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Meet new St. Johns County Sheriff Rob Hardwick

By Martie Thompson
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It's often said that timing is everything. With new St. Johns County Sheriff Rob Hardwick's career spanning military service and a variety of law enforcement positions, he believed the timing was right in 2020 for a new challenge. He decided to run for the office of sheriff upon the retirement of long-time Sheriff David Shoar and won nearly 70 percent of the vote in the Primary Election followed by another victory in the General Election in November.

"I'd like to thank voters for their overwhelming support," Hardwick said. "I'm not going to let them down. The sheriff's office will be involved in the community like never before."

Hardwick moved with his family to St. Augustine as a young boy when his father decided to move his business, Hardwick Fence, to the area. He attended Catholic schools and graduated from St. Joseph Academy, where he met his wife, Kendall, whom he calls his "best friend." The couple will celebrate their 30th anniversary in April and have two adult sons: Cole, a graduate of Florida State University and law school graduate who works locally, and Brett, a Flagler College graduate who is a Chinook helicopter pilot in the Florida National Guard.

Career-wise, Hardwick's experience is diverse. Upon graduation from St. Joseph Academy, he went into active duty with the US Army. As a paratrooper, his first combat tour was with the 82nd Airborne during Desert Storm. He served four years and then went into

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Wagon restoration a lesson in history

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About a year ago, some members of the Friends of Alpine Groves Park went to the old volunteer fire station across the street from the park and surveyed items that were stored there. According to Friends board member DeAnne Adams, they found a number of interesting items originally from Alpine Groves Park, including two wagons — and decided to restore one of them with the idea to move it back to the park as part of a public exhibit.

The wagon picked for restoration measured five feet wide by nine feet long with sides on the bed, which Adams said likely was used to move boxes of oranges around the property.

"We didn't know who to ask to do the restoration," Adams said. "One day I was out in my neighborhood and my neighbor, George Gilmore, was walking his dog. I mentioned it to him and he said he would consider it."

Ultimately, Gilmore, who has a workshop and woodworking tools behind his house, did agree to take on the restoration. Although Gilmore had some woodworking experience, mostly furniture making, this was his first attempt at the restoration of a vintage (circa early 1900s) wagon.

Gilmore said he was joined in the project by his son, David Gilmore and grandson, Davis Gilmore. The restoration took approximately four months and began with a lot of internet research, as the men were committed to restoring the wagon to as close to its original state as possible. The wagon had a lot of rotted wood that Gilmore used epoxy to repair and also oak

boards obtained from North Carolina. Gilmore said the project involved a lot of sanding and basic cleaning up.

Of interest, Gilmore said, was that nuts used on the



Wooden spokes needed to be restored.

wagon were square instead of hexagonal like they are today. Also, boards on the wagon were a full one inch thick rather than today's boards that, although they are called "one inch" are actually three-

quarters of an inch thick.

"We kept all the parts we removed from the wagon tagged so that we could put it all back together again," Gilmore said.

He said the most challenging part of the restoration was working on the wooden spokes on the wheels, some of which were rotted and broken off. Gilmore said he enjoyed what he learned about wagons during the process. For instance, this particular wagon is a one-horse wagon with a seat. Evidently, when riding, dirt was often thrown up on the driver, so the wagon contained a



Photos courtesy DeAnne Adams

Dave Gilmore, Davis Gilmore and George Gilmore with the restored wagon.

sloping board they called a "dashboard" to provide some protection to the driver.

"I thought it was interesting to learn where the word 'dashboard' came from," Gilmore said. "We actually had to make a new dashboard for the wagon during the restoration."

The men also found a seat among the items stored at the volunteer fire station. With some minor modifications, they were able to use it on the restored wagon.

Adams said the plan is to eventually put the restored wagon, along with another



The wagon in its pre-restored state.

wagon that has not been restored, in the horse barn near the front of the Alpine Groves Park property. Officials with St. Johns County are planning to close off a section of the barn so that the two

wagons can be secured there. There is no timeline yet for this.

"This restoration was a true community effort," Adams said.

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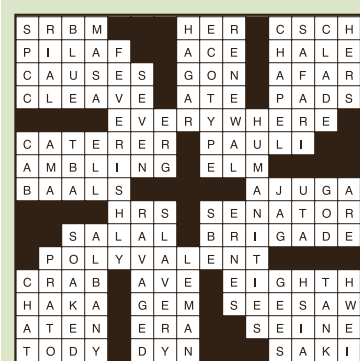
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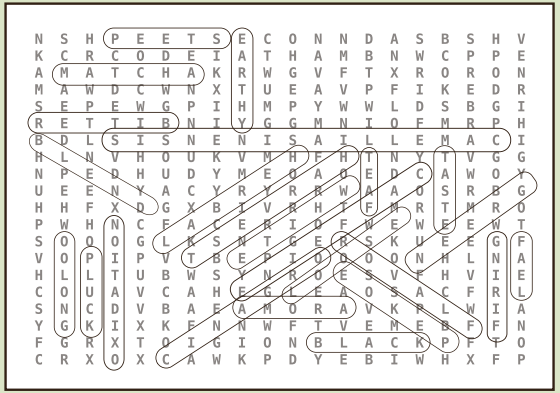
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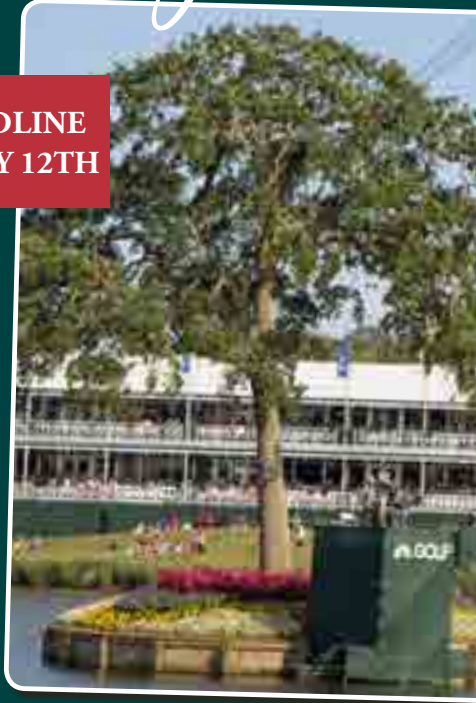
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with State Attorney, 7th Judicial Circuit, R.J. Larizza

Q: How has the State Attorney's office dealt with the pandemic?

A: On March 17, 2020, like a lot of businesses, we went remote. About 95 percent of our employees, with the exception of a small group, including myself and some who conduct business in the offices and answer phones, were told to work from home. And they have been ever since. I'm happy to say that we've still been very productive. We have filed and resolved thousands of cases. I'd say with the technology we have today, the remote working environment is going to be more and more accepted.

Q: What types of cases have you been able to conduct remotely?

