



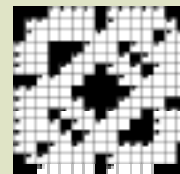
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Dr. Brooke Davis with her dog, Kodie.

Brooke Davis Angel Fund: Helping Hands for Paws in Need

By Martie Thompson
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Sometimes, from grief comes an act of kindness and good will. This is the case with the Brooke Davis Angel Fund, named in memory of Dr. Brooke Davis, a well-loved local veterinarian who tragically lost her life in an auto accident in 2021. Following this, close friends and family members decided to carry on her legacy of caring for sick and injured animals, many of which she took into her home as pets.

"I miss Brooke terribly," said Tabatha Strauder, who founded the

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School district holds community meetings to explain proposed referenda

By Martie Thompson
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In addition to federal, state and local races on the Nov. 3 General Election ballot, St. Johns County voters will have a decision to make that will impact the future of schools in the county. Two local referenda, located at the end of a lengthy ballot, ask voters to decide whether to continue a half cent sales tax to be used for building new schools and also whether to approve an extra mill to be used for operating expenses, specifically and mostly for employee salary supplements.

"Two items of importance to the school district are on the ballot for voters to consider," said St. Johns County School Superintendent Tim Forson at a community meeting held at Bartram Trail High School on Sept. 30. "And they both have to do with growth. Growth in our school system is inevitable; it's part of who we are the past 15 years and will likely be for the next 15 years as well."

During his part of the presentation, Deputy Superintendent Dr. Brennan Asplen explained that the St. Johns County population has doubled since 2005 and so, too, has the student population. The half-cent sales tax,



Photos by Martie Thompson

approved by voters for a 10-year term in 2015, is up for renewal. Asplen pointed out that the two referenda address two different funding sources (capital outlay for school construction and operational budget) since, per Florida Statute, money can't be taken from one to pay for the other. The half-cent sales tax provides approximately \$37 million annually, which pays for things like new school construction, maintenance (\$25 million annually), school safety, and new technology.

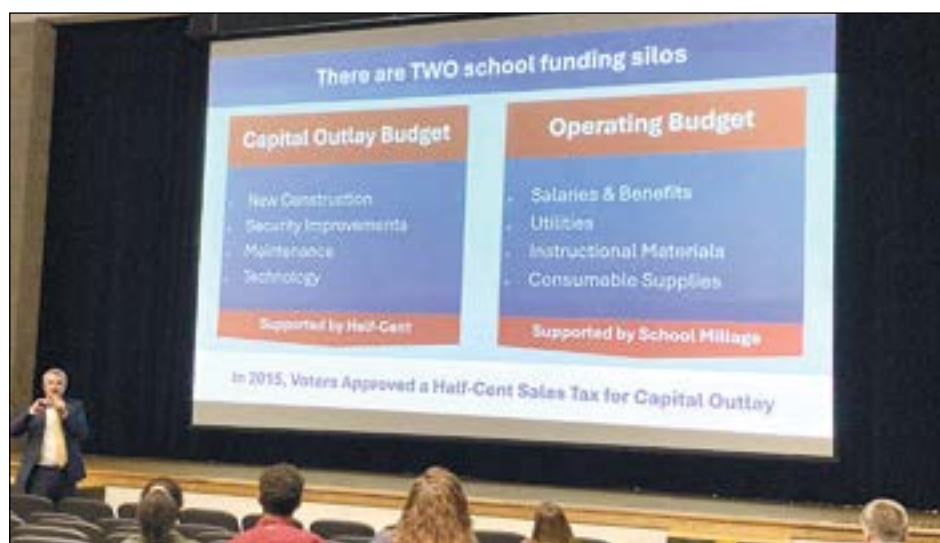
"It's important to note that construction

costs have increased 63 percent over the past few years," Asplen said. "Pine Island Academy, built just four years ago, cost \$38 million. Trout Creek Academy, built using the same blueprint, cost \$62 million."

Asplen said that a Citizen's Advisory Committee will continue to monitor and advise on expenditures. Visit www.halfcentsuccess.com for a full list of projects funded by the half-cent sales tax.

The other referendum is new to St. Johns County, but not to many other counties in the state, including Duval, Clay and Nassau: an additional mill added to property taxes for teacher and staff pay. One mill equals \$1 per \$1,000 of assessed value, less homestead. St. Johns County School District Chief of Staff Michael Degutis handled this part of the presentation, and said 85 percent of funds would be used to recruit and retain high quality teachers and staff. He said that over the past several years, the Florida legislature has reduced local school millage by nearly two mills.

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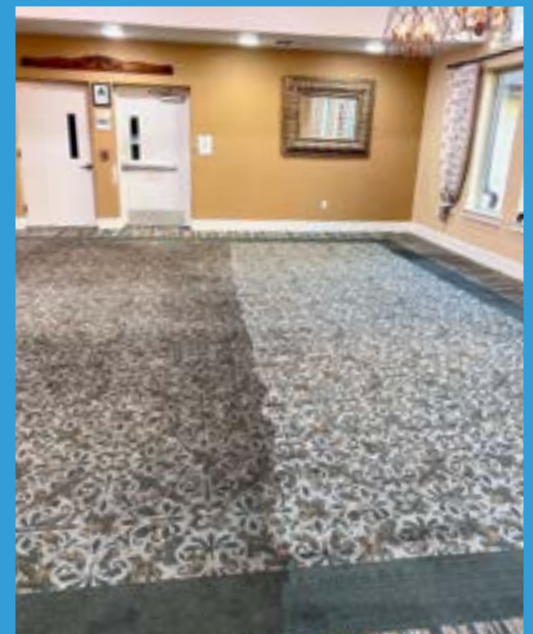
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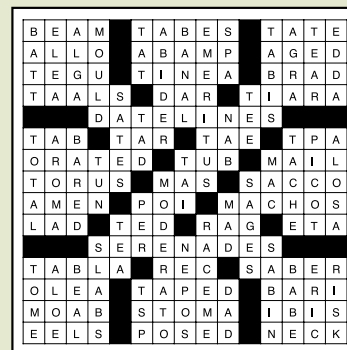
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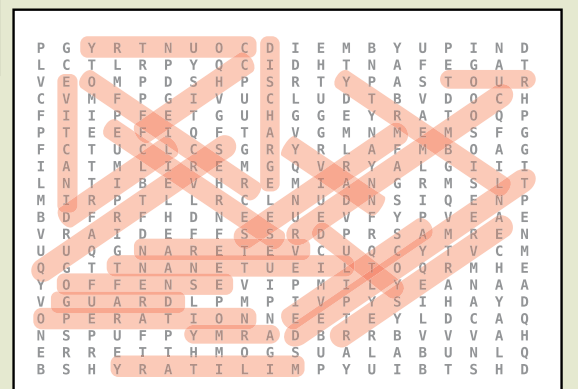


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November

Community Calendar What's Happening in St. Johns

Trout Creek Senior Center offers activities for seniors on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings at 6795 Collier Road in Orangedale. Cards, crafts and games start each day at 9 a.m. with trivia, nutrition/exercise, Bunco and Bingo among the additional activities before lunch at 11:30 a.m. each day. Contact Program Coordinator Myra Fisher at (904) 209-3658 or mfisher@coasjc.org for more information.

