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DEAR NEIGHBORS,

DUST OFF THOSE BACKPACKS...

And fill them up! A brand-new school year is upon us! Preparing our kiddos for a new year of school includes more than just fighting the crowds to purchase new pencils and notebooks – it's also a time for us to prepare them for new friendships, teachers and routines.

Whether you can't wait until your kids are back in school or dread the more regimented days that lie ahead, there's one thing we can all count on: Back to School is always a big transition and there are ways you can help to ease the minds of your kids during this time. Make sure your child is familiar with the school, take advantage of any orientation opportunities, facilitate their bonding with the teacher and other kids, get them back on track with an early bed schedule well before school starts and start having conversations about beginning school, especially if they are advancing into a new school or grade level, such as middle school.

This month we have the honor of featuring the Hollingers, a family of six whose story will keep you smiling from ear to ear! Just in time for back to school month, Auri shares her passion for Montessori education, as the Assistant Director at Millhopper Montessori School, and why it has changed the lives of her entire family.

Gainesville Neighbors has so many exciting things in store for the upcoming months and we can't wait to share even more incredible stories of your neighbors. If you haven't already, be sure to like our Facebook page for sneak peeks and updates throughout the month!

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MEET THE HOLLINGER FAMILY

WALK IN THE FAITH AND REJECT FEAR

It may have taken them three years of being broken up after dating the first time to realize it, but there is no denying that Auri and Jarius (aka “J”) were meant to be together, raising a family just as fun-loving and full of life as they are.

While attending college in Tallahassee, the two met in 2002 through a mutual friend which also happened to be J’s Godmother. They dated for a while, broke up, and then reunited upon J finding Auri while she was living in Jacksonville after college. “He couldn’t get over me,” Auri laughed. That following December, they were married at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Downtown Gainesville. Almost 14 years of marriage in, and there is no denying their decision to giving dating a second chance was the best one they ever made.

By Christina Chittenden | Photos by Tall Guy & Co Photography

Today, the Hollingers are a party of six. After having two sons, Regan (11) and Caden (9), they knew they wanted to try for a girl. Much to their surprise, the Lord blessed them with not one – but two – beautiful daughters, Kennedy (5) and Rhilynn (4) in the years to follow.

J and Auri both attended Florida A & M University in Tallahassee, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration and she earned a Bachelor of Arts in English Education. Later, Auri went on to earn her Master of Science degree in Educational Leadership from Nova Southeastern University in Fort Lauderdale. She plans to soon pursue a Doctor of Education in Montessori Studies to further her education.

When he was in high school, J actually began a career in banking, as his school was the first to establish a fully-run bank inside of a high school. He



was able to work there as the Student Manager and then, after graduating, transitioned into a fulltime position while he was attending college. After college, he was offered a position with Stock Building Supply where he was the first Credit Manager for the state of Florida. It was the crash of the housing market that initiated his career change into sales, where he has been ever since. Today, he is an Agency Processing Specialist for Allstate Insurance. "My career is phenomenal," said Jarius. "I love having the ability to teach new people coming into Allstate about sales and the process of selling as well as successful processes and procedures that



have been created and established throughout the company. It's great to meet new people and form new relationships on a regular basis."

Auri's first job out of college was a Guest Service Manager for Target Stores in Jacksonville. She then explored the field of education for several years, teaching elementary school, being a School Resource Teacher and then a principal for Magnolia Montessori Academy. Just before they moved to Gainesville, she met Christina Miller at Millhopper Montessori School, and there was no question about where she wanted her next position to be. She now serves as the school's Assistant Director.

Montessori was a style of teaching that she discovered in 2011, after enrolling her oldest son into a Montessori school in Lakeland. "I was in awe of how focused and independent the students were during their work cycle," said Auri. "After completing my formal training in Montessori, I became truly passionate about this method of education because it develops students who are capable, accountable and knowledgeable people who have the strong sense of self they will need to thrive in the real world." Auri feels blessed to work at the same school her children attend. "Being able to be a mom and administrator at the same time, it's really the best of both worlds. Our school's family atmosphere coupled with a rigorous educational program makes it so unique."

