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CHIP CARAY

When COVID-19 forced the Major League Baseball season to shut down last March, Atlanta Braves television broadcaster Chip Caray returned to his St. Augustine home and patiently waited for the season to resume.

The grandson of legendary Chicago Cubs announcer Harry Caray and son of popular Atlanta Braves broadcaster Skip Caray is finally back behind the microphone after MLB decided to play a 60-game schedule. Caray took a moment between games to talk about baseball and his family's legacy.

What was your reaction when Major League Baseball decided on July 1 to get back on the field, with games starting July 23?

I was unbelievably relieved. Baseball is a big part of our lives. It's a small part of who I am, but let's face it, the people who work in our industry, this is how we feed our families. We were all ramping up and amping up and getting ready to go. And then, for obvious reasons in late March, the big pull-stop on the train hit and everything came to a screeching halt. The worst part of it, other than the obvious, which was the pandemic and the suffering so many have gone through, was not knowing. Many of us are independent contractors. We are paid if we work. Through no fault of our own, we weren't able to do so — not just me, but camera people, producers, directors, front office employees. Those were very trying times for a long period because we just didn't know. You talk about the emotional rollercoaster; this pandemic has certainly been that for those of us who find ourselves in that circumstance. We wanted to get back to work safely and smartly and passionately because we love what we do, but the practical implication is that's our livelihood. We couldn't just step aside and go work at the post office in the interim. Relief is an excellent word to use. Relief. Joy. Anticipation. I love the game; I love talking about the game. I'm so humbly gratified so many people bring us into their living rooms every night to talk about baseball. I think our role is even more important now because fans can't come to the game.



Do you travel with the team?

No. I'm at the park for home games. When the Braves go on the road, we work from a studio at the park. We have a bank of television screens and we do it remotely. Our production crew in Atlanta, how hard those people have worked to get these games on air is a technological miracle. The unbelievable and great professional work they have turned in has made it as easy as possible for us to do a very difficult job, which is to describe something we're not seeing in real time. If baseball is played on the North Pole, Antarctica or on the moon right now, I think all of us would agree we don't care. Just send us. To use a well-used phrase from the spring, "Tell us where and when. We'll be there."

What is the level of play considering there only was three weeks of spring training?

I don't think it's midseason, regular season, good right now. I don't think they're there right now, That's understandable. There's a great deal of concern about injury. We don't know how players are going to react after a four-month layoff and boom, you're back in competition. I think managers and pitching coaches and front offices are doing everything they can to manage the workload for the players. That's why we have the expanded rosters. The crispness of play isn't quite there yet. I think we've seen hitters are having trouble catching up to fastballs and velocity. That's to be expected. Pitchers, in some regard, are ahead of the hitters. They can throw a ball against the wall all day long, but hitters can't get in a cage and face live pitching. The play is good,

but I think all the players would agree everything is just a quarter-step to a half-step off. But with each passing day, each passing game and every pitch that comes in, I think that's going to help timing. We've got a couple guys on our team that are emblematic on that. They've started slowly. The more pitches they see, the more live action they get and the flow of the game we all get with the normal rhythmist of a baseball season, I think all that stuff will level out.

You were in Chicago to watch the Cubs during the 2016 World Series. You spent time at your grandfather's statue and watched fans pay homage to him during the Series. What was that like?

It was humbling. First, the reaction for my grandfather who meant so much to a lot of people up there. That was a great lesson for those of us who do what we do. We become the voice of summer for people. I said earlier, people invite us as guests into their homes every night for six months. There's a sacred trust there. People know you. They want to own you to a certain degree. That's incredibly flattering. I'm humbled so many people want to watch our games and enjoy the way we broadcast the games in a conversation in a fun and friendly way. To be in Chicago, look I wasn't born and raised a Cubs fan, but they welcomed me into their arms in the Midwest after my grandfather died as I tried to fill those unfillable shoes. They let me in, fail

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and succeed, and learn on the job in a way in today's era probably wouldn't have happened. The old saying Ron Santo had was, "Once a Cub, always a Cub." That applies to people who don't get what that team and what that ballpark meant to the psyche of that fan-base until you've actually lived it. I was in no way in any shape or form associated with the Cubs in 2016. I had nothing to do with any of their success or any of their broadcast teams. I was flattered to go work for a local TV station to provide some analysis and such. I had a ball doing it. To be able to be there and witness something that in time, as a Cubs announcer, many people didn't think would never come. It really was a highlight and a lot of fun. To see the joy for so many people who've followed that team for so long, it was really, really great to see from the outside looking in.

Do you have the same deep-rooted passion for the St. Louis Cardinals like your grandfather and father did?

I was born and raised there. I still know the starting lineup for the '64 Cardinals like I know my ABCs. I have great respect for the franchise. My first Major League game was in St. Louis. My favorite player was Ted Simmons. I still have a great deal of affinity for the Cardinals and what they meant for my family and what my family meant to them. Great tradition, great franchise.

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TIPS FOR SUPPORTING DISTANCE LEARNERS WITH LEARNING DIFFERENCES

Parents of students that have learning differences face additional challenges when using online learning programs (virtual school, homeschool, etc.) due to the way the student processes information.

Online learning often requires strong reading and listening skills. If the student has ocular or auditory processing difficulties, this will make learning from the online format significantly more difficult and can create a skills gap and reduce the retention of the material.

Kim Mullins, the owner of the Tutoring Club of St Johns, knows firsthand as her daughter is twice exceptional (high IQ plus ADHD/dyslexic). Due to her daughter's many learning differences, Kim has become an expert in how to teach students who need different learning techniques to support their growth.

To help students who will be learning online and who have learning differences, try these tips:

1. A solid routine. Often students with learning differences such as ADHD/ADD need routine. They need to know what to do and what comes next. Having a set routine increases productivity and reduces lack of focus.

2. Multi-sensory learning. With ocular and auditory processing issues, watching videos online may not be enough to learn difficult concepts like fractions and decimals. Using paper/white boards and

scented markers helps the student process the information with multiple senses.

3. Mnemonics. Creating memory hooks help students more quickly recall specific information. For example, where the states are located. Use Man-tana to remember Montana that kinda looks like a man's face.

