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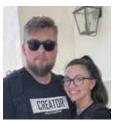
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always heartwarming to see the genuine respect and kindness shared among Realtors within the ECAR community. This spirit of collaboration has been a cornerstone of our success, and it's something I know will carry us through the changes brought about by the recent NAR ruling on buyer compensation.

These changes are significant, and we're all going to have to adjust. But if there's one thing I'm sure of, it's that the Realtors here on the Emerald Coast are more than capable of rising to the occasion. You've already shown how well you work together, and I believe that same sense of unity will see us through whatever challenges come our way.

Of course, with change, there can be uncertainty—not just for us but for the public as well. Misunderstandings may arise, and there might be moments when it feels like the world doesn't

quite get what we do. But don't let that dampen your spirit. Remember why you do this work—the joy of helping people find their perfect home, the satisfaction of seeing dreams come to life. That's what really matters, and that's what will continue to drive us forward.

So, let's lean on each other as we navigate this new landscape. We're in this together, and together we'll keep delivering the excellent service that our clients have come to expect.

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Mackrael FROM LOCAL ROOTS TO REAL ESTATE STAR

From Diverse Beginnings to Real Estate Success

Mackrael's path to real estate is a story of evolution and passion. Her entry into the industry began in 2018, but it wasn't until 2020 that she fully immersed herself in her new career. Before real estate, Jessica's professional life was a mix of roles—she worked as a full-time sales representative and also as a pharmacy technician. This diverse background equipped her

with a unique set of skills that she now applies to her real estate practice.

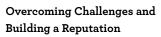
A Local's Deep Connection to the Emerald Coast

Jessica's connection to the Emerald Coast is deeply personal. Having grown up in Destin, Florida, she has a keen understanding of the local market. Her family's move to the area came when her dad retired from Eglin AFB in 1999, making Destin not just

a workplace, but home. This local knowledge gives Jessica an edge, allowing her to provide clients with insights that go beyond the typical market data.

Passion and Purpose: Finding Fulfillment in Real Estate

Jessica's transition into real estate was fueled by a longstanding interest in helping people and navigating the complexities of property markets. "I've always been fascinated by how people build their lives and memories in homes," Jessica shares. "Helping clients find their dream homes and guiding them through such significant decisions is incredibly rewarding."



Despite having experienced considerable success so far in her real estate career, Jessica's journey has not been without its challenges. Building a client base from scratch was a considerable hurdle, for example. To this end, networking and making connections within the community have been crucial. By engaging with local groups and participating in events, Jessica has built a reputation as a friendly, knowledgeable resource.

Embracing Innovation and Continuous Learning

To keep ahead in the competitive real estate market, Jessica relies on a mix of strategies.





Social media and digital marketing play a big role for her. She's active online, sharing tips and updates, and using targeted ads to connect with potential clients. Her website serves as a hub for showcasing listings and sharing client testimonials. Jessica's commitment to learning and staying updated on market trends is also part of her strategy for success. She's always looking to expand her knowledge, attend workshops, and stay informed about the latest in the industry. This dedication helps her offer the best advice and service to her clients.

Personal Passions and Surprising Facts

When she's not helping clients, Jessica loves exploring new places and trying out different foods with her boyfriend, Trey. Whether it's discovering a new restaurant or experiencing a new culture through cuisine, Jessica's passion for travel and food adds a fun, personal touch to her life.

Some interesting facts about Jessica is that before getting into real estate, she had dreams of becoming a lawyer, and was an exceptional athlete. Those early aspirations and experiences have shaped her approach to her current career. "I bring a strategic mindset and a lot of determination to real estate, just like I did with sports and school," she says.

A Rising Star

Jessica's journey in real estate is a testament to what can be achieved with passion and persistence. Her local roots, combined with her diverse professional background and personal interests, make her the "Rising Star" that she is! As she continues to build her career, Jessica remains focused on what truly matters-making her clients feel valued, supported, and confident in their real estate decisions.





A Journey to Order: The story of sorted 30a professional home organizing

From World Traveler to Professional Organizer

In February 2021, as the world was still navigating the uncertainties of a global pandemic, one family was making their own significant transition. After spending 14 years living overseas in seven different countries across Europe, Southeast Asia, the Middle East, and Australia, Tonya Klaudi and her family returned to their roots on 30A. This journey wasn't just a geographical one; it was a journey of adaptability, resilience, and the pursuit of creating a home, no matter where life took them.