Though Auri spent several years of her childhood in Gainesville, J is originally from a small town right outside of Tallahassee. They resided in Lakeland as a family until almost three years ago when they decided to move back to Gainesville to be closer to family.

When it comes to hobbies, Auri and J's tastes are different in that he is an outdoor enthusiast, while Auri is...not so much. During their trip to Blue Springs, Auri's apprehension didn't stop her from enjoying time with the family though. "I got in the water because they encouraged me to participate," she laughed. "I guess I will do it

again." Theme parks, particularly Disney, are a definite favorite of theirs, too. The family also loves to explore new places, especially those rich in history. They can also both agree there is a mutual love for food and trying all kinds of new types. The Hollingers are avid Gator and Rattler fans. They do seem to disagree on pro basketball teams, however, as J is a Los Angeles Lakers fan while she favors the Boston Celtics. Basketball season becomes quite competitive for the couple.

Auri enjoys volunteering with the local chapter of her sorority, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. where she has the opportunity to mentor high school students, provide school supplies, clothes and shoes to students in need and award academic scholarships to deserving students. J loves to spend time volunteering with youth as well, and has served in youth ministry at their church where they were able to feed the homeless community at Grace Marketplace, provide clothes and back to school backpacks for the East Gainesville community and also make monthly visits to the local nursing homes. "Anything that involves education and advocating for children is our passion," she said.

It's no surprise that each of their children are also very active and involved in their own hobbies. Regan is a basketball enthusiast and plays for the City of Gainesville Basketball League. He also plays soccer, enjoys reading his Bible and learning new things. He hopes to one day become an engineer. Caden has an interest in a variety of sports, but seems to really enjoy playing soccer with his school's soccer team. He also enjoys building things with Legos and is a science buff. He knows everything as it relates to science, especially Zoology. In fact, he aspires to one day be a scientist.

As for their girls, Kennedy loves gymnastics and has a gift in the music area. She loves to sing and play a variety of instruments and plans to become a teacher when she grows up. Rhilynn, affectionately known as "Rhi

Rhi," loves to cook. She enjoys watching different recipes on YouTube Kids and cooking in the kitchen with mommy and daddy. She also loves gymnastics and imaginative play. Her hope is to one day be a doctor. "The kids are natural learners, I attribute that to their Montessori education," said Auri.

For the Hollingers, family time isn't just important - their lives revolve around making every minute together count. While they have carried on traditions from each of their families, Auri and J have also incorporated many of their own. From frequent family days and trips, to their weekly family meetings spent praying and discussing life (and even voting on house rules), they are always happier when they're together.

"Having a large family can be tricky, but we realize our children are not just siblings, but are also individuals," said Auri. "Sometimes we like to take one at a time to go on an outing or have alone time with each one of them to get them to open up and talk to us. We think we know our children, but it's eye opening when they are by themselves. These opportunities really help us to be better parents and enable us to find ways to encourage them. We always want them to remember when they get older, that they had a happy childhood full of laughter and warmth."





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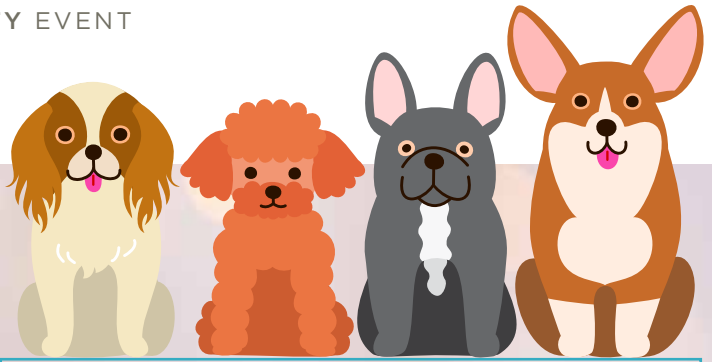
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SHAKING OFF THE SUMMER

PREPARING YOUR KIDS FOR THE UPCOMING SCHOOL YEAR



By Christina Miller, President/teacher, Millhopper Montessori School, Inc.



