are few places in the world that she had not visited or lived. During her lifetime, she had 37 different mailing addresses, said Barnes.

Although Broward grew up in Grand Meadow, Minnesota, a small, rural town midway between the Mayo Clinic and Hormel Foods headquarters, it was through her love of books that she discovered the world. "In the winter she was often snowed in, so she found she could go all these places through her books and in her mind," said Barnes.

After graduating from Grand Meadow High School in 1942, Broward earned her undergraduate degree at Luther College in Decorah, Iowa in 1945, and went on to get a master's degree in library science from the University of Michigan in 1948. "When she realized working with books

was actually a profession, and she could go to college and get a library degree, off she went," Barnes said.

Broward was busy establishing the Architecture and City Planning library at Georgia Tech when she met her husband, renowned Jacksonville architect Robert C. Broward, in 1952. They moved to Jacksonville so Robert Broward could establish his architecture practice. Never one to be a stay-at-home mom, Broward worked in Jacksonville's city libraries, often driving the bookmobile during the 1950s when Jacksonville was an extremely segregated city. "She would drive in the black neighborhoods, and told us she couldn't tell anybody she went there because if the white people in town had known those books had been touched by black people, they would have never touched those books again," said Barnes. "She said it was amazing the number of black children that would be there, waiting for the bookmobile to arrive."

After 10 years of marriage, Broward and her husband divorced, and she moved with Kristanna to Boulder, Colorado, where she was hired to set up a business library for the university and a business information service for the state.

Later, she spent nearly 10 years teaching and consulting in Australia, returning to Jacksonville the day her first grandchild, Harrison, was born. She made Jacksonville her permanent home after her granddaughter Margaux was born.

Eager to use her professional skills, Broward was 70 when she began a 10-year



Marjorie Broward stands in front of Angkor Wat Temple in Cambodia in 2016

stint as a volunteer, helping to establish or computerize libraries for Lutheran seminaries in Malaysia, Borneo, Namibia, Jamaica, Kenya, and Hyderabad, India, where she was living when she celebrated her 80th birthday. "It was at that time when she was traveling so much throughout the world that Margaux said, 'Grandma, we're going to have to nail your feet to the floor!'" Barnes recalled.

Broward's last bucket list adventure came at the age of 91, when she asked her daughter to plan a trip to Cambodia and Viet Nam, where she was accompanied by Barnes, grandchildren Margaux and Hampton, and Hampton's girlfriend but soon-to-be wife, Mary.

"I was always shocked that no matter where we went or what we did, she was always with us and able to keep up," said Mary Barnes. "I knew she was an amazing woman when I found out we were going to Cambodia and Viet Nam because of her, but I knew she was a rock star when she, at age 91, took a shot of fermented snake wine in Cambodia with her grandchildren. The wine had a dead cobra in it."

"She had so many different stories to tell by traveling all around the world," said Hampton. "Because of Grandma's travels, it was always interesting on holidays. She would always bring something funky, a nontraditional dish or a friend from her travels in Africa or India."

In fact, Broward's mantra – words that she truly lived by – was "you have to have friends older than you to know where you are going and friends younger than you to get you there," said Barnes.

"Since she has passed on, I have gotten the sweetest letters from people all over the world," she said. "They tell me of the influence she had in their lives and as a role model and mentor. At the end, if she had enough strength, when she spoke with people it was to tell them how much they meant to her."

Broward was an active member of St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church and a life-long member of the Jacksonville branch of the American Association of University Women. From 2002-2004, she was the driving force behind JAX READS, an effort to promote reading and discussion throughout the city.




Aging True Home Health Agency

The Aging True Home Health Agency is ACHC accredited and Medicare certified, and offers a holistic and comprehensive system of in-home senior care.

Our mission is to ensure the continuity of care and coordination of services with our clients and their physicians.

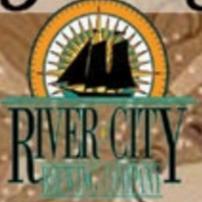
We preserve our clients' independence and help them reach their optimal health potential.

[f](#) [t](#) @AgingTrue

(904) 807-1245 | INFO@AGINGTRUE.ORG | AGINGTRUE.ORG

Thanksgiving Buffet

November 21, 2019
10:00am-4:00pm
(Last Seating at 3:00pm)



Adults: \$31.95
Seniors: \$29.95
Children: \$15.95
(3 and under are free)

The Butcher's Block
Roasted Turkey with Traditional Gravy
Smoked Top Round of Beef with Creamy Horseradish & Au Jus

<p>Assorted Breakfast Entrées</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scrambled Eggs Hickory Smoked Bacon Sausage Links Grits & Hash Browns Biscuits and Gravy Assorted Muffins & Bagels 	<p>Hot Entrées</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Glazed Carrots Mac & Cheese Smashed Yukon Potatoes Green Bean Casserole Cornbread Stuffing Potato Crusted Cod Smoked Sweet Potato Casserole Sliced Ham with Peach Red Rooster Glaze Stuffed Portabella Butternut Squash Bisque
<p>Cold Station</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fruit Display Cranberry Sauce Pasta Salad Three Bean Salad Caesar and House Salad with Assorted Dressings 	<p>Seafood Display</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> RCBC Fall Smoked Salmon Chilled Peel & Eat Shrimp Seafood Salad Chilled Crab Legs (Served)

Featuring our Traditional & Assorted Desserts.

CALL TO MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS (904) 398-2299
835 MUSEUM CIRCLE, JACKSONVILLE, FL 32207

— In Memoriam —

Alvin “Pete” Carpenter

January 24, 1942 to August 20, 2019

It’s no secret that CSX Transportation past president and chief executive officer Alvin “Pete” Carpenter, who died Tuesday, Aug. 20, at age 77, was highly influential in his company’s rise to a major transportation corporation.

Carpenter had become president and CEO at age 49, and it was after a long career with railroads that started with his summer title of brakeman for the Louisville & Nashville (L&N) Railroad, which later became part of CSX.

Later he would go on to oversee the CSX merger with Conrail, CSX’s increased revenue, record-high stocks and drastically increased operating income, however, those who loved him best remember a different side of him.

His wife, Marilyn, met Carpenter after he moved from Mount Vernon, Ky., to her small railroad town of Ludlow, pop. 4,500, where he began sixth grade in her small school.

Marilyn saw Carpenter go from newcomer to become captain of the school’s high school basketball team, the Ludlow High School Panthers, while she was cheerleading captain.

“We were thrown together a lot,” she said. “When I knew Pete back then, he was a bit full of himself, let’s say,” she said with a laugh. “He didn’t demonstrate humility. That came later when he got into college.”

