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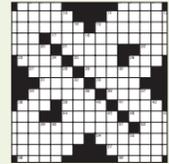
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## What to do about mosquitoes?

By Martie Thompson  
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It's summer and there has been a lot of rain this year. And according to Molly Clark, Education Specialist for the Anastasia Mosquito Control District, this is the department's busiest time of year — except for after hurricanes. The Anastasia Mosquito Control District is an independently funded district with elected commissioners who oversee financial



Photos courtesy Anastasia Mosquito Control District

Trucks used by Anastasia Mosquito Control District technicians for treating water for larvae and fogging at night.

decisions. The director, Dr. Rui-De Xue, oversees a staff of approximately 25 full time employees, including biologists and mosquito control technicians. Clark said the majority of the employees are the technicians, who spend their time interacting with the public, treating standing water in communities for larvae and fogging for mosquitoes in the evening and night as needed.

The state of Florida oversees all the state's mosquito control districts and directs when they are or are not permitted to spray as well as the types of chemicals used. Clark said the Anastasia Mosquito Control District has no set schedule to spray areas in the county, since the state requires justification, or certain criteria, to be present first. The district relies on service requests from community

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## Children's International Summer Villages:

By Angela Higginbotham  
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*Inspiring a more peaceful world*

Over the years, CISV (Children's International Summer Villages) has become a worldwide movement working toward peace and intercultural cooperation and understanding. The St. Johns County chapter is thriving and continues to have an impact on local students and families.

The CISV organization works to educate and inspire thousands of children and young people, empowering them to achieve their full potential and to play an active role in creating a better world.

In the 1940s, Dr. Doris Allen, a child psychologist, developed the idea of an organization that would foster intercultural understanding and friendships as an essential step toward peace. Allen believed that by creating opportunities



CISV Interchange students at the airport.

for children of different cultures to come together to learn about each other and make friends, they would grow up to become ambassadors for a more peaceful world.

The first Village program was held in 1951 and it brought together young people from Austria, Britain, Denmark, France, Germany, Mexico, Norway, Sweden and the USA. CISV Villages bring 11-year-olds together to learn from each other and the world around



Photos courtesy CISV  
A CISV Jacksonville delegation.

them. The children enjoy games and activities built around culture and trust. Children with disabilities work together to form close bonds. Stereotypes and segregation discussions provide a powerful learning experience for the children as well. Each delegation has two boys and two girls, accompanied by an adult leader.

The camp is coordinated by adult staff, supported by Junior Counsellors, aged 16 – 17 years. Over time, CISV volunteers have organized more than 7,000



CISV works to educate and inspire thousands of children and young people, all while having fun.

international educational programs for approximately 300,000 participants.

"In addition to our summer program, we have winter camps that are open to the public. Monthly activities are organized by our Junior Branch and that helps to build leadership skills in our young volunteers. We also have a

mini camp over Labor Day weekend," CISV President Lisa Taylor said.

Interchange is another outreach program of CISV. While based on the same educational principles as CISV's camp-based programs, Interchange encourages a deeper bond between two cultures by placing young people within families. The two way family exchange program is for 12 – 15 year olds and each exchange lasts between 14 and 28 days. Interchange is carried out into two phases. A child joins a delegation

that visits another country and is hosted there by a CISV family. Then in return the opposite family will host a child via the delegation from the country their child visited.

Volunteers are the most crucial part of the success of CISV.

"I enjoy seeing the kids grow and thrive after experiencing CISV. Interchange has taught me a lot and I just want to give back. It's such a diverse group of kids and it's great to see how they really hit it off with each other and become life-long friends," Florida State University sophomore and St. Johns County CISV volunteer Will Taylor said.

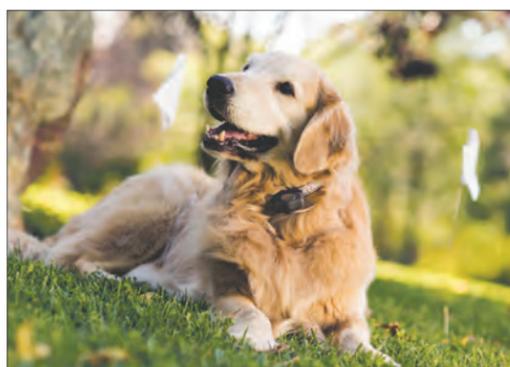


CISV students learn about different cultures.

Visit [www.cisv.org](http://www.cisv.org) for more information about how you can participate, volunteer, or contribute to the St. Johns County CISV chapter.

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We would love to publish your great news in Ponte Vedra NewsLine!



Send it in! Photos also welcome!  
[editor@floridanewsline.com](mailto:editor@floridanewsline.com)

## MYSTERY PHOTO



Can you guess where this is? Submit your answer to [mail@FloridaNewsLine.com](mailto:mail@FloridaNewsLine.com).

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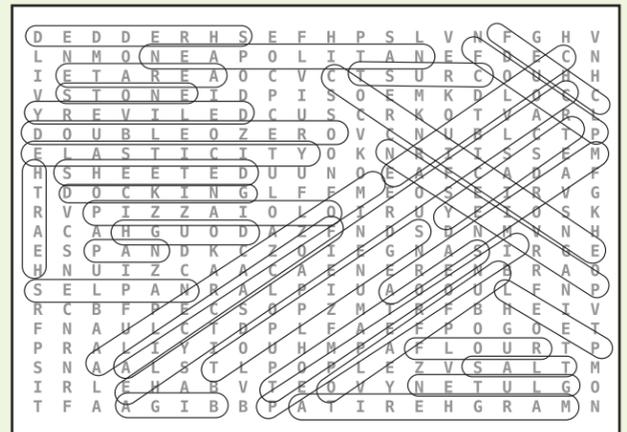
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Answers: A. computer B. digital C. memory D. cloud



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# around town

save the date!

### October 6 - Pink Ribbon Symposium

8 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
Thrasher-Horne Conference Center, 283 College Drive, Orange Park  
[www.pinkribbonsymposium.org](http://www.pinkribbonsymposium.org)

### October 6 - 7 - Festa Italiana

11 a.m. - 7:30 p.m. and 12 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.  
Italian American Club, 2838 Westberry Road  
[www.iacofjacksonville.com](http://www.iacofjacksonville.com)

### October 20 - 20th annual Pink Ribbon Golf Tournament hosted by Cimarrone Ladies Golf Association to benefit Baptist Health Foundation

8 a.m. shotgun start  
Registration, hole sponsorship or donations: [www.clga.info](http://www.clga.info)

### November 11 - Annual Dinner for the Birds to benefit HAWKE

6 p.m.  
Raintree Restaurant, 102 San Marco Ave. St. Augustine  
Buy tickets at [www.hawkewildlife.org](http://www.hawkewildlife.org)

## September 4

### Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR)

Ponte Vedra Chapter meeting  
10:45 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
[pontevedrachaptersdar@aol.com](mailto:pontevedrachaptersdar@aol.com)

### Beaches Toastmasters Club

7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. (Repeating event on Mondays)  
Baptist Hospital Beaches, Wilson Epstein Building  
[cgs13@yahoo.com](mailto:cgs13@yahoo.com)

### Parents with Hope (support for parents who have lost a child)

6 p.m. - 8 p.m.  
Ponte Vedra Valley, 4750 Palm Valley Road  
[www.pontevedravally.com/grief-support](http://www.pontevedravally.com/grief-support)

### Ponte Vedra Beach Municipal Service District Meeting

6 p.m. - 9 p.m.  
Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library FOL Room  
[www.pvmsd.org](http://www.pvmsd.org)

### First Coast Card Club - adult card players

1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library  
(904) 827-6950

### American Association of University Women (AAUW) featuring St. Augustine Mayor Nancy Shaver

9:30 a.m.  
Village Inn Restaurant, US Highway 1 N, St. Augustine.  
RSVP: (505) 980-7865 or <https://staugustine-fl.aauw.net/>

## September 6

### U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 14-7

7:30 p.m.  
St. Augustine Yacht Club near the St. Augustine Lighthouse  
(904) 460-0243

## September 11

### Friends of the GTM Reserve Board Meeting

5 p.m. - 6 p.m.  
GTM Research Reserve Environmental Education Center  
(904) 823-4500.

