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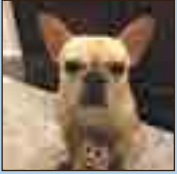
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## Church hosts annual Lenten fish fries

By NewsLine Staff  
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For the 18th consecutive year, the Men's Club and Ladies' Guild of Our Lady of Good Counsel Church on State Road 16 have pitched in to present a traditional fish fry dining experience in St. Augustine. On six Fridays in a row, beginning Feb. 28, both lunch and dinner menus will be available for dining-in or take-out service.

Lunch, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., will feature fried fish, fried shrimp or a combination dinner, along with crinkle cut French fries, homemade coleslaw and hush puppies. Fried shrimp or cod po'boys and kids' meals of mac 'n cheese with three shrimp will be available at lunchtime.

The dinner menu will be served from 4:30 p.m. until 7 p.m. and will give patrons a choice between fried fish, fried shrimp or a fried combination plate (as offered at lunch) and a baked fish, sauteed shrimp or a combination baked fish/sauteed shrimp dinner. The baked/sauteed meals will be accompanied with Jasmine rice pilaf and homemade coleslaw. Mac 'n cheese (\$3) and a kids' meal (\$6) will be available. A revitalized dinner menu highlights weekly specials from the recipes of our beloved, departed chef Sean Kissell. For example, plan on trying Chef Sean's Flounder Parmigiana with linguine, garlic bread and a salad. Expect to be surprised and satisfied!

Donations range from \$6 – \$12 per entrée. Cash and personal checks are accepted; but no credit cards. Desserts and beverages will be available. No substitutions can be accommodated. All menu options are available for take-out / pick-up, but call-in is not supported.

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## Field of Dreams celebrates 10th anniversary

By Martie Thompson  
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A gloomy day on Saturday, Feb. 1 couldn't put a damper on the excitement of Field of Dreams' opening day, according to Chuck Forcier, one of the original founders of the league that caters to children with special needs. Additionally, this was a special opening day, since it marked the 10th anniversary of the league.

"It was chilly, but we had no rain," Forcier said. "Everything went really well. It was probably one of our best opening days."

Forcier pointed out that the league has seen phenomenal growth in its 10 year history: from 41 children on four teams to 198 children on 11 teams today. With registration ongoing, Forcier expects the number of children to be more than 200 before the end of the season in early May.

At Field of Dreams, children with special needs (intellectual or physical disabilities) have the opportunity to play baseball in

an organized league; to wear a uniform; have their names announced; participate in the National Anthem before each game; and to be a player on an athletic team. Everyone bats. Volunteer buddies, at least one per special needs player, help with batting and rounding the bases. Some buddies are members of area youth or high school athletic teams who volunteer year after year.



Photos courtesy Stephanie Saffles  
Hayden Chadwell bats at the Field of Dreams Opening Day.

Opening day buddies were students from the Bartram Trail High School softball and baseball teams. The following weekend, students from Creekside High School volunteered and over the course of the season, students from other Creeks Athletic League teams will volunteer. Forcier said that they are grateful that each weekend of the season is completely full of buddies.

Coaches are mostly local ESE teachers and the children come from all over northeast Florida to participate in Field of Dreams.

Registration is open to children in kindergarten through 12th grade. Registration is ongoing and always free. In fact, everything is free at Field of Dreams — uniforms, equipment, concessions — due to the league's generous business partners, sponsors and spectators.

The league continues working on the construction of the boundless playground adjacent to the Field of Dreams, which is accessible to children of all ages and ability levels. Forcier said that the first phase has been completed with the \$160,000 raised so far.

"Phase One includes ramps and a shade structure and creates a great centerpiece for the entire project," Forcier said. "But we are not done. Phase Two will include accessible swings and an accessible seesaw, along with some permanently affixed musical instruments to stimulate creativity."



Hayden Chadwell rounds the bases at the Field of Dreams Opening Day.

Forcier said the most expensive item is the specialized rubberized surface of the playground. The total cost for the second phase of \$180,000 is offset by a generous matching grant of \$90,000 provided by the St. Johns County Tower Commission. Forcier said donations are actively being sought and the matching grant makes the total needed seem a bit less daunting.

"We are excited to create what we believe is a wonderful, dedicated facility for children with special needs in our area," Forcier said. "Including the field and the playground, it is unlike any other park in the area."

Visit [www.fodbaseball.com](http://www.fodbaseball.com) for more information about Field of Dreams, to register your special needs child for baseball, or to make a donation for the boundless playground.



Photos courtesy Chuck Forcier  
The boundless playground, to date, adjacent to the Field of Dreams.



Phase Two of the boundless playground will include accessible swings and an accessible seesaw.



Photo courtesy Maryanne Kolisnyk  
Festivities at Field of Dreams' Opening Day.



Photo courtesy Chuck Forcier  
A player and a buddy at Opening Day.

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## BFF Best Furry Friend of the month

**BREED:**  
French Bulldog

**FAVORITE ACTIVITY:**  
Walking to the school bus stop to meet the kids

**FAVORITE TREAT:**  
Banana

**FAVORITE FRIEND:**  
Maggie a Black Lab

**HOW YOUR BFF GOT THEIR NAME:**  
We had a Boston Terrier who we always called Stitch. When she passed, it took us years to be ready for a new dog. Lilo was the perfect name for our new family addition!