The high school sweethearts went on to marry in 1962, when he was 20, she 19. Carpenter graduated from the University

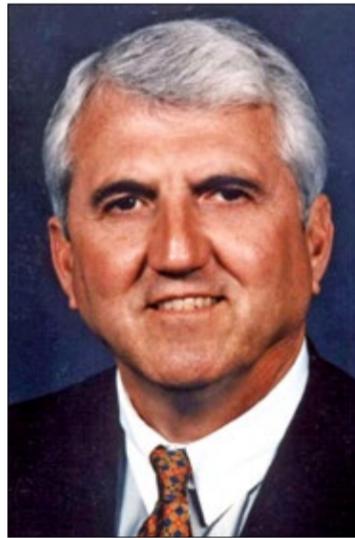
of Cincinnati in 1964 after transferring from Transylvania University, then went on to join the sales department at the Chessie System in Cincinnati.

Carpenter held numerous positions at CSX including Trainmaster, Superintendent of Terminals, Superintendent of Operations, Division and Regional Manager and Executive Vice President-Sales and Marketing. He became president and CEO of CSX in 1992, when he was 49, and continued in that position for seven years.

He retired as CSX Corporation vice chairman in 2001.

He also served on the board of directors for numerous other retail, energy, banking and insurance companies including Florida Rock Industries, PSS World Medical, Regency Centers Corporation, Stein Mart, Consol Energy as well as NationsBank, Barnett Bank, American Heritage Life Insurance Company, Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Florida, and One Valley Bancorp of West Virginia Inc.

Former Gov. Jeb Bush appointed him to the Commission on Workers’ Compensation



Reform, which Carpenter chaired, and his Advisory Council on Base Realignment and Closure. He was also Chairman of the Board of the Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra in 2002 and 2003.

Transylvania University administrators named a building in his honor in 2018. The Carpenter Center cost \$4.5 million to renovate.

“Pete took the bull by the horns in everything he ever attempted,” Carl Wenderoth, an old basketball coach commented in his on-line obituary. “He was a natural leader, very aggressive, very headstrong. A person determined to succeed.”

“Everyone will say this about him: He had tremendous leadership skills and a very zany sense of humor,” agreed Marilyn. “He was just a very good person, a very honest person and a person of integrity.”

Carpenter died about 17 months after diagnosis of stage four pancreatic cancer but had a wonderfully positive take on his illness, Marilyn said. While they had 16 months of knowing that Carpenter was not going to get better, they had more than six decades of shared life and happiness, including their courtship.

“He said ‘If I was 60, I would be upset, but I am in my 70s. I have had a great life. I have no regrets. I am going to face it and whatever happens, happens.’” she recalled.

Throughout their married life and as Pete Carpenter moved to positions of ever-greater responsibility, the couple enjoyed 19 corporate moves all over the country, to small towns and large cities and among many different cultural regions. Their daughter, now 54, grew adaptable and resilient and Marilyn said she learned a truism.

“No matter where you go in the country, people may have different accents, but they all want the same thing,” she said, “I think everybody wants a good family, a good relationship with their Maker and the ability to earn a living so they can take care of their family. People all over the world, those are the three things they want.”

At the end of his life, Pete Carpenter wanted to continue doing the things he loved: reading – he read the *Wall Street Journal* every day – seeing friends and hunting.

“He loved to hunt quail, grouse, ducks, anything with feathers,” Marilyn said. And he got to do it one last time, at a friend’s ranch in South Dakota. Right up until the end, he got excellent care.

“Now that he is gone, I look back with nothing but gratitude,” she said.

Marilyn and Pete Carpenter had been married 57 years when Carpenter died. Along with his wife, a daughter, three grandchildren and two English cocker spaniels survive him.

CELEBRATING EACH LIFE LIKE NO OTHER

Hardage-Giddens funeral homes have a long and storied history in the Jacksonville community. We’re going on a century of providing funeral, burial, cremation and cemetery services through what has grown to be a group of 10 funeral homes and 5 cemeteries in Florida’s Duval and Clay counties.

Though times have changed and our services have expanded, our commitment to compassionate care, attention to detail and creative funeral solutions has always remained strong.

HARDAGE-GIDDENS OAKLAWN CHAPEL & CEMETERY
4801 SAN JOSE BLVD.
JACKSONVILLE
904-737-7171

HARDAGE-GIDDENS, RIVERSIDE MEMORIAL PARK & FUNERAL HOME
7242 NORMANDY BLVD.
JACKSONVILLE
904-781-9262

HARDAGE-GIDDENS FUNERAL HOME
729 S EDGEWOOD AVE.
JACKSONVILLE
904-388-2711

HARDAGE-GIDDENS GREENLAWN FUNERAL HOME AND CEMETERY
4300 BEACH BLVD.
JACKSONVILLE
904-396-2522

HARDAGE-GIDDENS RIVERMEAD FUNERAL HOME
127 BLANDING BLVD.
ORANGE PARK
904-264-2481

HARDAGE-GIDDENS FUNERAL HOME
11801 SAN JOSE BLVD.
JACKSONVILLE
904-288-0025

GREENLAWN CEMETERY
4300 BEACH BLVD.
JACKSONVILLE
904-396-2522

HARDAGE-GIDDENS HOLLY HILL FUNERAL HOME & MEMORIAL PARK
3601 OLD JENNINGS RD.
MIDDLEBURG
904-282-9336

BEACHES CHAPEL BY HARDAGE-GIDDENS
1701 BEACH BLVD.
JACKSONVILLE BEACH
904-249-2374

HARDAGE-GIDDENS CHAPEL HILLS FUNERAL HOME & GARDENS
850 ST. JOHNS BLUFF ROAD N
JACKSONVILLE
904-641-9755

Colonial Manor resident honored with NESA Outstanding Eagle Scout Award

By Marcia Hodgson
Resident Community News

Eagles are in no way an endangered species when it comes to the Searcy family.

Since the 1940s, seven Boy Scouts within the Searcy family have attained the rank of Eagle Scout, with John V. Searcy of Colonial Manor, patriarch of the family, receiving the National Eagle Scout Association (NESA)'s Outstanding Eagle Scout Award from NESA and the North Florida Council Aug. 7. The award recognized Searcy's outstanding achievements and contributions as an Eagle Scout. It is presented to Eagle Scouts who have brought great honor to the highest rank of the Boy Scouts of America through their personal and professional contributions at the local, state, and regional level.

"I was shocked and humbled when I received this award," Searcy said. "It reminded me of how much scouting has been an important part of all aspects of my life – family, church, education, business and community. The principles I learned as a young Boy Scout still guide my actions.

Having sons and grandsons, also Eagle Scouts, surrounding me at the awards ceremony was very special."

Scouting has been a family affair for four generations of the Searcy family. Searcy became an Eagle Scout in 1946 when he was a member of Troup 222 at North Jacksonville Baptist Church. His brothers, William H. Searcy, Jr. and Howard L. Searcy, Sr., both now deceased, were also members of Troup 222. William also attained his Eagle designation in 1946 and Howard in 1947.

The Searcy brothers were a chip off the block of their father, William H. Searcy, Sr., a Scout Master who was awarded the Silver Beaver for his distinguished service to the Boy Scouts.