## September 7

### GTM Research Reserve new volunteer orientation

10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.  
Environmental Education Center, 505 Guana River Road  
(904) 823-4500

### Lilies of the Valley widow support group

11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.  
Ponte Vedra Valley, 4750 Palm Valley Road  
[www.pontevedravally.com/grief-support](http://www.pontevedravally.com/grief-support)

## September 10

### Caregiver support meeting

12 p.m. - 1 p.m. (repeating event on Mondays)  
Ponte Vedra Memory Care Center, 1048 A1A N.  
(904) 297-0061

## September 12

### Toastmasters Club #5199 Ponte Vedra Beach

7:30 a.m. (repeating event on Wednesdays)  
Players Community Senior Center, 175 Landrum Lane  
[carmenjsardinas@gmail.com](mailto:carmenjsardinas@gmail.com)

### Current Events Discussion Group

10 a.m. (repeating event on Mondays)  
Donovan's Irish Pub, US Highway 1  
[adsilby@yahoo.com](mailto:adsilby@yahoo.com)

## September 13

### Palencia Bridge Club plays Party Bridge

11 a.m. - 3 p.m. (repeating event on Thursdays)  
Donovan's Irish Pub, 7440 US Highway 1  
Diane Tamplin, (904) 808-7326

### St. Johns Federated Republican Women meeting

6:30 p.m.  
Davidson Realty, World Golf Village  
[sjfedrepublicanwomen@gmail.com](mailto:sjfedrepublicanwomen@gmail.com)

### Shorebird Walk at Matanzas Inlet with St. Johns County Audubon Society

9 a.m. - 11 a.m.  
Matanzas Inlet West Parking Lot, 8655 A1A S., St. Augustine  
[www.stjohnsaudubon.com](http://www.stjohnsaudubon.com)

## September 19

### Tabletop gaming for high schoolers

5 p.m. - 7 p.m.  
Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library  
(904) 827-6950

## September 14

### Food Truck Friday

6 p.m. - 9 p.m.  
Nocatee's Splash Waterpark

## September 21

### First Coast Newcomers Club board games and lunch

1 p.m.  
Coffee Cafe, St. Augustine  
Limited to 10; RSVP (904) 829-0643

## September 15

### Nocatee Farmers Market: BMX

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
Town Center Field, Nocatee

## September 24

### Ponte Vedra Woman's Club luncheon meeting

11:10 a.m.  
Sawgrass Country Club  
RSVP: [pr@pontevedrawomansclub.com](mailto:pr@pontevedrawomansclub.com)

### Ancient City Chapter of Florida Writers Association meeting featuring Michael Ray King

10 a.m.  
Main Branch Library, 1960 N. Ponce de Leon Blvd.  
Open to the public; [fwastaug@gmail.com](mailto:fwastaug@gmail.com)

## September 25

### First Coast Newcomers Club dinner and trivia

6 p.m.  
Italian restaurant in Nocatee  
Limited to 10; RSVP (904) 829-0643

## September 18

### Ponte Vedra Democratic Club meeting

6:30 p.m.  
Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library  
[Facebook.com/PonteVedraDemocrats](https://www.facebook.com/PonteVedraDemocrats)

## September 27

### United Way of St. Johns County Campaign Celebration and ribbon cutting

117 Bridge St., St. Augustine  
[www.unitedway-sjc.org](http://www.unitedway-sjc.org)

### St. Johns CARES meeting

7 p.m.  
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## Ponte Vedra Beach Library to hold Book Sale

A book sale will be held at the Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library, 101 Library Blvd. from Sept. 26 through Sept. 29. A special preview sale will be held on Sept. 25 from 4:30 p.m. – 7 p.m. for members of the Friends of the Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library only. The sale on all the other days is open to the public. A bag of books will cost only \$10 on the last day of the sale, Sept. 29. Visit the library's website, [www.sjcpls.org](http://www.sjcpls.org) for more information and daily sale times.

## Chorale seeks women singers

The North Florida Women's Chorale is accepting new members for the 2018-2019 season. The Chorale is a chorus of women who meet once a week on Mondays from 6:45 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. at Palms Presbyterian Church in Jacksonville Beach to sing and rehearse quality choral music written for women's voices. Rehearsals begin Monday, Sept. 10 at 6:45 p.m. Concert season will include performances in Jacksonville and St. Augustine. Special guests in December will be the Gainesville Brass Quintet. To arrange an audition, visit [www.womenschorale.org](http://www.womenschorale.org) or call the director, Kerry Fradley at (904) 806-7781.

## Ponte Vedra Woman's Club announces next meeting

The Ponte Vedra Woman's Club's first formal meeting of the year will be held

Sept. 24 at Sawgrass Country Club clubhouse at 11:10 a.m. The club welcomes your participation even if you have not yet become a member; email [pr@pontevedrawomansclub.com](mailto:pr@pontevedrawomansclub.com) to save a place at the luncheon. On Aug. 23, the Ponte Vedra Woman's Club held its kick off social for the new year. Members and potential members gathered to discuss the charities the club is supporting for the 2018 – 2019 year: Beaches Emergency Assistance Ministry (BEAM), St. Augustine Youth Services, Expanding Your Horizons, Betty Griffin Center, and Florida School for the Deaf and Blind. The club raises money each year for the different charities which also includes two scholarships for students planning to attend college. Visit the club's Facebook page at Ponte Vedra Woman's Club to stay current with activities and upcoming events.

## INK! announces barbecue fundraiser

INK! (Investing in Kids) world famous Boot Scootin' BBQ, a western-themed fundraiser, will be held on Sept. 29, from 6 p.m. – 10 p.m. at the St. Augustine Rod and Gun Club. The event, presented by Carlisle Interconnect Technologies, will benefit St Johns County Public School students and teachers. Attendees will enjoy barbeque from local master pitmasters, saddle up for interactive games and a chance to win prizes while listening to local bands.

Early Bird tickets are available for \$45 each until Sept. 10; tickets purchased after that are \$75 and available via [www.ink-stjohns.org](http://www.ink-stjohns.org). Contact Davey Hartzel at (904) 293-9595 or [david.hartzel@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:david.hartzel@stjohns.k12.fl.us) for more information.



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## Newcomers to meet; begin new season

Newcomers of North St. Johns will host its September luncheon on Tuesday, Sept. 18, beginning at 11 a.m. at Serenata Beach Club in Ponte Vedra Beach. The program will have a '50s theme with a surprise special guest to start off the 2018 – 2019 season. The total cost for the luncheon is \$30 for members and \$32 for guests and all reservations must be received by Sept. 10. Entrée choices are pan seared Mediterranean grouper with oven roasted polenta and wilted spinach coulis, or chicken piccata served with basil pesto potato purée and Provençal ratatouille.

Lunch includes side salads, bread, coffee, tea and Key Lime Pie for dessert; a cash bar will be available. Newcomers of North St. Johns offers a wide variety of activities including wine socials, golf, Mah Jongg, holiday parties, day trips, and cultural events and is open to all St. Johns County residents. Contact Sue Aird at [sjaird@comcast.net](mailto:sjaird@comcast.net) for luncheon registration or club membership information.

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Tue, Nov. 27, 6-8 p.m.

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Tue, Nov. 6, 9-11 a.m.  
Thu, Nov. 8, 6-8 p.m.

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By St. Johns County Supervisor of Elections Vicky Oakes

The Aug. 28 Primary Election is open to all registered voters in St. Johns County. Early voting ends Saturday, Aug. 25 at 6 p.m., so your next opportunity to vote is Tuesday, Aug. 28. On Election Day, polls will be open 7 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Unsure of where to vote or who will be on your ballot? Visit [www.votesjc.com](http://www.votesjc.com) and use the My Voter Status to check your voter record. Once you put in your information and bring up your record, you will be able to locate your assigned polling place. You can also view and print your sample ballot.

On Election Day, the law requires voters to vote in the precinct based on their residence address. If you have moved, just give us a call. We can take your address change by phone, update your record and route you to the correct polling place. This can be a real time saver! Arrive at your correct polling place the first time. Be sure to bring photo and signature ID with you when you vote.

Vote by mail ballots MUST be returned to the Elections Office by 7 p.m. on Election Day in order to be counted. It is too late now to mail your ballot and have it reach us in time, so here are your options: Use one of our convenient red drop boxes. They are at all public libraries and the Tax Collector's Offices in Ponte Vedra and Julington Creek. They will be picked up on Election Day at 5 p.m. You can also take your ballot to the Elections Office and use the 24-hour drop box in front of the office, or simply vote in person at your precinct on Election Day.