4. Repetitions. Once a student has been introduced to a concept, they need to review it multiple times to move it from short-term memory to long-term memory and be able to recall it. Adding seeing, saying (or singing) along with writing significantly increases retention of material.

5. Fun. All learning is based on emotion. When kids laugh and shout and move, they remember more. Creating scenarios where they learn and move deepens the learning process.

The Tutoring Club of St Johns has set up special day camps (learning clubs) for students who will be studying online and need more support.

Enrollment is limited and the class is supervised by a certified teacher that helps each student learn in the way she or he learns best. Students also do fun and safe activities including STEAM projects and more to add fun and emotion to help retain material longer.

A new approach to a new school year

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The first day of school on all four Bolles campuses and in home-based classrooms around the world went off without a hitch — successfully launching the historic 2020-21 school year at The Bolles School.

The Bolles Lower School Whitehurst and Ponte Vedra Beach campuses, as well as the Bolles Middle School Bartram campus, opened the year in a “Operating Scenario 2.” That means classes are being held on campus with synchronous online instruction available for students wishing to take classes from a distance. The Bolles Upper School San Jose campus is in “Operating Scenario 3,” meaning half the student body is on campus each day while the other half participates in at-home learning.



Students sit in class at the Bolles Middle School Bartram campus.
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Facilities and classrooms on all four campuses have been redesigned for appropriate physical distancing, including the addition of partitions and relocation of some classrooms to larger spaces.

“Thanks to the hard work and diligence of our faculty and staff this summer, we are well prepared for a safe and healthy return to campus,” said Bolles President and Head of School Tyler Hodges. “I am grateful for the opportunity to learn together during this unusual season — we are ready for a safe and productive school year.”

The focus on health and safety is paying off. The Bolles School has a higher enrollment number this year than last year, with numbers expected to grow.

On the first day of school, students practiced new arrival protocols on each campus, including arrival health screenings.

Masks are mandatory on all Bolles campuses this year. Students also are getting used to new classroom seating charts, physical distancing standards and new class dismissal and arrival bells that allow for adequate spacing between classes. Many classes enjoyed connecting with classmates learning from home via large screens and video technology.

The class of 2021 also enjoyed the senior breakfast, an annual tradition hosted by the Bolles Parent Association. Clad in black dresses and shirts, tiaras and sunglasses, students convened at a distance on the Bolles River Campus for grab-and-go breakfast snacks and camaraderie.



Students at the Bolles Upper School San Jose campus prepare for the first day of school.



Students participate in distance learning at Bolles Lower School Whitehurst campus. Photos provided by THE BOLLES SCHOOL



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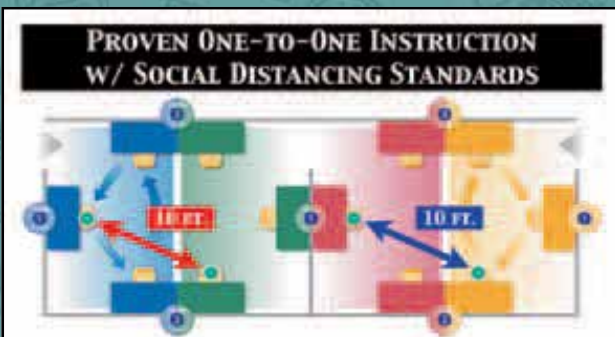
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Extracurricular activities can expose kids to new ideas, interests and skill sets, while also helping them build a sense of identity and feelings of competence.

Keep these tips in mind when reviewing after-school options:

- Talk to kids about the types of activities that interest and excite them.
- Consider the time commitment extracurriculars require, including transportation.
- Let kids experiment with trial classes and offerings.



Balancing Act

While participating in after-school activities gives kids a positive and constructive focus, making sure they have adequate free time to relax and decompress is also important. Overscheduling activities in addition to academics can be counterproductive, leading to “burnout” and unhealthy stress for both kids and parents.

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Strength Training

Consider your child's strengths and weaknesses in choosing an extracurricular activity. After-school activities can be a great way to help kids improve skills they may be struggling with in a positive and encouraging way!



Martial Arts

These self-defense practices can help kids with conflict resolution, coordination, self-esteem and self-discipline.

Dance & Gymnastics

Classes can improve posture, flexibility and strength, while also promoting confidence, self-discipline and positive self-expression.

Music

Music education can help enhance memory and math skills, as well as physical coordination and self-discipline.

Theater

Drama classes can help kids learn to speak up confidently and work cooperatively in a group, while also nurturing empathy, creative energy and memory skills.

Art

Painting, drawing and other forms of art can aid the development of fine and gross motor skills. Art can also help kids process negative emotions through creative expression.



Sports

Practicing sports can make fitness fun for kids, building confidence and coordination while teaching them the importance of teamwork and practice.

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Fall Home

Factors to consider when planning a home office

As technology has made working remotely easier, more and more professionals are working from home. Working from home can help working parents save money on childcare costs and help all workers avoid rush-hour traffic jams and the costs of commuting to and from the office.

The right working environment is essential for those who work from home. An environment that's conducive to work can help people increase productivity and make employers more likely to allow more employees to work from home. Professionals who are new to working from home may find it takes some time before they can create the perfect working environment, but the following are a few factors to consider when planning a home office.

SPACE

One of the disadvantages to working from home is that remote workers don't have access to the same level of equipment as in the main office, such as color copiers or scanners. If you want to include even scaled-down versions of such equipment in your office, you will need ample space. In addition, less spacious home offices can feel too tight and enclosed, making workers uncomfortable and

less enthusiastic about working every day. Pick a spot in your home that affords room for your equipment and the ability to move around.

LIGHTING

Lighting is another factor remote workers must consider when they're planning home offices. Natural light can provide an energetic boost and improve your mood, so choose a room that gets lots of sunlight. Many professionals who work remotely do so from the basements of their homes, which can make it difficult to rely on natural light. If the basement is the only location in your home that can fit a home office, look for lighting sources that replicate daylight so you are not working in dark quarters.

