

# BUSINESS NEWS

## Appointment-only boutique to open doors to public Dec. 18

Janet Marie Studios plans to help the holiday shopping challenged with an open house on Thursday, Dec. 18, from noon to 7 p.m. The Fort Myers-based clothing boutique located in Royal Palm Square is normally open by appointment only, but on this "open door day" it will be open to the public, with special presentations on great gifts to give and

receive at 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. "We want to help significant others take the stress out of their holiday shopping," said owner and stylist Judy Starnes. "The Janet Maries Studios team will be on hand to help select and wrap the perfect gift for all the women in your life. "The best clothes and accessories for gifts are those key pieces that make

everything else in your wardrobe work together," said Ms. Starnes. "I've put together a Top 10 of my favorites that I'll talk about on the 18th." The studio also plans to preview Starnes' favorites on its blog at janetmariestudios.blogspot.com. For more information, call Judy Starnes at Janet Marie Studios at 275-4929. ■

## Junior Achievement names advisory board

Junior Achievement of Southwest Florida announces its Business Hall of Fame Advisory Board co-chairs and members for 2009. The 2009 advisory board's co-chairs are Ed Ryan, manager of marketing and energy services for Lee County Electric Cooperative, and Richard Durnwald, president of Northwestern Mutual/Durnwald & Associates Inc. Other members selected to this year's board include: Cliff Chaipel, principal at LarsonAllen; Marcia Hobe, senior vice president of U.S. Trust, Private Wealth Management; Steven Pontius, executive vice president and general manger at Waterman Broadcasting; Richard Riley, executive vice president of FineMark National Bank & Trust; Scott Roberson, director for Cushman & Wakefield of Florida Inc., Robbie Roepstorff, president of Edison National Bank; Laurel



Ryan



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Smith, partner, Gravina, Smith & Matte Inc.; Dilman Thomas, executive vice president and director of client relations for Oswald Trippe and Company Inc.; and Grover Whidden, former regional external affairs manager for Florida Power & Light Company. The advisory board selects laureates for the Junior Achievement Business Hall of Fame, which recognizes individuals who have served as positive role models and have made significant contributions to the program. ■

## First Community Bank opens fourth location

First Community Bank of Southwest Florida has opened its fourth location in Southwest Florida. The new bank is located in The Forum off Colonial Boulevard in Fort Myers. The 4,000-square-foot bank is expected to earn LEED accreditation. "Our fourth branch, and first fully 'green' location, is finally open and we're excited to share it with the public," said David Hall, president of First Community Bank. "Not only will this location serve people from both Fort Myers and Lehigh, it is helping the environment by being a sustainable space that abides to LEED accreditation standards." Completed by Benchmark General Contractors, Inc., The Forum branch is located at 3414 Forum Boulevard in Fort Myers and can be reached by calling 333-0400. Standard banking hours apply. ■

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