I would like to encourage every St. Johns County voter not to forget one of the most important rights we celebrate as Americans: the right to vote.

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### Q: What can you tell us about TRIM notices?

A: TRIM (Truth in Millage Notice) is the most important document a property owner will get in St. Johns County. They were mailed by our office on Aug. 17 and are also available online ([www.sjcpa.us](http://www.sjcpa.us)) as of that date.

### Q: What if people would like more information about the individual taxing authorities?

A: The TRIM notice also contains the date and time of the budget hearing for each of the taxing authorities, so property owners can attend to learn more.

2018 NOTICE OF PROPOSED PROPERTY TAXES						ST. JOHNS COUNTY TAXING AUTHORITIES 4030 Lewis Speedway, Suite 203 Saint Augustine, FL 32084	
<b>DO NOT PAY. THIS IS NOT A BILL</b>						The taxing authorities which levy property taxes against your property will soon hold PUBLIC HEARINGS to adopt budgets and tax rates for the next year. The purpose of these PUBLIC HEARINGS is to receive opinions from the general public and to answer questions on the proposed tax change and budget PRIOR TO TAKING FINAL ACTION. Each taxing authority may AMEND or ALTER its proposals at the hearing.	
Real Estate Parcel ID: XXXXXXXXXX						Tax District: XXX Legal Desc: XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	
Doe John, Jane 132 My Street St. Augustine, FL 32084							
PROPERTY APPRAISER VALUE INFORMATION							
	Last Year (2017)			This Year (2018)			
	Market Value	Assessed Value	Taxable Value	Market Value	Assessed Value	Taxable Value	
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Schools	449,712	448,321	423,321	467,446	461,515	436,515	
Other	449,712	448,321	396,321	467,446	461,515	411,515	
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TAXING AUTHORITY	COLUMN 1 LAST YEAR'S PROPERTY TAXES		COLUMN 2 YOUR TAXES THIS YEAR IF NO BUDGET CHANGE IS MADE		COLUMN 3 YOUR TAXES THIS YEAR IF PROPOSED BUDGET CHANGE IS MADE		A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAXES AND BUDGET WILL BE HELD:
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County: General Fund	5.1000	2,031.44	4.8456	1,984.04	5.1000	2,098.73	9/04/18 5:01 PM 500 San Sebastian Vw, St Aug, FL
County: Road	0.7500	296.74	0.7117	292.88	0.7500	306.64	
County: Health Unit	0.0171	6.81	0.0162	6.67	0.0171	7.04	
County: Fire District	1.4700	585.53	1.3974	575.05	1.4700	604.93	
Public Schools: Local	2.2480	951.63	2.1366	932.66	2.2480	981.29	9/18/18 5:30 PM 40 Orange St, St Aug, FL
Public Schools: State	4.2950	1,818.16	4.0821	1,781.90	4.0300	1,759.16	
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FIND	0.0320	12.75	0.0302	12.43	0.0320	13.17	9/06/18 5:30 PM 190 E 13th St, Riviera Beh, FL
Mosquito	0.2150	85.64	0.2041	83.99	0.2200	90.53	9/13/18 5:30 PM 120 EOC Dr, St Aug, FL
SJR/WMD	0.2724	108.50	0.2562	105.43	0.2562	105.43	9/11/18 5:05 PM 4049 Reid St, Palatka, FL
<b>TOTAL PROPERTY TAXES:</b>	<b>14.3995</b>	<b>5,899.20</b>	<b>13.6801</b>	<b>5,785.05</b>	<b>14.1233</b>	<b>5,968.92</b>	
ASSESSMENT REDUCTIONS							
Reductions to Market Value				Applies to		Value	
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EXEMPTIONS							
Exemptions				Applies to		Value	
Homestead				All Taxes		25,000	
Homestead Band				Non-School Taxes		25,000	

as of that date. Within the mailing, property owners will receive a copy of the State of Florida Taxpayer's Bill of Rights and a list of exemptions in addition to the TRIM notice.

### Q: What will the TRIM notice contain?

A: The TRIM notice shows the market value, the assessed value and the taxable value of your property for 2017 and proposed for 2018. It will also show any exemptions for the property. The taxes are listed by taxable authority and will show what the taxes would be if the county made no changes to the budget. This is called the "rollback rate," essentially what your taxes would be this year to allow the county to collect the same amount of money as last year. TRIM will also show the proposed taxes if the proposed budget is passed; this is what would be on the tax bill.

### Q: What should property owners do if they disagree with the value assessed by your office?

A: When the TRIM notice is mailed, a 25-day clock starts. If the taxpayer has any discrepancy with the Property Appraiser's Office, they should contact us to discuss. If we can't come to agreement, the taxpayer can file an appeal with the Value Adjustment Board. It is very important to do this within the 25-day window, because if not, a taxpayer will lose his or her right to appeal.

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

A: Our office is located at 4030 Lewis Speedway Ste. 203, (904) 827-5500. It is open Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. Also, readers can email me at [Eddie@sjcpa.us](mailto:Eddie@sjcpa.us) or call me at (904) 827-5500.

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# ST. JOHNS Business Monthly

## MarketInsight



### Acres of Diamonds

By Scott Grant  
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Sometimes, we find inspiration in the place we least expect. This is a story that my father used to tell and which I will now share with you. It is a story about two men, Russell Conwell and Johnny Ring. Russell Conwell did not believe in God. He was proud of his lack of faith. In 1862, before he could graduate from Yale, he enlisted in the Union Army. The townsfolk from his little town in Massachusetts sent him off to fight with a beautiful ceremonial sword. Captain Conwell was even prouder of that sword than he was of his atheism.

In camp, Conwell was assigned an orderly named John Quincey Ring. Ring would stay with Conwell for most of the war. One of his jobs was to care for the captain's prized sword. Ring would polish and oil it and keep it safe. Some say that Ring was a Quaker. He was almost certainly an early conscientious objector. He refused to fight. Every night, Johnny Ring read his Bible and he prayed. He prayed for his country, his family, his comrades, and his commander. This behavior irritated Conwell and he expressly forbade Ring's prayers. At one point, it is said that Conwell even took the young man's Bible away! But, Johnny Ring answered to a higher authority and he prayed continuously for his commander's redemption.

One day, the Confederates overran the Union camp. Conwell and his men fled across a bridge which they set aflame. Ring, remembering the sword, ran back into enemy fire to retrieve the precious symbol of his captain's honor. He returned to Conwell clutching the sword in his hands. His body was badly burned, and he collapsed exhaling his final breath as he laid the sword at Conwell's feet.

Shortly thereafter, Conwell was badly injured near Atlanta. He spent months in a military hospital recovering. It was during his recuperation that Conwell found God. Remembering Ring's sacrifice, he prayed daily, promising that if he recovered he would accomplish the work of two men: Johnny Ring and himself. After the war, he became a Baptist minister. He moved to Philadelphia, where he started a school he called the Temple. That school became Temple University. The school of theology at Temple was named the Conwell School of Theology. In fact, we have one here in Jacksonville: The Gordon-Conwell School of Theology.

Russell Conwell was one of this nation's first motivational speakers. His most famous work was a speech called "Acres of Diamonds." The essence of that speech is that you can travel the world looking for fame, fortune, or purpose only to find what you are looking for in your own backyard. Conwell would give the speech 6,152 times before his death in 1925.

Investments often work like this as well. Over and over, I see investors looking for the next great idea like it was some sort of pot of gold at the end of the rainbow. The reality is that most of the really good investments you will make in your lifetime are right there in front of you, in your own backyard. Great American companies that we all know and love. Look for great companies at a reasonable price. As Warren Buffet says, "It's far better to buy a wonderful company at a fair price than a fair company at a wonderful price."

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## Financial tips for Alzheimer's caregivers

By Karsten Jacobson  
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If you are, or will be, a caregiver for elderly parents or another close family member living with Alzheimer's disease, you may experience some emotional stress — but you also need to be aware of the financial issues involved and what actions you can take to help address them.