CONNECTIVITY

Connectivity also must be considered when planning a home office. While wireless internet has made internet dead zones less problematic, certain areas or rooms in your home may still be touch-and-go with regard to connectivity. Such areas should be avoided when choosing a room for your home office, as it can be difficult to remain productive. Find an area where the wireless connection is always strong.

Fall home improvement ideas

Bathrooms

Touchless faucets and soap dispensers: These aren't just for public bathrooms anymore. Touchless faucets and dispensers are more sanitary and convenient.



Kitchens

Beverage station: Designate one area of the kitchen to beverages, such as coffee and tea. Or make the area an informal bar. This can limit traffic in the kitchen to a single area.



Floors

Heated flooring: You need not worry about stepping out of bed onto a cold floor when heated flooring is part of the equation. This option is available in various flooring materials as well.



Windows

Storm shutters: Hurricane season runs through Nov. 30, and 2020 is predicted to be a busy storm season. Consider securing your home's interior by installing attractive and protective storm shutters.



Decks & Patios

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Operation New Uniform and K9s for Warriors co-sponsored a Veteran Appreciation Night on July 20, at Brewhound Dog Park + Bar in Neptune Beach. The event gave veterans a chance to network with other veterans, and to learn about resources available to them.

“It’s awesome the way this community comes together to support veterans,” said Michele McManamon, executive director of Operation New Uniform.

ONU’s mission is to “train veterans and their families for fulfilling careers and develop their skills as they grow within an organization.” ONU was created in 2014 and has served nearly 300 veterans in its six years of operation.

Several other organizations were on hand to talk to veterans about services they provide that veterans may be unaware of.

One of the organizations, The Fire Watch, covers five counties across Northeast Florida, including St. Johns County. The organization’s goal is to end military veteran suicide by connecting veterans to available resources.



Navy veteran Kimberly Wichlan enjoys the Veteran Appreciation Night with her dogs Barley and Piper.
Photos by PARIS MOULDEN

“The crux of our mission is we believe if we can engage veterans earlier, we can reduce the rate of veteran suicide,” said Nick Howland, executive director of The Fire Watch.

Veterans at the event were also able to enjoy Brewhound’s wide selection of beer, \$2 tacos and the joy of seeing their animal friends play. There were also adoptable dogs on hand for anyone who didn’t have one — or wanted another one.

Navy veteran Kimberly Wichlan enjoyed the event with her pups, 2-year-old Barley and 4-month-old Piper.

“It’s really nice because there are just enough dogs and just enough people,” Wichlan said.

Few organizations combine veterans and dogs like K9s for Warriors, which is the nation’s largest provider of service dogs for disabled American veterans.

“It’s critical to get veterans together so they can speak with each other, get out of the house and into the world,” said Rory Diamond, CEO of K9s for Warriors and Jacksonville City Council member. “There’s nothing more powerful than well-informed veterans to help their brothers and sisters.”



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Day in and day out, Baltzley started baking bread. Only, he didn't bake an array of croissants, rye loafs, focaccia or banana. Baltzley baked one bread, known as the primordial leaven of all bread — sourdough.

Three times a day for a month, loaf after loaf, Baltzley baked sourdough. Perfecting and tweaking until one day, a warm, flour-dusted mass emerged from oven that stood out from all of the others. Crispy crust and soft, chewy center with a wine-like complexity of acidity and texture — the perfect sourdough.

From that sourdough came St. Augustine's newest post-pandemic restaurant, Sunday.

The soul of the community-focused eatery is of the essence of sourdough itself. Wholesome, locally sourced ingredients with a neighborhood gathering table ambience. Well-known local artist, Jenna Alexander, not only showcases her work along the walls of Sunday but shares a studio within it. On any given day, patrons may see her working through the glass partition that divides the eatery from her working studio.

Baltzley himself is also invested in the St. Augustine community where he lives and works. Prior to opening Sunday, Baltzley owned and operated The Bullet food truck, located outside the St. Augustine Amphitheater. He is a classically trained chef who before starting his own business was the head chef of the Palm Valley Fish Camp.

Wife and co-owner, Misty Lake, designed the interior of the space with natural elements and clean lines, invoking a homely, family-kitchen atmosphere.

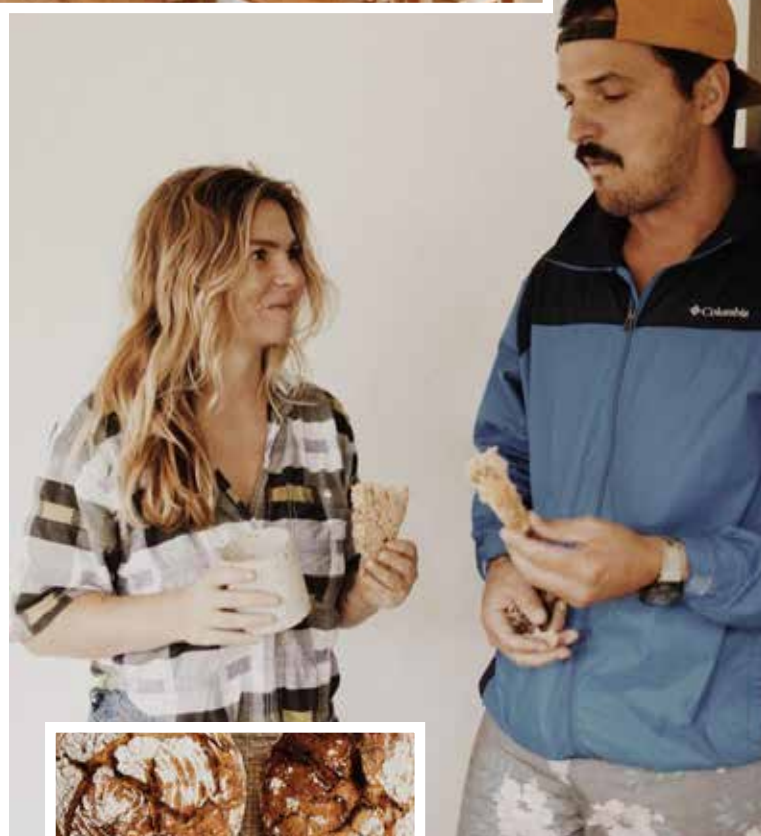
"Rather than reject the verbiage associated with being closed during COVID-19, we decided to embrace it as a gentle reminder that community and gathering, in the sense of sharing and support, still exists," Lake said. "Our mission was always to create and sustain a restaurant with 'soul' for its community, one that reflects its locality and provides for its neighborhood. We wanted to invest in locally sustainable harvested food, with an emphasis on excellence, while providing gracious, genuine hospitality. This is a place to nourish and bring family and friends together."

