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## SAN MARCO PRESERVATION SOCIETY GATHERS, PRESENTS AWARDS

Newly appointed SMPS President, Desiree Bailey of the San Marco Bookstore presents Immediate Past President Chris Woolston a plaque for his hard work and dedication as President.

San Marco's most engaged and active stewards were on hand to celebrate a wrap up of accomplishments and goals attained during a year fraught with difficulty due to the pandemic. Despite many difficult decisions, the leadership persevered during a tough time for gatherings and fundraising.

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Annie and Wayne Tutt with daughters Chloe and Sydney

## LEADING LADY TAKES HELM AT EPPING

Annie Tutt was installed as the 4th female Commodore in the history of Epping Forest Yacht and Country Club, she is pictured with her family prior to the Change of Command reception, May 14.

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# Groundbreaking on RiversEdge

It was a big day for citizens of Jacksonville May 25, as one of the largest development projects in generations was unveiled along the banks of the St. Johns River.

Leadership from the Downtown Investment Authority, District 5, and several key players for both the development team with Preston Hollow Capital and representatives from Toll Brothers were on hand to turn dirt and celebrate its kickoff.

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Artist and Architect Marc Fornes, Preston Hollow Capital CEO Jim Thompson, District 5 City Council Representative LeAnna Cumber, Downtown Investment Authority CEO Lori Boyer, and representing Toll Brothers was Division President Steve Merten and Land Acquisition Manager Jeremy Hampson



FINFEST CHAIRS FRANK AND VICKIE MANGIN

## FINFEST CELEBRATED A RETURN TO THE TROPICS, FUNDRAISING

Patrons couldn't wait to get back in the action, as party-goers enjoyed the return to FinFest as it's always been – in person – a night to remember. The party has been held annually on the St. Johns River at the Timuquana Country Club for years and the return delivered a great crowd for the annual affair May 22. It was a great time, a great cause and event Chairs Frank and Vickie Mangin were proud to support the mission improving communications for countless families.



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# SOUTHBANK PROJECT BREAKS GROUND, ANNOUNCES NEW NAME

## RIVERFRONT PARCEL SEEN AS A CATALYST FOR GROWTH ON THE SOUTHBANK

The project, newly minted as RiversEdge – Life on the St. Johns, has a new life, a renewed sense of energy, and a strong development team poised to add a list of tenants and owners to the mix. Construction and investment partners will be building out pads and cutting ribbons on retail spaces for the next several years.

For residents of Jacksonville, the project means a great deal, as the prior team of developers had struggled to gain ground and momentum on the site. It wasn't until local developer Peter Rummell and his development partner Michael Munz, as Elements of Jacksonville, LLC., came to an agreement with its financier Preston Hollow Capital, out of Dallas, TX, that allowed the project to go forward swiftly. Preston Hollow held the note on the property and after an agreeable deal was brokered, Preston Hollow took the baton and ran with it, building upon the momentum necessary for growth.

"It's a long-awaited catalytic project on the Southbank," shared Lori Boyer, who used the words 'long-awaited' literally, as she took part in a series of workshops on the parcel dating back to the early-2000s when JEA was holding charrettes about parks on the parcel. At that time, Boyer

was in a leadership role with the San Marco Preservation Society. She has since served on the Board at SMPS, represented City Council District 5 for two terms, was a Council President during her tenure and is now playing an integral role as CEO of the Downtown Investment Authority (DIA). "When I say long-awaited, I mean that in many ways," she quipped.

Boyer is pleased about the bustling activity and feels strongly that once you break ground, things begin to happen.

"The fact that not only are we going to have the park spaces there, they [Preston Hollow] have some really exciting development proposals we're going to see soon...for vertical construction, for restaurants, pads along the Riverwalk," she continued, "This is a big step in that riverfront activation we've been talking about."

Managing Director Ramiro Albarran of Preston Hollow Capital could not agree more and he is confident in the group's ability to create a product that will be in demand and enjoyed by all of Jacksonville.

"We are very excited about our partnership with the City of Jacksonville. We at Preston Hollow pride ourselves on our partnerships with municipalities all over the country. When their vision and our vision align, it's usually around a transformational project," he continued, "[one] that's going to have a material and positive impact to the community."

Albarran made mention of the activity that will be alive and well on the parcel

due to the City's planning to ensure access to public parks, the use of the Riverwalk, and the river itself exist, creating traffic and counts that developers look for to increase investment interest. Pedestrian-driven activities will only enhance the lure to commercial, which will then spill over to residential stakeholders looking at the site. The ability to create this critical mass is key, according to Albarran.

"This is one of those communities that I think truly accomplishes that, just given its scale, and location for that matter," he said, making a parallel to the successful development of other large, complicated projects. It must ultimately be a great place to live, work, and play, without sounding cliché.

"The RiversEdge development is an excellent example of a true partnership between the city and private sector to bring higher quality of life to residents in Downtown Jacksonville," shared LeAnna Cumber, who represents the Southbank and District 5 constituents. "The emphasis on high quality living along with state-of-the-art green spaces will be a real benefit to the city. The Southbank will be a much more vibrant area in the coming years."

Progress on the sitework is ongoing and dirt is moving on the property with infrastructure work already underway and bulkhead work said to begin as early as the first week in June. The Resident will continue to follow progress on the site as more announcements are unveiled.

## Riverfront Plaza meeting opening to public comment, input

### FORMER JACKSONVILLE LANDING PARK SPACE DOWN TO THREE FINALISTS



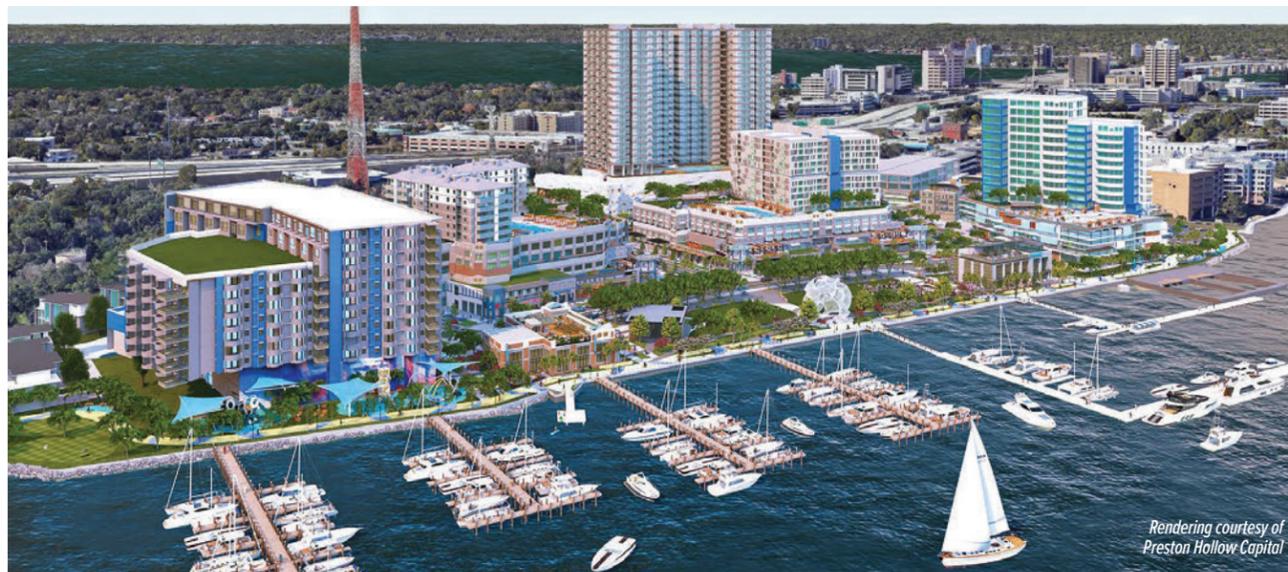
The Downtown Investment Authority (DIA) and city stakeholders are poised and ready to make firm decisions about the future of the former Jacksonville Landing's 4.5+/- acre park space. Officials are hosting a meeting that will be open to the public for comment and observation of presentations from the top three finalists in the design competition. The chosen firm will be certain to leave a lasting impression in Jacksonville.

The June 24 meeting will be held in the Multi-Purpose Room in Main Library downtown and will allow those grading the projects to score a victor following the event, according to DIA CEO, Lori Boyer. She looks forward to hearing from constituents as the presentations play out.

"The three design teams are presenting their concepts, and what they think it [park space] should be. They'll get graded and one will be hired," said Boyer in a recent interview, "It is something I want public input on."

The design competition was commissioned by the Authority back in 2020 and a recent vote by the Professional Services Evaluation Committee back in March paved the way for the next phase. The three highly respected finalists will be in town to roll out their best and brightest ideas, they are: Agency Landscape + Planning of Cambridge, MA; Olin Partnership Ltd. of Philadelphia, PA; Perkins & Will Inc. of Chicago, IL.

Each of the firms was paid \$125,000 to complete 50% of the design work for the park space at 2 Independent Drive West, the former site of the Jacksonville Landing. The site is currently a green space and open lawn on the St. Johns Riverfront and is referred to as Riverfront Plaza. The Resident will report on the findings as they unfold, the meeting time for the June 24 scheduled meeting was not available as of press time, interested parties should reference dia.coj.net for updates.



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# Jacksonville's million-dollar bridge celebrates 100 years of service

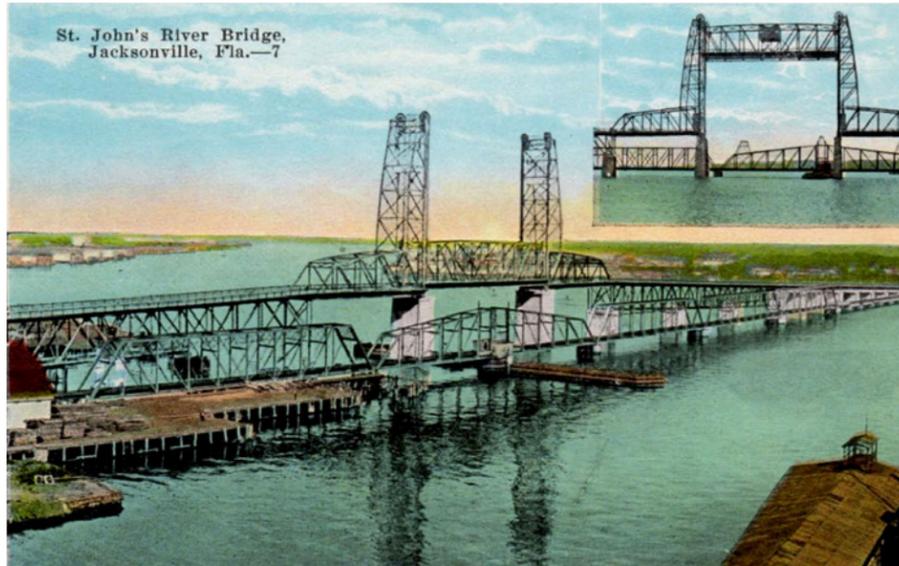
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Nearly a century ago, the Jacksonville metro area that we know today was just beginning to be realized. Only July 1, 1921, 5,000 automobiles drove across the first bridge built to cross over the St. Johns River to connect the north bank of the river to the south bank. That may have been nearly every car in Jacksonville, as reported in Jacksonville's Architectural Heritage by noted local historian Wayne Wood, because only about 5,000 families among the city's nearly 100,000 population owned automobiles at the time.

During the last week of this June, the San Marco Preservation Society will mark the 100th anniversary of the opening of the Acosta Bridge with a multi-day celebration. On June 24, 6 p.m., Wood will speak about the significance of the event.

On June 26, 11 a.m. a car parade will recreate the original crossing of the Acosta Bridge from the Southbank. Local dignitaries and descendants of the 1921 City officials, such as Andy Acosta Newman, St. Elmo Acosta's granddaughter, will participate. The procession will return back to San Marco with more festivities in San Marco Square at noon.

The bridge was the result of a campaign begun by St. Elmo "Chic" Acosta in 1904. He was elected to the City Council in 1908 and 1912 and to the state legislature in 1913,



with the proposed highway bridge one of his major issues. Despite a fair amount of opposition, in 1917 Jacksonville citizens approved a \$950,000 bond issue to build the bridge. On Sept. 25, 1919, Acosta led the groundbreaking ceremonies to start construction.

The monumental span was originally opened with much fanfare and celebration. Dignitaries of the two cities of Jacksonville and South Jacksonville, which were separate communities at that time, joined a parade up each side of the bridge to meet in the middle for the official christening ceremony. Mayors from the two cities were joined by the Governor of

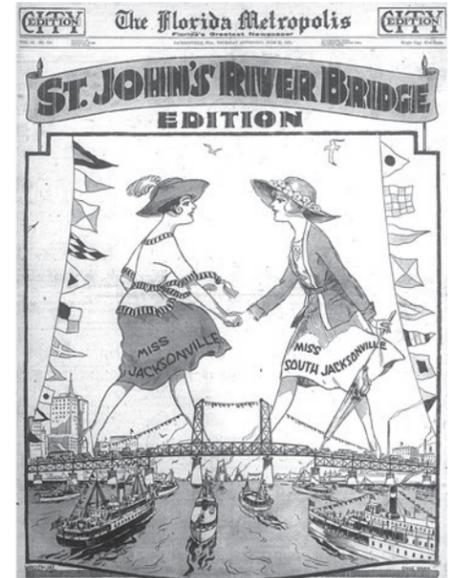
Florida, local public servants, and other dignitaries.

"Miss South Jacksonville Elizabeth White, daughter of the first mayor of South Jacksonville, participated, not only in the first opening, but also years later when the original structure was replaced with a more modern bridge," said Robin Robinson, historian, board member and past president of the San Marco Preservation Society.

According to Jacksonville's Architectural Heritage, the bridge was proclaimed to be "Duval County's Gift to Florida." On Aug. 17, 1949, two years after Acosta's death, the name of the span was changed to the "St. Elmo W. Acosta Bridge."

In addition to being the first vertical lift bridge in Florida and the first automobile bridge over the St. Johns River, it was the first bridge in the Southeast to use a pneumatic process for the placement of its caissons. It originally had two streetcar tracks running down the middle.