You will find few "off the rack" solutions for dealing with the financial challenges associated with Alzheimer's. For one thing, family situations can vary greatly, both in terms of the financial resources available and in the availability and capabilities of potential caregivers. Furthermore, depending on the stage of the disease, people living with Alzheimer's may have a range of cognitive abilities, which will affect the level of care needed.

Here are some general suggestions that may be useful to you in your role as caregiver:

- Consult with family members and close friends. It's extremely hard to be a solo caregiver. By consulting with other family members or close friends, you may find that some of them have the time and ability to help.
- Consider obtaining durable power of attorney. If you possess a durable power of attorney for finances, you can make financial decisions for the person with Alzheimer's when he or she is no longer able. With this authority, you can help the individual living with the disease — and your entire family — avoid court actions that can take away control of financial affairs. And on a short-term basis, having durable power of attorney can help you take additional steps if needed. You'll find it much easier to acquire durable power of attorney when

the individual living with Alzheimer's is still in the early stage of the disease and can willingly and knowingly grant you this authority.

- Gather all necessary documents. You'll be in a better position to help the individual living with Alzheimer's if you have all the important financial documents — bank statements, insurance policies, wills, Social Security payment information, deeds, etc. — in one place.

- Get professional help. You may want to consult with an attorney, who can advise you on establishing appropriate arrangements, such as a living trust, which provides instructions about the estate of the person for whom you're providing care and names a trustee to hold title to property and funds for the beneficiaries. You also might want to meet with a financial advisor, who can help identify potential resources and money-saving services. And a tax professional may be able to help you find tax deductions connected to your role as caregiver. Finally, use your experience as a caregiver to remind yourself of the importance of planning for your own needs. For example, a financial professional can suggest ways of preparing for the potentially huge costs of long-term care, such as those arising from an extended stay in a nursing home. Caring for an individual living with Alzheimer's has its challenges. But by taking the appropriate steps, you can reduce uncertainties — and possibly give yourself and your family members a greater sense of security and control.

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## Inquiring Minds want to know!

By Martie Thompson  
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Are you puzzled about something going on in Ponte Vedra or wondering about whatever happened on a topic from a previous issue? Email your question to us at [editor@floridanewsline.com](mailto:editor@floridanewsline.com) by the fifth of the month and we will do our best to track down the information for you.

While we will do our best to answer all the questions we receive, we may not be able to answer all questions received each month. Also, due to publication scheduling, the time it takes to research answers may vary.

Here are answers to questions we received this month:

### Q: Is Panera Bread is still going in next to Bogey Grill on AIA?

Q: We reached out to Casey Keough, a planner with the St. Johns County Growth Management Planning and Zoning division, who said, "The Panera Bread that is to be developed in the Ponte Vedra Point Shopping Center submitted for a Major Modification on Dec. 18, 2017 (MAJMOD 2017-26). On June 19, 2018, the Board of County Commissioners voted 5-0 to approve the requested modification, which allowed for increased square footage on the site to accommodate the restaurant as well as various waivers to the Palm Valley Overlay District Architectural Criteria (roof lines, signage, etc.). On June 28, 2018, Commercial Plans were received for staff review (COMM 2018-58); the initial review has been completed by staff and comments were sent to the applicant on the morning of July 17, 2018. The companion Coastal Corridor Overlay District Application (ARCCC 2017-35) has already received approval by the Palm Valley Architectural Review Committee. Once all comments have been addressed for the COMM application, the plans will be released and the applicant will be able to submit for a Building Permit."

### Q: What is being built on the TPC Sawgrass parking lots?

A: We reached out to Kirsten Sabia, vice president of Integrated Communication for the PGA TOUR. She said, "This will be the new global home for the PGA TOUR."

### Q: What is being built at the end of Canal Boulevard on Roscoe? A retainer wall was built along with a bridge then all work stopped.

A: According to Casey Keough, a planner with the St. Johns County Growth Management Planning and Zoning Division, a retaining wall does appear to have been constructed and the work since stopped on this residential property. "We do not have any further records of construction intended for that property at this time," Keough said.

Email your question to us at [editor@floridanewsline.com](mailto:editor@floridanewsline.com)

## The Sheriff Reports

By St. Johns County Sheriff David B. Shoar

### Best practices if you are stopped by a sheriff's deputy

Every day many citizens come in contact with deputy sheriffs for a variety of reasons, from a routine traffic stop to an active investigation. Our deputies and other law enforcement officers are trained to do so safely, efficiently as well as effectively; however, problems could occur when citizens are not sure how to react and respond when approached by an officer. This lack of knowledge could result in fear, nervousness, anger, or even aggressive behavior on the part of the citizen, as well as the officer. It is my hope that the information gained here will assist you when dealing with any law enforcement officer.

Let's begin by asking the question why would an officer want to stop and speak with me? The officer or deputy could be checking out a complaint that was phoned in by another citizen. There could be a report of some criminal activity which occurred in the area or you may have witnessed something that could provide valuable information in an investigation. Perhaps your actions could cause the deputy to think you are having trouble and need assistance. The best way to clarify the situation is to ask questions. Remember that some of their conversations are not necessarily investigative, but a potential conflict could be alleviated by your cooperative dialogue.

If a deputy does stop and ask questions, your honest responses will usually resolve the situation quickly. If the officer hasn't told you why you have been stopped, you have every right to inquire. If despite these considerations, you feel that you do not want to respond, the deputy must respect your right not to answer. Remember though, your cooperation could be most helpful in aiding in a criminal investigation.

Another common occurrence is the traffic stop, which could be for an

infraction, for a safety violation, or the vehicle or driver matches a description of a suspect of a recent crime. Here are some suggestions that could alleviate some concerns of an officer at a traffic stop:

When signaled by a deputy, slow down and safely pull over to a place out of the traffic flow. Sit calmly, with your hands visible on the steering wheel. If you have any passengers, ask them to sit quietly with their hands visible. Avoid sudden movements or ducking in the seat; these actions could unnecessarily alarm the officer. If the stop is at night, turn on your inside light after pulling over and roll down any tinted windows. For safety reasons, the officer would want to see inside and ensure no threats are present. Do not get out of your car unless the officer or deputy asks that you step out. If you are asked to do so, comply in a calm manner. A sure way to put a deputy at ease is to communicate your actions in advance by telling him or her what you will be doing before you move. If requested, you must give the deputy your driver's license and vehicle registration. Be sure to tell the officer where it is before reaching for it, especially if you have it tucked away in a glove box.

Finally, if you are issued a citation, you will be asked to sign it. Remember, signing the citation is not an admission of guilt, but an acknowledgement that you have received the citation. While you may wish to contest the ticket, keep in mind that your guilt or innocence can only be determined in court. Protests about the situation cannot be resolved in the street.

There is much more information available from our website at [www.sjsso.org](http://www.sjsso.org) and on our Facebook page. Please feel free to contact me anytime at [dshoar@sjsso.org](mailto:dshoar@sjsso.org) if you have any questions.

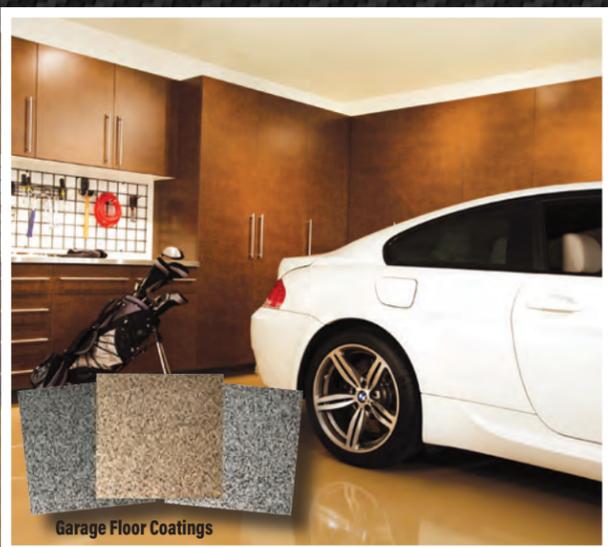
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**Briefs**

**United Way of St. Johns County's annual meeting provides updates**

United Way of St. Johns County held its 2018 annual meeting, The Business of Living United, on Thursday, July 26 at the Casa Monica Resort. Nearly 150 people were in attendance to hear the updates, including an amendment to the bylaws allowing the organization to exist



Photo courtesy United Way St. Johns County  
Attendees at the 2018 United Way St. Johns County annual meeting.

in perpetuity, a change from the original charter of 99 years.

