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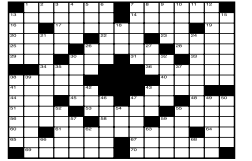


Photo courtesy Palencia Elementary PTO

A Palencia Elementary student visits HoneyBee, a juvenile green sea turtle recovering at the Sea Turtle Hospital of UF Health Whitney Lab.

Palencia Elementary community outreach

By Tatyana Kovaleva

Now that the school year is over and the new one has not started yet, it seems like a great time to remember some of the good things that happened at school with the community's help.

The biggest fundraising events, Boosterthon and Online Action, brought \$85,944 to PES, allowing for new metal cabinets for classrooms, a digital marquee to be installed over the summer, and money for classroom accounts that teachers use to buy extra materials. This money also helped to provide small hospitality events for the teachers and staff twice a month, as well as various family events, but that is not all!

A portion of these funds goes back to the community through the Bounty program, which supports more than 60 kids in need yearly. The Bounty bags provide kids with

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BREAKING GROUND



Photo courtesy Kingsminster

A rendering of the K-8 campus coming to Ponte Vedra.

Faith, demand and \$35M fuel new Ponte Vedra school

By Tracy McCormick-Dishman
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Outreach Education unveiled Kingsminster, a new independent K-8 Christian school, at a groundbreaking and brand-reveal ceremony Tuesday, June 9, in Ponte Vedra, announcing that construction has begun on an 11-acre campus in St. Johns County.

The school is projected to open in August 2027, starting with kindergarten through seventh grade and add-

ing eighth grade the following year. Kingsminster plans to open with an inaugural class of about 250 students, with capacity to eventually serve roughly 800, officials said.

Outreach Education is a Florida-based educational management and development company that provides operational, financial and facility support to charter and independent schools. The founding organization behind Kingsminster, it will also handle the school's back-office operations, includ-

ing human resources, facilities management and financial support, freeing school leadership to focus on students and academics, according to the company.

The campus will be built on land leased from St. Francis-in-the-Field Episcopal Church at 895 Palm Valley Road, according to an announcement earlier this year. Plans call for 78,000 square feet of new facilities, including an aca-

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First Coast YMCA honors military families with annual Back-to-School Bash

NewsLine staff

As families across Northeast Florida prepare for the start of a new school year, the YMCA of Florida's First Coast (FCYMCA) is giving back to those who serve our country through its annual Military Appreciation Day Back-to-School Bash, according to a recent release.

This free event is open to active-duty service members, veterans and their families. It will take place Saturday, July 25, from 10 a.m.-noon at the Brooks Family YMCA, Dye Clay Fam-

ily YMCA, Williams Family YMCA, Winston Family YMCA, YMCA at Baptist North, YMCA at Flagler Health Village, YMCA at Wildlight and VyStar Credit Union in Neptune Beach.

Designed to help ease the financial burden that often comes with back-to-school shopping, the Military Back-to-School Bash will provide backpacks filled with school supplies to military children while supplies last, the release said.



Photo courtesy First Coast YMCA

First Coast YMCA volunteers distribute backpacks filled with school supplies to military children during a previous Military Appreciation Day Back-to-School Bash. This year's event is set for July 25.

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Photo courtesy Kingsminster

Kingsminster's architectural style is described as modern Gothic.



Photo courtesy Kingsminster

Rendering of lobby of Kingsminster K-8 school.

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demical building, a chapel, a competition gymnasium, a full-size soccer field, a six-lane track and multiple playgrounds and outdoor gathering spaces, according to Outreach Education.

The project is unfolding in phases, according to the school's website. Construction is currently underway following months of site development, design work and early investor outreach. The second half of 2026 will focus on building out the academic program, athletics master plan and founding faculty pipeline. Final preparations, admissions events and a community preview are planned for early 2027 ahead of the grand opening.



Photo courtesy Kingsminster

Jack Hall, founding executive director, brings more than three decades of independent school leadership experience, including serving as head of school at The Walker School from 2011 to 2022. Hall said the school will also enforce a strict no-phone policy and reduced screen time.

