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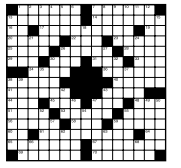
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A NEW ERA



Newcomers of North St. Johns members show off colorful hats at their May luncheon.

Join Newcomers of North St. Johns

By Michele Oliver

For those looking to make new connections in the community, the Newcomers of North St. Johns offers an opportunity to build lasting friendships and memories.

The local social club invites residents of St. Johns, Duval, Clay and Putnam counties to participate in a wide variety of activities. Whether an individual is new to the area or experiencing a lifestyle change such as retirement, they are welcome to join.

“Our members form lifelong friendships with opportunities to get together at our monthly luncheon meetings with fun entertainment planned, engage in weekly card games and special day trips,” said co-president Charlene Lim.

The organization’s calendar features several recreational interest groups.

“We also have a weekly golf game and monthly book club,” said co-president Marta Maso. “Wherever your interests lie, you can find it all within Newcomers.”

The annual membership fee is \$30, and the club’s fiscal year begins July 1. For more information, visit newcomersofnorthstjohns.org.



Photo courtesy Ervin Lovett Miller
The Tide Club at Julington Creek.

JCP \$34M ‘Tide Club’ overhaul officially opens

By Tracy McCormick-Dishman
editor@floridanewline.com

A massive, six-year effort to modernize one of Northwest St. Johns County’s most established neighborhoods has officially crossed the finish line. On May 22, the Julington Creek Plantation Board of Governors joined local residents to celebrate the grand opening of The Tide Club, a sweeping \$34 million transformation of the community’s central aquatics complex and park.



Photo courtesy Ervin Lovett Miller
The Tide Club at Julington Creek, a \$34 million transformation of the community’s aquatics complex and park, is now complete.

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Ray Berger takes the helm at Bartram Trail – Julington Creek Rotary

By Al Kalter

Ray Berger has stepped into his new role as the president of the Rotary Club of Bartram Trail — Julington Creek for the 2026-27 year. Berger, who joined Rotary five years ago, recently spoke about his journey to leadership and what volunteering has meant to him.

“I believe it is our duty and responsibility to help others when and where

we can,” Berger said. “The fact that through Rotary we can do so locally, throughout the state and country, and indeed all around the globe is truly amazing.”

“After my sons headed off to college, I was looking for new avenues to volunteer. I was introduced to the Bartram Trail Rotary Club and was pleasantly surprised to find out they were doing the types of local service projects I would like to do — roadside

cleanup in the community and building ramps for vets. It’s been a blessing to continue to volunteer in the community. It’s also introduced me to a variety of truly great service organizations in and around the community, and it has shown me how we can make a difference around the country and the world. Our club has participated in efforts for disaster relief as well as water projects in South America.”

Originally from Tampa, Berger has

lived here in Northeast Florida since 2005, where he has enjoyed raising his two sons to adulthood while coaching youth sports teams, an activity he continues with to this day.

Berger graduated from Mercer University with dual degrees in finance and philosophy, then spent 26 years in corporate finance and accounting,

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Photo courtesy of Al Katter

Outgoing president Mitch Ross, left, passes the gavel of office to incoming president Ray Berger, symbolizing the transfer of leadership for the upcoming Rotary year beginning July 1.

which provided him with the foundations of financial assessment as well as strategies to help people attain long-term financial goals. Six years ago, he used that background and became a financial advisor with Edward Jones. That firm is the national sponsor for the annual Walk to End Alzheimer's, and Berger is actively involved with the Jacksonville walk every year.

Berger's one-year term as club president began on July 1. When asked what goals he had for the year, he said, "My main goal is to continue the significant work our club has done when it comes to service. We want to be of assistance where we can have the most impact and where there is the greatest need. We want to continue to work with the local high schools to get young people involved in service."

The Rotary Club of Bartram Trail — Julington Creek meets the first three Thursday mornings of each month, from 7:30 — 8:30 a.m., at Westminster Woods on Julington Creek. Guests and prospective members are always welcome. More information can be found at bartramtrailrotary.org.

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According to project details and coverage by the Jacksonville Business Journal, the multimillion-dollar reinvestment was designed by Jacksonville-based architecture and planning firm ELM (Ervin Lovett Miller). The extensive overhaul is explicitly aimed at helping the mature, 30-year-old master-planned community stay competitive against newer, rapidly growing developments sprouting up across St. Johns County.