For Tonya, each international move was a lesson in the art of organization. Whether

settling into a small city apartment or sprawling suburban house, the challenge was always the same: how to make a new space feel like home while ensuring it functions seamlessly for their lifestyle. Packing all their belongings into a 40' container, unpacking in a new country, and transforming a foreign space into a familiar haven became a way of life.

When Tonya moved back to the area, it didn't take long to notice the massive influx of new residents. Many were struggling to make their previous homes' belongings fit into their new spaces. Drawing from her

own experiences and an engineering degree from Auburn University, she realized there was a unique opportunity to help these new neighbors. With guidance from a friend who was a professional home organizer, Sorted 30A was born.

Bringing Engineering Precision to Home Organizing

At Sorted 30A, organizing isn't just about tidying up; it's about engineering a space to function at its best. Tonya's background in engineering plays a significant role in their approach, allowing them to analyze spaces and create creative solutions to maximize space and optimize organization.

The mission of Sorted 30A is clear: to provide personalized, unique, and creative organizing solutions that enhance clients' living environments while helping them achieve a more organized, stress-free life.

The Emotional Side of Organizing

"We understand that parting with personal belongings can be difficult," says Tonya. "We strive to make the process as easy as possible, listening and acknowledging the impact each thing has had in our clients' lives, and guiding them to make their own decision on whether or not to keep each item."

This empathetic approach is what sets Sorted 30A apart. The company's partnership with Caring and Sharing of SoWal, a local charity, also helps ease the process for clients. Knowing that their belongings will find a new home with someone who will love and use them while benefiting the community makes it easier for clients to let go.





A Personalized Approach to Every Home

Every home is different, and so is every client. That's why communication and listening are at the heart of Sorted 30A's approach. The company insists on a complimentary, in-home consultation with every client. This consultation allows the team to see the space, take measurements, and recommend any necessary products that complement the client's space, style, and budget.

But more importantly, it provides an opportunity to discuss how the client uses the space, what challenges they face, and how they'd ideally like it to function. This personalized approach ensures that the organizing plan is tailored specifically to each client's needs, allowing them to make the most of their space.

Overcoming Challenges and Expanding Horizons

Like any business, Sorted 30A faces its own set of challenges. Geographical limitations have been one of the biggest hurdles, with the company currently serving 30A and surrounding areas. However, as they continue to grow and add expert organizers to the team, Tonya has plans to expand the coverage area along the Emerald Coast.

To serve clients outside their service area, Sorted 30A has teamed up with a fellow organizer to create a step-by-step course, "The Sorted Method Organizing," which guides those who prefer to organize their own homes. The course covers everything from efficient decluttering and setting up spaces that work for the client's unique needs to choosing the best products and maintaining an organized home.

Exciting Collaborations and Future Plans

Sorted 30A's commitment to excellence extends beyond organizing individual homes. Tonya is excited



about several upcoming collaborations that will broaden its impact. Working alongside Realtors, Sorted 30A helps declutter and prepare homes for showings, ensuring that the properties are presented in their best light. They also collaborate with interior designers to provide clients with a seamless service, preparing their space for renovations and organizing their personal belongings post-renovation.

Additionally, Sorted 30A works with property management companies and homeowners to maximize valuable space in owners' closets and set up new vacation homes. This allows homeowners to simply relax and enjoy their time from their very first stay in their new home.

Leaning Into Uniqueness and Growing at Your Own Pace

For anyone considering starting a business or following their passion, Tonya offers this advice: "Follow your passion without comparing yourself to others. No one does what you do in the same way you do it, so lean into your uniqueness and grow at your own pace."

With this mindset, Sorted 30A has grown from a personal journey of creating order in the chaos of international moves to a thriving business that helps others find peace and functionality in their homes. As the company approaches its four-year anniversary, it continues to be a beacon of order and creativity on 30A, helping clients transform their homes and, in turn, their lives.

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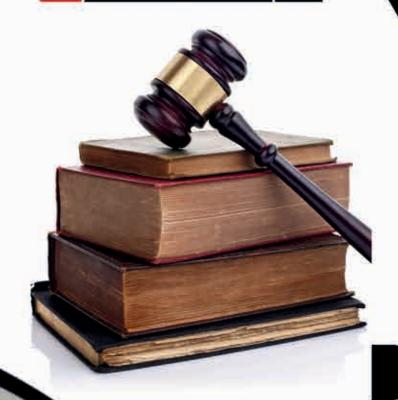


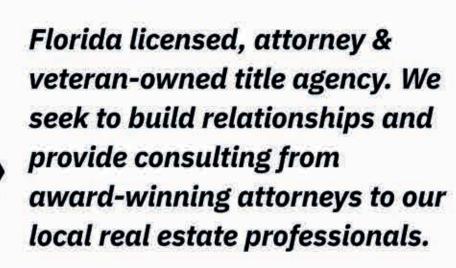


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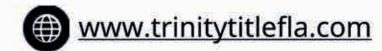




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"My business has always been built on referrals and relationships."