Tuition is projected to average about \$19,000 a year, with kindergarten through fifth grade estimated at approximately \$18,500 and grades 6-8 at approximately \$20,000, the school said. Kingsminster intends to accept Step Up Scholarships and other eligible voucher programs. Those scholarships are valued at approximately \$9,000 per student, which at full enrollment would represent an estimated \$7.2 million in state funding directed to the school, according to Outreach Education. Hall said roughly 6% to 10% of the operating budget will go toward financial aid for families who cannot cover remaining costs.

Families interested in Kingsminster can visit kingsminsterpv.com for more information and to join an interest list.

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food for every weekend and long break, clothing, and other necessities. It also ensures the kids receive holiday gifts and tickets to school events. It costs around \$300 a year to sponsor one child, and the community help is invaluable! We are very grateful when local businesses or social groups cover some of the kids' needs, as it makes it possible to do a little more for them.

Our student-led community service event, "Be the Change", raised \$1,028 this year. All proceeds benefited a juvenile green sea turtle at the Sea Turtle

Hospital of UF Health Whitney Lab. HoneyBee was found ashore, lethargic in Daytona, and the kids have donated their own piggy bank money to help her in rehabilitation. PES got an official Adoption Certificate and receives monthly updates on the turtle's healing progress.

PTO volunteer Brooke Paarlberg said the project empowers students to see how small acts can create a big impact. "By collecting spare change, students learn that everyone can contribute to a cause greater than themselves, regardless of age or financial means," she said. "When students work together toward a common goal, they experience


firsthand how a community can make positive change."

Students also gained awareness of the challenges sea turtles face while developing compassion, responsibility and a sense of civic engagement, Paarlberg noted. "The symbolic adoption of a sea turtle provides a tangible connection to the impact of their efforts and helps inspire future environmental responsibility," she said. "Just as every coin helps protect a sea turtle, every act of kindness and service helps make our school and community stronger. Together, we can truly 'Be the Change.'"


One of the projects did not involve any


actual fundraising. Our yearly collaboration with Goodwill's "Bag It Up" Drive is a win-win situation: Goodwill received 17 bins of goods to support sustainability, PES received \$2,500 for school operations, and our local community received a convenient opportunity to do the spring cleaning without leaving the neighborhood. We are very grateful that many Palencia residents, even those without kids at school, took part in this event.

These are just some examples of Palencia Elementary community outreach, and none would be possible without your help! Not all the heroes wear capes; some wear PES t-shirts!



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BFF Best Furry Friend of the month

Meet Teddy!



Breed:
Mini Labradoodle

Favorite activity:
Long walks on Neptune and Atlantic Beach followed by lunch at Sliders or Joseph's

Favorite food:
Pup Cup from McDonald's on Fridays

Favorite friend:
Mommy and Daddy

How did your BFF get his name:
She is as cuddly as a teddy bear.

Do you have a cute pet? Send us your pet's picture and the answer to the five questions above before the 10th of the month. Also tell us you saw the BFF contest in First Coast NewsLine. Your pet could be our BFF of the month and appear in First Coast NewsLine! Email editor@floridanewslines.com to enter your pet.



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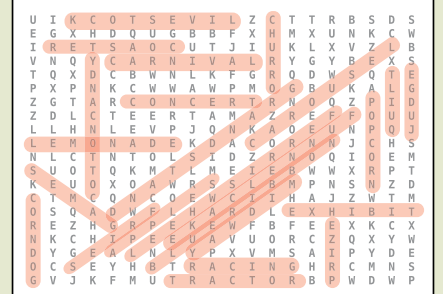
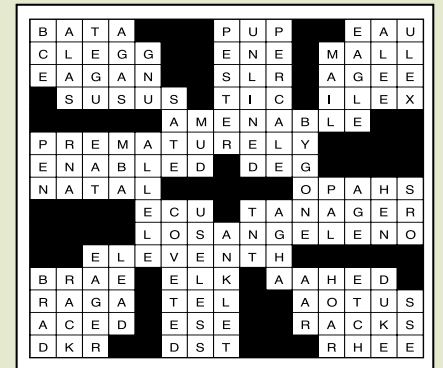




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July Community Calendar

What's Happening in St. Johns

To submit items for the Community Calendar, email editor@floridanewslines.com.