The opening of the bridge sparked rapid growth in South Jacksonville and led to the community's annexation by the City of Jacksonville in 1932. The bridge was also instrumental in the growth of the beaches area, with the creation of a more direct automobile route from the new bridge to the beach. In 1932 the Florida East Coast Railway ended the operations of its Jacksonville-to-Jacksonville Beach line. The tracks were taken up and the right-of-way was conveyed to the State of Florida in 1937, with Beach Boulevard completed along this route in 1949. Consolidation of the City of Jacksonville took effect in 1968, incorporating Neptune, Atlantic and Jacksonville Beaches into a combined governmental structure



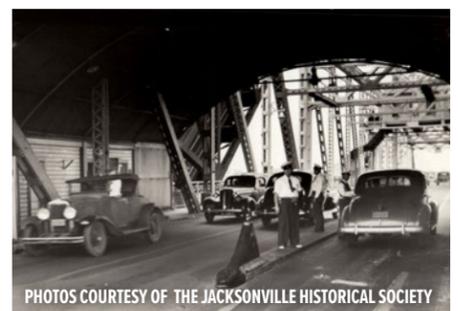
but retaining their municipal charters and local governments.

The bridge encouraged residential development in Mandarin as well, which had remained in decline until after World War I when it began its gradual growth as a residential community. The opening of the Acosta Bridge in 1921 shortened the travel time to Jacksonville making it easier to live in Mandarin and still stay connected to the city.

Also thanks to the bridge, the area just south of the river became highly attractive for residential development, one example being the Avondale neighborhood established by Telfair Stockton as a new standard for stylish neighborhoods in 1921.

Progress sometimes has unintended consequences, however. According to Robinson, within three weeks of opening the bridge in 1921, four men robbed the South Jacksonville Bank. A fifth man waited for the robbers in a getaway car. They all sped away after the robbery using the new bridge to make a clean escape.

The bridge's impact was felt far beyond just Jacksonville as well. It opened up travel to points south along Florida's east coast and contributed to the Florida Land Boom of the 1920s. It stood until it was replaced in 1991.



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# SMPS ANNUAL MEETING DRAWS LEADERSHIP, AWARD WINNERS



Jay and Robin Robinson



Award winners Janet Wylie and Frank Wise with Mimi Pearce



Board Member William Michaelis, Governance Chair Linzee Ott and Beautification Chair Brian Mickler

It was a cool evening in Fletcher Park as wine, beer, refreshments and familiar faces greeted a new slate of board officers, award winners, new staff, as well as a handful of longtime supporters of the San Marco Preservation Society, May 20.

Those in attendance got a sneak peek of Stockton Cottage on the grounds of Fletcher Park, directly adjacent to Preservation Hall. Guests learned about past and future projects, new appointees and other progress that was made during the year, all while outgoing President Chris Woolston kept a sense of humor about his year at the helm during the coronavirus pandemic.

"I'm not going to mention the 'C' word tonight," he said, as he kicked off the meeting and began his presentation, which started with many 'thank you' messages to board members and other committed individuals to the cause. He also made announcements regarding some new faces in Board leadership as well as staff additions for SMPS.

Jackie Vadney was announced as Administrator, she'll play a leading role alongside Jenna Jackson, who has been booking events and venue rentals, taking charge as the Preservation Hall Coordinator. Newly appointed board members were also announced as follows: President, Desiree Bailey; Vice President, Lauren Carlucci; Treasurer, Mack Volk; Secretary, Skylar Ramsey and Immediate Past President, Chris Woolston.

Woolston also mentioned the retooling of the website for a more user-friendly approach to browsing, digging into resources, and ease of backside management that makes the website (smpsjax.com) a valuable tool for the organization moving forward. Advocacy was one of the larger conversations discussed during the meeting, as many projects have had input from SMPS prior to construction and passage of zoning and planning phases of development, in many cases.

"We have put ourselves out there as a Society to engage with developers and designers to say, 'What can we do that will make this the best for our area?'" he said, as he made an argument for many of the aesthetic touches to the soon to be arriving PUBLIX supermarket as a recent example of how SMPS is advocating for better design and cohesion with the neighborhood. "We are the people that are starting to be the first of the line," shared Woolston, as he beamed with excitement about relationships with developers and stakeholders, "...we can be a voice for the neighborhood."

Woolston made light of the involvement of the organization, not just on immediate community projects, but for the future of River City Brewing, LOT J, the housing and developments coming to Philips Highway and more of the projects that impact the area, all while protecting the best interests of San

Marco for future generations by remaining proactive.

His tenure ended on a high note with the successful Wine Down in the Parks event in April of 2021, following a successful rescheduling to the Fall last year for the first Wine Down dates that were rescheduled. "We didn't just do it once this year, we did it twice!" he shared. After shifting in 2020, a postponement meant that the group had to move from the original dates the Fall in October of 2020. Despite early rains during setup, SMPS successfully held it again in 2021 on Saturday, April 21, both Fall and Spring events were sellout crowds. "That means people are aware of us, people are engaging with us, and we're getting our message out there," said Woolston.

Also brought to light was the success of Luminaria, Storytime in the Square and the tightening of the coordination and relationships with the San Marco Merchants Association, to prevent crime, better the community communication and collaboration.

Award winners presented during the event were handed to Janet Wylie and Frank Wise for the beautification and residential renovation of 1898 San Marco Blvd. "We love San Marco," quipped Janet, as she was presented the Beautification Award for the residential renovation she and her husband Frank completed in 2020. "I didn't know Jacksonville or San Marco from Georgia, we lived out at the beach," said Wise, of his fondness for San Marco, "I would have moved here 17 years ago, had I known about San Marco."

Other award winners for residential renovation awards went to 1734 Belmonte Avenue and 1622 Avoca Place, commercial awards were presented to Ashco, Inc. for the beautification of the San Marco Train Station property, while Community Awards were given to Riverfront Park for its renovation and reconstruction, as well as Angelina Danese Park, which underwent a facelift incorporating Kompan playground equipment and opened back up in April of 2021.

For more information about upcoming events in June, including the celebration of the 100 year anniversary of the completion of the Acosta Bridge, visit [www.smps.com](http://www.smps.com) for more.



Immediate Past President Chris Woolston with Rev. Adam Anderson and Morgan Roberts



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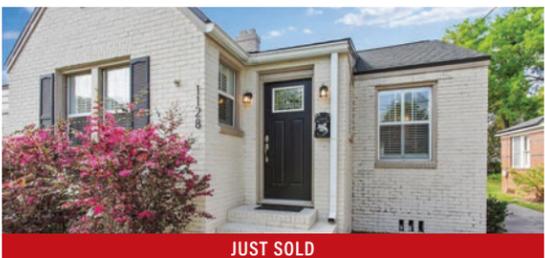
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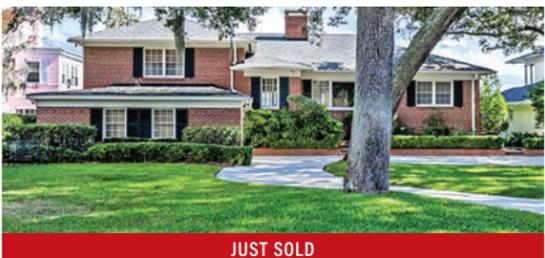
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## IF THERE WAS ONE THING YOU WERE MISSING MOST DURING LOCKDOWNS AND QUARANTINE...WHAT WAS IT? HAVE YOU DONE IT YET?



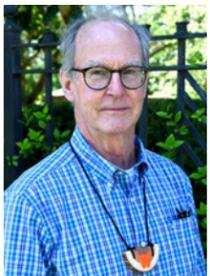
Travel and concerts, that's it. Travel more than anything! And yes, we have begun to travel again and plan to get to some shows as well.

— GARY GALLIGAR



Not quite yet, the way we want to do it. Travel is #1. I usually take two vacations per year, we have family overseas so we look forward to getting back to more travel.

— MARION DELENCLOS



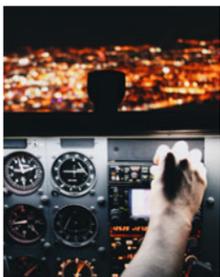
Yes. I have done it. Travel. We escaped to the mountains of North Carolina!

— JEFF GRAF



Yes, I have done it. I enjoy going to estate sales and it's so eclectic here, I just love it!

— CHERYL KAMMIRE



A bit. I'm a pilot and flying is it for me, it's my favorite pastime. I enjoy it, but I've not been able to fly as much as I would like due to restrictions.

— MAX RODRIGUES



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## The Woman's Club of Jacksonville announces 2021 Scholarship recipients

Since its founding in 1897, The Woman's Club of Jacksonville's mission has been to further the education and betterment of women. This year, thirteen extraordinary young Florida women each have received a \$3,000.00 scholarship to continue their education in Florida schools. Recipients were announced at the club's first in-person luncheon of the COVID era, on May 19 at the newly renovated San Jose Country Club.

**THE RECIPIENTS WERE:**

- FAMU - Jazmine White
- FL Southern - Allison Johnson
- FSCJ - Hannah Corbat, Brenee Cummings, Shaunna White, Kanani Wilson
- UF - Zehna Correa, Sarah Crooks
- UNF - Jana Nguyen, Jacqueline Small, Jalynn Small
- USF - Ashley Dougherty
- Valencia College - Jaclyn Pendleton



The Woman's Club Scholarship Committee for 2021  
LEFT TO RIGHT: Martha Tromberg, DoLaine Matte, Nancy Chamblin, Emily Lisska, Katherine Naugle

## JU ATHLETICS NAMES TRAINING ROOM



Sports Medicine Director Doug Frye with Dr. Stephen Lucie and Assistant Athletic Director Bo McDougald

Jacksonville University athletics announced the official naming of the athletics training room in the Athletics Fieldhouse as the R. Stephen Lucie, MD Athletic Training Room.

Dr. Lucie recently retired after nearly 40 years as an orthopedic surgeon and served as the head team physician for JU since 1993.

"We can never repay Dr. Lucie for what he has done for our University, student-athletes, and sports medicine department," said Director of Sports Medicine Doug

Frye. "We wanted to make sure his legacy was forever a part of our athletic department and University by naming the field house athletic training room after him, as well as bestowing the title of Physician Emeritus upon him"

Dr. Lucie was one of four co-founders of Jacksonville Orthopedic Institute, affiliated with Baptist Health, in 1994. He is also a former Chairman of JOI, president of the Duval County Medical Society and Florida Alliance of Sports Medicine Physicians.

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## SULZBACHER PSYCHIATRIST EARNs HIPPOCRATIC AWARD



LEFT TO RIGHT: The Turner family came out to celebrate a special day for their matriarch. Pictured are Cecelia, Joey and Olivia, with their mother, award recipient Ana Turner, Madeline and her husband Stephen. (Photo courtesy of Melinda Fawcett)

Sulzbacher Psychiatrist Dr. Ana Turner, an assistant professor and clerkship director for the department of psychiatry at the UF College of Medicine, Jacksonville, was recognized as the 2021 Hippocratic Award winner for her outstanding teaching abilities at a ceremony, May 6.

Established by the UF College of Medicine class of 1969, the Hippocratic Award is presented by each graduating class to a faculty member who represents the ideal role model and embodies professionalism, humanism, and teaching prowess. Since its inception, the award has been given to 36 faculty members who span 10 departments.

“Today’s recipient embodies those innate qualities that create an exemplary educator,” said UF College

of Medicine Dean Colleen G. Koch, M.D., M.S., M.B.A., during the ceremony. “Not only does she have a firm grasp of the science and clinical skills that she is teaching, but this educator also ignites her students’ imaginations, leading with passion, innovation and empathy.”

Turner, a graduate of the UF College of Medicine back in 2010 served as chief resident in the department of psychiatry from 2013-2014. She fiercely advocates for those who may be stigmatized by society and makes it her mission to teach medical students and residents to do the same for their patients. She found her calling in community psychiatry thanks in part to one of her medical school mentors: the late Richard Christensen, M.D., a two-time Hippocratic Award recipient who dedicated his career to providing health care to homeless and underserved populations.

Turner continues Christensen’s legacy, spending part of her week at UF Health Jacksonville mentoring medical students and residents and the other part of her week on city streets and at Sulzbacher, a comprehensive center for the area’s homeless population that addresses housing, income, and health care. She also works in tandem with the team at the Sulzbacher Homeless Outreach Project Expansion, or HOPE, to connect with potential new patients. As part of this outreach, Turner takes residents and medical students on rotations to meet homeless patients where they are.

## Special education school hires new chef

North Florida School of Special Education has hired a new executive chef, Carrie Eagle, to lead its culinary arts program. Guests who attended Berry Good Farms Weekend Festival in early April may have already tasted a sample of Eagle’s skills. She prepared her pulled pork dinner for Concert on the Farm and elevated appetizers at Dinner on the Farm for the event.

Now the school will put her skills to use in its culinary arts program to engage a team of chefs and students in preparing school lunches, a food truck, fine dining event catering, a café and meals-to-go weekly casserole program in its Chartrand Family Culinary Arts Complex.

“Food is something we all have in common, and when it’s artfully, lovingly fabricated, a true connection can be made,” said Eagle.

Eagle has more than 15 years as an executive chef. She has opened farm-to-table, seafood, Italian and private resort kitchens in Colorado, Albuquerque and Jacksonville. She won a 2017 episode of Chopped on the Food Network and then competed on Beat Bobby Flay the following year. Eagle has been recognized by Bon Appetit, Food and Wine and Conde Nast magazines as well.



North Florida School of Special Education’s new executive chef, Chef Carrie, and transition student Garrett Murray package delicious school lunches for the school’s students.

## PAJCIC & PAJCIC WELCOMES NEW ATTORNEY



The Law Firm of Pajcic & Pajcic has a new attorney on board and Janeen Kirch has certainly hit the ground running. Ms. Kirch is an avid runner who first met Seth Pajcic almost ten years ago when she joined his running group. Ms. Kirch actually ran her first marathon alongside Seth and his wife Kathleen. As Mr. Pajcic put it, “You can learn a lot about someone by running with them and I learned that Janeen is a tough, fierce competitor who never quits. Her reputation in the legal community is that she brings that same type of tenacity to the courtroom when fighting for justice for her clients. We are lucky to have Janeen on board as an attorney in our firm.”

The Michigan native began is a 2007 graduate of Florida Coastal School of Law where she was heavily involved in the mock trial team and won

the award as “Best Advocate.” She began her career in the State Attorney’s Office in Jacksonville where she thrived in the courtroom. In fact, she has more than 100 jury trials in her career and describes feeling like she just “belongs in a courtroom.” She mostly focused on prosecuting homicide cases and repeat offenders. For the past five years, Ms. Kirch has been honing her skills as a personal injury attorney. While at the Pajcic Firm, she will concentrate on cases involving auto negligence, premises liability, wrongful death and product liability. Ms. Kirch explained that she wanted to join the Pajcic Firm to be able to help people. “So many of our clients come to us when they are in their darkest hour. It is my honor to try to help them through these tough times as they are facing great loss due to someone else’s negligence.” Ms. Kirch adds that the long-standing reputation of the Pajcic Firm was something she dreamed of being part of. “I wanted to be able to work on the biggest and most challenging cases so I could help to bring justice to those in need.”