Last year, the organization documented \$1.4 million in giving to the community. Organization CEO/President Melissa Nelson addressed the indispensable work of United Way in the community.

“Our goal is to create a greater understanding of the business of Living United and how this translates to a bottom-line benefit in St. Johns County,” she said.

Program highlights include the \$621,000 granted to 26 partners for 36 ongoing programs during the traditional spring community impact process. Additional funding, grants and sponsorships totaled nearly \$78,000, and \$323,000 designated

for specific organizations, programs or needs, in the community. For Hurricane relief, \$146,000 was allocated and United Way-SJC advocated for funds with Florida's First Coast Fund. United Way-SJC continues to act as the fiscal agent for the Long-Term Recovery Organization for both Hurricane Matthew and Irma, which has spent nearly \$100,000 to repair homes.

“I have a strong belief and passion that every child in this community deserves a first-rate opportunity to learn. It doesn't stop there, I am not only passionate about education, but even more, for the children of this community, our children,” said Beverly Slough, 2018-2019 campaign chair and member of the St. Johns County School Board.

**St. Johns County residents may enjoy free or discounted admission during Easy Season**

The month of September is a relatively slow time of year for tourism in the St. Augustine area, but the so called “Easy Season” has attractions, museums and tours offering free or discounted admission to St. Johns County residents.

Additionally, the Sing Out Loud Music Festival returns for four weekends this September (Sept. 1 – 23). Hundreds of performances will take place at in the greater St. Augustine area and Ponte Vedra Beach in an epic celebration of local, regional and national singers, songwriters and musicians.

Among the deals for St. Johns County residents with proper identification in September are:

- Free admission on Old Town Trolley Tours
  - Free admission St. Augustine History Museum
  - Free admission Authentic Old Jail
  - Free admission Potter's Wax Museum
  - Free admission Oldest Store Museum Experience
  - 50% off admission at Bayfront Mini Golf, Ripley's Red Train Tours, Ripley's Believe It or Not! Museum, and the Ghost Train Adventure
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  - Free admission to the TPC Clubhouse Tour
  - Free admission to the Flagler College Legacy Tour
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  - Free admission to the Pena Peck House
- Visit [www.FloridasEasySeason.com](http://www.FloridasEasySeason.com) for more information.

**St. Johns County Audubon Society announces new program**

St. Johns County Audubon Society's new

season has begun with a new board of directors and a full schedule of activities, including a new program funded by a grant from the National Audubon Society to teach about and encourage water conservation.

The newly elected board includes Amy Koch (president), Mary Conte (vice president), Patricia Gill (treasurer), Debbie Cusick (secretary) as well as Marcy Brenner and Jean Rolke (past president).

St. Johns County Audubon Society will introduce Birding 101 walks this year that will be led by an experienced birder. With this offering, the society hopes to share opportunities to see birds with young people and families who are new to birding.

Monthly member meetings are held at the St. Johns River State College campus in St. Augustine on the third Tuesday of each month and will include important topics such as the Status of The Summer Haven River, Climate-wise Gardening, Saving Habitats for Wildlife and Ethical Bird Photography. In addition to the society's many scheduled bird walks, attendees are invited to explore birds, wildlife and conservation on field trips to places like Sweetwater Wetlands Preserve in Gainesville, Williams Wetland Preserve in Palatka and the Audubon Center for Birds of Prey, a facility in Maitland where Audubon Florida's iconic “EagleWatch” program is headquartered.

Visit [www.stjohnsaudubon.com](http://www.stjohnsaudubon.com) to view the online calendar of events and learn more about the Water Advocated project.

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## Jazz music featured at monthly jams



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St. Augustine Jazz Society hosts a monthly Jazz Jam at Royal St. Augustine Golf Club, 301 Royal St. Augustine Pkwy., off State Road 16 on the last Sunday of each month except December from 2 p.m. – 5 p.m. These jams are open to the public; admission is \$7 for non-members. The jams feature music from local and famous musicians and vocalists, dancing and drinks for purchase. St. Augustine Jazz Society is a non-profit organization and funds received go towards scholarships to St. Johns County jazz band members in middle school, high school, and college. Visit [www.staugjazzsociety.org](http://www.staugjazzsociety.org) for more information on scholarships and jazz jams or contact Jamie Lee, vice president, at (904) 237-9268. Pictured are this year's scholarship winners, Rhys Bennett, sax; Sylvia Van Boskirk, sax; and Henry Van Boskirk.



Photo courtesy Nocatee

## Nocatee Farmers Market celebrates 1950s

Members of the Nocatee community and guests threw it back to the '50s for the Nocatee Farmers Market. July's theme was called "Nifty Fifties" and featured a classic car show, a performance by a '50s inspired band, dance performances, shopping, and food.



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## Beachwalk's centerpiece Crystal Lagoons® amenity completed

By NewsLine Staff  
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Beachwalk celebrated a major milestone in July when developer John Kinsey emptied the last gallon of water into the new community's 14-acre crystal-clear lagoon. The lagoon, a Crystal Lagoons® amenity, contains 37 million gallons of water and serves as the anchor for Beachwalk, bringing a little bit of the Caribbean to Northeast Florida.



Photo courtesy James Brown, Jr.

Beachwalk developer John Kinsey adds final gallon to Beachwalk lagoon.

"Some said it wouldn't happen," said Kinsey of the largest man-made lagoon in the country. "I think today, with the filling of the lagoon, we have silenced the doubters. There's nothing else like it in Northeast Florida."

Set against a white lining, the lagoon has taken on the natural turquoise hue that will deepen to a "Caribbean" blue. The sparkling waters are surrounded by a 100-foot white-sand beach with wavy palms and winding footpaths.

Beachwalk is part of the New Twin Creeks Planned Unit Development, a designated 3,000-acre Development of Regional Impact on both sides of County Road 210 across U.S. 1 from the western border of Nocatee. Kinsey's group has owned the site for 13 years.

The community features a Caribbean, Key West and West Indies style — metal-roof homes, Bermuda grass, and every type of palm tree that will grow well in North Florida. In addition to the lagoon, Beachwalk will feature water

slides, a miniature golf course and a 2,500 square-foot splash park for dogs. A planned clubhouse has been styled after one seen at a multi-billion-dollar Caribbean beach and golf resort. Residents will be able to swim, paddle kayaks, or stroll along a boardwalk.

"The whole community really is walkable," Kinsey said. "You really can walk to the beach."

Beachwalk will have nearly 800 homes at build-out. Construction at Beachwalk includes single-family homes and twin villas on the lagoon by homebuilders Americrest Luxury Homes, Lennar and Vintage Estate Homes.

The developer is investing \$35 million to widen County Road 210 from two to six lanes and provided two school sites to the St. Johns County School District. Of Beachwalk's 1,200 acres, 500 are set aside for preserve.

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## PVPV/Rawlings rolls in Kindness Crew to support positive behavior

By NewsLine Staff  
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Safety and security are on everyone's minds because of SB 7026 (the new Public Safety Act). PVPV/Rawlings was well ahead of this, and had already beefed up campus security with additional fencing, single entry points and key card scanners. Like every St. Johns County School, this year also brings a full time armed school safety officer.

PVPV/Rawlings has also gone beyond the hardening of its campus...to the hearts of its children. Students are being invited to join the Kindness Crew.

"We're beginning a new Positive Behavior Support program to encourage kindness and build our culture of caring for each other," said Principal Caty Van Housen.

Van Housen said the 2018 – 2019 school initiative is meant to create a positive difference in the lives of others through kindness. Kindness messages are featured daily on the morning news show by students. Weekly lessons blending kindness matters and bullying education, along with the well-established St. Johns County School District's Character Counts! initiative, encourage students to complete weekly self-reflective journaling.

To establish clear and consistent expectations and to encourage students to make good choices, Kindness Crew

"THINK" banners hang throughout campus:

- T** Think before you act
- H** Hands to self
- I** Include others
- N** Nice words
- K** Kind Acts

Kind acts by students are rewarded with "Kindness Crew" tickets. The tickets are turned in to have the student's name posted on a sea turtle riding the "Wave of Kindness" displayed in the main hallway. The tickets are also entered in a quarterly drawing for a special prize, provided by the school's supportive PTO.