What's new at the JCP Amenity Center?

The centerpiece of the renovation replaces the neighborhood's aging water facilities with a highly upgraded, resort-style campus tailored to both longtime residents and incoming young families.

The new campus features significantly expanded pool facilities, including a resort-style family pool complete with

two water slides, an expansive zero-entry pool featuring interactive splash elements, a dedicated adult pool, and a brand-new 10-lane competition lap pool. Rising above the water is a new two-story, 10,762-square-foot multipurpose clubhouse. The building boasts a catering kitchen, community meeting spaces, and second-floor decks offering sweeping bird's-eye views of the pool deck below.

Dining and socializing also get a major upgrade with Tide & Tonic, a new 4,100-square-foot poolside bar and grill equipped with covered outdoor dining that brings a true country-club feel directly to JCP. Just adjacent to the water, the neighborhood's older playground has been completely reimaged into Treehouse Trails, an inclusive, ADA-accessible nature play area. This park highlights a multilevel treehouse structure, toddler play spaces, and an embankment slide surrounded by native landscaping.

Balancing JCP's multi-generational shift

The project addresses a distinct demographic shift occurring within the 5,700-home community in Fruit Cove.

"Some residents have raised their families at Julington Creek and are now aging — they have different needs and desires," noted ELM partner Steve Lovett in a statement regarding the layout design. "At the same time, young families are looking for a place to call home, and it's important that mature, established communities reinvest in themselves to attract the next generation."

By replacing facilities that had begun showing their age, the JCP Board of Governors hopes the Tide Club serves as an enduring social anchor that preserves neighborhood property values for decades to come.

Property rentals and homestead exemption

By Eddie Creamer
 St. Johns County Property Appraiser



Eddie Creamer

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

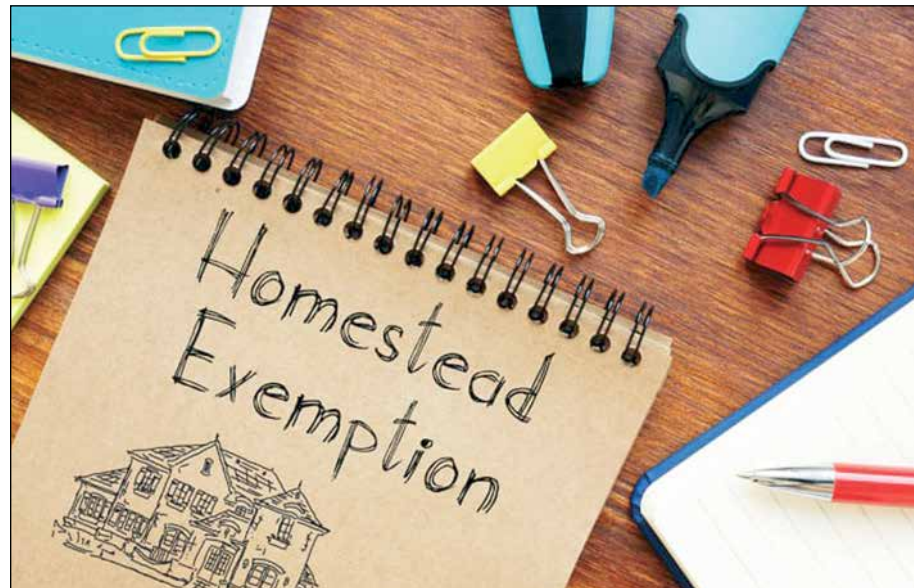
Florida statute allows homeowners to rent their property for a short time without losing their homestead exemption. Renting a homesteaded property after Jan. 1 of any year does not affect the homestead

exemption 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.

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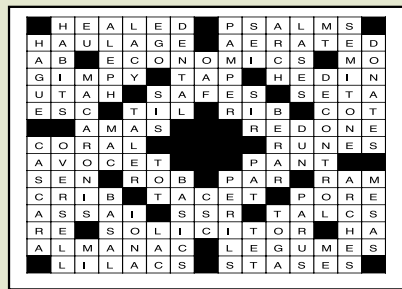
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July 4 Independence Day Celebration

A classic community celebration and holiday marking Independence Day in the Julington Creek and First Coast area.