Searcy's sons, Kevin V. Searcy and David L. Searcy, and his grandsons, John David Searcy and Christopher V. Searcy, are also Eagle Scouts. Kevin, a San Jose resident, attained his Eagle ranking in 1975 as a member of Troop 36 at All Saints Episcopal Church. David, a Colonial Manor resident, became an Eagle Scout in 1978 as part of Troop 183 in the Lakewood Presbyterian Church.

Grandson John David Searcy of Colonial Manor became an Eagle Scout in 2010 as a member of Troop 35 at Southside Methodist Church. Two years later, in 2012, grandson Christopher V. Searcy took home the Eagle honors as a member of Troop 268 at Mandarin Methodist Church.

Searcy's youngest grandson, Luke V. Whipple, a San Marco resident, received First Class designation in April 2019 as a member of Troop 906 from St. John's Cathedral.

Searcy's scouting mindset recognizes the importance of church and community.



John D. Searcy, David L. Searcy, John V. Searcy, Christopher V. Searcy and Kevin V. Searcy.



John V. Searcy's NESA Outstanding Eagle Scout Award

It is reflected in his commitment to the Episcopal Church as a lay leader, chalice bearer, and sub deacon. He is a longtime Kiwanian and a member of the Men's Garden Club. He has also served on the Jacksonville Building Codes Adjustment Board and has been a board member of Big Brothers of Jacksonville.

A graduate of the University of Florida with a degree in electrical engineering, Searcy was licensed as Professional Engineer in the State of Florida. In his professional life, he owned John Searcy

and Associates Engineering, which specialized in consulting and designing power systems for buildings. During his 50-plus years of practice in engineering, he designed power systems for many buildings in Jacksonville and elsewhere, such as the Wells Fargo Building, CSX, AT&T Tower, the new Prudential Building, and City Hall. He was chosen to be a member of an international team of architects and engineers that went to Seoul, South Korea, to review plans for one of the city's largest multistory buildings.

\$2 Off Admission:
Seniors – Thur, October 10th
Military / 1st Responders –
ALL DAYS of the show
Not valid with other discounts

FREE PARKING at Northeast Florida's Largest RV Show!

Oct 10-13, 2019
Thur-Sat 10a-5:30p, Sun 10a-4p
at the Clay County Fairgrounds
2493 State Road 16, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043

HUNDREDS OF RVs ON DISPLAY FROM

- Campers Inn, Jacksonville
- Campers Inn, Jacksonville-North
- Creative RV, Jacksonville
- General RV Center, Orange Park
- Ocean Grove RV Super Center, St. Augustine

\$5 Admission
Kids under 12 FREE
Register to win \$250 gift cards each day!

For more info visit frvta.org

Neighborhood families built global friendships this summer

More than 25 youth from Avondale, Ortega, St. Nicholas and San Marco represented the USA at international CISV programs this summer. A global, nonprofit organization dedicated to educating and inspiring action for a more just and peaceful world, CISV helps its young participants develop as future leaders and active citizens so they can make a difference in their communities and the world. CISV, which was formerly known as Children's International Summer Villages, also gives them the opportunity to build global friendships and networks that last a lifetime.

CISV's flagship program is called "Village." It brings together 11-year-olds from around the world to live together for a month to learn to cohabitate cooperatively, share cultures and build global friendships.

Tula Reisinger, a sixth grader from St. Nicholas, went to Village in Brazil. "Village was my favorite CISV experience so far. It was so much fun meeting everyone and making global friendships. I have become more aware of how big the world is," she said.



Tula Reisinger, Bridget Lawrence, Lean Jimenez, Jack Sparks, Javek King at Brazil Village

Cyrus Vaghefi, a sixth grader from San Marco, visited Village at the very top of Norway and had a similar experience. "My favorite CISV experience so far has been Village, because it has changed me. CISV

has changed me by becoming more mature and has made me pay more attention to things around the world," he said.

Another CISV program, "Interchange," allows Jacksonville families to host a child from another country for two weeks before their child goes to live for two weeks with the family of the child they hosted. This program allows children to have the chance to experience family life in another country and share their own community and home. In 2019, 11 CISV Jacksonville families participated in an interchange with Netherlands for children ages 12 and 13, while six families with teens ages 14 and 15 interchanged with families from Graz, Austria.

Avondale resident Ian Rasch, an eighth grader, participated in the Netherlands interchange. "CISV has helped me try new things, make new friends, appreciate different cultures, and be really grateful for all I have!" he said. "My CISV experiences have made me excited to travel more with CISV programs. I also want to travel more with my family and, when I am older, travel all over, hopefully with friends I have made through CISV!"

Luke Meyers of San Marco was a delegate to the Netherlands Interchange. "CISV has made me a more open-minded person and made me think on how others feel," he said.

Charlotte Nolan, an Avondale ninth grader, shared similar enthusiasm after participating in the Austria Interchange. "My CISV experience has definitely made me more confident in myself. I have friends in other parts of the world and understand other cultures better."

For ages 14 and 15, CISV offers the Step Up program, a three-week international leadership camp. This program encourages young people to take a leading role in planning and organizing activities.



Kelby Siddons, Lena Kehrer, Julia Winter, Alexis (Lexi) Maganano, Hannah Kolle, Genevieve Curley, Maxwell Lewis, Timo Hieden, Nicole Nimmrichter, Charlotte Nolan, Nathan Heekin, Stefan Klimisch, Jakhye Wilkins, and Nicholas Hoberstorfer



Conner McClure, Saanvi Kuravi, Bella McQuade, Tom Commander, Ryan Napoleon

Bella McQuade from Ortega and Ryan Napoleon from Avondale attended Step Up camp in Florence, Italy. "I feel that because of CISV, I am less shy and CISV has also made me love learning new languages," said McQuade. Napoleon agreed. "Step Up allows you to meet kids from different countries. I have friends all over the world that I made at each camp," he said, noting CISV impacted his life by helping him learn about other cultures and see a different perspective.

"CISV has made me a more kind and compassionate person. I also have made

many lifelong friends around the world that I know will be there for me the rest of my days," said Nico Summa, of Avondale, who attended camp in Germany.

In July 2020, CISV Jacksonville will participate in an interchange with French teens ages 12 and 13 and Italian teens ages 14 and 15. Other programs for 2020 will be announced at an event at Jacksonville University on Saturday, Oct. 26 at 4 p.m. More information is available at <https://jacksonville.cisvusa.org> or by email to cisvjax@gmail.com.



Ava Ondish, Nico Summa and friend at the German SU Open Day

Jacksonville Club donates funds so deaf and blind students can ski

Thanks to the generosity of the Jacksonville Ski Club, a student or two from the Florida School for the Deaf and Blind will have an opportunity to hit the slopes this winter.