Sunday's menu is designed around sourdough, featuring roasted shiitake and oyster mushroom toast, a sourdough B.A.L.T and braised egg Shakshuka. The restaurant is open for both breakfast and lunch, as well as "late-night" eats and drink specials on Fridays and Saturdays.



"There is not a thing that is more positive than bread."

— Fyodor Dostoevsky

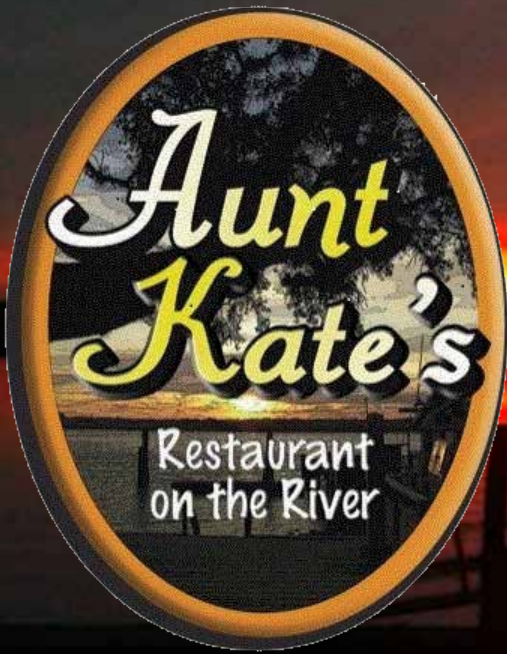


ABOVE: Edwin Baltzley and Misty Lake are the owners of Sunday in St. Augustine.

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Sunday Gathering Table is located at 73 San Marco Ave. The hours of operation are 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily, closed Monday.



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Jay Armstrong is the owner of Barbara Jean's, a Southern restaurant that specializes in homestyle cooking and seafood dishes.

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STUNNING RESTAURANT VIEWS
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Barbara Jean's

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There is an unrelenting passion and hunger for delicious food served in a memorable waterfront setting by professional caring staff! It sounds like a winning formula for restaurants; and somehow Barbara Jean's, which opened in 1997 on St. Simons Island, followed by Ponte Vedra in 1999 — has kept the traditions glowingly alive with Barbara Jean Barta's style and menu throughout the years.

By 2018, the Ponte Vedra location on Roscoe Boulevard finally became the dream of new owner Jay Armstrong, a seasoned restaurateur whose energy and passion for dining puts him in the upper tier of hands-on restaurant owners.

Barbara Jean's casual vibe feels like you're entering a lakeside cabin, where you can gaze across the water and imagine just about anything at all. The Intracoastal Waterway is as inconspicuous as a grizzly bear — a compelling view of this 3,000-mile inland waterway that draws landlocked guests to a moment of raw adventure even without pulling up in your yacht or speedboat!



Today the outdoors is definitely "in!" Barbara Jean's at Old Ward's Landing captures the triple crown of good food, a spacious outdoor deck and an unobstructed water view. When it came upon the local scene 20-plus years ago, it was one of the first restaurants to open in this remarkable neighborhood — miles of rustic vintage waterfront cottages interspersed with gated mega-mansions. For two decades, its alluring open-air setting currently allows for appropriate table distancing, sprinkled with a healthy dose of sunshine and fresh air (AND shadowy romantic moonlight for dinner).

This dining legend continues to bring yachtsmen and landlubbers to their doorstep daily. Whether dining on property for lunch or dinner or calling ahead and having your meal delivered over the deck railing to boat captains for take-away dining only, the staff make it easy to enjoy one of the most unhurried relaxed feasts.



SEAFOOD SENSATION
The famous Barbara Jean's Crabcakes



A TASTE OF THE SOUTH
Shrimp & Grits with Jumbo Sweet Carrots & Green Beans

Their cocktails stirred and shaken are recognizable relatives of classics. Celebrate the moment and location with a Palm Valley Bloody, ICW Mule or The Back Deck. Relax and escape with a chilled handcrafted cocktail that might be a Key Lime Tart Martini, Ponte Vedra Punch or a Cucumber Basil Cooler. The wine list is easy to navigate and only wine geeks will aspire to more.



Barbara Jean's breakout status began, and still continues, to introduce each meal with their homemade bread basket. Warm pumpkin bread, sweet jalapeno cornbread and a puffy wheat bun are truly irresistible. It's going to be difficult not to fill up before you've checked out the menu. Some patrons have even mentioned how they can't end their meal with a dessert because they felt as though they began with it as they finished every little crumb in the basket! Barbara Jean's celebrates its popular American culinary creativity with a few ground rules ... trying to define American comfort food is tough!

What they can promise you is that selecting a favorite menu item means overlooking some much-enjoyed signature specialties, so they hope you'll be back!

The menu cascades from one category to another; at the heart of their menu is great flavor and a bill of fare that ranges from the freshest seafood to the richest She Crab Soup and Shrimp & Grits. Crossover to Chicken Fried Chicken and Meat Loaf or Pork Chops. Select something "light" like BJ's Blue Salad with perfectly seared tender tuna! Plentiful portions and colorful presentations that lack any pretense — their mantra is consistency! Each dish somehow fosters a feeling of being at home in Barbara Jean's kitchen with friends and family paired with time-tested excellence always at the forefront of each dish.

Imagine the day when you're just in the mood for vegetables — "Glorious Vegetables" — and you can select five delectable options for your meal. There are never less than a dozen fresh choices — broccoli and rice casserole, sweet glazed carrots, stewed tomatoes, fresh cabbage, red beans and rice, giant baked potato and the inimitable squash casserole. Don't miss this one — it's worthy of a starring role any day! Each entrée gives you your choice so don't be shy. Try something deliciously new.

