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In 1946, the first building on the HAB campus would not be a sanctuary but a gymnasium.

HENDRICKS AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH CELEBRATES 75TH ANNIVERSARY

BY KAREN RIELEY
 Resident Community News

Hendricks Avenue Baptist Church will celebrate its 75th anniversary on Oct. 23 and 24 with a weekend of fun, food and entertainment for the community. Three simultaneous activities on the church campus on Saturday, Oct. 23, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m., are open to the public.

Saturday events include a Home Run Derby featuring all of the church's HACAA coaches and a surprise first batter; a Fall Festival with games, inflatables and food trucks; and "Reflections and Fellowship" with time for the community to share special HAB memories.

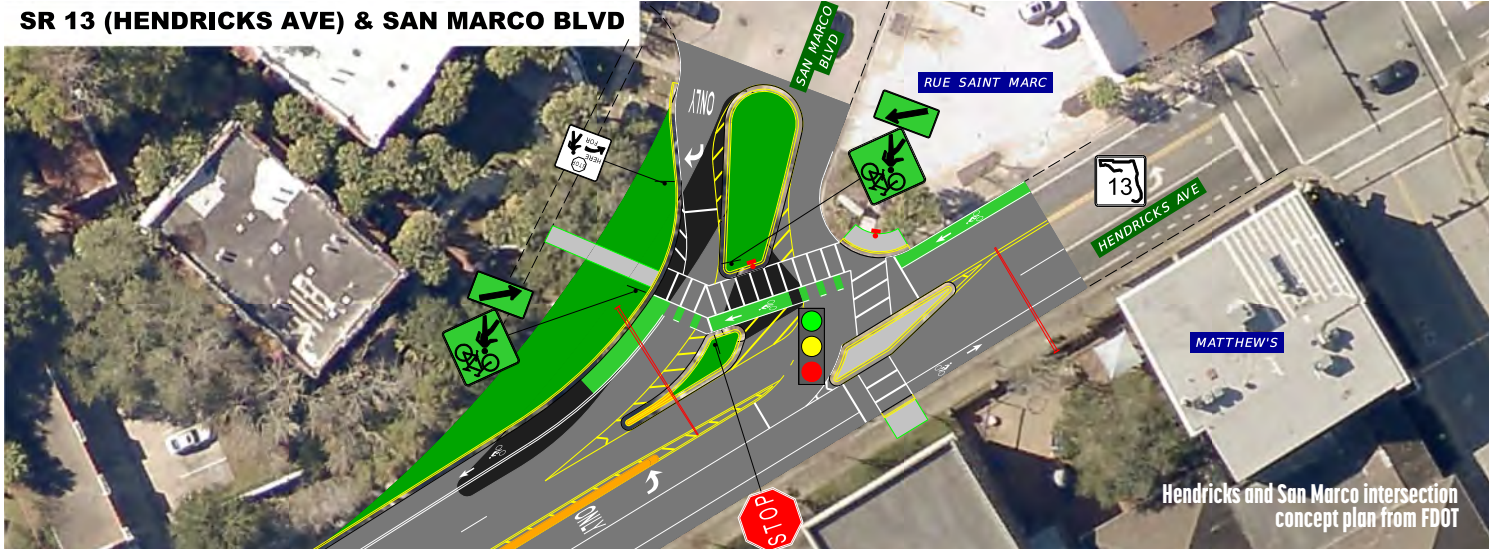
On Sunday, Oct. 24, the church will hold a Campus Open House, 9-10:45 a.m., with history and photos of the church family and a new exhibit in the church's Art Gallery. worship at 11 a.m. will be followed by an outdoor luncheon. There is no cost for the luncheon; reservations are required, however, by Monday, Oct. 18. Contact laraine@habchurch.com

The church, known as HAB, calls itself "A Place of Grace," to emphasize its focus on service to others. Its year-round recreation program known as HACAA, provides food through UCOM. Members participate at the I.M. Sulzbacher Center for the Homeless. The church also hosts a Community Arts Gallery and a Community Garden.

The history of Hendricks Avenue Baptist Church will be featured in the November Issue of Resident News, stay tuned for more about the humble beginnings of the congregation.

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Hendricks and San Marco intersection concept plan from FDOT

TOWN HALL MEETING CALLED TO ADDRESS PEDESTRIAN SAFETY CONCERNS, ALTER TRAFFIC PATTERNS

San Marco Blvd. – Hendricks Ave. interchange improvements presented

BY KEVIN J. MEERSCHAERT
 Resident Community News

A small group of local residents business owners gathered at Southside Baptist Church to hear about proposed changes to the San Marco Blvd. – Hendricks Ave. interchange.

The intersection has long been a problem with vehicles speeding through, making difficult u-turns, and a dangerous crosswalk for pedestrians.

City Councilmember LeAnna Cumber was joined by Jacksonville Chief of Traffic Engineering Christopher LeDew and Florida Department of Transportation Project Manager Jeff Daugharty for a town hall meeting to talk about some changes under consideration.

The plan would redesign the lane from San Marco to southbound Hendricks that Daugharty

said would force drivers to slow down before merging. It would also move the crosswalk on Hendricks further north so it is beyond where vehicles merge southbound onto Hendricks. It would also add a new traffic signal, more room for bicycles, and a median separator on Hendricks.

Cumber said the main concern has always been safety. She says the improvements under consideration should help.

"What I wanted to make sure is that we had enough room for bicyclists, and we had enough maximum space so that when you are going into Arbor there's actually a whole block for a merge rather than what we have now," Cumber said.

LeDew said the city will be adding some signage including a "No U-Turn" sign at the end of San Marco and other signs directing motorists how to access northbound Hendricks.

The about two dozen people who attended the meeting, for the most part, welcomed the

proposed changes. There were some minor changes suggested that Daugharty said he'll bring back to F-DOT. He said the key is to get motorists to slow down coming off San Marco onto southbound Hendricks.

"We're going to move the curb out...so this traffic (on San Marco) will have to slow down quite a bit," Daugharty said. "The turn will be much tighter."

The upcoming opening of the new San Marco Publix and The Hendricks multi-family housing complex are also expected to add enough traffic to slow down some drivers.

The project is expected to cost about \$2 million but no funding has been appropriated. The earliest a design concept can be funded is next year, with the actual construction a year later. That would leave the earliest the redesign could be finished would be around early 2024.

DO YOU RECOGNIZE ANYONE IN THESE PORTRAITS?

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LUCIE HONORED, LEAVES A LASTING LEGACY AT BOLLES

Championship rings and memories abound for legendary orthopedic specialist

Bolles hosted a special pregame ceremony honoring retired team physician Dr. Stephen Lucie for his many years of dedicated service to The Bolles School.

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DEAR EDITOR,

Recently I saw a letter in the Resident from Dr. Eduardo Balbona concerning hospitals not allowing administering Ivermectin as a treatment for Covid. This really hit home with me, because I took Ivermectin as a precaution, properly prescribed by my physician so that I could care for a friend who had contracted Covid. My friend was in the hospital for three days, diagnosed with Covid Pneumonia. Thank goodness he regained some strength and could breathe on his own enough to be discharged as a patient due to hospital personnel saying they were overcrowded. Once he was home, he began an Ivermectin regimen prescribed by our physician along with other necessary medications and immediately started to improve. Continuing to follow the doctor's orders, my friend began a sound recovery spanning over several weeks.

I'm sharing this experience publicly, because I strongly believe this Ivermectin treatment for both of us was the best answer beginning with helping me remain asymptomatic so I could care for someone who required full time attention to fight this deadly virus. My friend is in his late seventies, has fully recovered and is showing no symptoms or residual effects of Covid, and continues to ride his bike eight plus miles a day and works out. And we both continue to test negative for Covid.

There are many stories such as mine, but for whatever reason, the media will not share the good news backed by valid facts and information. And the medical facilities are not willing to open their eyes to the concrete studies which can give other patients that chance of recovery, proven in so many instances.

Dee W. Benson

TAXPAYER COST/SUBMERGED SOVEREIGNTY LAND LEASES

This was in the subject line that I emailed to over a 100 people including elected officials and media in Jacksonville after attending the 9/21/2021 Neighborhoods, Community Services, Public Health and Safety Committee of the Jacksonville City Council. Pull the tape and watch it yourself.

The legislation 2021-0593 is a Sovereignty Submerged Lands Lease Modification between the City of Jax, the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund of the state of Florida and Palms Fish Camp LLC which modifies the existing lease.

The amendment to the lease is an amount of \$4,894.49 and this is where the fun begins. Is this a Taxpayers Cost or a Businesses Cost?

HEY! We need another round over here!

The legislation was deferred because of unanswered questions. One being a change from the state in charging fees. It was also deferred at the 9/21/2021 Finance Committee Meeting. So the legislation is still active in 2 committees. Neighborhoods and Finance. It also needs to go to Waterways and let's hope that Mayor Curry, Council President Newby, or the Chair of Waterways Al Ferraro makes that request.

Going through the Committee Process are 2 other pieces of legislation with a Sovereignty Submerged Lands Lease. 2021-0668 and 2021-0671. The Residents of Jacksonville. Especially the residents of Downtown on our Waterways. Look at the fine print.

John Nooney

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SOME GOOD NEWS – *Reader Becomes Donor*

When Mrs. Roswitha Dougherty of Ortega read the August 2021 Resident Community Newspaper's article, "Animal Teachers", she was so moved by the stories of rescue animals helping children to learn in the classroom, and other children reading to shelter dogs, she contacted the publisher. Mrs. Dougherty said that she reads every issue cover to cover, likes to learn new things, know what's going on in the neighborhood and discuss topics with her neighbors.

"I have been donating to national animal rescue organizations, but I want my contributions to go right here locally. So I asked to be connected to the lady in the article who rescues animals in Jacksonville, Ana's Angels Animal Rescue," she said. Mrs. Dougherty is now a supporter of Ana's Angels Animal Rescue.

CORRECTION.

The Resident mistakenly transposed the Byline in the Way We Were column published in the September Edition for Duncan and Tom Sawyer as well as for Holt and Betty Ann Graves. Both articles were written by Peggy Harrell Jennings. We regret the error in pagination, and want to give our writer, Peggy the proper credit.

SPECIAL ELECTION TO DECIDE HAZOURI VACANCY

BY KEVIN J. MEERSCHAERT
Resident Community News

The Jacksonville City Council has set the dates for the Special Election to replace late City Councilmember Tommy Hazouri. Hazouri died September 11th from complications of the lung transplant he received last year. The former Mayor, State Representative and School Board member was 76.

He's the first sitting Jacksonville City Councilmember to pass away in office since consolidation. The law requires his seat be filled by a special election no more than six months after the vacancy.

The First Election will be held on December 7th, with the General Election, if needed, held on February 22nd.

As with regular city elections, all candidates regardless of party affiliation will be on the same ballot and if anyone receives over 50-percent of the vote in December, they will be declared the winner and be sworn in shortly after the election is certified.

If no one wins a majority the two top vote-getters will move on to the General Election.

The filing deadline for candidates was noon, October 1st.

While the candidates must live in the specific Group 3 area, the at-large election is open to all registered voters in Duval County.

As of our print deadline five candidates have filed for the election. Republicans Nick Howland, Howland "Howdy" Russell, and John Barnes are joined by Democrats Trayce Polson and James C. Jacobs.

Howland is CEO and the Executive Director of Fire Watch, which works to curb suicides among veterans. He unsuccessfully ran for Duval County School Board in 2018.

Barnes is currently a member of the Water and Soil Commission and has been endorsed by former Mayor John Delaney.

Russell is the owner of Jumpin' Jax House of Food Restaurants.

Polson lost a tough campaign against Wyman Duggan for State Representative in 2018 as well.

Jacobs, known as "Coach" in his previous campaign literature is an Duval County School's athletic coach. He has been a previous candidate for City Council and the Duval School Board.

Former Mandarin area Jacksonville City Councilmember Matt Schellenberg said he wanted to run but was told by General Counsel he's ineligible since he hasn't been off the council for a full term.

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City Council Approves Laura Street Trio Redevelopment

BY KEVIN J. MEERSCHAERT
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After decades of neglect and several false starts, The Laura Street Trio is a step closer to being revitalized.

The Jacksonville City Council has approved a \$24.7 million incentive package with SouthEast Development Group LLC to renovate the Florida Bank Building, the Florida Life Building and the Bisbee Building into a 145-room Marriott Autograph Hotel along with ground-floor retail, a restaurant, a lounge and a specialty food store.

The Trio are part of the National Jacksonville Historic District and were built from 1902 and 1912 as the city rebuilt after The Great Fire.

“Downtown Jacksonville is one step closer to regaining use of its most significant historic buildings,” said Steve Atkins, Principal and Managing Director of SouthEast Development Group. “I appreciate the Council’s consideration. I appreciate DIA (Downtown Investment Authority) and the hard work that they did and most importantly I appreciate the leadership that the Mayor put forward and his commitment to downtown development.”

According to SouthEast the redevelopment plans for the Laura Street Trio include:

- Historic Florida National Bank Building: 18,216 square feet over two stories and a basement, to include a 7,442-square-foot, basement-level private dining and wine cellar space; 7,069 square feet on the first floor for restaurant operations; and an additional 3,615 square feet of restaurant operating space.
- Historic Bisbee Building: 42,333 square feet over 10 stories, with mechanical operations in the basement; a 4,401-square-foot food and convenience store on the ground floor; a 4,401-square-foot conference center on the second floor; and eight floors of hotel rooms.
- Historic Florida Life Insurance Building (Marble Bank Building): 26,803 square feet over 11 stories. It will include a media theater in the basement; 2,205 square feet of lobby/business center space on the ground floor; a 2,205-square-foot fitness and media center on the second floor; and nine floors of hotel rooms.

SouthEast will build a new eight-story building that will provide ground-level retail, six floors of hotel rooms and a rooftop bar. An 11-story circulation core will add 2,012 square feet of lobby space on the first floor. Adkins said



Current Trio



Rendering (courtesy of SouthEast Development Group)

bringing the three buildings into one project has been difficult.

“(We have) three buildings, they’re all built at different times. Three different elevations. All of that has to be taken into account when you are not just putting them back together but making them work together,” he said.

Adkins said the new buildings will be contemporary in their design but will complement the existing structures.

Jacksonville historian Wayne Wood said the Laura Street Trio is the most significant architectural grouping in downtown Jacksonville and he is delighted they will finally be getting renovated.