Ms. Kirch is also involved in public service to the community, serving on the boards of several charities, including, Hubbard House and Dreams Come True. In addition, she is a board member of both the Jacksonville Women Lawyers Association and the Jacksonville Justice Association.

Besides running marathons and half marathons, Ms. Kirch enjoys hiking, traveling, and discovering new places with her husband. Their brown boxer, Ogelthorpe is always up for joining them on their adventures.

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## EXPLORAVISION COMMENDED EDUCATORS



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ExploraVision marked its 29th annual student challenge this spring. They also recognized the top 29 coaches from across the United States and Canada for their commitment to science education and nurturing students' creative and innovative thinking. Bishop Kenny High School Science teachers, Patrycja Puiu and Lee Paulus who were among the 29 teachers and coaches who were recognized. Puiu and Paulus were among the teachers who submitted the most eligible entries for the 2020-2021 competition.

ExploraVision engages K-12 students in real-world problem solving with a strong emphasis on STEM, challenging them to envision a new technology through collaborative brainstorming and research of current science.

## CULTURAL COUNCIL RECEIVES \$20,000 GRANT

The Cultural Council of Greater Jacksonville has been approved for \$20,000 via a Grants for Arts Projects award from the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) to support a new grantmaking program. The Cultural Council's sub-grant project is among the more than 1,100 across America that were selected during the nearly \$27-million-dollar allocation during this second round of Grants for Arts Projects fiscal year 2021.

"As the country and the arts sector begin to imagine returning to a post-pandemic world, the National Endowment for the Arts is proud to announce funding that will help arts organizations such as the Cultural Council of Greater Jacksonville reengage fully with partners and audiences," shared NEA Acting Chairman Ann Eilers. "Although the arts have sustained many setbacks during the pandemic, the chance to gather with one another and share arts experiences is its own necessity and pleasure."

"It is an honor for the Cultural Council to have been selected for one of the NEA's competitive grant awards," said Cultural Council Executive Director Diana Donovan. "The award will enable the Cultural Council to extend its reach into the community more broadly by serving additional organizations and constituencies."

The NEA-supported grant program will be open to arts and cultural nonprofits located in Baker, Clay, Duval, Nassau, and St. Johns counties for programs serving veterans and/or seniors. Grant guidelines and application will be made available later in 2021. For more information on the projects, visit [arts.gov/news](http://arts.gov/news).

## Experience city's public art on Art Bikes



Bike created by Ramses Allen, Sasha Kovalenko and Hanna Hadzic.

Jacksonville has an impressive gallery of public art from local and internationally acclaimed artists, according to Ron Rothberg, owner and creator of a newly launched Avondale business called Art Bikes. His goal is to offer a unique and easy way to ride bikes, see public art and eclectic architecture, and explore parks.

Art Bikes is a fleet of electric bikes that have been customized by local artists and may be rented from Open Road Bicycles in Avondale.

"I started talking with others in the community about all of the art installations in Jacksonville and discovered there wasn't a complete list available," said Rothberg. "Then I walked into Open Road Bicycles and saw an e-bike. That's when I decided to do e-bike tours of public art."

"Anybody can ride this 15-mile route without breaking a sweat," Rothberg said. "A family rented Art Bikes on Mother's Day Weekend and told us that they never realized how much art is around Jacksonville," he said.

The bikes are customized by local artists. Douglas Anderson School of the Arts graduate and Florida State University student Jaime Shoemaker customized the first bike, aptly named "Flagship," in gold. He collaborated with Emma Flaire on the hubcaps.

The second bike was done by Ramses Allen, another Douglas Anderson graduate who is a local commissioned artist. The third bike is being done by Ian Cleary of Heartspace Art.

"Each month we plan to release two more decorated e-bikes," Rothberg said. Part of the proceeds from Art Bikes bookings will go back to the artists.

Art Bikes offers two types of adventures: Art Bikes Self-Guided Tour is a three-hour self-guided tour on the "Adams to Adams" route which features more than 56 installations. Art Bikes Lunch is a 90-minute ride that includes recommendations of favorite Avondale and Riverside restaurants and the best places to picnic as suggested by Cady Realty, the title sponsor for Art Bikes.

"Art Bikes will allow people to take the time to enjoy our beautiful neighborhoods and see how special they are," said Missy Cady-Kampmeyer, owner and broker of Cady Realty.

The bikes are available at Open Road Bicycles in Avondale at 3544 St Johns Avenue. Tours can be booked online at [www.artbikesjax.com](http://www.artbikesjax.com).

Future plans for Art Bikes include a San Marco e-bike tour, as well as artist-led tours and other curated events from local writers and performers.

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## John Duce to continue his tenure as Chairman of Gator Bowl Sports Board

In May, it became clear which volunteer leaders would helm The Gator Bowl Sports Board of Trustees this season, after an unprecedented pandemic season: Wells Fargo Executive John Duce and Northeast Florid CEO of BBVA, Nelson Bradshaw.

Duce will serve a second term as chairman with duties that include presiding over all Gator Bowl Sports initiatives such as the TaxSlayer Gator Bowl football game and game related events, Gator Bowl Charities youth initiatives, Gator Bowl Green Jacket Membership, and the annual Florida vs Florida State neutral site baseball game.

Bradshaw has also been named volunteer chairman-elect and serve concurrently as well as Vice Chairman of hospitality and will transition to the Chairman role in April 2022. Chairman-Elect Bradshaw is a graduate of LSU and began his banking career thirty-six years ago with J.P. Morgan Chase in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Duce and Bradshaw will work alongside the Gator Bowl Sports Board of Trustees, newly announced President/CEO Greg

McGarity, green jacket volunteers and staff to plan and execute the 77th TaxSlayer Gator Bowl game and events. The game date and time for this year's TaxSlayer Gator Bowl is expected to be announced later this month.

"Gator Bowl Sports has been a long-time staple in our community and having the opportunity to serve a second year as chairman is an honor and privilege," Duce said. "Last year, despite challenges presented by COVID-19, we were still able to execute a successful TaxSlayer Gator Bowl game albeit a scaled down version. I look forward to a full year of events and activities which continue the long history of successes through our economic impact, charitable programming, and community engagement initiatives."



JOHN DUCE

## JAGUARS HELP LAUNCH THE CULTURAL COUNCIL'S ARTS + CAMPAIGN



The Jacksonville Jaguars teamed up with the Cultural Council of Greater Jacksonville to commission one-of-a-kind painted and autographed footballs that were auctioned off last month by the Jacksonville Jaguars Foundation. It was the "kickoff" of a new creative economy partnership.

Donated were 20 official NFL footballs dipped in white paint to serve as blank canvas. Chosen were five local artists for their individual styles and talent. Penned were autographs by Jaguars players. The unique fundraising opportunity leveraged the launching of the Cultural Council's dynamic new ARTS + campaign with the NFL Draft.

"The ARTS + Sports collaborative partnership showcases Jacksonville's creative economy, igniting a merger of artists and athletes, to bring a fresh perspective to a quality of life we all share, as well as a commitment to serving our city together

as a team of equity-driven placemakers," said Diana Donovan, Executive Director of the Cultural Council, a non-profit organization founded in 1971.

The paintings ranged from abstract to realist. The fundraiser appealed to those who collect memorabilia, are passionate about the Jaguars, enjoy art, and want to support cultural innovation throughout the city.

Ted Head is an artist who has been painting wildlife for decades, including the majestic jaguar. "After being constrained by the limits Covid placed on us, I, and the community, are ready to see the Jaguars regain their glory . . . with strength, cunning, and a fighting spirit!" he said.

Remaining funds from the auction after the artists are compensated will go to the Council to contribute toward grants, programming, events, and additional areas of cultural collaboration.

## FAMILY PROMISE CELEBRATES 15 YEARS WORKING WITH CONGREGATIONS TO HELP END HOMELESSNESS

Since its opening in 2006, Family Promise has served 277 families and 901 individuals including nearly 500 adults and more than 500 children in Jacksonville. In 2010, the agency worked with 14 families including 48 individuals. This past year, it helped 49 families, 172 individuals – a 258 percent increase.

The program started with seven congregations and now benefits from the participation of 17 local churches, including seven in the historic neighborhoods of Ortega, Riverside, Lakewood, San Jose and Downtown. Of those, Ortega United Methodist in Ortega and First United Methodist in Downtown Jacksonville have hosted families for all 15 years of Family Promise's existence.

"Family Promise provides all generations at our church opportunities to serve," said Kathy Nipper, Ortega United Methodist Church's volunteer coordinator. "Afterwards our volunteers always share they received far more blessings from being with our guests than they gave."

The other five congregations in historic neighborhoods are Riverside Park United

Methodist, St. John's Presbyterian, St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran, Lakewood United Methodist and St. John's Cathedral.

Each congregation hosts families for one week at a time. During Host Week, each church's volunteer coordinator leads volunteers in preparing and serving meals and providing a safe, homelike setting.

"The core values of Family Promise are compassion, hospitality and dignity," Beth Mixson, Family Promise's development director, said. "The host congregations and hundreds of volunteers put these values in action."

"Families are the hidden homeless," said Mark Landschoot, who served as a volunteer for the agency prior to becoming its executive director in 2010. "Creating stability for the family makes us a better community. We are seeing young adults who were in our shelter program as teens entering the workforce, joining the military and pursuing educational opportunities."

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## HUNGER FIGHT ANNOUNCES FRESHJAX AS LEGACY PARTNER

*Partnering to end childhood hunger*

Hunger Fight, Inc. recently announced FreshJax as their legacy partner. FreshJax, a Jacksonville, Florida based family business that handcrafts organic spice blends, has agreed to a longterm partnership to end childhood hunger.

Hunger Fight recently launched a capital campaign in an effort to raise funds to purchase their own facility to meet the increase in demand for services and fulfill their mission to eradicate childhood hunger and illiteracy. FreshJax, who also has a mission to combat childhood hunger and donates a meal to a hungry child for every gift set or two large spice bottles purchased on their website, has committed to become a top-tier partner in helping to make Hunger Fight's capital campaign goal a reality.

"There are so many synergies with Hunger Fight and FreshJax, we couldn't have picked a more "organic" legacy partner. We both have a passion and mission for eradicating childhood hunger and with both organizations being headquartered in Jacksonville, I think teaming together will allow us to make an even larger impact in our community," said Sherri Porter, Founder and Executive Director of Hunger Fight.

"Teaming up with Hunger Fight allows us to give back to the community who is supporting us on our mission and our vision to donate more than 50 million meals to kids in need. Every FreshJax sale creates a donation. We are excited to see how our combined efforts and passion to feed hungry children in need will change the world," Jason McDonald, CEO FreshJax.

## LOCAL TEACHER/AUTHOR INSPIRES YOUNG GIRLS TO BE THEIR PERSONAL BEST



Daughter Zandria participates with her mother, Tave, in supporting Erin Mah during San Marco Bookstore's author showcase in April. Tave is Mah's mentor in completing two books of her own. Mah, who is also part of the Landon Middle School faculty, has started her own company, Old Frame Press, to publish her books.

English/language arts teacher and author PeTika Tave is putting the power of words to work to empower girls from every walk of life. She has written the BayaBook series to help parents empower their kids so that they can successfully navigate the challenges in life. Beautiful As You Are and Brilliant As You Are include her messages of self-acceptance and self-esteem.

"Children of today are faced with so many images of society's definition of perfection that they must learn to accept themselves for who they are, just the way they are," Tave said.

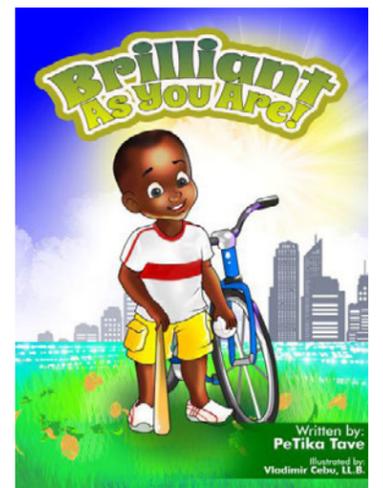
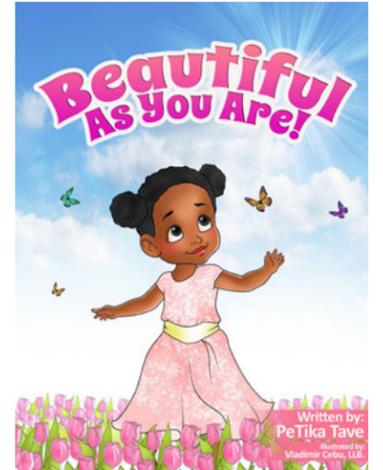
Tave writes from personal experience. At the age of 13, she was 300 pounds and six feet tall. Despite constant dieting, she reached an all-time high of 427 pounds by the time she was 22, which caused depression, emotional eating, low self-esteem and no self-confidence.

Vowing to be a better role model for her first child, she lost over 200 pounds through healthy lifestyle changes and exercise. At the age of 29, while expecting her second child, a girl, Tave started writing poetry to give her daughter and other young girls something the sense of self-worth that she struggled to find.

Tave, a Jacksonville native, was in the first class of students in the college prep program that progressed from James Weldon Johnson Middle School to Stanton College Preparatory School. She started teaching middle school at Joseph Stillwell and then was sent to Highlands Middle School, where she taught for eight years before going to Julia Landon College Preparatory and Leadership Development School in San Marco.

"I love hearing from former students and was thoroughly shocked to learn that Mr. Kenneth Ford, one of Duval County's five finalists for Teacher of the Year this year, attributed his love of writing to my class," said Tave.