July 7

Vicar's Landing Boutique and Cottage Sale

The monthly Vicar's Landing Boutique and Cottage sale will be held Tuesday, July 7, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The boutique sale will feature jewelry including 14-karat and 18-karat gold, sterling silver, and costume and designer pieces, along with knick-knacks (including many \$1 items) and framed and unframed art in the hall. The monthly Vicar's Cottage sale will include antiques, household items, home furnishings and decorative art. The public is welcome. Signs at the entrance of the main Vicar's Landing-Sawgrass Community Building will point the way to all shopping venues. Cash or checks only. Every penny of the proceeds benefits the Vicar's Employee Scholarship Fund.

July 7

Ponte Vedra Woman's Club Social

The Ponte Vedra Woman's Club will host its July Purely Social on Tuesday, July 7, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Marriott Sawgrass, 1000 Tournament Players Club Blvd., Ponte Vedra Beach. The casual event is free for members and \$10 for guests. For more information and to register, visit pontevedrawomansclub.com.

July 18

Nocatee Farmers Market: Gatorland

The Nocatee Farmers Market will feature a "Gatorland" theme on Saturday, July 18, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Nocatee Station Field. The event is open to the public.

July 19

Memory Café

River Garden will host Memory Café on Sunday, July 19, from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. at 11401 Old St. Augustine Road. Caregivers are invited to bring a loved one with a mild cognitive impairment or early stage Alzheimer's disease to the Memory Café where they will enjoy stimulating activities that include art, music and movement and have the opportunity to socialize with new people. Please note this is an opportunity for both parties to enjoy support. Drop-offs are not permitted. There is no cost and RSVP is requested. Please visit shorturl.at/q8kgR or contact Kari Bell at 904-288-7855 or kbell@rivergarden.org.

July 24

Fleetwood Mac Tribute Night

Nocatee will host Fleetwood Mac Tribute Night on Friday, July 24, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Nocatee Station Field. The event is open to Nocatee residents and their guests.

July 25

Christmas in July Market

The Christmas in July Market will take place Saturday, July 25, from 5 to 8 p.m. at

Nocatee Station Field. The shopping event is open to the public.

July 28

Snake & Gator Safety Presentation

Nocatee will host a Snake and Gator Safety Presentation on Tuesday, July 28, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the Nocatee Room at Crosswater Hall. This educational seminar is open to Nocatee residents only.

July 31

Nocatee Food Truck Friday

Nocatee will host Food Truck Friday on Friday, July 31, from 5:30 to 8 p.m. at Nocatee Station Field. The event is open to the public.

Sept. 17

America 250! Constitution Celebration

The Beaches communities will celebrate the U.S. Constitution on Tuesday, Sept. 17, at 3 p.m. at the Seawalk Pavilion, 75 1st St. N., Jacksonville Beach. The free, nonpolitical event features patriotic music by local high school students, a Colonial Color Guard presentation by the Sons of the American Revolution, and family-friendly giveaways. Guest speaker Cindy Addison, Historian General for the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, will present, followed by a coordinated community bell-ringing at 4 p.m. Sponsored by local DAR chapters Jean Ribault and Ponte Vedra, alongside the City of Jacksonville Beach. Attendees should bring their own chairs.

ONGOING ACTIVITIES

COA THE PLAYERS Community Senior Center

COA's THE PLAYERS Community Senior Center, 175 Landrum Lane, Ponte Vedra Beach, offers a variety of programs and activities for seniors. Most activities are weekly and begin on June 2. The center is closed Friday, June 19, for the Juneteenth holiday. For more information, call (904) 209-3659 or visit coasjc.org/ponte-vedra-center.

Trout Creek Senior Center Activities

The Trout Creek Senior Center, 6795 Collier Road, Orangedale, offers activities for seniors on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings. Cards, crafts and games begin at 9 a.m., followed by trivia, bunco or bingo before lunch at 11:30 a.m. Contact Jessica Curry at 904-209-3658 for details.

Playing HOOKie

This charity-focused knitting and crochet group meets every Wednesday from 10 a.m. to noon at Maple Street Biscuit Company, 1627 Race Track Road, St. Johns. For more information, email playinghookiecares@gmail.com.

Widow to Widow Support Group

A support group for widows is held at the COA River House, 179 Marine St., St. Augustine, on Wednesdays from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Call 904-209-3655 for more information.

