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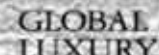
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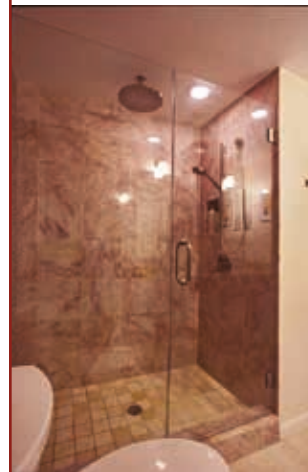
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Wow, where has the summer gone?

It's hard to believe that it's August already and for many of you that means you have been busy shopping and getting the kids back to school. I hope you all had an enjoyable summer and were able to relax and enjoy this beautiful slice of paradise we live in. For us, it's been a crazy summer, with getting this magazine up and running – we missed our usual summer trip but it's so worth it, we are having a blast with this magazine and we truly hope you are enjoying it.

I would like to once again thank the incredible businesses who allow us to provide you all with this publication each month. Without knowing what the magazine would look like or how it would be received, they took an incredible leap of faith and supported us and our mission to bring this neighborhood closer together. We hope you will use these wonderful businesses, and as I mentioned before we have met with each and every advertiser you see on these pages. We have gotten to know them and have allowed them to partner

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As we head into fall, we have some exciting events planned which we will announce shortly ... until then, I'll see you around the neighborhood. Watch for the Golf Cart tooling around looking for stories.



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Type of animal/breed: Domestic Shorthair cat

Male or female: Pretty little girl

Pet's age: Four years old

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Is there a story behind its name? Nope – Curt just really liked it.

Anything special or unusual about them (talents/quirks)? She carries her toys around like a dog. She's a real climber. There is nothing in the house she hasn't been on top of – including our shoulders if she wants to look over to see what's going on. If we are in a room together talking, she comes out of a sound sleep to run into the room – she wants to be at the center of everything. Izzi is funny when she gets wound up, she turns into the cartoon character, The Tasmanian Devil.

What do you like best about your pet? She has a really **Biggg** personality! (and did we mention cute?)

Any funny stories? We had to get a smaller Christmas tree because she kept climbing up the big one, so she could knock the ornaments off. She once swallowed a needle & thread, luckily, they passed through her with no harm done.

How spoiled is your pet? Just like yours and everyone else's – darn spoiled. She “rules the roost.”

What else should we know about your pet and/or how your pet has enriched your home/family? We are a household of three. Her favorite place to sleep is on her best friend, Curt's lap. We love her, and our home wouldn't be the same without Izzi (There would be less mayhem, though). Izzi is constant entertainment.



Do you have a special pet that you would like to highlight? Let us know. Email us at Devin.pappas@n2pub.com or call 727-657-9615



Curt giving Izzi a Kitty-back ride

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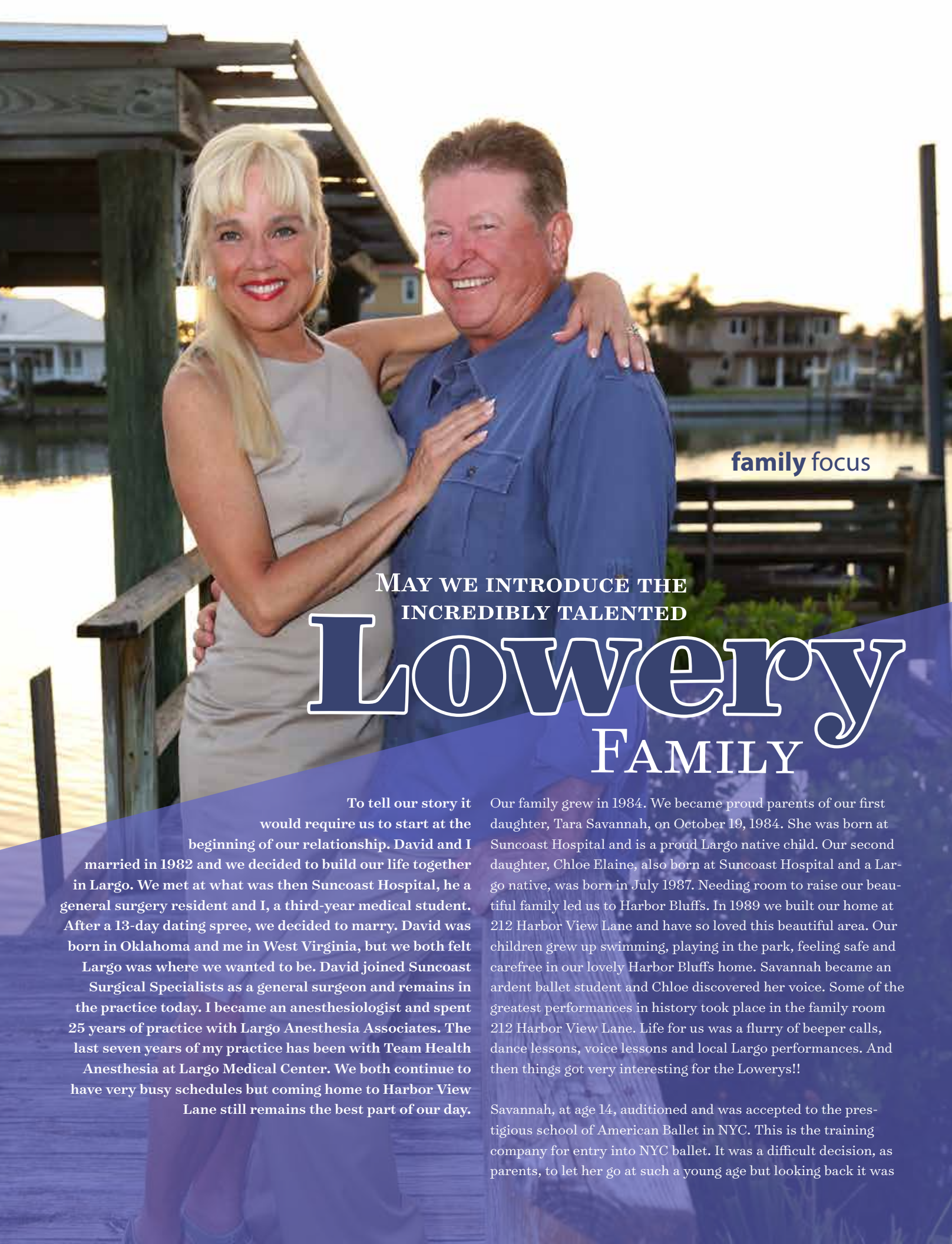
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Our family grew in 1984. We became proud parents of our first daughter, Tara Savannah, on October 19, 1984. She was born at Suncoast Hospital and is a proud Largo native child. Our second daughter, Chloe Elaine, also born at Suncoast Hospital and a Largo native, was born in July 1987. Needing room to raise our beautiful family led us to Harbor Bluffs. In 1989 we built our home at 212 Harbor View Lane and have so loved this beautiful area. Our children grew up swimming, playing in the park, feeling safe and carefree in our lovely Harbor Bluffs home. Savannah became an ardent ballet student and Chloe discovered her voice. Some of the greatest performances in history took place in the family room 212 Harbor View Lane. Life for us was a flurry of beeper calls, dance lessons, voice lessons and local Largo performances. And then things got very interesting for the Lowerys!!