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**World Golf Village Toastmasters**  
 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.  
 First Florida Credit Union, 1950 County Road 210W  
[Worldgolfvillage.toastmastersclubs.org](http://Worldgolfvillage.toastmastersclubs.org)

**March 5**  
**Rotary Club of Bartram Trail**  
 7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. (repeating event on Thursdays)  
 Westminster Woods, 25 State Road 13  
[www.bartramtrailrotary.org/](http://www.bartramtrailrotary.org/)

**March 5**  
**U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 14-7**  
 6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m.  
 St. Augustine Yacht Club near the St. Augustine Lighthouse  
[pa@mysafeboating.com](mailto:pa@mysafeboating.com)

**March 6**  
**Rotary Club of St. Johns meeting**  
 7:30 a.m. (repeating event on Fridays)  
 St. Johns Golf and Country Club Clubhouse  
[www.rotarystjohns.org](http://www.rotarystjohns.org)

**March 7**  
**Bingo Night at St. Joseph's**  
 Doors open 6:15 p.m.; Games start 7 p.m.  
 Cody Center, 4152 Loretto Road  
 Open to the community; (904) 742-8777

**March 7**  
**Bartram Boogie**  
 6 p.m. – 10 p.m.  
 St. Johns Golf & Country Club  
 Benefit for Bartram Bears Athletic Booster Club,  
[www.bartramathleticboosters.com](http://www.bartramathleticboosters.com)

**March 7**  
**Read to Rover (beginning readers practice reading to therapy dogs)**  
 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.  
 Bartram Trail Branch Library  
 (904) 827-6960

**March 8**  
**Temple Bet Yam's Gigantic Indoor Yard Sale**  
 7 a.m. – 3 p.m.  
 Temple Bet Yam, 2055 Wildwood Drive, St. Augustine  
 (774) 994-2006 or [teresa.freedman@gmail.com](mailto:teresa.freedman@gmail.com)

**March 9**  
**Northwest United for Progress Club, "Unpacking White Supremacy" by Phillip Baber**  
 Social 6:30 p.m./Meeting 7 p.m.  
 2777 Race Track Road  
[nwsjcp@gmail.com](mailto:nwsjcp@gmail.com)

**March 9**  
**St. Johns County Civic Association Roundtable meeting**  
 9 a.m.  
 North Florida Airport Conference Center (second floor), 4730 Casa Cola Way, St. Augustine  
[www.sjroundtable.org](http://www.sjroundtable.org)

**March 10**  
**First Coast Card Club - adult card players**  
 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.  
 St. Augustine Main Library, 1960 Ponce de Leon Blvd.  
 (904) 829-0643

**March 10**  
**Bartram Trail Newcomers' and Women's Club luncheon featuring a Roaring '20s**

**murder mystery**  
 11 a.m.  
 St. Johns Golf and Country Club, 205 St. Johns Golf Drive  
 RSVP by March 4; [bartramtc@gmail.com](mailto:bartramtc@gmail.com)

**March 11**  
**Alzheimer's and Dementia Caregiver Support**  
 3:30 p.m.  
 River Garden, 11401 Old St. Augustine Road  
 Repeating event on the second Wednesday of each month

**March 12**  
**American Association of University Women (AAUW) Suffragists Tea Party to celebrate 100th anniversary of 19th Amendment**  
 3:30 p.m.  
 Village of Selyo Clubhouse, 206 Selyo Drive, St. Augustine  
 RSVP by March 6: (904) 417-0332 or [gayle123@bellsouth.net](mailto:gayle123@bellsouth.net)

**March 12**  
**Shorebird Walk at Matanzas Inlet with St. Johns County Audubon Society**  
 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.  
 Matanzas Inlet West Parking Lot, 8655 A1A S., St. Augustine  
[www.stjohnsaudubon.com](http://www.stjohnsaudubon.com)

**March 14**  
**Friends of the Library Book Sale**  
 9:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.  
 Bartram Trail Branch Library  
 (904) 827-6960

**March 14**  
**Family seining**  
 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.  
 Guana Dam, 505 Guana River Road  
 (904) 823-4500

**March 16**  
**All Star Quilt Guild general meeting**  
 10 a.m.  
 First Christian Church, 11924 San Jose Blvd.  
[www.orgsites.com/fl/allstarquiltguild](http://www.orgsites.com/fl/allstarquiltguild) or  
 (904) 735-0506

**March 17**  
**North Business Council of the St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce**  
 8 a.m. – 9 a.m.  
 Westminster Woods on Julington Creek, 25 State Road 13  
 Register at [www.sjchamber.com](http://www.sjchamber.com) or call

(904) 829-5681

**March 17**  
**St. Johns CARES planning meeting**  
 6:30 p.m.  
 Celebration Lutheran Church, 810 Roberts Road  
[www.stjohnscares.org](http://www.stjohnscares.org)

**March 18**  
**First Coast Newcomers Card Players**  
 5 p.m. arrive/ 6 p.m. cards  
 World Golf Village-area restaurant  
 RSVP: (904) 829-0643

**March 18**  
**Jacksonville Camera Club**  
 6:45 p.m.  
 Shepherd of the Woods Church, 6595 Columbia Park Ct.  
[www.jax.jaxcameraclub.com](http://www.jax.jaxcameraclub.com) (repeating event, first and third Wednesdays)

**March 19**  
**Wm. Bartram Scenic Highway Management Group meeting**  
 6:30 p.m.  
 St. Johns County NW Annex, 725 Flora Branch Blvd.

**March 21**  
**Fruit Cove Cruise In sponsored by Sunshine State Chevilles**  
 4 p.m. – 8 p.m.  
 PDQ parking lot, 194 State Road 13  
 Repeating event on third Saturday of each month

**March 29**  
**Dog Day Afternoon**  
 12 p.m. – 4 p.m.  
 Julington Creek Plantation, 875 Davis Pond Blvd.  
[www.stjohnscares.org](http://www.stjohnscares.org)

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## New emergency notification system for St. Johns County residents

St. Johns County has launched a new emergency notification system to provide

residents with critical information during emergency situations. The new Alert St. Johns system will enable St. Johns County, the St. Johns County Sheriff’s Office, the City of St. Augustine, and the City of St. Augustine Beach to quickly provide residents with critical information in a variety of situations including severe weather, unexpected road closures, water advisories, missing persons, evacuations of buildings or neighborhoods, and incidents that may threaten public safety. Residents can sign up at <https://member.everbridge.net/index/892807736725582#/login> to receive these time sensitive alerts via a choice of a phone call to their home, business, or mobile phone, by email, or text message. The Alert St. Johns system will replace the Code Red notification system, so it is imperative that residents sign up for these critical notifications. For more information regarding Alert St. Johns, call (904) 824-5550.