“The buildings are so architecturally and historically important they can’t be torn down, but yet they are in too horrible shape to leave them as they are if there is any glimmer of hope for downtown redevelopment,” he said. “These buildings are difficult to redevelop because of their narrow footprint.” Wood said that’s why there needed to be a generous incentive package to get the deal completed.

Wood says it’s a unique grouping of buildings that most people don’t realize just how special it is to have in Jacksonville. “In most downtown metropolises, the tallest building is usually on the corner and so it blocks the two buildings on the other side,” he said. “But here we have just the opposite. We have a beautiful classical building on the corner allowing you to see the two skyscrapers framing it on either side and it makes a wonderful composition that’s fairly unique in the southeast.”

Adkins said Cincinnati-based Winegardner & Hammons will be operating the restaurants and bars on the site. He



Rendering (courtesy of SouthEast Development Group)

said there will be some third-party retail but none of that will be finalized until much closer to the opening.

Adkins said construction is expected to begin this fall and will take about two years to complete.

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Former Times-Union site incentives approved

BY KEVIN J. MEERSCHAERT
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After a delay over restaurant plans, the Jacksonville Downtown Investment Authority has approved Fuqua Development LLC's \$182.2 million project on the site of the former Times-Union Building. The \$31.59 million incentive package now includes plans for a riverfront restaurant. The deal was tabled by the DIA in August to get the restaurant included.

Fuqua plans to tear down the building and replace it with a multi-family housing with 271 units and office and retail space including a grocery store. Plans also include a public park next to the property and the restoration of McCoy's Creek.

The incentive package includes an up to \$750,000 forgivable loan for the restaurant project, provided it is built during the first phase of the project.

The DIA Board said it wanted to see the restaurant open as soon as possible. DIA Executive Director Lori Boyer said it will need to be a full service restaurant open six days a week with two meal periods a day.

If it's built on the site of the former Times-Union helipad, the restaurant will have to be at least 2,500 square feet with no less than 500 square feet for outdoor dining. If it's built as part of the residential complex it must be 3,000 square feet with 550 square feet for outdoor riverfront dining.

Not everyone is happy with the proposal. Scenic Jacksonville has come out against the finance plan calling it "overly generous". Board President Susan Craven told the DIA Board

that since the former Times-Union property is "a prime piece of real estate, the last and arguably the best riverfront site... and it will be along the Emerald Trail," it should fulfill its great potential that can membrane downtown.

Former City Council President and architect Bill Bishop also asked the DIA to send the proposal back to Fuqua for further work. He called the current design "uninspiring."

"What's being proposed...is just the same old, boring, suburban, four-stories on a concrete pedestal that is being built all over the world," Bishop said. "There is nothing interesting about it. There is nothing that says 'This is Downtown Jacksonville.' There is nothing urban about it at all."

Bishop said he believes it's a great project and usually, if a private land owner is selling to a private developer, as is this case, he wouldn't comment about the project, but since there is so much city money involved, the public should have more of a say in what gets built.

Spokespeople for Fuqua and the DIA said that none of the specifics of the plans are close to being finalized.

"We do not have any renderings yet of what the actual buildings will look like. That's part of the Downtown Development Review Board process," Boyer said. "From our perspective at this point we were only looking at what the actual uses were and the quantities of those uses we are putting on the site to justify the incentives."

Bishop said history shows such plans tend not to change much through just tweaking the proposal. He believes it needs some major changes.

The incentive package will now go to the City Council Finance Committee.

The timeline for when Fuqua plans to complete its plans and present them to the DDRB is yet to be finalized.

Jacksonville City Council Nearing Redistricting Plan

BY KEVIN J. MEERSCHAERT
Resident Community News

The Jacksonville City Council is closing on agreeing to boundaries for the 14 council districts. The new boundaries are necessary due to changes in the city's population from the 2020 census.

Duval County has a population of 995,567. The 14 district's must all have a population with a deviation of no more than plus or minus five-percent.

Officials with the city's planning department were able to develop maps that only needed to tweak the districts to stay in compliance.

Council member Randy DeFoor's District 14 will see no changes from the map from ten years ago. It will still start at the Fuller-Warren Bridge and include Riverside, Avondale and Five Points as it borders the western side of the St. Johns River neighborhoods.

"As you know I love my district and would prefer to keep it as it exists so if we can do that then that's what I'm going to try to do," DeFoor said.

A couple of proposed district boundaries will need more fine tuning. The boundary between Council member Randy White's District 12 and Ju'Coby Pittman's District 8 needs to be changed due to population shifts.

Neither Councilmember is satisfied with their proposed boundary around Beaver Street to Old Plank Road and Otis to Jackson Avenue on Jacksonville's westside.

A boundary change between Reggie Gaffney's District 7 and Al Ferraro's District 2 will also need some modifications to satisfy both council members.

Part of Gaffney's district near the Nassau County line in northwest Jacksonville is already being moved into Pittman's district. But another portion around the Broward River would move into District 7, which Gaffney would like to avoid.

"I've probably given up more than anyone else...and now they are asking me to pick up almost the same numbers I gave up," he said.

Both pairs of council members will be meeting in the coming weeks to try and work out an equitable solution.

It was smoother sailing on the other side of the St. Johns River. Those Councilmembers met and were able to come up with a map they could all agree with.

LeAnna Cumber's Council 5 will stay pretty much the same but it's border will expand to the south and end at Shad Road instead of Sunbeam.

"It keeps all the neighborhoods together and adds a little bit down on the southside," Cumber said. "Those neighborhoods will all be together so I think it's a great change for District 5 and I wanted to see (that) it didn't change too much."

The City Council Redistricting Committee is also starting work on the Group boundaries five At-Large District Seats.

Those five council members represent and are voted on by the entire county, but are required to reside in different areas of Jacksonville.

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JTA Seeks New Development Near Transportation Hubs



Autonomous Vehicle Ollie 2.0 by Local Motors and the AV Star by Greenpower and Perrone Robotics ride on the test track at Cecil Field. (photo provided by JTA)

BY KEVIN J. MEERSCHAERT
Resident Community News

The Jacksonville Transportation Authority is looking to help encourage private development around its transportation hubs and expand mass transit on the First Coast.

During its annual State of the Utility presentation JTA officials looked back on the challenges of operating during the pandemic, and presented plans for the future.

JTA is also commemorating their 50th anniversary. It was first created by the state legislature in 1955 as the Jacksonville Expressway Authority. It was renamed the Jacksonville Transport Authority in 1971 when it began bus service. The annual presentation was delivered entirely virtual.

Mayor Lenny Curry praised the JTA and its Board for its work during the pandemic offering free rides for people to vaccine centers and operating mobile vaccine clinics in areas

where getting to a vaccine site was difficult. “It takes all of us working together to build a better, stronger, more connected community,” he said.

Curry also thanked JTA for its support for the “Jobs for Jacksonville” gas tax.

“By leveraging the gas tax as other major Florida cities do we will make significant progress on improvements to transportation and infrastructure throughout our community,” Curry said.

JTA Chief Administrative Officer and Senior Vice-President Cleveland Ferguson discussed the Authority’s latest study to encourage more development near transportation hubs.

Ferguson said Transit Supported Urbanism can enrich communities and help provide the spark needed for growth. He said it can help reduce urban sprawl and congestion, while increasing pedestrian activity and economic development.

He said thanks to help from the state legislature, JTA can now agree with private developers on 99-year leases of parcels owned by the Authority for private development.

“This allows the JTA to negotiate with the private sector in a way that increases certainty and predictability as developers finance their construction projects with JTA as its partner,” Ferguson said.

It’s hoped such development will spur others to invest in areas around the transportation hubs for further growth.

Ferguson said he hopes any zoning changes needed development projects will be completed with the City Council by the end of the year.

JTA CEO Nat Ford said they are very pleased with their partnerships with Beachside Buggies in the Beach communities and Go Tuk’n in Downtown, Riverside, and Avondale and hopes to see further expansion.

JTA is looking for more ways to expand mass transit opportunities with an expansion of the Skyway. The plan is to make use of autonomous vehicles to expand transportation opportunities to TIAA Bank Field, Riverside, San Marco, and Five Points.

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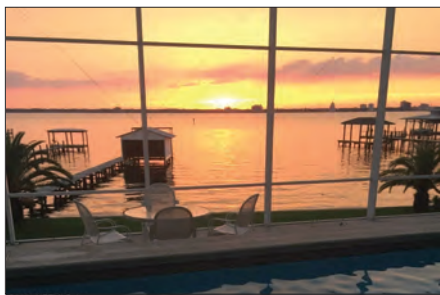
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TEACHER'S PLEA TURNS REQUEST INTO ACTIONS

Local classrooms benefit from nonprofit funding for critical supplies and support

BY KAREN RIELEY
Resident Community News

Thanks to the Jacksonville Public Education Fund and the Community First Cares Foundation middle school teacher Dayna Yarbrough received nearly \$500 in essential back-to-school supplies for her gifted students. Yarbrough had requested classroom basics through the online funding website, DonorsChoose.com. "As we go into our new school year, having access to many of the basic classroom supplies needed for an interactive Language Arts class is important," Yarbrough said on the website. She requested funds to buy construction paper, crayons, colored pencils, and folders to help her students who couldn't afford them. "Even having access to tissues and paper towels is key to ensuring the students are able to remain safe while learning," she said. Yarbrough is one of a total of 87 teachers in 41 schools to receive funds for 123 projects from JPEF and Community

First Cares Foundation. The two organizations' partnership replicates a pilot program created last year that created a matching campaign to give funds to local classrooms. "This partnership continues on a long tradition of collaboration between JPEF and Community First to support Duval County educators," said JPEF President Rachael Tutwiler Fortune. The fundraising campaign will provide \$50,000 in classroom grants to support critical work for students this school year. "As an organization founded by educators, we are proud to support teachers in our community achieve more in the classroom than traditional funding provide," said Missy Peters, executive director of the Community First Cares Foundation, which is the charitable giving arm of Community First Credit Union. In addition, the Community First gift will support JPEF's Teacher Leadership initiative which equips Teachers of the Year with best practices to support leadership in schools across Duval County.

Judge Dismisses Episcopal Mask Mandate Suit

BY KEVIN J. MEERSCHAERT
Resident Community News

Senior Circuit Court Judge Robert M. Foster has dismissed with prejudice a suit filed by Episcopal School of Jacksonville parents against the school's mask mandate policy. By dismissing with prejudice the plaintiffs are not allowed to refile or appeal. The case stemmed from Episcopal's mask mandate for all students and staff implemented at the beginning of the school year as cases of the Delta variant of COVID-19 were skyrocketing across Jacksonville. The plaintiffs argued that the "Parents Bill of Rights" approved by the state legislature earlier this year supersedes any such rule and the parents should be the ones to decide if their kids should wear a mask.

Attorneys for the school countered the legislation doesn't apply to private schools since they are not under the jurisdiction of the State Board of Education. The statute specifies that "[t]he state, any of its political subdivisions, any other governmental entity, or any other institution may not infringe on the fundamental rights of a parent," without demonstrating the action is reasonable and necessary. The legal dispute centers on just what "any other institution" means in a court of law. In a ruling handed down on September 22nd, Judge Foster ruled that it only applied to government entities, and not to a private school like Episcopal. He cited legal precedence and the common law strict scrutiny standard saying "it has historically been applied only to government actors, violating fundamental rights or discriminating against a suspect classification." Foster wrote that "the word 'institution' is sufficiently broad to render the other listed terms as mere surplusage, regardless of how the term is interpreted." He added the Legislature "likely employed the phrase 'any other institution' as a final catch-all term to emphasize that the listing is inclusive of any and all government entities." Foster also noted that the parents' interpretation of the legislation would lead to "constitutionally-dubious results." "If the parents' Bill of Rights applied to private religious institutions (like

Defendants), they would be forced to justify their constitutionally-protected religious practices to a court-by showing their practices are "necessary to achieve a compelling state interest"-instead of the state being required to justify its infringement of those rights under the same strict scrutiny standard. This is an absurd role reversal, and the Court will not countenance any interpretation raising such grave and far-reaching constitutional concerns," Foster ruled. In an email statement to Resident Community News, attorney Daniel Bean said they were disappointed with the ruling. "The Plaintiffs' respectfully disagree with the Trial Court's decision as the Plaintiffs" believe "institutions" does include private schools," he said. "This case is solely about a parent's right to make the healthcare decisions for their minor children and the Plaintiffs will continue to believe that." Episcopal attorney Stephen Busey said the law was clear that the plaintiffs didn't have a case. "The parents brought this lawsuit in bad faith," he said in a statement. "They agreed in their enrollment to comply with Episcopal's policies. If they do not like the school's policies, they can send their children to a different school." Episcopal officials have extended the mask mandate until at least October 8th and says it will continue to regularly review their safety precautions in light of any changing circumstances.

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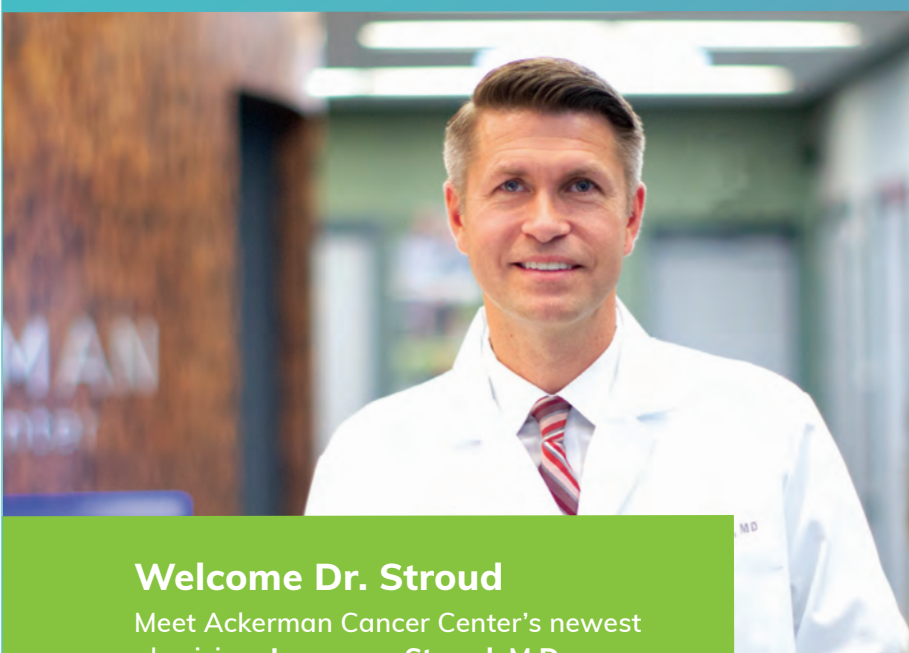
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JACKSONVILLE CURBSIDE RECYCLING ON HIATUS STARTING OCT. 4

No timeline set for return to recycling program

BY KEVIN J. MEERSCHAERT
Resident Community News

Due to staffing shortages with the city's private refuse haulers, curbside recycling is going to be temporarily suspended beginning October 4th. Mayor Lenny Curry said the city is being forced to do so due to the nationwide labor shortage caused by the COVID pandemic.