A: We've handled first appearances, pre-trials, arraignments, pleas, and non-jury trials remotely and haven't missed a beat. We've kept the backlog to a minimum.

Q: Have you been able to have jury trials?

A: We have had a few jury trials during the pandemic. The 7th Circuit was the first to hold in-person jury trials ... a

few in Flagler County and a few in St. Johns County. We utilized masks for all participants and social distancing as well as plastic facial coverings for witnesses. I applaud our citizens for their participation as jurors. We have had to cancel jury trials for a few weeks, because we are always monitoring COVID cases and percentages of positivity. I'm hopeful that with the roll out of the vaccine, we will be able to restart the trials soon.

Q: Have you been able to seat grand juries?

A: In the last couple of months, we have picked grand juries in each county. We have had four murder indictments in Flagler County and expect to convene the grand jury in St. Johns County soon.

Q: So when do you think you will all get to come back to the office?

A: We are definitely moving towards this goal. I think a lot of businesses, including the State Attorney's office, are monitoring work from home for the future, though. It seems to be working well in many cases.



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

Q: Do you have any updates for the second semester?

A: We are pleased that the State of Florida has approved our second semester plan as pertains to our learning options. The main change from the first semester is we will not allow as much movement back and forth between distance learning and brick and mortar. For the integrity of the classroom and the continuity of learning, we are trying to keep movement to a minimum. Dual platform learning has also gone away as much as possible, especially at the elementary level, because it is so difficult for teachers. It still exists mostly in some secondary classrooms by necessity.

Q: What is the breakdown of students in the different learning styles?

A: We presently have only about 10 percent of students taking advantage of distance learning; nearly 90 percent of students have returned to brick and mortar classrooms. The flip side of that is we have seen an uptick in COVID cases and quarantines, especially since the holidays. Fortunately, in these cases, students can take advantage of distance learning and teachers can still deliver instruction even if they are in quarantine. We just get a sub for the classroom to provide supervision. It's not ideal, but we have certainly learned to be flexible.

Q: Have teachers been able to take advantage of the newly available COVID vaccine?

A: Yes. I'd like to give a shout out to Flagler Health+ which has worked with us for our population of teachers and staff over the age of 65. They have made appointments available for these employees and most received their first

shots in mid January.

Q: Do you have any school board news to share?

A: At our meeting in early January, we approved the annual collective bargaining agreement for teachers and support staff. We were delighted to be able to get very close to the governor's recommended compensation with the money we had available. Everyone at least received a 2 percent raise and many received bonuses. This extra money is retroactive to July 1 and should be in teachers' and support staff paychecks very soon.

Q: What can you tell us about High School III, to be constructed off of County Road 210?

A: I drove by the site very recently and saw them moving dirt and getting ready to begin construction. The new principal for this school is to be named in just a few weeks and then we will start the zoning discussions and meetings. The school is on schedule to open at the start of the 2022 -23 school year.

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

A: Online applications for our Academies are now available with a Feb. 5 deadline for all applications for Programs of Choice. These Academies give our students so many great options; high schools are now more like colleges with the variety of courses of study offered. I'm very proud that we have myriad opportunities for our students.

Q: How can our readers contact you?

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Q: Do you have some helpful information about a jury scam that is currently going around?

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Q: Have there been any recent judicial appointments in St. Johns County?

A: Due to the November General Election and retirements, we have had some updated judicial assignments made for St. Johns County. The Family Division welcomed two new judges to preside over the Unified Family Court: Judge Chris Ferebee and Judge Joan Anthony. The Unified

Family Court gives families the opportunity to appear in front of the same judge for all matters, to ensure that the judge is familiar with all aspects of the family's dynamics. We also welcomed a new judge to our Civil Division: Judge Kenneth Janesk, who was recently appointed by Gov. Ron DeSantis.

Q: What is Operation Green Light and when is it scheduled?

A: During Operation Green Light, St. Johns County citizens with suspended driver's licenses have the opportunity to pay overdue court obligations in person or online, including traffic tickets, while saving up to 40 percent in additional fees in an effort to get their license back. The next Operation Green Light is scheduled for March 1 – March 5, 2021.

Q: What is the best way for our readers to contact you or your office?

A: A lot of questions can be answered by visiting our website, www.stjohnsclerk.com, which is most commonly used to pay traffic citations or search court records. People can also call our main office at (904) 819-3600.

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

Q: What's happening in the Florida Legislature as of today [interview date Jan. 21]?

A: We had our first committee week last week. There were organizational sessions and we were assigned to committees. We discussed some of the biggest issues facing Floridians: improving literacy programs to reach all of Florida's learners; making property insurance more affordable; and protecting our communities against sea level rise.

We were also updated on the COVID vaccine roll out. One bill that has already passed the first committee is HB 7, which protects businesses, schools, religious organizations and nonprofits from frivolous lawsuits relating to COVID. This bill excludes health care providers, since they have more detailed needs. Another bill will be coming to address health care providers.

Q: How does the legislature plan to address scams that are popping up regarding COVID vaccine charges?

A: COVID vaccines distributed at this time by any government provider are free. There is no charge for the administration of the vaccine since it is covered by the government. HB 9 is out of its first committee. It establishes criminal penalties to discourage fraudsters and protect Floridians. But the best protection is to remain informed and never give out financial information for a COVID vaccine. You can visit the official website, <http://stjohns.floridahealth.gov/> for more information.

Q: Can you give us any insight into the budget as a member of the Appropriations Committee?

A: Florida entered the pandemic with well funded reserves. Those reserves took years to rebuild after the 2008 recession and modest debt levels. The state is required to pass a balanced budget each year and it is the one task that we

must complete each session. We estimate revenues for the state four times per year and while the revenue outlook has improved from earlier projections, we still predict that it is going to be a difficult budget year. We have had a large increase in the number of people on Medicaid. The state's primary revenue source is sales tax and a significant amount of that is paid by tourists. Tourism is down now and therefore so are our sales and gas tax revenues.

Q: Have you introduced any bills yet?

A: I filed my first bill, HB 155 which addresses voter privacy. Currently, Florida's voter rolls are public record. We are one of only five states to follow that practice. This bill seeks to strengthen privacy laws by removing voter registration data, such as legal residence, date of birth, phone number and email address, from public records. The bill would limit who can request this data to: the individual whose records are confidential and exempt; a canvassing board or an election official in their official capacity; or a political party, party official, a candidate who has filed qualification papers, or a registered political committee for political purposes only.

Q: Do you have anything else to share?

A: I will soon be preparing a video on how constituents can research and follow bills as they move through the legislative process. We receive many emails about bills that are filed each session. We hope this effort will help our citizens have access to the actual bill language, amendments and staff analysis for bills that interest them. It will be on my Facebook page and emailed with my newsletter when it becomes available.

