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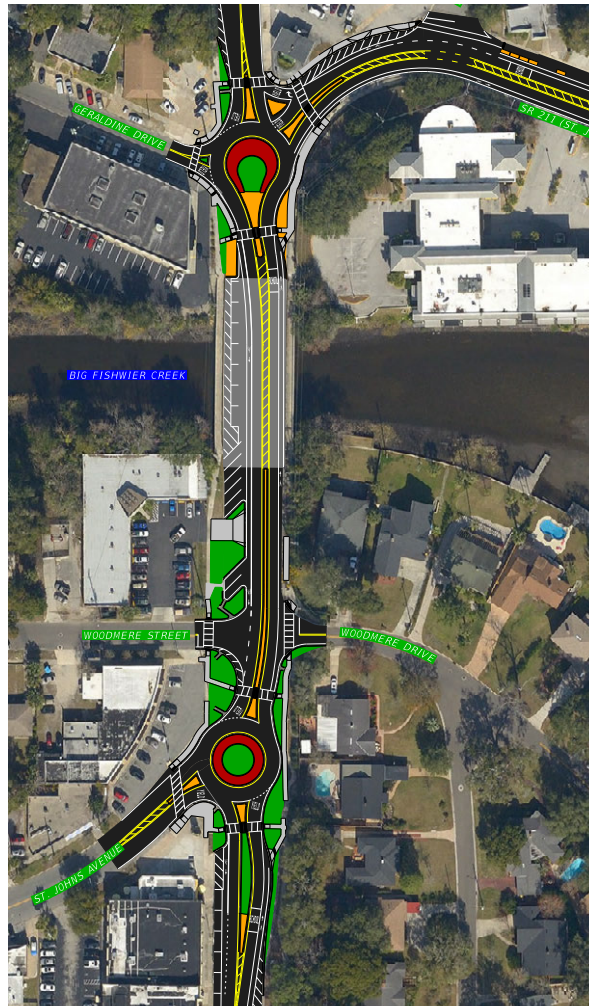
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A TOAST TO NEW LEADERSHIP

Alicia Smith and Shannon Blankenship were on hand at a recent party in honor of Blankenship, as she was formally welcomed to her new role as Executive Director of Riverside Avondale Preservation.

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ROUNDBABOUTS COMING TO ST. JOHNS AVENUE

UTILITY WORK AND CONSTRUCTION UNDERWAY

BY KEVIN J. MEERSCHAERT
Resident Community News

Avondale residents can hear about the Florida Department of Transportation's plans to install roundabouts at the on St. Johns Ave. this month. FDOT says a roundabout will replace the signal at St. Johns Ave (CR 211), Geraldine Drive and Herschel Street. Other improvements will include crosswalks, narrowing of the roadway and the addition of medians to slow traffic, making the intersection more pedestrian friendly. Construction on St. Johns Ave. (CR 211) from Herschel to Canterbury Street is slated to begin July 19, weather permitting. Ahead of the improvements FDOT will hold an open house on July 15 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. It will be held at the Jacksonville FDOT Urban Office located at 2198 Edison Avenue. Residents can also attend virtually through <https://nflroads.com/virtualmeetings>.

Jacksonville's American Lighting & Signalization LLC was awarded a \$1.7 million contract for the project. Another roundabout will be installed at St. Johns Avenue and Herschel across Big Fishwier Creek near Woodmere Street. FDOT said the entire project is expected to be completed by Summer 2022. Utility work will also be a part of the scope of the project, as JEA's sub-contractor, Callaway Contracting, started work June 28 to upgrade a failing sanitary sewer manhole at the first roundabout intersection.



FIS CELEBRATES TOPPING OFF AT GLOBAL HQ

Representing FIS were John Eagle, Amy Mergen, Ido Gileadi, President Bruce Lowthers, Jacksonville Mayor Lenny Curry, Chairman and CEO Gary Norcross, Marc Mayo, Elyn Raftery, Woody Woodall, Greg Montana and Denise Williams

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More Businesses Commit To Ortega Park Shopping Center

BY KAREN J. RIELEY
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Three businesses have signed leases for space in Ortega Park, the renovation of Roosevelt Square at 4495 Roosevelt Boulevard on the Westside, according to Elizabeth Armstrong, Dewberry Group's director of brand development. Chipotle, which is already operating in Ortega Park, Cold Stone Creamery and First Watch, which will be located in the new building next to Longhorn Steakhouse.

Kid's First Dentistry recently moved from across the shopping center's parking lot into space within the new retail plaza.

The city issued a \$1.2 million permit on June 17 for RLH Construction LLC of Oviedo to renovate Building E into a pedestrian alley that will be called Ortega Alley. The alley will serve as a retail plaza for shops anchored by Metro Diner and Chase Bank.

Dewberry Group, based in Atlanta, Ga., is transforming the former 300,000-square-foot Roosevelt Square into approximately 700,000 square feet of upscale residential, office, shopping, dining and lifestyle experiences. Dewberry bought the property in 1997 and renovated it in 1999 and 2003. This will be the third renovation of the shopping center.

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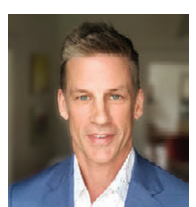


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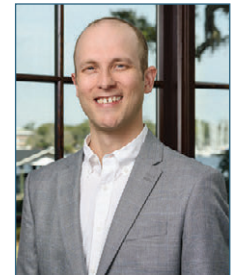
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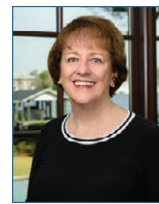
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them for the topping off ceremony. Present for the event were Enterprise Florida Inc. CEO Jamal Sowell and Jacksonville Mayor Lenny Curry and the top brass from FIS, as well as countless business associates who were on-hand to experience the big day.

Kicking off the ceremonies, FIS CEO Gary Norcross talked about the leadership of Jacksonville Mayor Lenny Curry, praising the administration for making the deal happen, it could not have come together without him, he said.

"We operate in more than 100 countries around the world to deliver leading edge financial technology innovations and it all starts right here in Jacksonville," said Norcross. "So, there is no question that this new building will be busy and well used, and when those employees step into this building when it's completed in June of 2022, it will feature 12-stories, 25,000 square-feet of state-of-the-art client engagement and innovation centers, a workout facility, an on-site dining hall, all with expansive views of the St. Johns River."

This next chapter for the global employer, a leader in the fintech industry, is to continue advancing the way the world pays, banks, and invests due to the work of over 63,000 employees working around the globe. For Jacksonville, having the presence of Fidelity's global operations is a big step in the forward progress for the city, which was echoed by Mayor Curry.

"My administration and I were proud to work with Gary [Norcross] and his team on an agreement for this new headquarters, which is also bringing more jobs and an expanding company presence in our community," he said. "Our city has a strong and growing reputation as a leader in Fintech, due in large part to the presence of FIS."

"I'm confident that this is only the beginning. More and more companies will be relocating to Florida and Jacksonville, in particular, in the coming years due to our high quality-of-life, lower tax burden, affordable cost of living and we welcome them here with open arms. This new building will also bring new beauty and vibrancy to our downtown skyline bolstering community pride and helping make this a lively and active urban core," said Curry.

CONCERNS GROW ABOUT TOXIC COAL ASH SPILL

BY KAREN J. RIELEY
Resident Community News

In March, a Moran tugboat pushing the 7,025-ton, 416-foot barge named Bridgeport from Puerto Rico lost control near the mouth of the St. Johns River, causing the barge to crash into the jetties. It was loaded with 14,000 tons of coal ash. Now, four months later, at least 9,300 tons of coal ash has spilled into the surrounding waters, and coal ash is sitting on the ocean floor.

Several local agencies, such as St. Johns Riverkeeper and the Surfrider Foundation's First Coast Chapter, as well as biologists, environmental and maritime experts have expressed grave concerns over the ash.

"While we don't anticipate significant impacts to water quality within the St. Johns River from the spill, we do have concerns about ash contaminants entering the aquatic food chain, including fish that use the river," said Lisa Rinaman with the St. Johns Riverkeeper. "Studies have documented high levels of chemicals, such as selenium, in the tissues of fish where coal ash has been discharged into waterways."

"In addition, as the ash sinks to the bottom, it smothers aquatic organisms and plants essential to the health of the ecosystem," she said.

The accident happened just off the coast of Hanna Park. The First Coast Chapter of the Surfrider Foundation is concerned about how the spill could negatively impact the health and safety of its members and others who regularly surf and enjoy outdoor recreation near the accident site.

"Despite our repeated calls to officials the last few months, testing information and transparency of the situation have been hard to come by," said Nicole de Venoge, chair of the Surfrider's First Coast Chapter. "We were told in May that the barge would be moved within the week and it's still here. Surfers and swimmers are unknowingly recreating in untested waters after a known spill."

A unified response team has been working to satisfy the Coast Guard that the barge can be moved into a safe berth without affecting the health and safety of the community, responders or the environment, according to News4Jax's I-Team. On June 23, the salvage team conducted a test tow.

Coal ash is a waste product from the burning of coal in coal-fired power plants that contains toxic contaminants like mercury, cadmium, lead, selenium and arsenic. It can pollute waterways and drinking water and endanger wildlife and human health, if not managed properly, according to St. Johns Riverkeeper.

In 2017 and 2020, the Puerto Rico legislature passed laws banning the disposal of coal ash in its landfills and


the onsite storage of ash for more than six months. In response, the power company AES now ships its coal ash on barges into the port at Jacksonville, before the toxic waste is transported to a Folkston, Ga., landfill.

"Pollution doesn't just go away when it leaves the property of a coal-fired power plant or a wastewater treatment facility," Rinaman said. "Polluters must be required to take responsibility for their own waste."

Water quality tests are being conducted near the barge, and the results are imminent.

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5POINT IMPROVEMENT PLAN WRAPPED UP ON LOMAX

BY KEVIN J. MEERSCHAERT
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After several months of construction merchants on Lomax are celebrating the road's reopening and look toward more good times ahead.

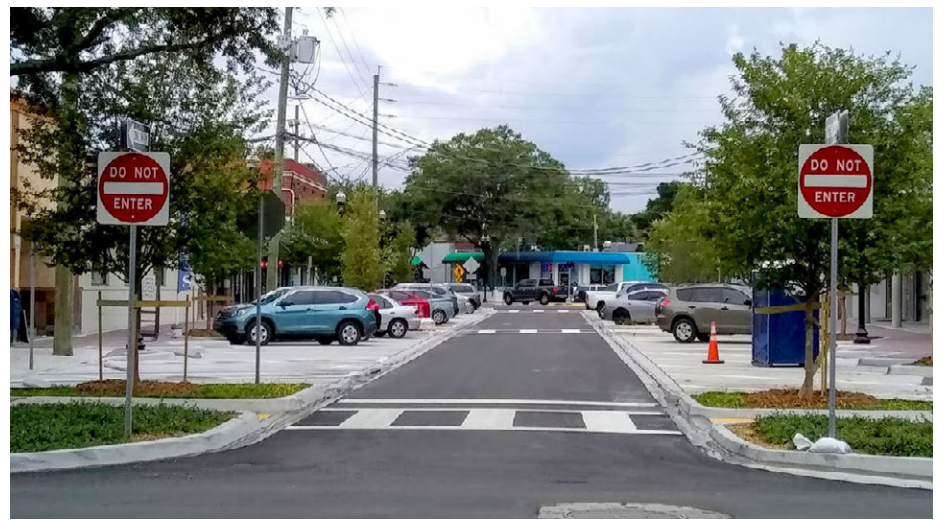
Now business owners are hoping for more pedestrian traffic that will help bring back customers who bypassed the shops since the road was closed last September.

Lomax is now one-way street southeast bound between Park and Oak Streets. The change is expected to improve vehicular movement by eliminating the northwest bound traffic at the iconic five points intersection.

The work also included new crosswalks and sidewalks for better pedestrian safety. There are also new benches, bike racks and landscaping. The \$820,000 project is the start of a multi-year 5 Points Improvement Plan totaling \$1.5 million.

It was a rough ride for many of the businesses on Lomax. Since construction began last August, it has been very difficult for customers to reach the merchants. Between the roadwork and COVID-19 some businesses couldn't survive, and others had to cut back hours.

Ribault Bakery owner Alex Podlas was forced to lay off his entire staff and run the place just by himself.



He has been a sharp critic of how the city and the contractor Kirby Development Inc. handled the project but is happy to see that it's completed. Podlas said he hopes to start looking for new employees soon. "I'm going to have to find somebody," he said.

It also hasn't been easy for Clinton and Kelly Ross, the new owners of Davalt Optical. They took over the business in January 2020 from longtime owner Patty Davalt just before COVID-19 hit.

Clinton Ross said the virus forced them to close for a couple of months. Shortly after a limited reopening Lomax was closed. While there were some temporary walking surfaces made for pedestrians, Ross said it was still difficult for many of his older customers to navigate the area.

"You couldn't walk down the street. You couldn't even get in front of our store. They brought in rubble at one point, it was like giant rocks for people to walk on," he said. "With so many elderly communities around here, I watched so many people fall, it was such poor planning by the city."

With the road now completed Ross is ready to put such problems in the past and welcomes the improvements although it may take a little while for people to get used to the new traffic patterns.

"The parking might be a little better, but it definitely hasn't deterred people from going the opposite way down the wrong way," Ross said.

He says it may even be a little more dangerous until motorists get used to the idea, particularly since the road is now supposed to be more pedestrian friendly.

Lomax now only has a single lane for vehicles. The road is also designed with tighter corners for traffic.

Urban Planner Stephen Tocknell said that was by design. Tocknell with Tocknell Services LLC drew up the original concept plan along with other improvements suggested for the Five Points area.

