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Headlined by Lady A, the multi-Platinum, Grammy Award-winning country music group, the First Coast American Heart Association's 2021 Heart Ball raised over \$1.6 million.

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Patrons Judith MacNutt, Michael Jennings and LeeAnn Rummell enjoyed good company, great wine and raised glasses to help fund San Marco Preservation Society's mission to enhance quality of life in the San Marco community.

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Three generations of families make waves and impact Bolles swimming

Members and friends of the Tarver family were the first to jump into Bolles' new pool, named the Tarver Pool, in honor of Jack Tarver, grandfather of Missy Pearson, who, with her husband, Josh Pearson, has five children who graduated from or are attending The Bolles School. The Tarver family's generous gift made the pool construction possible.

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After winning her schoolwide competition for the fourth through sixth grade level, Jordan Bork is the proud winner of the 4H countywide speech contest for fourth and fifth grade level.

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SPRING BLOOMS IN SAN MARCO SQUARE

It was a beautiful Sunday afternoon full of sunshine and cooler-than-usual breezes, as neighbors pulled together to dig in the dirt and look after their neighborhood. A beautification day was held in San Marco Square successfully on April 25, after the prior date was cancelled due to rain April 18.

Organizers regrouped and knocked out the work exactly a week from the original date with help from suppliers, sponsors and volunteers from the community. Landscape and plant supplies delivered by Liberty Landscape Supply helped supplement other plants, as well as planning, supplies and direction from Cascade Outdoor Design, not to mention experienced instruction and planning from Lush Leaves as well.

The day's efforts included weeding and prep for the planting Pentas near the Lion's Fountain, and Bulbine and Vinca near the South entrance to the Square, completed with bed backdrops of pine straw for a more cohesive look.

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 There are books to read and there's advice to try.
 Many meals to make and many things to clean,
 Many things to safeguard from things seen and unseen.
 At the end of each day, she might be worn out,
 But she knows deep inside what motherhood is about.
 It's giving love with no strings,
 It's giving all without thanks,
 It's having barely enough
 for ourselves in the tanks.
 It can push us to limits
 It's an endless work shift.
 But at the end of each day,
 It's still the best gift.
 Happy Mother's Day!



By: c.c. Snowden

JACKSONVILLE'S INAUGURAL EMANCIPATION CELEBRATION COMING TO JAMES WELDON JOHNSON PARK

STATE RECOGNIZES MAY 20 AS OFFICIAL DATE IN FLORIDA

Councilwoman Ju'Coby Pittman, James Weldon Johnson Park and the City of Jacksonville are excited to announce the first annual Jacksonville Emancipation Celebration. The festival will take place on Thursday, May 20, 2021 in an effort to educate the community about the historical significance of Florida's observed Emancipation Day.

"Emancipation was proclaimed in Florida on May 20, 1865 and the City of Jacksonville recognizes the significance that has made for our community," said Mayor Lenny Curry. "We're excited and humbled to support James Weldon Johnson Park as we celebrate this day together with a fun festival for the community."

Jacksonville's Emancipation Celebration will feature local African American food trucks and vendors, live performances from Jacksonville's best musicians, dancers and poets, fun activities for the kids, a Community Art Project and a historical display. Local historical organizations will also lend their expertise to weave educational stories throughout the performances and activities. The festival will begin at 11 a.m. and close out at 8 p.m. at James Weldon Johnson Park.

"As a community, we are recognizing the past wrongs and injustices with a celebration of unity with a profound purpose. As we continue to celebrate as a community, we still have work to do together," said Councilwoman Ju'Coby Pittman.

Emancipation was proclaimed in Tallahassee, Fla. on May 20, 1865, 11 days after the end of the Civil War, and two years after the Proclamation was first issued by President Abraham Lincoln to free those enslaved in Southern states. On May 10, Union General Edward M. McCook arrived in Tallahassee to receive the surrender of Florida's Confederate troops. On May 20, McCook formally announced President Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation, effectively ending slavery in the state. While many people celebrate Juneteenth, Florida celebrates May 20 as its Emancipation Day.

LEE HIGH SCHOOL RENAMING UP FOR A FINAL VOTE

BALLOTS TO BE CAST AT LOCAL SCHOOLS

As current students, local alumni and taxpayers wrangle with the latest updates to official High School names in Duval County, voting is now open for Robert E. Lee High School in the local area. Voters will now determine school names for figures that were prominent in Southern history, most at issue are the names affiliated with the Confederacy.

According to media sources with the Duval County Public Schools, community balloting for the final schools in renaming process began April 26. Eligible stakeholders of Andrew Jackson, Jean Ribault, and Robert E. Lee High Schools, as well as Jean Ribault Middle School, had begun casting their ballots as of press time. The voting period runs through Friday, May 7; hours are 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Monday - Friday. Lee High School voting hours are 10:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Voting takes place at the respective schools and there are signs and/or tables set up designating where voters should report. The Supervisor of Election's Office was engaged to assist with the facilitation of the voting process among the alumni, community, faculty, PTA/PTSA members, and students, to ensure accurate and fair voting processes are implemented.

The Duval County Public School Board has created a name change tracker, located on its website. There is also information provided about voting procedures if one visits <https://dcps.duvalschools.org/Page/29982>.

The Resident will report on the outcome of the voting once the results are announced by the proper authorities.

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JACKSONVILLE RANKED AMONG THE TOP US CITIES FOR WALKABILITY AND OUTDOOR RECREATION

A recent study conducted by CommercialCafe ranked Jacksonville, Florida #12 of the top 15 of 53 cities across the nation for its walkability and outdoor activity potential.

According to the study, Jacksonville ranked #1 in the top 5, earning 20 of 20 points, for offering 73 park acres per 1,000 residents, making the state's most populous city the one to have the country's largest park system.

Jacksonville stood out, too, for its park-to-city area ratio, dedicating 14.5% of its city area to park land.

"Parks and walkability have always been extremely important for the physical and mental wellbeing of our cities' residents, but especially in the past year, when we didn't get many other forms of recreation," said Alexandra Ursu, Marketing Communications Specialist for CommercialCafe.

That's why, amidst the nationwide programs and events that celebrated National Park Week 2021 in late April, CommercialCafe conducted a study of US cities with a population of 300,000 or greater, those that had data available for all analyzed metrics used in the study.

CommercialCafe is a nationwide commercial real estate internet listing service that provides research and analysis of the market. The organization is part of Yardi, a California-based software vendor for real estate professionals and property managers.

Data for the study came from the U.S. Census Bureau and The Trust for Public Land. Full study results and methodology can be found at <https://www.commercialcafe.com>

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Could it be a hernia? 8 silent signs

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PUBLIC ACCESS TO RIVER CHALLENGES BEST AND HIGHEST USE IN FUTURE DEVELOPMENT

BY JENNIFER EDWARDS
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“Olin creates distinguished landscapes and urban designs worldwide. Our work is predicated upon social engagement, craft, detail, materiality and timelessness. Our appreciation of the urban environment is paramount.”

- Olin Partnership Ltd. website



A view of Downtown and the riverfront. The City is planning to renovate the Landing property into a public park, and community organizers hope it will be the first of many along the riverfront.

In March, City officials selected three firms out of 14 vying to design park on the former Landing property, which also contains two pads that are likely to be used for private development after the park is built. As part of the project, each firm is to include a significant work of public art, and will be paid \$125,000 for its design, although only one plan will eventually be chosen and funded for the property, located at 2 Independent Drive W. The park must be at least four-and-a-half acres of the site's more than seven-and-a-half, which includes a parking lot.

Currently Olin Partnership Ltd, based in Philadelphia; Agency Landscape + Planning LLC out of Cambridge, Massachusetts and Perkins & Will Inc. of Chicago are working on their designs, which will be crafted using a lot of public input, said Lori Boyer, City Downtown Investment Authority CEO.

“They are design firms who design park space,” she explained, noting that the three

are not developers. “They are designing what goes in that park space, what it looks like. We have three different versions of that that we will be able to get to see at the end of June. We will then be selecting (the project).”

Olin Partnership Ltd is known for several high-profile projects including the Washington Monument Grounds in Washington, D.C.; New York City's Bryant Park; the J. Paul Getty Center in Los Angeles and Columbus Circle in Manhattan. Its architects also created a waterfront project in Alexandria, Va.

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Agency Landscape + Planning LLC is known for a long list of projects, including the Charleston Navy Yard Visitor Experience Plan; Chicago River's Edge Ideas Lab; Chicago

River Walk and the Sarasota Bayfront Master Plan. Part of its mission statement includes what its members term agency, which is described as “a mission-driven practice dedicated to addressing social equity, cultural vitality and environmental resilience through design excellence, strategic planning and community engagement.”

The third firm, Perkins & Will Inc. has studios all over the United States and throughout the world. Its projects include the National Museum of African American History in Washington, D.C., Waterfront Botanical Gardens in Louisville, Ky. and the Historic Emancipation Park in Houston.

“Our goal is to design places that make a positive difference in the world. That's why people are at the heart of everything we do,” according to the Perkins & Will website.

The commitment to replace what once was an eyesore with a beautiful outdoor park for the public to enjoy is music to the ears of a new coalition of private individuals, nonprofits and public organizations that have teamed up to advocate for a park system along the river. But the members of Riverfront Parks Now want to see more than just the Landing site turned into public space for all to enjoy.

Riverfront Parks Now consists of representatives of multiple community organizations including the St. Johns Riverkeeper; the Sierra Club; Duval Audubon Society; Scenic Jacksonville; Jacksonville Urban League and many others. Its members “envision a connected network of extensive public green

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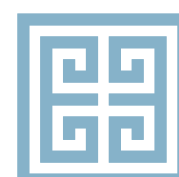
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A view looking west from the Shipyards, a publicly owned property that Riverfront Parks Now wants developed into a public park.

space and active parks along Jacksonville's riverfront that maximizes public access, reconnects the community to our river and creates a sense of place," according to its mission statement. The group began forming last year, after multiple factors converged: flooding from Irma; the expiration of the development rights to the Shipyards and the demolition of the Landing and the old Courthouse. A survey conducted by the Riverfront Parks Now showed that 50 percent of the riverfront is now City-owned.

Nancy Powell, project manager for the Riverfront Parks Now steering committee and executive director of Scenic Jacksonville, said Riverfront Parks Now represents 13 organizations and more than 5,000 people who want to see what's left of the riverfront preserved.

"It is our mission to advocate for a major destination riverfront park and network of parks in downtown Jacksonville that we feel will help spur downtown revitalization, provide flood control and resiliency and attract economic investment, but most of all to be a showcase for the citizens of Jacksonville, a place to be outdoors and healthy, a place to be proud of, that so many others have figured out," Powell said. "We only have 10 percent of our Riverfront that is left because the rest is already privatized, across the whole riverfront, across our county. Those places where it is publicly owned happen to be downtown Jacksonville - Metropolitan Park, the Shipyards, the Landing and some other properties that may be developed. The Shipyards and parts of

Metropolitan park have been targeted for development, and once (the public land is) gone, it's gone. We really need to be thoughtful about giving public access to our people to the waterfront. There are people on the Northside and other places who don't get access to the river. A free public park system that is really well done can bring all of our community together. We feel it is a win, win, win."

Powell said Riverfront Parks now is helping to give input for the design of the Landing space.

For Boyer, of DIA, the idea of more public greenspace and parks along the river is welcome. Where City official and Riverfront Parks Now members differ is in terms of scope.

"A park system along the river is something that we've always had planned," Boyer said.

"That's not new. We have always viewed both sides of the river and the Riverwalk as an interconnected park system. We value their emphasis on it. The fact that (Riverfront Parks Now is) bringing it to the fore and advocating for those really extraordinary park spaces downtown as a destination, we completely agree with. It's great to have them focused and bringing that level of attention to the issue. The places where we depart are whether every piece of publicly owned property along the property needs to be a park or whether some of it as private development could support or enhance the park space. They are taking it a step further and are asking that all City property along the property be considered for park property. That's a step further than we have been."

City Rescue Mission starts new 24-hour shelter program

On April 8, City Rescue Mission (CRM) began a new 24-hour shelter program for those experiencing homelessness. The program is called Overcomers and is part of the Emergency Shelter service provided at CRM.

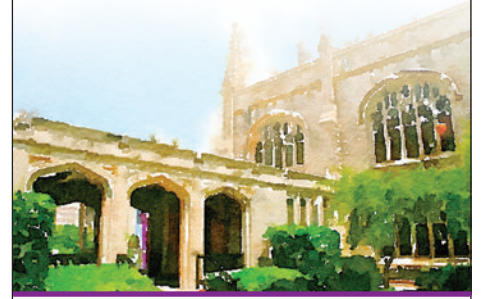
"This is a program that is planned and purposeful. We want to empower and enable those who come to us for help to transition into a successful, sustainable, victorious life," said Paul Stasi, Executive Director of CRM.

Program guests will meet and work with a case manager to develop a plan to exit homelessness. After immediate needs are met, the goal of the Overcomers program will be to help folks transition from homelessness to safe, affordable, accessible, and acceptable housing. Life skills education, workforce development, and job placement assistance will also be provided for participants of the Overcomers program.

Since 1946, the faith-based, non-profit CRM has been providing help to the homeless and needy in Jacksonville and Northeast Florida. In 2019, they served 242,643 and provided over 80,000 nights of shelter. The Overcomers program is a new addition to services already provided, which include drug and alcohol recovery programs.

Note that CRM follows CDC safety recommendations during the COVID-19 pandemic. For more information, visit www.CRMjax.org.

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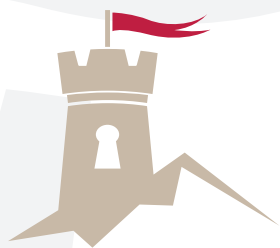
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JEA CLOSER TO REVITALIZING CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT

BY JENNIFER EDWARDS
Resident Community News

This spring saw Downtown's central business district come a step closer toward a chance for revitalization, with full-steam-ahead progress on JEA's sleek new, pedestrian-friendly headquarters.