## Free tax preparation available for low income families

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ditionally, documents can be scanned on site to allow for completed returns with virtually no waiting. RealSense appointments can be made online at [bit.ly/realsense](http://bit.ly/realsense) or by calling (904) 373-8671.

## First “About Boating Safety” class offered in 2020

Flotilla 14-7 of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, in conjunction with the US Coast Guard will offer the popular boating course, “About Boating Safety,” on March 7 beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the Northeast Florida Regional Airport Conference Center. “About Boating Safety” is a one-day course designed to inform and instruct owners and passengers on recreational boats. Course materials are furnished to the attendees. Any boat operator in the State of Florida, born after Jan. 1, 1988, when operating a vessel powered by 10 horsepower or more, must have in their possession a Florida Boating Safety Education Identification Card. Successful completion of this course will meet this obligation. Visit <https://abs.mysafeboating.com> or contact the Auxiliary course instructor, Bob Elliott, Public Education Officer, at [pe@mysafeboating.com](mailto:pe@mysafeboating.com) to sign up.



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## Newcomers to visit the Alhambra

Newcomers of North Saint Johns will hold its March luncheon on Tuesday, March 17 beginning at 11 a.m. at Alhambra Dinner Theater & Dining, 12000 Beach Blvd. The event features singer songwriter Eric Elison who will perform a tribute to folk rock legend Gordon Lightfoot. Doors will open at 10:30 a.m. The cost for the luncheon and program is \$30 for members and \$35 for guests. All reservations must be received by March 10. Contact Sue Aird at [sjaird@comcast.net](mailto:sjaird@comcast.net) for a registration form for the luncheon or more information about the club’s many activities.

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**with Florida State Representative  
Cyndi Stevenson, District 17**

**Q: As of the date of this interview (Feb. 11), session is about halfway through. What is happening?**

A: The Florida House will vote on the General Appropriations act soon, which is the beginning of the formal budget process. Budget highlights of the House plan include: investments in salaries for new and veteran teachers and other state employees including law enforcement and child protective workers; setting aside \$1.7 billion for hurricane response and more than \$650 million for Everglades restoration and water resources; and \$3.7 billion in reserves.

Some potential “wins” for St. Johns County in the House budget include \$1 million for Ponte Vedra A1A intersection improvements, partial funding (\$250,000) for EPIC to add inpatient substance abuse treatment beds for women, \$500,000 to continue a specialized emergency shelter project for the ARC of St. Johns, \$250,000 for painting and sealing the inside of the St. Augustine Lighthouse, and \$100,000 funding for Flagler College storm hardening to protect historic resources.

**Q: What is the focus this year for the House?**

A: This speaker’s focus is access to affordable, quality care — to include more choices. Also important are enforcing the antitrust laws to foster competition, cut through red tape and improve the cost of medications, which cost between 30 percent and 190 percent more in the United States than other Western countries.

**Q: What bills are you sponsoring?**

A: To follow up on last year’s ambulatory surgical center bill, which provided

for a lower cost alternative to hospitals, this year I am sponsoring the recovery care portion. This gives people a place for extra recovery time in a lower cost setting than in a hospital.

Another bill would update statute to allow physical therapists to more fully practice.

I’m also sponsoring the coordinated specialty care bill, aimed at youth aged 14 – 30 when they experience episodes of early psychosis. Research shows that early treatment leads to better outcomes. A person can get back to work or school sooner and they will understand how and where to get help if they need it again. This can change people’s lives since they hopefully will not end up in the emergency room, jail, or the victim of suicide. Studies show that a delay of anything more than six months in diagnosing and treating gives a lesser chance of a good outcome. In the United States, the average delay is one year.

Finally, I’m working on the state office of resiliency. This is not a big bureaucracy. This bill pulls together information we are already getting from all over the state so we have an understanding and can prioritize funding for projects. We are already spending money; this will be a roadmap to give a cohesive way to consider requests.

**Q: What is the best way for our readers to contact you?**

A: Readers can email me at [Cyndi.Stevenson@myfloridahouse.gov](mailto:Cyndi.Stevenson@myfloridahouse.gov) or call my local office at (904) 823-2300. Also use this contact information if you’d like to sign up for my newsletter, which I send out about 10 times per year.



**with St. Johns County Supervisor of Elections  
Vicky Oakes**

**Q: What is the most important thing you want to tell readers about the upcoming Presidential Preference Primary?**

A: This year there is a big change for St. Johns County voters due to a law change in 2019: for those who Vote By Mail, the only choices to return a ballot are to mail the ballot back or drop it off at an Early Voting site. The Vote by Mail drop boxes will only be available inside Early Voting locations from March 7 – March 14, while the locations are open for early voting. There is also a 24-hour drop box in front of the Elections Office for voters’ convenience. The big change is that drop boxes will no longer be available at all public libraries, Tax Collectors Office in Julington Creek and Ponte Vedra or St. Augustine Beach City Hall. Remember that in order to be counted, Vote By Mail ballots must be returned to the Elections Office by Election Day at 7 p.m., so if you are mailing the ballots back, be sure to mail them several days in advance of Election Day.