It's hoped the suspension will allow crews to catch up on garbage and yard waste that

has been piling up on curbs across the city. Yard waste and garbage are being targeted for pick up because they are a higher risk to health and safety.

Curry said his office and those of city council members have been inundated with emails and phone calls from people unhappy that yard waste and recycling has been sitting on curb sides for weeks without being collected.

"Our citizens are understandably upset," he said. "They are upset because this is a basic service that is paid for by their taxes and it's not outrageous to expect a service that you pay for."

Jacksonville is setting up fourteen locations around the city where people can drop off their recycling if they wish to do so.

They will operate Monday through Saturday from sunrise to sunset.

The locations include; Riverside Park, Earl Johnson Memorial Park, A. Philip Randolph Park, and the Mary Lena Gibbs Community Center.

The Mayor's office introduced an ordinance to the City Council to establish a yard waste transfer station to help reduce run times and speed up yard waste collections. There will not be any new yard waste dropoff sites. The legislation includes a fee reduction for those who wish to drop off yard waste at the Trail Ridge facility. The cost will be one dollar for up to 500 pounds of yard waste and will be accepted Monday through Saturday from sunrise to sunset. Normally, residents can only drop off yard waste at Trail Ridge on Saturday.

Curry said the circumstances were beyond anyone's control as the national labor shortage has hit waste haulers hard.

Chief of the Solid Waste Division Will Williams said the local trash haulers have been working to hire new qualified drivers offering up to \$25 per hour.

"We are not neglecting anything. We are going to make sure we do our job and we're going to make sure

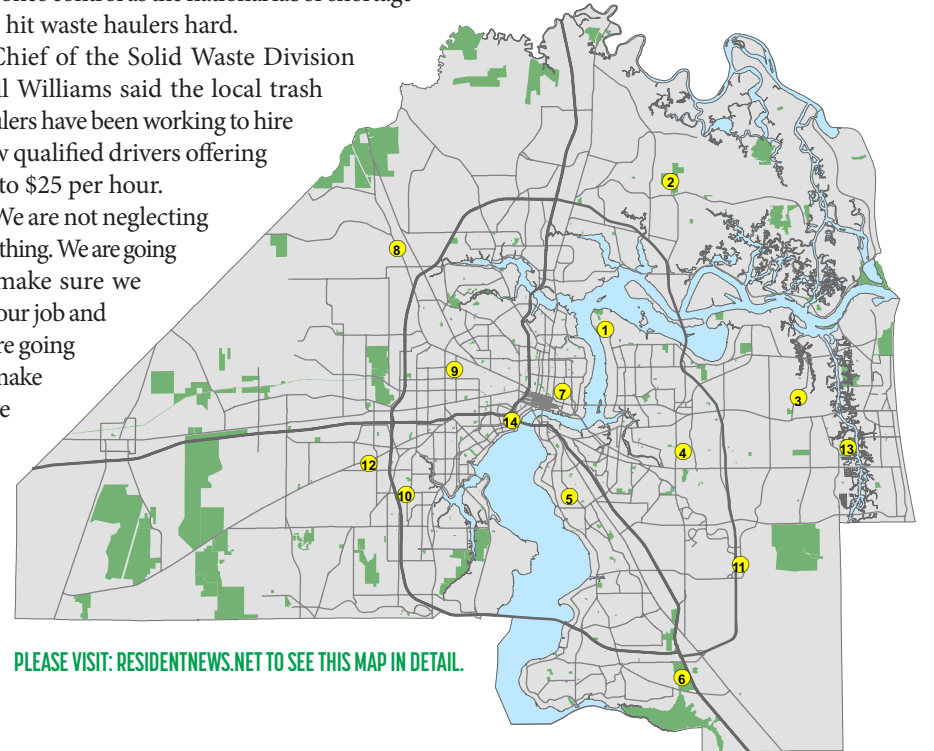
we're going to pick up the trash on the curb," Williams said.

Residents can use their yellow recycling bins for regular trash if they wish but the contents will all be going to the landfill.

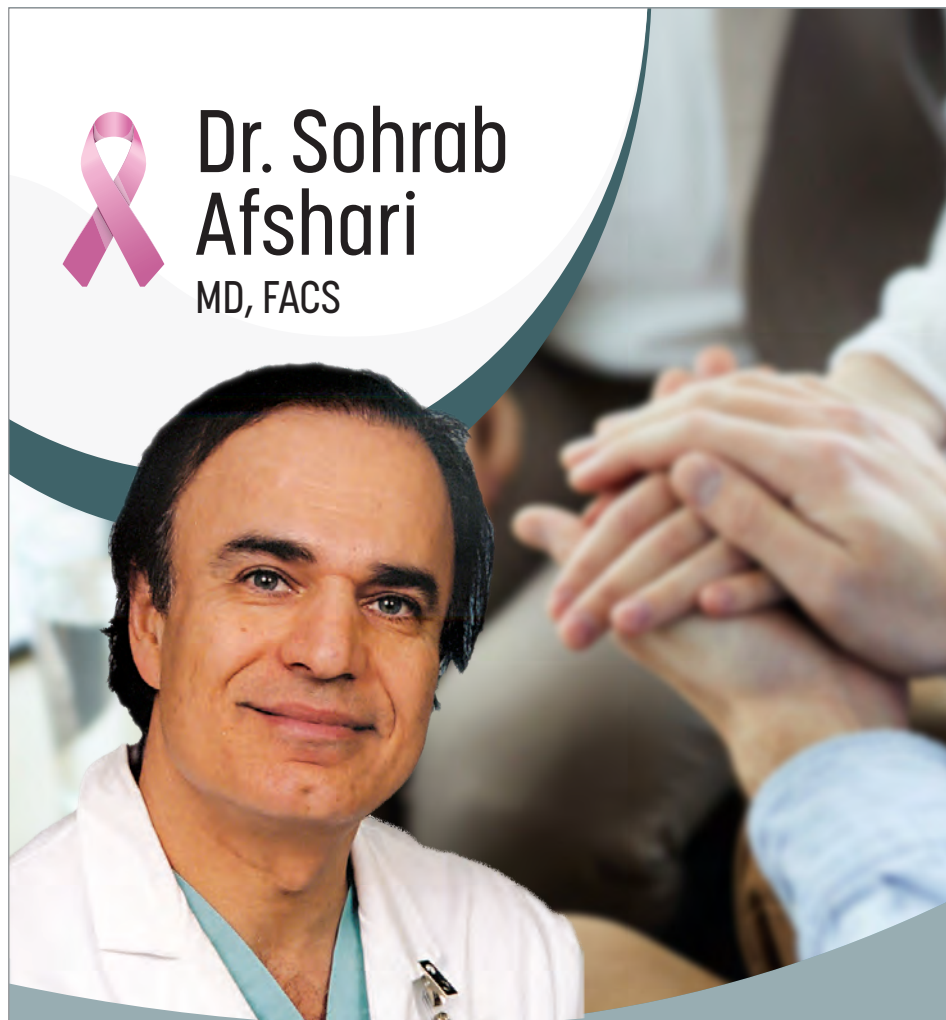
The regulations regarding what can and can't be recycled will continue at the drop off sites including not using loose plastic bags to carry items to the site. Plastic like trash bags cannot be processed with other recyclables because they get tangled in the equipment used to separate the materials. Paper bags are acceptable.

Most recyclable materials are marked with a recycling symbol.

There is no timeline for when curbside recycling will return.



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Hooshang Oriental Rug Gallery celebrates 44 years



Hooshang Oriental Rug Gallery celebrated 44 years in business as of September of 2021, standing strong as the longest running business in Historic Avondale.

The shop specializes in handmade rugs that can be traced to the major weaving centers around the globe. Hooshang Harvesf, Ph.D. has been helping shoppers buy, sell, and trade unique, high-quality, hand-made rugs for generations. Often referred to as the 'Mayor of Avondale' for his longstanding merchant association leadership and community service in the area, he has a passion for Avondale.

"I enjoy what I do, and I love the people here," he shared with a smile, "...it doesn't feel like 44 years, it's been a breeze."

Bolles Hosts Special Tribute for Retired Team Physician Lucie

Bolles hosted a special pregame ceremony honoring retired team physician Dr. Stephen Lucie for his many years of dedicated service to The Bolles School.

The event was held at Skinner-Barco Stadium prior to the Bold City Showcase matchup between Bolles and West Nassau in late-August. Attendees included longtime coach and athletic staff members, faculty, friends and family. A plaque honoring his years of service was installed at the entrance of the Sports Medicine Room to mark the occasion.

Lucie first stepped onto the Bolles sideline in 1982, offering his services to help Bulldogs heal and stay healthy in their sports endeavors. In the nearly 40 years since, he was instrumental in advancing the Sports Medicine services at Bolles in personnel, resources and facilities. Lucie's ties to Bolles extend to that of a former Trustee (1998-2004) and past parent (Ryland '96 and Craig '00). His legacy will endure as Bolles continues to offer Sports Medicine on the level of many college athletic programs.

Lucie is a founding member of Jacksonville Orthopaedic Institute, the Baptist Center for Joint Replacement team at Baptist - Downtown and he



served as the Jacksonville Jaguars first head team physician. He also helped develop the Jaguar's sports medicine facility. In addition to Bolles, he has also served as head physician for Jacksonville University and the Jacksonville Sharks. Lucie's efforts with the Sports Medicine program at Bolles established a partnership with JOI, providing a full-time trainer as well as student trainers from area colleges. He contributed both funds and expertise in building the current Sports Medicine facility in 2003, along with members of the Skinner family.

Bolles alumnus Dr. Kevin Kaplan '95 is the new team physician for his alma mater.

Episcopal honors Eagle Legend Coach Charlie Hunt, Sr.



Coach Hunt by Laura Evans Photography

Episcopal School of Jacksonville honored Eagle Legend Coach Charlie Hunt, Sr. during halftime at a recent home football game at Jangro Stadium, recognizing his 40 years of devotion as a track and field coach of the Episcopal Eagles.

"I have experienced personally the exceptional impact he has on our Eagle athletes. Episcopal is thankful for his dedication and leadership to his student-athletes and the school over the last 40 years," Andy Kidd '99, Director of Athletics said of Coach Hunt.

A Jacksonville native, Hunt thrived first as a high school athlete at Wolfson. In 1969, as a senior, he recorded 21.9 seconds in the 220-yard dash and broke the 10-second barrier in the 100-yard dash. He went on to Tallahassee to become one of four Black athletes to integrate the Florida State University football team. After posting a 4.5 40 and playing linebacker for the San Francisco 49ers and the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, Hunt returned home to Jacksonville. In 1981, he joined then-Coach Gary Pajcic as a football and track coach for the Eagles and hasn't looked back.

In his 40 years coaching track and field at Episcopal School of Jacksonville, Hunt has led 11 district championship teams, two state champion runner-up teams, and the 2007 girls' state championship team. Hunt has guided nearly 40 track athletes onto competition at the college level, including Olympian Garrett Scantling '11. All but one of the school's track and field records have been set during Hunt's tenure.

While Hunt will no longer be coaching track and field, he will still assist with the school's football program under one of his former Eagle athletes, new Head Coach Marcus Wells '90.

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Jacksonville Alumnae Panhellenic Association receives two awards



Jacksonville Alumnae Panhellenic Association members

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These prestigious awards are granted by the National Panhellenic Conference (NPC) organization to select Alumnae Panhellenic Associations based on their programming accomplishments, work to build positive relationships with their communities, efforts to promote the sorority experience, submission of the Alumnae Panhellenic annual report, and continued administration of their Alumnae Panhellenic.

NPC is one of the largest organizations advocating for women and is the umbrella group for 26 national and international social sororities.

“Over the past year, the COVID-19 pandemic has caused many disruptions to the operations of Alumnae Panhellenics. We are honored to celebrate these Alumnae Panhellenics and their members for the outstanding work and dedication to the lifelong sorority experience,” said Donna Larson, Chair of the Alumnae Panhellenics Committee.

In addition to receiving awards, JAPA generously donated over \$9,500 in scholarships last year to local high school seniors and local University of North Florida and Jacksonville University students, despite the pandemic setbacks.

Community members can learn more about JAPA at JacksonvillePanhellenic.org, on Instagram @JAPA1914, and on Facebook by searching Jacksonville Alumnae Panhellenic Association.

Louy named director of philanthropic services for North Florida Land Trust



Lee Anderson Louy is North Florida Land Trust's new director of philanthropic services.

Lee Anderson Louy has joined North Florida Land Trust as its director of philanthropic services. She will lead the fundraising arm of the nonprofit land conservation organization including the Amelia Florever Campaign, the campaign to save the Small Islands, the 020 Wildlife Corridor Campaign and the general donation campaign.

“Lee has an impressive background and has proven success in fundraising on the level that our nonprofit needs to continue to conserve lands throughout north Florida,” said McCarthy. Louy will work closely with McCarthy to expand the donor base and promote NFLT’s programs.

Louy most recently served as direct of development for UNF’s College of Education and Human Services. She raised \$8.3 million in gifts and commitments since June 2017. She has also served in development positions for UNF’s Academic Affairs and Brooks College of Health. Prior to working for UNE, she was the director for the Bennie Furlong Senior Center for the City of Jacksonville.

“I am delighted and honored to be a part of the NFLT team and to have the

opportunity to make a difference in North Florida,” Louy said. “As a third-generation Jacksonville native, I am privileged to play a role in helping preserve and protect significant lands in our community so that future generations can love and enjoy.”

Louy holds a doctorate of education, master’s in public administration from UNF and bachelor’s from Florida State University and has earned the CFRE (Certified Fundraising Executive) designation. She is a member of the Association of Fundraising Professionals and UNF’s Pi Alpha Alpha Chapter.