Bianca Roos, president of the Jacksonville Ski Club, presented a check for \$3,200 to Jennifer Enache of the school during the club's annual meeting at Maggiano's Little Italy restaurant Aug. 18.

Each year the St. Augustine school takes between 10 and 20 students to mountains in the northern or western regions of the United States to experience snow and try their hand at the sport, said Jim Arre, a ski club board member. The cost per student to take the trip is between \$2,000 and \$3,000 and is only funded by donations. The Jacksonville Ski Club donated \$2,000 and then raised the balance of its gift with a raffle and silent auction during its annual meeting, he said.

Last year the students traveled to Vermont to ski at Bolton Valley Ski Resort.



Jacksonville Ski Club Board members (red shirts) Bianca Roos, Karen Clarke, Ashley Dopf, Sonia Cardoos and Kathy Lawton join Jennifer Enache and students from the Florida School for the Deaf and Blind during the Ski Club's annual meeting Aug. 18 at Maggiano's Little Italy Restaurant at the Town Center.

STEEPED IN TRADITION. COMMITTED TO EXCELLENCE. ANCHORED IN FAITH.



BISHOP KENNY



JOIN US FOR AN OPEN HOUSE ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 11, 2020
SESSION I: 9 A.M. SESSION II: 11 A.M. • www.bishopkenny.org • (904) 398-7545

Assumption students celebrate Blessed Mother's birthday

Spirit shirts help fund new Ping Pong Service Club; National Junior Honor Society inductees announced

In the first few weeks of school, Assumption students enjoyed a variety of activities.

On Aug. 27, nuns from the Order of Home of the Mother, who live on the Assumption School campus, visited several classrooms to help students celebrate the Blessed Mother's birthday.

Also, on Aug. 27, students who were honored as 8th grade National Junior Honor Inductees participated in an induction service at Mass and then celebrated with refreshments at Kohl's Hall following the religious service. National Junior Honor Inductees included: Lizzy Austin, Davis Johnson, Elle Charboneau, Cat Haen, Claudia Stockard, Clare Coyle, Natalie Navidi,

Gordon Whitcomb, Nick Amico, Elizabeth Lumpkin, Andrew Patelli, Riley McDaniel, Cecilia Fannin, Rachel Howard, Emma Lawrence, Mallory Swain, Mary Katherine Monahan, Marcela Perez, Madeline O'Neill and Keegan Gallup, Ellie Kirsch, Alex Iznaga, Rafael Perez, and Ava Charboneau.

On Aug. 30, students who chose to give a donation were allowed to wear "Spirit Shirts" with their uniforms as a way to support the school's newest 8th grade service club – the Ping Pong Service Club. Students in the club mix in a little table tennis while providing tutoring help for other Assumption students. They also help by improving the campus grounds.



Eighth grade students in Assumption's Ping Pong Service Club include: Back row: Caleb Couch, Quinn Chandler, Carson Cope, T.J. Gaines, Tripp Heekin, Lucas Soubly, Clare Coyle, Sophia Alfonso, Jayden Pettyjohn and Caleb Davis. Middle row: Nathan Chau, Hau Cing, Davis Johnson, Alex Iznaga, and Nicole Toney. Front row, Lizzy Austin, Emory Nelson, Mary Katherine Monahan and Cecelia Fannin. Front: Daniel Gurung



Sister Kelly, of Our Sisters from the order of Home of the Mother, plays the guitar as Sister Marina and Sophia Gjergji watch when the nuns visited classrooms at Assumption School Sept. 6 to celebrate the Blessed Mother's birthday.



Eighth graders at Assumption School were inducted into the National Junior Honor Society Aug. 27. Back row: Lizzy Austin, Davis Johnson, Elle Charboneau, Cat Haen, Claudia Stockard, Clare Coyle, Natalie Navidi, Gordon Whitcomb, Nick Amico. In between back and middle row: Elizabeth Lumpkin and Andrew Patelli. Middle row: Riley McDaniel, Cecilia Fannin, Rachel Howard, Emma Lawrence, Mallory Swain, Mary Katherine Monahan, Marcela Perez, Madeline O'Neill and Keegan Gallup. Front row: Ellie Kirsch, Alex Iznaga, Rafael Perez, and Ava Charboneau.

Pumpkin sale to fund church missions



Pumpkins are for sale at Southside United Methodist Church

It's that time of year when the front lawn of Southside United Methodist Church turns from green to orange. During the entire month of October, pumpkins are for sale in front of the church at the fork of Hendricks Avenue and Old San Jose Boulevard.

The pumpkin patch will be open on weekdays from noon to 8 p.m. and on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. It will be closed on Sundays.

Residents from all over Jacksonville frequent SUMC's annual pumpkin patch for a variety of reasons – photo ops, class field trips, birthday parties, play dates, fall carnivals, Saturday night concerts or simply to purchase a pumpkin.

Funds raised from the pumpkin sale support church youth and its annual missions. In the past, those missions have included Puerto Rico Hurricane Relief, Mission2Guatemala, Madison Youth Ranch, UCOM, UMCOR and the church's HAPI House, which supplies food and clothing to Hendricks Avenue Elementary families in need.

In addition to pumpkin sales, "Pumpkins on the Point," a special program for pre-school and elementary school students, will host more than 1,000 children, who visit the patch to enjoy stories, fall activities and take home a pumpkin. For more information on this program go to www.sumcjax.org.



Kirby DeVooght hugs a chicken in the pumpkin patch at Southside United Methodist Church

Rice Family Foundation gifts \$70,000 for Morning Star tuition assistance

Morning Star School, a Catholic school serving children in grades K-12 who have learning differences such as intellectual learning disabilities, attention deficit disorder, processing deficits and high-functioning autism, received a \$70,000 grant from the Dianne T. and Charles E. Rice Family Foundation for tuition assistance this year. The donation comes on the heels of a \$50,000 grant from the nonprofit received by the school last year.

Thanks to the Dianne T. and Charles E. Rice Family Foundation's generosity for the past two years, tuition assistance is in good shape for this coming school year, however, looking ahead towards the needs of its families, the school has recently set up a Tuition Assistance Fund to allow more families the opportunity to attend the special education school.

Funds received from tuition, which is nearly \$12,000 a year, only cover the cost of school employees' salaries and benefits, said Maria Johnson, development director. "Everything else comes from fundraising," she said.

In addition, tuition only covers 80% of the actual cost of educating a single student. Florida's McKay Scholarships for Students



Charles Ray, Sharon Cascone Ray, Michael Cascone, Jr. visit what will soon become the Morning Star Life Skills Center

with Disabilities Program covers between 50% and 75% of the school tuition, and Florida Tax Credit Scholarships, administered by Step Up for Students, may provide free tuition to low income students who qualify, but in most cases they only cover 50% of the tuition costs, according to the school website.