The Beaches communities celebrate Constitution

NewsLine staff

The Beaches communities will come together Sept. 17 at 3 p.m. for a spirited celebration of the United States Constitution as part of the nationwide America 250! observance, according to a recent release.

The nonpolitical event, "America 250! The Beaches Communities Celebrate the Constitution," is free and open to the public and will be held at Seawalk Pavilion, 75 N. First St., in Jacksonville Beach, the release said.

This special community celebration is sponsored by the Jean Ribault and Ponte Vedra chapters of the Daughters of the American Revolution and the City of Jacksonville Beach.

Community members of all ages are invited to gather for an afternoon of patriotic music, history and fellowship, the release noted. The program will feature patriotic musical performances by local high school students, a Colonial Color Guard presentation by the Sons of the American Revolution and family-friendly giveaways.

At 4 p.m., in a powerful moment of unity, the celebration will pause as participants join churches throughout the Beaches communities in ringing bells to commemorate the signing of the Constitution on Sept. 17, 1787. This coordinated bell-ringing will echo the spirit of the nation's founding and honor the enduring principles of liberty and self-governance enshrined in the Constitution, according to the release.

The guest speaker is Cindy Addison, historian general for the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution.

The event is part of the broader America 250! initiative marking the 250th anniversary of America's founding and celebrating the documents and ideals that continue to shape the nation, the release said.

Residents, visitors, families, veterans, students and civic groups are encouraged to attend. Bring a chair, bring a friend, and join in the celebration of the Constitution and the enduring promise of America.



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Q&A with St. Johns County Supervisor of Elections Vicky Oakes

Q: When is the 2026 Primary Election?

A: The 2026 Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, Aug. 18, 2026. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. On Election Day, voters must vote at their assigned polling place. Early voting will be available from Saturday, Aug. 8, through Saturday, Aug. 15, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily at all locations. A list of early voting locations will be available 30 days prior to the election at votesjc.gov. During early voting, voters may vote at any location.

Q: Is there a deadline for registering to vote or changing my party for the 2026 Primary Election?

A: Yes. The deadline to register to vote or change your party affiliation for the 2026 Primary Election is Monday, July 20, 2026. To register to vote or change your party affiliation online, visit votesjc.gov.

Q: Do I need to be registered in a political party to vote?

A: Florida is a closed primary state, which means only voters who are registered members of a political party may vote for that party's candidates in a primary election. Voters without party affiliation are not eligible to vote for party candidates in a primary election. The exception to this is the Universal Primary Contest. The races for County Commission Districts 2 and 4 are Universal Primary Contests for the Aug. 18, 2026, Primary Election. This means all registered St. Johns County voters are eligible to vote in these two races, regardless of party affiliation.

Q: Have the candidates filed to run for office?

A: Yes. Candidate qualifying ended on June 12, 2026, and the ballot for the 2026 Primary Election has been set.

Q: How can I find out who will be on my ballot?

A: A sample ballot will be mailed to every registered St. Johns County voter approximately three weeks before the election. In mid-July, voters can also view their sample ballot



Vicky Oakes

online by using the "My Voter Status" tool at votesjc.gov. A complete list of candidates on the 2026 Primary Election ballot, along with the full list of qualified candidates, is also available at votesjc.gov.

Q: When will vote-by-mail ballots be mailed?

A: Vote-by-mail ballots will first be mailed July 2, 2026, to overseas and military voters. Ballots for all other voters who have requested a vote-by-mail ballot will begin mailing in mid-July. The deadline to request a vote-by-mail ballot to be mailed is Thursday, Aug. 6, 2026, by 5 p.m.

Q: If I voted by mail in 2024, do I need to make another request to vote by mail in 2026?

A: Yes. All vote-by-mail requests expired after the 2024 General Election. If you wish to vote by mail in 2026, you must submit a new request. Visit votesjc.gov to request a vote-by-mail ballot. You can also use the "My Voter Status" tool to confirm you have a vote-by-mail request on file and to track the status of your ballot. Completed vote-by-mail ballots must be returned to the Elections Office by 7 p.m. on Election Day to be counted. Secure Ballot Intake Stations will be available at all early voting locations during the hours of early voting.