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"Over the past 5 years, our practice has grown significantly. We now have 5 locations in North Florida. We've welcomed many new patients who are looking to establish a relationship with a doctor that they can see each and every year. We're happy to have Dr. Sayoc to help welcome those patients with us," said Melanie Javier, O.D. Optometrist with Clay Eye.

"The most fulfilling part of my optometric career is getting the opportunity to know my patients and problem solve ways to improve their vision in their daily lives. I am honored to play a role in how they see and experience the world. When patients share their vision limitations, I do my best to figure out ways to allow them to continue to enjoy the activities they love.

He continued, "I chose to work at Clay Eye because I was impressed by the team-based approach that focused on patient-first care. It's truly impressive to work and continue to grow clinically amongst so many specialists. With such a wide spectrum of doctors, we are able to provide efficient and patient oriented care all in one place."

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Winn-Dixie opens first stand-alone liquor store in Miramar



Ribbon cutting Left to Right: General Manager Greg Stanford, Rhonda Johnson, Robyn Morton, Store Manager Vanessa Andes, Tenesha Ellis, mural artist Jason Tetlak, Winn-Dixie Vice-President Shawn Sloan, Rich Dubnick, and Diana Baker.

From basic domestic beers to \$700 bottles of wine and rare spirits, the new WD's Wine, Beer, and Liquor store in Marimar hopes to have something for everyone. That includes a large selection of non-alcoholic beverages.

The first stand-alone liquor store from Winn-Dixie and parent company Southeastern Grocers opened September 1st on Hendricks Avenue in the old Blockbuster Video location in the Marimar Center.

Customers started getting in line as early as 3:30 in the morning to be able to purchase some of the rarer selections.

The 8,640 square-foot store is far larger than the other Winn-Dixie liquor locations that are all attached to a grocery store.

Regional Vice-President Shawn Sloan said they hope to win customers by having a large variety to choose from. "There are over 1700 varieties of wine in this location alone," he said. "(There are) 1400 spirits in the store. 500 varieties of beer, 72 of them are craft beers, and 22 that are local."

The building also features an outside mural by artist Jason Tetlak. He said he used the history of the neighborhood as an inspiration. "There are elements that represent Jacksonville. There are elements that represent Miramar," he said.

The company would not reveal the total cost of the construction and stocking of the store only to say it was "substantial."

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Kyprianou comes to Episcopal following a decorated career from 2008-2021 at the University of Georgia as the Head Track & Field Coach and Head Cross Country Coach. Under his leadership, the Georgia Bulldogs won the national championship in 2018.

Most recently, Kyprianou served as a decathlon and heptathlon coach for several Olympic athletes at the Tokyo Olympics, working with 18 Olympians, including Episcopal alumnus Garrett Scantling '11.

Kyprianou earned a bachelor's degree in physical education, sports science and management from Aristotle University of Thessaloniki in Greece and a master's degree in exercise science and biomechanics from the University of Nebraska. His experience includes time as an assistant coach at Boise State University and off-season speed strength training and consulting for the NFL and NBA.

"I look forward to seeing the impact Coach Petros will have on our athletic department," said Andy Kidd '99, Director of Athletics.

Episcopal School of Jacksonville serves 1,200 students on four campuses, including the Knight Sports Campus. The school fields 65 teams in 18 sports. Twenty-seven members of the Class of 2021 are playing 12 sports at 19 different colleges and universities.

Bishop Kenny Head Coach Suzanne Winkler Reaches 400th Win



Athletic Director, Mark Thorson, with Coach Winkler

For the past nineteen years Suzanne Winkler has been the face of Bishop Kenny High School volleyball. Recently Coach Winkler reached a significant milestone in her career earning win number 400 in a match against a very strong Fernandina Beach High School team. When asked about the win Winkler said, "Honestly, it was just another day of coaching." Winkler tries to make every win a big one - challenging her girls to play like it's the last game of the season. Her record now stands at 400 wins and 159 losses resulting in a 71.5 winning percentage.

Winkler's coaching career at Bishop Kenny began in 2003. Since then, she has coached teams to two state championships, three state runners-up and made 13 final four appearances. Her teams have won 13 regional championships and 18 consecutive district championships. She has been named coach of the year five times and received the National Positive Coach Award twice.



Forrest Holland to retire from CAP

After more than 13 years with the organization, Forrest Holland will retire from the Cathedral Arts Project (CAP).

As a graduate of Hollins University and a longtime resident of San Marco, Holland started with CAP as a Special Projects Coordinator in 2008 and earned four promotions during her tenure, culminating with her final role as Chief Marketing Officer.

She impacted virtually every aspect of CAP's work, especially Spring for the Arts—which expanded CAP's reach to more children and enhanced the efficiency of mission delivery. She also led all branding and marketing efforts as well as CAP's relocation to downtown Jacksonville.

"CAP is a smarter and stronger organization because of her service. My heart is filled with gratitude for all Forrest contributed to CAP's success in empowering the creative spirit of children," said Kimberly Hyatt, President and CEO of CAP.

"I had the opportunity to work alongside some of the smartest, most passionate, and inspiring group of individuals one could ever dream of. I am grateful for the time I have been able to be a part of something so important, not only to me, but to so many others in our community," said Holland.

Local students learn entrepreneurship during summer Grit University



Colby Harris and Brian Harris, Grit.org founder, display Harris' summer earnings check.

Summer interns Colby Harris and Dylan Tedder participated this past summer in Grit Camp, a summer sports camp designed to teach mental, physical and emotional resilience to young people. This is the second year of the camp, as part of Grit University which helps college-age students start and run their own business while learning and implementing time-tested life and success principles.

Harris also participated as an intern in the 2020 summer program and is joining the Grit.org staff full-time this fall to help launch new initiatives for the organization. Tedder is a San Marco resident and son of Dale Tedder, minister of discipleship for Southside United Methodist Church.

The interns lived in Grit.org's headquarters in Jacksonville. Their schedule included waking up at 5:40 a.m., working out,

meditating, eating breakfast and then setting up and running the camp from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day. They were also responsible for marketing and promoting Grit Camp, selling corporate sponsorships for the camp, handling outbound sales for an online company, reading motivational/self-help books and doing daily journaling. For their efforts they earned a weekly salary and profit sharing.

"We are very proud of their level of commitment, the incredible example they set for the campers they led all summer, the professionalism and adaptability they showed in running their business and the amount of personal growth we saw in them throughout the summer," said Brian Harbin, founder of Grit.org.

The six-week camp hosted 281 campers led by 24 different high school age counselors, three of whom are Division I athletes. The camp generated nearly \$60,000 in gross sales of which nearly \$25,000 was paid out to the high school and college age counselors who helped run it. The camp included catered lunches which supplied more than \$12,000 to local restaurants in the San Marco and Riverside areas. This summer's camp introduced a scholarship-based program offering free camp to 15 local campers paid for by individual and corporate sponsors including CSI, Cady Realty and Novus Architects.

Bolles President and Head of School speaks to West Jacksonville Rotarians about school challenges, response to pandemic



Attending the West Jacksonville Rotary Club OCTOBER meeting were many Bolles-related Rotarians and patrons, including Bill Howey, son-in-law of the late Herdy Ulmer; Richard Dostie, Bolles Class of 1972; Bolles Chief Advancement Officer Carol Nimitz; Bolles President and Head of School Tyler Hodges; and Shep College, Bolles Class of 1966.

Bolles President and Head of School Tyler Hodges was the guest speaker for the West Jacksonville Rotary Club's OCTOBER 15 meeting at Timuquana Country Club. Hodges was invited to speak as part of Rotary's focus on education topics that month. Tyler shared how Bolles and other independent schools around the country have been navigating climate and culture during the past year or more.

Hodges was named the School's ninth president and head of school in 2018 after serving as Bolles' associate head of school since 2015. Hodges' educational career includes more than 18 years as a teacher and administrator at some of the country's top independent schools. He has been a history and leadership instructor, class dean and coach. He has led accreditation visits, handled discipline matters as dean of students, and, prior to coming to Bolles, was the director of Upper School Academics and Student Life at Laguna Blanca School in Santa Barbara, California.

Hodges possesses a wealth of professional development experience and, while in California, was invited to join a partnership with an orphanage in Haiti to offer aid and educational support. Following the devastating earthquake there, Hodges served for three years on the orphanage's Educational Board to provide counsel and curriculum guidance as they created a school, Maison de Lumiere, contiguous to the orphanage.

Hodges received his Ed.M. in administration, planning and social policy from Harvard University Graduate School of Education and a Master of Arts in diplomatic and military history from Temple University. He received a Bachelor of Arts in history with a minor in foreign affairs from the University of Virginia.

Hodges is an avid reader and loves a variety of sports, rare books, maps and 19th century literature. He also enjoys spending family time with his wife, Tristan, and their two daughters, Hannah, Bolles Class of 2027, and Madalene, Bolles Class of 2024.

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Furyks update JAGA members about PGA TOUR Champions event



Tabitha and Jim Furyk present their inaugural Constellation Furyk & Friends golf tournament to JAGA. (photo credit JAGA)

Tabitha and Jim Furyk presented details about the inaugural Constellation Furyk & Friends presented by Circle K golf tournament at the Jacksonville Area Golf Association's Aug. 31 directors' meeting held at Sawgrass Country Club. The PGA TOUR Champions tournament will debut at Timuquana Country Club Oct. 8-10.

Furyk told members that a stellar field is expected for the event, with a unique approach to golf including celebrity friends attending, music, food and fun for all ages. All proceeds from the event will benefit northeast Florida charities.

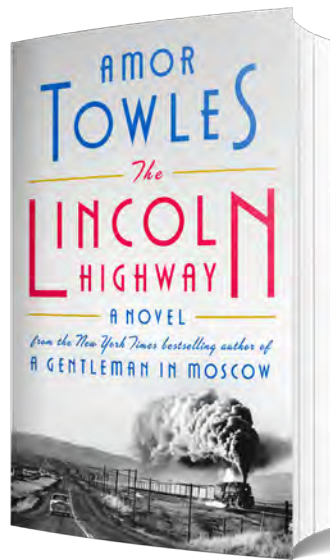
Pro-Am events on Oct. 4-7 are closed to the public and by invitation only. Round 1 of tournament play will be held on Oct. 8. Round 2 of tournament play and a featured celebrity foursome will happen on Oct. 9. The final tournament round and trophy presentation are on Oct. 10.

Darius Rucker will headline The Furyk Foundation Concert presented by SRS Distribution with Scotty McCreery, 7:30 p.m., Oct. 5, at Daily's Place. This year's concert will be a salute to our service men and women, with a limited number of tickets provided to our military courtesy of VyStar Credit Union. PGA TOUR Champions players will be in attendance along with other celebrities.

The gates will open at 6:30 p.m., and the concert will begin at 7:30 p.m. Parking will be complimentary in Lot J.

With eight tournaments to go, Furyk is currently second to Bernhard Langer on the Charles Schwab Cup points lists and in contention to become the first player to win both the FedExCup (2010) and Schwab Cup.

Bestselling author coming to San Marco Square



Amor Towles, New York Times bestselling author of *Rules of Civility* and *A Gentleman in Moscow*, is coming to Jacksonville on Monday, November 15. He will visit Southside Baptist Church in San Marco Square at 7 p.m. to celebrate his latest work, *The Lincoln Highway*.

San Marco Books and More (SMB&M) will host the event that will include book signing and conversation.

Tickets to the event may be purchased through the bookstore's website or on

their Facebook page. A book+ticket bundle includes one book, one ticket to the event, and a surprise swag item.

The new release tells of an American journey that spans ten days and provides an array of settings, characters, and themes. Categorized as historical fiction, the coming-of-age story focuses on eighteen-year-old Emmett Watson in the 1950s.

This will be Towles's second trip to Jacksonville. The first was in 2019 to celebrate SMB&M's win in the Penguin Random House national window display contest to depict the setting of one of his novels.

The store is entering its 50th year of service to Jacksonville. Through the paperback revolution, the fervor to keep indie bookstores alive, and with hundreds of author events along the way, SMB&M has survived the Amazon age and the pandemic. "The small store clearly draws strength from the community it serves," said Lesley Roberts, a local resident.

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Baptist Health Jacksonville has been named one of Florida's best employers in Forbes' annual "America's Best Employers by State 2021" list. The health care provider is ranked No. 1 among all ranked employers in Jacksonville in any industry and No. 10 among all 100 ranked companies in Florida. Baptist Health also ranked No. 3 among all ranked health care providers in the state and was the only north Florida health care provider among the top three.

"To be recognized as a best employer speaks to the quality of our employees and their commitment to our patients, our community and one another," said Michael A. Mayo, DHA, FACHE, president and CEO of Baptist Health.

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ARTISTS GRANDDAUGHTER SEARCHES FOR SUBJECTS' FAMILIES

Anne Holland Polk is searching for the family members of portrait subjects done in pastels by her grandmother, the late Barbara Holland.

Holland was the wife of a prominent Avondale dentist and mother of five. For a time, she was also a student of the late Jay Harder, Jacksonville's master portrait artist, whose studio was near St. Mark's and Carter's Pharmacy in Ortega.

Polk has possession of over 20 20x26 pastel portraits that her grandmother had signed and dated 1960. They depict women and a few men, including one priest. Only a few have identifying names.

Holland was a member of the Riverside Garden Club. There is speculation that the ladies in the portraits were also Garden Club members. "The common thread is that they were able to afford to have Jay Harder do portraits of their families or children," Polk said.

It seems likely that Harder, as an artist, would have taken photographs of his subjects in order to finish details in his high-caliber portraits after the families had sat for him. Polk remembers this being the case when she sat as a seven-year-old for a family portrait; Harder sketched them and then photographed them.

Harder's photos were then, it seems, used by his students for learning purposes as he taught them how to shadow and shade. That could be a

reason why a subject in any one of Holland's portraits might have had a different hair color in life. Polk recently discovered this phenomenon when Caroline Pickett Bentley, who saw Polk's Facebook posting about her Grandma Holland's pastel portraits, picked up a portrait of her own grandmother, Bobby Arnold, whom she recognized but with different hair color.

Susan Davis, 91, recognized herself in the Facebook posting and came to pick up one of the portraits from Polk. Davis told Polk that she was having her children's portrait done by Jay in 1960 when he took her photograph. A third portrait has already been claimed by a daughter who recognized her mother, who is now deceased.