Ryan Companies U.S. Inc., a Minneapolis-headquartered developer, is constructing the seven-story building at 225 Pearl Street, with an adjacent parking garage that will be used by both employees and the public. The property is to include a nine-level parking garage with 657 spaces and a pedestrian-friendly complex with a unique design feature – a chamfered, or cutaway, corner on the parking garage, at the corner of Adams and Julia Street. The ground floor of the garage is planned to include 10,690 square feet of retail space.

On March 25, Ryan staff celebrated raising the final steel beam, painted white, onsite with the project team, subcontractors, and onsite trade labor. In addition, JEA employees, retirees and stakeholders also signed a commemorative beam that was installed on the new headquarters' lower level in mid-April, according to a news release. The beam was laid atop the 125-foot-tall tower, which will feature large windows and open floor plans geared toward collaborative meeting space for one of the nation's largest community-owned electric utility companies. The site had been vacant until construction, although the City of Jacksonville used it as temporary parking. It takes up an entire City block, bordered to the north by Monroe

Street, to the east by Julia Street, to the south by Adams Street, and to the west by Pearl Street.

The seven-story, 153,000-square-foot build-to-suit project is projected to revitalize the central business district, with a completion date of 2022. The building's design team weaved in aspects of the surrounding area's bridges and rich industrial history, while providing access to Jacksonville's major roadways and public transportation. It will stand east of the Duval County Courthouse lawn and other government buildings, and the current headquarters building on Church Street will then be put up for sale, according to the JEA construction website.

Ariel Woodson, Ryan spokeswoman, said the project was on track for a summer opening next year.

"Despite the challenging year (2020), Ryan Companies and JEA have displayed exceptional planning, teamwork, and creativity to reach the height of development on this Downtown Jacksonville office project," Scott Stenman, Vice President of Construction at Ryan Companies, said in a prepared statement. "Our team has faced different obstacles throughout 2020 as the pandemic has changed the way we safely construct buildings as well as how society views traditional office space. I am proud of our progress and our ability to reach this milestone on time. The JEA Headquarters is a sign of revitalization, and economic growth in Downtown Jacksonville and Ryan is thrilled to be part of the team bringing the project to fruition."

When the project is complete JEA will move from its 1960s-era offices at 21 W.

Church St., where it has been headquartered since 1989. The new building is being planned for a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) gold certification, which will be determined after completion. LEED is a green building certification program used worldwide.

JEA spokeswoman Simone Garvey-Ewan said that JEA would not be doing a mass hiring before or after the move but would continue its continual recruitment efforts from its new location.

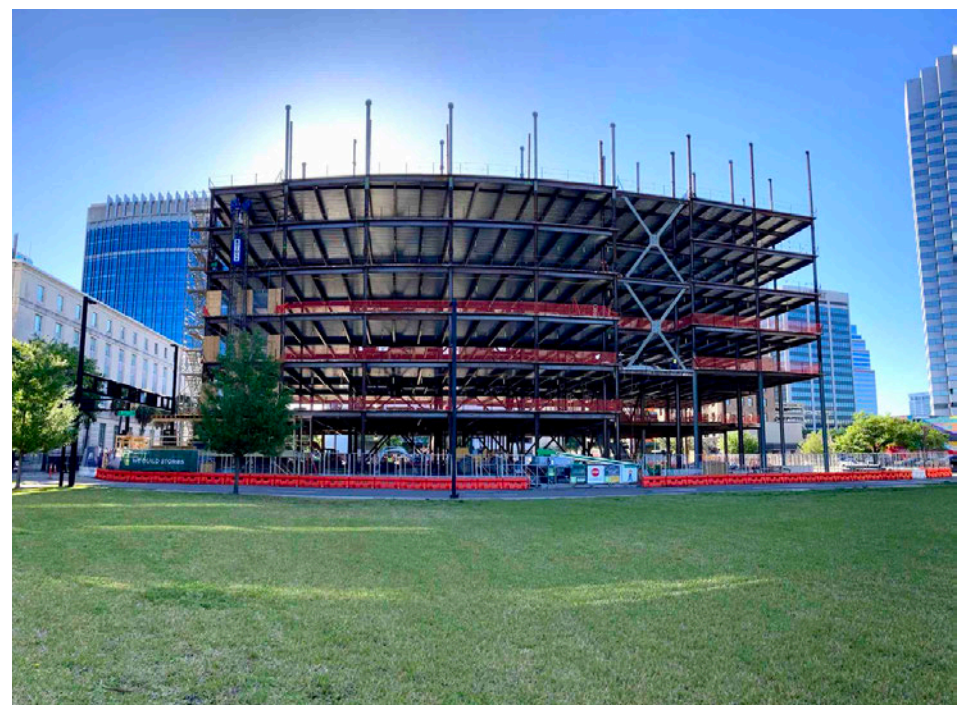
"Our downtown staff is going to move with us," Garvey-Ewan explained. "We are constantly recruiting. When we go to the headquarters, it will be the same thing. We are transferring our staff from where we are located right now (21 West Church St.) to 225 Pearl Street North."

The new headquarters will be easier for some customers to access; it will be a short distance from JTA's Jacksonville Regional

Transportation Center which connects visitors with various mass transit options. It will also include what JEA terms a "customer experience center" where customers can pay bills, discuss accounts and learn about products and services.

Ryan Companies was selected, after a lengthy ITN process, in April 2019 to develop, design and build the new headquarters. The 1.5-acre parcel is on the 300 block of West Adams Street in downtown Jacksonville. The Downtown Development Review Board (DDRB) gave its final approval to the project June 12 last year, although the final version was not as tall as developers had originally envisioned, or with quite as many parking spaces. Then, on June 30, Ryan Companies U.S. Inc. announced it had closed on the parcel at a cost of \$2.6 million.

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Construction is moving along at a clip at the site of the new JEA Headquarters. The new, 135,000-square-foot-building will have a Pearl Street address.

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Mark and Meredith Frisch were so inspired by the care they received from Baptist and Wolfson with the births and complications that arose for all four of their children, they decided to make a generous gift to help fund renovations of the birthing and postpartum suites at Baptist. Meredith’s parents, Nancy and Gary Chartrand; her brother, Jeff Chartrand; and Mark’s parents, Ben and Pat Frisch, also contributed. Both families helped inspire others to make financial gifts that made the project possible.

“Our goal in redesigning this space was to make this monumental life experience even more special for moms and families. These new suites are as impressive as our state-of-the-art maternal newborn care,” said Michael Mayo, FACHE, President of Baptist Medical Center Jacksonville.

A Family Advisory Group of current and expecting mothers offered input on the Center’s design to ensure that every aspect of the units will improve the patient and family experience. Features such as private bathrooms with ample storage for personal belongings, new high-risk monitoring technology in birthing suites, and a nursery with a “knee wall” to make it easier for young siblings to view babies who need extended stays were included in the plans. Every aspect of the Center was designed with mothers, babies, and families in mind.

On April 12, leaders of Baptist Medical Center Jacksonville and Wolfson Children’s Hospital, along with donors Mark and Meredith (Chartrand) Frisch and their families, celebrated the dedication of the Chartrand Frisch Family Birth & Newborn Center. This project marks the completion of a \$16 million renovation to the Baptist



The new Center is located adjacent to Wolfson Children’s Hospital’s high-level Neonatal Intensive Care Unit where expert teams of pediatric specialists provide immediate life-saving care to newborns who need it. The Center will also have direct access to the 92-bed Neonatal Intensive Care Center in the new Wolfson Children’s Critical Care Tower that is scheduled to open in early 2022.

“We want parents to take comfort knowing that, should something happen, we have the very best experts and state-of-the-art

technology available to immediately provide world-class care to their precious new baby,” said Michael D. Aubin, FACHE, president of Wolfson Children’s Hospital.

“We hope families who enter the Chartrand Frisch Family Birth & Newborn Center are comforted knowing they are in expert hands and are able to relax and focus on what matters most: the new life they are bringing into the world,” said CC Brooks, Vice President of Patient Care Services at Baptist Medical Center Jacksonville and Wolfson Children’s Hospital.

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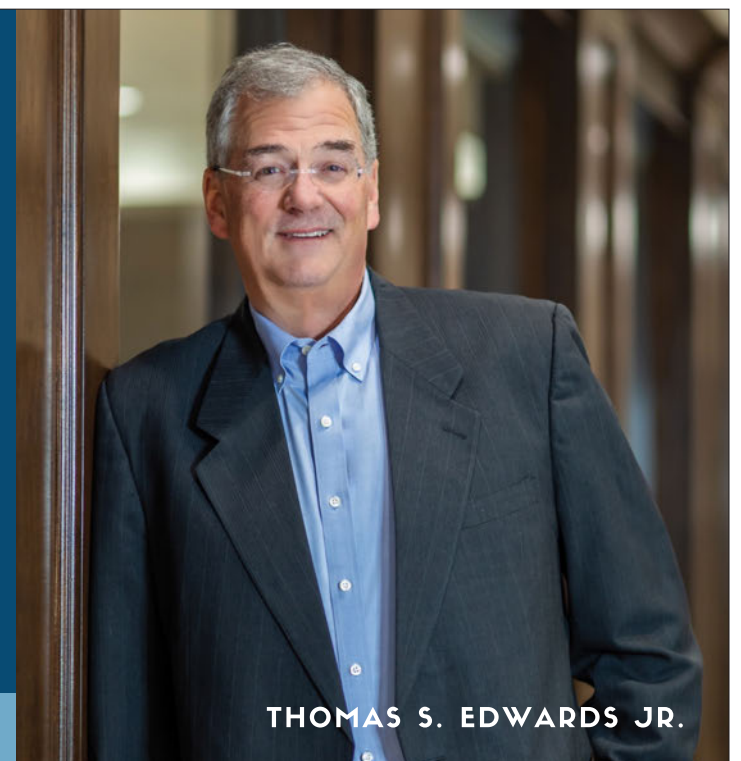
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RESPONDING TO NEED MOTIVATES DONORS

“I tend to give where I volunteer. I like seeing the faces of clients and hearing their stories.”

- Carolyn Phanstiel

Carolyn Phanstiel doesn't consider herself a philanthropist; instead, she describes her desire to help others as being like a child's pinwheel with three spokes – a whoops-moments spoke, spreading-the-love spoke and a when-enough-is-enough spoke.

Mariette Brodner, principal consultant for MTB Consulting, asked Phanstiel to share her thoughts about philanthropic giving, along with John Zell's description of a donor with whom he is working in his role as vice president of development for The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida, with members and guests of the Planned Giving Council of Northeast Florida during its virtual April meeting.

Three “whoops moments” in particular have inspired Phanstiel to make annual gifts to organizations, as well to create a family legacy of giving that she hopes her children and grandchildren will continue. While in Taiwan as a teacher, she recalled seeing street signs in Chinese and wondering why they weren't in English.

“That's when I realized that not everything is about me,” she said.

While she was in the American Samoa, she observed her children experiencing a culture that was focused on caring and sharing. “No one goes hungry there,” she said. “The schoolchildren all share money at lunchtime to make sure everyone eats.”

Phanstiel's third “whoops” happens once a year when she volunteers to help with the homeless count in Nassau County.

“I remember driving in certain areas and seeing one 20-year-old girl living in a tent behind Walmart and another couple living under a bridge.”

Her faith compels her to “spread the love,” the second spoke on her pinwheel of giving.

“One day I was in a church and as I exited after the service I noticed a sign over the portal that said ‘Now the service begins.’ That really hit me.”

Another time her son and grandchildren were on the beach in Fernandina hunting for sharks' teeth.

“My grandson came running back to the house to tell her that his father gave their best sharks' teeth to a woman and her son they met on the beach who had been having trouble finding sharks' teeth on their own,” Phanstiel said.

She has been reflecting on the third spoke on her pinwheel, “when enough is enough,” since her retirement.

“I'm thinking about when I have enough stuff and enough money to be satisfied and when it is time to give money away,” she said.

Zell shared that his donor is motivated by “removing the thorn in his shoe” by donating to fix things that he believes he can improve. This particular donor is an only child who grew up poor. He views his work as a public school teacher and church organist/choir director as part of his way of giving back.

“His church musician work has always been his passion, even though it is a side job,” said Zell. “He wanted to fix things to make the church better, like poor air conditioning where the choir and organist sat and equipment to make the organ play lower notes and louder, so his wife and he gave the money needed for both of those projects.”

Both donors express the amount of difference they are able to make versus the quantities of people they are able to help as the way they measure impact.

“I tend to give where I volunteer,” Phanstiel said. “I like seeing the faces of clients and hearing their stories. Also, I check Charity Navigator because I want to make sure the organization is a good steward in making sure that my dollars count.”

In terms of estate planning, Phanstiel has picked four organizations and her estate gifts to them will be done through The Community Foundation as a family advised fund.

“My family decided one Christmas that instead of buying gifts for each other we would put the amount of money we would have spent in a family advised fund and then hold a family council to decide which charity would receive the funds that year, which has become a family legacy that I hope will continue,” she said.

Zell's donor is focusing on distribution of Apple stock that he bought for \$15 a share when Apple first started putting computers in schools, which improved his experience as a teacher. Annual contributions from these stocks as they have appreciated have enabled him to avoid capital gains tax and make meaningful gifts beyond what he would be able to do from his personal checkbook.

The donor is working on a charitable reminder trust that will mostly benefit the church that he has attended since his retirement. He wants to fund an annual organ recital with a nationally recognized organist that will raise fund to bolster the church's operating budget.

The meeting produced three takeaways for attendees. Phanstiel shared that she thinks organizations should focus on their volunteers who are already invested in their organization. “That seems to be low-hanging fruit,” she said.

Zell notes that primary prospects are those who give every year and volunteer. “There is an exponential increase that they will want to give an estate gift.” The importance of listening to the donor is the third takeaway.

“I'd probably be turned off if a fundraiser or professional advisor approached me about giving,” Phanstiel said. “Strong values and a realization of what is needed has to be in place already.”

“It has to be their idea, not your direct ask,” Zell said. “My job is to help them build out their goals so that they feel joy about what is going to be accomplished.”