As co-owner of Inlet Beach Real Estate alongside Gordon Tarver, Michaelanne puts the word "relationships" in real estate ... supporting the needs of her colleagues and clients each day.

Getting Her Start

Michaelanne's professional journey began far from the sandy shores of Inlet Beach. Originally from Nashville, she has worked in a variety of roles—from managing a pizza restaurant to nannying, and even working in a clothing store. Each job, she explains, was a piece of a larger puzzle that helped her discover her true calling: real estate.

Her path in real estate was initially sparked by her brother-in-law's encouragement. Despite her initial reluctance, she decided to earn her license in September 2014. At the time, Michaelanne was juggling the startup of a bike rental business with her new pregnancy. Yet, real estate quickly became her primary focus, overtaking her other ventures within just two years.

"I always loved connecting people with experiences they love," Michaelanne says. "Finding a house is like solving a puzzle. I want to understand what my clients truly want—whether it's daily beach access, cooking dinner at home, or exploring local shops. My goal is to match them with their ideal lifestyle."

Straight from the Heart

Her approach to real estate is distinctly relationship-based.

"My business has always been built on referrals and relationships," Michaelanne explains. "I'm not about volume. I want to be hands-on and involved in every transaction. Having a smaller, dedicated





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team allows us to be deeply involved and curate each experience meticulously."

Michaelanne's real estate journey has been remarkably successful. To date, she has managed transactions totaling over \$400 million, but she will be the first to tell you she doesn't really know or keep track of those milestones. Yet, despite this impressive figure, her focus remains firmly on quality rather than quantity.

The heart and soul of her operation is Nicole Johnson, a key team member who handles the intricate details of each deal. Michaelanne emphasizes that having a smaller, more personal team is one of the great advantages of working in real estate.

"There are so many different ways to do it well," she says. "For me, being hands-on and involved in every aspect of a transaction is what I enjoy most. It's about creating and maintaining relationships in a people-first way."

Deep Commitment

Outside of her professional life, Michaelanne is deeply committed to her family and community. She shares her life with her husband, Matt, who owns Frankie's Bike Shop and Salt Air 30A rental shop, and their daughter, Frankie, who is nine years old. The family has lived in Inlet Beach for 13 years and enjoys traveling and exploring the world together.

Community involvement is also a significant part of Michaelanne's life. She is an active supporter of *The Neurodiversity Resource of the Panhandle*, an organization founded by Beth Roberts. The organization provides vital resources for families living with neurodiversity (ADHD, autism, dyslexia, sensory processing, and others), a cause close to Michaelanne's heart due to her business partner Gordon Tarver's involvement and personal connection.

Michaelanne's advice for those entering the real estate field reflects her own journey and values.

"There's so much noise in the industry now with different approaches and technologies," she says. "For me, being relationship-based and organically connecting with people has always been the key to success. There's no single right way to do it, but being authentic and building long-term relationships has served me well."

Authentic Difference

Her authenticity is a cornerstone of her business philosophy.

"I hope people see that I'm not a salesperson or someone who wants to be pushy," she says. "I genuinely share my love for our area and my life. I strive to be an example of living fully and authentically."

Michaelanne also draws inspiration from the strong women in her life—her mother, grandmother, and sisters—who have shaped her values and work ethic.

"Being a full-time working mom and managing everything we do is challenging, but I couldn't do it alone," she says. "I come from a long line of independent females, and that's the person I aspire to be."

Congratulations to Michaelanne
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production and ranking as one of
the top-producing agents in the
area made her a candidate for this
honor, but what truly sets her
apart is her deep commitment to
fostering relationships with her
clients. We expect to see more
from Michaelanne and her team in
the future, and wish them all the
continued success!