Savannah, at age 14, auditioned and was accepted to the prestigious school of American Ballet in NYC. This is the training company for entry into NYC ballet. It was a difficult decision, as parents, to let her go at such a young age but looking back it was

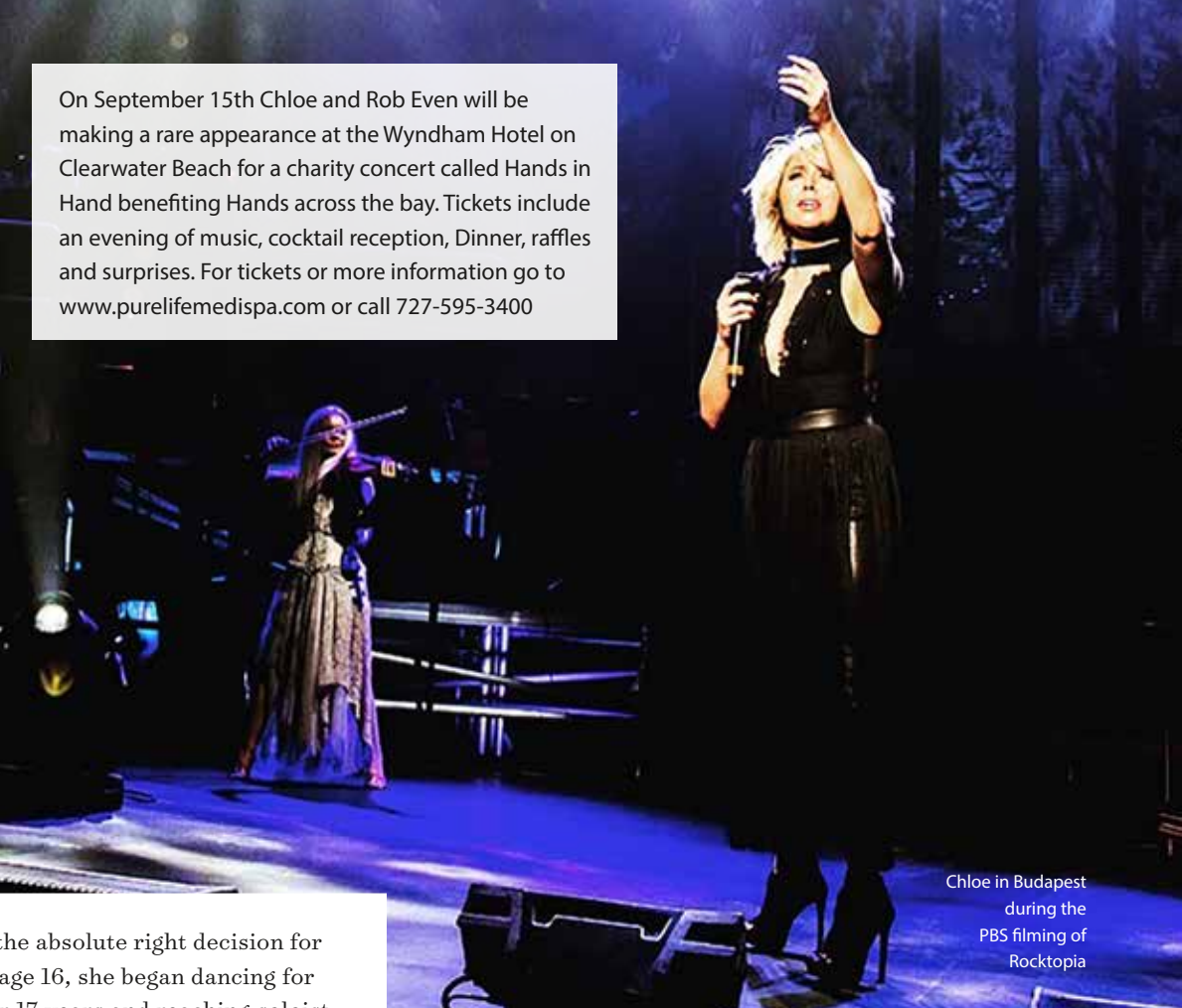


Chloe

the absolute right decision for her. At age 16, she began dancing for NYC ballet and after 17 years and reaching soloist status, she retired on June 3, 2018. While dancing for NYCB, she continued her studies and graduated from Fordham University with a math and economics degree. Guess you are thinking what is next? On June 3, Savannah graced the Lincoln Center stage one last time with strength and fluidity in the prestigious George Balanchine's *Agon*. Her friends and family were in attendance for the remarkable performance. Her next chapter will take her to Los Angeles, where she is enrolled in a pre-medical post-baccalaureate program at Loyola Marymount University. After she completes this year-long program, she will take the MCAT and apply to medical school. She also is now engaged to a handsome screenwriter in LA and they plan to marry next September. The rehearsal dinner will, of course, be held at 212 Harbor View Lane!!!