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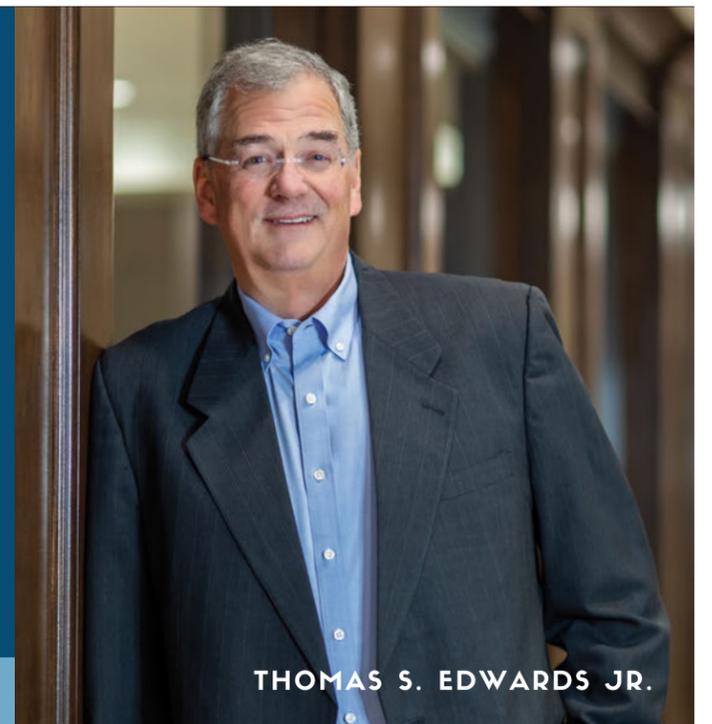
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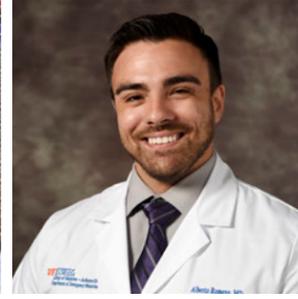
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Jim Culbert  
Chief Information Officer at  
Duval County Public Schools



Jon Insetta  
Chef/Owner of  
Black Sheep Restaurant Group



Alberto H. Romero, M.D.  
Emergency Resident at  
UF Health



Chandra Manning  
Director of Operations at  
Jacksonville Speech and Hearing Center



Lexi Magnano  
Founder of the Smart Art Club  
at Ponte Vedra High School



Leofric Thomas Jr.  
Founder and Executive Director at  
Straight and Narrow Project, Inc.

**“The six honorees are just a sampling of many amazing leaders who daily change the lives of others in a positive way. We hope their stories will inspire others to step forward for their community.”**

**- Jill Dame,  
CEO of Leadership Jacksonville**

On May 25, Leadership Jacksonville hosted a virtual Celebration 2021 to honor six “Unsung COVID Leaders” for the positive impact they have had during the pandemic.

Jim Culbert, who is the chief information officer for Duval County Public Schools, was recognized for his efforts in using technology and electronic platforms to help students and teachers during the pandemic, including 35,000 laptop computers at 15 sites across the district in addition to hotspots for virtual learning. His efforts meant that 80,000 students were able to log into Duval Homeroom with the first 30 minutes on the first launch day, and 35 million video calls were completed by teachers during the first six months.

As the chef/owner of Black Sheep Restaurant Group, Jonathan Insetta started a weekly grocery program with the help of Feeding Northeast Florida that helped his employees keep their jobs, assisted low-income seniors with fresh meals and made use of perishables from canceled events.

Alberto H. Romero, emergency resident at UF Health Jacksonville, went a step beyond his responsibilities as a doctor by spending his free time visiting, playing guitar and singing for patients struggling with COVID. He remained bedside with one patient playing his guitar to fulfill a promise made to the patient’s mother who was unable to be with her son before his passing.

When the Jacksonville Speech and Hearing Center’s director of operations, Chandra Manning, realized that masks prohibited clients from reading the lips of clinicians, she created and made see-through, fog-free, plastic masks for the clinicians. She partnered with Rethreaded to produce the masks with JSHC receiving the royalties.

Alexis Magnano, founder of the Smart Art Club at Ponte Vedra High School coordinates special events for The Homeless Coalition of St. Johns County’s transitional housing residents. The club brings art and STEAM classes to underserved youth, such as the “Birthday Bucket” program for children who were isolated during COVID-19.

The Straight and Narrow Project, Inc. guides youth, ages 11-18, on the path to success. Founder and Executive Director Leofric Thomas, Jr. led the nonprofit in providing virtual sessions featuring speakers, life skills coaching and tutoring sessions for young people. His team and he average 500 community service hours per year providing services to youth and families in the 32208, 32209, 32218 and 32219 areas.

“The six honorees are just a sampling of many amazing leaders who daily change the lives of others in a positive way,” said Jill Dame, CEO of Leadership Jacksonville. “We hope their stories will inspire others to step forward for their community.”

The event benefited Youth Leadership Jacksonville.

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# REAL ESTATE

## HISTORIC HOUSING IS HOT, HOT, HOT

BY KAREN J. RIELEY  
Resident Community News



1326 AVONDALE AVE, \$680,000

Is it a bubble, or is it because of supply and demand? Is it because of COVID, like almost everything different or challenging about the past year and a half has been, or is it just cyclical? Realtors and economists have their theories, but one thing is sure – Jacksonville is experiencing the craziest housing market since 2008.

What does that mean for people who either live in or want to move into our historic neighborhoods? According to some

local realtors, both historic and new home communities are selling well right now.

“We are experiencing a ‘super sellers’ market’ in both the historic neighborhoods and new home communities,” said Josh Cohen, managing broker for Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Network Realty. “In the Riverside, Avondale and Ortega markets, 26 percent of the properties sold over asking price in March, and we expect a similar trend in April.” The cost of lumber and other materials and a backlogged

supply chain continue to limit new home construction and have increased costs substantially, he noted.

The Jacksonville market seems to have fared slightly better during COVID than many of its national counterparts in terms of real estate, according to FortuneBuilders, a real estate education company founded by nationally recognized real estate investors. It reports that, while the pandemic has served as an obstacle, Jacksonville looks positioned to return to pre-pandemic levels

sooner rather than later, which bodes well for everyone participating in the market: buyers, sellers and investors.

The company’s overview of Jacksonville lists median home value at \$218,194 with a one-year appreciation rate of +11.2 percent and a median rent price of \$1,345. The foreclosure rate is 1 in every 3,935, or 2.5 percent. The historic neighborhoods of Ortega, Ortega Forest and Ortega Terrace; St. Johns Avenue; Avondale; and Hendricks Avenue, San Jose Boulevard and San Jose Forest are listed as some of the most expensive in Jacksonville, according to NeighborhoodScout.

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—Claire Autrey  
Coldwell Banker Vanguard Realty

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Historic homes are less available currently than new homes, according to Sally Suslak, managing broker with Traditions Realty LLC. “As a result, historic homes in our

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neighborhoods of Riverside and Avondale are selling for more per square foot than most new homes.”

A May 7 article in FloridaRealtors reported that the U.S. housing market is on a hot streak with double-digit annual gains in home prices, bidding wars and surging buyer demand. The median selling price for a home is up \$35,000 compared to a year ago, which is the fastest-paced increase since 2006, as reported by Lawrence Yun, chief economist of the National Association of Realtors, in the article.

“New development home prices have risen about \$46,000 this year because the cost of the raw materials needed to complete a home has skyrocketed, especially the price of lumber,” Suslak said regarding the Jacksonville housing market.

The rising prices are coinciding with an increased interest in buying.

“We are seeing everyone enter into the market,” Cohen said. “Many buyers are sellers who are taking advantage of the market, tapping into equity and moving up. There is still a surge of buyers moving from other parts of the country deeply impacted by the pandemic.”

According to Jeff Rohde of Roofstock, a national real estate investment marketplace that focuses on investment real estate, more people are moving to Jacksonville for a more suburban lifestyle in a smaller affordable market instead of crowded urban living in an expensive big city. Average single-family home values in Jacksonville were up by more than 5.5 percent in September 2020 from last year’s record high, while for-sale inventory is down by nearly 42 percent compared to the previous year, as reported in Roofstock’s March article.



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The combination of rising prices, increased interest and lack of supply is a challenge, especially for first-time home buyers.

“They are competing with cash buyers and investors for the same home, depending on price point,” said Suslak. “In this market the really good deals are few and far between.”

“The inventory we have moves in light speed,” Cohen said. “Multiple offers are common. Buyers will waive appraisal contingencies, and even lenders will do so

on certain loans. Buyers may also offer to pay sellers deed stamps and title insurance.”

“If a property is priced competitively, it will sell in a matter of days,” Suslak said.

It is not uncommon for buyers to offer more than asking price to get the home they want. “However, if financing is involved, the property must appraise for the higher price, and sometimes it doesn’t.”

Buyers and seller need to approach home buying cautiously in this volatile environment.

Both Cohen and Suslak agree that sellers need to be prepared to secure a new destination in less than 30 days.

“Sellers may list their home and sell it in a weekend,” Suslak said. “In that case they need to find a new place to live in a very tight market.”

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“For buyers, the biggest challenge is finding a property they really love,” she said. “If they are not cash buyers, then they have to have their financing arranged in advance and then make an offer very quickly.”

In a seller’s market, some renovations may not be as necessary as in a buyer’s market, an important factor especially for those trying to sell an older home; however, local realtors agree that today’s buyers are looking for move-in ready homes. Given the low interest rates, they are able to afford more expensive homes and aren’t generally interested in taking on major renovations. A house can still have an older kitchen and bathrooms and be considered move in ready, however.

“Kitchen appliances and solid surface countertops are popular renovations that can update a kitchen without replacing all the cabinetry,” Suslak said.

Suslak and Cohen again agreed that a new roof, new electrical and plumbing are on the list of the most important to which sellers should pay attention.

“You could run into problems with insurability and financing if these key components have significant wear and tear,” said Cohen.



1395 AVONDALE AVE., AVONDALE: ORIGINAL PRICE \$459,000; SOLD USING CONVENTIONAL LOAN FOR \$459,000; DAYS ON MARKET – 0

Cady Realty. “However, buyers need to understand that the historic neighborhoods

“People buy lifestyle, especially right now after COVID,” she said. “Avondale, Riverside and Five Points are ‘Walk Score’ areas where you never have to use a vehicle. They have diverse culture, history, unique homes, the river, parks and running trails, and yet are very urban which draws everyone to these neighborhoods and drives prices up.”

All this volatility has some buyers concerned that Jacksonville is in a bubble similar to the one in 2006 and may pop with prices dropping drastically. According to Morgan Stanley as reported in the Florida Realtors article, however, this isn’t 2006. Housing inventories are low, credit remains tight and lenders aren’t issuing risky loans like they did back then.

Product risk – such as from mortgages with introductory periods, teaser rates or balloon payments – comprised about 40 percent of the mortgage market between 2004 to 2006. Those factors are now at only 2 percent of the mortgage market, according to Morgan Stanley.

“The housing market is based on price point, location and type of property,” said Jeff Chefan, broker for First Coast Sotheby’s International Realty’s San Jose office. He

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—Josh Cohen  
Managing Broker  
Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices  
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“A seller doesn’t necessarily have to do a lot of renovating in today’s market but does need to be upfront about what may need to be done,” said Missy Cady-Kampmeyer, who is owner and broker of

are not cookie-cutter areas. The homes come with quirks, but the pros of having a well-built home right next door to the river and in walking distance to shopping and restaurants outweighs the cons.”

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**“HISTORIC HOMES ARE LESS AVAILABLE CURRENTLY THAN NEW HOMES, AS A RESULT, HISTORIC HOMES IN OUR NEIGHBORHOODS ARE SELLING FOR MORE PER SQUARE FOOT THAN MOST NEW HOMES.”**

—Sally Suslak  
Managing Broker  
Traditions Realty LLC.

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noted that inventory is down in most price points with the exception of very high-end houses.

“What’s interesting are the percentage changes in numbers of houses sold in the past 12 months compared to the previous

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**“WHAT’S INTERESTING ARE THE PERCENTAGE CHANGES IN NUMBERS OF HOUSES SOLD IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS COMPARED TO THE PREVIOUS 12 MONTHS, FOR EXAMPLE, HOMES SOLD IN THE \$200,000 - \$399,000 PRICE POINT INCREASED 39 PERCENT IN SAN MARCO, WHILE THEY ONLY INCREASED 18 PERCENT IN AVONDALE. ON THE OTHER HAND, HOMES SOLD IN THE \$400,000 - \$599,000 PRICE POINT INCREASED ONLY 17 PERCENT IN THE SAN MARCO AREA COMPARED TO 51 PERCENT IN AVONDALE, EVEN THOUGH SAN MARCO HAD MORE INVENTORY IN THAT PRICE POINT.”**

—Jeff Cbefan  
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12 months,” he said. For example, homes sold in the \$200,000 - \$399,000 price point increased 39 percent in San Marco, while they only increased 18 percent in Avondale. On the other hand, homes sold in the \$400,000 - \$599,000 price point increased only 17 percent in the San Marco area compared to 51 percent in Avondale, even though San Marco had more inventory in that price point.

Homes sold in the \$800,000 to \$2 million price point increased only 11 percent in San Marco compared to 68 percent in Avondale. And homes in the \$2 million+ price point increased 166 percent in San Marco, but only 75 percent in Avondale, with San Marco again having more homes in that range available.

“2006 was the benchmark for high market value in Jacksonville,” Cbefan said. “Along the river, we’re down 20-40 percent compared

to 2006, while Ponte Vedra prices have increased 30-40 percent.”

According to Cbefan, that difference is due mainly to who is attracted to each of those areas.

“The riverfront neighborhoods are primary resident markets generally,” he said. “In Ponte Vedra, many of the buyers are coming from elsewhere now that they can work remotely who want a second home at the beach. They’re willing to pay more because they come from high-priced markets and, at the same time, they find homes in Ponte Vedra are a better value than those in South Florida.”

So, is it time to sell or buy?  
“Timing is a key economic driver when it comes to moves in real estate,” Cohen said. “It’s a great market for sellers. Buyers who qualify should purchase. Interest rates are still near historic lows.”



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## Otterson-Allison Group of Raymond James in Riverside expands as Forbes takes notice Patty Otterson acknowledged, Kristin Vannes joins team.

**O**n March 24, Patty Otterson, Senior Vice President of Investments at the Otterson-Allison Wealth Management Group of Raymond James in Riverside was named to the Forbes list of America's Top Women Wealth Advisors\*. The expanded notoriety and growth in business has led Otterson-Allison to adding a team member, Kristin Vannes.

The Forbes list recognizes advisors from national, regional, and independent firms. They took notice of Patty Otterson, who joined Raymond James in 2009, with her more than 39 years' total experience and outstanding accomplishments in the financial services industry.