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

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First Coast Florida Lifestyles Newcomers Recreation Card Club will host a Super Bowl party at a World Golf Village area restaurant on Sunday, Feb. 7. Arrival time is 5:30 p.m. Social distancing will be followed and masks are to be worn. Call the club organizer at (904) 829-0643 (no texts) to RSVP or for information about the club. The club is open to both men and women and is a smoke- and drug-free club.

The Newcomers of North St. Johns will host a meeting and luncheon on Tuesday, Feb. 16 at 11:30 a.m. at Amici Italian Restaurant, 1915 A1A South, in St. Augustine Beach. Doors will open at 11 a.m. The event will feature veteran actor Mark Snitzer, who will entertain with a variety of Sinatra, Manilow and Broadway tunes. The cost for the luncheon and

program is \$30 for members. All reservations must be received by Feb. 2. Contact Sue Aird at sjaird@comcast.net to register.

Herbal Medicine from the Garden will be offered on Feb. 20 at 10 a.m. Attendees will learn about traditionally used herbs to promote wellness and health as well as how to create their own tinctures, teas, and salves. Included are guides, plant identification, lecture and herbal snacks. Pre registration is required via phone or text: (386) 972-1891.

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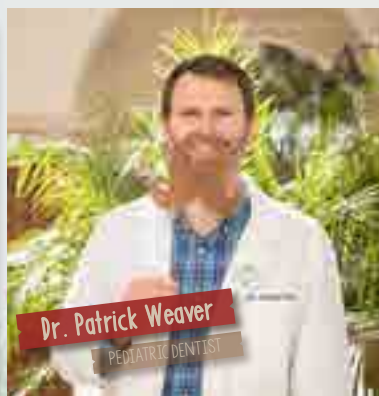
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- Know that anyone asking for money in exchange for an appointment is a scam
- Check with county health departments for local vaccine distribution guidelines
- Be wary of any website where pop-up ads solicit a vaccine appointment
- Look for "https" or a padlock icon in the website name to ensure that you are on a secure website
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The direct link to the St. Johns County COVID-19 vaccination registration page is <https://tinyurl.com/y52tcoaz>. For more information, call the St. Johns County COVID-19 Vaccination Hotline at (904) 295-3711 (dial all ten digits) or visit www.sjcfcl.us/coronavirusvaccinations.

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The St. Johns County Public Library is partnering with the St. Johns County Council on Aging to offer library patrons a way to travel around town easier.

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Newcomers of North St. Johns announce February luncheon

Newcomers of North Saint Johns will hold its next member luncheon on Tuesday, Feb. 16 at Amici Italian Restaurant, 1915 A1A South, in St. Augustine Beach. Doors open at 11 a.m. with the meeting beginning at 11:30 a.m. and the luncheon at 12 p.m.

The cost for the luncheon and program is \$30 for members. All reservations must be received by Feb. 2 and, because of space limitations, an early reservation response is recommended. Covid guidelines are in place.

Following the luncheon, members will be treated to the musical talents of veteran actor Mark Snitzer, who will entertain with a variety of Sinatra, Manilow and Broadway tunes. Raffles for gift baskets and a 50/50 drawing will spice up the luncheon.

Contact Sue Aird at sjaird@comcast.net to register or for more information. The Newcomers of North St. Johns offers a wide variety of activities including smaller lunch groups, Canasta, Bunco, Book Club, wine socials, golf, Mah Jongg, holiday parties, day trips and cultural events.

River Garden CEO announces retirement

After more than four decades of leader-

ship, Martin A. Goetz is set to step down in March 2021. Goetz joined River Garden as associate administrator in 1978 and assumed the role of CEO in 2004. Over Goetz' 43-year tenure, River Garden has grown to include a 180-bed skilled nursing and rehabilitation facility; The Coves, an 80-unit independent living community; a Medicare certified home health agency; adult day care; and a Foundation.

Now in its 75th year, River Garden Senior Services is a not-for-profit, mission-driven community agency offering an array of elder care programs and services on a 40-acre campus in the Mandarin area of Jacksonville. Sponsored by the organized Jewish community, it serves clients from diverse religious and ethnic backgrounds while maintaining an environment supportive of Jewish identity and informed by Jewish values.

Goetz has received several honors over the years including the "Young Executive of the Year" Award in 1994 and "The Dr. Herbert Shore Award of Honor" in 2016 from the Association of Jewish Aging Services. LeadingAge Florida also awarded him its "Distinguished Service Award" in 2003 and "Chairman's Award" in 2007. Goetz holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Kent State University, a Master of Science in Health Services Administration from SUNY at Stony Brook and a Master of Public Administration from the University of North Florida. Goetz and his wife, Susan, have two adult children.

Mauri Mizrahi will succeed Goetz as River Garden's Chief Executive Officer in late March 2021. Mizrahi has served as Associate Administrator at River Garden since 2017.



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Julington Creek Spelling Bee winner advances to district competition



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Julington Creek Elementary recently held its annual Fifth Grade Spelling Bee featuring the top 10 student spellers. Calvin Willmore won the event and is the 2020 – 2021 Spelling Bee Champion. Calvin went on as a contestant in the St. Johns District Spelling Bee, where he participated with other fifth through eighth graders in the virtual round one. At the end of this round, Calvin qualified as one of the district's top 26 spellers, and continued to represent Julington Creek Elementary in the live rounds. Calvin ended up as one of the top 10 spellers, fifth through eighth grades, in St. Johns County.

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Market Insight



Send Two Coffins and a Doctor

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Jefferson Davis Milton was three years old when his famous father shot himself in the head. John Milton, the father, was the Confederate governor of the State of Florida. For more than 150 years, historians have argued about whether the old man committed suicide or if the fatal wound was an accident. What is clear is that on April 1, 1865, one day before Richmond fell, John Milton, who claimed to be descended from the English poet of the same name, went into the woods, and shot himself in the head. The family and local newspapers near the Milton plantation in Marianna reported the death as an accident. The New York Times pointed out that a week before, Governor Milton had advised the Legislature that the Yankees "have developed a character so odious that death would be preferable to reunion with them" and attributed his death to suicide. Recent scholarship has suggested that the New York paper was wrong. John Milton had fitted himself out to go hunting that day. The gunshot wound was most likely an accident.

Jeff Milton was the 14th child of the governor. After the elder Milton's death, the family suffered. At the age of 15, Jeff ran away to Texas. Two years later, he lied about his age and joined the Texas Rangers. Over the next 50 years, Jefferson Davis Milton carved out a celebrated career as a fast-drawing lawman in the old west. As a Ranger, he helped hunt down Geronimo. He became the chief of police in El Paso. It was there he faced down and arrested the infamous outlaw, John Wesley Hardin, the man "so mean, he once shot a man for snoring." Jeff Milton was known as "a good man with a gun." He had run-ins with other outlaws like cattle rustler Marty McRose and a train robber named "Three Fingered Jack" Dunlop. Milton shot and killed them both.