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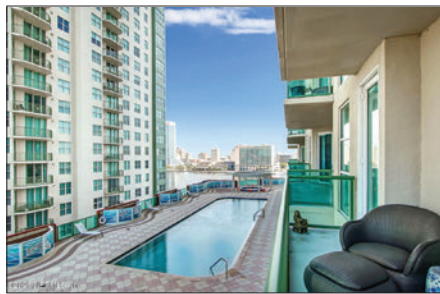
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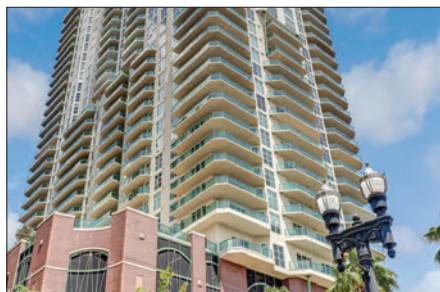
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DOWNTOWN'S LAURA STREET TRIO CLOSER TO BEING REVIVED

BY JENNIFER EDWARDS
Resident Community News

A cluster of Downtown's most historic and visible buildings is a couple steps closer to a new life, one burgeoning with activity.

Preservationists have described the Laura Street Trio as, collectively, the most endangered historical buildings in Jacksonville. The trio includes the Florida National Bank Building, the Bisbee Building and the Florida Life Building, built at the turn of the last century. The buildings sit at the corner of Laura and Forsyth streets and each was built just a handful of years after the Great Fire of 1901 razed many of Jacksonville's buildings to the ground.

City leadership has been eager to see the buildings revitalized and put to good use attracting residents and a workforce downtown, with all the necessary entertainment and commercial services such a workforce needs.

City Downtown Investment Authority (DIA) CEO Lori Boyer said in mid-April that legislation was being drafted for approval by City Council that would grant Southeast Group, a local developer, a multi-million-dollar incentive package for adaptive restoration of the historic and highly visible landmark. In March, the DIA Board unanimously approved offering Southeast a \$24.7 million package for what is estimated to be a \$70.4 million restoration project. The package includes an interest-only \$5.3 million loan that would become due in a decade, and \$19.4 million in forgivable loans.



Modern view of the Laura Street Trio, from the Wayne W Wood Collection, 2006.



Rendering of proposed renovation to the Laura Street Trio, presented to the Downtown Investment Board.

Boyer said she hoped to see the legislation drafted in May and ready to take to the council; the Trio is one of the projects that City leaders have most wanted to see completed.

"They're centrally located," Boyer said of the buildings. "I'm sitting here in my office in City Hall and I can see from my open windows straight through to (the trio) from where I sit. That's an example of the impact it has on offices throughout downtown. Not only are they significant landmarks that will restore character, but in the meantime, the fact that they are deteriorating and vacant is a blight on downtown. It's a big deal."

According to local preservationist Wayne Wood's book, "Jacksonville's Architectural Heritage: Landmarks for the Future," the three buildings are exquisitely configured, with the two-story Neo-Classical bank framed by the two "ultra-modern" (for the

time) skyscrapers, which ascend from the street corner. Their prominent place at the intersection of downtown Jacksonville's two busiest streets makes them one of the most unique architectural groupings in the South. The three are also emblematic of Jacksonville's renaissance following the fire, the third largest metropolitan fire in U.S. history.

Southeast's plans for the trio include the construction of a new, eight-floor building that would create a Marriott Autograph Collection hotel with restaurant and commercial space, according to the City. The new building would bring the hotel to 146 rooms, which would be needed to make the project financially viable, project architect Tom Hurst of Dasher Hurst Architects told City officials in February. Hurst said the design team and Southeast Managing Director Steve Atkins want the layout to emphasize the three historic structures.

"We want to make sure that we're deferential to the existing historic buildings and we don't try to overwhelm them," Hurst said. "We could have probably designed a 20-story high-rise here and we could have made the numbers work better. But we want to pay homage to them."

This wouldn't be Southeast Group's first rehabilitation of an historic structure; the developer successfully renovated and restored the Barnett Building across the street from the trio, converting it into a combination of living and commercial space.

The Southeast Group acquired the trio along with the Barnett building in 2013. The 18-story Barnett building was built in 1926 and had been vacant since the early 2000s

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The South facing facade of the conceptual design for Marriott's Autograph Collection as viewed from Adams Street across N. Laura Street.



though the inside was demolished in the mid-2000s, Atkins said. The group began rehab in 2017 and completed it a couple of years later.

The building is now home to several businesses and high-rise apartments with striking views of downtown and the river. Commercial banking takes up the first floor and the Jacksonville Business Journal resides on the second-floor mezzanine. Above that, the University of North Florida maintains a downtown college campus and entrepreneurial center.

Residential apartments occupy the eighth through the 18th floors.

"I recognize this is a great deal of money in terms of incentives, and we will be cognizant of that as we restore these buildings to the highest standard," Southeast Principal and

Managing Director Steve Atkins told the board after its March vote on the Laura Street Trio incentive package, according to Florida Times-Union reports at the time. Southeast is seeking National Park Service approval for historic designation of the building.

For Boyer of the DIA, the Trio project is one of many she hopes to keep the gas pedal pressed down on.

"We are pleased with the continued level of interest in downtown redevelopment projects that we have seen throughout the pandemic and that we are continuing to see," Boyer said. "We are not seeing a slowdown; we are seeing continued increased level of interest. I think part of that is recognition of Florida's growth and recovery and how we fared as compared with other locations. There is certainly no lack of interest."



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More than 5,000 people viewed the first exhibition, "Imagination Squared," on its opening night alone in September 2010. MOCA Jacksonville is celebrating the exhibition's 10-year anniversary with "IMAGINATION SQUARED¹⁰: A CREATIVE COMMUNITY RESPONSE TO OUR TIMES" that includes more than 600 works submitted by the community of Greater Jacksonville which are on view April 16 – August 8, 2021.

In December 2020, the museum placed a public call for art asking the Jacksonville community to participate as artists by submitting an artwork on a 10' x 10' square provided by the museum. MOCA Jacksonville partnered with a number of organizations to distribute squares including UNF Department of Art, Art History and Design, FSCJ, Douglas Anderson and LaVilla Schools of the Arts, Jacksonville University, Art with a Heart in Healthcare, Jacksonville Art and Music School, Ortega Elementary School, St. John's Youth Academy, Gateway Rehabilitation and Pine Castle. A total of 663 artworks were submitted by the community for exhibition.

"The public response to this exhibition has been extraordinary," said Ylva Rouse, senior curator for the museum. "The works beautifully capture the diversity of human experience navigating these difficult challenging times, and we are grateful to everyone who participated."

The exhibition is a reiteration of "Imagination Squared," a unique public collaborative installation that took place in September 2010. The original exhibition was created by artists Christina Foard and Dolf James to bring attention to the creative power of the artistic community in Jacksonville to provide a transformative cultural experience that was celebrated by more than 5,000 people on its opening night.

The original "Imagination Squared" installation also paved the way for the creation of MOCA's Project Atrium Series that for the past decade has featured site-specific installations by emerging and mid-career artists. Haskell Atrium Gallery's location in the museum, its dimensions and its scale challenge invited artists to reinvent and collaborate. The public can watch the artist create work in an open space that is free for visitors to enjoy the creative process.

"Revisiting the impetus of Project Atrium is the perfect way to both celebrate the accomplishments of this incredible installation series, but also to honor our commitment to our mission to making the discovery, knowledge and advancement of the art, artists and ideas of our time accessible to all," said MOCA Director Caitlin Doherty. "This year, perhaps more than ever before, it is important to bring our community together through art making and sharing, reflecting on recent challenges, while at the same time dreaming of what the future may bring."

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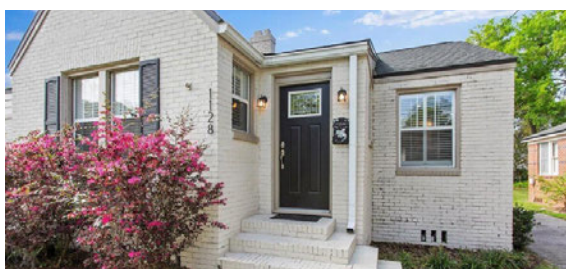
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Parra Harris Law will celebrate the boutique firm’s 5th anniversary with an event on May 5. The Cinco de Mayo themed party will be called “Celebrating 5 on 5/5 at 5” and will feature a mariachi band, margaritas, and mucho fun. Guests will include local judges, magistrates, mediators, clients, and colleagues.

To commemorate the special occasion, Parra Harris Law, which deals in family law litigation, will present donations to the executive directors of five local charities that promote the firm’s mission and tagline: Family. Matters. The recipient organizations will be (1) Sulzbacher, (2) Catholic Charities of Jacksonville, (3) Hubbard House, (4) Jacksonville Area Legal Aid (JALA), and (5) The Giving Closet Project.

The three Latina attorneys who comprise the firm—Paola Parra Harris, Mercedes Blason-Aguilar,

and Priscilla “PJ” Justiniano — are fully bilingual and serve clients in both Spanish and English.

Paola Parra Harris has earned numerous recognitions since she founded the firm in January 2016. Included in the list are Ultimate Attorney in Family Law from the Jacksonville Business Journal, Hispanic Business Leader of the Year from the mayor’s Hispanic American Advisory Board and Woman of Distinction from the Gateway Council Girl Scouts. Harris also achieved the highest rank from Martindale-Hubbell’s Peer Review Rating system, AV Preeminent Attorney, from 2017 to 2021. She is a Sulzbacher board member and past board chair of Catholic Charities of Jacksonville.

For more information about Harris and her family law firm, visit www.ParraHarrisLaw.com or their Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn social media pages.

Jim Moran Foundation gives \$685K to Feeding Northeast Florida

The Jim Moran Foundation has awarded \$685,000 to Feeding Northeast Florida (FNEFL) to commemorate the foundation’s 20th anniversary. The grant will support FNEFL’s Prescriptive Nutrition program in which FNEFL will partner with Federally Qualified Health Clinics (FQHCs) and Free and Charitable Clinics (FCHCs) to aid low income, uninsured patients referred by the clinic providers. The program will exclusively serve Duval County.

The \$685,000 grant will be distributed over three years, providing mission support and funding for nursing students led by a registered dietitian to help provide healthy food and teach community members how to incorporate it into their daily diet. This initiative will go hand-in-hand with the Corner Market program that FNEFL launched in 2020.

The Corner Markets mobile pantries were developed to address food insecurity on a street-by-street level to combat food deserts — areas with no direct access to grocery stores and other healthy food options. The markets are equipped with space specifically for the prescriptive nutrition initiative, where nursing students and dietitians can meet with clients, discuss their individual needs and track their progress over time — directly linking their recommendations to the fresh, healthy food available at the market. With the additional funds provided through this grant, FNEFL will be able to continue to provide healthy food options and nutrition education to those in need.

“We are grateful for The Jim Moran Foundation’s support through the awarding of this grant,” said Susan King, president and CEO of Feeding Northeast Florida. “These funds will directly support our prescriptive nutrition program, a concept we are eager to grow in the coming years. Proper nutrition leads to healthier lives, and we want to continue to educate and help those in our community in every way possible through innovative programs.”

Jim Moran established The Jim Moran Foundation in 2000 to ensure his giving back to children and families would continue for many generations to come. To recognize this 20-year milestone, The Foundation has committed more than \$12 million in special grants that reach beyond its traditional funding priorities to support nonprofit partners that are meeting the ever-changing needs of the community in Broward, Duval and Palm Beach counties.

“We are confident that the holistic approach of the Prescriptive Nutrition Program will provide better health for individuals and families who require specialized food to improve their overall wellbeing,” said Jan Moran, chairman and president of The Jim Moran Foundation.

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LOCAL AUTHOR TO HOST LAUNCH PARTY FOR FIRST BOOK'S RELEASE

The public is invited to a launch party for the release of Lara Patangan's first book, *Simple Mercies: How the Works of Mercy Bring Peace and Fulfillment*. The celebration will take place on May 22nd at 7 p.m. at Assumption Catholic Church, the author's home parish.

The evening will begin with a presentation by Patangan in the church. Book signing and

reception will follow in Jordon Hall. Refreshments will be available.

Written with humor and insight, *Simple Mercies*, published by Our Sunday Visitor, is for those who have ever questioned their contribution to the world or struggled with finding God's purpose for their lives.

In September 2013, Patangan turned 40. To mark this milestone birthday, she chose to celebrate not by having a big party, buying a shiny gift, or going on a fun trip. None of that appealed to her. She chose, instead, to spend a full year in service to others.

Patangan, a devout Catholic, performed biblically based works of mercy. She fed the hungry by volunteering at a Downtown soup kitchen, and she clothed the naked by putting in hours at Rethreaded. She visited the imprisoned, death row inmates at Florida State

Prison in Raiford. She counseled the doubtful, a woman considering abortion at a local Women's Center. She buried the dead by helping to plan the funerals of a Burmese refugee family killed in a car crash in Macclenny. "Being open to serve made me aware of so many opportunities," Patangan said.

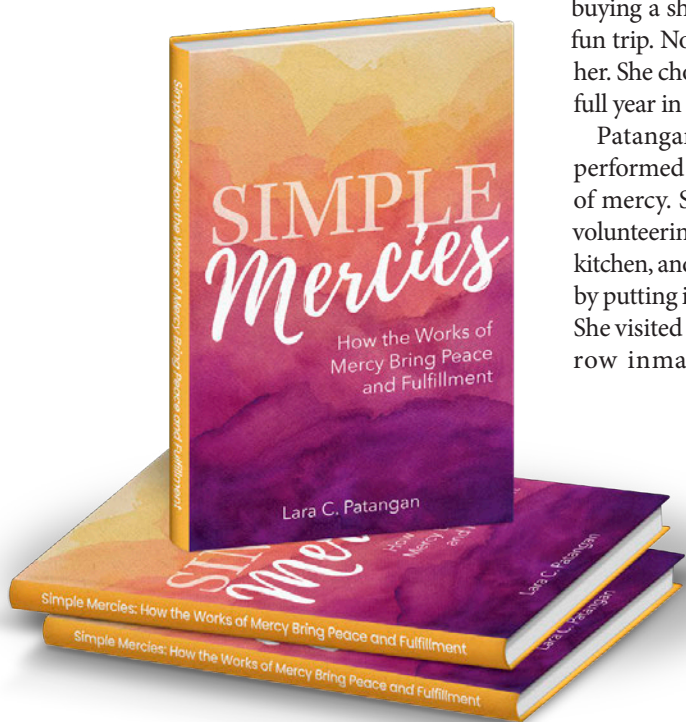
In her new book, Patangan shares some of those experiences. But the book has a bigger mission. It is to encourage others to realize how much their service helps others, whether it's at home, at school, in the workplace, or with elderly parents. "I feel like many of us think that our service is too mundane too matter," she said. The book is to broaden people's idea of what service is and to show that what we do for others makes a difference.