Photo courtesy PV/PV Rawlings  
Members of the PVPV/Rawlings Kindness Crew: Maddy Glunt, Gracie Glunt, Harmon Koon, Mina Bohsali, Edith Alford and Jackson Bohsali.

Guidance Counselors Christy Thacker and Stacey O'Brien offer classroom lessons and small group counseling sessions for specific student needs. Their small groups help students who feel troubled, as well as those who struggle with being kind to others.

Kindness Crew curriculum and information is shared with parents through the "Turtle Talk" section of the school's monthly online newsletter, The Wave.

"Our hope is that the wave of kindness will swell and spread throughout the entire community," Van Housen said. "Won't you join the Kindness Crew?"

## St. Johns County schools open with increased enrollment

By NewsLine Staff  
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The student count for the St. Johns County School District on day two, August 13, was 38,995, an increase of 1,656 students or 4.43 percent over last year's second day number of 37,339. St. Johns County continues to be one of the fastest growing school districts in the state.

The high school student count was 12,102 with 2,616 students at Bartram Trail High School; 2,255 at Creekside High School; 1,252 at Pedro Menendez High School; 2,521 at Allen D. Nease High School; 1,767 at Ponte Vedra High School and 1,691 at St. Augustine High School. There were also 275 students in attendance at St. Johns Technical High School.

Middle school attendance totaled 7,468, with student headcounts ranging from 690 at Sebastian Middle School to 1,431 at Pacetti Bay Middle School. The other second day figures were Alice B. Landrum Middle School with 1,214; Fruit Cove Middle School with 1,234; R. J. Murray Middle School with 710; Gamble Rogers Middle School with 887 and Switzerland Point Middle School with 1,302.

The district's K-8 schools totaled 7,282. Liberty Pines Academy had a second day headcount of 1,514; Patriot Oaks

Academy with 1,370 and Valley Ridge Academy with 1,343. Two new K-8 schools also opened this year; Freedom Crossing Academy with 949 and Palm Valley Academy with 1,188. Mill Creek Elementary transitioned to Mill Creek Academy over the summer and had a headcount of 918; these three schools all opened this school year as K-6 schools with plans to add seventh and eighth grades in subsequent years.

The elementary school population totaled 11,449. This count only includes approximately 50 percent of all kindergarten students since schools stagger the kindergarten start date over a four-day period.

"The hard work and dedication from administration, teachers and support staff to make opening day and the days that follow the very best resulted in happy students eager to learn and greeting their friends," said Superintendent Tim Forson. "I am so proud of our students and staff and it is wonderful to be out in the schools to share in welcoming our students this year."

St. Johns County School District staff will continue to monitor attendance numbers, balance classrooms and refine bus routes throughout the coming weeks.

### Palm Valley Academy kicks off school's first Back to School

The doors opened Friday, Aug. 10 at two brand new schools in St. Johns County. Palm Valley Academy welcomed nearly 1,300 students for the 2018 – 2019 school year.

Third grader Hudson Pennell and first grader Piper Pennell celebrate their new school in the Palm Valley Academy gymnasium.



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## Get to Know . . .

### Janice Cushman

By Ken Gillespie  
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Janice Cushman

If you are a parishioner at Nocatee's Saint John Paul II Catholic church, you've seen Janice Cushman leading a choir and serving as Cantor at Sunday services. As a local resident she is often recognized and greeted by congregation members while shopping at Publix, dining out at M Shack, and relaxing at the Splash Park.

She and her family relocated from Pittsburgh four years ago, when husband Ron took a new job with CSX. She works as a guidance counselor at Pedro Menendez High School in St. Augustine and is the mother of two teens in the St. Johns County School District. Advising and coaching young clients is close to her heart as she has always valued the helping profession; however, music and song may be closest to her soul.

As one of five children raised in modest means, Cushman showed a strong personal drive to succeed. An aggressive early move was enlisting in the U.S. Air Force after high school, serving four years. Her GI Bill benefits, supplemented with part time jobs, loans, and music scholarships, enabled her to earn a bachelor's degree from Florida State University. She later followed up with a Masters in School Counseling. While not a Florida native, she was familiar with the state from being stationed here while serving.

**Q: Tell us about your time with the Air Force.**

A: Those years helped me grow up fast. I had a terrific opportunity to audition and be selected to become a member of the Air Force's touring performance ensemble, Tops In Blue. Composed of more than 30 vocalists, dancers, musicians and technicians, our group performed an average of 120 performances a year at more than 100 base locations worldwide. Besides singing, I had to be in top physical shape since we were our own roadies. We would spend hours unloading 50,000 pounds of equipment from two truck trailers, set up our stage, perform, then tear everything down the same day. One precious memoir is a photo of me and Bob Hope, the military's most revered entertainer.

**Q: With a full time job as a school counselor, choir leader, and mother of two teens is there any time left over?**

A: There's always time for music and singing. Just ask my husband about my (sometimes annoying) habit of loudly breaking out in song as we ride in the car when the radio plays a favorite song. On the home front it's great fun doing Karaoke with neighborhood friends. Professionally, I frequently sing at celebrations marking life's starts and ends ... weddings and funerals. Many of my fondest memories come from 10 years as a wedding singer, both as a solo performer and with a Pittsburgh area group called "Night Life." I recall absolute crazy times at weddings; working

with hungover drummers, putting up with stage crashing guests grabbing the mic, and occasionally impersonating celebrities like Lady Gaga.

**Q: What does the future hold?**

A: Three wishes come to mind. One involves travel. Having experienced a wider world while touring with the Air Force I want to expose our children to some of this planet's exciting places. Ron and I have a bucket list of sights to see. Another desire is to explore acting in theater. I've performed as a singer all my life and am comfortable being on stage, but I've never acted per se. In my younger years I had dreams of singing on Broadway or perhaps in opera, but life took a different turn. Performing allows a person to temporarily become someone else while staying in their own skin. It's a liberating feeling. I'm beginning to research the local theater scene to see what's out there. Lastly, we are truly beach people and someday would like to live on or near the ocean. That one is a longer range goal.

## Get to Know . . .

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**Mosquitoes** cont. from pg. 1

members, the observation of technicians, and data accumulated by 33 traps set weekly all around the county to detect the presence of mosquitoes before spraying an area.

"One thing to keep in mind is that as long as you see the green and white flashing lights on one of our trucks going through your neighborhood, chemicals are being dispensed," Clark said. "You just won't see the big plume behind the truck because of improvements in the chemicals we use and how they are dispersed."

But the Anastasia Mosquito Control District does more than just fog and spray for existing larvae and mosquitoes. The district sometimes receives grants to fund research projects and student interns. This year, Clark said a grant is funding research for the Autocidal Gravid Oviposition trap (AGO) project, which is a test trap designed by the Puerto Rican branch of the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Another research project involves a sterile insect technique used on male mosquitoes.

Clark, who has been the Education Specialist for the Anastasia Mosquito Control District for nearly 18 months, knows more about mosquitoes than most. She has a degree in wildlife biology from Purdue University, after which she participated in a surveillance project for West Nile virus. She worked at the Florida Department of Agriculture before coming to the district. She enjoys education and outreach and is available for informational meetings with homeowners associations and school groups.

Her top tip is "Drain and Cover." She said homeowners should keep a watchful eye for any standing water in their yard, to include even inside some types of plants. She recommends that the water be dumped at least once per week to cut down on mosquito breeding. Also, people who are outdoors should apply an EPA-approved insect repellent, avoid being outside around dawn and dusk, and wear loose fitting, light colored clothing.

"Mosquitoes can bite through tight-fitting clothing," Clark said.