**Q: When will sample ballots be available?**

A: Sample ballots have been mailed to all eligible voters, who should receive them approximately March 1. If you don’t receive one, either you are not eligible to vote (perhaps you are registered with a minor party or with no party affiliation; only registered Democrats and Republicans can vote in this primary)

or we don’t have your correct address. Go to our website, [www.votesjc.com](http://www.votesjc.com), and click on “My Voter Status” to check your information for accuracy. Be sure to make any updates prior to voting either at an Early Voting location or on Election Day. Sample ballots are also available on our website.

**Q: Where are the Early Voting locations and what are the hours?**

A: Early Voting for the Presidential Preference Primary will be held March 7 – March 14 from 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. daily. The three most convenient locations for northern St. Johns County residents are the Julington Creek Annex, the Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library and the Supervisor of Elections Office in St. Augustine. You can vote at any of these locations if you vote early, but on Election Day, you must vote at your assigned precinct. Polls will be open on Election Day, March 17, from 7 a.m. – 7 p.m.

**Q: What is the best way for our readers to contact you?**

A: Readers can email me at [voakes@votesjc.com](mailto:voakes@votesjc.com) or call me at (904) 823-2238. Our website, [www.votesjc.com](http://www.votesjc.com) also has a wealth of information to prepare for Election Day.



**with St. Johns County Property Appraiser  
Eddie Creamer**

**Q: Can you give some background on tangible personal property?**

A: Tangible personal property taxes are confusing to a lot of business owners who either don’t know they exist or don’t understand them. If you own a business in St. Johns County, you are required to file a tangible personal property tax return. This is an ad valorem tax and applied to the value of your business assets like equipment, furniture and computers. It doesn’t matter how large or small your business is, whether it is a lawn care business or hair salon or major manufacturer.

**Q: What is the deadline to file the tangible personal property tax return?**

A: We send out a postcard reminding business owners about the deadline, which is April 1. If you notify our office in advance, we can give an extension until May 1. If you didn’t notify us prior to April 1, we cannot give the extension.

**Q: What happens if a business doesn’t file a tangible personal property tax return?**

A: We are required by the state of Florida to estimate the value of your assets and you will be taxed on that value with no opportunity for appeal.

**Q: How much is the tax?**

A: If the value of your business’ assets are \$25,000 or less, you are exempt from tangible personal property taxes, but you must still file one time. When you file the first time, you will be exempted and not have to file again, unless your business assets grow to more than \$25,000. It’s very important to file because if you don’t file, or file late, there are penalties.

**Q: What is the best way for our readers to contact you?**

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**with St. Johns County School Board Member, Beverly Slough, District 1**

**Q: Can you give an update on High School “HHH?”**

A: At our special school board meeting in early February, we signed a \$60 million construction contract for the school. We plan to break ground in early March. The zoning process is already underway, with two Town Hall meetings held in late February. The proposed zoning plan will be available on the school district website shortly and public input is welcomed. I would expect to have the rezoning plan finalized by May.

**Q: What is the status of the new K-8 school in Nocatee that will open concurrently with High School “HHH?”**

A: The bid is out now for the construction contract for this school. We will award the bid and then begin construction. We are in good shape timewise with both schools.

**Q: Has the school district addressed increased staffing?**

A: In late February, we held a teacher recruitment fair at Nease. As usual, it was well attended, especially by out

of state and out of area candidates. It affords us the opportunity to secure the very best teachers early.

**Q: Do you have anything else to share with District 1?**

A: We are keeping our eye on the legislature at this time. Both houses, as well as the governor, are saying they are committed to raising teacher salaries, so we are hopeful about the possibility of giving significant raises to our teachers and staff next year.

I'd also like to say that the school sales tax, now in its fourth year, is helping us tremendously with funding things like upgrading the security in our schools as well as helping us meet the demands of growth by partially funding new school construction. We had originally projected receiving \$13 million this year, but we now expect to receive about \$20 million.

**Q: How can our readers contact you?**

A: They can email me at [beverly.slough@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:beverly.slough@stjohns.k12.fl.us) or call me at (904) 547-7510.



**with St. Johns County Commissioner Jimmy Johns, (District 1)**

**Q: Do you have any updates on new development in the Northwest?**

A: We do have lots of news. The Cinemark Theater is now open. Because of the success of Phase 1 of Durbin Park, the developer has moved up Phase 2. This second phase will be on the east side of 9B and is working through the permitting process. I don't have a timeline for when it will come to the Board of County Commissioners, but it will first be a conceptual phase. We are probably a year away from land clearing.

Also, the clearing taking place at Greenbriar Road and Longleaf Pine Parkway is for a commercial/retail development that was approved about a year ago and is unrelated to the previously denied commercial development proposed for Roberts Road. This area of County Road 210W/Greenbriar Road is where commercial development belongs — on major thoroughfares and not on community streets.

**Q: Do you have any comments regarding the sudden closure of the Earth Fare store, which basically just opened?**

A: This is very unfortunate. This type of store (green grocer) was requested by the community for this area and I passed the information along to the developer at the time. The decision to close was a company-wide decision by Earth Fare and not due directly to this store. My hope is that another green grocer will occupy this space, but I have no knowledge and the county commission has no control over tenants. But I do plan to continue a dialog with the developer. We don't expect this property to remain vacant for long.

**Q: When will the new fire station open?**

A: There is a “finished construction” date and an actual “opening” date ... in between is training for the people who will work at the station. I'd say it should be open in the late spring/early summer timeframe. This area of St. Johns County has some of the highest insurance rates due to the distance to the closest fire station and subsequent response time. The opening of this new station will help with this, so homeowners should check with their insurance carrier once it opens; they will likely see a reduction in their insurance costs.

**Q: Where are we in the budget cycle right now?**

A: We are leading up to the budget cycle for the 2020 – 2021 fiscal year. I really want to start the conversation now about where people would like their tax dollars spent. Also, where would they like the money to come from? I'd ask people not to wait until the budget process is more finalized, because then we are more limited on what changes we can make. I'd like to thank everyone for their participation in the past in this process. It's not often we have a surplus as we did this year, and it was not only due to the economy, but also due to thoughtful input from constituents.