More business meant more work. "We needed to add capacity to continue providing exceptional service to our clients," said the team's asset management specialist, Caleb Cronic, AAMS. So, last month, Otterson-Allison welcomed Kristin Vannes, Senior Financial Planning Consultant to the fold. She brings with her 21 years' experience in the financial services industry as a wealth strategist.

Vannes began her finance career in 2000 at Goldman Sachs in New York City. Her 14-year tenure there included titles such as Vice President and Wealth Management Professional. She earned a reputation of being an integral member of the company's largest private wealth management team. She worked closely with high-net-worth clients as an expert in handling their complex situations and sophisticated planning needs, delivering impeccable service.

Desiring more sunshine, Vannes moved south to Florida in 2015, where she joined Morgan Stanley in Ponte Vedra Beach as a financial advisor for a brief time before her hire by Raymond James in 2017 as the sales development manager for the North Florida Complex Management team. "We've been working closely with her as a manager for a few years now and realized she would be a great fit for our team," said Otterson.

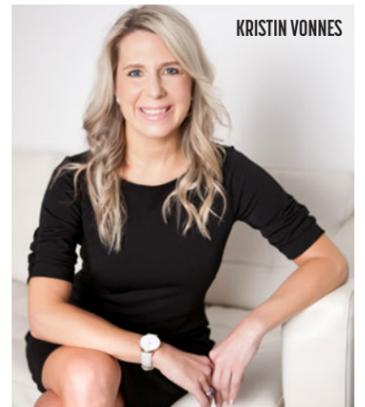


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Vannes holds a bachelor's degree in finance from Ohio University. In addition, she holds the Wealth Management Specialist designation and several industry credentials, including Series 7, 9, 10, 63, 65, and 2-15 Health & Life Agent license. She is currently working toward her Certified Financial Planner designation with an expected completion date of November 2021.

Vannes will leverage her experience to deliver high-touch comprehensive wealth management and help clients navigate the ever-changing complexities of financial planning. She will be adding to Otterson-Allison's existing investment and portfolio management services by offering clients assistance with goal planning, charitable gifting, trust and estate planning, retirement planning, insurance needs, education strategies, and restricted stock plans as well as general banking and lending guidance.

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## WINE, WOMEN AND SHOES NETS \$60,000 VIRTUALLY

Episcopal Children's Services (ECS) recently held their annual fundraising event, Wine Women and Shoes virtually and it was a huge success. News4Jax anchor Melanie Lawson hosted the event which featured a live auction, a wine and cheese pairing segment with a representative from sponsor Biscotti's and mission moments with a few of the dynamic parents whose children attend ECS. Nearly 200 people viewed the event and the organization met its fundraising goal, netting \$60,000. The replay is available on their YouTube and Facebook pages.

## Giving Society meets for annual affair, donor engagement

Daniel makes a world of difference for local children and families that benefit from considerate donors, efforts of volunteers, staff and board membership. The organization, which dates back to 1884, was started as an orphanage and continues today to serve the needs of over 3,500 kids each year. The mission provides support in tough times for young foster, adopted, homeless and other at-risk children, by providing education, housing and other resources to better their odds.

The gathering of the 1884 Giving Society was held May 20 to recognize and thank donors for their steadfast support, in addition, to tour buildings to illustrate to patrons the need to improve upon and replace some of the living quarters on campus.

A big announcement was also made by Chief Development Officer Madison Shelly, who shared news of a surprise delivered on behalf of Mrs. Delores Barr Weaver, who generously offered a challenge grant for \$50,000 for the renovation of the Creekside-Cedarwood cottage. The Delores Barr Weaver Legacy Fund at the Community Foundation for Northeast Florida has said she will match what is raised up to \$50,000 through April 1, 2022. To learn more about the mission of Daniel or to contribute, visit [www.danielkids.org](http://www.danielkids.org).



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A festive and tropical-themed crowd packed into the ballroom and grounds of the Timuquana Country Club for another special night dedicated to fundraising, May 22.

Staff, volunteers, board members and strong sponsor partners all helped to bring awareness to the event by raising funds, listening to impactful testimonials, and helping those less fortunate better communicate by delivering assistance for clients of the Jax Speech and Hearing Center.

Its mission to help fund programs and rehabilitation for those struggling with speech, hearing or language challenges and mitigating those impacts is key for our community to communicate well. Local impact was felt as the Honorary Chairs Laurie and Tony Jarvis, alongside Chairs Frank and Vickie Mangin were present to celebrate a return to normalcy and a strong gathering of like-minded supporters rallying for the mission.



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# LOCAL FOLKS

## AL POINDEXTER

BY MARY WANSE  
Resident Community News



Al Poindexter with his guitar.



Al Poindexter's pond life.

Al Poindexter doesn't have to go far to enjoy wildlife in the middle of the city. He simply steps out back of his Colonial Manor home.

Fifteen years ago, during a remodeling project, Poindexter had a bulldozer dig a 10x14-foot pond, 20 inches deep in his backyard. He wanted a peaceful place to sit next to his deck. He installed a waterfall and planted a cypress tree. "There are native Florida plants showing up in there now," he said.

Just for the fun of having something in the pond other than the tadpoles he knew would show up, Poindexter bought five dozen feeder fish that cost a dime each at a local pet shop. He never fed them; they lived off natural growth in the pond and reproduced. Poindexter enjoyed season by season watching the babies come, grow, and then cycle again. Though all the same species, color variations began to appear in subsequent generations, making them all the more attractive to watch.

Raccoons and possums wander the property at night and drink from the pond. Poindexter sees them from the infrared video camera he has installed. To protect the fish from the nocturnal animals and from the eagles and egrets that visit by day, Poindexter built rock ledges around the perimeter of the pond for the fish to hide under. He also installed large, flat rocks on top of smaller rocks at the bottom of the pond's center, creating tables to serve the same purpose. Silt has accumulated down there over time, which the fish can swim through to create a cloudy mist that makes them invisible to predators. Poindexter assumes that's where the fish go when they disappear from his sight for two to three weeks at a time when the weather turns cold.

Two years ago, Poindexter's daughter gave him two freshwater turtles of the species river cooter. They had been pets of her neighbor who could no longer care for them. He named the larger of the two Amy and the smaller Sheldon, an allusion to characters of the sitcom *The Big Bang Theory*. The fish are too numerous to name; more than 75 adults Poindexter estimates.

When he adopted the turtles, their food came with them. Poindexter made certain

to regularly add the food into the pond for them. The fish shared in the feast. It wasn't long before Poindexter noticed the increase in size of his fish, more than doubling in length from three inches to six or seven. He continues to purchase the same commercially produced food and puts it in the pond even during winter months while the turtles hibernate. The fish continue to thrive on it.

Poindexter's housecat, a rescue animal named Tabby, also enjoys the pond during the day. "She has a water bowl, but she prefers to drink from the pond," Poindexter said. She doesn't care about the fish. She ignores the turtles as they sun themselves on the rock ledges. The birds Tabby likes, but Poindexter keeps a bell on her collar to alert his flying friends.

Hanging in Poindexter's yard for nesting bluebirds are houses that were handmade by Ken Godwin of San Marco, specifically designed to keep raccoons out. Poindexter keeps an eye on the situation at night via the infrared camera.

After a heavy rain, bullfrogs serenade Poindexter with their croaking. He once witnessed two mating. But caring for critters is not Poindexter's only pastime. He plays music, too.

His current six-string acoustic guitar was custom made by Gary Hopkins of Old Town, Florida. It was made from the wood of trees that grew within a 30-mile radius of Hopkins's house. Included are red cedar, black walnut, and the wood of a magnolia tree that had fallen during a Will McLean Music Festival. The position markers on the fretboard are made of abalone shell cut into the shape of sharks' teeth.

Poindexter also plays a steel resonator guitar and a banjo. He prefers old folk music, including a few songs he's written himself. Recordings can be found at the local library and on his website, [AlPoindexter.com](http://AlPoindexter.com).

Poindexter used to be a band member, but for the past several years, he has played solo. Pre-pandemic, he often performed at Riverside Arts Market on Saturdays. For six years, he ran an open mic night at Three Layers Café

in Springfield. The monthly concerts at Beluthahatchee Park, the site of Stetson Kennedy's former home in Switzerland, Florida, Poindexter hopes to resume once the pandemic passes.



Al Poindexter's pond, far angle.



Turtle in Poindexter's pond.



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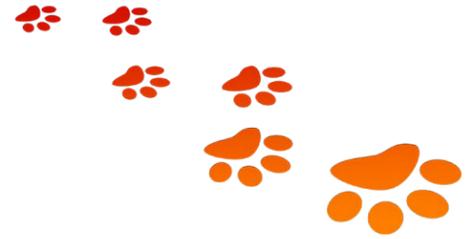
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# ANIMAL HOUSE



## SERESTO FLEA & TICK COLLARS SAFETY ALERT

BY JULIE KERNS GARMENDIA  
Resident Community News

In late April, both the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the U.S. Congressional House Subcommittee on Economic and Consumer Policy, opened investigations into the safety of Seresto Flea and Tick Collars. They called upon manufacturer Elanco, to temporarily recall the collars for the duration of their investigations into adverse reaction and pet death reports. They also suggested that consumers should receive refunds for purchase and return of Seresto collars.

“...it’s only appropriate in this case, that the manufacturer do a voluntary recall...I think that it’s appropriate, out of an abundance of caution, that we step back, we look at the situation, investigate and proceed from there,” said Illinois Rep. Raja Krishnamoorthi, chairman of the Congressional House Subcommittee. The chairman’s comments were made during an interview with CBS News.

Chairman Krishnamoorthi also stated that both Elanco and the original manufacturer, Bayer, have been asked to disclose all reports or communications related to possible toxicity of the collars, to the EPA and other regulatory bodies. He emphasized the subcommittee’s concern that an unknown number of adverse incidents may have occurred that have not been reported.

Although the Seresto collars have been sold in the U.S. since 2012, it was not until 2020 when the Center for Biological Diversity requested EPA documents related to Seresto collars, and after an investigative report published by USA Today in March 2021, that federal agencies responded. The investigative report published by USA Today, found that from 2012 until June 2020, approximately 1,700 pet deaths and 75,000 adverse health incidents possibly linked to the collars, have been reported to the EPA. There have also been 900 suspected adverse health incidents that involved people.

Since 2012, when Seresto collars became available, there have been more than 25

million collars sold. The collars became an immediate top seller due to their potency, which can provide up to eight months of flea, flea larvae, tick and lice protection according to the packaging label. Seresto collars have been particularly valued in areas of the U.S. where Lyme Disease is prevalent. Lyme Disease is one of the most common diseases primarily transmitted through tick bites to humans and animals.

Animal welfare experts and organizations fear it is impossible to determine how many adverse health incidents, injuries and deaths, possibly related to Seresto collars, may have gone unreported since 2012. They say that typical consumers probably were unaware of possible pet symptoms or deaths, sometimes in otherwise healthy animals, that have been associated with use of the collars. Consumers may not have consulted a veterinarian, or known the importance of, or how to, formally report adverse pet reactions

or deaths to the EPA if they suspected some link to the insecticide collars.

Dog, puppy, cat and kitten owners have observed a variety of harmful health reactions or behavioral changes by their pets after exposure to the Seresto collars. Those reactions have ranged from hair loss, skin irritation or itchiness, to lethargy, loss of appetite or motor function, vomiting, diarrhea, excessive drooling, seizures, convulsions and death.

Some of the most severe, immediate adverse reactions were in kittens and puppies who were fitted with Seresto collars. The Seresto collar safety instructions state that they are safe for puppies or dogs older than seven weeks, and kittens or cats ten weeks or older. Reported symptoms in mature pets appeared both immediately, and in other cases more gradually. Many pet owners stated that their pets were active and in excellent health prior to contact with the



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Seresto collars, which made harmful health symptoms or behavioral changes quickly apparent.

The Seresto collar product label states that it is for external use only. Pet owners point out that most pets occasionally or frequently lick and groom themselves, unavoidably ingesting the insecticides that are present on the skin and fur.

The Seresto collar label and an EPA 2016 bulletin, both warn that Seresto collars should be kept out of the reach of children. The EPA further recommended that after placement of the collar on a pet, young children should be kept away from the pet for at least a day to minimize exposure, among other warnings.

Federal law requires pesticide product manufacturers, in this case Bayer and Elanco, to report any adverse incidents associated with their products containing approved pesticides. Veterinarians are also obligated to report suspected adverse side effects of pharmaceutical or pesticide products observed in their pet patients. Consumers are also encouraged to directly contact both the EPA or manufacturer hotlines or website message portals to report adverse health reactions in their pets or humans.

Those direct veterinarian or consumer hotline and website message incident reports, are required to be passed on by the manufacturer, to the EPA for evaluation. Whether or not this required adverse incident documentation and reportage regarding Seresto collars has been properly done, which could have triggered earlier action by the EPA, is part of the federal investigation.

As of The Resident's publication deadline, Elanco has refused any recall or consumer refunds, and the collars continue to be sold online and in retail stores. Elanco attorneys state that there is no medical or scientific basis for recall. They further state that of the millions of Seresto collars sold, less than 0.3% have been linked to adverse incidents, according to reports by the Business Insider.

Elanco attorneys also deny the validity of any adverse reaction reports. They claim there is no link between Seresto collars and adverse pet symptoms or deaths. There are some veterinarians who report they have observed no adverse health symptoms or deaths in their pet patients who wear Seresto collars. They point out the importance of a complete investigation by the EPA and other regulatory bodies to fully prove or disprove any link between adverse reactions and pet deaths, with use or exposure to Seresto collars.

The two ingredients in Seresto collars, both EPA-approved pesticides, are imidacloprid and flumethrin. The Seresto collars are sold encased in clear plastic,

contained inside of an oval metal container. The metal container is notable because it is unusual; other pet insecticide collars are sold in boxes. The collar itself is made of flexible plastic impregnated with the two insecticides. Those insecticides are gradually released onto the animal's fur and skin over a period of eight months, according to the EPA.

Seresto Flea and Tick Collars were first introduced in 2012 by German pharmaceutical company, Bayer. In August of 2020, Bayer sold its animal health division to Elanco. Elanco is an American pharmaceutical company that produces medications and vaccines for pets and livestock. Until 2019 Elanco was a subsidiary of Eli Lilly & Company pharmaceutical company.

Experts urge the public to consult with a veterinarian regarding any use of flea and tick collars or insecticide products for pets, to read labels and follow safety instructions. They remind consumers only to purchase pet supplies from veterinarians or reputable major pet supply retailers, never online, where many hard-to-detect counterfeit products are sold.