Jeff was working for the Wells Fargo Company in 1895 when he and a partner set out after "Bronco Billy" Walters and his gang. The gang had robbed a Wells Fargo stagecoach. Milton tracked the outlaws for weeks through the rolling plains and tumbleweeds of West Texas. Eventually, the two lawmen caught up with the gang near their hideout in Solomonville, Arizona. The outlaws refused to surrender without a fight. They got their fight. "Bronco Billy" was shot and arrested, and two other outlaws were killed. The rest fled in terror. It was at this point that Jeff Milton sent his legendary telegram "send two coffins and a Doctor."

In 1915, Jeff Milton went to work for the US Immigration Service. Initially, his title was "Mounted Chinese Inspector." His job was to pursue Chinese immigrants attempting to evade the Chinese Exclusion Act. In 1924, he became our nation's first Border Patrol Agent. He is recognized as the first on the Department of Homeland Security's website. He remained with the newly formed US Border Patrol pursuing his job "with unbridled enthusiasm" until he was forced into retirement at age 70 by the Economy Act of 1932.

Milton and his wife retired to Tombstone, Arizona and then later to Tucson. He survived until 1947, passing at the age of 85. His long active life made him something of a celebrity and he often told interviewers that "I never killed a man who didn't need killing and I never killed an animal except for meat." Many came. Jeff Milton once bought breakfast for western author Louis L'Amour. His wife recalled that every night, Jeff rode his horse up into the hills behind their house to watch the sunset.

Scott A. Grant is a local author, historian, columnist, and speaker. He is president of Standfast Asset Management in Ponte Vedra Beach. He welcomes your comments or questions at scottg@standfastic.com.

SCORE Jacksonville to host webinar series for business owners, conference for women entrepreneurs

By NewsLine Staff
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SCORE is a national service organization that supports small businesses nationwide. SCORE has a network of more than 11,000 volunteers operating in more than 340 local chapters around the country. The organization is supported by the US Small Business Administration (SBA).

In February, SCORE Jacksonville will host a four-part webinar series entitled "Achieve Your Business Dream." This series of four interactive workshops is perfect for aspiring and emerging business owners. They are taught by SCORE mentors with decades of business experience in the topics they teach. The goal is to provide the necessary background aspiring entrepreneurs need to assemble a business plan, start a business and make an existing business succeed.

Session 1: Business Foundations – What Will Your Business Be?
Tuesday, Feb. 2, 5:30 pm. – 8:15 p.m.

Session 2: Marketing Basics & Social Media
Tuesday, Feb. 9, 5:30 pm. – 8:15 p.m.

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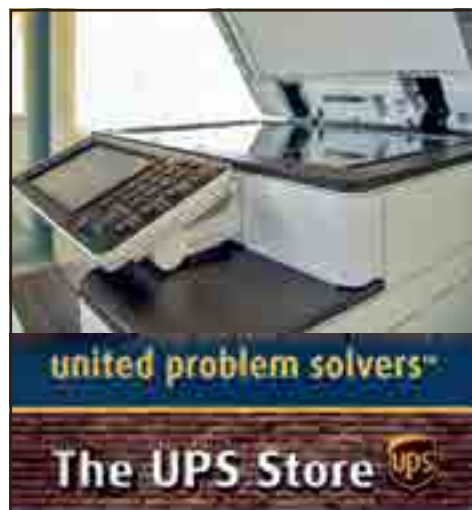
Tuesday, Feb. 23, 5:30 pm. – 8:15 p.m.

The cost of the full series is \$99, which includes all material and an invitation to the Exclusive Achieve Your Business Dreams Networking Facebook Group. Additional information and link to registration can be found at <http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=gf156jcab&coeidk=a07ehic92mfd502e43a>.

Additionally, SCORE Jacksonville in cooperation with The Business and Leadership Institute for Early Learning and Children's Home Society of Florida will host a conference specifically geared towards women entrepreneurs on Saturday, Feb. 8, 2020 in the Advanced Technology Center on the Downtown campus of the Florida State College of Jacksonville.

The theme of the conference is "Engage, Educate, Empower" and will feature several presentations, panel discussions and breakout sessions offering guidance as to how best to launch and operate a business. Among the list of scheduled speakers is Pamela Starr, a leading authority on building customer loyalty and a professional speaker for Grow with Google, who will share actionable strategies on how to build and grow a successful business.

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Editorial

By NW St. Johns County United for Progress Club
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A youth soccer game at 9 p.m.? Or 10 p.m.? Impossible, you say? It would be impossible if county standards were followed, but somehow, they are not. We don't want to question how this has happened, but the Northwest St. Johns County United for Progress Club recognizes the lack of county park space for our youth leagues and is asking county commissioners to make our families a priority by giving residents the park space we need.

St. Johns County has set standards for developing plenty of parks and recreation opportunities for families using "Level of Service" standards suggested by such notable national professional associations as the American Planning Association and others. The county has adopted these standards in its Comprehensive Plan – three acres per thousand population for Community Parks (sports fields), and three acres per thousand population for District Parks (picnics, hiking, sports, and natural trails).

Since the year 2000, the Northwest area of St. Johns County has grown by 348 percent (from 24,000 to 85,000). But parks and recreation acreage has only grown by 89 percent (county website,

Park Facility Listing, Northwest Area). By following the standards our county has set, we should have plenty of land for youth sports and family hiking and picnics: 510 acres. Instead, we have only 239 (St. Johns County Property Appraiser website).

Where are the parks and recreation areas the county said we should have? Isn't it time our county commissioners come through for us? We urge families to contact your Northwest area County Commissioners (Christian Whitehurst, bcc1whitehurst@sjc.com and Jeb Smith, bcc2smith@sjc.com) to ask for their follow-through on this important issue and remind them to "Please give us the 510 acres of parks and recreation your standards say we deserve."

Let's make sure commissioners understand we need to compare apples to apples. Conservation areas owned by the St. Johns River Water Management District include forested areas, aquifer recharge areas, and wetlands; we don't play soccer in wetlands.

The NW St. Johns County United for Progress Club may be emailed at nwsjcp@gmail.com

Outdoor-loving "Teacher of the Year" leaves positive environmental footprint

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She was the one who spent her childhood riding bikes and playing in creeks and the woods until dark. She also camped at state and national parks on family vacations, became president of her high school Environmental Club, and signed up for outdoor-only activities — such as rope climbing and cross-country.

Additionally, as a high school junior, she was the one who joined a group of college students on a month-long trip to Costa Rica to study tropical ecology, environmental economics, and sustainable development.

So, it's no surprise that Creekside High School's Alicia "Ali" Pressel transferred this life-long love of the outdoors into two related degrees and a 13-year career in environmental education that recently garnered worldwide attention.