July 7 Honeybee Quilters Guild meeting

The Honeybee Quilters Guild will meet Tuesday, July 7, at 6:30 p.m. at Mandarin Church of Christ, 12791 Old St. Augustine Road. Doors open at 6 p.m. to the right of the playground in the back. Program: Pool Noodle Quilt Sandwich Basting. Bring your Sew and Tell. New members and guests welcome. Visit honeybeequilters.org for more information.

July 11 JCP Community Market

A free, dog-friendly community market will be held Saturday, July 11, at the Unity Church on Race Track Road. The market features food trucks, local small businesses and kids' activities.

July 11 Bartram Trail Genealogy Club

The Bartram Trail Genealogy Club will meet Saturday, July 11, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Bartram Trail Public Library, 60 Davis Pond Blvd., Fruit Cove. The topic will be discussion

of patriots and their military service, as well as brick wall solutions. All are welcome to join. For more information, contact Gary English via the Bartram Trail Genealogy Club Facebook page.

July 13-17 Kids' Summer Camps

Weekly creative and safety camps are available throughout July, including the Warrior Girls Summer Camp (July 13-17) and themed painting camps at Painting with a Twist in Jacksonville.

July 28 CDD Board of Supervisors Meeting

The monthly public meeting of the Community Development District Board of Supervisors will be held Tuesday, July 28, at 6 p.m. in the Grand Oaks Room at the Recreation Center to discuss local district matters.

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Aug. 18 SJSO Citizen Law Enforcement Academy

The St. Johns County Sheriff's Office is accepting applications for the fall Citizen Law Enforcement Academy beginning Monday, Aug. 18. The 11-week program meets Tuesday nights for approximately three hours. Participants

must attend a minimum of eight of the 10 sessions and pass a comprehensive background check. Apply at sjsocitizen-academy.org.

Sept. 19-20 St. Johns County Master Gardener Fall Plant Sale

The St. Johns County Master Gardener Fall Plant Sale will be held Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 19-20, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the St. Johns County Extension Office, 3125 Agricultural Center Dr., St. Augustine. The sale will feature landscape plants, houseplants and vegetable seedlings. Tours of the Demonstration Gardens on property will also be offered. For more information, visit styl.ifas.ufl.edu/stjohns/.

Ongoing Activities Al-Anon/Alateen Meetings

Free confidential support groups for family and friends of those affected by someone else's drinking meet Wednesdays from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Swiss Cove Christian Church, 1965 State Road 13, St. Johns. Meetings are held on the second floor; elevator available.

Preschool Reading Volunteers Needed

RSVP of St. Johns County is looking for volunteers to read with preschool students once per week at a local childcare center or school classroom. Openings are available in various parts of St. Johns County. Just one hour per week can help open the world of reading to young students and get them excited about school. For more information, email Cheryl.Freeman@stjohns.k12.fl.us or call (904) 547-3952.

JCE Camp Sigma Registration

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Open Game Play

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Trout Creek Senior Center Activities

The Trout Creek Senior Center, 6795 Collier Road, Orange-dale, 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.

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Classes will be held Aug. 13 and 20, and Sept. 3, 10 and 17. Registration begins July 1. Each class lasts one hour and 15 minutes, and students may register for either or both series. The SAT classes will run from 5 to 6:15 p.m., followed by the ACT classes from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m.

The curriculum includes two English and reading sessions and two math sessions. Following a practice test completed at home, the fifth and final session will feature a review from 5

to 6:15 p.m. for English and reading, and from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. for math. Students must bring their own calculators and purchase a specific review book.

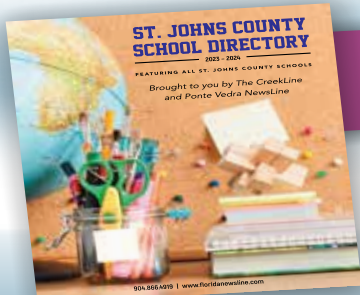
Each five-session series costs \$50, or \$100 to attend both. Proceeds are considered donations and will be used to fund all programming at the Bartram Trail Public Library.

Each class series is capped at 30 students. The deadline to register is Aug. 11, unless the cap is reached earlier.