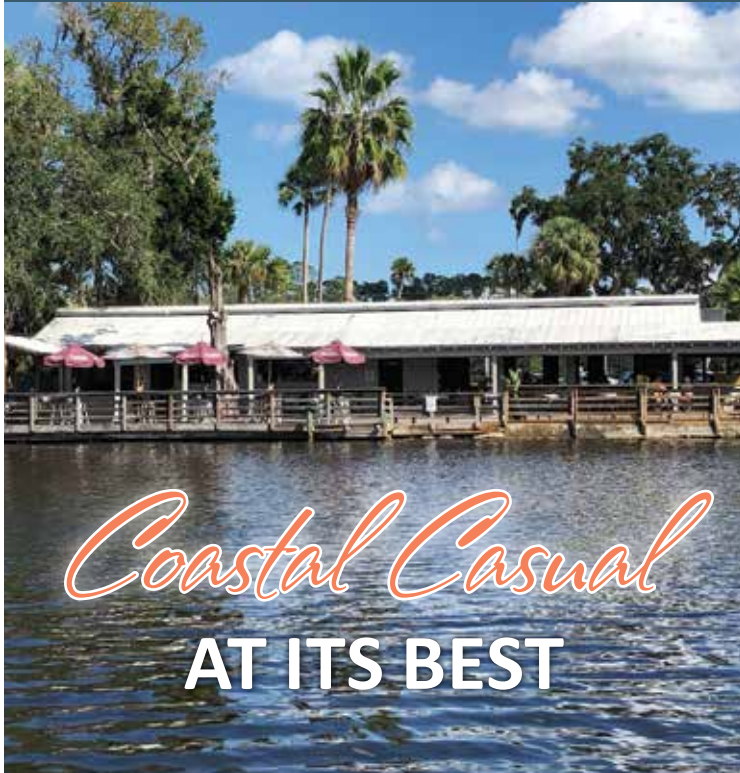
Since its opening day, Barbara Jean's has been lauded in practically every Southern publication — including Southern Living, Coastal Living and an excess of respected magazines and newspapers by highly respected food critics and fans. At the top of their "top picks." Crab Cakes take centerstage: Eastern Shore style with no fillings. What's their recipe secret? Crabmeat! I believe they're mandatory — they pull their own weight.



The food shows self-assurance with very little preening or brash culinary celebrity. I have my eye on page 2 of the menu with at least 50 more signature dishes to try this season. I'm already packing my appetite for Barbara Jean's. It's easy to find — and it's a great escape from the ordinary. Flip flops are just fine in this laid-back atmosphere, perfect for anytime casual dining.

Did someone mention cobbler?

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A toast to the new normal

Let's face it ... 2020 has been full of twists and turns and at this point, nothing can surprise us. But there is one thing we can count on during these uncertain times, and that is American consumers have not given up their passion for wine.

In fact, wine retail sales are up over 30% since March and steadily climbing from there with more people choosing to imbibe at home. The one thing that is evolving is how people are consuming wine and what they are choosing to drink.

Let's explore the hottest new trends for wine in Florida and what to try this upcoming holiday season!

Domestic Sparkling wine – As someone who is entering their 17th holiday season in the wine industry, one of the biggest surprises I have seen is the growth of sparkling that started in April and continues to skyrocket BEFORE the typical “sparkling season” of November–December. People are finding more ways to celebrate the little things and not just saving sparkling wine for a special occasion! With the tariffs still in place on imports, domestic is the best value and here are my top picks under \$20.

• **Gruet Brut:** Cool story on this one. A fourth generation French champagne maker, Laurent Gruet, happened across land in New Mexico where the soil and climate mimicked that of the Champagne region. He moved his family out to the U.S. and over 20 years later is still mak-



Ally Burkett
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ing this award-winning sparkling wine. *Available at Total Wine, Publix, Whole Foods (\$13.99)*

• **Domaine Chandon:** One of the most beautiful properties in Napa I have visited! A perennial favorite and very similar to a dry French Champagne. *Available at Total Wine and other retailers (\$14.99)*

The canned wine category is the fastest growing category in the state, up over 89%, and within that category there are a few choices that are a great bang for your buck. Think about it: What's the easiest thing to grab when you're headed out onto your boat on a hot day? A can! And not all cans have to have beer in them!

• **House Wine:** The No. 1 canned wine in the U.S. hails from California and retails at \$4.99. They offer a Brut, Brut Rose and Rose as their top three flavors and even offer two ready-to-drink cocktails, Casa-Rita and Paloma. The alcohol by volume on these are the same as wine (12%), and one can equals TWO glasses of wine, so while this is a steal just remember not to drink too many in one sitting! *Available in Target, Total Wine and ABC*

• **Shell House:** I tried this on a whim the other week and it was love at the first sip! It's low alcohol (about that of a beer), only 120 calories, and the perfect summer sipper. Available in Myer lemon, pomegranite and raspberry. *Available at Trader Joe's, (retail \$5.99 per 6-pack)*

Now is the time to try new things, expand our drinking horizons, and still celebrate the little things in life.

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Love Locks

Bridges in the City of Love are adorned with locks of lovers who want to symbolize their undying love and unbreakable bond.

The locks are usually carved with the couples' initials or names, then the key is thrown into the Seine in Paris, forging everlasting love that runs as deep as the river.

If you and your beloved aren't able to go to Paris however, lovers along the First Coast have been able to make use of the area's many bridges. Several bridges around the area are adorned with the locks, and who knows how many keys sit on the bottom of the St. Johns River? If you want to see local love on display, just walk the bridge over the railroad tracks on the Northbank of the Riverwalk in downtown Jacksonville.

In Vilano Beach, the "Love Lock Bridge" offers a beautiful view of the Atlantic, serving as a perfect backdrop for romance. It's no wonder couples have selected this spot to seal their love with a lock.

Although some local governments consider the display blight and remove the locks, there's no denying the love for this popular trend is likely here to stay.



Daisy Perez-Wills and Steve Wills place their "love lock" on the famed Pont des Arts bridge in Paris. The popular European trend has taken root across the globe, including several bridges in Northeast Florida.