Should a pet experience any unusual behavior or health symptoms after contact with insecticide collars or products, contact a veterinarian immediately. As of May 2021, the EPA has not formally issued any consumer warnings about, or mandatory product recall of, the Seresto Flea and Tick Collars.

### CONTACTS

EPA/National Pesticide Information Center Hotline for Flea & Tick Collars or Liquids, call for questions or to report incidents: (800) 858-7378.

[www.npic.orst.edu](http://www.npic.orst.edu)

[Serestodogcollar.com/contact](http://Serestodogcollar.com/contact)

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### EDITOR'S NOTE

After publication The Resident was contacted and asked to make the following correction/clarification to the above article and regret any inaccuracies that may have been published:

The article opens by stating that "in late April, both the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the U.S. Congressional House Subcommittee on Economic and Consumer Policy, opened investigations into the safety of Seresto Flea and Tick Collars. They called upon manufacturer Elanco, to temporarily recall the collars for the duration of their investigations into adverse reaction and pet death reports."

The EPA has never opened an investigation in the safety of Seresto, nor as it ever issued a recall of the product, as the last sentence of the article points out: "As of May 2021, the EPA has not formally issued any consumer warnings about, or mandatory product recall of, the Seresto Flea and Tick Collars."

## Gone. Not Forgotten

### BELOVED — SUGAR STEELE



Sugar Steele, beloved pet of The Resident Community News graphic designer, Tricia Steele and her husband, Ron, recently died unexpectedly. The staff extends our condolences to the Steeles, who deeply mourn the loss of a dog who brought so much joy into their lives. Sugar was an English Pointer of champion lineage who was destined for a life in the spotlight, until she made it clear she had other plans. "Sugar was uninterested in field trial competition, but dearly loved chasing 'birdies', her very favorite word, and living the beloved pet life! She was always at my or Ron's side and got so excited about long walks and pointing out birds for us," Steele said. "She was extremely smart, with unusually beautiful markings and appearance, a

stand-out even among champion English Pointers. We got her at eight months old from a family friend after her field trial failure, and we feel completely blessed to have had her in our lives. Everyone who met Sugar fell in love with her. We will miss our sweet girl until we meet again someday."

Sugar came from the Northeast and at some point contracted Lyme Disease. She also had been fitted with a Seresto Flea and Tick Collar, but because of the Lyme Disease and related health issues, it is unknown if the Seresto collar was linked to her death.

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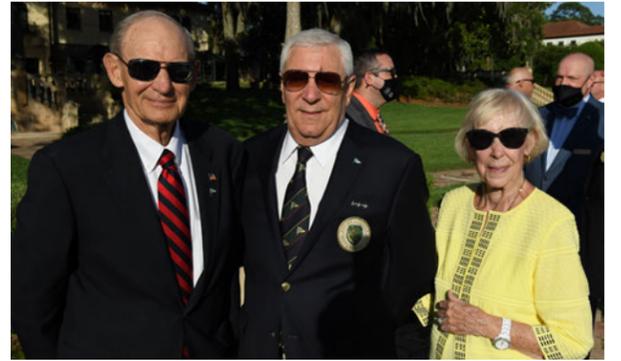
# Epping Forest ushers in new leadership at Change of Command



Mike Balanky with Alex Harrison



Sarah Small with Gayle Balanky, Debra Braddock and Kami Harrison



Bruce Homeyer with Victor Barbe and Judy Homeyer

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It was a beautiful Saturday on the St. Johns River in the San Jose area May 14, as leadership and the slate of officers raised one flag, while lowering another for the Commodore post at Epping Forest Yacht and Country Club. Thanks to member Bill Prince, a trumpet sounded the National Anthem during the opening of the ceremonies.

Past Commodore Dennis Guidi played host and welcomed guest and other past Commodores, requesting they stand for recognition. Following some remarks by the Immediate Past Commodore George Henley, who shared thoughts and highlights from his tenure, all the while providing good humor and comic relief.

“Good afternoon everyone and thank you for coming out to celebrate my dismissal, and the upgrade to Annie Tutt,” joked Henley. “Thank you go to our founder Herb Peyton, thank you Mr. Peyton, for your continued commitment and dedication and support of Epping. And thank you to all of the senior leadership of the Gate Clubs and Gate executive leadership.”

“Until serving as Commodore, I hadn’t been able to fully appreciate all of the hard work and effort put towards improving Epping’s offerings, even much more so during the challenging environment of this past year,” he shared, as he continued to list all the staff, by first name, that make an impact on the day-to-day operations.

“Annie is the ideal person to be the key statesman representing Epping in the community,” he said. “I’m proud to have someone with Annie’s background and stage presence representing Epping at these events. Annie, thank you for the commitment to Epping and I wish you well as you take the helm.”

As the flags and cannons fired, the flag was raised for Annie Tutt as Commodore, and Henley’s colors were hauled down. Tutt is the 25th Commodore in the Club’s history and

the fourth female to hold the position since its inception.

“It is with immense gratitude and excitement that I humbly step into the role as Commodore,” shared Tutt. She thanked her husband for encouraging her to tour the Club with Sarah Small, who warmed them up to membership and started their family legacy.

“Kudos to Sarah for a job well done that day, our membership experience has exceeded all our club expectations – from pool days to birthdays to holiday traditions like Brunch with Santa, the Easter Egg hunt, and the infamous Florida Georgia party – which is, of course – a holiday in my book,” said Tutt. “It was actually Mr. duPont’s love of boating that led him to this particular piece of property, so we are glad to share that love with him,” she said.

“The last few years brought changes and challenges,” alluding to Hurricane damage at the Marina, as well as the pandemic that created a year full of challenges. She closed by thanking the leadership, staff, and those that have led before her, and especially to Mr. Henley and General Manager Dan Cook, as the club navigated its course through the difficult period.

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# An era ends, future awaits Knights of Columbus Hall

BY KAREN J. RIELEY  
Resident Community News

With the purchase of the Knights of Columbus Hall in San Marco by Worth Turner, the Knights of Columbus-Bishop Kenny Council 1951 moves into new quarters at Assumption Catholic Church on Atlantic Boulevard. It's a bittersweet moment full of warm memories and hopeful plans.

The pandemic has prevented the council from renting out the hall for community events, which reduced rental income.

"Trying to keep the building going was very hard," said Dick Collins, Past Grand Knight for the Bishop Kenny Council 1951. "We regretted having to sell the building, but time changes things. This is a new chapter, and we're looking forward to the future." Collins still works at council events, helps out wherever he can and is a trustee of the council.

The Knights of Columbus, the world's largest Catholic fraternal organization with nearly 1.9 million members worldwide, is focused on its founding principles of charity, unity,

fraternity and patriotism. Its Bishop Kenny Council 1951 was chartered in 1919. The group has done many community service projects over the years, such as sponsoring Little League and basketball teams; raising funds and helping with spelling bees; coaching youth leagues; holding fundraising events to benefit local nonprofits; conducting blood drives; unloading, sorting and distributing Easter baskets and hosting a Christmas party for foster children with Family Support Services in San Marco; and cooking for more than 3,000 special needs children and their families at Jacksonville Zoo's Trout River Grille. The council also cooks a hamburger lunch annually for Bishop Kenny students and faculty.



Then Mayor Haydon Burns helps commemorate Bishop Kenny Council 1951's acquisition of 1509 Hendricks Avenue in the early 1960s.

"I happened to show a fellow coworker, Dennis Alston, an old photo that I had of one of the council's Little League teams," Collins said. The guy recognized his brother, Ben Alston, in the photo. He told his brother that Collins had a photo of him, and the brother came to Collins' office at Coastal Industries Inc., off St. Johns Bluff Road.

Alston asked for the photo because he recognized so many of the boys in it, saying, "The Knights of Columbus kept me out of trouble. They were good role models for me."

Collins remembers many neighborhood kids making good use of the elevated swimming pool, playground and softball field where tennis courts now sit next to the Bishop Kenny Council building.

In 2017, while Collins was Grand Knight, Bishop Kenny Council 1951 won the top Community Service Award from the Florida State Council of the Knights of Columbus.

"We'll still be able to do charitable work for the community without our building," Collins said. "The pastor of Assumption Catholic Church is a member of our council and very supportive."

"We anticipate that our move to the church will make us more visible to its members, especially the youth, which will encourage more to become council members," said Collins.

Membership is open to males 18 years of age or older who are practicing Catholics.

The building at 1509 Hendricks Avenue was a two-story auto/mechanic shop when the Bishop Kenny Council acquired it in the early 60s. The group met in the upstairs above the auto shop. The terrazzo floor in the building's entrance sports the organization's initials - KFC.

"Worth Turner has said it will keep the initials there when they renovate the building to commemorate our history in the building and the community," Collins said.

Prior to its life as a shop, Collins believes that the building was a fire station for the City of South Jacksonville. Next door where Aardwolf Brewing Company now makes beer was the utilities building for South Jacksonville. Across the street where the San Marco Preservation Society is housed today was South Jacksonville's city hall.

The 1996 revised edition of Wayne Wood's book, Jacksonville's Architectural Heritage, notes that South Jacksonville was incorporated into a town in 1907, with a population of about 600. Nearly 25 years later, on Jan. 1, 1932, South Jacksonville was absorbed into the City of Jacksonville.



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Then Mayor Ed Austin (center) presents Bishop Kenny Council 1951 members E.B. Hartley Jr., Past Grand Knight Steven A. Connor, Glenn H. Wilhoite and Past Grand Knight Eugene Hartley with a City Proclamation for 75 years of service in 1994.

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## VIVIAN DELICE (LISI) SHIELDS ROCES

*"She was one of the most positive and bravest people I have ever known."*

**V**ivian Delice (Lisi) Shields Rocés, 65, of Jacksonville, Florida passed away on Tuesday, May 18, 2021, following an extended illness.

Lisi, the daughter of Robert Benoit Shields and Vivian Mae Robinson Shields, was born and raised in Jacksonville. She married Armando in 1977. Together they lived in Tallahassee, FL, Zaragoza, Spain, Durham, NC, then returned to Jacksonville. While in Spain during Armando's years in medical school, Lisi taught English, worked as the registrar for Troy State University, and worked for the Boeing Corporation. Lisi was beloved by her Spanish friends and became fully integrated into the local culture of Spain.

Upon returning to the United States, Lisi and Armando began their family, having their sons Javier, born in Jacksonville, FL, and then Luis, born in Durham, NC. Lisi was unwavering in her love and support of her children throughout her life. As an empty nester, Lisi became a real estate agent with Watson Realty in Jacksonville.

Lisi enjoyed traveling and was always game, cautiously game, for new adventures. Lisi was an avid reader and a lover of nature. She enjoyed music, parties, dancing, good food and wine. Lisi was fun

to be around. She loved tennis, hiking, snow skiing, scuba diving, and bird watching. She raised Monarch butterflies to release and maintained a Purple Martin colony (endangered American songbirds) for over twenty years. Two days before her passing, she was able to watch one of her very favorite "cult" movies, *Across the Universe*, and enjoyed it again.

Unfortunately, six years ago, Lisi was diagnosed with cancer. First it was Breast Cancer and then Metastatic Lung Cancer. Lisi did not smoke. She was determined and brave in her battle. As one of her good friends said, "she was one of the most positive and bravest people I have ever known. She is an inspiration to all those suffering from an incurable illness". As she passed to be with God and loved ones, she was surrounded by her loving family and friends.

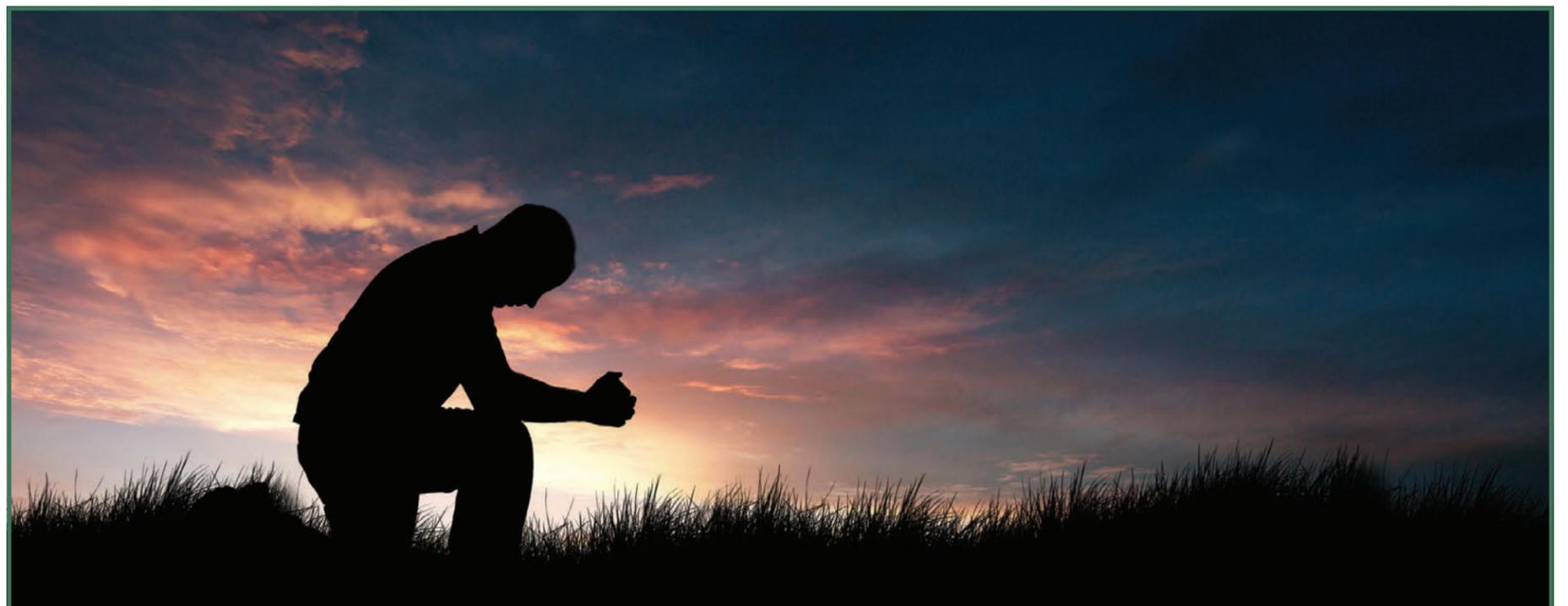
Survivors include her husband, Armando, sons Javier (Cortlandt) and Luis of Jacksonville, granddaughter Eleanor Shields Rocés of Jacksonville, brother Gene McIlvane (Tony) of Port St. Lucie, sister Julie Shields Gordon (Robert) of Evanston, IL, father-in-law Armando Rocés and his wife Ginger of Jacksonville, sisters-in-law Annette of Miami, Georgina of St. Pete Beach, Isa of Santa Fe, NM, and many cousins, nieces, and nephews. Lisi is preceded in death by her mother-in-law,

Georgina Rocés Collazo, her parents, and her sister Cokey.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the charity of your choice.