Today, in addition to being a freelance writer, Patangan continues to volunteer, like at Meals on Wheels, at Animal Care & Protective Services, and at Assumption Church. She, her husband, and their two sons have picked up trash along the bank of the St. Johns River. "Asking 'What can I do?' is a very humbling question. By being open and willing, there are so many things that we can do for one another," she said.

Patangan, a St. Nicholas resident, grew up in Jacksonville and graduated from Bishop Kenny High School before earning a Bachelor of Science in Public Relations degree from the University of Florida. She spent the early part of her career working for various

non-profits doing fundraising and development locally for Hubbard House and in New Orleans for an AIDS service organization and a children's hospital before moving back to Jacksonville and becoming a mom.

Though there is no cost to attend her book launch event on May 22, an RSVP would be appreciated. Call San Marco Book Store at (904) 396-7597 or register at bit.ly/larabooks. Book pre-orders are encouraged. To sign up for the author's blog, visit www.LaraPatangan.com.



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BOLLES ANNOUNCES DIRECTOR FOR GLOBAL LEARNING AND ENGAGEMENT

NATALIA AYCART
Bolles Associate Head of School, Mike Drew, has announced that Natalia Aycart will be the Director for Global Learning and Engagement (GLE). This position is a new addition to all four campuses of Bolles.

“At the core, Global Learning is about promoting within our students the skills and knowledge they need to be prepared for our increasingly interconnected world. This is especially relevant for Bolles—an independent day and boarding school educating students from all over the world,” Drew said.

Aycart will begin her new role as founding director in August, teaching classes as well as implementing, supervising, and directing GLE programs and operations for grades Pre-K through 12. “I am honored to be part of this successful and experienced team. I look forward

to opening student perspective and experience to all the world has to offer,” Aycart said.

Aycart is fluent in English and Spanish. She has worked at Saint Paul’s Episcopal Day School in Kansas City, Missouri as the Global Learning and Multicultural Affairs Coordinator and Foreign Language Educator as well as for the Foreign Language Academy as a Foreign Visiting Teacher, a program endorsed by the U.S. Department of Education and sponsored by the Ministry of Education of Spain, the country where she completed her own formal education. She holds a bachelor’s degree in education with a concentration in foreign language education. She holds a master’s degree and a second bachelor’s degree in organizational psychology. In addition to the United States and Spain, she has lived in Sweden, England, and Italy. Aycart has received numerous awards and recognitions in her field.

Jax Federal Credit Union names new CEO/President



The board of directors of Jax Federal Credit Union has appointed John Servos as its new CEO and president. Servos comes to the credit union after a successful 22-year career at Neighbors Credit Union in St. Louis Mo., where he served as CEO for more than 12 years. The credit union’s assets grew from \$192 million to \$467 million under his leadership.

Prior to serving as CEO of Neighbors, he also served as chief financial officer for nine years and vice president of compliance and audit services for one year. He obtained his CPA certificate and worked in public accounting before moving to the credit union industry.

“John is a proven and well-respected executive whose success is a testament

to his deep commitment to member service,”

said Charles T. McLeod Jr., chairman of the Jax Federal Credit Union board of directors. “We look forward to his leadership and vast CFO and CEO experience in helping guide our 86-year-old credit union through its next phase of growth.”

Mary Svoboda, who served as interim president and CEO, has returned to her previous dual roles of chief operating officer and chief lending officer. Jax Federal Credit Union serves over 39,000 members across Duval, Clay, St. Johns, Baker and Nassau counties.

Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Network Realty named ‘Elite’

Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Network Realty was recently recognized with the Berkshire Elite Award, honoring the top companies in the Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices network.

The Northeast Florida real estate firm ranks No. 22 among all Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices brokerages in its global network based on total GCI (Gross Commission Income.)

The company was recognized during an awards ceremony at Sales Convention 2021, an annual gathering of Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices real estate professionals. Held virtually this year, the business and educational event

offered opportunities to gain insight from leading speakers, discuss market trends, network and celebrate successes.

“We are gratified to receive this honor and be recognized alongside some of North America’s most successful and prestigious real estate brokerages,” said Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Network Realty President and CEO Christy Budnick. “We appreciate our dedicated team of Realtors, Brokers, employees and our wonderful clients who helped us achieve this recognition.”

Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Network Realty became a member of the network in 2014. The company was founded in 1988.



From left, President and CEO Christy Budnick and Founder and Chairwoman Linda H. Sherrer, Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Network Realty.



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FOLEY NAMED BOLLES DIRECTOR OF RESIDENTIAL LIFE

The Bolles School has recently selected Mike Foley as the new director of its residential life program. The school's boarding program attracts students from around the world.

Foley has been the head of student life and international programming, as well as director of campus life, at Hilton Head Preparatory School in South Carolina for the past six years. He has also been director of residential life at Ross School in East Hampton, New York; director of advancement at Real Life Christian Academy in Clermont, Florida, dean of international and domestic student services at Montverde Academy in Montverde, Florida; and director of athletics and summer day camp at Windermere Preparatory School in Windermere, Florida.

Additional roles and experiences at these institutions include athletic director, dean of English as a Second Language and Pre-K-12 art teacher.

Foley has a bachelor's degree in Studio Art from Denison University in Granville, Ohio, and a master's degree in education in curriculum and instruction from University of Phoenix.

Foley has been a guest speaker and presenter at numerous events. Ivy

International Group invited him to present on "The Art of Cultural Transition in China" and GE International asked him to present on "The Top 5 Reasons to Attend a U.S. Boarding School" during a European visit to Germany, Ukraine, Hungary, Turkey, Portugal and Spain in 2019.

"I am thankful for the opportunity to join the team," Foley said. "I look forward to continuing the tradition of excellence at The Bolles School."

Mike and wife Stephanie and children Luke, a current senior who is committed to play baseball at Erskine College in South Carolina, and Kylie, a freshman who plays volleyball, basketball and soccer, will move to Jacksonville from Hilton Head, South Carolina, this summer.



The Foley family, Mike, Kylie, Luke and Stephanie, will join the Jacksonville community this summer when Mike will take over his new responsibilities as director of Bolles' residential life program.

Subaru of Jacksonville "Shares the Love" with a \$125,000 donation to Wolfson Children's Hospital



Subaru of Jacksonville gifted Wolfson Children's Hospital \$125,000, making the 13th annual Share the Love campaign a success!

This was the dealership's largest gift so far to the region's only full-service children's hospital. It will be used toward advanced technology to treat critically ill and injured patients and toward continuing education in child passenger safety.

During this year's campaign, which ran from November 19, 2020 to January 4, 2021, Subaru of Jacksonville donated \$250 for every new vehicle purchased or leased. Customers could choose any one of five charities, including the dealership's hometown charity, Wolfson Children's Hospital. Additionally, Subaru of America and Subaru of Jacksonville donated money to the hospital for every oil change the local dealership performed during the campaign.

Since pledging a five-year commitment to Wolfson Children's in 2016, Subaru of Jacksonville has donated \$601,488 to the hospital. This year, the dealership's owner,

Phil Porter, extended the commitment by three years, pledging a total impact of \$1.25 million. Further, Subaru of Jacksonville will sponsor other fundraising events to benefit the hospital. "Wolfson Children's Hospital touches many in our community and we're proud to support such a worthy cause," Porter said.

As a non-profit organization, Wolfson Children's Hospital relies on charitable donations to provide care for all children in the region, regardless of creed, religion, race, or ability to pay. As an expression of gratitude for the generosity of Subaru's owner, the Wolfson Children's Pediatric Trauma Center is now named the Porter Family Children's Trauma Center.

"The services we are able to provide thanks to the continued support of Phil Porter, Subaru of Jacksonville, and Subaru of America are truly life-saving," said Michael D. Aubin, FACHE, president of Wolfson Children's Hospital and interim chief philanthropy officer for the Baptist Health Foundation.



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JACKSONVILLE HAS A NEW LOCAL LEAGUE OF STONEWALL SPORTS



Stonewall Sports Jax Spring Season 2021: Left to Right - Ashton Mareth, Blake Burdett, Edwin Carvalho, Steven Kyle, Dustin Schulze, Kyle Nix, Adam Beaugh, Cameron Nord, Joe Wolf, Ricky Ostrofsky, Jeremy Dziubek, Ray Berndt, Ryan McBride, John Schmidt.

BY MARY WANSEK
Resident Community News

There's a new league in the Greater Jacksonville area, Stonewall Sports Jax. This inaugural season's registration brought in 290 players, divided into 15 teams. The season opener took place on Sunday, April 11 at Willowbranch Park.

Stonewall Sports is an LGBTQ and Ally community-based, non-profit sports organization founded in 2010 that strives to raise funds for charitable organizations. (Ally refers to allies who are in support of the LGBTQ community but do not identify as gay, lesbian, or bisexual themselves.) The league is open to all, ages 21+. "We are thrilled with the opportunity to launch our very own Jacksonville chapter," said Corey J. Brown, the local representative and sports director.

Their Vision: We believe every person should have the ability to feel comfortable being oneself in organized sports. Our league will value each player for who they are and what one brings to the league's community. We also believe organized communities have the ability and responsibility to support others in need.

Their Mission: To provide an inclusive, low-cost, high FUN sports league that is managed as a non-profit with a philanthropic heart.

Just as Stonewall Sports national is a non-profit organization, so is the local Jacksonville chapter. All income to the league, even from registration, goes to a charitable foundation. Each season, Stonewall Sports Jax will choose a different local charity to support. For spring, it's JASMYN, which supports and empowers displaced LGBTQ youth, promoting equality and human rights.

Monetary donations are accepted and so is game equipment. Sponsorship levels are available for businesses wishing to print their logo on jerseys, ballcaps, water bottles, and the like. Sponsorship applications and donation packets are available on Stonewall Sports Jax's Facebook page and website.

This inaugural season, spring 2021, is devoted to kickball. Registration is closed now that games have begun. There will be an upcoming summer and a fall season that will focus on different sports of the 16 approved by the national organization. Possibilities include beach volleyball, tennis, bocce ball, and others. Registration for these will open



Board of Directors of Jacksonville Chapter: Left to Right - Dr. Zachary Neumann (Sports Director), Travis Guthrie (Treasurer), Tonee Cudi (Marketing Director), Angel Santiago (Technical Director), Mateo Rogers (City Commissioner), Corey Brown (Events Director).

in late May; go to <https://StonewallJax.LeagueApps.com/> or StonewallSportsJax on either Facebook or Instagram.

All spectators are welcome. Kickball games are played on the baseball grounds at Willowbranch Park in Riverside every Sunday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The spring season runs April 11 to May 23.



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YMCA's STRONGER TOGETHER bash recognizes volunteers and donors, sets fundraising goal



Shelly Boynton celebrates her recognition as Volunteer of the Year by the YMCA with her family during this year's Y-Bash.

The YMCA of Florida's First Coast recently celebrated organizations and individuals who are helping it meet its mission to transform lives during its eleventh annual Y-Bash "STRONGER TOGETHER" event. The organization also announced its fundraising goal to raise \$2.147 million to support programs such as safety around water, youth development and supporting seniors.

"When the pandemic landed on our doorstep and we had to close our First Coast Y branches, we were determined to find ways to stay connected to our members and support our community," said Eric K. Mann, YMCA of Florida's First Coast president and CEO. "The work we do has never been more important, and we're grateful for the many staff members, generous donors, volunteers, members and partners who have invested their time and talent to help maintain the Y's commitment to build a brighter future."

The Y also recognized its Employees of the Year, Allison Krabill and Nicole Payne. As executive director of the First Coast Y's Camp Immokalee, Krabill provided critical support to Keystone Heights families in need of emergency childcare and led virtual fitness classes for kids to ensure they had opportunities to stay active and healthy.

As the group exercise leader at the Brooks Family YMCA, Payne worked with the Y's largest LIVESTRONG program which supports cancer survivors. She also helped Christmas wishes come true for more than 100 deserving children.

Shelly Boynton was honored as Volunteer of the Year for her 10 years of service on the First Coast YMCA's Metropolitan Board where she supported the development of the Stronger Together campaign, leading more than 40 volunteers across the First Coast to represent all 15 Y branch locations.

VyStar Credit Union was presented with the 2020 Corporate Partner of the Year award during the event for its more than two decades of work with the Y. VyStar employees are involved as advisory board volunteers across First Coast YMCA branches. VyStar has also been a critical community partner during Y events such as Operation Salute Back to School Bash and Thingamajig, as well as corporate wellness initiatives.

"We were glad to work with the Y to help serve our community amidst the pandemic, and we're appreciative of this recognition of our alignment with the Y to support community building, our youth and our military," said Brian Wolfburg, president and CEO of VyStar Credit Union.

STRIDES FOR PRIDE IS ONE FOR THE HISTORY BOOKS

Despite the virtual nature of this year's JASMYN 5K *Strides for Pride* run/walk, the LGBT community and allied supporters came out to support kids, teens, adults, families, gay and straight of all races and cultural backgrounds.

Runners and walkers of all fitness levels were challenged to raise funds on their own funds, by earning sponsorships from their peers and businesses. Race packages and pickups were made available at the event in Riverside Park April 24, where race entrants were welcome by the JU Cheer Squad as sponsors and volunteers handed out bags, swag, t-shirts, and medals along with a brief photo op.