Playing HOOKie, a group for those who enjoy knitting, crocheting and looming (with all items donated to charity) meets every Wednesday from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. at Maple Street Biscuit Company, 1627 Race Track Road in St. Johns. Visit the group's Facebook page (Playing HOOKie) or email playinghookie2022@gmail.com for more information.

Jokers Wild, a local card group, plays the game of "Hand, Knee, and Foot" on Wednesdays. If you are interested in joining, please call (904) 230-6962 and leave a message.

1st: First Friday Adult Book Club will meet at the Bartram Trail Branch Library at 10 a.m. on Nov. 1 to discuss "West with Giraffes" by Lynda Rutledge. Registration is required; email draasch@sjcfl.us.

5th: Honeybee Quilters Guild will meet on Tuesday, Nov. 5 at 7 p.m. at Mandarin Presbyterian Church's Loretto Road Campus in the Kids Space 2501 Loretto Road. The program topic is Foundation Paper Piecing. New members/guests welcome. Visit honeybeequilters.org for more information.

6th: Widow to Widow, support group for widows by widows is held at Council on Aging (COA) River House, 179 Marine Street in St. Augustine on Wednesdays beginning Nov. 6 from 11:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. Call (904) 209-3655 (Monday – Thursday) or email tharris@coasjc.org for more information.

7th: Open Game Play at Council on Aging (COA) River House, 179 Marine Street in St. Augustine. Bring your deck of cards or board game (there are also games available at River House) and socialize over a friendly game of your choosing every Thursday beginning Nov. 7 from 12:15 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. Call (904) 209-3655 (Monday

– Thursday) or email tharris@coasjc.org for more information.

8th –9th: Book Sale by Bartram Trail Branch Friends of the Library will be held on Nov. 8 and Nov. 9 during regular branch hours. Members of the Friends of the Library can fill a provided brown bag for \$5. New memberships and 2025 annual renewals are \$20.

9th: Craft Fair at Mandarin Garden Club, 2892 Loretto Road, will be held on Nov. 9 from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. There will be various crafts, candy, ornaments, embroidery, jewelry, soaps, food, wreaths, wood items and plants for sale, as well as grilled hamburgers, hotdogs and chicken. Open to the public; free parking. Visit www.mandaringardenclub.org for more information.

9th: Friends of Alpine Park group will meet on Nov. 9 at 11 a.m. at the Harris-Bennett Farmhouse in Alpine Groves Park, 2060 State Road 13. Docents will conduct tours of the historic farmhouse from 12 p.m. until 2 p.m. The tours are free, and everyone is invited. Mark your calendars for the Winter Festival, which will be held Nov. 30 from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Email friendsofalpinepark@gmail.com for more information.

9th: The Bartram Trail Genealogy Club meets the second Saturday of each month (this month, Nov. 9) from 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. at the Bartram Trail Branch Library. This month, club members will share information about their immigrant ancestors and how records were located. Email ginglish@comcast.net for more information. Visit www.facebook.com/groups/BTGenClubGroup to send a request to join the club.

10th: Unity Basics, a free, informative class on the foundations of Unity, will be held on Nov. 10 from 12 PM to 2 PM at Unity Church for Creative Living, 2777 Race Track Road. Rev. Yvonne McAndrew will lead this fun, and interactive class. Call (904) 287-1505 or email UCCLoffice2777@gmail.com for more information.

12th: Bartram Trail Women's Club will host its "Giving Thanks for Those Who Serve" November luncheon on Nov. 12 beginning at 11 a.m. at St. Johns Golf & Country Club. Jenna Malone of the Wounded Warrior Project and Dr. Doug Kowieski, a retired deputy sheriff with SJSO will be featured.

Also, the St. Johns County Fire Department will have a fire safety presentation. Checks for \$32 should be made payable to BTNC and mailed to Brenda Jenkins, 2204 Fort Mellon Court, St Augustine, FL 32092. Visit www.facebook.com/BTNC1 for more information and a membership form.

13th: Book Review and Lunch featuring author Sam Cox and his book, "I Will Give Them an Everlasting Name," will be held at River Garden, 11401 Old St. Augustine Road, at 11:30 a.m. on Nov. 13. Cox's book shares the compelling stories of eight Jews, a Righteous Gentile, and a liberator, all connected by the Holocaust and Jacksonville, Florida. "Jack & Sam," a poignant short film (20 min.) about two Holocaust survivors who were miraculously reunited after 80 years, will also be shown at this event. Pre-register with River Garden for a complimentary lunch: <https://shorturl.at/TCqu5>

16th: Dress a Girl Around the World at the Bartram Trail Branch Library will be held on Saturday, Nov. 16 at 10 a.m. Learn to make dresses and shorts for girls around the world. You can pick up a kit to create at home, or turn in dresses you created to the Bartram Trail Branch. We also accept fabric and notion donations. Call the library at (904) 827-6960 for more information.

18th: The All Star Quilters Guild will meet at 9:30 a.m. for socializing prior to the 10 a.m. meeting on Monday, Nov. 18 at First Christian Church, 11924 San Jose Blvd. Sew and Tell is always a feature. Guests are welcome. Visit www.allstarquilters.org for more information.

19th: Happy Hookers crochet group will meet at the Bartram Trail Branch Library on Nov. 19 from 5:30 p.m. – 6:45 p.m. The group crochets or knits blankets for cancer patients at area hospitals. All skill levels are welcome. Visit www.sjcpls.org or call (904) 827-6960.

19th: Newcomers of North Saint Johns will hold a luncheon on Tuesday, Nov. 19 beginning at 10:30 a.m. at Jacksonville Golf & Country Club, 3984 Hunt Club Road in Jacksonville. The event features a member-model fashion show with clothing and accessories provided by A'propos Boutique. The cost for the luncheon and program is \$35 for members and \$40 for guests.