Since Holland's passing in 1981, her family members have preserved the portraits because they have an appreciation for artwork and because there was sentimental attachment, being the work of a late family member. But now, Polk feels it's time to "find the real people who they belong to," knowing that the works could be treasured by the families of the subjects.

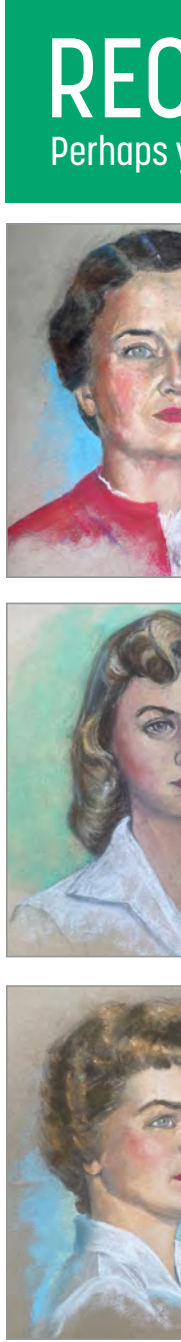
Polk and the Hollands wish to gift these pieces to the subjects and their families. Readers who recognize anyone in these portraits can email AnneHPolk@hotmail.com. Though currently residing in Virginia, Polk arranges for the portraits to be picked up in Ortega.



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Suslak knows the Jacksonville area well. She and her husband bought their first house here in 1977. They still live in the Riverside-Avondale area where they raised their family. “We watched our kids grow up with Jacksonville. We’ve watched this city come into its own, and it’s continuing to get better and better all the time,” Suslak said.

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Suslak has earned prestige in the realty field, is esteemed by colleagues and clients alike, and remains entrenched in leadership roles throughout the real estate arena. Most recently, Suslak was chosen as Chair of the National Association of REALTORS® (NAR) 2022 Single Family Investment Management Committee, one that guides the organization’s policies and priorities. “We’ll be talking about the many issues that are going on in the rental world that have been born out of COVID,” she said.

Simultaneously, Suslak is in the midst of her second three-year term as a Director for NAR. For the past decade, she has been a Director of Florida Realtors. And in 2015, she served as President of the Northeast Florida Association of Realtors.

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Resident Community News

It's October—time for Halloween, ghosts, haunted houses and spooky stories about things that go bump in the night.

For some local residents, though, ghosts and haunted houses aren't just a seasonal thrill.

In the mid '90s, Linda Olsavsky owned and operated a B&B in a two-story residence on River Road in San Marco. Built in 1921, it had all the creaks and groans one would expect from a historic home. But even when there were no reservations on the books, the rooms were never really vacant.

"I'd be on the first floor and a TV [in a guest room upstairs] would turn on by itself, and I was the only person there," she recalled. The first few times she assumed a guest might have left the TV on and the volume got really loud for some reason. But it kept

happening and happening, in different rooms at various times of the day and only when she was alone in the house.

There were other things, too, that happened when she was alone—or at least thought she was—like the glass door on a wall clock that would be wide open all of a sudden when no one was around. "There's no way that [latch] just popped open by itself. You had to turn something to get it to open," Olsavsky said.

One part of the house also gave her an unexplainable "freaky" feeling, and she wouldn't go in it without another person (an actual human, not just their spirit) in the house with her. "I was afraid they'd [the ghosts] lock me in the closet!" she laughed.

Though Olsavsky never actually witnessed a ghostly sighting, she's certainly is a believer in things which cannot be seen, especially after her next residence in Jacksonville Beach turned out to be haunted too. After experiencing some unexplainable occurrences, like trails of sand suddenly appearing on the floor, she learned from a neighbor the property was inhabited by the spirit of a 12-year-old girl who once lived there.

Marcy Stoliker has never seen a ghost in her house either. In 10 years, in fact, she's never seen, heard, smelled or even sensed anything that would make her think her Murray Hill home is haunted. But some friends and family, who have been inside, would say otherwise.

After Stoliker had been living in the house for several years—without incident, a friend told her she "saw someone" in the garage at a Christmas party she hosted months earlier.

"I was like, uh, yeah, there were lots of people there. It was a party," Stoliker remembered. She then said the friend, who is a medium and certified Pranic healer, gave her "a look" and repeated, slowly and deliberately: "I ... SAW ... someone."

That someone, as they would come to learn, was Robert. At Stoliker's request, the friend did a "sweep" of the house for spirits and, in the process, saw the visage of a man dressed in clothing that appeared to be from the early 1900s. He told her his name was Robert, and he was the caretaker for his wife, who

HAUNTED HOUSE?

If the idea of living in a haunted house scares you but not too much because what are the chances, right? Well, according to a survey conducted by realtor.com, the chances are probably a lot higher than you think with 40 percent of respondents reporting they lived in a house that was possibly or definitely haunted.

But before reaching for the phone to call a paranormal investigator or a priest (or a realtor,) here are a few signs your house may be haunted from Zak Bagans, host and lead investigator of Ghost Adventures on Travel Channel and author of Ghost-Hunting for Dummies.

UNEXPLAINED TEMPERATURE DROPS

Ghosts require energy and pull energy from the environment. Accordingly, their presence is directly associated with sudden drops of temperature.

UNUSUAL SMELLS

Ghostly smells are usually familiar like perfume, flowers or pipe tobacco. Sometimes, they can be less pleasant, like sulfur. The aromas can manifest and then disappear with no explanation.

UNIDENTIFIABLE SOUNDS

The clomping sounds of boots on the staircase, footsteps going up and down hallways, and disembodied voices in the night are all signs that your house is likely haunted.

ODD BEHAVIOR FROM YOUR PETS

If your pet begins spending an inordinate amount of time in a certain area of your home or having a reaction to something that is unseen by you, they may be picking up on sounds, smells and sights not detectable to humans.

FEELINGS OF A NEARBY PRESENCE

This may manifest as feeling someone in the room with you when you can see no one is there. It is also possible to feel you are being watched, wherever you go in the house.

SEEING SHADOWS AND MOVEMENT

You may start to see flickers of movement out of the corner of your eye, but when you look straight at the spot, nothing is there. You might also see shadows that do not belong, moving in the opposite direction of the light.

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was ill, and his young boy. Unfortunately, he told the friend, he died before his wife, and he felt guilty about abandoning her and their son. During the sweep, Stoliker's psychic friend also discovered the spirit of a Native American spirit guide, who had taken up residence in a guest room, as well as a being who identified itself as a guardian angel.

Then other friends started telling Stoliker about their experiences in her house. Some described feeling "unsettled" or like they were being watched. They also thought the garage, where Robert made his holiday appearance, was especially "creepy."

A second friend with psychic abilities told Stoliker she experienced very strong feelings around the front door and suggested it might be a portal. (For those not up on their paranormal lingo, a portal is gateway for spirits to transition from the physical world to the other side.) The presence of a portal in Stoliker's home would certainly explain why random spirits show up at wanting to communicate with someone who is in her house and eerie photographs capturing auras and orbs (i.e., apparitions at their lowest energy).

While she finds the idea of living in a haunted house "weird" and "something like you'd see on TV," it's not something she's concerned about. "I've never seen Robert, but I always talk to him when I go out in the garage. My mom would always say hello to him too," she said. "He clearly don't bother me, and I clearly don't bother him."

Maybe she should thank her guardian angel for that.

REAL MEN WEAR PINK ANNOUNCES 2021 CAMPAIGN



Real Men Wear Pink of the First Coast has selected two Jacksonville attorneys, Chris Campione and Daniel Iracki, as co-chairs for its 2021 awareness and fundraising campaign. As alumni of the nonprofit, the two will enlist the support of local businessmen and male community leaders in support of breast cancer treatment, research and patient support through the American Cancer Society.

"I am excited to fill this big role as Real Men Wear Pink of the First Coast prepares to once again have a huge positive impact in the lives of women and men undergoing breast cancer treatment in our community," said Campione, owner of Campione Law, which has offices located in the San Marco East area.

During 2020, the local chapter of Real Men Wear Pink experienced a more than 80 percent drop in donations as a direct result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"After a challenging prior year, we are honored to lead the efforts for this year's campaign. We are aiming for a

record-breaking one," said Iracki, a shareholder at Coker Law in downtown Jacksonville and one of the biggest fundraisers in the history of the local nonprofit.

"We have heard so many anecdotes this past year from women who had to miss their annual mammogram, and that delay turned what would have been a stage 1 prognosis into a stage 4 diagnosis," said Anne Taylor, senior corporate relations manager for American Cancer Society.

Each Real Men Wear Pink participant is challenged to raise a minimum of \$2,500 from August 1 until the end of October and to wear his best pink attire while competing to be recognized as the top fundraiser. Fundraising events open to the public include Cocktails for A Cure, a guest bartending event, on Oct. 14, at the Embassy Suites Jacksonville; Real Men Wear Pink Golf Tournament presented by Edwards & Ragatz, P.A., on Oct. 15, at Deercreek Country Club; and Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk on Oct. 23, at TIZZ Bank Field.



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Isabella Desendi
Class of 2010, Creative Writing
Isabella is a Cuban-Italian poet and educator. Her work has been published in *Narrative*, *Leveler*, *Small Orange*, *Two Peach*, *The Ekphrastic Review*, and *The Grief Diaries*. She was recently a finalist for the 2019 Frontier Digital Poetry Chapbook contest judged by Jericho Brown and a finalist for the June Jordan Fellowship and *Narrative Magazine's* Annual Poetry Prize. Isabella is the recipient of a New York State Summer Writers Institute Fellowship. She lives in New York City, where she works in finance.

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October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month and abuse victims with pets are much more likely to seek help, escape a dangerous situation and leave their abuser, if they can bring their pet.

Only approximately 12% of domestic violence shelters accept victims who arrive with pets. Another 24% offer referrals to animal welfare organizations, according to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence; many more pet-friendly programs are needed in every state.

In the U.S., roughly two-thirds of all households have at least one pet, according to the Animal Welfare Institute. That statistic combined with the fact that one of every three women and every four men will experience domestic abuse or violence, according to the National Domestic Violence Hotline, shows the critical need for more pet-friendly domestic abuse shelters and programs.

Abusers commonly threaten, mistreat or injure pets, children, seniors or other household members to maintain control of their victim. Victims may be current or former spouses or partners, or other family members. Domestic abuse and violence occurs in all zip codes, across all ages, genders, educational and economic levels, regardless of race, nationality or religion.

Northeast Florida has safe shelter options for domestic violence victims with pets: Jacksonville's Hubbard House, Fleming Island's Quigley House, Fernandina's Micah's Place, and St. Augustine's Betty Griffin House. These domestic violence shelters provide temporary on or off-site housing options for victims' pets. Some county animal control departments and humane societies also offer assistance or referral.

Shelters may co-house pets on-site, or partner with fosters, veterinarians and boarding kennels to temporarily house pets until they can be safely reunited with owners. These programs typically provide veterinary evaluation and any needed treatment for pets of domestic abuse victims.

Just as abusers prevent their human victims from seeking medical care, they also prevent veterinary care for family pets. Abusers know that physicians or veterinarians and staff recognize signs of abuse and will contact police. They also do not want victims to have any opportunity to ask, message or signal for help.

Domestic abuse experts state that victims often delay, or never leave their abusers because of concerns for the safety of pets left behind. In August 2021, approximately half (48%), of domestic violence victims said they would remain in abusive circumstances if they could not bring their pet to shelter with them, according to information gathered by Purina's Purple Leash Project and RedRover Relief programs. For victims of domestic violence, their pets provide unconditional love, emotional support, comfort, companionship, stability and hope for a normal, safe future.

More than 70% of women in domestic violence shelters have reported that their abuser threatened, injured or killed a pet they had to leave behind. Abusers are well aware of the close bond between their victim and pets. They effectively exploit that bond to control, manipulate, frighten or punish their victim.

Purina's Purple Leash Project, founded in 2019, uses purple to represent domestic violence awareness and a leash to symbolize the unbreakable bond between pets and owners. The project's mission is to help keep people and pets together during life crises.

Purina has partnered with the nonprofit RedRover animal emergency rescue organization to create more pet-friendly domestic violence shelters, with at least one in every state and a greater goal of at least 25% of U.S. shelters designated pet-friendly by 2025. Both organizations work to secure federal resources and fund grants for domestic abuse shelters to develop pet policies, foster, kennel and veterinary networks.

RedRover, a nonprofit since 1987, established Relief and Safe Housing Programs to provide grants for domestic violence shelters to build their own pet housing or partner with local organizations. RedRover has funded approximately fifty pet-housing programs at family violence shelters. RedRover's Mission is to help bring owners and pets out of crisis and into care, so they can heal and recover together.

The American Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA), reported that one in four domestic violence survivors said they had returned to an abusive partner, out of concern for a pet left behind. The National Coalition Against Domestic Violence reported that domestic violence victims have been known to live in their cars for up to four months, until an opening became available at a pet-friendly safe house or shelter.

The 2020-2021 pandemic lockdown that resulted in long-term at-home, remote work and school, created new domestic abuse situations. Likewise, existing violent or abusive home environments became even more dangerous for victims, families and pets, according to Jennifer Hobgood, ASPCA Senior Director of State Legislation/Southeast Region.

"He told me that if I did not come home and drop the divorce, he would take our big dog downtown and turn him in to the pound," she said. "...and when I refused to come back, but said that I would pick up the dog and find a friend to keep him for me until I could get housing that allowed pets, he then told me that it would be so sad if our little chihuahua accidentally fell into the river." This resident of Avondale shared her story of threats made against her family pets during a bitter separation and divorce, but asked to remain anonymous.

In 2018 the bipartisan Pet & Women Safety Act (PAWS), was passed to prevent threats or violence against the pets of domestic abuse victims. It also established a grant program for organizations that provide emergency and transitional shelter and housing assistance for domestic violence survivors to care for pets, service and emotional support animals, including horses. It added new law enforcement tools that strengthened the legislation.

Because no domestic abuse victims should have to choose between their safety or the safety of pets if escape is necessary, more than two-thirds of states have passed legislation to allow judges to include pets in domestic violence protection orders, including Florida. A new law, SB 1082, took effect July 1, 2020. That law allows Florida judges to include pets in restraining orders against domestic abusers, so pets may remain with victims. Advocates say

their job now is to ensure that domestic violence victims understand legal protections for their pets and how to locate pet-friendly shelters.

Jacksonville's Hubbard House was founded in 1976 and provides safe shelter for domestic abuse victims, families and pets. They are a certified domestic violence center that has answered more than 101,500 hotline calls and sheltered more than 42,900 victims and families.