Individuals were asked to create a fundraising page to support JASMYN through the event and teams were also able to raise funds, as the best team and best individuals collected prizes, any individual that raised over 250-dollars won a special, limited edition JASMYN mask.

This year, the organization kicked off a pet photo opportunity to showcase the area's top dog in the Pets for Pride Photo Contest. The winning pet who gets the most votes online will be crowned as JASMYN's animal mascot for the calendar year.

Information was unavailable by press time to announce winners, stay tuned for results in an upcoming issue of Resident News. Photos by danharrisphotoart.com.



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Gene Baker with Valorie Baker, head of St. Johns Country Day School

DAY SCHOOL GALA CREATES OLD HAVANA EXPERIENCE, RAISES RENOVATION FUNDS

Guests attending St. Johns Country Day School's Gala and Auction experienced "A Night in Old Havana" on April 10 at Timuquana Country Club. The evening's events included cocktails, tapas, live music by Arriba El So, and a silent and live auction.

The event raised more than \$100,000 in support of the School's quad and deck renovations. The space serves as the epicenter of the campus and an extension of classrooms, where students practice teamwork, creativity, communication skills and more. Along with a newly renovated deck and quad area, a new brick walkway will connect the Lower School with the Middle and Upper Schools.

The project is slated to start this summer.

A BERRY GOOD TIME

North Florida School of Special Education's Reimagined Berry Good Farms Weekend Festival, April 8 - 11, dished up a culinary weekend filled with live music, delicious food, entertainment, and a celebration of community. This four-day fundraising event allowed guests to safely enjoy the NFSSE campus highlighting the exciting, new Delores Barr Weaver Therapeutic Equestrian Center. Event chairs, Maren and Paul Bertozzi, led the event which raised more than \$150,000 for the school's academics and programs for students with mild to moderate intellectual and developmental differences.

The school's signature fundraising event, Dinner on the Farm, was a beautiful soiree. With the horses grazing nearby and surrounded by the beautiful trees, guests dined on delicious fare under the canopy of the riding arena. Local restaurateur, Jon Insetta of Restaurant Orsay, partnered with NFSSE's new executive chef, Carrie Eagle, and the culinary team to create a memorable dining experience.

Along with the Equestrian Center which opened in January 2020, the Berry Good Farms Weekend Festival spotlighted the school's microenterprises which provide vocational training to students ages 18 and up.



Marsha Oliver with 2022 BGFWF Chairs Gary and Nancy Chartrand.



Nicole Brose, Cathie Godward and Bo Bonenberger enjoy Farmaritas at Concert on the Farm.

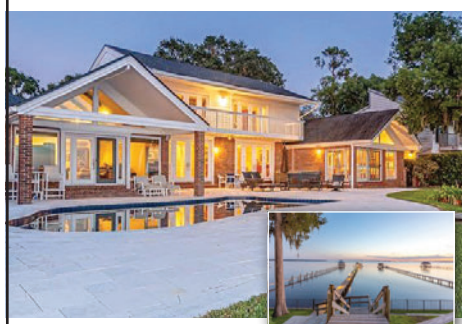


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STANDING UP AND INVESTING IN GIRLS

Girls Inc. of Jacksonville recently honored three local supporters during a hybrid virtual event held March 25, streamed live from WJCT Studios. Keynote Speaker Melanie Lawson, a mentor to young girls and NEWS4JAX Morning Show Anchor played a vital role as the themed- Girls Rise Up – Standing with and Investing in Them! ceremonies played out for loyal fans, donors, volunteers, as well as friends and families of girls served by the programs.

High School senior and Luncheon Emcee Amber Ferrell welcomed three honorees to the podium, starting with Nicole Thomas, Thomas was awarded the Women of Vision honor, John. J. "Jack" Allen and Mary F. Pietan were both awarded honors as Champions for Girls during the ceremonies.

Ferrell has been in the Girls Inc. program since 6th grade and she credits Girls Inc. for helping her be prepared to graduate from high school in June. In addition, she will attend Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University in Tallahassee to accomplish her goal of majoring in biomedical science to become a dermatologist.

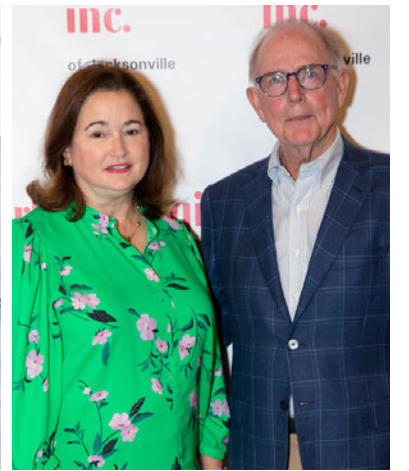
Girls Inc. programs help ensure girls graduate from high school and make successful post-secondary transitions to college or the workplace and break female generational poverty cycles.



Celebration Luncheon Honoree Nicole Thomas, Hospital President at Baptist Medical Center South and her husband, Michael Thomas.



Celebration Luncheon Honoree Mary Pietan, former President of the Women's Giving Alliance, GJJ Board Member Paula Liang and Dr. Robin Rose, President & CEO of GJJ.



Laura and Jack Allen

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San Jose Car & Truck Show nets \$8,616 for Bishop Snyder Center



Tim T.J. Mesmer's 1970 limelight green Plymouth Hemi 'Cuda convertible with its iconic shaker hood scoop, judged Best of Show.



Richard Mitchell's 2017 black rose metallic Chevrolet Corvette Z06, Krispy Kreme People's Choice Award winner.

On April 10, the sixth annual charity-driven San Jose Car & Truck Show drew its biggest crowd yet to admire an eclectic collection of 61 classic and modern vehicles on display at Dupont Station Shopping Center. The event was a huge success!

"Combined with solid support from sponsors, the Show raised \$8,616 for the Bishop John J. Snyder Community Center at nearby San Jose Apartments for seniors," said Joe DeSalvo, the event's coordinator.

The community center is located between HUD-assisted San Jose Apartments I and II on Galicia Road and is where many senior activities take place. "The residents will be pleased with the activities and things we can do for them. We can fund the Snyder Center for another year. We're blessed, very blessed," said Alma Ballard, Executive Director of Family Housing Management Company, which manages the complex.

Numerous presenting sponsors, including Key Auto Group and North Florida Lincoln who were back for a sixth year, helped the San Jose Apartments Board of Directors and staff surpass their fundraising goal.

Chris Brewer, one of this year's four judges, admitted it challenging to determine the winners in 10 judged classes. "In the end, we made the decision to award T.J. Mesmer's stunning 1970 Plymouth Hemi 'Cuda with the prize. The quality of the paint, the attention to detail, and the overall presentation helped push the muscle car over the top," Brewer said.

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Tim Mesmer's 1970 Plymouth Hemi 'Cuda

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A photo gallery of the Show can be viewed at www.DeremerStudios.com

SAN MARCO ROTARY HOSTS LITTLE FREE FOOD PANTRY



Rotary Food Pantry Ribbon Cutting, March 19, photo by Howard Dyal
LEFT TO RIGHT: Logan McEwan, Amy Davis, Toby Brandon, Rob Gainey, Meg Folds, Ruth Ann Hepler, and three students.

On Friday, March 19, the San Marco Rotary Club had a ribbon cutting ceremony for their Little Free Food Pantry.

Present alongside Rotary members were the club's president, Logan McEwan; the school's assistant principal, Toby Brandon; guidance counselor, Rob Gainey; and several students. Rotarian Ruth Ann Hepler declared it an "exciting event!"

The mini pantry is hosted by the Rotary Club and is located outside the gate of Spring Park Elementary School. It is open to the public for those in need to help themselves. There are no specific hours of operation and no questions asked.

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More than 400 people attended this year's digital experience on April 14th, which was emceed by J.P. Shadrick, radio and TV host for the Jaguars, and chaired by Michele and Chuck Divita, Executive Vice President Commercial Markets at GuideWell and Florida Blue.

The evening also featured the compelling story of a local Jacksonville man who suffered sudden cardiac arrest in his home and survived due to his wife's immediate CPR response prior to the arrival of paramedics.

Funds from the event support life-saving research, education and raising awareness for cardiovascular diseases and stroke.

"Our team was so thrilled by the remarkable attendance for this year's digital experience," said Amber Wilson, executive director of the First Coast American Heart Association. "Every year we are honored and amazed by the tremendous support we receive within our community at Heart Ball. This year was no different and we look forward to returning to the ballroom in 2022."

San Marco Preservation celebrates parks, quality of life

The annual Wine Down in the Parks celebration, hosted annually by the San Marco Preservation Society, was a success for the local preservation group. Patrons, organizers, and volunteers survived an early threat of rain, as the skies opened with sunshine in the latter part of Saturday afternoon, March 24. Ticket purchasers were spared disappointment, and instead, were afforded an opportunity for networking and building of rapport with other like-minded locals.

San Marco Preservation Society leaders welcomed vendors of fine foods, cocktails and beverage providers, and musicians as they set up for live performances and wine

was poured to kick things off. All the participating sponsors and vendors were local, keeping the charm and appeal of the business community in focus.

Wine Down in the Parks helps showcase the excellent green spaces and park amenities of Whatley, Davin, and Balis Parks, a few of our city's finest and most well-cared for parks, due to the extra blood, sweat, and tears of SMPS and the SMMA (San Marco Merchants Association).

A plethora of sponsors helped make this year special, for more information about how you can participate further in future functions to support SMPS, visit smpsjax.org to learn more.



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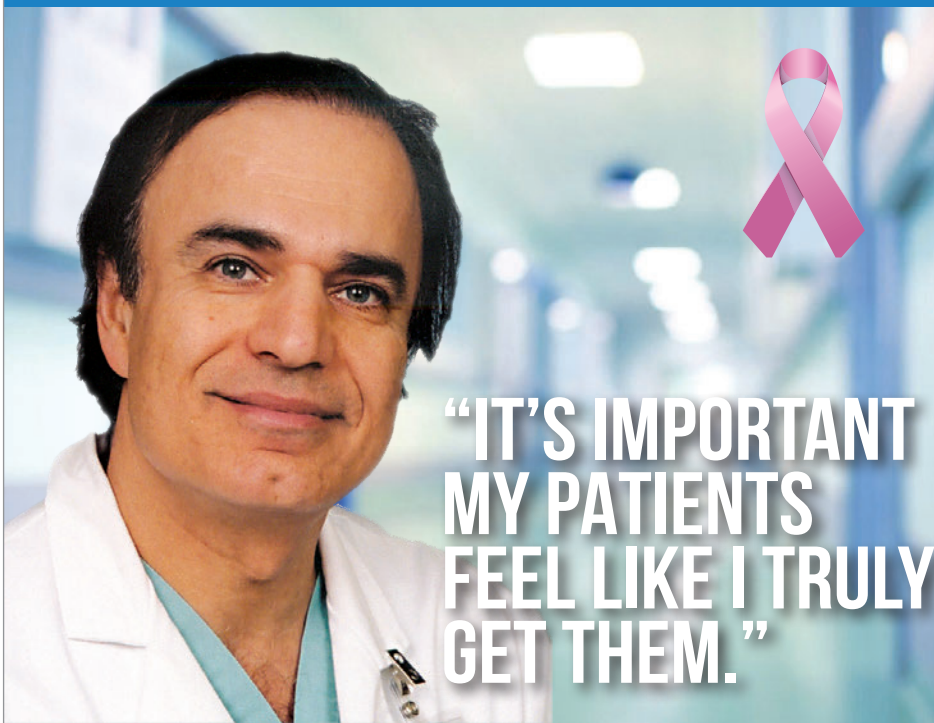


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On December 31, 2020, Breezy Jazz House celebrated the move into its larger locale on San Marco Boulevard, complete with on-site parking, valet if desired. Executive space is now available for rent to host private parties. Outdoor seating is an option if preferred, and the new full-glass roll-up wall guarantees that guests won't miss a note of the music from inside.

Many may recognize the name Breezy Jazz Club from the former location on Adams Street downtown from 2016 to 2020. The site was one of the official locations for the annual Jax Jazz Fest After Dark in 2017, 2018, and 2019. As Breezy's popularity expanded, so did its venue, from 2,800 square feet to 4,400.

Along with a slight change in name and a new location came an upgrade in image and standards from a casual club to Jacksonville's premier elite Jazz House, echoing those found in New York, Chicago, and London. VIP Gold membership packages are available, which include unlimited visits for six months at a choice table, complimentary top shelf cocktail and hot appetizer each visit, and 25% off cover for your guests.

Breezy Jazz House offers a concert hall, liquor lounge, and full restaurant. The menu includes a variety of American cuisine options, including delectable seafood, juicy chicken and steak dishes, as well as vegan entrees and sides. Each entree bears the name of a famous jazz artist. Miles Davis White Fish with Spinach and Sarah Vaughan's Ribeye are favorites. History lines the walls—framed photos and written biographies of the jazz greats.

Breezy's founder is Thea Jeffers, the Philadelphia-born, California-trained interior designer who has been living and working in Jacksonville for the past three decades. Co-owner is Thea's husband, US Navy Lieutenant Commander Bennett Jeffers. Their club's general manager, who has been overseeing daily operations for the past two years, is Andre Tyler. In the kitchen is culinary artist and celebrity chef, Chef Phantom.

Breezy Jazz House is about sophistication in all aspects. Its ambiance is upscale and elegant. The house dress code welcomes business casual through black tie attire. To comply with COVID protocols, face masks are required when walking about the venue, but not while eating, drinking, or playing a jazz instrument.

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CEREMONIAL WHITE DOVE RELEASES

BY JULIE KERNS GARMENDIA
Resident Community News

When ceremonial white doves lift up and soar off into the sky, it is a mesmerizing, achingly beautiful sight that momentarily stops time. Throughout history, pristine white doves have symbolically and visually embodied the deepest human emotions, whether of sorrow and loss, joyful celebration or religious significance.

However, those lifetime memories inspired by white doves released heavenward, harshly contrast with what can happen next, if the released birds are not professionally trained to fly home. What happens to white doves after release? Sadly, few people ask questions, or verify professional credentials of anyone offering the service.