Pressel, who teaches in the St. Johns County Academy of Engineering and Environmental Sciences at Creekside, is one of National Geographic Society's eight new Emerging Explorers — only the second educator in the program's 18-year history to receive this honor. Furthermore, in January she became one of three finalists for St. Johns County School District's "Teacher of the Year," sponsored by INK! (Investing in Kids).

Although many students and teachers say Pressel deserves these accolades, getting attention is not what drives her. Rather, it is giving attention to detail, with an emphasis on character development.

"I strongly believe it is important for students to take personal responsibility and pride in their work, always attempting their best effort in every initiative they take," says Pressel. "I ask nothing less than the same for myself."

What's more, the southern New Jersey native works with local businesses to provide



Photo courtesy Lynda Kelly
Ali Pressel receiving the news that she was selected as a Teacher of the Year finalist.

students with opportunities to make a positive impact in their community. These connections have enabled students to gain first-hand knowledge on water resources and conservation, deforestation practices from development, trash pollution, and overall land use management in Northeast Florida.

As for the \$10,000 awarded by National Geographic, Pressel is using these funds to develop geography awareness lessons that integrate GIS, or Geographic Information Systems, into environmental science topics and project-based field activities.

Whether or not her students enter careers in the environmental science fields, Pressel hopes they will continue to "focus on ways they can actively participate as citizens for change within our community, no matter their age."

Pressel, who sponsors Creekside High's Environmental Club and Geospatial Mapping Club, encourages students to "be the change you wish to see in the world." And this self-proclaimed "geek, inquisitive traveler, and curious child-at-heart" is doing just that.



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Ali Pressel hiking in the Alps.



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More than just bad breath

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We often first recognize that something may be changing with our pet's oral health when we notice a foul odor coming from their mouth. In fact, there could be a lot more happening than just bad breath and that odor could indicate serious health and dental concerns. Dental disease is one of the most common medical conditions seen by veterinarians and one of the most preventable. Bad breath alone is not the only indication of dental disease, and many pets will never show obvious signs until extensive treatment is needed. Annual wellness exams can help your pet's veterinarian identify signs of dental disease early on and in turn improve their overall quality of life. In order to achieve optimal dental health, veterinarians recommend a multimodal approach, combining at home dental care with routine dental cleanings and examinations.

Dogs and cats can suffer from many of the same dental and oral conditions as humans do. Instead of a cavity, most dogs and cats commonly fall victim to periodontal conditions — inflammation

of the structures surrounding the tooth, like the gum tissue, the tooth roots, ligaments, and bone. When these structures are affected, they affect the overall environment of the tooth and increase the risk of tooth decay over time. As periodontal diseases progresses, it can affect your pet's ability to eat, cause pain, and lead to tooth loss.

Routine dental cleanings performed by your veterinarian can help slow the progression of periodontal disease. Dental procedures for our pets are performed under general anesthesia to allow for thorough examination, medical charting, scaling, and polishing. The dental exam will include measuring gingival pocket depths as well as noting any abnormalities with the tooth and surrounding gum surface. A veterinary technician will scale the soft plaque and hardened calculus from the surface of your pet's teeth as well as apply polish to smooth imperfections on the tooth's surface. Radiographs of the mouth are often taken to determine a tooth's health

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Get to Know ...

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Danni Thompson

Danni Thompson is a busy woman. Like many women at her stage in life, she balances a full time career and family ... but she also adds a second career, one which she feels gives her the ability to perform well in all aspects of her life: Registered Yoga Teacher. Originally from Plano, Texas, Thompson decided to go “away” to school in Florida. With her mother’s family living in Tallahassee, Florida State University became her school of choice and she graduated with a degree in finance. She started her banking career while still in college and moved up through the ranks of Bank of America, then BB&T and finally, Deutsche Bank in Jacksonville, where she met her husband, Chris. As her career blossomed, so did her family; she and Chris are parents to Zenai, age 10 and Zoe, age five. Currently, she is a Licensed Investment Advisor for Merrill Lynch and also a small business owner of HerDivineYoga, which offers small group/private yoga and, recently, virtual yoga as well.



Photo courtesy Danni Thompson
Danni Thompson

having a family, I began to experience anxiety. My doctor suggested I try yoga or running to try to alleviate some of the symptoms. I gave both a try and fell in love with running first. Then I began meditating and fell in love with yoga. I decided to launch my business to teach other women to be the best version of themselves — while doing it all.

Q: What drew you to yoga?

A: First, it was how I felt afterwards, very calm and peaceful. Secondly was the meditation aspect. When dealing with anxiety and depression, you’re often in a heightened state, ruminating on fear. I learned to calm my mind and to be an observer of my thoughts instead of allowing them to control or overwhelm me. Yoga teaches me to love myself exactly where I am.

Q: What does HerDivineYoga offer?

A: We offer in-home sessions and virtual sessions, which can be private or group sessions for drop in. I’ve noticed that lately people are wanting eco-yoga ... meeting in a park or on the beach, anywhere outside to soak up the sunshine. Currently, I have three restorative

yoga classes for which I have partnered with a gym in Palencia. I also lead a Restore and Heal class virtually on Sundays.

Q: What do you like to do in your free time?

A: I like running and am an avid reader. I especially like self-development books and biographies. I also like spending time with our neighbors; we live in a great community for raising a family. Recently, we have a new family pastime: baking. My specialty is chocolate chip cookies, but we have made a bundt cake and one time my husband and daughters even made French macarons, which are very complicated.

Q: What advice would you give busy women?

A: I would say, decide at the beginning of the day what kind of day you want to have. Calm? Productive? Energized? Then, jot down things to help you accomplish your goal. I would also say, be mindful that 2021 can be a year of healing for us all. Maybe try to show some extra compassion or be open to difficult conversations — with yourself or with others — while always having an open heart.

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beneath the surface and can help guide your veterinarian on whether tooth removal is recommended.

Preventive dental care is also vital for optimal oral health. Home dental care is recommended for all pets, not just those suffering from periodontal disease. Just like with us, brushing is best and should always be performed with toothpaste and brushes designed specifically for animals. For pets that do not tolerate brushing, there are dental wipes and treats formulated to help prevent tartar build up and freshen breath.

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Love and Marriage

Flowers and their various meanings

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Flowers can represent various emotions. Flowers play a prominent role in many holidays, perhaps none more than Valentine's Day. ProFlowers says it accounts for most of the industry's fresh flower sales. Around 78 percent of the flowers purchased for Valentine's Day are cut flowers, and men are the top consumers.

Roses are the go-to flower on Valentine's Day, but shoppers can look to various blooms to send the right message to that special someone in their lives. In fact, each type of flower conveys its own unique message:

- Amaryllis: This flower is symbolic of splendid beauty and can be used to indicate worth.
- Aster: The aster symbolizes patience, elegance and daintiness.
- Calla lily: This bloom symbolizes magnificence and beauty, as well as purity and innocence. That is why Calla lilies are often the flower of choice in wedding bouquets.
- Carnations: These are one of the most popular flowers in the world and are

generally symbolic of love and fascination.