Chloe was born to sing. At age 12, she signed a recording contract with RCA Records. This was just the beginning for her. Since then, Chloe has worked as a professional singer with Big Brother and the Holding Company (Janis Joplin's band), the Yanni Voices album and tour, performed with Cheap Trick, Chris Botti, has sung the National Anthem in New York for The Mets and Tampa Rays game and performed a long engagement as a lead singer for the Trans-Siberian Orchestra. She recently finished a six-week engagement on Broadway performing as a lead vocalist in *Rocktopia*. What an amazing time we had at this Broadway opening. Now with a decade of stellar musical work under

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Chloe, her Shephard Bailey, Savannah, Lisa, David, and Bentley



David poses with his Club Champion trophy he won at The Belleair Country Club.



Savannah performing in the NYC Ballets rendition of "The Nutcracker"



Savannah performing in the NYC Ballet's "Rubies from Jewels"



Lisa competitive dancing

her belt, Chloe is preparing the release of her first collection of self-penned original material. Please check out www.pledgemusic.com/chloelowery She currently resides in NYC but loves coming home as often as she can to her Belleair Bluffs home.

There has also been one other important family member. This was our adorable French bulldog, Bentley. He was a loving member of our family for the past 11 years. We lost him this past May from cancer, but many of you will have seen him walking in our neighborhood. He was very special and we miss him so.

All of this brings us to now. David and I are empty nesters for sure, however we do have hobbies of our own to keep us busy. We are fans of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers and the Tampa Bay Rays, Christmas is our all-time favorite Holiday and David is an avid golfer. He loves the game so very much. This past year he became the club champion at the Belleair Country Club, this was no small challenge since it was won during a rain and wind storm in December. I continue to compete as an amateur ballroom dancer and currently hold the NDCA National Smooth title in the C division. Dancing has been such an amazing journey for me. It makes my ordinary life extraordinary. And so, this is the Lowery story. We have had a charmed life for the past 36 years. People often ask us where we would like to vacation to. We simply answer, home!



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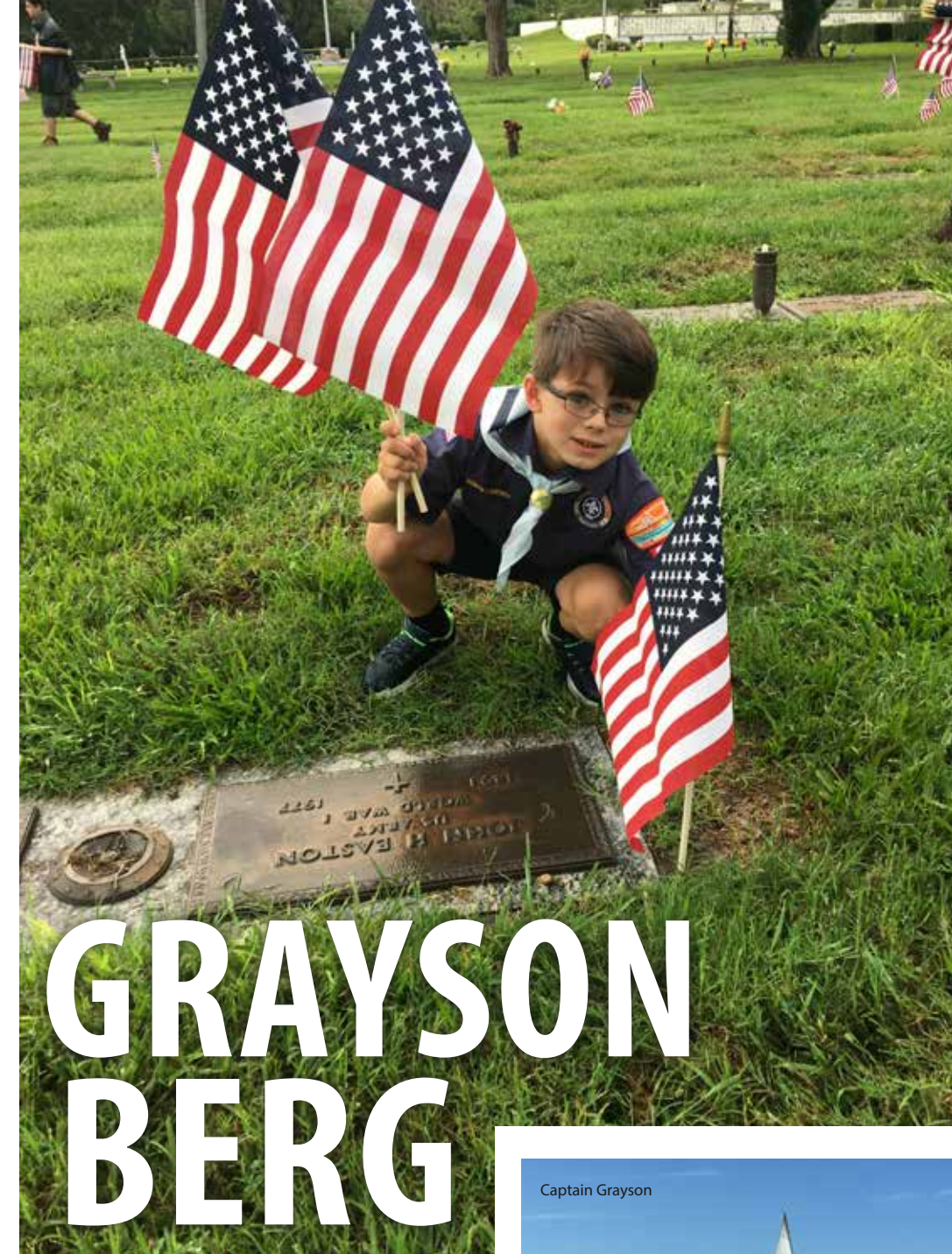
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Name: Grayson Berg
Age: Eight
Grade: Third
School: Mildred Helms IB
Brothers or Sisters: None
Sports I play: Soccer, Sailing, Tennis
Musical instrument I want to learn: Piano
Something unique about me: I am a sailor and I won the Raingutter Regatta in my cub scout pack this year.
When I grow up I'm going to be: A Fire-fighter because they help people.

FAVORITES

Activities/Hobbies: Video games, Cub Scouts, ply at the beach, church activities. (Pease Memorial Presbyterian)
Why do you enjoy being a Cub Scout? My friends, camping, because you get to do a lot of fun things.
What type of pets do you have? One Dog, two Guinea Pigs named River (Dog), Guineas and Marshmallow (Guinea Pigs)
Color: Gold
Food: Hamburger
Movie: Moana
Music: Rock
Place to play: Belleair Rec.
Sports teams: Rays
Subject in school: Math
TV show: American Ninja Warrior
Vacation: Snow skiing



Live Oak & Belleair Bluffs **July 4** BLOCK PARTY

neighborhood happenings

The festivities were in full force this year in “The Bluffs,” starting with the Belleair Bluffs annual cookout for the community. The gathering began at 11 a.m. with free hamburgers, hot dogs and sides and ended at 1 p.m. with a dessert contest.