Q: Where can I find more information about the 2026 Primary Election?

homestead exemption total is now adjusted annually for inflation and changes each year. This year's homestead exemption total is \$51,411.

Florida statute allows homeowners to rent their property for a short time without losing their homestead exemption. Renting a homesteaded property after Jan. 1 of any year does not affect the homestead exemp-



Eddie Creamer

By Eddie Creamer
St. Johns County Property Appraiser

A common question our office receives is, "If I rent my property, will I still be eligible for homestead exemption?" The answer is — it depends on the length of time the property is rented.

Homestead exemption reduces the property tax burden for Florida homeowners by decreasing the taxable value of a homeowner's permanent residence. The



Q&A with St. Johns County Commissioner Krista Joseph District 4

Q: You recently attended the Florida Association of Counties conference. What is that and why does it matter?

A: It is where we hear about future and current policies and how they affect other counties. It is fun to see other commissioners and hear their issues regarding data centers, overdevelopment and tax issues that are on the ballot in November.

Q: Agriculture was also a topic. Why is farmland preservation important to St. Johns County?

A: I am extremely interested in keeping our food source and the lands in the southern part of St. Johns County. It is a tough life but a valuable life to supply our county and country with potatoes and cabbage. The Lay's Potato Chip commercial was filmed right here at Parker Farms in St. Johns County and is still running on major networks.

Q: What has been happening in District 4?

A: The county just finished the sidewalk on Palm Valley Road and it looks great. I have seen so many bikers, walkers and runners. I loved how Public Works ran most of the sidewalk around the trees to keep our area beautiful and pristine.

Q: We understand volunteers are helping with litter control in the



Krista Joseph

area. Can you tell us about that?

A: Elizabeth Joshi and her crew of volunteers are out every week keeping our roads and medians picked up of litter. It is a hard job that the county is trying to keep up with, but these volunteers make it happen in a good community way.

Q: What infrastructure improvements are on the horizon for District 4?

A: We have extra shuttles and summer parking near Mickler Beach, thanks to commercial properties on the corners and the county using the shuttles. Looking forward to the future A1A improvements near Solano where traffic is backed up, while still maintaining our medians.

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A: The St. Johns County Citizen's Guide to the 2026 Primary and General Elections was mailed to all residential addresses in St. Johns County in mid-June and includes important information about the upcoming elections. Be sure to check your mailbox.

If you have additional questions, contact the St. Johns County Supervisor of Elections Office at 904-823-2238, Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. We're here to help.

Property rentals and homestead exemption

tion for tax purposes for that particular year unless the property is rented for more than 30 days per calendar year for two consecutive years. An additional Florida statute states that property rented for more than six months in any given tax year is presumed to be used for commercial purposes, which may affect a homeowner's eligibility for the exemption.

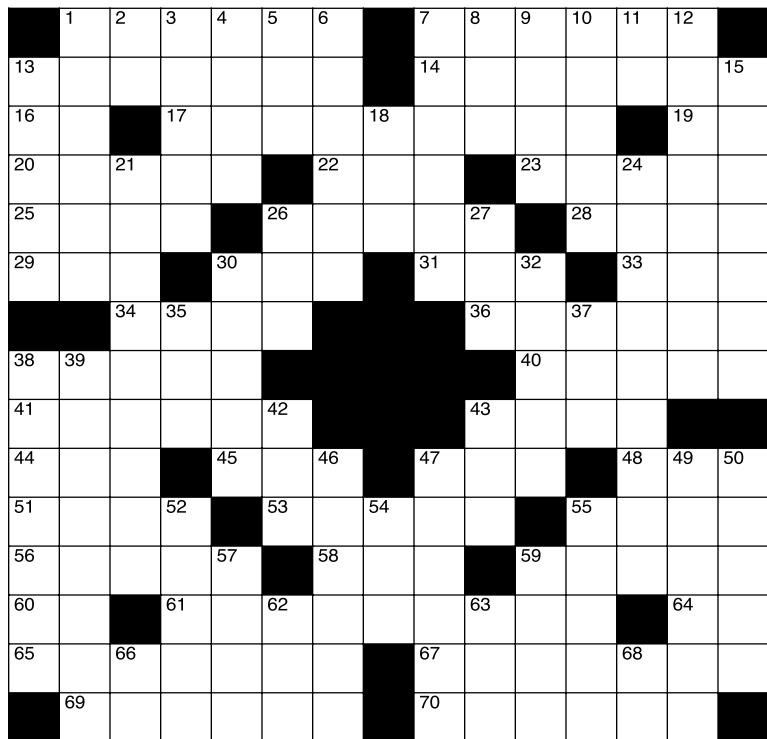
These rental limitations on homesteaded properties do not apply to members of the Armed Forces whose service requires them to reside away from their homesteaded property.