Photo provided by DAISY PEREZ-WILLS



Couples display their connection at The Love Lock Bridge in Vilano Beach (above and left) and at the bridge over the railroad tracks on the Northbank Riverwalk in downtown Jacksonville (below).

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Fall FASHION

The time has come to put those summer fashions away and adopt a new look for the new season. Yes, autumn is nearly upon us. Savvy dressers know where to find the clothing and accessories that make all the difference as the days grow milder and more opportunities arise to get out and about following a stifling spring and summer lockdown. Here are some fall fashion ideas provided by local shops.



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In addition to co-owning the gallery, Matthew Cutter is an accomplished artist. Here are a pair of his paintings in the St. Augustine gallery.

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Daud Akhriev's work often features fishermen surrounded by seagulls. This piece was on display at the Cutter & Cutter Fine Art Gallery in Ponte Vedra.



Ukrainian artist Dmitri Danish's powerful work uses light and shadow effectively. This work was on display at the Cutter & Cutter Fine Art Gallery in Ponte Vedra.

by SHAUN RYAN

LOCAL GALLERY FEATURES WORK BY



Sculptures by Paige Bradley can be found at both Cutter & Cutter galleries.

WORLD-CLASS ARTISTS

Among the attributes that make St. Johns County attractive to longtime residents and newcomers alike is its vibrant, diverse and cosmopolitan arts scene. In fact, fine art aficionados have found galleries here that rival those located in major cities. Nowhere is that more apparent than at the Cutter & Cutter Fine Art Galleries.

"You don't have to go to New York or San Francisco or Chicago to see great artwork," said Matthew Cutter, co-owner of the family business. "It's actually right in your backyard."

Cutter & Cutter has been in business for 22 years and maintains two galleries, one in St. Augustine, the other in Ponte Vedra. Each location features work by master artists from around the world. Visitors will encounter still lifes, landscapes, seascapes, etchings and portraits, as well as sculpture, pottery, wood-turning creations and blown-glass works.

For those looking to own some of the pieces displayed, prices range from \$100 to hundreds and thousands of dollars.

But visitors should not let reservations about a lack of "proper" attire or a deficit of fine arts knowledge keep them from exploring such an upscale gallery, according to co-owner Mark Cutter.

"We're so laid back," he said. "We want everyone to come in."

In fact, knowledgeable staff members are eager to share information about the artists and their work.

Visitors will find etchings by Salvador Dali, acrylic works by Albanian-born artist Josef Kote that focus on the ocean and coastal

life, stunning seascapes by Spanish artist Navarro and Hanji paper-making images by Korean artists Jeong and Choon Yun.

Though the ongoing pandemic has hindered the usual exhibition schedule, Cutter & Cutter is featuring some special events.

On display now through Sept. 15 at the Ponte Vedra gallery is "If I Ran The Zoo," a whimsical collection of three-dimensional characters from the mind of Dr. Seuss. Known collectively as "Unorthodox Taxidermy," these mounted sculptures are part of the "Art of Dr. Seuss" exhibit, which also includes Theodor Geisel's "secret art."

The St. Augustine gallery is planning the 30th anniversary National Oil and Acrylic Painters Society juried exhibition for November. It will feature 150 works chosen from thousands of entries.

The gallery owners are hoping that conditions will allow them to conduct a live, in-person show with the artists onsite. If that turns out to be unworkable, something might be held online instead.

In January, the St. Augustine gallery will feature works by the three members of the Akhriev family who are trained in the Russian impressionistic style.

The Ponte Vedra gallery at Sawgrass Village Shopping Center, 333 Village Main St., is open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. seven days a week. The St. Augustine gallery at 25 King St., is open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday and noon to 6 p.m. Sunday.

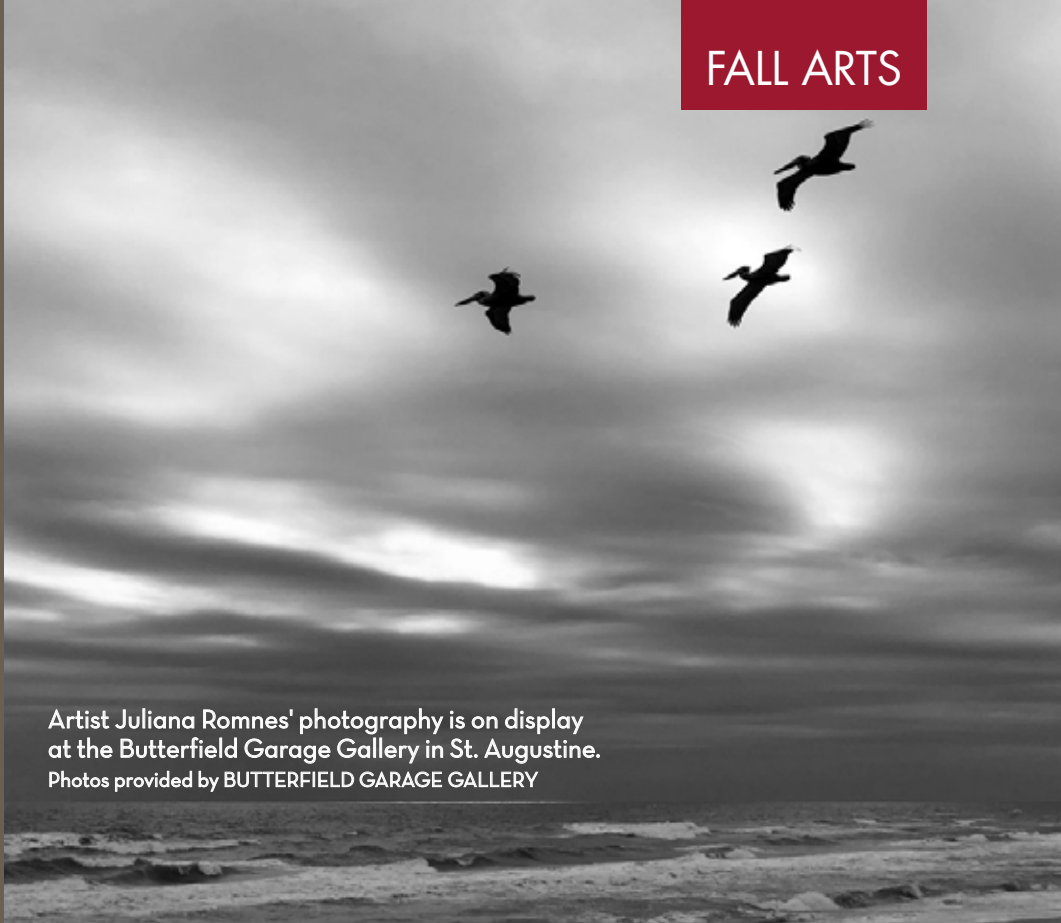
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Glasswork jewelry by Tracy Womack



Martha Ferguson is an award-winning painter.