"Each year, Morning Star School sets aside funds to help families who need financial assistance," said Johnson. "The money used to assist our families is taken from the previous year's fundraising initiatives. Unfortunately, these funds are never enough, and we are forced to turn many families away. Often, assistance is also needed during the year, due to extenuating circumstances

after the commitment to attend our school is made. These hardships may also include a death in the family, unexpected loss of employment, or serious or sudden illness with extraordinary medical expenses. Establishing a tuition assistance fund will allow more families the opportunity to attend our special education school," she said.

Two years ago, Morning Star received a lead gift of \$50,000 from the Michael, Jr. and Elizabeth Belyea Cascone Family Foundation to convert a single-family home, which lies next to the campus, into a Life Skills Center for Morning Star high-school aged students. This year, the school is seeking to raise an additional \$500,000 to renovate and equip the house into educational classrooms to help high school age students up to the age of 21 transition from school-age to adulthood. In the center, students will learn daily responsibilities such as food preparation, employment skills, technical skills, college opportunities and job preparedness. Also, part of the new program will be a focus on citizenship, self-determination and interpersonal skills to develop self-awareness, self-confidence, socially responsible behavior, independent decision making and communication skills.

WINTER IS COMING!

Don't get caught unprepared for the colder weather ahead. Call us today to have your equipment serviced and operating at 100%




Serving Jacksonville For over 62 years!



\$50 OFF

Any residential service call or duct cleaning.

Excludes filters. Must present coupon. Valid only with coupon. Not valid with any other offer. Maximum discount 50% of total service. Expires 10/31/2019

The Good Air People
396-7771
indoorcomfortjax.com

#CAC1819482 #RES

DeFoor speaks at Episcopal student government installation



District 14 City Councilwoman Randy DeFoor gave the address at the installation of Episcopal School's student government Aug. 26.

District 14 City Council Member Randy DeFoor was on hand as new members of student government at The Episcopal School were installed Aug. 26 at the Munneryn Center.

DeFoor, a member of Episcopal Class of 1982, spoke at the event, sharing her experience as a student body president and explaining how the leadership opportunities she experienced at Episcopal shaped her life.

Included in the student government cabinet are President Lizzie Conklin, a senior, Vice President Jake Murphy, a junior, and Secretary Ansley Walker, a sophomore.

Class officers were also installed.

Serving the senior class are President Anders Amlie, Vice President Emilie Fazio, Secretary Tori Zlatanoff and Senators Jack

Laborde, Nial Murphy, Charlotte Rosenburg and Mabel Smith.

Serving the junior class are: President Isabella Wright, Vice President M.J. Goodman, Secretary Hannah Goldfield and Senators Jack Adams, Kami Eppley and Anna Kate Smith.

Serving the sophomore class are President Dan Ferber, Vice President J.P. Coll, Secretary Gabby Parker and Senators Lizzy Curran and Parklyn Gardner.

Serving the freshman class will be President Chloe Simpson, Vice President Cohen Chesser, Secretary Kate Adams and Senator Ella Bisher.



Members of student government at The Episcopal School this year.

Fundraiser helps Wolfson band overcome growing pains

In just a few years, the marching band at Samuel Wolfson School for Advanced Studies and Leadership has grown from a handful of members to a company of 63 members, 23 of whom are freshmen. The growth, however, presented a problem. The band was too large to travel on the bus with their instruments and their band trailer was beyond repair.

Wolfson Band Director, Cristina Ledford, embraced the growing pains by launching an online fundraiser. Over the summer, parents of Wolfson band members as well as alumni and community members contributed \$4,500. With the proceeds, a new trailer was purchased that will accommodate the band's instruments as they travel to "away" games and competitions.

Ledford said she appreciates the investment, not only in the trailer but also in the band students. "The support from the administration, community, and parents



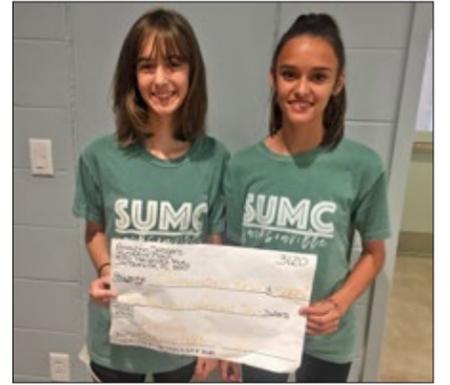
Wolfson's new trailer is just what its marching band needs to travel with all its instruments.

has been wonderful, especially this year. The students and I are so excited about the direction the band is going in, and we thank everyone who had a part in helping us raise the funds needed to purchase the new equipment trailer."

Ledford also invited Wolfson's band alumni to play with the band at its homecoming game Friday, Oct. 25. Former band members can contact her at ledfordc@duvalschools.org.

San Marco teens donate mission money to hurricane relief

By Marcia Hodgson
Resident Community News



Sarah and Rachel Sasser hold a mock-up check of their donation for Bahama Disaster Relief to Samaritan's Purse, a nonprofit in Boone, N.C.

The devastation suffered by residents in the Bahama Islands had such a profound effect on two San Marco teenagers that they emptied their proverbial piggy banks at Southside United Methodist Church to assist islanders that have been left homeless.

For the past two years, Sarah Sasser, 15, and her 13-year-old sister, Rachel, have worked a total of 130 service hours selling pumpkins in SUMC's annual pumpkin patch and accruing "mission" dollars through other work at their church. Although no actual money is exchanged, SUMC compensates its youth for church work in mission money that can be used to help kids attend church camp or go on youth mission trips such as the annual week-long trip to Guatemala it sponsors each year. Over the past two years, the Sasser sisters had not tapped into their mission money account and were incredibly surprised to learn their combined total in mission money was \$2,000.

"I didn't realize that working the pumpkin patch could have such an impact on missions until I was told that we had \$2,000 in our student account," said Sarah. "Our family discussed different missions; however, we couldn't decide where to send the money. After watching Hurricane Dorian as it damaged the Bahama Islands, we knew that was where we should send it."

Rachel agreed. "After seeing the devastation after Hurricane Dorian in the Bahamas, I realized that we were so blessed with all that we have, and that we should help the people of the Bahamas who don't have as much," she said.

Even their younger sister, Anna, was affected by the devastation in the Bahamas and wanted her sisters to help. "My youngest child is 10 years old, so she does not work in the pumpkin patch," said Christine Sasser, the girls' mother. "Previously, she has said she liked hurricanes because she got to go to Mimi's, (her grandmother's house), but when she saw what happened to the Bahamas on TV, she knew it was bad."

Sarah and Rachel, who are homeschooled and attend Providence Extension Program in Mandarin two days a week, selected the Bahamas Disaster Relief Fund sponsored by Franklin Graham's Samaritan's Purse nonprofit in Boone, N.C. "We had visited Boone, North Carolina, which is the headquarters of Samaritan's Purse. Because they visited the headquarters, I think they felt that's where they wanted to send the money," Christine said, adding that even as the hurricane raged on, Samaritan's Purse was filling up DC-8 airplanes with supplies to send immediately and planned to set up a temporary hospital to assist hurricane victims.