This glorious day ended with a Harbor Bluffs block party on Live Oak Lane. We would like to extend a big thanks to Alex Berg and Kristine Shaw for organizing this neighborhood gathering, and a thumbs up to the “Grill Masters,” Tim Shaw and Mike Russell.

At 6:30 p.m. many residents walked from their homes to the middle of the street carrying their chairs, desserts, drinks, salads and sides. While the kids rode their bikes and played, the adults spent quality time getting to know each other.

The night ended with a spectacular firework display leaving everyone laughing and smiling.



Having a party or an event that you would like to share with your neighbors? Send us your photos!



200 Block of Live Oak Lane



Pauline Schneider, Barbara Steiner, Stella Alea



The Ramirez Family



Stella Alea, Merrie Hensler, Mike Alea, Fred Hensler



Dawn, Rick, and Abby Erff



Hostess Kris Shaw



The Cloud Family



Mike Russell and Julio Ramirez



Grayson and Alex Berg



Mike and Stella Alea



Hats off to the chef!



Pauline Schneider



Dr. Kathy Erwin wins best dessert for her Faux Eggs on Toast



Danielle McManus Noble competes for best dessert contest



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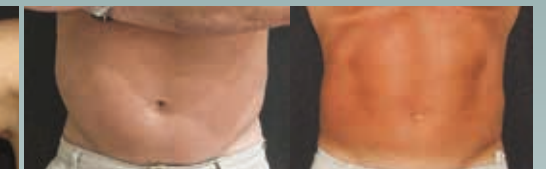
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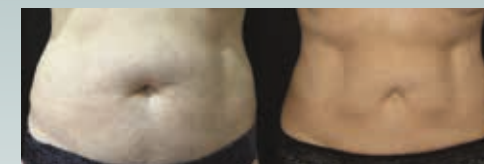


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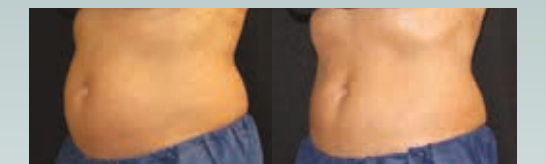
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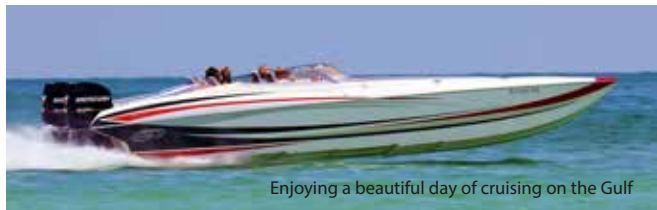
Tell us about your family

Our family story begins 40 years ago when I married my sweetheart, Karen. Our life together began in Largo, where I worked at the family business, Munyan Painting, and Karen taught school. Karen had a fulfilling career teaching and mentoring students for thirty years as a second, third, and fifth-grade teacher. The last ten years prior to her retirement, Karen taught fifth-grade students at Bardmore Elementary.

We have three children – Kimberly, Robbie, and Daniel. Kimberly married Grant Johnston of Johnston Jewelers and gave us three grandchildren – twin boys, Gavin and Blake, Age 14, and Talen, age eight. All three of my grandsons swim competitively at the Belleair Country Club. I am a very proud grandfather. My grandson, Talen broke the Belleair County Club record for the “boys eight and under” in the 25-meter backstroke and the 100-me-



Ralph wins first place!



Enjoying a beautiful day of cruising on the Gulf



ter individual medley. Kimberly and her family live right here in Harbor Bluffs.

My son, Robbie, and his family live in Jupiter, Florida. They have two boys – Colton who is 11 years old and Liam who is seven. This is the epitome of an athletic family. They play football, baseball and recently started lacrosse.

Daniel runs the commercial division of our family business. When he is not working, he usually can be found on the water with girlfriend, Meg Moreschi, and his four legged fur baby, a one year old Golden, Kai, either boating, fishing or paddle boarding.

When our family grew to 13 members we had to think of a creative way to keep us all together so Karen and I decided to purchase our 56-foot Viking yacht named, Twisted Bills. We have taken it around the coast of Florida

to Key West, and even docked it in the Bahamas for a month, so the family could vacation there. While staying on Twisted Bills, our son, Daniel, won the Blue Marlin Loop Tournament.

You may think that we are empty nesters, but we are not ... we have three “fur” children – two Golden Retrievers, Sadie and Ducky, and our Bengal cat, Indie.

Where did you grow up?

I grew up in Belleair Bluffs and Karen was part of an Airforce family and was born in San Diego, CA, but lived in many states. After graduating from Minot State College, she taught one year in Napoleon, North Dakota. Her Parents had retired to Dunedin and she followed them down here to enjoy the sunshine rather than the snow.

Tell us about the events that led up to where you are now (i.e. education, career path).

I grew up on my father’s job sites. Working part-time, while attending Largo High School, I not only mastered the trade but learned the skills necessary to run a successful business in our area. I quickly became known throughout St. Pete, Clearwater, the Beaches and North Pinellas as one of the county’s finest painting contractors.

What is your business and how/why did you start your business?

My father, Ralph Sr., a master painter/decorator started the company in 1951. In 1965, he brought my family to Clearwater and opened Munyan Painting on Greenwood Avenue. The company has grown over the years and now employs more than 200 people and works statewide. In addition to Painting, our company now offers Waterproofing, Shingle and Metal Roofing, Guardrails and Handrails, Concrete and Stucco Repair, EFIS and Foam Repair, Rebar and Cornerbead Repair.

What is unique about your business (what sets you apart from the rest)?

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Ralph and Karen attending the JDRF Gala



The Munyan's celebrating Mother's Day 2018 on the Twisted Bills



Indie taking a cat nap.



On the Viking at weigh in.



Ducky and Sadie

addition, unlike many contractors, we are fully licensed and insured.