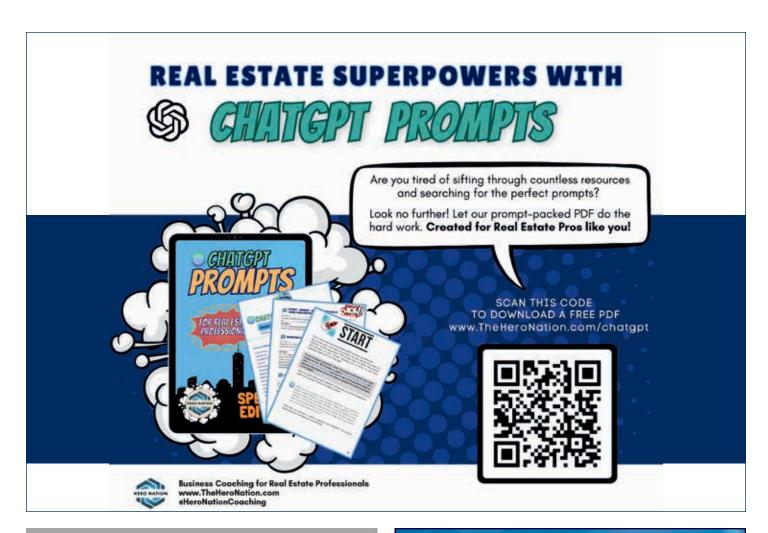








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A market ready inspection can uncover previously unknown problems – major and minor --allowing sellers the opportunity to make repairs, updates or replacements as needed or as they wish. By having the home inspected before listing, you can market the home with greater knowledge of its condition. The inspection report will also give you important information you can use to price the property correctly and maximize its value. A seller who understands any significant shortcomings the home has will likely be more amenable to your advice on which issues to address and how the results of the inspection may affect – positively or negatively – the home's price and marketability. Being aware of issues in advance helps avoid surprises during the transaction, which can mean cleaner offers and a smoother process for both parties.

Make sure that the home inspection offered is comprehensive and that the report will be delivered immediately upon completion of the inspection. This allows your sellers to get the information they need right away so they can decide on their next steps prior to having you list the home. Photos should always be part of a professional report so that full documentation of conditions is available to both the sellers and potential buyers, should the seller opt to share this information with them. This can be especially

important when it comes to identifying issues that will not be addressed or repaired prior to sale. It's especially beneficial for your sellers to attend the inspection, so they can get first-hand feedback and ask any questions of the inspector during the process. If the sellers decide to repair or otherwise address any issues noted in the report, they should provide receipts and any other relevant records to prove that the work was done. Buyers are more likely to feel positive about making a strong offer on a home that has had known problems addressed.

Additional inspection-related services outside the scope of a standard home inspection are also a good idea. These include pool inspections, wind mitigation inspections, four point inspections, and mold testing, giving your sellers and potential buyers even more information. It will also lessen the chance of more issues cropping up later in the homebuying process and possibly slowing a transaction already in progress.

With a professional and comprehensive market-ready inspection in hand, you can market your sellers' homes with increased confidence and a better outcome for everyone.



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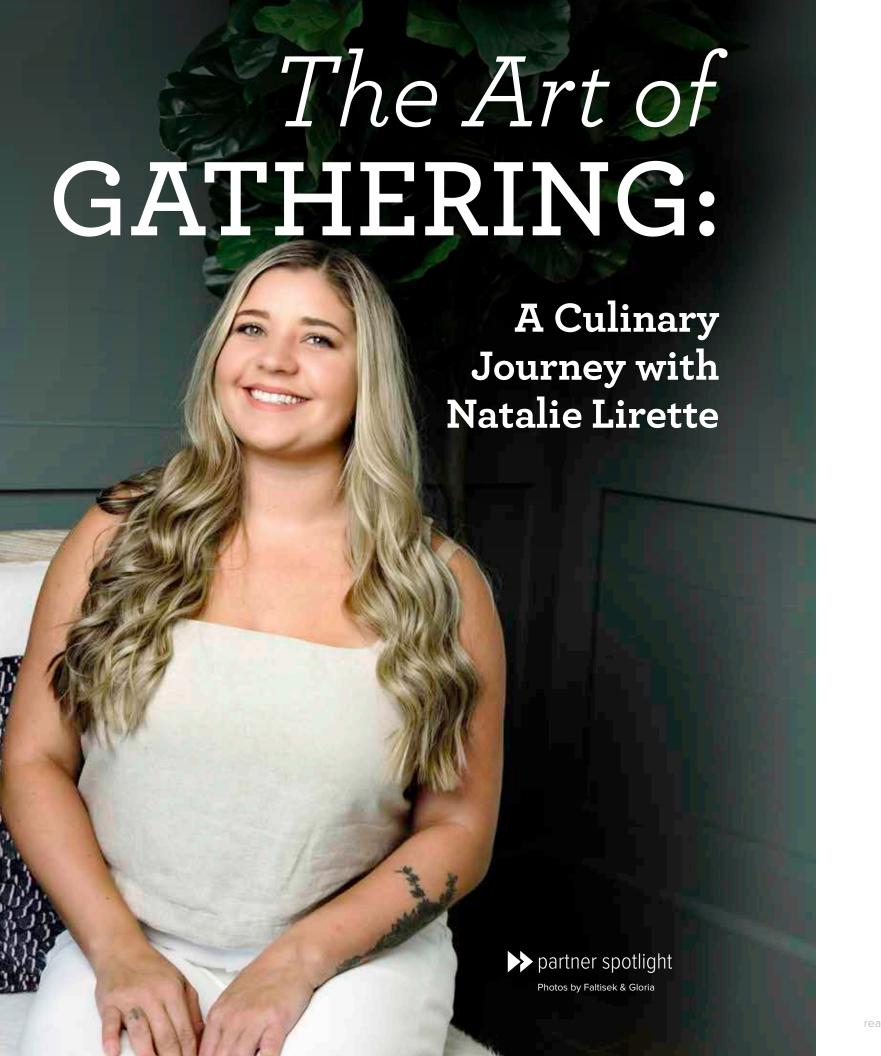
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A Lot Can Happen in a Year