"The whole idea and what distinguished this project from others in Jacksonville is that it really does put pedestrians first,"

Tocknell said. "If you look at Riverplace Blvd. it's supposed to be a game changer and it's a great project...there is nothing in that project that slows down the traffic."

He says to be attractive to pedestrians you need to force drivers to slow down."

Tocknell said he is delighted with what he's seen on Lomax St. and the Five Points project so far. He also says since it's been several years since the rest of the concept plan was written, it'll likely have to be modified to include changes in traffic patterns in the area before most other proposed improvements can become a reality.

The reopening of Lomax is a reason to party in Five Points. A ribbon cutting scheduled for Friday, July 2nd seemed as good of a time as any to also relaunch First Friday celebrations. COVID had put the street fairs on hiatus.

New Riverside Avondale Preservation Executive Director Shannon Blankinship said with the worst of COVID hopefully behind us, it's time for the neighborhood to start getting back to normal.

"This will be the first one that we're doing (since March 2020). It's a First Friday but it's for the whole block," she said. "I do think that it's something I would like to do more of is find opportunities to bring people out and bring people together. We haven't done that in a long time."

Tocknell said it was a hard slug to get across to the finish line with Lomax. The plan had been on the books since the Alvin Brown administration.

Former District 14 Councilman Jim Love had started the ball rolling and current Council member Randy DeFoor was able to get the funding approved in last year's budget. "It will make a big difference in walkability in Five Points," she said

The next project DeFoor wants to work on but is still in the planning stages is a light art project on the Edgewood overpass and some wayfaring signs in Five Points that will help connect Riverside Park, Memorial Park and the Cummer Museum.

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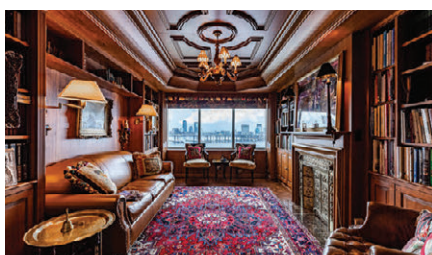
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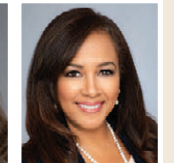
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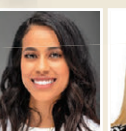
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REBOOT UNVEILS DESIGN CONCEPTS FOR FORMER JACKSONVILLE LANDING SITE, PARK SPACE

BY KEVIN J. MEERSCHAERT
Resident Community News

Three plans to renovate Riverfront Plaza, the former home of the Jacksonville Landing, were presented to the city's Personal Services Evaluation Committee June 24th.

The planners were tasked with designing a space that would be a great place for people to gather and enjoy the river and still allow successful private development.

Agency Landscape + Planning from Cambridge, Mass. presented a proposal that included park space, docks, play areas and river inspired canopies for shade. It also includes a fountain that would allow children and others to run under the falling waters.

Naming their project "A Love Story" Principal Landscape Architect Gina Ford told the committee the St. Johns is a unique river and that should be a focal point of any park development. She said they spoke to many locals in Jacksonville, many who said the river isn't being utilized properly. Ford said they want to balance the forces of nature with the river's ecosystem and the forces of the city's culture.

"We let the plan be inspired by the form of the river as a flowing system. We imagine the architecture here will enforce that," she said.

The Agency Landscape plan leaves the northeast corner of the site for a possible mixed-use private development including shops, a hotel and residential spaces. An underground parking garage would be built under the hotel space. All three proposals include space for a mixed-use site and similar parking.

The proposal's cost was estimated to come at or near the \$15 million guideline proposed by the PSEC, but the groups were told they could go beyond those dollars if they believed



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it was necessary. It will be part of the determining factors regarding which group gets the committee's recommended approval.

The other two did just that. Philadelphia-based Olin Partnership Ltd. presented a \$27.4 million plan that includes beer gardens, a skate park, a quarter-mile loop walking trail and a theatre for outdoor events.

Landscape Architect Trevor Lee said Jax Park will be a celebration of the city and the river and would be worth any additional costs.

"Jax Park as a catalyst will spark economic development," he said. "The park's imageability will draw people locally and regionally as an exciting new urban park destination."

All the proposals include artistic portions which was a requirement from the committee.

The art is the main feature of the proposal from Chicago-based Perkins and Will. The 151-foot polished stainless steel by artist Jeffrè would be a long tube that twists around to spell "Jax." It would also cost an estimated \$11-\$18 million. The artist said the cost could be offset to the city by donations and corporate funding.

The overall cost of the Perkins and Will proposal is estimated at \$25 million. The committee will now evaluate the proposals and rank them with the results to be revealed likely by the end of July.

Downtown Investment Authority CEO Lori Boyer said they will welcome any public input on the proposals beforehand and those comments will be a factor in the decision.

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Council approves package for former site of River City Brewing



BY KAREN J. RIELEY
Resident Community News

The \$99.16 million proposed Southbank apartment development to be called RD River City Brewery made significant progress on June 8 when the Jacksonville City Council unanimously approved Related Group of Miami's redesign of the project. The redevelopment agreement includes \$18.27 million in taxpayer incentives.

The eight-story building with 327 multifamily units, an attached 535-space parking garage, and a restaurant and bar with 3,200 square feet of outdoor dining space and a 914-square-foot indoor dining area will replace the River City Brewing Company next to Friendship Fountain on Downtown Jacksonville's Southbank.

The developer plans to buy Maritime Concepts' interest in the city-owned property and buy out the remaining 77 years of the company's long-term land lease. Maritime owns the existing restaurant.

The 19-0 vote awarded Related Group a 75%, 20-year

Recapture Enhanced Value Grant, which could refund up to \$12.99 million of the parcel's property tax growth.

The remaining public incentives package has \$5.277 million in completion grants for the restaurant and site infrastructure work; improvements to the 29-slip public marina; increased maintenance on the adjacent park; and city lease revenue loss.

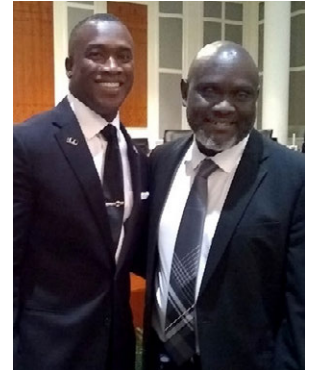
In January, Related Group of Miami submitted conceptual plans for the \$92 million project to the Downtown Development Review Board. The Downtown Development Review Board deferred conceptual approval or Related Group of Miami's redesign to give the developer a chance to make changes.

The changed plans include pocket parks worked into the exterior, varying architectural design features in the windows and elevations, and resident lounge terraces.

On March 17, the Downtown Investment Authority released a report that called the latest design "modern in style with clean lines, smooth textures, and minimal ornamentation." On March 23, the Downtown Development Review Board granted conceptual approval for the latest design for RD River City Brewery apartments.

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A large group of local dignitaries gathered at Jacksonville City Hall Thursday, June 24 to swear-in new City Council President Sam Newby. Fellow at-large Councilman Terrance Freeman is the new Vice-President. It's the first time in the city's history that two African-Americans will lead the Council.

Newby recognized the two former African-American Council Presidents Warren Jones and the late Earl Johnson. Newby also said some of his major goals for the next 12 months include working to eliminate Jacksonville's problem of food deserts where residents have too far to travel to reach a grocery store. He is also establishing a special committee to be led by Vice-President Freeman to improve Jacksonville's parks and community centers. Newby also wants to establish programs to help at-risk youth find employment.

Next up for the City Council will be the annual budget presentation by Mayor Lenny Curry. The presentation will occur July 20, at 9 am in Council Chambers. The budget will then be reviewed by the Finance Committee chaired by Councilman Ron Salem beginning in August. The new budget must be approved before October 1.

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100 Years of Love and Diversity - Riverside Avenue Christian Church

BY PEGGY HARRELL JENNINGS
Resident Community News

This year, Riverside Avenue Christian Church (RACC) celebrates a century of sharing love and respecting diversity.

Each Sunday morning, Reverend Erin Dicky offers a benediction with these words: “Go and remember that you are a beloved child of God.” That attitude started with Dr. Charles W. Ross who founded the church in 1921—in a tent—on the corner of Post and King Streets.

By 1922, the congregants met in a bungalow, the first building on Riverside and Cherry

Streets with 116 charter members. Historian Patricia Knowles, who grew up in the church and whose mother joined in 1934, can lead a walk through the church’s history that pictorially lines several walls the 100-year-old establishment that has influenced the community in the past and continues to shape the future.

On display as part of the “One Decade at a Time” exhibit is the 1942 wedding photo of Swan and Melvin Knowles, the parents of Patricia. By the time they married, congregation membership had grown to nearly 600. In a glass case near that photo is a silk banner made by the hands of congregants in dedication to the men and women who served in the

armed forces. There are other photos, too—one of each pastor who had served throughout the years, of notable Jacksonville founding families, of newspaper articles, and of other interesting artifacts and recognitions from the many organizations with which the church has partnered over the past 10 decades.

Groundbreaking for the present structure began on March 11, 1957, and RACC exchanged sanctuaries, parking lots, and other spaces with the Jewish Congregation Ahavath Chesed on Riverside Avenue during each of the two churches’ various building phases.

After some demolishing and rebuilding in the 1990s, the Charlie Bennett Playground was established and named for a long-time member, Congressman Charles E. Bennett of the U.S House of Representatives. Open to everyone in the neighborhood, the playground often serves as a catalyst for people to join the church community. This was especially so during the COVID-19 pandemic when locals would bring their children to play and then stay for the outdoor sermon service.

In 2000, the church became a recognized open and affirming ministry that welcomes everyone. They celebrate the love of God and the diversity of humanity. This legacy church promotes the teachings of Christ by “Witnessing, Loving, and Serving from our doorsteps to the ends of the Earth,” as their website proclaims, taking the biblical command from Acts 1:8. It is RACC’s mission to let people know, “God Loves you – No Exceptions!”

The affiliations and outreach of RACC touch every aspect of the community, including Girl and Boy Scouts, Downtown Ecumenical Service Council food collections, Super Bowl of Caring, Justice Coalition, Stephen Ministry,



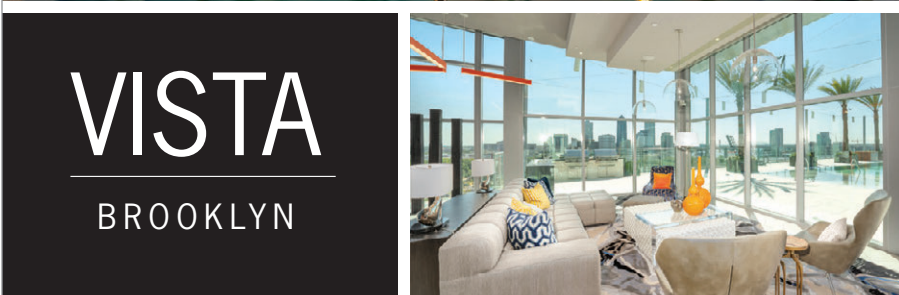
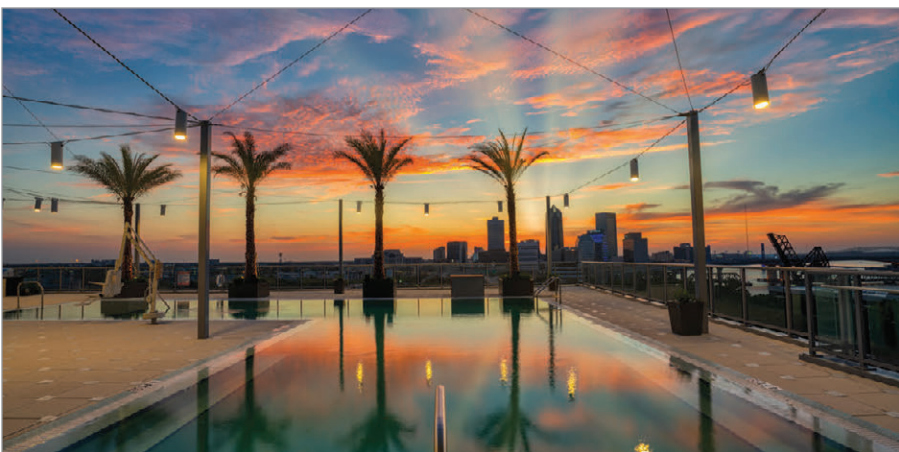
THE KNOWLES 1940'S

West Riverside children’s enrichment programs, the Children’s Art Center, mission trips, holiday celebrations, and Gay Pride Parade participation. Janet Novick, Administrator and Director of Children’s Ministries, remarked that the Keep Open Minds Book Club offers scripture-based dialogues on various issues, including race, to “keep the conversation alive.” RACC continues to move forward and use their programs “to lighten somebody’s load,” to be a place where all people can feel safe, to celebrate the love of God and the diversity of humanity.

Novick reported that upcoming RACC events include a July 11 Science Fest with family fun activities starting at 12:15 p.m. and the November 14 100th Anniversary Celebration. The community is invited to join in the festivities. Past members or individuals with memories or photos can email them to office@jaxdisciples.org. More information on upcoming centennial events is available at www.jaxdisciples.com.



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Hunger Fight Announces FreshJax As Legacy Partner

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

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

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

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

Wolfson Children's Hospital names Pediatric Trauma Center

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Leaders of Wolfson Children's Hospital, the Wolfson Children's Emergency and Trauma Center teams, Kids Kare Critical Care and Trauma Transport team recognized the Porter family and Subaru of Jacksonville's generous commitment to support the Pediatric Trauma Program. A ribbon cutting and dedication of the Porter Family Children's Trauma Center at Wolfson Children's Hospital took place on June 18, 2021.