All reservations must be received by Nov. 11. Visit <https://newcomersofnorthstjohns.org> for more information.

20th: Free Tech Help with David will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 20 from 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. at the Bartram Trail Branch Library. Drop in for tech assistance with Android, Apple, and reader devices; no RSVPs required. Bring your device fully charged and know your passwords. Visit sjcpls.org/branches/bartram-trail-branch/ for more information.

21st: William Bartram Scenic Highway Group will meet on Thursday, Nov. 21 beginning at 6:30 p.m. at Westminster Woods, Gathering Place Room. Join the discussion to keep NW St. Johns County Scenic and Historic and preserve the State Road 13 Scenic Highway. Virtual meeting access is available; contact alabbat@comcast.net or call (904) 699-8475.

21st: The Northwest St. Johns County United for Progress Club will celebrate accomplishments and honor its volunteers with an evening event on Nov. 21 at the St. Johns Golf & Country Club. Email nwsjcp@gmail.com for meeting details.

22nd: "How to Handle Your Kids on Legal Issues" a free lecture by Megan Wall, St. Johns County Legal Aid, will be presented at Council on Aging (COA) River House, 179 Marine Street in St. Augustine, on Friday, Nov. 22 from 10 a.m. – 11 a.m. Call (904) 209-3655 (Monday – Thursday) or email tharris@coasjc.org for more information.

23rd: Holiday Fundraiser by Bartram Trail Branch Friends of the Library will begin on Nov. 23 and continue through the New Year. There will be thousands of giftable quality books, games, puzzles, DVDs and much more. All proceeds from sales and memberships go directly to programs, equipment, and books for the Bartram Trail Branch Library.

30th: Winter Festival hosted by Friends of Alpine Park will be held on Nov. 30 from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. at Alpine Groves Park, 2060 State Road 13. The festival will include arts and crafts vendors, Santa, food trucks, and tours of the Harris-Bennett Farmhouse.




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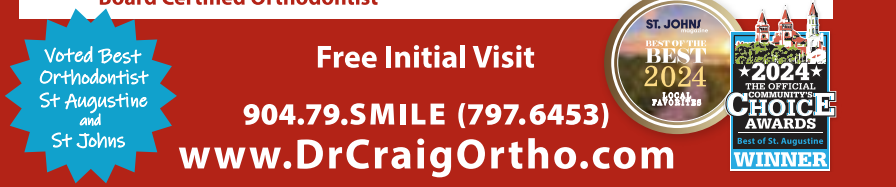
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with St. Johns County Commissioner Christian Whitehurst, District 1

Q: Can you share insight into the recent response to hurricanes Helene and Milton as well as any effects to NW St. Johns County?

A: The county's Emergency Operations Center has been activated for the better part of three weeks due to these two storms. We track the storms from the time the state of emergency is declared until 24 hours after the storm has passed. There is [as of interview date of Oct. 16] still an ongoing effort to assist those in Hastings and the southern part of our county who experienced flooding.

NW St. Johns County was very fortunate. We had tree branches down, but not a lot of widespread damage.

Q: Can you address the storm debris cleanup situation?

A: First, it's important to note that storm debris cleanup is not the responsibility of FCC Environmental. Their contract does not include this. Instead, the county is to hire subcontractors to pick up storm debris. The challenge for the county is to hire an adequate number of trucks, we're competing with other counties and municipalities across the state, many of which have more tonnage of debris than we do. The companies are paid based on weight. So, for illustration, with Hurricane Matthew in 2016, we had 700,000 cubic yards of debris; the last two storms together only accounted for 30,000 cubic yards.

The county has been working internally to try to pick up as much storm debris as possible. Every available resource we have is dedicated to this, but I understand that debris is not being picked up as fast as we would like. Everyone's patience is appreciated.

Q: What's the latest on FCC Environmental?

A: So far, their contract starting in Clay County has not impacted trash pickup

in St. Johns County. We have terminated their contract, but FCC is trying to get us to rescind this decision. I've been pretty vocal about my frustration with them, but the level of service has improved somewhat.

Q: When will the road construction finally be completed on Longleaf Pine Parkway?

A: It looks like the work is completed, but there is still more to be done. The road may not be open until the end of this year or even into January. This is because the county has to go through all the rules and regulations from the Florida Department of Transportation prior to opening. Every foot of roadway must be inspected to ensure it meets FDOT requirements.

Q: What can you tell us about the recent community meeting with Public Works regarding U-turns on Race Track Road?

A: There was concern expressed by neighbors in the Pine Chase/Pine Crossing neighborhoods about the number of U-turns taking place at the intersection of Butterfly Branch Drive and Race Track Road as a result of the strip mall to the east of this intersection. The neighbors wanted to eliminate U-turns here, but staff from Public Works provided traffic crash data that shows, although possibly counterintuitive, a U-turn is actually safer than a left in/left out of a parking lot entrance. This is actually part of the FDOT's Target Zero initiative to reduce the number of transportation-related serious injuries and deaths across Florida to zero. They are just not seeing fatal collisions with U-turns in the same numbers as left turns across roadways.

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

A: Readers can email me at bcc1whitehurst@sjcfl.us or call me at (904) 584-5348.



with St. Johns County Property Appraiser Eddie Creamer

Q: Can you share any information on the impact of hurricane damage to a homeowner's property taxes?

A: If your home was damaged or destroyed by either Hurricane Helene or Hurricane Milton (or any other storm) you will still have to pay property taxes. Property tax bills will be mailed on Nov. 1 and are due by April 1, 2025 with discounts for early payment.

However, if your residence is or was uninhabitable for 30 days or longer, you may qualify for a partial refund of your property taxes.

Q: What should homeowners with catastrophic property damage do?

A: If your home has been damaged or destroyed, report it to the Property Appraiser's Office as soon as possible and we will help you determine if you qualify for a partial refund. We can help walk you through the

process. Refunds are on a prorated basis, based on the time you are unable to inhabit your home, for up to 90 days (since there were fewer than 90 days left in the year when hurricanes Helene and Milton hit.)

Also, if you have been displaced from your home and at a different address, please let us know and we will make sure to mail any correspondence to the appropriate address.

Q: Are there any impacts to property taxes for next year?

A: If your home's damage has not been repaired by Jan. 1, 2025, even if you are not displaced, be sure to let us know. This will affect your assessment for next year.

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

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with St. Johns County Supervisor of Elections Vicky Oakes

Q: How can I cast my ballot in the 2024 General Election?

A: Election Day for the 2024 General Election is Tuesday, Nov. 5, 2024. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. – 7 p.m. and voters must vote at their assigned precinct.