**Q: Do you have anything else to share with NW St. John County?**

A: The 2020 Census date is April 1. By this date, you should reply either online, via phone, or paper copy. The first page of our county website, [www.sjcf.us](http://www.sjcf.us) has a sample of the actual census questions.

Scammers are already actively working our area. A few things to note: no one will call on the phone you to get your Census information and you will not be asked for credit or debit card information or your social security number. Beware of these things. Someone from the federal government may knock on your door later this summer if you haven't yet responded to the Census, but that's it.

It's important to respond to the Census because this is how we are eligible to get our federal tax dollars back to us — to the tune of \$14,450 per person over a 10-year period. St. Johns County had a 79 percent participation rate in the last Census. The population that did not respond cost us approximately \$1 billion that we were not eligible for. Also, the Census determines representation at the federal level. The state of Florida could possibly gain as much as two representatives in Congress as a result of this Census. Right now, St. Johns County is split between two congressional districts, which dilutes our voice. Possibly we could be represented by a single representative with the new Census numbers. So be sure to answer the Census!

**Q: What is the best way for our readers to contact you?**

A: Readers can email me at [bcc1jjohns@sjcf.us](mailto:bcc1jjohns@sjcf.us) or call me at (904) 615-7437.

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# ST. JOHNS Business Monthly

## MarketInsight



### Mystery Trips

By Scott Grant  
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Growing up, my father would periodically ask, “Who wants to go on a mystery trip?” I would always say yes. Sometimes those trips were pretty mundane, like trips to the hardware store to buy tubes for the television. Not everyone will remember this, but TVs used to have tubes inside that would periodically burn out and need to be replaced. Dad would make a map of where the tubes went and head off to the store with as many of his kids as had signed up. Nowadays, you would just take a picture of the inside of the television with your iPhone. Of course, nowadays, TVs don’t have tubes.

Some mystery trips were a lot more exciting. This is the story of one such trip. I was home from Cornell at the end of my junior year and my dad asked me if I wanted to go on a mystery trip. I said yes and off we went. It turns out this was a rather long trip. We drove from Elmira, NY to New York City, about a four-hour drive. I liked taking car trips with my father. We talked about history and sports, mostly baseball. But, for this trip, I was glad I brought a book. Four hours is a long time to listen to talk radio and discuss the Reformation.

When we got to New York, Dad parked in front of a brownstone on 48th Street and I followed him to the door with no idea why we were there. Dad knocked on the door and suddenly there was Kurt Vonnegut. I remember that my first thought was “Oh no, we can’t just knock on Kurt Vonnegut’s door. We’re going to get arrested!” My father introduced himself and Vonnegut said, “Dr. Grant, I got your letter,” and invited us in. Dad had this thing he did. He would send someone a letter asking for something and then end the letter by saying he would come on a certain day and time to discuss the matter further. Then, he would show up. It was hard to say no to the Reverend Dr. Leonard T. Grant.

I should tell you that at the time, my dad was president of a small liberal arts college in upstate New York called Elmira College and we were there to try and

entice Mr. Vonnegut to be the commencement speaker at the following year’s graduation. I think my dad brought me as an added enticement. Kurt Vonnegut and I were both products of the Indianapolis Public School system and Cornell University. Mr. Vonnegut talked to me a little about Cornell and signed the book I had been reading in the car, “The Sirens of Titan.”

What I remember most is that the entire time we were there, Vonnegut chain smoked Pall Mall unfiltered cigarettes and his fingers were stained green with nicotine. Every Vonnegut book has a character who has nicotine stained fingers from chain smoking Pall Mall unfiltered. I could not take my eyes off of his fingers. Vonnegut declined my dad’s invitation, saying he no longer did college commencements. On the way out the door, he did fire one last salvo. He said, “Dr. Grant, you should know that if Harvard or Cambridge calls, I might accept.”

Life is like a mystery trip. Investing is like a mystery trip. You never can really plan either out in advance. You sort of go along for the ride and accept that there will be highs and lows.

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*Scott Grant’s book, “The Merchant of Death is Dead: True Stories of the Progress of Humanity,” in which he shares some of his favorite columns, is now available: <https://tinyurl.com/tm7tj65>. Over the last 14 years, Grant has been a regular columnist for two newspapers and has perfected several history presentations. After two years of touring the local northeast Florida civic clubs, museums, and schools, he was asked to produce a book. This is his first publication. He is delighted to share his knowledge of history and investments.*

## Look for changes in retirement plans

By Deborah Lennon  
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It might not have made the headlines, but a recently passed piece of legislation could affect the IRAs and 401(k)s of millions of Americans beginning in 2020. So, if you have either of these accounts, or if you run a business, you’ll want to learn more.

The new laws, collectively called the Setting Every Community Up for Retirement Enhancement (SECURE) Act, include these noteworthy changes:

- **Higher age for RMDs:** Under current law, you must start taking withdrawals — known as required minimum distributions, or RMDs — from your traditional IRA and 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored plan once you turn 70 ½. The new law pushes the date to start RMDs to 72, which means you can hold on to your retirement savings a bit longer.
- **No age limit for traditional IRA contributions:** Previously, you could only contribute to your traditional IRA until you were 70 ½, but under the SECURE Act, you can now fund your traditional IRA for as long as you have taxable earned income.
- **Limitation of “Stretch IRA” provisions:** Under the old rules, beneficiaries were able to stretch taxable RMDs from a retirement account over his or her lifetime. Under the SECURE Act while spouse beneficiaries can still take advantage of this “stretch” distribution, most non-spouse beneficiaries will have to take all the RMDs by the end of the 10th year after the account owner passes away. Consequently, non-spouse beneficiaries who inherit an IRA or other retirement plan could have tax implications due to the need to take larger distributions in a shorter timeframe.
- **No early withdrawal penalty for IRAs and 401(k)s when new child arrives:** Typically, you must pay a 10 percent penalty when you withdraw funds from your IRA or 401(k) before you reach

59 ½. But now, with the new rules, you can withdraw up to \$5,000 from your retirement plan without paying the early withdrawal penalty, as long as you take the money within one year of a child being born or an adoption becoming final.