A memorial service will be held at 11am, June 5, 2021 at Hardage-Giddens Oaklawn Legacy Lodge, 4801 San Jose Blvd. Inurnment will follow in Oaklawn Cemetery.

Arrangements by Hardage-Giddens Oaklawn Chapel, 904-737-7171. Please sign the guestbook at [www.hardagegiddensoaklawnchapel.com](http://www.hardagegiddensoaklawnchapel.com).



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# THE WAY WE WERE: JANNE AND JODY BRANDENBURG

BY MARY WANSER  
RESIDENT COMMUNITY NEWS

She admits to being raised “like a brat” in Jacksonville. He grew up on a farm south of Florida City. She spent time in the limelight, in front of cameras, and on TV. He’s become known for his work with the bereaved in the death care industry. Their pairing has been compared to Mary Poppins with Davy Crockett. Dissent about a sofa was their first encounter. Now, over four decades later, despite their differences, Janne and Jody Brandenburg are living in love in Southside.

Janne Ferrell Brandenburg was born in Orlando. As a very little girl, she moved with her parents to Jacksonville. Her mom, Paula, was a housewife and a Florida Times-Union writer of a column called “Me and My Bible.” Janne’s dad, Ed, owned a jewelry store. She was raised in a spirit of philanthropy, engaged in community and charitable endeavors early on.

As a young woman, Janne worked in sales, advertising, and marketing, mainly in the fashion industry. For a time, she had her own dress shop in Brierwood called California Express. She began her work with non-profits by hosting fashion shows as fundraisers.

Janne was a professional model in Jacksonville and in New York. She did sittings for Roy Smith for magazine covers and ads for Korvettes discount department store. She also acted in TV commercials. She admitted that it took 32 takes for the 10-second Jack Mayo’s Carpet City ad because she was laughing so hard. And though it’s been 50 years since she’s

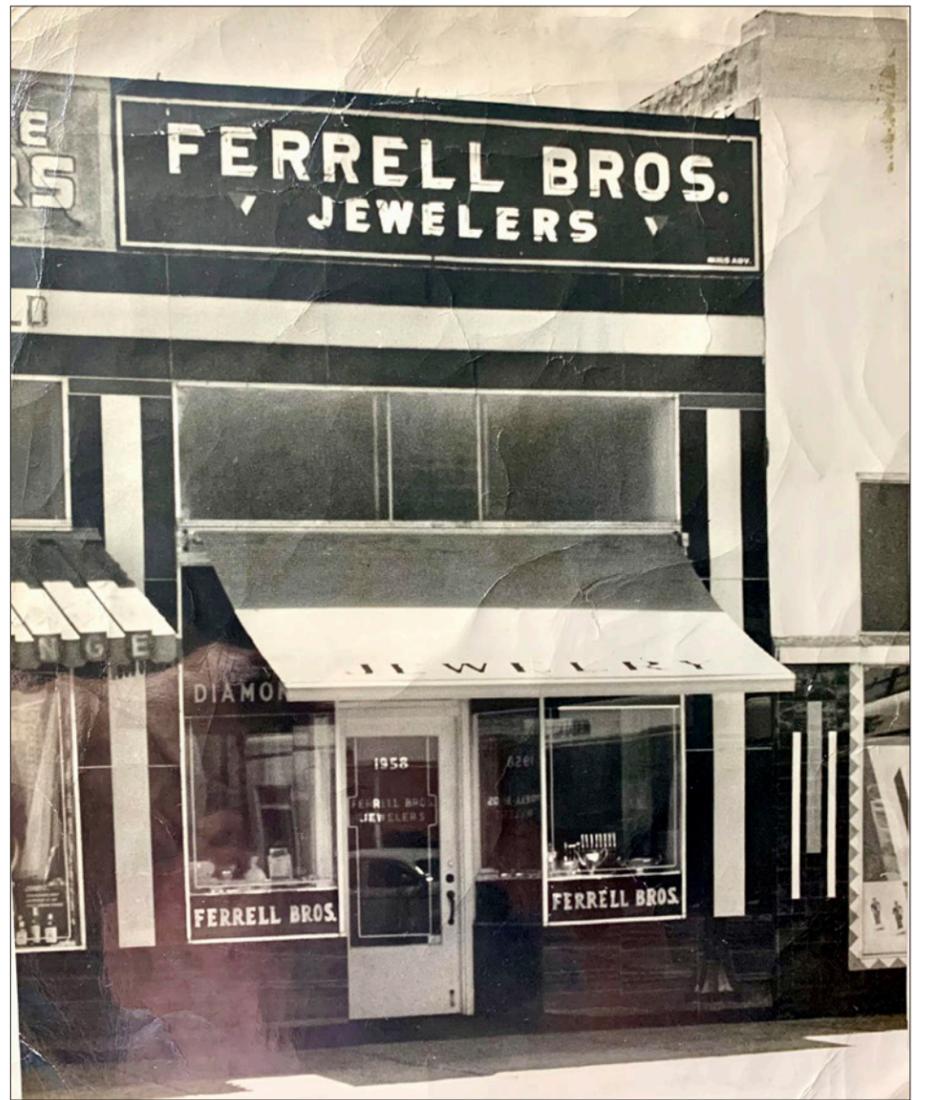
done this work, she sometimes still sings the jingle for Milligan’s: “Beefy burgers, golden fries, good hot coffee, and home-made pies!”

Janne also worked for Louis Wolfson, the well-known benefactor of some of Jacksonville’s largest institutions. He had a film company, Universal Marion Corporation, that distributed Mel Brooks’s movies.



Brandenburg boys 1949.  
Roger Brandenburg, Sr., Roger, Jr., Jimmy, Jody

Janne was involved in theatre and the arts, too. She’s attended parties with Goldie Hawn, Bob Denver who played Gilligan on Gilligan’s Island, and dancer Mikhail Baryshnikov. When she met actress Jane Seymour, the two marveled that they had



Ferrell Jewelers, San Marco, circa 1946

the same rare eye coloring—left green and right brown.

In 1978, Janne met Jody Brandenburg, a man who had grown up the youngest but tallest of three boys in southern Florida in the last house before Everglades National Park, a house that has since been swept away by Hurricane Andrew. His family’s was the southernmost rural delivery mailbox in the U.S. Jody was the son of Patricia and Roger, a tomato farmer, but he chose a career

in the funeral and cemetery business. He moved north to Jacksonville in 1977 at 34 years of age to help with the merger of Hardage and Giddens with his employer, Service Corporation International (SCI).

Jody needed a sofa for his office, a small one because there wasn’t much space. Janne had been doing outside sales at that time for American Office Supply. She tried to sell Jody a piece of furniture, but he claimed that her prices were too high. “Nobody ever



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Brandenburg wedding, July 28, 1987. Charles Harding, Janne's stepfather, Lorelei Figueroa, Janne's daughter, Janne Brandenburg, Jody Brandenburg, Elizabeth Reed, Jody's daughter

told me No in my whole life, but he did," Janne said. And it made her determined to get a Yes.

In her travels, Janne spotted an ugly orange love seat sitting outside Crazy Elliot's, a discount office supply store. She sent Jody there, he bought it, and kept it for many years.

Neither had been looking for love at that time. But "you can't avoid your destiny. He was my destiny," Janne said of Jody.

They wed on July 28, 1987, a second marriage for both, each with grown children, and they immediately moved to Houston, Texas where Jody became a corporate vice president of SCI. Janne involved herself with full-time philanthropy work, as she was taught to do growing up. They entertained people from all over the world and made a lot of nice friends there. "One of the greatest treasures we have are our friends. We are devoted to our friendships," Jody

said. His personal credo is "Real friends don't keep score."

They moved back to San Jose in 1990. Janne wanted to come home. "We're Southsiders!" she said. Jody was promoted to president of SCI's southern region, which included Florida, Georgia, and Alabama. Simultaneously, he worked as president of Hardage-Giddens Funeral Homes and Cemeteries, and he holds that title today. He's been a member of their regulatory board since 2005 and was appointed by Florida's governor as its chairman in 2009. At Oaklawn Cemetery, there stands a Hardage-Giddens Celebration of Life center that houses Brandenburg Hall, which was named for Jody. Congressman John Rutherford attended the dedication ceremony.

When they had returned to Jacksonville, Janne served on several boards—the Symphony Guild, American Diabetes Association, and Douglas Anderson School of the Arts to name a few. "Over the years,

I've really seen the arts change. Financing of the arts has changed. In the last ten years, it has changed a lot," Janne said.

The Brandenburgs continue to support many local charities. Jody is a Rotarian. Janne is still active on the board of River Garden Foundation. They are both members of the Cummer Museum.

They have traveled the world together. Their favorite place is the South of France, which they have visited numerous times to attend the Cannes Film Festival. Janne commented on what a good navigator Jody has always been, maneuvering of their rental cars through Europe, "like a racecar driver," she said.



Jody and Janne Brandenburg, River Garden Gala, circa 2019

And there's another side to Jody, too, that Janne admires. "He's very compassionate, like a minister," she said of her husband.

Jody has fished and hunted around the world. He is a member of the North Florida chapter of Safari Club International, protecting hunters' rights globally. Janne has been a vegetarian for decades. "We respect each other's differences. We have such a strong love that the differences don't matter," Jody said. Janne agreed.

The Brandenburgs have a blended family with four children—two are living in Jacksonville and working as a master arborist and a senior VP of Citibank, one is a real estate manager in Missouri, and one is a charter boat captain on the Keys. "The children are so much alike that if you had a photograph of the four of them, you couldn't tell them apart. They look and talk and act exactly the same," Jody said. Janne and Jody, combined, have nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild. "It's been a helluva ride here," Janne said.



Jody Brandenburg as corporate officer - Houston, Texas - 1987

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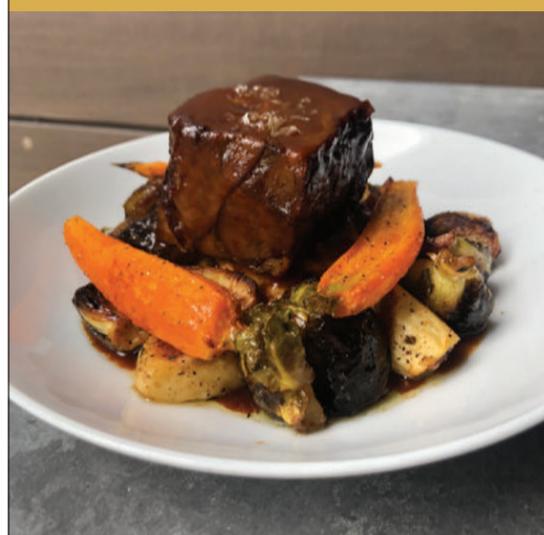


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The team practiced five days a week on the David D. Williams Beach Volleyball courts at Bishop Kenny. Dave Williams was a fixture on the BK campus for 32 years beginning his career in 1984 as a teacher and retiring as an administrator in 2015. Williams passed away on June 30,

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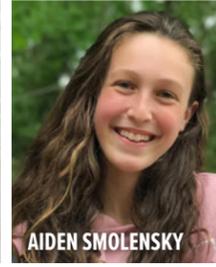
READ USA is a non-profit organization that has provided a quarter of a million free books to more than 73,000 children in Duval County since 2011. This month, in partnership with Scholastic Books, Duval County Public Schools and many generous donors in the community, READ USA will hold book fairs in every Duval County Elementary School.

“This is our tenth year of holding free book fairs,” said READ USA Chair and Co-founder Ellen Wiss, “and we’ve grown from serving one school to serving 102 schools in just one decade... strong evidence that literacy is a top priority here.”

This month, children in elementary schools throughout Duval County will have the opportunity to attend READ USA Book Fairs and choose three free books each, along with a READ USA Student Activity Packet and Parent Activity Packet to take home and enjoy this summer. “We hope this will help them avoid the summer reading slide,” said Karen Sawyer, READ USA’s Program Manager, noting that roughly 161,000 new books will be in Duval County homes by the end of the month.



## JEWISH FEDERATION & FOUNDATION AWARDS FOUR TEENS THE 2021 LEN & JUDY ELIKAN YOUTH LEADER CAMP SCHOLARSHIP AWARD



The Jewish Federation & Foundation of Northeast Florida will be awarding teens in the Northeast Florida Jewish community with the 2021 Len & Judy Elikan Young Leader Camp Scholarship Award.

Abigail Fixel, a graduate of the Martin J. Gottlieb Day School, attends Mandarin High School and is the founder of the Mandarin High School’s Jewish Student Union, B’nai B’rith Youth Organization Jacksonville Chapter, and Camp Fixel in 2017.

“I use Camp Fixel and the Jewish Student Union program I founded to advocate for equality. I will always do whatever I can to advocate for positive change...every person deserves to get treated as equal.”

Macy Pargman attends The Bolles High School, has participated in Hebrew school for more than ten years, and attended religious camps.

Aiden Smolensky, a graduate of the Martin J. Gottlieb Day School, attends Samuel W.

Wolfson High School. She has been involved with StandWithUs, last year’s Jewish Federation’s Israel Advocacy Program, and was the youth group Shabbat leader at Etz Chaim Synagogue from 2019 to 2020.

Evan Wolpoff, a graduate of the Martin J. Gottlieb Day School, attends The Bolles High School and has been active in the Jewish community since 2016. Evan has been vice president of the Jacksonville Jewish Center Chalutzim and Kadima groups, and is a member of the Jewish Student Union at The Bolles School.

Applicants of the scholarship were required to submit:

- Leadership activities, awards, and community service
- Self-assessment essays
- Current events essays
- Video discussing how they repair the world



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## Episcopal Students Volunteer More Than 14,000 Hours



During a year that has looked different from any other, at least one thing hasn't changed: Episcopal School of Jacksonville students still go above and beyond to serve others. "We are proud to share that ESJ ranked #11 this year among high schools on Helper Helper, our school's community service hour tracking system. This year, even amid the challenges of a pandemic, our Upper School students logged a total of 14,480 hours of service to the community!" said The Rev. Chris Dell, Associate Chaplain.