Q: Where do I go to vote on Election Day?

A: Some polling places have changed since the last election. Voters are encouraged to verify their polling place on our website using the Find My Polling Place tool before heading to the polls. This can be a real time saver.

If you have moved within Florida, you can update your address up to and on Election Day. For assistance, call the Elections Office at (904) 823-2238. Voters should update their address before heading to the polls to make for an easier voting experience.

Q: How and where can I return my vote-by-mail ballot?

A: I recommend returning your vote-by-mail ballot in person to the Elections Office at 4455 Avenue A, Suite 101, in St. Augustine. Vote-by-mail ballots must be returned to the Elections Office by 7 p.m. on Election Day, Nov. 5, to be counted. It's too late to mail your ballot, and you cannot return vote-by-mail ballots to an Election Day precinct. If you have changed your mind and have not

yet returned your vote-by-mail ballot, you can surrender your vote-by-mail ballot at your Election Day polling place and vote in person.

Q: Is the 2024 General Election ballot long?

A: Yes! The ballot is two-pages front and back, filled with candidates, six constitutional amendments, and two school board referenda. I recommend studying your sample ballot and making your selections at home and bringing your sample ballot to the polling place with you for an easier, less stressful, voting experience. Sample ballots have been mailed to all registered St. Johns County voters, but can also be viewed and downloaded online on our website at www.votesjc.gov.

Q: Do I need to bring anything with me to the polling place on Election Day?

A: Photo and signature ID is required when voting in person. A complete list of acceptable forms of ID is available on our website. If you do not have a current and valid ID, you will be allowed to vote a provisional ballot.

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

A: Readers can email me at voakes@votesjc.gov or call me at (904) 823-2238. Our website, www.votesjc.gov also has a wealth of information.



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

Q: Can you shed any insight on the school district's involvement with county preparations for hurricanes?

A: First, I'd like to acknowledge three of our schools that served as shelters and all of the hard work by our staff. There is always at least one SJSO deputy along with staff from Fire and Rescue at each shelter, in addition to school staff, including principals, vice principals and cafeteria managers. I'm grateful to all these teams who staffed our shelters; they had to leave their own homes and families for the benefit of those in shelter. It was a real community effort.

Q: Which schools served as shelters?

A: If the decision is made to open shelters, we have to close all the schools. We need prep time before the storm and then time to clean the shelter after the storm. In the case of Hurricane Milton, that's why we needed three days.

Freedom Crossing Academy served as the special needs shelter. This ends up looking like a mini hospital, as people bring caregivers and equipment for their medical needs. For Hurricane Milton, we had about 18 residents at this shelter. Pedro Menendez serves as the general shelter and we had 242 people in residence. Finally, South Woods Elementary was our pet friendly shelter. It housed 86 people and 48 pets during Hurricane

Milton.

We weren't really expecting a heavy hit from the storm this time, but we do get people at our shelters from outside St. Johns County. Also, we had a lot of people impacted by flooding in Hastings and Flagler Estates that utilized the South Woods shelter.

Also of interest, the Florida National Guard requested the use of some of our buses to transport their troops to south Florida for recovery. And during Hurricane Helene, we sent a maintenance crew to Dixie County to help with cleanup. Like I said, it is a true community effort and everyone helps each other out.

Q: Will make up days be required and if so have the days been determined?

A: We know that the Florida Department of Education has said it will give no grace for these days missed. We in St. Johns County have extra minutes built into each school day that will help us. We were out five days for the two storms and will have to make up three days, but we don't know exactly which days yet.

Q: How can our readers contact you?

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

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Business Briefs

Florida SBDC offers disaster assistance

Whether your business has been impacted by a natural or manmade disaster or economic downturn, the Florida SBDC Network (Small Business Development Center) is here to provide access to the disaster capital and resources your businesses needs to recover, rebuild, and grow. These problems are not easy to overcome; however, the sooner you contact the SBDC, the sooner they can begin working with you to help overcome these challenges.

Disaster loan assistance: Following a major disaster event, the state and federal government provide disaster loans to help businesses recover. In these circumstances, the Florida SBDC Network works closely with its state and federal counterparts to expedite your recovery by:

Helping you understand available relief

and determining eligibility

Helping you complete, compile necessary supporting documentation, and submit your application

Mobile Assistance Centers: The Florida SBDC will also deploy its Mobile Assistance Centers (MAC) — two RVs equipped with laptops, printers, and more — into communities for affected businesses to receive on-site assistance. As a principal responder in the state's Emergency Support Function (ESF) 18 for Business, Industry & Economic Stabilization, the MACs provide an on-the-scene workspace for consultants to assist impacted businesses with preparing disaster loan applications and other post-disaster challenges.

Rising inventory and affordability signal opportunities for homebuyers

The Northeast Florida Association of

REALTORS® (NEFAR) Market Statistics report for September highlights increasing affordability and a stabilizing market. Across Northeast Florida's six-county region, the median sales price for single-family homes saw a modest increase of 1.8 percent, reaching \$389,945. At the same time, the Home Affordability Index rose by 1.4 percent, reaching a score of 70, signaling improved buying power for potential homeowners.

Closed sales across the region saw a dip of 17.7 percent month-over-month, with 1,526 transactions completed. Pending sales dropped significantly by 32.7 percent, coming in at 1,134, while new listings fell 8.2% to 2,835, indicating a tightening of available new inventory on the market; however, buyers will be encouraged by the active inventory of single-family homes, which rose

4.2 percent to 7,695 properties. This represents a substantial year-over-year jump of 74.1 percent from September 2023. Additionally, the median number of days on the market remained steady at 46 days, signaling consistent selling conditions.

In St. Johns County, the September 2024 median prices decreased 1.3 percent to \$550,000 for single-family homes. The median days on the market increased 0.9 percent to 59. Month-to-month, closed sales dropped 20.1 percent to 417, pending sales sank 31.7 percent to 287, and new listings declined 0.7 percent to 664. Active inventory increased 0.9 percent to 2,091 homes, a 5.0-month supply. The Home Affordability Index rose 4.2 percent to 50. St. Johns County remains the most expensive place to live in the region.

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Briefs

Annual Giving Tree initiative to benefit charities

The 18th annual Giving Tree Initiative will occur from Nov. 1 to Dec. 5. The wishes of clients from 40 non-profit organizations in St. Johns County are printed onto holiday wish tags, which are then displayed in participating businesses, schools and organizations throughout the county.

The donations placed in the collection boxes are then sorted and provided to the non-profit organizations for the holidays. A list of participating host sites is available at www.stjohnscares.org. Monetary donations, which are used to purchase wish items

not donated, can also be made on the website. Contact president@stjohnscares.org for questions.