Healthy birds professionally bred and trained for their superior homing instincts and flight skills, and banded for owner

identification, are the only birds that should be used for humane ceremonial release, according to the National White Dove Release Society (NWDRS), American Dove Association (ADA), National Pigeon Association (NPA) and the National Audubon Society (NAS). Professional bird trainer/handlers belong to one or more of these organizations and abide by established, ethical standards of bird care and ownership.

Trained homing birds rise directly up into the sky after release, circle above to gain their bearings and fly away. Capable of flight speeds from 70 mph to 80 mph or more, with quick maneuverability and keen vision, they swiftly reach their highest flight elevation. This ascent helps thwart hawks who hunt by high-speed downward dives. The birds return directly to their home lofts, usually with a 90% or higher safe return rate, according to experts.

Untrained, non-homing birds released for ceremonies, usually land immediately and may never leave the release area. Those blindingly white birds, fed, watered and protected from their hatch date, have no knowledge of how to find safe food, water and shelter. Confused and waiting to be cared for, they perch in trees, stand or aimlessly walk around, approach or follow people: easy prey for air and land predators. Others die of dehydration or starvation.

One local expert, bird trainer/handler of fifty years, Mike Pirrone and his wife, Carolyn, formed their business, Pirrone White Dove Release, in 1996. Their business was a complete surprise. Mike Pirrone unintentionally bred

two white birds from his flock of racing pigeons; a forty-year hobby that won him countless awards. Pirrone took his white birds to St. Paul's Catholic Church, for release during services. That sparked continuous requests for white dove release ceremonies.

"We see the birds – living symbols of purity and hope - bring comfort, peace and closure for grieving families or add so much joy to celebrations. We meet wonderful people who invite us into their lives to share and commemorate their sacred milestone events and we realized, this is what we are meant to do," the couple said. "Money is not the priority. What these white birds mean to people, the emotions of the release ceremony and how it affects families, that's what matters."

There is some confusion about the seemingly interchangeable use of the terms dove and pigeon to describe these white birds. According to the National Audubon Society, there are approximately 300 different species of doves and pigeons in the family Columbidae. Renowned ornithologist Kenn Kaufman, Audubon field editor and author of multiple bird field guides, explained that, "...pigeon and dove are two different words for birds in that family...like egret and heron."

Although related, birds capable of learning to home long distances after release, are not domestic doves, Ringneck Doves or other varieties often sold at pet stores, pet bird shows or online. The birds with powerful homing instincts and fast distance flight ability are homing pigeons specifically bred for their white color.



Mike & Carolyn Pirrone holding their ceremonial white birds in front of one of their lofts.

Homing pigeons possess an internal compass in their brains. Once successfully trained, that compass guides them with unerring accuracy back to their home loft. This ability made them valuable throughout history as messenger-carriers, and later for the worldwide sport of pigeon racing. Homing carrier pigeons were used extensively for military communications by the 19th century. They were the only reliable means of communication during both world wars.

The Pirrones band and train their birds to home as soon as the chicks are weaned, at



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Mike holding one of his birds at a white dove release ceremony.

about a month of age. From initial short backyard flights to and from their lofts, by the age of five months they easily fly fifty miles back to their home loft. Because these birds can live up to twenty years, this commitment is longterm. The Pirrones keep every bird for the duration of its lifetime, which currently has Mike busy constructing another new loft for additional space.

The white color that distinguishes these birds as an historical symbol of love, hope, peace and purity, also makes them more vulnerable to predators after release; a fact upheld by critics of release ceremonies as inhumane.

The Pirrones, parents of two and doting grandparents of five, care for their birds as lovingly as their children. They painstakingly take every possible precaution, and say the birds are born to fly and love the freedom of release and flight back home. Every Pirrone bird is blessed by a Catholic priest from their church.



The Pirrones' white homing pigeons with leg bands clearly visible.

With safety a constant priority, the Pirrones have a proven system for successful flights. Only fully trained birds are released, in pairs or more; they fly best in a flock. The Pirrones are practically meteorologists, who follow NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association) reports and monitor weather conditions 24/7. Their birds only fly in daylight and good weather; rain or wind postpones or cancels events. They inspect release sites

prior to every ceremony to assess danger and are experts at spotting, distracting or warding off hawks pre-release. They only accept events within fifty miles of the birds' home loft, although the birds are capable of longer distance flights.

Mr. Pirrone, one of eight sons born to a large Italian family in Philadelphia, grew up raising racing pigeons and shared a lifelong love of the birds and the sport, with his father. After he and Carolyn married, they relocated to Jacksonville in 1980. The Pirrones had careers: he in the Mayport shrimp industry and Carolyn at Mayo, Landstar and Ford.

Their "retirement" business training birds for release ceremonies comes complete with special decorations, creative baskets for the birds and a framed dove keepsake for participants. They keep in touch with families and both agree that it has brought a higher, completely unexpected purpose to their lives.

The Pirrones describe a dark side to this beautiful ceremonial tradition, and it centers around unscrupulous individuals who purchase any white squabs (fledgling birds) to use for release ceremonies. Purchased for a few dollars from poultry farms, backyard breeders or elsewhere, these birds are bought solely for their white color, not any homing or distance flight ability, with no intention of any training.

These birds are often kept in squalid conditions, with little or no recommended care or necessary vaccines to prevent disease and infection. They are not treated with any compassion, but are deliberately raised as cheaply as possible: products to be sold, released and abandoned for maximum, quick profit.

This article was inspired by the day my daughter called home from college to tell me two pure white doves – with no leg bands – were on her dorm balcony, obviously tame and begging for food. What followed was a lot of research that resulted in a happy ending for those birds and a need to publicize the

facts and issues regarding white doves released for ceremonies.

If an obviously tame, lost, ill or injured bird is found, first secure the space where they are located to prevent flight, or provide safe confinement in a pet crate or cardboard box with holes for light and air. Next, provide bird seed and water. Note any injuries or if the bird's leg is banded. Whether it is white or has colors, write down the number and letters on the leg band and contact: www.nwdrs.org, National White Dove Release Society or www.npaua.com, National Pigeon Association. The band number and letters identify that bird, its owner and registration for safe return. If there is no identification band, contact any local animal welfare organization, bird rescue group or lost pet organization for help.

Those interested in a professional white dove release ceremony, can visit the following websites for extensive information and how to contact a reputable, professional homing bird trainer/handler.



John Glisson overcame autism to earn the rank of Eagle Scout and is pictured with his father, George Glisson at a white dove release ceremony held in his honor by his family.

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TAYLOR RICHARDSON IS REACHING FOR THE STARS



Mural of Taylor Richardson on the Upper Eastside of Jacksonville.



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TAYLOR RICHARDSON

At only 17 years old, Taylor Richardson has already impacted the local community, the country, the world. She aspires to someday impact space.

Taylor is determined to visit Mars. “A little Black girl walking around in an astronaut’s suit saying she wants to go to Mars was a very lofty dream. But she is doing the work to try to ensure that,” said her mother, Latonja Richardson.

Taylor’s service and advocacy work began when she was 9 years old when she built a Mars colony, a project that earned her a stay at Alabama’s Space Camp where she was the only Black girl of 500 attending. There, she was given the nickname Astronaut StarBright.

“Most people know her for her philanthropy skills. In the last three years, Taylor has raised almost \$250,000 for girls’ empowerment and STEM resources for girls, particularly girls

of color, not just nationally, but internationally as well,” said Latonja.

“Through my work, the legacy I want to leave behind is to bring a sisterhood of warriors with me all the way to the stars by disrupting the status quo where Black girls like me have equal representation at the table,” Taylor said. And her intention is not only to benefit Black girls, but all girls.

Taylor launched The Black Friend Challenge, hoping to distribute 100 copies of the book *The Black Friend* by Frederick Joseph as a way to prompt dialogue to combat racism. So far, she’s raised over \$22,000, and all 21 Jacksonville public libraries now have the book available, as do over 30 states and 40 US Embassies.

In June 2019, Taylor was the first Black girl and the youngest ever to receive an “Aspiring EVE” award by The Florida Times-Union. Though she is still too young to

vote, in summer 2019, Taylor helped 150 Jacksonville youth register to vote. She has been interviewed on national news shows along with celebrities like Oprah Winfrey and Mae Jemison, the first African American woman to travel through space.

Taylor has spoken at conferences around the world to push #RepresentationMatters. She has graced the covers of two scholastic science magazines. She was voted 2017 Girl of the Year for Women in Aviation, being the first African American girl to do so. She is featured in two documentary films that are doing well in festivals across the country. She has her own Wikipedia page, and a list of other accomplishments too lengthy to print.

As a young child, Taylor was bullied due to the color of her skin and to her diagnosis of ADHD (Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder). She changed the acronym to

Abundantly Different Happily Divine, trademarked that name, and now sells ADHD apparel. The proceeds she donates to a local ADHD foundation and to space initiatives.

Taylor has proven that labels of any sort need not hold anyone back from following their dreams and achieving their goals. “What I’m most proud about with Taylor is not her successes but how she has handled her failures, how she has handled being bullied,” said Latonja.

Despite her early setbacks, Taylor is currently a junior at The Bolles School, maintaining a 3.8 GPA while attending virtual classes. Her next step is college; she wants to be a physician, a scientist, and an astronaut. Then, it’s to Mars.

“Kids are not ‘the future;’ we are here now. We are not going to change the world ‘someday;’ we are already doing it,” Taylor said.

Troop 35 Celebrate 100 Years



Max Stein and Todd Mollitt recount their friendship that began in Scouting. Now, their sons continue the legacy of adventures in the Scouting journey.

With high spirits, Troop 35 Scouts and adult leaders defied a blustery Nor’easter morning as they prepared for and celebrated Troop 35’s 100th Anniversary and Scout Sunday Celebration at Southside United Methodist Church of Jacksonville, Florida.

Tasty refreshments included a delightful menu of donuts, fruit, juice, and a coffee bar. Displays of Troop Memories & History shared Troop 35’s history of its charter and brought to light the remembrances of Troop 35’s adventures of past years.

Current and Alumni Scouts participated in SUMC’s 3 worship services. Scouts presented the liturgical readings and prayers. Troop Alumni presented the history of US Scouting and Troop 35’s Charter history. They also recounted their experiences as a Scout with Troop 35, and shared what Scouting had provided them into adulthood.



Pastor Philip with Troop 35. Troop 35 Centennial and Scout Sunday Celebration. Sunday, March 21, 2021

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San Jose Episcopal Day School Simulates Pioneer Times

On April 14th, fourth-grade classrooms at San Jose Episcopal Day School (SJEDS) were transformed into an 1800s schoolhouse.

Electronics were put away. Electricity was turned off. Chalk and slates displaced pencils and paper. The day's lessons included bible instruction and directions in butter making. Students dressed in period fashion and carried lunch in a pail, by basket, or tied to the end of a stick. At recess, pioneer games, like a horseshoe toss, replaced modern pastimes.

Florida history is a required component of the school's curriculum, and this simulation was done in an effort to teach students about the adventures and hardships experienced by pioneers of days gone by.

"It was a great day," said Megan Trumpler, 4th Grade Teacher at SJEDS.

Since 1950, San Jose Episcopal Day School has been inspiring a passion for learning, a life of integrity, and a heart for Christian service. The school's mission is to educate mind, body, and spirit.



Students toss horseshoes at recess.



Students write with white chalk on black slate.

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FIRST SPLASHES



The family convened for a celebratory jump recently – launching a new addition to Bolles Aquatics. The Pearsons' five children are Emmy, who graduated from Bolles in 2019, and current students, senior Kallie, sophomore Jessie, seventh grader Jack, and fourth grader Charley.

The Pearsons' philanthropy advances the future of Bolles Swimming, an area of athletics that has been personally meaningful to the family over the years. The Pearsons have been avid participants in and supporters of competitive swimming and are committed to taking the Bolles Swimming and Diving program to new levels. Missy's sister, Katie Jason Oldorp, swam for Bolles from 1989-1994 and went on to swim collegiately at Dartmouth College.

"Our goal is to offer a program to develop people of excellence and elite performances and Tarver Pool takes us to the next level,"

Bolles Head Coach and Aquatics Director Peter Verhoef said.

Missy's grandfather, Jack Tarver was chairman of the board of Cox Enterprises, the publisher of the Atlanta Journal-Constitution, chairman of the board of Atlanta's Federal Reserve Bank and chairman of the Associated Press at the time of his passing in 1999. He left a widow, Margaret Taylor Tarver, and two children, including daughter Margaret Tarver Jason, Missy's mother.

The Tarver Pool completes Phase I of the redevelopment of Bolles' pool facilities. Work now enters Phase II of planned expansion for Bolles' aquatics program, which includes expansion of the dry-land training room, welcome center, coaches offices and new meeting/venue space overlooking both the school's Uible Pool and the track and stadium area.

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Wolfson students exceed fundraising goal



Rynna Burgbacher, Sam Davis, Will Brandler, and Leah Troup compete at Trivia Night fundraiser.

The students of Samuel Wolfson School for Advanced Studies have exceeded their fundraising goal to benefit Children's Miracle Network. The Wolfson Student Government set their sights on \$3,000, but the Wolfpack actually raised \$4,129.92, making the high school the first in North Florida to meet, and then surpass, its fundraising goal last month.

The students participated in a variety of fundraising events to make the accomplishment possible, including candy grams at Valentine's Day and a Friday Trivia Night held in the school's courtyard.

In late March, the Wolfson Student Government Association under the leadership of club sponsor and English teacher Caitlyn Glynn hosted the first Dance Marathon for Duval County Public Schools. This event is a popular tradition on college campuses across the country and has been adapted by many private schools across North Florida. It's a fundraiser designed to bring school students and community members together in support of a greater cause while having plenty of fun. Although this year's Dance Marathon had to be held virtually due to the pandemic, it was a huge success for Wolfson.

ALL SAINTS EPISCOPAL YOUTH GROUP DONATES HYGIENE KITS



Neighborhood helpers – Sydney Lee, Minka Mathews, Greenley Mathews, and Emily Parry.