Some provisions of the SECURE Act primarily affect business owners:

- **Multi-employer retirement plans:** Unrelated companies can now work together to offer employees a 401(k) plan with less administrative work, lower costs and fewer fiduciary responsibilities than individual employers now encounter when offering their own retirement plans.
- **Tax credit for automatic enrollment:** The new law provides a tax credit of \$500 for some smaller employers who set up automatic enrollment in their retirement plans. And a tax credit for establishing a retirement plan has been increased from \$500 to \$5,000.
- **Use of annuities in 401(k) plans:** It will now be easier for employers to consider including annuities as an investment option within 401(k) plans. Previously, many businesses avoided offering annuities in these plans due to liability concerns related to the annuity provider, but the new rules should help reduce these concerns.

The SECURE Act is the most significant change to our retirement savings system in over a decade. Contact your financial advisor, tax professional and estate planning attorney to assess the potential impact on your investment strategies and determine any possible tax and estate planning implications of the SECURE Act.

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## Nease NJROTC victorious at Terry Parker Drill Meet – for seventh straight time

By NewsLine Staff  
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For the past seven years, Nease NJROTC's 40-person drill team has competed at the 12-school Terry Parker Sanctioned Drill Meet in Jacksonville, and for the seventh straight year, the team has returned to Ponte Vedra holding the competition's top prize. Along with seven consecutive Mandarin Drill Meet victories, Nease has dominated the northern Florida NJROTC drill landscape since 2013. Nease will compete in March at the Area-12 Florida-Georgia State Championships, seeking its sixth consecutive title and trip the Navy National Championships in April.

"Every JROTC program has a reputation," said Cadet Battalion Chief of Staff Yuan Tian, "and at Nease it's drill."

Drill is much more than a marching competition. Drill meet championships include a series of 10 individual events including unarmed and armed marching, color guard, personnel inspection, academics, pushups, situps, and running relays. Points awarded in each event are combined to determine the day's overall winner.

This year Nease won first place in Personnel Inspection, Academics, Athletics Overall, Situps, Pushups, Overall Drill, Color Guard and Unarmed Basic Drill. Thirteen cadets took home individual medals for top five finishes in academics



Photos courtesy Scott LaRochelle  
Nease NJROTC's Armed Exhibition drill team led by Cadet Ethan

or athletics. Leading the way with first place medals were Lindy Gostage (Female Push Ups – 89), Brogan Donnelly (Male Sit Ups – 303) and Emmelie Neff (Female Sit Ups – 318).

Nease is currently the No. 1 ranked NJROTC drill team in Area 12 (59 programs covering northern Florida and the state of Georgia), having won the Area-12 Drill Championship each of the past five years. The team has won all three of its drill competitions this season and will seek to make it six state championships in a row on March 7 in Douglas, Ga. where the best 16 schools in Area-12 will vie for top honors and the right to compete at the Navy National Drill Championships in April.

"This group of cadets has worked harder than any other team," said naval science instructor Master Chief Duane Spears. "The commitment, motivation, energy and enthusiasm is unlike any I've seen."

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## Get to Know . . .

Jay Willets

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Jay Willets

Pacetti Bay Middle School Principal Jay Willets is one of the few who have led elementary, middle and high schools in St. Johns County during his 27 year career with the school district. Originally from Umatilla, a small town in Central Florida, he said teaching was in his blood — his father was a teacher. After high school, he attended Flagler College, where he was on the basketball team. He earned two bachelor's degrees, one in elementary education and one in specific learning disabilities. Since "the fishing here was too good to leave," he began his career teaching students with learning disabilities at Switzerland Point Middle School in 1993. He went on to teach at St. Augustine High School, and after earning his masters in educational leadership at the University of North Florida, went on to become the assistant principal at the Evelyn B. Hamblen Center. Next, a principalship over all of the county's alternative schools and prisons was followed by the honor of opening the St. Johns Technical High School on the campus of First Coast Technical College in 2005. He then served seven years at Crookshank Elementary before coming to Pacetti Bay six years ago. Willets' wife of 22 years is Sonja and they have two teenage daughters.

**alternative education before moving on to more traditional principalships. Can you comment on this career path?**

A: I gravitated towards alternative education because in the classroom I was used to working with students with learning disabilities and I was used to digging in to help the whole child. I like to make a difference and support kids in ways to make them feel successful — not only kids who are struggling, but also those who need to be pushed. I like to find the unique pathways for each one of my kids.

**Q: What do you think is the most important part of your job?**

A: I think it is important to understand that we're working with children and each has unique needs. In our county, we see such massive growth. What I'm constantly seeking is to make the large environment smaller. How do we ensure that a student is not just a number? One thing we created at Pacetti Bay is the "I Team," whereby a team of teachers can focus on just their approximately 120 students that they support. For example, in sixth grade, we have approximately 400 kids and we have three teams of different subject matter teachers. This smaller learning community lets kids feel like they're part of a specific learning environment — with teachers focused just on them.

**Q: You started out working with students with learning disabilities and then**

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loud, but you can recognize the growth at the end of the year — like when the beginning band comes together and makes a beautiful sound. I like to watch learning happen every day. And no two days are alike.

I also enjoy being a part of this community. Parents have prepared their students and appreciate what's happening with their child's education. The value that is placed on education is in the forefront of this community.