Summertime can afford children the opportunity to sleep, play and blissfully run amuck. Even if a child is enrolled in a summer camp or traveling, his or her routine is changed, allowing for a much-needed respite. During the summer, children become recharged (teachers, too). I always look forward to a new school year. There is a visceral reaction to a new cycle beginning, and those returning are eager to identify themselves as students in the next grade up. Those beginning school for the first time are heading into a brand new territory full of anticipation and sometimes separation anxiety. Even older students can feel anxious when entering a new class or a new school. Separating from parents can be very emotional for young children entering school for the first time. It can be difficult for the parents, too. I have found that a quick and happy goodbye is the best plan, even if you have to put on an Oscar-winning performance. If you, as a parent, look worried or distraught, imagine how a small child will interpret that. Sometimes a child will enter the class without trepidation but will begin to cry and cling during the second week of school. This is also normal, as he or she is evaluating and testing to see how much control can be gained over the new routine. Reassure your child, and tell him that each day will get easier. It will. Don't be surprised if, before long, your child doesn't want to leave when you come to pick him up. The best thing to prepare children for school, regardless of whether or not it is a new experience, is to make sure they get enough sleep and have time for a relaxed and nutritious breakfast. We all know how difficult it is to concentrate and monitor our own behavior if we are sleep deprived or our blood sugar is low. Children, especially young children, cannot reason through these experiences. They just have bad days, storing them in their memories, assuming and forming lasting impressions of school. Remember that routines are comforting to children. If a child spends part of the week with Mom and part with Dad, as is often the case with divorced parents, it is vital that both parents come to an agreement on routines regarding homework, bedtime and behavioral expectations. Children need to see their parents as a unified front. And they need to see their parents and teachers as a unified front, too. Since class will soon be in session, check out these websites for a few tips: www.amazingmoms.com (a great resource for back to school ideas); www.familyeducation.com (Back to school transitions: Tips for Parents by Ted Feinberg and Katherine C. Cowan). Peruse and enjoy them. And here's wishing all of you a great and memorable school year!

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H2O-PROS PRESSURE WASHING

Providing only the best service for your home or business

By Christina Chittenden

Getting the greatest lifespan from your home or company's roof wouldn't be possible without a thorough roof cleaning performed every few years. The dilemma is that most people are either unaware of the fact that their roof can and needs to be cleaned or they have the notion that roof cleaning is too much of a costly investment. Thankfully, though, roof cleaning is actually extremely economical when you use the team at H2O-Pros Pressure Washing, LLC.

H2O-Pros specializes in roof and exterior home and business cleaning. Owner Kevin Mizell, has been in business for four years. Being aware of the need for great customer service and quality work in the industry, Kevin knew that providing his compassion, skills and knowledge to the area would be a great way to give residents in Gainesville the high quality of service that they deserved.

Serving both residential and commercial roofs, H2O-Pros conducts quite an extensive amount of business with HOAs, realtors with homes that are getting ready to go on the market and property managers.

"What I love most about my job is the 'before and after,'" Kevin said. "I enjoy turning old into new and dirty to clean." One of his favorite aspects of his work are getting homes ready for the market and seeing how much the asking price increases. "The instant gratification for myself and my clients is very rewarding."

Roof cleaning has been an ongoing educational process for Kevin. "Getting people to understand that, in most cases, they don't actually need a new roof they just need a clean roof, has been a tough concept to explain," he said. "Many people buy a new roof way before they need it when they could have simply had a little bit of proactive upkeep, they can get the full lifetime of their roof which is really the ultimate goal."