The Porters and Subaru of Jacksonville began supporting Wolfson Children's Hospital in 2016 with a five-year agreement to help fund Pediatric Trauma services and child passenger safety initiatives through THE PLAYERS Center for Child Health at Wolfson Children's Hospital. They have since extended that commitment through 2024 and will continue supporting Pediatric Trauma services, child passenger safety and other programs, including Child Life through their presenting sponsorship of the Christmas in July Toy and Donation Drive.

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St. Johns Country Day School Welcomes New Basketball Coach

St. Johns Country Day School announced the appointment of Ian Gibson as the new Head Coach of the Spartans Boys Basketball program. Ian brings more than ten years of coaching experience to St. Johns including broad experience in the collegiate ranks.

Ian began his coaching career at Virginia Commonwealth University, where the team earned a trip to the final four, and he currently serves as Director of Basketball Operations and assistant coach at the University of North Florida, where the team finished as ASUN Regular Season champions.

Ian is an accomplished leader who uses basketball to teach life lessons and emphasizes being a student-athlete. In addition to his coaching duties, Ian will serve as St. Johns' Director of Student Life, working closely with division heads to establish club programs, community service, and build Sparty Sports, St. Johns' youth development program.



IAN GIBSON

Principal completes parks challenge



At a chance encounter at the Riverside Arts Market Lori Menger, Head of School, at San Jose Episcopal Day School met Ortega artist, Kathy Stark. Kathy was selling her beautifully illustrated book, *The Wilderness of North Florida's Parks*. The book is a treasure of places to visit in and around Jacksonville. When Lori discovered a checklist in the back of the book listing all 60 places the challenge started. Lori decided to make this her pandemic challenge and in March of 2020 started her visits. In June of 2021, the checklist was completed.

Baptist Health President and CEO promoted from within, steps up and steps in to lead

The Board of Directors of Baptist Health selected Michael A. Mayo, DHA, FACHE, as the new President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Baptist Health in Northeast Florida.

Mayo is currently the interim CEO for five hospitals: Baptist Medical Center Jacksonville, Baptist Medical Center South, Baptist Medical Center Beaches, Baptist Medical Center Nassau and Wolfson Children's Hospital and four satellite Emergency Centers, 55 primary care offices, more than 13,000 team members and 1,762 physicians.

Mayo has more than 32 years of health executive experience, including his most recent role as Baptist Medical Center Jacksonville hospital president.

Baptist Health Board Chair Richard Sisisky said, "We commend Michael for the thoughtful, decisive, and effective manner in which he has led Baptist Health as interim CEO. We unanimously chose to forgo our search process because we realized the right leader was already with us."

"Michael is a high energy leader with experience in both not-for-profit and for-profit health systems. He believes in a culture of trust and collaboration. His vision for the future along with his successful and effective track record of evaluating, restructuring, building and improving operational processes make him a perfect fit as the new CEO for Baptist," said Sisisky.

The Board is confident he has the vision and passion for taking Baptist Health to the next level in delivering the best patient care," Sisisky said.


"It is a rare privilege to lead the only faith-based, mission-driven, locally governed, non-profit health system in our region. These characteristics have set Baptist apart, and this opportunity energizes me. We have an amazing team, and I see an exciting future for our community, patients, physicians, and team members," said Mayo.

Vice-Chair Joe Louis Barrow, Jr. stated, "What's most important is finding the person with the exemplary character, cultural fit, and commitment to our mission. Michael is someone who will continue a legacy of thought leadership in Northeast Florida and throughout health care nationally."

Mayo and his wife Jennifer live in the Granada/San Marco area and they have two daughters and four grandchildren.




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Lisska honored with award for commitment to history, culture and education

The National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution presented its Women in American History award to Emily Retherford Lisska.

From 1996 to 2018, Emily was executive director of the Jacksonville Historical Society. Since 2019, she has served as president of Florida Historical Society, a state-wide organization with a national impact. In submitting her nomination to the National DAR, Molly Knight, past regent Fort San Nicholas DAR, wrote: "Emily Lisska is an outstanding community trustee whose influence and accomplishments have made positive improvements to Jacksonville's cultural, historical and educational realms."

National DAR sponsors the award program to recognize women, past and present, in American history. According to the National Society's website, the honor is bestowed upon women who have made a contribution or a difference in their communities. Those chosen are those who are, or have been, intellectual, educational, social, religious, political, scientific, or cultural innovators.

While executive director of the Jacksonville Historical Society, Emily led a million-dollar restoration of the society's headquarters; restored the society's archival repository containing tens of thousands of documents and photographs. She oversaw all book publications of the society and was also curator of the Merrill House Museum.

In presenting the award, Ft. San Nicholas past president, Brenda Onur, said, "Our DAR chapter is especially proud to present this award to a woman who made such a significant impact on American history. Emily is a notable Florida woman with national status and is always willing to share her vast knowledge of history."



Emily R. Lisska wins local award from DAR

Miller Family leads by example, teaches future philanthropists



Families assemble hygiene kits to benefit locals in need



MILLER FAMILY VOLUNTEER DAY, MAY 23



More than 100 hygiene kits to be distributed

On May 23, Miller brothers David and Michael, founders of Brightway Insurance, saw their first ever Miller Family Volunteer Day come to life.

The Millers gathered with their families and many other volunteers from the Jacksonville area to assemble more than 100 hygiene kits. The supplies will be disbursed to the families and foster children who receive assistance from the Jewish Family and Community Services organization, hosts of the event at their Baycenter Road facility. Students at George Washington Carver Elementary School will also benefit.

In early May, Brightway collected supplies for the hygiene kits during a two-week drive at its corporate office on University Boulevard West. Residents donated necessary products like toothpaste and dental floss, soap and deodorant. "It's so great to be part of a community that enjoys working together to make our neighbors' lives better!" David Miller said.

"We are thrilled with the success of the event, which we plan to be the first of many. It was truly inspiring to see our vision of bringing families together in service come to life, building relationships while strengthening our community," he concluded.

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Meninak Club awards Leadership Scholarships



Corey Udall, Garrison Washington, Caroline Guiler, Elie Haddad, Jim Love – President of Meninak Club, Deyona Burton, Neha Sonthi, and Kennedy Hill

On June 7, the Meninak Club awarded each of 10 students with a Meninak Leadership Grant.

The scholarships are to be used toward attendance at accredited four-year colleges or universities of the students' choosing. It's the Meninak Club's way of encouraging further educational development of tomorrow's potential leaders.

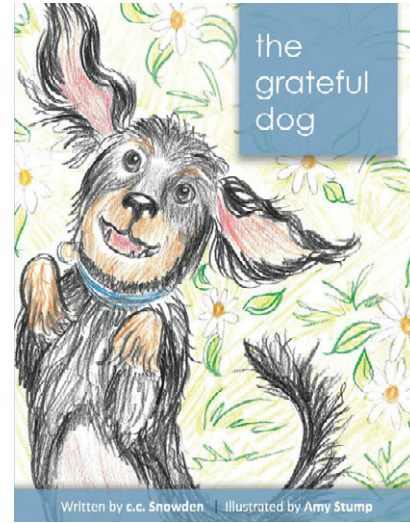
Awards were presented to the following graduates who are heading to specific schools with intended majors.

- 1) Deyona Burton – Robert E. Lee / Florida State University / Human Ecology
- 2) Ayanna-Rose Gray – Douglas Anderson / Louisiana State University / Communications
- 3) Caroline Guiler – Douglas Anderson / Air Force Academy / Aerospace Engineering
- 4) Elie Haddad – Mandarin High School / University of Florida / Chemistry
- 5) Kennedy Hill – William M. Raines / Florida Agricultural & Mechanical University / Mathematics
- 6) Donald Kohla – Episcopal / Princeton University / Ethics, Politics, & Economics
- 7) Ellie Rosenau – St. Johns Country Day / Berry College / Early Childhood Education
- 8) Neha Sonthi – Stanton College Preparatory / Georgia Tech / Biology & Biomedical Sciences
- 9) Corey Udell – Ponte Vedra High / University of North Carolina / Data Science & Biostatistics
- 10) Garrison Washington – Episcopal / Florida State University / Biomedical Engineering

These students were selected by the Meninak Club's Scholarship Committee based on leadership qualities, financial need, and academic potential. To qualify for a grant, each student must participate in the Youth Leadership Jacksonville Program, be a senior at a local accredited secondary school, aspire to attend an accredited higher learning institution, fill out an application, and meet for an individual interview.

"I so love the fact of sitting on the Committee and seeing these bright young people from our community be able to go to school and make a difference when they come back," said Tanya Guydos, Vice President and Banking Center Manager at Iberia Bank on West Bay Street.

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The Grateful Dog, by c.c. Snowden

Jacksonville native Carolyn Cantrell Snowden, who is the writer known as c.c. Snowden, and local artist Amy Stump have teamed up to create *The Grateful Dog*, a children's book that will benefit Jacksonville dogs needing homes.

Bo is the canine narrator, a very grateful dog. His identity was borrowed by Snowden from Stump's beloved pet who recently passed away. Bo's story is about having gratitude for the simple pleasures in life.

Bo reminds humans that when they are grateful for what they already have, everything changes.

When asked about her writing process, Snowden claims that, sometimes, words come to her in phrases at 3 a.m. Sometimes, it's a particular event or situation that inspires her writing. This work came to her while thinking about the loss of Stump's dog.

Snowden is a freelance writer and a published poet. She began writing poetry in the fifth grade, and her personal collection now spans more than 35 years. Over that time, she became wife to Andrew and mother to Robin and Hallie. *The Grateful Dog* is Snowden's poem turned book, her first one.

A portion of all book sales will benefit adoptable dogs of Jacksonville and The Jacksonville Dog Café, which is Snowden's nonprofit. The organization's specialty is connecting people with adoptable dogs over free cups of coffee. Potential owners sip coffee while meeting dogs from a variety of local rescue organizations and shelters.

Paperback copies of *The Grateful Dog* may be purchased now through the author's website www.CCSnowden.com and through the non-profit's website www.JaxDogCafe.com. Soon, the books will be available at select businesses throughout Jacksonville.

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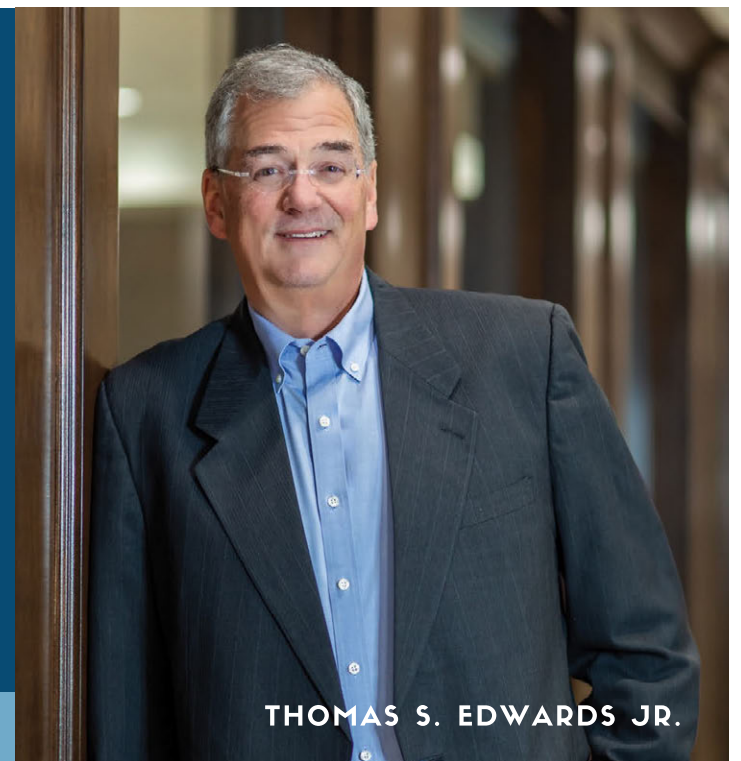
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Coker Law announced that 14 of its attorneys have been selected to the exclusive Florida Super Lawyers and Florida Rising Stars lists this year. Annually, only a small percentage of lawyers in the state are selected by the Super Lawyers research team to receive such honors.

"It is a great honor to receive the Florida Super Lawyers and Florida Rising Stars recognition. This means the lawyers throughout the state of Florida recognize the commitment Coker Law's attorneys have for the fight for justice for our clients and our experience in obtaining great results," said Matthew Posgay, a Coker Law shareholder.

The following named attorneys from Coker Law were chosen for the 2021 lists due to their high degree of peer recognition and professional achievement.

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Riverside Publix donates 100 dozen donuts to Salvation Army



Salvation Army of NE FL picks up donuts from Riverside Publix



Front line workers accept Publix donuts

On Thursday, June 3, Riverside Publix donated 100 dozen donuts to The Salvation Army of Northeast Florida, becoming their community partner for this year's National Donut Day.

Representatives from the Salvation Army picked up the confections at Publix store number 849, located at 2033 Riverside Avenue. The following day, volunteers, staff, and partners of the Salvation Army delivered the sugary symbols of hope to hundreds of Jacksonville heroes, including police officers, fire fighters, and medical personnel, those on the front line who protect the most vulnerable residents.

National Donut Day is an annual tradition recognized by Americans on the first Friday of every June. It began during World War I when nearly 250 Salvation Army volunteers known as "Donut Lassies" traveled overseas

to offer emotional and spiritual support to troops on the front lines. The Lassies brought with them tangible supplies as well, including fried confections.