Newcomers of North St. Johns announces Fashion Show luncheon

Newcomers of North Saint Johns will host its November luncheon on Tuesday, Nov. 19 at Jacksonville Golf & Country Club, 3984 Hunt Club Road in Jacksonville. Doors will open at 10:30 a.m. The event features lunch and member-model fashion show with clothing and accessories provided by A'propos Boutique, Ponte Vedra Beach.

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with St. Johns County Sheriff Rob Hardwick

Q: Can you shed any insight on the recent active hurricane season?

A: It's a myth that hurricanes are just during the summer, but hurricane season runs through Nov. 30 — and in fact the most active part of the season is historically near the end. I'd like to thank the community for their response to our orders.

As soon as a storm is on our radar, we activate the Incident Management Team, which consists of agency em-

ployees with additional duties who are activated internally. We work hand in hand with St. Johns Fire and Rescue as the Emergency Operations Center activates. We work in partnership before the storm, during the storm, and post storm.

Q: What is important to know about a mandatory evacuation?

A: This term is necessary to require the evacuation of critical structures like hospitals, senior care facilities and

in-patient treatment facilities. Their evacuation is mandated once we invoke this term.

We are not out threatening everyday people to leave their homes, but we do let them know that there could come a time when a first responder cannot get to them if they need help. We just want people to go to higher ground, which could still be in St. Johns County.

Q: What can you tell us about bridge closures?

A: Bridges are closed independently if winds of 40 mph or more are sustained at the bridge for a minute or more. Higher spanning bridges are more prone to these sustained gusts. Sometimes, bridges like the Bridge of Lions or the Shands Bridge are closed due to flooding downtown (Bridge of Lions) or washouts on one side or the other (Shands). It's important to note that the SJSO can close a bridge, but only the Florida Department of Transportation can reopen the bridge after its inspection.

Q: What happens when you implement a curfew?

A: Curfews must legally be signed by the Board of County Commissioners, so I always get one signed in advance

and then hold on to it until if and when needed. These are important for community safety as a curfew gives us the ability to enforce "no movement" during the curfew time.

Q: What advice do you have for the remainder of this hurricane season and next year?

A: Learn your evacuation zone. Discuss your storm plan with your family. Make copies of all of your critical documents to take to a safe place. Make sure you have your hurricane supplies for seven days. There is a great checklist of items to include on www.floridadisaster.org/. Make sure to also make a plan for your pets.

Also, be sure to sign up for alerts. You can text StJohnsEOC to 888777 to receive alerts via text or download the SJC Connect app. Finally, follow SJSO and Emergency Management on social media.

Q: What is the best way for our readers to contact you with any questions or suggestions about this article?

A: They can email me at sheriff@sjso.org or call me at (904) 824-8304. Also, our website, www.sjsso.org has a wealth of resources, from alarm registration to Crime Stoppers to our Neighbors app.



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Get to Know ...

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Andy Moritz

Andy Moritz's day job is as an attorney, but his first love was the theater. He earned a bachelor's degree in Musical Theatre from Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa, and after graduating, tried to be a professional actor. He had roles in "South Pacific" and "Guys and Dolls," but also had to wait tables to make ends meet. In an effort to make a steadier income, he enrolled at the University of Southern California Gould School of Law. After graduation, he practiced law in Los Angeles for 10 years before accepting a position as in-house counsel with Citigroup in Jacksonville in 2007. The Moritz family, which includes wife Juliana (also an attorney) and three children, made the trek cross country, landing in NW St. Johns County. "I liked the schools and the family atmosphere," Andy said. All three of his children have since graduated from Creekside High School and the youngest, Brennan, followed in his father's footsteps in theatre, taking on roles in performances such as "The Curious Savage," "Once Upon a Mattress," and "The Addams Family" at Creekside. Today, he is at Florida State University and will be appearing in "Funny Girl" at Theatre Tallahassee ... at the same time his dad will be playing the role of Tevye in The Island Theatre's production of "Fiddler on the Roof."

Q: How did you meet your wife?

A: We were both lawyers at a firm in Los Angeles. She was actually

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Andy Moritz

assigned to be my mentor and we became friends first. We married in 1999.

Q: Have you always dabbled in theatre?

A: When the kids were young, I didn't have time. I coached sports, including flag and tackle football and soccer. I did some singing, but that was it. In 2018, Brennan was with the Northeast Florida Conservatory in their production of "Newsies" and I got pulled in to play the part of the evil Joseph Pulitzer.

Q: How did you get the part of Tevye in "Fiddler on the Roof?"

A: Brennan told me it was being staged locally. I'd always wanted to play this role as it's in my wheelchair vocally. I actually had to audition via video since at the time, I was back home in Iowa helping

my 89-year-old father. (My hometown has a population of 500 and is two hours away from the nearest city, Des Moines.) Dad filmed my audition and I got the part. There are two different casts and my performances will be on Nov. 9, Nov. 15 and Nov. 17.

Q: What is it about this role that excites you?

A: It's a role that carries the show. I like breaking down the fourth wall and interacting with the audience. It's a preeminent role for a baritone and I don't have to dance very much. It's also a classic show and message: Tevye's struggle between faith and the changing world is something we still experience today.

Q: Will you be able to see your son Brennan as he takes on the role of Nick Arnstein in "Funny Girl" at the same time as your production?

A: Yes, I plan to travel to Tallahassee to see his show. It's interesting that we will both be performing at this time.

Q: What advice do you have for other parents?

A: I know everyone is big into athletics around here, and I was too. I played sports and coached sports. But I'd encourage kids to explore the arts and I'd encourage parents to keep an eye out for their kids who might be talented in performance.

[Editor's Note: Visit www.theislandtheater.com for more information and to purchase tickets to "Fiddler on the Roof."]

Field of Dreams spring registration in process

By NewsLine Staff
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Registration is now open for the Spring 2025 season of Field of Dreams. The season begins on Jan. 18, 2025.

The Field of Dreams baseball league enables children with special needs (intellectual or physical disabilities) to have the opportunity to play baseball in an organized league, to wear a uniform, to have their names announced, to participate in the singing of the National Anthem before each game and to be a player on an athletic team. Players have a buddy to assist them as they play on a turf and fenced field with an announcer and an umpire.

The mission of Field of Dreams, 501c3 nonprofit organization, is to provide a sustainable voluntary organization that provides a safe, ADA compliant facility where special needs children of all ages can play baseball for free and be an active part of a thriving athletic association.