Summoning *all* Trick-or-Treaters

SPOOKTACULAR

October 11-13, 17-20, 25-27, 30-31
6:30-10:00 p.m. (gates close at 9 p.m.)

SPONSORED BY

TICKETS ONLY ONLINE
spooktacular.jacksonvillezoo.org

EPISCOPAL
SCHOOL of JACKSONVILLE

SEEK BOLDLY

Inspiring students to be their best with the region's most balanced and enriching college prep experience.

OPEN HOUSE: NOVEMBER 5 AND JANUARY 14 | FOOTBALL FAMILY FUN NIGHT: OCTOBER 11

GRADES 6-12 | ADMISSIONS@ESJ.ORG | 904.396.7104 | ESJ.ORG | 4455 ATLANTIC BLVD.

Hurricane brings call to action at Bishop Kenny

When the students at Bishop Kenny High School learned that Hurricane Dorian ravaged the Bahamas, they took it as a call to action. The Campus Ministry and Student Government Association learned that cash donations to the Archdiocese of Nassau would be best directed to those in need. The Bishop Kenny community soon raised \$8,000 to send to the Archbishop, as well as numerous cases of rice and beans.

Meanwhile, Bishop Kenny wrestlers Connor Bowman, Ryan Mayer, and Will Weinbecker joined Head Coach Nick Tillem, Katrina Buckley and wrestling team mom Laura in helping a local organization with Hurricane relief. They provided the muscle to load supplies and move four truckloads and a 20-foot trailer filled



Sarah Ward, Syrus Bakkar, Matthew Blaquiere, Lily England, Dailey Jackson, Principal Todd Orlando and Scott Sberna

with supplies to the St. Augustine airfield. The supplies were transported to HeadKnowles, the leading hurricane relief organization in the Bahamas.

DA first in Duval County to receive National Magnet Certification

Since Douglas Anderson School of the Arts was transformed into Jacksonville's only public arts magnet school in 1987, its students and faculty have garnered many local, regional and national awards. In August, DA added another laurel to its pile when it was recently named Duval County's first nationally certified magnet school, a distinction that its students, faculty and administrators are especially proud of, said Melanie Hammer, principal.

"We are honored. The 10-month process to apply for this distinction required self-reflection and documentation of how DA exemplifies the standards of excellence," Hammer said.

Those standards of excellence are from the National Institute for Magnet School Leadership (NIMSL) and include demonstrated accomplishments and consistency in diversity, family and community, academic excellence, high quality instructional systems, innovative curriculum and professional development.

The national certification process was created by Magnet Schools of America and conducted by its affiliate NIMSL.

Prior to being transformed into an arts magnet school, DA had a rich history as an African American school dating back to 1922. As its students learned of the national magnet certification, many said they were not surprised to hear that DA was the first school in the county to be recognized in this way.

"DA is known for diversity," said Miracle Singleton, a senior majoring in creative writing. "Students roam our halls wearing all shades of skin and come from different backgrounds. One thing they all have in common is a love and passion for their art."

Calhoun outpaces teammates in college cross-country invitational

Sally Calhoun of San Marco, a cross country runner at Stetson University, led her team to a fourth-place finish during the Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU) Invitational Sept. 7 in Buckingham Park in Fort Myers.

Calhoun outpaced her teammates and much of the field to place 15th with a time of 20:39.17. Following in Calhoun's stride were her teammates Shelbie Truett, 29th at 21:27.20; Nichol Torres-Santos, 30th at 21:37.29; Emma Zazzerro, 33rd at 22:29.69; Melanie Pacheco, 35th at 22:58.09; Zoe Nicholson, 36th at 23:14.29 and Alexa Roughton, 37th at 23:19.57.

Stetson placed fourth with 94 points behind Liberty University, which won the meet with 16 points. Runner-up was the University of South Florida with 64 points, and FGCU at third place with 68 points.

"One thing that's tough, especially in these morning races in Florida, is whoever runs

second is going to get the brunt, and I think that's what happened to a couple of girls. I think we got a little affected by the heat, but the other teams didn't. We still have to find a way to be a little tougher," said Stetson Head Coach Bryan Harmon. "For the second week in a row, Sally ran well, and that's very encouraging for us. She's a walk-on freshman coming out and running two quality races in the first two weeks, but overall we have a long way to go."

Calhoun graduated from Stanton College Preparatory School last year. She competed in the state regional cross-country tournament from 2016-2018 and posted a personal best 5K time of 21:22. In track, she has set personal records of 5:49 at 1600 meters and 2:29 at 800 meters. She also competed in the state regionals as a freshman and a senior in the 4X800-meter relay. During her senior year at Stanton, she received the Coach's Award in track.



Sally Calhoun

Academically, she is also strong, having been named to the National Honor Society, National Art Honor Society and National Leadership Honor Society during her high school years.

Calhoun, an accounting major at Stetson, is the daughter of Debra and Deryle Calhoun of San Marco.



RIVERSIDE *Presbyterian Day School*
Accepting **2019 - 20 applications** for
PreK 3 - 6th Grade

Admission Lunch & Learn
Tuesday, October 15
Visit www.rpds.com/events to learn more and RSVP



 /rpdsjax
  @rpdsjax
  @rpdsjax

830 Oak Street | Jacksonville, FL | admission@rpds.com | 904.353.3459

www.rpds.com



At San Jose Episcopal Day School every child looks forward to a bright future


Pre-K3 through 6th Grade **7423 San Jose Blvd.**
www.sjeds.org

Find us on Facebook and Instagram **Limited spaces available. Call for a personal tour: (904) 733-0352**

SJEDS welcomes qualified applicants in grades Pre-K3 through 6 without regard to race, sex, creed, religion or national origin.

KIDSPARK
Happy kids. Happy parents.

KidsPark is our school.

Traditional preschool education with a modern approach.

- School readiness
- Socialization
- Active, hands-on learning
- Parent-teacher communication
- Flexible Schedule
- The Arts enrichment and Science

50% OFF
Family Registration
(\$12.50 value)
Offer expires 10/31/19
No cash value.

www.kidspark.com

Fun private parties. Hourly childcare—days, evenings and weekends.

Come in for a tour! • In Jacksonville • For ages 2-12
Tinseltown • 9726 Touchton Rd. #111 • 904.683.4554

License #C04DU0978

Girl Scouts as good as gold

Young leaders shine in their local communities

Sixteen remarkable young women representing the Girl Scouts of Gateway Council (GSGC) recently joined the sisterhood of Gold Award Girl Scouts after spending a minimum of 80 hours each completing projects that set them apart as difference makers. The Gold Award is the top scouting honor and a pinnacle that is reached by only about 5% of Girl Scouts.