The company is also now a licensed roofing contractor and Munyan Roofing brings the same high standards to roofing that made them a household name in our area.

Given your business expertise and the nature of what you do, what advice (whether general or specific) can you offer to the residents?

Your home is your pride and joy. A place to come and shake off the day and relax. You want your home to stay protected and look it’s very best. So, when you notice that the paint is fading, and the roof is starting to sag, the first thought that comes to mind is: I better hire a contractor.

Living on the Gulf Coast presents environmental challenges that are unique to our area. High dew points, extreme humidity, even our afternoon summer storms can all affect your project. So, when it comes to choosing a contractor, your best choice is to always go local. You want a company that has worked in all types of conditions with all types of homes in the area. You want a local company that has developed systems and procedures to manage the elements and make sure your project runs smoothly and looks beautiful.

What else should we know about you, your family, or your business?

As I mentioned earlier, my children are grown now, with children of their own, and they have all carried on the tradition of working for the family business. My sons, Robbie and Daniel, learned the trade from me. Daniel now runs the company’s commercial division and is a licensed general contractor. Robbie used the skills and business acumen that I taught him and opened an office of Munyan Painting on the East Coast of Florida in West Palm Beach.

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neighbors giving back

Kristine Shaw of Live Oak Lane

She loves her volunteer work at Pinellas County Animal Services



What organization do you volunteer with? I volunteer at the Pinellas County Animal Services (PCAS), located at 12450 Ulmerton Rd, Largo

How long have you been volunteering with this organization? I have been volunteering with PCAS for about one and a half years.

What types of tasks do you perform for this group? At the shelter, I wear a few hats! I'm a dog walker/adoption facilitator – in this role, I exercise the dogs by walking them, romping around in the play yards tossing balls and frisbees along with working with the dogs on proper commands. Our goal is to provide these often-forgotten fur pups with love, and to keep them socialized and cared for while they wait to be adopted! Since most of the dogs come to PCAS as strays, some have never felt a human touch, been walked on a leash or even had their basic needs provided. To see that dog come to us and watch the transformation into a sweet, loving, happy pup and, hopefully, on to their forever home keeps us motivated and inspired!

My secondary role is as a Mentor/Trainer. In this capacity, I provide hands-on training to new volunteers, ensure volunteers have what they need, like poop bags (LOL), throughout their shifts, direct volunteers to certain areas for proper coverage, and try to fill in on shifts where we are short staffed, which seems like all the time!

Additionally, I submit pictures and creative write-ups weekly to the Volunteer Coordinator for social media posts on PCAS FB page. About six months ago, another volunteer and I started our own Facebook page @dontforgetaboutmeshelterdogs. This page is dedicated to raising awareness and being a voice for our longtime shelter dogs. We spend many hours coming up with creative ways to highlight these overlooked dogs –dressing them up, creative posts, videos and anything else we can do to get them adopted. Over the last six months, we have had at least four successful adoptions from the page and we are still growing and reaching the residents of Pinellas County.

How many hours a week on average do you spend volunteering? Well, when I first started it was about four

hours a week, but as my love and passion for these amazing dogs, especially the” Pitties,” has grown beyond what my heart can even take some times, I’m there 15-18 hours a week! I worry about all of them all the time. We have had numbers of dogs go from only 40 to right now we have over 100!

How can others get involved with this organization? If you are up for a challenge, love dogs (or cats), need exercise and don’t mind getting wet kisses and a little dirty, we are desperate for more volunteers! Animal Services Shelter and Adoption Center is a great, big place to work with a huge mission! We also have teen programs as well. Anyone interested in volunteering can either call the Animal Services Volunteer Coordinator at (727) 582-2600, Option 7 or visit the website at <http://www.pinellascounty.org/animalservices/volunteer.htm>

Why did you choose this project or what drew you to volunteer for this organization? Throughout my whole life, I have been a volunteer in some capacity and always believe that you can never go wrong when you give of yourself to others, either human or furry! I have volunteered with military veterans, military families, hospice patients amongst others but always had a soft spot for the rescue and shelter animals! I believe we need to be their voice, we need to care for them, advocate for them and one by one get them adopted.

What benefits do you get from volunteering with this organization? The benefits I receive from volunteering with PCAS are both endless & priceless! I get sloppy, wet kisses, endless love and, oh, do I laugh, so hard, my belly hurts sometimes. I average 10,000 to 20,000 steps on my fitness tracker, along with

working with some of the most amazing and dedicated volunteers I have ever known. The ultimate benefit is when that one precious dog, the one you love and care for, gets adopted! You cry because you will miss them, but mostly because some hero saw through the kennel door and saw what you see in that beautiful creature!

How long have you lived in the neighborhood? What made you move to the neighborhood? What is your favorite part of living in the neighborhood? My husband, Tim, and I have lived in Harbor Bluffs for five years. We came to this area to visit relatives, fell in love, bought a house within six months and never looked back! Not that leaving the cold winters of CT was too much of a sacrifice! Our favorite part of living in Harbor Bluffs is the beauty of our neighborhood and the uniqueness of everyone who lives here! We have met people in this little community from all “walks of life” and it is exciting to hear their stories and how we have all come together here!

Who are the members of your family? Are they involved in the charity as well? My husband, Tim, coaches baseball for West Pinellas Little League, something he is very passionate about!

Our beautiful daughters are grown and live in Boston and Austin! They were raised to have a spirit of giving back and continue to seek volunteer opportunities within their communities. When they were young, they always volunteered with us at military events, churches, shelters and even spent vacations working at animal sanctuaries. It was important for us that the girls experience the importance of giving back, stepping out of your comfortable life to ensure the needs of others were met, even in the smallest ways.



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Yia Yia's Secret Spanakopita (Spinach Pie) *A Greek Staple*

resident recipe

By Vasiliki Theochari

Ingredients

4 – 10 oz bags of washed Baby Spinach
1 Lb. of Feta Cheese – Imported is best, but domestic is ok, too
16 oz Whole Milk Cottage Cheese
2 Package of Phyllo Dough (Publix frozen aisle)
2 Large Yellow or White Onion
1 bunch of Scallions (green onions)
6 large Eggs
1lb (4 Sticks) of Butter Olive oil can also be used
1tsp salt or to taste
1tsp pepper

Directions

Step 1

Remove Phyllo Dough from freezer 2-3 hours prior to cooking and leave unopened on the counter.