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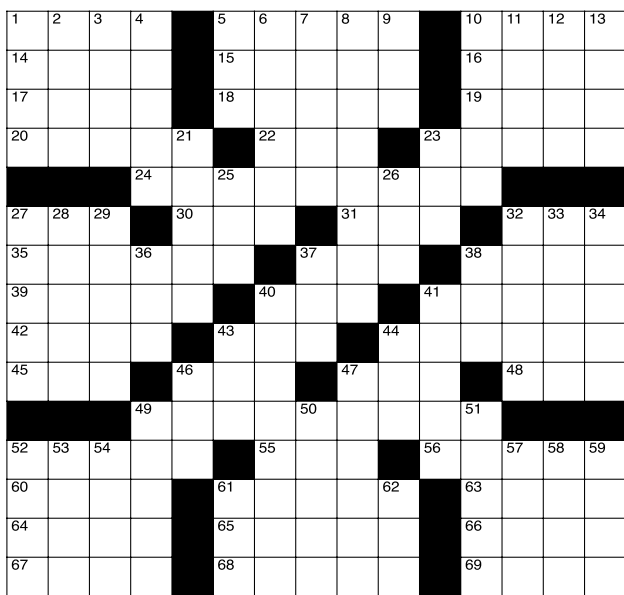
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CLUES ACROSS

1. Long piece of squared timber
5. Emaciation
10. "Bewitched" boss Larry
14. Combining form meaning "different"
15. Current unit equal to 10 amperes
16. Older
17. Large, stocky lizard
18. Ringworm
19. Actor Pitt
20. Indian hand clash cymbals
22. Data at rest
23. Jeweled headdress
24. Indicators of when stories were written
27. Check
30. Cigarette (slang)
31. Arctic explorers (abbr.)
32. Yearly tonnage (abbr.)
35. Delivered a speech
37. A place to bathe
38. Postmen deliver it
39. Surface in geometry
40. More (Spanish)
41. ___ and Venzetti
42. Exclamation at the end of a prayer
43. Hawaiian dish
44. Aggressively proud men
45. Fellow
46. Mark Wahlberg comedy
47. Mock
48. When you expect to get somewhere
49. Songs
52. Pair of small hand drums
55. Play
56. Sword
60. Evergreens and shrubs genus
61. Filmed
63. Italian Seaport
64. Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea
65. Pores in a leaf
66. U. of Miami mascot is one
67. Snake-like fishes
68. Pretended to be
69. Body part

CLUES DOWN

1. Piece of felted material
2. Ancient Greek City
3. Aquatic plant
4. Potentially harmful fungus (Brit. sp.)
5. Body art (slang)
6. One who follows the rules
7. Ordinary
8. Honorably retired from assigned duties and retaining one's title
9. Relaxing space
10. Japanese socks
11. Indian city
12. Rip
13. Icelandic book
21. Satisfies
23. Where golfers begin
25. Small amount
26. Snag
27. Determine the sum of
28. A distinctive smell
29. Exposed to view
32. Stain or blemish
33. Small loop in embroidery
34. River herring genus
36. Large beer
37. Deep, red-brown sea bream
38. Partner to cheese
40. At a deliberate pace
41. Gurus
43. Of each
44. Angry
46. Popular beverage
47. Flower cluster
49. Blocks
50. Those who benefitted from efforts of relatives (slang)
51. Polio vaccine developer
52. A (usually) large and scholarly book
53. Popular soap ingredient
54. NBAer Bradley
57. Popular movie about a pig
58. Musician Clapton
59. Not a sure thing
61. Recipe measurement (abbr.)
62. Father

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

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 - MARINES
 - MILITARY
 - NAVY
 - OFFENSE
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 - OPERATION
 - QUARTERS
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 - SERVICE
 - TOUR
 - VETERAN

CRYPTO FUN

Solve the code to discover words related to veterans. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 26 = E)

A. 12 26 17 26 22 9 14
Clue: One who served in the military

B. 25 26 22 12 7 11 26
Clue: Participation in the military

C. 25 5 14 5 22
Clue: Show of respect

D. 12 9 3 5 22
Clue: Strength of mind or spirit

School district cont. from pg. 1

"We are facing operational challenges," Degutis said. "The school district is by far the largest employer in St. Johns County, but we have historic vacancy levels for teachers and staff as we offer less compensation than neighboring districts since they already have the additional mill and the money that brings in."

Degutis said that the remaining 15 percent of funds raised through the additional mill would go to other specific operating expenses: school safety, student welfare (school nurses, which are not funded by the state) and enhanced programming for students (to include music, arts and technology.)

School Board District 1 member Beverly Slough also attended the community meeting and she encouraged attendees

to vote for both of the referenda.

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Brooke Davis Angel Fund. "She was my best friend for 24 years."

Davis was serving as president of the Jacksonville Veterinary Medical Society and practicing at San Jose Beauclerc Animal Hospital at the time of her death. She had been instrumental in setting up an Angel Fund, which accepts donations to help people who can't afford to pay for their pets' care, at her veterinary hospital.

Strauder said that on the day of Davis' passing, they had to rehome all of her pets, which included 14 dogs, nine cats, two horses and five tortoises. San Jose Beauclerc Animal Hospital made a posting on Facebook to accept donations for the care of her animals. Many clients, shocked and saddened by the death of their favorite veterinarian, stepped up.

"The community of Jacksonville was amazing and generous," Strauder said. "Many of her animals required the care of specialists."

Donations continued and Strauder, with the blessing of Davis' mother,

formed the Brooke Davis Angel Fund as a non-profit organization in 2023. Now, the mission of the organization has expanded to include not just the care of Davis' animals, but others as well.

"Our mission is 'Helping Hands for Paws in Need,'" Strauder said.

Animal hospitals in the four-county area can refer cases to the Brooke Davis Angel Fund, as well as individuals, who may submit an application online. Some of the criteria to receive funding includes that the money cannot be used for routine spaying or neutering, nor can it be used for emergency care.

"Our board makes the decision on funding," Strauder said. "If they meet the criteria and we can afford it, we help."

On Monday, Nov. 18, a fundraiser for the Brooke Davis Angle Fund will be held at Wicked Barley, 4100 Baymeadows Road, from 4 p.m. - 9 p.m. Visit <https://brookedavisangel-fund.org/> for more information or to make a donation online.

Fishing | **Jimmy's Fishing Report**

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Living in Florida has its risks but it's all I've ever known. I ended the last report talking about how this report would start with the reminiscing of October's glorious fishing. It actually starts with the recap of two close calls in Helene and Milton. We were spared from the worst, but impacts from both storms were felt almost statewide. That being said, I hope all of you made it through both safely.