To learn more about National Donut Day, to find local activities, and to make a donation, visit www.SalvationArmyNEFL.org.

The Salvation Army, with its 7,600 operating centers throughout the country, helps nearly 23 million Americans annually by providing food for the hungry, emergency relief for disaster survivors, rehabilitation for those suffering from drug and alcohol abuse, and clothing and shelter for people in need. The Chronicle of Philanthropy, on its very first "America's Favorite Charities" list, ranked The Salvation Army as the country's largest privately-funded, direct-service nonprofit organization. For more information, visit www.SalvationArmyUSA.org.

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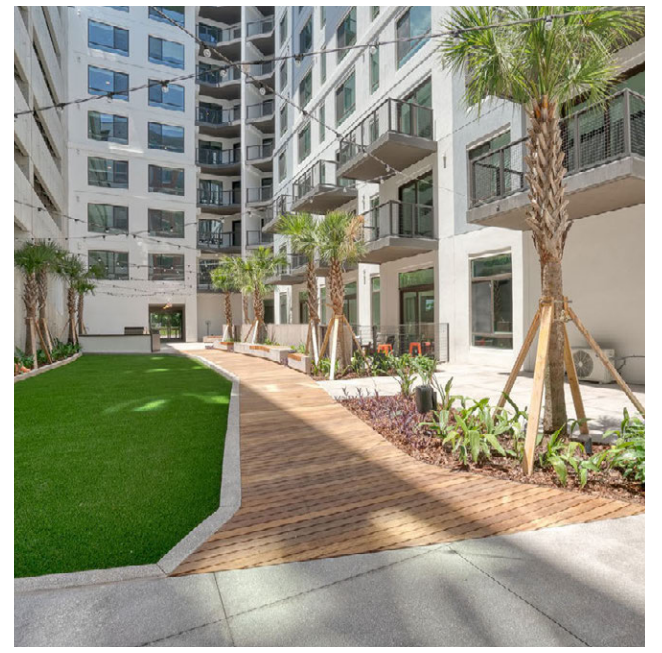
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The community also features over 13,000 square feet of new Class-A retail space on its ground floor, lining Riverside Avenue. Featuring opportunities for a restaurant concept, coffee shop or other retail, the newly completed structure will have everything residents desire most without ever leaving home. NAI Hallmark is the leasing agent of record for the development's commercial spaces.

Many details were enhanced due to the COVID-19 pandemic, including touchless faucets in the kitchen, antimicrobial quartz countertops throughout each home, smart technology throughout the units and Bluetooth-enabled locks.



Two join JHS Board of Directors

At its May Board of Directors meeting, the Jacksonville Historical Society welcomed Venetia resident Jeff Thompson and Charles "Chip" Storey of St. Augustine as new members of its Board of Directors.

"The Jacksonville Historical Society is very pleased to welcome Mr. Storey and Mr. Thompson to its Board of Directors and look forward to engaging with each gentleman in areas that tap into their expertise and experience on behalf of the Society," said Alan Bliss, Jacksonville Historical Society CEO.

Thompson has been in the construction industry for more than 40 years, as owner and president of Jeff Thompson Construction Company, with an interest in historic structures. He has served on the Florida Yacht Club's Board of Governors for three terms, and holds a bachelor's degree in management and marketing from Jacksonville University. Thompson has been engaged with the JHS on the renovation of the Florida Casket Company building in preparation for the future Jacksonville Area Music Museum, and will serve on the historical society's property management committee.

Storey is a principal with Normal>Next, a network of seasoned executives, entrepreneurs, and young leaders from diverse backgrounds dedicated to helping the world thrive through profound economic, social, and environmental turbulence. He specializes in the planning and management of large-scale complex organizations including foundations, government agencies, universities, and nongovernment organizations (NGOs).



JEFF THOMPSON



CHARLES "CHIP" STOREY

Prior to his appointment to the Board, Storey has most recently been working with the JHS as a member of the music history museum task force, leading teams on the conducting and transcribing of oral histories taken from individuals in the Jacksonville music community.

Fluent in Spanish and Portuguese, Storey holds an A.B. from Harvard University and a J.D. from Stanford University. A volunteer in the research library at the St. Augustine Historical Society, he translates colonial documents from Spanish to English and conducts research on the two Spanish colonial periods.

"History is a family passion. My dad is currently writing a history of the 19th century US, and my mother co-authored one history textbook and was a contributor to another. My siblings and I all studied the history and literature of different world regions," said Storey. "We have loved Northeast Florida for 30 years. Serving the Historical Society is a great way to meld the two passions."

For more information about this topic, call (904) 665-0064 or email communications@jaxhistory.org.

Bishop Kenny Alum heeds the call



It was during his junior year of college at the University of Florida that Fr. Mac began to hear a call from God to become a priest. This came after a year of being involved with the Catholic Gators. Fr. Mac describes a thought he had during the final blessing of Mass one Sunday, "I can do that."

He quickly brushed it off, ignoring the thoughts that only continued to get louder over the next 8 months. Finally, after seeking counsel from several priests and praying specifically for the grace to desire what God wants, he felt more open to hear what God had in store for him. During adoration at a retreat with the Catholic Gators in 2014, Fr. Mac experienced an overwhelming sense of peace and clarity, this time answering God's call with, "I'm ready."

Fr. Mac Hill entered St. John Vianney College Seminary in the fall of 2014. In 2016, he entered the major seminary, St. Vincent de Paul, and graduated with his Masters of Divinity in May 2021. During his time in the seminary, Fr. Mac completed his pastoral year at San Juan del Rio under the direction of Fr. John Tetlow. He has been appointed to continue to work alongside Fr. Tetlow as a parochial vicar at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Augustine.



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Three of Jacksonville's major nonprofit organizations were honored June 22 by the city and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The inaugural COJ/HUD Public-Philanthropic Initiative Award is to be given out annually to recognize outstanding public-private partnerships in the community.

Jacksonville is the first city in the nation to replicate the H.U.D. Secretary's Award for Public-Philanthropic Partnerships.

Honored at the ceremony were; The MaliVai Washington Youth Foundation - Club 904 Teen Center.

The Center in Durkeeville helps teens develop the skills needed to excel in school and find work to break the cycle of poverty.

Operation News Hope - Ready4Work.

The program assists people returning from incarceration with housing, transportation and employment.

Sulzbacher - Homeless COVID-19 Response.

The Center was awarded due to its multi-approach response to tackling the dangers of COVID in the homeless community.

Jacksonville Mayor Lenny Curry presented the awards at City Hall.

Curry said the government should be a great collaborator with great people and great organizations to accomplish goals for the public good.

"This award...is about recognizing excellent organizations that have worked in partnership with the community," Curry said. "These organizations demonstrate what can be accomplished when we work together as one city toward a common goal."

The Awardees were selected by an independent panel of community leaders.

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Courtney, Tiffany, Dr. Jila Mahajan, Christine, Amber and Danielle

BY KAREN J. RIELEY
Resident Community News

Dr. Jila Mahajan is a certified pediatric dentist with extensive training in sedation dentistry, and dentistry for infants, children, and special needs patients. Her practice, Kids First Dentistry, is dedicated to providing quality comprehensive dental care and friendly personalized service for all children.

"The name of our practice clearly reflects our philosophy - we truly strive to put your children and their needs first," Mahajan said. We have the experience and compassion to give each child a positive dental experience as well as quality care. Our goal is to provide a fun and gentle dental home for your child where they will learn the habits that will provide them with a lifetime of great oral health."

She has practiced in Jacksonville since 2001 and moved her offices in June from

across the Roosevelt Square shopping center's parking lot into space within the new retail plaza, Ortega Park, at 4411 Roosevelt Blvd, Suite 594.

Mahajan earned her undergraduate degree from George Washington University and received a doctorate of dental science from Columbia University's College of Dental Medicine. She then completed a two-year residency in pediatric dentistry at the Medical College of Virginia. To further her training, Mahajan trained in conscious patient management with IV sedation at the Montefiore Medical Center.

She keeps up-to-date with the latest technology in pediatric dentistry and maintains membership in the American Dental Association, Florida Dental Association, Jacksonville Dental Society, The American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry, and the Florida Academy of Pediatric Dentistry.

Mahajan is married and has two daughters. In her spare time she loves to travel, work out, and go salsa dancing.

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STAFFING AGENCY TURNS 25, DONATES FUNDS FOR ANNIVERSARY



Agency Owner Marme Kopp is surrounded by her staff as she holds the President's Award and the Spherion Administrative Office of the Year Award. From left to right are Stephanie Hesterlee, Travis Roth, Olivia Darcangelo, Laura Sylverston and Shelly Price, not pictured, Teresa Cameron and Ashley Mullis.

Spherion Jacksonville owner, Marme Kopp, is celebrating 25 years of connecting job seekers with employers by giving back to the community. Her staffing and recruiting agency will be donating \$2,500 to each of two local charities, the two that get the most votes.

The Spherion team has identified eight charities for the public to choose from:

- Feeding Northeast Florida
- Hubbard House
- Sulzbacher Center
- The Tom Coughlin Jay Fund
- Alex's Dragonfly Endowment
- The MaliVai Washington Youth Foundation
- Friends of Jacksonville Animals
- K9s For Warriors

To participate in The Spherion Jacksonville Marme Money Giveback, visit www.spherion.com/spherion-jacksonville-anniversary-giveback/ to learn more about each charitable organization and elect one from the list. Votes may be cast through July 2. Winners will be announced on July 9.

There will be no losers in the Anniversary Giveback. The six organizations that will not receive the funds will receive volunteer hours. For the past quarter century, Kopp's team has supported the community by offering time and expertise to local organizations gratis. They will continue to do so.

Episcopal School of Jacksonville renames Historic Acosta House



Head of School, Adam Greene, Bobby Schmidt (graduate 1978), Kent Schmidt, Jack Schmidt (class of 1970), Bill Schmidt

BY PEGGY HARRELL JENNINGS
Resident Community News

Following a capital campaign called "Lead the Way," the renovation of the historic building named for St. Elmo W. Acosta on the campus of Episcopal High School was celebrated and renamed to honor a founder and Director Emeritus in 1964 Gert H.W. Schmidt.

"The Acosta-Schmidt House is a significant building on the Episcopal campus. The school named its Advancement and Alumni office in memory of Schmidt who was instrumental in establishing the school's endowment and who had been a faithful supporter of the school for more than 40 years. His son, Jack Schmidt '70 is a Member of the Board of Trustees and Gert's sons Bobby and Kent have been supportive of the school as donors and fundraisers. The long association of the Schmidt family made honoring their patriarch a fitting tribute," stated Missy Ketchum, Director of Institutional Advancement. Gert Schmidt passed on in 2003.



"It was wonderful to have all four of Gert's sons present at the dedication. We celebrate the leadership and legacy of Gert Schmidt as well as the relationship between Episcopal and the Schmidts."

- Missy Ketchum
Director of
Institutional Advancement

Jack Schmidt, one of the first graduates of EHS, who attended the ceremony along with his brothers, spoke to the attendees which included past and present board members, faculty/ staff, family members and guests.

Headmaster Adam Greene greeted the attendees and recounted the school's history, achievements, successes and standing. "On behalf of my brothers and myself, the dedication of the Acosta-Schmidt House to honor our father is very special. It is indelible in my mind what my father always said. "The two things that your mother and I can give you is a good name and a good education."", said Bill Schmidt, who was proud to see the turnout for the dedication.

"It was wonderful to have all four of Gert's sons present at the dedication. We celebrate the leadership and legacy of Gert Schmidt as well as the relationship between Episcopal and the Schmidts," shared Ketchum.

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The fundraising initiative and philanthropic arm of the company has been enhancing quality of life and providing resources for youth in Northeast Florida. By providing essentials like food, shelter, and clothing, the organization helps to make dreams come true and raises quality of life for countless young people. The goal is to fortify resources to enable more students on the First Coast to live a more fruitful existence.



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City Council Representative for District 14 Randy DeFoor with hosts Wayne and Lana Wood and The Rev. Canon Dr. J Allison DeFoor

RAP Celebrates passing of torch, welcomes Blankenship as ED

After rains fell and drenched the Riverside/Avondale historic district, the weather cooled just in time for a reception for Shannon Blankenship, incoming executive director of Riverside Avondale Preservation (RAP). Shannon was welcomed by Wayne Wood alongside his wife Lana as they played host to a soiree on the grounds of their Riverside Avenue home.

The crowd of longtime donors, business partners, staff members, and history buffs were on hand to hear leaders share sentiments about both incoming and outgoing directors. Wood, the founder of Riverside Avondale Preservation (RAP), introduced Shannon while taking time to recognize outgoing executive Director Warren Jones for his service. Jones, who stepped down after having served the organization through one of the toughest stretches, leading during the pandemic. Jones had built a strategic vision for the future and oversaw many growth points for the nonprofit under his watch.

Blankenship will now take the reins as the leader of the historic preservation organization after having spent 10 years as advocacy director for St. Johns RIVERKEEPER. She is no stranger to the ins and outs of working in nonprofit circles and fighting for quality-of-life issues. She has encouraged citizens to take action for the health of our watershed for years from Tallahassee, down to Palatka and City Hall and is set to take that experience as a springboard in order to tackle the issues ahead for the organization.