It is important to know that if a property's ownership changes to an LLC or other business entity, which commonly occurs with rental properties, the property will no longer be eligible for homestead exemption. All assessment limitation caps and exemptions associated with the homestead exemption will be removed.

Please contact our office before renting your homesteaded property so that we can provide guidance on the process. I'm available to answer questions or provide additional information at eddie@sjcpa.gov or 904-827-5500.

Puzzles

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Provided by MetroCreative



CLUES ACROSS

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| 1. Mended | 40. Incantations |
| 7. Hymns | 41. Long-legged, wading bird |
| 13. Commercial transport of goods | 43. Breathe noisily |
| 14. Poked holes in the ground | 44. Congressman |
| 16. They precede C | 45. Rip off |
| 17. Branch of knowledge concerned with wealth | 47. Golf score |
| 19. Larry and Curly's pal | 48. Popular pickup truck |
| 20. Injured | 51. Where infants sleep |
| 22. Popular type of dance | 53. Music term |
| 23. Moon crater | 55. Small opening in a surface |
| 25. American state | 56. Musical term meaning "very" |
| 26. Places to lock valuables | 58. Soviet Socialist Republic |
| 28. Stalk that supports the capsule | 59. Treats with powder |
| 29. Keyboard key | 60. Email subject line feature |
| 30. '___ death do us part | 61. A British lawyer |
| 31. A type of cage | 64. Expression of laughter |
| 33. A place to sleep | 65. Farmer's calendar |
| 34. Annual music awards show | 67. Seeds used as food |
| 36. Made over | 69. Eurasian shrubs |
| 38. Hard, stony substance | 70. Periods of inactivity |

CLUES DOWN

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| 1. Hard things to kick | 32. Region in India |
| 2. Collective of countries | 35. Partner to cheese |
| 3. Letter of Hebrew alphabet | 37. Dark or dusky |
| 4. One-time Alabama running back Eddie | 38. Pacific Northwest tree |
| 5. One's sense of self-esteem | 39. Exaggerate |
| 6. Of the teeth | 42. Toddler |
| 7. Treat with care | 43. Touch lightly |
| 8. Type of whale | 46. Fundamentals |
| 9. Curved structure | 47. Jeopardies |
| 10. Emits coherent radiation | 49. Curved structures |
| 11. One of the Gospels (abbr.) | 50. Isolated, flat-topped hills |
| 12. Smallest interval in western music | 52. Forming the bottom layer |
| 13. Netherlands seat of government | 54. Reciprocal of sine |
| 15. Gives to charitably | 55. Genus of Old World birds |
| 18. Lout | 57. New York college |
| 21. Pastas | 59. Cloak |
| 24. Release from restrictions | 62. Kawhi Leonard's team (abbr.) |
| 26. Female sibling | 63. Vietnamese offensive |
| 27. Title of respect | 66. "The Great Lakes State" |
| 30. Silver coins | 68. "___, myself and I" |

FAIR DAYS

WORD SEARCH

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- FRIES
- FUNNEL CAKE
- GAMES
- GRAND STAND
- JUDGES
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- TRACTOR

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



Solve the code to discover words related to fairs.
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- A. 10 3 14 15**
Clue: Fun outdoor gathering
- B. 5 3 15 23 14 22 3 8**
Clue: Event with rides and attractions
- C. 15 14 17 7**
Clue: Amusement
- D. 22 7 23 17 1 15**
Clue: Sells something