More information and registration details are available on flyers at the library, by visiting bartramtrailfol.org/satact-classes, or by emailing Phyllis Macy at macy17@yahoo.com.

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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



Vicky Oakes

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 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?

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.



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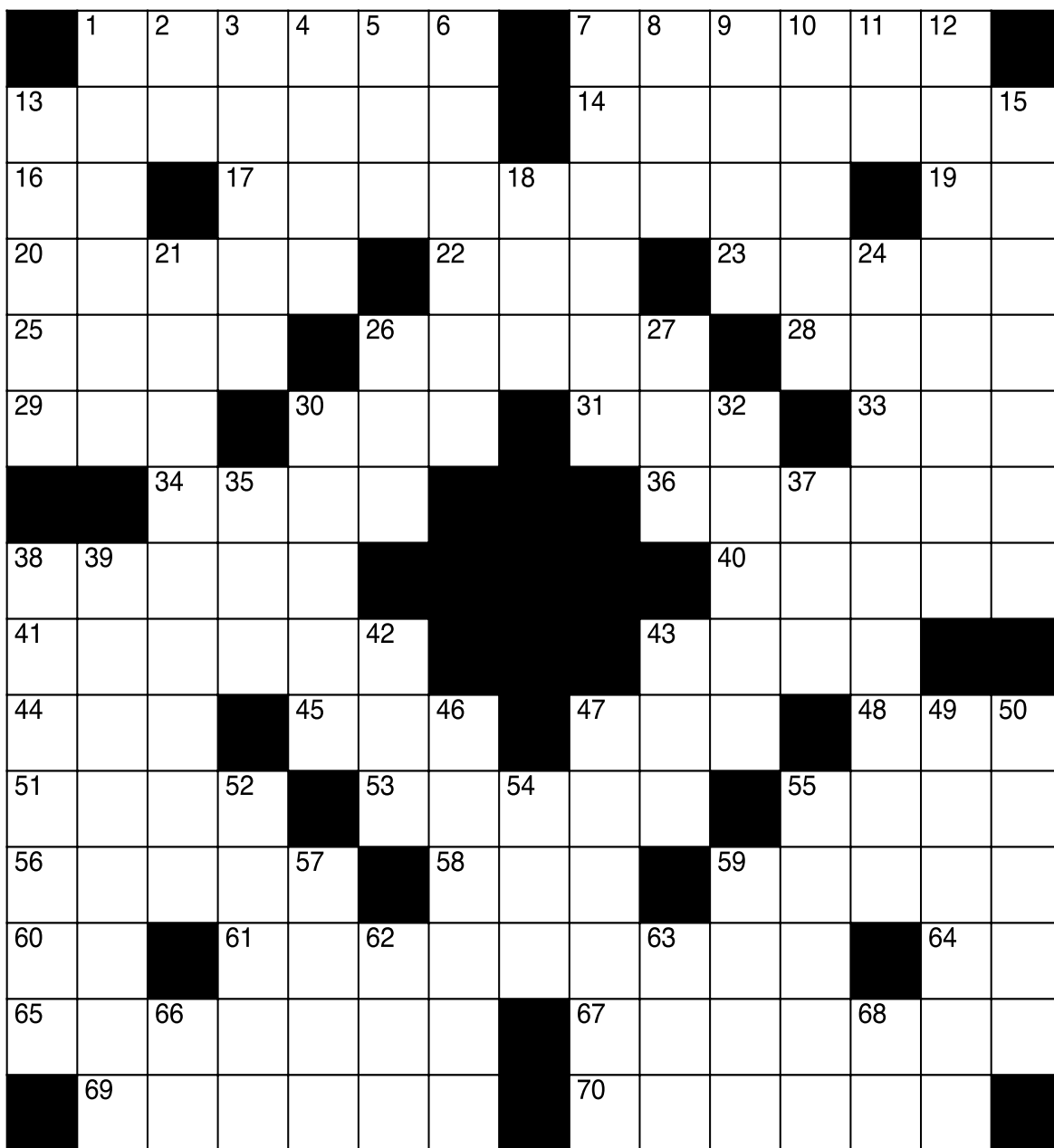
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CLUES ACROSS

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

CLUES DOWN

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

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