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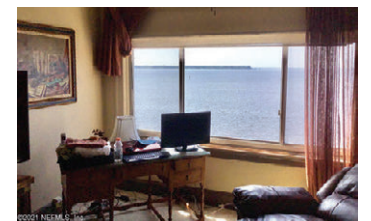
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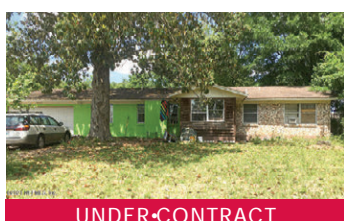
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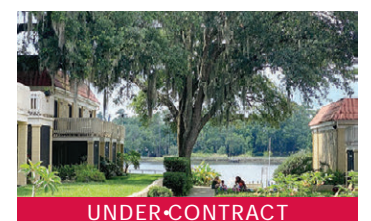
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Jacksonville woman undertaking 140.6-mile Ironman to help families affected by dementia



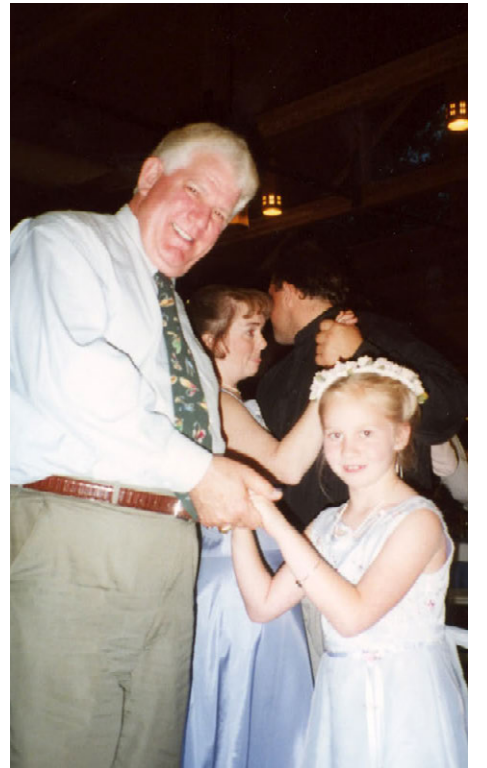
Melissa Dorsch, April 2021



Melissa Dorsch competing in a Half Ironman



Melissa Dorsch after a 1.2-mile swim



Jon Dorsch, Sr. and granddaughter Melissa

Melissa Dorsch of Avondale will compete in an Ironman triathlon, a total 140.6 miles. The funds raised will go to the Alzheimer's Foundation of America (AFA) to help families affected by the disease.

Dorsch will dedicate the challenge to her two decorated U.S. Navy veteran grandfathers, Larry Keith Crawford and Jon Eric Dorsch, Sr. They were the "Ironmen" in her life who had passed away after battling dementia, and she wrote on her AFA fundraising page, "My family, through the years, taught me that service and community are so important. I want to raise money for the Alzheimer's Foundation of America during my training process, with hopes that in the coming years, research for dementia will be funded more heavily. Patients and their families deserve support, and for brilliant scientists to keep researching for a cure." Dorsch has raised more than \$3,100 for AFA's programs, services, and research efforts.

The Ironman event will take place in Coeur D'Alene, Idaho. There, 26-year-old Dorsch will attempt the 2.4-mile swim, 112-mile bike, and 26.2-mile run. To prepare, the former NCAA Division I swimmer and CrossFit enthusiast trains regularly in addition to holding a full-time job and pursuing an MBA.

"Love is what drives Melissa to undertake this challenge, and strength, endurance, and

perseverance will get her through it. These are the same things Alzheimer's family caregivers rely on every single day, and she knows that firsthand from her own family's experiences," said AFA President & CEO Charles J. Fuschillo, Jr.

In April of this year, in Haines City, Florida, Dorsch participated in a Half Ironman, a

70.3-mile triathlon race. Dorsch completed a 1.2-mile swim, a 56-mile bike ride, and a 13.1-mile run in just over 7 hours and 20 minutes.

"Melissa's drive to make a difference is truly inspirational. We are grateful to her for all she is doing to help families affected by dementia," Fuschillo, Jr. of AFA said.

AFA is a nonprofit organization that has earned Charity Navigator's top 4-star rating for six consecutive years. Its many services include a national toll-free helpline at 866-232-8484 that is staffed by licensed social workers. For more information, visit www.alzfdn.org.

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It has all the makings of a detective story. Murray Hill, Riverside, Avondale and Ortega all have what were known as "kit homes," which were do-it-yourself homes marketed by companies such as Sears and Aladdin that provided potential homeowners with all the tools and supplies they needed to construct their very own home. Some of these homes have been identified, but others surely exist unidentified. There are some tell-tale signs that help amateur sleuths discover their home's history.

More than 75,000 Aladdin kit homes were sold by the Aladdin Company, based in Bay City, Michigan, from 1906 through 1981. Advertised as "Readi-cut" and "Built in a Day," Aladdin and other kit home manufacturers revolutionized home buying and building for the middle class. The Jacksonville home at 4354 Hiawatha Street in Ortega is an Aladdin design, Georgia #2, for example.

Evidence exists of several Sears kit homes in Jacksonville so far. The two-story home at 4213 Kerle Street in Murray Hill was built in the Paloma model, as was the home at 4327 Hiawatha Street in Ortega. The one-story home at 4450

Melrose Avenue in Fairfax was originally built in the "Crescent" model for \$761 by the Percy Butcher family in 1930 at 4454 St. Johns Avenue. The Butcher family lived there for more than 50 years until the house was moved to its current location to make way for a gas station expansion.

The home at 2118 St. Johns Avenue appears to be. Current owner Searcy Dannheim, former chairman of the Jacksonville Historic Preservation Commission, moved to the house in Riverside in 2017. She said that the person who owned the house next to hers told her that he saw the telltale stamped pieces of lumber indicating it was a Sears kit house when he looked in the attic years ago.

Riverside Avondale Preservation reports that 2120/2122 St. Johns Avenue in Five Points is also a Sears kit home, although current owner Lawson Carr is not completely positive that is so.

"The block façade was likely made with one of Sears' Rock Face Block Machines," said Carr. "Essentially, this is how blocks were handmade before the mass production of cinder blocks and were much more attractive and had a natural stone look."

The homes at 2265 Dellwood Avenue, 1226 Willow Branch Avenue and 2807 Lydia Street might be Sears kit homes; however, those would need to be verified, according to Lisa Sheppard with the City's Historic Preservation Section.

Sears estimated that, for a pre-cut house with fitted pieces, it would take only 352

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carpenter hours as opposed to 583 hours for a conventional house—a 40% reduction. Sears estimated the cost of these homes to be between \$360 to \$2,890.

Also, Sears offered loans beginning in 1911, and by 1918 it offered customers credit for almost all building materials as well as offering advanced capital for labor costs. Typical loans ran at 5 years, with 6% interest, but loans could be extended over as many as 15 years.

Between 1908 and 1940, a skilled but mostly anonymous group of architects designed 447 different houses for Sears. Each of the designs, though, could be modified in numerous ways, including reversing floor plans, building with brick instead of wood siding, and many other options.

The company ended up selling about 70,000 to 75,000 homes, with an estimated 25,400 of those homes sold having been built by the homeowners themselves. The homes became most popular after World War I.

Florida almost had an entire city made out of Aladdin kit houses. According to noted historian, author, and the founder of Riverside Avondale Preservation Wayne Wood, in the 1920s the company bought a large tract of land in Dade County and prepared to fill it with kit houses. But the project failed to materialize because of the crash of the Florida land boom and the stock market.

“These houses were mostly not architectural jewels,” said Wood. “They were a modern design meant to appeal to working class people, and they were relatively inexpensive.”

“They are an interesting part of Americana, because they reflect the wide spectrum of houses built at that time – Tudor Revival, Colonial Revival, Bungalow, Prairie Style and many others that are typical of vernacular houses.”

If you want to explore whether your home is a kit home, first, verify the construction date. If the home was built between 1908 and 1940, it could be a Sears home. If it was built between 1906 and 1981, it might be an Aladdin home. Compare your home’s general architecture, style and appearance to the style that the kit home companies marketed. The basic layout of the home needs to match those designs exactly, although design elements may vary. You can find examples online.

Distinctive elements, such as porch column arrangement, square blocks on

molding joints at staircase landings, stamped or stenciled markings on lumber in the basement or attic that will say which manufacturer produced it, plumbing fixtures stamped with an “R” or “SR,” and the backside of sheetrock printed with the word “Goodall” on it are all indications. Shipping labels are often found on the back of millwork.

Look in the attic and basement for any original blueprints or paperwork. Check courthouse records that might indicate that the home had a Sears mortgage. Original

building permits may have “Sears” listed as the home’s original architect.

If you think you may live in a kit home, you may want to share that information with the City and/or with local historic organizations. You can contact the City’s Historic Preservation Section of the Planning and Development Department, (904) 255-7859, historicpreservation@coj.net; Jacksonville Historical Society, (904) 655-0064, info@jaxhistory.org; or Riverside Avondale Preservation, (904) 389-2449, info@riversideavondale.org.



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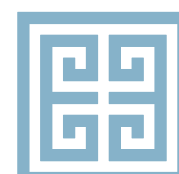
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Episcopal church's new pool director focuses on keeping Jacksonville swimming

BY KAREN J. RIELEY
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Carter Elliott is The Pool's new director.

When Carter Elliott took on the role of pool director in 2020 for the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd in Riverside, he dived enthusiastically into the church's legacy as "Church of the Good Swimming Pool" and the "Church that Taught a City how to Swim." "The Pool," as it is simply and affectionately known, has been a central part of Good Shepherd's outreach ministry since 1921 and is dedicated to ensuring that everyone in Jacksonville knows how to swim.

Elliott has been a member of Good Shepherd since 2016 when he moved to Jacksonville and joined United Way of Northeast Florida as its director of financial stability, overseeing the nonprofit's RealSense program until his retirement in 2020.

"I grew up as a competitive swimmer," Elliott said. "My parents threw me in the pool when I was six and said, 'Swim.' I dogpaddled 25 yards and won a blue ribbon. Ever since then, I've been hooked on swimming. I swim now on the Holmes Lumber Jax Masters Swim Team at Episcopal High School," he said.

When Dave Callen retired in May 2020, after serving as The Pool's director for eight years, the church asked Elliott to take on the

job. "I felt like this would be a good encore career," Elliott said. "After 30 years working for nonprofits, I welcomed a less stressful job that lets me meet a lot of really nice people who are so appreciative that The Pool is offering this service."

Ann and Kip Strasma, swimmers at The Pool, are spearheading a capital campaign with Elliott to fund deferred maintenance on the facility. To date, more than \$40,000 has been raised, thanks in part to two matching gift challenges.

Now 100 years old, the pool was last renovated more than 30 years ago in the early 90s. The goal is to raise \$60,000 to improve the facility's ventilation systems; repair the pool's pumps and chlorine dispensers; update the locker rooms, showers, and dressing rooms; install new tilework; and replace all the lighting systems with LED.

The Strasmas have been swimming all their lives. They are both triathletes and use the pool to swim laps. They made job moves to Jacksonville a year ago. After looking around the area, they decided to buy a home in Riverside. "Riverside was the most attractive community to us because of its convenience to everything we like to do - MOCA, restaurants, Riverside Arts Market, and The Pool," Ann Strasma said. "It is a vibrant and diverse culture and walkable community."

"The way The Pool reaches out to young children, people who are differently-abled, and adults who need physical recovery is unique. The Pool touches so many people in the community and is equitable in providing service. It is a gift to this community," Kip Strasma said.

"When you're swimming, you can see a beautiful stained-glass wall on one side. You feel like you're swimming in a sanctuary," Ann said.

According to Jacksonville Architectural Heritage: Landmarks for the Future, Church of the Good Shepherd began in 1870 as a mission of St. John's Cathedral. Two church buildings in different locations preceded the current one at Park and Stockton streets.

The first structure completed in the current location was a three-story parish house in 1918, later converted into a gymnasium and now an elegant meeting hall. Worsham Hall was constructed next, and then the swimming pool building was added in 1920-21, even before the main sanctuary was built in 1928.

The Good Shepherd Pool was made possible by a donation from Mrs. Wellington Wilson Cummer (Ada), the mother-in-law of Ninah Cummer, patron of the Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens. Her grandson had drowned in the St. Johns River, and she wanted the church to create a safe place where children could learn to swim.

The large, heated, four-lane, indoor pool is 30 feet wide and 80 feet long and is 11½ feet at the deep end and four feet in the shallow end. Thousands have learned to swim there. It attracts people from all parts of town for lap swimming, exercise, lifeguard training, maritime survival training, scuba lessons, and physical therapy, in addition to swim lessons.

The Pool is the home practice pool for the Barracudas Special Olympics Swim Team, which is competing in the 2021 Special Olympics Florida in October. Focus



Ann and Kip Strasma, new Riverside residents, are triathletes who swim laps at Good Shepherd's pool. They are spearheading a capital campaign to renovate the pool facilities.