Hubbard House partners provide safe, off-site shelter for the pets of survivors who are staying at the emergency center. Basic veterinary evaluation and necessary care are also provided for pets.

"We never want anyone to stay in a dangerous situation because they have a pet they are afraid to leave behind," Dr. Gail Patin said. "We fully recognize and honor the fact that pets are part of the family, whether it's a cat, dog or other kind of pet. If someone needs to flee for safety, pets need to come too. If left behind, pets may be neglected or worse. Hubbard House has its own holistic program that is educational and comprehensive. It's called SPEAK for Pets Project (Shelter, Protection, Education, Advocacy & Kinship for Pets). We work with RedRover, Jacksonville Humane Society, or we arrange to place pets with partner fosters or veterinarians free-of-charge while victims are in our shelter. Pets receive vaccines, spay, neuter or preventive veterinary care while waiting to be reunited with their owners." Dr. Patin is Hubbard House CEO.

"Hubbard House is only here because of the support of the Jacksonville community and our belief is that every person has the right to live violence-free. We're thankful for this caring community and its support," she said. "We have volunteer opportunities for individuals and groups and there is a list of needed items on our website, especially food and hygiene item donations."

Experts recommend that if a domestic abuse victim has a plan to leave the abuser and take a pet, it is important to: have pet vaccinations and licenses in the victim's name to establish ownership; bring any pet vaccinations and medical records, pet license or other documents; if necessary to retrieve pets from the abuser, request help from animal care and control officers or law enforcement. Never attempt to reclaim pets alone from an abuser or a dangerous situation.

Hubbard House will host the 27th Annual Barbara Ann Campbell Memorial Breakfast in memory of Barbara and all those who have died as victims of domestic violence, on October 5, 2021, at the Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront, 225 East Coastline Drive, from 7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Tickets are \$50. Sponsorships start at \$500.

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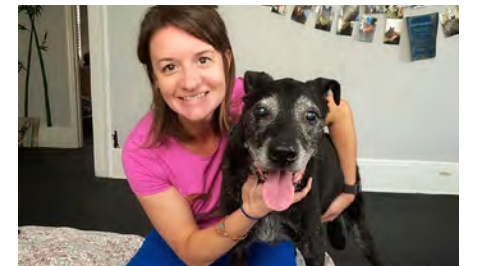
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THE WAY WE WERE

Saundra & Bob Kidd

BY MARY WANSEER
Resident Community News

They are a couple who came to Jacksonville and didn't leave, who raised a family with sports and church at its center, and whose love has taken them around the globe and back again.

They are Saundra and Bob Kidd of Ortega. Saundra Bozeman Kidd is originally from Montgomery, Alabama where she grew up with two brothers. "I'm the oldest but don't admit it," she said. She graduated from the University of Alabama with a master's degree in mathematics and came down to Florida to visit a girlfriend, Carol Perpall, a former classmate from Huntingdon College. While in Jacksonville for the weekend, Saundra learned there was a shortage of math teachers in the area. She decided to take a position here, changing her original plan of moving to Atlanta, Georgia to teach.

Bob Kidd was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and grew up in St. Louis, Missouri as the big brother to one sister. He came to Jacksonville in May 1968 to join a squadron as a Navy P-3 pilot. "I was the one who was here legitimately. She was just here on a visit when we met," he said, and they both chuckled.

Saundra and Bob met in February 1970 at a social event at Naval Air Station Jacksonville Officers Club. Stars and Bars, as it was called back then, was a Saturday night opportunity for bachelor officers and eligible young ladies to "what kids would call today 'hook up,'" Bob explained.

After their first meeting, Bob would make excuses to see Saundra again and again. A good one was that Carol had a piano in her home where Saundra was staying, and Bob liked to practice his musical talents. But then, his squadron deployed to Spain. Carol and Saundra decided to take a month-long trip to Europe. In Madrid, Bob and Saundra were engaged.

They returned to Jacksonville, but within months, Bob was sent by the Navy to Sicily. Before he left, he married Saundra on October 10, 1970 in a chapel on what was then called Cecil Field. Today, it's where the POW/MIA Memorial & Museum is located. The chapel still stands and is called Chapel of the High-Speed Pass. In it is a pew that bears the Kidds' names.

Just as she had followed him to Spain, Saundra followed Bob to Italy. They lived there for six months after honeymooning in Germany, Austria, and Switzerland. When



Kidd family cooking breakfast at St. Mark's, 2018; Left to Right Back: Bob, Saundra, Andy, Katie, Tiffany (Post), and Shaun (Post); Left to Right Front: Maggie and Emily

Bob's naval duty was done there, they returned to Jacksonville before his next transfer, to Maryland this time for a couple of years.

In 1973, Bob left active military duty as a lieutenant. He and Saundra came back again to Jacksonville, started a family, and have remained here to this day. They began in Ortega in a condo behind Roosevelt Square. They bought a house on Ortega Forest Drive in November 1977, a month prior to the birth of their first child, and have not yet left.

Saundra gave birth to both of their children, Tiffany and Andy, at St. Vincent's Hospital. Raising them, Bob said, "was probably a lot easier then than it is now. We didn't have anything like COVID."

"It was a quieter time in Jacksonville," Saundra said. There were fewer restaurants and half as many hospitals, more open spaces where kids would run and play.

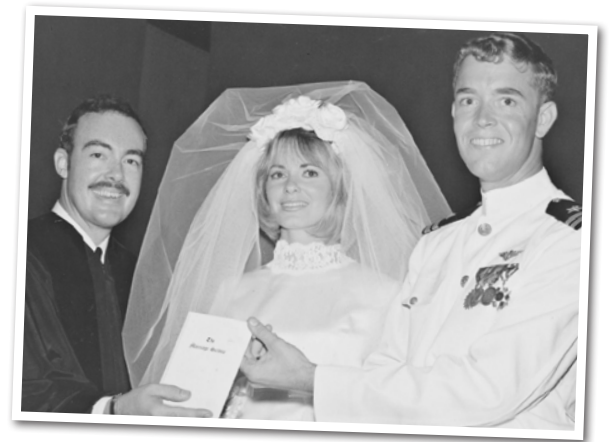
"It was so simple back then. Jacksonville was not a really big metropolitan-type city like we're becoming now," Bob said. He recalled flying from the Naval Air Station toward the Atlantic over miles of undeveloped land that is now all filled in and bustling.

Saundra misses the days of going to Kathryn Abbey Hanna Park out at the beach and camping as a young family. Most of their time, however, was spent on sports. Their children played three sports each, and both earned 11 letters at Episcopal School. Tiffany played volleyball, softball, and soccer. Andy played soccer, football, and baseball. Saundra reminisced about many Friday nights—the family leaving a football field in Jacksonville and driving

to Orlando to spend the night for a soccer competition early the next morning because Andy played on a travelling team. Today, their son is the athletic director at Episcopal.

As the children were growing, Bob often coached their teams; five were for basketball through the YMCA. "I had never played soccer in my life, but I coached 10 soccer teams," he said. Unlike today when many school coaches are on salary, back then, these were volunteer positions through the Ortega Stockton Athletic Association (OSAA). The games were held mainly at John Stockton and Venetia Elementary Schools. The Kidds noted how today's children's sports are played on gigantic fields and it's a business. Then, it was an activity. "The kids just had fun. It wasn't nearly as intense as it is now," Bob said.

When he wasn't having fun on the field as a coach, Bob was pursuing his military career. He had joined the Navy Reserves as a captain until his 1989 retirement. Simultaneously, with a degree in journalism, he did a brief stint with the Florida Times-Union before working seven years in the communications



The Kidds with Rev. Bob Hubbard, Navy chaplain, Oct. 10, 1970



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Saundra and Bob Kidd overlooking Jerusalem, 2011

their grown children still attend St. Mark's. Bob was a member of the West Jacksonville Rotary for 42 years, and he is a new member of the Riverside Rotary. He is also past president and current board member of the Jacksonville Council of the Navy League, having been with the organization for over two decades.

Saundra and Bob's enthusiasm for sports did not end once their children were grown. In fact, as a family, the Kidds were Jaguars season ticket holders for the first 25 years since the team's inception in 1995. Bob admitted to their being "gluttons for punishment," following the Jaguars,

but they have enjoyed many tailgate parties with friends.

Family, sports, and church have been mainstays in Saundra and Bob's life together. Travelling is another thread woven into their

field at St. Vincent's. In 1980, Bob earned an MBA degree at the University of North Florida. From there, "I decided to hang out my own shingle doing public relations, marketing, and publishing," he said. Bob retired in 2015.

As a family, the Kidds considered St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Ortega their home church for 42 years. After working for 27 years in the insurance business, first with Prudential and then with Aetna, Saundra was ordained as a deacon in May 2016 and assigned to St. Mark's. "I always felt that calling, but it wasn't until I had met Bob that I became an Episcopalian and fell in love with the church. Before that, I was an Alabama Baptist," she said, unlike Bob who calls himself "a cradle Episcopalian."

Saundra has made seven mission trips with St. Mark's, and Bob has made two. They taught vacation bible school at St. Mark's sister church, St. Mary's, in Itabo, a little town in Cuba.

In June 2020, Saundra was transferred to St. John's Cathedral downtown, where she serves today in outreach and pastoral care. To support his wife in her re-assignment, Bob is now a parishioner there, although



The Kidds on Easter Sunday, 1988

tapestry. They had taken a few cruises with their son and daughter when they were young, but it wasn't until their children were grown and on their own that Saundra and Bob began taking frequent trips abroad, sometimes two or three per year. They've been to Italy, China, Russia, Australia, New Zealand, and the list goes on. But all of that was done pre-pandemic.

These days, Saundra and Bob's home remains as active as ever. They have three dogs and one cat, all with people names: Abigail, Isabella, Maximus, and Gracie. Tiffany and her husband live just one mile away. Andy, his wife, and their two daughters live not much farther away than that. "That makes it real easy," Bob said. He and Saundra get to see all of them often. Their granddaughters, now 10 and 13, are both involved in three sports, just as their dad and aunt had been—soccer, volleyball, and basketball.



Saundra and Bob on the Great Wall of China outside Beijing, 2006

October 10, 2021 marks Saundra and Bob's 51st wedding anniversary. When asked the

secret of the longevity of their marriage, Bob shared his personal philosophy—that because their own parents had stayed together, that became the expectation for them. Neither of them had ever experienced divorce; there was not a lot of that back in the 70s when they married. "Have there been rough spots? Sure, with both of us working and raising kids," Bob admitted. "But if you believe what you say when you give your wedding vows, you're gonna give it everything you got," he said.

Saundra agreed and added, "Just remember to talk to each other. Well, not so much to talk, but to listen and to understand. Respect differences," she said.

"And learn when to declare a time out, when you're just not understanding," Bob concluded.



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LOCAL FOLKS



CARLOS BOUVIER

BY MARY WANSER
Resident Community News

Carlos Bouvier is on the ball here in Jacksonville! A soccer ball, that is. When he's not making documentary films for a living, he's in the park and on the field.

Bouvier is a San Marco resident. Afternoons find him at Alexandria Oaks, which he refers to as "Our little super-secret, our beautiful park away from the big streets."

Bouvier is not on an official team. Often, he trains alone—kicking and running. "That's my fun!" he said.

Bouvier has been playing soccer for as long as he can remember. A native of Uruguay, like all boys in the country, he received his first soccer ball for his first Christmas, before he even started walking. "Uruguay is a soccer-crazy country," he said. Despite how small they are geographically, they are winners of the World Cup. Bouvier recalls

playing in the streets and on the beach as a child. "It's part of the culture," he said.

Although there are several soccer enthusiasts in San Marco, including a FIFA referee (Federation Internationale de Football Association), in order to play in a team setting, Bouvier must cross the river and go to Riverside, where soccer is a more organized sport. On Saturdays, he partakes in pickup games with players of varying ages and skill levels at Memorial Park. He's trying to convince his Riverside soccer friends to come and play in San Marco occasionally in order to add soccer to the activities available to residents of his local community.

Bouvier enjoys the physical fitness that comes from playing regularly in addition to the social aspect of the sport. It has a therapeutic effect on him. He's able to disconnect from worldly responsibilities and undue stress when he's kicking a soccer ball. It's his yoga, and he plans to play for as long as his body will allow.

Bouvier bought a house in San Marco six years ago after living at The Beaches. "I dreamed about living in this part of town. I love the history of it. I'm incredibly happy here," he said, though he does have concerns about the explosive growth of the area. He likes the architecture here, the people even more.

"I've been around the neighborhood for over 20 years," Bouvier said. And, for him, that's like living a dream. As an only child and into his teen years, in addition to playing a lot of soccer, he watched a lot of TV while his parents worked. His favorite shows and movies featured the United States. "It became my promise land. I felt like I belonged here," he said. So, in 1992, at age 22, he left his native country. Via friends and an easier immigration process, he headed to Montreal, Canada first before coming to Jacksonville in 1999.

For 10 years, Bouvier was a photojournalist for channel 4. He worked for a couple of years as a documentary director at PBS. In 2008, he shifted to home-based freelance work. He makes documentaries for nonprofits,



Carlos Bouvier, soccer enthusiast

for the Jacksonville Transportation Authority, and others.

Bouvier films and produces for fun, too. In 2018, he made a short film for the Northeast Florida Soccer League to post on their Facebook page. This year, to celebrate Earth Day, he filmed around San Marco and produced a short story video that he uploaded to YouTube for residents to enjoy.

Bouvier is the only member of his family who left South America. His dad passed away there a few years ago. His mom, aunts, and cousins still live there. He visits them annually, with the exception of 2020; the pandemic curtailed his travel. He plans on seeing them again this Christmas and will look forward to his return flight to Florida.

"I'm pretty in love with San Marco," Bouvier said. He's pretty in love with soccer, too!

“I dreamed about living in this part of town. I love the history of it. I'm incredibly happy here... I've been around the neighborhood for over 20 years. It became my promise land. I felt like I belonged here.”

— Carlos Bouvier

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LAWN FERTILIZERS ARE A LEADING CAUSE OF TOXIC ALGAE BLOOMS

Meet the Jacksonville startup looking to keep lawns vibrant while protecting local waterways

The beautiful yards and gardens along the banks of the St. Johns River draw many to Northeast Florida's wonderful neighborhoods, but keeping those yards lush and healthy comes at a price.