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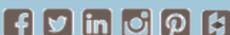
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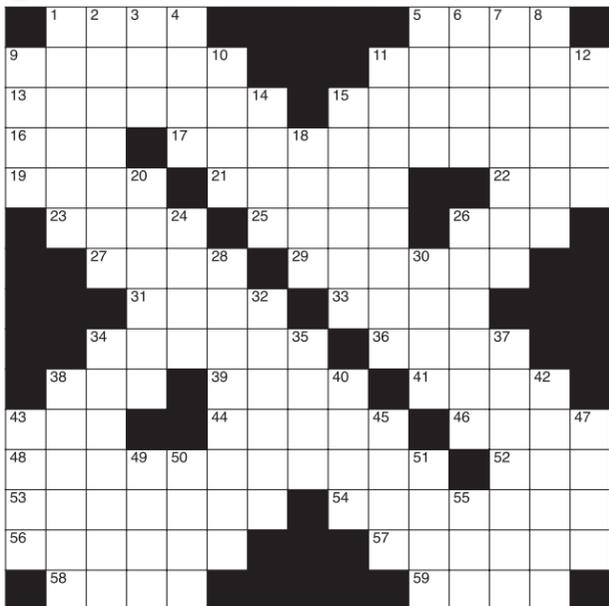


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# Puzzles

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### CLUES ACROSS

1. A greeting
5. A type of hall
9. Planes need one
11. Wealth
13. The act of exciting
15. A movement downward
16. Type of storage
17. A funny and sad play
19. After cinco
21. Dry white Italian wine
22. Where golfers begin
23. Witnesses
25. Relaxing places
26. Of she
27. Discontinued compact car
29. Resulted
31. Large Irish castle

### CLUES DOWN

1. Progressive decay of a bone or tooth
2. Deliberately contrary events
3. Unit of mass
4. Kiln
5. Soybean paste
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26. Greetings
28. Craftsmen
30. Mongolian city \_\_\_ Bator
32. Did again
34. Sunrooms
35. Start over
37. Georgians love them
38. Women
40. "Snake Tales" cartoonist
42. Pariahs
43. Caps
45. Gradually become less solid
47. Goats
49. French city Le \_\_\_
50. Exhale
51. Homes have at least one
55. Type of power cable

## PIZZA MAKER WORD SEARCH

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 I R L E H A B V T E O V Y N E T U L G O  
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- BIGA
- BUFFALO
- CALIFORNIA STYLE
- CHEF
- CORNICIONE
- CRUST
- CULTURE
- DEEP DISH
- DELIVERY
- DOCKING
- DOUBLE-ZERO
- DOUGH
- ELASTICITY
- FLOUR
- FOCACCIA
- GLUTEN
- HEARTH
- MARGHERITA
- MARINARA
- MOZZARELLA
- NAPLES
- NEAPOLITAN
- PAN
- PARMESAN
- PEEL
- PEPPERONI
- PIZZAILO
- PROOF
- SALT
- SHEETED
- SHREDED
- STONE
- TOMATOES
- TOPPING
- YEAST

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Solve the code to discover words related to computing.  
Each number corresponds to a letter.  
(Hint: 2 = m)

**A. 7 9 2 18 8 4 22 16**  
Clue: Electronic device

**B. 12 21 25 21 4 13 17**  
Clue: Opposite of analog

**C. 2 22 2 9 16 24**  
Clue: Storage

**D. 7 17 9 8 12**  
Clue: External server

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# Brush up your Shakespeare at Alhambra's "Kiss Me Kate"

By Martie Thompson  
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"Kiss Me Kate" is basically Shakespeare's "The Taming of the Shrew," adapted for the stage by Jeremy Sams and featuring music and lyrics by Cole Porter ... and audiences at Alhambra Theatre and Dining are in for a double treat with this rollicking battle of the sexes. The music and lyrics are integrated into the script (Porter's response to Rodgers & Hammerstein's shows) and the play became Porter's biggest hit with more than 1,000 performances on Broadway. It won the first-ever Tony Award presented for Best Musical in 1949.

The story is actually a play-within-a-play about actors touring with the stage version of "The Taming of the Shrew." The characters switch back and forth between their names and their Shakespearean counterparts. The lead roles are portrayed impressively by Christopher Sanders and Traci Bair, as divorced couple Fred Graham and Lilli Vanessi who star as "Petruccio" and "Katharine." Despite their failed personal rela-

tionship, they find themselves drawn to each other. Add in Fred's dalliance with ingenue Lois Lane/"Bianca," portrayed by Lauren Robinson, and her gambler boyfriend, Bill Calhoun/"Lucentio," played by Matthew Alexander, as well as two mafia hit men who come to collect Bill's gambling debt from an unsuspecting Fred (Bill signed Fred's name on an IOU) and what ensues is a comedic case of misunderstandings. Backstage antics of the cast spill over into the on-stage performance of "The Taming of the Shrew," with hilarious asides by the actors during their ad libbing.

Porter's music provides a showcase for powerhouse vocals by Sanders, Bair and Robinson. Probably one of the most well known numbers, "Wunderbar," is beautifully performed by Sanders and Bair as their Fred and Lilli personas. Bair as Lilli shows her vocal range and comedic delivery with "I Hate Men" and Sanders as Petruccio brings the house down with "Where is the Life that Late I Led?" Robinson as Bianca

leads a suggestive rendition of "Tom, Dick or Harry" with suitors Gremio, Hortensio and Lucentio that will have adult audience members chuckling.

The clever lyrics in "Brush Up Your Shakespeare," performed by the two gangsters (Joshua McKinney and Joey Swift) are sure to bring laughs and finally a sigh of disappointment when the two are finally, literally, dragged off the stage.

The ensemble numbers are also highlights. "Another Op'nin, Another Show" at the start of the first act and "Too Darn Hot" at the beginning of the second act allow the company to strut their stuff to James Kinney's pulsating choreography.

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 The cast of "Kiss Me Kate."

accompany this show. Diners have their choice of chilled cucumber bisque or Caprese salad to start, followed by entree choices of southern style pepper steak, BBQ chicken, scallops carbonara or vegetable kabob with tofu. Save room for refreshing raspberry sorbet with a Meyer lemon cookie or Key Lime pie for dessert.

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## This 'n That

By Mims Cushing  
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### Subways are for eating

New York City is my drug of choice. I was born there. It's about as expensive to live there as to buy specific street drugs. I am addicted to roaming the streets of downtown Manhattan, Uptown Manhattan, and all around the town. One way to lessen the expense of getting around the island is to avoid taxis and use the subway.

We native New Yorkers call NYC "The City" as though there is no other city in the world. The place knocks me out. From Katz's Deli and the fascinating Tenement Museum downtown to Yorkville's knock-out knockwurst. The museums, the endless concerts that are offered, the Broadway plays, the Off (and Off-Off) Broadway plays, grandiose Central Park and mini vest-pocket parks. They're all great places to watch people, but there's no finer place to people-watch than the subway. New York City is especially sweet at Christmas time. I realize not everybody feels this way. Yeah, I get it; it's crowded.

It used to be that you could do a lot of things on subways that are now, sadly, verboten. Signs posted in the train cars a while back, thanks to the Metropolitan Transit Authority campaign "Courtesy Counts," are supposed to help teach city riders the etiquette of traveling underground. Here are a few of the signs:

"Do not eat." (Heck, even the airlines, trains and buses let us bring food on board.) "No eating" caused an outrage by one passenger who felt the subway is the quintessential place to eat a meal. One rider sulked, "Eating on the subway really works well with my schedule." Couldn't he have settled for a nice place in Central Park?

"Do not spread your legs (men) or take up too much space." Couldn't they have come up with a more delicate phrase than "spread your legs?" Such a tasteless

set of words. Not to put too fine a point on this, it is also called "manspreading," which is in the Oxford English Dictionary.

One paper said, "Poles are for your safety, not your latest routine. A subway car is no place to think "SHOWTIME!" Of course at rush hour one can hardly get a Kleenex out of a pocket because of the people-crush. People getting off the subway act as though the bell has rung on Derby Day.

"Do not put on makeup." Perhaps New York is afraid people will stick mascara in the eye of the person sitting next to them. An eyeball gets poked and the city is sued.

Having ridden the subways to work for years when I was in my 20s, it never dawned on me how hard subways must be for elderly folks. All those stairs from the street to get down to the escalators! Nowadays, I myself struggle when I ride the subway, but I still find it fascinating to see the mass of humanity struggling to get from point A to point B.

Subway riders are sometimes victims of crimes. Pocketbook stealing, wallet snatching, perhaps a stabbing or two. But the subways are not all about blood, sweat and gore. YouTube shows wonderful flash dancers and singers performing in the aisles.

I yearn for Ponte Vedra Beach after I've spent 10 days up there. I admit PVB has become the grounds for my happy dance, a refuge from the storm of city life. I need to have earplugs like the racehorse American Pharoah to block out the noise of mid-Manhattan and the subway.