Step 2

You will need a very large mixing bowl to hand mix all of the ingredients.
Chop pre-washed Spinach, Onions, and Scallions into small pieces and add to the bowl.
Hand crumble the Feta Cheese into small crumbles and add to the bowl with the Cottage Cheese, Eggs, Salt, and Pepper.
Hand mix lightly until thoroughly combined.
In a medium saucepan, melt 1lb of butter.

Step 3

Pre-heat oven to 350°
With a cooking brush lightly paint the bottom of a 13x9x2 in. pan (or the closest you have) with the melted butter, make sure to brush the sides also.
Carefully unroll the phyllo sheets and place them between two very lightly damp kitchen cloths.
Work fast because the dough dries out and becomes extremely brittle when dry. If the sheets rip or break don't worry no one is ever going to see it!
Line the pan bottom of the pan with 4 sheets of dough, buttering between each sheet.
Add 1/3 of the mixture, evenly distributing it over the dough.
Add 4 phyllo sheets to completely cover the mixture again buttering between sheets.
Repeat mixture/dough process two more times.
Be sure to butter between all sheets
Butter the top sheets completely.
With a knife or fork poke a few holes in the pie to vent.

Cooking

Add pan to the middle rack and cook for 1 hour at 375° until golden brown.
Watch carefully, and if the top layers get too dark lay some tinfoil over the top to keep from burning
Let the pie thoroughly cool and solidify, then cut into squares and enjoy!



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teen talk *meet* Jeremy Taylor

Name:

Jeremy Taylor

How long have you lived in the neighborhood?

I have lived in Harbor Bluffs since I was born in the year 2000.

Who is in your family?

My parents are Brian and Mary Taylor. I have one sibling, Mary Taylor. My Uncle and Aunt, David and Laurie Macklin, also live in Harbor Bluffs

What school do you attend?

I currently attend Osceola Fundamental High School in Seminole. I have attended there all four years of high school and truly love it. I am going to be sad when I leave here next year.

What are your plans after high school?

My plans after high school are, hopefully, to attend the University of Florida starting in the fall of 2019. I am currently undecided on my focus majors at the moment, but I would hope to either major in engineering or teaching.

What sports and/or extracurricular activities do you participate in?

I am currently on the Bowling Team at Osceola. I also perform in a band called Burning Days with some of my friends. We have played in such venues as the Hideaway Café, The Ringside, and at Skippers Smokehouse in Tampa.

How did you get started with your sport/activity?

My passion for bowling has always been strong for reasons that are unknown to me. Ever since I was young I have been in leagues and on teams such as Osceola's. My passion for drumming first began when I was in kindergarten. I remember sitting at home and watching the TV as my dad played a video of the *Muppet*s show in an episode where Animal plays the drum solo with

Buddy Rich. Since witnessing that video, my passion for drumming has yet to cease. My grandmother bought me my first drum set almost as soon as I brought up the idea to her. My grandparents would always pay for my drum lessons that I would take at Anona Methodist Church with my drum teacher, Tom, who I have been with ever since. I have played the drums for over 10 years now and if you ever drive by my house you've probably heard me playing them.

What do you enjoy about your sport/activity?

I enjoy both bowling and drumming because they allow me to do what I love whenever I want. Bowling allows me to showcase my skills in front of the top bowlers in Pinellas County Schools, as well as, bowl with many of my closest friends. What I love about drumming is that I can be in the front and show off what I have been able to do for more than half of my life in front of many people. If you have ever met me, you would know that I'm a very shy person but if you would ever see me on stage, in front of many people, you will see the complete opposite.

Tell us something you achieved or some highlights of your experience so far in your sport/activity?

Achievements aren't really anything I have strived for in these sporting

or extracurricular activities. If I have ever achieved anything through them they don't really mean as much to me. I really only go out and do the things that I like because I like them, and I don't think I would like to live my life any other way than just doing them for fun.

How do you keep a balance between sports, school, and other activities in your life?

I believe I keep a good balance between all these things since I am an easygoing individual. When I do all these things, I try to just keep focused on one thing at a time, primarily school work.



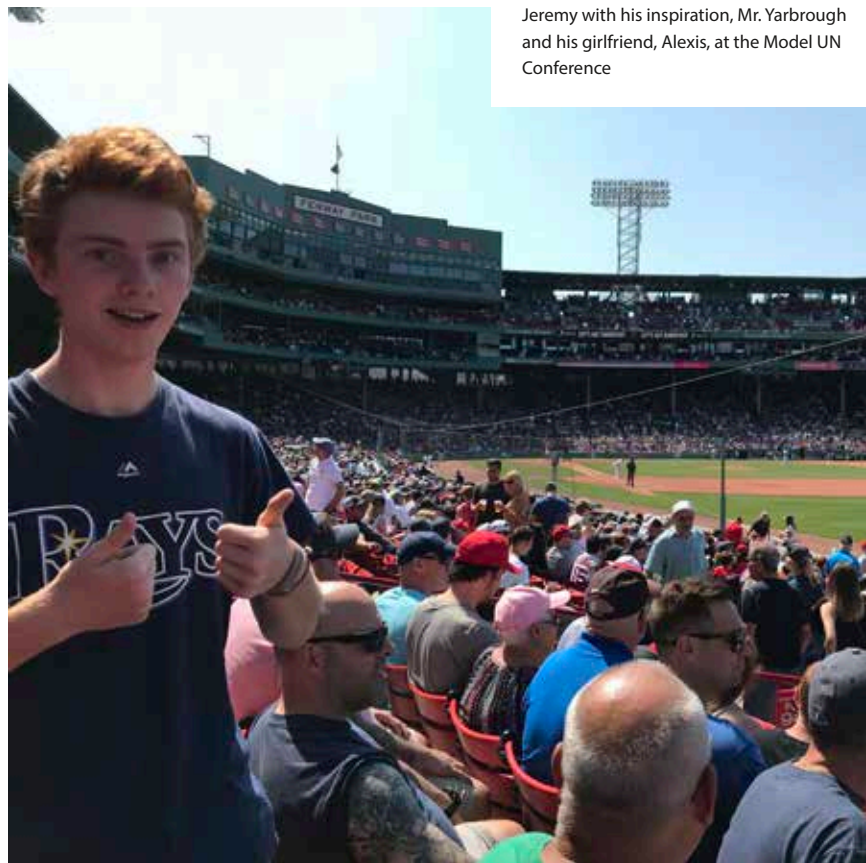
Jeremy and Alexis off to prom



Siblings, Jeremy and Mary, viewing Christmas lights



Jeremy with his inspiration, Mr. Yarbrough and his girlfriend, Alexis, at the Model UN Conference



Family vacation to Fenway Park, Boston Massachusetts

There is nothing more important than school when it comes down to the scheme of things. My determination for school has been very strong for a long time and I don't think anything is more important to my future than the success I can achieve right now. I enjoy doing all my other activities only after school is done first.