Kevin grew up in St. Petersburg, Florida where his father, Hubert Mizell, was the lead sports writer for 27 years. He covered the Florida Gators for over 50 years and was the best in the business. Kevin then moved here from Dallas, Texas, where he handled sponsorships for NASCAR, to be closer to his father who had become ill. Unfortunately, his father passed away a couple of years ago and Kevin decided to make Gainesville his home in order to be closer to his family. "My father was my biggest inspiration in life," said Kevin.

At the same time, Kevin recognized a need for an exterior cleaning company geared towards the higher end clientele with a focus on roof cleaning. "Moving here and not possessing a PhD



or degree, I knew I needed to start my own business. "Pressure washing has always been viewed as a flighty industry, so I wanted to create a higher level of accountability and service that had previously not been available," he added.

H2O-Pros is more than just a premier roof cleaning business, but they also believe in giving back to the community that supports them continuously. "We are always looking for churches and nonprofits that might not have the means to have exterior cleaning done for their building or facility," said Kevin.

"One big part of the educational process is getting clients past the stigma of pressure washing being us just 'blasting away' at stuff," Kevin said. "Realistically, the only thing we really use pressure on is the flat work like walkways and driveways - everything else is actually a low-pressure soft wash."

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AUGUST CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SAT., AUG. 3

Guided Walk

@Kanapaha Gardens

A guided tour of the Gardens, occurring the first Saturday of every month.

Time: starting at 10am

Cost: admission price for non-members, free for members

kanapaha.org/events/all-events/

SAT., AUG. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

Haile Village Farmers Market

@along SW 91st Terrace, in the heart of Haile Village Center

The Market provides farmers with an opportunity to sell their products directly to the public and to create a market place that is consumer friendly and enhances the lives of community members.

Time: 8:30am-12pm

hailefarmersmarket.com

SAT., AUG. 3, 10, 17, 24 AND SUN., AUG. 4, 11, 18, 25

Tours of the Historic Haile Homestead
@8500 SW Archer Road

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Time: Tours start at 10:15am, 11:15am, 12:15pm and 1:15pm

Cost: \$5; 12 and under free
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TUES., AUG. 6

Edward Jones Coffee Club with Cathy Aull
@The Flour Pot in Tioga Town Center

Discussing current events, the economy and investing, in a relaxed, informal setting, is a great way to get to know one another. Coffee is on us!

Time: 9am

Cathy.aull@edwardjones.com

WED., AUG. 7

Dudley Kids Summer Crafts

@Dudley Farm, 18730 W Newberry Rd., Newberry

This month's craft is Bandanna Dolls - sew and stuff a doll or animal out of bandanna fabric.

Time: 9:30-11am

Cost: Free with park admission (\$5 per vehicle)

[Facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com)

THURS., AUG. 8

Edward Jones Coffee Club with Cathy Aull
@Haile Village Bistro

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Time: 9am

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THURS., AUG. 8 & FRI., AUG. 9

Mickle Pool Family Fun Nights

@Andrew R. Mickle, Sr. Pool

On Thursday and Friday nights, Andrew R. Mickle, Sr. Pool offers extended hours for family swim time! Families are encouraged to come out and enjoy time together at the pool!

Time: 5-7pm

Cost: FREE

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FRI., AUG. 9

Storytime at Depot Park

@874 SE 4th St., Gainesville

Join us the 2nd Friday of every month as the Alachua County Library District presents Story Time at Depot Park in the Children's Play area.

Time: 10-11am

Cost: FREE

[Facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com)

TUES., AUG. 6, 13, 20, 27

Newberry Farmers Market

@Downtown Newberry (Corner of 254th St. & Newberry Rd.)

Farm fresh veggies, meats, eggs, mushrooms, plants, honey, jams, pickled items, blueberries, fruit, boiled peanuts and more!