The tremendous amounts of freshwater we got in September and October really pushed a lot of the marine species out of our area before we got to enjoy their least finicky eating. There were still great days, just not as many as I hoped for. That's how it goes though. It makes the good years even better. Enough belly aching about the October we could have had. Let's talk about the November we're going to have.

It all really depends on two things: the salinity of the river and the temperature of the water. The salinity will likely still be bottomed out in the extremely fresh category, so trout and other sensitive kinds are at least downtown or past it. Redfish, flounder, and maybe a few

sheepshead will still be around even in the freshwater. Some shrimp will be as well.

The temperatures are another big factor. The cooling will trigger most of the sheepshead to head to the inlets for their spawning activities and some fish will be losing the appetites they had during the warmer months. This is when the stripers, bass, catfish, and specks really take center stage. They can handle the cold and with all the freshwater we got in September and October we should see a great push of these fish from down river. I'm really excited to see how the winter pans out because of it. They're moving down river for new territory and pursuing open water forage such as shad and herring. They'll also be chasing the last of the shrimp. By the end of the month, some specks will be filling into area creeks and bass will be staging around the mouths. Stripers can be found cruising open water chasing baitfish. Birds can give them away. Stripers will also be around the bridges as always, along with our dependable and under appreciated catfish. We're well into the transition now so we've got to roll with it. Tight lines.

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Taking a step toward better health: Foot care for diabetic seniors

By Dr. Candice Kennedy
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Millions of adults in the United States older than 65 live with diabetes, a condition that requires careful management of medications and blood sugar levels as well as lifestyle changes; however, one crucial aspect often overlooked is foot care. For older adults with diabetes, ne-

glecting foot health can lead to serious complications, as minor issues like cuts or blisters can quickly escalate into more severe conditions.

Let's first identify the diabetic complications that primarily cause issues for your feet. The first is peripheral neuropathy, which is essentially nerve damage. Almost half of diabetes patients lose feel-

ing in their feet that often prevents them from noticing injuries. And, when you don't treat an injury, it often worsens.

Secondly, many diabetic seniors suffer from peripheral artery disease (PAD), which reduces blood flow to the feet. This delays healing and increases the risk of infection. Many patients with PAD also develop open sores called foot ulcers.

All of these complications can lead to serious, sometimes life-threatening, issues. Untreated wounds can turn into chronic infections. The bacteria from these infections can spread to bones leading to other issues that may require hospitalization. These infections can even lead to amputation. Studies show diabetes causes 60 percent of non-traumatic lower-limb amputations, and serious foot injury complications have been linked to a higher mortality rate among older adults with diabetes.

Luckily, all of these complications are preventable. It is possible to lead a long and healthy life with diabetes if you receive the right care. Diabetic seniors must also wear supportive, well-fitting shoes. There are diabetic-type shoes that are designed to minimize pressure points, which can help reduce the risk of

ulcers. Caring for your feet also means keeping them moisturized to prevent dry, cracked skin from turning into an infection; however, remember to avoid leaving moisture between the toes, which can cause fungal growth.

It is also important for diabetic seniors to regularly see their podiatrist. Podiatrists can trim nails, check for complications and provide specialized care. You can take it one step further and schedule an annual comprehensive foot exam that assesses circulation, nerve function and skin integrity.

Foot health is an essential part of overall health for seniors with diabetes, and it's not something that should be overlooked. Maintaining healthy feet helps ensure mobility, independence and an active lifestyle, crucial traits for both physical and mental well-being. Taking foot health seriously today can prevent major issues tomorrow.

Dr. Candice Kennedy is the founder and owner of Total Foot Care & Wellness Clinic, which operates five locations throughout Jacksonville. The clinic's staff treat conditions such as injuries, bunions, corns and calluses, diabetic foot problems and plantar fasciitis. Visit TheTFCClinic.com to learn more.

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Guest Column

Fighting ageism makes our businesses and communities stronger

By Linda Levin

As this year's national elections have sparked many discussions around the issues of age and cognitive abilities, the broader issue of age discrimination extends far beyond politics and into our workplaces and everyday lives. AARP reports that one in four workers aged 45 and older have encountered ageist remarks at work, and three in five have witnessed or experienced age-related discrimination on the job; however, despite evidence debunking stereotypes about older workers, age discrimination persists.

To combat this, stronger advocacy and innovative thinking are essential to protect older employees and promote workplace inclusivity. ElderSource is a local nonprofit that works in our community to provide resources to support older adults, including those facing age discrimination in their professional and personal lives.

By 2030, one in every three people in our Northeast Florida community will be older than the age of 65, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. Ageism is likely to continue growing unless we recognize that older adults have built resilience and strength during their lives through successes, failures, joys, and difficulties. Businesses and communities that recognize and celebrate this are stronger.

While ageism can be subtle and difficult to identify in our daily lives, a recent survey by the National Center to Reframe Aging showed 81 percent of participants reported witnessing ageism in their workplace. Asked if their company had effective policies to address

age discrimination, 52 percent said they were not confident.

Ending such discrimination is not limited to needed workplace changes, it must include individuals reframing our daily thoughts and actions. We can all be better at looking for and recognizing each person's circumstances holistically, and not letting unfair stereotypes affect our perceptions of older adults.

Simple things like considering some of the words we use daily can be an important part of the needed change. Rephrase how we identify older adults, like not using the term elderly and avoiding using stereotypes to define and describe older adults. Know that as our population ages, our regular daily encounters at grocery stores, banks or on the road can be met with greater understanding and patience.

Recognize and tout all the benefits offered by older adults. Help neighbors see aging as a strength. Support family caregivers who are often carrying the responsibility of helping loved ones age well.

ElderSource has many resources to help older adults live and age in their homes and communities with independence and dignity. Some of the resources we provide can be found on our website at MyElderSource.org. For additional information, call the Helpline at (888) 242-4464.

Linda Levin is CEO of Jacksonville-based nonprofit ElderSource, celebrating its 50th year as the Area Agency on Aging and Aging and Disability Resource Center for Northeast Florida.

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The cost for the luncheon and program is \$35 for members and \$40 for guests. All reservations must be received by Nov. 11. Visit <https://newcomersofnorthstjohns.org> for more information about the luncheon and membership.