Name someone you admire. What makes them special and how have they motivated you?

Someone I admire would be my AP US History teacher from my junior year, Brian Yarbrough. This year he has not only taught me about what I have learned in

his classroom but also inspired me to go out and be whomever I may want to be. He truly cares about the children he can inspire, which I have seen with my own eyes. One day, was February 15, the day after the Marjorie Stoneman Douglas high school shooting. That day stands out to me because he brought all of us in and told us that he would always protect us because he viewed us as part of his own family, and he would do anything for family. He has inspired me to become just like him one day.

If you work, what do you enjoy about your job?

I currently work for the Clearwater Threshers at Spectrum Field. I currently work as a member of the Kid's Zone staff. What I enjoy about working there is that I can watch baseball anytime I want for absolutely free while still getting paid for it.

I also volunteer often at the Clearwater Marie Aquarium in their retail department. Although it is not as glamorous as working hands-on with the animals, I still enjoy doing it very much because I am able to help the staff run the gift shop where all proceeds go directly to helping the animals, as well as meeting some very interesting and new people.

What are some of your favorite things to do during your free time?

During my free time, I love to watch Tampa Bay Rays baseball and play the drums. I could probably tell you every player that has played for the Rays since I have first started watching them in 2008. The Rays are much more than just a baseball team to me, they are something that I always know will be there, no matter what life will bring me. They help me keep a sense of security even when the world has me down.

Another one of my favorite things is the ability to be with my girlfriend, Alexis. I met Alexis in sophomore year when we were in a Drivers Education class together. Although I was very shy and didn't know many people in the class, she continuously talked to me and we eventually became friends and now boyfriend and girlfriend. I have been dating Alexis for the past 11 months and we have done some extraordinary things together and I don't think I would ever take back a second of any of it.



Hey, teens ... got something to say or show? Let us know. Email us at devin.pappas@n2pub.com

charitable happenings

Local Celebrities Kick Off the 2018 Tampa Bay's Dancing with the Stars Competition

On Oct. 6, local non-profit, Julie Weintraub's Hands Across the Bay will host the ninth annual Tampa Bay's Dancing with the Stars event at the T. Pepin Hospitality Centre. This year's competition features a British Invasion theme, as well as exciting silent auction items and raffles for fabulous prizes. Of course, the highlight is the dance competition itself. Eleven local personalities have trained since August with an aspiration to win one of the competition's three categories.

Supporters can vote through for their favorite dancer at www.dancingforcharity.com, where votes cost \$1, and on special occasions, votes are "buy one, get one free" or event to "buy one, get two free." Dancers can also win the "People's Choice" vote, as well as, the "Grand Champion," as determined by the judging panel on Oct. 6.

With an anticipated attendance of more than 600 guests, Tampa Bay's Dancing with the Stars is one of the year's most exciting and popular fundraisers. In addition to being this year's Presenting Sponsor, PureLife Medi-Spa is also sponsoring its Senior CoolSculpting Specialist, Elizabeth Palascak, as a dancer in the competition. Last year, the medical spa's Business Development Manager, Kelly Woodruff, won the "People's Choice" vote for her Bollywood performance.

"Training for this dance competition has been so much fun for me," shared PureLife's celebrity dancer, Elizabeth Palascak. "I am truly inspired by the ways in which Hands Across the Bay touches peoples' lives when they need it the most. I love the British Invasion theme this year and I can't wait to perform on stage for this charity!"

The Dancing with the Stars fundraiser has raised more than a million dollars for local charities since its inception nine years ago. This year, Hands Across the Bay has selected four local charities as beneficiaries. Heroes of the St. Pete Police and Fire, Inc., Honor Flight of West Central Florida, Inc., Help Us Gather (HUG), Pepin Academies and Troop Rewards will receive donations from this event to support their organizations.



All of the competing dancers pose for their first group photo.

"We look forward to this event every year," said Dr. G. Joseph Fitzgerald, Medical Director and owner of PureLife. "We deeply respect and support the mission of Hands Across the Bay and the ways in which they assist Tampa Bay families in crisis. Elizabeth has been practicing her dance routine for months and we can't wait to see her performance – at the end of the day, we are all winners when we support this charity!"

To further support this year's dance competition, PureLife is putting on another special event. On Saturday, Sept. 15, PureLife Medi-Spa will host an exclusive concert and dinner at the Wyndham Grand Resort on Clearwater Beach. The event, benefiting Julie Weintraub's Hands Across the Bay, will feature vocal performances from the stars of Broadway's Rocktopia and Trans-Siberian Orchestra, Chloe Lowery and Rob Evan. The duo will perform a tribute to legendary singers of our time. All proceeds from the event will directly benefit the charity. For more information, visit www.purelifemedispa.com.

Established in 2010, Julie Weintraub's Hands Across the Bay is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that helps families in crisis, neglected animals and veterans in need, as well as provides suicide/anti-bullying prevention and domestic violence advocacy in the community. For more information, visit www.handsacrossthebay.org.



"H" John Mejia, TV Host & Producer of Good Life Tampa Bay interviews Elizabeth at the Dancing with the Stars Kick-Off Party.



This year's dance competition features a "British Invasion" theme.



Elizabeth Palascak and Hands Across the Bay's Domestic Violence Advocate, Melissa Dohme Hill.