- Daffodil: Daffodils symbolize regard and chivalry. They also can be indicative of rebirth, new beginnings and eternal life. A single daffodil can signal misfortune, while a bunch expresses joy and happiness.
- Gerbera daisies: With large, beautiful blooms in a wide assortment of vibrant colors, gerbera daisies are a favorite flower for cheerful sentiments.



Photo courtesy MetroCreative
Flowers are popular gifts come Valentine's Day.

- Gladiolus: These tall, striking flowers are eye-catching and make great gifts for significant others. The gladiolus symbolizes honor, infatuation and strength.
- Iris: Irises represent faith, hope and wisdom and are cherished for their big, beautiful blooms.
- Peony: This flower, which resembles a rose, symbolizes a happy life, happy marriage, prosperity, and good health.

- Rose: Roses symbolize love in its various forms, and different colors of roses symbolize different things. For example, yellow roses represent care and friendship, while pink roses are given as a token of admiration.

Rob Hardwick cont. from pg. 1

the reserves with the Florida National Guard. He came home, got married to high school sweetheart Kendall, began taking college courses (something he did part time for several years before finally earning a bachelor's degree from Flagler College and a Masters from Barry University) and started working in the Florida Department of Corrections at the Tomoka Correctional Institute in Daytona Beach. He said this was his "first taste" of the corrections aspect of law enforcement and it remains a priority for him to this day.

While he enjoyed working at the jail, he felt he could make a difference as the first contact rather than after incarceration, so he became a deputy with the Flagler County Sheriff's Office and obtained experience with law enforcement.

"That was actually my first time wearing green," he said, referring to the uniform color of county sheriff deputies in Florida.

His career continued with a stint with the St. Augustine City Police Department in the mid-1990s. He enjoyed police officer work and helping families and eventually moved to a bicycle unit.

"That was possibly the best job I had in my career," he said. "It is truly 'in your face' policing, with no car to protect you and I found it very satisfying."

Hardwick was moved to the detective unit, where he worked closely with the State Attorney's office and often testified in court cases. This would lead to his next position — but a reactivation by the Florida National Guard in 2003 to go to war in the Middle East delayed those plans by nearly two years.

"I was actually hired by the State Attorney as assistant chief investigator while I was deployed," Hardwick said. "They swore me in over the phone from the country of Jordan."

His most recent position before he became St. Johns County's new sheriff was as head of the St. Augustine Beach Police Department. During his tenure, the agency was accredited and re-accredited each year for his eight years.

"I felt I left the agency in a better position than I received it," Hardwick said of his decision to move on.

Now as sheriff of St. Johns County, Hardwick has begun the task of molding SJSO into his vision. A believer in efficient command structures as a result of his military experience, Hardwick has five directors who report directly to him (Patrol, Criminal Investigation, Jail, Operations, and General Services) instead of a single undersheriff.

He cites the challenges of COVID as well as the rapid growth of St. Johns County (even during the pandemic) as reasons that efficiency and better processes are part of his vision. Relationships between the Sheriff's



Photo courtesy Caltee Hawker
Rob Hardwick and family on the morning of his swearing in as St. Johns County Sheriff, Jan. 5, 2021.

Office with the Board of County Commissioners, the St. Johns County School Board, local businesses and the faith community are all key, he said.

"I want to make sure we have the best partnerships with all these groups and everybody knows we are 'all in,'" he said.

Hardwick says he is a leader by "walking around" and has already walked the jail and ridden on patrol. Dealing with the mental health crisis is a priority. Among other initiatives, he plans to target human trafficking and drugs that are coming through the county on Interstate 95 as well as institute a pilot program for body cameras early this year.

In his spare time, Hardwick continues to coach youth sports, even after his children have become adults.

"I love to mentor young kids," he said.

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The story of Cupid

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What would Valentine's Day be without images of a golden-tressed boy armed with bow and arrows? The arrows represent feelings of love and desire, and they are aimed and cast at various individuals, causing them to fall deeply in love — or fall out of it.

In Roman mythology, the boy is known as Cupid and is the son of Venus, the goddess of love. Portrayed as a cherubic and mischievous toddler, this magical boy was purported to be the matchmaker of gods and mortals alike.

For students of Greek mythology,

Cupid represents Eros, the Greek word for "desire." He was the son of Aphrodite, Venus' Hellenistic counterpart, and would play with the hearts of mortals and gods, sometimes

leaving mayhem in his wake. In Greek mythology, Eros was more teenager than bubbly baby, and capitalized on his status as a heartthrob rather than the cherubic status of Roman mythology, according to Richard Martin, a Stanford University professor. While Cupid may have been an adorable imp, some historians say Eros had a darker side, going so far as to describe him as calculating and sinister — forcing the wrong people into lovelorn matches.

According to Museum Hack, while Cupid could make people fall in and out of love, he also was once in love himself. In this telling, Cupid is a young man when Venus learns that a mortal girl is born with such great beauty that others start to forget to worship Venus, adoring this girl instead. Upset about the misdirected adoration toward this mortal, Venus asks Cupid to have the girl, Psyche, fall in love with a monster. Cupid agrees, but once he sees Psyche he "accidentally" hits himself with one of his own golden arrows and falls in love with Psyche. The resulting match

does not prove easy, and through a series of unfortunate events, Psyche must prove her love to Cupid and accomplish various tasks to win back his heart. Eventually,

Psyche does and achieves goddess status.

Cupid has been portrayed both as a young man and child through Renaissance art and beyond. When Valentine's Day became popular in the 18th and 19th centuries, Cupid was linked to Valentine's Day celebrations due to his matchmaking abilities. His popularity only continued in the early 20th century, when Hallmark began to manufacture Valentine's Day cards featuring Cupid.



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Love and Marriage

Create a chocolate charcuterie board

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Valentine's Day is an opportunity for people to share their love and affection and of course, sweet treats. Chocolate reigns supreme on this day devoted to sweethearts. While a heart-shaped box of chocolate certainly makes for a delicious gift, those looking to increase the wow factor can put together a trending assortment.



Photo courtesy MetroCreative
Chocolate truffles can be part of a chocolate charcuterie board.

Charcuterie boards have become a staple when entertaining or dining out. Charcuterie boards traditionally feature a variety of cured meats, cheeses, bruschetta, and even olives — but boards can be adorned with any tasty morsel their creators desire. Borrowing from that idea, savvy home chefs can create a sweets-based charcuterie board that's sure to amaze.