Bartram Trail Women's Club gives thanks to those who serve

The Bartram Trail Women's Club will hold its meeting and luncheon on Tuesday, Nov. 12 at 11 a.m. at St Johns Golf & Country Club. Checks for \$32 should be made payable to BTNC and mailed to Brenda Jenkins, 2204 Fort Mellon Court, St Augustine, FL 32092. Payment must be received no later than Nov. 5, 2024. Attendees are encouraged to wear patriotic attire. Featured speakers are Jenna Malone with Wounded Warriors Project® and Dr. Doug Kowieski, a retired deputy sheriff with SJSO.

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"Christmas on the River" to benefit COA Care Connection

St. Johns County Council on Aging (COA) invites members of the public to ring in the St. Augustine holiday season at "Christmas on the River," a gilded age holiday celebration on Sunday, Nov. 24, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., at River House. The annual fund-raising event supports COA's Care Connection program, which provides St. Johns County seniors with the services they need in order to continue to enjoy independence and quality of life at home.

Attendees are invited to enjoy heavy hors d'oeuvres, wine tasting, live music, and a charity auction in the spectacular waterfront setting of River House, located at 179 Marine Street in downtown St. Augustine. Tickets to the event are \$100 per person and may be purchased online at www.coajc.org/cotr or by calling (904) 209-3700. On-site parking is plentiful and free.

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What to know about exercise and dementia risk

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Three seconds go by in a flash, but that's enough time for another person to join the masses already diagnosed with dementia. According to Alzheimer's Disease International, every three seconds someone in the world develops dementia, a condition that more than 55 million people were living with in 2020.

The World Health Organization notes that various diseases and injuries that affect the brain can contribute to dementia. As menacing a threat as dementia presents, individuals are not helpless against it. In fact, exercise, which can help lower risk for heart disease, stroke and various other conditions, can be a valuable ally against dementia as well.

What is the link between exercise and dementia?

Dementia remains something of a mystery, but the Alzheimer's Society notes that evidence is now strong enough to support the assertion that lack of physical exercise increases a person's risk of developing dementia. The Alzheimer's Society also notes that researchers have

discovered improvements in thinking and memory and reduced rates of dementia among middle-aged and older adults who exercised compared to those that did not.

Is cardio the most effective exercise at lowering dementia risk?

Speaking with CNBC, Silky Singh Pahlajani, a clinical professor of behavioral neurology and neuropsychiatry at Weill Cornell Medicine, noted that cardiovascular exercise, often referred to as cardio, can provide the biggest benefit for brain health of any form of exercise. Cardiovascular exercise can increase heart rate, which helps deliver oxygen cells to the brain. The National Institutes of Health notes that oxygen shortages prevent the brain from working as well as it should, and a 2023 study published in the journal Redox Biology found that oxygen abnormality plays a crucial role in the occurrence and progression of Alzheimer's disease.

How should aging adults approach exercise if they have been largely sedentary?

Middle-aged and older adults who have not been physically active throughout their adult life but want to begin



Photo courtesy MetroCreative

Exercise, which can help lower risk for heart disease, stroke and various other conditions, can be a valuable ally against dementia as well.

incorporating exercise into their daily routines are urged to speak with their physicians prior to beginning a fitness regimen. Preexisting conditions may make it difficult, if not impossible, to engage in certain forms of exercise. A personal physician can consider a patient's unique medical history and then recommend certain exercises that won't put him or her in jeopardy of suffering an injury or illness. A gradual approach

to exercising is typically best for individuals who have lived a sedentary lifestyle. Starting off slowly with a short walk or light physical activity like gardening can help the body acclimate to physical activity at a safe pace. As adults bodies' become more accustomed to exercise, men and women can then gradually increase the intensity of their workouts, switching from walking to jogging on a treadmill when possible.



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Williamsburg's Grand Illumination Celebration

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I'm known as a big fan of Colonial Williamsburg, but I'd never had the chance to see the Grand Illumination until last December. It's a tradition that marks the beginning of the holiday season, dating back to 1935, based on the colonial custom of celebrating significant events by firing guns and lighting fireworks. Initially, Williamsburg's Grand Illumination took place on the first Sunday of December; however, the event has expanded to multiple weekends in recent years, allowing more visitors to enjoy the festivities.

As twilight beckons, crowds start to gather on Duke of Gloucester Street.



Many holiday decorations were made from live, natural products.

Performances from actors, handbell ringers, and a roving men's choir from the College of William and Mary entertain.

The gala evening festivities begin with the Fife and Drum Corps performance before the courthouse. A proclamation is read, inviting all to the season of goodwill and peace. Then, the corps marches in a torch-kite parade to the Palace Green, stopping in front of the George Wythe House. Wythe was a leader of the patriot movement in Virginia, delegate to the Continental Congress, and Virginia's first signer of the Declaration of Independence. The house, an original structure, also served as General George Washington's headquarters just before the British siege of Yorktown.

A George Wythe reenactor in period costume welcomes the crowd and proceeds to read various quotes as a candle is lit in each window of the mansion — inspired by the colonial practice of placing candles in windows to celebrate life events. The crowd responds with loud "huzzahs," a 17th-century word of praise shouted at the end of speeches.

The Fife and Drum Corps then proceed to a stage before the Governor's Mansion. The waiting crowd listens to additional holiday music until the highlight of the Grand Illumination at 7 p.m., a spectacular fireworks display. Fireworks

illuminate the sky over three key locations in the historic area: the Governor's Palace, the Magazine, and the Capitol. In a nod to modern technology, all are centrally controlled by a computer, with synchronized timing and choreography of launches.

I have seen many outstanding pyrotechnic productions like those over Cinderella's Castle in Disney World, but the Williamsburg Grand Illumination is even better. I was blown away! The dazzling streams of color and the breathtaking explosions, often in red, white, and blue, left me gasping. When I thought they were over, another round of stars and lights shot skyward. Heavenly!

After the celebration, I proceeded down Duke of Gloucester Street, where burning braziers (firewood baskets) led the way. The warmly glowing road felt alive and joyful as residents and visitors meandered up and down past colonial homes and taverns. (Food trucks are brought into Nicolson Street for the evening to help keep the crowds fed.) I had reservations for dinner in Christina Campbell's Tavern, a favorite.

While in the historic area, I especially enjoyed the holiday decorations made from live, natural products. An an-



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A: Grand Illumination, a spectacular fireworks display, began at 7 p.m.

nual contest picks a winner, but every building in town displays a unique entry. Colonial Williamsburg also offers special programs during the holiday season: candlelit tours of historic homes, holiday-themed interpretations at various trade shops, and special exhibits showcasing colonial holiday traditions. I saw many trees decorated with old-fashioned ornaments.

You can choose to attend three Grand Illumination weekends: Dec. 7, 14, and 21, 2024, this year. Visit ColonialWilliamsburg.org for more information.

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