All Saints Episcopal CREW middle school youth group, left to right – Jackie Hagan, Hillary Citrano (Director), Anna McManus, Mary McManus, Stephanie Hagan.

The All Saints Episcopal CREW (Christians ready, equipped, and willing) youth group, under the leadership of Hillary Citrano, assembled and donated over 125 hygiene kits to the Children's Home Society of Florida (CHS). Each kit contained various toiletries, face mask, and hand sanitizer. The hygiene supplies were delivered to Emily Williamson at CHS in brand new duffel bags donated by a church parishioner, Julia Suddath, to fill important needs for the children and youth of the Society.

"This was such a great project, and I'm incredibly proud of our junior youth group!" Citrano said.

The CREW had little neighborhood helpers taking part in the project, too. During the pandemic, Citrano began on her front lawn reading stories and doing crafts with children of her neighborhood. When she told a group of little girls what her church's middle school youth group was doing, the neighborhood girls took it upon themselves to collect donations door-to-door. Citrano was so inspired by the girls' idea, that

she designed a flyer and had the CREW collect items throughout their neighborhoods and the church parish as well. That's when Suddath stepped up with the duffel bags to complete the presentation to CHS.

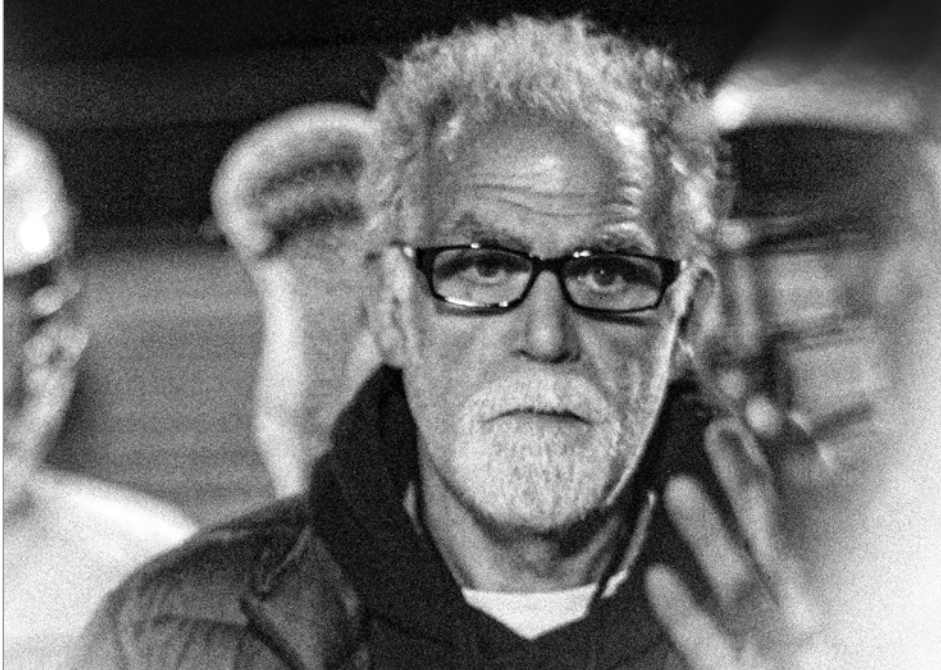
Of the many ideas the CREW youth group had for service work, this hygiene kit project for CHS won the most votes after learning that there are many area children who go without the most basic needs for good hygiene. There are schoolteachers and guidance counselors who provide products when they notice and when they're able, but it can become financially overwhelming.

As a separate but affiliated project, Citrano led the young CREW in writing thank you letters to teachers who work in high-risk area schools, many of whose students are with CHS. "They wanted to thank the teachers for their service and remind them how important they are to children and youth," Citrano said.

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Episcopal School students volunteer in their Community Service Day



Episcopal School students made cards for people needing hope in Jacksonville during their Community Service Day.

Students from all three campuses of Episcopal School of Jacksonville volunteered more than 2,400 hours during the school's March 23 Community Service Day. Fine Arts students performed pop-up shows across the city, including at the Beaches and St. Mark's Campuses; and advisories tackled individual group service projects and made more than 200 Easter baskets for Community Hospice PedsCare. Other students volunteered in a variety of ways, such as cleaning up campus and the beach, making cards for those incarcerated, sick, in nursing homes or hospice; building toys for homeless pets; and packing food, learning about hunger and assisting Farm Share, Hunger Fight and UCOM.

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Middle School names new Bartram Campus head



Bolles President and Head of School Tyler Hodges recently announced that Joshua Bauman has been hired to lead the Bolles Middle School Bartram Campus as its head. “We are exceedingly pleased to welcome Josh to Bolles and have every confidence he is the right person

for this very special role in our community,” Hodges said.

Bauman is coming with his family to the Jacksonville community at the end of the 2020-21 school year from Virginia. For the past 16 years, he has worked in various leadership roles at St. Stephen’s and St. Agnes School, an age 3 - grade 12 Episcopal day school in Alexandria, Virginia. He most recently served as associate director of the school’s middle school for which he redesigned the school’s schedule, formalized a professional growth plan, hired faculty specifically focusing on diverse experiences and added Chinese to the school’s language offerings.

To build a commitment to service in middle school students, he coordinated a Special Olympics Young Athletes program as well as a service-learning trip in which students assisted families in rebuilding their homes from hurricane devastation in Puerto Rico. He has also served as Eighth Grade dean, Spanish teacher, middle school and varsity boys’ soccer coach and, while at Cardigan Mountain School in Canaan, New Hampshire, as a dorm parent.

He earned a master’s degree in educational studies from Johns Hopkins University and a bachelor’s degree in international studies and Spanish at Kenyon College in Ohio.

“My family and I are thrilled and honored to join the Bolles community, and I cannot wait to spend my days with the students on the beautiful Bartram Campus,” Bauman said. “I am inspired by the breadth of opportunities offered at Bolles as well as the commitment to character development and inclusivity.”

Bolles student-athletes commit to colleges, universities

San Marco residents Bobby Crouch and Mack Marrone, San Jose resident Richie Rosenblum and Ortega resident Meagan Donovan were among seven Bolles student-athletes honored on April 14 for committing to a particular college or university to continue their athletic and academic careers. Family, friends, classmates, coaches and faculty gathered in Davis Gymnasium on the San Jose Campus to celebrate their commitments.

The following Bolles student-athletes were honored: basketball – Bobby Crouch, Babson College, and Richie Rosenblum, Wartburg College; crew – Bear Fender, Stetson University; football – Michael Bumpus, Brown University, and Mack Marrone, Colgate University; swimming – Krissi Greene, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute; and tennis – Meagan Donovan, Washington and Lee University.

This was the third of three college commitment ceremonies held at The Bolles School this school year to recognize student-athletes as they committed to colleges. Thirteen Bolles student-athletes were honored on February 3, and eight were honored on November 11.

Douglas Anderson students net national awards



Douglas Anderson School of the Arts staff recently celebrated the school’s 2021 National Scholastic Arts Award Winners. Starting 98 years ago, the Scholastic Arts & Writing award program is the oldest awards program in the nation. Nationally, Scholastic Program judges have evaluated more than 400,000 works of art and selected 2,000 winners. This year, ten Douglas Anderson students earned 12 national awards.

The students who took home the hardware included: Catherine Evoniuk, gold medal, photography; Britney Garibay, American Visions Medal, painting; silver medal, painting; silver medal with distinction, art portfolio; Matthew Green, gold medal, drawing and illustration; Natalie Holden, silver medal, ceramics & glass; Zane Leyva, gold medal, sculpture; Zhanna Marzan, silver medal, art portfolio; Nayra McMahan, silver medal, poetry; Bruno Misawa Marcondes, silver medal, film & animation; Blake Molenaar, silver medal, poetry; Julianna Press, silver medal, painting.

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Juliette Meyer and Ellie Park.

Students at San Jose Episcopal Day School participate in grade-level culture immersion each year. First Graders recently became Irish connoisseurs learning about the food, music, history, and traditions of Ireland. They completed research using computers, read books, and even interviewed a teacher at SJEDS who was born and raised in Ireland! According to first-grade students, a new bucket list trip would be to the Blarney Stone to get the “gift of gab!” I’m not sure if their teachers want any more talking, but we would gladly go as chaperones!

Episcopal students win big at Virtual State Science Fair of Florida

Episcopal students were recipients of place and special awards, cash prizes and gifts at the Virtual State Science Fair of Florida the week of April 5.

Senior Sally Barksdale was the recipient of the First Place Award in Biochemistry for her computer-based investigation to predict responses to melanoma treatment based on their genetic biomarkers.

Earning second place awards were junior Daniel Delong for his robotic hand, senior Julia Kagiliery for her novel method of water analysis and sophomore Sean Ramsey for his Martian concrete.

Senior Miranda Doro was the recipient of the prestigious Governor’s Award to attend the one-month National Youth Science Camp, and she was nominated for a four-year \$10,000 scholarship at the University of Florida.

Other Episcopal winners of place awards and special awards include the following: sophomore Tom Commander, nanoparticle treatments; sophomore Isabella Buschini, UV light on eye development; senior Jordan Harrow, pesticide resistance; junior Matthew Schinsing, pesticides in bee colonies; sophomore Natalie Rabil, water pollution on amphipods; junior Jackson Whitchurch, UV-C treatments; senior Ariel Largen, effectiveness of online learning; and junior Jake Barker ’22, successful grant applications.

More than 600 students from public and private schools from around the state presented to judges via video recordings, posters and virtual interviews. Judges evaluated the students’ projects based on their clarity, thoroughness, creativity and communication skills.

During the first week in May Barksdale, Delong, Kagiliery and Harrow will present their projects at the Virtual International Science and Engineering Fair, where they will be competing with approximately 1,700 students from 75 other countries.

TPF hosted NFSSE at Hanna Park



NFSSE students learn at Hanna Park.

Timucuan Parks Foundation (TPF) and its park partner, the City of Jacksonville,

welcomed teens and aides from the North Florida School of Special Education (NFSSE) for an afternoon of education and exploration at Kathryn Abbey Hanna Park recently.

The Healthy Living: Fresh Air, Fitness, Friendship and Fun program included an introduction to the types of animals the teens could encounter in environments like Hanna Park and a 1.5-mile walk along the wooded trails and the beach. The day was made possible, in part, by a grant from the National Park Service and Outdoor Foundation.

Since 1999, TPF, a nonprofit organization, has been working with partners to preserve, promote, and enhance Jacksonville’s natural areas through community engagement, education, and enjoyment. Their Healthy Living program is designed to reach non-traditional and diverse audiences to show them the mental and physical benefits of outdoor recreation in preservation parks. Throughout the year, TPF hosts Healthy Living walks in Jacksonville’s “wilderness” parks and preserves for different age groups and organizations.

It's been a tough year for students, but they've stayed the course and have worked hard through a trying time for our country. Not only did they persevere through a pandemic, but they've learned to turn the page to 2021 with optimism, gratitude and a renewed spirit for learning as they returned to the classroom.

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Varsity Girls Lacrosse team at Samuel Wolfson School for Advanced Studies

On April 12, the Varsity Girls Lacrosse team of Samuel Wolfson School for Advanced Studies finished their best season in the school's history by defeating Paxton in the district quarter-finals hosted at Wolfson.

The game made for a total of seven wins and five losses for the team in the 2021 season. This was a huge accomplishment considering that many team members are first-time lacrosse players competing against veteran players. A further challenge to the team's development was posed by the pandemic, which suspended all spring sports last year.

This is a young team, the newest in the North Florida area. It was started by Jessica Fessenden, Head Coach, only three years ago and is led by sophomores Kaylee Carolan, Kaili Wery, and Campbell Scharer.

"Finishing the 2021 season with seven wins is a huge accomplishment that the Wolfpack is very proud of," said Fessenden. The team is looking forward to growing and competing in the future against some of the larger programs in the region.

Erik Williams wins 3rd consecutive First Coast Spelling Bee

St. Johns Country Day School is proud to announce that Erik Williams, 8th grade student, has won his 3rd consecutive First Coast Spelling Bee.

On Monday, March 2, Williams became the 2021 champion after correctly spelling the word abience. Other notable words he mastered included vervet, orogeny, and quiddity.

The Bee lasted over three hours and Williams emerged victorious through 39 rounds, defeating 13 other contestants from across the First Coast. "Congratulations, Erik!" said Regan Minners from the school's communications department.

The coronavirus pandemic caused this year's local competition to be held virtually, but Williams is now preparing for the Scripps National Spelling Bee that is scheduled to be held in person on Thursday, July 8 at the ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex at Walt Disney World Resort in Bay Lake, near Orlando. The St. Johns Spartan family will be cheering Williams on.



The Williams family: L-R Annica, Erik, David, and Alan.

Florida Dairy Farmers name Bishop Kenny Player and Coach of the Year in Volleyball



Suzanne Winkler (Coach of the Year) and Ally Cavanaugh (Player of the Year).



Ally Cavanaugh in action at state championship game.

Indoor volleyball coach Suzanne Winkler and star player Ally Cavanaugh of Bishop Kenny High School have been named Coach of the Year and Player of the Year by Florida Dairy Farmers in Class 4A. These awards cap off an outstanding season for the team.

The BK Crusaders won the state championship game against Cardinal Gibbons in four sets, finishing the season with a 21-8 record. Their leader, Coach Winkler, has been head coach for 18 years. She has led teams through a long list of championship titles and holds multiple awards for her coaching finesse. Winkler is known for valuing her players as individuals yet mandating that they play as team members who work for the greater good of the program.

Cavanaugh '23 is the starting outside hitter for the team who had a season high of 295 kills with a .336 hitting percentage and 57 blocks. She is passionate about volleyball, plays all year round, and dreams of playing for a large division 1 program in college. She is thankful to have Winkler as a guide. "When I moved from the middle position mid-season to outside hitter, I was anxious, and Coach Winkler pushed me and made me believe that I could dominate in my new position. It was important for me to know that she believed in me and together we finished the season as state champions!" Cavanaugh said.