No matter where you live in Duval County, runoff from conventional lawn and garden fertilizers eventually washes into the St. Johns River, causing deadly algae blooms that kill multitudes of fish annually. Statewide, the totals reach into the millions of pounds. According to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, these deaths can be directly attributed to nutrient pollution in storm-water runoff.

Is it possible to keep those lawns and landscapes vibrant without damaging the St. Johns River and her tributaries? That's a question Jeff Meyer and the team at Johnny Appleseed Organic have spent years trying to answer.

The Jacksonville startup believes it has a solution in the form of its new product, ClimateYard™.

"As a long-time Jacksonville resident and a life-long outdoorsman, I have become increasingly concerned about the health of our aquatic ecosystems, which have deteriorated noticeably in my lifetime," Meyer said. "ClimateYard™ is a way for homeowners and other stakeholders to enjoy a beautiful, lush landscape while making a tangible difference in reversing this troubling trend."

ClimateYard™ works by leveraging ancient symbiotic relationships between plants, beneficial bacteria and subterranean fungi to keep yards healthy and vibrant without the use of environmentally toxic nitrogen fertilizers. By replacing conventional fertilizer with a scientifically proven blend of beneficial bacteria and fungi, ClimateYard™ fixes atmospheric nitrogen in the soil and improves the availability of phosphorus that's already there. And, it's safe for children and pets to be in the yard immediately following application.

Shaped by a unique communal upbringing, Meyer has a special relationship with the land and a belief that when you work the earth, she gives back. His childhood was spent at his grandmother's side, working the community garden, helping to sustain one of the seven Inspirationist villages in Amana, Iowa. The community gardens and kitchens fed the village.

Anne and Jeff moved to Jacksonville in 1980. By 1987, they were a family of four, with sons Forest and Scott, and living in the Ortega and Avondale areas. Forest, wife Shea and daughter Alice Grace now live in New Orleans. Scott and his wife Lindsay run Congaree and Penn Farm and Mills in northwest Jacksonville.

Meyer's career in active conservation and sustainability pushed him to pursue the same goals in gardening, landscaping and farming. After acquiring genetic rights to the last surviving apple tree planted by John Chapman — the real-life American pioneer behind the Johnny Appleseed legend — he set up Johnny Appleseed Orchards, selling trees propagated from that last tree.

Johnny Appleseed Organic followed with the nation's first Climate Farm™ — a sustainable agricultural project in southern Georgia that produces delicious, nutritious food while improving soil health and sequestering atmospheric carbon. The company launched its debut product, an eco-friendly garden fertilizer called ClimateGard™, in April 2021.

Now, Meyer has assembled a team of young environmental experts whose mission is to change minds, one yard at a time.

"You may not be able to solve the world's problems, but if you can do something for those in your community, you should," he said. "These products bring your yard to life. When I was using conventional fertilizers, I never saw the abundance of butterflies, pollinators, and birds that I get to enjoy now. I'm thrilled that we get to share that experience with the rest of Jacksonville."

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LAFOND DEBUTS IMPACTFUL EXHIBIT, SOLO WORK AT UNF ART GALLERY

BY SUSAN D. BRANDENBURG
Resident Community News

Sculptor LaFond (Diane Insetta), a Lakewood resident, has created a monumental and heart-wrenching work titled “The Dehumanization of Man.” The sculpture dramatically memorializes the horror of the Holocaust, the mass murder of Jewish people under the German Nazi regime during the period of 1941-1945. More than 6 million European Jews as well as other persecuted groups such as Romani, homosexual people and disabled people, were murdered at concentration camps such as Auschwitz and Dachau.

Few people today have personal memories of that terrible time in history, but the stark reality of it can be seen and viscerally experienced when LaFond’s sculpture is exhibited from October 7th through November 12th at the University of North Florida Gallery of Art.

LaFond’s husband, Victor Insetta, visited Dachau several years ago while on a business trip through Western Europe. Although he had seen photos and documentaries on the Nazi concentration camps, nothing prepared him for being there. “We were at the source of this killing factory,” said Insetta. “The most horrifying part of Dachau to me was that some evil, heartless mastermind created a process to efficiently mass murder men, women and children ... all innocent, all non-combatants.”

Insetta’s eyes were the inspiration for LaFond’s sculpture. When she met him at the airport after his visit to Dachau, she recalls that “Victor’s eyes, normally filled with light, were dark and lifeless. I asked what happened and he said, ‘Dachau.’ Immediately, the vision of the Holocaust group sculpture came into my mind.”

For years, the maquette (her small preliminary model of the now life-size sculpture) was in LaFond’s studio, seldom seen by others. Once, when she exhibited the maquette at an art show at the JCA (Jewish Community Alliance), a Holocaust survivor wept when she saw it. “How you know what is like in camp?” she asked LaFond, in a heavily accented voice.

The artist, compassionate, sensitive, and insightful, recalls her loss of innocence at 8 years old when she saw photographs of Nazi concentration camps in “Life Magazine.”

UNF Gallery Director and Instructor Jennifer Borusky notes that “it will be important for viewers to spend dedicated time at the gallery and form their own opinions and feelings about the artwork, to consider the role of history in our present time, and to reflect on how certain global events can shape our individual ideas of community and interconnectedness.”

For LaFond, her deepest hope is that her sculpture will contribute to a collective and personal awareness of the dark side that resides in mankind, “so we can choose to guard against such atrocities in the future by remembering our past.”

The opening reception for the LaFond Solo Exhibition, featuring her large sculpture, text installations and video content from her long and vibrant career in Jacksonville will be from 5 to 7 p.m. on October 7th at the UNF Art Gallery.

For information, please visit unfgalleries@unf.edu or contact Jessica Borusky at 904-620-2534.



Diane sculpting one of the eagles now at Memorial Park in Riverside



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JUNIOR RESIDENTS

Piper Davis, fourth grader, leads Afghan relief effort

Piper Davis, fourth grader at Hendricks Avenue Elementary, led an Afghan relief effort. She collected monetary donations from classmates to buy personal and household items for refugee families who are resettling in Jacksonville.

At the beginning of the school year, Davis was assigned the role of “Community Outreach Leader.” Many of her ideas for leading the class in reaching out to the community and helping a cause were not possible due to COVID protocols. Activities such as bake sales and lemonade stands are currently restricted. So, Davis thought bigger than that.

She heard in a service at River City Church about a local nonprofit organization, Lutheran Social

Services of Northeast Florida (LSS), that helps refugee communities. Her mom, Leighton Davis, contacted LSS directly to get a list of refugee families’ needs. But again, due to pandemic restrictions, Davis would not be allowed to collect in the classroom physical items from fellow students. But what she could do was collect money from them to be used toward the purchase of new items that could then be donated to LSS to help support their local efforts. Davis thought this would be a great first project for her class! Her teachers, Joy Kettel and Patricia Henderson, agreed.

“Students were encouraged to do chores to earn their own money for donations,” said Leighton Davis. And that they did. Together, the class raised over \$1,000.

With the assistance of her mom, a teacher, and a classmate, Davis went shopping. As most refugees arrive with nothing more than the clothes on their backs, the list was long. It consisted of basic wardrobe items like underwear and socks, household items like towels and soap, and games and toys for children. What the class



Joy Kettel and Piper Davis

is most proud of purchasing are two Chromebooks, which had been requested by two Afghan women who desire to learn English online so that they can get jobs.

In addition to collecting monetary donations, Davis and her classmates created welcome notes to be given to the arriving Afghan children along with the purchased supplies that were dropped off at LSS.

LSS is assisting the refugee community by setting them up in furnished apartments. There is a need for new or slightly used furniture, including mattresses, that, for now, is beyond what Davis and her fourth-grade class can help supply. Residents looking to assist can contact Laura Cook via the LSS website: www.LSSJAX.org.



PIPER DAVIS

RPDS’s author-in-residence program inspires young readers and writers

Riverside Presbyterian Day School hosted acclaimed author Carmen Agra Deedy as its 2021 author-in-residence on Sept. 20. Deedy is the author of 12 children’s books, including *14 Cows for America*, a New York Times Bestseller, and *The Rooster Who Would Not be Quiet!*, a Florida Sunshine State Young Reader Award nominee, among others. Her personal stories first appeared on NPR’s “All Things Considered” and are culled from her childhood as a Cuban refugee living in Decatur, Ga. She is host of the four-time Emmy-winning children’s program, “Love That Book!” Deedy shared her stories with students in kindergarten through sixth grade and inspired them to create their own stories.

Since 2017, RPDS has with publishers such as Little, Brown and Company, Scholastic and Peachtree Publishers to invite authors and illustrators whose works have received such honors as the Newbery Honor Medal, Caldecott Honor Medal, Coretta Scott King Award and National Book Award Finalist. The speakers deliver lively presentations to the



Acclaimed children’s author Carmen Agra Deedy presents to RPDS students in the school’s annual author-in-residence program.

children that both excites them to read as well encourages them to write and illustrate their own stories. In addition, the authors share cultural experiences which help expand students’ worldview. They are given the opportunity to purchase a personalized book from the author.

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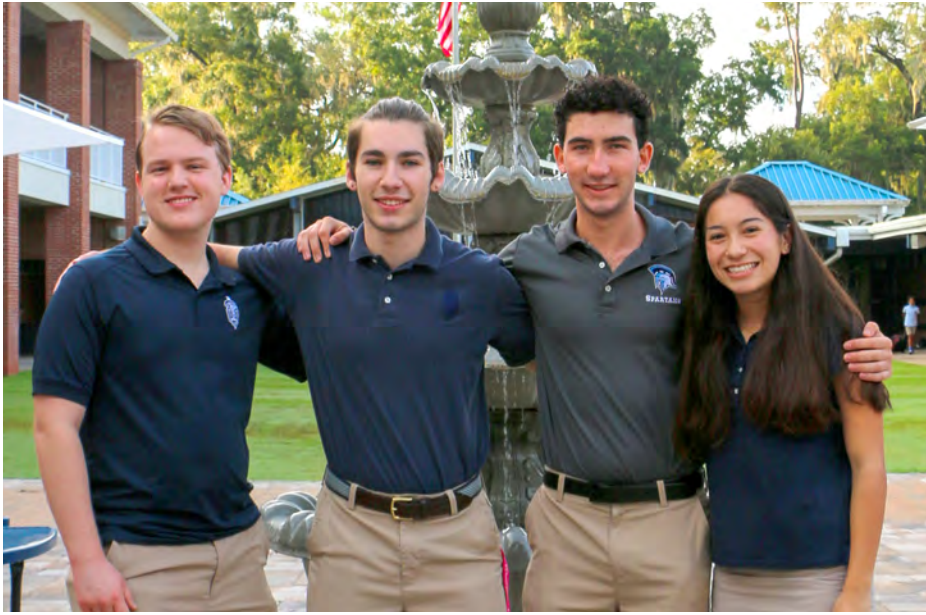
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St. Johns announces four National Merit Scholarship semifinalists



Left to Right: Sean Gregson, Robert Morris, Ariel Sauer, Mia Morin

St. Johns Country Day School announced that four of its seniors have been chosen as semi-finalists in the 67th annual National Merit Scholarship Program. They are Sean Gregson of Fleming Island, Mia Morin of Orange Park, Robert Morris of Orange Park, and Ariel Sauer of Jacksonville. This is the most from any one school in the Jacksonville area.

"I'm very proud of each of these students. They've worked hard over many years to achieve this recognition, and it's very well-deserved," said Head of School Valorie Baker.

"Only one percent of high school seniors nationwide achieve this recognition, so

these four Spartans have a lot to be proud of," said Director of College Counseling Caroline Morris.

They are four of approximately 16,000 students who were named by officials of the National Merit Scholarship Corporation. As semifinalists, they now can continue in the competition for some 7,500 National Merit Scholarships worth nearly \$30m that will be offered next spring. To be considered for an award, performance on standardized exams, participation in school and community activities, and demonstration of leadership abilities are just a few of the qualification specifications.

Summer reading tests creative skills

Student choice is an important factor in student success. Grade 6 students at San Jose Episcopal Day School just finished a culmination project for the summer reading novel "Masterpiece" by Elise Broach. Each student was able to choose three ways in which to discuss the book read over the summer. Book Critic, a diorama of a favorite scene, comic strip, character diaries, collage, and book in a bag are just a few of the options given. Jackson S. stated, "The project was such a wonderful way to test our creative skills." Included in the project was a presentation of projects to peers. Lydia VR and Sophia T enjoyed the project and both stated they were happy to use recycled items around the house to complete the project!





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Dantiel is the recipient of a Pushcart Prize, a MacDowell Fellowship, the Alice Hoffman Prize for Fiction, and has been named a "Writer to Watch" by *Publishers Weekly* and *Apple Books*. Her debut collection, *Milk Blood Heat*, is an Indie Next Pick, an inaugural Roxane Gay Audacious Book Club pick, and has been hailed as "must-read" by *TIME*, *Entertainment Weekly*, *Buzzfeed*, *Elle*, and *O, The Oprah Magazine*, among others. Her work has appeared in the *Paris Review*, *Harper's Bazaar*, *Tin House*, *One Story*, *American Short Fiction*, *Ploughshares*, *The Yale Review*, *McSweeney's Quarterly Concern* and elsewhere. Moniz is an Assistant Professor of English at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.



Jacob Skiles
 Class of 2016, Instrumental

Since graduating from DA, Jacob has studied piano under 1997 Van Cliburn silver medalist, Yakov Kasman at the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB). In 2018, Jacob made his orchestral debut performing with the National Symphony Orchestra of Ukraine and had the opportunity to give a recital in the historic house of Romanian composer George Enescu. During his college career, Jacob participated in and won numerous solo and Concerto competitions in Alabama. In addition to his piano studies, he conducted research on mathematical analyses of rhythm in Baroque dance forms as part of his involvement in the Science and Technology Honors Program at UAB. Since graduating from UAB in spring of 2020, Jacob will be continuing his studies at Florida State University, pursuing a Masters in Piano Performance with a graduate assistantship in teaching.

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Lenny Banovez, guest artist at Douglas Anderson

Guest artist visits Douglas Anderson, shares tips and industry knowledge

Theatre students at Douglas Anderson School of the Arts workshoped for two days last month with guest artist Lenny Banovez.

Seniors crafted their college audition pieces and auditioned for summer internships through Hope Summer Repertory Theatre in Michigan and the off-Broadway Titan Theatre Company. Banovez serves as the artistic director of both stages.