Time: 4-7pm

Newberrymainstreet.com/farmers-market

WED., AUG. 7, 14, 21, 28

Union Street Farmers Market

@Bo Diddley Community Plaza

Come support local farmers, bakers and musicians while sharing some quality time with your neighbors!

Time: 4-7pm

Contact charlielf@msn.com for info.

FRI., AUG. 9, 16, 23, 30

Free Friday Concert Series

@Bo Diddley Plaza

Free, family-friendly concerts in downtown Gainesville every Friday night featuring some of the best local and regional

musicians. The series includes a diverse selection of musical genres, with a mix of returning audience favorites and bands new to the series.

Time: 8-10pm

Gnvculturalseries.org or 352-393-8746

SAT., AUG. 10

O2BKids Back to School Bash

@O2BKids Supercenter (across from the Oaks Mall)

A fun event featuring face painting, bounce houses, vendors, awesome art, super science, free school supplies and more!

Time: 9:30am-12pm

Cost: FREE

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SAT., AUG. 10

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Time: 11am-3pm

Cost: FREE (bring your own bag of carrots to feed horses)

Millcreekfarm.org or 386-462-1001

SAT., AUG. 10

Docent's Choice Themed Tour

@Appleton Museum of Art

Docent's Choice Tours are scheduled on one Saturday a month; the topic is determined at the time of the tour based on visitor suggestions or the docent's recommendation. All tours are approximately 45 minutes and range from gallery highlights throughout the museum to those focused on single exhibitions or specific subjects.

Time: 1-2pm

Cost: Free for members; included in admission for nonmembers

Appletonmuseum.org

SAT., AUG. 10

Jazz on the Green

@Celebration Pointe

Live jazz, lawn games and more! Spread a blanket under the setting sun, or snuggle up by the fire in the promenade, and catch some beautiful music while the kids play on

the lawn. Food trucks available for food purchases during event.

Time: 7-9pm

Cost: free

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TUES., AUG. 13

Art 101: Upcycle Art Journal

@Appleton Museum of Art

Let these one-day workshops inspire your creative side!

Time: 10am-12:30pm

Cost: \$40 for members; \$60 for nonmembers

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FRI., AUG. 16

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@Triple Cross Ranch, Micanopy, FL

Nationally known artists every third Friday! This month, come hear singer and songwriter, Danny Ray Harris!

Time: 7-9pm

Contact Jayc Harold at 615-491-8253 for more information.

SUN., AUG. 18

High Springs Music in the Park Series

@Museum or James Paul Park, High Springs

The third Sunday of every month. If weather doesn't permit, performance will take place in the High Springs Community Center and Museum across the street.

Time: 2-4:30pm

Cost: FREE (donations suggested)

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THURS., AUG. 29

Gallery Talk with Leslie Peebles

@Appleton Museum of Art

Join us for a gallery talk with artist Leslie Peebles and curator Patricia Tomlinson as they discuss the work in Peebles' solo exhibition "Florida Impressions: Relief Prints by Leslie Peebles," on view July 21-January 12.

Time: 2-3pm

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Often times, we think of our pets as having human tendencies, a term known as anthropomorphism. Have you ever thought to yourself, “If I were my dog, I would want...”? It’s important to understand that innate abilities of our dogs as well as the learned behaviors and the differences between the two. Most dogs have specific traits manifested within them and, of course, some have more strong ones than others.

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down a dog’s motivation than it is to build it up. For example, if a dog never shows interest in playing with a ball, it would be difficult to increase that desire. On the other hand, if they were to get excessively excited when presented with a ball, teaching them to “tone down” their enthusiasm would be a far easier task.

Learned behaviors are behaviors that are learned inadvertently. For example, gestures we do such as going to the counter where the treats are, that invoke their attention. When our dog sits and waits for us to give them a treat, we can see that this behavior was created by our own actions. Though these behaviors are learned through experience, this doesn’t always equate solely to formal training. Innate behaviors, on the other hand, are genetically hardwired into our dog.

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