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THE WAY WE WERE: KAREN BUSKIRK

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Some people give selflessly, not expecting any reward or return. They give because they believe that giving back is the only way to truly effect positive change. Karen Buskirk is one such person. “You can gripe and complain all you want, but if you don’t give back to make the community better, then you’re not making a city better, a city stronger,” she said.

Karen Buskirk is a native of Jacksonville. She was born on February 24, 1948 at St. Luke’s Hospital as Karen Moore. She grew up on Peachtree Circle North near San Marco as the youngest of three. She has a sister living in Orange Park. Their brother is deceased.

Buskirk went to Hendricks Avenue Elementary School and was a member of

the Hendricks Avenue Baptist Church recreation program. “Every day of the week I was down there,” she said. She and her friends would have bike races to see who could get there fastest to jump on the trampoline and play basketball on the court. “I was very athletic, always outside, riding my bike, just playing in the neighborhood,” she said.

In 1960, Buskirk became the first girl ever to play Little League in Jacksonville. She was the only girl on the boys’ team, for there were no teams for girls in the community at that time. She rode down to Hendricks Avenue, just a few blocks from her house, and ball teams were gathering. She didn’t think about boys or girls. She just wanted to play. “I’ve always been very determined,” she said.

She was included on a team for the right field position. “Nobody knew I was girl,” she said. She wasn’t yet a teen, hadn’t yet developed, wore short hair and a cap. The following year, softball teams for girls began. Buskirk had started a trend. Her courage had given girls a gift.

After Hendricks, Buskirk went on to DuPont Junior High. In 1966, she was a member of the first graduating class of Wolfson High School, which was established when the district merged DuPont students with Landon students to accommodate the growing Southside population. “It was exciting,” Buskirk said of the opportunity to meet new friends with whom she hadn’t gone to junior high. The student body voted her Most Athletic.

Buskirk graduated with a two-year degree from Florida Junior College, which today is known as Florida State College at Jacksonville. She then transferred to Florida State University but didn’t stay long. While she’d been a

student there, struggling with money and majors, Buskirk worked part time at Pick ‘n Save. A customer, who happened to be a military recruiter, came through her line and told her, “You know, you would be a great recruit for the Air Force.” So, she signed up!

She returned to Jacksonville from Tallahassee to get her car and then drove to Duluth, Minnesota where she was stationed. It was her first time crossing state lines out of Florida, aside from the few times she had traveled with her softball team for tournaments. Buskirk, a Florida girl through and through, asked the Minnesota natives in mid-July when summer would be coming. She was told, “We had it yesterday.” It was obvious to them by more than just her southern accent that Buskirk was an outsider.

She stayed in the Air Force only 16 months. During that time, she met and married Leonard Buskirk, a retiring tech sergeant from a small town in Wisconsin. Duluth offered few employment opportunities for the former sergeant, so he insisted that they move to his wife’s hometown, Jacksonville, though he’d never been to Florida.

The couple bought a house on Scotty Drive in the Greenfield Manor area and had two children, Trent and Celena, before purchasing a brand-new home on Mandarin Point Lane in Mandarin in 1974. Buskirk still lives there today.

Married with two children, Buskirk used the GI Bill to finish her degree at the University of North Florida. She wanted a career that afforded summers off with Trent and Celena, and she’s always had a love for kids; so, she earned her degree in elementary education.

When their children were only 8 and 11 years old, Buskirk’s husband was diagnosed with multiple myeloma, a cancer of the plasma cells. He passed on five years later. Buskirk was left a widowed mother of two teenagers. “When you have children, you can do either one of two things. You can wallow in the way that life should have been, or you can go and be with your children,” Buskirk said. She chose the latter and saw to it that both of hers went through advanced schooling. Her son earned scholarships and pursued a PhD at Arizona State University. Her daughter graduated from Mandarin High as Most Athletic, having inherited her mom’s physical agility, and earned a scholarship to the University of North Florida where she studied health sciences.

It was not only her own children whom Buskirk invested in educating. In January 2015, she retired from a 35-year career in



Karen Buskirk, teacher at Spring Park Elementary, January 1995

the Duval County school district, teaching first grade and Title 1 reading students. She taught at North Shore, Spring Park, and Lake Forest Elementary Schools.

Buskirk, a believer in changing a by giving back to it, had spent approximately \$10,000 of her own money for resources to help her students learn. She refused to pass over the children who were struggling. “I’m a self-motivator. If I see something that needs to be done, I do it,” she said. And her efforts did not go unnoticed. Buskirk still recalls a visit from Nicholas, one of her many former students, letting her know he was doing well as a junior at Florida State.



February 1980, Buskirk family in Scotty Drive home

While working, Buskirk saw too many kids sitting down and playing video games. She wanted to get them out and active. So, upon her retirement, Buskirk bought a bicycle for each of the 20 students in her class. “I have a deep passion for children because they can’t help a lot of the situations they’re in,” she said.



Leonard 'Buz', Karen, Celena, Trent, May 1978

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Karen in Little League uniform in front yard of Peachtree Circle North home

First, Buskirk called each one's parents for approval. Then, she contacted Trek Bicycle Shop in Jacksonville Beach to arrange the mass purchase of quality equipment. She insisted on no training wheels. "I believe in giving kids confidence," she said. Jack Tomassetti, salesman at the shop, arranged to have a local policeman offer a traffic course for the class on a Saturday morning. "Every one of those kids loved those bikes. Some of them had never even been on a bike before, and they just thoroughly enjoyed it," Buskirk said. Moved by Buskirk's generosity, Tomassetti decided to donate a helmet to each child.

To ensure that the bicycles were used only as intended, for the enjoyment and freedom of her students, Buskirk gave a list to the bike shop of every parent's name and had each one sign an agreement that nothing could be

refunded in exchange for money to be used for something else. She was that protective of the children's interests. "God's given me a lot of wisdom over the years, and I'm able to perceive and see things that people might do," she said.

After her retirement, Buskirk volunteered for a time as a tutor at a community center. She's devoted her Fridays to DESC, a downtown food pantry and clothing closet. She also acted as guardian ad litem for a 3-year-old girl and would like to continue in that role once coronavirus is no longer a threat.

It's not only to her family, her students, and her community that Buskirk gives, but also to out-of-town strangers. She recounted a plane ride back to Florida from visiting her son out of state. She met a woman whose connecting flight would be delayed extensively, deeming it necessary for the lady to spend a day-and-a-half alone in Jacksonville, never having been here before. "I reached in my pocket and gave her a 50-dollar bill," Buskirk said. "Have a good time while you're in Jacksonville," she told the woman. "I give because God has blessed me with the means to give," she said.



May 1988 with son Trent and daughter Celena in front of their Mandarin home

"I think Jacksonville's a great city! It really is a very welcoming city. And I think that there are a lot of people in Jacksonville who care about all segments, whether it's children, whether it's the elderly, whether it's the disabled, whether it's the veterans," Buskirk said. And though her son is now raising two daughters in Ohio, and her daughter is raising one in Montana, Buskirk still says of Jacksonville, "It's a city to call home."



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YMCA's celebration of W.W. Gay's life establishes new scholarship fund and community award



Paul Jones shares stories during the Celebration of Life event in honor of his grandfather, W.W. 'Bill' Gay.



Paul Jones, Joy Jones and Dr. Vernon Jones.



The Jones family.

The Winston Family YMCA hosted a virtual Celebration of Life event on March 23 that raised more than \$110,000 for the 2021 Winston Y Annual Campaign and announced the new W.W. 'Bill' Gay Community Impact Award.

Family members, employees, community leaders and elected officials, including Rick Catlett, former president and CEO of the Taxslayer Gator Bowl; Scott Stricklin, athletic director for the University of Florida; and Sen. Rick Scott, shared stories about Gay's impact on the community with guests to the event.

A new W.W. 'Bill' Gay Community Impact Award was introduced at the event. The annual award will recognize an outstanding individual/organization making a major impact in the Northeast Florida Community. The inaugural award was presented at the event to Gay's family.

The W.W. 'Bill' Gay Scholarship Fund was also unveiled during the event to honor Gay's legacy and support of YMCA programs that provide opportunity for those in need in our community. Donations support the YMCA's goal to ensure that no one is ever turned away for the inability to pay.



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Betty Acosta-Carter, 96, died peacefully on April 3. She was married to the love of her life, Edward I. Acosta, from Jacksonville, for 40 years, from 1945 until his death in 1986. A few years later Betty was reacquainted with Carroll Carter, and they married at All Saints Church in 1988. They were married 10 years until Carroll's death in 1998.

She was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, on Sept. 23, 1945 as Sharon Lee Fink to parents named Melvin and Ruth. She was a graduate of Woodward High School before attending the University of Cincinnati.

Betty was born on Dec. 6, 1924, in Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, where her father was stationed in the Army. She was the eldest of four daughters.

The family relocated to Washington, D.C., and then to Puerto Rico. After her father's death, they moved to Columbus, Ga. Betty was a graduate of Columbus High School and attended Stratford College.

Betty was a member of All Saints Episcopal Church on Hendricks Avenue for more than 60 years. She was also a founding member of the St. Mary's Circle at All Saints.

Betty was also a member of San Jose Country Club for 70 years where she was an avid golfer and a member of the San Jose Ladies Golf Association. She also participated in the St. Johns Dinner Club.

Over the years she volunteered her time for several charitable organizations, such as the American Cancer Society and The Tournament Players Club at Sawgrass. She was a longtime member of the (NSCDA) National Society of the Colonial Dames of America and the (DAR) National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Betty loved to play bridge, enjoyed flowers and gardening, and was a lifetime student of history. She enjoyed entertaining her many friends, walking daily on the beach and spending time in St. Augustine with her beloved family.

She leaves behind her beloved pet, Zoey. Others left to cherish her memory include her sister, Patricia McCormick McNeel

(Marietta Ga.), and her children, Edward George Acosta, Andrea Acosta Newman (Buddy), and daughter in-law Mini Acosta. She was also "Grammy" to Karsen Newman, Kaden Newman, Emily Myers (Mark), Matthew Firkel, Suzann Hobson, and several nieces and nephews. She was great-grandmother to Pressley Myers. She also leaves behind her very caring friend, Lisa Armstrong.

Her family is grateful to her caregivers for the past five years, Abu Abdela, Jasmine Taylor, Rosario Householder, and Bernadette Hills.

Betty is preceded in death by her parents, Major and Mrs. Edward George McCormick, sisters Lenora McCormick Guy and Helena McCormick Pease and son Mark St. Elmo Acosta, as well as her husbands, Edward I. Acosta and Carroll E. Carter.



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Resident Community News

They're not "crazy cat ladies" even though they've been called such. "We're clearly not crazy. We're just empathetic. We have hearts," said Kellie Turner of her and other Jacksonville women's efforts at TNR.

TNR stands for Trap-Neuter-Return. It's a process of humanely reducing the number of free-roaming cats in the neighborhood. A cat is trapped after being lured into a cage with food. The feline is then taken to a veterinarian for neutering, otherwise known as spaying for females, so that the animal is unable to reproduce. Post-surgery, a cat is socialized to be adopted out as a pet. If it cannot be, it is returned to its colony, its outdoor family.

Feral cats are not used to human contact. Most feral colonies originated from unneutered stray cats, which are ones that were once domesticated but then were abandoned or got lost.

Turner's kinship with cats began when she was in fifth grade and adopted two white Siamese kittens from the litter of her friend's cat. As an adult, for eight years, Turner worked alone with a colony of cats near her home in the Atlantic and Hodges Boulevards area of Jacksonville. She would feed the cats, catch the kittens to adopt them out, and try to trap the adult members for neutering. But she was unsuccessful at getting them all, so they continued to reproduce.

Nearly three years ago, someone fed rat poisoning to the colony. "I just couldn't stand back and watch," Turner said. She met up with Monika Johnson to assist in her efforts of trapping the cats and rehabbing them on Turner's screened porch until they could be either adopted out or returned to the colony. "It was a nightmare," Turner said. But she could not in good conscience let the helpless animals suffer and die.

Turner and Johnson paid out of their own pockets thousands of dollars in vet bills and then reached out on GoFundMe. Supplies and prescriptions are not free. The ladies nursed, tamed, and found homes for at least 20 kittens and cats that someone had tried to kill. And Turner's TNR mission continues.

On her porch, she still keeps cat towers and heated beds. In her garage, she keeps crates. Residing there are rescued felines that are not adoptable as house pets and are not yet well enough to be released. She currently has seven cats ready for adoption. And there's a consistent turnover.



"San Marco has a really big issue with stray cats right now, San Marco & Riverside. We need more help."

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Stray cat attacked by a dog, rescued by Kellie Turner.



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She receives calls daily from residents in San Marco and beyond about stray, sick, and injured cats that need rescuing. Some are left behind in apartment buildings when their owners move out. Others are seen dodging traffic. Recently, two kittens were dropped off at a McDonald's drive thru.

"San Marco has a really big issue with stray cats right now, San Marco and Riverside," Turner said. In a single month, she could trap 25 or more cats in the area, bring them to be neutered, and return them back to their territory if they are not adoptable.

Turner is currently working with a group of 12 ladies Jacksonville whom she met through Facebook groups within the last six months. "We do this all out of our own time, money, and efforts. We're not funded by anybody. We don't have any financial support. We're doing it out of love for the cats," Turner said. She and the other ladies are trying their best to control the population. "We need more help," Turner said.

She pointed out that it's great when people feed cats they see roaming outside. It takes more than that though. "They've got to be fixed. And they can do that for free," she said, if they are brought into a vet's office in a trap. Turner loans out her traps to people who are willing to do that. "You're giving them a better quality of life when you fix the ones you're feeding," Turner said. She even builds shelters for the cats out of plastic storage totes and lines them with fuzzy blankets or straw.

Turner urges anyone who sees an injured animal to please reach out to Jacksonville's Animal Care and Protective Services (ACPS) via email at JaxPets@COJ.net or by phone (904) 630-CITY (2489) for assistance. There are also Facebook pages to reach people who are willing to help humanely trap cats by baiting them with food, which is how Turner met the ladies she's currently working with.

"Be kind to the ones that can't help themselves. Cats aren't born feral. They become feral because we don't take care of them," Turner said.

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