Receiving the Gold Award were: Katherine Ballard, Navarre; Lauren Collins, Tallahassee; Rachael Conomea, Orange Park; Abigail Floyd, Orange Park; Courtney Gill, Fernandina Beach; Isabelle Jacobi, Ponte Vedra; Creed King, Tallahassee; Sara Kissane, Fleming

Island; Daniela McCarty, Saint Johns; Molly Paris, Jacksonville; Kaitlyn Sagul, Gainesville; April Sanchez, Jacksonville, Fla. Amelia Still, Jacksonville; Jillian Thigpen, St. Johns; Olivia Wingert, Jacksonville; and Josephine Wondracek, Jacksonville.

For their Gold Award projects, these Girl Scouts confronted numerous community issues including childhood obesity, mental health awareness, local and international poverty, childhood literacy, STEM career opportunities for girls, skin cancer prevention, nature conservation, wildlife conservation, water safety, and more.

The Gold Award is earned by high school aged Girl Scouts who demonstrate extraordinary leadership in developing sustainable solutions to local, national, and global challenges



Debora McCarty (parent of Daniela McCarty), Lisa Still (parent of Amelia Still), Josephine Wondracek, Rachael Conomea, Sara Kissane, Jillian Thigpen, Seven-Time Olympic Medalist Shannon Miller, Kaitlyn Sagul, Mary Anne Jacobs CEO Girl Scouts of Gateway Council, Traci Jenks Past President of Rotary Club of Jacksonville, and Molly Paris.

“Congratulations to our amazing Gold Award Girl Scouts on their outstanding efforts,” said Gateway Council CEO Mary Anne Jacobs. “The Gold Award is the standout achievement of girls who develop meaningful, sustainable solutions to challenges in their communities and the world. In the girl-only, girl-led environment of Girl Scouts, a young woman pursuing her

Gold Award gains the experience and life skills—strategic thinking, communication, collaboration, problem solving, time management, and more—that set her apart on the way to making her world a better place.”

Girl Scouts of Gateway Council serves more than 12,500 girls in grades K-12 and 6,000 adults in North Florida. Their service area includes 35 counties.

Semifinalists for National Merit Scholarship Program announced

Semifinalists for the 2020 National Merit Scholarship program were announced in September.

Forty-seven students from eight Jacksonville schools including Douglas Anderson School of the Arts (DA), The Bolles School, Episcopal School of Jacksonville, Paxon School for Advanced Studies, Providence School, and Stanton College Preparatory School were included on the list.

Three students from DA were listed: Adam X. Agonoy, Samuel A. Pabon, and Mallorie C. Sievert.

Six from The Bolles School were named: Caleb D. Cohill, Yash A. Gulani, Rishi Misra, Tyler J. Popp, Anne Ruperto and Caroline R. Shore.

Anders G. Amlie and John LaBorde from Episcopal, Aaron Connor and Nandhini Kathiravan of Paxon School for Advanced Studies, and Jade K. Hannan were also on the list.

Stanton College Preparatory School boasted 25 candidates including: Stephen W. Boyd, Brian J. Chiang, Kaylee Conrad, Aryan Gupta, Monica Gupta, Arhum S. Imam, Sri M. Kopparthi, Shirsika R. Kimmata, Caleb Leimer, Andrew P. Lopez, Richard W. McCoy, Craig W. McFarland, Kevin T. Nguyen, Kylo J. Nocom, Rajan H. Patel, Caroline M. Peck, Sarah G. Penland, Raha Riazati, Makenna N. Sarab, Jenna D. Sheldon, Kate E. Simmons, Katherine E. Stevens, Joshua Valan, Ronak N. Venkata and Jeannie K. Wang.

The program is an academic competition for recognition and scholarships that began in 1955. High school students enter the National Merit Program by taking the preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying test, which serves as an initial screen of approximately 1.6

million entrants each year – and by meeting published program entry and participation requirements.

In early September, approximately 16,000 students or one third of the 50,000 high scorers – the highest scorers per state – are notified that they have qualified as semifinalists. In February, some 15,000 semifinalists are notified by mail that they have advanced to finalist standing. High school principals are also notified and provided with a certificate to present to each finalist. Approximately 7,500 finalists nationwide are awarded \$2,500 college scholarships on a state-representational basis. Winners are selected without consideration of family financial circumstances, college choice, major, or career plans.

Attending our Open House can be
a life-changing moment.



Join us for an Open House and learn how The Bolles School has transformed the lives of literally hundreds of students over many decades. You'll enjoy meeting some of our current students when you attend a daytime event.

Ponte Vedra Campus
October 10, 9-11 a.m.
November 19, 6-8 p.m.

Whitehurst Campus
November 5, 9-11 a.m.
December 3, 6-8 p.m.

Bartram Campus
November 6, 6 p.m.
November 7, 9 a.m.

San Jose Campus
October 25, 8 a.m.
November 15, 8 a.m.

Discover the possibilities at Bolles. To see all upcoming Open House dates, visit www.Bolles.org or call us at (904) 256-5030. #ThisIsBolles

The Bolles School is a college preparatory day and boarding school for students in Pre-K through Grade 12.



One Man's War

Hurricane unearths treasured World War II memorabilia in Lakewood

By Susan Brandenburg
Resident Community News

When Hurricane Irma slammed into Jacksonville in September 2017, flooding caused severe property damage to many homes along the St. Johns River, but for one Lakewood family, Irma turned up a treasure-trove of priceless memorabilia.

While attempting to salvage items from the water-soaked storage area of his in-law's condo, William Harrell discovered the weathered, leather-bound WWII journal and the Bronze Star of Major William J. Hicklin, Jr., United States Army Air Force.

"I opened that soggy cardboard box, found a journal and Bronze Star. When I began to turn the damp pages of that journal, I was amazed," recalls Harrell. "My late father-in-law never mentioned, even to his children, that he earned a Bronze Star in WWII. He never talked about the war at all, but here it was – hand-written in vivid detail, the heroic story of one man's deep love for family and country."

When Harrell revealed his discovery to his wife, Barbara, and his mother-in-law, Mignonette (Mig) Hicklin, they were moved to tears, and Mig was literally flooded with memories.

The Hicklins had been married in Jacksonville for just seven days when 1st Lieutenant Bill Hicklin was called to active



Capt. William J. Hicklin, U.S. AAF, 1944

duty with the U.S. Army Air Force Sept. 20, 1941. A graduate of Georgia Tech with a degree in civil engineering, Hicklin was suddenly in great demand as a chief engineering officer of the 434th Troop Carrier Group. His role was helping conceive, develop and train transport aircraft and gliders, along with paratroopers, in preparation for massive airborne assault forces.

During the next two years, Hicklin and his young bride moved 14 times, from one military base to the next. In Alabama, Wisconsin, California, Michigan, Connecticut, Missouri, Georgia, Indiana, Texas, North Carolina, and Nebraska, they lived as vagabonds in small towns unprepared for hundreds of wartime guests. They celebrated their second wedding anniversary and Mig's first pregnancy just as Hicklin was ordered to report for duty in the European Theatre of World War II. He was not destined to meet his daughter, Barbara, until the war ended.