In just one year's time, "The Art of Gathering" has become a recognized name in the world of charcuterie on the Emerald Coast, and it all began with Natalie Lirette's passion for art, food, and community. Natalie, a vibrant and creative soul, has always been deeply connected to the arts. With a background that includes ten years of ballet, a love for painting, and a passion for cooking, she was destined to bring beauty and creativity into the culinary world.

How It Started

Natalie's roots are a rich blend of Hispanic and Cajun cultures, both of which are known for their incredible culinary traditions. Growing up in families filled with great cooks, she developed a love for planning parties, making memories in the kitchen, and hosting gatherings. It was during these family and friend gatherings that Natalie discovered her talent for creating charcuterie boards. What started as a personal hobby quickly grew into something more significant when she began sharing her creations on social media.

"I was shocked by the outpouring of support," Natalie recalls.
"When I posted my first boards on Facebook, I never expected the response I received. People were so supportive, sharing my posts, and most of my orders came from word of mouth."

Unexpected Inspiration

But it wasn't just her culinary skills that made Natalie take the leap into starting her business; it was also the inspiration she found in becoming a mother. This experience pushed her out of her comfort zone and made her realize the importance of taking herself seriously as a business owner. "My goal is to one day be able to homeschool my son and have my business be my main source of income," she shares.

Giving Her All

Every charcuterie board that Natalie creates is a unique work of art. She puts her heart and soul into each one, focusing on every detail to ensure that it not only looks stunning but also tastes delicious. "I believe in putting my all into everything I do, no matter how small the order," Natalie says. "I want my customers to have an impressionable experience, from the planning process to the delivery and sharing their board with their guests."

This dedication to excellence has already led to some exciting opportunities for Natalie. One of her most memorable moments was receiving an order from UFC fighter Dustin Poirier, arranged by Duchess, a real estate agent Natalie met at an *Emerald Coast Real Producers* event.

This order was a significant milestone, showcasing the recognition and respect her work has garnered in just a short time.

Natalie's background in the service industry has been a considerable asset in building The Art of Gathering. She has a natural ability to connect with people, making them feel more like family than customers. Her approachable nature and commitment to excellent communication mean that she is always available to her clients, responding to messages at any time of day.

Details Matter

In a competitive market, Natalie sets herself apart by paying meticulous attention to detail and using only the best quality ingredients. She offers a variety of flavors to ensure that everyone can find something to enjoy. As she looks to the future, Natalie is excited to expand her offerings by adding mobile bartending to her business, further enhancing the experience she provides to her clients.

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Simple Advice

Natalie's advice for aspiring entrepreneurs is simple yet profound: "Show up, stay consistent, and always research the best way to grow and improve your business." Her journey with The Art of Gathering is a testament to the power of passion, dedication, and the willingness to step out of one's comfort zone.

As Natalie continues to build her business, she remains focused on her ultimate goal: creating beautiful, memorable experiences for people, one charcuterie board at a time. For those in the real estate industry, partnering with Natalie and The Art of Gathering means more than just offering a culinary delight; it's about providing a unique, artistic touch to any gathering that will leave a lasting impression on your clients!