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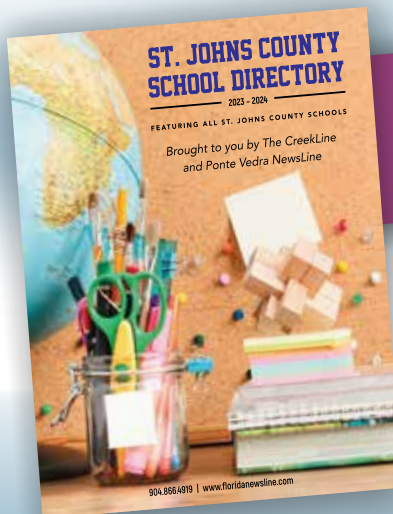
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Families will also have the opportunity to connect with local organizations offering valuable resources and services, enjoy family-friendly activities, meet community vendors and learn about volunteer opportunities available throughout the region.

The event reflects the FCYMCA's ongoing commitment to strengthening and supporting military families beyond a single day of service, the release noted. Throughout the year, the First Coast YMCA offers a variety of programs tailored to the unique needs of military families, including Operation Hero, Operation Strong & Ready, military family camp days, food distributions, veteran retreats, outdoor wellness

programming and additional military outreach initiatives.

The FCYMCA encourages military families throughout Northeast Florida to attend and take advantage of the resources, activities and community support available during the event. Whether families are preparing for a child's first day of school or looking to connect with others who share similar experiences, the Military Back-to-School Bash offers an opportunity to celebrate, support and strengthen the military community, according to the release.

All attendees are required to RSVP for the event to reserve a backpack for their child. Participants can RSVP and learn more at fcymca.org/military-outreach/.

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The Good Earth

Planting a tree: Getting it right, from the start

Summer can be a wonderful time to add a tree to your landscape, but success begins long before the shovel hits the ground. Taking time to evaluate the planting site and following proper planting techniques will give your tree the best chance for a long and healthy life.

Before purchasing a tree, consider whether it is suited to your location. First, select species that perform well in our Ponte Vedra Zone 9B. Next, evaluate the amount of sunlight the planting area receives. Full sun means six or more hours of direct sunlight daily. Partial sun generally refers to four to six hours of direct sun, while partial shade receives two to four hours. Shade locations receive less than two hours of direct sunlight each day.

Tree maturity size should also influence your selection. A small sapling can eventually become a large tree that interferes with homes, sidewalks, driveways, utility lines, or neighboring plants. Always choose a tree that will fit comfortably in the available space when fully grown.

Drainage is perhaps the most critical factor of all. To test drainage, dig a hole about 18 inches deep and fill it with water. If the water drains away within one to two hours, the site has fast drainage. If it drains within a day, drainage is moderate and generally

acceptable. If water remains longer than 24 hours, the site has poor drainage and may not be suitable for many trees.

Once you've selected the right tree and location, proper planting is essential. Begin by clearing weeds, grass, and debris from the planting area. Make sure the tree has been thoroughly watered while in its container — that is, don't plant a dry tree or any plant for that matter.

Locate the root flare, which is the point where the uppermost roots emerge from the trunk. Remove any excess soil covering the flare and prune away roots growing over it. Inspect the root ball for circling roots. If present, shave or slice the outer portion of the root ball, including the bottom to encourage roots to grow outward rather than continue circling and potentially girdling the tree later in life.

Dig a planting hole at least one and a half times wider than the root ball, and even wider in compacted soils. The hole should be slightly shallower than the depth of the root ball so the root flare sits one to two inches above the surrounding soil grade after planting.

Place the tree in the hole, ensuring it is straight. As you backfill, add water periodically


to help eliminate air pockets. Water thoroughly after planting, stake if necessary, and apply mulch over the root zone but keep away from direct contact with the trunk.

Water daily for the first two weeks, every other day for the next two months, and then weekly until the tree is established. Finally, resist the urge to fertilize. Newly planted trees need to focus on root development, and fertilizer can do more harm than good during this critical establishment period.

A little extra care at planting time will reward you with a healthier, stronger tree for years to come.

Connie Doyle writes The Good Earth, a gardening column inspired by a lifelong passion for plants, nature, and the peaceful rhythm of the garden. With more time in retirement, she has been inspired to take that passion to the next level — learning, growing, and sharing with others in our community by way of earning her Master Gardener Certification. Connie can be reached by email to mail@floridanewsline.com.

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