Artist Juliana Romnes' photography is on display at the Butterfield Garage Gallery in St. Augustine. Photos provided by BUTTERFIELD GARAGE GALLERY



showcase of artforms

Three accomplished artists have joined the Butterfield Garage Gallery in St. Augustine.

The gallery's selection has just expanded to include glass-worked jewelry by Tracy Womack, photography by Juliana Romnes and well-known painter Martha Ferguson.

Womack studied painting at the University of Arkansas and went on to learn the art of flame-worked glass in Eureka Springs, Arkansas. Her flame-worked glass jewelry has been a favorite of both visitors and residents to St. Augustine. Womack has more than 30 years of experience in working with molten glass. Each piece is hand-formed from solid rods of glass, which are heated in torch flame until molten and shaped into the desired form.

"After so many years of working with molten glass I find I never tire of it," Womack said. "I think because it is such an alive medium and such a difficult craft, it continues to challenge my skills."

Romnes grew up in Florida and has spent the past 20 years exploring her home state through the medium of photography. She received the 2016 Distinguished Alumni Award from the Southeast Center for Photographic Studies at Daytona State College, and is currently the gallery coordinator at Arts on Douglas, a division of the Atlantic Center for the Arts (ACA) in New Smyrna Beach. Her work has been exhibited in numerous group exhibitions at museums and galleries in the state.

Many of Romnes' images focus on simple, close-up, abstracted compositions that emphasize distinctive interactions between light and shadow. She captures fleeting moments, birds taking flight, footprints left in the sand, and the textured layers of paint on seawalls,

battered by the elements over time.

"I visit the beach without expectation and remain open and observant to the unique and ever-changing characteristics that surround me in order to capture and share its fragile, ephemeral beauty and awe-inspiring power," Romnes said.

Ferguson holds a B.A. of Fine Art from Flagler College and, in addition, studied watercolor and printmaking at the University of Charleston. She continued studies at The Art Student League of New York and various master artists workshops. During college, Ferguson she was greatly influenced by Emmet Fritz, a local favorite painter, and, through him, fell in love with painting.

Her paintings regularly win awards, both local and national, and her interpretations of old town St. Augustine have become popular collector pieces. She loves to paint the scenes of old gritty towns, capturing the feel of the area and the locals that walk the quaint streets, and is drawn to architecture and the way the light comes through the subject.

"I want my paintings to be more than a likeness but an experience or a nostalgic feel," Ferguson said. "I can walk by the same scene many times and then all of a sudden there is a moment that tells a story. That's what I seek to capture, that's when the painting is successful. Painting is a journey that provides me with a determination to learn, create and master my technique, while keeping my own sense of style."

Butterfield Garage Art Gallery is an artist-run gallery for professional artists that encourages creative experimentation. The gallery is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

Fall Arts

EVENTS SCHEDULE

COVID-19 has caused the postponements and/or cancellations of many events across the country, but there are still things for art lovers on the First Coast to do and appreciate.

Note: Dates and events subject to change.

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Oct. 23 and 24: Mozart & Sibelius
Nov. 6 and 7: Cirque de la Symphonie
Nov. 21 and 22: Star Wars: Return of the Jedi
Nov. 13 and 14: Rachmaninoff's Paganini Variations
Dec. 4 and 5: Tchaikovsky's Fateful Fourth
Dec. 11, 12 and 13: First Coast Nutcracker
Dec. 12 and 13: Handel's Messiah
Dec. 17, 18, 19 and 20: Holiday Pops
Dec. 31: New Year's Eve: The Rat Pack

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ART IN MOTION

Stephanie Pyren had a passion for art from a very early age. Her mother was an artist and taught Pyren and her sister how to draw, paint and more from the age of 5.

Pyren started selling artwork in high school at the age of 15, and draws inspirations from ballet, meditation, energy and spirituality. These are the biggest influences on her work.

“I am most inspired by the movement of the human body,” Pyren said. “My work draws from energy and the connection between human beings and the earth. I am excited by movement and energy.”

Pyren moved to Jacksonville because she wanted something new and had a sense that the art world of Jacksonville would boom. She’s lived on the First Coast for seven years and continues to work on her art. She’s currently working on a painting called “Memories” that was inspired by ballet and the movement of the human body — continuing in her series of art that is inspired by movement and energy.

“Dance is a way of expressing stories through movement and that inspires my art,” she said.

Pyren previously lived in Los Angeles where she worked in animation and fine arts. Pyren also went to France and worked with French artist Jacques Harvey, and considered moving to France. But through her connections in St. Augustine, Pyren decided the Jacksonville-area arts scene was the place to be — and hopes people will understand what she’s trying to convey.

“My art is for people to enjoy and get inspiration from,” Pyren said. “[It’s] a little bit unnerving, but it hits nerves. Basically, it’s a portal of humans, spirit and connection between us and the universe.”

Pyren and her husband have recently relocated to Jacksonville, where she has been getting involved with the local art scene. She is a current member of Jacksonville Artist Guild and has joined the Jacksonville Branch of the National League of American Pen Women.

Gallery celebrates grand reopening

GOING BOLD

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Ever since Brenda Basham Dothage was a child, she had a yearning to paint. But she doubted her drawing skills and didn't pursue it.

Instead, she earned a master's degree in business and worked at a variety of jobs. She gained experience in various business ventures, public relations and the publishing industry. She was an instructor for self-help workshops, a counselor for sexual assault survivors and a board member for a children's museum.