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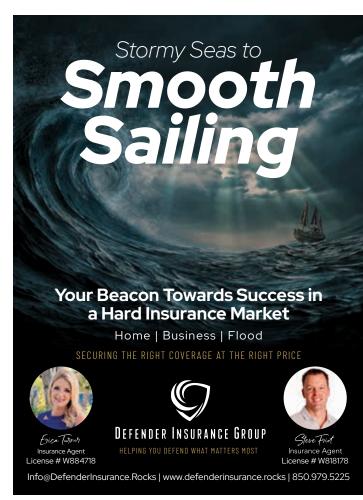


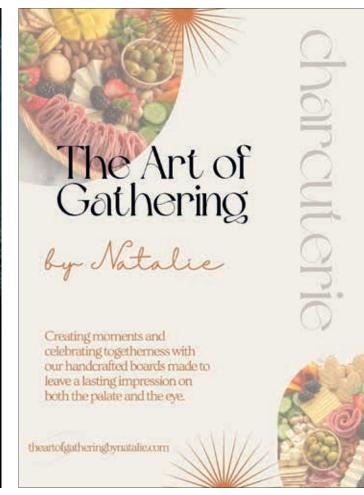
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Agent Mixer was a fantastic success! We had the
privilege of hosting the event at one of Legendary
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thanks to our brilliant August Cover Agent,
Lindsey Lynch, and her team of affiliate partners.
Lindsey and her team went above and beyond,
treating us to top-notch service with an amazing
staff of bartenders and caterers who delivered
exceptional food and drinks!

If you haven't had a chance to attend one of our social events, you're definitely missing out! But don't worry—we have two exciting events coming up in September: "Coffee & Collab" on September 17 at Causeway Coffee in Destin, and "The Money Show" on September 19 at The Island in Fort Walton Beach. And for those who love to plan ahead, be sure to mark your calendars for our October event—the "Sweater Weather Social" on October 17 at Community Bank. We'd love to see you there!









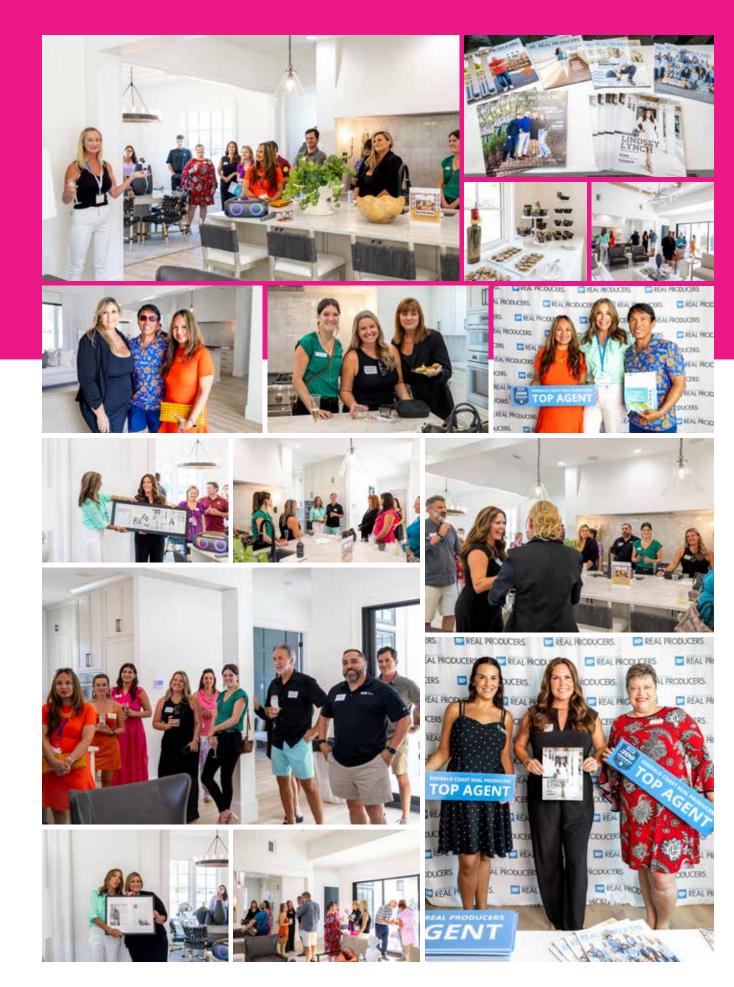




















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