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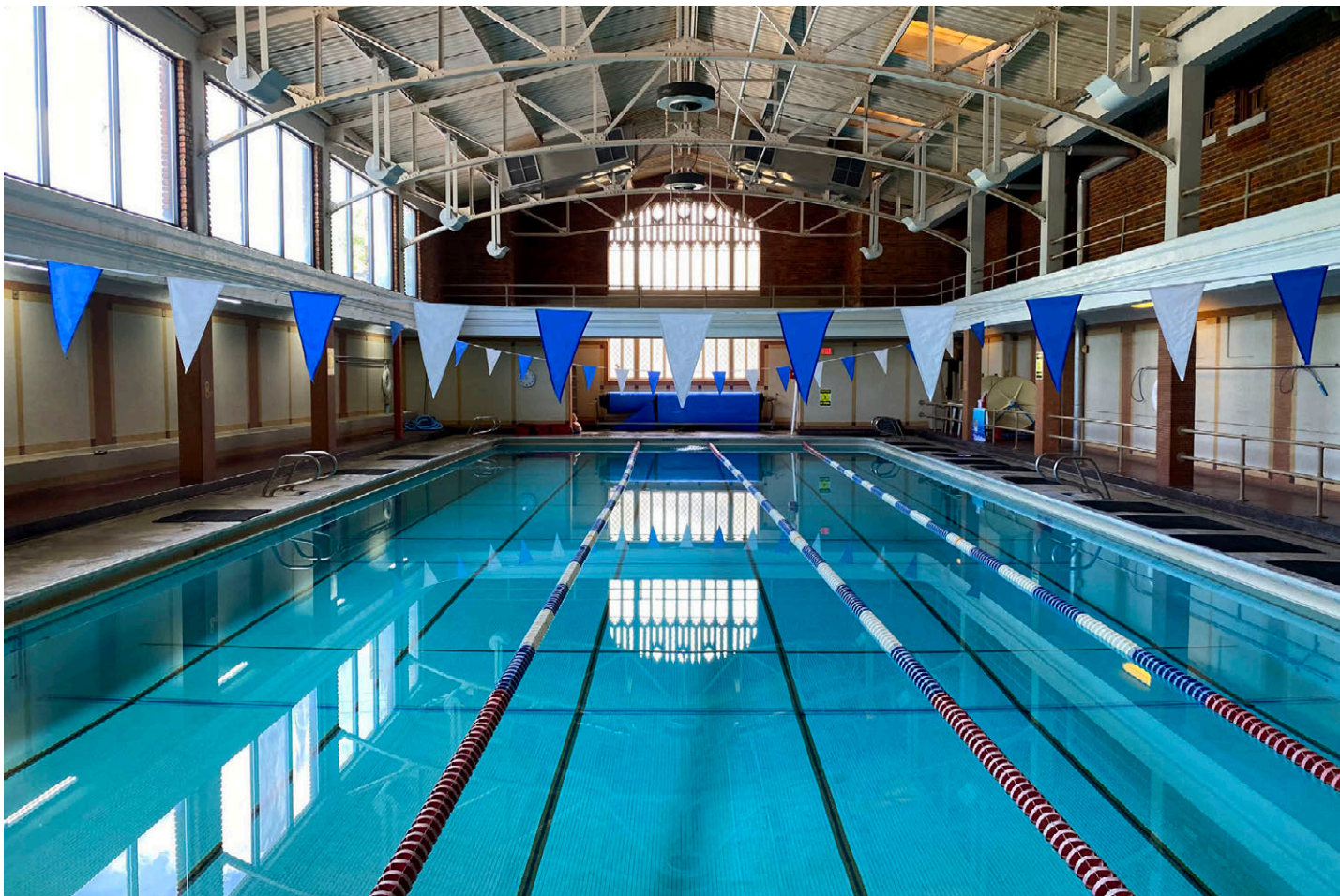
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Physical Therapy in Riverside has been providing aqua therapy at The Pool for years. "Focus Physical Therapy has had a great partnership with GSP for 15 years, providing Aquatic Therapy for our patients and members of the local community," owner Scott Crawley said. "Recently, we had a patient with knee and back pain who could not walk more than 30 feet before taking a break. When she completed the pool therapy program, she

could walk in the grocery store and attend medical appointments and social gatherings with her family and friends." Linda Bolger teaches the national FAST (Flotation Aided Swim Training) program at The Pool. FAST teaches non-swimmers of all ages and abilities how to be comfortable and confident in the water by using United States Coast Guard-approved Type III life jackets.

"The Pool has been awesome. We were able to rent it for teaching inner city and children with disabilities for free, thanks to a grant from Gannett Foundation," Bolger said. She also used the pool last year for Red Cross lifeguard training and FAST WSI (Water Safety Instructors) Certification to certify at least a dozen individuals on how to use the FAST program.

"One woman comes regularly with her mom who is in a wheelchair," Elliott said. "They do aqua aerobics together. We have a chair lift and steps to allow people with physical restrictions to use the pool."

Fr. Brent Owens, who joined Church of the Good Shepherd as its rector in October 2020, sees The Pool as one of the church's most important missions. "People of all economic and ethnic backgrounds swim here," he said.


Fr. Owens told the story of a young woman who was recently in a bad accident. Her therapist recommended swimming to build her strength, but she was unemployed because of the accident and losing her job during COVID-19. Fr. Owens was able to pay The Pool membership cost for her out of his church discretionary fund. "We don't ever want inability to pay to prevent people from being able to swim for whatever reason. I want the people who swim at The Pool to know that they are welcome in the church as well as The Pool and that Good Shepherd is a resource for them," he said.

The Pool closed in mid-March 2020 because of COVID-19 restrictions and reopened on June 1 with a lot of new safety measures. Prior to COVID, the pool's four lanes were open swim. "Because of COVID, we set up an appointment system with one person per lane that many swimmers really appreciated," Elliott said. "We're debating whether to keep that system now that COVID is waning and may do a hybrid system going forward with a couple of lanes by appointment only and a couple open swim."

Visit www.gsjaxpool.com to learn more about pool membership. To make a donation towards The Pool renovation, mail a check to Good Shepherd Pool, c/o Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, 1100 Stockton Street, Jacksonville, FL 32204.


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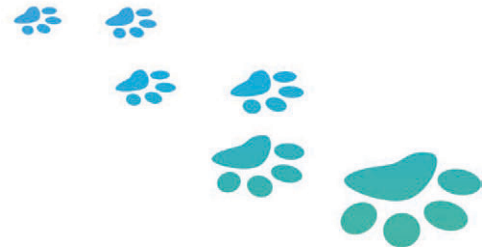
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BY JULIE KERNS GARMENDIA
Resident Community News

“There’s something out in the yard!” an excited four-year-old announced to family members gathered for a cookout. With so much food and conversation, it was pure luck that anyone noticed the small, mostly white and chocolate-spotted animal lounging in full view of resident hawks.

It was a young, extremely lucky domestic rabbit. When the rabbit saw people slowly and quietly approach, it did not bolt into nearby woods. Instead, the little furball hopped straight to the smallest of them all - a little boy named Luke. It stretched both front paws upwards onto his legs, ready to be picked up.

The rabbit’s feet were snow-white, its fur completely clean, without a speck of dirt. Once contentedly nestled in Luke’s lap, the rabbit wiggled its velvety nose and politely sniffed everyone who wanted to pet her. She soon fell asleep with a whispery sigh, exhausted from her wilderness adventure.

It had to be an accidental escape. Owners must be frantically searching everywhere for the little adventurer. In a compact community with one entrance-exit, bordered by a lake and forested nature preserve, reuniting the rabbit with its family would be easy.

A neighborhood door-to-door campaign yielded nothing. Posted flyers with photographs of the rambunctious explorer covered street signs and the neighborhood entrance. Lost pet internet sites were alerted. No one had lost the rabbit. No one had ever seen it.

As night fell, the need to feed the rabbit led to internet research and a crash course regarding domestic rabbit dietary needs and precautions. A grocery trip for approved fresh vegetables followed another expedition to find Timothy hay. A safe, temporary enclosure was erected.

Day one turned into a week, then a month. Luke soon named the wanderer - Luke’s Sugar Bunny - and declared that, “Sugar Bunny needs a real rabbit house”. Sugar wiggled into everyone’s heart and befriended the resident pets.

Domestic rabbits are popular exotic pets, whether house rabbits (litter box trained), or outdoors in secure, weather and predator-proofed enclosures. Easily frightened prey

animals, they require frequent handling, gentle interaction, and specific care. They are intelligent with distinct personalities, respond to their names, and exhibit affectionate companionship. Curious and playful, they bond with owners of all ages including other pets. Pet rabbits are only recommended for children six years or older, with supervision, depending upon the child’s maturity and temperament.

Dangers to domestic rabbits include early forced weaning and sale before they are mature enough to survive, and owners or breeders who deliberately release unwanted or unsold rabbits into woods or public places. Mass releases of domestic rabbits periodically occur, including one widely reported local incident when employees arrived at work to find tame, white rabbits everywhere in a huge shopping center parking lot.

Just like cats, kittens, dogs and puppies, defenseless, abandoned pet rabbits fall prey to weather, traffic, snakes, hawks, owls, feral or free-roaming pet cats and dogs. It is a false belief that domestic rabbits can survive on their own by eating grass; rodent bait, chemically-treated grass or plants are deadly.

Bobbi Nelson and her husband Joe, of B’s Furry Friends Rescue, founded their local rabbit rescue in 2009 when another rescue closed and offered them a large rabbit hutch. Nelson has rescued domestic, exotic and wild animals since age six. An army brat who lived worldwide, she has unique experience with many animal species.

Nelson said that Northeast Florida has few rabbit rescuers, who stay overwhelmed with continuous calls about abandoned or unwanted rabbits. She said they network to save and adopt out as many as possible; she has adoptable rabbits available year-round. Within one recent week alone, Nelson received six calls about unwanted rabbits. She said it is heartbreaking, but impossible to accept or place them all. Neither the Jacksonville Humane Society nor Duval County Animal Care & Protective Services accepts rabbits.



4-H Rabbiner Club Member Katie Ross with Oreo

People give many reasons for re-homing pet rabbits: a move, allergies, a new baby. Sometimes it was an impulse buy, for Easter or a birthday and what was tiny and adorable, grows fast, requires daily care, cleaning, specific food and shelter space. Most people are unaware that veterinary care, spay and neutering for exotic pets costs more than other pets.

Many unwanted rabbits come from accidental litters. Pet stores discover a litter born overnight, because rabbits mature quickly and breed continuously from the age of three months. Gestation takes 28 – 31 days, with an average of six in a litter, but possibly from one to fourteen born.

“Rabbits must be separated by sex from an early age... spayed/neutered at four to six months. Males may begin to spray urine to mark territory, just like male cats, if not neutered,” Nelson said. “Live animals should not be sold in pet stores, because they often don’t separate the sexes and provide no vet care. Most rabbits sold by pet stores or some breeders, are removed from their mothers

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Katie & Oreo

Some rabbit owners enjoy participation in or attending shows hosted by the American Rabbit Breeders Association, or the North Florida Rabbit & Cavy (guinea pig) Association. Children interested in learning more or showing their rabbits may join the Duval County 4-H Rabbiteers Club. The club is part of the youth development program, University of Florida Institute of Food & Agricultural Sciences Cooperative Extension (UF/IFAS).

Kelsey Haupt, 4-H Youth Development Extension Agent I, said clubs enroll boys and girls ages 5 – 18. Clubs are led by background-screened, adult volunteers who provide a planned program during the school year.

“There are 4-H Clubs and projects on many topics, including rabbits and other animal species. 4-H offers a community for kids with focus on informal learning, discovering new interests, projects, hands-on opportunities, life skills and preparing to become good humans and active members of the community,” Haupt said. “Club membership is free for ages 5-7 and \$20 for ages 8-18 annually. Scholarships are available. 4-H July and August summer camps are also open to non-members.”

Leslie Hettick, leader of the 4-H Rabbiteers Club, said club members will show and exhibit their rabbits at the Greater Jacksonville Fair, November 4-14, 2021. Her son Andrew, 17, saw a 4-H club booth at a 2019 community event and discovered the Rabbiteers Club.

“The rabbits are so sweet and make wonderful pets. We’ve all learned so much about animals. Andrew has also learned about many other subjects and community service. He was shy, but club activities brought him out of his shell and boosted his confidence. He’s made lifelong friends in 4-H and it’s a great organization for kids,” Hettick said.

The House Rabbit Society is the national nonprofit rabbit rescue and education organization, with one Florida chapter in Miami. They network with other Florida rabbit rescue groups, including Gainesville Rabbit Rescue/ Daytona, which usually has 100 adoptable pet rabbits available.

A local opportunity to see many rabbit breeds will take place at the North Florida Rabbit & Cavy Breeders Association Show, September 4, 2021, 7:00 a.m. – 3:45 p.m., Clay County Fairgrounds, Green Cove Springs. Free admission.



Rabbiteer Club Leader Leslie Hettick & her son Andrew with

NEWS ALERT:

Rabbit Hemorrhagic Disease Virus (RHDV2) is a fatal, highly contagious disease, first detected in the western U.S., and confirmed to have infected one Central Florida rabbitry. It is believed to be contained and no further Florida cases have been reported as of mid-June 2021, according to Dana M. Krempels, Ph.D., University of Miami Biology Senior Lecturer, Florida RHDV2 Focus Group Member and president of H.A.R.E, Inc. (House Rabbit Adoption, Rescue & Education/Miami chapter - National House Rabbit Society). RHDV2 poses no threat to humans. Owners should prevent any contact between domestic and wild rabbits, which can transmit the virus. Sanitize and wash hands frequently before and after handling pets, including food and supplies.



Luke with Sugar Bunny

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THE WAY WE WERE

DUNCAN AND TOM SAWYER

BY MARY WANSEER
Resident Community News

Duncan and Tom Sawyer will celebrate their 48th wedding anniversary this month. The Yacht Club Road, Ortega couple still laughs at each other's jokes, completes each other's sentences, and shares the philosophy "Be kind to others and don't always think of yourself first." They share something else, too: family histories with deep roots in Florida and in Jacksonville.

Duncan Rosborough Sawyer's ancestors came to the state from South Carolina after the Civil War. Duncan's father was born at home on Avondale Avenue. Duncan was born at St. Vincent's Hospital in 1951 and has "jumped from zip code to zip" of the historic districts since childhood. She grew up on classical music and opera in Lakeshore, Ortega, and Riverside until 1959 when her family moved to Pirate's Cove Road in Venetia. "We grew up with the Ulmer girls. I went to Dorothy's

(Ulmer-Marsh) house in kindergarten, and I've maintained my childhood friendships. The houses were all one story, so people could see the view without the taxes," she said. With this history, it is understandable that Duncan has been devoting two or three hours a week for the past 15 years as a "clipper and filer" for the Jacksonville Historical Society.