**Q: What do you like to do in your spare time?**

A: I'm a fisherman at heart and I love to go inshore fishing as much as I can. I also enjoy camping with my family. We always go somewhere that I can fish and near some significant historical site.

**Q: If you could be any superhero, who would you be?**

A: I'd be Batman. Regardless of what he is facing, he has a tool belt with tools to use in the right situation. Just like being a principal and having to use the right tool for the job.

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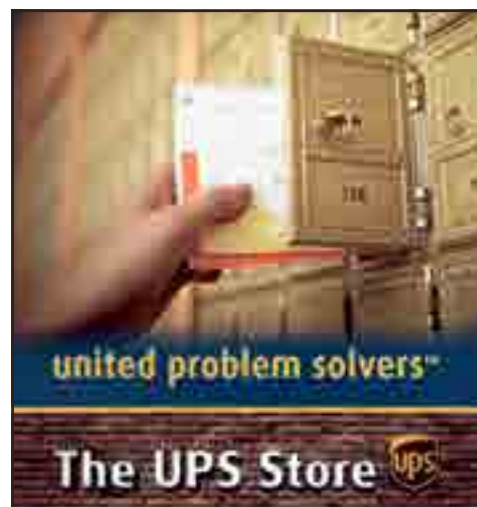
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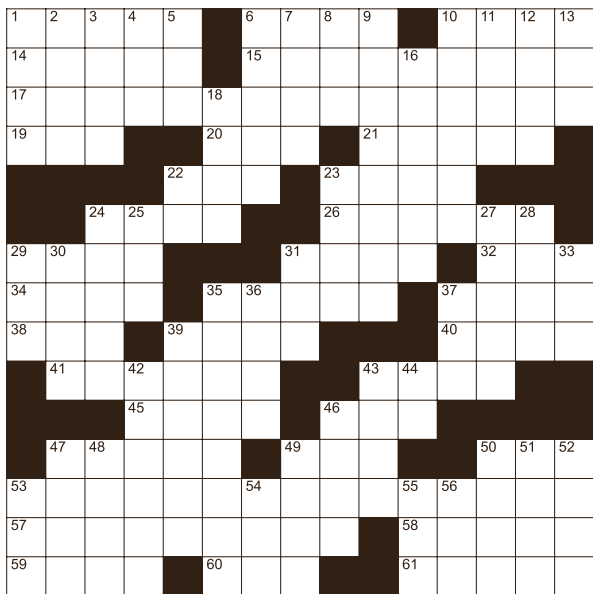
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Answers to puzzles on page 3  
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**CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. Yields Manila hemp
- 6. A type of gin
- 10. Japanese ankle sock
- 14. Swiss city
- 15. Applied to
- 17. Achievements
- 19. Japanese title
- 20. Possesses
- 21. Belgian city
- 22. Child
- 23. Great delight
- 24. Petty quarrel
- 26. Gathered
- 29. Zoroastrian concept of holy fire
- 31. Path
- 32. Legendary hoops coach Riley
- 34. A citizen of Denmark
- 35. Flat
- 37. Upper-class young women
- 38. Payment (abbr.)
- 39. Distort

**CLUES DOWN**

- 1. Ancient Greek sophist
- 2. Famed composer
- 3. Spore-bearing fungi cells
- 4. Chief executive officer
- 5. Defunct Syrian political party
- 6. Thin wood
- 7. Polynesian garlands
- 8. Fluid replacement (abbr.)
- 9. Flammable hydrocarbon gas
- 10. Multi-leveled
- 11. Influential diarist
- 12. Gambles
- 13. Many subconsciousnesses
- 16. Current unit
- 18. Illumination unit
- 22. Tantalum
- 23. Steps leading down to a river
- 24. Kids love him
- 25. Before
- 27. Fencing swords
- 28. Mountain range in China
- 29. Payroll company
- 30. A way to pack together
- 31. Business designation
- 33. Thyroid-stimulating hormone (abbr.)

**CLUES DOWN**

- 35. Forage fish
- 36. Greek temple pillars
- 37. Internet mgmt. company
- 39. Rouse oneself
- 42. In a way, covered
- 43. Elaborate silk garment
- 44. Cooling unit
- 46. Riley and O'Brien are two
- 47. \_\_\_ fide: genuine
- 48. Ancient Incan sun god
- 49. Poker stake
- 50. Trigonometric function
- 51. Interesting tidbit
- 52. Adieus
- 53. U.S. Treasury position
- 54. Midway between east and southeast
- 55. Doctors' group
- 56. Women's \_\_\_ movement

## CRYPTO FUN

Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to basketball. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 24 = o)

**A. 5 24 24 21**  
Clue: Used for scoring

**B. 6 4 18 13 13 3 22**  
Clue: Move a basketball

**C. 6 15 7 10**  
Clue: Push the ball down

**D. 20 5 24 24 14**  
Clue: Throw ball at hoop

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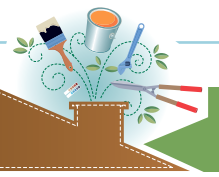
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# Home Improvement Guide

## Why is my house so dusty and what can I do?

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Spring cleaning projects can take on many forms, from garage overhauls to washing the interiors and exteriors of windows. According to the 2019 American Cleaning Institute National Cleaning Survey conducted by Wakefield Research, 77 percent of households surveyed commit to spring clean projects every year.

Dust is a formidable foe during spring cleaning projects. Dust is unsightly and dust mites can trigger allergic reactions, but many homeowners lament that, once they dust, dust returns in a flash. Dust may seem like a never-ending nuisance, but there are some ways to mitigate dust for more than just a few hours.