County Commissioners, let's celebrate that there's no money for subways in Ponte Vedra Beach.

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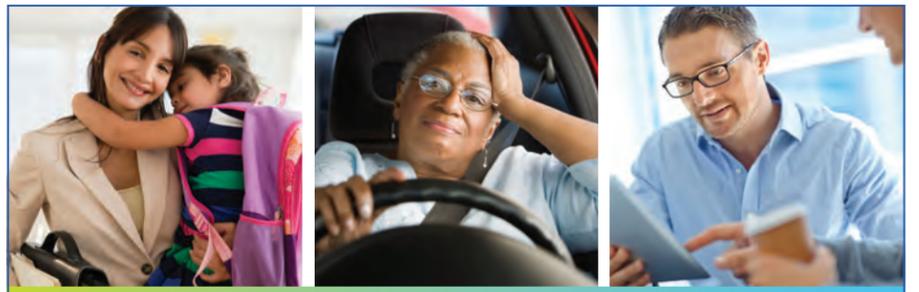
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# The Pantry Raiders

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homemade salsa at  
your next soirée

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Gatherings of family and friends are better with food, and few foods are more universally beloved than salsa. Whether they're hosting a gathering for the big game or a celebration of Hispanic culture and cuisine, hosts who want to go the extra mile can forgo store-bought salsa for the following homemade recipe for "Warm Black Bean Salsa" courtesy of Judith Finlayson's "The Health Slow Cooker: 135 Gluten-Free Recipes for Health and Wellness" (Robert Rose).

## Warm Black Bean Salsa

(Makes about 3 cups)

- 14- to 19-ounce can of no-salt-added black beans, drained
- 1 cup drained no-salt-added diced canned tomatoes
- 4 green onions, finely chopped
- 2 roasted peppers (poblano or sweet), peeled and diced
- 1 roasted jalapeño, seeded and diced, or 1 chipotle pepper in adobo sauce
- 1 tsp. puréed garlic
- 1 tsp. finely grated lime zest
- 2 tbsp. freshly squeezed lime juice
- 2 cups shredded cheddar or Monterey Jack cheese
- 2 tbsp. finely chopped cilantro leaves
- Finely chopped green onions

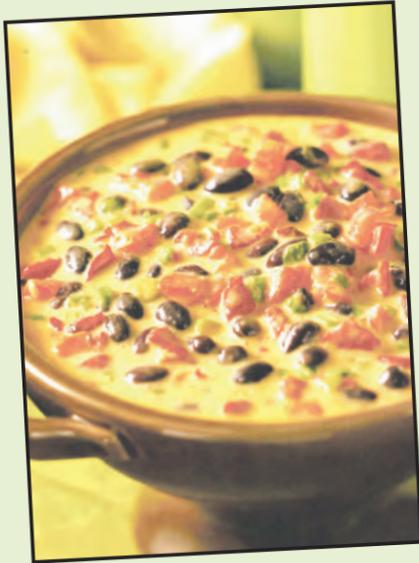


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Warm Black Bean Salsa

In slow cooker stoneware, combine beans, tomatoes, green onions, poblano, jalapeño peppers, garlic, lime zest and juice, and cheese. Stir well. Cover and cook on high for 1 ½ hours, until mixture is hot and bubbly. Stir in cilantro, sprinkle with green onions, if using, and serve.

# Golf tips from T Shot Ranch Is golf a contact sport?

By Janie C. Farina  
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*"My swing is so bad, I look like a caveman killing his lunch."* — Tommy Armour

Do you "look like a caveman killing his lunch" when playing golf?

Are you "killing the ball" when you play, or is your golf game killing you?

Grip, trap, hit, penalty, stroke, hazard, out of bounds, unplayable lie, interference, hook, slice, push, pull, block, bogey, divot, bunker, smother, block, fat, thin, top, torque, smash... It's no wonder, with golf lingo the way it is, seeing students ball hit for the first time resembles a mugging instead of a swinging.

So, how do we deliver that sweet smack that sends the ball sailing down the fairway while we get to a balanced finish position that you could frame in a picture?

So many golfers, instead, look like they are doing the "Mashed Potato" before the ball screeches dead right/left while the onlookers run for cover. To illustrate this point, at work we have a golf ball peppered steel pillar three feet to the right of the hitting area that resembles the dimples on a golf ball from top to bottom.

"Golf combat" can be destructive to our bodies, our equipment, and to our self-esteem on the golf course/driving range.

Here is some necessary ammunition to incorporate into your golf arsenal that will soften the blow of bad ball contact:

1. Having a proper hold on the club minimizes golf ball shrapnel and insures that the clubface is contacting the ball in the correct fashion.
2. An athletic posture/stance will facilitate balance, rhythm, and a correct swing plane through the ball to keep it on path. Muhammad Ali danced around his opponents, but knocked them flat with a well-timed blow.
3. Slashing at the ball may feel powerful, but tempo and rhythm deliver a better smash.
4. Aim like a target shooter — allow for eye dominance, and set up looking with both eyes focused on the target while placing your feet. Trust what looks right from behind the ball, and not believing the deceptive picture your side view delivers to your brain.
5. Salute with the club to the target at the finish of your swing; a well balanced finish with face, chest, and tummy is critical to getting your target mission accomplished, vs. dangling the club, spinning and falling away after the swing like a right hook has plowed you over.

Golf doesn't have to feel like a contact sport with the aid of a good instructor, proper equipment, and a peaceful mindset that will facilitate killing the ball, not your golf swing!

Keep the flow and let it go!

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# Travel

## Touring Louisiana plantations

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Before the Civil War, cotton was king and sugar reigned as “white gold.” The South’s economy depended on their production. Wealthy barons established large plantations where slaves worked the fields.

New Orleans became one of America’s wealthiest cities due to its strategic harbor. Today, many grand plantations still dot the Mississippi River Road. Exploring these historic sites provides a fascinating history lesson. Visitors no longer tour just the mansion house, they also see and hear about the outbuildings and slave quarters.

The following five plantations are within an easy drive from New Orleans, but visiting more than two a day proves difficult.



The famous Oak Alley

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Oak Alley is renowned for the 28 live oaks lining the quarter-mile entryway to the Greek Revival mansion. The 300-year-old graceful trees, draped in Spanish moss, have become synonymous with the Old South. To walk under the dreamy canopy is to feel the presence of the past. In addition

to touring the manor house, stop at the reconstructed slave dwellings and exhibits, and Sugarcane Theatre which shows a film about the crop’s economic importance. Overnight stays are available in newly built cottages.

Houmas House and Gardens in Darrow, a 38-acre estate, ranks as a must-see for gardeners.

The stunning grounds include the Burnside Oak, Japanese gardens, bridges, fountains, pools and statuary — some of it whimsical. Even children like to explore these green acres. Though a bit pricey,

an overnight stay in a cottage offers the sheer delight of evening strolls or early morning walks among the splendor. Guided tours of the manor house, once called the “Sugar Palace,” explain how it survived wars, floods, abandonment, and fortunately the ravages of time. Visitors find a variety of restaurants and the Louisiana River Road Interpretive Center now under construction, scheduled to open in fall 2019.

Laura Plantation presents a Creole style house in a riot of color. The guides do an exceptional job telling stories of the four generations of characters who lived and worked there. They don’t sugarcoat the complex relationships between owners, women, children, and slaves. The grounds include 12 buildings, among them the 1805 mansion, the 1840s slave cabins, and formal and kitchen gardens. You’ll leave with something to ponder.

I left the most poignant for last: Whitney Plantation. Whitney is the only plantation museum in the state with an exclusive focus on the lives of enslaved people. You first meet the Children of Whitney, a series of clay sculptures by artist Woodrow Nash. They represent former slaves as they were at the time of emancipation — children. Whitney presents stories told in their own words many years later. The statues grab at your heart; you won’t forget them.

My tour continued to the field of Angels, a memorial dedicated to 2,200 Louisiana slave children who died before their third birthday. A statue of a black angel carrying a baby to



Photos courtesy Debi Lander  
Houmas House

Heaven highlights the touching location. Original frescoes remain inside the main house, and the last surviving true French Creole Barn lies close. Call ahead for reservations.

I missed five more estates in Plantation Country. I suggest a visit anytime except the sultry days of summer.

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