But through it all, her desire to paint continued until it grew too strong to ignore.

"I gave myself the freedom to go with it," she said.

In December 2001, she did a painting around one of her poems — a form of art she calls poetry-painting. Still, she didn't paint anything else for another year and a half. But then her art took off and she had her first exhibition in November 2003 in Palmdale, California.

Several shows followed and now, having moved from the Golden State to St. Johns County in May 2018, she is co-owner of The Bold Art Gallery in downtown St. Augustine.

On Aug. 8, she cut the ribbon on her new location, 51 Cordova St. Suite C. It was really a grand reopening, as her gallery had formerly been located next door in Suite B.

Representatives of the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce were on hand for the event to help her and husband Orville Dothage celebrate. It was conducted just prior to the First Friday Art Walk, which has resumed after a brief period of dormancy in the wake of the recent pandemic.



Brenda Basham Dothage stands next to some of her work at The Bold Art Gallery in downtown St. Augustine. Photo by SHAUN RYAN

Visitors discovered that the new gallery is larger than the former one, where Basham Dothage had originally opened in 2018. There's more room for the public and better opportunities to display her work.

"We'll be bigger and better," predicted the author, artist and photographer prior to reopening.

There are approximately 75 pieces on

display: acrylics, oils, poetry-paintings, photographs and canvas prints. Basham Dothage also sells tote bags and mugs bearing images or her work, as well as copies of her book, "Think Your Life Into Action."

Basham Dothage has never taken an art class, which perhaps has left her art free of preconceived ideas. In fact, every work has a spontaneous quality that sprouts from her approach.

"I try to plan stuff, but I do better when I just let it happen," she said.

It's a creative freedom she passes on to her grandchildren, telling them it's OK to color outside the lines.

"There are no mistakes in art," she said. "If you don't like it, you can paint over it."

Photography is a relatively new venture for Basham Dothage. She discovered it less than a year ago while photographing her garden.

"I was taking pictures and taking pictures, and I was scrolling through them, and I thought: Well, these look really great," she said.

Her husband encouraged her to display those alongside her paintings.

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Pictured at Plum Contemporary Gallery at 10 Aviles St. are Rameen Naghiv (from left), Laura Naghiv, Myles Naghiv, Mina Naghiv and Erica Abel.



At the Maria Reyes Jones Gallery, 134 Riberia St., are Sam Casto (from left), Maria Reyes Jones, Autumn Nilsson, Robert Balch, Beverly Balch, Bob Balch and Alma Ramirez.

First Friday ART WALK

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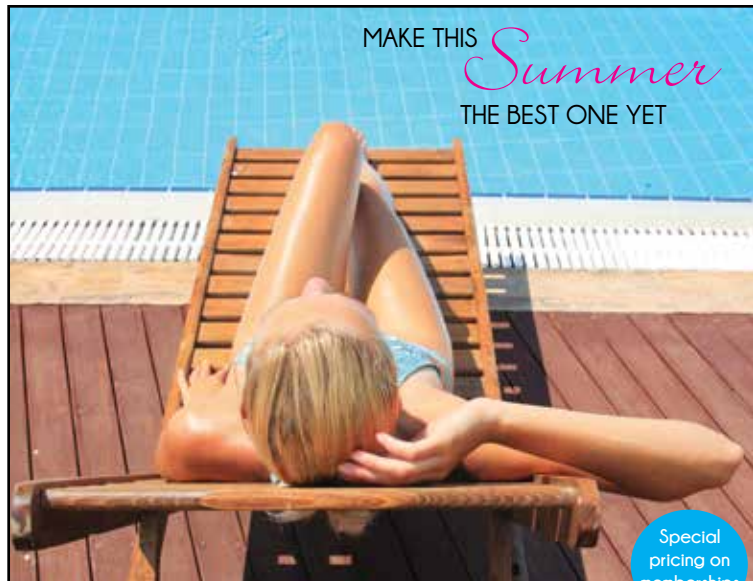
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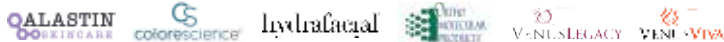


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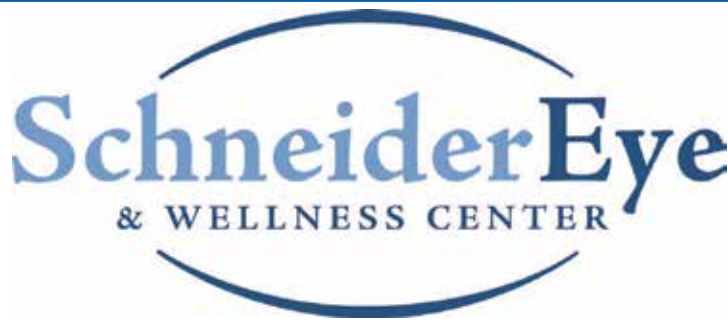
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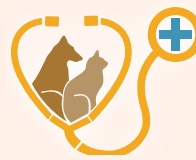
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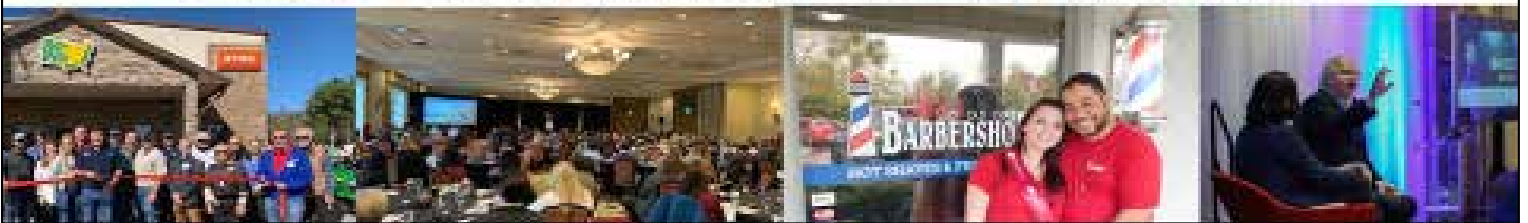
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