“Talent is subjective. My personal opinion is that this is easily the highest-level high school I’ve been to,” Banovez said.

Banovez coached and suggested small adjustments while still giving the actors freedom to make their own choices. The students learned how a simple hand movement or a focus change can completely transform a performance.

“Something really important that I took away from this workshop is that no matter how much you think a piece would work, there’s always further to go,” said Nina Simone-Diaz, a senior in Musical Theatre.

Performance Theatre senior Haley Renault spoke of how Banovez’s coaching helped her experience with stage nerves.

Banovez spent the last few minutes of each class answering questions about college and his theatre career. He informed the students that those who wish to go into theatre must be willing to make that commitment. “You gotta love it. Happiness is more important than anything else,” he told them.



Lenny Banovez with Nina Simone Diaz



Lenny Banovez with Jessica Coleman

BK Student Ambassador Program grows



Back Row: Alex Yalch '23 and Tong Tong '24; Front Row: Justin Gist '24, Anabel Macchi '23, Sophia Lopez '23, Emily Malzahn '23, Casey MacLeod '23, and Ian Kirsch '23

The Student Ambassador Program, now in its third year at Bishop Kenny High School (BK), has grown from 35 to over 80 students.

The Program, started in 2018 by Brooke Johnson, Admissions Coordinator, consists of a group of 10th through 12th graders who are dedicated to the positive promotion of the school. They volunteer to act as liaisons between the current BK community and prospective students.

The ambassadors welcome and greet everyone at Freshman and Transfer Orientation, which takes place before the start of each school year. They are on campus for the first day of school

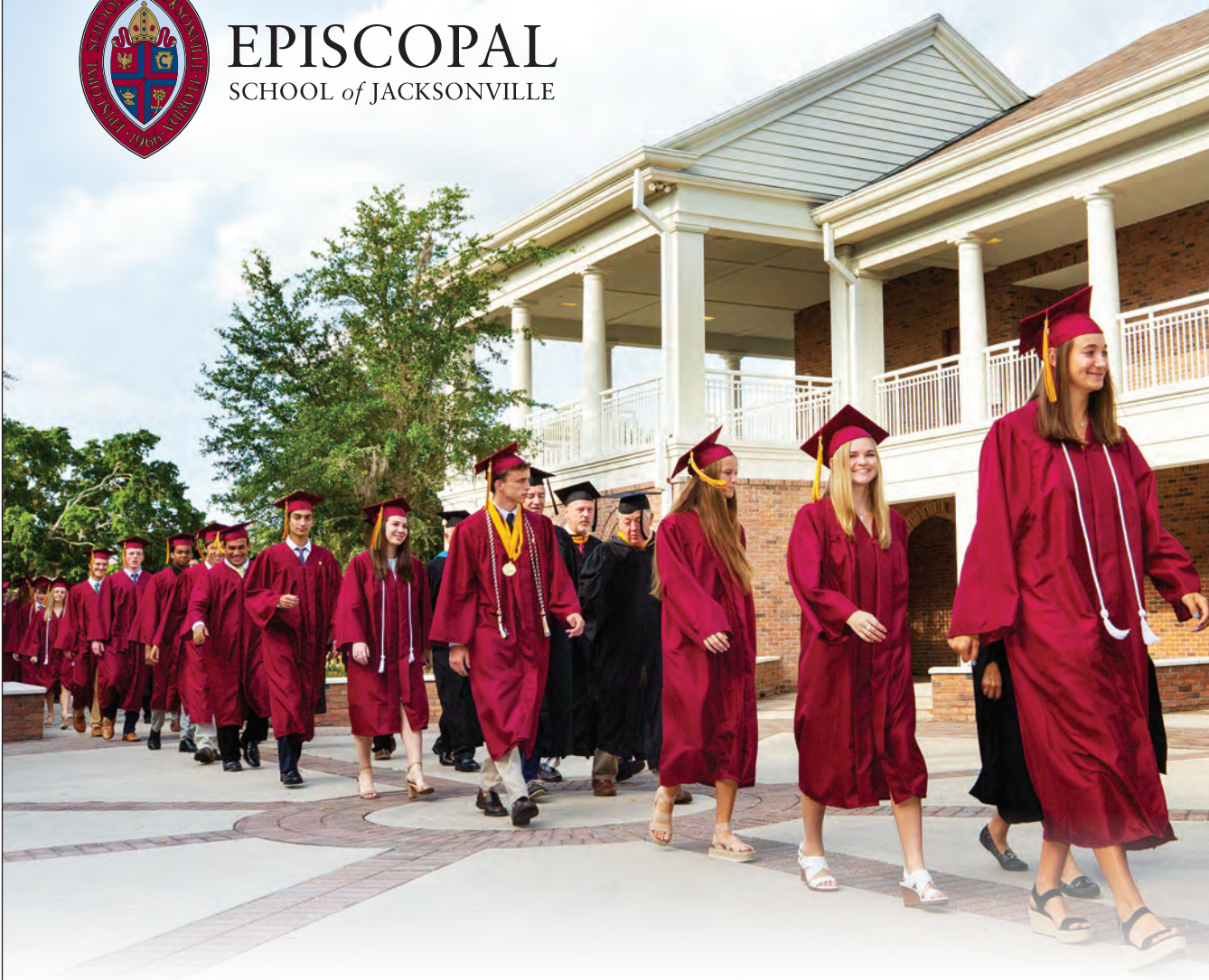
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Ellen Josephine McGehee Cavert

JUNE 30, 1920 - AUGUST 4, 2021

Sometimes one life has a long-lasting reach into the lives of future generations. This is true of the life and legacy of Ellen Josephine McGehee Cavert, 101, who passed away on Aug. 4, 2021. Her volunteer leadership touched thousands of lives of children and families in our region. Most notably, as founder of The Women's Board of Wolfson Children's Hospital, she inspired women to work together to collectively raise millions of dollars for pediatric care at Wolfson Children's Hospital. Cavert served as president and then chairman emeritus over a 49-year period.

In 1972, Cavert's eight-day-old granddaughter, Abbie, died at Wolfson Children's Hospital because the facility did not have the proper equipment to care for the needs of critically ill newborns. Cavert's daughter, Ray Martin, had given birth months prematurely to twin girls. At the time, Wolfson had no neonatal equipment to support even one premature infant, let alone two. After Abbie died, her twin, Annie, was transported in an incubator in the back of her parents' station wagon to Shands Hospital in Gainesville, where she received the lifesaving care she needed for the next four months before finally coming home.

Determined no other family would have to experience such a loss, Cavert gathered 40 women she knew had a heart for children, and The Women's Board of Wolfson Children's Hospital was born. Caro Powell shared her recollection: "I shall remember always that meeting in Ellen's living room where she shared her story of pain and loss, her vision for a cutting-edge children's hospital, and her goal to raise funds to ensure it would become a reality. In



Ellen Cavert, 2014

a morning filled with passion and enthusiasm, The Women's Board was formed. Walking out, Joannie Stein Newton turned to me and said, 'Do you realize we just launched a dream?'"

The Women's Board's mission is to raise funds and awareness so every sick child who enters Wolfson's doors can have access to the best healthcare possible. Under Cavert's leadership, The Women's Board established two well-known events – the annual Art and Antiques Show and the Florida Forum, with proceeds from both benefiting Wolfson Children's Hospital.

Recently retired Baptist Health CEO Hugh Greene said: "Ellen Cavert was steadfast and immovable in her commitment to children through all these years. The depth of her devotion emanated from her faith. The first time I met with her more than 30 years ago she began the meeting by asking if she could pray. To my surprise, she got down on her knees, reached for my hand and prayed for me in my new role and then, of course, for the children at Wolfson."

Karen Wolfson, whom Ellen mentored, said: "I really loved Ellen. Knowing a person whose life work is God-inspired and directed is remarkable because of the direction, confidence and encouragement she always instilled in others. Ellen was the master teacher of choosing Joy and Hope as life guideposts. No job, especially for babies and children, was ever too much, and Ellen's faith, strength, love and persistence were gifts to all of us."

To commemorate her nearly five decades of committed service and leadership, The Women's Board established the Cavert Legacy Society and Endowment.

At the age of 95 Cavert was the 2015 recipient of the Times-Union's EVE Lifetime Achievement Award for her contribution to children's healthcare throughout Northeast Florida and Southeast Georgia. Her enduring contribution to our region's families was recognized at the national level as well. In 1991 she was presented with the Jefferson Award by the American Institute for Public Service in Washington, D.C.

Moved by her mother's premature death from cancer, she served on the American Cancer Society executive board for decades and on the boards of the YWCA, Young Life and Jacksonville Garden Club. As founding members of the San Jose Church of Christ, she and her husband led during the initial design and construction of the original church buildings, a commitment that continued for many years thereafter. They also were founding members of San Jose Country Club. She was most recently a member of Southside United Methodist Church.

A Jacksonville native born to Ray Sutton and Clifford G. McGehee on June 30, 1920, Cavert graduated from Landon High School in 1938, then studied interior design at Ward Belmont in Nashville, Tennessee, where she met Tillman Cavert, Jr., attorney and youngest member ever of the Tennessee state legislature. They married two years later at the McGehee family home, Heaven Trees, on the banks of the St. Johns River in Jacksonville.

During her husband's active duty in WWII, Cavert accompanied her husband to 26 different military bases, where he trained pilots. Two of their children were born during this time. In 1945 the young family returned to Jacksonville where her husband joined his father-in-law



Some of the founding members of The Women's Board, 1994.



Ellen Cavert with granddaughter Grace McGehee Martin Sarber, Past President of The Women's Board, 2016.

at Jacksonville Paper Company, and two more children were born.

Mrs. Cavert is preceded in death by her husband of 73 years, Tillman Cavert, Jr. and her son, Tillman Cavert, III. She is survived by her three daughters: Ray Cavert (Mrs. Richard C. Martin) of Jacksonville; Ellen "BaBa" Cavert (Mrs. Albert McCaffrey) of St. Simons Island, Ga.; Grace Cavert (Mrs. C. William Nelson) of Orlando; 11 grandchildren and 24 great grandchildren. A private family graveside service was held at Oaklawn Cemetery in August, and a memorial service at Southside Methodist is being planned for a later date.

Memorial gifts should be sent to The Women's Board of Wolfson Children's Hospital, 1325 San Marco Blvd., Suite 802, Jacksonville, FL. 32207, or can be donated online at www.womensboardwch.com. Gifts should be designated for the Cavert Legacy Endowment.

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Tillman and Ellen Cavert, Art & Antiques Show 2011

Thomas Lester Hazouri



Thomas "Tommy" Lester Hazouri, Sr., 76, was born in Jacksonville on Oct. 11, 1944 and died at home in Jacksonville, FL on Sept. 11, 2021.

He served for 12 years as a member of the Florida House of Representatives from 1974 – 1986, as Mayor of the City of Jacksonville from 1987 – 1991, and as a Duval County School Board member from 2004 – 2012. While in the Florida Legislature, he was Chairman of the Duval Legislature Delegation, House Committee on Education K-12, and House Committee on Retirement, Personnel and Collective

Bargaining. He was also a member of the House Committee on Appropriations Subcommittee on Education Funding and Subcommittee on Personnel. He was appointed by Gov. Lawton Chiles to the Florida Ethics Commission, and Chaired the Sheriff's Mental Health and Crisis Episodes Task Force. As Mayor, he led the effort to eliminate the tolls from Jacksonville's roads and bridges. He also implemented an anti-odor ordinance to relieve the city of its foul odor. Tommy was honored for the opportunity to serve Jacksonville again as an At-Large City Councilman. He earned a Bachelor's degree in History and Government from Jacksonville University, where he was Student Body President. He was an honorary member of the San Jose Rotary Club. He and his wife, Carol were married for 42 years and were members of Mandarin Presbyterian Church.

As a young man his brothers caught him singing to his girlfriend on the phone. He enjoyed fishing with his brothers & son. While he was an avid football fan he really didn't know much about the rules. He was not athletic & was a poor golfer. Playing cards & gambling

at the casinos was a pastime & he liked going to The Hard Rock. Tommy was always late-never on time. His family called it "Tommy Time". He really enjoyed a good cigar & would fight anyone for the turkey wing at holidays. His second office was Panera Bread where he gathered with his cronies almost every morning. He truly loved people & their stories & was one of the greatest listeners. His extra-large family clan will greatly miss his big smile.

Preceded in death by his father, Neal Elias Hazouri, his mother, Amelia Ann Abraham and one brother, Neal Elias Hazouri, Jr. He is survived by his wife, Carol O'Brien Hazouri, his son, Thomas Lester Hazouri, Jr., 2 brothers, Richard P. Hazouri, Sr. and his wife, Jo, Robert E. Hazouri and his wife Sandra Davis and countless nieces, nephews and cousins.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations to the American Lung Association.

Arrangements by Hardage-Giddens Oaklawn Chapel, 4801 San Jose Blvd., Jacksonville. 904-737-7171.

Please sign the guestbook at www.hardagegiddensoaklawnchapel.com.

Wilda Ann Turner

Wilda Ann Turner, died September 20 surrounded by her loved ones. A Florida native, Ann was born in Tampa and grew up in Lake City. She loved all that Florida and the sunshine had to offer. She was an avid Deep Sea Fisherwoman and was the only woman named as the N.E. Florida Marlin Assoc. Captain of the Year. She was athletic and enjoyed participating in and watching all sports. Even though she attended the University of Alabama, where she met her husband, Worth, Ann was a Gator fan naming their boat Navi-Gator. Ann helped her husband run their family business, Turner Plumbing Company, which they happily turned over to family now in their fourth generation. Worth and Ann lived the most beautiful and fulfilling life.

Ann is survived by her husband of 64 years, Worth; their children Worth Bradley Turner (Carla Jean) and Deborah Ann Hyers (Steve Leo); grandchildren Worth Bradley Turner, Jr., (Zach Neumann) Kendal Turner Rohane (Quinn), Kristen Ann Pizzo (Chris), Kaleigh Ashton Hyers, and great-grandchildren, Christopher Turner Pizzo, Annie Bea Pizzo and Reagan Louise Rohane.

Private family services will be held. The family suggests donations in Ann's memory to Community Hospice, The Bailey Center. Please visit www.hardagegiddensoaklawnchapel.com to leave words of comfort for the family. Arrangements under the care and direction of Hardage-Giddens Oaklawn Chapel, 4801 San Jose Boulevard, Jacksonville, FL 32207, (904)-737-7171.



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