To start out, figure out which nibbles your loved one will desire the most. The chocolate charcuterie board can be entirely sweet, or a mix of sweet, savory and even salty offerings. Some ideas for a chocolate charcuterie board include:

- Chocolate truffles
- Chocolate-dipped fruits
- Chocolate-covered pretzels
- Chocolate bark

- Melted chocolate fondue and assorted dippers
- Classic chocolate candies
- Assorted nuts like almonds and cashews
- Fudge squares
- Homemade turtle candy
- Chocolate nut rolls
- Dried fruits, such as figs and dates
- Graham crackers or butter cookies

Just as you would for any charcuterie board, choose an attractive wood board large enough to hold all of the desserts. Arrange the chocolates and other foods with an eye for presentation. Use fresh berries or mint leaves to fill in any gaps and add a little extra flair to the arrangement. If desired, think about pairing chocolate and sweet elements with traditional charcuterie offerings like cured salami, brie cheese, hard cheeses, crackers, and chutneys.



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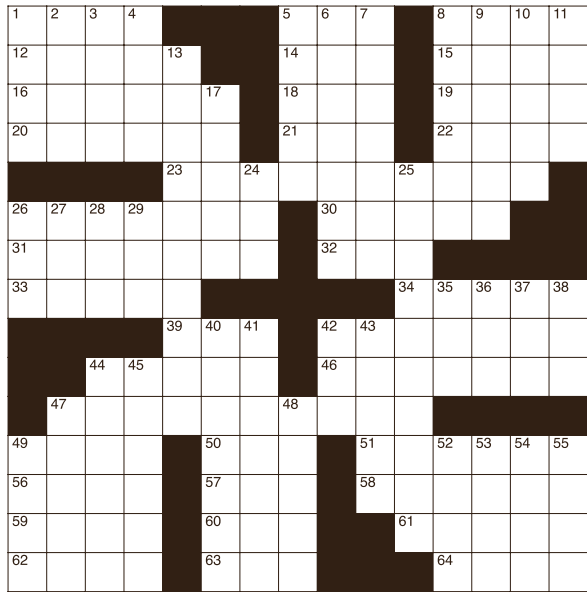
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Answers on page 3
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CLUES ACROSS

1. Nuclear near reach weapon
5. Of she
8. Hyperbolic function
12. Rice dish
14. A team's best pitcher
15. Strong and healthy
16. Induces
18. Popular manga series
19. From a distance
20. Split
21. Consumed
22. Cushions
23. All over
26. One who provides food
30. St. ___ Girl, brand of beer
31. Walking slowly
32. Wood
33. Semitic gods
34. Bugle

39. 60-minute periods (abbr.)
42. Congressman
44. Plant of the heath family
46. Subdivision of an army
47. Having many different forms
49. Shellfish
50. Latin for hail
51. Between sixth and seventh
56. Maori war dance
57. Precious or semiprecious stone
58. Teeter totter
59. Deity
60. A major division of geological time
61. Fishing net
62. Small Caribbean bird
63. Field force unit
64. Japanese beverage

2. Monetary unit
3. The color of the sky
4. Dough used to make tortillas
5. Popular comic strip character
6. Distinct form of a plant
7. Replenishment
8. Has its own altar
9. Expedition to see animals
10. Group of related organisms
11. His and ___
13. Frenetically
17. Small integer
24. Unit of energy
25. Studies of culture
26. Taxi
27. Doctors' group
28. Don't know when yet
29. Former measure of length
35. Popular CBS series
36. Skin condition

37. Christian creator and ruler of the universe
38. They ___
40. Caused severe damage
41. Work done under harsh conditions for no pay
42. One point east of due south
43. Sea eagles
44. Drenched
45. State capital
47. Italian city
48. Sweetheart (archaic)
49. Brief talk
52. Popular disco group: Bee ___
53. First Chinese dynasty
54. Military vehicle
55. Chinese Moslem

CLUES DOWN

1. Prevents oil spills

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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

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- BITTER
- BLACK
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- FLAVOR
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- HARVEST
- HERBAL
- LEAF
- LOOSE
- MATCHA
- OOLONG
- ORGANIC
- OXIDATION
- PEKOE
- PLUCK
- STEEP
- TASTE
- TEA
- WHITE



Solve the code to discover words related to tea.
Each number corresponds to a letter.
(Hint: 12 = E)

- A. 19 12 25 6 12 26**
Clue: Parts of a plant
- B. 18 24 12 1**
Clue: Make by soaking or boiling
- C. 23 5 11**
Clue: Vessel
- D. 18 2 16 19 12 8**
Clue: Heated water

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Bartram Trail student receives Air Force Junior ROTC Flight Academy scholarship

By NewsLine Staff
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Brilyn Stacy, a 10th grade Air Force Junior ROTC cadet at Bartram Trail High School received a scholarship to attend an accredited aviation university participating in a private pilot license training program in the summer of 2021. The scholarship covers transportation, room and board, academics and flight hours required to potentially earn a private pilot license. The scholarship is valued at approximately \$22,500.



Photo courtesy Tony LeFevre
Cadet Brilyn Stacy

Cadet Stacy is one of 230 Air Force Junior ROTC cadets around the world to receive the scholarship from Headquarters Air Force Junior ROTC, Maxwell Air Force Base, Montgomery, Ala. More than 1340 cadets applied.

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Fishing

Capt. David's Fishing Report

By Captain David Lifka
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Here in North Florida our fishing season does not really end — it just slows down a little, and then fires right up back again.

Preparation is always a good thing when it comes to fishing, especially when you have not been out in a while. Now is a good time to take an hour or two and pull everything out and give it the once over. Getting out for the first time after two or three months and discovering your favorite rod still needs a new tip, the line you were going to change is still weak, your reel will barely turn, or your tackle box is out of sinkers is not the best way to start the fishing season.

Even more so, if you own a boat, the consequences of lack of preparation the first time heading out to the water can be more serious. Batteries and fuel problems are the two most likely causes to leave you stranded at the dock or out on the water. If not checked, tires and wheel bearings can also leave you stranded, but this time, on the highway.

The last thing you do not want to overlook is making sure you are legal. Check your fishing license and make sure it is current for the type of fishing you are going to do. Try to know the fishing

regulations before you go out and have a copy or access to them when you do go out. Make sure your boat is legal and its registration is up to date. Any questions or concerns regarding these issues can be answered at the FWC website (<https://myfwc.com/>). There are also numerous apps that can be downloaded into your phone that can help with fish identification, size, and limits.

You can expect the largemouth bass to kick off our spring with their annual pre-spawn bite. The pre-spawn bite is fast and furious and offers some of the best and easiest largemouth fishing for the year. Every nearby freshwater lake, pond, creek, and river will become a hot spot during this time and should not be overlooked. Any warm spell lasting more than a few days in the next several weeks should get them going.

Surf fishing is also about to get red hot. The bluefish bite should be starting anytime, followed by a whiting run and then pompano. Longer periods of warmer days should be the trigger to get it all started.

Fishing Report: Wait for the warm spells then give it a try. Whatever you fish for, it should still be a nice, overdue day in the sun and air.