Elizabeth Palascak poses with charity founder, Julie Weintraub, from the Gold & Diamond Source

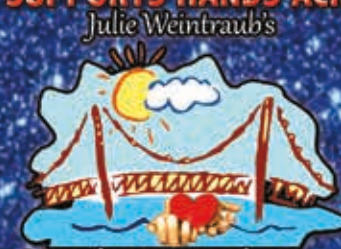
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111 DRIFTWOOD LN	Harbor Bluffs	\$690,000	07/10/18	9	3	4	2,442		\$283.00
106 HARBOR VIEW LN	Harbor Bluffs	\$1,400,000	06/01/18	73	5	2	6,798		\$205.94
129 CRESTWOOD LN	Harbor Bluffs	\$320,000	06/05/18	27	2	3	1,625		\$196.92
810 ROYAL DR	Harbor Bluffs	\$285,000	05/23/18	7	3	4	2,902		\$98.21
304 BAMBOO LN	Harbor Bluffs	\$399,000	05/15/18	106	3	2.5	2,273		\$175.54
511 PALM DR	Harbor Bluffs	\$560,000	05/11/18	230	3	2	2,806		\$199.57
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310 HARBOR VIEW LN	Harbor Bluffs	\$1,500,000	04/24/18	220	4	2.5	4,688		\$319.97
311 ORANGEWOOD LN	Harbor Bluffs	\$325,000	04/19/18	29	3	2.5	2,055		\$158.15
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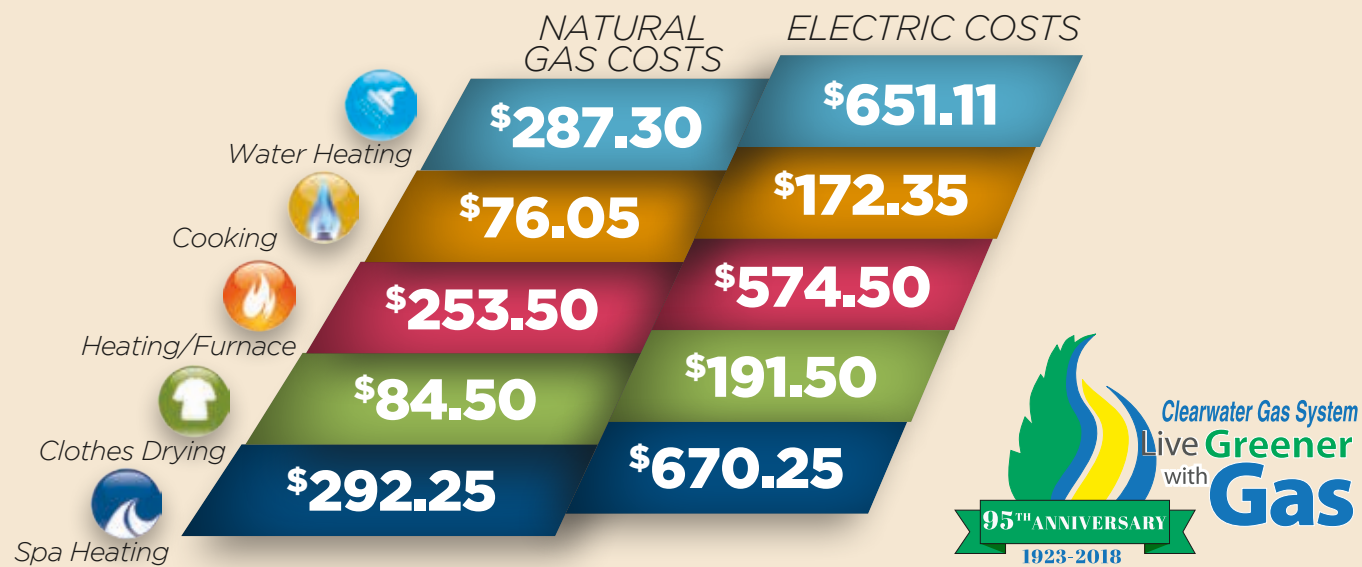
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BELLEAIR RESIDENT FOUNDS NONPROFIT FOR SPECIAL NEEDS



Belleair resident, Robin Lally, has founded a nonprofit organization, Help Us Gather, or HUG, to advocate for inclusion and to connect individuals with disabilities to social events and activities.

Lally was inspired to start an organization focused on advocating for inclusion by her older brother, Rick Farr, who has autism. When Farr moved to the Tampa Bay area in 2015, finding medical care, housing and employment was straight-forward. The tough part of the transition was finding events and activities where social connections could be made. As a result, not uncommon to many people living with a disability, he was very lonely.

According to a report by Cornell University in 2016, nearly 1 in 7 Floridians have some type of disability. Lally decided to create HUG to provide a better way for individuals and families with special needs to connect.

HUG helps people with disabilities connect to the community in several different ways. First, it web-hosts a community calendar that lists and organizes hundreds of events and activities for people with special needs all over Tampa Bay. When visiting www.helpusgather.org, a user can find a calendar full of things to do specifically for their age and needs.

In addition to the community calendar, HUG hosts an adult social group called "Friends of HUG". The group's events help foster friendships and create fun and positive memories. Outings have included an adaptive Pinellas



County Sheriff's Citizens Academy created specifically for HUG, a VIP day at the Clearwater Marine Aquarium and even a Rays game where a member of the group threw the first pitch!

With its community calendar and social group underway, Lally and her team are now going a step further by founding a new initiative to push for community inclusion. HUG is going door-to-door, talking to local businesses and

organizations, and asking "How do you include?"

Robin Lally, founder of HUG, said, "We meet many individuals who are feeling so lonely and isolated that they come into the HUG office in tears. It is hard to see people feeling this sad, but as they connect to friends and activities over the following weeks and months, we are able to see them transform into happy people."



Many businesses and organizations are unaware of the simple changes they can make that will have a significant impact on the lives of community members and families with special needs.

Some examples of changes a business can make to be welcoming to those with disabilities are:

- Provide enough space for wheelchairs to easily maneuver
- Offer to turn up the lights or turn down the music if necessary
- Host sensory hours (a scheduled time when the noise and lights are controlled)
- Be prepared for hearing or visually impaired guests
- Train staff on successful ways to interact with individuals with special needs
- Offer a small discount

Every month HUG recognizes a local business or organization for their efforts of inclusion. The winner receives a full-page magazine ad reaching 2,900 homes that highlights their efforts, along with website, media and social media coverage.

Additionally, HUG has compiled an online database of inclusive Tampa Bay businesses and organizations. This free community resource is great for individuals, parents and/or caregivers looking to find friendly, accepting and accommodating things to do around town.

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