Back row: Keith Ainley, Cindy Smith, William Harrell, Joan McCord. Front, Jerry Smith and Barbara Harrell

In a journal note of January 1945, Hicklin wrote: "Barby became a year old. From all reports, she has no equal as babies go; certainly not as far as I am concerned. It's certainly been hard not to have seen her yet, and the reunion of the three of us."

While his wife and baby waited in Jacksonville, Hicklin was quickly promoted to Captain and then to Major as he and his fellow Troop Carrier Command members readied the 434th Troop Carrier Group's four squadrons for D-Day. Hicklin's journal contained many historic newspaper clippings, including an interesting little item that was later published about the week before D-Day. The British Air Service Command sent out an urgent appeal for 80,000 paint brushes and 37,000 gallons of black and white paint. After one British paint company came to the rescue, troops spent hours secretly painting large black and white zebra stripes on each aircraft so that assault ships and supporting aircraft could tell friend from foe.

All of this and much more was recorded in her late husband's worn leather journal and, as war-time memories engulfed her, Mig decided she wanted to somehow preserve this treasure as a Christmas gift for her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. "Mother told us she wanted them to know that the freedoms and blessings they have so richly received did not come cheap," said Barbara.

"Can you digitize this?" William Harrell asked his friend, Jerry Smith, handing him the tattered journal. Smith, an Emmy-award winning film maker, owns Pineridge Film and Television Company with his wife, Cindy, and knows a treasure when he sees one. "Digitize it!" declared Smith. "This is an incredible piece of history! I'll do more than digitize it!"

Within five months, Jerry Smith and his team had produced the 30-minute "One Man's War" video, a remarkable real-time story of

the Troop Carrier Command's role in WWII, including four rare aerial photographs taken on D-Day of scores of C-47 "Skytrains" on the Aldermaston Airfield south of London preparing to tow their 2nd wave of 101st Airborne support gliders into Normandy.

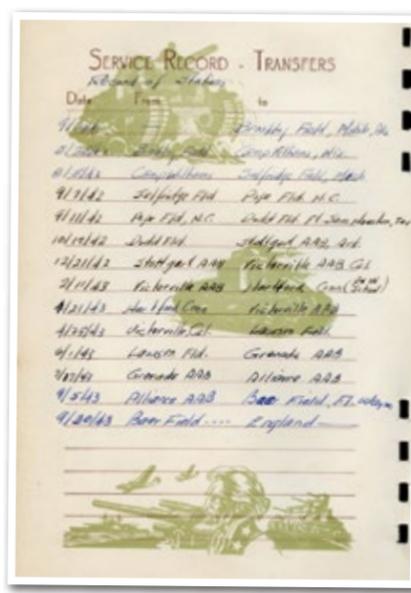
The fascinating video, "One Man's War," has become much more than a gift for children and grandchildren. It has received well-deserved acclaim everywhere it has been shown. In an epilogue, the video notes that Mig Hicklin, at 99, has lived through sending a husband, a son, both sons-in-law and a grandson-in-law into the military – all being deployed overseas during wartime conditions. The video dramatically captures the terror of war, the courage and loneliness of a soldier far from home and family, and the conflict of those in the "Greatest Generation" who returned unscathed from war and reluctantly accepted medals of valor, knowing that the real heroes died serving their country.

When Harrell presented the video about his father-in-law to the Rotary Club of South Jacksonville May 21, an invitation immediately followed to present it to the Rotary Club of West Jacksonville. This led to a request by Rotary Club of Deerwood as well as the Association of Naval Aviation's Bald Eagle Squadron at their NAS Jacksonville meeting. More presentations will follow in November, with the public invited to a showing at All Saints Episcopal Church Nov. 17 in honor of Veteran's Day, Nov. 11.

Noting that his Hurricane Irma salvage operation miraculously turned into a Godsend, Harrell speaks on behalf of the Hicklin family and the Pineridge Production team when he says he hopes this video about "One Man's War" will remind future generations that freedom is not free. "We also hope this video will, in some small way, help the heroes and their Gold Star families to rest in honor and peace."



Original D-Day photos of double-tow gliders at Aldermaston Airfield in England from William Hicklin's journal



Page from William Hicklin's journal documenting his 14 moves over two years from Sept. 1941 to Sept. 1943

Summer is over! Are you ready for the cold weather ahead?

Call us to have one of our licensed professionals inspect your entire A/C system to ensure it's running properly and effectively.

Air Conditioning • Heating
Refrigeration • Clean Air Professionals
SINCE 1963

\$50 OFF

Any residential service call or duct cleaning.

Excludes filters. Must present coupon. Valid only with coupon. Not valid with any other offer. Maximum discount 50% of total service. Expires 10/31/2019

"Your Inside Weather Guys & Gals"

503-7719

WeatherEngineers.com

#CAC041190 #RES

A Division of Weather Engineers

- Residential A/C Service & Planned Maintenance
- A/C System Replacement
- Air Duct and Dryer Vent Cleaning
- Commercial HVAC Service & Planned Maintenance
- Industrial HVAC Service & Planned Maintenance
- Commercial & Industrial System Replacement

Factory Authorized Dealer

Heating & Cooling Systems

Heating & Cooling Systems

WHATEVER IT TAKES:

Weather Engineers, Inc.
Air Conditioning • Heating • Refrigeration • Clean Air Professionals Since 1963

Serving Jacksonville for 56 years | Call 503-7719 or visit WeatherEngineers.com

WHY SWITCH TO O'STEEN VOLVO CARS OF JACKSONVILLE?



- OUTSTANDING CUSTOMER SERVICE
- FAMILY OWNED AND OPERATED FOR OVER 23 YEARS
- NORTH FLORIDA AND SOUTH GEORGIA'S LARGEST VOLVO RETAILER
- AMBASSADORS FOR A TOP BRAND IN AUTOMOTIVE SAFETY
- AWARD WINNING SERVICE
- FREE CAR WASHES WITH EVERY SERVICE VISIT
- CONCIERGE SERVICE AT ITS BEST
- EUROPEAN DELIVERY & MEMORIES THAT WILL LAST A LIFETIME

**THAT'S WHY
O'STEEN VOLVO CARS
OF JACKSONVILLE
IS YOUR BEST CAR
BUYING EXPERIENCE**



10863 Philips Hwy
Jacksonville, FL 32256

904-396-5486
OSteenVolvo.com

Family owned & operated for 3 generations



What makes a family? **Love.**

At their best, families are always there for you when you need them. They celebrate the important moments in your life. And they stand by you no matter what.



At Baptist Health, we are proud to be recognized as a Top Performer in providing care to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer or questioning people. Because when it comes to caring for our community, we want everyone to be treated like family, with respect, inclusion, compassion – and love.



Changing Health Care for Good.®