Gardening

New Year, New Hope

By Master Gardener Volunteer Lesley Arrandale
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We gardeners always hope for good results in our landscapes and gardens, and although it's still early in the year as I write, the buds on my eastern redbud tree (*Cercis canadensis*) have been showing pink since the first week in January. I've already spotted a few honey bees cruising among the flowers and hope that other pollen- and nectar-eating insects will also find them. Even some backyard birds like to nibble on flowers.

A stand of cardinal's guard (*Odontonema strictum*) withstood the latest cold snap and is feeding at least one resident hummingbird. Zebra longwing butterflies are also venturing out on milder days. Firebush (*Hamelia patens*) fruits are clearly a magnet for catbirds. They are quite comical to watch, as they acrobatically tackle the fruits hanging at the tips of slender twigs. It won't be long before the bushes are stripped. I hope they are finding alternative food, perhaps holly berries or fruits of the Carolina cherry laurel (*Prunus caroliniana*). Sadly there are too many feral cats in my area for me to put out feeders. For many birds, though, suet-based food is welcome during the winter months, and the dense nutrition helps prepare them for breeding.

To keep up a supply of vegetables, start warm season crops indoors as soon as possible: <https://tinyurl.com/y62cptl5>.

- Ensure seed trays or repurposed containers are clean. They must have drainage holes.
- Moisten the seed soil and fill containers about three-quarters full. Don't pack it down.
- Follow seed packet instructions for planting depth. Cover seeds lightly.
- Spray gently with water to ensure the seeds are in contact with the soil. Don't drown them.
- Cover containers with plastic wrap or similar.
- Put them in a warm place and keep the compost moist but not saturated.

It's not necessary to put the seed trays in bright light until they have begun to germinate. At that point, immediately remove the covering and move them to

a position where they'll receive up to 16 hours of bright light every day. This is more easily achieved with grow lights. A sunny windowsill will do in a pinch, but seedlings will become leggy without enough light. Don't allow them to dry out, but don't over water either.

Unless you grow your seeds singly in four- or six-pack cells (sow two seeds per cell for insurance), or similar, it will be necessary to pot up your seedlings when they have at least their first true pairs of leaves. Otherwise, thin to one plant per cell. Use a diluted fertilizer every week or two, to give them a chance to develop sturdy roots before planting them out in the garden. At this point you may realize you have overestimated what you can handle, and surely no one likes to throw out plants! If you have neighbors who are gardeners, this might be an opportunity to swap or share.

Young plants need a gentle introduction to the outside world, beginning with a couple of hours of morning sun and gradually increasing exposure, for a couple of weeks before you intend to plant them out. Avoid putting them on a concrete base as they will quickly get too hot and too dry. Ease back on watering and fertilizing to prepare them for being in garden soil. Be mindful that garden soil may need additions of organic matter (compost) and fertilizer, preferably a week or two before you plant out your vegetables.

Check out the Florida Vegetable Gardening Guide (<https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/vh021>) for more information, as well as the monthly newsletter, The Neighborhood Gardener (<https://tinyurl.com/yyy75on7>). Our local bi-monthly newsletter, A New Leaf, can be found here: <https://tinyurl.com/yxo8ozsj>. There's a great deal of information for vegetable gardeners in the latest issue.

These instructions apply similarly to growing flowers from seed. This can be particularly rewarding for annuals like gaillardia, zinnias, and cosmos, and other beauties that attract and feed butterflies and pollinators, to our benefit. Find out more here: <https://tinyurl.com/rvwavyz>. Enjoy!

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Travel

Travel to cities named Lexington

By Debi Lander
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Last month, I wrote a travel story about another Jacksonville, the one in North Carolina. That got me thinking about other cities I have visited with identical names. Lexington came to mind.

Massachusetts

My first thought was of Lexington, Mass., site of the famous Battles of Lexington and Concord. On April 19, 1775, they became the first military engagements of the American Revolutionary War. On the night before the battle, Paul Revere and Samuel Prescott galloped on horseback to warn that the British were coming. The first shots were fired just as the sun was rising in Lexington. Eight militiamen died. The battle proceeded on to Concord, resulting in many casualties.



Bob Timberlake Gallery, Lexington, NC

Patriot's Day, originally April 19, is now observed on the third Monday in April. A reenactment of the horse ride and battle coincides with the historical event, so you must get there before sunrise. The entire drama takes no more than 40 minutes, but the poignant scene stabbed me to the core, like a wound from the bayonets carried by the soldiers. We often forget the Revolutionary War, but this annual drama pays tribute to those early colonists and the freedoms they sought.

Virginia

Another Lexington I've visited is Lexington, Va., a small town in the Shenandoah

Valley. Lexington is home to the Virginia Military Institute (VMI), Washington & Lee University, and about 7,000 residents. While Confederate generals are no longer celebrated, I must say I fondly recall the serene Lee Chapel as the campus highlight. This National Historic Landmark is the burial site of Robert E. Lee. His horse, Traveller, is interred outside, and many people leave sugar cubes on the horse's grave. The church's basement contains a museum featuring the history of the school, highlighting the time when Lee was the college president.

Other attractions to see include the George C. Marshall research library and museum showcasing Marshall's military contributions and the restored Thomas

"Stonewall" Jackson house. Tours revolve around Jackson's life before the Civil War, including his tenure as a VMI professor.

North Carolina

Lexington, NC calls itself the Barbeque Capital of the World. No visit is complete without Lexington style barbeque, made from pork shoulders cooked over hardwood coals. This century-old method involves smoking the pork for hours and then chopping or slicing it, leaving bits of crispy, brown skin. The meat comes with a thin ketchup-and-vinegar sauce called "dip," a distinctive red slaw, hush puppies, and sweet tea. While the meal is nothing fancy, you'll find it finger-licking good in

all of Lexington's 15 BBQ restaurants.

Lexington, NC also offers a fascinating collection of artifacts, memorabilia, and furniture from North Carolina's most famous living artist, Bob Timberlake. Visitors also enjoy the Richard Childress Racing Museum, one of NASCAR's top race shops and museums. The championship cars driven by Dale Earnhardt Sr. prove to be the most popular. To round out your visit, stop by any of the 19 vine-



Richard Childress Racing Museum, Lexington, NC

yards and tasting rooms that are earning North Carolina winemakers rave reviews.

Kentucky

Lexington, Ky. is another famous city, this one known as the Horse Capital of the World, plus the birthplace of Bourbon and Bluegrass music. While it ranks high on my bucket list, I have not been there — yet. Visitors tour Keeneland Race Course and Kentucky Horse Park in the early morning and see workouts, plus walk the pastures at Old Friends, a thoroughbred retirement farm. Don't miss the 14 bourbon distilleries and their tasting rooms, Mary Todd Lincoln's historic home, plus the famous Kentucky Castle



Photos courtesy Debi Lander
North Carolina barbeque

in the middle of Horse Country.

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