## EMMA MILTON TO ATTEND FBI NATIONAL ACADEMY YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROGRAM



Bishop Kenny student Emma Milton '23, was selected to represent the Florida FBINAA at this summer's FBI National Academy Youth Leadership Program (YLP), which will be held at the FBI Academy in Quantico, Virginia. The YLP which will take place from June 24 through July 2 is held at no cost to participants. The program is designed to develop an influential community of socially conscious and service-minded leaders, who will positively shape the world. The sixty participants range in age from 14-16 and represent 40 states and four international countries. All will be exposed to intensive instruction during the eight-day program.

Milton, a sophomore at Bishop Kenny, became interested in the YLP last year when one of her teachers assigned students to research potential careers that would fit their interests. Milton went right to the FBI website. She says she had been interested in a career with the FBI for as long as she could remember and when she saw the summer program knew it was an opportunity to learn more not only about leadership, but also, what college degree would be best suited for a career in the FBI. Milton stated, "I am interested in the FBI because the idea of creating solutions for issues that matter to our nation is exciting to me and I love the aspect of using teamwork to solve problems." She opened her application essay with these sentiments, "Leadership isn't just reserved for heroes saving the world, but rather refers to any person-young or old-who embraces responsibility, challenges, adventure, and duties. Most importantly, the act of leadership is using certain qualities like teamwork and motivation to aid a shared goal."

## Assumption's middle school students perform at Rock "OUT" music concert



Assumption Catholic School's music teacher Katie Rewa employed her creativity to assemble an outdoor concert on the Rosary Stage, inviting middle school students to perform. They wore their favorite costumes, brought their favorite instruments, and sang their favorite songs for the show.

Two separate performances were held. One was to entertain parents on an April Thursday evening. They brought their own chairs to sit on in the open air. The following day, during school hours, a second performance was held for students. They brought towels to lounge on the grass in the sun and enjoy.

Assumption's featured vocal and instrument musicians included Andrew Ruzanka, Erin Trull, Maggie Trull, Ella Johnson, Liliana Martinez, Elizabeth Nguyen, and Jude Rewa.

The Assumption Choir Elect also took part in the event. Members include Brittany Camp, Kyleigh Contois, Mia Hutto, Chloe Vought, Olivia Wagner, Arasema Eyob, Ella Johnson, Claire Kelleter, Liliana Martinez, Elizabeth Nguyen, Maggie Trull, and Kayla Lynch. They performed Ed Sheeran's "Perfect" and Beethoven's "Joyful, Joyful."

*Congratulations* to Assumption Catholic School's 8th Grade Class of 2021!  
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2020-2021  
Eighth Grade**

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 Siena Bakkar	 Chloe Barron	 Nathan Beard	 John Bishop	 Michael Bishop	 Logan Bunch	 Keelin Bush	 Lorelei Carlton	 Evan Chau	 Malina Chinn	 Bella Cruz	 Owen Delaney	 Isabella Douglass	 Isabela Espinoza
 Arasema Eyob	 Darden Ferranti	 Lucrezia Gowdy	 Christian Grden	 Stephanie Grden	 Madison Gross	 Stephanie Hagen	 Gianna Hanley	 Andrew Hetzel	 Ella Johnson	 William Johnson	 Delana Joseph	 Claire Kelleter	 Katelyn King
 Anastasia Kozeev	 Collins Lanier	 Bridget Lawrence	 Si Si Lyar	 Ryland Lynch	 Liliana Martinez	 Sophia Martino	 John McAtee	 Chase McLaughlin	 Aidan McMahan	 Allison Milonas	 Daniela Mosqueda	 Claire Nance	 Sofia Narvaez
 Elizabeth Nguyen	 Ryan Ossi	 Michael Patterson	 Seth Paulus	 Bella Pratchard	 Jordin Frances Pudpud	 Sebastian Raker	 Sophia Ratliff	 Jude Rewa	 Lucas Roberts	 Shelby Robinson	 Jonathan Rogero	 William Russell	 William Saman
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# WOLFSON JUNIOR WINS STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Carter (Joel) McKee, a junior at Samuel Wolfson School for Advanced Studies, recently won the Florida Civics and Debate Initiative (FCDI) State Championship for Informative Speaking. He competed against several students throughout the state and advanced through three elimination rounds to the final where he took first place.

The FCDI was started by The Marcus Foundation and is in partnership with the University of Florida. Wolfson was the only high school in Duval County selected for this program. Teams from across the state have competed in virtual tournaments over the platforms called Speechwire and Yaatly. Competition categories include Informative Speaking, Original Oratory, Impromptu Speaking, Declamation Speaking, Extemporaneous Speaking, Lincoln Douglas Debate, and Poetry.

Melissa Losure who coaches the Wolfson FCDI team states “This has been such an exciting year for Wolfson’s first Speech and Debate team! I have really enjoyed seeing my students learn and grow and form their own opinions and beliefs based on their research and conversations we have in class. It has been an honor to start this program and I am looking forward to the years ahead!” Wolfson FCDI team members are Virginia Driscoll, Joshua Golden, Jordyn Hamilton, Samantha Lapid Delosreyes, Carter (Joel) McKee, Kiana Molina, David Rodriguez, Tyler Whitley.



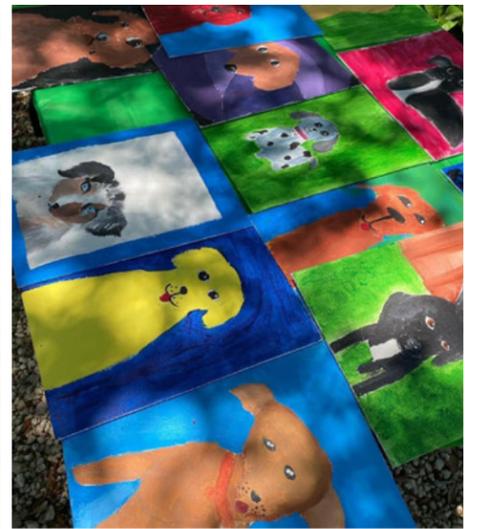
# Pawsitive Arts Market



Nikki Simpson, Jennifer Ketchum, Ben Ketchum and Carla Rodriguez with Their dogs Kiki and Winston Ketchum



LIZA HALEY



Dr. Carla Rodriguez, owner and founder of Pawsitive Healing Rehabilitation and Acupuncture Clinic in San Marco was treating Nikki Simpson’s dog and explained how much she loves kids and asked the 6th grade RPDS teacher how she could get involved with RPDS students. Mrs. Simpson told Dr. Rodriguez about RPDS Project LEADS.

Servant leadership is at the very center of the Riverside Way and something RPDS instills in their students beginning in Pre-Kindergarten all the way up to their milestone 6th grade year when they serve different agencies in our community through their Project LEADS service event. In a typical school year, RPDS 6th graders would go serve different community agencies off campus over the course of three days. However, due to the pandemic this year, students had to get creative with how they could safely serve their community from their school campus. After Dr. Rodriguez and Mrs. Simpson talked, they realized they could team up for a new Project LEADS project this year to help animals in need.

Back in October the students made and donated dog and cat beds, toys, heating pads, and cat scratchers along with other items they brought from home including collars, leashes, toys, bowls, and food.

This spring the students continued helping the animals in their community by making more supplies and by painting portraits of their own pets to be sold at the Artisan Market hosted by Dr. Rodriguez’s practice, Pawsitive Healing and Rehabilitation. In addition to RPDS student artwork, the Artisan Market hosted vendors from Old Colony Woodworks, Ingravity Art, Jade Paws, Utter Chaos Creations, and The Cultural Center of Ponte Vedra. RPDS 6th grade student artwork raised \$435 and another \$365 was raised by other vendors, totaling \$800 in funds raised all benefiting the Jacksonville Humane Society.

**CENTRIKID DAY CAMP**  
**JULY 5-9,**  
**8:30 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.**

Southside Baptist Church will be hosting CentriKid Day camp -- a high-energy, all-day camp with age-appropriate activities and rotations. Camp is open to kids in grades 1-7.

For more information, visit [ssbc.org/camp](http://ssbc.org/camp) or email [Todd@ssbc.org](mailto:Todd@ssbc.org)

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Arceneaux, Elizabeth  
Ashburn, Taryn  
Atwood, Jillian  
Bailey, Emma  
Barber, Gail  
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Brown, Rachel  
Bruno, Jack  
Bui, Miranda  
Bull, Brittini  
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Cariss, Kayla  
Carrier, Summer  
Carruba, Luke  
Carter, Jayson  
Cassette, Jessica  
Castor, Taylin  
Chambers, Sanaa

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Curry, Kyla

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Jones, Trinity  
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Khountham, Kenneth  
King, Kyra  
Klostermeyer, Sofia  
Knowles, Leilani  
Kraft, Kevin  
Langner, Silas  
Lantinberg, Emma  
Lasswell, Emma  
Lathey-Broadrick, Zoe  
Lauderdale, Alexander  
Lawson, Treston  
Lee, Joshua  
Lenahan, Summer  
Leyva, Zane  
Lindros, Michael  
Llerandi, Anthony  
Losco, Kailey  
Lott, Daniella  
Lott, Yanelie  
Lotz, Sidney  
Lukach, Tracy  
Marianek, Alexander

Paiva, Nivea  
Pangilinan, Adrian  
Parker, Emma  
Paul, Harley  
Payne, Aleana  
Peeples, Kaila  
Pekarek, Hannah  
Pender, Arryon

Stroud, Hailey  
Stuart, Daniel  
Suarez, Isabelle  
Taylor, Lana  
Taylor, Sara  
Tempio, Sophia  
Thetford, Katie  
Thomas, Cameron

**50% of seniors**  
earned one or more  
scholarships

Curtis, Shayne  
Davenport, Brooks  
Davis, Olivia  
Dawson, Aliya  
Dell'Alba, Carson  
DePetris, Aristeo  
Despres, Emma  
Desuyo, Jacob  
Dickason, Greyson  
Diedrich, Josephine  
Dixon, Natalie  
Dorrian, Cadence  
Douglas, Christian  
Drouse, Delana  
Duckworth, Sydney  
Duncan, Najah Marie  
Edwards, Ayslin  
Elkins, Ethan  
Ellison, Noah  
Elwood, Kieran  
Enoch, Katherine  
Every, Elena  
Farber, Aja  
Farmer-Diaz, Katie  
Feacher, Marlee  
Ferguson, Jasmine  
Fisher, Charity  
Fisher, Christian  
Flakowicz, Amanda

George, Dominic  
Gibson, Ninah  
Gibson, William  
Giggey, Hannah  
Gnida, Emily  
Gordon, Jaden  
Goricki, Peter  
Gough, Jaymie  
Grafton, Aaliyah  
Graham, Svezia  
Gray, Ayanna-Rose  
Green, Matthew

**\$22,308,655**  
in scholarships received

Perez, Ariana  
Pernar, Daniel  
Perry, Masie  
Phillips, Xavier  
Pike, Carter  
Platt, Aleya  
Polkey, Isabella  
Ponicall, Sadie  
Prather, Aslyn  
Pratt, Marin  
Press, Julianna  
Pretlow, Kimara  
Preza, Luke  
Price, La'Mirakle  
Puckett, Zoie  
Pulak, Angelina  
Rao, Krishna  
Ray, Ne'Khia  
Rensing, Christen  
Reyes, Shannon  
Riley, Christian  
Rojas, Rachel  
Royal, Jayla  
Savela-Hogg, Evangeline  
Savin, Christian  
Scarborough, Alana  
Shields, Finnegan  
Simmons, Kindle  
Sisco, Skye  
Skau, Kaitlyn  
Smith, Keila  
Smith, Shaelyn  
Snow, Ashley  
Stallings, Jaylen  
Stenson, Ra'nazha  
Stewart, Lorna  
Street, Katelyn  
Strickland, Briley

Thomas, Evelyn  
Thompson, Kennedy  
Thornton, Emily  
Thornton, Evan  
Tibble, Alison  
Tillery, Kaleb  
Tiner, Grace  
Tolentino, Brynne  
Turner, Nia  
Ulrich, Sarah  
Valerio, Gabriella  
Vandyke, Demontre  
Vazquez, Mia  
Vazquez Hidalgo, Sebastian  
Wahby, Olivia  
Walker, Michael  
Waters, Gavin  
Watkins, Keionna  
Webber, Maisy  
Wehrung, Hannah  
Whaley, Tierra  
White, William  
Wilburn, Kathryn  
Williams, Christian  
Williams, Isabella  
Wise, Jaleasa  
Wondell, Mackenzie  
Young, Maximilian

**88% of students**

plan to attend either a 4-year college, university, conservatory, a community college, or a vocational/technical institution

Grubbs, Reed  
Guiler, Caroline  
Gunn, T'Asia  
Guterman, Ori  
Hackney, Hope  
Halligan, Ethan  
Hansen, Thomas  
Hanson, Lydia-Rose  
Harrington, Chloe  
Harrison, Diamonique  
Hasmath, Justin  
Hendry, Kaylee  
Heneghan, Naomi  
Hixson, Elise  
Imeson, Anastasia  
Jacks, Sara  
Jackson, Dawson  
Jacobs, Shelby  
Jewesak, Hailey  
Jin, Landon  
Jockimo, Jon  
Johnson, India  
Jones, Blessed

Martin, Sierra  
Marzan, Zhanna  
Maxwell, Andrew  
McBurnie, Jayden  
McCollum, Daniel  
McCray, Charles  
McInarnay, Paige  
McKnight, Madeline  
Meadows, Kayla  
Model, Benjamin  
Molenaar, Blake  
Morecraft, Keelin  
Morgan, Kristopher  
Mowry, Henry  
Mroz Bunnell, Aiden  
Murray, Caroline  
Napier, Zac  
Nesbitt, Asharia  
Newman, James  
Ochoa, Brett  
O'Leary, Nicolas  
Owens, Nyjah  
Pace, Star

**60% of students**  
plan to attend an institution  
in the state of Florida

Chialtas, Athena  
Chiarotti, Christopher  
Cicero, Ashari  
Clark, Danyel  
Claudio, Adrianna  
Cohen, Elizabeth

Flentroy, Kiara  
Franz, Reagan  
Fuller, Kahliya  
Gaetke, Hannah  
Gaines, Jamie  
Galloway, Amelia



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