Invest in a better vacuum cleaner: Vacuuming carpets can release and resuspend dust and allergens that were trapped in carpeting and throw rugs, advises the Queensland University of Technology. Traditional vacuums may toss that dust into the air rather than remove it; however, vacuums with HEPA (high efficiency particulate air) filters can catch particles at .3 microns in size or larger at an efficiency rating of 99.97 percent. Another solution is to switch to hard-surface flooring, which is less likely to trap dust.

Change the AC unit filter: According to Kadi Dulude, owner of the New York-based Wizard of Homes cleaning service, HVAC filters are supposed to trap

particles that flow through the air and the heating and cooling system. Inadequate or dirty filters cannot do that job as thoroughly as new filters. Check the filters in both window and whole-house AC or heating units and replace according to the recommended schedule. Consider filters with a higher MERV rating, which can catch smaller particles.

Use less cloth and linen: The cleaning service Maid to Shine Cleaners suggests that textiles trap more dust, particularly synthetic fabrics. Replacing items around the house with leather or wooden furniture may alleviate some of the dust problem.

Take off shoes: Dirt and debris from outside can contribute to dust in the house. Remove shoes when entering the house to reduce the accumulation of dust.

Keep pets brushed and groomed: Pets bring many positive things to a home, but no matter how short their coats, pet dander can be part of the dust problem. Washing and grooming pets regularly may put a dent in the dust situation.

In addition to these suggestions, getting a whole-house filtration system, increasing wet dusting and checking for leaky ducts that can be sucking dust from attics, basements or garages are some other ways to reduce dust in a home.

## 3 common DIY mistakes to avoid

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Pride tends to swell when homeowners successfully complete do-it-yourself projects on their homes. In addition to saving homeowners money, DIY projects provide a unique way for them to personally connect with their homes. The ability to look at a finished project and say it's a result of your own handiwork can make a home feel more your own.

As fun and fulfilling as DIY projects can be, they also can be nerve-wracking and induce anxiety. When DIY projects falter, fixing them can prove costly, as homeowners typically must call in contractors to correct their mistakes and get a project back on track. That results in additional labor and material costs that might have been avoidable, especially for homeowners who make an effort to avoid some common DIY mistakes.

1. Failure to secure permits: Even though homeowners own their homes, that does not mean they have carte blanche to do what they want with them. Many renovation projects require homeowners to secure permits before projects can commence. Some may even require additional permits as the projects advance. If proper permits are not secured, homeowners may be fined and projects may be nixed, regardless of how much money homeowners have spent up to that point. Before beginning a home renovation project, homeowners should always contact their

local permit office to determine if any permits are required.

2. Overestimating your abilities: DIY television shows make home renovation projects look easy, but reality suggests otherwise. Homeowners with little or no experience renovating a home may want to take classes before they think about starting a project on their own. Even online tutorials tend to make jobs appear easier than they are. Roofing and plumbing projects tend to be best left to the professionals, as these projects can be either dangerous or vulnerable to disaster if not addressed by trained professionals.

3. Incorrect materials: Whether it's to save money or a byproduct of inexperience, DIYers do not always choose the correct materials for a job. Experienced contractors have ample experience working with all sorts of materials and are therefore in a unique position to recommend the best materials for any given job. That resource is not available for DIYers, who must perform ample research before beginning a job so the project involves the most appropriate materials. Incorrect materials can be a sunken cost that derails a project, but even jobs completed using incorrect materials may need to be redone a lot more quickly than those that employed the right materials the first time.

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## Glow Run coming soon to International Golf Parkway area

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The Ready. Set. Glow. 5K and Fun run returns to the Ring Power Complex in World Golf Village for the fifth year on April 3, 2020. This year, the race welcomes new title sponsors CBGC Mortgage and Fedor & Fedor.

This nighttime race, the only one in the area, boasts black lights and a fun glow-in-the-dark vibe. The event opens with a one mile fun run at 7:45 p.m., followed by the chip-timed 5K at 8 p.m.

All participants of the 5K will receive a chipped bib, race t-shirt and custom finisher's medal. Those completing the fun run will receive finisher prizes. Awards will be given to the top overall male and female and top overall masters male and female. Age-group certificates will be presented to the top three finishers in male and female age groups, based on gun start time. Both the 5K and one

mile fun run are family friendly and appropriate for all ages and abilities.

The purpose of this event is to increase community involvement and support in student learning, to bring awareness to health and fitness, and to raise needed funds for technology and educational enhancements in the classrooms. All proceeds from the race go to support education in the World Golf Village area. The PTA/PTSOs of the four neighborhood schools, Mill Creek Academy, Pacetti Bay Middle School, Picolata Crossing Elementary School, and Wards Creek Elementary, are the beneficiaries of the funds.

Visit <https://readyssetglow5k.itsyourrace.com/event.aspx?id=10227> to take advantage of the lowest prices. Students are always \$15 for the 5K and \$10 for the one mile fun run. Email [readyssetglowwgv@gmail.com](mailto:readyssetglowwgv@gmail.com) for more information.



Tim Nemethy, Shelley Nemethy, Rebecca Schaffer, Tony Schaffer

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## Davies awards banquet held

On Saturday, Jan. 25, Davidson Realty celebrated its annual awards banquet, known as the Davies, to honor outstanding agents and staff from 2019. The Wild West themed event was held at the Davidson Realty headquarters in World Golf Village.

Top accolades went to Mirtha Barzaga, who was presented with the President's Award and recognized as Closing Agent of the Year and Sales Agent of the Year. Suzy Evans took home Listing Agent of the Year.

Production awards went to Mirtha Barzaga (Gold Award for \$12 million closed, \$12 million sold), Suzy Evans (Silver Award for \$11 million closed, \$12 million sold), Lynn Whitley (Bronze Award for \$6 million closed, \$6 million sold), and Tim and Shelley Nemethy (Gold Team Award for \$9 million closed, closed \$9 million sold).

The 2019 Rookie of the Year was awarded to agent Tammy Peacock.

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