

# ON THE MOVE

## Law



Vaughan-Birch

**Cody Vaughan-Birch**, of the law firm of **Henderson, Franklin, Starnes & Holt, P.A.**, has been elected to the Special Equestrians Board of Directors. Founded in 1987, Special Equestrians, Inc. is an all-volunteer organization that provides therapeutic horseback riding to children (as young as age two) and adults who suffer from mental and physical disabilities including cerebral palsy, down's syndrome, blindness, autism, deafness, multiple sclerosis, and chronic fatigue syndrome. As an associate in Henderson Franklin's Land Use & Environmental Law division, Mr. Vaughan-Birch works closely with his clients and their teams of professional engineers, land use planners, traffic consultants, and environmental consultants in facilitating and obtaining the necessary approvals before elected officials and governing boards of Collier, Lee, Charlotte and Hendry counties, in addition to local municipalities.



Melanson

Attorney **Noelle M. Melanson**, with Fort Myers-based **Phoenix Law, P.A.**, has been elected to the board of directors for **The Harry Chapin Food Bank of SW Florida**. The Harry Chapin Food Bank is the collection, warehouse and distribution center providing food to 140 agencies that feed the needy in Lee, Collier, Hendry and Glades counties. Distribution this year is more than 4 million pounds of food.

## Public Relations

Local writer/artist **Annemarie Blue** has joined the marketing and public relations firm **Get Groovy! Marketing with Moxie** in the position of creative assistant. Ms. Blue's writing skills and expertise in design, office management and customer care will assist Get Groovy! in all aspects of service to the firm's many clients. A 19-year resident of Fort Myers, Ms. Blue is active in networking and community service, listing Animal Rescue Services, Hope Hospice and United Way as favorite beneficiaries.

## Insurance

**David Kennedy** of **Olin Hill & Associates** has been installed as president of the Lee County Association of Independent Insurance Agents for 2008-09. Mr. Kennedy



Kennedy

is a commercial lines producer at Olin Hill & Associates. Tony Falcon of Bouchard Insurance is the organization's new vice president; David Owen of Oswald Trippe & Co. was named treasurer, and James Sawyer, Sawyer Insurance is secretary. Tiffany Qurollo, Olin Hill & Associates, assumes the role of immediate past president.

## Real Estate

**Pfeifer Realty Group** has named four new Realtors to its Sanibel Island office. An experienced real estate professional, **Darlene Boda** has achieved the Sanibel Captiva Island certification and has almost completed the certified residential specialist designation. She specializes in island living, waterfront properties and second home sales. **Kelly Halle** received her bachelor's degree in business from the University of Massachusetts and is a licensed mortgage broker. She has also achieved the SCIS designation. **Stephen McBane**, GRI, is a licensed Realtor who has lived on Sanibel Island since 1971. In 2007, he was selected a Real Estate Rookie of the Year. He is affiliated with both the Sanibel/Captiva MLS and Fort Myers MLS. **Joe Ziccardi** graduated from Villanova University, is a member of the Lee Building Industry Association and has years of experience in real estate and financial management.



Boda



Halle



McBane



Ziccardi



Dickens

**Deborah Dickens** has joined **Miromar Realty** as a sales associate focusing on new home sales at Miromar Lakes Beach & Golf Club. Ms. Dickens comes to Miromar Realty with more than 20 years of real estate sales

experience in Southwest Florida and throughout Southern California. For the last 10 years, she worked with WCI, where she sold more than \$100 million of property. While at WCI, Ms. Dickens received the Top Producer of the Year award eight consecutive years. She has also earned several awards from the Collier Building Industry Association. Previously she held positions as a mortgage broker and was the executive director for best-selling author Dr. Barbara De Angeles.

**Moises Gallegos** and **Pedro Curbelo** have joined **McWilliams Buckley & Associates** in its new branch office located at 1140 Lee Blvd. #101, Lehigh Acres. John McWilliams and Tom Buckley are happy to have two experienced professionals added to the growing Lehigh team.



Gallegos



Curbelo

## Banking

**Florida Shores Bank**, a community bank with offices in Fort Myers, announced that the following personnel are now part of the growing group of employees from the local banking industry who have joined Florida Shores: **Roger Carney** is vice president association services; **Matthew Gordon** is assistant vice president, commercial relationship manager; **Judy Kephart** is assistant branch manager; and **Gail Howard** is executive assistant.



Carney



Gordon



Kephart



Howard

## Medicine

**Dr. Scott E. Altschuler** has joined **Digestive Health Physicians**, serving its



Altschuler

Fort Myers and Bonita Springs offices. Dr. Altschuler grew up in Fort Lauderdale, and received his medical degree from Boston University School of Medicine, where he also completed his residency training in internal medicine. He is board certified in internal medicine and board eligible in gastroenterology. He has a particular interest in ailments affecting the stomach, inflammatory bowel disease and the relatively new technology utilizing capsule endoscopy.

**Mark and Brandi Borg**, owners of **Spada Salon & Day Spa**, announced the opening of their new on-site medical spa, and the appointment of **Dr. Ann Lord-Tomas** as Medi-Spa director. The new Medi-Spa has a physician's office, treatment room, and private waiting lounge. Spada now offers a complete salon and medi-spa experience to enhance natural beauty, and painlessly erase unwanted lines and flaws. Dr. Lord-Tomas will oversee the new line of medical aesthetic procedures and services. The new line includes Botox and other progressive fillers. **B.J. Market**, who was the senior skin consultant for Spada for the past eight years, was promoted to assistant Medi-Spa director and will work directly with Dr. Lord-Tomas. Dr. Lord-Tomas is a board-certified gynecologist who has spent the last several years focusing her attention in the field of medical aesthetics.

## Non-Profits



Bradshaw



Klass

**Community Cooperative Ministries, Inc.** announced that **Jo Anna Bradshaw** and **John Klass** have joined its board of directors. Community Cooperative serves Fort Myers and the greater Lee County area and is the umbrella agency for the Soup Kitchen and Food Pantry, Meals on Wheels, Senior Transportation, the Montessori Preschool of Dunbar and Family and Homeless Services. Since moving to Lee County with her husband, FGCU President Dr. Wilson G. Bradshaw, in 2007, Ms. Bradshaw has become involved with a number of local organizations. Mr. Klass is a 12-year resident of Fort Myers. He moved here from Chicago where he retired. Prior to joining Allstate, he served in the U.S. Navy and Navy Reserve retiring after a 35-year dual career as rear admiral. ■

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