Tom's ancestors came to Jacksonville in the 1870s to grow oranges, his grandfather having been influenced by the book *Palmetto*

Leaves by Harriet Beecher Stowe. The family lived in Beauclerc before building the third house ever constructed on Geraldine Drive. Tom's father was born in Jacksonville in 1907 and graduated from Robert E. Lee High School in 1930. Tom was born at Riverside Hospital in 1943, and, following in his father's footsteps, graduated from Lee in 1962. That was seven years before his bride-to-be would do the same with the class of 1969. Duncan and Tom both recall the famous Lee High teacher Mrs. Coxwell who frequently demonstrated bird calls during class.

Although Duncan and Tom did not know each other when school aged, the Rosboroughs knew the Sawyers as fellow congregants of the Church of the Good Shepherd dating back to 1950. And as it often does, fate intervened.

Duncan still recalls being 18 years old and sitting in the back seat of her family's car with Tom's mother, Mrs. Sawyer, as her parents had driven the woman home one Sunday. As they approached the Sawyer house, Duncan noticed Tom outside raking magnolia leaves. She didn't think much of it then, but all these years later, she remembers that moment, as Duncan has an acute awareness of dates, times, and historical information of all types.



Rosborough-Sawyer Wedding July 14, 1973



Duncan Sawyer age 3

It wasn't until three years later that the twosome met again at the Sawyers' house when Duncan attended a party there with her parents. "On a water-skiing outing at Doctor's Lake with friends, I lost my bathing suit top! Tom was driving the boat, so he didn't even see it happen. But he did ask for a date," Duncan said.

The determined young man arrived at the Rosborough house on July 5, 1971 to begin their courtship. He was drugged up because he had just gotten out of the hospital from having kidney stone surgery. Duncan recalls Rod Stewart's "Maggie May"



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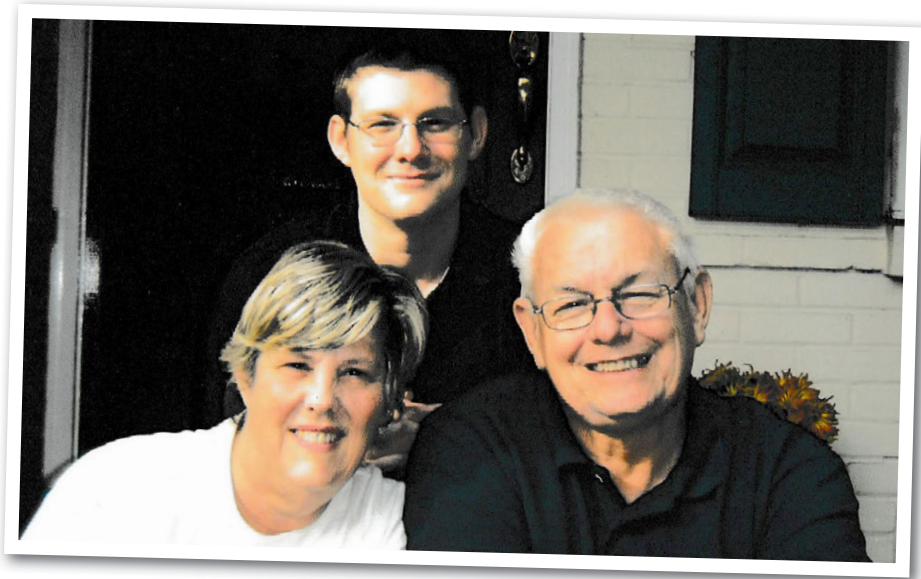


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Duncan, Alexander and Tom 2008

being quite a popular song that summer she started dating Tom. Two years later, on July 14, 1973, they married at Church of the Good Shepherd and went on a cruise with friends for their honeymoon.

These two witty, jovial folks love to laugh and talk. They have a wealth of experiences, knowledge, and information to share. And like Twain's Tom Sawyer, they have many tales to tell.

Tom, self-described as "just the old yard guy who fixes things" said, "As a salesman, I was used to talking and dealing with so many types of people. Now, I just do what I feel like doing. I enjoy being lazy. I worked for 45 years," he said. He relates that his profession came about because, "I didn't want to do anything hard, so I became a salesman." He maintained a position with C and D Wholesale Company.

Perhaps Tom's choice of career was influenced by an experience he had at 19 when his father, who was the chief architect for the Corps of Engineers, got him a job with a surveying company. Tom had agreed to the surveying job on one condition. "I'll take this job, but I'm not going out of town. Two days later, I was in a swamp in the Everglades. I was shooting a line from A to B and everyone on the crew started yelling and gesturing at me. I realized there was a big Brahma bull after me. I learned so much. Had to pick leeches off. I didn't want to go or do it, but it was the best

experience. I got to see a great variety of Florida. We had lived sheltered lives. Still do," Tom said.

Fortunately, Duncan's career in photography did not involve leeches but led to work that she said, "makes lots of people cringe." Her work at St. Vincent's Hospital as an audio-visual technician medical photographer for 28 years was challenging and rewarding. "I was very busy. I had to run to surgery to shoot pre-op, post-op, pathology, archival work, run projectors. My pager went off 24 hours a day. I set up programs of doctors' slides for lectures. My job in medical photography influenced how my life turned out. I was a para-natal bereavement photographer. You really learn to appreciate what you have," Duncan said.

Duncan's inspiration for photography had been piqued when she attended a Jerry Uelsmann Photography exhibit at the Jacksonville Civic Auditorium with her grandmother in 1965, and then her dad gave her a Kodak folding camera. The Rosboroughs and Sawyers were loving, supportive parents and grandparents who encouraged Duncan and Tom to treat people respectfully and to choose professions that they enjoyed, saying, "If you do a job, do it because you love it."

The couple said that they have always been a team, worked hard, and maintained careers. Duncan had a variety of positions: men's clothing sales at Furchgott's Department

Store while biding her time for her real profession; medical photography at St Vincent's, Shands, and Russell Film Labs; teaching photography in the community schools; and writing for a biology journal. In addition to working in sales, Tom owned a yard service. They are both retired now.

Pre-career, Duncan graduated from Virginia Intermont and Florida State with a B.A in Art with a focus on photography. Tom had graduated from Jacksonville University.

Duncan and Tom have one son, Alexander, whom they say is gregarious and very much like them. "He is outgoing, has an independent streak, and is creative. He loves history and enjoys doing historical re-enactments. We exposed him to museums and all types of music when he was growing up." Alexander is now married to Aslin. They have one child, Keira. The three live in Pirate's Cove near other family members, right next door to Duncan's former home.

Between school, careers, and motherhood, Duncan found time for volunteer work and still does. She is a member of the Colonial Dames of America, the Junior League for the past 20 years, the Jacksonville Historical Society, and the Biological Communication Association. She is a legacy member and past president of the American Pen Women's Association. Tom said about his wife's many accomplishments, "That's her department. People in the arts, they are always creating. And she's a good baker." Duncan especially enjoys baking cookies with their granddaughter.

The Sawyers enjoy boating, have always had a boat, and belong to the Florida Yacht Club. Since 1977, they

vacation at Longboat Key where they have a condo. They like reading, birding, and working in their yard. Tennis and swimming have also been on their schedules. Duncan does art and walks about 10 miles each week.

The Sawyers have had numerous pets over the years. Now, they have a 12-year-old formerly feral cat appropriately named Night Night, who curls up under the covers and sleeps much of the time. Duncan remarked that Alex had wanted to name him Midnight because he is coal black.

Duncan and Tom offered this advice for maintaining a long, happy marriage: "Kiss in the morning and at night. You get into trouble when you forget the little things. Don't take each other for granted, and laugh a lot."



Duncan and Tom 1983

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Marnelle Jones Isaac was born November 15, 1951 in Folkston, Georgia to Edith and Asa Arnold "Sonny" Jones. She grew up on a farm Callahan, Florida, was raised as a "country girl", and was an active member of the 4-H club. She took great pride in participating in the county fair with her award winning cow, Bessy.

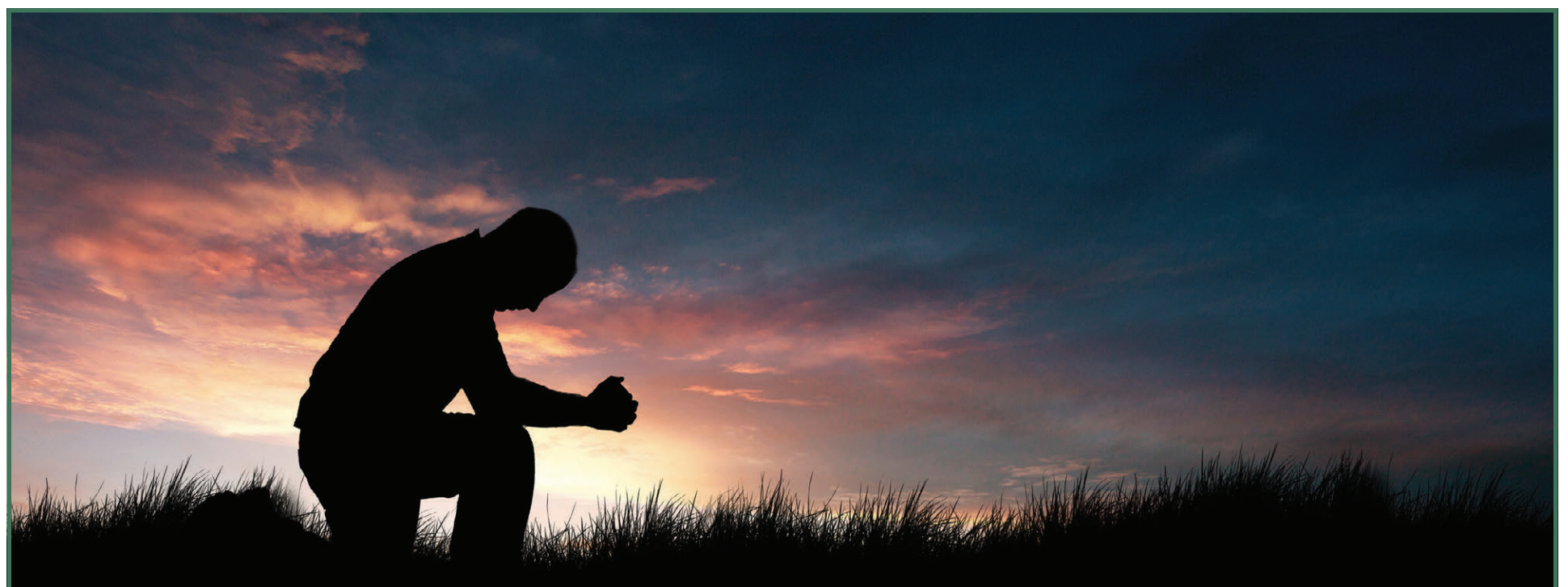
After graduating from West Nassau High School where she was a cheerleader, majorette, and a clarinetist, she continued her education at Palm Beach Junior College, earning a degree in dental hygiene. Thereafter she worked for James Tyson and Charles Prizzia DDS in Jacksonville, Florida. Marnelle married the love of her life, Fred C. Isaac, on April 15, 1978 after meeting on a blind date several years earlier. Fred and Marnelle moved to Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida in 1981 and moved into the home they constructed along with their brand new baby girl, Kori Cameron "Cami". A couple of years later, the couple gave birth to a son, Rodgers Cromwell. Marnelle quickly determined that Christ Episcopal Church Ponte Vedra Beach was a central focal point of the community

both theologically and secularly. She immediately became involved with the church becoming a Lay Eucharistic Minister, completing the four year course for Education for Ministry, chaired the Shared Treasures outreach program for many years, and developed and installed the church's first Newcomer's Program, which was implemented by many other Episcopal churches in the state of Florida.

Marnelle began exhibiting the signs of Alzheimer's 14½ years ago and on June 9, 2021 she succumbed to the ravages of that disease. She fought a courageous battle and donated her brain to Mayo Clinic to further the advancement to combat Alzheimer's disease. Marnelle and her family are grateful for the compassionate staff and volunteers at Mayo Clinic, Ponte Vedra Gardens, and Community Hospice, and especially thankful for Leila Saoud, her faithful friend and caregiver. Marnelle is survived by her loving husband of 43 years, Fred C. Isaac, her beloved children, Cameron Stoddard (Wesley) of Nashville, TN, and Rodgers Isaac (Jessica) of Yalaha, FL, and her cherished grandchildren Aysa Cromwell Isaac (age 10), Jones Wesley Stoddard (age 9), Sophie Frances Stoddard (age 7), and Elias

Michael Isaac (age 6), and her brother Asa Arnold Jones, Jr. (Eydie) of Titusville, FL.

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New Endowment Remembers Son, Funds Behavioral Health Services

BY KAREN J. RIELEY
Resident Community News

An endowment named after a dragonfly may seem nonsensical, but for one Jacksonville family it holds special meaning and for young adults struggling with behavioral health issues and their families it may become the hope and answers they desperately need.

Lakewood couple Sheryl and Todd Johnson know that feeling of desperation and helplessness all too well. Their son, Alex, died at 22 as the result of anxiety and depression. They turned their grief into a mission to help other young adults by founding the Hearts 4 Minds nonprofit and establishing the Alex's Dragonfly Endowment for Young Adult Behavioral Health through the Baptist Health Foundation.



The Johnson family, Carey, Craig, Sheryl, Todd and Matt

The foundation has launched a fundraising campaign to enable the endowment to finance a care coordinator at Baptist Behavioral Health. In December 2020, the Jim Moran Foundation provided a match grant of \$750,000. About one-third of the matching \$750,000 has been raised so far.

“The care coordinator wraps the entire family into the system of care and helps provide guidance and connectivity to ongoing resources,” Sheryl Johnson said. “The role was filled on March 1 and has already helped 50 families.”

“We have until Sept. 30 to raise the balance,” Johnson said. “If we are able to match it in full, this key [care coordinator] position will be endowed for life.”

To raise awareness of the need for an endowment, the Johnsons have contracted with the City of Jacksonville to create and launch a three-year long mental health awareness campaign. On May 30, they launched one aspect of that campaign at the Jacksonville Jumbo Shrimp Stadium – the first in a series of murals entitled “The Power to Change in the Palm of Your Hand,” that uses the unique handprint dragonfly art that is part of the logo for the endowment.

The murals use art and a QR code that will take residents to a specially designed webpage. The goal is to have additional murals created that are specially designed for each site throughout Jacksonville from the Northside to the Beaches.

“These murals can present opportunities for organizations or even individuals to sponsor and/or donate,” Johnson said.

“Dragons have special meaning for us,” she said. “We were inspired to use a dragonfly as our symbol based on a picture of our son at age five after a dragonfly landed on his nose. We love to remember him in nature and capture his sweet disposition. But dragonflies are also used to illustrate the power to change and remind us of all the incredible possibilities we have to grow.”

Ron Salem, At-Large – Group 2, City Council member, joined Andrea Williams from the Jacksonville Jumbo Shrimp, and Johnson in speaking at the stadium event. The mural design was created by artist and architect Ryan Janes and painted by artist David Nackashi.

To sponsor a mural, contact Sheryl Johnson at (904) 625-2770. You can donate online at www.Hearts4Minds.org or mail a check.



This photo of Alex with a dragonfly on his nose when he was young was the inspiration for the name his parents, Sheryl and Todd Johnson, have given the endowment they created in his memory to help other young adults struggling with behavioral health issues.



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The coterie includes (front) Margaret Ellen Commander, Elizabeth Cecelia Grich, Kathryn Hope Cofran, Courtney Jane Kurlas, Lilly Finlayson Whitner, Mary Elizabeth Miller; (back) Diane Gordon Milne, Anne Elizabeth Auchter, Mary Preston Singletary, Phoebe Jesswick Mori, Julia Elizabeth Preuss, Olivia Miles Schueth, Christine Mattingly Schmidt. Not available: Margaret Ann Gibbs.

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A memorable graduation full of emotions, unity, and a sense of accomplishment. It was a year like no other, a year to remember. COVID-19 changed the landscape worldwide and tested everyone's resilience in unimaginable ways. Assumption's Class of 2021 proved that even during challenging times they would still come together strong to overcome what would have seemed an impossible obstacle and to continue their journey toward graduation day.

"It is truly hard to believe that we are at the end of another school year. In August of last year, the idea of bringing everyone back to campus was exciting, but also overwhelming. However, due to the strength and perseverance of this community, we have triumphantly made it through an amazing year. The students have worked extremely hard, and I could not be prouder of their resilience!" said Mrs. Jimenez, Principal at Assumption Catholic School.

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ST. PAUL'S-RIVERSIDE RISES TO THE CHALLENGE OF SPORTS DURING A PANDEMIC

St. Paul's-Riverside faced a challenging school year during the pandemic in providing a safe athletic experience for its students. The school is committed to the importance of physical activity and athletics as part of a balanced education.

"Athletics are an excellent avenue for students to get involved in activities outside of the classroom that promote a healthy lifestyle, provide leadership opportunities and offer students the chance to represent their school," said Casey Rogers, the school's sports coordinator and school parent.

According to St. Paul's-Riverside school principal, Kim Repper, sports can teach students to work together by being team players as well as build friendships across different grade levels.

"Athletics is a good release of energy for our children, especially after being shut down for several months," Repper said.

In response to a directive from the Diocese of St. Augustine, of which it is a member-school, St. Paul's complies with strict procedures designed to ensure the health and safety

of student-athletes participating in team sports. Safety measures include the use of masks upon exiting the field or court of play; elimination of handshakes before, during, and after games; frequent handwashing; sanitizing of gyms in between use; social distancing when indoors; temperature checks for athletes and spectators; and contact tracing.

"This year, our games looked a little different," said Repper. "Spectators were limited to only parents and siblings, and all guests were required to wear a mask while indoors."

"Kids are so resilient. Our children were excited to have the opportunity to play that they did not complain about any restrictions, requests, or rules that were in place due to COVID-19," she said.

Safety measures were rigorous and followed strictly not only by St. Paul's but by other participating schools within the diocesan district as well, according to Rogers.

"The strictness of the protocols and watching the athletes, coaches, fans, and staff adhere to them have given me the confidence that my children are in the safest possible environment to enjoy the sports they love," she said.



St. Paul's-Riverside girls basketball team



Wolfson Children's launches movement for mental health

To address the growing children's mental health crisis by promoting wellness and early intervention, Wolfson Children's is bringing On Our Sleeves, a national movement for children's mental health, to the Northeast Florida/Southeast Georgia area.

On Our Sleeves is based upon a simple concept: children don't wear their thoughts on their sleeves. It can be hard to tell when they are struggling with mental health. On Our Sleeves provides free, easy-to-use educational tools and

resources to help parents and caregivers start conversations, boost mental well-being and break stigmas associated with children's mental health. Each of the icons featured in On Our Sleeves' materials represents a thought or feeling that can spark a conversation.

"We have seen a significant increase in children admitted to Wolfson Children's Hospital for mental health crises since the pandemic began, but unfortunately this problem existed long before COVID-19," said clinical

psychologist Terrie Andrews, PhD, administrator for Baptist and Wolfson Children's Behavioral Health. "The key is to intervene before it becomes an emergency, but adults often don't know how to check in on a child's mental health. On Our Sleeves helps facilitate those vitally important conversations."

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The Bolles School Class of 2021

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Jaybriel Alindada, Tommy Jackson, Ryan Soroka, Kristina Hoy and Kate Capra

Bishop Kenny Cadets Receive Basic Leadership Training

The Naval Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps Area-12 held its annual Basic Leadership Training (BLT) Course at Camp Blanding, 8-12 June. NJROTC Area-12 is comprised of 63 units spread out over NE Florida (Metro Jacksonville) and the State of Georgia. BLT Training and activities included Naval Science Studies, Drill, Uniform Prep and Inspection, the Leadership Reaction Course, an Obstacle Course, a Marksmanship Familiarization Fire Course, Canoeing, Orienteering, and a tour of the Camp Blanding Museum. Three of Bishop Kenny’s NJROTC Students completed the Course: Cadets Jaybriel Alindada, Ryan Soroka and Kate Capra. Also attending as Cadre (senior NJROTC Cadets who lead, conduct training, and mentor the participants) were Cadets Tommy Jackson and Kristina Hoy.

Bishop Kenny’s NJROTC program was established in 1973 and has produced thousands of upstanding citizens in its 48-year history. Graduates have attended the U.S. Naval Academy (Annapolis), the U.S. Military Academy (West Point), the U.S. Air Force Academy, the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy (Kings Point), and ROTC universities such as UF, JU, UCF, USF, The Citadel, Georgia Tech, Ole Miss, Notre Dame, and Savannah State. The Unit fields competitive teams in Academics, CyberPatriot, Drone, Athletics, Drill, and Marksmanship to name a few. BK’s NJROTC program has achieved “Distinguished Unit w/Honors” status 12 consecutive years and is currently ranked second of 63 in Area 12.



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READ USA BOOK FAIRS PROVIDE FREE BOOKS TO STUDENTS AT 102 DUVAL COUNTY SCHOOLS



BY SUSAN D. BRANDENBURG
Resident Community News

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

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

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

St. Johns Robotics Scores Win Trio



St. Johns Country Day School’s Robotics team members Adrian Heinrichs, Ian Johnson, Luke Mooneyham, Colin Pierce, Harbi Saleh, and Blake Sheftall

Spartan Robotics scored a triad of wins at their tournaments this spring against teams from all over Northeast Florida.

The first tournament was on April 23 and Spartan Robotics received the Breakthrough Award, which “celebrates a team that made significant progress in their confidence and capability in both the Robot Game and Innovation Project and are a shining example of excellent Core Values. They demonstrate that they understand that what they discover is more important than what they win.”

At the second tournament on May 18, the team compounded their success by earning two awards: The Highest Score on the Robot Performance Award, which celebrates a team that scores the most points during the Robot Game) as well as an award for Robot Design, which recognizes outstanding programming principles and solid engineering practices in the development of a robot that is mechanically sound, durable, efficient and highly capable of performing challenge missions.

“A majority of the team was new this year,” said team sponsor Mrs. Jennifer Wagstaff, “so winning these awards represents a significant accomplishment.”

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The Tucci Family

BY MARY WANSER
Resident Community News

Matt Tucci is the Jacksonville Market Director of Hardage-Giddens Funeral Homes and Cemeteries. Employed in an industry considered “first responders,” never able to shut its doors during the pandemic, Tucci has been working almost nonstop. “It keeps me pretty busy,” he said. But when asked what he and his family do outside of business hours, he said, “We boat a lot!”

Tucci and his wife, Tammy, grew up in a little city called Lexington in South Carolina where they spent much time boating on a nearby lake. Today, they own a vacation home there. “Boating has been a part of our lives since we met,” Tucci said.



Matt and Tammy Tucci



Tucci family boating

They came to Jacksonville nearly four years ago when Tucci was promoted to his current position. They lived in Avondale for a brief time before buying their home on the Ortega River where they enjoy sunset cruises most evenings.

The Tuccis have three children—Matthew (17), Bella (15), and Lola (11). Matthew is a junior at Bishop Kenny High School where Bella is a freshman. Lola is in fifth grade at Assumption Catholic.

Though much of their time on the water is spent on the Ortega River, a Tucci family favorite is tying up in the St. John River to watch on jumbo screen the Jaguars play home games while listening to the play-by-play on the boat’s radio.

Another favorite is meeting with friends on their respective boats at Whitey’s Fish Camp Restaurant on Doctor’s Lake in Fleming Island where they can listen to live bands on weekends. “That’s the extent of our social gatherings these days,” Tucci said. He shared that many people have gotten into boating this past year as a good way to keep socially distanced while still being together. He and his family had already been doing that.

In fact, his current 25-foot center console is the seventh boat he’s owned. “We used to have a pontoon boat when the kids were little. We moved into a power boat when the kids got older. We bought a ski boat when they wanted to learn how to wakesurf and wakeboard. As they have grown, our boats have changed,” he said.

Though he used to enjoy fishing, Tucci says he hardly has time for it anymore. When he’s not working or boating, he’s attending

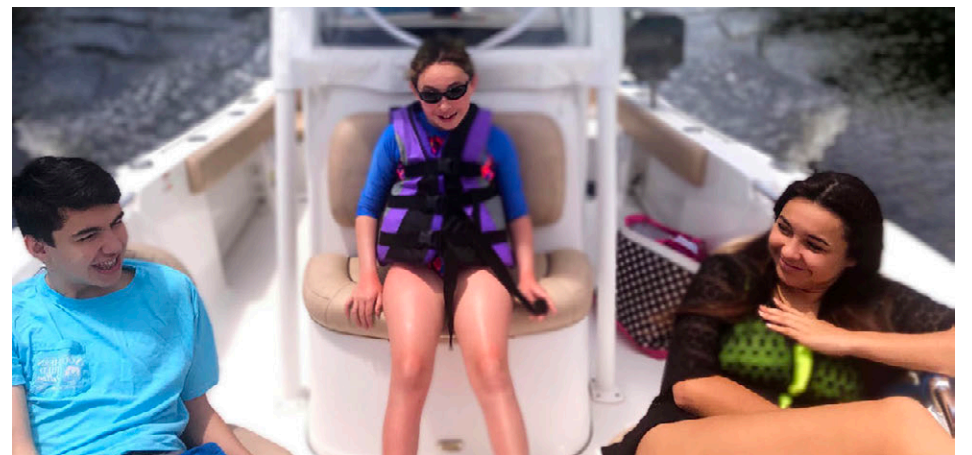


Lola and Matt Tucci

the kids’ sporting events. Both of his girls are involved with competitive cheer. They are each on a travel team, and both teams have won bids to compete nationally in this year’s annual championship round.

Regarding his son, “He’s just smart,” Tucci said. Matthew used to play a lot of sports but now spends more time volunteering and studying. Soon, he will be heading north to the University of South Carolina for a pre-dental program.

As Matthew makes plans to move north, his dad considers what he likes about being south. “There’s a heck of a lot of things to do in Jacksonville—the river, the beach, major sporting events,” he said. Coming from a smaller state to a larger city has served Tucci well!



Matthew, Lola, and Bella Tucci



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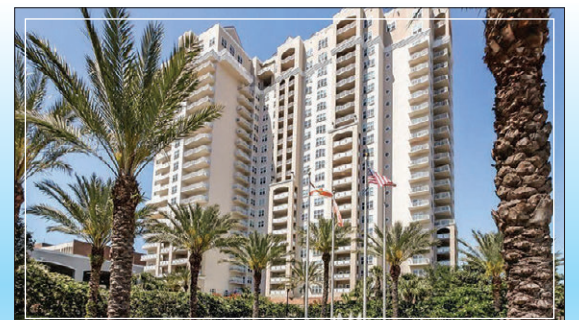
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